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By Donald 'Huck' THOMAS

If you ever want someone who is reliable, dependable, capable, faithful, and someone who can get a job done, you need to call on **Ralph Daily Schwab**. **Ralph** has been a force behind the success of the Golden Friends Lunch Bunch. When **Bob McKlveen** invited **Ralph** to join the initial group of G. W. Alumni for lunch, look out! **Ralph** began to summons his acquaintances to join also. And you know the rest of the story. In a short time, the group began to multiply like flies.

As the lunch bunches increased, **Ralph** and **'Huck' Thomas** decided to create a publication monthly, and name it "Lunch Bunch Gazette." We borrowed the title from the Alexandria Gazette. **Ralph** is the editor and publisher of the Lunch Bunch Gazette. The Gazette is a cherished and sought after paper each month that is distributed at the monthly luncheons. **Ralph** prints each issue on his computer, complete with pictures and color. For those who cannot attend the luncheon, **Ralph** mails out an additional 80 to 100 copies to all areas of the U. S.

The 'lunch group' passes the hat periodically to collect funds to help defray costs of printing and mailing.

Ralph Schwab has been a 'work horse' in aiding several graduating classes to class reunions. He has a database of names, addresses, phone numbers, and computer addresses of many GWHS grads. He readily shares this info with those who ask. **Ralph** provides name tags, and precious advice, for those who are planning reunions or any type of gathering. His high school spirit is overwhelming and easily contagious, if you are in his company very long. **Ralph** says his G. W. days were some of the

best days of his life. He was also chairman of the GWAA Membership Committee and past director of the Association, serving also as interim data base manager due to the sudden death of **Ted Arthur**. **Ralph** was also the first recipient of the GWAA Annual Ted Arthur Award..

Ralph Daily Schwab was born in Marshall, VA. His family moved to Alexandria at an early age in his life. He was raised on the south side of Alexandria, mainly in the Prince and Fayette Street area around old school perimeters, streets, alleys, and backyards which provided areas of activity in those days. **Ralph** has a sister, **Peggy Embrey**, and two brothers, **Carroll** and **Joe** (both having passed on). **Ralph** and I were merely acquaintances in high school. He was deeply involved with the Senior Band, and I was involved with sports at our 'alma mater.' Our paths rarely crossed except activities of the Student Council. I can still visualize **Ralph** leading the G. W. band down the middle of the football field; high stepping with baton in hand, keeping the beat, and leading the music makers through their various formations. It all ended with the band and student body singing our fight song, "On G. W.!"

Some of the quotes about **Ralph** come from the alumni. **Larry McGuire** (1955) says, "**Ralph** is a terrific guy." **Kitty BARENTINE** Kohnke (1951) states **Ralph** is a very fine person and very kind. **Norman Grimm** (1950) writes, "**Ralph Schwab** is one in a million. When God placed him in our community, He knew we needed someone to assist all of us along the way. He is the only person I know who helps everyone, then 'thanks' you for asking. I have the highest respect for him as a man, hus-

band, father, and one of the fairest people I have had the good fortune to meet. God bless him."

Marlene CURRIER WILTSHIRE (1952) states that **Ralph Schwab** is one of the finest persons she has ever met. **Dave Beach** (1955), GWHS Alumni President states, "**Ralph** is one of the greatest he has ever met. He never speaks badly of anyone, and is always willing to help. **Ralph** is the main cog in the G. W. H. S. wheel. A true gentleman and friend!" **Pat MAGNESS THOMAS** says **Ralph** is one of the nicest men she has ever met, except that he constantly gives me a 'hard time' because he thinks I lived on "Snob Hill." Many more have made comments about **Ralph** and his great work.

Ralph is married to Margaret "Marge" Casey, a 1947 graduate of St. Mary's Academy. They have three children, seven grandchildren, and one great granddaughter. He made a career of banking starting at First National Bank as a coin counter working after school until graduation. Forty-one years later, **Ralph** retired from Crestar Bank as Vice President and Senior Operations Officer for the Northern Region Automated Processing Department. During his tenure, he served in almost every position offered by the bank, having been branch manager, loan officer and the last twenty-four years were spent installing computer systems. **Ralph** has been in poor health the last few years, and is dependent on a concentrator and oxygen to help his breathing, and a pacemaker to keep his heart beating rhythmically, but his soul and spirit are undaunting. That great G. W. school spirit is upper-

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VACUUM CLEANER

We Pick Up Anything

WOW! What an outing and picnic! I'm talking about the annual GWAA picnic held at For Hunt Park on September 30th. There were approximately 300 in attendance. Picnic chairman **Donna ENNIS** Teter (1965) did a terrific job in staging this affair. President **Dave Beach** was also in for forefront making announcements and introductions for the day. Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille presented a glowing recognition award to **C. B. 'Buzzie' HARRIS**. 'Buzzie' was recognized for his many civic and sports contributions in the City of Alexandria. 'Buzzie' was in the Class of 1949.

Staffing the registration tables were **Marilyn KAPSCH** Lyles (1954), **Marlene CURRIER WILTSHIRE** (1952), **Joe Kapsch** (1950), and **Dick Langley** (1954). **Burt Bostwick** (1959) and **Jake Folk** (1954) were close by taking in the late joiners and collecting dues for the alumni. **Bob Barry** again furnished the superb P. A. system. American Bar-B-Cue did their usual good job of preparing a scrumptious meal of ribs, chicken and minced pork for Bar-B-Cue. Their beans, salad and cole slaw were tasty, also.

Picnic Table Talk: **Arlen Brown**, **Betty Jo Alexander**, **Preston George**, **Ginny CAPORALETTI Kapp**, and **Gene Kapp** were enjoying a festive party. Vodka tonic was the choice beverage that helped to spark (or spike) the party. **Kitty Barentine** Kohnke won first prize in the pie bake contest. **Kitty** baked a chocolate, pecan, and bourbon pie that took the honors. She received a blue ribbon and a fifty dollar dinner certificate at the Mt. Vernon Estate Restaurant. **Pete Ginn** and **Nancy POSS ANDERSON** were chatting outdoors. **Nancy** reports that hubby, **Billy Joe** fell and broke his hip recently in a freak accident at home. **Billy Joe** reports that he now needs a hip replacement.

Larry McGuire always displays his pleasant smile and personality. **Larry** is a retired realtor, but finds time to serve on the GWHS Alumni Board of Directors. **Nitzie** and **Benny Bibb** were enjoying the day. **Marie DiFELICE** Tolley was enjoying the food and conversation. **Norman Grimm** was making the rounds and saying "hello." **Norm** is a past president of G. W. Alumni. **Millie BORCHEVSKY** Bobbitt came by to say "hello." **Millie** is retired from teaching in the Fairfax School System. **Beverley ALLEN** Bahin was up from Raleigh, NC for the occasion. She looks great!

How about those new roster books. **Sue O'DRISCOLL COX** was busy distributing the new books. The cover is a bit different and the content is fabulous. Hubby **John Cox** was busy helping out, but not too busy to say "hi."

I saw many more of those familiar G. W. faces, and they all were pleasant and ready to be friends. That's the way we are from G. W. The picnic was a tremendous success again, and hopefully we'll meet again next year. One more thing, **Jim Lowe** is recovering from an illness, and we hope to see him soon at the next Golden Friends Luncheon.

The vac is full of ribs, bar-b-cue and chicken and it's ready for a nap.

On G. W.

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most in his daily life. I must say that he has a salubrious feeling toward Mr. Jim Beam. When three o'clock arrives each day, the bar is opened. I have been there with him on several occasions to hoist our glasses with a mighty "On G. W.!"

Our man, **Ralph**, has some comments to help close this story. He mentions, "I feel as though I am one of the luckiest people on earth, to have been raised in Alexandria, attending schools, and living and working in this great area. I cannot say how much the people I have come in contact with during my Alexandria days have contributed to an exemplary outlook on life. Attending public schools and meeting all the great classmates and continuing the friendships is extraordinary. Thanks to all of you for making me feel so welcome!"

My thoughts and feelings about **Ralph** come easy. **Ralph** and I have shared many kinds of experiences together along the way. We have attended many parties, reunions, presentations, funerals, and anniversaries together. We've been very active in the success of the GW Golden Friends Lunch Bunch. We've always agreed that people of GW deserve nothing but the best. I could not find anyone who could be a better true blue friend than **Ralph**. Whenever we get together, there is always a lot of story telling, reminiscing, and a lot of laughs. I've been blessed by his friendship, and our travels together have been an outstanding ride. Maybe you know some like our Main Man **Ralph**.

New Attendees:

The GWHS Golden Friends Lunch Bunch would like to welcome our new attendees at our luncheon on September 19th, at Old Country Buffet, Fredericksburg, Virginia. Among those attending for the first time were Fannie Mae DIXON McDonald (1951), Robin Aberasturi (daughter of Fannie Mae), Robert McKlveen, Jr. (1970), Buddy Coffman (1968), Megan Guy (granddaughter of Lewis CLARKE), Kathy Hudson (Osbourne HS 1972), Robert Hudson (Paulding Cty HS, GA 1976), and Dorothy Cash Newsome, (Amherst VA 1940).

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Sick Bay:

Gordon 'Jack' LOGWOOD

Jimmy HERBERT

Jim LOWE

Peggy HURST Stone

Buddy WRIGHT

Billy Joe ANDERSON

Tommy LYLES

Bobby MOORE

Obituary:

Ryland T. DODGE (1941)

Douglas EMERSON (1945)

Ralph 'Hoggie' Taylor

Bordie Taylor

Thomas M. ORNDORFF

(1957)

William "Pud" JONES (1944)

Marshall G. 'Mickey'

STRUDER (1944)

John CURTIN (1938)

We hope each of you will continue to join us for our monthly gatherings. The total attending in September was 108. Thanks to everyone for your participation.

The next luncheon will be on Tuesday, November 21st, in Fredericksburg, VA.

CHET'S CORNER

By
Chet ROLAND

GORDON (JACK) LOGWOOD

Jack Logwood was born in our Nation's Capital on April 27, 1935 to Gordon and Hilda Logwood. They eventually moved to Alexandria with their two sons, **Jack** and **Bob**, **Jack** being the younger.

In September, 1949, **Jack** entered GWHS as a freshman following brother **Bob**, a 1948 graduate. **Jack** would always look forward to his wood-working class taught by **Mr. Miller**. His closest friend was **Jimmy Williams** whom he liked to pal-around with. **Jack** said that he enjoyed golfing, bowling, and dancing as a teen-ager. No! He never danced with the stars!

In June, 1953, **Jack** graduated from GW not knowing that his bride-to-be would enter GWHS as a freshman in September. During this time, **Jack** was living at 2500 Taylor Avenue. In February, 1971, he proposed to **Gail Dove**, 1957 graduate of GW. They took their life-lasting vows on July 3, 1971 and would eventually give birth to their only child, a daughter.

After serving in the Army National Guard, **Jack** would become a police officer for the Alexandria Police Department. After 5 years at the APD, he resigned and became an employee with Safeway Stores. After serving 30 year with Safeway and many of those years at the Brad Lee store, he retired to a quieter life. During the past 5 1/2 years he worked part-time for the Washington Post Express at Springfield Metro.

Jack has been attending the GFLB gathering these past few years and during this time suffered from stomach cancer. He has recently been diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor. Both **Jack** and **Gail** are asking for the prayers of

those attending the GFLB luncheons. GOD love you, **Jack**, and so do we!

Special Dates in November (and previously missed ones):

Wedding Anniversary Dates:

- 11/1 Russ and Betty Joe WARREN (54 years)
- 11/3 Chester and Marcine ROLAND (55 years)
- 11/6 Howard and Jane WALLACE OLMSTED (58 years)
- 11/14 Austin and Barbara BEST MURRAY (61 years)
- 11/22 Fred and Sue BRISCOE Rich (54 years)
- 11/24 Willie and Peggy EDGERTON FIELDS (55 years)
- 11/27 Dick and Frances COATES DUDLEY (58 years)
- 11/29 Jim and Ebby MARTIN HERBERT (59 years)

Birth Dates:

- 11/1 Ann MONTGOMERY WADE
- 11/1 Kenny RUCKER Emerson
- 11/6 Lambert BARNETT
- 11/9 Jack GOLDMAN
- 11/10 Stuart KERXTON
- 11/11 June ECKELS Carter
- 11/11 Charlotte Cole BAILEY
- 11/11 Peggy POWELL
- 11/12 Fordie THOMPSON
- 11/12 Nellie MANKIN FOSTER
- 11/13 Jim HERBERT
- 11/14 Nancy JACOBS LAMBERT
- 11/15 Donald 'Huck' THOMAS
- 11/15 Leroy DEMAREE
- 11/16 Russ WARREN
- 11/16 Charlie YATES
- 11/17 Sue O'DRISCOLL COX
- 11/18 Jacque STRATTON YATES
- 11/18 John C. EVERLY
- 11/18 Marianne CRITTENDEN Snoby
- 11/18 Dick CROMPTON
- 11/20 Julie Thomas
- 11/21 Grace SULLIVAN GRIMES
- 11/22 Jewell THOMAS CAMPBELL
- 11/22 Marilyn BLACKWELL Grimes
- 11/22 Bobbye HICKS Canaday
- 11/24 Bob Hill
- 11/26 Ebby MARTIN HERBERT
- 11/27 Chilly RAIFORD
- 11/28 Herb MUNDAY
- 11/30 Dave BEACH

From Jim Lowe

For those who take life too seriously:
(Continued from September 2006)

How many of you believe in psycho-kinesis? Raise my hand.

OK, so what's the speed of dark?

How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink?

If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.

When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

Hard work pays off in the future. Laziness pays off now.

Everyone has a photographic memory. Some just do not have film.

If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?

How much deeper would the ocean be without sponges?

Eagles may soar, but weasels do not get sucked into jet engines.

What happens if you get scared half to death twice?

I used to have an open mind but my brains kept falling out.

I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder.

Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?

Inside every older person is a younger person wondering what happened.

Light travels faster than sound, which is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

CHILDREN AND THE CHURCH

The Sunday School Teacher asks, "Now, Johnny, tell me frankly do you say prayers before eating?"

"No sir," little Johnny replies. "I don't have to. My mom is a good cook."

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Seen at GWHS GFLB



Lewis CLARKE (1946) with
granddaughter, Megan Guy



Buddy COFFMAN (1968)



Robert McKLVEEN, Jr. (1970)



Marlene CURRIER WILTSHIRE (1952)
Fannie Mae DIXON McDonald (1952)



Fannie Mae DIXON McDonald (1952)
with daughter Robin M. Aberasturi

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Kathy Hudson (Osbourne HS 1972)
Robert Hudson (Paulding Cty HS, GA 1976)



Dorothy Cash Newsome
Amherst, VA 1940



Huck THOMAS, with Lewis CLARKE presenting a
birthday floral bouquet for Rowena Ellison,
mother of Lorraine ELLISON DUNCAN