LEEANNE AND BRUCE HUNT TO CHAIR HPISD CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
Dear Friends,

It is our pleasure to help coordinate the activities and volunteers for the upcoming Highland Park Independent School District Centennial. There are currently more than 100 volunteers engaged in various parts of the celebration from collecting, preserving and archiving memorabilia, to planning the actual weekend events, putting together displays at the individual campuses and in seeking underwriting needed to put on an event of this size and scope.

Above all, we are committed to working with our volunteers and the HPISD Administration to plan an event that is fun, inclusive and offers something for all ages and all of the members of the community. Our schools are at the very heart of the Park Cities and 100 years of the highest quality education for our children is certainly something to celebrate together.

As the Centennial Celebration weekend of October 17 – 19 draws closer, we encourage you to put these dates on your calendar and to plan to bring the entire family to celebrate with us.

We are still looking for historical items to display in the schools and at the Centennial event. If you have any items that you would like to either loan or donate, please contact Helen Williams at willah@hpisd.org. We particularly need items from our elementary schools and junior high, but all items would be very much appreciated. We will return items that are on loan right after the event.

We would like to send a special thank you to those who are working so hard to make this event possible. It should be a very special and meaningful weekend for our entire community. We look forward to seeing all of you: community member, parents, alumni and friends, in October as we show our true Scot Pride!

Sincerely,

Cordelia Boone  
Centennial Activity Coordinators

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Another wonderful Golden Scots Luncheon took place this past September. Campisi’s catered a delicious lunch, Park Version (the elite group of the Lads and Lassies) performed and former HPHS students had the opportunity to reminisce about old times. Along with honoring our youngest class – the Class of 1963 – Betty England Sanford was honored as our oldest Scot in attendance. Betty is from the class of 1936. With this fall’s Golden Scots Reunion taking place during the HPISD’s Centennial Celebration weekend (October 17 - 19) we anticipate that there may be as many as 1000 alumni and guests in attendance. We are asking all Golden Scots to give us creative ideas to help us plan this event, which is such an important part of the Centennial. We welcome any suggestions or ideas on how to make this the best Golden Scots ever. Please e-mail Jenni at Jenni.Scoggins@hpisd.org and she will pass your ideas along to the planning committee.

We hope that you have already added this date to your calendar for next year - the Golden Scot Reunion is on October 18th.
HP100 RAISES ENDOWMENT FOR THE NEXT 100 YEARS

Last spring, the junior class officers began thinking of a way to leave a lasting legacy to Highland Park High School. With HPISD about to celebrate its 100th year as a school district, they thought that raising $100,000 to support the Tartan Endowment would demonstrate their love and support of the school while helping to position Highland Park High School to continue its tradition of academic excellence for the next century of students. Now seniors, Kate Ficke, Thomas Laidlaw, Sam Malone, Margaux Mullinex, and Laney Underwood decided that a fun event for the entire school would be the best way to involve as many students as possible in supporting an endowment for Highland Park High School. As chairs of the HP 100 committee, they assembled a host committee comprised of 156 students most of whom were seniors with additional representatives of the other 3 classes, as well as a group of student ambassadors with 25 – 30 students representing each grade level. This leadership team sold tickets and encouraged attendance at the fall event.

On November 17, more than 1,000 HPHS students attended the HP 100 event at Eddie Dean’s Ranch in downtown Dallas. It was a truly fun evening with a band, disc jockey, food and games with prizes. More than 100 parent volunteers were on hand to assist the students and assure that the evening was fun for everyone involved.

The students were able to present a gift of more than $130,000 to the Tartan Endowment Fund of the Highland Park Education Foundation to initiate a lasting endowment supporting the next generations of HPHS students. Co-chair Thomas Laidlaw says that “It was a great party, everyone had a lot of fun and it turned out to be a fantastic way to show our support of our school. We were so happy that we, as students, could be the first to celebrate the HPISD Centennial.”
These class notes are an attempt to update everyone with information passed along to our office as of January 10, 2014. We regret leaving out any information, and would be happy to include missed news in our next publication. To accomplish this you need your assistance by e-mailing scoggij@hpisd.org or vaughab@hpisd.org or call the Alumni office at 214-780-3060.

1945

Jerry Jordan has received the Justinian Award from the Dallas Bar Auxiliary.

1954

Syd Carter and Garry Weber at the halftime of the Homecoming celebration this fall. The past Football Captains and Homecoming Queens from the decades were recognized at the event.

1958

Pat Breidenstein Looper reports: “Although I was almost 50 at the time, I finally continued my education, receiving a BA, Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees. I am an ordained United Methodist Elder, retired. I served churches in the North Georgia area. Now I live in a lovely retirement community in North Carolina. I have a blog, titled Henscribbles which is mostly of interest to women. You can access it at www.patlooper.blogspot.com.”

Jan. 1959

Two classmates published books in October: Carolyn Calvin Knese wrote Highways to the World: The Engineer, The Teacher and The Dangerous 20th Century and V. Lance Tarrance wrote How Republicans can Win in a changing America; The Art of War with Lesson Plans. Claudia Stigall Vick says both are great reads.

1962

Charlotte Sargent Ivy reports: “I am currently in VA working on a CD of 11 original songs. I have been in VA off and on for the last two years and am exploring the world of BLUEGRASS and Country Music along the Crooked Road (Virginia’s Music Heritage Trail). I have attended numerous music workshops and festivals - VA, TN, NJ - and enjoy the friends that I am making along the way. This is a wonderful time of adventure and dreams come true for me and I am having a BLAST! I asked myself... If Not NOW, WHEN? When is NOW? I am including on my CD a song that I wrote for Christmas this year in response to my daughter's request. I still have the horses and ranch! www.chacaro.com- http://www.chacaro.com- and my music will be featured on the website soon. And YES... to my fifth grade class mates at Robert S Hyer... I DO STILL BELIEVE in Santa Claus...”

● Carol Garonzik Wells reports: “I’m living in San Diego California now. My latest news is that I just finish publishing my third book. It’s called Be Nice To The Man... I am currently working on a sequel that will be coming out in the summer.”

● George (Butch) Jones recently appeared on CNBC’s Mad Money show. He has since announced his retirement as CEO of Texas Capital Banchares, Inc. George co-founded Texas Capital Bank in 1998.

1966

In November 2012, Pat Mittenthal and her sons, Nate and Rob Wilhite ’96, hiked the Inca Trail in Peru. Pat said, “I can’t believe I made it...4 days hiking/3 nights of sleeping in a tent. What a sense of accomplishment I feel!!” Trip highlights were Macchu Picchu and, afterwards, crossing a ravine on a treetop canopy in the Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica.

● Laurie Wright, Tom Waggoner, Pat Mittenthal were trading emails recently and thought it might soon be time to get together again for a little mini-reunion. We had one a while back at Pat's and really enjoyed getting together. It started off being '96 band nerds and spread from there. Nothing fancy, none of that Dallas Country Club stuff, just some toddies, snacks and conversation.

1955

According to Kay Peters, 14 of the ‘55 Divas met for potluck dinner on Dec. 16 – at Dorothy Summers Hulse's home and had a super time. The food was outstanding, of course, and we had a much better chance to visit in the quiet of Dorothy’s lovely home than we have at our regular hangout, the El Fenix on Northwest Highway at Hillcrest. We meet on the third Monday evening of every month at El Fenix at 6:00 PM and would love to have any Class of ’55 ladies join us. Just ask for the big table of high school friends, and they will show you the way. It’s such fun to be with friends that you have known almost all of your life.

1956

The mystery of the missing tree plaque has been solved. The bronze plaque, set at the base of a live oak tree on the HPHS campus, was reported missing this summer. The plaque marked the spot where the Highland Park Class of 1956 donated and planted a tree in March 1997 dedicated to those class members who have died. The school’s maintenance department, alerted by concerned alums, quickly solved the mystery. The plaque was not missing at all, just covered up by a little dirt and grass. After a bit of digging and raking, the plaque is now visible again. It and the tree are near the southeast corner of the high school campus. We want to give many thanks to the maintenance department for such a quick response.

1957

Robert H. Kroneyer of Kroneyer Morse Lan, P.C. in Dallas was presented with the Beverly L. Brooks Leadership Award on December 4, 2013 by the Dallas Chapter of the Society of Financial Service Professionals. The annual award identifies and salutes men and women whose career path is one of excellence and whose contribution to society is made through a commitment to the highest ethical standards and professional development.

1961

It is never too late!! Patty Stephens, who was never an athlete in high school nor was a swimmer until 4 years ago, competed in 6 swimming events in July at the Sr. Olympics in Cleveland. She gives credit to her husband, Bob Murray, who signed her up. While no one there thought it was something, she got 13th both in butterfly and breast strokes, in her age group. Proves you always beat whoever doesn't show up. Why do it? Cuz it's lots of fun. • Nina Rosoff says she “has moved back to Big D and LOVES our “home” in our old stomping grounds of UP! She can be reached by email at nrosoff@gmail.com and welcomes hearing from you.” She has a company called, PhD2 Leadership Consulting. PhD2 works with leaders and organizations—the reason for the “2.” As the managing partner and founder, we have decided to work with individuals, start ups, Fortune 500, mom and pop shops and entrepreneurs seeking guidance, mentoring and ideas regarding how best to improve leadership and live well and successfully in our complex, challenging uncertain times.

1959

A group of our classmates joined Dean McKay and Susan Shank Mix at their home in Tahoe City, CA for a weekend on the Lake in Sept., 2013. Of the 7 class members present, 5 were in Bradfield Elementary together. Attending the weekend event were Bob West, Albert Hall, Sandi & Chick Misura, Patty Stephens & Bob McKay, Dean McKay, Dianne West, Susan Shank Mix, Susan Johnsen and David Young.

1964

It's a sequel that will be coming out in the summer.”
Sara Cockrell moved to Traverse City, MI in 1986. Remembered in high school as avoiding PE classes by collecting the roll sheets, ironically, Sara fell in love with Traverse City, becoming immersed in sports including road and mountain biking, canoeing, hiking and cross country skiing. After retiring in 2006, Sara began multi-week backpacking treks in the mountains. Some of her U.S. favorites are Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore & Isle Royale (MI), the John Muir Trail (Yosemite to Mt Whitney, CA), and many others. Starting in 2010, she broadened her horizons to include international destinations including the Italian Dolomites, Swiss Walker’s Haute Route, New Zealand’s “Great Walks”, Torres del Paine & Los Glaciares in Patagonia, Everest High Passes, Pyrenees, Corsica GR20 & Swiss Alpine Pass Route.

Craig McKelvey’s career has taken him far from his Trinity University liberal arts degree. His foray into the international oil business started with an 8 ½ year stint in Cabinda in Angola. “The civil war was still ongoing and our location was 80% of the country’s revenue, so it was an attractive prize for the government's adversary. With burn out very easy, I was surprised to be nominated for a logistics operation with Chevron Miugini in Papua New Guinea — another “experience”. 3 ½ years later, Craig went to Tengiz, Kazakhstan. Since 1997 Craig has been an independent consultant/contractor for the petroleum industry, travelling to Asia, mainly Malaysia and China. “The best part about that experience was being able to visit Singapore and Hong Kong -- both truly beautiful cities.” He also worked in Israel for a year. What’s next for Craig? “ I still want to go to Equatorial Guinea, and Ghana. Currently I am returning to Angola for a project with ExxonMobil.”

Our class абпод in artists whose work has been displayed publicly. Jane Goldman’s work at Logan Airport, Suzanne Fuqua’s at Cirulean Gallery and Margaret Bigger Tarrance’s at St. Michael’s Women’s Exchange. In 1980, Margaret relocated to Athens, Texas, continuing to paint at her home studio as well as to teach drawing and painting. Through the years, Margaret’s style has evolved from impressionism to expressionism. Her oil painting La Porta Verde, Roma was featured on the editorial page of Veranda Magazine and she is a featured artist in the book, Sculpture Gardens and Art Tour in the Upper East Side of Texas 2012. “Being able to create something new has been one of the greatest joys of my life,” says Margaret.

Janet Latham retired from over 30 years of teaching in 2011 to pursue storytelling full time. As a teacher, she taught English, ESL and reading, and most recently served as an elementary librarian, where she developed a student writing program that led to in-house publishing of student written and illustrated short stories. She also started a youth storytelling troupe whose members have told stories at the Texas Storytelling Festival in Denton, Texas and the Tejas Storytelling Association Summer Conference, the National Youth Storytelling Showcase. Her students have also combined telling stories with the visual arts at places such as the UNT Gallery Ugandan Bark Cloth exhibit, UNT on the Square International Seed Vault exhibit, and the Denton Center for the Visual Arts. Janet's teaching career provided her the opportunity to travel around the world, undergirding her love of multicultural stories. She taught for 4 years in the Middle East (Bahrain) and for 2 years in Nairobi, Kenya at the International School of Kenya. Janet established the Outdoor Learning Environment (OLE) in her most recent position as Elementary Librarian at WS Ryan Elementary School in Denton. She is a fan of No Child Left Inside and The Last Child in the Woods (Richard Louv) and firmly believes that it is not too late to save the planet and ourselves, from ourselves, using the healing art of storytelling as a way of reconnecting with nature and with each other.

1969-70-71

Row 1, third from the right, is Noble Atkins, the best school principal Charles ever knew. A man of great character and leadership. Lots of gaps here, but here is what is known:

Front row, from the right: Charles Francis, president at the podium; at the table in front, Jeannie Slaughter, Student Council Treasurer (left) and Marsha Hobin (Secretary-right).

Beside Noble Atkins, front row right to left: Louise Capps, Steve Slaughter, Gail O'Brien, John Stanley, Trammell S. Crow, Anne O'Dwyer and Michelle Cunningham.

Row 2, from right: Tommy Van Amburgh, Nancy Novak, Brenda Neel, Allison Dickson, Becky Dunlap, Charles Cooper, Claudia Haynes.

Row 5, from right: Trevor Rees-Jones, Lee Ritchie, Paul Lee, Marsha Dugger, Patty Sherrill and Temple Walker.

If you are in this picture and not named – please email us your name and where you were sitting.

1970

Dawn Finlayson has been elected to membership in the Fellows of the TX Bar Foundation for her outstanding professional achievements and her demonstrated commitment to the improvement of the justice system of TX. • Bill Wilshusen has been elected president of the Salesmanship Club of Dallas.

1971

Guy Kerr has been elected first vice-president of the Salesmanship Club of Dallas.

1972

Bob Myers has been elected treasurer of the Salesmanship Club of Dallas. • Iris Bradley is serving as national Ethics Chairman for the American Association of Professional Landmen for the 2013-14 term.
Randy Smith at the Scots Homecoming halftime this fall. The past Football Captains and Homecoming Queens from the decades were recognized at the event.

Richard and Claire Williams Aiken reports: “We play golf & go fishing every extra minute we can find; we’re enjoying the empty nest! But our nest is full again. Our son, Robert (28) married in May, 2013 & bought the house right next door to ours. They & their beagle and a black lab are living with us for 3 months while they re-model. With our rescue dog, Pete, a Wheaton terrier, our backyard resembles an animal shelter. Our daughter, Beth (26), is in New Orleans. Richard & I love going to NOLA as often as we can to visit her & try different restaurants every time, then come home to diet & detox.” Lindi Loy Funk works in the hospitality and transportation industries in Dallas. As an ambassador and tour guide she welcomes clients to the city, assists in securing transportation and escorts groups to various venues throughout the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

Elaine Hampton Hall has returned to work after raising children for 16 years. She is a senior sales manager for the Hyatt Lost Pines Resort and Spa outside of Austin, TX.

Ty Hudnall, Chris Millican and Jordan Davidson Lunn at halftime of the Scots Homecoming game this fall. The past Football Captains and Homecoming Queens from the decades were recognized at the event.

Grant Walsh was recognized as a 2013 Rising Star by Super Lawyers and Texas Monthly magazines. He is the co-managing partner of the national law firm Culhane Meadows PLLC. In November 2012, Nate and Rob Wilhite along with their mother, Pat Mittenthal ’66, hiked the Inca Trail in Peru. Trip highlights were Machu Picchu and, afterwards, crossing a river on a treetop canopy in the Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica. (See picture under 1966)

Court Alley is running for Texas State Representative District 108.

Robbie and Lane Carruth Hawkins were blessed with baby, Peyton Riley Hawkins, on 6/10/13.

Brendan Hieber is working in Peru to raise money for La Casa de Panchita. This non-profit works with women and children who come from the poorest area of Lima. To learn more about what Brendan is doing go to www.GlobalGiving.org and search for “Changing Lives of Child Domestic Workers in Peru.”

Mary Sean Thornhill, (Keally Harvin’s mother) reports that: “Keally Harvin has been in Madrid, Spain since the September after graduation from UT in 2010. Madeleine Hall and Elizabeth Adams ’09 have just gone over this October. The 3 of them are living in a lovely apartment in the Salamanca barrio of Madrid. Keally served as a teacher’s assistant, teaching English to Spanish-speaking children, for a year and a half before joining a Dallas-based company for which she now works, and Madeleine and Elizabeth are doing the teaching programs now. Madeleine left a job in NYC to go, Keally has had amazing experiences since going to live in Madrid, and she has made fabulous Spanish friends. Madeleine and Elizabeth are getting to join in the incredible circle of life there now too. They have run into Gareth Bale, the highest paid footballer with Real Madrid (having signed for 86m pounds), who bought the girls’ dinner one night when Elizabeth’s brother arrived. His big brother, Drake, was thrilled with his little brother’s arrival. Christi France Terry welcomed twins, Tripp and Ellianna Kate, to her family on 11-22-13.

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Melissa McCoy was named a Rhodes Scholar for 2013.

Read about Elizabeth Adams in the article under the class of 2007.
Kylie Hurd was elected Homecoming Queen at The University of Colorado.

- Liza Yates and Caroline Cooper are both on the sidelines at UT football games – Liza is the Head Sweetheart for the Silver Spurs who are in charge of Bevo during the games, and Caroline is part of the Texas Cowboys who fire the cannon at the games. This is the first time that two girls have been in these positions at the same time.

In the back row right, #31 Kaitlyn Read begins her college basketball career at New York University. Good luck Kaitlyn! Go Violets!

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1981

1989
Taylor Higginbotham married Helene Zeiler on 6-14-13.

1996
Mark Oneacre married Tara Bokusky on 4-20-13.

1999
Caroline Huddleston married Brian Haley in October, 2013.

2000
Melissa White married Brandon Smulyan on 8-31-13.

2001
Blake Smith exchanged wedding vows with Sarah Contrucci in January, 2014.

2002
Shelby Hoge married Matthew Comeaux '03 on 5-18-13.

2003
Ashley Howie married Stuart Tallichet on 4-27-13.

Shelby Hoge '02 married Matthew Comeaux on 5-18-13.


J.D. Kearney married Jennifer Jones on 9-7-13.

Molly Burns married Tripp Austin in late November.

Audrey Sullivan & John Rauscher were married in January.

2004
Betsy Wolcott married Tyler Sorenson on 12-4-13.

Katherine McEvoy is planning a May wedding with Robert Ryan.

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2005
Nick Mesec married Alison Pitzer '07 on 6-8-13.


Scott Casey wed Lindsay Boswell on 9-21-13.


William Draper wed Jena Sun on 1-25-14.

2006
Erika Bender married Chris Burton on 4-20-13.


Elizabeth Boone married Blake Perez on 8-3-13.


2007
Alison Pitzer married Nick Mesec '05 on 6-8-13.

Elizabeth Bunten married J.W. Norman of Jacksonville, MS on 1-25-14.

2008


Caroline Kent married James Magee on 1-11-14.

2009

2010
Katherine Rolason is planning a June, 2014, wedding with Tyler Freeman.
The Highland Park ISD Centennial Steering Committee is thrilled to announce that Leeanne and Bruce Hunt have graciously agreed to serve as the honorary Co-Chairs of the Highland Park Independent School District Centennial Celebration. They are both class of 1976 graduates of Highland Park High School and have been raised in the Park Cities. They met in their 8th grade homeroom class and dated all through high school and college. After graduating from the University of Texas at Austin, they came back to the Park Cities to live and raise their family. Leeanne and Bruce have 3 sons, all of whom graduated from HPISD.

Their oldest son, Marshall, class of 2003 is married to Brittany Dunlap also a 2003 graduate. On a nostalgic note, it is interesting that Leeanne’s father, Gage Prichard, and Brittany’s grandfather, Syd Carter, were close friends at HPHS and were in each other’s weddings. These best friends from high school now share a great grandson! Leeanne and Bruce are so proud that their son, Carter Hunt graduated from HPHS in 2004 and that Bailey Gage Hunt was a 2008 graduate.

When asked what they like best about the Highland Park Schools, they replied “…what is best about our school district is the sense of family and the involvement and love that members of this community demonstrate for our schools. The school district has meant so much to our families from our parents to our children and our closest friends. We are thrilled to help celebrate our wonderful school district which is turning 100 this year!”
Mary Frances McClure graduated from Highland Park High School in 1953. While in high school she was active on the Bagpipe staff, a member of Quill and Scroll, and a Linz Pin recipient. After graduation she attended SMU where she was studying history when she interrupted her studies to marry Rufus C. Burleson. She and Rufus were married for over 50 years before he passed away in 2009. Many years later she was personally presented her diploma by SMU President R. Gerald Turner.

In 1958 Mary Frances went to work as a part time receptionist for Ebby Halliday. Today she is president and CEO of Ebby Halliday Companies, the 12th largest residential real estate company in the country. Under her leadership, the company reached a sales volume of approximately $5 billion annually and has become one of the most respected real estate companies in the world.

Mary Frances has been a very civic minded member of the Dallas community. She has received numerous honors and awards not only in her chosen field of real estate, but also in recognition of her involvement in other organizations. She was named Realtor of the Year in Texas in 1999, was the first Texan to be named to the Realtor PAC Hall of Fame in 2005. She served as a leader in the Texas Realtors Governmental Affairs Committee for more than 15 years and is a member of the NAR Strategic Planning and Research Committee. Through her ongoing commitment to such groups as the Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce, International Women’s Forum, and the Dallas Citizens Council and as a broker member of the Texas Real Estate Commission, she has helped make Dallas a better place to live, work and enjoy life. She and Rufus enjoyed raising championship Boxers in the kennel that they owned and managed. Marlbur Boxers have won many prestigious awards both nationally and internationally.

JAMES H. “BLACKIE” HOLMES, III, JANUARY 1953

Although Blackie Holmes was born in Birmingham, he moved to Dallas when he was just one year old. He attended University Park Elementary School and graduated from Highland Park High School in January of 1953. While at HPHS he was Vice President of his senior class, Hi-Y Treasurer and a member of the Student Council. After graduating from HP, he attended SMU where he was a member of the swimming team, a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, a member of Blue Key and a distinguished graduate of the Air Force ROTC. Following graduation from the SMU School of Law in 1959 and a tour in the U.S Air Force JAG, he joined the law firm of Burford & Ryburn where he has practiced for 52 years.

Blackie has had a very distinguished law career and has been recognized as Texas Trial Lawyer of the Year in 2004, Texas Super Lawyer from 2003-2010, as a Distinguished Alumnus of the Dedman School of Law in 2004-2005 and as a Distinguished Alumnus of SMU in 2012. In 2013 he was named a Trial Legend by the Tort Insurance Section of the Dallas Bar Association and named a Legal Legend by the State Bar in 2009 and by the Litigation Section of the State Bar in 2012. Perhaps even more than his remarkable career as an attorney, Blackie is known and admired for his 30 years of service to the community. He has served as Chairman of the University Park Community League, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission, UP City Council for 8 years and as Mayor of the City of University Park for 6 years.

During his tenure, a number of significant city enhancements were made or approved including the renovation of City Hall, the construction of Coffee and Hitzelberger Parks and he helped facilitate the location of the George W. Bush Presidential Center to the SMU campus. In recognition of his wise and even-handed leadership, the Holmes Aquatic Center was named in his honor.

Blackie is a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers and is a life-member of the Salesmanship Club of Dallas. He and his wife of 50 years, Judy, have three married sons, Jimmy, Randell and Tucker and three grandchildren.

MARY FRANCES MCCLURE BURLESON, 1953

Barbara was the Salutatorian of her January 1957 class at Highland Park High School. Not only was she among the brightest in her class, but also the most involved. She was secretary of the class, secretary of the National Honor Society, a member of Lads and Lassies and in the senior play. She graduated cum laude from the University of Colorado Boulder in 1961 and received her Master of Arts degree in Education from Kansas State University.

For more than 30 years Barbara provided inspiration to the Cashmere Washington school district as a music teacher and elementary school teacher. For nineteen of those years she was the teacher librarian at Yale Elementary school where under her guidance and leadership, the Yale library became a model for other schools around the state and across the country.

Her love of books, coupled with her passion for teaching led Barbara to become a distinguished author of children’s books. Barbara’s amazing insight into what stimulates and excites young children comes from her years of teaching experience both in the United States and abroad. She is the author of nearly 50 children’s books with her series Animal Antics A to Z receiving the prestigious Teachers Choice Award in 2011.

Barbara is married to consulting engineer Kim deRubertis. Together they live in a century old home and oversee a large orchard growing cherries and a variety of other fruits, nuts and flowers. They have two sons, Ben and Corbin. She is deeply involved in the cultural leadership of her Eastern Washington community. She is on several boards and committees including the Icicle Creek Music Center, Community Concert Association and the Charles Conway Children’s Hospital Guild just to name a few.

ALUMNI AWARDS

Distinguished Alumni

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Barbara was the Salutatorian of her January 1957 class at Highland Park High School. Not only was she among the brightest in her class, but also the most involved. She was secretary of the class, secretary of the National Honor Society, a member of Lads and Lassies and in the senior play. She graduated cum laude from the University of Colorado Boulder in 1961 and received her Master of Arts degree in Education from Kansas State University.

For more than 30 years Barbara provided inspiration to the Cashmere Washington school district as a music teacher and elementary school teacher. For nineteen of those years she was the teacher librarian at Yale Elementary school where under her guidance and leadership, the Yale library became a model for other schools around the state and across the country.

Her love of books, coupled with her passion for teaching led Barbara to become a distinguished author of children’s books. Barbara’s amazing insight into what stimulates and excites young children comes from her years of teaching experience both in the United States and abroad. She is the author of nearly 50 children’s books with her series Animal Antics A to Z receiving the prestigious Teachers Choice Award in 2011.

Barbara is married to consulting engineer Kim deRubertis. Together they live in a century old home and oversee a large orchard growing cherries and a variety of other fruits, nuts and flowers. They have two sons, Ben and Corbin. She is deeply involved in the cultural leadership of her Eastern Washington community. She is on several boards and committees including the Icicle Creek Music Center, Community Concert Association and the Charles Conway Children’s Hospital Guild just to name a few.

JAMES H. “BLACKIE” HOLMES, III, JANUARY 1953

Although Blackie Holmes was born in Birmingham, he moved to Dallas when he was just one year old. He attended University Park Elementary School and graduated from Highland Park High School in January of 1953. While at HPHS he was Vice President of his senior class, Hi-Y Treasurer and a member of the Student Council. After graduating from HP, he attended SMU where he was a member of the swimming team, a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, a member of Blue Key and a distinguished graduate of the Air Force ROTC. Following graduation from the SMU School of Law in 1959 and a tour in the U.S Air Force JAG, he joined the law firm of Burford & Ryburn where he has practiced for 52 years.

Blackie has had a very distinguished law career and has been recognized as Texas Trial Lawyer of the Year in 2004, Texas Super Lawyer from 2003-2010, as a Distinguished Alumnus of the Dedman School of Law in 2004-2005 and as a Distinguished Alumnus of SMU in 2012. In 2013 he was named a Trial Legend by the Tort Insurance Section of the Dallas Bar Association and named a Legal Legend by the State Bar in 2009 and by the Litigation Section of the State Bar in 2012. Perhaps even more than his remarkable career as an attorney, Blackie is known and admired for his 30 years of service to the community. He has served as Chairman of the University Park Community League, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission, UP City Council for 8 years and as Mayor of the City of University Park for 6 years.

During his tenure, a number of significant city enhancements were made or approved including the renovation of City Hall, the construction of Coffee and Hitzelberger Parks and he helped facilitate the location of the George W. Bush Presidential Center to the SMU campus. In recognition of his wise and even-handed leadership, the Holmes Aquatic Center was named in his honor.

Blackie is a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers and is a life-member of the Salesmanship Club of Dallas. He and his wife of 50 years, Judy, have three married sons, Jimmy, Randell and Tucker and three grandchildren.

MARY FRANCES MCCLURE BURLESON, 1953

Mary Frances McClure graduated from Highland Park High School in 1953. While in high school she was active on the Bagpipe staff, a member of Quill and Scroll, and a Linz Pin recipient. After graduation she attended SMU where she was studying history when she interrupted her studies to marry Rufus C. Burleson. She and Rufus were married for over 50 years before he passed away in 2009. Many years later she was personally presented her diploma by SMU President R. Gerald Turner.

In 1958 Mary Frances went to work as a part time receptionist for Ebby Halliday. Today she is president and CEO of Ebby Halliday Companies, the 12th largest residential real estate company in the country. Under her leadership, the company reached a sales volume of approximately $5 billion annually and has become one of the most respected real estate companies in the world.

Mary Frances has been a very civic minded member of the Dallas community. She has received numerous honors and awards not only in her chosen field of real estate, but also in recognition of her involvement in other organizations. She was named Realtor of the Year in Texas in 1999, was the first Texan to be named to the Realtor PAC Hall of Fame in 2005. She served as a leader in the Texas Realtors Governmental Affairs Committee for more than 15 years and is a member of the NAR Strategic Planning and Research Committee. Through her ongoing commitment to such groups as the Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce, International Women’s Forum, and the Dallas Citizens Council and as a broker member of the Texas Real Estate Commission, she has helped make Dallas a better place to live, work and enjoy life. She and Rufus enjoyed raising championship Boxers in the kennel that they owned and managed. Marlbur Boxers have won many prestigious awards both nationally and internationally.
Distinguished Service

DR. DAVID “D” SMITH

David Smith is a noted author, public speaker and historian. He frequently addresses groups and conferences about the Civil War and publishes a blog about current events putting them in historical perspective. However, above all, David is known and honored for his passion for history, teaching and his commitment to the students he teaches. David, known to his students as “D” Smith, is considered the best of the best of teachers at Highland Park High School. He was born and raised in Nacogdoches, Texas. He received his Bachelor’s degree from Baylor in 1971, his M.A. and M. of Education from Stephen F. Austin and his Ph.D. in History from North Texas in 1987. He began teaching in Highland Park in August of 1975 and continued until his retirement in May of 2002. During his time at HPHS he taught A.P. US History, A.P. European History, A.P. Government as well as 8th grade social studies and history.

David made history come alive for his students. Using interesting stories, anecdotes and simulations he helped students to feel as if they were actually a part of historical events, not just reading about them. According to a recollection from Wendy Kopp, founder of Teach for America “I have never…not in high school or even in college at Princeton – been so completely immersed in history…His smile, warmth, understanding and pushing helped shape so many of us…it is stunning to step back and reflect on how many students he impacted over time”. David cared not only for the education of his students, but also for the students themselves. He pushed them academically while always encouraging and mentoring in the process. Students say they wanted to do their best for him because he gave his very best to them. For several summers, groups of lucky students accompanied David on a trip to experience firsthand many of the historic sites in Europe.

Upon his retirement, a group of students and their parents paid a special tribute to David Smith by establishing a scholarship honoring him for all that he meant to Highland Park High School and its students.

Highlander Award

DR. CATHY BRYCE

When she retired from her role as Superintendent of the Highland Park Independent School District, Dr. Cathy Bryce left behind a legacy of commitment and excellence that is appreciated by all who know her. Dr. Bryce, who served as superintendent from 2001-2008, has made a tremendous difference throughout the district, thanks to her limitless energy, strategic thinking, gift for communication, and above all, her uncompromising commitment to each child.

Cathy grew up knowing that she wanted to work with children. Her passion for music led her to pursue her Bachelor of Music Education degree from Midwestern State University. In 1977 she earned her Masters of Education from Southwestern Oklahoma State and her Doctorate of Education from the University of North Texas. Her unique talent was quickly recognized as she moved from choir director and English teacher in Arapaho, Oklahoma to Choir Director in Birdwell ISD, to an administrative position in Lewisville ISD in just over 10 years. Upon arriving at Highland Park in 2001 she embarked on a listening campaign and was quickly able to identify challenging areas and set about finding solutions. Even in the most difficult of financial times for the District, under her leadership, HPISD consistently earned a Superior Achievement rating under the Financial Integrity Rating system of Texas accountability. She continues to be an advocate for increasing the standards of education for all children while working tirelessly to assure that the Highland Park schools continue the excellence in education that is their trademark.

Even with her extremely busy schedule, Cathy always found time to be involved in the community as well. Among her many activities, she served as Board Member and President of the YWCA of Metropolitan Dallas, on the Advisory Board of the Dallas Museum of Natural Science, and on the Executive Board of the Circle Ten Council Boy Scouts of America.

She will be forever admired for her enthusiastic attendance at student competitions and performances, her deep appreciation for parents and community members, and her loyal support for members of her staff. She is a dynamic and passionate leader who is appreciated and respected by the entire community.
Class of 2013 Unveils Class Gift

On Monday, January 20th class officers from the Highland Park High School Class of 2013 were home from college to unveil and officially dedicate the class gift to the high school. With the help of several members of the community, the class was able to engage sculptor Barvo Walker to produce a sculpture of the Highland Park Scot sitting on a bench. This beautiful new addition to the school is bound to be a photo destination for visitors to the school campus. The sculpture is located in the hallway between the student entrance to the school and the cafetorium.

SPARKLING SCOTS CHEER ON
THE HPHS FOOTBALL TEAM

The excitement of being a part of the cheerleading squad is now a reality for five students with special needs at Highland Park High School.

The Sparkling Scots performed with the HPHS varsity cheerleaders at three football games this fall.

"The Sparkling Scots have added so much spirit to the pep rallies and games," said Highland Park High School Principal Walter Kelly. "They are an important part of our school community, and to truly be a community, everyone should have the chance to make a contribution. It's inspirational to have them cheering for our teams and our school."

The Sparkling Scots are part of a national program called the Sparkle Effect, which was launched in Iowa and has now expanded to more than 70 high schools in 20 states. The HPHS squad was initiated by parent Kelly Waterman and embraced by the HPHS cheerleaders.

"For some girls, it's a dream come true to be a cheerleader at their high school. The boost to their self-esteem is enormous," Waterman said. "We moved here from another high school that had the program, and we saw firsthand what the benefits were, not only for our girls, but for the varsity cheerleaders. The varsity girls got as much out of it as our girls."
COACH RANDY ALLEN RECEIVED THE GRANT TAEFF LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

On January 13th, Highland Park High School Head Football Coach Randy Allen was presented the prestigious Grant Teaff Lifetime Achievement Award at an event during the American Football Coaches Association convention in Indianapolis.

This award, presented by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, is named in honor of former Baylor coach and American Football Coaches Association executive director, Grant Teaff. According to the FCA website, the award is given annually to “recognize a coach who has committed his life to being a Christian influence on the lives of student-athletes.” He is only the second high school coach to ever receive this award.

During Coach Allen’s 15 seasons as a coach at HPHS, the Scots have amassed a 174-21 record. In his 34 years as a coach, he has an overall record of 327-80-6 record, making him the sixth winningest coach in Texas history.

Congratulations Coach Allen!

A UNIQUE SCHOLARSHIP CREATED BY A LOVING FAMILY

In the fall of 2005, Julie Ann O’Connell initiated a scholarship to honor the memory of her husband, Ray, who had passed away that summer. They wanted to do something that benefitted students, but also benefitted the schools. This is a very unique type of scholarship, not for a graduating senior, but instead to assist a talented MIS, HPMS or HPHS student who wishes to attend a summer enrichment program to help develop his or her optimal potential as a student, artist, musician, or athlete. The first scholarships were awarded the following spring. Julie Ann and her 5 daughters very carefully and thoughtfully reviewed the student applications and awarded scholarships from $100 to $2,500 to deserving students. In addition to making programs available to students who otherwise may not be able to participate, this scholarship has the wonderful added benefit of having the scholarship recipients return to school in the fall with a new skill set that they can share with their friend and classmates. In the past 8 years more than 50 continuing students have enjoyed the benefit of the O’Connell Family’s generosity. Thank you Julie Ann and family for your thoughtful support of our students!

Melissa McCoy named Rhodes Scholar

Last November, Melissa McCoy, a 2008 graduate of Highland Park High school was named a Rhodes Scholar. While at HPHS she was on the varsity tennis team and president of the Science National Honor Society. Melissa will enter Oxford University next October. According to the Rhodes Scholar press release and website, “Melissa graduated summa cum laude from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 2012 with a major in chemical engineering. She then studied entrepreneurship and technology at Singularity University at NASA Ames Research Park in California. At Georgia Tech she founded an organization focused on social entrepreneurial technology and co-founded an organization to solve the problem of post-disaster water scarcity, which was piloted in partnership with the Red Cross in a Chilean town decimated by earthquake. Melissa was also co-founder and COO of another tech company for which she co-invented and patented a digital manufacturing authentication technique.” The scholarship will provide all expenses for two or three years of study. Rhodes Scholarships were created in 1902 by the will of British philanthropist Cecil Rhodes. The value of the scholarships averages about $50,000 per year.
Mad for Plaid Surpasses $2.4 Million Mark!

The Chairs of the Mad for Plaid Annual Campaign are thrilled to report that as of the printing of this newsletter, the donations have passed $2.4 million. Funds raised in this effort directly benefit every child in HPISD through its support of teacher salaries and student programs district-wide. The school finance crisis in Texas continues to make news across the state. It is with sincere gratitude to the greater school community that Highland Park has been able to make up the gap in the dollars needed to educate each child. It is this public/private partnership with parents, alumni, grandparents, community members and friends that makes the campaign so successful every year. According to campaign co-chair Delaney Rolfe “Our community understands the importance of our schools and steps up each year to donate the dollars needed to help ensure an excellent education for our children.”

This year, more than 200 volunteers pitched in to make phone calls, write notes, sign letters, stuff envelopes and deliver signs. It is certainly not always glamorous work, but these dedicated volunteers are happy to devote their time to Mad for Plaid. “We have seen the impact that our schools have had upon our lives and the lives of our children. We are a family with 3 generations of Scots so it just seems natural to be a part of this campaign…” says Sally Holmes, HPHS Class of 1956, co-chair of the Mad for Plaid Grandparent Committee.

We want to say thank you to our donors and volunteers for making Mad for Plaid such a success this year. We are so very grateful for your support! To our volunteers, words cannot express how much we appreciate your hard work.

In the summer newsletter we will publish a chart detailing how all of the money raised was spent in support of our students and teachers. Every dollar raised stays here to help educate our children!

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The Centennial Coffee Table Book has gone to press. This limited edition book tells the history of our schools from the first day that Armstrong school opened its doors to students to the celebration of the 100 year birthday of HPISD.

We are currently taking pre-orders for shipping to your home. We anticipate that delivery will be in mid to late September. Don’t miss out, only a limited number will be produced! Place your orders today by filling out the form below or going to the Highland Park Education Foundation website at www.hpef.org and clicking on Centennial Book.

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### 2014 Upcoming Reunions

#### Golden Scots 2014
Saturday, October 18th
Jenni Scoggins, HPAA Director
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#### Class of 1954 - 60th Reunion
Weekend of Golden Scots
Syd Carter • 214-363-0425 • sydcarter36@yahoo.com

#### Class of 1959 - 55th Reunion
Saturday, October 18th
Sue Golden • suegolden@hotmail.com

#### Class of 1964 - 50th Reunion
October 17th and 18th
Barbara Murphy Horn • bandbhorn@sbglobal.net
Peggy Gray Marks • markspgb@yahoo.com
Helen Reynolds • reynolds@mecom.com

#### Class of 1969 - 45th Reunion
TBD
Marty Wynne • scots69@hotmail.com
Janet Gish Hale • jghale312@gmail.com
Bob Croty • robertcroty@gmail.com

#### Class of 1974 - 40th Reunion
Fall 2014
Gregg Lafitte • glafitte@srllins.com
David Eisenlohr • deisenlohr@azimuthgrp.com
Lisa Loy Laughlin • lisaloylaughlin3@gmail.com

#### Class of 1984 - 30th Reunion
September 19-20th
Tree Patrick • zertind@yahoo.com
Craig Sessions • cssessions@briggsfreeman.com

#### Class of 1989 - 25th Reunion
Fall 2014
Britt Fair • 972-333-3247 • bfair@alumni.princeton.edu

#### Class of 1994 - 20th Reunion
September 12th & 13th
Joan Montogomery Stockton • joan.stockton@me.com
Paul Lee • PLee@voglc.com
Whitney Majors • mwmgers@yahoo.com

#### Class of 1999 - 15th Reunion
November 28th
Abby Newman Ruth • abbyruth3@gmail.com

#### Class of 2004 - 10th Reunion
Fall 2014
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Katie Hankinson Schell • katie@theschells.net
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#### Class of 2009 - 5th Reunion
December 2014
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Lindsey Boston • lindseyboston@gmail.com
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Shelby Strodell • shelbystrodel@aol.com

#### Baseball Team Reunion
April 4th and 5th
Ricky Fairchild • ricky.fairchild@rbc.com
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**Lois Roberts** • 12-8-13

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### Remembering Art Barnes

Art Barnes, member of the founding Board of the Highland Park High School Alumni Association passed away on December 27th. Mr. Barnes was a co-founder of Alpha Barnes Real Estate where he worked with his two sons, Jeffrey and Stephen. He served in many capacities within the community including the Salesmanship Club, and as a Trustee of the Highland Park Independent School District. He was named a Distinguished Alumnus of Highland Park High School in 2009 and received the Silver Anniversary Mustang Award from the SMU Lettermens’ Association in 2011.

Art’s positive attitude and sweet spirit will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

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