

THE SHIPMATE

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The picnic was June 30th and we had a wonderful time. Plenty of food and good attendance! The weather was perfect so Rudy and Alice had the tables and chairs set up outside. They have such a lovely place for the picnic at Merrimac Point. Thanks, Rudy and Alice for having us. Hope we will be invited back next year!

Gwen Riffle Clements, Class of '49, attended. She and Beverly Kayton Byrd had been vacationing at the Outer Banks. Gwen lives in New Canton, OH. They both had gorgeous tans. It was great to see her. She had four daughters.

Reunion plans are in full swing and the committee is so busy trying to make this a real celebration. After all, its really something to celebrate a 60th Reunion!

Please complete the registration form enclosed, and return it, along with your check, to June Dickerson as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing you on October 15th.

A.P.H.S. had a reunion July, 23 at Elizabeth Manor Golf & Country Club. Remember Alexander Park High School? They only had five graduating classes, 1942 through 1947. It was so good to see all those attending and renew old friendships. Dr. and Mrs. M. E. Alford were there. They look absolutely wonderful. Many of us had Mrs. Alford for typing. May we all age so well!

News from Classmates

Ruth Buck, Portsmouth, wrote about her recent trip to San Diego. She absolutely loved the area and enjoyed sightseeing, great food, even experienced an earthquake. Notice I put Portsmouth as city of residence. Ruth is so hard to keep up with you never know where she is. I think she lives out of the trunk of her car.

Mary Crow, Gresham, OR, wrote "So sorry I'm really late again in sending dues. Thanks anyway for continuing to send the newsletters. I so enjoy them. I love the pictures. Would love to see memorial pictures of all who have died. The pictures of Barbara Watkins were so beautiful, as she was such a beautiful lady.

The Northwest is getting more than its share of rain late - oh well, everything is nice and green. Love to all."

Barbara Fagg Eberts, Collinsville, IL, wrote "Can't remember when I last wrote or sent dues. To catch up on my family, I am always ready to write. My husband passed away November '05. We would have been married 55 years in '06. We had four children (2 of each) and there are nine grandchildren and seven greats.

My son, his family and I went to Scotland to see one of his daughters marry. My other son and I traveled to South Carolina for his daughter's wedding. Lovely area south of Myrtle Beach called Debordieu Colony

(Georgetown). My brother, Lester, is still in Texas. He had quite a bit of damage from Hurricane Ike when it hit Surfside Beach.

My sister, Shirley, is living in the same town as I do. Shirley and I are both nine year cancer survivors. Lucky us! However, all three of us are doing well in the 76-80 range. Just a few problems with aging, etc.

None of us will attend the reunion this year. I would love to come, however, my two daughters think I will fall off the face of the earth if they don't have hold of me.

Thanks to everyone for their part in the Shipmate. I love it."

Joyce Whitehurst Cooke, Houston, TX, wrote sending a check for dues and thanking everyone for all for the news in the February issue with the pictures of the Class of '49.

"I have not been back to Cradock in several years. Its a long trip from Houston. Does anyone hear from Nora Euton?"

My husband, David, and I have lived in Houston since 1974. Houston is a nice city. I've adjusted to the hot humid summers. Our son and his family live in the Dallas area and our daughter lives here."

Carolee Crews, Chesapeake, writes:

Dear Friends and Classmates,

"Thank you for the expressions of love and concern during Dickie's illness and homecoming."

Charles "Dickie" Richard Crews, Sr., Class of '50 passed away March, 28, 2010.

Cradock Admirals Retired, Classes of 49, 50 and 51 sent a check in the amount of \$500 to C.H.K.D.

We received a very nice thank you letter explaining what work they do.

Reunion: October 15, 2010

Please return the registration form with check by September 1st. Also, note on the form if you would be interested in an album with pictures plus candid shots. The photographer said we need to order at least 50 pictorials but he will work with us on quantity. You may charge this with a major credit card, but we need to know if you would be interested in ordering one in order to reserve him for that evening.

Fish Fry has been scheduled for October 23rd at 4:00 p.m. at the Cahoons, 409 Harper's Court, Chesapeake. Please bring a covered dish and a chair. You should get a reminder call.

Gerry Cole Byrum, Class of '50, has moved in to her new house. Remember, I wrote about her house fire in December of '09. Now she is busy shopping to replace everything.

Irma DeLauri and son, Pat, are doing much better. They would like to thank all of you for the prayers, cards and phone calls. Your remembrances really lifted their spirits. Please continue to remember them as they recover.