

2019 Milestones to celebrate

Congratulations to the below listed classes as they celebrate their milestone this year !!! 75 yrs . Drummer '44

70 yrs - Drummer '49

65 yrs. - GCHS '54 -to be announced

60 yrs - GCMS '59 - **Mary (Kelley) Holsten, John Swanson**

55 yrs. - GCHS '64 - **Committee**

Get together - GCHS '65

50 yrs. - GCHS '69 -**Steve Parsons**

45 yrs. - GCHS '74 -to be announced

40 yrs. - GCHS '79 -**Sandra Day**

35 yrs - GCHS '84- to be announced

30 yrs. - GCHS '89 -to be announced

Let us know what your reunion plans are and we will be glad to post in the coming issues.

NOTE - I recently was asked to extend attendance to the Festival to Class of '94. Of course, they are invited, as are any Attendee to GCHS as Greyhounds. Please pass the word on., as I currently have no contact information.

July

Happy Birthday...Happy Anniversary

Festival Highlights

The week prior to the Festival saw Greyhounds from across the country traveling home to see classmates, remember their school days at GCHS and catch up on life. Reunions were held Friday and even Saturday prior to the Festival. Although the temps were on the high side, that didn't prevent the visiting and fun time. The class of '69 celebrated its 50th reunion in grand style and had nearly 30 members plus guests attend from Alabama, Arizona, Texas, Georgia, Tennessee, Maryland, as well as local. A grand tie was had.

The class of '64 also celebrated at festival with at least 15 attending, local as well as traveling from Indiana and Florida. The class of '59 celebrated this 60th reunion with at least 10 plus guests attending, some traveling from Washington, Arizona, Georgia, Texas, Minnesota. Class of '63 was represented by 10 members plus guests. Class of '65 was well represented by 12 members plus guests, some traveling from Wisconsin, Alabama, Arizona, North and South Carolina. Class of '68 had 9 members plus guests attend with 1 traveling from Missouri. Coach Bill Mitze and teacher Carol Hutchcraft joined us for the day. All in all, 25 classes were represented at this event.

M & W Revisited

Compiled monthly and posted on our website for your viewing. www.greyhoundfestival.com

NOTE— -New address >>>>>>**Send any news to Carla at 47cmoxley@gmail.com**

More Festival Highlights

The Kruse Center was the place to be on Saturday July 20th. During the event and while everyone was there enjoying the day, it became extremely HOT. Upon investigation, it was found the one of the air conditioning units had stopped. Within a fairly short time Jerry Wright came and restored the cool air. The Kruse Center apologized for the interruption, although most in attendance barely noticed. Thanks to the Kruse Center and Jerry Wright for the quick response !

John Carlson '68 was the MC for the program with Carla Moxley '65 as backup. Pete Thomas '65 presented wonderful comments in memory of lost classmates. Gail Mooney '67 Schuler presented John and Carla gifts from the 'hounds for their work on the Festival, which was deeply appreciated by both.

The GCMS Jr. Prom Moms and students assisted in every way again this year, which makes at the event go so smoothly. Many thanks to this group. The event also had a visit from the GCMS Football Team to show off their Championship trophy for their 2nd win in a row. The group of fine young men were greeted with standing applause by all the 'hounds., with many pictures being taken. As the evening drew to a close, once again John Carlson called former cheerleaders to the front to lead us in the school song. This is always a highlight of the event. Thank you to all who helped make the 12th Festival a success !!! See you in 2020 !!!! Be safe !

Mark your calendars for the 13th Greyhound Festival - Saturday, July 18, 2020

Thoughts and Prayers to the families of :

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

Larry Kerchenfaut '61 - Naperville, IL. March 24, 2019. Survivors include his wife Marilyn and children Debra (Juan) Nuno and Matt (Jennifer) Kerchenfaut, 4 grandchildren and extended family members.

Micheal E. Davis '65 - Gibson City, IL -o May 18, 2019. Survivors include wife Joyce (Willemssen'66), children Judy' 85, Melissa '86, Laura '88, John '91, Kevin '92, 13 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren, in addition to extended family members.

Elsie Gregory - Gibson City, IL. - May 26, 2019. Survivors include children Gene '59 (Linda), Brenda (Johnny) Moore, Carolyn (Delmar) Case, Lannie (Linda) , Ronnie (Linda), Sherry (Brian) Bechtold, 17 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Nancy Anne (Knab '63) Seamands - Loda, IL . - June 12, 2019. Survivors include brother John '68, 2 nephews, brother's-in-law Earl Seamands and Dale Seamands. She was preceded by husband Bob Seamands '62 in August, 2008.

Gordon Lee Barry - Urbana, IL June 15, 2019. Survivors include daughters Barbara '69 (Bob '68) Bennett, Carol '74 (Robin) Sanecki, 6 grandchildren, and 5 grandchildren. After serving in the Korean War in the Navy, Lee moved to Gibson City in 1966 and began his dream of owning his own company known as Skywork, Inc. until selling his business in 2016.

Always say a Prayer (ASAP)

for all of our classmates who are facing health issues.

Jerry Schrock '52, Betty '53 Moser, Nancy (Conover '58) List,
Bill Dueringer '64, Tess (Royal '67) Powell, Steve Crowe '70,
Gary McCullough '72,
Nancy Dueringer (wife of Tom Dueringer '74)
and any Greyhounds who might be homebound,
in nursing homes or assisted living facilities.

May God's peace and strength be with you.

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.

13th Greyhound Festival

Saturday, July 18, 2020

(Annually 3rd Saturday of July)

Mark your calendars now!!! and plan to join us.

Preparing for Festival Memorial Board

I am requesting that all classes submit your latest list of your classmates who you would like added to the Memorial Board at the Festival in July. Please email your list to Carla at 47cmoxley@gmail.com. Thank you to the classes who are participating in the Memorial Board !!!

Moyer District Library has old Drummer and GCHS yearbooks for sale. Call to see if they have the year (s) that you want. they are \$10.00 each. Also, they are selling Gibson City and GCMS yearbooks on CD from 2014-2016 for \$15.00 each and 1914-2018 for \$25.00 ea. Moyer had 1914-2018 on flash drive for \$20.00. Call the library at 217-784-5343 to inquire.

I want to thank those of you who drop a note to me about the Maroon & White Newsy. I greatly appreciate your comments ! This is a brief way to keep our out-of-town Greyhounds to keep in touch.

NOTE - Please send any obits from your class to Carla, as I don't want to print incorrect information.

NOTE- Plans are progressing for the 12th Annual festival with reservations arriving weekly. We look forward to another successful and fun event. The GCMS Jr. Prom committee will be helping again this year...for which I am grateful. We will be setting up on Friday afternoon 1 pm to 5 pm. If any classes want to come to designate / decorate their class table, please do so then.