



NORTH & SOUTH
Hagerstown High Schools
Class of 1957
Online Newsletter



October 2012 Edition

BULLETIN BOARD

- Start planning now for the Class Christmas Luncheon on December 21st. I know some of you will be calling on December 20th trying to find out the day & time of the luncheon but I thought I would start early to try and get your memory working a little better.
- Grrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrreat 55th Reunion! If you didn't attend, too bad, you missed another memorable time in your life on the planet. Click on the smiley below for risqué pictures of "elderly" ladies.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Darlene Burgan



Frank Reel



Bob Nitzell



Paul Bohn



Darlene McCleary



Donna Bush



Carole Ambrose



Rose Marie Nigh



Terry Cunningham



Barbara Grogan



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Frank & Peggy Papa



Jack & Audrey Coffelt

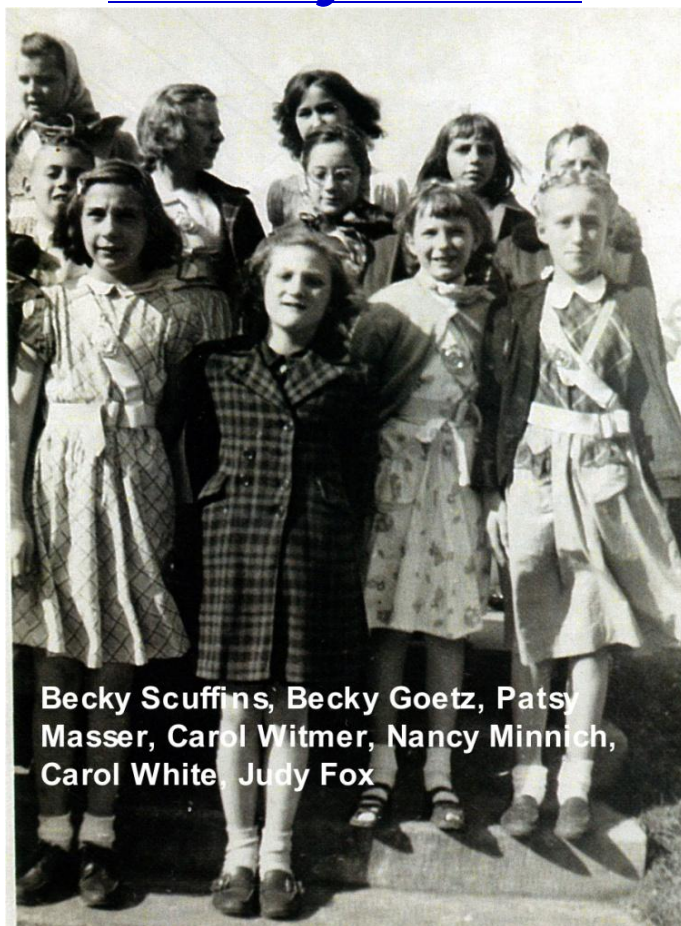


Jerry & Pam Hess



DAYS OF YORE

West Washington Street Pics



Becky Scuffins, Becky Goetz, Patsy Masser, Carol Witmer, Nancy Minnich, Carol White, Judy Fox

School Patrol



Homeroom



What a Mob!

CLASSMATE ACTIVITIES



**WOUNDED WARRIOR
PROJECT**

Ooorah Class of 1957! Your generosity generated a \$638 contribution that was sent to the Wounded Warrior Project from the "Hagerstown High Class of 1957."



Nancy Minnich's Grandkids



Maggie



Lilly Mae



Pawley



Presley

Dave Bragunier

My latest adventure was a trip to Lyon, France, the first week of September. My wife, Sara and I were there for nine days with the chorus that I sing in, the Choral Arts Society of Washington. We were part of a group of 250 singers doing three performances of the Berlioz Requiem, which is one of the most overblown pieces in the classical choral literature. 20 kettledrums, four brass bands and a full symphony orchestra were used.

The chorus sang with the Lyon Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leonard Slatkin, former Music Director of the National Symphony. It was an exhausting trip (at my age) but we got to see lots of new sights. The highlight for me, other than the concerts, was a trip to a Beaujolais region vineyard. The vintner walked us through the fields, showed us how the wine was made and gave us samples of the various "Beaujolais Village" wines. We were then served lunch with more wine and by this time we were all a little beyond tipsy to the extent that we broke out in a spontaneous version of the Hallelujah Chorus.

Sara and I tried to learn a little French before the trip with not much success. Fortunately, the French shopkeepers and waiters were very understanding and we managed to eat and buy things without a lot of hassle.

The hardest part of the trip was getting over and back. We flew into Geneva, Switzerland (Almost nine hours) and had a two hour bus trip to Lyon. We started rehearsals almost immediately so I had to fight through the jet-lag, which at my advanced age was not easy. Also, I have done a lot of traveling over the years with the National Symphony, and I must say that traveling to English speaking countries is so much easier than coping with a foreign language. Before I “rust shut” I would like to see Australia, but I’m a little intimidated by the long trip. Keep moving, you guys!!



EDUCATION CORNER

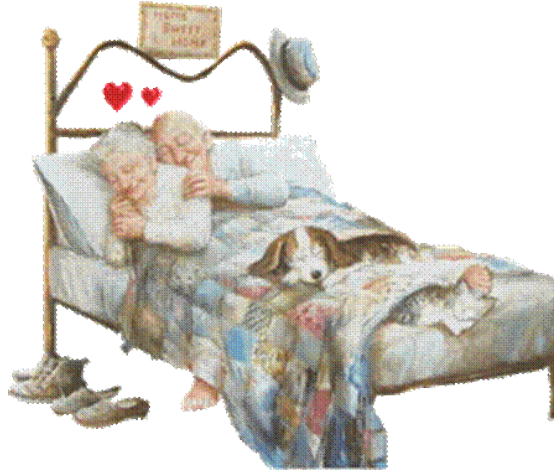
All of you out there who are far from the winter of your lives, PLEASE read this and realize that you too, will be there much sooner than you think. And do be patient with all of us who have arrived.

Winter of our lives.....



**You know. . . Time has a way of moving quickly
And catching you unaware of the passing years.
It seems just yesterday that I was young,
Just married and embarking on my new life with my mate.
And yet in a way, it seems like eons ago,
And I wonder where all the years went.
I know that I lived them all...**

**And I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams...
But, here it is... The winter of my life and it catches me by surprise...**



**How did I get here so fast?
Where did the years go and where did my youth go?
I remember well...**

**Seeing older people through the years and thinking that those
Older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off
That I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like...**

But, here it is...

**My friends are retired and getting grey...
They move slower and I see an older person now.
Some are in better and some worse shape than me...**

But, I see the great change...

**Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant...
But, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those
Older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be.**



**Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day!
And taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's mandatory!
'Cause if I don't on my own free will... I just fall asleep where I sit!**

**And so, now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared
For all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability
To go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!!**



**Yes, I have regrets.
There are things I wish I hadn't done...
Things I should have done, but indeed,
There are many things I'm happy to have done.
It's all in a lifetime...
So, if you're not in your winter yet...
Let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think.
Whatever you would like to accomplish in your life, please do it quickly!
Don't put things off too long!!
Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today,
As you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not!
You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life...
So, live for today and say all the things you want your loved ones to remember...
And hope they appreciate and love you for all the things
You have done for them in all the years past!!**

Life is a gift to you.



**The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after.
Make it a fantastic one.**

~ And, Remember ~



**"It is health that is real wealth
And not pieces of gold or silver."**

We are in the Winter of our lives but as you can see, Winter can be beautiful



"Home Sweet Home"

COMEDY SECTION

You know it has been a hot summer when you see pictures like these!





