

NORTH & SOUTH Hagerstown High Schools Class of 1957 Online Newsletter





Bulletin Board

- Get well wishes to our classmates Dave Ridenour and Nick Carter, both of whom are battling medical issues.
- If you have candid pics of any of our deceased classmates when they were teenagers, please get them to me.

April Birthdays



April Anniversaries



Class Activities

Class Luncheon

Great class luncheon once again. We had 56 members in attendance and we swapped stories, events, activities and just enjoyed the fellowship. We are working on the concept of having a "Class Trip." Most of you received an email soliciting your input with respect to options for a class trip. All ideas are welcomed and send same to <u>bobcianelli@verizon.net</u>.



Carole Smith

Justin Trumpower, TSGT in the USAF, is stationed at Albuquerque for three years. He will be a Flight Engineer instructor on the Huey Helicopter. *Editor's Comment: Justin, we salute you and thank you for your service to our country.*

Jerry Hess

Celebrating Valentine's Day this year, Pam and I took a 10 day cruise on Celebrity Cruise ship to the Southern Caribbean. Along on the cruise were several friends from Hilton Head Plantation where we live here on the Island.

Spending time in four ports, we shopped and enjoyed the somewhat familiar sights, as we had been to most of the islands in previous trips.

Last October, we cruised from Barcelona to Venice for 10 days over our 51st anniversary. This was by far our favorite cruise of all. It was on Oceania Cruises.

We are looking forward having our sons and their families visiting this summer.

Editor's Comment: Jerry, you are just a tad late with the Valentine's Day story. We understand – age!

Bob & Arlise Weaver Cianelli

Cabaret 2015 was a rousing success! We were over sold with 325 people attending the event. Raised thousands of dollars and our final contribution to the Independence Fund for a track chair was \$16,083.03! As usual, members of the Class of 1957 contributed to the effort. Thank you for helping our veterans. Following is the short video I used to close out the event: <u>Cabaret 2015</u>

Pics of Yore





Glenn Julian

We have now lived long enough to contemplate our own mortality, and to have attended funerals of people we knew well and of people we knew only slightly. A feature of most funerals is speeches about the deceased. Often these speeches refer to some special occasion or achievement, and many are laced with humor as well as grief. Some of the most memorable are short but contain a concise sentence that I hope someone might someday say about ME.

Life happened to lead me to a career in college teaching. In the past few years I've had to write six obituaries for fellow teachers. In each case I wrote a one-page obituary for the colleague, to be posted online by the professional organization to which we belonged, and in many cases I also wrote a longer version to be printed and distributed to the college faculty. These obituaries

emphasized professional achievements for members of the same profession. This is rather different from the traditional speech at a funeral.

Following the first time I had to write an obituary, it occurred to me to write my own. Who better than I to describe what I tried to achieve, and what were my goals? Cutting to the core, what really mattered? What was the most important thing I ever did?

What makes this an important exercise is requiring it to be short: just one paragraph. We were taught to "write for an audience". You may need to write one summary for the professional organization, a different one for the family, and perhaps a yet different one for Saint Peter at the Pearly Gates. If you can find a thread which runs through all the versions, you have probably found a good summary of your own life. Writing something so compact but inclusive turns out to be quite difficult, but it can be done.

I'll conclude by repeating a quote from the funeral homily for a physics teaching colleague, a distinguished teacher and textbook author. The Catholic priest (at Oxford, Ohio!) quoted from Chaucer's description of the "Clerk of Oxenford", in the Prologue to The Canterbury Tales. The summary lies in the single final line: "And gladly wolde he lerne, and gladly teche."

Class Trip Comments/Ideas

Editor's Comment: Following are some ideas/comments about the concept of a class trip. <u>Keep them coming</u> and we will find a way to get everyone's input who may be interested. Those of you who want to sit on your rump won't get a vote.

Bob, members of our family joined my brother and sister-in-law on her class reunion cruise (Carnival) many years ago. Their group was small and did few memorable activities together other than share a ship and a class photo. The weather was beautiful and the side trips from the ship were interesting.

A destination train trip with sleeping accommodations, if needed, sounds like an adventure; Clickety-clack.

A bus trip would not be on my list at all unless it would be a day ride to and from. <u>Carole (Smith) Daly</u>

Cruising the Baltimore harbor, trip to NYC, fall train trip to Cumberland, picnic at Fort Frederick (one of my favorite spots from my childhood). By the way I have used Hoffman's Meat Market to do some catering in the area and they do a great job. They catered an event at the Washington Monument Park for my family a couple of years ago. I still shop there when I get to Hagerstown. Just some ideas. Always glad to have a bus trip to my

house for a picnic in the summer. By the pool and only 2 hours from Hagerstown. <u>Ann (Corderman) Helton</u>

A DC dining cruise, around \$100.00. Cruises are daily from National Harbor. <u>Susan (Morton) Lohman</u>.

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