



**NORTH & SOUTH**  
**Hagerstown High Schools**  
**Class of 1957**  
**Online Newsletter**



**February 2015 Edition**

**Bulletin Board**

- Valentine's Day is fast approaching. All you wives and sweethearts out there need to get your act together and make sure you have planned a special day for your husband and/or boyfriend! After a full day of sports, movies, beer, his favorite snacks and a great meal, put on your best nightie and close out his day with fireworks!

**February Birthdays**





## **February Anniversaries**



### **Class Activities** **Dave Bragunier**

My chemo and radiation treatments are going well. I am in the 7th day of 35. My head is healing well and I am exercising to gain some strength.

I feel to be lucky alive. It's funny what a stage 4 brain tumor can change how you're looking at life.

Sorry to be brief. I'm also taking speech therapy and writing is difficult.

***Editor's Comment: Dave, we are all pulling for you in your recovery and we are looking forward to when once again, you can attend our luncheons and lead the mob in singing the Christmas Carols.***

### **Glenn Julian**

Glenn published a book about his forebears and where they lived: "An East Tennessee Julian Family 1816-1900."

The book was privately printed by the company HF Group; see "printmygenealogy.com". They did an excellent job for quite reasonable cost. Other NHHS/SHHS alumni might be interested in using them to summarize their own research.

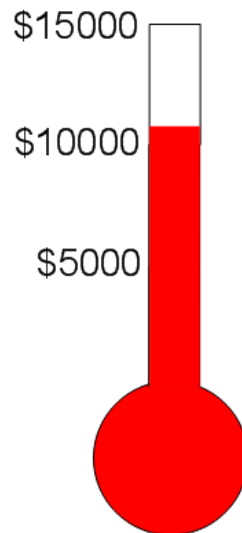
## **Bob & Arlise Weaver Cianelli**

We had the opportunity to visit the Reagan Library in Simi Valley, CA with our grandsons during the holidays. It was very special, not only the content but the setting and the Boeing 707 Air Force One he used. The 707 was replaced by a 747. Strongly recommend making the visit if you are in the LA area.

By chance, we visited the Air Museum while in Palm Springs and they had the front half of the fuselage of an R4Q, one of the planes I flew in while in the USMC. Had a chance to show my grandsons where I sat in the cockpit and the now antiquated avionics available at the time. Clearly our generation is now museum fodder.



### **"Cabaret 2015"**



**All Terrain Chair Fundraiser**  
**1/30/2015**

We are over \$10,000 in our effort to raise \$15,000 to purchase an all terrain chair for a multiple amputee veteran. Thank you for your support!

## Education Section

### Thomas Jefferson

**His Portrait is on the Two \$2.00 Dollar Bill.**

*This is amazing. There are two parts. Be sure to read the 2nd part (in RED). Thomas Jefferson was a very remarkable man who started learning very early in life and never stopped.*

*At 5, began studying under his cousin's tutor.*

*At 9, studied Latin, Greek and French.*

*At 14, studied classical and additional languages.*

*At 16, entered the College of William and Mary. Also could write in Greek with one hand while writing the same in Latin with the other.*

*At 19, studied Law for 5 years starting under George Wythe.*

*At 23, started his own law practice.*

*At 25, was elected to the Virginia House of Burgesses.*

*At 31, wrote the widely circulated "SummaryView of the Rights of British America? And retired from his law practice.*

*At 32, was a Delegate to the Second Continental Congress.*

*At 33, wrote the Declaration of Independence.*

*At 33, took three years to revise Virginia's legal code and wrote a Public Education bill and a statute for Religious Freedom.*

*At 36, was elected the second Governor of Virginia succeeding Patrick Henry.*

*At 40, served in Congress for two years.*

*At 41, was the American minister to France and negotiated commercial treaties with European nations along with Ben Franklin and John Adams..*

*At 46, served as the first Secretary of State under George Washington.*

*At 53, served as Vice President and was elected president of the American Philosophical Society.*

*At 55, drafted the Kentucky Resolutions and became the active head of Republican Party.*

*At 57, was elected the third president of the United States .*

*At 60, obtained the Louisiana Purchase doubling the nation's size.*

*At 61, was elected to a second term as President.*

*At 65, retired to Monticello ..*

*At 80, helped President Monroe shape the Monroe Doctrine.*

*At 81, almost single-handedly created the University of Virginia and served as its first president.*

*At 83, died on the 50th anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence along with John Adams.*

*Thomas Jefferson knew because he himself studied the previous failed attempts at government.*

*He understood actual history, the nature of God,*

*His Laws and the nature of man.*

*That happens to be way more than what most understand today.*

*Jefferson really knew his stuff.*

*A voice from the past to lead us in the future:*

*John F. Kennedy held a dinner in the white House for a group of the brightest minds in the nation at that time. He made this statement:*

*"This is perhaps the assembly of the most intelligence ever to gather at one time in the White House with the exception of when Thomas Jefferson dined alone."*

*"When we get piled upon one another in large cities, as in Europe, we shall become as corrupt as Europe ."*  
-- Thomas Jefferson

*"The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not."*  
-- Thomas Jefferson

*"It is incumbent on every generation to pay its own debts as it goes. A principle which if acted on would save one-half the wars of the world."*  
-- Thomas Jefferson

*"I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them."*  
-- Thomas Jefferson

*"My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government."*  
-- Thomas Jefferson

*"No free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms."*  
-- Thomas Jefferson

*"The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government."*  
-- Thomas Jefferson

*"The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants."*  
-- Thomas Jefferson

*"To compel a man to subsidize with his taxes the propagation of ideas which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical."*  
-- Thomas Jefferson

*Thomas Jefferson said in 1802:*

*"I believe that banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than standing armies.*

*If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their currency, first by inflation, then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around the banks will deprive the people of all property - until their children wake-up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered."*

***Editor's Comment: Compare to politicians we have today!!!!***

### **WWII Stalag Escape**

The 111-yard passage nicknamed 'Harry' by Allied prisoners was sealed by the Germans after the audacious break-out from the POW camp Stalag Luft III in western Poland .

Despite huge interest in the subject, encouraged by the film starring Steve McQueen, the tunnel remained undisturbed over the decades because it was behind the Iron Curtain and the Soviet authorities had no interest in its significance.



But at last British archaeologists have excavated it, and discovered its remarkable secrets.

Many of the bed boards which had been joined together to stop it collapsing were still in position. And the ventilation shaft, ingeniously crafted from used powdered milk containers known as Klim Tins, remained in working order. Scattered throughout the tunnel, which is 30ft below ground, were bits of old metal buckets, hammers and crowbars which were used to hollow out the route. A total of 600 prisoners worked on three tunnels at the same time. They were nicknamed Tom, Dick and Harry and were just 2 ft square for most of their

length.

It was on the night of March 24 and 25, 1944, that 76 Allied airmen escaped through Harry. Barely a third of the 200 prisoners - many in fake German uniforms and civilian outfits and carrying false identity papers - who were meant to slip away managed to leave before the alarm was raised when escapee number 77 was spotted.



**Tunnel vision: A tunnel reconstruction showing the trolley system.**

Only three made it back to Britain. Another 50 were executed by firing squad on the orders of Adolf Hitler, who was furious after learning of the breach of security.

In all, 90 boards from bunk beds, 62 tables, 34 chairs and 76 benches, as well as thousands of items including knives, spoons, forks, towels and blankets, were squirreled away by the Allied prisoners to aid the escape plan under the noses of their captors.

Although the Hollywood movie suggested otherwise, NO Americans were involved in the operation. Most were British, and the others were from Canada , (all the tunnellers were Canadian personnel with backgrounds in mining) Poland , New Zealand , Australia , and South Africa .





The site of the tunnel was recently excavated by British archaeologists. The latest dig, over three weeks in August, located the entrance to Harry, which was originally concealed under a stove in Hut 104.

The team also found another tunnel, called George, whose exact position had not been charted. It was never used as the 2,000 prisoners were forced to march to other camps as the Red Army approached in January 1945.

Watching the excavation was Gordie King, 91, an RAF radio operator, who was 140th in line to use Harry and therefore missed out. 'This brings back such bitter-sweet memories,' he said as he wiped away tears. 'I'm amazed by what they've found.'



Bitter-sweet memories: Gordie King, 91, made an emotional return to Stalag Luft III.

[Following are links to Educational Items](#)

[“Maybe I Was Wrong”](#)

[Brain Food](#)