To: My 50th Reunion Classmates  
From: Mollie Gregory Tower  
50th Reunion Chair

June 5, 2013

Thanks to all of you who attended our 50th Reunion--some from across town, and some from across the country! What a gift to see 230 classmates plus their spouses (a total of 310 folks) gathered together after so many years. Together, we brought the dynamic synergy of fellowship and friendship to our reunion experience that will resonate in our minds and hearts for a long time. Many beautiful memories about a very special time were shared. And so many of you have written lovely notes of appreciation--thank you from all of the reunion team for being so thoughtful and taking the time to write! To quote classmate Bill Bohannon, who now lives in the Philippines and sent us all a sweet note:

“I guess Brian Newberry said it best when he said that we grew up in the best neighborhood, of the best city, of the best region, of the best state, of the best country in the world. We were lucky, extremely lucky!” Amen!

We want so many people to thank.

We want to Thank our Teachers Who Attended
Roland Johnson, Dean Of Boys
Julia Mellenbruch, Spanish Teacher
Corkey Robinson, Music Man

We want to Thank our 137 MAROON ANGELS (see list below)
Because of the generosity of all these classmates, we had two fabulous parties, enjoyed by all, for a very low individual cost. We will also be sending a check from our class to the Austin High School Continuing Education Foundation for student scholarships in the amount of $5,000!!!

We want to Thank our 50th Reunion Planning Committee
This is the amazing team of classmate volunteers who attended planning meetings, shared their special areas of expertise generously, came and helped stuff 500 invitation envelopes, and created personally-hand-made-with-love nametags for each person who attended the reunion. What an EXTRAORDINARY GROUP!!

Terry Hobbs Heller  
John Bode  
Sue Dodgen Vasser  
Jean Doremus Grubb  
Malone Hill  
Bonnie Issac  
Georgia Lochridge  
Claudia Middleton  
Susan Roberts  
Ann Varnado Page  
Marguerite Kelly Jarrell Luedeke  
Sidney Brient Lock  
Richard (Bill) Engle  
Mary Frances Mercado Guerrero  
Marcy Howard  
Joanne Jennings Riley  
Dale Lovell  
Tommy Moore  
Scotty Thomas  
Nancy Williams
We also need to give a **special note of thanks** to:
Ann Varnado Page – who helped by entering tons of information into our Class of ’63 database!

Joanne Jennings and Richard Riley – who shared their home for our two big committee work parties!

Tom Moore - who helped to design and then did ALL of the printing for those classy invitations, directories, programs and bookmarks. Not only that, he did it with beautifully tranquil aplomb even when we pushed his deadlines to the max!

Bonnie Issac - who created our official Class of ’63 website, the swankiest and most user-friendly Reunion Website Ever! Period!

Mary Frances Mercado Guerrero – who worked tirelessly to involve our Hispanic classmates in the Reunion! How exciting to touch base with this special group of old friends!

Jimmy Raup – whose humorous and remarkably detailed (what a memory!) play-by-play narrative of the “Miracle at House Park” literally had us reliving some remarkable moments from the 1962 football game clips--especially when the MIGHTY AUSTIN MAROONS stripped the District Championship right out of the hands of the fumbling McCallum Knights!

Brooks Peterson – who wrote the beautiful poem used in the Memorial Moment on Saturday night, and if you’d like to see a copy of that poem you will find it inside the front cover of your 50th Reunion directory!

*We want to Thank Our SPECTACULAR Entertainers*

The **50th Reunion Garage Band All-Stars** - John Bode, Charlie Morton, Glen Lewis and Weldon Gentry showcased the kind of real musical talent that shines with years of polish--they weren’t slouch musicians in high school, and they were absolutely magnificent on stage at the County Line Friday night!

The **Blast From the Past Trio** – Roland Johnson on bass, Corkey Robinson on sax and Terry Hobbs Heller on keyboard...playing the tent crowd without any music sheets and no rehearsal at all, these three could have played anywhere, anytime, all night long!

The **Divas and Cavaliers** – one of the best variety cover bands on the Austin music scene, John Bode and Charlie Morton head up their own incredibly gifted group of musicians, which also happens to include one of the gals from legendary Rotel & the Hot Tomatoes. Check out their website at [divasandcavaliers.com](http://divasandcavaliers.com) -- John and Charlie actually formed this group in 2009 from the many bands they’ve headed up over the years, starting ’way back in the 50’s!

**Corkey Robinson and the Keynoter Trio** - provided music for the cocktail hour at Westwood Country Club Saturday night--and totally wowed the crowd. At age 85, Corkey is still a musical force to be reckoned with--**just amazing!**
Terry Hobbs Heller – who provided beautiful background music during our dinner Saturday night, plays in several venues weekly for her own charity of choice, Symphony of Soul [symphonyofsoul.org] – “Devoted to lifting the spirits of others”-- and for private events. She also composes very special songs for special occasions.

Finally, Our Four SPECIAL “Reunion Thank You Awards”

Thank you, Claudia Middleton
How can we adequately thank you for volunteering to assume the job of GREAT COMMUNICATOR for our group? The organization of our past reunion parties, the fabulous monthly emails sent through the past years that are full of information, both glad and sad, and the sharing of information to help the success of this Reunion- Thank you so much!

Thank you, Sidney Brient Lock
Our PARTY PLANNER EXTRAORDINAIRE who planned every detail of our Saturday evening party at Westwood Country Club – from the delicious food to the arrangement of chairs and tables to buying and arranging the beautiful flowers you saw around us.
   What a wonderful night!
   Thank you so much!

Thank you, Terry Hobbs Heller
Our CREATIVE WIZARD OF MUSIC AND TECHNOLOGY
It is impossible for me to describe all of the “hats” Terry has worn in our planning for this weekend. What an amazingly talented, skillful and loving friend. For example:
   Who designed & worked endless hours on the fabulous invitation AND the Directory/ Memory Book? – Terry!
   Who worked so hard to create our wonderful Video Scrapbook? – Terry!
   Who composed and performed our very own Class Reunion Song, “A Toast to the Class of ‘63?” – Terry!
   Thank you so much!

Thank you, Marguerite Kelly Jarrell Luedeke
Our DEDICATED SHEPHERDESS
I call her our shepherdess because of her dedication to finding EVERY last one of our HS classmates, even spending the time and money to place over a hundred phone calls when all other avenues of finding people had closed. She knows everyone’s name, everyone’s face, and has made it abundantly clear that she loves each of us.
She is also the most fabulously organized person I have ever met, and was responsible for planning all those details that kept our weekend moving along so well.
   Her beautiful arrangements for the Tours of “old” and “new” Austin High were so amazing – I saw quite a few misty eyes during those delightful moments. Did you check out her very special displays from the AHS Archives on Saturday night? AND her JUGS BRUNCH at her home extended the Reunion Magic for a few more hours on Sunday.
Marguerite Kelly - your incredible efforts were CENTRAL in helping us have the MOST FANTASTIC 50th REUNION EVER!!
   Thank you so much!
Finally, thanks to everyone who joined us and shared your time, energy, experiences, and knowledge to make our brief time together so very special.

A REMINDER - be sure to check out:
* Our FaceBook page *(AHS Class of '63 Reunion Group)* for wonderful pictures provided by Kathy Carr Hardy Hobbs and others
* Our fabulous website (http://www.ahsclassof63.com) for further updates
Enjoy all the pictures!!

LOYAL FOREVER

MAROON ANGELS

If you have not yet taken the opportunity to donate to the AHS Scholarship Fund, it’s not too late!! We want to continue to build this fund through the years. Please make out your check to ”AHS Continuing Education Foundation” and send it to:

Marguerite Kelly Luedeke  
2306 Quarry Road  
Austin, TX 78703

UNDERWRITERS

Sam Boyd
Mollie Gregory Tower
    Ed Hamby
Terry Hobbs Heller
    Bonnie Isaac
Marguerite Kelly Jarrell Luedeke
Tom and Nancy Douglas Moore
    Patricia Morrison
John and Pebble Stone Moss
    Lucille Puett
    Bo Rothchild
    Gary Don Whitlock

CONTRIBUTORS

Joe Alexander
Suzanne Allen Gordon
Esther Anderson Phillips
    Ralph Bailey
    Bill Barnhouse
    Bill Barron
Kay Bartlett Threadgill
    Carl Beck
Danny Kohler
Jim Kruger
Tina Lawson Houston
Tom Lewis
Georgia Lochridge
Dale Lovell
Jay Lowery
Meiling Lung Newman
Terry Marlatt
Becky Maufrais Leggett
Ken McElroy
Nancy McKee Hamill
Dana McSpadden Blaylock
Don “Pudgy” Meadows
Bill Mears
Julia Mellenbruch
Mary Ann Mellenbruch Meigs
Mary Ann Mexia Robinette
Jackie Moon Gannaway
Joe Dale Morris
Bill Moses
Ann Musselman Downing
Ray Nachlinger
Carol Sue Niemeier Ohlde
Kris Nelson Staton
Scarlett O’Dell Reimer
Randy Pauer
Lulu Peal Muse
Ginnie Lou Peck Smith
John Pendleton
Dorothy Plummer Blacklock
Jerry Raines
Jimmy Raup
Jeanne Richey O’Meara
Phil Ricketts
Kent Rider
Janan Rodgers Moses
Lucy Ross
Martha Sansom
Bob Schoen
Steve Scott
Kathleen Shive Mathews
Grant Simpson
Russ Sparenburg
Camey Spaulding Stewart
Al Staehely
Allan Stark
John Stitt
Larry Tasby
Nancy Taylor
Ann Varnado Page
John Vinson
Jeanne Weaver Ruesch
Saralyn White Stewart
Nancy Williams
Norm Winters
Chuck Worrell, Jr.
Bev Wright Witwer
John Yeager
Shirley Zenkner Scott