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Alumni Association Names 2005 Scholarship Award Winners

The Board of Governors voted two scholarships last year to be awarded to one young man and the other to a young woman. The criteria established by the board was excellent citizenship, academic excellence and a desire to continue their education beyond the halls of Kimball.

"This is a significant and first step for the Alumni Association and our effort to begin impacting young lives and their education," said **Bill Britton (70)**, president of the Board of Governors. Many alumni attended the ceremony in support of the recipients

Bill presented the 2005 scholarships to **Thessalonius Edwards and Ronald Willis**. Each winners was awarded \$500.00 and a Certificate of Award. Thessalonius will be attending the University of Texas at Austin and Ronald will go to College Station with Texas A&M. We congratulate Thessalonius and Ronald and wish them well on their continued educational journey.



Ronald Willis & Thessalonius Edwards



Proud Parents and Family



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Rai Cole Malone Named Liaison to Association

Dr. George Woodrow, Principal of Justin F. Kimball appointed Rai Cole Malone, Student Activity Director, to be the liaison between the school and the Association. Rai has been at Kimball for 30 years and is a devoted faculty member and friend to all students. She will be the faculty member of the Board of Governors and brings an important aspect to the Association.

Rai coordinates all communication, requests and proposals and provides insight into the activities within the school to the Association. She works closely with Dr. Woodrow to accept requests for assistance from the faculty and student body and confers with the Board of Governors to determine the capacity of helping out. We welcome Rai's assistance and participation in the Association and look forward to our partnership.



Rai Cole Malone **Student Activity Director**

Construction of Alumni Courtyard Under Consideration

Kimball will be undergoing extensive renovation this summer as a result of a bond program approved by the DISD. The construction will probably extend into the fall and during this time, the association has asked for permission to construct a brick alumni wall, pathway or courtyard.

The construction of the site will be part of a brick donation drive where each alumni will be able to donate an individual brick inscribed with their name and graduating class. The bricks will be laser engraved and the name set and sealed to protect the finish.

Many schools construct these additions to the alma mater through a brick program which are highly successful and the Association feels the program will be a wonderful addition to Kimball.

Details of the program and construction sketches will be advanced later this year.

"Long tolls the bell of school days in the hearts of those who remember the sweetness of their youth"



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for June 10th-12th.



Class Reunions Topping 2005 Activity!

Class reunions are popping up everywhere this summer and fall. Classes of 1965, 1970-71, 1985 and 1995 all have set their dates while 1966 is planning for next year. If you are a member of those classes, time is a wasting and you need to contact the reunion committee and join the fun. You will find links to each of the classes at http://www.kimballalumni-gala.org/news.html. Below is the information published as of this date.

The Class of 1965 is in the process or organizing a 40th reunion in 2005. To help contact **Charles Wilmut**. The Event is scheduled to be held July 23, 2005 at the Hackberry Creek Country Club in Irving, Texas, There will also be a golf tournament on Friday, July 22nd at Tangleridge Golf Club. You may email the reunion committee at **mailto:kimball@gsw-inc.com**. Time is running out and you don't want to miss out on your reunion. Act quickly to register and to purchase your tickets.

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

The Class of 1995's reunion is getting close and if you are a member you need to sign up to purchase your tickets **quickly**. Go to http://www.freewebs.com/kimball 1995/index.html to do so. The Event is scheduled

Classes of 1970-1971 are holding a joint reunion on October 21-23, 2005. The event is to be held at the Embassy Suites, 3880 West Northwest Highway, Dallas, TX 75220. Go to the 70's website http://www.kimballclassof70.org/ at for details.



The Class of 1966 is in the process or organizing a 40th reunion in 2006. To help or to update your information for the reunion committee contact **Bob McComas** or **Michael Gaddy**. We will post details of the reunion as they are known to us.

All members of the class of 1975 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/fjustinfkimballalumniboardfrm8.

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.

Citizenship Awards Presented to Students

The Hackberry Creek Country Club was the site of the 2005 Kimball Citizenship Awards and at the luncheon **Ron Sills** presented two engraved wristwatches to the outstanding students who displayed excellent citizenship. The watches were inscribed "Justin F. Kimball, 2005" and given to this year's winners, **Philmore Peterson** and **Monique Peterson**.

Graduation Ceremony set for Class of 2005

The 2005 graduating class this year numbers 299 and the seniors are in the midst of enjoying their senior activities leading up to the big day! They will soon become members of the Alumni Association and we welcome their addition to the Association.

Baccalaureate services are being held in the school auditorium on Saturday, May 14th at 10:00 AM. Graduation Ceremonies will be held at the Convention Center on Saturday, May 21st at 10:00AM

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

Board of Governor Elections to be held at the 2006 Gala

Election of new members of the Board of Governors for the 2007-2011 terms will be conducted at the Kimball Alumni Gala. Ballots will be prepared prior to the event and results will be announced shortly thereafter.

The candidates will be chosen from those names submitted to the Board and indicating a strong desire for leadership and proactive involvement in moving the Association forward.

This is the first election held for our association and the elected candidates will serve staggered 2 year terms. Officers consist of President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer and a membership board to be determined prior to the balloting.

Being a member of the Board is serious business and requires commitment of time and to the goals and future of the Alumni Association. We have been fortunate to have dedicated members who have led us to this point and now we are looking for class representatives to pick up the torch and lead us for 4 more years.

If you are an interested candidate or would like to nominate someone, please email **webmaster@justinfkimball.org** and include complete contact information on how to reach.





Remember?

Want to jog a memory? Send yours to rwsills@comcast.net.

- Drag Races
- Juicy Hamburgers
- Cherry Cokes
- Cruisin'
- Annual Signing
- Senior Rings
- Touch Football
- Car Waxing
- Irving & Harrigan
- Elvis & The Beatles
- Bronco Bowl
- Miss Flame
- Drive In Movies
- The Fight Song
- Plate Lunches
- Bank Savings Plans
- Tryouts
- Downtown Movies
- Talking on a real phone

David Curry Scripting Musical Revue

A Kimball Musical Reunion is in the planning stages by **David Curry (78)**. It will be a retrospective of musicals done between 1972 and 1978 when musicals at Kimball were closely akin to Broadway production. It was a period of time when Kimball outshined all high school productions and achieved competitive awards and kudos from many outstanding organizations, including the Dallas Summer Musicals. **Dick Bryan** left David all of the slides and Quadraphonic (remember "Quad"?!!) reel to reel tapes, which David has kept safe and secure all these years.

Once scripted the production will be scheduled for presentation at Kimball to benefit the Fine Arts Department headed by **Michelle Coleman**. The proceeds will be used for improving the capacity for producing and reinstituting the senior play and hopefully, the Sweetheart Dance. It will also help with the One Act play produced in the fall of each year. Look for the details soon.

Ron Chapman of KLIF, KVIL and KLUV announces Retirement

For people in D/FW, there's almost never been a time when **Ron Chapman** was NOT on the air. From <u>KLIF 1190 (as Irving Harrigan)</u> in the late 50's and early 60's... to WFAA TV Channel 8's "Sump'N Else" Show in the mid sixties...to his unprecedented run of 32 years on KVIL ...he began the 2000's with an entirely new success story on 98.7 KLUV. Statistics have shown Ron to be "The Most Listened to Morning Radio Personality in the History of the Southwest." Known early as Irving Harrigan of the "Irving and Harrigan Show", he is Dallas' answer to Dick Clark. We wish Ron well in his retirement.



As Irving Harrigan



Ron with Ebby Halliday

"Are You Involved?"
Success comes from
Teamwork!

Gala Planning in High Gear!

The Gala committee is running at warp speed in planning the Gala and the results should be spectacular. Announcements will be mailed soon but much progress has to be made in locating lost alumni and spreading the word to get everyone in sight registered at www.justinfkimball.org.

Added to the event is a live web broadcast for those not able to attend. KKHS Radio will host the web cast with a DJ providing music, interviews of those attending and accepting requests via email. It is the way to reach out to our alumni that cannot attend and allow them to feel a part of the celebration.

Registrations with the Alumni Association are climbing every month and in June will be adding the 2005 graduating class. Over 19,000 graduates have left the halls of Kimball but are now gathered at the Alumni Association.

Have you checked out the sumptuous dinner menu for the Gala? The spread is mouth watering and you could not order a more luscious dinner at the best restaurants. Check it out by clicking the link on the Gala website at http://www.kimballalumni-gala.org/BillofFare.html.

Photography for the event will be provided by **Dennis Bowman** (87) at the event to capture your personal moment. Dennis will also do group photos of band members, troubadears, majorettes, athletes, cheerleaders, ROTC/NDCC and other groups for the Association. Pick out your friends from the annual staff, latin club, drama club or detention hall and have your group picture taken.

Our very special thanks to Ron and Cyndi (Pinto) Livingston (1970) of CORNERSTONE PRESS for generously donating our printing needs for the Gala. Ron is a graduate of Lake Highlands High School and holds a Masters Degree in Print Production and Cyndi is a 1970 Knight and an East Texas State University alumni, holding a teaching certificate. Ron worked for 10 years at Taylor Publishing and in 1985, established Cornerstone and they provide business and commercial printing for many Mesquite businesses and non profit organizations.

Ron and Cyndi have been married for 32 years and work together in building their already successful business. They have two grown children, Robert and Debbi and four grandchildren. Ron is a very active member of a gospel quartet, "His Call" and performs at many churches and events. Cyndi is one of three children who graduated from Kimball. Her brother, **David Pinto** graduated in 1969 and her sister, **Barbara Pinto Lee** graduated in 1974 (Barbara married another Knight, **Jimmy Lee** from the 1969 class).

We are so grateful for their generosity and we encourage all Knights who have printing needs to favor Ron and Cindy with their business.

This will be the event of the year and every detail is meticulously being planned by the committee. Be sure and thank your class representative because the committee has spent the last 8 months working hard and still have 12 more months of work to go. What a volunteer group and they deserve our thanks!!

Don't Miss the Gala...Make Your Donation to Attend Today... http://www.kimballalumni-gala.org/

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@justinfkimball.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.

June To Do List

- Register or update your contact information at the Alumni Association www.justinfkimball.org
- Sign Up Early and Donate the Price of your admission 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 <u>webmaster@justinfkimball.org</u> 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

Dr. Michael Hinojosa Named DISD Superintendent



Dr. Michael Hinojosa was named general superintendent of the Dallas Independent School District April 28, 2005, by a unanimous vote of the DISD Board of Trustees. His selection brings him full circle to the school district he attended as a student and where he began his career as a teacher.

Dr. Hinojosa has served in Texas public education for almost 26 years, first as a teacher and coach at L. V. Stockard Middle School and Adamson High School, and most recently as superintendent of the Spring Independent School District in Houston. Now, he leads the 12th largest school district in the nation with a student population of 158,000.

From 1997 to 2002, Dr. Hinojosa was at the helm of the Hays Consolidated School District south of Austin, and earlier served as executive director of the Region 19 Education Service Center. In 1994, he was named superintendent of Fabens Independent School District near El Paso. During his nearly seven-year tenure with the Grand Prairie Independent School District, Dr. Hinojosa's career took him from campus administrator to associate superintendent for personnel and instruction.

Among the many honors he has received, being named Texas Superintendent of the Year by the Texas Association of School Boards in 2002 ranks among Dr. Hinojosa's top accomplishments. He is the president of the Texas Association of School Administrators and the recipient of the 2003 Golden Deeds Awards from the Texas Association of Mid-Size Schools.

With a firm belief that education and not environment is the key to a student's future success, Dr. Hinojosa has served on various legislative committees on issues relating to public education. He also has participated in numerous state and national leadership development programs.

Dr. Hinojosa received a bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University. He earned his master's degree at the University of North Texas, and received his doctorate from the University of Texas at Austin. He and his wife Kitty have two sons who will attend DISD schools. His oldest son, Alex, is a graduate of Texas Tech, and lives in Orlando, Florida.

TOP PRIORITIES

- Improve student achievement
- Ensure safety of all students
- Nurture, encourage and train teachers
- Act fiscally responsible
- Improve facilities to create the best learning environment

"Congratulations Dr. Hinojosa and Welcome Home!"

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

