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- Fourth of July Events scheduled for Alumni and Class of 1970
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# Alumni to Celebrate July 4th with Picnic

Sunday, July 7<sup>th marks the</sup> day for the Alumni
Association to host the first gathering since organizing. A traditional Fourth of July picnic is planned with a Barbeque Dinner and Dance and should prove to be an annual outing for the Association.

Honorary hosts for the event are the **Classes of 1962 and 1967** who are celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup> reunions. **Class Act**,

a dance group containing Kimball grads, Nancy Shelby Brill (61) and Margie Holman Horton (61) will be performing. This group performs unselfishly for organizations that include nursing homes, hospitals and is certainly talented.

The DJ format for the dance is scheduled to play all the oldies and goodies from our day so be prepared to boogie down.

The festivities are scheduled for Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> from 4PM to Midnite at Cedar Canyon Catering Club. See the details on the website.

The Event is priced at actual cost of \$30.00 per person and tickets can be purchased through the Castle Store via credit card or make your check out and mail to: Ron Sills, 620 Trailhead Drive, Southlake, TX 76092. Don't miss this one!!

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# KKHS Radio Debuts Playing The Oldies and Goodies

The Alumni Association inaugurated their webcast radio station June 10<sup>th and</sup> is playing music **nightly** from **6PM to Midnite**.

KKHS Radio is a significant project for the alumni and promises to be one of the best items delivered to Knights everywhere. You can tune in on the internet by clicking this link <a href="http://live.str3am.com:21">http://live.str3am.com:21</a> 30/listen.pls or by pasting it into your browser.

KKHS intends to take requests for your favorite songs if you will email

them to

SirJustin1958@hotmail. com. A brief playlist is contained under the "What's New" banner but KKHS has over 3000 selections in their library.

Ron Sills is trying to expand the formats to include announcements, news and events and the programming will expand even more as time goes by. He also is asking for volunteers to join the DJ ranks. If you have an interest contact him at ron.sills@charter.net.

KKHS is a perfect vehicle for us to put voice and music together in an interactive way to bind Knights everywhere and to provide them a touch of home.

Tune in when you are at the computer surfing the web and send a request in to hear your favorites.

Check out the playlist, tune in and tap your toes in time to yesterday. Relive those dances in the gym, doing your homework or the times you spent on that perfect date.

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# Class of 70 Celebrating Turning 50 With a Party!

The youngsters of the Alumni Association is the class of 70 and they are reaching a milestone that most of us have already reached....The Big 50!!

To celebrate the occasion, they are throwing a birthday party. On Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup> they are playing golf followed by a Friday night meet and greet mixer and dinner at the Holiday Inn in DeSoto. Festivities start at 7:30pm.

But that's not the end of the fun! Saturday night they will host a dinner dance at Oak Cliff Country Club from 7pm to midnite with a live band.

They have invited all Alumni Members to come and help them celebrate!! It will be a great party and we encourage you to support them by your attendance.

Details can be found on

their website at <a href="http://www.outerworlds.com/classof70/">http://www.outerworlds.com/classof70/</a> and you can print out your reservation slips and mail them in.At the very least, if you cannot attend, go to their website and drop them a congratulatory note wishing them your best on their birthdays.

Don't forget that on Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> is the Alumni Picnic!

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

# Message Board is Communication Central

Our Message Board is the gathering place for leaving notes, sharing memories, event notification and important news of classmates that we have lost or have experienced loss.

It is also a place where we pick up tidbits on where you are, what you're doing and events in your life which you are willing to share. It is only going to be successful if it has your participation. Don't be shy!

There are many forums on the message board that you could contribute to. Please consider your active contribution.

You know our website and organization was developed to keep us in touch and to share our lives with one another. Believe it or not, we are all

interested in our friends and their lives after Kimball.

Our Alumni Association will last long after we are gone but while we are still here we should nourish old friendships and establish new ones...and at our age every friend is important and beyone class years!!

Visit the Message Board today, won't you!



# CD Music Sets are set for sale in Castle Store

A fabulous collection of 60's music in a set of 5 CD's will be available for a contribution to the support of the website of \$45.00.

You won't find a better collection of the music we grew up with than this. This collection of Oldies from the 50's and 60's has more than 125 rock and

roll tunes that will bring back fond memories and maybe a quick hitch in your get-along.

Your contribution will go toward maintaining and expanding our website and for needed materials. No one will benefit except our Alumni Association and that includes all of us. We hope to provide another CD set covering the music of the late 60's and 70's and will announce when they are ready.

Help us provide the growth of our group and at the same time enjoy the wonderful music we so much enjoyed years ago.

# Board of Governors Poised for Leadership

Our Board of Governors will assume leadership of our Alumni Association this month and will serve until January of 2003. A First meeting will be held where a mission statement, hall of fame criteria and operating guidelines will be established.

Our Board Members are serving voluntarily and their unselfishness is greatly appreciated. A steering committee will be formed that will submit candidates in December to the Boardthat will serve for the year 2003.

This is an important step for the Association toward building a viable and active association. They assume leadership of this first phase of our growth and will be responsive to the growing needs of our organization.

In addition, their function is to organize events and committees and provide financial controls for the Association.

The Board will have three non-voting positions accounting to them. They are a Technology Consultant, Treasurer and Historian and Archivist.

The Board of Governors members for the balance of 2002 are: <u>John Byers</u> 1961, President and Members <u>Margie Holman</u> <u>Horton</u> 1961, <u>Bill Britton</u> 1970, <u>Gary Holman</u> 1965, <u>Bobby Davis</u> 1969, <u>Gary</u> <u>Puckett</u> 1964, <u>Karen</u> <u>Lanute Kiracofe</u> 1961.

The Technology Consultant providing expertise and development of our website is **Jason Byers**, jason@byersdesign.net.

If you have comments, suggestions or wish to communicate with the board you may reach each one of them under the "Contact Us" link on the Home Page

One of the major tasks of the Board will be the scheduling of events and developing volunteers to organize the details. In that respect, each of us can help them by

Volunteering to serve on a committee.

There are several ANNUAL events that we will establish. An Annual Meeting in the Spring, a traditional Fourth of July Picnic, and a Holiday party during the Christmas and New Years season.

Also, there are already some groups meeting on a informal basis monthly or quarterly to share lunch or outings together. They include golf groups, luncheons, singles only and others.

I encourage you, no matter where you are to get involved in helping us to grow. There is room for everyone to participate and we need you!

# Message Board Forums Spark Interest

Want to catch up on events or vote your preferences in polls? Want to share a memory, story or comment. The Message Board is where it all happens and you need to be part of it. We have over 20 forums to peak your interest and it is just waiting for you to dive in.

Photos of Oak Cliff are there in the Memories Section. Register your vote for favorite theater, hangout or singer.

Kimball has had some terrific sports teams and garnered its share of titles. In the Sports Forum you can submit your nominee for the all sports honor club or relate your best sports memory.

The Knight Band is feverously looking for former members to form a new band and orchestra for our 2004 Gala Celebration.

Cheerleader forums and the Troubadear and Majorette forum have already yielded some interesting stories.

The message board will also keep you informed of our classmates who have passed away, lost family or ill and in the hospital.

This aspect of our group is growing in importance as we band together for support and comfort.

The Knight Times Reporter Forum gives you the opportunity to play cub reporter and provide news about yourself, family, business or other classmates.

In short, use the message board often and let us hear from you. Have you contributed to the Message Board lately.... well, why not?

# Around the Realm

Looking for a mouth watering good Barbeque restaurant. Check out 66 Grad Charlie Goff's Dinner Bell Ranch. Their address is The Dinner Bell Ranch, 2645 Sharpview Lane Dallas, TX 75228.

To borrow from their website:

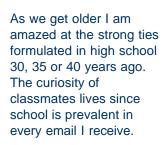
Experience the Tradition and Taste of Texas

Close your eyes....picture the sun setting over the wide open range. The cowpokes make their way to the chuckwagon dusting off the remains of a hard day's work driving the herd. Now open youreyes and take a bite

of your DINNER BELL
RANCH ham, turkey,
barbeque brisket or
jalapeno sausage. There it
is - a taste of Texas
prepared especially for
you by Charlie Goff of the
DINNER BELL RANCH.
And don't think for a
minute it's not the real
thing.
Visit their website at

http://realtexasbbq.com

**Editorial Comment** 



When I began this journey of forming an Alumni Association, it was done with the idea of providing a place of permanence for Knights everywhere. Secondly was the objective of binding us together for mutual support, friendship and gatherings without regard for class year.

So far, it has been a wonderful experience and as we now turn the Association over to our Board of Governors, it achieves the objectives we sought.

There have been some (and I might say very few) that have expressed the views that we are too old to rekindle teenage

friendships and memories or too form new friendships in our later years. I hope they are wrong because a significant time in our lives cannot afford to be wasted. Not to mention, forgetting the friends and relationships that were so important to us. If we are too old or too afraid to meet, mix or mingle with other Knights then I think we shall miss out on our capacity to enjoy and remember a significant part of our lives. I, for one, cherish those memories. miss old friends and relish in learning of their life's journey. I am optimistic enough to think you are

Our association is <u>neither</u> about reliving our teenage years <u>nor</u> acting out our youth. It is about people with common ties that allow new friendships to be formed and a support environment to reach out to classmates who are

hurting or we have lost. That alone would be enough to deepen our resolve to move ahead with the organization.

As we get older, memories may fade but friendships never should. For those Knights as well as myself who share my optimism about our mission, we shall stay the course confident that the greater good will come of our effort. We would like to count you as one of them?

Part of our Motto is to "Seek the Best" and doesn't necessarily mean the material parts of our lives. I think it extends to "Seek the Best" in service and people. The Kimball Alumni Association shall carry both the motto and that mission to Knights everywhere.

My very best to each of you and my wishes for a your continued health and happiness.

Ron Sills 60



"ummm.; ummm,

good!."

"Are you taking a trip or just back from one?
Have you had an exciting event in your life or family that you care to share?"

# Letters and Fmails

"Thank you very much for all the work you have done to put together the web site and make it possible for us to communicate with old classmates. One question -- is the picnic being publicised through any other medium? Those few alumnae with whom I still have contact and to whom I have mentioned this site were completely unaware of either the web site or the picnic.

Also, Bonnie mentioned to me that she is willing to do some work for the 65 class -- I am not sure what."

### David L. McNeely, Ph.D. 63 Bonnie Michaels 65

"Hi.

For about 2 weeks, I've had a virus and just got my computer back with the new Norton Antivirus 2002. Thank god! The other issue is I haven't activated my registration, because I don't know how to do all that stuff......ha-ha

Please help! Thanks,

#### **Jackie Brewer Elfring 66**

Editor note: Help came her way and she is now registered. Jackie can now help anyone else since she has been through the gauntlet!

"Two months ago my company decided to lay off my office partner of past 10 years, leaving me the only journalist to put out two magazines per month plus other extracurricular ctiviities...conferences, trade shows, etc. . I am basically putting in 7 days per week on job. I know...work smarter..not harder. In between all of that, we are leaving June 21 for Arizona for a family reunion. We have had a trip booked to Hawaii in August for months and hopefully can still take

it. (I know that will get plenty of sympathy). My job is going to keep me busy through the fall as well."

### Harry Cline 61 and Georgann Rice Cline 61

Editor note: Harry is Editor of this newsletter and as you can tell he is a busy publisher of magazines. I, on the other hand, am pitifully standing in for him.

"The music (KKHS) sounds great, better than K Love. To bad I can't listen to it on the radio on my night table to go to sleep by. Class Act will dance for the July party either at 8pm or a little later if that is convenient. Bob plans on scanning our dance pictures tomorrow and I will send them to you and John ASAP.

#### Nancy Shelby Brill 61

Editor note: Nancy and Margie Holman Horton 61 are members of a dance group called Class Act. They perform for charitable organizations and you can see some pics on the message board.

"I believe the 70's calls for a little Blood, Sweat and Tears. You guys know me. I like those saxophones and trumpets!! Are you there Wolfman? Quality? Great! Volume? Super! What about those horns? GREAT JOB!

#### Thomas Milyo 61

P,S. Cool. I just heard a "for Tommy". You and my grandma are the only ones that still call me that.

I like the website and it would be fun for me to interact with it. I am from '72 and I guess we're not in the database yet. Our 30th reunion is coming in 3 weeks and there is no mention on this site.
What can we do?

#### Pat Scott ('72)

Editor note: Paul Peck is currently organizing all classes from 71 forward. You can reach him to help at whitelabs@hotmail.com

Thanks for putting the 1960-1970 reunion together -- there are many of us from the class of '67 that are really looking forward to it.

#### Jo-Lynne (Allen) Atkins 67

I appreciate all the work you are doing for the Kimball alumni. I wish we were planning to be in Dallas on the 4th. We will not make it this summer. I was in Dallas earlier in the spring. We live in Thomaston, Georgia....60 miles south of Atlanta. I do miss being with high school friends. I had some great times at Kimball...very fond memories. I was able to attend class of '67 10th year reunion but have not been to any other class gatherings.

Maybe you could help me with one project. I am looking for the written music/copy of our school song. Do you have access to this? I have a copy of the fight song but would like the "We Are the Kinights of Kimball High" song. Thanks for the help. If I can help you in anyway with the class of '67, let me know. Hope the picnic is a success.

#### Vickie Henning Capel 67

Editor Note: Provided Vickie the Fight Song and Alma Mater. She agrees to sing both at our next gathering!

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