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Our Memorial Day weekend gathering....
And you!!!!



It would be nice to see an experienced parade leader out in front. How about it, Mr. P.

In deciding whether you will attend this coming Memorial Day reunion, **my hope for all of you is that you will consider how much it blesses other alumni who will be pleased to see you at our gathering.** This, in fact, is the main driving force which keeps me motivated to help organize each gathering at Greer. It does not matter what years each of you attended Greer, (be it in the 1940's, 50's, 60's, or 70's), because of the uniqueness of our Greer experience that ties us together no matter what time we were at Greer. I am pleased to tell you that I have never had a fellow alumnus say to me that attending a reunion was not a pleasant experience, and I have been helping organize and attending reunions since 1980.

I invite you to begin our weekend by coming in on **Friday, June 1st** and helping in the decorating of the high school auditorium in the afternoon, then going out to enjoy a meal together, and afterward

returning to the high school auditorium to watch a wonderful movie which is a true story about taking a fallen soldier home to rest. Then, combined with the full day of activities on **Saturday, June 2nd**, you will have plenty of time to enjoy your return to Greer.

Details of our gathering and the registration form are on the last pages of this newsletter. We, your fellow alumni, look forward to seeing you soon!

John Hudnor, Greer "63" and BYU "67"

Hearing from you during the recent Holidays!

The Alumni Association was very pleased to hear from quite a few of you during the holiday season. Below is a summary of the greetings we received. I asked alumni to comment on their memories of Greer's Christmas traditions, and quite a few did so in their holiday greetings---their observations are included in these updates.

Karin (Townsend) Hargy reported having gone on a wonderful trip to see Panama and its famous canal. She and husband Don also plan a spring trip to England. Karen continues to attend auctions, garden, knit, play hand and foot canasta and taking walks. **Liz Rivera** said she was one of the angels in the Martin Play and enjoyed that role. **Cherlyn (Gieringer) Luberto** says that her and husband Joe survived some scares this year (Cancer and a car accident), but they are both on the mend and well. **Dorothy (Schafenacker) McMuntry** remembers Christmases at Greer and says at one Christmas Candlelight service, the poor Marcy boys were singing so off key that she felt bad for them, so she stopped playing the organ and let them sing the rest of their carol a cappella. **Susie (Murray) Scott** visited friends in England and while there, she also visited with former Greer classmate and friend,

Hildi (Walton) Plunkett and her husband. **Jack Rolston** had the chance to play “Martin” in 1957 and said it was a great experience for him to play the role. **Roland Herwig** told me this was the 49th year since he left South Vietnam after serving there. He retired (for real) last August and is enjoying it very much. His wife **Cary** continues to write and had two novels released in 2017 and continues to write more novels. **Gayle (Houser) Fox** loved being involved with Greer’s Christmas traditions during the two years she was on Greer’s staff, and remembers **Mr. Fink** telling her that if she stayed at Greer for 3 years, she would be at Greer for life as she would love to work at Greer. **Armin Ali** reports that he and his wife **Moona** now have 7 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren! He has not been on any cruises lately, but in the past had gone on cruises to the Caribbean and New England and Canada. Armin has also retired for good recently. **Syd Nesbitt** remembers that Gate House won the Christmas decorating contest during his senior year at Greer— “we went all out” he says. He was also in charge of the Gate House Christmas choir since he was a regular member of Greer’s Choir and knew a little about harmony. He had **Tom McCandless** sing a solo and remembers that it went well. **Pat (Jordan) Picco** has fond memories of Greer’s Christmas traditions. She remembered gathering many boxes of cotton that we could in order to place around the rooms to make it look like snow, and in her senior year, Rapallo won the cottage decorating contest. She played the woman in the shawl in the Martin Play. During Pat’s junior and senior years, she stayed at Greer for the Christmas holidays. The presents were nice she says, but the best part was going to Main House for Christmas dinner with the staff. **Pauline (Wendt) Kalahale** played the part of the angel in the Martin play during her senior year. The Angel appeared at the end of the play after the curtain closed and with the spotlight shining on her, she recited the epilogue which basically, she says, was a synopsis of the birth of Christ. It’s funny, Pauline recalls, but after 60+ years, she can still remember her first line in the epilogue. She reports that **Louise Manz** did the prologue to the play and that **Robert Rolston** was Martin, and **Vera Lee Jones** was the mother with the baby. Pauline

said it was an honor to participate in the Martin Play. **Bill Monza** has such fond memories of **Dr. Elliott** reading the clockmaker story at our Candlelight Service that he shared the story with the 5-6-year old’s he teaches at his church, and last year when he was one of four lay folks asked to give a sermon, he summarized this story as part of the sermon. **Hildi** pointed out that as each cottage, beginning with the younger ones, went up to hang their pledges and sing their cottage song, the pledge colors were multi-colored, and the circles crept higher and higher up the tree as the older cottages went up to sing their carol. (That was a perceptive observation **Hildi**!) **Alice Austin** reports a love for Greer’s Christmas traditions, and has great memories of Christmases at Greer with her husband Joe. **John Blass** managed the lighting in the Martin Play of 1962 and was the voice of God. **Anne (Meyrowitz) Foster** recently visited Orlando, Florida to support her granddaughter’s two days of Cheerleading competition—her group came in second. Anne says it was quite the experience watching the different groups perform as they all were quite good. **Frank Cavallito** remembers having gotten out of the Army before large numbers of combat troops were sent to Vietnam. He said he was in Fort Hood in the spring of 1965 when people stationed in Fort Benning could expect their next stop to be Vietnam. **Bob Jenkins** loved Greer’s Christmas traditions. Currently, he does substitute teaching in the Buffalo, New York area where he lives and enjoys fishing, bowling, golfing, and doing woodworking projects around the home. Last July, he enjoyed a family reunion in Charlotte, North Carolina, and hoped to visit one his daughters in California.

Last of all, we also received cards from the following: **Susie (Keith) Sorrentino**, **Jim Mathewson**, **Bertie and Wistar Wood**, **Jim and Barbara Anderson**, **Bob Tolliver**, **Tony and JoAnn Vaz**, **Pat (Monza) Bertram**, **Doug and Mitzi Berry**, **Harry and Ruth McCandless**, **Georganne (Clarke) Garbus**, **Charmi Neely-Mulvihill**, **Pam (Pequeno) Williams**, **Mike and Ginny Ennis** and **Syd Nesbitt**. **Syd** included this selfie:



Editor's Note: It was fantastic to hear from all of you, and we are looking forward to seeing you at our next gathering in June.

Alumni Profiles

Penny Ann Harned Scoggins

Penny attended Greer from 1952-1955 and had a good career at Greer High School as she played all three girls sports, and was also active in the drama club, Glee Club, and Choir. In her senior year she was her class president.

After leaving Greer, she married and had 6 children and has 9 grandchildren and 17 grandchildren at last count. Her work career included 22 years at IBM as a purchasing/procuring agent. She also mentioned doing various functions at an Italian restaurant through the years.

Hobbies and interests include taking care of dogs, reading, crafts and woodworking, and keeping up with her kids' lives.

Some of her memories of Greer include working at plum cottage with the young kids for two years and especially enjoyed her relationship with Plums houseparent, **Miss Sutton**. She said that teacher **Mrs. Freitag** and **Principal John McHenry** were good mentors for her.

Greer's traditions were special, she recalls, and being in the school choir brings back warm memories.

Cottage life, especially her years at Ledge brought stability in her life. Last of all, Penny enjoyed walks around Greer's beautiful campus.

John Blass

John was a student at Greer in the early 1960's, and after leaving Greer he joined the Navy for four years. His first duty station was in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba in the Ordinance division. Later, he served on the USS Plymouth Rock, an LSD 29 ship for the last three years of his naval service.

After leaving the Navy, John worked in construction for a few years, and later, got a job with a company called, Ingersoll-Rand and eventually got promoted to the position of engineering lab technician.

He went back to school and received a degree in Business Administration and Marketing and Retailing. Later, he earned another degree in Biblical Studies.

After retiring, John became restless and became a driver of a school van for children with special needs. At times, says John, this can be very challenging, but in many ways rewarding.

Charmi Neely-Mulvihill

Charmi attended Greer from 1953-1963. During her high school career at Greer she was very active as she was the Class Secretary for all four years, and she also served in the student council for several of those years. In her junior year, she won the Herbert Bender Loyalty award which was awarded for the student who instilled a sense of loyalty to Greer.

Following graduation from Greer in 1963, she worked for General Electric and then came back to Greer to be a house parent from 1965-1968. In 1968 she began her college career at New Paltz and received a degree in English. She later received her Master's Degree. Following her education, she taught at SUNY and Marist colleges. In addition to teaching, she became a counselor, and worked

with people with disabilities. This led her to the University of Wisconsin where she earned a degree in marriage and family counseling. She later went into private practice and this includes mediation work.

Charmi is married and in her leisure time, she enjoys reading (especially history), writing, and hiking with her dog. Charmi's memories of Greer are, like most of us, centered around the holidays of Thanksgiving, the Martin play, and the Candlelight service. Some of the staff who had a strong influence on her were the **Percy's, Warren Olsen, and Gwen Elliott.**

Reunion News

We are all set for the June 1-3rd, 2018 reunion next year. **The attached form at the back of the newsletter will give you all of details.** We are looking forward to seeing all of you.

The Greer School Alumni Association 2018 Reunion Activities Schedule

The Schedule for the reunion is as follows:

Friday, June 1st, 2018 - Noon until 4:30

We will decorate the auditorium (Memorial Day theme) throughout the afternoon and at 4:30 go out to dinner at a local eatery. All are welcome to join us.

7:00pm

Friday night movie in the "high school" auditorium.

Come and join us to watch an outstanding Memorial Day movie. The movie is called, "**Taking Chance**", and is the true story of transporting a fallen soldier (Chance Phelps) home from Afghanistan to Wyoming. This movie is one of my favorites as the script, music, and acting are outstanding. Kevin Bacon is in the



leading role, and the reverent and respectful response that is given, as the fallen soldier's body is transported across the country, moved me very much. You will enjoy this movie, as it is a tribute to all the men and women who have fallen in our wars.

Saturday, June 2nd, 2018 - 8:30-10:30

Registration in the high school auditorium.

10:30

Walk to cemetery with a short service and an opportunity for anyone to express some memories of Greer, or any other subject you may want to comment about.

Noon

Lunch in the high school auditorium with all the food we would eat at our Memorial Day Picnic.

1:00-5:00 Afternoon activities such as campus walk, gathering at Gate House or the high school auditorium to socialize, digital sharing of pictures you have of Greer (bring your laptops and thumb drives), for viewing of some Greer School pictures and movies.

5:00pm - Dinner and evening program

Dinner will be served at this hour in the high school auditorium. The early dinner time will allow for travel home or your motel during daylight hours.

6:00pm

Repeat of Greer films, and /or linger longer and enjoy the opportunity to socialize.

For Your Information

Please make checks payable to "**John Hudnor**" and mail them to me at my address below. I will be paying for the meals in advance from my own account as I do at every reunion.

Deadline for reservations is **May 10th, 2018** so the Culinary Staff will have enough time to order the supplies and food for the reunion.

John Hudnor

Contact Tony Vaz for the complete address

Reunion Attendees

Incase you are wondering who has registered to attend the reunion with us, here are the folks who have as of March 28, 2018:

Doug and Mitzi Berry

John and Sandy Hudnor

Gene and Pat Jordan Picco

Diana Munzer

Pam Pequeno Williams

Harry and Ruth McCandless

Jim and Barbara Anderson

Joe Lopez

Joe and Angela Oliver D'Ambrosio

John and Carolyn Nicholas

Maureen Meyer Miller

Michael and Charmi Neely-Mulvihill

Bob ildefonso

Armin Ali

Peter and Rita Playfair Bourne

Roger Russoman

Don and Karin Townsend Hargy

Tony and Jo Ann Vaz

Please note the cutoff date for reservations on Page 4 above. (**May 10, 2018**)

Sad news

We have learned that **Victoria Katherine Tuttle Craig** passed away after a long illness in December 2017. Vicki was a 1965 Greer student graduate of Millbrook High School. Her sister, Betty Tuttle was a 1960 Greer graduate, now living in Germany.

We have also learned from his wife that **Charles William Young** passed away in April 2017.

James and Richard Lucas have notified us that their brother, **John C "Jack" Lucas** passed away on February 3 of this year. Jack left Greer in 1943 to fight in WWII.

We have been notified that **Clarke Towne Moffitt**, Class of 1952, passed away on February 8 of this year. His sister, alumni **Virginia Corrigan** survives him among others.

Greerschool.Org Web Site Update

I have to upload all the recent newsletters to the web site and will upload the Summer, Fall and Winter Holiday 2017 issues as soon as this one has been put to bed. I also have to get back to some documents from Bob Cole (early 50's) that I received last year. Jack Rolston recently sent to me the 1951 Christmas issue of the "Echo", published by the Junior Class (Class of 1953). That's on my To Do list as well.

That's all for now.

Tony Vaz – Webmaster Greerschool.Org
Greer Class of '61 (Honorary)

In addition to reporting any change of address to Peggy Sparks, you can contact me at tonyvaz@greerschool.org

Send newsworthy articles to:

John Hudnor {

Sandy Hudnor { Contact Tony Vaz for e-addresses

Peggy Sparks {

or "snail mail" them to the return address on your hard copy envelope.

Here is the 2018 reunion registration form. Please find John's mailing address on the preceding page.

Please Detach and send this form to John Hudnor

2018 Greer School Alumni Association Reunion Registration form

Saturday, June 2nd, 2018

**I, _____ will be attending the Greer School reunion
with _____ guests.**

Lunch	Cost/plate	#eating	Total
	\$15.00	_____	_____
Dinner	Cost/plate	#eating	Total
	\$21.00	_____	_____
		Final Total	_____