East High "Class of "56"

WOW, WHAT A BIRTHDAY PARTY

We had a big turnout to celebrate the average age of most of our classmates at Bianchi's Hilltop Restaurant on April 29th. A few are still 74 and some are already 76, but the majority are 75. **Don Sullivan** admitted to the fact that April 29th was his actual Birthday. So, we all sang "Happy Birthday" to Don.

Very few people sat in their seats for very long. Most were milling about and conversing with other classmates. A great time appeared to be had by all.

Those who signed in are as follows:

Jerry & Becky Smith- Nancy (Miller) & Bob Quillen -Glen & Janet (Bales) Douglas -Larry & Margaret Fogelson- John & Florita Sullivan- LaVae (Konz) & Larry Willson- Marlene (Roberts) & Dale Wheeler -Bill Foster & Shirley Selover-Norma (Treanor) & Bill Burke -Larry & Jackie Soloman -Barbara (Lowe) Penn -Larry & Donna Anderson- Carl Little -Linda (White) Towers -Don & Jo Sullivan-Tom & Roberta Abbott -Carol (Adams) & John Jones -Kathleen (Graney) Finkenauer- Ruth (Cook)& Jerry Hagg -JoAnn (Brady) Wilson & Ray Myers -Larry & Karen Watkins - Bob & Connie Trotter - Kay (Edwards) & Chico Alcantar - Jerry & Nancy Reese - Tom Norris - John & Shirley Johnson -Janice Webber - Larry Hockersmith - Doyle &Sharon Able - Mary Kay (Peacock) Sampson - Don Spaw

This tally's up to 53. But several others counted and came up with a figure of 57. So, me thinks not everyone signed in.

A special "Thank You" to our call committee for getting such a large crowd for this special occasion. **LaVae (Konz) Willson - Kay (Edwards) Alcantar Ruth (Cook) Hagg – Don Spaw – Jerry Smith**, and of course **Janeene (Miller) Carlisle** who calls the callers, and then calls me with the totals. You are all to be congratulated.

Margaret Fogelson & Connie Trotter graciously acted as hosts for cutting the cake after dinner. There was plenty for everyone. Janeene Carlisle took what few pieces that were left for her "Perky Penguins" group.

Our next dinner get together will be:

Monday
September 30th, 2013
at 6:30 PM
at Bianchi's Hilltop Restaurant
2820 Hubble

Come one, come all. We might have to find something else to celebrate.

Nancy (Miller) Quillen says she was always impressed by **Bill Foster and Shirley Selover** wearing EHS paraphernalia to the dinners, so she made a shirt to blend in. Nancy was coming up here from Reed Springs, Missouri, on another manner, so she coordinated it with our Birthday dinner so she could see everyone. *Way to go Nancy. It was great seeing you again. Maybe we all ought to get some EHS Paraphernalia to wear to the dinners. That would really make a statement.*

Barbara (Lowe) Penn – Linda (White) Towers – Larry Carlisle

Right Side: *Glen & Janet (Bales) Douglas – LaVae (Konz) & larry Willson – John & Florita Sullivan – Jo Sullivan- Larry Hockersmith*

Doyle & Sharon Able –Larry & Donna Anderson

Dale Wheeler – Ray Myers

Shirley Selover – Norma (Treanor) Burke – Nancy Reese

Don Spaw – JoAnn (Brady) Wilson – Kathleen (Graney) Finkenauer

Bill Burke – Larry Solloman

Barbara (Lowe) Penn Shirley Johnson – John Johnson – Tom Norris

Donna Anderson – John Jones & Carol Adams (Hidden) – Ruth (Cook) Hagg – Jerry Hagg – Carl Little

Roberta Abbott – Kay (Edwards) Alcantar – Don Spaw – Robbert Trotter – Tom Abbott – Chico Alcantar – Larry Soloman

Marlene (Roberts) Wheeler – Roberta Abbott – Kay (Edwards) Alcantar – Don Spaw

Bob & Nancy (Miller) Quillen

Jo & Don Sullivan – Florita & John Sullivan

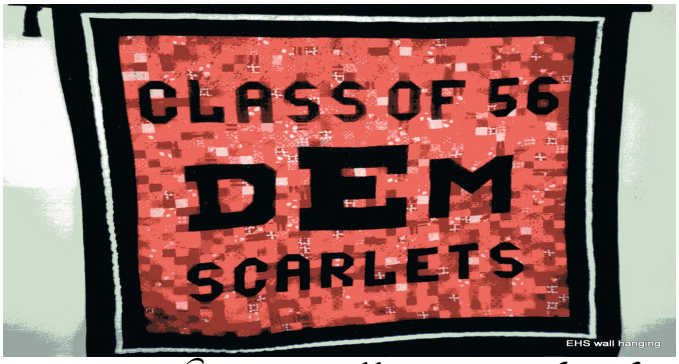
Janice Webber – Larry Hockersmith

John Jones & Carol Adams

Larry & Donna Anderson

Larry and his brother Darryl and his other brother Darryl

Aka: Tom Abbott – Bob Trotter – Larry Fogelson



Patchwork Wall Hanging done by Diane (Ballinger) Ott

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www.ehs56.org

FA "Art" Whittern II ISon Chip-Son in Law Collier Schofield – Heidi Chico (Arts daughter) and Jim Chico, Heidi's husband

The Wittern Group was first founded in 1931 by F.A. Wittern, (Arts Father) an engineer, the vending machine company was first called Hawkeye Novelty, and sold peanuts for a penny. The company later changed its name to Fawn Manufacturing, and later to the Wittern Group, an umbrella that includes the company's Fawn Manufacturing vending machine company, and real estate and farming business.

Although Art is retired, he still works part time.`Heidi Chico is the president; Chip leads a division focused on the vending machine company's growing industrial and medical markets, Jim Chico is vice president of global sales, and Collier Scholfield is IT manager.

Wittern says young family members must prove themselves before they can join the company, and the rest of the family members must agree on the hiring.

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY

Ione (Ball) Edwards

Retired East High School Teacher

A special "Thank You" to **Janeene (Miller) Carlisle** who supplied many of the dinner pictures.

THANKS FOR THE NEWSLINK

Larry. Thanks! Thanks! And more for the great job you do with the News Link. As we get older, it becomes more difficult to keep abreast of whats happening with our classmates. The News Link helps tremendously.

The recent note from Ray Treadway was nice to see. I remember a couple of classes where I sat next to Ray and enjoyed our conversations and his sense of humor. I have often wondered where the Treadway Twins careers had taken them. Thank you. Best wishes to you and Margaret. **Ron Olson**

FUTURE PRESIDENT VISITS EAST HIGH

"Used with the permission of the Ronald Reagan Library & Museum"

This was sent to me by **Carol (Graney) DeChant** who was researching something else on Ronald Reagan and found that he had visited EHS in 1936 where this picture was taken on the front steps. The future President Reagan was then a broadcaster at WHO-AM radio station.

So we have had actress Cloris Leachman, pianist Roger Williams both of whom attended East High, and also a future President who walked our hallowed halls. Well done EHS.

In Memorium to our Deceased Classmates

Betty Jean Albright 5/8/2013
Nancy (Lund) Belluchi 1/18/2013
Joanne (Bosshardt) Jergens 1/12/2013
Richard "Dick" Smith 3/31/2013
(gone but not forgotten – they answer to a higher roll call now)

Betty was a successful real estate agent for 15 years and enjoyed crafts, crocheting and planting. She loved making things for people , especially baby blankets.

Nancy was the epitome of a very nice person to know. She never complained about anything, especially her own health problems. She brought 8 children into the world, which bore her 20 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren.

Joanne spent most of her life in SW Iowa after graduation, West Burlington was her primary residence until her health started to decline, she then spent some time in Cedar Rapids and Marion.

Dick spent 35 years of his life as a professional engineer at Kraft Foods. He traveled the world as an International Project Engineer working on a variety of projects.
Dick was interned here in Des Moines and about 50 friends and relatives attended.

Larry, I have moved to Ankeny, IA, but would still enjoy hearing about any news in regards to our class. I have enclosed my new address and some postage money. Thank you for your dedicated work and time that you put into this.

Joyce (Baker) Doyle

Thank you all for the dedication to our class and keeping us" linked." I heard about the birthday bash And wished I could have been there. I will try to coordinate my next visit with one the quarterly get – togethers. I love seeing all the photos and reading up on our classmates. Fond regards to all.

Mary Lou (Katzmann) Goodman

Larry, thank you for "sparking" the memories.

Mary Kay (Peacock) Sampson

We appreciate the time and effort you spend to produce the NewsLink. Thank You

Harold and Carole Olsen

Dear Bob, enclosed is a check for the NewsLink. I enjoy getting it. Elaine and I are looking forward to spending a couple of months in Tucson this winter. We have missed the past 2 years because of some health issues. I still try to be involved in the dairy industry through consulting.
Hope things are well for you.

Dick Smith
(Dick passed away the end of March)

Thanks Bob for all you do. I am very happy, healthy, and enjoying my retirement with my many friends playing tennis, bridge, and much more.

Sharon (Whitehead) Stilwell

Thanks, always enjoyable reading.

Romona (Hitchcock) Moore

*Editors Note: Both **Bob Trotter** and I thank you. It is nice to know that our efforts are appreciated. We really do enjoy hearing it from you. In my case, I thrive on knowing that our efforts are recognized. I also seriously believe the whole thing is a collaborative effort, with the **call committee**, **Tom Lettingtons** web site, and my lovely wife **Margaret's** support. Rest assured I will endeavor to do my best to keep us "linked".*

*Editor **Larry Fogelson***

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I and we, thank each and every one of you.

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See what things he has on there, and see the
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Have a safe and sane summer!