



CLASS OF 1955

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Dear Classmates: Well is winter gone by the wayside? It was not to bad here on the Mason/Dixon line except for the wind and cold. My bones don't like the cold, I guess that is because of the age (never). Our luncheon was a little smaller this month because of the weather.

They were calling for a blizzard and we got nada here. I understand they got quite a bit in Virginia & West Virginia. We had 79 in attendance and I still think that is great.

Just wanted to remind all of you, if you change your email address or your home address, please let me know. I keep the addresses for the Reunion Committee and for the Newsletter. If I do not get the changes, you may miss your quarterly newsletter. If you have any news items just send them my way. I usually have room for good news. This issue seem filled with sad news and illnesses. I guess that goes with our age but is not pleasant. Be sure and check the article below as we are waiting to hear if Fred gets the nod to do Ray Lewis' statue. As of the luncheon he had not heard yet. Who would have thought when that article was in the High School newspaper that Fred would be all over the Fox News and Baltimore newspapers. Fred, we are all so proud of your accomplishments.

I would like to leave you with a wish for a Great 1st day of Spring, an Exciting St Patrick's Day and Happy Easter and as I say each year, "May the Easter Bunny bring you a big basket of goodies, and lots and lots of Chocolate." That is always my dream!!!!

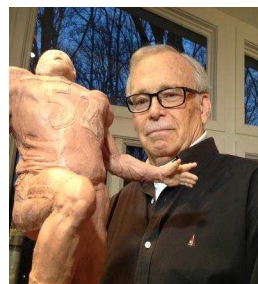
Your "old" classmate,
Petie Klipp Ausherman

More information: I have had several requests for copies of the **1955 Heiskelite** from classmates. If you know of anyone that may have a copy that they would like to pass on, please let me know.



I would like to put out a big Thank you to all who have contributed to the HHS 55 Newsletter Fund. This keeps the Newsletter going out to ALL our classmates. Also, to Gary Scott, who has kept me supplied with envelopes for this past year and I now have enough to go for this year.

The newsletter goes out by USPS to 220 classmates and by email to 144 classmates. I enjoy doing the newsletter and hope all the people that I'm sending it to, enjoy it as well (it keeps us connected). Send me any comments, information, or suggestions for the newsletter. Petie



IMMORTALIZING RAY: Ravens owner Steve Bisciotti announced today that Ray Lewis will get a statue at M&T Bank Stadium. while the Ravens have not said who will do Ray's statue, we spoke to Fred Kail, the artist behind the Johnny Unitas statue. Fox News. [We knew way back when that FRED KAIL was a winner!!!!](#) See article below.



Gray hair is inherited. We get it from our children.

This is a copy of an article that was in the April 1, 1955 issue of the Hoo-Wair-N-What. I have a cd with copies of 1955 issues. Keep watching for more articles. Please excuse the tilt, the copies were not the best. Keep up the good work Fred!!!!

Student Leader

Honest Abe Kail, Artistic Sports Fan, Scores Again

Fred Abraham Kail is one of the most admired and respected seniors at H. H. S. Tall, brown-haired, brown-eyed, and good looking, Fred has fought through a seige of polio to become one of the leaders of his class.

Always busy, he is a member of the Student Council, sports editor of the Hoo-Wair-N-Wat, track team manager, member of Hager-Hi-Y, the Decorating Committee, Heiskelite art staff, and the Art Service Club. Fred also designed the cover for the 1955 Heiskelite.

Art and sports are his major interests—football being his favorite sport. Many art prizes, among them the First prize in the A.A.U.W. contest, have fallen Fred's way. Hoping to gain a scholarship on the merit of his art work or his journalistic abilities, he plans to go to college at either Pratt Institute, the University of

Maryland, or the Maryland Institute of Art. Fred's ambition is to work in the field of commercial art.

Four years ago, Fred became a victim of polio while visiting relatives in Uniontown, Pennsylvania. He was brought back in a quarantined car. He recuperated fast and worked on his art while resting.

Fred's most embarrassing experience was the time he dozed off at a dance. No one knows who the abandoned girl was, and Fred's not telling. His biggest thrill happened when he attended the Maryland-L. S. U. game and met some of the players. Another embarrassing moment in Fred's life occurred when he lost his watch while he was in the fifth grade at Broadway. The whole school was turned inside-out to look for the watch. Later he discovered he had left it at home!



LARRY POWELL—Larry has been in & out of the Hershey Medical Center since December. In February was to have heart surgery to replace and repair two heart valves and by-pass surgery. Due to multiple medical problems the surgery was postponed. On March 6th, received this email from his son, Todd.

Dad was released from Hershey Medical Center and is at a rehabilitation center in the Annapolis. Mom has been staying with us as we live nearby. Thankfully, Dad continues to make improvements each day. If anyone would like to send him a card the address is listed below. Please continue to hold Dad and Mom in your thoughts and prayers and thanks for the prayers and good wishes thus far.

Fairfield Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
Room 207A
1454 Fairfield Loop Road
Crownsville, MD 21032

PAT CLARK STICKLER - Received this email: Besides Joel's Cancer, we were sandwiched between a FedEx truck and a SUV and our car was totalled. We do now have new wheels. We thank God that we were essentially unhurt. I was so scared that Joel's lung condition was further compromised. An airbag abrasion on Joel's thumb, which is practically healed, and my sternum which was cracked, is all we sustained in the accident, My sternum will take about 3-5 more weeks to heal and, basically that is the extent of our injuries. We were fortunate! *Glad you are doing well. Get well wishes may be sent to Joel & Pat, 167 Runnymede Dr. Charlestown WV 25414.*

MARTHA STONER HEWITT - Received this email from Charlie: Pete, Trust that everything is fine with you and yours. Martha accidentally fell at work on Thursday(2/21) and broke he left hip and wrist. On Friday she had a partial hip replacement and a cast on her wrist. Tomorrow, Wednesday (3/6), she will be sent to Kernan Hospital for rehab, for a week. Remember her in your prayers. Say hello to everyone and KEEP LOOKING UP. God bless, Charles Hewitt
Our prayers are with her. Get well wishes may be sent to Martha at 4015 MacAlpine Court, Ellicott City MD 21042.

TERRY MOORE - is in now a resident of Julia Manor Healthcare Center. *I was pleased that Terry's daughter, Lisa, notified me of his new address. She wanted him to be sure and received the newsletter. I will be sending the newsletters his way. If you get out that way, stop in to see him. Cards may be sent to: Julia Manor Healthcare Center, 333 Mill Street, Hagerstown MD*

JOHN MOWEN - John had back surgery to remove a cyst removed from his spinal column. To remove the cyst, they had to move the nerves to get to it. The surgery went well but then he fell in the hospital and cut his head and badly bruised his ribs. He now says the ribs hurt more than his back. Also, his wife Judy is suffering from sciatica and has a lot of pain. *Cards may be sent to: John & Judy, 14865 Wingerton Road, Waynesboro PA 17268.*

MARVIN TWIGG - *At the luncheon we were told that Marvin is a resident of the NMS Healthcare, 14014 Marsh Road, Hagerstown, MD 21742. Let's send cards & prayers to Marvin.*

MARY GRIMES DAHBURA—Her husband was back in the hospital again but now home. Understand he is continuing with his cancer treatments. They are still in Florida. *Her Florida address is 4157 Brywood Drive, Naples Florida.*

NANCY JONES BAKER - *I received an email from John Reynolds, who visited Nancy in Knoxville TN. She asked that we express her thanks for all the cards and prayers. She appreciates them very much and hopes to come back to Hagerstown. Nancy is in a nursing home in Knoxville. The address is Beverly Park Place, 5321 Beverly Park Circle, Knoxville TN. 37918. I am sure she would enjoy more cards and or notes.*

**HHS CLASS OF 1955
LUNCHEON**

June 6th, 2013 - 11:30

Mountain Gate Family

Waynesboro PA

RSVP's are very important!!!

Email Petie jausherman@pa.net

Or call Millie Mullinex Toms 301-797-5220





Do you have a copy of the above picture? If not and you would like one, contact Mary Webb (Nathaniel's) wife at 301-790-0749, mailing address is 16936 Shinham Road, Hagerstown MD 21740. ***She has several copies made and is charging \$2.***

Happy Easter



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Some Senior Thoughts God grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference. Now that I'm older here's what I've discovered:

1. I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
2. My wild oats have turned into prunes and all-bran.
3. I finally got my head together, and now my body is falling apart.
4. Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.
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6. If all is not lost, where is it?
7. It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.
8. Some days, you're the dog; some days you're the hydrant.
9. I wish the buck stopped here; I sure could use a few.
10. Kids in the back seat cause accidents.
11. Accidents in the back seat cause kids.
12. It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.
13. The only time the world beats a path to your door is when you're in the bathroom.
14. If God wanted me to touch my toes, he'd have put them on my knees.
15. When I'm finally holding all the cards, why does everyone want to play chess?
16. It's not hard to meet expenses...they're everywhere.
17. The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.
18. These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter...I go somewhere to get something and then wonder what I'm here after.
19. Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.
20. I'M UNABLE TO REMEMBER WHETHER I'VE SENT YOU THIS BEFORE.

Sent to me by Hugh Snively—Thanks this was true!!!!!!

In Sympathy

Below are our sympathy items for this issue and they all sadden each of us. Within our class, each one of us knew all or some of these people and were connected to them in some special way. Each loss is a loss of a piece of many of us, we had some great memories of each of these people.



Frederic Howard Blevins Nov. 14, 1937—Nov. 6, 2012

Fred passed away on November 6, 2012 at the Northport New York Veteran's Hospital.

After sending the December Newsletter, I received a note from Fred's son, Christopher of Bensaley PA advising that his father had passed away in November. If you want Chris' address contact me.



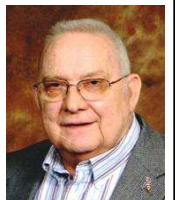
Nelson A Turner, 75 Sept. 13 1937—Dec. 16, 2012

Nelson passed away on Sunday, Dec. 16 2012 at Meritus Medical Center. He is survived by his wife Linda, 3 daughters, 2 sons, 10 grandchildren; and seven great-granddaughters. Memorial donations may be made to Children in Need Inc. 131 W. North Avenue Hagerstown MD 21740; or donate a pint of blood to the Red Cross in Nelson's name. *Linda's address is 14614 Cearfoss Pike, Hagerstown MD 21740. Nelson was a great help finding classmates who we did not addresses. He will be missed.*



James W. Kirby Jan. 8, 1937—Jan. 5, 2013

Jim passed away on Saturday, January 5, 2013. He married Sara Jane Shindledecker Kirby in 1962, she passed Aug. 2000. He later married Mary T. Kirby in 2003. Memorial contributions may be made to Mount Hope United Methodist Church, 1945 Mount Hope Road, Fairfield, PA 17320. *I worked with Jim at the Washington Township Supervisors office in Waynesboro from 1995—1999 (my retirement date). I had talked with him a few times after that and he was having medical problems for a few years. He was a good friend and boss. Jim's wife Mary's address is 12135 Forest Hill Road, Waynesboro, PA 17268.*



Maude A. Norcross Nutter, March 28, 1937-Feb. 11, 2013

Maude passed away on Monday Feb. 11, 2013. She is survived by her husband of 55 years Frank Eugene Nutter Sr., two daughters, seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Memorial donations may be made to the St. Mark's Lutheran Church Food Bank, 601 Washington Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21740 or to Hospice of Washington County, 747 Northern Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21742. *Maude's husband's address is 528 Lynnhaven Drive Apt. 2, Hagerstown MD 21742*



Robert Lee Myers died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2013. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth M. (Sterling) Myers; one daughter; 2 sisters and one brother. He was preceded in death by a son. According to his wishes, he donated his body to the anatomy board. He wished to have no services. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Washington County. *Mrs. Myers address is 10834 Downsville Pk. Apt. 23, Hagerstown MD 21740. Also, Robert's sister, Marie Myers Harshman was a classmate, her address is 16038 Mt. Tabor Road, Hagerstown MD 21740*



Ray Lewis McCauley, 75, of Hagerstown, Md., passed away Friday, March 8, 2013. Ray was a lifelong dairy farmer at the Greg-Ray Dairy Farm. He was a 1955 graduate of Hagerstown High School and attended the University of Maryland. Ray is survived by his wife of 52 years, Donna; a daughter and a son; five grandchildren; and a great-grandson. *This obit came in just as I was getting ready to send out the newsletter. Donna McCauley's address is 16030 Wishard Road, Hagerstown MD 21740*



Thelma Eavey Shumaker Nicodemus' son, Gilbert Roosevelt Shumaker Jr., 53, died on Monday, Dec. 10, 2012. Thelma's address is 10913 Rosewood Drive, Hagerstown, Md 21740.

Jean Poffenberger Price's sister Kerleen Waugh passed away on December 31, 2012. Jean's address is 650 Tudor Drive, Hagerstown MD 21742.

Perhaps they are not the stars, but rather openings in Heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know that they are happy. -Author Unknown



LATE INCOMING INFORMATION:

Gary Scott is trying to set up a Get-Together at a Suns Baseball game. He does not have a date yet but hopefully in late May or early June. Trying to get a Sunday afternoon. If you are interested call Gary at 717-637-6303 or contact Petie at 717-762-7805 or email jausherman@pa.net.

Just got word that **Fran Mullendore Darnton's** husband Jim, passed away on March 13, 2013. Fran's address is 618 Avienda Feliz St. Tucson, AZ 85745