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Greetings!

As always, I hope this newsletter edition finds you all well!

Another Year Goes By
Al Hinojos

Just a Quick Note: I would like to apologize for the long delays in getting back to some of the requests I have received since the first newsletter was sent out. No good excuse, just plenty of bad ones.

I hope with the starting of summer, everything is well with everyone. Any good stories to share and tell, please let me know so we can share it with others. I don't think you want to hear about my work, so I'll just mosey on to other stuff of more interest...

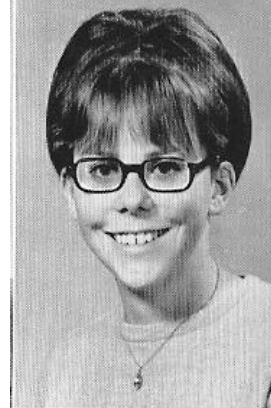
Ready for Another Reunion?

Loree Gaskill, Class of 1971

Well, it's been almost three years since the multi-class reunion we held at the Doubletree in Ontario, CA. I think it's time we started organizing another one. What do you think?

Should we plan another one for 2005 or 2006?

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Dorothy Johnson – Class of 1970

Where are they now?

In keeping with the long standing tradition of this newsletter (my 2nd) of writing about an alumni of SVHS, Dorothy (Johnson) Branson from the Class of 1970 has graciously accepted the title of "victim number two."

I had planned to send this newsletter out back in 2002 and here we are more than half way thru 2004. My sincerest apologies Dorothy and I promise to give you 100% of any proceeds this newsletter brings in! So everyone, set your watches back 2 years as you read this.

What is your current occupation?

I teach 4th grade.

How long have you been working in this occupation?

This is my 15th year of teaching.

Was this a "planned" occupation, or like so many, did something or someone steer you into a different course that led you to what you're doing now?

When I started college in 1970, I planned to be a teacher. I was talked out of it because there were so many teachers. So I changed my major to business administration. After college I worked as an

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Ready for Another Reunion? *continued from page 1*

Should it be for the same classes as last time (1968-1974), more or less?

What time of the year should it be held?

What did you like or dislike about the last one?

Any thoughts or suggestions for the next one?

If you have any ideas at all, please share with us. It's more fun when a lot of alumni can offer their input!

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The following was reprinted from World Ark and was kindly submitted to me by my coworker when she spotted the article.

PLEASE, Don't Feed the Students

Students at Sierra Vista High School in Baldwin Park, California raised a \$5,000 Gift Ark to help families in need become self-reliant for food and income by staging a school-wide fast.

Nearly 200 of the students willingly gave up their favorite fast food, junk food and (for those who eat it) even health food for a 24-hour fundraising fast. The students obtained sponsors for their fasting efforts which culminated in a "break-the-fast" celebration of soup and bread. Students also created ceramic soup bowls to sell and t-shirts to wear advising "Do Not Feed."

According to the participating students, the internal reward of helping others was far greater than any hunger pang. When asked how it felt to give up food so that others will not go hungry in the future, one student responded, "My stomach felt empty, but my heart felt full. It makes me want to do more for my community, and the world." Another echoed by adding, "It was hard sometimes to see a friend eating a 'cheeseburger special,' but I did something so little – I didn't eat for 24 hours – and yet I know I'll never forget that by doing so, I helped out a family."

World Ark Summer 2002

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insurance clerk, insurance agent, bookkeeper, escrow secretary, escrow officer, and fiscal officer - not necessarily in that order. After we moved to Lone Pine there were no jobs here for me, so I started substituting at the school. Once I was in the school, I remembered I wanted to be a teacher. So I went back to school.(see above answer)

FUTURE TEACHERS

Imogene Osman, Vickie Ramos, Virginia Howard, Dorothy Johnson, Linda Adcock, Wendy Washisaki, Linda Fahey



Do you like what you do?

Yes, I do. I enjoy teaching children. I truly agree with the Negro College Fund's slogan: A mind is a terrible thing to waste. I especially enjoy teaching U S History and California History. Nine and ten year olds are fun to be with every day. They are like little sponges.

Whom to you currently work for?

I work for Lone Pine Unified School District. I have worked for them for 18 years. I started with them as a substitute aide and teacher. I went back to college in 1986 to get my teaching credential. I stayed in Bakersfield during the week and came home on the weekends. Bakersfield is 150 miles from Lone Pine. My husband, mother-in-law and mom were all very supportive as we had 3 small children at the time. It took me 1 1/2 years to get my credential. My first

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assignment with LPUSD was in a small two-room school in Olancha, about 20 miles south of Lone Pine. I taught K-2 while the other teacher taught 3-5. It was a great way to begin my career. I have taught at Lo-Inyo Elementary School for 12 years - 7 of them primary (1-2-3) and the last 5 intermediate grades (4/5).

What do you see yourself doing in the near future?

Now that our children are all grown and either on their own or in college, we both hope to travel more in the summer. I also hope in the next 10 years to become a mother-in-law and then a grandma. I also hope to retire in 10 years and travel even more.

What is/are your favorite hobby/hobbies?

Reading, and gardening.

If you knew then what you know now, would you do anything different?

I'm not sure if I would have gotten my teaching credential the first time around. I would not have wanted to miss the jobs and people I met. So, I probably would not have done anything different.

Married/Single/?

I've been married to Bruce for 28 years.

How/when/where did you meet?

Bruce and I met on a blind date at Cal Poly, Pomona in April 1973. We were married in Glendora on March 23, 1974.

Where do you live?

We live in Lone Pine, which is on the eastern side of the Sierra Nevadas about half way between Los Angeles and Reno.

Children?

We have three children. Ben 25, Matt 21, and Liz 19. Since we moved quite a lot the first 9 years we were married, our children were born in three different states. Ben was born in Tucson, Az, Matt in Burlington, CO, and Liz was born in Lone Pine.

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Pets?

While our kids were young, we had all kinds of animals: snake, hamsters, birds, cats, dogs, fish, but now we only have a golden retriever.

Kept in touch with anyone from school?

I keep in touch with Al Hinojos and Virginia Howard through e mail. I have heard occasionally from Richard Gibson, Jim Lancaster, and a few others.



Dorothy and Liz on her high school graduation night.



Dorothy's husband Bruce



Dorothy's kids from left - Matt, Liz and Ben

Suggestions

If you have suggestions for articles and events or if there is something you would like to see as part of this newsletter and web site, please let me know. Pass this newsletter on to people you know and the address of the web site. Let's make this a good way to keep in touch!

Sierra Vista High School Alumni Web Site:

www.geocities.com/dbaos390/svhshomepage.html

UPCOMING EVENTS

If anyone has an event they would like to post, there's plenty of space available.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPECIAL EVENT

PLACE ?

TIME ?

CONTACT

SPECIAL EVENT

PLACE ?

TIME ?

CONTACT ?

Message Board

If anyone has a message they would like to pass along, this space is available.



Hate your job? Here's a nice low-stress job that allows you to enjoy the outdoors!

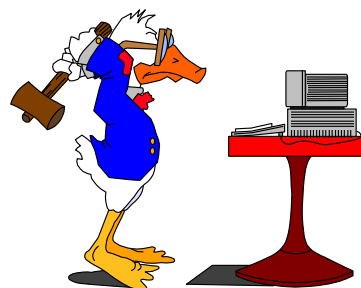
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