

# APRIL 2015 Class of '63 NEWSLETTER



## The WHITE RABBIT HOP-A-THON EDITION

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Austin/April 7 or so. We are not sure that there's much of a story here if what passes for inspiration is the south end of a northbound bunny...but it's probably about the chocolate. There's got to be some of those deadly little Cadbury numbers in here somewhere. Sigh. No dice. We resisted all temptation for weeks, passed up the groaning shelves of sugared pastel M&Ms leering at us eye-level...and now we're paying for it in wistfulness instead of weeping for joy at our virtue. Speaking of (*virtues, joy, weeping, whatever*) it's as good a time as any to observe that we are all turning 70 this year (*all but Marcy since she's the baby & nevah nevah has birthdays anyways*) ...and [SURPRISE!] it's not bad at all. W

hat are your ancient, crepey-eyed gnarled thoughts out there? would love to hear about some of the celebrations so send in the pics. *Frankly, we are breathless to get pic from Don Mears doing a banana slalom birthday backflip over a giant styrofoam number 70--bet there aren't any crepey skin moments on THAT guy.* It's funny. We might be gramps & granny on the outside but most of us are just a little frisky on the *inside!!* Rites of eternal spring and all that notwithstanding, 'anybody out there notice they are forever 20something? or even 30something? Kind of a goofy thing, we aren't really aging inside. Which is why we are still thinking chocolate and considering the merits of cutting loose, putting the top down and cruising 360 to the local, taking in the moonlight, white hair wild to the wind, catching the scent of about forty billion bluebonnets that have beglorioused the medians, and definitely definitely hitting it at 70 alllllll the way. Sheriff's ticket: \$200. Knowing we've still got it: priceless.

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## Hoppy Hour @ La Fonda Next Week

Okay. We have had a request to please go back to this lovely place for good food & good margaritas & good fun and we agree...it's a whole 'nother thing in close quarter quaffing but we LIKE being close & BESIDES ALL THAT

**we deserve a break on April 15th**

so get it together...surprise yourself...

turn in your taxes a whole day early how 'bout?

**Just show up at 5 & we'll take it from there.**

Are you coming? Did you hit reply?

How about a little rah rah here: you KNOW you want to stay connected dontcha?  
Welllll....

Bill & Gloria & Susan Roberts & Linda Burk & Nancy Williams & Danny Kohler & Steve Goodwin & Marcy & Claudia & Shirley & Mary Frances & Precious Kelly Marguerite & Mollie & Jimmy Collier & Martha Sansom -- YOU who have been soooo virtuous (*theres a not so subtle theme here eh?*) and show UP for the good of

**JUST BEING THERE ☺**

*You will no doubt receive all the blessings of the great loyal forever macgregor's garden in the sky ☺um HMM!*

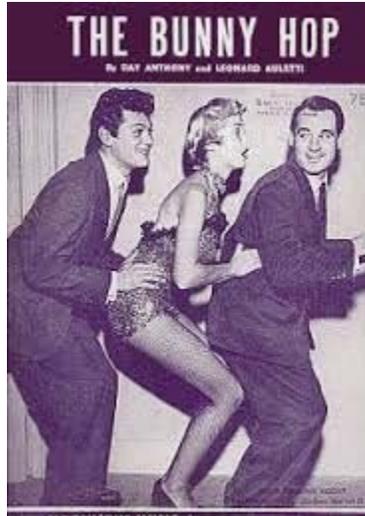
so let's hear from YOU like we always DO ☺

**& NOW HOW ABOUT all you OTHERS who have been slackerabbits and haven't SHOWN UP YET? Here's a motivator:**



**whatever it takes do it do it do it**

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## Some special notes from Precious Kelly Marguerite\*

**\*here's how this goes..some of you call her Marguerite (Jarrell Luedeke) and some of you call her Kelly, and her borned-in name is Marguerite Kelly but we like to call her the other way around because...we like it that way. And we are the ones doing the writing, so jump THAT :) and she's precious fine...she comes after you if you don't do the right thing because she cares...so if you go harvey-the-invisible-rabbit in the email, you're sooooo on her target list and you can expect a call & that's the way we eggroll around here...and FURTHERMORE, she is after ALL of us for a little help, so ears up....heere's PKM:**

Have you ever wondered how you could give back to your wonderful S.F. Austin High School besides donating buckets full of money?

We have a great need for volunteers in the archives. There are so many ways you could help. Every day we receive donations that need to be inventoried, researched, prepared for storage or displayed, and acknowledged.

- There are existing documents and memorabilia that need to be properly preserved using archival materials.
- There are stacks of newspapers with articles that need to be clipped and filed.

And that barely scratches the surface!

The most immediate need is helping with Dedication Day which will be held on Friday, April 24th. We need volunteers to work with the Hall of Honor Committee in setting up for this event on the 23rd. It is a great opportunity to meet and work with the Hall of Honor students. We will also need help to return all materials to the archives on the 24th.

this summer, there will be a renovation and expansion of the archives. Before school is out we will be packing up the entire collection. We would love any time you might have in May to help us out.

What a joy it has been for me to work in the archives. I have had the opportunity to look back at Austin High's compelling history and its impact on our city, the privilege of getting to know the current students, teachers and administrators, and the confidence that AHS will continue to be a quality school for at least the next 134 years.

I will continue to work in the archives, so much to do, and hope that a few 63ers will join in the effort. You will love it! 😊 please contact me at [jkloedeker@gmail.com](mailto:jkloedeker@gmail.com) or call [512-784-8707](tel:512-784-8707) (cell)

[830-632-6342](tel:830-632-6342) (home).

Loyal Forever,

Marguerite

*...did you think YOU were bizzy? you don't know bizzy...  
PKM is the quintessential energizer bunny...  
if you can help, hop to it  
(you KNEW we'd use that stupid expression in here somewhere...  
just suffer and get over it :) we say sweetly with our big teeth showing 😊*

*[...OH YES, there's more...read ON...]*

P.S. Please mention Dedication Day, Friday, April 24th.  
*[we are so happy to comply 😊 with our special way of talking back  
and getting back at the same time 😊...]*

Include the fact that **Emma Virginia Decherd**, Choir Director, 1945-1966, will be honored and all former choir members are encouraged to come. If they would like to attend, send them the Dedication Day invitation *...[it's link so click it!!]*

The other faculty member being honored is Elizabeth Brady, Orchestra Director, 1988-2000. Distinguished alumni include: Gary Clark, Jr. Class of 2002 and Bruce Ybarra, Class of 1988, COL Air Force, Air Force One Pilot, 2008-2012.

Do you want the schedule or let them find that out by getting the email?

*...[we're doing it we're doing it...they're getting it in the attachment already...moving on...]*

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**Do you want to remind the girls of the  
AHS Ladies Luncheon on Tuesday, April 28th?**

*...[you see? she's absolutely relentless...we will do that NEXT]*

**That's all from me! Hippity-Hoppity!**

**[LORDAMERCY, SHE'S DONE 😊 ]**



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*...we are just being lazy below with the ladies' luncheon note...copy, paste, wash, rinse, repeat...guys: just blow on by this...bless yer hearts...but wait: why don't y'all do your own male bonding thing with steak night or bbq on the grill somewhere?or perhaps we are a little too free with the assumptions. you could also be into grilled avocados and sprouts ☺  
hmm...whatever, we'll post your pretty little notes here too--we are soooo equal opportunity!*



**AHS Ladies Spring Luncheon  
Can We Talk?...with Special Guests  
Tuesday, April 28, 2015  
11:30 a.m.  
Austin Woman's Club  
708 San Antonio Street**

(parking is free in the entire club parking lot on Nueces)

**Price for lunch is \$25**

**Please make your checks out to :**

**AHS LL FUND**

**Send to:**

Lynn Remadna  
1801 Rockmoor Ave  
Austin Tx 78703

**Please send your check along with the form below by Friday, April 24th.**

If you have dietary restrictions, please include a note with your check.

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## one or two more special notes...

**One.** Dear All AHS 63--Bubba Pridgeon's Mother died at age 98 last week. The obit in the paper did not tell about her family, but I know it would be a welcomed thought if you could respond to Bubba or Susan. I sent this to Claudia and she may also send a note interim to this one, but in case you do not have their address it is 901 PR 905, Liberty Hill, TX 78642. The funeral was Saturday and Pudgy came down for the funeral. The obit was not obvious and did not list any family. Please let Bubba and Susan know that you care. Thanks+Barbara (Huber) Ward

**Two.** We received a note the old fashioned way--in the mailbox down front--from Connie Coward Owens that her husband Jerry passed away on January 28th...and it was a special thing to get that handwritten note from her, which took a little time but it meant something and so it was important. These are difficult times for many of us, and we want to remember each other with just a small note when it's possible. Connie Owens has a new address: 8005 Cornerwood Drive #203, Austin TX 78717.

**And More.** Just to be sure you got the point: It was important to get these two notes...and we want to remind everyone that this is the way it works. Sometimes all you need is for people to know things. So just write in. We're here for that. We stay connected. We think it's what loyal forever is all about.TLHH

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*And now, the reason you scrolled alllll the way  
down...  
oh joy, oh rapture...*



## *Claudia's Little Birthday List for April*

*04 Jimmy Wilson (45)*

*04 Warren Webb (45)*

*12 Mike Butler (45)*

*16 Linda Holliday Boyd (45)*

*16 Beck Maufrais Leggett (45)*

*18 Camey Spaulding Stewart (45)*

*18 John Yeager (45)*

*18 Mary Ann Mellenbruch Meigs (45)*

*21 Kelly (Marguerite) Jarrell Luedeke (45)*

*23 Charlie Morton (45)*

*25 Shirley Zenkner Scott (45)*

*28 Chuck Newell (45)*

*30 Larry Burk (45)*

*loyal forever, y'all*