

2019 Plains High School Alumni Reunion Celebrates 100  
August 3, 2019

by Secretary-Treasurer Lana Fox Miller

The 2019 Plains High School Alumni 100<sup>th</sup> Celebration Reunion was celebrated Saturday, August 3, at the Plains Community Building. The 100<sup>th</sup> celebration recognized the 1<sup>st</sup> graduating class of Plains High School in 1919. Three students graduated.



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The theme for the reunion was “Let the Good Times Roll”.



There were 175 people who attended the reunion. Alumni, former students, spouses, teachers and guests gathered for the day with many coming from far away. We are so appreciative of those who made the effort to attend.

The Reunion started at 8:30 with registration and a brunch of donuts, juice and coffee. Visiting, laughter and lots of picture taking filled the morning.



Father Darrell Schaffer (class of 55) gave the invocation



before we ate our “build your own deli sandwich” luncheon and delicious celebration cakes, each piece decorated with “100”.



We also hosted a book signing in the morning by James Kenyon, author of *Golden Rule Days*. The book is a history and recollections of 109 Closed Kansas High Schools, including Plains and Kismet High Schools. The book was well received.



A fun contest was held between the Classes of 1969, 1968 and 1967 with a 3-member team each competing to design the best prom dress in 10 minutes with toilet paper and colorful duct tape on a live model. Kudos to the class of 1969 for outstanding design with the team of Craig Ramsey, Gary Elliott and Wayne McCarty.



At 1:00, the business meeting commenced. President Wayne Powell welcomed everyone to the Reunion. Iola Novinger Short of the class of 1941 was recognized as the oldest Alumni attending.



Attendees from far points of the country were recognized.

A discussion of whether to continue having an all school reunion resulted with the consensus being yes, to continue the tradition. The next reunion will be the first Saturday in August 2022. Mark your calendars now to attend **August 6, 2022.**

The slate of officers for the next reunion was presented to the alumni. President Elvin Harris, Vice-President not filled, Secretary-Treasurer Lana Miller. Invaluable committee members are Lelia George, Kathy Boyd, Steve Eisenhauer, Susan Fox, Cheri Reiss, Vicki Fisher and Barbara Dunn. The slate of officers was unanimously approved.



Wayne Powell said there were 55 alumni, teachers and administrators that have passed away since the last reunion. A moment of silence was held in memory of those who are no longer with us.



## Roll of Deceased 2016-2019

Class of 1938- Louis Chappell and Irvin Atkinson

Class of 1939- Dean Borth, Eunice Gowens, and Beverly Houdyshell Chappell

Class of 1940- John Bromwell

Class of 1941- Robert Golliher, Helen Kisner Borth and Alice Wallace Weller

Class of 1943- Jane Fulton Horton, Jean Fulton Wisby, Harold Myers, Ruby Vail Hamm and Eursal Wallace

Class of 1944- Eva Mae Pippitt Voth and Paul Shinogle

Class of 1945- William Bolan, Betty Jean Cook Goldsberry and Joyce Fox Peterson

Class of 1946- David Stanton and Carl Utz

Class of 1948- James Amerine, Darrell Langhofer and Earl Shinogle

Class of 1949- Ruby Koehn Kennedy

Class of 1950- Gordon Dierking and Sylvester Eakes

Class of 1951- Donna Lee Goodnight Foster and Willie Ortega

Class of 1952- Vera Mae Harris Winfrey, Lloyd Palmer and Norman Perkins

Class of 1953- Jo Ann Berghaus Miller

Class of 1954- Royce Angell, Elsie Downs Fuller and Karmin Twigg Lam

Class of 1955- Darrell Hughan

Class of 1956- Harold DuPree

Class of 1957- Bertha Beckman Holzworth and Josephine Eakes Blacksten

Class of 1959- Jack Miller

Class of 1960- Blanche Woltje Todroff

Class of 1961- Garry George and Dean Nolting

Class of 1964- Gloria Amerin Robison

Class of 1969- Linda Ballard Helmers

Faculty & Former Students: Don Adams, Shirley Bridges Satterfield, Joyce Eakes Potter, Al Lewis, Helen McCarty Kessler, Gerald Raines, Myrna Seal Craig, Estelle Stegman Huelskamp and Clifford Thomas.

Bob Kaberlein (class of 62) gave a report on the PHS Scholarship fund emphasizing the continuing need to provide scholarships to Southwestern Heights graduating seniors. Information on how to give to the fund was provided in the packets given to each alumni at registration.



President Wayne recognized the SWH 1969 class celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the classes of 1968 and 1967 which reached that milestone since the last PHS reunion in 2016. The SWH graduates from the years 1966, 1967, 1968 and 1969 attended part of their high school years at the Plains High School and so we welcome them as part of our PHS Alumni.



The Plains High School website is maintained by Kirk Coats (1959). So much information is available. Thank you Kirk and Kathy Coats for all the research you have done and included on the site. Visit the site at [www.plainshighschool.com](http://www.plainshighschool.com).



Singing of the “Plainsmen” school song closed the business meeting.

A tour of antique tractors, equipment and cars was hosted by Warren and Susan Fox at their farm south of Plains from 2 to 4 Saturday afternoon. A nice crowd appreciated their collection antiques.



Dinner was served to us by the St. Patrick's Catholic Church Youth Group at 6:00 with the alumni sitting with their classes.



Reverend Marshall Stanton (1953)



gave the invocation before baked steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, creamed corn, salad and choices of home-made pie was enjoyed by everyone.



The singing of the Plainsmen song and the SWH Alma Mater by the Alumni and guests closed the Reunion. Katelyn, Ernie and Band then played music to listen to and dance by.

Many, many thanks are given to J & D Donuts for delicious morning donuts, and Nicole Nightingale of Country Girl Flowers from Copeland for our delicious evening meal. Thanks to Silvia Olvera of the Plains Grade School who was instrumental in getting a lot of the sandwich makings for the luncheon. A very big and grateful thank you to the St. Patrick's Catholic Church Youth Group for setup and takedown of tables and chairs, serving food & drinks, carrying trays of food and being all-around great helpers.



Thank you to the Plains Lions Club for flying the American flags in the downtown section of Grand Avenue and the flags at the Cemetery Circle. The wonderful photo decorations/props were by Vicki Fisher.



Jessica Bonsall of Creative Soul & Co from Liberal created our '50's look with vinyl records, covers and Year of happenings. Thanks to Linda Collins for the delicious cakes.

A special thank you goes to our roving photographer, Jennifer Miller, who was capturing lots of great moments and memories.



Thank you to the Plains City Council for the use of the "Plainsmen Room" for numerous planning sessions and the use of the Community Building for the reunion. The alumni committee would also like to thank their spouses for their help and support. You all made our celebration run so smoothly.

Those attending are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>City &amp; State</u>
1941	Iola Novinger Short and Kaye Barnes & LuAnn Fisher	Oklahoma City, OK
1948	Elsie Clark Cottrell	Meade, KS
1949	Harold Rickers and daughter Cheryl Rickers	Plains, KS
1949	Jack Dufield	Liberal, KS
1949	Richard Knott	Meade, KS
1950	Delbert Fox	Plains, KS
1950	Jim Staples and Audrey, Andrew Staples	Des Moines, IA
1951	Lois Holmes Packard	Plains, KS
1951	Marilyn Langhofer French and Wilbur French	Plains, KS
1952	Don and Ruth Wilson	Plains, KS
1952	Marcella Kisner Thorson and Norman Thorson	Tulsa, OK
1953	Carol Winfrey Palmer	Dodge City, KS
1953	Floyd Downs	Plains, KS

1953	Gloria Ortega Simpson and daughter Delores Leonard	Judsonia, AR
1953	Marshall and Janice Stanton	Salina, KS
1954	Alice Holmes Sinclair	Cimarron, KS
1954	Jim and LaVeta Hush	Plains, KS
1954	Lelia May Pope George	Plains, KS
1954	Verna Jean Wilcox Miller	Plains, KS
1954	Tony DePriest	Guymon, OK
1955	Joyce Vail Knott	Derby, KS
1955	Larry Winfrey	Plains, KS
1955	Father J. Darrell Schaffer	Wheatridge, CO
1956	Gayle Richardson Lysthauge and Per Lysthauge	Hastings, NE
1956	Lucy Beckman Bromwell	Plains, KS
1956	Virginia Downs Harrington and Harriet	Moline, KS
1956	Warren and Ruth Angell	Plains, KS
1957	Barbara DePriest Malone	Plains, KS
1957	Archie Sinclair	Raytown, MO
1957	Darryl Ball	Garden City, KS
1957	Garvin Cobb	Meade, KS
1957	Leon Malone	Plains, KS
1957	W. Gene Downs	Holly, CO
1958	Carl Dean and Willynda Holmes	Liberal, KS
1958	Clifton and Judi Sutton	Pittsburg, TX
1958	Jerry Lawson	Junction City, KS
1958	Larry and Phyllis Palmer	El Paso, TX
1958	Wendell B Fox Jr.	Meade, KS
1958	Lillian Ballard Simpson	Wichita, KS
1958	Loretta Hughan Stone	Tribune, KS
1959	Don and Sue Malone	Plains, KS
1959	Don and Donna Kaberlein	Olathe, KS
1959	Donna Ball Walker	Kismet, KS
1959	Kirk and Kathy Coats	Phoenixville, PA
1959	Mickey Fink Winfrey	Plains, KS
1959	Pat Borgelt Fritze	Wylie, TX
1959	Richard and Paulette Schell	Elberta, AL



1959	Ron Wilcox	Sublette, KS
1959	Russell O. Vail	White Lake, MI
1960	Myra Fox Christenson and Kenneth Christenson	Anderson, MO
1961	Carol Rickers Lockhart	Bryan, TX
1961	Ron Dunn	Broken Arrow, OK
1961	Don and Karen Schell	Beaver, OK
1962	Bob and Gloria Kaberlein	Plains, KS
1962	Cheryl Cobb Carson	Liberal, KS
1962	Diane Malone Palmer	Meade, KS
1962	E.G. Amerin	Plains, KS
1962	Joe Miller	Plains, KS
1962	Nancy Baker Fulton	Plains, KS
1962	Susan Ramage Presley	Huntsville, AR
1963	Betty Amerin Mansell	Plains, KS
1963	Carl and Merle Fieser	Dodge City, KS
1963	Eldeana Bond Winfrey	Plains, KS
1963	Gordon Winfrey	Plains, KS
1963	Jeff and Lynda Johnston	Racine, WI
1963	Lucille Ballard Wilson	Haysville, KS
1963	Warren Fox	Plains, KS
1963	Lowell and Roma Wriston	Denver, CO
1963	Wayne Headrick	N. Las Vegas, NV
1964	David and Karen Fieser	Norwich, KS
1964	Karolyn Correll Rued	Bozeman, MT
1964	Lana Fox Miller	Plains, KS
1964	Mike Ramage	Salina, KS
1964	Wayne and Donna Powell	Plains, KS
1964	Cheryl Wisby Jantz	Wichita, KS
1965	Dwane and Joyce Thompson	Plains, KS
1965	Elvin and Hennie Harris	Plains, KS
1965	Kathy McVay Oliver	Augusta, KS
1965	Dean and Susan Fieser	Plains, KS
1965	Rick and Loraine Geisinger	Walsh, CO
1965	John Russell Hinman	Coaldale, CO
1965	Sandra George Wertenberger	Lees Summit, MO
1965	Scott and Trudy Reiss	Plains, KS
1965	Valerie McCarty Linenberger and Bill Linenberger	Aurora, CO
1965	Vicki Fox Fisher	Meade, KS
1966	Dennis McCarty	Bristow, OK
1966	Diana Wisby Rice	Wichita, KS
1966	Ira and Judy Downs	Tyrone, OK

1966	Jim and Michele Correll	Lee's Summitt, MO
1966	Jerry Chappell	Plains, KS
1966	James and Doris McVay	Erie, KS
1966	Terry Coats	Wichita, KS
1966	Wallace Headrick	Phoenix, AZ
1967	Dean and Janice Ramage	Lee's Summitt, MO
1967	Gary Dunn	Plains, KS
1967	Henry McVay	Wichita, KS
1967	Joyce Fieser Conard	Hutchinson, KS
1967	Kathy Roberts Boyd and Dave Boyd	Meade, KS
1967	Mike and Jacque Hamm	Glenpool, OK
1967	Rick Littlefield	Plains, KS
1967	Marcia Bond Bayless and Robert Bayless	Giddings, TX
1967	Steve and Jane Eisenhower	Liberal, KS
1967	Tom Bromwell	Shell Knob, MO
1967	Donna Kearns Rotolo and Frankie Rotolo	Hugoton, KS
1968	Randy Littlefield	Wichita, KS
1968	Rita Bond Bayless and Dale Bayless	Dodge City, KS
1968	Sandee Bloom Dalke and Bill Dalke	Norman, OK
1968	Stan Reiss	Plains, KS
1968	Susan Massoni Fox	Plains, KS
1969	Barbara Reiss Dunn	Plains, KS
1969	Charlene Hutson Littlefield	Wichita, KS
1969	Cheri Pippitt Reiss	Plains, KS
1969	Connie Rinehart Strickland	New Castle, OK
1969	Craig and Barbara Ramsey	Overland Park, KS
1969	Dale and Lorraine Schell	Plains, KS
1969	Debi Ormiston Bavousett	Flower Mound, TX
1969	Gary and Sheri Elliott	Topeka, KS
1969	Kevin and Jan Reimer	Topeka, KS
1969	Vicki Roberts McDowell and Jim McDowell	Fowler, KS
1969	Wayne McCarty	Leavenworth, WA
1970	Irene (Rene) McCarty Borchers	Jenks, OK
	Photographer Jennifer Miller	Wichita, KS

Also dropping in to visit was Jack Dunham, former teacher from Plains, KS and James Kenyon from Iowa.