



AHS63 March/April 2020 Newsletter

LeapDay Edition

29 February at the Northern Outpost. This time, we don't even have to make stuff up. Julius Caesar already did it for us in 46 BC. Longest year in history—445 days. And it's how we got Leap Day. Sorta. Instead of adding on to the end of February to make a calendar correction, Himself ruled Feb 24 as a *48-hour day instead*. A positively magical thing to do. But why? Because it was driving the priests crazy that the days just didn't *work out right with the seasons*—what with all that 3-days-after-the-full-moon kinda calculatin' their lives depended on. Which is a whole 'nother ... but why Feb 24th? Not surprisingly, it was a feast day—what better time for a few more hours in the day? But it wasn't *Bacchanalia*. Nope. The 24th was *Terminalia*—a love fest honoring the god Terminus (ha. hard one). And who the hell was Terminus? Wait. You got this. Terminus would be the god who presided over ... *boundaries*. Which is about 108 kinds of irony. Boundaries? They had no qualms about calling one day 24 hours and moving the goalpost to make the next day 48? every 4 years of years divisible by 4? Took a lotta squiggles on the papyrus to figure that out. Except, the priests calculated it wrong, and were leapin' every 3 years—until Augustus's smarter priests fixed it later. We digress. Back to Terminus—the boundary guy, only this god was not a regular guy... he *was a post* ... a stick at the corner of the property. Sometimes he was a *stone*. Heck, sometimes he was a stone that *looked* like a post. We are in serious hiccups territory here. And we went to a lot of trouble to dig this up. Whatever. Here's the recap: Leap Day was set up so that Caesar could keep the peace with the



priests over when the moon would come up all *laudate* over sticks and stones. And, in the bargain, Julius got a free 24 to ride out his hangover from toasting a post. We just can't make it up better than that.

Speaking of posting toasts ...

Since this is a year for celebrating MOST people's 75th birthdays (there are a few kids in the class who are only turning 74, and we are pointing out every single one of the little rascals), we asked you to send in some evidence or plans for the birthday bacchanalia ... and, shockingly, you did. We hope MORE OF YOU will send in some word as the year goes on ... here are some fun things that came in.

"Tina (girlfriend of 4 yrs: almost a record) and I plan to drive to Durango CO in Feb for a few weeks, just to see how much cold this ole cowboy can take. But never fear: most of the time we get internet there and you should keep sending your witticisms. Hope you are doing well..."

Malone

*Hope your Feb 1 birthday trip was perfect
(and warm hello to Tina, actress extraordinaire at the 55th!)*

"...sending some vintage pics, (us being vintage, not the pics). Two attached. The family celebrating the big birthday at the beach, Debbie and I are obviously on the left. And one of Debbie and me before New Years..."

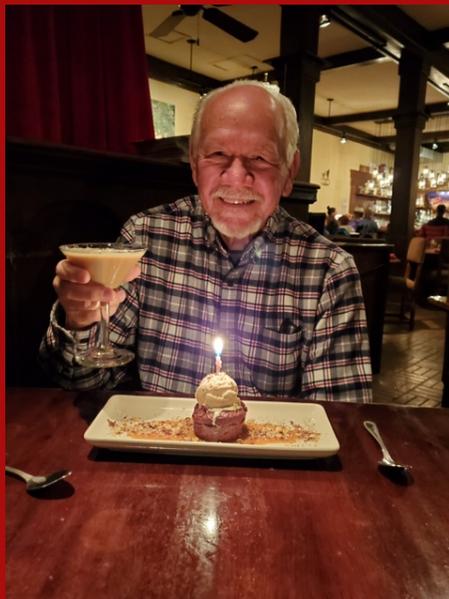
Rich Adams





"Jan & I travelled back to our house in Ouray, Colorado for a week to celebrate my 75th. On my birthday I learned how to drive my neighbor's snowblower (not a skill I had ever learned in Austin!). But my highlight was going to the swimming pool in Ouray, where I swim laps in the summer, to pick up my 1st FREE annual pass which you get when you are 75 or older. Yeah!"

Dick Williamson





"WOW. No wonder all those people seemed older than me..."

Johnny Bode

You whippersnapper ... only turning 74? We'll wait .. and we'll remember ...nyaaaa

From Room 265



"We have several groups going on at Austin HS. Examples are our 2 Expect Respect groups, one for boys and one for girls, in which students learn to problem

solve conflicts in a peaceful and healthy manner; our grief group for students who have experienced the death of a family member; our Peer 2 Peer group which discusses sexual health and safe dating; and a yoga group for teachers and staff. We also have an upcoming mindfulness group for teachers and staff which will meet during lunch. Here we have some students practicing communication, cooperation, and self regulation by playing the game Jenga.

"In the second picture, our students express their appreciation for a place to learn and have fun, by show their "silly side."

Sherri Patton-Grubb, M.Ed., LPC
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Preferred Pronouns: she/her/hers



March



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'!



04 Jimmy Wilson (45) Happy Fabulous 75th Jimmy!

04 Warren Webb (45) Warren! Happy 75th!
05 Ronny Jones (45) Ronny, you're a true Champion! Happy 75th!
12 Mike Butler (45) Happiest 75th, Mike!
16 Linda Holliday Boyd (45) Sweet Happy 75th, Linda!
16 Becky Maufrais Leggett (45) Happy 75th, Beautiful!
18 Camey Spaulding Stewart (45) Camey, Happiest 75th to the Super Hostess!
18 John Yeager (45) Happy 75th, John!
18 Mary Ann Mellenbruch Meigs (45) Hope Your 75th is Perfect, Mary Ann!
21 Kelly (Marguerite) Jarrell Luedeke (45) Sweet PKM, Happiest 75th!
23 Charlie Morton (45) Happy 75th, Music Man!
25 Shirley Zenkner Scott (45) Shirley, Happy Happy 75th!
28 Chuck Newell (45) Happy 75th to You, Chuck!
30 Larry Burk (45) Have a Fantastic 75th, Larry!



*We're steppin' on out here and posting these a couple of months ahead ...
because you can't celebrate this one enough!*

01 Norman Winters (45) Happy 75th, Norm, Hope it's the Best Yet!
06 Don Gregg (45) Happy 75th Birthday, Mr. President!
06 Johnny Coats (45) Happiest 75th, Johnny!
08 Eddie Dudley (45) Hey Handsome, Happy 75th!
08 Kris Nelson Staton (45) Kris! Have just a Beautiful 75th!
12 Helen Zander (45) Happy, Happy 75th, Helen!
13 Georgia Gann Flynn (45) Georgia, Have a Fabulous 75th!
16 Pebble Stone Moss (45) Have a Beautiful Everything on your 75th, Pebble!
17 Suzanne Allen Gordon (45) Suzanne! It's Your Day! Happy 75th!
17 Rhoda Torbron Spuhler (45) Happiest 75th, Rhoda!

21 Terry Parker (45) Happy 75th, Terry!
23 Lucile Puett (45) Sweetest 75th Birthday, Lucile!
24 Robb Southerland (45) Robb, a Special Happy 75th!
24 Bill Barron (45) Have Just a Perfect 75th Birthday, Bill!
24 Jeff Rodman (44) Happy 75th LAST year, Jeff! Hope it was Perfect!
25 Wade Weiler (45) Wade, Happy Happy 75th, Bet'n Man!
27 Don Bengston (45) Don, Have a Great 75th!
29 Russ Sparenberg (45) Russ, So Glad You're Having Your 75th!!!
29 Darryl Lee (45) * ... miss you Darryl
29 Bill Benham (45) Happy Everything on Your 75th, Bill!
30 Ted Parrish (45) Happy 75th, Mr. Blue Eyes!

*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?

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- the AHS Class of 63

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