



South Salem High School

Class of 1963

NEWSLETTER

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Jerry & Jaci Green's Journey

By Jerry & Jaci Green

As we look forward to our 50th class reunions this summer one thing is certain..... we're all 50 years older! But what's it like to face UNcertainty? Surely we've all been there at one time or another. We've all had trials; maybe you've even walked a similar path as ours. The only thing truly unique about our story is that it happened to us.



In January 2011 we were excitedly packing for our move back to Oregon after living in southern California for nearly nine years. We made the decision that our grandkiddos were growing up too quickly and we'd already missed too much of their lives. Little did we know that a stranger would be accompanying us on our return trip.

Jerry hadn't been feeling well as we were readying to move but we chalked it up to stress. Nothing more than a nagging cough that would eventually go away, right? But instead it got worse and he was more fatigued than normal. A couple days after we arrived we decided he should see a doctor since we had a lot of work to do. Fortunately, we were able to schedule an appointment with a local doctor that same day who recommended Jerry have chest x-rays to rule out pneumonia. Two days later, based on those x-rays, he recommended Jerry see a pulmonologist. Miraculously, a cancellation the next day got us an appointment with one of Portland's top pulmonologists. Questions, more tests, blood work, etc. We figured he'd diagnose the problem, prescribe something and we'd be done with it.

Not so simple. His diagnosis was Pulmonary Fibrosis; something we'd never heard of; what's the treatment? Then the few words that changed our lives in an instant: the illness is incurable and the prognosis is a 3-5 year life expectancy. SHOCK.....could you repeat that? More questions but the answers were a blur; we can't even

remember them. We needed time to absorb the reality of it. SURREAL: can this be happening? What do we do first? THINK: how do we tell our family? CRY, TALK, HUG, experience every emotion. RESEARCH: scour the Pulmonary Fibrosis website for information, reports, facts, statistics, anything that will help us get a grasp! ACCEPT: this is for real.

We've journaled the rest of our story at www.caringbridge.org. If you'd like to read and/or follow our journey login and @ "visit a site" enter jerrycgreen. The past year and a half has been an incredibly long and rough roller coaster ride, encompassing every emotion imaginable, but which miraculously resulted in Jerry receiving a single donor lung on September 2, 2012. However, this is far from the end of our journey. The surgery saved his life but his recovery will be long and uncertain. He'll be on immunosuppressant drugs for the rest of his life, he'll remain at high risk for illness and infection and organ rejection is an ongoing possibility. Transplant recipients fondly refer to this change as the beginning of our "new normal" way of life.

As difficult as this journey has been, it's also been an incredibly eye-opening experience for us. We have a new awareness and appreciation of each new day, we've

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Notes From Classmates...



Kathy Costa-Schmidt writes ...

Well, a lot has been going on in my life since 1963. I have two children. A son, Ronny, lives in Palm Springs and my daughter, Betty, lives in North Dakota. I lived in Santa Cruz, CA for awhile and went into nursing. I also lived in

San Francisco. I then moved to Santa Fe, NM for five years. I then moved up north of Santa Fe, about 20 miles to Chimayo. I ended a 20-year nursing career and worked on an Indian reservation casino. I lived on a farm at the same time...cows, horses, dogs and cats. When I turned 50, I retired and traveled in an RV. I went to 20 states in five years. My favorite part was to live with the Blackfeet and Cree Native Americans during that time. And, yes, that includes traveling the pow-wow circuit. I did do some traditional dancing but never won anything. I then went to live in Las Vegas, NV. I worked in a casino there and loved it. We stayed there until March 2009. My husband, David, had to have a liver transplant, so we chose to move back to New Mexico. After living here in Albuquerque two months, David's liver healed. It was a true miracle of God. We love it here in Albuquerque and the doctors take good care of him. I guess my nursing job was a blessing as now I can take care of my husband. David now is doing well and is a house painter.

On Tuesdays I volunteer for the Roadrunner Food Bank. On Thursday I volunteer at a senior mobile home park and help with shopping. I have a great garden growing – squash, peppers, cucumbers, tomatoes, green beans and pumpkins. I have two dogs--a 3-year-old poodle and a 1-year-old Chinese Crested--and a 15-year-old cat.

September, October, and November are busy times in this area. There is the state fair in Albuquerque and a 4-day fiesta in Santa Fe in September. In October, there is the Navajo Fair and Rodeo and the Albuquerque Balloon Festival. In November there are several Feast Days at the 19 pueblo reservations, also Navajo, Zuni, and three Apache reservations in New Mexico. As that is part of my heritage, you can see why I'm partial to this state. I'm from the Blackfoot of Rocky Boy Indian Reservation on Bears Paw Mountain in Browning, Montana. I don't think I'll ever get back to Oregon. I have a lot of family there, but we really need to stay here.

Well, as you can see – a very interesting 49 years. It's nice to retire and be where I am really happy!

Kathy Costa-Schmidt
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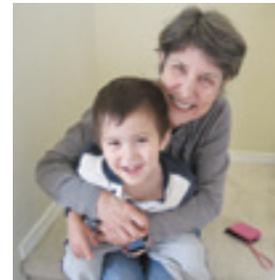


Ann Chambers writes ...

We downsized after 40+ years in the same house. Quite a transition but definitely worth it. I had no clue we had so much stuff and I don't miss any of it. I still have lots of organizing to do in the new place with the surviving stuff, but all the nice weather has called me to be outdoors. I figure there will be plenty of rainy

days ahead to deal with it!

I'm not up to a bio, but I have one grandson named Tiger who is now almost 4. He moved to Houston last January and I miss him so much. This pic is a year old. You can see I've changed a bit since high school!



Looking forward to seeing you, Ann
14402 Orchard Springs Rd
Lake Oswego, Oregon 97035



Roger Monette writes ...

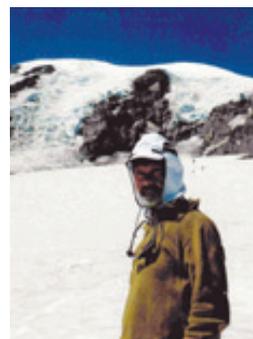
One more year gone – many more to come, hope, hope.

Been trying to keep up with my tenants' requests, and my goals and desires for adventures that make life interesting. One goal is to reunite with old

friends and relatives. Some I haven't seen in over 50 years.

Spent two weeks in Montana to bag an elk. Had to pack 275 pounds of boned-out meat eight miles.

Continuing my mountain climbing endeavors. Successfully summited four peaks, including the highest



mountain in the Cascade Range, Mt. Rainier, at 14,410 feet. Mt. Shasta is the next big one.

Your classmate, Roger Monette



Bush Elementary School

6th Grade - Mrs. DeLoretto

Photo provided by Becky Lorenz

Can you help us identify some of the students in this picture?



Back row from left to right; Mike Mischke, Caroline Methvine, ??, Paul Nibbler, Bill Weir, Keith Wonderly, Becky Lorenz, Kathy Glenn.

Middle Row from left to right: ??, Coeta Evans, Danny ?, or is that Caroline Methvine?, ??, Judy Sugnet, ??.

Front Row from left to right: ??, ??, Cathy Costa, ??, Bernie Stone.

If you can identify any other students in the photo, please send the information to contact@sshs63.com

Editor's Note . . .

As we prepare for our 50th reunion, I've been reflecting on those days we spent together at South Salem High School. How well did we know our classmates? In the last few months, I have been learning more about several of our classmates. It got me thinking about how much, or little, we knew about our classmates. I thought everyone came from a family with two parents that had been together forever...not me. And most classmates had brothers or sisters...not me. How many classmates had mothers that worked outside the home? Mine did. Those were the days of *Ozzie and Harriett* and *Father Knows Best*...a simpler time. We know that our home environment impacted us in our daily lives. How did that affect us as we attended classes together?

We've had almost 50 years since high school to become the people we are today. We've taken so many different paths and faced and may still be facing challenges. Take a minute to reach out. Let us know if you need contact information or if you have information for classmates that are on the "missing" list.

I love catching up with fellow classmates through newsletter articles/notes, phone calls, and getting together when the opportunity arises. Keep those articles, notes and pictures coming. Hope to see you at the 50th!

Bernie Stone Barrett



Newsletter Contributors. . .



I hope you have made it through the fall season and are now all settled in for winter. Many of you will enjoy warmer, perennial "summer" months, while some of us still cope with rainy and cold days – well into next summer. How lucky you are!

Generous classmates have contributed funds since our last newsletter – a big thank you to these individuals.

Darlene (Thomas) McCormack

John Luchau

Mary (Howser) McLurg

Roger Monette

Roger Appelgate

Contributions are always welcomed and will help insure there are future issues. If you would like to help with funding, please send a check, in any amount, payable to Sue Palmason (see address on the front of newsletter). The 50th reunion is less than a year away and we anticipate another issue before that August 2013 event.

Please continue sending news updates about yourself (electronically, if possible) to Barb Cross -- barb.cross@comcast.net. If you can, please include a photo to accompany your news piece. Email any of us if you have questions.

If you are willing to receive your newsletters electronically, be sure we have your current email address. This helps minimize the cost of printing and mailing paper copies. Send new e-mail addresses or other phone or address changes to Bernadette Stone-Barrett: rlbdbarrett@aol.com

Sue Gleckler Palmason

Our Sympathies. . .

We extend our thoughts and sympathies to the following classmates who have lost loved ones.

Denny Ward Duncan's Father passed away in June 2012

Leone Marsh Whittle & Lois Marsh Fuller lost their Mother Memorial Day, 2012

Sheri Troxell's Father passed away in September 2012

Barb Hoxsey Cross's Mother passed away in November 2012

In Sadness...

JANICE CHISHOLM-GROVER

*September 20, 1945 -
January 26, 2011*

A memorial service was held on February 15, 2011, at Grace Baptist Church for the passing of Janice Chisholm-Grover, a fellow classmate of South Salem High's 1963 graduating class.

As all those we have lost, Janice will be missed.



and streams and he loved digging for clams. They made many trips around the world and especially enjoyed their time in Australia.

Earl loved sports. During the 1940's, he played semi-pro baseball around the Northwest. He enjoyed watching football and baseball and until the day he died was a diehard OSU Beaver fan.

Missing Classmates

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| Alton Albin | Joan Johnson |
| James Alexander | Janet Jones |
| Michael Anderson | Jane Louise Jones |
| Gerald Chapel | Joseph King |
| Katy Clyde | Judith Lind Kanoff |
| Shirley Coon | Diane Meloy Sandsburn |
| Ray Coopridge | Kathy Merin Strickler |
| Schelly Culver | Verna Miller Benson |
| Joan Davidson | Michael E. Mischke |
| Karlet Davis | Elmer Mortenson |
| Robert A. Day | Virginia Moudy |
| Marvin Dolezal | Carol Murrin |
| James Donaldson | Elaine Nelson |
| Carol Duggan | David Nicholas |
| Mary Jean Eller | Nancy Owen Cherin |
| Ricki Fergeson | Joan Penniman Langa |
| Steven Ferry | Elaine Pecht |
| Beverly Jane Fillis | John Reid |
| Larry Fisher | Stevie Romander |
| Stephen Fletchall | Rosemary Salchenberg |
| Karen Fortmiller Flint | Richard Sanders |
| Linda Gilkison Myers | Patricia Standal |
| Pam Gruel | David Swenwold |
| Carol Haynes | Sharon Thompson |
| Joan Johnson Hudson | Gail Titus Redding |
| Max L. Huff | Boatwright |
| Ruthann Jennison | Mary Walberg |
| McGovern | Kathy Wilson |
| Paul Johnson | |



EARL HAMPTON

July 9, 1922 - October 6, 2012

Principal of Judson Junior High

Earl Hampton was born in Eugene. He graduated from Molalla High School in 1940 and received an athletic scholarship to Willamette University. During his freshman year, the football team was in Hawaii when Pearl Harbor was attacked. The football team was recruited to perform guard duty and returned home on a hospital ship. When he got home, he joined the Navy and served for the duration of WWII.

He met Constance Bodeker at Molalla High School when he was on leave and she was teaching. They were married July 27, 1944. After the war, he earned his bachelor degree of science in education at Willamette, his master's degree at the UofO, and his doctorate from OSU.

Earl began his teaching career in Pendleton and then came to Salem, where he was assistant principal and then principal at Leslie Junior High School. He was the principal at Judson Junior High School when it opened in 1958. He then was assistant superintendent for Salem-Keizer School District. He then moved to Lincoln County and was superintendent there until his retirement in 1981. After his retirement he was interim superintendent for Redmond School District.

Connie and Earl retired to the home they built on the Little North Fork of the Santiam River and enjoyed the years they lived there. He loved to fish Oregon's rivers

6 ethics of life:

Before you Pray - Believe

Before you Speak - Listen

Before you Spend - Earn

Before you Write - Think

Before you Quit - Try &

Before you Die - Live !!!

Anonymous

SAVE THE DATE: 50 YEAR REUNION

AUGUST 23, 2013

FRIDAY NIGHT AT MAGOO'S

AUGUST 24, 2013

SATURDAY NIGHT AT CREEKSIDE GOLF
COURSE BANQUET ROOM, SALEM

Please note the location change from Illahe to CREEKSIDE!
The committee has been meeting and working to make this
event a memorable one!

Note the list of missing classmates in this issue, any help you
can give in locating these classmates would be appreciated.

Registration forms will be in our Spring 2013 newsletter as
well as posted on our Website: sshs63.com
Please check this site regularly for information and updates!

In preparation for the reunion, we will be asking you to share
a little of your personal journey. We hope you will add a
current photo of you and your family.

You can start sending your stories anytime to:

contact@sshs63.com

All will be published in some format for the reunion, whether
on our website, or in booklet form. If you have thoughts as to
which you would prefer, please let the committee know.

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reconnected with and been lifted up and encouraged by family, friends and acquaintances from throughout our entire lifetime, we've humbly accepted financial help and are discovering ways we can "pay it forward" in the years ahead, we cherish family, friendships and each other even more. In summary, we feel we've been TRULY BLESSED! Our faith has been relentlessly tested and amazingly strengthened as we've walked this path that the Lord has laid out before us. And we faithfully put our complete trust in Him for the rest of the journey.

Our goal is to plant a seed in your mind so that should you find yourself in a similar life threatening situation you'll know there's a hope that comes after the storm. Your circumstances don't determine your outcome, information is power, a positive attitude is crucial, faith is empowering;

providing strength and courage to meet each challenge and prayer undeniably works. Thanks for letting us share our story. Feel free to contact us at jacig1945@gmail.com

Bernie Stone-Barrett and Jerry Green, along with Jaci Green and Richard Barrett met for lunch in Palm Springs last November



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