

Plains High School Reunion, August 6, 2005

By Joyce Knott, Alumni Secretary

The Plains High School Alumni met at the SWH School on August 6, 2005 with around 294 graduates and former students and their spouses present. This was a good turnout, considering that the Plains High School hasn't existed for 40 years. Since the last Reunion in 2000, there have been 87 known deaths of Alumni and former students.

Many thanks to all that made it possible for everyone to get together, especially to the officers: President, Lana Miller; Vice President, Butch Amerin; Secretary, Barbara Malone and Treasure, Esther Elliott. A Reunion just doesn't fall together, it takes lots of time, arranging, lost sleep, cooperation, correspondence and money to make a Reunion work. These officers worked the five years prior to the big event. They did an outstanding job of putting it all together. It was heard by many that they wished the reunion was every three years instead of waiting for five years.

August 6, began with Registration at SWH Jr. High. Coffee, tea and donuts were served to all that registered, and there was also visiting in classrooms. At noon, there was a BBQ beef sandwich, chips and cookies served by Meisenheimer's BBQ. Tables and chairs setup and taking down was provided by the SWH FFA Chapter. The meal escorts and drink refills and assistance with the registration process was provided by the SWH Honor Society.

The Meade County Trolley made runs between SWH and Plains High School building for anyone that wanted to visit the old PHS building. Also classrooms were available for visiting. Some also visited at the Open House at the new Golf Club House in Plains. Some classes got together in homes in Plains, among them Leon and Barbara Malone hosting their 1957 graduating class on Saturday afternoon.

At 5 p.m. everyone started gathering at the SWH Jr. High gym once again for a delicious dinner of BBQ ham, brisket, chicken, cheesy potato casserole, green beans, coleslaw, rolls, cobblers, coffee and tea, also catered by Marlin & Dorothy Meisenheimer of Meisenheimer's of Liberal.

All were welcomed by President Lana Miller with the Invocation given by Father Darrell Schaffer of Lakewood, CO.

Recognition was given to the classes of 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954 and 1955 for their 50th Anniversary of graduating from PHS. Also a 40th Anniversary recognition was given for the final graduating class of 1965. Robert Kaberlein gave the Scholarship Fund report. Esther Elliott was presented a plaque for over 40 years of service and dedication to the Alumni Reunion. The election of new officers for the 2010 Reunion was held.

New officers elected were: President, Wayne Powell; Vice-President, Elvin Harris; Secretary, Joyce (Vail) Knott and Treasure, Vicki (Fox) Fisher.

If anyone has any new ideas for the Reunion to improve on anything, please let the new officers know, and if your address changes or you get a new email address please let secretary, Joyce Knott know. Her address: Box 284, Plains, KS 67869.

Decorations were created by "Balloons Because" and Jeanne Roberts of Plains. If you were lucky enough to have a smiley face on your place mat, you won a balloon decoration. Drawings were held and seven lucky people won the gift baskets. Those giving away gift baskets were:

Reiss Farm Equipment, Inc

The Applehutch Orchard-Roger & Wendy Holmes & Ernestine Holmes

Southwest Tortillas-Leon & Nancy Winfrey

ITSABIRD Company-Emu Oil Products from Jerald & Terry Stinson

Twinkle Candy-Kim Wurdeman

Lana Miller, CPA

T-N-T Designs-Troy & Tammie Winfrey

Everyone joined in on the singing of "The Plainsman" song. They were then dismissed to the auditorium where they were entertained by Dr. Don White, hypnotist. He had 9 subjects come up on stage

where they were seeing things that weren't there, doing things that defied the laws of physics and logic, believing one moment they were a famous celebrity and the next moment a 5 year old child. Since most knew the subjects, it made for great entertainment!! Most were under the spell and it made for some hilarious moments for the audience.

After the entertainment, most did more visiting, saying their goodbyes, and some going to Plains where they attended the Block Party and Street Dance that was in progress.

The class of 1955 held a get together on Friday evening, hosting 5 classes and other invited guests. Over 100 attended this gathering. They were celebrating their 50th Anniversary of graduating from PHS. Also on Sunday morning, Leon and Barbara Malone hosted a get together at the Senior Center for whoever wanted to attend and say their goodbyes. They served coffee, donuts and juice.

Those attending the Alumni Reunion were:

1934

Father Leonard F. Stegman

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Alberta (Lawson) Pennington and friend

1938

Elsie Mae (Shuman) Trimpa; Louis Chappell and Irvin Atkinson & Pauline

1939

Beverly (Houdyshell) Chappell; Maxine (Elliott) Hale & Nancy Pickavance (daughter)

1940

Anna (Beckman) Callahan and Maxine (Davis) Baker & Jim

1941

Iola (Novinger) Short; Clarence Ballard; Dolores (Bolan) Hamm and Alice (Wallace) Weller & Bernard

1942

W. Carl Stegman; Leo Bachman & Faith; Wilbert Dreitz & Eleanor & daughters Celia Kulbe & Anita Steffen

1943

Ruby (Vail) Hamm; Ruth (Vail) Geisinger & Forest Lee; Jean (Fulton) Wisby; Jane (Fulton) Horton; Harvey Stegman; Susie Eursal (Wallace) Monhollon & James; Jack D. Rutter & Mary and Harold Myers

1944

Joe Beckman & Anna

1945

Joyce (Fox) Peterson & Warren and Bill Bolan & June

1946

Esther (Correll) Elliott; Carl Utz; Lola (Brown) Davis; Maxine (Ebersole) Stegman and David Stanton & Karen

1947

Gregg Knott and Charlie Angell & Phyllis

1948

Patricia (Jacobs) Utz; James L. Amerine & Peggy; Mary (Myers) Farley; Elsie (Clark) Cottrell; Dan Donahue; Ivan Cox; Robert Sheldon & Mildred; Delores (Satterfield) Jones; Don Bromwell; Frankie (Ford) Bromwell and Earl Shinogle & Eleanor

1949

Rich Knott; Arthur Seely & Calvalene; Joyce Holmes; Mannley Bromwell; Harold Rickers; Ruby (Koehn) Kennedy & John; Jack Dufield and Vela (Langhofer) Vincent & Dr. Don Vincent

1950

Larry Donahue & Marjorie; Delbert Fox & Dorothy; Lynn Streiff and Sylvester Eakes

1951

Marilyn (Langhofer) French & Wilbur; Mary Ann (Ebersole) Glenn & Bob; James Richardson & Anne and Mary (Eakes) Friesen & Leonard

1952

Leon Satterfield; Lloyd Palmer & Norma; Marcie (Kisner) Thorson & Norman; Don Wilson & Ruth; Vera Mae (Harris) Winfrey & Darrell and Carlyle Sinclair

1953

Gloria (Ortega) Simpson; Regina (Eakes) Walters; Gloria (Vail) Fruechting; James E. Hill Jr. & Mary; Gary Evans; Marshall Stanton & Janice and Carol (Winfrey) Palmer

1954

Elsie (Downs) Fuller; Gene Amerine & Iris; Royce Angell & Judi; Verna (Wilcox) Miller & Jim; Lelia (Pope) George & Don; Tony DePriest; Alice (Holmes) Sinclair; Jim Hush & LaVeta and Cornelia Brandner & son Peter & daughters Gabriella & Kristinia

1955

Rev. Darrell Schaffer; Phyllis (Meggenberg) Hunter & Dean; Jim Fromme; Cecilia (Eakes) Chinn; Patricia (Coats) Hanrahan; Darrell Hughan; Estelle (Stegman) Huelskamp & Leroy; Larry Winfrey; Lora (Hughan) Cox; Charlotte (Malone) Keller & Bob and Joyce (Vail) Knott

1956

Gayle (Richardson) Lysthauge & Per; Harold DuPree & Sis; Virginia (Downs) Herrington; Lucy (Beckman) Bromwell; Angie (Amerin) Ebeling & Franklin; Larry Henry & Beverly; Warren Angell & Ruth; Rosella (DePriest) Brooks and John Amerin & Shirletta

1957

Garvin Cobb; Leon & Barbara (DePriest) Malone; Ernie (Butch) Fletcher & Sondra; Garth Cobb; Gregory Hayden & Theresa; Royce Lawson & Kay; Norman Utz & Sharon; Josephine (Eakes) Blacksten; Sandra (Fink) Deal; Norman Angell & Jayne; Donna (McCarty) Mortensen & Darryl; David Feldman; Daryl Ball & Shirley; Richard Lepper & Sue; LaVon (Graham) Kruckenberg & Homer; Bertha (Beckman) Holzworth & Bill and Archie Sinclair

1958

Wendell B. Fox Jr. & Sharon; Judith M. (Satterfield) Henderson & Conrad; Larry Palmer & Phyllis; Jerry Lawson; Myrna (Seal) Craig and Clifton Sutton & Judi

1959

Kirk Coats; Pat (Borgelt) Fritze & Skip; Richard Schell & Paulette; Mickey (Fink) Winfrey; Donna (Blosser) Singh & David; Don Malone & Sue; Tyrone Carpenter; Don Kaberlein & Donna; Harold Correll; Donna (Ball) Walker; Ed Amerin and Mike Perkins

1960

Karen (Fox) Cobb; Myra (Fox) Christenson & Kenny; Donna (Boyd) Correll and Blanche (Woltje) Todreff & Jim

1961

Ray Borth; Shirley (Feldman) Brinkley & Jack; Don Schell & Karen; Sonja (Sutton) Heald & Dave; Jean (Van Dyke) Knight and Ron Dunn & Tarra

1962

Raena (Reiss) Borth; Bob Kaberlein & Gloria; Susan (Ramage) Presley & Joe; Cheryl (Cobb) Carson & David; Joe Miller; E. G. Amerin; Diane (Malone) Palmer & Rex; Darrell Gowens & Kathy and Gerald (Jerry) Hill

1963

Warren Fox & Susan; Terrence Hamm; Renee (Richardson) Gowens; Jeff Johnston & Pam; Daryl Palmer & Kathy; Eldeana (Bond) Winfrey and Gordon Winfrey

1964

Mike Ramage; Lana (Fox) Miller; Wayne Powell & Donna; Gloria (Amerin) Robison & Jim and Cheryl (Wisby) Jantz & Kirby

1965

Sandi (Chappell) Schiff & Glenn; Kathy (McVey) Oliver & Paul; Ida Pearl (Whan) Bottorff & Floyd; Scott Reiss & Trudy; Lee Garrison; Rick Geisinger & Loraine; Dwane Thompson & Joyce; Elvin Harris & Hennie; Vicki (Fox) Fisher & Tommy; Bill Adams & Ruth and Wallace Headrick & Delilah

1966

Terry Coats and James Correll & Michelle

1967

Steve Eisenhower & Jane

1968

Judi (Cobb) Hendricks & Bruce and Patty (Jones) Coats

Teachers attending: Dr. Al Lewis & Dee; Don Campbell & Wanda and Betty Lou (Rutter) Sheldon, daughter of Jack Rutter

Thanks to all of you who came to the Reunion and making it a success; thanks to all who helped in any way and to Southwestern Heights High School and Jr. High for providing us with the facilities so that we could have a place to meet. We look forward to the next Reunion in 2010. Mark it on your calendar now—the first weekend in August!