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Event(s) that changed.....Your life

One of the pleasures and perks I receive each time I write the opening editorial of our Alumni Newsletter is it allows me to reflect and consider the people and events of my life. To that end, I recently considered what events changed my life. Although I've been blessed with many positive and learning experiences throughout my life, two events made a tremendous difference in shaping the way things have played out for me throughout the past 70+ years (I say 70+ years remembering that comedian Jack Benny said we never get older than 39!!!)

Identifying the events that most influenced my life was very easy. Those events were in my developing years at **Greer School and at Brigham Young University**. Greer and BYU were solid foundations that have guided me in many positive ways in the ensuing 50+ years since leaving both of those schools. What I remember most about both schools were the people and traditions. At Greer, there were so many staff who helped teach me that I had value, and in what direction to pursue in order to succeed. To this day, I can think of a positive thing that virtually each staff member taught to me. I am also grateful for growing up with you, my fellow students, in cottages as we enjoyed some good times together as well as working through challenges that living together in groups inevitably presented. The traditions at Greer which so many of you cite as special memories are mine also: so warm, so special, so moving in feeling and emotions for me whenever I think of those great traditions at Greer. In fact, Greer's staff and students were my surrogate parents and siblings, and I continue to feel this way about all of you today. I wouldn't have it any other way.

Although I enjoyed special associations with some of my instructors and fellow students at BYU, the influence of people at BYU was different than at Greer. At BYU it was the values and lifestyle of the university that had its impact on my future life. BYU adheres to an honor code and lifestyle that challenges its students to seek the higher road in their daily lives. This appealed to me immediately, and although attaining those goals each day is not always possible for me, I liked that these goals were clearly defined and the special appeal is that in striving to meet them, the end result is that one measures success in how ones daily efforts **serves other people**. This has had a lasting influence on me as I have experienced joy when I put others interests ahead of mine. I am, in fact, a "work-in-progress," but am grateful for BYU pointing me in the right direction toward finding a lasting happiness in my life.

In sum, I shudder to think how my life could have turned out without the influences of Greer and BYU, but that is something to ponder for another day. On this day, and on most days, I think joyfully of you and am very, very grateful for our on-going association.

What about the event(s) that shaped your life? I invite you to share them and the things which were important about them to the rest of us. We would love to hear from you!

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

We get Letters

Since our last Alumni Newsletter, we have heard from several of you, and it was great to hear updates from your lives. What follows is a summary of these **updates**.

1. I recently received a long, and heartfelt, letter from former Greer student **Robert Jenkins (Class of 1963)**, who expressed appreciation about many of the staff members at Greer and their influence on his development. What follows is a summary of the gratitude Bob expressed about some of the staff members at Greer. Bob began by expressing his sadness for the recent passing of **Gwen Elliott** who he said had an infectious smile that always lifted his spirit when he saw her. From **George Groh**, he learned how to make things and mentioned that he helped Mr. Groh make several beds that were used by the guys who lived in Daisy cottage. Working on the farm bailing hay for **Vernon Ladeau** helped get Bob ready for the upcoming football season and he was happy that **Tom Percy** taught Bob how to drive a stick shift vehicle. Shop teacher **Gerald Berry** taught Bob skills that he still incorporates in and out of his home. Coach **Jack Maddox** taught him to not let size be a detriment to Bob's playing football, and Coach **Ken Lynn** showed complete confidence in Bob in letting him know he could be a very good Quarterback. Bob returned that confidence by trying to never let Coach Lynn down. His houseparent at Rapallo, **Mrs. Natalie Hahn** and her son **Jim Wimple** were two "down- to- earth- people" who were very pleasant to Bob and the other boys at Rapallo. After Bob and fellow student, Louie Rosado spent several days in the infirmary with chicken pox, Mr. Wimple took them to a restaurant in Millbrook because he felt bad for them. The fact that Mr. Wimple did not have to do this kind act made a very positive lasting impression on Bob. His favorite teacher was **Ruth Freitag**, who inspired him to be a good student. At Camp Barbey, he especially enjoyed working with the cook, **Mr. Terry**, and lastly, he felt that **Carmen DiArpino** was a very good director of Greer's drama club.

In Bob's letter, he also mentioned that he truly still misses Greer, and expressed gratitude for the many lasting friendships he developed while at Greer. Bob felt, like so many others of us, that Greer was our "**growing- up- family**," and this made our time at Greer so special.

One of Bob's claims to fame was that he played the piano for six years prior to attending Greer, and as a youngster, had the opportunity to play at Hunter College in New York and even at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

2. Hi Tony - Thanks for adding Gwen. I miss her. As I drive near her home I think maybe I'll stop. Then I remember, my stops are over.

I did a lot of things with Gwen. We went to lunch frequently. I took her to some pretty nasty barbecue joints and in she would go, high heels and a dress. She was oblivious to the folks that frequented the places. There was nothing wrong with the food but it wasn't very high class. We went to girls' basketball games at Carolina. We went to a few baseball games and watched the Durham Bulls. I took her to a class reunion in Chambersburg. She came with us to the Outer Banks. I learned she was not fond of the ocean. She came to birthday parties and other celebrations and was at home with people. She was constantly giving me reading material. She often complained she got too much in the mail. I had a couple of experiences with her in the hospital. The first was her fractured pelvis and the second was her stroke.

I will miss her. She was a great lady.

Thanks again for all your efforts on the site and newsletter.

Jim (Mathewson)

Reunion News

We are very anxious to see you on October 21st and 22 for our "**Thanksgiving-in-October**" celebration. You will all enjoy a wonderful gathering of renewal and memories of a special "**Thanksgiving**" time at Greer. The two-day program schedule is outlined on your registration form (below). We are working to make it a very special event for you to enjoy and remember.

We have been in contact with Don Sizemore, the manager of the Millbrook Inn at Gate House. He said that there are rooms available for 22nd. He said that September/ (foliage season), and that he which is \$250 per night. October business to make up really do better than the \$250 room for the reunion by mail to Info@TheMillbrookInn.com .



Friday, October 21 and Saturday, October 22 are his busiest months of the year will charge Greer alumni the minimum rate Because he depends on September/ for the slow times of the year, he cannot at that time of year. You can reserve a contacting Don at 845-605-1120 or by e-

Alumni Profiles

We will dispense with the Alumni Profiles for this issue and will resume with the next newsletter in the Fall.

Greerschool.Org Web Site Update

Nothing new has been uploaded to the web site since the last newsletter except the following deaths we have learned about and have been entered on the In-Memoriam page.

Many of these have been researched recently by Peggy Mathewson Sparks and have been added or re-added in cases where they have mysteriously disappeared from the list:

Staff/Directors/Founders

Ward Bell 1915-2005
Frederick Gardner Behrends 1895-1958
Frank Braynard 19??-2007
William C. Bricker 1918-2002
Clifford Cronk 1901-1983
William 'Billy' James Elliott 1936-2002 (also student)
Bishop David Hummell Greer 1844-1919
Madeline Cutting Hibbs 1877-1968
Dr. Russell Aubra Hibbs 1869-1932
Vernon Ladeau 1922-2008
Clarabel Luthardt 1907-2003
Dr. Gordon McKenzie 1899-1978
William McKinley II 1882-1958
Florence Rapallo 1858-1928
Helene Robertson 19??-1998

Student

Joan Beatrice Craig 1912-1997
Peter Vincent Craig 1914-2004
Rod Hilsinger 1931-2000
Barbara (Derry) McGriffin 1934-2006
Hoover Mountcastle 1914-2004
Mark Parlieros 1941-2003
Grace Marion Richie 1936-2003
Theresa (Percival) Siegler 1939-2001
Viola Farley Stiles 1929-2016

That's all for now.

Tony Vaz – Webmaster Greerschool.Org

Greer Class of '61 (Honorary)

Reporting any change of address to me at tonyvaz@greerschool.org.

Send newsworthy articles or letters to John Hudnor, Sandy Hudnor or Peggy Sparks (addresses available on request) or "snail mail" them to the return address on your hard copy envelope.

2016 Greer School Alumni Association Reunion Registration Form

The schedule for the reunion is as follows:

Friday, October 21st

We will decorate the auditorium in the afternoon. For the evening meal, we will be getting together with others at a local eatery for a pre-reunion gathering; you are welcome to join us. Let me know if you are interested in helping decorate and/ or in going out to eat with our group. After the meal, we will show a movie in high school auditorium beginning at 7:00 pm.

Saturday, October 22nd

8-11 AM Registration in the auditorium and socializing. There will be a continental breakfast provided, compliments of Isabel Morton, Mitzi and Doug Berry.

11:15 AM Thanksgiving celebration at the "Chapel-of-the-Child." We will sing some of the songs of Thanksgiving and in between each song, there will be an opportunity for you to express a memory of Thanksgiving and/or any other memory of Greer. When given the same opportunity at last year's gathering in the auditorium, there were wonderful memories and feelings expressed by so many of you. It was very touching to hear from you, and this makes us want to again include this opportunity as part of the reunion. An **Optional** activity will be the opportunity to donate one item of non-perishable food to be donated to a local needs agency on behalf of the Greer School/Hope Farm Alumni Association. Please consider donating such food items.

1:00 PM Thanksgiving meal with all of the traditional fixings in the High School Auditorium.

Afternoon activities

1. Walk/Ride around campus to visit Gate House, The chapel, the high school, the cemetery, Ledge, and the farm.
2. Digital sharing of pictures you might have of Greer. Bring your laptops and thumb drives!
3. Activities on the boys field--low key!
4. One-on-one profile interviewing with John Hudnor for future Greer School Alumni articles.
5. Socializing with others in the high school auditorium or at other places around the campus.

5:00PM Dinner Program

For those who would like to stay on the campus, there will be a "light" take-out-meal brought into the auditorium followed by slides of Greer taken and narrated by **Jim Morton**. Following the A/V presentation, there will be a "linger longer" opportunity for all to socialize.

Sandy and I live too far from New York to set up dinners and rooms at the local hotels. In the past, Mitzi and Doug have spent endless hours visiting these local places and setting up wonderful dinners and rooms for our use.

To find a local hotel, we encourage you to use Hotel.com, Travelocity, or Kayak. We found the cost on these sites were the same as were being offered to us to block a number of rooms. If you don't like using the internet, you can call Hotel.com at 800-246-8357

For Your Information

Please make checks payable to "**John Hudnor**" for the dinner only and mail to me at the address below. As was the case for last year's reunion, I will be paying for the meals in advance from my own account.

Deadline for dinner reservations is: **October 10th, 2016.**

PLEASE DETACH AND SEND THIS FORM AND YOUR CHECK TO JOHN HUDNOR

Please mail them to:

John Hudnor, Cowpens, South Carolina 29330 (No longer valid)
2016 Greer School Alumni Association Reunion Dinner Registration Form
Saturday, October 22nd, 2016

I, _____ will be attending the Greer Reunion with
_____ guests.

Dinner	Cost/plate	# eating	Total
	<u>\$30.00</u>	_____	\$_____

For Greer School alumni and former staff members attending the reunion, you will receive a free Greer T-shirt. The T-shirts have been designed by **Calvin Cain (Class of 1965)**, and **Jim Anderson (Class of 1964)** and funded with anonymous sources. You will need to provide the gender and size of your shirt to **Jim Anderson (no longer available)** no later than **August 1, 2016**. If you desire a T-shirt, but will not be attending the reunion, you may request one sent to you for \$10.00 to cover shipping and handling, payable to **Jim Anderson, (no longer available)**. Additional shirts for yourself or immediate family will be \$15.00 **each**. Gender, size and payment for additional shirts must also be sent by the cutoff date of **August 1, 2016 (no longer available)**.

The design and gender sizes are shown on the next page.

Female above

Male below



Size Specs

Adult	Length	Width	Sleeve
XS	23.5	16	12.75
S	25	18	13.75
M	26	20	14.5
L	27	22	15.5
XL	28	24	16.5
2XL	29	26	17.5
3XL	30	28	18.25

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Adult	Length	Width	Sleeve
S	28	18	16.5
M	29	20	18
L	30	22	19.5
XL	31	24	21
2XL	32	26	22.5
3XL	33	28	24
4XL	34	30	25.25
5XL	35	32	26.5

Tall	Length	Width	Sleeve
XLT	33.5	24	11
2XT	34.5	26	11.5
3XT	35.5	28	12

