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### Board of Governors Seek The Best!

The Alumni Association Board of Governors is in place and meeting on a regular basis with a member of each class serving on it.

The Board set contribution levels in a campaign to support the website and the responses were outstanding and the Board wishes to thank all the contributors.

The Board is now considering becoming a tax-free association and

developing and supporting philanthropic pursuits and allowing the contributions to our association to be tax deductible.

Board members currently serving are Bill Britton 1970 President, Annette Duncan Harris 1964, John Byers 1961,Ron Sills 1960, Bobby Davis 1969, Gary Holman 1965, Michael Gaddy 1966, Kathy deVault Tobery 1967, Bobby Rollings 1968 We have established our banking relationship and Don Pardue (70) has been appointed treasurer for the Board.

We seek out members of each class to represent them on the Board. If your class is not represented, drop us an email at

webmaster@justinfkimball.org

Support your Board...they are all volunteers.

### Are You Supporting your Class Reunions?

The Alumni Association actively supports all individual class reunions and post relevant information on the reunion page of the website under "What's New". Everyone should check that page from time to time to see if your class is having a function or to view notes and pictures from the last activity.

Speaking of information, if you have information of a class function, luncheon, outing or reunion, please send us an email so that we might post it for all.

Also, if you have pictures of recent gatherings, scan them and forward them to us and we will put them up on the website. Send all information to us at:

#### webmaster@justinfkimball.org

We are conducting a poll in the message board area to determine your interest in an Alumni Association reunion activity. You can find the poll under "Reunion Forum" on the message board. Take the time to record your vote so that we might determine the level of interest and format you prefer.

Don't forget to check the notices occasionally for news of the reunions. You can find the information at

http://www.justinfkimball.org/Reunion\_Info/index.shtml



### 71-81 Classes Are Being Added!

We are currently in the process of adding classes 71-80, the second 11 years of Kimball grads. This will boost our database to over 12,000, enabling classmates from anywhere to register...or for you to contact them to register.

The latest update and status, class by class is below and if your class needs help, step forward. It's important to add these classes and many are working hard to get it done.

Help can take the form of

entering data, scanning annuals, providing help with lost classmates or notifying the committees of the location of a classmate. I know each volunteer would be appreciated.

"Registration provides updated classmate data for Reunions, Events and Newsletter... Keep your contact information up to date!"



### Volunteer to help get these classes in!

Here are the classes and volunteers that are working very hard to get those classes entered into the database registry. I know they would appreciate any help that you could provide. Drop them an email and offer your time.

71 - Karen Harris Caton (<a href="mailto:goddesskdc@msn.com">goddesskdc@msn.com</a>) has provided the database that is ready to upload. Patty McClure Bushart and Judy Evans Rogers (<a href="mailto:judyrogers">judyrogers</a> 1@msn.com)

and Mary Ruth Seidemann Heep ( gumby1@swbell.net ) are assisting.

- 72 Allene Pelton Tenery ( <a href="mailto:atenery@bellsouth.net">atenery@bellsouth.net</a>) is working diligently on getting the roster in spreadsheet format. Wayne Deaton ( <a href="mailto:txnonrev@charter.net">txnonrev@charter.net</a>) has completed scanning the annuals of 71 and 72 senior pictures and they are now online at <a href="http://www.justinfkimball.org/Photos/index.shtml">http://www.justinfkimball.org/Photos/index.shtml</a> ...thanks Wayne! He is searching for 73-80 annuals and if you can help, drop him a line.
- 73 Sam Seidemann has volunteered but we need more help!
- 74 We obtained a class roster of names only. Tim Hutchens is committee leader with Ron Paulk ( <a href="mailto:rpaulk56@sbcglobal.net">rpaulk56@sbcglobal.net</a>) and Marvin Shafer are assisting. The 74 website can be viewed at <a href="https://www.arlingtonwebsite.com/Kimball">www.arlingtonwebsite.com/Kimball</a>
- 75 Inez Henderson Carey ( <a href="mailto:lnez.Carey@verizon.net">lnez.Carey@verizon.net</a>) is working feverishly to get their database in order to upload. Volunteers are Donna Clark Carroll ( <a href="mailto:Babeaut57@aol.com">Babeaut57@aol.com</a>). Kim Clantton Burden is working on reunion
- 76 Where are you, 76'ers?????
- 77 Susan Daniel Patten ( npatten@flash.net )has provided the class roster which is still in progress. Any help out there for her?
- 78 Paul Peck (<a href="whitelabs@hotmail.com">whitelabs@hotmail.com</a>) and Tim Jones (<a href="gentryj@swbell.net">gentryj@swbell.net</a>) are getting help from David Curry (<a href="David.L.Curry@bankofamerica.com">David.L.Curry@bankofamerica.com</a>) and Jan Evans. We have received the database but need to scan the annual photos.
- 79 Missing....Are you out there 79?
- 80 80 is AWOL and we need to find volunteers with the database and to scan pictures.
- 81 Leonda (Evans) Kelley (<u>leonda@swbell.net</u>) is preparing to head the 81 effort and needs help. Drop her a line and volunteer to get your class into the registry.

### Second Anniversary for the Alumni Association Coming Next Month!

It seems like yesterday that the seeds were planted for forming a website and Alumni Association.

October, 2001, work began in earnest to first put together a first class website that would include a relational database where classmates may use the internet to update current contact information. It was determined that three elements were necessary to insure the confidentiality and use of that information.

First, only registered alumni could register information and have access to the database.

Secondly, anyone registering would have the option to fill out as much or little information as they chose and to elect to keep it private if they wished. Lastly, a commitment that the database would not be sold, distributed or shared in any form with anyone.

The work began and soon other elements were added: message board, senior pictures, class favorites, jukebox, notice area and the "in memoriam" area for lost classmates.

The work was huge and it took over 8 months to complete it all and many, many contributed to the effort.

The result has been achievement of all of the objectives and beyond.

In the last year, we have formed an active Board of Governors and movement is underway to include classes beyond 1970. The first 11 years of classes has over 5000 listed classmates in the graduation database but sadly, only around 750 have registered and you can see we have great capacity to grow, if we reach those not registered.

You can help by contacting someone and asking them two questions: "Are you registered with the Alumni Association?"

and if so, "Have you updated your information?"

Everyone of us shares a common history, in that we attended and graduated from a great school that gave us wonderful memories and strong friendships. We should not ignore those times nor the friends that were part of our life. At our ages, it is not about just our class but meeting and enjoying new friendships that traveled the same path as we did, regardless of class year.

I am so proud of the support we have received and of the wonderful volunteer leadership that has brought us this far. The road ahead is bright for us and the journey includes you!

### Message Board Continues to be Active!

Want to catch up on events or vote your preferences in polls?
Want to share a memory, story or comment. The Message Board is where it all happens and you need to be part of it. We have over 20 forums to peak your interest and it is just waiting for you to dive in.

Photos of Oak Cliff are there in the Memories Section. Register your vote for favorite theater, hangout or singer.

The message board will also keep you informed of our classmates who have passed away, lost family or ill and in the hospital. This aspect of our group is growing in importance as we band together for support and comfort.

The Knight Times Reporter Forum gives you the opportunity to play cub reporter and provide news about yourself, family, business or other classmates.

Have you contributed to the Message Board lately.... well, why not? We could sure use some pictures or scanned momentos of high school days. If you have a scrapbook or some memorabilia that you can provide us, the email it to webmaster@justinfkimball.org

Also, please visit the Knight Times Reporter forum on the message board and check out the new areas. Post something about your summer vacation, school plans, grandbabies or anything else you might care to. We'd love to hear from you.

### **Editorial Comment**

All organizations face challenges of recruitment and involvement in building participation.

Typically, only a handful of members are truly active. The larger the organization, the more it can expect to have problems in getting membership participation.

My experience is that there are three types of members. Those who are very active, occasionally active and those who come to the events only.

Ours is no different and let me share with you some thoughts.

First, if members are not involved the symptoms may be:

- 1. Benefits from attending or participating are not considered valuable by the members, or the activity open to them at the meeting does not seem very important to them.
- Meetings, services or offerings are (or are perceived to be) boring.
- General membership may not be afforded the opportunity to be active.
- Members may feel that the same group of people runs the chapter from year to year.
- 5. Members may feel

that their participation would not make much difference and that they have little influence on the association's programs and policies.

If you will focus on each of these you will understand that your Board of Governors has addressed each of these issues proactively.

The association needs vour involvement and it can be a little or a lot. Sometimes it is just calling an old classmate to get them registered or sending an ecard to someone hurting. The Board has attempted to make the website as valuable and expansive as possible, appealing to many areas of interest and involvement. But no matter the value, without you we cannot grow.

There are nine no-no's that we avoid.

- 1. Never belittle a fellow classmate
- 2. Never criticize a fellow classmate.
- 3. Never fail to give fellow classmate your undivided attention.
- 4. Never seem preoccupied with your own personal interests.
- 5. Never play favorites.
- 6. Never fail to help fellow classmate grow.
- 7. Never be insensitive to small things.
- 8. Never embarrass weak classmate or volunteers.

9. Never fluctuate in making a decision.

These are simple yet important items that we subscribe to and practice.

Yet there are twenty ways to motivate our membership and the Board is actively engaged to do just that.

- 1. Communicate and be consistent.
- 2. Be aware of your own prejudices.
- 3. Let classmates know where they stand.
- 4. Give praise when appropriate.
- 5. Keep group informed of changes.
- 6. Care about your classmates.
- 7. See your classmates as ends, not means.
- 8. Go out of your way to help fellow classmates.
- 9. Take responsibility for your areas of contribution.
- 10. Build independence.
- 11. Exhibit personal diligence.
- 12. Be tactful with your fellow classmates.
- 13. Be willing to learn from others.
- 14. Demonstrate confidence.
- 15. Allow freedom of expression.
- 16. Encourage ingenuity.
- 17. Delegate.
- 18. Delegate.
- 19. Delegate.
- 20. Repeat 1 19 as necessary.

Remember, the most important member of our association is YOU!



"Are You Involved?"

"Membership and involvement go hand in hand?"

### In The Halls

## Website continues to have monthly interest!

Our website continues to have the interest of many and that is reflected by the number of "hits" or pages of the site that are read. During the week, we are experiencing about 150 page views a day and on the weekend we have seen as many as 480!! To date over 56,000 pages have been viewed and over 800 posts on the message board.

Checking in with the site will keep you up to date on any news, bulletins or notices that are needed.

Don't be shy in registering with the message board or leaving a note in the guestbook or notices area. We appreciate hearing from you and I know other classmates do also.

Please help! Thanks.

### 2003 Homecoming Game Set

Homecoming game is set for Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM against Tyler's John Tyler High School. The game between these two was crucial for the Knights to win (and did) in their run to the District Championship. Again the Alumni will support the team and coaching staff by attending. Contact ronsills@svcglobal.net if you would like to attend. It is important to have a headcount. Last year we gathered in front of the gym and was escorted into the stadium by the coaches and provided reserved areas under the press box (out of the sun, which was greatly appreciated). Plan on attending with us and relive the excitement of high school football and a Knight victory.

The Booster club has around 50

### Around the Realm

tshirts celebrating the District and Regional championship on sale. You can contact Ron also for these

"InToucb" Forum yields those hurting...Have you checked?

The "In Touch" forum on the message board contains many classmates who have experienced loss, sickness or surgery. It only takes a minute to send an ecard or make a call to let them know you are thinking of them. We have provided links to Hallmark, American Greetings and others to make it easy. You can find the links to these site under the "links" area on the home page or by clicking this:

http://www.justinfkimball.org/links.shtml

#### In Memoriam Losses

In past months we have suffered losses of classmates that have saddened us all. We try to post as many as we are aware of in the "In Memoriam" section of the message board and include their picture in the photo area.

Among those lost are:

Walter Berger 1966 Jimmy Green 1967 Tom Collingsworth 1968 Michael Smith 1971 Paula Tims 1966 Anne Tims 1968 Charles Tims 1971 Gayland Crockett 1963 Gene Sarazen 1967 "Ace" O'Rear 1965 Sandra Grant (Livingston) 1962 Gary Hayes 1965 Eddie Bolton 1965 Viki Kathleen Vogel 1973 Carl Leon Vogel 1968 Wayne Kofnovec 1970

Melinda Prather 1968 Preston Dunlap (1975?) Byron Kirkwood 1964 Cecil Dudley 1962 Robert Oliphant 1967 John Barnett 1965 Debra Crick1971 Michael Crick 1974

Also lost was faculty member Ms. Virginia Fites who succumbed last year. If you know of a loss please immediately contact us at <a href="webmaster@justinfkimball.org">webmaster@justinfkimball.org</a> so that appropriate recognition and support can be provided.

#### <u>Kimball Couples Celebrate</u> <u>August Anniversaries</u>

Congratulations go out to our

Kimball Couples who are celebrating their anniversary this month. These classmates found love and did the right thing. We celebrate their special date and wish them many more. Clint Carol (67)& Sharon King (68 August 18, 1979, Mark Price (69)& Cindy Funderburk (69) August 27, 1970, Mike Crutcher (70)& Kathy Harding (69) August 31, 2001, David McNeely (63)& Bonnie Michaels (65) August 11, 1967, Tom Lichtenwalter (63)& Susan Coe (63) August 14, 1965, Ron Storm (62)& Norma Burdine (62) August 10, 1963, Bruce Howard (62)& Jeanne Sudderth (63) August 1, 1964 and Jim Lindsey (61)& Margie McVey (61) August 17, 1963.

Our Congratulations go out to all of them with wishes for many more.

If you married a Kimball classmate, don't forget to enter your names in the Kimball Couples area along with your anniversary date.

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> John Byers Class of 1961

Michael Gaddy Class of 1966

Annette Harris Duncan Class of 1964

**Bobby Davis Class of 1969** 

Ron Sills Class of 1960

**Gary Holman Class of 1965** 

Bobby Rollings Class of 1968

Kathey deVault Tobery Class of 1967



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(Be nice...this is volunteer work!)

