

# Reunited

...and it feels so good!



A Newsletter for the Awesome AHS Class of '59 Volume 9, Number 3 - August 2008



## HOMETOWN CHAPTER

### HomeTown Picnic!

They came from near and far...



Forty-five classmates & guests enjoyed a beautiful, sunny day and a great time at the annual HomeTown Picnic held on June 14, 2008.

**Picnic goers included:** John & Marj (Ibbotson) Kelly; Dave Buren; Doug & Anna Marie Yates; Gary & Nancy (Deming) Snell; Marshall & Carol (Maisel) Crane; Al & Sherrill Sander; Dolores (Dembinski) Friedrich & friend, Don Herrmann; Sally Carl; Tom & Carol (Haegele) Thompson; Bruce & Cathy Oehlerking; Dan Schmeichel; Marcia (Born) Schacht & friend, Tom Watts; Bob & Kathy Wake; John & Nancy Parkin; Dan & Diane Raupp; Jeff Inkley; Willy & Marlene Neurauter; Don & Mary (O'Connell) Olson; Fred & Linda Fischer; Don Nordtvedt; Ken Dieball; Russ Johnson; and Patty (Mahler) McDonald.

**Out-of-state classmates included:** Toni (Minetti) Kane from Oro Valley, AZ; Nancy (Parson) Ewart from Fall City, WA; John & Robin Kruk from Racine, WI; John & Diane (Graef) Engle from Kewaskum, WI; and Paul & Jean Syoen from Lahoma, OK.



"We had a nice talk with Don Nordtvedt who attended his very first AHS reunion event at the picnic. Don was quite thrilled with the warm response he received, and indicated that he would attend future events. His daughter had encouraged him many times to attend an AHS reunion event, but he was always somewhat shy about it. She saw the postcard reminder, and reminded him to attend the 2008 picnic. Don enjoyed the picnic so much that he was one of the last attendees to leave, along with John & me. I thought it was an interesting conversation that really demonstrates how the AHS 1959 group is rather unique for its camaraderie with both classmates & spouses." **John & Robin Kruk**



"The picnic was wonderful!" **Carol (Haegele) Thompson**

"I thought the day was awesome. The food was great, as were the site and weather. The best thing was the friendliness of the old-timers and the newbies. It was great seeing some new faces." **Marlene Neurauter (wife of Willy Neurauter)**

"Of course, the picnic was a success! I don't know what this class is ingesting, but more of the world should be on it. The people really are wonderful and continuing to have 'new' folks come to class events is outstanding." **Fred & Linda Fischer**

For a better view of the picture, with names to the faces, be sure to check out our website at: [www.arlingtonhigh59.com](http://www.arlingtonhigh59.com).



## All Shook Up!

The story is all new, the hits are all ELVIS!



Join us for an afternoon at the theatre followed by a Pizza Party!

**When:** Sunday, October 19, 2008  
**Where:** Lincolnshire Marriott Theatre  
Ten Marriott Drive  
Lincolnshire, IL 60069

[MarriottTheatre.com](http://MarriottTheatre.com)

**Directions:** Located off Route 21 (Milwaukee Ave.) just south of Route 22 (Half Day Road). The Resort is 10 minutes west of the Tri-State Expressway (I-294).

**Time:** 1:00 PM Curtain—Arrive by 12:30 PM—Meet by the stairs  
**Cost:** \$35/per person for Theatre tickets (Pizza will be extra)

**Pizza Party:** Cubby Bear Lincolnshire  
21701 North Milwaukee Avenue  
Prairie View, IL 60069



**To Reserve your ticket(s):** **RSVP by September 1, 2008 by sending your check made payable to AHS Class of '59 to:**

(RSVP by 09/1/08) **Gary Snell, 604 Can Dota, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056**  
(We cannot hold a reservation without your check)

**Questions:** Pat Mahler McDonald, 815-575-1959, [pattymcj@aol.com](mailto:pattymcj@aol.com)

It's "Footloose," "Grease" and "Happy Days" all rolled into one! You'll be jumpin' out of your 'BLUE SUEDE SHOES,' because you 'CAN'T HELP FALLING IN LOVE' with this hot-rod musical that took Broadway by storm. So, "DON'T BE CRUEL," have "A LITTLE LESS CONVERSATION," and get yourself to see "ALL SHOOK UP!"

## THE CLASS OF '59 IS CRUISIN' TO HAWAII NOVEMBER 6 - NOVEMBER 21, 2008



IT'S NOT TOO LATE—COME ON—YOU DESERVE IT!

If you have any questions, give me a call.

Thanks, Bob Wake

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## 50th REUNION NEWS

*Celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of our AHS Graduation  
and the Golden Friendships  
that have meant so much to all of us!*

The date for our 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion has been set, so everyone  
**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE  
WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 11-13, 2009**



<b>Where:</b>	<b>DoubleTree Hotel</b> 75 West Algonquin Road Arlington Heights, IL 60005 847-427-4240
<b>Hotel Info:</b>	For Hotel Reservations: 1-800-Hiltons (445-8667) Mention: "AHS Class of '59" Special Group Rate: \$94/ Night <i>*All rates are subject to a city and state tax, which is currently 11%. (Please make your reservations by 08/10/09) Check in: 3:00 PM / Check out: Noon</i>
<b>When:</b>	Weekend of September 11-13, 2009
<b>Schedule Of Events:</b>	<b>Friday, September 11, 2009</b> During the day: Chicago River Tour <i>(Minimum of 30 people needed)</i> Evening: Welcome Reception in Hotel Lounge ~~~~~ <b>Saturday, September 12, 2009 – Day of Events</b> ➤ Walking Tour of Downtown Arlington Heights <i>(followed by Lunch)</i> ➤ Lunch with Grade School / Jr. High Classmates ➤ Wrestlers' Luncheon ➤ Tour of the High School ~~~~~ <b>Saturday, September 12, 2009 - Reunion Celebration</b> Cocktails / Dinner Program and Dancing to follow dinner ~~~~~ <b>Sunday, September 13, 2009</b> Farewell Breakfast Buffet
<b>Reunion Cost:</b>	To Be Determined <i>(See Class of '59 Friendship Fund Article)</i>



Reunion Plans for the weekend of September 11-13, 2009 are coming together nicely. We anticipate a very large gathering of classmates, spouses and friends at the DoubleTree Hotel in Arlington Heights. As evidenced by the great turnout in 2004 for our 45<sup>th</sup> and the strong support for the many events we have held around the country since then, we expect a large and enthusiastic turnout to celebrate our Golden Friendships and joy of being together once again. Events are being planned for Friday, September 11, through Sunday afternoon, September 13.

On Friday during the day, you may want to join the fun and take a relaxing **DOWNTOWN CHICAGO RIVER CRUISE**. Friday evening, we will once again "TAKE OVER THE BAR AND LOUNGE AREA" at

the DoubleTree, an event that proved so popular in 1999 and 2004. During the day on Saturday, you may want to participate in one or more of the following events:

**HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS**  
*(followed by lunch)*  
**LUNCHEON WITH GRADE SCHOOL / JR. HIGH CLASSMATES**  
**WRESTLERS' LUNCHEON**  
And **TOUR OF THE HIGH SCHOOL**

On the other hand, if you prefer, you might like to spend the day relaxing and chatting with friends. As you can tell, there will be a variety of activities from which to choose.

Saturday night is our "50<sup>th</sup> REUNION BANQUET" followed by a program, dancing, photo opportunities, and, of course, reminiscing.

We will end our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Weekend with a traditional "SUNDAY MORNING FAREWELL BRUNCH" where we all get together to say our goodbyes and get in some final visiting. This is often an emotional time of laughter and togetherness and has grown into one of the highlights of the mini-reunions that have been held over the past ten years. Please consider this a "DO NOT MISS EVENT" as we close out our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion.

Watch for more specific Reunion details in upcoming newsletters!

### Commemorative Booklet



Because of serious complications following a surgery, Janet (Lunsmann) Acker has decided to step down as chairperson for the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Commemorative Booklet. Jan, however, is on the road to recovery and we wish her well.

The Arizona Chapter, under the leadership of Jeff Pratt, Ann (Carlisle) Garnett and Roy Garr, has agreed to step in for Jan and put together a **50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Commemorative Booklet** celebrating the awesome **Class of '59**.

We are asking you to send us your bio (*short or long*) letting us know you've spent the last 50 years. We want to know **EVERYTHING** (*well, everything you're willing to share, that is*). Did you go on to college or pursue a career? What type of career did you have? Tell us about your family, your travels and hobbies. Let us in on how you plan to spend your retirement years. Yes, of course, we'd love to hear about your grandchildren! If you have a special memory or fun story about your years at AHS, please add that too.

We will be using your photo from the 1959 yearbook. **Along with your bio, please send three photos (of you, or of you and your family)** so we can see, that like fine wine, we have all aged to perfection! All pictures will be returned.

In order to complete this book before our Reunion, we'd like to get started right away!

**On the back of this newsletter, you will find a Template/Questionnaire**, which you can use as a guideline. You can either mail us your information, or send it via email. Please be sure to include your name (*ladies, please include your maiden name*), address and phone number, as well as your email address. If you would rather not have this information printed in the book, be sure to let us know that. Otherwise, we will include this information so your friends will be able to contact you in the future—especially if you live in a resort area!!!!

*Reunion News continued on next page...*





## Class of '59 Friendship Fund



Now that the date and place of our long awaited 50<sup>th</sup> High School Reunion has been set, our thoughts have turned to how to make this Reunion the most memorable of all. Probably the most important way for this to happen is if every single one of us attends.

We all know that travel costs are rising. Going nearly anywhere has become a serious financial challenge. With that thought in mind, we have created the **Class of '59 Friendship Fund**. If successfully supported by you, the Friendship Fund will be used to help lower the cost of the Reunion for all of us. Our goal is to reduce the cost of our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion to a level equal to what we spent for our 40<sup>th</sup>. In addition, the Friendship Fund will also be used to help make attendance possible for any of our classmates who may need a boost in order to attend. Remember, the most important way for our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion to be successful, is if every single one of us attends. That is our goal and the Friendship Fund will help us reach it.

### It's all about friends helping friends!

Reuniting has been our mission these past ten years and we have worked hard at this task. We have found 90% of our 635 original classmates. We've had dozens of class events across the country and even on the high seas that have involved hundreds of classmates, spouses, and family members. Many of us have gotten in touch with our old friends and have formed new friendships. Sadly, but very importantly, we have been able to honor our classmates who have left us and pay our respects to their families. I believe that with a successful 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion, we will have accomplished our mission.

If you are proud of what we have achieved as a class these past ten years, and agree that an unforgettable 50<sup>th</sup> should be our best event ever, then I would ask you to please support the Friendship Fund with a generous contribution. Please send your contributions, payable to **AHS Class of '59, with 'Friendship Fund' on the memo line**, to our Treasurer Gary Snell at 604 Can Dota Ave. Mt. Prospect, Illinois 60056 **by OCTOBER 1, 2008**. Sending your contribution promptly, will greatly assist us in knowing how much the Fund will be able to help classmates and defray costs.

A detailed report on the success of our Friendship Fund, which will include accessibility to funds and actual costs of the Reunion, will be made in the next Newsletter. As of now, the Friendship Fund already has a balance of \$5000.

Thanks,  
John Torrens

I hope to see you ALL at our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion, John Torrens

### CLASSMATE SPOTLIGHT

*Right in the middle of an ordinary life,  
love gives us a fairy tale...*

**JACK & JEANNIE (EWERT) MILLER**



LOVE, MARRIAGE AND ELEGANCE: The New Year's Eve wedding was an event to remember! Even a 3-foot-diameter replica of the

Times Square Ball in New York made an appearance at the New Year's Eve wedding of Jack Miller and Jeannie (Ewert) Moskoff of Chesterfield, MO. Jeannie and Jack were determined to have a one-of-a-kind wedding. This one had all the trappings of the New Year's Eve theme, including the couple's gifts to attendees of snow



globes, recalling the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Times Square Ball, made of Waterford Crystal.

The world-traveling, retired pair greeted 2008 at their wedding reception, which featured 326 guests, in Clayton, MO.

Jack had proposed the previous New Year's Eve at the Kaiserball at the Hofburg Place in Vienna, Austria. The proposal came after seven years of dating.

Jeannie was divorced in 1999 after 33 years of marriage. She is a retired teacher and substitute teacher. She has two children and one grandchild. Jack was divorced in 1993 after 39 years of marriage and has six children and five grandchildren.

Jeannie, who loves black-tie affairs, tried to be busy socially. In spring 2000, she received a call from a friend who had previously dated Jack. "She said he was really nice and likes to bring flowers, and she asked if she could give him my number," Jeannie said. "But I said no, I wanted to lay off dates." "Then my friend said, he owns his own tuxedo, and I said, well, okay."



Jack recalls their first date on May 26, 2000--they clicked right away. Jack liked Jeannie's fabulous smile and intriguing eyes. Jeannie, in turn, admired a man who, "when I'd be speaking, would drop everything and listen to me."

Planning for the wedding started in September. The theme of their elaborate wedding invitation, was *"The Ball is Going to Drop."* The invitation featured a monogrammed ornament of a New Year's Eve Ball. The couple sent out "save the date" letters with special postage stamps made from their engagement night photo.

In September 2007, Jeannie received a diamond engagement ring during a special dinner at Fleming's restaurant, complete with a violinist, dancing, and Rose petals on the table in the shape of a heart. Their wedding program read:

*"Once in a while,  
right in the middle of an ordinary life,  
love gives us a fairy tale."*

The wedding party included the couple's respective children, two grandsons and Jeannie's sister.

"I called my matron of honor and the bridesmaids, 'Jeannie's Jewels' and dressed them in black, with lovely scarves of various colors that I got in Egypt," Jeannie said. Jeannie wore a teal silk and wool suit with a butterfly clasp on the jacket, while Jack wore, of course, a tuxedo. Jack said, "Jeannie looked like a princess; she made me cry."



During the "I do's," Jack answered, "I sure will," prompting laughter from everyone in the church.

At the black-tie reception, guests danced to the Ralph Butler Band and ate filet mignon and stuffed crab, as well as a 3-foot-high wedding cake. Framed photos of the couple at various ports of call marked the 27 tables, with each named after a destination, such as "Barcelona" or "Rio." In lieu of gifts, the couple asked for donations to groups, such as Central Presbyterian Church's missions, Churchill Center & School in Town & Country.

Jeannie affirmed, "I'm still on cloud nine. The only bad part was the party ended way too soon." Jack praised the wedding as "phenomenal, an extravaganza." He proclaimed, "I'm still in euphoria."

*To love and be loved, is to feel the sun from both sides.*

*Congratulations, Jeannie & Jack!*



## CLASSMATE SPOTLIGHT

### DOLORES (DEE) DEMBINSKI FRIEDRICH



The Monday after graduation, I started working at Commonwealth Edison in Northbrook. After three months, I was promoted into the Engineering Department where I met Marvin Friedrich—he was in their Training program. We were married February 25, 1961 in Chicago and then

moved to Pekin, IL, Marvin's birthplace. A lovely daughter, Karen, blessed our household in March 1962, followed by our son, Doug, in 1963, our daughter, Beth, in 1966, and our, "oops," daughter, Julie, in 1972. As of now, I have six fantastic grandchildren. My husband, Marvin, passed away in 1996.

Over the years, I have been a Sales Clerk at the J.C. Penney Company, Officer in both Elementary and Junior High Schools, Girl & Boy Scout Leader, Volleyball Official, Mom's taxi and, most recently, retired after 30 years of baking and decorating cakes (*several of which were for TV personalities in Peoria*).

Things that keep me busy include, Church involvement (*Choir & Hand-bell Choir*), music, sporting events, and cooking. However, one of the joys in my life is traveling. My daughter, Julie, works for Caterpillar and was located in Bangalore, India for three months. Well, Mom just had to visit her! A trip to the Taj Mahal was a highlight of that trip.

Last year, I re-met a person that I knew many years ago, Don Herrmann. A widower himself, Don and I spend a lot of time together and have such similar interests that it's almost scary. With his four grandchildren, we now have even more sporting events to look forward to—what fun!



## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to **PAUL & KATHY (BURKWEST) GIERASCH** on the birth of their first grandson, **Walker Thomas Gierasch**, born in St. Louis on June 25, 2008. Walker joined his big sister, Amalie, (1-1/2), and his three cousins in Omaha, Megan (13), Sarah (9) and Kristen (3).

Congratulations to **SHERRILL & AL SANDER** on the arrival of their new grandson, **Jack Beres**. Sherrill's son, Ken Beres, and daughter-in-law, Suzanne, recently spent two weeks in China where they adopted Jack, who was born somewhere in southern China on August 31, 2006. He is very small for his age and his unofficial name is, "Bam Bam Beres," because he throws and hits things (not people)! His other name is, "No, No, Jack." He doesn't understand English, of course, so everything he sees is new. He likes to point at things and utter sounds that no one knows, but he is learning quickly. Jack joins big sister, Mia, 5.

## IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS



### Our Prayers and Get-Well Wishes to:



To our classmate's mate, **JOHN KELLY**, husband of **MARJ (IBBOTSON) KELLY**, who is fighting cancer.

To our classmate, **DAN SCHMEICHEL**, who had successful prostate surgery on May 9, 2008. Dan sends his heartfelt appreciation for your prayers and concern.

To our classmate, **JAN (LUNSMANN) ACKER**, who had abdominal surgery on May 14, 2008, which caused complications requiring another surgery on May 19<sup>th</sup>, which caused a battle with four major infections. After gaining strength, she will tackle another major surgery on August 19<sup>th</sup>. Jan is hoping to go snow skiing by Christmas—we hope so too!

To our classmate, **JOHN LUSSOW**, who is recovering from a broken neck due to a fall.

To our classmate, **CAROL (MAISEL) CRANE**, who is battling Lung Cancer.

To **ALAN HENLEY**, the son-in-law of **VERNE & SHARI (ACKERLUND) JOBST**. Alan suffered a serious broken neck due to a fall and is facing only a 5% chance of ever walking again. He is married to Verne and Shari's daughter, Jennifer.

### Our Deepest Sympathy and Prayers go out to:

To our classmate, **EVELYN (LANGGUTH) RAUPP**, and family on the death of Evelyn's brother, Donald Langguth, 62, of Cary. He passed away on April 13, 2008. Don was a graduate of Arlington High School. He retired in 1995 after 28 years on the Arlington Heights Police Department, and then again in 2006 from the Cary Water Department. He is survived by his wife, two children and three grandchildren.

To our classmate, **SHIREE (STADNICK) ROBERTS**, and family on the death of Shiree's father, **Steve Stadnick**, 91, in Oceanside, California, on or near, May 14, 2008. Mr. Stadnick loved to golf and about twice a week, would walk to a nearby course to play. He and the late Mrs. Stadnick also enjoyed gardening and square dancing.



To our classmate, **JUDY SCHMOYER**, and family on the passing of her father, **Fredrick (Fritz) Christman Schmoyer**, in Mesa, AZ on June 1, 2008. Mr. Schmoyer was the instrumental music director at Arlington High School in Arlington Heights, IL for 38 years and the regional director of high school instrumental music in the suburban Chicago area.

He was also the choir director at Arlington Methodist Church for 25 years. His dedicated teaching inspired many of our fellow classmates. Remember the Marching Band, German Band, Concert Band, Harmony and Arranging classes, the Cardettes, and the many instrumental ensembles and soloists who developed under his tutelage. All who knew him will miss his quick wit and gentle nature. He was married to his dear wife, Wilma, for 67 years.

To our classmate, **RUTH (WEBSTER) JOHNSON**, and family, on the death of Ruth's husband, **Marv Johnson** of Phoenix, AZ, on April 10, 2008.

To our classmate **NANCY PARSON EWART**, and family on the death of Nancy's father, Oscar Parson, 98, in Mount Pleasant, TN on June 2, 2008. Mr. Parson was the co-owner of Heights Wall & Floor Covering in Arlington Heights for over 25 years. Mr. Parson was a devoted Cub fan for over 75 years. He and his late wife, Dorothy, were married for 70 years.

Our deepest sympathy to **DONNA** and the family of our classmate and friend, **CHARLES (CHUCK) HURST** of Aloha, OR. Chuck, who was battling Thymic Cancer (cancer of the Thymus Gland), died on July 31, 2008 from cardiac arrest. Chuck was a retired commercial salesman. In 1984, he married Donna MacKenzie. Survivors include his wife; sons, C. Timothy and Jonathan M; daughter, Jami Lynn Dikeman; and four grandchildren.



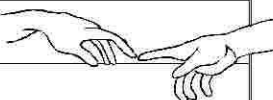
*"You cannot do a kindness too soon,  
because you never know how soon it will be too late."  
Ralph Waldo Emerson*

## DON'T END UP ON THE LOST LIST!



Please Keep in Touch!

### CARDINAL CLASSMATES '59



Maiden/Last Name:	
First Name:	
Married Name:	
Spouse's Name:	
Home Address:	
Phone Number:	# of Children:
Email Address:	# of Grandchildren:
Occupation:	
<p>Return to: John Torrens 2958 Middle Two Rock Road, Petaluma, CA 94952 <a href="mailto:Tworockent@aol.com">Tworockent@aol.com</a> or at 707-763-6480</p>	



KEEP THOSE EMAILS, CARDS & LETTERS COMING!

We've had a great response to our "What's Up?" column and we would love to hear from **YOU**. Please send a short note and/or photo letting us know what you've been up to lately, and then look for your note in the next Newsletter. We reserve the right to edit for space, taste, and bad jokes. First come, first served, is usually the way it works.

Call or send your note to:

Patty (Mahler) McDonald  
213 South Green Street, McHenry, IL 60050  
815-575-1959 or [pattymcj@aol.com](mailto:pattymcj@aol.com).

Don't delay-Let us know "What's UP" today!

**JOAN (PEDERSON) SCHULZ** (Spotsylvania, VA) has some nice news. Last weekend (July 11 and 12) was the Ladies Golf Association Member Tournament here at Fawn Lake Country Club (Spotsylvania, Virginia). I got a hole-in-one on a short 110-yard par 3 on the second day! I am the LGA Vice-President in charge of planning the tournaments, so in addition to the wonderful luncheon I planned, I, of course, bought everyone a round of drinks with lunch to celebrate. The ladies all said it was the best luncheon ever. Because of that hole-in-one, my partner and I took 3rd Low Net for the competition. Looking forward to the next newsletter.

Here's a note from **GRAYCE SHARON (BECKWAY) CUNEO**, North Aurora, IL. I am keeping busy this summer--in April I was in a production in Hoffman Estates for the Hidden Talent Theatre Company and right now, I'm in a revival of "Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?" for Tempo Players in Aurora. It's a fun & lively musical about Catholic school education in the 50's! Since I attended half of First grade (St. James) and all of 8th grade (Our Lady of the Wayside) in parochial schools in Arlington Heights, this has been a trip down memory lane. (However, most of my years were happily spent in Arlington Heights Public Schools).

**Shortly before his death on July 31 CHUCK HURST, (Aloha, OR) sent this note:** I might take this occasion to share with you what has taken place with me these past few months.

At the end of April, Donna asked that I see my doctor because I had a nagging cough that would not go away. As part of his examination, he ordered a chest x-ray. The following morning I received a call back from the doctor indicating there appeared to be a mass in the upper center of my chest. After several tests and a biopsy, it was determined that I had thymic carcinoma (cancer of the thymus gland).



On June 16, I underwent open chest surgery to remove the mango-sized tumor. The surgeon found it had attached itself to the pericardium (the sack surrounding the heart) and the middle and top lobes of the right lung. As a result of the removal, I lost sixty percent of the pericardium, the right phrenic nerve that is the major nerve to the diaphragm, and twenty-five percent of the middle and upper lobes of my right lung.

After eleven days in the hospital, I returned home for recovery, and with the exception of some unforeseen complications, I began to gradually regain my strength. One difficulty, however, has been my ability to coordinate my shorter breaths with my ability to speak. Sometimes, the words just don't come, but I am told that should improve.

The next steps to begin soon will be four months of chemotherapy followed by six to seven weeks of daily radiation treatments. We are told the long-term prognosis appears to be good, and we are grateful for that. However, we have also been made painfully aware how quickly life as we know it can be dramatically changed in an instant.

We, like Marge and John, Jan, and others, are so grateful that we have our faith in Christ to sustain us during a difficult time like this. We believe He has led us to the best specialists in our area, and although we do not understand the whys of what has taken place, we do believe this to be His plan for us at this time, and that His plan is perfect.

**(We will miss you, Chuck!)**

**FRAN (GLODEN) PENKALA** (North Aurora, IL) wants us to know that **The Wheeling Grade School Class of '55** is having a class reunion on September 27 & 28, 2008. It will be held at David Zimmerman's in Neenah, WI. For information, contact Dave and Esther at [DZimm6310@aol.com](mailto:DZimm6310@aol.com) or 920 725-6310.



**Kathy (Burkwest) Gierasch, (Ames, IA)** writes: We are trying to dry out here in Ames, IA where, (although not quite as bad as "The Flood of '93,") people who had never had water in their basement before, sure did this time...and that included us! Our circumstances are certainly not as tragic as those who live in Cedar Rapids, Iowa City, and other eastern Iowa towns along the rivers.

On a positive note, we are the grandparents of our first grandson. Walker Thomas Gierasch, born in St. Louis on June 25th, joining his big sister, Amalie (1-1/2), and our three granddaughters in Omaha, Megan (13), Sarah (9) and Kristen (3).

My husband and I are both retired. I work part-time at the Iowa State University conference center, and also for events such as basketball, concerts, musicals, etc. I am also currently a Hospice volunteer for the hospice and home care agency I worked for at the local hospital. This is such a rewarding experience for me and I can't say enough about hospice and what comfort it brings to patients and families. LOVE getting the classmate updates and, again, kudos to those classmates who work so hard to put out such a professional newsletter. *Kathy*



### WEBSITE INSIGHT

Visit our website at:  
[www.arlingtonhigh59.com](http://www.arlingtonhigh59.com)



If you were at the HomeTown Picnic this year and took photos, please let me know—we'd like to put them on our website. We are also looking for photos

from the 2005 Michigan Picnic, the 2006 downtown Chicago trip, the 2007 Picnic and 2007 trip to Gatlinburg. If you attended any of these events, please share your pictures with us! Also, if you have other photos, poems, etc., that you'd like to share, please just click "Contact us" on our website, or email me.

### HOW TO SHRINK DIGITAL PHOTOS FOR EMAIL OR WEB

If you missed the article in our February issue of *Reunited*, it is on our website in PDF format, or contact Willy Neurauter, email: [willyneu@comcast.net](mailto:willyneu@comcast.net).

*Thanks, Willy*

## Mark Your Calendar!



DATE	EVENT
September 27-28, 2008	Wheeling Grade School Class of '55 Reunion
October 19, 2008	Marriott Theatre / Pizza Party
November 6, 2008 – November 21, 2008	Cruise to Hawaii <i>(We all deserve it!)</i>
September 11, 2009	50 <sup>th</sup> Reunion Cocktail Reception
September 12, 2009	50 <sup>th</sup> Reunion Dinner/Dance
September 13, 2009	50 <sup>th</sup> Reunion Farewell Brunch

*May you always have a friend  
worthy of that name!*



## List of Lost Classmates

*Thanks, Bob Wake*

Our goal is to find each and every one before our 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion.  
If you have any information on the missing classmates listed below, please contact:

Bob Wake, 630-718-9264, [bobwake@wideopenwest.com](mailto:bobwake@wideopenwest.com)



Adamski, Arlene	Kummerie, Esther	<b>FOUND 05/08</b>	Robertson, Janet Marie
Allen, John F.	Lambert, Michael Francis		Rousseau, Roy Vance
Anderson, Thomas E.	Lippencott, Martha Jean		Rudolph, Marilyn Kay
Bevan, Barbara Janice	Lyons, Edward Jr.		Rumpf, Mary Jean
<b>Barker-Blackmore, Pat— FOUND 05/08</b>	<b>MacAllister, John W. DECEASED</b>		Ryan, Teresa Maria
<b>Beyer, Arthur FOUND 05/08</b>	MacDonald, Sandra Jane		Schneider-Johnson, Patricia Kay
Bielinski, Bill	<b>Manta, Carole Ann FOUND 05/08</b>		Schummer, Lynnae Carol
Bullock-Davis, Linda Ann	Martin, Robert Keith		Siech-Sullivan, Barbara Ann
Burger, Diane Elizabeth	Mead, Mary Francis		Smith, Mary Elizabeth
Burns, MaryAlice	Metcalfe, Billy Joe		Soenksen, David Allen
Carpenter, Stephanie	Mihalek, Judith Ann		Sorensen, G. Douglas
Coryell, Thomas George	Miller, Jacqueline Elizabeth		Stach, Virginia Mary
Devitt, Patricia Eileen or Eileen	Moses, Don S.		Stafford, Margie
Doerr, Robert	Myk, Catherine		Sternal, Judith Barbara
Erickson-Stanek, Lois Jean Evelyn	Nelson, Ellen		Swan, Eileen Marie
Franciskovich, Mark	Nelson, Lee		Szymanski, Barbara Ann
Frost, Bill	Nilson, Darlene A.		Terry, Peggy Sue
Gum, Bonnie C.	Ocasek-Barnett, Jean Ann		Thompson, Barbara A.
Herzer, Margaret Helen	Page, Bernadine		Thoms, Patrick George
<b>Holveck-Reibold, Joyce FOUND 05/08</b>	Patterson, Michael S.		Vene, Patricia
Jansen, William	Phillips, Phyllis Jean		Walden, Bill
Johnson, Charles Durk	Price-Schultz, Susan J.		<b>Wilmotte, James FOUND 4/08</b>
Kanak, Barbara Marie	Reichard, Phyllis Ruth		Wilson, Barbara Carol
<b>Klages, Richard FOUND 05/08</b>	Richter, Allen		Witkowski, Mary Elizabeth
Konvalinka, Milton	Roberts, Shelia Ann		Zbilski, Marilyn H.