

AHS Class of 63 January-February 2020 Newsletter

Snowflake Edition

*Dateline: Thursday morning, dark:30, the Northern Outpost. It's heading south of zero this weekend. So, brrr. All the fireplaces are fired up and the weather outside is frightful ... but it's a beautiful sight, we're happy tonight, la la la la. Really. Not growing up with snow was a tragedy, but we're making up for lost years and lovin' every flake. *If yer sayin' "takes one to know one"— wash your mouth!* It's inspiring out there, and it's even more fun to get out in it. Just a word here—you people who think we're still putting chains on tires, that was 'way last century. They have snow tires with tacks on 'em. They don't call 'em tacks, they call 'em studs, but they know what we mean when we tell 'em we want the ones with tacks—in our best Texas accent. It makes them smile ... *their accent makes us smile, so we're even-steven on the accent scorecard.* Meanwhile, last week, in a fit of fitness, and cleverness, we started a class in tai chi— followed by a chai tea as a treat at Treats. We really entertain ourselves thinkin' this stuff up. For the record, tai chi wasn't a new year's resolution, but we're doin' it anyway, and 'turns out it's actually kinda hard. Balancing on one foot while moving three other body parts in slow motion is an unnatural act. But we absolutely loathe the idea of potential doddering, so off we go to class to train up with all of the other little not-dodderers at the Y in Damariscotta. Today is class #2. And it's snowin' pretty good. So we are gearing up to have a go at backing the car out without waitin' for the driveway snowblow guy. Really. How hard can it be? You just set your mind to it. And we've done it before—rolling out of the garage at a steady clip with those tack tires crunchin' through about half 'a foot of snow ... it's such a pioneer moment. But, we can see as dawn creeps in, it's piling up closer to 10-11" out there. Don't we just wish like hell we had a 54" mounted rack of longhorn steer horns for the front bumper. They wouldn't be much good for plowin' ... but they would be sooooo "comin' atcha" ... snortin' through the blowin' snow. And a bonus—no traffic. It'd be clear sailin' all the way up highway 1—cars goin' both ways would dive for the ditches. Any fool knows Texans don't know how to drive in snow. Heh. Might oughta give the sheriff a heads-up.*

SPEAKING OF HEADS UP ...



What are y'all doing for your 75th year on the planet? We'd like to hear about it. And we want pictures. Hit reply and give us a thrill—we mean it—it's pure fun to hear from you out there. AND WE WANT THESE BY MID-FEB FOR THE MARCH-APRIL ISSUE. You got that? Do it do it do it. We are dead serious. Stories. Pictures. Plans. Ideas. Goals. WHAT'S UP WITH Y'ALL ON THE BIG BIRTHDAY FRONT??? And if you didn't do anything yet or don't have a plan, ***DO SOMETHING***

OR MAKE ONE. SEND IT IN. You can even make it up. It's what we do. Sometimes. Mostly. But not always. :)

18.
Shall I compare thee to a Summers day?
Thou art more lovely and more temperate:
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
And Summers lease hath all too short a date:
Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,
And often is his gold complexion dimm'd,
And every fair from fair sometime declines,
By chance, or natures changing course untrimm'd:
But thy eternal Summer shall not fade,
Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st,
Nor shall death brag thou wander'st in his shade,
When in eternal lines to time thou grow'st,
So long as men can breathe or eyes can see,
So long lives this, and this gives life to thee,

What Shakespeare's True Love is Thinking As She Reads His Valentine Sonnet for Her 75th Birthday

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?

... only if thou thinkest we are 100 degrees of hot lookin' ... otherwise, not so much

Thou art more lovely and more temperate:

... right thou art, romeo

Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,

... and they shake some in January too but they're not buds anymore so we wouldn't bring it up if we were thou...

And summer's lease hath all too short a date;

Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,

... it's hot when we go slitty-eyed, too, so thou best tread lightly here

And often is his gold complexion dimm'd;

And every fair from fair sometime declines,

... our fair declines? ... where art thou going with this?

By chance or nature's changing course untrimm'd;

... oh, that. wrinkles schrinkles. hast thou a mirror, hotspur?

But thy eternal summer shall not fade,

...thou art darn tootin' ... except the hot flashes hath gone, thank the baby Jesus.

Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st;

Nor shall death brag thou wander'st in his shade,

... h.o.n.e.s.t.l.y.?!?

When in eternal lines to time thou grow'st:

So long as men can breathe or eyes can see,

So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.

... if thy "this" is what we think it is, it's always fun when thou dost bring "this" up, but it's a sweet life with thee no matter what, valentine.

New Year 2020 BIRTHDAY KIDS



01 Ginnie Lou Peck Smith (45) Happy 75th Ginnie!

02 Doug Spiller (45) Big Happy 75th to you Doug!

03 John Bode (46) omigosh...only just now 74! you fascinating young thing you!

05 Myron Ralph Boyd (45) Happy 75th Myron!

06 Bev Wright Witwer (45) Happy 75th Rev Bev!

07 Harold Hashem (45) Happy 75th Harold!

09 Mike DeGeurin (45) Happy 75th Mikey!

10 Dick Williamson (45) Dick! Happy 75th! Send a pic!

10 Jimmy Collier (45) Happy 75th Handsome!

10 Gwen Doss Stone (45) Happiest 75th Gwen!

11 John Pendleton (45) Happy 75th Big John!

12 Grady McGonagill (45) Happy 75th Grady!
12 Charlotte Johnson Klingman (45) Happy 75th Charlotte!
15 Lulu Peal Muse (45) Happy 75th Sweetie!
15 Scotty Thomas (45) * Miss you Scottie
15 Tom Dunlap (45) Happy 75th Tom!
18 Vickie Herold Dow (45) Happiest 75th to you Vickie!!
19 Bill Crimm (45)* Miss you Bill
19 Betty Hage Heaton (45) Happy 75th to you Betty!
20 Kenny Roberts (45) Happy 75th Smart Guy!
21 Janan Rodgers Moses (45) Have a wonderful 75th Janan!!
22 Gloria Sue Cook Hyatt (45) Happy 75th Gloria Sue!
22 Bo Rothchild (45) Happy 75th to you big darlin' Bo!
23 Danny Kohler (46) Lordy... Only 74? And still so cute!
23 Steve Goodwin (45) Happy 75th Big Steve...send a pic!
24 Grant Simpson (45) Happy 75th Blue Eyes!
27 Jann Sorrell Fractor(45) Happy 75th Jann!!
29 Franklin Mendez (45) Paint the town Happy for your 75th Frank!
29 Harry Menn, Jr. (45) Happy 75th Harry!!



01 Malone Hill (45) Happy 75th Precious Dr. Funnyman!
01 Ben Bernal (45) Big Happy 75th Ben!
02 Beth Marsh Baldwin (45) Happiest 75th Beth!
05 Linda Grove Lynk (45) Happy 75th Linda!
05 Jean Doremus Grubb (45) Happy Happy 75th Jean!
06 Jimmy Moncivais Orona (44) Happy 75th LAST YEAR Jimmy!
(Sorry we missed that! Send us a pic and a story!)
07 Kent Rider (46) * Miss you Kent
12 Carol Edwards Shull (45) Happiest 75th to you, girl!

16 Joanne Jennings Riley (46) HEAVENS, such a young thing!!

22 Weldon Gentry (45) * Miss you Weldon



We're getting ahead of the game, but we don't want to miss out on an opportunity to celebrate ... since this is a double-month issue, we're in the birthday business big-time 'cause it's a big birthday year for most of us :)

01 Bonnie Montgomery Carol (46) OMG, you're another young thing TOO!

02 Sidney Brient Lock (46) WHAT? you're only 74?! This is gettin' ridiculous.

03 Mike Bown (45) Happy 75th Chief Big Heart!

03 Carlton Edwards (45) Special Happy 75th Carlton!

06 Sandy Riojas Castillo (44) Yikes. Happy 75th LAST YEAR Sandy!

Sorry we missed that, hope it was great and send a pic!

06 Menota Fields Edwards (45) Have just a beautiful 75th Menota!

07 Cathy Foust Seddon (45) Happy 75th Cathy! (We just realized that we didn't have your birth year down so is this right?)

07 Harper Clark (45) Oh my, Happy 75th Sweet Guy!

08 Allan Stark (45) Allan! Happy 75th on your mountain and send a pic!

09 Malcolm Flournoy (45) Big Happy 75th to you, Malcolm!

10 Judy Cleveland Huppert (45) Happiest 75th, Judy!

11 Kay Woods Musick (45) Kay, Have a Great 75th!

12 Scarlett O'Dell Reimer (45) Happy Fabulous 75th Scarlett!

13 Phyllis Gerloff Guthrie (45) Happy 75th Sweet sweet Phyllis!

24 Joe Alexander III (45) Big Joe! Happy Frabjous 75th!

29 Brenda Rogers Warner (45) Happy 75th Beautiful!

31 Sue Dodgen Vasser (45) Happiest 75th Sue darlin'!

Didja have a birthday? Did we miss it? We don't just make it up—you hafta send it in. We

*like remembering your birthday, and if you'll just **tell** us when it is, we will magically put you on the list!*

So help us out and do the right thing.

Just hit reply, darlin' :)

Didja do it yet?



**LOYAL
FOREVER,
Y'ALL.**