



The Marionette

HHSAA Funds \$12,000 in Scholarships

This spring the HHSAA again funded scholarships to graduating students at HCP and HFAA for a total of \$12,000. While the scholarships are modest in amount, they help students cover college expenses that are not paid from other scholarships, grants or loans. Feedback from former students attests to the fact that the scholarships have made a critical difference. While we try to keep a modest surplus in each scholarship fund, that surplus is dwindling in a few of the funds. Our

general scholarship fund currently does not have enough money to fund the \$4000 in scholarships that have been given in previous years. The Miller and Promise funds are projected to last one more year before elimination. Other named scholarships are in better shape due to the fact that the total amount of money in the fund is sufficient to present awards for many years, or because the original sponsors of the fund continue to provide generous, yearly donations that allow the scholarship to continue.

We urge all alumni to consider a donation to a scholar-

ships fund as part of your yearly giving. If you were an original sponsor of a named scholarship, please consider continuing your support every year so that your scholarship can continue. Without your support we will not be able to continue to provide this needed resource to the graduates of the two Harding charter schools.

The form for donations is found on page 4. You can make a difference in the life of an inner-city high school student!

Classes of '68 and '69 Celebrate Together

The 45th and 44th-year reunion of the classes of '68 and '69 was held on August 31st, 2013 at Crabtown. Classmates enjoyed a buffet dinner and desert. Music in the background and the availability of a cash bar added to the festivities. Those attending had an opportunity to mingle and talk. Nametags with pictures from the Harding days helped to aid in recognizing everyone....amazing how many people really had not changed that much.

Earlier in the day classmates were able to participate in a golf tournament and those who attended Edgemere elementary visit-

ed an open house hosted by principal Susan Gee. Principal Gee conveyed a message to all Harding alumni who attended Edgemere to visit when they are in the area. She says that Edgemere is looking for reading mentors if any of our alumni are interested in helping.

Thanks go to **Kelly West, Morton Weir, Jeff Beeler, Chris Greaves ('68) and Jim Rapp ('69)** who organized the event. Kelly has the master list for the class. If you are in the class of '68 you may update your contact information with **Morton Weir (mvweir4435@cox.net)** or

Donna Kaiser (rkaiser1@cox.net). For those in the class of '68 please contact **Diane Rogers Hutchinson (hutchind@cox.net)** or **Gayle Robertson (gr51@sbcglobal.net)**. Those in any class can update contact information at the HHSAA website (www.hardingalumni.org). If you want to know who in your class has passed away, visit the HHSAA website under the Fallen Eagles tab followed by "fallen eagles by last name". Some classes have their own website and links to those sites are available at the HHSAA website.

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We Have a New Address

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Outstanding Alum—Richard Sinclair '58

After graduation from Harding, Richard Sinclair attended the University of Oklahoma where he was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity. He graduated from OU with B.A. and M.A degrees in engineering.

Richard joined Exxon Research where he studied petroleum engineering methods designed to improve hydraulic fracturing. He studied heat transfer effects on various fluids used in the fracturing fluids. After publishing several papers on the topic, he was awarded the Cedric Ferguson and Rositer Medals at the age of 33. During those years he also worked with NASA on heat shield designs for the Apollo and Explorer space shuttles reviving his high school interest in rockets as a member of the rocket club.

After 11 years at Exxon, Richard joined Maurer Engineering as a petroleum consultant where he, along with partner, John Graham began to design improved prop-

pants (small grains that hold fractures open) used in the fracturing process. They developed a temperature and acid resistant proppant named Santrol. Soon they started a company by the same name to produce and market the new technology. In addition to marketing the product, Richard continued research into newer and better resin-coated proppants. He received 20 patents for his research related to proppant technologies.

Santrol was sold to Fairmount minerals in 1992. Richard continued as a consultant to the company which is now among the largest fracing supply companies in the world.

Richard's next venture was the launch of Well Stimulation Inc. In addition he started a *Frac Fax* newsletter, a book about the history of Santrol, and a book about well stimulation treatments

for the University of Texas Petroleum Extension Service. Over the past 20 years he has taught courses about fracturing proppants and production engineering for Halliburton's Energy Institute and other oil and gas organizations. He certainly played a significant role in the technologies that contributed the technical improvements that are responsible for the success of our modern oil and gas industry.



Richard Sinclair

Richard and his wife , Toni, have four sons and six grandchildren. They divide their time between homes in Houston and Wimberley, TX. Richard's outside interests include various forms of alternative medicine and enjoying a game of golf.

It's 55 for the class of '58

The 55-year reunion of the class of '58 took place June 14th and 15th at the home of **Larry and Sara Alice Coley Blackledge**, both members of the class. Friday afternoon included lunch and time to visit. The festivities continued on Saturday with an all-day event including a lunch and a catered dinner by Kyle's 1025. Kyle dubbed the dinner the "Sleepy Hollow" dinner. It brought back memories to everyone and was oh so good! Included were fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, and that wonderful dressing.

Coming from out of town were **Ed and Rene Louterback (Mt. Vernon, TX)**, **Lou and Linda Williams (Lampasas, TX)**, **Judy Rowntree and Dennis DesLauriers (St. Charles, IL)**, **Ruth Carolyn Arbuckle and Sam Smith (Del Rio, TX)**, **Dave and Nan Spradling (Woodland Park, CO)**, **Bernice Fagin Haberman, (Lenexa, KS)**, **Liz Morgan and Forest Reese (Tulsa OK)**, **Judy Kirkland Spunaugle (Carrolton, TX)**, **Mary Ann Wright and David Woodward (Albuquerque, NM)** and **Richard**

and Toni Sinclair (Houston, TX). Richard brought his mother who thoroughly enjoyed herself. Forgive us if we left someone out!

Class members helping with the event include **Suzanne King Randell, Sandra Shaw Blackstock, Marcia Hopping Powell, Elizabeth Prosser, Sherry Burnett Bennett, Susan Juday Leggett and Caryl Ann Parham Gorham**. Thanks to the telephone volunteers: **Judy Rowntree DesLauriers, Bill Townsend, Ike Bennett, Larry Blackledge, Bob Fricke** and the girls lunch group—**Jean Downing Roberts, Joyce Kamensky Silver, Betsy Barrow Langraf, Janie Morrison Stewart** including those already mentioned, **Suzanne, Sandra, Marcia, Elizabeth and Sarah Alice.**

**CLASS OF '64
START PLANNING TO ATTEND
YOUR
50-YEAR REUNION !**

June 27th-28th, 2014

June 27

Evening event at Johnny McCharen's home

June 28

Morning tour of grade schools (pending school approval)

Lunch at Johnnie's Charcoal Broiler

Evening Dinner and Cash Bar at the Jim Thorpe Center

**Updates will be posted at
www.harding64.org**

Class of '63 Celebrates

The class of '63 celebrated 50 years since graduation the week-end of September 20th - 22nd. The festivities kicked off Friday night at Toby Keith's Restaurant in Bricktown. The class enjoyed a casual party on a private veranda overlooking the Bricktown canal. A great buffet dinner with music and dancing combined to make the night a great success.

On Saturday morning the class gathered for an assembly and tour at Harding where they had an opportunity to see all the changes that have taken place in recent years. Classmates gathered for lunch at Johnnie's.

The Waterford Hotel provided a beautiful setting for a casual party Saturday evening. Entertainment included the "Trio" including **Jo Hickman Tarr, Judy Elderkin Ferguson** and **Betty Driver Pickett**. An optional Sunday

brunch at Bellini's offered a chance to say goodbye's until next time.

A magnificent "Year Book" was compiled by **Susan Moorman** and **Kaye Vernon Adams** containing information on each classmate including pictures, remembrances and memorabilia.

Thanks to the organizing committee including co-chairs **Susan Moorman, Marty Sanger McCharen** and **Clark Musser** and to committee members **Joe Briley, Kaye Vernon Adams, Bun Baker, Patty Johnson Casteel, Tommy Davis, Judy Elderkin Ferguson, Rick Gentry, Carol Meeks McPheeters, Porter Morgan, Mary Streich** and **Lynette Elliott Haider**.

Fallen Eagles

Don Bolen '62, 3/28/13, Oklahoma City, OK.
Larry Brown '63, 4/26/12, Sheridan, WY.
Royce Clarke '64, 8/12/13, Oklahoma City, OK.
Mary Jane Rapp Close '67, 4/5/13, Oklahoma City, OK.
Robert Eggeling '69, 7/23/13
Linda Buckner Hackney '62, 8/13/13, Overland Park, KS.
Kent Kennedy '66, 2/5/13, Oklahoma City, OK.
Dianne Keith Kenney '67, 7/18/13, Flower Mound, TX.
Joe Mason '62, 5/3/13, Oklahoma City, OK
Phil McCowan '59, 7/18/13, Oklahoma City, OK.
Melanie Haggard Olson '63, 6/18/12, El Reno, OK.
Ken Power '61, 6/18/12, El Reno, OK.
Bob Richards '61, 6/21/12. Clayton, OK.

*Report recent deaths at
www.hardinalumni.org*

Help Raise Funds for HFAA

Join Shoparoo!

It is easy to help HFAA just by sending a picture of your weekly grocery receipt to Shoparoo.

Here is what you do:

Download the "Shoparoo App" to your smart phone and sign up choosing Harding Fine Arts Academy as your charity.

Shop for groceries anywhere you want.

Buy whatever you want.

Take a picture of your receipt and submit it.

Congratulations—you have just made a donation to HFAA and it cost you nothing.

HCP Ranks 23rd in the USA!

Www.bestschools.org recently ranked Harding Charter Prep at #23 in the nation. This continues the trend for the school which has been among the top schools nationwide by several different publications.

Best Schools include performance on ACT, SAT and API tests as well as average grade point averages of students. Included in the review are the number of AP courses offered at the school and the performance of the students on AP tests. A number of intangible factors

about the school are also evaluated.

In the Washington Post evaluation that does not include performance criteria, HCP ranked 81st, up 45 places since last year.

Congratulations go to both the students and faculty for their continued record of academic excellence!

Ticket for Success

Help fund this ticket for a Harding grad by contributing to a scholarship fund this year!



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Membership/Donations Form

Your dues are what keep this newsletter coming.

Yearly dues are \$25.00 (for the year beginning 6-1-13 through 5-31-14) and lifetime dues are \$150.00

First Name _____ Last Name while at Harding _____

Last Name _____ Spouse _____

HHS class _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____

I have included payment for : Annual dues _____ ; Lifetime dues _____ .

I have included a \$ _____ donation for a scholarship fund.

Please indicate which scholarship fund: General (B) _____ ; Sayre (CP) _____ ; Miller (B) _____ ;

Promise (FA) _____ ; Campbell (CP) _____

Paranthesis indicate where the scholarship(s) will be awarded: Both Schools (B), Charter Prep (CP), Fine Arts (FA)

My \$ _____ contribution is for the general gifts/memorial fund: _____ .(or to the scholarship fund indicated above) if this donation is in memory of a deceased alum please indicate their name:

Your Dues and Contributions to the HHSAA Are Tax Deductible

Make checks payable to the HHSAA

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