



# Lunch Bunch Gazette

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Lunch Bunch Founder  
Bob McKLVEEN



## HAPPY 10th ANNIVERSARY

# GWHS GOLDEN FRIENDS LUNCH BUNCH

Can you believe it has been 10 years since a small group of classmates from the Class of 1946 decided to get together for lunch since there were no plans for a fiftieth celebration for their class. What they started has been the longest continuous celebration that any class has started, and has included not only their class, but classes from other years, as well as other schools locally and nationally (with a few international schools also).

The original group of 1946 participants who planned the luncheon were **Marietta CARTER** Decker, **Betty McGHEE** Purvis, **Bob McKLVEEN**, and **Lois YOWELL** Bailey.



(Above picture reprinted from October 27, 1998 issue of Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star)

The luncheon was held at the Old Country Buffet in Fredericksburg and was so successful and enjoyable, they decided to continue having the luncheons periodically, and invited others to attend. **Bob** called **Huck Thomas** and **Ralph Schwab** from Alexandria and invited them down for one of the luncheons, and **Huck** and **Ralph** enjoyed the gathering, and started to

become regulars of the group inviting others from the Alexandria area to attend.

The groups became larger, and the luncheon coordinator, (**Lois**) got together with others, and talked about having the luncheons rotated between Fredericksburg and the Alexandria area in order to give some relief for those traveling a distance. After trying several Old Country Buffet locations (Route 1, Alexandria; Fair City Mall, Fairfax; and Dale City, VA) it was decided to alternate between Old Country Buffets in Fredericksburg, and Dale City. The luncheons would be held every third Tuesday of the month at the alternating locations. Everyone gathers for luncheon and camaraderie, with a short program either emceed by **Huck Thomas** or **Norman Grimm**, with reports of interest offered by others. There are classmates who help out: **Lois YOWELL** Bailey is our photographer, and taking attendance is (**Nancy BURCHELL Wilke**, or **Pat GORDON** Hill. A newspaper (The Lunch Bunch Gazette) is printed monthly with articles sent in by classmates, and other articles of interest. **THE REST IS HISTORY!**

Recording attendance was started in February 1998. Since that date, there have been 102 luncheons held through August 2006. During these 102 luncheons, there have been a total of 1,107 classmates, spouses and friends attending. In 1998 there were 11 luncheons recorded with a total of 517 attending, an average of 65 per luncheon. During 1999, there were 1,129 attending the 12 luncheons.

During that year, the average attendance per luncheon increased to 94. The year 2000 brought 12 luncheons with 1,492 attendees, averaging out to 124 per luncheon. Attendance was really beginning to pick up.

In 2001, with 12 luncheon functions, there was a total of 1,937 classmates attending, with an average showing at each luncheon of 161. The year 2002 brought 2,009 attendees for the 12 luncheons offering an average luncheon count of 167. During the year 2003, it was necessary to cancel the February luncheon due to bad weather. This left 11 luncheons for that year with a total attendance of 1710; average per luncheon was 155.

The year 2004's average attendance was 158. Total attendance during 2004 was 1,894 for the 12 luncheons. And the year 2005's total attendance was 1,811, bringing the average monthly attendance to 151. For the 8 months of 2006, there has been a total attendance of 1,048, with the average of 131 attending.

With the total luncheons held so far at 102 (for record keeping), the following attendees need to be recognized for their exemplary attendance. Their name appears, followed by the number of luncheons attended:

- Huck THOMAS**, 96
- Bob McKLVEEN**, 93
- Lois YOWELL** Bailey, 92
- Patricia MAGNESS THOMAS**, 90
- David Bailey, 89
- Ann DARLING McKLVEEN**, 88
- Jim LOWE**, 87
- Alvin SMITH**, 87

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## VACUUM CLEANER

We Pick Up Anything

When I hear Wynonna Judd sing, "There's something about those good old days," I begin to wonder how good those "good old days" were. No doubt, I had more fun, and enjoyed my high school days at G W H S perhaps as much as any time in my life. Meeting new friends daily, playing sports, and meeting my wife, **Pat Magness**, more than filled my plate. And how about all those parties and dances we used to enjoy. How about those pep rallies and bonfires we staged prior to the traditional Thanksgiving football game with W. and L. Finally, I remember the final exams in my senior year, wondering if I was going to graduate. I was not very adept to books and study. I was always ready for the final bell to end each school day.

How about those days before the 'dial system' was installed? You could pick up the receiver, only to hear other voices talking on the 'party line.' The operator would say, "Number, please," to make your call complete. And I remember those days before television was mastered. The radio was our listening pal. "Hit Parade, Fitch Band Wagon, The Shadow, and Gang Busters" were some of our favorites.

I recall those 'good old days' at the Alexandria Municipal Pool each summer. The school playgrounds would provide summer recreation for us to enjoy. Many games of horseshoes and paddle tennis were enjoyed during my youth on the playgrounds. Football, baseball, and basketball took a lot of my time during the 'good old days' at G. W. There is still a lot of this satisfaction within me when we assemble each month with the "G. W. Golden Friends Lunch Bunch." How good it is to recall some of those great times.

There are many more pleasures and commodities that we were introduced to such as sliced bread, refrigeration, air conditioning, automatic transmissions and McDonalds plus many fast food places. There's no end to progress in a free society. And how come we don't eat the end pieces when we open a new loaf of slices bread?

Yes, Wynonna, there is something about those 'good old days' and I believe that the lasting truth is we will always have those fantastic memories forever with us.

Jim Herbert is recuperating from open heart surgery. Jim has suffered a stroke after surgery, and is currently in I. C. U.

The vac is pooped after all those 'good old days.' Time to get some rest!

# ON G. W.!

### *Sick Bay:*

Corinne DAMERON Sotera

June PARSONS Barry

Tommy Johnson

Anne BURKE BRYAN

Nell Logwood

Gordon 'Jack' LOGWOOD

Jimmy HERBERT

### OBITUARY

DeeDee TOOMBS MAIGRET  
(1947)

Oscar Lee Owen

Leroy (Roy) PADGETT (1942)

Carol MYERS Mifflin (1950)

Philip Ames DuSAULT (1955)

Rebecca DOWNS Zimmerman  
(1946)

Charles ROHR (1947)

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**Chester McINTOSH, 83**

**Fred THOMAS, 82**

**Norman GRIMM, 81**

**Ebby MARTIN HERBERT, 81**

**Jimmy HERBERT, 81**

**Bill DUNCAN, 80**

**Lorraine ELLISON DUNCAN, 80**

Evelyn Lowe, 78

**Sue BRISCOE Rich, 78**

**Chester ROLAND, 78**

**Irene DODGE BURRELL, 76**

**Howard OLMSTED, 76**

Kaye Smith, 78

**Paul 'Podgee' THOMAS, 75**

**Jane WALLACE OLMSTED, 74**

**Ralph SCHWAB, 72**

**Buddy BLAKE, 71**

**Richard RUNALDUE, 70**

**Russ WARREN, 70.**

There were 24 who attended 60-69 luncheons, with 32 attending 50-59. There was a total of 38 attending 40-49, and 36 attended 30-39. 59 attendees were present for 20-29 of the luncheons, with 130 attending 10-19. Attending less than 10 luncheons was a total of 760.

**Lois, Marietta, Bob, and Betty,** we recognize you as some of GWHS great organizers. You have done a marvelous job for your alma mater, classmates, friends, as well as for yourselves. You have our lasting gratitude. THANKS and WOW! ON G. W.!

### New Attendees:

The GWHS Golden Friends Lunch Bunch would like to welcome our new attendees at our luncheon on August 15th, at Old Country Buffet, Dale City, Virginia. Among those attending for the first time were Janet SAXER McCloud (1943), and Judy Knaell Gallimore, Bexley HS, Columbus, OH (1956).

We hope each of you will continue to join us for our monthly gatherings. The total attending in August was 102. Thanks to everyone for your participation.

The next luncheon will be on Tuesday, October 17th, in Dale City, VA.

**CHET'S CORNER**  
By  
**Chet ROLAND**

**Robert L. MURPHY, Sr.**

**Bob Murphy** was born in Alexandria on April 23, 1926. He was born to Edward and Elizabeth Murphy and would be one of three children, having a brother and a sister.

In September, 1939, **Bob** would enter GWHS as a freshman. He and his family were living in Del Ray at 102 East Oxford Avenue.

He liked all of his subjects and named **Sue Florence** as his favorite teacher. He entered the Cadet Corp and advanced to the rank of Lieutenant. His close friends were **S. Eastman, Bob McArtor** and **Aubrey Barnet**.

Graduating from GW in June, 1943, he briefly worked for the Federal Customs Bureau. In 1944 he entered the U. S. Army and after basic training was completed, he was shipped to Italy. Leaving the Army in 1946, he entered the American University in D. C., where he studied for 3 years and then entered the A. U. Law School under a combined degree program where he graduated.

In August, 1962, **Bob** would meet the love-of-his-life, Elizabeth Maggio, and in August, 1962, they would wed. His wife was a graduate of Blessed Sacrament School in D. C.

**Bob** would work as Assistant Deputy City Attorney for the City of Alexandria for a period of 20 years and for 30 years, he spent in his private law practice.

He is an Associated Member of the Alexandria Retired Police and Fire Association, and for many years has given this organization legal advice and assistance. For this, this writer personally thanks him for his contribution of service.

**Special Dates in October**  
**(and previously missed ones):**  
**Wedding Anniversary Dates:**

- 10/1 Ralph and Marge SCHWAB (54 years)
- 10/11 Joe and Betty STRUDER (54 years)
- 10/19 Ray and Betty STANLEY (57 years)

- 10/19 Herbert and Phyllis HILBURN THEIMER (54 years)
- 10/21 John and Margaret BURNELL DAWSON (56 years)
- 10/26 Ryland and Brownie VARNELL DODGE (60 years)
- 10/30 Bob and Donna STRYKE Jarrell (55 years)

**Birth Dates:**

- 10/1 Lorraine HUPPER Price
- 10/2 Bob SPANGLER
- 10/6 Jean NIXON Stuhl
- 10/12 Wilma MILLER KELLY
- 10/13 Barbara HYDE Farris
- 10/14 Robert 'Skip' WHITESTONE
- 10/15 Paul 'Podgie' THOMAS
- 10/15 Jeff BARNES
- 10/16 Brownie VARNELL DODGE
- 10/17 Benny BIBB
- 10/20 Mary Catherine JOLLIFFE PAYNE
- 10/21 Millie SAUNDERS Pearce
- 10/22 Irene DODGE BURRELL
- 10/23 Dave SULLIVAN
- 10/24 Alvin SMITH
- 10/25 Dorothy BUTLER Furr
- 10/25 Nancy RUSSELL Enriquez
- 10/29 Dorothy MONROE Rollins
- 10/29 Patricia MAGNESS THOMAS
- 10/31 Bob LOGWOOD

**Remembering**  
**Growing Up In Alexandria**

**Harry Clark** (1945) writes, "In the June Lunch Bunch Gazette, the Vacuum Cleaner spoke of 'gangs' and in the August issue about drug stores. Herewith is more on those subjects."

In the June issue of the "Gazette," the vacuum cleaner used the term "gang" as in "just a group of guys," not as gangs are visualized today. I want to mention another gang and that is the "Creek Gang," so named because its gathering place was the iron guard rails where the once open creek went under King Street at Commonwealth Avenue. Weather permitting, several guys would gather there in the early evening just to talk and horse around. Anyone who hung around was a member of the gang—no membership rules! Sometimes the gang was blessed with the attendance of **Danny O'Flaherty** who, even in those high school days, was able to command respect. (Hmmm. I wonder if the legal community knew that, or knows that the Judge was once a gang member.) I am reluctant to name 'members' as I will unintentionally leave a few out, but frequent attendees included **Charlie Kelly, Ralph Mills, Bill Harrison, Bucky Kiger, Sonny Hogan, Bev Sheads, "Eckey" Eckstein, Carl Garrison, a Wheatley** or two, **B. P. Rhees**, and me, **Harry Clark**. Mostly Rosemont kids. That group, plus **Richard Schoen, Calvin Major, Bobby Bregman, Walton Tulloch** and a few others, were also players on the Rosemont Eagles football team. Games were played on vacant lots between Myrtle Street and Summers Drive, and between Masonic View and Chapman Streets, where a Baptist Church now stands. Good friends, good times, no harm done.

In the August issue of the Gazette, the Vacuum Cleaner, among other things, mentioned drug stores and theaters. It is interesting to note that some members of the Creek Gang followed a pattern in part-time employment: Soda Jerk at the Rosemont Pharmacy (Doc Greer), soda jerk at Lynch's Drug Store (Doc Lynch, assisted by a very likeable gentleman



**Fannie Mae DIXON**  
**Homecoming Queen 1950**

whose name I cannot recall), and then on to become an usher at the Reed Theater, then managed by Mr. Stover (Bucky's dad) assisted by **Harmon Martin**, brother of **Neal Martin**. That was a real career-growth pattern that I was fortunate enough to follow. A special note, only to be disclosed here and then kept secret! When the ushers had a break, they would come into Lynch's (right next door) for a soda, ice cream, or milk shake. The soda jerk would serve extra large portions or double the ice cream in a shake, all at no extra charge. Later (the drug store closed while the movies were still running), the usher taking tickets would let the soda jerk in for free. No doubt, Doc Lynch and Mr. Stover were totally aware of what we were doing.

#### **Jim Lowe 5/2006:**

For those who take life too seriously:  
Save the whales. Collect the whole set.  
A day without sunshine is like, night.  
On the other hand, you have different fingers.  
I just got lost in thought. It wasn't familiar territory.  
42.7 percent of all statistics are made up on the spot.  
99 percent of lawyers give the rest a bad name.  
I feel like I'm diagonally parked in a parallel universe.  
Honk if you love peace and quiet.  
Remember, half the people you know are below average.  
He who laughs last, thinks slowest.  
Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.  
The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.  
I drive way too fast to worry about cholesterol.  
Support bacteria, they're the only culture some people have.  
Monday is an awful way to spend 1/7 of your week.  
A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.  
Get a new car for your spouse. It'll be a great trade!  
Plan to be spontaneous tomorrow.  
Always try to be modest, and be proud of it!  
If you think nobody cares, try missing a couple of payments.

(MORE NEXT MONTH)

#### **Humor and Truths from Jan MATHENY Maguire: TO ALL THE KIDS WHO WERE BORN IN THE**

1930's, '40's, '50's, '60's and '70's!!

First, we survived being born to mothers who smoked and/or drank while they carried us.

They took aspirin, ate blue cheese dressing, tuna from a can, and didn't get tested for diabetes.

Then after that trauma, our baby cribs were covered with bright colored lead-based paints.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets, not to mention, the risks we took hitchhiking.

As children, we would ride in cars with no seats belts or air bags.

Riding in the back of a pick up on a warm day was always a special treat.

We drank water from the garden hose and NOT from a bottle.

We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle and NO ONE actually died from this.

We ate cupcakes, white bread and real butter and drank soda pop with sugar in it, but we weren't overweight because WE WERE ALWAYS OUTSIDE PLAYING!

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on.

No one was able to reach us all day. And we were O. K.

We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then ride down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times, we learned to solve the problem.

We did not have Playstations, Nintendo's, X-boxes, no video games at all, no 99 channels on cable, no video tape movies, no surround sound, no cell phones, no personal computers. No Internet or Internet chat rooms.....We had friends and we went outside and found them!

We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth and there were no lawsuits from these accidents.

We ate worms and mud pies made from dirt, and the worms did not live in us forever.

We were given BB guns for our 10th birthdays, made up games with sticks and tennis balls and although we were told it would happen, we did not put out very many eyes.

We rode bikes or walked to a friend's house and knocked on the door or rang a bell, or just yelled for them!

Little League had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment. Imagine that!!

The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law!

This generation has produced some of the best risk-takers, problem solvers and inventors ever!

The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas.

We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all!

And you are one of them! Congratulations!

You might want to share this with others who have had the luck to grow up as kids, before the lawyers and the government regulated our lives for our own good.

And while you are at it, forward this to your kids so they will know how brave their parents were.

Kind of makes you want to run through the house with scissors, doesn't it?!



**Watch Out!**  
The Three Musketeerettes  
are on the loose again!

**REMINDER**  
**13th Annual GWAA Picnic**  
**Saturday, September 30th,**  
**Fort Hunt Park,**  
**Pavilion A**

### **Website Addresses**

**GWAA :**  
**[gwaa.acps.k12.va.us](http://gwaa.acps.k12.va.us)**  
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# Scenes from GWHSGFLB Gathering 8/15/2006



Judy Knaell Gallimore,  
Bexley HS, Columbus OH



Janet SAXER McCloud  
1943



Dick DUDLEY 1943, Frances COATES Dudley 1945,  
Kitty DIXON Pryor 1949, and Larry Pryor



Gene KAPP 1950 and  
Ginny CAPORALETTI Kapp 1948



An old photo presented  
by Howard OLMSTED



Alta WILLIAMSON Gill 1942  
Mary Lee LYNCH 1942



Addie Griffin ARTHUR SMA57  
Able Mable OWEN Dobson 1954



Classmates enjoying  
the luncheon



Betty and Joe STRUDER 1944  
with Nancy Jane BURCHELL Wilke 1948