Bushy Tales

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

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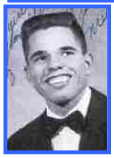

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REMINDERS AND SPECIAL INFORMATION

1. Don't forget, if you're planning on changing your e-mail address (especially if you've been using a work e-mail to receive the newsletter and are planning on retiring soon) to let either Gary or Pat know so you can continue to receive news about your classmates.

2. Please try to remember to put BUSHY PARK or something similar in the SUBJECT line when you send us something. If we don't recognize your name or e-mail address we might delete it. (I've done that in the past - Pat). **We also need your class year.**

3. If you decide you no longer want to receive the newsletter, just send an e-mail to either Gary or Pat and let them know and you'll be taken off.

4. If you haven't received your newsletter by the 5th of any month (unless Gary or Pat let you know

if there will be a delay), please contact either of them and they'll get a copy out to you.

Roster Changes

New Email address:

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Where Did They Go?

This is a list of our classmates whose email address were rejected when the last issue was sent out. If any of you know of their new email, address please send me an update.

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Look Who We Found

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Classmates Who Have Transferred To The Eternal Duty Station

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.

William "Bill" Holt (61)

From Jim Heck (60) Wish I had better news to share than this. Another one of our classmates has passed on. Bill Holt, Class of '61, died April 22, 2010 in San Diego. He passed away unexpectedly of cardiac arrest. He had suffered from Parkinson's for the last 15 years and his death at the age of 66 was an unwelcome surprise. He'll be missed.

Reunion Information

Pat (Miller) Hodges (55)
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The clock is ticking down for the class reunion for Classes 1953, 54, and 55 and friends. Don't miss the fun in Wilmington, NC, in September. **Deadline for registration is Aug 15th.** The registration form is in this newsletter. Hope to see you there!!!!

LONDON CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL at BUSHY PARK
Classes 1953-56 & Friends
September 19-23, 2010
Wilmington, NC

Best Western Coastline
1-800-617-7732
Group #193218
$89 group rate Bushy Park Alumni

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On the last page of this newsletter there will be a registration form for this reunion .

Mini Reunions

Sherry (Burritt) Konjura (57)
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Our class of 1957's Chaplain, Fr. Aaron Peters of St. Benedict's Abbey in Atchison, KS recently traveled to a reunion of his Naval buddies in New England. "Pete" made several stops enroute to visit with Bushy Park classmates. One of his stops was in Washington, D.C. where he stayed with Bill Cooper. On Monday, June 21 Bill and Pete visited Arlington Cemetery where Bill's parents are buried and were joined by Celeste Plitouke Brodigan and Sherry Burritt Konjura. After the cemetery we all went to lunch at a beautiful Marina and posed for the attached photo. We had a wonderful lunch complete with a "late" birthday celebration for Bill who had just celebrated on Flag Day. Following lunch we took Pete downtown to the WWII Memorial which he was eager to see. Our visit was short, but oh, so sweet. We felt blessed just to have the wonderful day together.

This and That

Rev. Aaron "Pete" Peterson (57)
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Folks, just to pump myself up a bit - Here's a little thing Abbot Barnabas did on me for the forthcoming issue of "Celebration" - an ecumenical resource for pastors, published in Kansas City.

For the Feast of St. Jerome

He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.' — Luke 10:2

Text and Photo by Abbot Barnabas Senecal, OSB
St. Benedict's Abbey, Atchison, Kan. 66002

Aaron clothes the monks.
St. Benedict wrote for community,
told them to work with their hands,
and thus be truly monastic.

"He makes a habit of it,"
said the abbot of his monk,
Aaron, the tailor, who fits the young,
the newly joined, the long-termer.

Blessed with a Bernina,
gift of an abbey friend,
he measures the monk,
upon request, setting to the task.

A serger trims the seam,
encloses the edge of the fabric
inside a thread casing,
like a habit encloses a monk.

Aaron, once a Protestant submariner,
serves as online chaplain to sub vets,
cherished for his concern and prayers,
invited to assemblies in the Midwest.

Like St. Jerome, a student of Bible,
a lover of books and language,
he composes prayers for abbey use,
loves icons and religious art.

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Letters to the Editor

Mariann (Walton) McCornack (53)
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Hi, Gary I'm sorry we won't be able to go to the reunion this year and get to a meeting in San Diego the same week. Please give everyone our best wishes if you go. Thank you.

Suzanne "Snookie" (Garrison) Mayo (54)
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Hi Gary, I especially liked this issue.

Can't get over how great the Billingtons look and so glad they were at the Gathering in Las Vegas. Know everyone must have loved having them there.

Jim Hartung (60)
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Gary, My 13 year old grandson, Aaron Hartung, is enjoying the summer of 2010 prior to entering his Freshman year in high school. He will attend Maryville HS here in Maryville, TN this Fall. Amazingly, he was assigned a book to read for Advanced 9th grade English over the summer (will wonders never cease!). Aaron came to see us at our Winter home (a 5th wheel trailer near Key West, FL) for two weeks in May and June, just prior to me and my wife, Donna, returning to Maryville where we have a condo on a nice, but very hilly, golf course. He dragged his feet somewhat until his Grandma and I insisted he read a chapter a day in his assignment or else NO FISHING OR SNORKELING....a fate worse than death for him. Although Aaron admits to not liking reading, I am an avid reader (different eras!), so couldn't help but see what the book was all about. It was The Rocket Boys by Homer Hickham. I had seen the movie made from the book, "October Skies", so began to read the story. It immediately transported me back to 1957 and my sophomore year at Bushy Park. I remember vividly the day that the announcement was made that the Russians (gasp) had sent a satellite into space and the subsequent furor in American public education which followed, with its extra emphasis on Math and Science. Even though I went into Education with my career, the courses that were required of me helped make for a lifetime of interest in Science. More than that, however, Homer's

description of life and all its challenges, (learning about and pursuing girls mainly) for young teen boys in the late 50s was very poignant. He tells of how impossible it felt for him as a Nerdy young guy to compete with the Jocks for the popular girls, but also describes how much he enjoyed the teen club and the dances where he tried very hard, but unsuccessfully, to woo his dream girl to the tunes of The Platters, Fats Domino, Little Richard and Elvis. By the way, Homer and his bookwormish and somewhat oddball set of buddies became "big wheels" when their homemade, but very sophisticated, rockets blasted off into October skies. I hope my grandson Aaron can gain some inspiration from this fantastic story. I highly recommend it for a trip down "memory lane".

Patricia (Manning) Nobles (62)
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Hello, Gary! My name is Patricia (Manning) Nobles. I attended Bushy Park in 1959-60. My sister Rita (Manning) Blauvelt, ritablauvelt@aol.com, graduated in 1960 from Bushy Park.

I am writing to ask for prayers from all the Bushy Park newsletter recipients. My daughter Ginny, who is 45 years old, has breast cancer. She is now going through chemo, then she will have surgery, and then she will have radiation. She needs all the prayers she can get.

I am sorry I was not able to attend the reunion in Las Vegas.

Susan (Sue Miller) Dalberg (62)
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Greetings Bushy-ites. Just wanted to share something with you quickly—I'm out the door, but I know if I don't "strike while the iron is hot", it will leave my mind and won't come back for a week. God I love getting older.

Anyhow, if any of you have an opportunity, either through your medical insurance supplemental policy, or through a local gym, by all means try a class called "Silver Sneakers". It is a great one hour work out for folks our age, twice a week. I personally HATE exercise, but I am enjoying this class immensely. Good stretching, helping the sagging and the "bat wing" arms. I am loving it and already see improvement in my stamna, helping my range of motion, my rear end isn't at the back of my knees, etc. Couple of guys in our class too.

Then, **if you want a really good laugh,** go onto the internet or to U-tube and find "Zumba Dancing". The instructor at our gym told us to "try it, you'll like it—just a fun dance-ercise class!" Picture me and another 66 year old in a room packed with 20-30 somethings trying to do this. Maybe when I was in my 30s!! We lasted about 20 minutes.

I'm serious—pull it up on the net and howl as you picture yourself doing that dance, at that pace, in those clothes.

An elderly couple were on a cruise and it was really stormy. They were standing on the back of the boat watching the moon, when a wave came up and washed the old woman overboard. They searched for days and couldn't find her, so the captain sent the old man back to shore with the promise that he would notify him as soon as they found something. Three weeks went by and finally the old man got a fax from the boat. It read: 'Sir, sorry to inform you, we found your wife dead at the bottom of the ocean We hauled her up to the deck and attached to her butt was an oyster and in it was a pearl worth $50,000 . ... please advise.'

The old man faxed back: 'Send me the pearl and re-bait the trap.'

See next page for the reunion flyer.

BUSHY PARK REUNION
CLASSES OF 1953-56 and Friends
Wilmington, NC; 19-23 September 2010
REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____Class: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____ email: _____
Guest: _____ Driving to reunion? Yes No; if yes, how many riders could you assist transporting to two activities? ____

A discussion of the daily plans appears in the information sheet in the newsletter. We hope everyone can participate in all activities, but we need to know for reserving transportation and meal requirements. Thanks!

Per person, except where noted:		**No.**	**Amt.**
Registration fee:	($25)-**class member only; not guest**	1	$25
Sunday night reception:	($10 + open bar)	____	$_____
Monday evening dessert get-together	($5)	____	$_____
Tuesday all-day tour	($45 - lunch additional; all admissions included)	____	$_____
Wednesday battleship tour	($10)	____	$_____

Wednesday night banquet (**Circle choice of entrée* <u>and</u> dessert**)
*(Price includes entrée, salad, dessert, beverage, tax, and gratuity)

Vegetable Linguini	$33		____
Mixed grill (salmon, tuna & large shrimp)	$42		____
Crabcakes	$47		____
Garlic Chicken	$39		____
		Total Meal(s) Cost	$_____
Key Lime Pie			____
Fruit Cobbler			____
		Reunion Grand Total:	$_____

Please mail completed registration form and check **not later than 10 August** to:

Ruth Bethea, '55
7309 Leesville Blvd.
Springfield, VA 22151

NOTE: In the event of a cancellation, refunds are possible for the reception, battleship tour, banquet, and the dessert get-together.

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