



East High "Class of '56" NewsLink

December 2011



GREAT TO BE ALIVE AND ARRIVE AT 55

A nice crowd gathered for our 55th Class Reunion on September 2nd & 3rd. They came from Nevada to Florida, and many points in between to have a good time, and indulge in a lot of good conversation.

Friday night was spent in Ballroom C at Prairie Meadows. The catering staff provided an excellent meal of: *Asiago Chicken, Pot Roast, tossed salad with choice of dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, rolls, tea, and coffee.*

Everyone raved about the food and the service, and most especially the way it was prepared. It was excellent to say the least.

Janeene (Miller) Carlisle introduced the Attendees, and their spouses, and the locations they were from.

Steve Larson entertained us again by twinkling on the ivories, and assisted us as we sang the School Song. **Robert Trotter and Linda (White) Towers** called out names for some prize drawings. Most of the rest of the evening was spent in mucho conversation. I heard a lot of good memories shared.

Saturday night was moved from the Elks Lodge (due to a double booking) to Copper Creek Golf Club. Which turned out to be a much nicer facility, and we were treated great.

The buffet was provided by Great Caterers of Iowa, and was set up by the daughter of Margaret's matron of honor, and my best man from our wedding. (Small world) The menu consisted of: *Hor d Oeuvres, Oven roasted Pork Loin, Cavatelli Casserole, Cognac Glazed Carrots, Tossed Salad with choice of Dressing, Apple and Cherry Crisp, plus Coffee, and Tea.* Again, everything was outstanding. I heard several people say that the buffet's seemed to serve better quality meals than some of the sit down served dinners we have enjoyed in the past.

I don't know about that, but these were certainly a lot cheaper.

We had an Elvis impersonator who worked hard to entertain us for about 50 minutes.

Kay (Edwards) Alcantar and Janet (Bales) Douglas called out more names for prizes. All graduates in attendance received a prize. Then Santa appeared to the Reunion Chairman **Larry Fogelson** and told him he had left sacks of goodies under the prize table. Sure enough, there were additional prizes to hand out. Enough for everyone in attendance. The prize for the Grads was a rosewood swivel pencil holder with a clock, a thermometer, a hydrometer, and a place for a picture on the four sides. There was a brass type plate with "East High Class of 56" "55 Reunion" on it. The spouses received an Umbrella with the EHS logo on it and East High 55th Reunion.

These prizes were made possible by donations not only from the attendees, but we also received numerous donations along with "regrets" from classmates who for whatever reasons could not attend this time. **WOW!!!! you talk about your Class Spirit. The "Class of 56" has to be the greatest.**

At this time I would like to try and thank the Reunion Committee members. Some went way above and beyond. **Kay & Chico Alcantar** are new to the committee, and they did everything asked of them and **much more**, locations, caterers, etc. etc.

I think **Bob Trotter** and I have each others phone number on speed dial, of course as the Treasurer he handled all the correspondence, and worked on almost everything. We were in constant communication. I kind of feel he doesn't love me anymore because I am only hearing from him 2 or 3 times a week now. I miss you Bob!

As usual for her, **Janeene Carlisle** worked on most

everything, name list, prizes, locations, etc. Janeene is a one person workforce.

Ray (Bud) Robinette worked hared with and for us in trying to acquire locations, **Linda (White) Towers** worked with **Janeene** on list preparations and other things.

LaVae (Konz) Willson, and **Larry Solomon** as well as **Janet (Bales) Douglas** worked on many things as needed. I would also like to thank my wife **Margaret Fogelson** for all her help and many valuable contributions.

Thank You One and All! You made the 55th Reunion a resounding success!!!

FOLLOWING PICTURES FROM THE REUNION



Jo Ann (O'Boyle) Shelley – Jo Ann (Brady) Wilson – Suzanne (Samo) Newton and daughter Pam



Max Miller – John Sullivan – Larry Gilliland – Les Farrer – Darrol Heggen – Jerry Brown



Loretta (Woods) Ware – Tom & Roberta Abbott



Penny (Wingert) Heggen – Janet (Bales) Douglas – Kay (Sullivan) Kloppeburg – Ron Olson – Sharel (Tuers) Spendlove – Carol Olson



Linda (White) Towers & Bob Trotter calling names for prizes



Elvis Impersonator – DEM Quilt hanging by Diane (Ballinger) Ott



Buffet Line at Copper Creek Golf Club



Milling around and talking Saturday Night



Linda (white) Towers – Steve (Twinkle Fingers) Larson – Janet (Bales) Douglas – La'vae (Konz) Willson



Bob Trotter talking with Ray (Bud) Robinette- Chico Alcantar- Margaret Fogelson talking with Ken Viggers-Larry Soloman



Denny Ross getting Elvis's autograph



Max Miller-Tom Fjelde-Donna (Nichols) Wilson-Sally (Peterson) Goeser-Larry Gilliland-Barbara (Belluchi) Wertz-Janice (Crain) Stueckrath-JoAnn (Griffiths) Harmon – Yvonne (Miller) Nauman



Back Row: Larry Watkins-Ken Viggers-Tom Abbott-Les Farrer-Jerry Smith-Denny Ross-Bill Foster-Tom Fjelde-Max Miller-Larry Gilliland-Sherry (Lair) Northcutt-Larry Soloman-Charles Allen
3rd Row: Mary (Kelley) Peachy-Sharel (Tuers) Spendlove-Janeene (Miller) Carlisle-Marlene (Roberts) Wheeler-Suzanne (Samo) Newton-JoAnn (Brady) Wilson-Kathleen (Graney) Finkanauer-Jerry Brown-Darrol Heggen-Ronald Olson-Donna (Mumford) Eide-Linda (White) Towers-LaVae (Konz) Willson Janet (Bales) Douglas
2nd Row: Kay (Sullivan) Kloppenburg-Jean Allsteadt-Donna (Nichols) Wilson-Salley (Petterson) Goeser-Janice Webber-Don Spaw-Norma (Teanor) Burke-Ruthi (Cook) Hagg-Barbara (Lowe) Penn-Bette Lou (Raymond) Neal-Janice (Crain) Stueckrath-Barbara (Belluchi) Wertz-Kay (Edwards) Alcantar Yvonne (Miller) Nauman
Front Row: Jerry Hall-John Sullivan-Bob Trotter-Lois (Bengston) Thompson-Jo Ann (O'Boyle) Shelley-Janet (Griffiths) Harmon-Larry Fogelson – Loretta (Woods) Ware
Missing from Friday Night: Nancy (Lund) Belluchi-Arnold Erickson-Steve Larson-Harold Olson



Margaret & Larry Fogelson



Don Spaw – Jean Alstead – Jerry Brown – Charles Allen

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

To Larry and the Reunion committee. Thank You so much for a great 55th. You all went above and beyond. **Norma (Treanor) Burke**

It was a nice Reunion, and I really enjoyed myself!
Bette Lou (Raymond) Neal

Larry, A BIG Thanks to you and the whole crew. Thanks for the opportunity to play a few tunes. You and the committee are the “glue” that holds the Class of 56 together, and it is very much appreciated by us “survivors” Hope we all make it to the 60th. **Steve Larson** (*our thanks to you Steve for entertaining us on the Grand Piano.*)

Robert, Whata bargain. Thanks to you all. Sorry, my reservation was in, but I was unable to attend due to a severe cold.

Carol (Graney) DeChant

Larry, thank you for your thoughtfulness in using the Wall Hanging at the Reunion.. I am glad that in some small way you think it added to the festivities. We regret having to miss it, but family emergencies come first. **Diane (Ballenger) Ott**



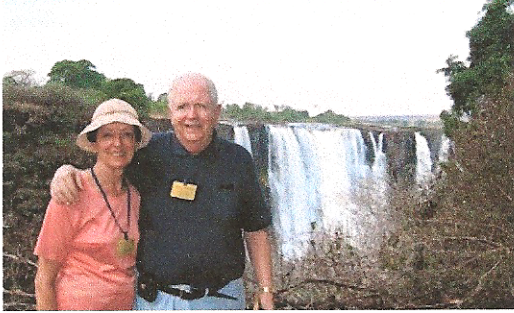
EHS Girls won their 3rd State Softball title back in June. East High became the first school in the state to win the Girls State Basketball Championship, and the Girls Softball Championship in the same year. Pitcher Riley Fisher was quoted as saying: “What can I say? The girls rule the school.”



Bill Foster & Shirley Selover



Chico & Kay (Edwards) Alcantar



Tom and Marj Fjelde at Victoria Fall, Zimbabwe in Oct. Tom says they have now toured 53 countries, six continents, and 49 States. Somehow they missed Alabama, and they doubt they will get to Antarctica. But Tom says they have seen Penguins, and living in Minnesota they have seen plenty of snow. (You're quite the world travelers Tom)

FAMILY JUST KEEPS GROWING

Received a note from **Etha Whitten** with her new address. Her family has a new addition, a second great grandson was born in June of 2010. They live in Canada, but she receives a lot of pictures.

IN LOVING MEMORIAM

WESLEY CARRINGTON UNKNOWN

ROBERT L. DUVALL SR.

11/4/2011

LINDA (SUE) NEELY STICKEL 2011

They will answer to a higher roll call now. But will forever be in our hearts.

SPRING DINNER GET-TOGETHER IN 2012

Monday April 30, 2012 at 6:30 PM

At: Hilltop Lounge & Pizza

2880 Hubble Ave.

DONATIONS TOWARD REUNION

Kay (Edwards) Alcantar-Rod Campbell-Carol (Graney) DeChant-Mary Lou (Katzmann) Goodman-Jan J. Green-Darrol Heggen-Yvonne (Miller) Nauman-Mary Lou (Weisbrod) Nicholson-Sandra Parsons-Sherry (Lair) Northcutt- Mary (Kelly) Peachey-Barbra (Evans) Priest-Ray (Bud) Robinette-Sharel (Tuers) Spendlove-Donald Stevens-Robert Trotter-Barbara (Belluchi) Wertz-Art Wittern

*Please Note: There were numerous classmates in addition to the above who sent in a couple of dollars over the reservation cost. Like I said earlier, **ARE THEY THE GREATEST OR WHAT!***

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My thanks to Janeene (Miller) Carlisle-Sharel (Tuers) Spendlove- Chico Alcantar- and Robert Trotter for most of the graphics used in this NewsLink!

My wife a prosperous,
Margaret and healthful, and
I want to wish Happy New
each and Year

everyone of you
A very Merry
Christmas and