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"Return to Camelot" Promises Medieval Adventure for Returning Alumni

(PRWEB) February 14, 2005 -- The Justin F Kimball Alumni Association, a Dallas based non-profit educational organization, is hosting a June 2006 Gala for all graduates of Kimball High School. The Gala Committee has selected a theme calling for all Knights of Kimball to "Return to Camelot".

This is the first gathering of all classes that have graduated from the Dallas high school. Kimball was established in 1958 and graduated its first class in 1960. Since then, over 24,000 students have passed through the halls of Kimball. The Alumni Association (www.justinfkimball.org) now consists of 45 years of alumni and the Gala is intended to bring them all together in a fundraiser for the school.

The Gala production is being staged by **Don Ross Nabb Productions** at the Studios of Las Colinas, a Dallas location where many film and television programs are produced. The Gala promises to transport the Alumni back to medieval times beginning with a moat at the entrance to the event and complete with knights in armor and wenches to

serve.

Over 1000 Kimball Knights are expected to "Return to Camelot" where the Kimball High School Marching Band and a musical program by former band members will treat them to a performance.

Michael Carroll, the executive chef of Don Ross Nabb Productions, has prepared the Bill of Fare menu and he has spared nothing in the extraordinary food selections. Featured are a carving station of roast beef round and a fully stuffed pig. Beef and chicken kabobs and smoked turkey legs round out the entrees. A separate area promises delectable desserts of bananas foster and assorted pastries.

The Gala website is located at www.kimballalumni-gala.org where all the details can be found. Early sign up is encouraged and tickets are provided for a charitable donation of \$75.00 per person. Under IRS tax rules, \$50.00 of the donation is deductible on your individual income taxes as a charitable

contribution. The deduction will save each person \$10.00 to \$20.00 per ticket using the deduction meaning that the true cost of attending the Gala is between \$50.00 and \$60.00.

This is no simple reunion format!

The committee, despite the grandeur of the Gala, has worked hard to make it affordable for all to attend, especially since it is over a year away.

We encourage everyone to sign up early to save on ticket prices but also to allow us to complete the financial requirements of the event.

Please don't wait until the last minute!

Take your tax deduction of \$50.00 in January, 2006 before the event to maximize your savings by making your donation for the event in 2005.

The Gala promises to be a magical evening in Camelot where Knights and Princesses gather at the Round Table to enjoy food, merriment and renew their friendships and loyalty to Kimball High School. Truly a superb event destined to be remembered!

"Return to Camelot" is not an event to be missed!



Board of Governors Define Major Goals

The Board of Governors in consultation with the Principal and Faculty has reviewed the student body experience and has agreed to assist in the areas listed below. The Association cannot fund all of the areas but can provide supplemental funds as they become available to them. There are, in the minds of the members of the Board, several crucial areas that represent history and tradition but are not currently in place at the school. Also, there are other areas that need attention. While every project cannot be accomplished at once, the alumni body can begin to add to the school's ability to once again begin to provide the programs that will enhance student life at Kimball. That's our way of "**Reaching Back to Reach Out!**"

Priority Projects

- **Yearbook:** There has not been a yearbook published since 1994 for the students because there is a lack of funding to get it done due to district budgets. This yearbook, as we all know, provides the recorded history of our classes and events. Most of us to this day still retain ours and it should be a necessary part of Kimball Life. Even the political process of electing class officers and favorites has gone by the wayside. Subsidizing a small portion of the cost will go a long way to make it affordable for every student.
- **Newspaper:** The Knight Life and the Yearbook are all items published by a journalism class. Providing these two publications are valuable tools that benefit the students long into the future. Sales, marketing, public relations, graphic design and many other areas are really skills that the publications provide and should be a priority. This school effort has provide many who are today in America's newspapers, magazines and television. It is an invaluable course and project.
- **Scholarship Program:** The scholarship program can be and is the most important contribution that can be made to change lives one at a time. The Board has initiated a modest scholarship program for one boy and one girl. The Principal and Faculty will assess and recommend those who should be considered each year based upon their academics, citizenship, leadership and most importantly, a financial need to continue their education. No other worthy contribution can be made by each of us in the Alumni Association than this program and we hope to expand it each year.
- **The Arts:** This year, David Curry, Class of 78, has compiled a slide show of all the senior play productions that were held at Kimball. Those productions were professional because we had the funds for scripts, props, lighting and other tools to put on a first class production. Currently, the school has in place a one-act play in the fall and the senior play is a production lacking support for the areas to make it a great production. All of us know, the arts programs at high schools are rapidly disappearing because of budget priorities and they are a vital part of an education and should not be lacking.
- **Student Life:** The Sweetheart Dance is no more and should be reinstated. Currently, the school sponsors only two events. The Homecoming Dance usually held in the Gym, and the Senior Prom, which is low budget. The Military Ball is funded by the military and is taken care of but the Association can support the other important social gatherings for the students.
- **Athletic Department:** Coach Jordan and his coaching staff has many needs between which is the proper tools to train and prepare the athletes for competition. As we all are aware, competing in today's athletic world requires a great deal. Chief among being prepared is to review game films past and of future competitors. Coach Jordan and his staff are to be congratulated for keeping the Knights in the Regional playoffs but he still needs proper camera equipment and other items to prepare the team.

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



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Next on the athletic list, is that aside from the football program and often overlooked when funding is necessary are the other athletic programs. Boy's and Girl Basketball teams travel to many tournaments and some have to be overlooked because transportation cannot be afforded. It is true for track and swimming. Band and Orchestra members have needs too. It for Cheerleading contests and training.

- **Academics:** Students now are required to take the TAAS test in order to graduate and it is required to be taken by Juniors but not by Sophomores (which is optional). Even though test scores are rising, there is a need to provide an incentive for Sophomores to take the test in order to provide an early shot at passing the test and if not, then allowing them an extra opportunity to pass it in their Junior year. Any request to take tests requires incentives! Even small incentives can be the trigger to accomplish this. Movie and skating tickets, Six Flag and sport tickets are some ways to push the students to enroll in the early program.

At the end of the day student life can be improved with our assistance. We certainly cannot take the place of the DISD's responsibility to provide proper funding for the school but that is NOT OUR PURPOSE in assisting the school and student body. It is about helping when help is needed and giving back to that from which we have received. It is easy to walk away and ignore something far back in our memory but that position only leads to the destruction and elimination of institutions that bolster our lives and the future world our grandchildren will live in. So the Alumni Association calls each of us to noble service by supporting the Alumni Association and the goals set forth by the Board of Governors.

The 2006 Gala is happy to be the lead event in beginning the process of achieving those goals and thank each and every one of you for your support and attendance.

“Reaching Out is all about Reaching Back to Give Back”

Class Listings Expand to Include All Graduated from 1960-2004

A massive effort is now concluded to include the names of every graduate of Justin F Kimball High School since its first class in 1960. Over 24,000 graduates have passed through the halls of the school and are now included in the Alumni Association database. Online registration is now available for everyone and they are encouraged to seek their name in the classmate directory and complete their contact information and profile. This was no easy project and many are to be thanked for their efforts of entering the names, scanning the yearbooks and other tasks in order to get it done. A special thank you to **Wendy Rucker Moore (83)** for heading up the data entry and **John Byers (61)** our wonderful Webmaster, for the many hours of uploading to the website!



In The Halls

DeMarcus Grainger (05) was named the best defensive lineman and signs a commitment letter to play football at the University of Oklahoma. Congratulations, DeMarcus..Well done!

Becky A. Little Magee (65) has signed up to attend the Gala and has the distinct honor of being the one traveling the greatest distance to be with her classmates. Becky is currently living in Paris, France and is looking forward to seeing her other family members who graduated from Kimball and those of the 1965 class.

Dennis Bowman, the son of Carol Crick Bowman (61) has a professional photography studio and has agreed to provide the pictures of the Gala and the Alumni. He will set up in the Atrium area for the entire evening.

Class of 75 to hold 30th in 2005.

All members of the class of 75 are encouraged to get involved and to attend the upcoming 35th reunion. Details are being worked out and will be posted in the Reunion Forum on the message board at <http://p217.ezboard.com/fjustinkimballalumniboardfrm8>.

You may contact Patricia Inez Carey (inezcarey@yahoo.com) or Carol Shipp Jacobs carol@theinteriorsource.com to help or register. They need to locate lost classmates and ask for your assistance.

Around The Realm

Dr George Woodrow to address Alumni at Gala

Many of us have been away from the halls of Kimball for many years and much has changed about student life in the DISD.

Dr. Woodrow will provide us insight into life at Kimball and speak to the importance of the Alumni Association to the student body.

Dr. Woodrow, a committed and involved principal, has a deep commitment to the students of Kimball. His faculty and staff have as their first priority the well being of all of the student body and seek to make every day a contributing factor in their education and social life.

We look forward to him speaking at the Gala.

Knight Band to Perform at 2006 Gala

The Kimball Knight Marching Band will be present and perform at the 2006 Gala. It will elicit a lot of nostalgia for many who have not experienced the hair-raising sound of the band.

Do you recall the thrill as they hit those first notes and begin their routines? It will be grand to hear them entertain us at the Gala. Do you remember the alma mater? Better bone up!

Steve Cumming (74) is locating former band directors to conduct a program performed by former band members. It is hoped that the Knight Beats will return also.

Steve is working diligently to organize the former band members and will be rehearsing the day of the event. If you would like to join the fun as a former band member, contact Steve at esc2003@sbcglobal.net

“Membership and involvement go hand in hand?”



*“Are You Involved?”
Success comes from
Teamwork!*

Items Needed For Silent Auction at Gala

Donate an item or service to the Gala and receive a *tax deduction!

The Silent Auction at the Gala will be one of the exciting events at the Gala. Business owners and individuals are donating wonderful items that we will auction off to the highest bidder the night of the Gala. The proceeds of the auction will go to fund the projects and programs approved by the Board of Governors that benefit Justin F Kimball High School, its student body, faculty and alumni.

Generally, any item you wish to donate can be auctioned. Categories are listed below but some donations have come from creative individuals. For instance, a real estate developer might auction off the ability to name a street in a new addition in honor of someone or a chef could offer to provide a romantic dinner at someone's home. We, of course welcome your items and ideas for without them the funding for the goals of the Association will not be met. So please, do what you can and support us in our efforts. It will be a fun event that is sure to draw a lot of interest and will accomplish a great deal. Come prepared to browse all the items and make a bid....it may be the winning bid at the end of the night!

We have needs in all of the categories! Will you help by considering a donation?

Transportation

New Auto, Truck or SUV
Four Wheelers
Motorcycles and Dirt
Bikes

Trips and Cruises

Airline Tickets
Hotel Stays
Cruises and Tours
Whitewater Trips
Excursions
Spa and Resort Visits
Golf Vacations
Theme Park Visits
Vacation Trips

Electronics

Desktop Computers
Laptop Computers
Printers
Software
iPods
Televisions
Musical Instruments
Autographed Guitars
Stereo Systems
Headphones
Cell Phones

Jewelry

Rings
Necklaces
Earrings
Watches
Gift Certificates
Discount Coupons

Hobbies, Crafts and

Memorabilia

Autographed items
Painting & Art Sunlies

Sports

Swimming Pools
Golf Vacations
Golf Clubs & Apparel
Pro Golf Lessons and
Camps
Tennis Equipment &
Apparel
Gift Certificates and
Discount Coupons
Game Tickets (Rangers,
Mav's, Cowboys, etc)
Autographed items
Ski Trips and Vacations
Ski Equipment and

Apparel

Diving Trips and
Equipment
Bicycles
Exercise Equipment
Gym and Workout
Memberships
Spa and Massages

Arts

Theatre Tickets
Paintings
Theatre Production Tickets
Music CD's
Movie DVD's
Gift Certificates
Discount Coupons
Craft Items
Paintings
Lithographs
Autographed items
Theme Park Tickets
Concert Tickets

Food & Beverage

Restaurant Dinners
Discount Coupons
Gift Certificates
Select Wines
Specialty Food

Baskets

Grocery Sprees

Specialty Items

Office Supplies
Gift Certificates
Wedding Dresses
Executive Gifts
Pottery
Patio Furniture
Lawn Equipment
Auto Services
Craft Items
Home Services
Florist Gift Certificates
Landscape Designing
Outdoor Lighting
Authentic Antiques
Autograph Items

Professional Services

Lawn Care
Landscaping
Auto Care
Carpet Cleaning
Legal Services
Accounting Services
Financial Planning
Veterinary Care
Party Planner Services
Photography Gifts
Wedding Planning
Services
Artist Painting

Lost Alumni Campaign Gets Underway

Locating lost alumni will take everyone participating!

Finally, a serious effort will be made this year to take the lost lists of each class and use the internet, phone and public data to locate our lost alumni or to discover that they have left this earth.

This campaign will be constantly before all alumni this year, as it will take each one of us to find and bring them home.

Finding the lost alumni:

First, check your class lost list and discover who is missing. Then forward any information to webmaster@justin kimball.org so that we can follow up and verify.

Secondly, if each of us would use the Internet for one hour a week looking up the lost alumni, it would help a great deal. Using the Internet white pages or search engines like Google, Yahoo, Anywho are the best places to start. Also, you can enter "Kimball High" or "Justin F Kimball" into the search engines and anyone on the Internet who has reference to the school on a page will be shown.

Thirdly, can provide a clue as to where to start? Maybe make a call to parents who still live in the same location. Call another classmate who was friends with a lost classmate and ask them if they are still in touch.

Fourthly, in the case of female graduates, do you know of their married name?

And, finally, if you are a Gold member of Classmates.com, you can send up to 50 emails a day to alumni who are not registered or lost to the Association.

Building our database of registered alumni is crucial to future successes of class reunions and to know if any of our classmates have passed away. Please be vigilant in helping us complete this work.

March To Do List

- **Register or update your contact information at the Alumni Association**
www.justin kimball.org
- **Sign Up Early and Donate the Price of the Ticket at the Gala Site**
www.kimballalumni-gala.org
- **Contact 3 classmates to join you at the Gala.**
- **Help find a lost classmate by searching the internet, contacting a parent or friend**
- **Email webmaster@justin kimball.org regarding any clue to a lost alumni or a classmate who has passed away.**
- **Donate an item for the Silent Auction by emailing**
committee@kimballalumni-gala.org

1995 Reunion Set for June 10th-June 12th – Be there!

For those of you who haven't heard, the Kimball Class of 1995 10 Year Class Reunion will be held June 10-12, 2005 in Dallas, TX. Additional information will be made available online soon - so be on the look out for "reunion updates"!

We are continuously making efforts to locate as many classmates as possible, so don't forget to visit the classmates "lost and found" link. Click on the "registration link" to submit your current phone and mailing address so that your information can be added to our class database. You can also send this information via email to:

kimball_1995@hotmail.com This website has been developed to provide up-to-the-minute information for YOU! All comments, suggestions and/or feedback on how this site can be of use to you are welcomed and greatly appreciated! We look forward to hearing from you. If there are news/events you'd like to share with your classmates, please send a message to kimball_1995@hotmail.com. Continue to check back frequently.

Visit the '95 site at http://www.freewebs.com/kimball_1995/

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

