



# South Salem High School

## Class of 1963 NEWSLETTER

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### Scotland Here We Come!

By Bob And Anne (Holweger) Jones

Well, we're off again to Scotland. This will be our 14th trip to Scotland (4 to Ireland, 2 to Wales) since we retired in 2000 after more than 30 years of public school teaching (Anne in elementary, college, and special education and Bob in public speaking and debate). The first trip was just a fluke. We knew when we retired that we had to get away when the start of school came around and we chose Scotland because of the golf and single malt whisky. After our first night in a B&B in Peebles, Scotland, and playing two courses we were hooked. In a pub, feeding crisps (chips) to a pub dog and drinking real Guinness (not the canned stuff) Anne said we should write about this.

Five years later our first book, Scotland's Hidden Gems: Golf, Pubs & Attractions was published. We'll never get rich off our writing, but it has turned into a great retirement gig. Since starting our second book, Ireland's Small Greens (2007), we arranged golf ahead, almost always complimentary. We visit the courses, gather information on the history, play the course usually with someone from the local club (captain, vice-captain, president, secretary, historian, etc.), have a meal in the clubhouse, and write up our notes after each round. In the evenings we'll visit a local pub or restaurant to get notes for writing it up as well. On non-golfing days, or before or after golf, we'll visit local attractions (castles, cathedrals, ancient sites, distilleries and more distilleries) so that we can include those in our books. For two years I had a column in Historic Scotland Magazine (one of Scotland's national trusts for historical and cultural preservation) where I would write about the historic sites from an American's point of view.

Our current five-week trip (September and October 2009) has a threefold purpose. First, we are shopping around our third book just published, Hidden Gems II: Scotland and Wales. Second, we are revisiting courses from the first Scotland book and visiting some new ones, looking forward to an update of



that book. The third reason for our visit is our ongoing love affair with Scotland. Since early in that first trip in 2000 we have felt a strong connection to Scotland and her people. Anne's heritage is heavily Scottish and Irish--she can trace her family back to the Royal Stewarts and King David I (on the Irish side her family probably goes back to good old Irish hooligans). We've traced my roots back to northern Wales. In fact, on one of our trips to Wales for golf research, we kept seeing signs for a solicitor (realtor) with my grandfather's exact name, and I swear I saw my grandfather's double in a local pub. So we continue to return to Scotland, like many others go to the beach a couple times a year.

One of these years we'll plan better and be able to attend a reunion to say hello to everyone. Right now, we spend about three months out of the year (in April and May, and September and October--the best months for weather and avoiding tourists) in the British Isles. Our books are available from Amazon.com or from our website [www.penandprint.com](http://www.penandprint.com) which you've linked in the newsletter (thank you). If anyone wants help planning a trip to Scotland, Ireland, Wales, or even England, we'd be glad to help.

*Hello to all, Bob and Anne (Holweger) Jones*

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## Notes From Classmates...



### *Kathy (Dalton) Walden writes ...*

It is so sad. My husband and I are so incredibly technologically impaired. Don't laugh...we have no idea about blog, tweet or twitter. My grandson just recently taught me how to text message.....isn't that just pitiful? We had to ask our grandson to help us old folks hook up our theater system and he was done in 5 minutes..... what do you mean red goes with red. I showed my husband the newspaper pictures. He said all of those people are old. He suggested that I change classes...only if it were that easy and we could be 18 again at South Salem. Never mind. I would not want to be 18 in this era. You have been asking for pictures. The attached is a picture from my last Mexican cruise...and no I don't play the piano. My Mom, sister and I go somewhere every spring break. My husband baby sits our two dogs..why would he want to be locked up with three crazy women on a ship for 10 days. It is nice to have my Mother be able to travel with us. Most of the time she out sprints the two of us. I have bumped into a few classmates recently and after staring for a while we remember the good times at South Salem (and the mischief we got into). I am so glad you are still doing the newsletter.

*Kathy (Dalton) Walden*



### *Gary Allen writes ...*

Keep up the great work on the newsletter. Always enjoy it.

Carol and I moved to Salishan in mid-2004 and wish we had done so sooner. Enjoy it very much. We live on the Salishan Spit (west) side, across Hwy 101 from Salishan Lodge. Beautiful area, very quiet (only 13% of the homeowners in our association

are full-timers like us and half of them take off for the winter. So, it is real quiet here – really, all year long).

Carol plays a lot of golf, is very active with the local animal shelter in Newport, works out a lot and loves to cook (lucky me). We rescued a fantastic dog just after we moved here and we hit the beach with him every day we can – he goes everywhere with us. Due to my long-standing back problems, there no longer is tennis or golf, both of which I played a great deal. Now, it's walking and swimming. I miss a competitive sport! I do keep in touch with Dave Johnson frequently, and Glen Johnson. Both are real good buds.

If you are ever in our area, please let us know when it will be as we would both enjoy seeing you. Best to all the '63 Saxons – those were good years!!

*Gary Allen*

### *Zack Hoffman writes ...*

Hello newsletter staff: Good job, don't get discouraged. I understand I'm trying to keep a motorcycle group of old folks going. I retired a year ago last June. Betty Jo my wife retired in Feb.'09. We are trying not to drive one another crazy. We have 8 grandkids from 18 months to 18 years.

I see Len Darst attended the 09 mini Reunion. Did anyone get a phone # or email address for him? Len, Jonathan Bishop and I were very close when we were at Morningside grade school. I lost track of Len when they moved.

Gary and Sandy Davis and I keep in contact. Gary and I do a little varmint hunting in central Oregon.

Does anyone have any idea on how to reach Norm Bickel?

*Good luck and God bless  
Zack Hoffman 541 679 7883*

### *John Luchau writes ...*

John Luchau has written a wonderful article about his sailing adventure from Honolulu to Hilo, Hawaii. The article is posted on the SSHS Class of 63 blog: <http://www.sshs63.blogspot.com/>. Check it out. Classmates who enjoy sailing (Steve and Rand) will especially appreciate the trip through some challenging currents. John lives in Keaau, HI (a small community just south of Hilo on the Big Island)..

### *Howard Phillips writes ...*

I certainly appreciated hearing from folks that I did while in the hospital. My wife Randi has saved everything in a box and I am now able to start through those cards, letters, or whatever and respond. The positive thoughts and prayers offered by my classmates were and are very helpful, therapeutic and healing, get this, even the doctors told me someone else saved me, not them, very interesting, some big shot rock star doctors that became very humble during our conversations post trauma and even before.

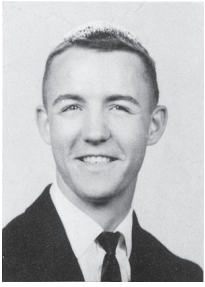
Goodness, here I am an old decrepit man and I still pine away over my classmates at South! Last week my wife made me clean out some of my books and I sent 35 potato boxes to the library for their sale, broke my heart, sorta like old friends but I wanna reconnect with some classmates and not throw them out, the old friends are very precious to me! I have not donated this year to the fund that helps with the communications, where should I send it and how much is needed?

*Howard Phillips*

### *Jane Porter and Linda Jo Anderson Watts write ...*

I have a new email address - [mjmillsap@q.com](mailto:mjmillsap@q.com). Always enjoy the South Salem newsletters, so thought I'd best send the new address along. Thanks to you, I am now keeping in touch with Linda Watts. Great fun to reconnect after these many years!!! Hope all is well with you.

*Jane*



### Mike Parker writes . . .

Well a lot has happened over the past 40+ years. I started out in the military (Army) right after high school. I found it enjoyable enough to spend 34 years in the Army Special Forces.

My late wife and I had seven children all grown and have their own families, giving a total of 24+ grandchildren. Three children live in

Bend, Oregon, one in Mesa, AZ, and several in Springfield, OR.

Since I last attended a reunion, I completed a BS in Computer Science and Business Accounting and then a MS in Education and Mathematics.

I have remarried. My wife is a Chinese from Malaysia. She is attending college via the U.S. Government, spousal Support. We enjoy visiting her two sisters, her mom (I am two years older), and several little children. She is an artist, ran her own computer repair business, and is now exploring taking care of a cranky ole fart who is putting up with numerous military injuries (340) parachute jumps give or take a couple and suffering with bipolar disease. All while she maintains a 3.98 at Chemeketa Community College.

When we are in this country we have a 37' Designer Jayco, which we use to travel throughout Washington, Oregon, Utah, and California. While in California we love spending time at Sutter Mill (where Gold was found in early California). Recently, we were able to see our two newest grand babies in San Francisco with the three daughters. We stayed at World Mark condos.

I will miss Jim Noteboom. He was a good friend over the years. I never get to see class members and would love to. Let them know with a short warning all are welcome. I have a large fold out couch and room for several tents. I could try and arrange for RV space with a long enough warning.

My address is P.O. Box 998, Willamina, OR 97396-0998 503-409-9016

Current email address is [mikemail45@gmail.com](mailto:mikemail45@gmail.com)

Has any one heard from Mary Dixon? I owe her an apology.

*Mike Parker, First Sergeant Retired, BS, MS*

### Note...

Due to some computer issues we were not able to scan all the senior photos for this issue. Our goal was to try to get this posted as soon as possible so it is with regret that not everyone who contributed a note is pictured.

Hopefully this will be resolved by the next issue. Why not take this opportunity to dig out that senior annual and look up the photos of those not shown. A walk down memory lane is always fun!

Thanks for your understanding, and keep the notes coming, please!

## A New Beginning at 65

By Sue Gleckler Palmason



A few of you know I celebrated my 65<sup>th</sup> birthday in October and a few also know that I had heart bypass surgery just days before that milestone birthday. What a surprising way to celebrate! I had no previous indication of problems, so the diagnosis and rapid trip to Swedish Hospital in Seattle came as quite a shock. Weeks later, I am still reeling about how fast our health can be in jeopardy.

During my hospital stay and this recovery period at home, I have been so encouraged by the calls, cards, and email from classmates and other friends (near and far) wishing me well. Thank you for keeping me in your thoughts; it has made a world of difference! So far, I am progressing as I should. I am looking forward to a full recovery in order to return to my normal activities soon and to truly enjoy the next steps of transitioning into "seniorhood."

It is so true that we need to listen to those little warnings from our bodies. My symptoms were not dramatic, but I knew something was not quite right. I am very grateful that my physician is a good listener. She immediately sent me to a cardiologist, who then began the process to get me the additional medical help I needed. Sixty five is very much a new beginning for me!

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### Editor's Note . . .



This is the year that most of us turned 65 and entered the age of Medicare. Can you believe it! I don't feel 65 and I'm sure we don't look 65, do we? As we grow older, we do have to deal with some health issues that come with living as long as we have. Have you worn out your knees or hips? Are you wearing bifocals? How many pills do you take each day to stay healthy? Ever heard of

Lipitor? Wish I had invested in Pfizer. Oh, wait, I did. Bought it at 31.4227 and now it's at 16.96.

As noted in this newsletter, two classmates have had serious health issues this year and are grateful for the good wishes they received from their classmates. If you know of someone who needs the support of fellow classmates, reach out. I know from personal experience the importance of getting an unexpected card or a phone call. If you need contact information, e-mail me. Read the "missing" classmates list, which will be posted on the blog, and let me know if you have ANY information to help us find these classmates. And remember to keep YOUR contact information (e-mail, address, and phone number) up to date.

*Bernadette Barrett - rlbdbarrett@aol.com*

**Blog: [sshs63.blogspot.com](http://sshs63.blogspot.com)** - Currently the blog has the most up-to-date information about our events and happenings. All past newsletters are posted also.

## Newsletter Contributors:

Many thanks go to Roger Applegate and Gary Allen who have contributed funds to support our class news since the last newsletter issue. Thank you!

With your continuing financial support, we are able to keep the news coming your way. We have more email addresses now, but are still snail-mailing to many who do not have email or who have not provided an address. If you can receive the newsletter via email, please let someone on the newsletter staff know how to send it to you electronically. Or, if you are retrieving each issue from the SSHS Blog, let us know if you no longer need a print copy mailed. It all helps to reduce the number of print copies being sent.

We also need news! Please email a brief message or an article about your doings to any one of us for inclusion in a future issue. Classmates are interested to know about your activities, hobbies, travel, retirement, etc.

*Sue Gleckler Palmason*

## An Apology:

We were not able to add a high school picture of Sally Clinker Clemens in the Winter 2010 newsletter and we didn't identify Peggy (Claypool) Allan with a high school picture. We really appreciate their articles and the photos submitted.

### *In Sadness:*

We pass along information about teachers and classmates along with our condolences to family and friends.

John R. "Jack" Norman, South High Teacher, passed away on February 26, 2010.

Nancy Noffsinger's mother passed away in March, 2010

Mike Mischke's brother – January 10, 2010

Olivia Berg Mitchell – February 20, 2003

