

**10th Annual Drummer/ GCHS Greyhound Festival!!!!**

**Milestones to celebrate in 2017:**

75 yrs. - Drummer '42

70 yrs - Drummer '47

65 yrs. - Drummer /GCHS '52

60 yrs - GCHS Class of '57

55 yrs. - GCHS Class of '62

70th Birthday - GCHS Class of '65

50 yrs. - GCHS Class of '67

65th Birthday - GCHS Class of '70

45 yrs. - GCHS Class of '72

40 yrs. - GCHS Class of '77

35 yrs - GCHS Class of '82

30 yrs. - GCHS Class of '87

25 yrs. - GCHS Class of '92

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Let us know of your Reunion plans and we will post the information in future issues. Thank you !!!

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Want to find a classmate or friend? Check out Facebook or [classmates.com](http://classmates.com) or contact Carla.

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*Happy Birthday / Happy Anniversary*

*to those celebrating in*

*DECEMBER / JANUARY*

Snip-Its - - - - - (from the editor)

December is now over (as of this printing). Gibson had a bit of snow, but no white Christmas or New Year. We did have a weekend of ice that saw quite a number of people slipping and falling. Although there have been clouds in the sky daily, all we have experienced is fog, drizzle, some rain (a big difference from last year). I want to wish each of you the very best in 2017 !!!

The Presidential Inauguration will be January 20th with President-elect Donald Trump becoming the 45th President.

What a ride the past months have been, following the Primaries, the election and the follow up activities !!! No matter what political affiliation you are involved with, I trust you will join in wishing him the best during his upcoming term. It will be interesting and I do pray that he will be guided in his actions to 'Make America Great Again !' It is a concerning time right now, not like anything I remember. I am greatly concerned about the violent actions being taken against, not only our Military, but our Police forces, when they are only trying to do their job to protect us. God Bless them all !

2017.....the New Year ! Although January 1st is only a day on the calendar, to many people it does signify a 'new beginning'... a day to reflect briefly on the past year and hopefully make the decision to make 2017 even better for you and everyone around you. It begins with YOU !

Do you have any special thoughts and/goals for the New Year ??? I would love to hear about them.

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Announcements concerning our 10th Greyhound Festival will be forthcoming. John and I are putting our heads together to make this milestone Festival really special for you. Thank you in advance for all your support thru the years. We are looking forward to seeing you in July !!!

**EDITORS NOTE**

PLEASE FORGIVE THE EDITOR FOR ANY EXCLUSIONS OF NEWS DURING THE PAST YEAR. I AM HOPING TO IMPROVE ON MY REPORTING IN THE

**Moyer Library has Discs for Sale-**

(compiled by Mike Upton '63)

- 1.) Gibson High School Yearbooks 1913-2010 - \$10.00 each
- 2.) Gibson High School Yearbooks 1913-2014 - \$20.00 each
- 3.) Postcards of Gibson City 1871-2002 - \$20.00 add \$2.00 for postage.

Send order and payment to:

Moyer District Library

Atten: Sharon Heavilin

618 S Sangamon, Gibson City, IL 60936

**Last call for Greyhound Sweatshirts !!!**

Pricing for sweatshirts is

Large - 25.00, XLarge - \$27.00,

2XLarge - \$29.00, 3XLarge - \$31.00.

Add \$7.50 for shipping and handling.

Please let me know ASAP so I can put an order together.

Please notify me via email (or Facebook) by Jan 15th. Thank you.

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We in Gibson are sad to see 3 businesses close in December: The Railside Golf Course and Clubhouse, the Pizza Hut on South Sangamon and Gibson Meats and Deli (across from City Hall).

## Thoughts and Prayers to the families of :

May God grant you strength and peace during these difficult days.

**Joan Marie (Fry '54) Franz** - Arizona, ....October 1, 2016. Survivors include sons Donald and Thomas, brothers Maurice '49 and Lamoine '55. Joan was a flight attendant for United Airlines for many years.

**William Pierce '54-** Westbrook, IL. October 28, 2016. Survivors include children Gragg, Dianne and Heather, several step-children, and many grandchildren. Bill was a popular pianist in the Chicago nightclub scene for 50 plus years, as well as entertaining his classmates when he returned to Gibson for reunions.

**Shirley E (Shilts '53) Fairley-** Gibson City - December 1, 2016. Survivors include husband Alvin Fairley; daughters Janet '74 Hobbs and Karen '80 Rubenacker, son David '77, sister Twyla (Shilts '63) Schlickman and families.

**Beverly Steele** - Gibson City- December 11, 2016. Survivors include husband Darrel '58 Steele, son James, step-daughters Joan and Janet, brothers Duane Stroh and Gary (Becky) Stroh and sister Sandra.

**Vernon Roesch** - Gibson City - December 19, 2016. Survivors include wife Jessie (Donner '41) Roesch, children Patricia '64 (Mike) Martin, John '66 Roesch, Doug '72 (Kara) Roesch, 4 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

**Sheryl (McNutt) Steinlicht** -Gibson City - December 22, 2016. Survivors include daughter Sheila '87 (Jeff) Zellers, sons Michael '91 (Tia), Joshua '92 (Kandice), 9 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and 4 brothers.

**Donald Swanstrom '50** - Gibson City. December 22, 2016. survivors include wife Beverly, daughters Mary Beth '83 (Jack) Shoffstall , Gail '90 (Brian) Payne, 2 grandchildren and sister Cheri '44 Hering. Don was an Army veteran of the Korean Conflict.

**Michelle Lynn Shafer** - Mount Vernon, IL. - December 26, 2016. Survivors include mother Dee (Phifer) Hercules, brothers Christopher and Stephen, many nieces and nephews and nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

**James Rubenacker** -Gibson City - December 26, 2016. Survivors include wife Karen (Fairley '80), 2 daughters, 2 step-children and 2 brothers.

### 10th Greyhound Festival

Saturday, July 15, 2017  
(Annually 3rd Saturday of July)

If you want anything special reported, please email me at the address listed at the bottom of this page. It is my hope to bring you more information that you want to hear about. I don't want to become known as a 'gossip'. However, in keeping in touch with the 'hounds, I would like to include news tidbits about YOU ! (And I DO appreciate you notifying me of errors in the newsy ! It tells me that you are reading it !) Thank you !!! Happy New Year !!! Keep Smilin' !

#### 6 Things Mentally Strong People Do -

- 1.) They move on. they don't waste time feeling sorry for themselves.
- 2.) They embrace change. They welcome challenges.
- 3.) They stay happy. They don't waste energy on things they can't control.
- 4.) They are kind, fair and unafraid to speak up.
- 5.) They are willing to take calculated risks.
- 6.) They celebrate other people's success. They don't resent that

#### Always say a Prayer (ASAP)

for all of our classmates who are facing health issues  
(listed here or not)

Arlene (Jordan '51) Jacobs, Betty '53 Moser, Marvin Kumler '58,  
Nancy (Conover '58) List, MaryLou (Sarver '59) Deason, Ron Davis '60,  
Bill Middleton '63, Bill Dueringer '64, Pam (Tomblin '68) Brown,  
MaryAnn (Walter '69) Swanson Smith

Editors Note : Let me know if there is anyone you want added to this list.  
In order to preserve privacy, only those names are printed that have given  
me permission to do so.

#### M & W Revisited

compiled monthly and posted on our website for your viewing.

[www.greyhoundfestival.com](http://www.greyhoundfestival.com)

Send any news to Carla at [cmoxley47@mediacombb.net](mailto:cmoxley47@mediacombb.net)