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# **Knight Life**

# First Alumni Gala Was Fantastic!

June 10<sup>th</sup> was the date and 18 months of planning came to fruition as the Alumni Association celebrated its first Gala fundraiser. It came as no surprise to the planning committee that the event was a resounding success. The event had over \$40,000.00 in contributions and gifts and netted \$17,000.00 in profit for the approved projects at Kimball voted by the Board of Governors last year.

The Gala showcased classes from 1960 to 1994 and included current and former faculty members. The festivities started at 6PM with registration and individual pictures taken by classmate and professional photographer, Dennis Bowman. A reception with wine and cheese followed with all classes merging and sharing common experiences from days at Kimball. It did not matter the year of graduation when it came to fellowship and meeting new friends. It satisfied the goal of the Association to finally bring us together as alumni rather than just classmates from each senior year. It truly established the association as a viable, vibrant and effective organization.

In the rear salon, classmates were able to browse memorabilia and inspect many items up in the silent auction. Many wonderful items were donated to the silent auction including wine, paintings, glassware, candles, tapestries, autographed guitar by Willie Nelson, needle point and quilted items. Included were many donated items from celebrities to be auctioned off. The auction stayed open until 10PM when the winning bids were announced.

Meanwhile a mouthwatering buffet was served with a devastatingly rich assortment of desserts. The dinner menu included tossed greens with water chestnuts, bamboo shoots and sesame seeds and tortellini pasta filled with ricotta cheese along with a tomato basil salad. The entrees included beef tenderloin with cabernet sauce, inside round of beef, and seared chicken breasts in an herb sauce. Veggies included red skinned garlic mashed potatoes, asparagus and carrots. Desserts followed with an assortment of delectable and decadent pies, cakes and torts. Needless to say, everyone's palette and appetite was satisfied with such a wonderful meal.

A raffle and dancing followed until 2am and then many alumni made their way to the Presidential Suite until 4AM where they continued their visiting and fellowship.

What a night and if you missed it, you shouldn't have!! Many left the Gala wanting to have another next year which was not the time to ask the committee to do it again as it took so much planning and work to make the Gala the event of the year. Nevertheless, the next Gala is sure to be twice as successful as this one and you should make it a point to come and join in. Pictures from the Gala are available on the Alumni Website at www.justinfkimball.org. Check it out!

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#### Message Board participation is vital to all of us...Use it!

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#### New Board of Governors Elected to serve 2006-2008

A new Board of Governors was elected to serve from June 2006 until June 2008 and will be inducted in August, 2006 at its first meeting. Those selected to serve are:

#### Past President

Bill Britton	1970
Board Members 2006-2008	3
John Byers	1961
Karen Harris Caton	1971
Beverly Ashley Davis	1970
Susan Daniel Patten	1977
Deb Cox Southard	1986
Gayla Goolsby Mitchell	1970
Karla Stearn Smith	1981
Gail Reynolds Griggs	1972
Kay Isbon Hayden	1961
Jerry Malone	1963
Bonnie Pollock Roberds	1961
Ronny Paulk	1974
Ron Sills	1960
Kathy DeVault Toberny	1967
Jane Torrie	1969

#### Faculty Advisor

#### Rai Cole Malone

The initial meeting of the new board will be held on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 10AM at the Embassy Suites Board Room on Nortwest Highway. We are grateful for the service of these alumni who have volunteered their

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#### **Rat Pack holds July Brunch for All Classes**

The 1970 class holds a "Rat Pack" gathering at various restaurants throughout Dallas each month and has been so successful that it now attracts alumni from all classes. The July gathering was held at Cosmos Rouge in the Bishop Arts District at Bishop and Davis Ave and included classmates from 1960 to 1986. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful brunch with unlimited "mimosas", a wonderful drink of champagne and orange juice. The brunch began at eleven and many stayed until after one. The Rat Pack gathering has become one of the most lasting and popular monthly gatherings of the alumni and everyone who wishes to attend is invited to do so. Check the alumni calendar at the Association website (www.justinfkimball.org) for the next date and then email Gayla Mitchell at gayla@gayla7.com to include your name on the attending list. It's great fun and I guarantee if you come once, you won't miss any of them.



# 2006 Scholarships Awarded

This year's scholarships by the Alumni Association were awarded at the end of the year Awards Ceremony in the auditorium of Kimball. The recipients of this year's awards were Shatoria Hallman and Nathaniel Cottman. Shatoria will be attending Texas Southern University and Nathaniel has already enrolled at Dallas Baptist University. The Alumni Association is very proud of their academic achievements and wishes them well on their continued educational journey.

# **Association Forms Historical Committee**

Kimball has 45 years of history and accomplishments, not to mention being part of almost a half century of change in Oak Cliff and the DISD.

The Association has formed a Historical committee to record and archive the school's history and changes. The committee will include alumni from classes reflecting the gradual changes at Kimball.

There are now many memories contained in the message board to be consolidated. An email campaign will be formulated to record the memories of our alumni association members and compiled them into an official history of Kimball. If you served on the annual staff or newsletter, then your contribution could be enormous.

We will be collecting memorabilia from school activities, recorded events by picture or film, sports history, spotlights on alumni, senior gifts and many other historical events that have contributed to the accomplishments of Kimball and its student body.

If you would like to be part of the committee's work, please email <a href="mailto:rwsills@comcast.net">rwsills@comcast.net</a>. Give some thought to aiding us in this important work. Thanks for your help.



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



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## **In Memoriam**



"The slow but certain hand of time Has changed the young-remembered faces. The scintillating air of youth Is calmer now, and in its place Glows the quiet confidence of age ... Today those who now remain Are gathered together here To laugh and talk, and feel again The heartfelt closeness of yesteryear. Let us not feel remorse or dread. The years are good those passed and those ahead. So let us meet as often as we can Not for past memories so much But for the love and strength that builds within Each time our pathways touch." - M.J. Bryant

**Deborah Elaine Frias Malcik 1983** Nancy Lynn (Williams) Miller 1967 **Debra Crick Swaney 1971** Michael Lynn Crick 1974 **Bonnie Sue Gual Jacobson 1967** Gordon L Carol 1965 **Rusty Poston 1970 Richard Jones 1970 Teresa Lynn Skelton Beard 1970 Terry McDougald 1970** Phil Campbell 1970 Mike Hays 1967 Arthur Hunt 1967 Tim Choate 1973 Jamie Scales 1962 **Beverly Bell Spurlock 1967 Dennis Jones 1964 Bryan Jennings 1986 SheryIn Henslee Dodd 1963** Sandra Lou Hardin Davis 1965 Patricia Maude Brown McFadden 1960



"Did you know that your direct donations and to attend events of the Alumni Association are tax deductible?"

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# "Class Act Entertains at Gala"

Led by Margie Holman Horton, Class of 1961, the tap dance group "Class Act" entertained the alumni attending the Gala by performing 3 sets of choreographed dance routines. The group consists of women over 50 to 80 who donate their time entertaining various organizations and nursing homes. We were so happy to have them showcase their broadway talents at the Gala and thank Margie for her leadership in bringing them to us.





# **Gala Pics**







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## **Kimball Merchandise Now Available**

There is now a Kimball Storefront available for you to purchase Kimball merchandise and items from the Gala. The storefront features tshirts, sweatshirts, coffee mugs, notebooks, wall clocks, teddy bears and many other cool stuff. There are special tshirts for athletics, drill team, band, cheerleader, teacher, basketball, football, baseball and some available in various styles and sizes. The knight displayed on the merchandise was developed by Scott Byers, Class of 63, a professional graphic designer. Take a tour of the page at <a href="http://www.cafepress.com/kimballalumni">http://www.cafepress.com/kimballalumni</a> and help the Alumni Association by purchasing your favorites. There will be additional items added and subtracted from the page from time to time, so check often. They make nice gifts, too.



Athletics Tshirt

Cheerleader Jr. Spaghetti Strap

Basketball Ringer T

# Thanks to Scott Byers, 1963, for Gala Graphics

What a fantastic job Scott provided to the Gala Committee in developing the graphics for the storefront and the signature knight for the Gala. Scott's design is not only appreciated for his time and talent but for the incredibly professional work that went into the design. Take a look at the detail and you will know what I mean...!!!!



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

