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Dedicated to all who attended London Central High School
at Bushy Park, London England from
1952 to 1962



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I am extremely sorry that I let my personal feelings get in the way of my better judgment when I printed the article about Jane Fonda. I have always kept anything like that out of the newsletter and I should not have done it this time.

There were a great many responses to the article with the overwhelming majority being positive; however, there were 3 that were negative. There were a couple of facts that were not correct and I should have checked it before printing it. The feelings on both sides are so strong and I feel if I print the responses it will cause hard feelings among some of our classmates, and maybe destroy some relationships, in a way it already has. One of the negative responses said that they didn't want the newsletter anymore and did not want to associate with anyone that would say anything so slanderous about such a great American such as Jane Fonda. The last thing I want to do is put a strain on any friendships we all have had for these many years, so

I will not print any responses and the matter is dead. All I can do is ask your forgiveness for letting my personal feelings get into the newsletter. It won't happen again.



Roster Changes

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Look Who We Found



Mini Reunions



What are we doing now?



Kenton H. Pattie (57)
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I went to London in 1945, as my father

Barton Pattie was assigned there by the Associated Press where he became Night Editor for European news reaching the US. We had several vacations in the USA which added up to six trips across the Atlantic on passenger ships owned by various countries.

I attended London schools, but eventually Central High School, Bushy Park, 1954 and 1955. To get there, I took the bus in Hendon that picked up students from Golder's Green to the school.

After ten years in London, my family returned to the US where I attended East High School, Denver, Colorado, class of 57.

In recent years, I have returned to England twice. I visited Denver and Loveland/Ft. Collins, Colorado before spending a week in Wyoming in November 2010.

My brother Barton Pattie Jr. went to St. Paul's in London and then went to Clemson University in South Carolina when it was a military school. I attended Ottawa University, Ottawa, Kansas (Class of 61) and for a Master's Degree at The George Washington University, Washington DC. class of 65. I taught French at GW while getting a degree in government and international affairs.

I served as Press Secretary to three US Senators for ten years and was First Vice President of the Senate Press Secretaries Association and President of the Federal Editors Association. After finishing in the US Senate, I worked as a consultant to the Farm Credit Administration. Then became First Vice President of the National Audio-Visual Association. Following that I was Executive Vice President of the International Communications Industries Association. I co-founded the Business Coalition for Fair Competition and the Prompt Pay Coalition. I received several awards from the American Society of Association Executives, one from the Fairfax Bar Association and a citizen's award from the Washington Post.

Today, I am Executive Director of the National Emergency Equipment Dealers Association whose members sell fire trucks, ambulances and emergency equipment.

I am past President and Chair of Health, Parenting and Safety for the Fairfax County Council of PTAs, having served on the state board of the Virginia PTA. I am on the Executive Committee of the Fairfax Partnership for Youth and the Voices for Virginia's Children as much of my volunteer time is spent on youth issues. I'm on a coalition opposed to underage alcohol consumption.

I helped get passed a new Virginia law which requires parents to take a class before their students can drive a car. I have successfully sought higher taxes on cigarettes sold in Virginia. I have served on the Virginia committee of the American Lung Association where I successfully advocated a ban on smoking in all restaurants in Virginia. I also was author of legislation which requires all Federal agencies to pay their bills promptly or pay interest penalties when late.

My son Marshall teaches Business at James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA and recently returned from teaching business in Romania. He had played football for Texas Christian University (TCU) and received his PH D from the University of Texas, Arlington, Texas. My daughter Valerie attended Harcum College in Pennsylvania and works in the veterinary services and supplies businesses and in veterinary hospitals.

My wife Gail is a Realtor and Associate Broker covering Northern Virginia and an exceptional ballroom dancer.

For three decades I have competed in marathons and other national and East Coast running races, distance swimming and other swimming events, long distance cycling, bike races including time trials, and numerous triathlons including half Ironman competitions. As a triathlete I have represented the USA as a member of Team USA at long distance events in Sweden, Denmark and Australia, 2010 has been one of my most successful years as a competitor.

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George Lawson (59)

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Below is an article that appeared December 02, 2010, in the Centerville and Washington Neighbors section of Dayton Daily News.

I hope that you could add this article to the next issue of the Bushy Tales under the heading of "What they are doing now?"

CENTERVILLE — When members of Southminster Presbyterian Church gather for a big dinner, they often have a trained chef in the church kitchen.

Church member George Lawson often steps in to whip up dinner — for more than 200 people, which is about half the congregation.

Even for a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, it's not easy, so Lawson gets help from numerous parish volunteers.

After decades as an accountant for General Motors, Lawson, 69, found his way back to cooking, an activity he began doing when he was 10.

He believes cooking allows him to help others.

"I like to give back to people," said Lawson, of Washington Twp.

"In my life, people have given me a hand up and a pat on the back."

Born on a farm just outside of Miamisburg, Lawson said he learned a lot about cooking from his grandmother and other members of his family.

He continued to cook when he grew older.

"My first job in '55 was working as a bus boy, an apprentice at The Golden Lamb," he said.

He married his wife, Marj, in 1982 and joined Southminster at around the same time.

After retiring as an accountant in 1993, he pursued his desire to become a trained chef.

He took classes and then graduated from the culinary institute in Hyde Park, N.Y. He worked in a few local restaurants after he returned to Dayton.

Lawson's interest in food has influenced his community service choices as well.

He is a former member of the board of trustees for the House of Bread. He serves on the advisory boards of two career technical baking programs, and participates in high school career tech baking competitions in Columbus.

He also is a former teacher at the Montgomery County Education Pre-Release Center. He taught commercial baking to the inmates.

During one event for the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, his students had to bake a large amount of cookies in a short amount of time.

"My young men, within a three-hour period, produced 5,000 cookies," Lawson said.

He enjoys teaching others how to cook.

"You have to have a thick skin to be able to take disappointments," he said. "The greatest joy I have out of cooking is teaching. The more you help people, the more you find out they know something you don't know."

With his accomplishments in the kitchen so well known, friends often approach Lawson about making dinner.

"I don't mind," he said. "I don't mind that at all."

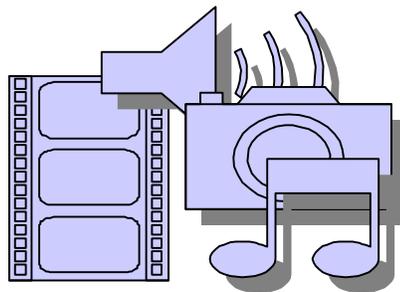
Lawson and the crew who make dinners at Southminster are currently preparing for a Dec. 12 event for the congregation. The dinner will follow the annual Christmas choir concert.

Mike Stevens, who helps Lawson cook the dinners, said the gatherings create opportunities for fellowship among the members.

Having Lawson raises the stakes, and perhaps improves the outcome, for the dinners.

"He's a culinary institute chef," Stevens said.

"That gives you a big leg up."



Our 15 Minutes of Fame



Jerry Kelly (58)
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Read your piece in the news letter about your parts in a couple of my favorite movies both of them I have on video tape. The one that took place on Guam stared Jeffery Hunter and not Tab Hunter. I will have to watch Merrell's Marauders to see if I can spot you. I hope my tape player still works. (Editors Note: Memory is getting a little foggy so am not sure what the name of the movie was that I was an extra in on Okinawa but it did star Tab Hunter – I was never on Guam.. I will have to do a little research to get the right name. ☺.)



Leola (Sickler) Heslin (55)
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Oh! Yes we are on the road again. We are moving to Las Vegas, NV this Friday if all goes will. At least that is our plan,. We wish to thank everyone who supports us in our destions to move. We don't know why we have

moved so much in the past 20 years. I think thought we must have started migrating to Las Vegas. we just always seem to return there.

We really want Chan and Shawna Bogle and there family to know that they have been such a great help to us this past year or so. They opened there home and there hearts to us when we needed it the most. This time with them have helped us get our selves together so we could plan on just what we needed to do. We have prayed about this and it seems the right ting to do at this time.

We also want All the friends we have made in Maricopa and in Tulsa to know we are so glad that the lord put them in our lives. I am not sure which way the saying goes about friends , "The first are silver and the lat are gold" or the other way around, "The first are gold and the last are silver." But I can tell you this. Gold is perishes and you love to look at it and it so nice to have. But then silver shines up so nice and it will always keep shinning as long as you care for it. So! I thing both old and new friends are wonderful to have.

As I said we are moving and we will miss you all. But don't forget us as we haven't and won't forget you.

Our new address will be:
(Eastgate Apartments) This is the apartment we lived in before we left a few years ago.
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If you would like to come see us, give us a call.



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When we were in Wilmington there was a Coast Guard ship or cutter, I'm not sure which is the correct term, docked at the river, and we thought of you every time.

I also wanted to tell you how much I enjoyed the article you wrote about Jacque. I had been thinking about her and wanted to know how she was. What a beautiful young lady she is. I was so glad to hear she is doing well even though she still has some surgeries to go. I was also glad to hear about her marriage and Jackson. Thanks for writing the article. Thanks so much for writing the newsletters. They mean so much to me.



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Thanks for your continued excellent work with the Bushy Park Newsletter. I truly appreciate it. When it arrives, I can hardly believe that another month has passed.



Susan (Dalberg) Miller (62)
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Gary and Pat,

Great job guys!! Hope you both had a wonderful Thanksgiving and happier Christmas.

Re: Jennifer and photos? I was having melt down on my computer and apparently didn't get all the newsletter or your email as I didn't get a photo or update--can you resend? Computer is up and running now so don't expect any problems--fingers crossed!

Jim Fields, Bob Hurt and I are having a ball getting reacquainted! Thanks so much! Remember the prom photo I sent in about a year ago? that was Jane and Jim in the photo with me and Bob! We haven't found her yet but we are looking!

Do we have a Face Book page guys? (*Editors Note: I did at one time but got too much junk so backed off of it.*)



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Gary,

Just want to say thank you for the time and energy you put into this newsletter and your commitment to the project. it is a fine thing that you do, and it does not go unappreciated.



Lydia (Ropp) Biddie (62)
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Gary and Pat,

Thank you for all you do to keep us remembering all the friends we made and all the good times we had at Bushy. I was Lydia Ropp. I attended Bushy from '59 to '61. Really wanted to stay for my senior year but Dad would not let me even though I was a dorm student.

I love all the publications and keep them on the computer to be able to reread them when I want to talk to dear friends.

GRANDKIDS

She was in the bathroom, putting on her makeup, under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter, as she'd done many times before.. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Gramma you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!" I will probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper good-bye.....

My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 62. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair... As she

heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"

A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like: "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire, it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"

My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo and I said, "No, how are we alike?"..... "You're both old," he replied.

A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story. "What's it about?" he asked. "I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."

I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me and was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these, yourself!"

God Bless and protect our men and women from all five services who are serving, and who have served, to protect and defend this Great Nation, and God Bless the United States of America.

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