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Steve Dennis Will Emcee 2000 Alumni Program

Master of Ceremonies for the 2000 A.H.S. Alumni Program will be Steve Dennis, Class of 1972.

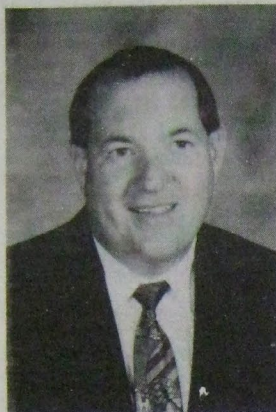
After his graduation, Steve attended the University of Nebraska at Kearney. Following college, he began a teaching career at Wallace, Nebraska. From there he moved to Ansley, where he taught for 12 years.

Steve completed his administrative certification and moved to Creighton, Nebraska, where he was the elementary principal for the Creighton Public Schools.

For the past nine years, Steve has been the elementary principal at the Ord, Nebraska Public Schools.

While teaching in Ansley, he met his wife, Mary, a native of Atkinson, Nebraska, who was also teaching in Ansley. Mary teaches kindergarten, media, and physical education in the Catholic School system in Ord.

Steve and Mary have three sons, Benjamin, Andrew and Derek, who are all involved in all of the sports in Ord, both summer and winter. Steve particularly enjoys golf and fishing.



Alumni Program Emcee, Steve Dennis

The family attends the United Methodist Church in Ord.

Steve says, "I would like to take this opportunity to invite each one of you to the Arnold Alumni Banquet on May 27, 2000. Take this opportunity to visit with your classmates, acquaintances, and friends."

President's Words Of Wisdom...

Greetings and welcome to our first Alumni Greeting of the new millennium. We are looking forward to seeing each of you at our May 27th celebration. All the officers and committees have been meeting on a regular basis to provide a fun filled weekend.

A special thanks to Sharron Bean and Darlene Rimpley for continuing to work tirelessly to make sure that we have the best alumni celebration once again. Also, a big thanks to the local alumni who continue to do so much each year for the benefit of us "out of towners." Thanks to Kent DeLosh for the delicious meal he has planned, Dena

Mills for a great program, Duane Romans for providing a slate of officers, Geri Webb for soliciting door prizes, and Gene Tullis and committee for heading up our dance. Also, we need to say thank you to Steve Dennis for agreeing to be our master of ceremonies this year.

Because of all their efforts, you can be assured that we have a fine evening planned for you with an excellent banquet, entertaining program, and enjoyable dance. We are looking forward to a great time and hope to see you all at this year's Arnold Alumni.

Sincerely,
Bill Morrison

Reminders That Are Important

- Each alumni member can bring one guest.
- No children or high school students will be admitted.
- Each alumni member must pay 2000 dues.
- Consider paying several years' dues at one time, which will cut down on book work.

Candidates Needed

In order to keep the Alumni the great and wonderful organization it now is, we must have Alumni members who are willing to hold an office. It does involve some time, but it is necessary to hold a banquet and program each year. If you would consider holding an office, contact Secretary Sharron Bean.

Class of 2000

Fifteen members of the Class of 2000 will be inducted into the Arnold High School Alumni Association during the May 27th program. Several from this class are 3rd generation graduates, and one is a 4th generation graduate. (Key: 1 - Father is A.H.S. graduate; 2 - mother is graduate; 3 - grandparent or 3rd generation; 4 - great-grandparent or 4th generation).

Jennifer Allen
Courtney Beshaler-Gracey - 1,2

Wayne Bierman
Jailyn Carlson
Amber Conner - 1,3
Brynn Geiser - 1,3
Ashley Larreau - 1,2,3
LeAnn Larreau - 1,3
Matthew Lucas - 1,3,4
Adam McCracken
Justin Peterson
Zachary Sheets - 1,3
Cynthia Stoddard
Tracy Wienke - 2,3
Dallas Wyckoff

Alumni Of Their Decade

Five nominations were received for the *Alumni of the Decade* feature, and since they are all worthy of the honor, we will name them as Outstanding Alumni. Their service to the public, and what they return to the community, more so than their career, is the emphasis.

1920's

Ruth Brown Dunn '22

• Author of several books on

pioneer and Indian life, with the proceeds from the books going to the Sedgwick County (CO) Museum, which she was actively involved with.

• Donated many hours to the Lincoln County (NE) Historical Museum.

• Organized a teen youth group in Wichita, KS during World War II years.

• Active in youth groups in her church.

• Ruth, 95, lives in Ft. Collins, CO.

1960's

Ray Croghan '68

• Has served on the Board of Directors at Doane College, Hastings, where he has worked at gaining scholarships for Arnold students, as well as establishing a scholarship for an Arnold student to Doane.

• Ray is semi-retired from his own computer business, which developed computer programs.

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Four Hundred Attend 1999 Banquet

By Darlene Rimpley

They began arriving in Arnold as early as two weeks previous, to the big day - these Arnold High Alumni members - combining family visits with class reunions and attendance at the 1999 Alumni Banquet and program. They continued coming, until by the time they had all gathered on Saturday, May 29th, 400 persons enjoyed a delicious meal, and more joined the crowd for the program.

The guests spent time visiting, hunting up relatives, classmates, and friends and reminiscing about good old Arnold High preceding the program.

A memorial tribute for the deceased of the honored classes and those who had passed away since last year's Alumni gathering, entitled "No Friends Like Old Friends," was given by Pat Deterding Crow, with music by Dorothy Larreau and Winnie Shaw Pandorf.

An Arnold Public School Foundation report was given by Bobbie Smith.

Judy Gracey, 1999 Alumni president, welcomed the crowd and introduced the master of ceremonies, Donald Swanson, '73, of Omaha.

Don's Arnold school years were spent under the tenure of Superintendent Alvin Story, and he vividly recalled those days, to the amusement of all present, whether they were from that era or not.

The honored classes were then recognized, and they had excellent attendance.

The Class of 1929 had 33 graduates, with seven still living, but none were able to attend the banquet.

The Class of '39 had 14 of 23 who are still living in attendance. This class started the very first Alumni Banquet before World War II. They also entertained us royally by singing their class song, "Little Bitty Fishy."

The Class of '49 took attendance honors with 18 of the 25 living members present.

Fourteen out of 22 members of '59 were there, and 1969 had 15 out of 34 attending. The Class of 1979, with one member as far away as Somalia with the Peace Corp and one in Venezuela as a missionary, had 15 out of 33 members in attendance. The class also issued a "have fun" challenge to the Class of '80 to hold a pancake feed to benefit

the theater next year.

The Class of '89 had 15 out of 28 members present.

The Class of '99, which presented their class picture to the Alumni Association and were welcomed in as members, had 10 of the 14 graduates present (remember - they all live in Arnold).

Out of state visitors were recognized, with Jerry Story '59, of Wasilla, Alaska, coming from the greatest distance.

Kenneth Downing, Class of '23, of Sebring, Ohio won honors for the oldest alumni.

Returning faculty included Eleanore Story of Arizona and Marion Fuller Nelson, Dick Bassett, Bonnie Smith Rose and Don Hardin, all of Arnold. (The latter three are also alumni).

"Arnold's Saturday Night Live" then took center stage, with emcee Raoul Johnson. He introduced Judge Judy (Deb Bean Brosius) who was listening to plaintiff Jenna Brosius' suit against Marie DeLosh, who refused to take an Alumni office. After hearing all of the evidence, Judge Judy ruled against the defendant, sentencing her to hold three Alumni offices in

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2000 Alumni Banquet & Program

Banquet Menu: Roast Beef - Baked Potatoes/Toppings - Green Beans - Coleslaw - Rolls - Cherry Cobbler - Coffee - Iced Tea.
\$6.00 (includes tax)
Serving 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Program: "Arnold High Productions"
8:00 p.m.

Dance: "All Occasions"
10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.
Civic Center
\$3.00 per person

1999 Banquet

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consecutive years. Liberace, (Winnie Shaw Pandorf) with his toothy smile and flashy tux, wowed us with a piano number.

Church Chat, with the church chat lady (Dallas Beshaler) filled us in on all the latest news (gossip?).

To conclude our Arnold Saturday night, cheerleaders Mindy Strasburg and Justin Strasburg led the audience in a school cheer, and the wonderful revered, emotional fight song, "Arnold High, Arnold High."

Interspersed in all of the events was the drawing for the many door prizes that are generously given by local businesses, as well as some from out-of-town that are owned by Alumni members.

Thanks was given by the president to the other officers: Cheryl Mills Uhrmacher for an excellent meal; Kay Morrison McConnell for the program; and Sharron Welty Bean for her year-long work as secretary-treasurer.

Officers elected to plan the

2000 banquet and program are: President - Bill Morrison '55; 1st Vice President (program) - Dena Weinman Mills '83; and 2nd Vice President (meal) - Kent DeLosh '66.

And then it was on to the Alumni dance at the Civic Center, with music by Terry Fales.

But it didn't end with that, as honored classes held get-togethers on Sunday. And then there's the memories that will carry us through until next year when we gather again.

Alumni Of Decade

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Carolyn Lynch Duponcheel '63

- Founder of Guam-Japan Friendship Association.
- Coordinator of Youth Representation for visits of U.S. Presidents Nixon, Carter, and Reagan, where she taught.

- Shared knowledge of Pacific Island cultures with organizations in Nebraska.

- Organized first Career Day at Arnold Public Schools.

- Active in Arnold Kinseekers, Arnold Business

and Professional Women, and Arnold Alumni.

- Brown Co. (NE) Historical Assoc.

- Active in many education advancement organizations.

- Lives in Ainsworth, NE, where she is principal of Ainsworth Community High School.

1970's

Debbie Bean Brosius '75

- Served on Arnold School Board.

- Alumni Secretary and Treasurer six years; 1st vice-president one year; helped with/was in many Alumni programs.

- Member of Charming Chicks Club, which especially promoted youth activities in Arnold.

- Chamber of Commerce, Community Theater, and the Arnold Area Theater Foundation Board member.

- Lends her talents to many Arnold activities.

- Life-long resident of Arnold, and is employed at Reed's Food Center.

Todd Smith '78

- Was a member of the Arnold Fire Department, manning the radios for many hours at a time.

- Was active in his church, particularly with the tape ministry.

- Photographed many Arnold scenes, and allowed them to be used for promotion.

- Was a photographer at Alumni banquets.

- Todd, who was a friend to all, passed away in July of 1997.

A.H.S. Alumni For 70 Years or Longer

The following people have the honor of being Arnold High Alumni for at least 70 years - up to 82 years. The oldest member, Mynor Smith, celebrated his 100th birthday last November.

82 yrs. - 1918 - Mynor Smith.

78 yrs. - 1922 - Ruth Brown Dunn, Nina Robinson Barnett.

77 yrs. - 1923 - Ina Gilbert Heldenbrand.

76 yrs. - 1924 - Ruth Nelson Rath, Flora Parson Beatty

75 yrs. - 1925 - Reba Bundy Bowers, Eleanor Kasper

Bean, Myrtle Lindholm Anderson, Amy Ryan

Georgeson, Ester Smith Pearson.

74 yrs. - 1926 - Elva Lewis McFarland, Mable Smith

Anderson.

73 Yrs. - 1927 - Walter Holden, Max Phifer, Orval

Sauter, Karl Thelan, Ellis Wilmoth.

72 yrs. - 1928 - Wilma Bassett Van Cleave, Marjorie

Kellenbarger Farmer, Joe Lester, Elma Potter Conley,

Hildred Robinson Waits, Francis Schloatman, Hazel

Sell Alexander.

71 yrs. - 1929 - Constance Alexander Smith, Venetta

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Class Reunions

Class of 1940 - Will meet in the 8th grade room at the school at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Class of 1950 - Sat., May 27, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at DJ's. Sun., May 28, gather at 2:00 p.m. at Bob and Mona Sargent Crow home for a barbecue.

Class of 1960 - Sat., May 27, 2:00 p.m. at the Civic Center; Sun., May 28, 12:30 p.m. at Dwight and Brenda Sheets home.

Class Of 1970 - Sat., May 27, 2:00 p.m. meet at Dave and Berni Crow home; Sun., May 28, 12:30 p.m. at city park for potluck picnic.

Class of 1980 - Sat., May 27, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Legion Hall.

Strasburg, Denver; Judy Morrison Groome, Lakewood; Carolyn Cole Geiser, Loveland; Anne Siebel, La Porte; Dan Nansel, Aurora.

Sharyn Overton Mischke, Cheyenne; LaCiede Mills Morris, Cheyenne; Roy Troyer, Cheyenne.

ALABAMA

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Alumni Association Financial Report

INCOME:	
Bar.....	342.35
Dance Income.....	437.00
Donation.....	144.10
Dues.....	1,102.00
Food Resold.....	322.69
Meal.....	2,803.00
Ne. Directory.....	204.00
O.S. Directory.....	48.00
Paper.....	40.00
Pictures Income.....	81.00
Postage Income.....	33.30
Program.....	72.00
Redeposit.....	700.00
TOTAL INCOME.....	6,329.44

EXPENSE:	
Advertising.....	7.00
Banquet:	
Food.....	1,629.79
Labor.....	144.38
TOTAL BANQUET.....	1,774.17
Dance.....	575.00
Labor.....	75.00
Pictures.....	62.90
Postage.....	496.14
Postcards.....	199.50
Printing.....	893.02
Secretary Fees.....	500.00
Starting cash.....	700.00
Supplies.....	161.04
TOTAL EXPENSES.....	5,443.77

TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES.....885.67

OUT OF STATE ALUMNI REGISTRY

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Hazel Marie Mills Smith, Montgomery.

OHIO

Kenneth Downing, Sebring.

IOWA

Dean Cumpston, Council Bluffs; Ray Preston, Griswold; Jim and Donna Harwager

Story, Coon Rapids.

TEXAS

Lila Blixt Kitchen, Borger; Ben Steele, Wylie.

OREGON

Bonnie Shaw Reed, Junction City; Elaine Nelson Martin, Hermiston.

MISSOURI

Gary and Shirley Nansel Bassett, Camdenton.

ILLINOIS

Coralie Forrester Rogers, Hawthorn Wood.

ARIZONA

Nancy Romans Turley, Mesa; Eleanore Story (teacher), Bullhead City.

KANSAS

Nicole Mills Koubek, Wichita; Shawn Phillips, Wakeny; Melody Larreau Jennings, Burdett; Darry Weber, Edwardsville; Brad Conner, Clay Center.

INDIANA

Jerri Lehmkuhler Jensen, Marion.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Laura Long Chesley, Pierpont; Cheryl Ferguson Bouwens, Sioux Falls; Dee and Marilyn Best Scott, Rapid City.

MINNESOTA

Lloyd and Jean Nelson Beltz, Bloomington.

NEVADA

Maurice and Jackie Geiser Scott, Minden.

NEW MEXICO

Don Pearson, Farmington.

MONTANA

Russ Dillon, Billings.

ALASKA

Jerry Story, Wasilla.

LOUISIANA

Roger Best, Alexandria.

Class of 1940

Julia Johnson Clizbe '40

Casper, Wyo.

Dear Sharron,

I graduated in 1940 (this will be our 60th) and I will be there.

Julie

Robert Watson '40

Holyoke, Colo.

Dear Sharron,

We plan to attend the banquet this year, so I've enclosed a check.

Robert

Pauline Jacobson

Landreth '40

Broken Bow, Nebr.

Dear Sharron,

I've been thinking about dues, and I was sure I must be about ready to send some money. I will pay for six years

and that will take me up to

our 65th anniversary. How about that for optimism! Enclosed is a self addressed and stamped envelope to return the banquet tickets to me. Thank you so much for the reminder.

Sincerely,
Pauline

Clark Lewis '40

Dallas, Oregon

Dear Alumni Friends,

Since I'm sure you don't have my current address, herewith.

I plan to attend the 2000 alumni banquet and 60th reunion of the AHS Class of 1940.

Sincerely,
Clark

Ardis Dunker Brown '40

Weiser, Idaho

Dear Friends,

I have been looking forward to celebrating my 60th alumni in this new millennium.

I was saddened by the death of my close and dearest classmate Margaret (Eastburn) Congrove. We hoped we'd get to see each other in May at our 60th class reunion. Margaret's illness took her to be with the Lord on March 1.

Margaret was maid of honor at our wedding in 1941. After we moved to Idaho in 1954 we would call each other and talk by the hour of our daughters. Robert and I have two daughters and Margaret and Merle have three daughters. Then I had five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter to tell her about. Margaret was proud of her grandchildren and "greats" as well.

We always remembered each other on anniversaries and birthdays with cards, calls, flowers and gifts. Margaret sent me many gifts on "Friendship" that I treasure.

I'll never forget Margaret's laugh and good sense of humor. As you can tell she has been a very "special" person to me and I will miss her dearly.

Her last words to me were, "I'll be with all of you at our class reunion in spirit."

I have been recovering by having two major surgeries in 1999. Robert's health has been up and down. Couldn't be that our age has something to do with it!

Thanks for making the alumni so enjoyable for all of us who live out of state. You are all to be commended.

God bless you all,

Ardis

Class of 1950

Sunbeam Oman

Swanson '50

Arnold, Nebr.

Dear Classmates,

How time flies. Can't believe ten years have passed since I

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old! (ha ha)

Norman and I have enjoyed our retirement years: me playing cards and reading and Norman restoring old cars and both of us enjoying our grandchildren. Tess is 13 and Taylor is 11. They keep us young going to ball games, etc.

Becky, Ed, Tess and Taylor joined us on a trip in June, 1999. We visited a nephew in Italy then traveled through Switzerland, Germany,

As ever,
Betty

Class of '50 letters
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Class of 1939: (3rd row, 1-r) Joy Weinman Potter, Laura Long Chesley, Letha Mae Morrow Prendergast, Donna Shaw Chesley, Mary Alice Brittan Atkins, Lloyd Frosh; (2nd row) Menada Zoerb Phifer, Lorine Bean Rutner, Mildred Bailey Smith, Elaine Nelson Martin, Winifred Shaw Pandorf; (1st row) Pearl Hutchins Andre, Bernadene Dennis Hoppas.



Class of 1949: (3rd row, 1-r) Glendon Rosentrater, Robert Magnuson, Robert Kasper, Max Smith, Darry Weber, Luetta Patton Bassett, Darrell Olofson; (2nd row) Jackie Geiser Scott, Patty Beshaler Parks, Nona Phifer Hood, Rosalie Seda Turley, Janis Lindholm Life, Valetta Hunse Delahunty; (1st row) Fern Croghan Russell, Doris Williams Nelson, Eva Wonch Munnell, Ruth Romans Chrisp, Beverly Rimpley Pearson.

Joe Giles '50
Nevada City, Calif.
Dear Class Reunion Committee,
Thanks for the note reminding me of how time has flown. My good fortunate, my health has stood, to-date, the test of time. Must be doing something correctly at last.
We had a great Christmas, spent it in Monterey at a hotel on the beach.
I will not make the reunion. We are in planning for a 1 to 2 month house trade with a couple from Banbury, England. The first month, unless things change, is May 2000 and the second, should that develop, will be June.
Please wish all the best for 50 year get together.
Sincerely,
Joe

Mona Sargent Crow '50
Arnold, Nebr.
Letters are coming from classmates and plans for alumni 2000 are abuzz. It's getting exciting looking forward to seeing everyone. Celebrating our 50th reunion in the year 2000 didn't occur to us when we graduated in 1950. See you at the banquet.
Mona

Doris Hunse Howe '50
Tyler, Texas
Dear Classmates:
Hope you all are having a great Christmas season with family and friends. I just got back from Oregon where I spent 8 days with my daughter and family. My personal plan for Christmas is to go see a nephew near Waco. He has a small Methodist Church and will be having a Christmas Eve service. I will attend that with his family and return to Tyler on Christmas afternoon. On the 26th I am hosting a "gala" Open House for everyone that I know here who will be around. Giving parties is one of my favorite things to do.
So since I enjoy parties so much, I am looking forward to the "party" you all are throwing on May 27 and/or 28. As of now, I do plan to come. My oldest granddaughter will be graduating from high school on June 4, in Oregon. If it all works out, I'd like to make a "circle" trip to Nebraska and then on to Oregon and back to Texas in that two week period. Pray that it happens for me.
I have been here in Texas as a missionary for 2 1/2 years working with Youth With A Mission. YWAM is one of the largest mission organizations in the world. The base near Tyler is the largest training base on the continental United States. Living Alternatives is a branch of YWAM. Loving Alternative Adoption Agency is the part that I work with. Living Alternatives is a ministry to young women who are in

crisis pregnancies. Loving Alternative Adoption Agency is a state licensed agency. We counsel the young women about the pro's and con's of single parenting, and adoption. If they choose adoption, we help them through that decision and counsel them after the placement. Our first priority is to help these gals become whole again and to learn to know Jesus, for it is only with Jesus that true healing can happen. This work is very fulfilling and exciting. There is never a dull moment and I have found that life is definitely an adventure when Jesus walks beside me. I am looking forward to renewing relationships with all of you. May God bless your coming and going in this the new Millennium.
Sincerely, Doris

Patricia Hickenbottom '50
Council Bluffs, Iowa
Dear Classmates,
Hard to believe 50 years have passed since we were preparing for graduation and wondering what we were going to do in the years ahead. Have received the Alumni News each year and have enjoyed it very much.
After graduation I taught school for 1 year south of Arnold and after deciding that wasn't what I really wanted to do, I came to Omaha and entered Methodist Hospital School of Nursing. Graduated in 1954 then worked at Methodist for a year and after getting married in 1955 I transferred to Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, Iowa, where I worked until Sept. 1999. My days are now full of all the things that I didn't get done while working, such as crafts and babysitting.
We have three children. Dan and Lisa have two children, Matt and Meghan; Karen and Byron have a girl Mindy; and Janet. They all live here in town so see them often.
I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the reunion in May.
Pat

Carolyn Cole Geiser '50
Loveland, Colo.
Dear Classmates:
Now that the Y2K transition is over and I will not have to live on the crackers and salmon I had stowed away, the next major event will be our 50 year reunion. The 40 year letter wasn't so hard to write, but remembering the last ten years is getting harder...
I retired from the Holdrege Schools in 1994 because of health problems. In 1995, I moved to Loveland, CO.
I have been spending my time doing volunteer work here in Loveland and spending time with my family. Two of my children

and their families live in this area. I have attended some Elderhostels and also taken some Coach tours...to the North Shore of Michigan, Parks of the Southwest, and Yellowstone in Winter (my favorite). I plan to go to New Orleans and the Cajun country of LA in March. Political action groups and church take up the rest of my time.
Thanks to all the local people who plan and carry out the alumni meetings. I know it is a lot of work.
Carolyn

Class of 1960
Graduating Class
Jane Ahrens (Tucker)
Alice Anderson (Dovenbarger)
Mary Anderson (Andre)
Maurice Andre
Lynn Brown
Shirley Carlson (Vessels)
Paul Croghan



Class of 1959: (3rd row, l-r) Larry Brower, Doug Lanham, Bob Trobee, Ervan Groves, Jim Story; (2nd row) Jerry Story, Russell Dillon, Earl Leach; (1st row) Lila Blixt Kitch, Kenny Peterson, Janet Snyder Knapp, Donna Harwager Story, Gwen Catterson, Judy Morrison Groome.



Class of 1969: (3rd row, l-r) Dennis Conner, Jim Long, Charles Halouska, Mike Lucas, Leon Vogel, Eugene Purcell, Connie Halstead Downing; (2nd row) Nick Chesley, Cheryl Ferguson Bouwens, Carol Brown Lunkwitz, Sandra Nelson Jespersion, Carol Peterson Leach, Nancy Romans Turley, Allison Dillon, Linda Myer Hardy.

Ruth Edminsten (Trobee)
Dennis Engleman
Charles Foran
Brenda Geiser (Olin)
Sulin Harter (Best)
Gordon Hoskins
Linda Hughes (Cox)
Suanne Mills (Lind)
Lorraine Morrison (Bobst)
Doris Nelson (Garrison)
Dwight Sheets
Judith Wilson (Barnes)
Beverly Wonch (Papagianis)
The following poem was written by Jane (Ahrens) Tucker:
Lorraine is the first one in this rhyme
You can depend on her to always be on time
Dwight is next, his last name is Sheets
In younger years he drove the streets
Ruth is third in line, a pretty young girl
Her dad sold jewelry,

perhaps even a pearl
Judy lived on a farm west of town
She can fix your hair whether it's black or brown
Paul is good in sports, that we all know
He can kick the ball or give it a throw
Doris is tall and blonde we can see
She likes to pick fruit from high in the tree
Charles is a farmer from the word go
He plants the crops and commands them to grow
Brenda is the petite one of the class
She will always be a very pretty, quiet lass
Sulin comes next, she has a smart brain
She rides airplanes, boats, and sometimes a train
Dennis - or Doug - is the next in line

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Class of '60 Poem

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He can fix your phone, just call him anytime
Jane comes from the farm, she used to milk cows
Now all she does is stay in the house
Suanne has red hair, of that we are sure
She is a teacher, her life is secure
Alice is the quiet one, her face all aglow
You can find her in the kitchen, baking a cake, you know
Maurice is next, he can fix cars
Whether they come from Jupiter or Mars
Shirley comes along, she is not quiet
Give her an airplane and she can fly it
Linda is smart and very wise, too
She lives in Mullen, way beyond the blue
Mary is next, a very good mother
Now ask her kids, they would have no other
Now Gordon also comes from the farm
He is very quiet, no cause for alarm
Beverly is tall and very straight forward
She can make you laugh, 'cause she is a card
Lynn is the ornery one from our clan
If he can't do it, nobody can
This completes the class of 1960
If you ask us we'll say we are nifty
The rocks were rugged, but we managed to climb
Forty years isn't really such a long time
With this thought we bid you adieu
Teachers, underclassmen, and other friends, too.

to the nerves—in his legs, making it very hard for him to walk. Thus, he was forced to retire, so I quit my job, too. Now I'm working part time here in Mankato at Sweden Creme, a small fast food place.

Connie is married to a farmer and lives southwest of Hastings. They are expecting a baby in February. She also has a son, Tony, by a previous marriage. Jerry is married and lives in Kansas City, Missouri. He and his wife have 8 children, the oldest one being 12 and the youngest, twins, will be a year old January 30th. They will be having another baby in July. Jerry works at a lumber yard, besides being a substitute minister.

Hope this gives you some idea of what I have been up to the last 40 years. Sure plan on seeing a lot of friends in May.
Yours truly,
Jane (Ahrens) Tucker

Noel '57 and Brenda Geiser Olin '60 St. Paul, Nebr.

Dear Sharron,
I hope this card finds you well. We will be coming home this year. See you soon!
Brenda & Noel

Class of 1970

Ed Tullis '70 Arnold, Nebr.

Hello, Class of '70! I'm looking forward to seeing you all again. Thanks to Dave and Berni for letting us meet at their place again. 30 yrs! That's a long time, a lot of the people I work with complain about being that old. I recently learned there are three stages in a man's life: young man, middle age, and "you're looking good"! Oh well, enough of that, here's my story.

After high school, I worked various jobs through the summer and fall. Then learning I was next to be drafted in Logan Co., I volunteered to go through Custer Co. with John Phillips. We were lucky enough to go through Basic, AIT, and well drilling school together. Besides being stationed with John, my brother, Allan, was also there for a short time. We had a lot of fun and managed to stay out of trouble. Maybe luck had a little to do with that, too!

After the service, I worked with brother Gene as a carpenter and ended up working for the Lincoln Co. Sheriff's Office. While working there, a mutual friend introduced me to Holly Ellingrod from Arthur. She was working as a RN at Memorial Hospital. To my good fortune, seven months later we were married. We

Union Pacific RR as an electrician. Our big event this past year was gaining a daughter, as he married Angela in October.

We lost Luke in 1988, he had a heart problem we were unaware of. A terrible thing to endure. But are comforted by knowing he is in Heaven and someday we'll see him again.

Ryan is a junior at Arnold High and is a busy young man. He has many interests - football, golf, track, speech,

church youth group, and his guitar, are a few of them. 4-H and various youth camps fill his summers. He plans to go to Milford also, taking manufacturing engineering technology.

We have done several things to make a living and support our hobby - farming and ranching. We ran a welding shop for 6 or 7 years. After that we both worked for the Post Office until they decided to down size, then we started

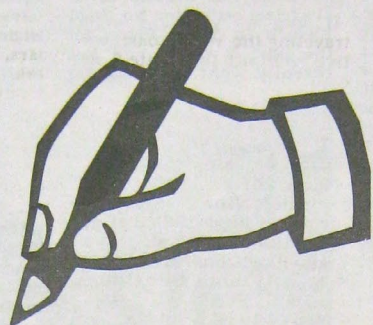
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Class of 1989: (3rd row, l-r) Dean Weinman, Steven Mackley, Aaron Olson, Marty Pirnie; (2nd row) Melanie Geiser, Nicole Mills Koubek, Jerri Lehmkuhler Jensen, Patti McConnell Schwarz, Nicole Lusk Witthuhn, Mike Andre; (1st row) Kyle Weinman, Heidi Hornung Scherr, Christy Foran Winfield, Kristen Anderson Berger, Patricia Gunnerson McWhorter.



Class of 1979: (3rd row, l-r) Allen Gunther, Brad Conner, Lee Eastburn, Joni Koubek Grandel, Tami Nansel Kleffman, Brad Nansel; (2nd row) Cindy Sheets Preston, Frank Frosh, Lisa Ross Geiser, Anne Beshaler Seibel, Cindy Corbin Sanchez, Carolyn Burnett Harris, Patty Lamberty; (1st row) Paula Hardin Booker, Mark Preston, Ray Preston.



Remember that letter you intended to write?

We saved space for it....

**The Alumni News
isn't the same without
your life story....**

You really should have gotten it done!!!

Feeling guilty?

Next year - send it in!

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a farrow to finish hog business. That worked well for us until last year when prices hit record lows. We downsized our hogs with the future uncertain for that business. I started working for Union Pacific RR in 1992, leaving Holly and the boys with a lot of the work here on the farm. With the cattle, hogs, and everything that goes along with them, there is always plenty to do.

All in all, it's been a pretty good 30 years. As for making my 1st million, it's looking like the lottery is my last hope! By the way, I've already heard "you're looking good," now I understand what they're saying!

Take care, Ed Tullis

**Ralph Aydelotte '70
Missouri City, TX**

Hi Dave,

Where have 30 years gone? It doesn't seem very long ago that I was thinking graduation from Arnold High School wasn't going to happen soon enough.

After graduation, I joined the Marines. Recruit training in San Diego was quite a change for a farm boy from Nebraska. I knew the drill instructors weren't allowed to kill us, but there were moments that I wasn't sure they knew. During this enlistment, I was stationed in California, Hawaii and Vietnam. After discharge, I went to work for the North Platte Police Department. I quit after deciding the job and pay were not compatible with me. I reenlisted in the Marines and spent 2 years in Norfolk, Virginia. Near the end of my enlistment, one of my former officers who had retired, offered me a job in Houston and I accepted.

I have been employed by Fluor since November of 1977. Fluor is an international engineering and construction company. I work in the Facility Management department and am responsible for ensuring the elevators and escalators, lighting, fire protection and electronic security are working properly.

I am still single. No luck on finding the right woman so far. I am planning on attending the reunion and look forward to seeing everyone again. The pot luck dinner sounds like a good idea.

Ralph (Pete) Aydelotte

**Marvin Fox '70
Arnold, Nebr.**

It has been 30 years and I am still beating my head against the proverbial brick wall. Graduated from Mid Plains Community College in 1972 and went to work for Central Implement. Got started in farming in 1975. Put pivots up on the side for Central

Implement. Got married in 1977. Randy was born in 1979. Returned to Central Implement full time in 1981. Kristin was born in 1982. Gave up farming in 1986. Tried a couple of farm jobs from 1989-1995. Between the two farm jobs worked for Bob Conner on pivots. Then I went to work for UPFE in North Platte. Sold the farm and moved to town in 1996. UPFE transferred out of North Platte so started remodeling the house for nothing better to do. Transferred to the transportation division of UPRR in 1997. Got into engine training in 1998. Became certified to be an engineer in November of 1999. Now I am moving power units around the yards waiting to be added out to the road.

Wife Nancy works at Sandhills Manor in Broken Bow. Randy is attending Mid Plains Community College. He joined the National Guard his junior year of high school. Kristin will graduate Garden County High School at Oshkosh in May.

Marvin Fox

**Jim Lehmkuhler '70
Roseburg, Oreg.**

Dave and Norna,

I am a teacher and our school isn't out until June 7th, so I won't be able to attend the reunion this year. It would be great to be there and see everyone, but I will be looking forward to getting the alumni paper and hearing about some of you.

After graduating from Kearney State in '74, I taught vocal music in McCook for 2 years. Our daughter, Lanae, was born in McCook. In 1976, my wife Karen, and I decided to move to Portland, Oregon where I sold real estate for 3 years and then worked in a Saving's and Loan for 10 years. Our son, Marc, was born in Portland. In 1988 I returned to teaching and we moved to Roseburg, Oregon. We both teach at Myrtle Creek, Oregon, about 20 miles south of here. I taught elementary music for 7 years until the budget cuts came 5 years ago. I moved into a 1st grade classroom and now am teaching 4th grade. My wife has been teaching 1st grade. We enjoyed teaching 1st grade's next door to each other for 3 years. That kind of catches you up on our professional lives. Our daughter lives here in Roseburg where she works in a hospital. Our son is currently in the Army in Hawaii.

Our main hobby is traveling. About every 2 years we get back to Arnold to see family and friends. Karen's family is from Broken Bow, so we spend time there also. As we are traveling to and from Nebraska, we try to take new routes to see more of our

beautiful country. We have traveled through all of the western states and after retirement (if it ever gets here), we hope to work on some of the eastern states. The last 2 summers we have enjoyed trips to 3 of the Hawaiian Islands. It's been great having a son stationed in Hawaii.

I hope all of you have a great time at the reunion. We are planning a trip to Arnold later this summer, so hopefully we will get to see some of you.

If any of you are ever traveling the West Coast, we live right off Interstate 5 in beautiful southern Oregon and love to have company.

Jim

**Shirley Struemppler
Steele '70**

Lexington, Nebr.

It seems impossible that 30 years have passed since our graduation from Arnold High School. Where has that time gone?!

The summer after graduation I attended business school at Grand Island. After completing that in March, 1971, I went to Washington, D.C. where I was employed with the FBI for almost three years. While there, I met my husband, David Steele, who was in the US Navy. After his discharge we moved to Nebraska in November, 1973. We lived in North Platte and McCook before moving to Lexington in the spring of 1978. During that time I was a "stay at home Mom" to our two boys, Michael and Daniel.

Dave worked at Sperry New Holland until they closed

down. He held a couple of jobs in between before going to work at Darr Feedlot in October, 1980. He's an "old timer" there after almost 14 years.

I worked part time at the Lexington Livestock Market from December 1980 to October of 1990. At that time I accepted a job with IBP, which was just opening a meat packing plant here. I worked in scalehouse accounting for six years, the cost accounting office for two years, and have been lead clerk in the scalehouse accounting office since August, 1998. It's a challenging and, at times, frustrating job. It's hard to believe I've been there almost ten years!

Michael, age 25, and his wife, Colleen, live in Lincoln. He completed his Masters Degree in Accounting last December and accepted a job with Mutual of Omaha in January. She has been employed as a respiratory therapist at Bryan-LGH for two and a half years.

Daniel, age 22, is finishing a bachelor degree at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln and will graduate in May. He also works full time at Wal-Mart in Lincoln. Another "daughter" will be added to our family in March when he and his fiancée, Raconda, are married.

Shirley

**Bev Reynolds Williams '70
Friendswood, Texas**

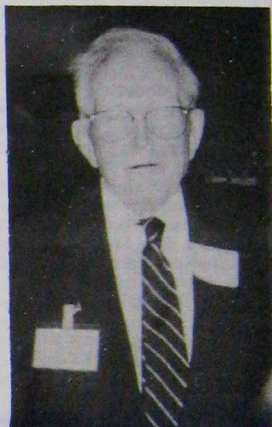
Dear Dave,

It's hard to believe that 10

years have passed since our last get together, let alone 30 years since graduation. I have not been back to any of the reunions since our 20th. So am really looking forward to seeing everyone.

We still live in Texas, in fact we are still in the Houston area and have just moved to the south side of town. We are now in Friendswood and have been for 7 years. Ray is still with Sears and I am working for Odyssey Transportation. We own and operate ocean going tug and barge units along with a fabrication shop that builds connection systems for the tug and barge business.

Ryan is 22 and a Senior at
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Kenneth Downing, Class of '23, at his last Alumni Banquet. Kenneth passed away in July of 1999.



The newest Alumni members attending the '99 banquet were the Class of 1999: (back, l-r) Zach Hagler, Riley Pearman, Cam Weinman, Josh Crow, Eric Purcell; (middle) Mark Steele, Justin Strasburg, David Smith; (front) Christina Coleman and Kayla Leach.

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Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas. He is majoring in Agriculture Science and Development with a Wildlife emphasis. He is scheduled to graduate in December 2000. We are starting to hear noises on staying to get his Masters and if that happens he will be there another three semesters. He really enjoys the college and is doing very well. He loves to hunt and fish so that is what he spends most of his free time doing.

Paige is 17 and a Junior at Friendswood High School. She is very active in the band, plays the trumpet, and is a member of the FFA. She is on the judging team for FFA along with various quiz teams plus this is her second year to raise a pig for the county fair. She has gone through the Page Parks Modeling School and is a model for Intermedia Modeling Agency in Houston. She competed in the Miss America Pre Teen Pageant in Dallas last year. She advanced to the finals and received 2nd runner-up for Miss Photogenic. She is planning on competing again this year in the Teen Division. The pageant is in July in Houston this year.

Well, I haven't made my first million yet. Not that I haven't been working at it. Those Texas Lottery tickets just haven't paid off, yet. But you can never tell what will happen between now and the end of May. I may just get LUCKY!!!

I would like to say Thank You to Dave and Norna and all the other members of the Class of 70 that still live in Arnold for taking the time and putting forth the effort to make our reunion happen. It would be great if we were able to have 100% attendance. See you May 27th.

Regards,
Bev

Donna Bruns Beardsley '62 North Platte, Nebr.

To the class of 1970:

As some of you may recall, my sister, Joyce Bruns, did not get to graduate with all of you as our mother died in March of her Junior year. I thought some of you might like to have an update on Joyce.

Joyce graduated from North Platte, Ne. high school in 1970. In June of 1979, she married Dan Dolan and they have resided in Omaha, Ne. since then. They have two children. Melanie, 19, is employed at a bank there in Omaha. Preston, 15, is a Freshman at Millard North. Joyce works at a cafeteria/catering service. Joyce has her own Gold Wing motorcycle that matches her husbands, so they do a lot of motorcycle riding. Although it seems the last couple years their free time is spent at the motorcycle racing track

watching their son, Preston race. Dirt Boy Dolan does real good, finishing in the top three most of the time. Mom, dad, sister, and Aunt Donna are very proud of him. Anxious about this year as he will be racing in the 125 class.

Just thought some of you might like to know where she is at and what she is doing, in case she doesn't get to come to Arnold the weekend of the Alumni.

As for my classmates of 1962. My life is still the same. Husband, day care home business, address, etc. are all the same. Only my age and the color of my hair have changed. I am contemplating back surgery in early summer. I thank God daily for my faith, family, health, and friends. To me that's what life is all about.

See you in May, maybe.
Donna

Christy Olin Horst '70 Yorba Linda, Calif.

Dear Dave,

I just received the letter from you and Norna regarding the class reunion. My husband and I have made arrangements to be there. Looking forward to it.

Dave and I have been married for 26 years, have two children, Tyler who is 19 and attending USC this year, and Lyndsay, 16 who is a Sophomore. We have lived in Southern California for almost 15 years now. I work part time at a Country Club in the golf shop where I purchase women's golf apparel and do the merchandising for the shop. I've been there almost three years. I enjoy working there - I don't have to fight the traffic as the club is right across the street from our house. Dave travels a lot with Mellon Private Asset Management, and we travel on his frequent flyer miles. We just got back from the Grand Cayman Islands, and had a wonderful time. We had planned to play the Sand Hills Golf Course when we came back in May, however, it won't be open for play yet. We love to golf and go skiing in Mammoth when we can. It will be strange coming back to Arnold, and not having Mom's house to return to. We miss her. I have been back to see Brian and family in Amherst, and Tim and family in Sutton last year. I hope that our 30th reunion is as much fun as Dave's was in Hastings. I'm looking forward to seeing old friends!!

Christy

John Ahrens '70 Moreno Valley, Calif.

Dave and Norna,

Thanks for the letter. Yes, I am planning on attending the festivities in Arnold this year and yes, I'd enjoy a potluck on Sunday. Thirty years is a long time and there has been a good deal of water under the bridge since 1970. Here's a

general update:

I've been married to LuAnn since 1979 and we have 3 children, Anne - 19, John - 17, and Laura - 11. We live in Moreno Valley, CA, which I describe as the last suburb of LA as you travel east. Moreno Valley was incorporated about 1985, so your maps may still show Sunnymead, which was one of the original small communities that combined to form Moreno Valley.

I enjoy Southern California. If you want it (no matter what "it" is), it is available here. One of the few exceptions is a good ol' Nebraska thunderstorm. We did get one rumble of thunder last night and it was so unusual that everyone noticed and commented, "Was that THUNDER? I think it WAS!"

Our house is about 1/2 a mile away from the San Jacinto fault which is one of the most active earthquake faults in Southern California. It can get pretty exciting when the house starts shaking, the bed is moving, and the closet doors are rattling. You just lay there and hope it isn't the 'big one' that we're all waiting for. Well, I guess every location has its problems. At least we don't get hurricanes, blizzards, or large tornadoes. Just earthquakes, mud slides and wild fires.

A little about the family. Please allow me to indulge in a good deal of bragging. I'm very proud of my family. LuAnn is finishing her Master's Degree in Marriage and Family Counseling at California Baptist University in Riverside where she is a full time student. In addition, she works full time as a health technician in an elementary school and still manages our home. I think you could classify her as 'super woman.'

Anne graduated from high school and was ranked #4 out of about 550 students in her graduating class. She now attends the University of Southern California where she has a major in biological sciences and minor in piano performance. She is also considering a minor in French.

John is a junior in high school. He's about 6'2" with a slender build. Don't know where he got that from. John's loves are art, computers, and airplanes. When a plane flies over, and there are many of them here, John looks up and says something like, "Oh, that's a Boeing 737. You can tell because..." I swear he knows every airplane ever made. He befriended a pilot out here and was taking off, flying, and landing a private plane when he was in the 6th grade. He's considering doing computers in the Air Force. Sounds like a good match to me.

Laura is in the 6th grade and is a 'normal' middle school student. (Is that an oxymoron?) She loves school,

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her friends, her pets (a greyhound, 2 cats, and 4 goldfish), and swimming. She is on the local swim team and swims for 1.5 hours every week night in an outdoor pool. Doesn't matter if it is 40 degrees and raining. She is out there swimming and loving it. Some foreign exchange students from Taiwan who stayed with us, accurately described Laura as, "Forever happy."

I work for a software company, Per-Se Technologies, Inc., where I am the manager in charge of system code development. I've been with the company for 4 years and consider it the best job I've ever had. I don't write or test the code, I just coordinate projects and make sure the programmers have everything they need to do their job. Outside of work, my interests haven't changed much. I still ride a motorcycle and still enjoy cars. (Unfortunately, those motorcycle accidents I had 30 years ago in Arnold are now coming back to haunt me in the form of arthritis). My latest project is a 1977 Jaguar

John

Class of 1980

Karen Fox Main '80 Stapleton, Nebr.

Dear Sharron,

It's hard to believe it has been 20 years since graduation. I guess, I should tell you a few things that have happened since graduation. On April 7, 1990 I married James Main of Stapleton. We live west of Stapleton on our farm. I'm a stay at home Mom

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Ever faithful - Bob '48, and Mona Sargent ('50) Crow.



The Overton girls: Carol Campbell '54, Cherie Armogast '61, and Sharyn Mischke '64.

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Plan to be in Arnold for the 2000

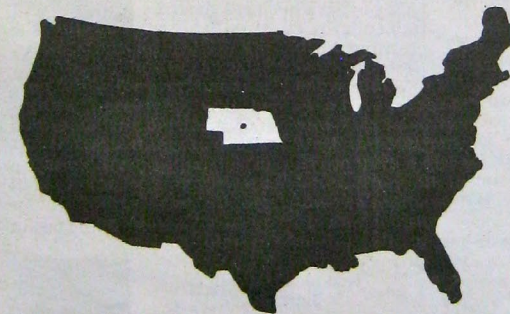
ALUMNI BANQUET and PROGRAM

SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2000

Banquet served from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Program - "Arnold High Productions" - 8:00 p.m.

Dance - "All Occasions" - 10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. - Civic Center



Arnold Alumni Association invites you to come "home"

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and in my spare time try to help James with the farm. We have 3 kids: Jamie 5, Kellie 4 and John 2. Jamie started pre-kindergarten this year at Stapleton Public School, she really enjoys it.

Before I married James I worked and lived in North Platte for seven years. Before that I went to college at Mid-Plains for three years for Legal and Medical Secretary.

Sincerely yours,
Karen Main

Letters...

**Neola Clark Holiman '47
Lee's Summit, Missouri**
Dear Sharron,

Was glad to receive your card about the Arnold Alumni. I had lost the address as to where the dues were to be mailed to.

We have moved to a townhouse in Lee's Summit, Missouri, just four miles from where we lived before. We are now both enjoying retirement.

Won't be attending the alumni, since my mother passed away and my Aunt Margaret Chapin, it's hard to visit Arnold.

Neola

**Beverly Horn Townsend '53
Harbor City, Calif.**
Dear Sharron,

I wish I could make it back for the banquet, but can't this year. I am sending my money for the Alumni News however.

I am a great-grandmother now. My daughter, Terri's daughter, Tiffany, had a baby girl Jan. 13, 2000, Victoria Elizabeth. They live in Colorado and I want to go see her this summer.

I plan on returning in June 2001 and then I am going to move to Colorado and live with my daughter and her husband. My three sisters all live in Denver.

I hope there is a good turnout for the banquet and tell everyone hello.

Beverly

**Venetta Geiser Petska '29
Orange, Calif.**
Dear Classmates of '29,

Two years ago when I attended my 68th class reunion, I definitely stated I would return again on my 70th. What a disappointment it is that my plans have been changed. Due to unforeseen circumstances at this time, it would be very difficult for me to travel.

I will sure miss being present and seeing friends and classmates of '29. I am not aware of how many of us are left. However, my thoughts and prayers will be with those who are not with us.

I cherish many wonderful memories, experiences, friendships during those 4 years at good ole' Arnold High. One outstanding event I will also remember was our Senior "Sneak Day." What fun we had. Also, our Halloween pranks (trying to find a "2 holler" to bring in town, playing in the high school band on my squeaky violin, but I got buy. But my love in music is my piano. I still play it. And, I don't want to forget how a gang of us would hang out at the ice cream parlor after the football games. Oh, I could go on and on telling about some of our experiences, but it would take too much time.

As for myself, I was born and raised north of Arnold in the Loyal School District. I attended school there until the 6th grade. Most of the students were relation. Later, I rode horseback to Pleasant Hill for two years. Believe me, I experienced some cold, cold weather.

I had a wonderful teacher while attending school in the Loyal District. Her name was Wilda Bailey. However, one incident I will never forget. She always asked one of us gals to brush her hair during recess or noon hour. Well I happened to be the victim one day. I brushed and brushed, until I heard the rest of the kids having so much playing outside. So I thought, why can't I be out there too, so I gave her head a good jerk and out the door I went, but she was close behind me. She grabbed my braids and led me inside. What a lecture! I had to stay every night after school for one hour. Then when I returned home, no dinner for a week - not fair.

Saturday night was always something to look forward to. Dad and Mother (Jess and Lillie) would hitch up the team and wagon and head for town. We would enjoy going to the movie, eating all popcorn we could, listen to the piano player. Good entertainment then.

Of course, our next move was to the grocery store - try to plan for a big Sunday dinner, chat with ole' friends and discuss their friends and gossip. Ha. Then, at midnight it was homeward bound.

What a wonderful life we had tho'. Arnold will always be my home, even tho' my husband (Geo) and I have lived in California fifty some years, it isn't the same. We are thankful for so many things, tho'. Our son, Ron and wife Stacey live close by. That makes us very happy as they always keep in touch.

Again, I say, I will certainly miss my 70th year reunion. However, I will be thinking of everyone on this very special occasion.

Enjoy - Love and Best Wishes to all.

Venetta Geiser (Petska)

**Mrs. William Jennings Rose
for William Jennings
Rose '45**
Long Beach, Calif.
Dear Sharron,

I am writing to inform you that my husband, William Jennings Rose, passed away March 3, 1999. Bill and I married in August of 1973.

Bill went in on emergency to the Long Beach Community Hospital. They found he had an aneurysm in the aorta. The doctors operated, he died on the table. It was a tremendous shock to all. He loved life, and was a healthy, happy go lucky guy.

Bill never met a stranger. His travels, while in the Merchant Marines, took him to many parts of the world. He was a giving man in every way, and loved by all who knew him. He often spoke to me of his friends in Arnold. We attended his 50th class reunion in 1995 and had a ball! In spite of the pouring rain.

Bill left a stepson, Paul, and a daughter-in-law, Heidi. We were so thrilled to have a beautiful granddaughter presented to us August 3, 1999. Our very first grandchild!

We hoped to make the trip to Arnold this year - but sometimes one's hopes and dreams do not materialize.

Wishing you well & much happiness,
Chris Rose

**Lorane Wiley Mitchell '52
Celeste, Texas**
Hi Sharron,

A little late getting this off - have been really busy this year. I keep my great-grandson David often and am trying to get a business started in Leonard, Tx. It will be a clothing boutique and will probably keep me really busy. Have had a lot of changes in my life in the past 4 years but God has shown His grace and Love through all. Would like to come up for the reunion but don't know yet if that will be possible. Say "Hi" for me if I don't make it. Hope you and your family are all well and prospering.

God bless you all,
Lorane

**Lynn Power Keyser '62
Tryon, Nebr.**
Dear Sharron,

Just sending my dues. Thanks for doing a great job. Also if you need anyone to do welcome tables or something like that, I can help.

Thanks,
Lynn Power

**Leroy Pope '42
Riverside, Calif.**

Hello to all Alumni and friends in Arnold. We hope to attend a banquet sometime soon, but always seem to be busy that time of year. This year is out, as we will be in Colorado Springs for our grandson's graduation from the Air Force Academy the

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end of May. Maybe - God willing - we can make it for the Class of 1942's 60th in 2002.

Shirley and I are well and have fond memories of our years in Arnold and Stapleton. Until later we will keep track through the local papers.

As Ever,
Leroy Pope

**Jerry Fitzgerald Miller '63
Greeley, Colo.**

Dear Sharon,
I am not sure if I will be attending the banquet this year, but I definitely enjoy receiving The Alumni News.

I still live in Greeley, Colorado, working for the same company for the last thirteen years. I can't complain. Life has treated me pretty good. I still love to water ski with my sister, Kerry; enjoy going to Las Vegas; and spending as much time as possible with my grandchildren.

I hope 2000 is a great year for the Alumni banquet!

Jerry

**Joe Lester '28
Marysville, Wash.**

Arnold Alumni Assoc.:

While going through some of

my memorabilia the other day, I found the subject directory for 1913-1957. The forward mentioned it was the first directory published and the intent was to help members keep in touch with one another. I feel the directory and paper have certainly accomplished this purpose. I refer to my directories and papers frequently.

Joe

**Thelma Shields Myers '43
Fallon, Nev.**

Dear Sharron,
I am sending you a check to update my dues. I enjoy the alumni paper each year you put out. I try to keep up on all my classmates at Christmas time. We usually visit Arnold once a year, mostly in October and November, so don't see everyone.

Our class of 1943 said we would try and make it every 5 years. We won't be back this year for the banquet.

Tell all hello for me.

Thelma Myers

**Pat Giles Mitchell '47
Redding, Calif.**

Hi Sharron,

Thanks for all the work you

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Marion (former teacher) Fuller and John Nelson '45.



Joanne Sailor '60 and Ervan Groves '59.

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do - staying in touch with the far-flung alumni. Do enjoy The Alumni News.

I hope to make the banquet by 2002 - that would be 55 years for the class of 1947.

Say "hello" to all who make it this year from the class.

Pat

**Margie Thompson
Shepker '51**

Kearney, Nebr.

Dear Alumni,

In reading the Sentinel, I saw where they are wanting letters from any alumni besides honored classes. This past year has been pretty much the same routine; however, my friend Rudy and I flew to Portland, Oregon last June and Keith's daughter and son met us and took us to Aberdeen, Washington and Keith took us to many interesting places in a week.

I am still at the green stamp store and it will be 20 years this July and I have been the manager the last 4 years and don't have any plans to retire anytime soon. Even though you are old enough to retire, doesn't mean you can afford to do so. I enjoy my work and like meeting the people.

I'm not sure whether I will attend alumni this year, but definitely plan to be there next year for our 50th and hope my classmates are planning for that, also. I appreciate the work and long hours the local alumni put in for all alumni to enjoy. See you in 200.

Sincerely,

Margie

**Betty Halstead Yeargain '64
Buena Park, Calif.**

Dear Sharron,

I hope this is correct for dues and a meal. If not call Dad! Ha.

My plans as of now are to be back for the Alumni this year. I truly miss the gathering and hope this year I will be able to attend.

Although I have lived longer in California (51 years) than I did in Arnold, the friends in Arnold mean so much more to me. As I look back, after raising two girls in California, I realize that Arnold was the greatest place to grow up and wish my girls could have known what it is like to grow up there.

Anyway, if all goes according to plan, I will be in Arnold for the Alumni 2000.

Betty

**Lucille Moller Croom '44
Fayetteville, North Carolina**

Dear Alumni,

All is well with me here in North Carolina. We have survived a terrible hurricane season and an unusual snow.

During Hurricane Floyd, my family and I all sustained quite a bit of damage. Penn, who lives in Wilmington, had structural damage and flooding to contend with. Dell lives in Winterville, next to Greenville, lost shingles and some windows. Since she is on Administrative Nursing Staff, she was required to stay at Pitt Memorial Medical Center for the duration (she didn't go home for 10 days). Keith, her husband, and daughters fared all right without power or water - thank goodness for Red Cross and other benevolent societies; bottled water was brought in. Diane, here in town and with whom I stayed, had minimal damage. My home was all right except for loss of six trees.

I can remember the snow back home and how it didn't stop us, but our 8 inch snowfall in January was enough to keep me in my house for 8 days. The little shady cul-de-sac just couldn't get cleared until Mother Nature took over.

The damage around Eastern North Carolina is still very evident and so many people still live in RVs supplied by the government. I feel so fortunate. Our city still sends quilts, clothing, food and other help such as carpenters, building supplies to help them out.

I wish I could be with you for the banquet, but right now, it seems to be the thing for me to stay here.

I am enjoying retirement and still stay very busy.

Best wishes to all,
Lucille

**Jim Ricker '36
Mesa, Ariz.**

Dear Ms. Bean:

About every millennium or so, a person should be able to remember to send a check of some sort to this great group of alumni folks who do such a first rate job of maintaining such an organization as you people have done for so long - so I'm finally getting around to it today.

I received the annual AA News for '98, but not for May '99, so if you have a left-over copy would appreciate your sending it.

Since I've made a lifetime from 1936 to present, 64 years, and a living building "things" all over the Western USA, Saudi Arabia, Peru and Columbia South America, I have changed my address about a hundred times, but since I "retired" in 1988 after 36 years managing construction projects for Morrison Knudsen Co., I now have had an Arizona address for the past 9 years. I still do consulting work for other companies and am just getting set to start a new recreation center for kids here in the Phoenix area. These are a very new popular

business in the West Coast cities - where kids have very limited public areas for sports activities where they can be safely dropped off by their parents in a completely supervised safe area, which is sort of a sad commentary on how people live today in your average urban society, if they live and work in a large city area. We have to build four million dollar buildings for them to have a safe place to play!

Hell of a note - but I guess it's good for old engineers like me who know how to build.

Bye for now.

**Pat Struempler Wathen '71
Hastings, Nebr.**

Dear Sharron,

I doubt we'll be attending the banquet this year, as my 30 year reunion will be next year. Thank you for all the time you put into keeping the alumni active.

Pat Wathen

**Loren Scott '76
Murietta, Calif.**

Dear Sharron,

Thank you and the rest of the dedicated officers and everyone that works so hard to keep the Association going. I will not be able to make it back there this year, but I do enjoy reading the Alumni news every year. Thank you again.

Sincerely,
Loren Scott

**Wendell Smith '51
Sanderson, Texas**

Dear Sharron,

Back to business as usual, now that Y2K has arrived silently in the night without even a squiggle on the seismograph of human existence. I know many were sorely disappointed.

In March '99 I moved up off the Rio Grade 200 miles northeast. I'm relieved and thankful that I never got caught up in that Y2K survival mania syndrome.

If you should run onto anyone interested in a stack of cave digging tools, a three thousand gallon water tank, a 5 kw gas powered generator and two hundred cans of corned beef hash - I can make them one heckova deal!

Good luck and God bless.

Via Condios Amigos,
Wendell D. Smith

Class of 1940

**Hulda Irene Bay '40
North Platte, Nebr.**

Dear Alumni,

My name is Hulda Irene Bay. My maiden name was Hulda Irene Long. The year I graduated was 1940. I am still married to Raleigh (Rollin) Bay. In two years on November 14th, we will be

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celebrating our 60th anniversary. Editor's note: Irene indicates that she will be attending this year's banquet.

Welch, Former Superintendent Passes Away

Jack Welch, Superintendent of Arnold Public Schools from 1952 to 1958, died April 13, 2000 at Beatrice.

He was a teacher and coached football, basketball

and track in Guide Rock, Wisner, Bancroft and Pilger, and was Superintendent in Arnold, Louisville, Sutherland, Talmage and Greeley before retiring and moving to Beatrice in 1972.

In addition to being superintendent, Mr. Welch taught algebra at Arnold. He is remembered for being a strict disciplinarian.

A class reunion has been defined as an occasion when you meet people who used to be the same age as you.



"Come on through and we'll give you some tea." Lois Witthuhn '78, Dale Leach '65, and Carol Peterson Leach '69.



Melva Scott Phillips '73 and Deb Bean Brosius '75 hard at work.



Cleo's family: Penny Crow Strasburg '73, Cleo Spratt Deterding '27, Justin Strasburg '99, and Pat Deterding Crow '53 - four generations.

Classes Challenged To Invest In Future Of Their Alma Mater

The Arnold Public School Foundation was formed in 1995. Its purpose is to provide funds for education, including funds for scholarships (\$500.00 scholarships will be awarded this year to two graduating Arnold seniors).

Classes are challenged to have their class year engraved on the Foundation Plaque of Honor, displayed at Arnold Schools. Some classes have chosen to make their donation a memorial for a former class member.

The Foundation has a six-member Board of Trustees to oversee the investment and disbursement of funds. Only the interest is spent for recommended school programs, such as the Accelerated Reading Program, scholarships or as designated by the donor. Officers for the ensuing year are Ruth Conner, president; Melanie Chesley, secretary; Ken Wehrman, treasurer; Bobbie Smith and Eldon Christensen. For more

information, contact any of these officers.

Donations to the Arnold Public School Foundation from January 1999 until now are:

Richard & Lois Ferguson
1999 - Friend

LV & Ruth Conner
1999 - Donor

Class of 1959
1999 - Donor

Class of 1954
1999 - Donor

Cheryl Paulson Haynes
Memorial
Family & Friends
1999 - D

Mark Cole
Cheryl Paulson Haynes
Memorial
Class of 1969
1999 - Donor

Lawrence "Bud" Morrison
Sophie Joy - Nels Morrison
Anna Glaze
Memorial
2000 - Donor

Class of 1997
2000 - Donor

Thanks to Alumni News
Editor, Darlene Hagler
Rimpley, '52, for
a job well done!

Each Year That Rolls Around...

We get the sweetest comfort...When we wear the oldest shoe...We love the old friends better...Than we'll ever love the new...Old songs are more appealing...To the wearied heart - and so...We find the sweetest music...In the tunes of long ago...There's a kind of mellow sweetness...In a good thing

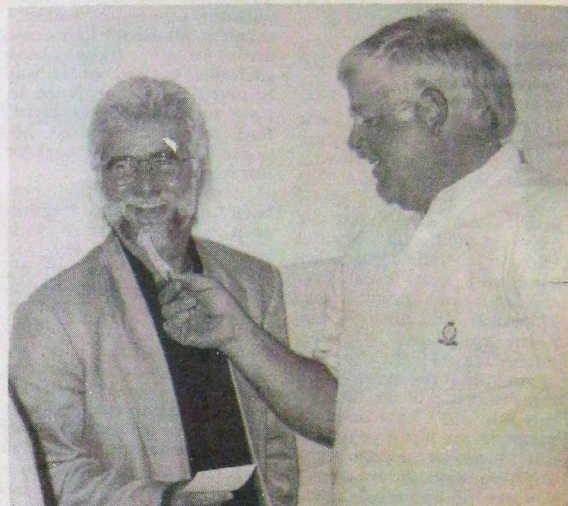
growing old...Each year that rolls around it...Leaves an added touch of gold.

Author Unknown

Welcome Home,
A.H.S. Alumni
for the 2000 reunion!



Old friends visiting: Nona Phifer Hood '49 and Ardis Clinebell Rahe '44.



"Who did you vote for?" Rick Beshaler '71, and Eldon Christensen '69.

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Swanson, '73, of Omaha, hold a pancake feed to benefit

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