

Collating the class survey responses was a near-zen experience...fortunately, a mountain of popcorn and diet cokes restored normal breathing *weehoo*



October 2016 AHS Class of '63 Newsletter

Spooktacular Survey Results Edition

October 1st. In the backyard cantina about 25 yards west of the city ETJ ... Pull up a chair and 'set' a spell. We nearly fainted with joy at the number of survey responses (84). And then fell out of our rocker to see us so "normal." Turns out, we look just like the rest of the US of A on the political plane. *gasp* However, let the record show we're still prettier and handsomer. And smarter. After that, we're a hot mess.

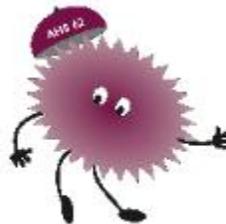
Enough of you responded to make it a plausible representation of the current class list (N-347). The only thing we **all** agree on is we will be going to the polls (92.86%), and most of us think our vote counts. Great news, that. From there we split right down the middle. Sorta. You *could* read it one way and say that 50% think the democracy is in good to middling/fair order. *But* ... if you take out the "middling/fair" group (30.49%), and look for strong feelings at either end... well, the pessimists (40.24%) outweigh the optimists (19.51%) 2:1. *errrrk...* Okay. We've read the hahvahd research on the "media effect" and some of that is probably in play here ... if we believe everything we hear, and most of it is less than upbeat, well....duh. It might very well be that we don't feel good because good news doesn't sell little blue pills *wait wait ... we learned how to spell 'propaganda' in 5th grade, right? Crikey!*

Most important issue? Our favorite was the thoughtful entry "A renewal of human decency." These 5, however, summarize the majority of responses, pretty much in priority order, and in your own words:

- Wealth inequality, racism, sexism, endless war
- The economy; job creation; taxes; government spending
- To elect a qualified person as President
- Schools, health-care, social security
- Protecting our country from terrorists

But it was pure dee fun what you did with the haikus. And **most** of you, bless your little generous souls, tried it out! *oh joy, oh rapture* Several haikus appear somewhere below. And from the look of them, the overall mood of the ship may actually be a little more steady-as-she-goes than man-the-lifeboats *exhale!* And the haikus we pulled out are from of equal numbers of different political persuasions, so there. We're still above the fray.

On with it. The Political Hodge-Podge reveals that, no-matter-what, 32% will vote for Donald and 37% will vote for Hillary. Undecided, 7%. Straight ticketers: R=23%, D=25%. So that's the Maroon Boomer vote for now. We'll see how it all goes on Nov. 8th, eh? Thanks for playing. You were great.



Mr Maroo's Haikus

The sky, shimmering
Our boat laden but upright
The sea, luminous

The sky is still home
Our boat the spinning green earth

The sea knows this well

The sky has fallen
Our boat needs much attention
The sea is churning

The sky bathed in sun
Our boat bows to baby grays
The sea cradles all.

The sky sheds its stars
Our boat brings hope and safety
The sea undulates

The sky, beautiful
Our boat is the minnow pause
The sea is real black

experience is
the feeling of my last thought
so easy to change

a very stark reality
all that life has to offer
what i used to be

Life, a busy blur
Grateful for His faithful love
Blessed assurance

Garden wall of blooms
Gracefully aging in place
Leaving its faint scent

the blinds are closed tight
I want to live a long life
here comes a speed demon

split bamboo just there
one sweet part among many
for this my last home

the world's best doggie
know[s] where I am as I leave
a life to review



Okay okay we heard ya.

Happy Hour is ON.

Tuesday, Oct 18th

4:30-6:30

(a little ahead of the traffic...we are dreamin' but we don't care)

WATERLOO NORTH

8600 Burnet Rd, Austin, TX 78757

Y'ALL BETTER COME

we don't plan these things for just ennybody, so git yer LOYAL ON!

HIT REPLY LIKE YOU MEAN IT

we are sooooo gonna see you there



THE MAROON NEWS ROOM

In the football dept we may be 1-5 but a very cool thing just happened in the Maroon media department - there was a city-wide contest sponsored by the Travis County tax office for high schools to compete for the best a get-out-the-vote video.

[CLICK HERE](#)

Check out the one that got the most votes, and be verrrrry verrrrry proud.



CLAUD'S LITTLE BIRTHDAY GOBLINS

02 Alan M. Smith (45)

02 Kathy Carr Hobbs (45)

02 Will Berezovytch (45)

03 Carol James Plassmann (44)

04 Harvey Fox (45)

05 Phil Ricketts (45)

06 Ann Varnado Page (45)
06 Emily Eichelberger Harrell (44)
 06 Bill Driscoll (44)
 06 Virgil Johnson (44)
 06 Gary Swenson (45)
 08 Kay Isbell Alvis (44)
10 Ada Fay Cook Peters (44)
11 Ann Monkhouse Martel (44)
11 Olivia Hollaway Mauney (45)
 12 Joe Dale Morris (44)
 13 Robert Fletcher (44)
 13 Scott McGuire (45)
14 Jeane Weaver Reusch (45)
15 Jane Lucksinger Francis (45)
 15 Bill Barnhouse (45)
 16 Alice Embree (45)
 17 Patricia Morrison (44)
 17 Richard "Rich" Adams (45)
18 Claudia Middleton (44) boo! ha!
 18 Kaye Dyer Dunbar (45)
 21 RAY ANDRADE (44)
 26 Bill Bennett (44)
 26 Bobby Dollar (44)
27 Karen Erwin Springer (45)
 27 David Hart (45)
 29 Ronny Rowley (45)

And, as always, if we're missing your birthday, we are filled with angst and darn near verklemt. Please send us your birthday. We don't make these things up :) ...but we did consider it at one point.



For next month, since so many of you commented on the Memorial Day edition, we thought we'd honor our parents with pictures of our moms and dads in uniform as a Veteran's Day salute. We will MAYBE send you a reminder, but now is a good time to take your smart phone and go take a pic of your WWII and post WWII photo(s) of your parents in uniform. Or take a pic of a cherished letter, journal entry, medals, memorabilia. And then send in your pics...want to? It would be a special Thanksgiving for Veterans indeed to have those...

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