Class Representatives

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1958 – Pat (Terpening) Owen
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1959 – John “Mike” Hall
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1960 - Ren Briggs
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Roster Changes

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Our love and prayers go out to the family and friends of our classmates who have gone on before us. We will miss them, yet we can find comfort in knowing that one-day we will all join them for the greatest of all reunions.

George (Terry) Stillson, (60)
From Susan "Sue" (Miller) Dalberg, (62) It is with a heavy heart that I report that George (Terry) Stillson, class of 61, passed away March 24, 2009. Terry passed peacefully, having been in hospice for a week, after a vigorous battle with his second round of prostate cancer. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Russell A. Franks (61) (no picture available)
From Muriel Karr Tuesday morning, Apr 14 09 (yesterday), my husband took a message from Jeanette Franks, wife of Russell A Franks, LHS 61/62 (he was affiliated with both LHS classes) (he also attended Bushy, according to my records), that Russell has passed away. She was very broken up about his passing, according to my husband. She had found my name and number on some Lakenheath reunion papers among Russell's things.

Judy (Stillson) Surles (62)
From Susan ("Sue") Miller Dalberg (62) Heaven is brighter—another angel has joined its ranks. My dear friend Judy Stillson Surles, 62’, slipped peacefully into the eternal duty station on Easter morning, about ten AM. Her 22 year battle with cancer is finally over and our dear friend is resting in peace, finally out of pain. She was a valiant fighter, never lost her sense of humor and never gave up, always willing to undergo more treatment if it would keep her around a day longer for her husband, kids and grandkids. Easter morning, after being in hospice for three weeks, and two weeks after the passing of her brother Terry, Judy opened her eyes, looked around and saw all her kids, smiled, waved her fingers, then shut her eyes and passed over. I am sure Terry was there, ready to take her into his arms. That’s what big brothers do!

I had the good fortune to talk to her about a week and a half ago during one of her rare lucid moments, and I know she was ready. Judy leaves behind her husband and four children and tons of grandchildren, all of whom will miss her greatly. Her husband of 42 years, Jerry, is still in a daze, but conflicted in that he misses her, but is glad she is no longer suffering. Please keep both Judy’s and Terry’s families in your prayers. Judy and Terry leave behind 8 brothers and sisters, having lost one younger brother, Larry, about ten years ago. Any of you that ever went to the Stillson house knew love, in great abundance!

(Editors Note: I received the following from Gary Baldwin about his wife. While she was not one of our classmates many of us who knew her thought of her as one of our own.)

Gary Baldwin (54)
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With both sadness and relief I want to inform you of the quiet passing of my loving wife and companion, Ruth Ann. She passed away on Sunday afternoon at the Jersey Shore Medical Center following a brain aneurism on Friday. We had just returned from a trip to her home in Kentucky, visiting her mom and her many siblings. It was a great trip and some how I believe we both knew it might be our last. Ruth Ann has been failing rather rapidly over the past year; however, I had no idea the end was so near. Her dementia was increasing and her immobility was making her nearly wheelchair bound. I am sure she knew what was happening and was so very sad. We were blessed with 45 wonderful years of marriage and her quick and easy passing was God's blessing for us both. I’ve attached a copy of her obituary which will run only in our local paper. We will bury Ruth Ann in Philpot, Kentucky in her church cemetery, probably on Saturday. My daughter and I, with son-in-law, will leave for Kentucky Wednesday to make the arrangements. My hope is that our friendship will continue for many years and that we
Ruth Ann Baldwin, 69, of Tinton Falls, passed away on April 12, 2009 at the Jersey Shore Medical Center. She was born in Philpot, Kentucky and raised in Daviess County where she attended elementary and high school. She was the third of ten children and grew up in rural Kentucky working in the tobacco fields to earn her college tuition funds. She pursued her nursing degree by attending pre-nursing at Murry State College, graduating from Owensboro/Daviess School of Nursing in 1961. She joined the US Air Force in 1962 as a 2nd Lieutenant, serving in USAF hospitals in Alabama and San Antonio. She married Gary Baldwin, on May 2, 1964, in San Antonio, Texas where she and Gary were both serving with the US Air Force. Ruth Ann left the Air Force in 1965 and continued working as a nurse in San Antonio. With the birth of their daughter Jo Ann in 1969, Ruth Ann began a second career as a full-time mother. Ruth Ann was an accomplished seamstress, making most of her daughter’s clothing. Ruth Ann was a Girl Scout Leader, a school nurse, a “city champion” distant runner, and even found time to volunteer as a committee person in city government. As she raised her daughter and followed her husband’s career moves around the country, Ruth Ann continued to elevate her nursing education by acquiring a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1979 and her Master of Science in Nursing in 1985. Ruth Ann resumed her nursing career, working as a clinical nurse in various challenging assignments and eventually made her greatest contribution to her profession while serving for fifteen years as a faculty member at the University of Texas, School of Nursing until she retired in 2001. Her students were her life and getting them off to a good start in nursing was her focus.

She is survived by her husband Gary, living at Seabrook Village in Tinton Falls, her daughter and son-in-law Jo Ann & Eric Becher, of Ocean, NJ, and her mother and nine siblings living in Kentucky. A memorial service will be held at the Bethabra Baptist Church in Philpot, Kentucky. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory can be sent to the Fisher House Foundation, 888-294-8560, info@fisherhouse.org

Memories of Bushy

Reunion Information

See the last two pages of this newsletter for information on an upcoming reunion.

This and That

Gary Schroeder (55) (Your Editor)
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I have been kicking around an idea for a new column in the newsletter and would like your opinion. Would you like to see a “Happy Birthday” column where we could list everyone that has a birthday in the month that the newsletter comes out? Hold it, I know what you’re thinking. No we won’t show the year, just the month and day. 😊
If we are to do this I will need some help from you and the Class Representatives. If each of you would send your class rep the information (month & day) of your birthday they could send me a combined list and I could save it to my files. I would make up a list by month of the birthdays and be able to add them to the newsletter each month. If I get the information I will start with the new column in the June issue.

(Editors Note: We have a new class rep for the 1956 class.)

Edie (Williams) Wingate (56)
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Hi Gary--have been in touch with Glenda--job sounds doable--so I'm happy to be class rep for class of 1956. Many, many thanks for ALLLLLLL you are doing to help everyone keep in touch. Hope all is well.

Here is an update since I left Bushy. Following graduation I returned to Georgia--where our family had roots--to attend the University of Georgia. After 2 years I transferred to Emory University in Atlanta and following graduation I taught in Atlanta. My husband and I stayed in Atlanta until 1979 when a new job took us to Phoenix, AZ. From there we moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma and then to Washington, DC where we have been since 1990. We have 2 children. Our son lives in Fairfax, VA; our daughter and her family are currently in the Toronto, Canada area.

Many from Bushy days may recall I have a sister and two brothers. Julie and Syd--both attended Bushy--now live in Atlanta. Our brother Jim--who did not attend Bushy--now lives in the Jacksonville, FL area.

1958 – Pat (Terpening) Owen
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We're finding that a lot of the newsletters are being returned to us because people are changing their e-mail addresses and not notifying us. I've noticed that a lot of them that are coming back are business addresses. If you're planning on retiring in the near future and will no longer have access to that business e-mail addy, please let us know at least a month in advance so we can make sure that you don't miss out on any of the newsletters. Thanks

Carol (Albert) Yacovone (57)
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For my friend Robyn (Robyn Rudat Allen (58)), I just say thank you for the prayers and let you all know that her last surgical procedure at Mayo went well. She keeps amazing us all and it is obvious her will to survive is stronger than medicine. She still has many issues but I believe that if this graft surgery works she is on her way to mending as best we can hope. She is optimistic and hopeful and determined so with Gods help she may make it through all this after all.....All I can say is WHAT A WOMAN. And of course I am happy and relieved. Will most likely return to Jacksonville next week to stay with her and spell her daughter. She still has weeks of antibiotics for infection and lots of healing before she goes home to Gulfport, but at least at this junction we have hope for all of that to happen...I share your notes with her so feel free to pass them on. She said she had a visit from Carol (Naldrett) Carpenter (58)....she said I probably think she imagined it, but if so Carol thank you, it meant a lot. Drop me a note and let me know. She will be moving out of ICU soon we think.

(Editors Note: This late breaking update was received from Carol just as I was finishing up the newsletter to be sent out.)

Well Gary it would seem that all the positive thoughts and prayers sent in Robyn's direction have worked very well. She should be on her way home as of tomorrow from Jacksonville back to Gulfport. She has a long road to recovery but is lucky to have made it through these last few months and she continues to improve daily. She is one tough gal when it comes to putting up the good fight. I was fortunate to have her so close and be able to spend time with her during all the test and surgeries. She has a wonderful support group in her children and they have done everything they could to make sure she got the best care and was where she needed to
be. Can not say enough kind things about the outstanding medical attention she received at the Mayo Clinic. Thank you all you Bobcats for your prayers and notes of concern. I shared them as received with Robyn.

Take care and Happy Summer to you all.

Carol (Naldrett) Carpenter (58)
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Sorry I don't have much of a report.....I stopped in to see Robyn around 3:00 on Wednesday. She is in a bright private room (424) at Mayo. She had no one with her, so I was unable to get any info on her. She was awake but unable to speak. I told her who I was, she nodded. I also told her of your article in the newsletter so that was how I knew that she was there. I talked briefly, then said there were lots of thoughts and prayers for her from all who get the newsletter. With all the tubes and things she had attached, she raised one hand and gave me a "thumbs up"!

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Martha Gail Kelly (Faculty)
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Enjoyable as ever, Gary - don't worry about mistakes; they're all forgiven in view of the effort you put in that gives so many pleasure.

We all have to smile about the 1 penny ha'penny fare - I can recall how scandalous we thought it was when the bus ride went up from 1 penny to 1 penny ha'penny as well. I believe the shortest bus ride is now in excess of a pound. Sigh Today's rate is 1 pound to $1.42 - a little different than last year when it was 1 pound to $2.00.

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Yes, we all loved to ride the buses and tubes - lucky for us, we live in the Borough of Westminster, and they give their 'olds' a Freedom Pass - I just swipe my Oyster Card they call it (because it fits on a yellow disc) and ride all the transportation free - hooray! - Cheers

Hi all, I'm the '64 London Central Class Rep trying to connect with class reps that attended Bushy Park and Bushey Hall to see if you know about the all-class reunion scheduled in San Diego, August 21-23 at the Town & Country Resort. I know Wayne Walker '63 does since he has already committed to attend and is getting more of the '63 group interested every email he sends out.

I know the "kids" that attended Bushy Park have a strong connection thanks to Gary Schroeder the editor of the "Bushy Tales" which is an outstanding newsletter with articles and updates contributed by many of the individuals that attended the school. However, I wasn't sure if all of the class reps were aware of the gathering so I thought I would get in touch and spread the word.

Several of my classmates are planning to attend since it is our 45th graduation anniversary. The reunion committee is mostly made up of students who attended Central at High Wycombe in 1972 so they are concentrating on individuals from that school. Since was at both Bushy Park and Bushey Hall I wanted to make sure you knew about the gathering and could pass the info along to your classmates and decide if they would like to enjoy the wonderful city of San Diego and the camaraderie of good friends. Here's the info for the committee and the website for the hotel so you can pass along if you are interested:

lchs2009reunion@yahoo.com
http://www.towncountry.com

See flyers on the next two pages.
LONDON CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
2009
“GO WEST” REUNION

Finally, a London Central High School reunion on the West Coast! Yes, it is time – 1) mark your calendar, 2) fill out the registration form and mail it in with your money order & oldie photo, 3) reserve your hotel room (see below), 4) make your flight arrangements (if needed), and 5) prepare to be “stoked” [adjective; likes someone or something very much] in San Diego with “bitchin’” [adjective; terrific, the best, exceptionally good] people!

When: August 21 – 23, 2009
Where: Town and Country Resort Hotel and Convention Center
San Diego, California
Who: London Central High School Alumni (Students and Faculty) & Guests

HOTEL RESERVATIONS:
The reunion will be at San Diego’s Town and Country Resort Hotel and Convention Center. You can get a look at the hotel at: http://www.towncountry.com/photos.html - it is beautiful! Room rates for the reunion are $110.00 per night. The hotel is offering the $110.00 rate 3 days prior to and 3 days after the reunion (August 18 – 26) for those who might want to extend their stay and spend more time in the San Diego area. The room rate is based on a 2 night stay and we ask that if you are planning to attend that you stay at least the nights of Aug 21 & 22. Those are the dates we committed to when we signed the agreement with the hotel. You can make your reservation on-line at:
https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=74081
or by calling 1-800-772-8527. Be sure to tell the reservation agent that you are with the London Central High School Reunion. Ask for a room in the 3500 block.

REUNION REGISTRATION:
Registration is payable by MONEY ORDER ONLY, payable to Karen Michel. Send to: Karen Michel; 816 Calle Lagasca; Chula Vista, CA 91910 with your completed registration form and a color photo of you from LCHS (photo can be sent by email in .jpg format to ma-brand@msn.com – include your name and grad year (married gals: first name, maiden name, married name)). Pay in full by Jan 31st and be entered into a drawing to win fabulous prizes. Deadline for registration is May 1, 2009. After May 1st, the Activity Fee will increase to $200.00 per person. If the unexpected arises, refunds will be offered through June 30, 2009 less any operating costs.

Costs are:
Registration Fee: $150.00 per person. Includes: Reunion Operating Costs, Hospitality Suite, Friday Night Reception (hor d’oeuvres & music), and Saturday Night Buffet Dinner/Dance.
Optional Color Memory Book/Directory pre-order: $ 35.00 (includes shipping). A great souvenir and a first-rate way to stay in touch with the people you connect with at the reunion.
Optional T-Shirt pre-order: $ 15.00. Tank-Tops or T-Shirts $15.00 ea, 2 or more $13.00 ea. Adult sizes Small to XXX-Large are available.

Need More Information?
Website: http://www.lchsreunion.info
Email: lchs2009reunion@yahoo.com
Telephone: leave a message at 951-678-1600

The 2009 “Go West” Reunion Committee are:
Fran (Martin) Kling ’72, Greg Walker ’72, Karen (Stenman) Michel ’72, Sue (Acord) Skube ’72, Tricia (Patti Ward) Sindewald ’72, Susan (Hensley) Walker ’73, & Twila (Pitcher) Brand ’79.
LONDON CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
2009
“GO WEST” REUNION
REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE PRINT!

Name (when at London Central): ____________________________ ____________________________
Name (current, if different): ____________________________ ____________________________
Address: ____________________________________________________________________________

Phone: ____________________________  ●  I am in the U.S. Armed Forces
E-Mail: ____________________________________________________________________________

Year graduated (or would have graduated) from LCHS: __________
Years Attended LCHS: __________ Include contact information in Memory Book?  ●  Yes  ●  No

Names of Guest(s) (for name tags): __________________________________________________________________________

●  I don’t have a photo to send you. Please scan mine from a yearbook.
●  Remembrances (I’ve included info about a departed classmate or someone serving in the military)
If you have one, please include a picture of yourself from your LCHS days for the memory book and name tag.

MONEY MATTERS

●  REUNION REGISTRATION: $150.00 X ____ (number coming) = $__________

OPTIONAL:
●  MEMORY BOOK PRE-ORDER: $ 35.00 X ____ (quantity) = $__________
●  TANKS & TEES (Adult Sizes) $15/EA OR 2 or more for $13/EA
Guy Tank: S____ M____ L____ XL____ XXL____ XXXL____ = $__________
Gal Tank: S____ M____ L____ XL____ XXL____ XXXL____ = $__________
T-Shirt: S____ M____ L____ XL____ XXL____ XXXL____ = $__________

I can’t attend, but would like to donate to the reunion fund * = $__________
Contribution to the reunion fund in addition to my registration fee * = $__________  ●  TOTAL DUE (by Money
Order Only made payable to Karen Michel) = $__________

●  SEND: 1) Money Order, 2) LCHS Picture, & 3) Completed form to:
   Karen Michel
   816 Calle Lagasca
   Chula Vista, CA 91910-8037

Registration Deadline is May 1, 2009. Registration fee increases to $200.00 after May 1st.

* To help cover Reunion Committee expenses not covered by Registration Fee.