



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



HELLO, 2023! If you are a true southerner and want to be guaranteed good luck throughout the coming year, you have just eaten or are fixin' to eat black-eyed peas, greens, pork and cornbread. I would like to think of myself as a southern belle in every sense of the word, but black-eyed peas will never cross my lips.

RECAP OF 2022

Our hugely successful 55th class reunion is in the books. We lost our beloved classmate Darlene Church Friend in June. Many of our classmates lost their spouses. Retirement continues to be great. Queen Elizabeth and Barbara Walters died--two extraordinarily remarkable women who did so much for womankind. You escaped Covid or had it and all you can be thankful for now is you have the natural antibodies. University of Georgia Bulldogs will be playing TCU for the CFP National Championship on January 9, 2023. **Sic 'em! Woof! Woof! Woof! Woof! Woof!**

REUNION COMMITTEE!!!

It is time to give a huge shout out to the hard working, loyal and long-lasting members of the Reunion Committee. Currently they are Cathy Copps Hillis, Debbie Gandy McBride (Webmaster), Eddie Dedmon, Mary Ann Meares Crumley, Mike Key, Nancy Pace Ford (Treasurer), Pat and Carrie Knezevich, Ray Godbee and Sharon Lane (Chair). As all of you know, we lost Darlene right before the reunion. Even while she was so sick fighting pancreatic cancer, she continued to work very hard on planning the 55th reunion. Darlene was one of the original committee members and gave her heart and soul to our class. LaTrelle Lee LeFevre, who put much effort and spent many hours on the 55th reunion, was a member until her own health and that of her mother's made it necessary for her to resign.

The committee has done an incredible job reunion after reunion in giving us a great occasion to get together over the past 55 years. Our most recent reunion in October was perhaps the best. Perfect time of year, location, accommodations, entertainment and weather. It takes a year or more of planning, coordinating, high energy, patience and creativity to pull one of these off as seamlessly as this one. **THANK YOU, REUNION COMMITTEE!!!**

Thank you also to all those classmates who voluntarily jumped in to help where help was needed over the years. If you have an interest in becoming a member of the reunion committee, please contact Sharon Lane at guslane35@gmail.com. There are currently two open positions, Vice Chairperson and Secretary. There is no doubt the committee would welcome with open arms new ideas, suggestions, different skill sets and your camaraderie. It is only two years until we celebrate (?) our collective 75th birthdays. It takes a year to prepare for such an event. With today's incredible technology, you do not have to live in Jacksonville to participate. Thanks to Covid, there are many of you out there very proficient in zoom meetings.

LET'S KEEP UP THE MOMENTUM AND STAY IN TOUCH

If you attended the 55th Reunion, you could not have left there without feeling the love and warmth from everyone. In an effort to keep up this momentum, Debbie, Terry and I plan to maintain fulltime the website, Facebook page and quarterly newsletters, respectively. We really could use your help. We would love to hear from you with your suggestions, comments and feedback. We too need new ideas of what you would like to see on the website and read in the newsletter and encourage you to post on our Facebook page. We would give anything to have another true life story like the "Ted Bundy" story Larry Simpson gave us.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers for **Ken Sellers**, whose mother, Carita Sellers, passed away on December 24, 2022 at the age of 94.

kgsellers49@gmail.com

Prayers for **Susan Crause Spalding**, whose mother, Janet Rumble, passed away on December 26, 2022 at the age of 92.

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/jacksonville-fl/janet-rumble-donsusan14@comcast.net>

Debbie Gandy McBride's mother, 93, had emergency surgery over the weekend for a twisted intestine. She was still recovering from a severe wound on her forearm following a fall serving at the Food Ministry* at the Journey Church. Debbie's mother is like the energized bunny. Nothing can keep her down.

mcbriedebbie20@yahoo.com

*The Journey Church Food Ministry serves 700 to 900 families a week full boxes of groceries. If you would like to learn more about the Food Ministry at Journey Church, please reach out to Debbie.

Pat Jacobs Tschappat asks for our prayers for her brother, Troy Jacobs, and his family. Troy was in UF Health with a brain bleed that is affecting his eyesight. Also his son just was released from Mayo and is going to have to have a heart valve replacement and his grandson was just diagnosed with a heart issue.

tschappatp1949@gmail.com

Mike Key asks for prayers for Veterans and active duty service men and women worldwide and prayers for him.

mikey29@bellsouth.net

Denise, **Chip Pullman's** wife, asks for continued prayers for Chip. Chip was diagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia in 2019. It was the Lewy Body that led to his fall and fractured hip in September. Chip is getting stronger and is now able to use a walker rather than the wheelchair.

chippallman@gmail.com

For **LaTrelle Lee Le Fevre** as she continues to battle lymphoma.

r.lefevre@att.net

MISSING EMAIL ADDRESSES

On our website there is no longer a separate list of classmates with missing email addresses. The “knowns” and “unknowns” have been combined into one list. **Unknowns are shown in red.** Please let us know if there is someone not on the list that should be and his or her email address as well. We will take it from there.

WEBSITE

A huge thank you to Debbie on the magnificent job she continues to do on our website. Her Christmas and New Year's videos were particularly awesome.

PLEASE LET US HEAR FROM YOU

Please know there is no way we can know about every illness or death or when your email address changes unless you let us know. We promise to do our part to keep you well informed.

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Terry (Class FB page): terrymorefield@comcast.net

AUDE LANG SYNE

*Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And the days of auld lang syne?*

*For auld lang syne, my dear
For auld lang syne
We'll drink a cup of kindness yet
For the sake of auld lang syne*

*And surely you will buy your cup
And surely I'll buy mine!
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
For the sake of auld lang syne*

*We two have paddled in the stream
From morning sun till night
The seas between us Lord and swell
Since the days of auld lang syne*

*For old acquaintance be forgot
And never brought to mind
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Author Robert Burns

