This year marks the 62nd anniversary of Phillips High School Homecomings which were inaugurated in October, 1952, the weekend at which Phillips hosted and played Shamrock. To commemorate Homecoming 2014, all the exes who had never attended a homecoming, especially from the honor 1964 Class.

First-time-ever attendees were Max White ('53), Larry Moore ('64), David Cochran ('64), Janis Ratzlow Taylor ('64), Jim Ezell ('64), and Jim Morgan ('64). Winner of the Blackhawk blanket, awarded to a dues-paying ex, was Wade Baker ('81) of Ferndale WA, who was not present to receive his blanket. It was later mailed to him.

The 22nd annual “Hawk-of-the-Year” award went to Morris Creel ('55) of Georgetown, an ex who is very deserving of this award. He has helped promote and kept the flames of the Blackhawk spirit alive through his Class of ‘55 reunion leadership efforts and mini-reunion lunches he puts together on a quarterly basis for exes in the Austin area. He also has planned and organized several Gulf cruises for Phillips exes. In fact, he is currently organizing a five-day Blackhawk cruise for all exes for this coming May (see article page 5). Also receiving special recognition was Caroline Stevens Alexander ('36) from the first graduating Class of 1936, who is just like the Energizer battery rabbit who just keeps going and going...make that coming and coming. She is a perennial and faithful attendee. Our honor group of exes were recognized who attended the original Phillips High School building that burned down. Also all those who were recognized were born at the old Pantex Phillips Hospital, which was located at the end of Bunkhouse Street. Glen Phelps ('64) of Borger claims the honor as the last baby that was born at that hospital, a fact often reiterated to him by his mother, he recalls.

Our keynote speaker was Mert Dueterhaus McGuire ('47), a former ex who is originally from Sanford. She delivered a very informative talk about her remembrances from her high school days as well as about her recent activities as a civic leader in Amarillo. She presently lives in Amarillo where she has been the coordinator of Keep Amarillo Beautiful where she has been actively involved in planting trees and flowers, recycling efforts, and park beautification & improvements projects, especially for the benefit of senior citizens. She made available copies of her book that she wrote on the type of trees and plants that best can be planted in the Panhandle.

Next year’s officers for the Alumni Assn Committee were presented at the meeting and are listed as follows: Aaronda White Gerow ('73) - president, Tommy Birch ('61) - vice-president, Colleen Wilson Hooper ...continued on page 8
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Delton Watts ('62), Doyle Hughes ('38)
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Penny Walker Koch ('54), Leon Glenn ('56)
Joel Kirkpatrick ('54), Gary Anderson ('56)
Jim Listen ('57), Larry Talley ('65)
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Maurine & Dee Wilson ('50/51), Sharon Flinn Blythe ('64)
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Joey Surthpen ('58), H.F. Richie ('57)
James Lacefield ('65), Karleen Jackson ('74)
Tony McKee ('68), Richard Arnold ('48)
Kenneth Reed ('45), Clint Hall ('43)
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Teddy Buckland ('71), Mike Kimmens ('66)
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Deceased Exes Over Past Year

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Betsy Slover ('64-)
Kenneth Rider ('42-)
John Calder ('40-)
Shirley Robertson ('53+3)
Glen Buckles ('58-)
Montella Martin ('42-)
Travis Cheatham ('58-)
Lezard Henderson ('47-)
Kay Nall ('58-)
Charles Key ('76-)
Melba Torbert ('49-diabetes/bleeders)
Gary Adkins ('68-cancer)
Mark Pollan ('40-)
Richard Jackson ('42-)
Cori Lee Webster ('43-)
Tommie Carlisle ('47-)
Emmett Brown ('57-)
Paul Swain ('50-)
Shirley Stevens ('52-Alzheimers)
Bobbie Robertson ('50-)
Thelma Litchford ('46-)
Jim Turner ('46-)
Buck Shaw ('44-prostate cancer)
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James Slover ('68-)
Harold Gideon ('65-)
Burch Ingram ('55-West Nile virus)
James Smith ('53-cancer)
Jade Webb ('56-)
Kay Hollingsworth ('58-)
Hershel Bryan Moffitt ('85-murdered)
Laron Ostrom ('40-Alzheimers)
Roger Caldwell ('52-)
Marshall Garrett ('53-cancer)
Harold St. Clair ('48-)
Bobbie Eloyce Davis ('47-)
Lionel Irwin ('40-)
Mickie Carlisle ('55-stroke)
Steve Kennedy ('74-)
Mike Barr ('73-)
James Barcay ('60-)
Dale Platter ('47-)
Pete Mathis ('52-)
Leo Children ('66-liver & kidney failure)
Theresa Marchman ('61-kidney failure)
Henry Phares ('57-cancer)
Carol Kourt ('56-cancer)
Arlie Otts ('55-stroke)
Ruth Derr ('41-)

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Teacher Deaths

Rose Poulain, age 75, passed away last September in Amarillo where she was a resident. Rose was a junior high teacher at Phillips for 17 years, 1971-1987. Afterwards she was a consultant to the Region XVI Education Service Center in Amarillo before retiring. She was preceded in death by her husband Ray Poulain (’48), who coincidentally died 12 years earlier on the same month and the same day (Sept. 22).

Margaret Robbins, age 92, passed away last November in Amarillo where she was a resident. Margaret was a junior high math teacher at Phillips for 6 years, 1960-1966. She was preceded in death by her husband Ray Robbins, band director at PHS for 21 years, 1947-1968. She is survived by her two sons, Ray (’62) and Charlie (’64).

Earlene Cleveland, age 76, passed away in August in Borger where she lived next door to her daughter Tammy Arrington Dowell (’76). Earlene taught math in Junior High at Phillips from 1976 to 1977. She is survived by her daughters, Tammy Arrington Dowell (’76) and Kim Arrington Hazlett (’77).

“Teacher Deaths”

Did You Know That?

Retraction/Correction: In last year’s newsletter it was reported that Bill Rawlings (’50) was PHS’s first boy cheerleader (source: a Phillips Blackhacks web site article). However, a review of the PHS senior annuals indicates that Brooks Dwiggins (’48) was, as he is pictured along with four girl cheerleaders in the 1948 annual.

Exes in about two-thirds of the 52 senior classes died this past year. Here is an updated table of class death numbers. A few corrections concerning class size were made from last year’s table. Again, the deceased figures below are based on the information at hand, and so the actual numbers may be even higher. This is true because there are several exes of the early classes on our active rolls for whom we’ve never had addresses (i.e., who are very likely deceased), plus we just simply don’t learn of all the deaths. Another clarification - the class total sizes aren’t just based on the senior annual counts, but most class rolls also include exes who attended PHS at any time, even a few who only attended Phillips through junior high. Please take care and try to stay out of the righthand columns of the table, and let’s hope that this chart basically remains unchanged at this time next year.

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A related side note to those who may be interested in knowing: 21 of the 38 players (two over half) on the 1954 state championship football team are now deceased.

Scholarship Status Report

The Cecil George Scholarship, the Louise Gunter Scholarship, and the Joe Hayes Scholarship are all fully funded as of this summer thanks to the many generous alumni donations received since the first of the year. Our next scholarship that we are presently working on is the Morris Creel (’55) and Tracy Hogan (’55) at the 1955 Class display section at the Heritage Center.
Phillips Poems Contest

Winners of the Phillips poems contest were announced at our program; sadly none of the top three winners were present to receive their cash award in person. First place $100 - Jan Railsback (’67) who wrote “How Did We All Survive?”. Second place $75 - Anita Sparks Bednar (’57) who wrote “Memories”. Third place $50 - Stanley Moore (’68) who wrote “Phillips”. There were so many excellent poems submitted that it was very difficult to choose the three top winning entries. One of the five judges commented that if she were to pick her top three poems again, say three weeks later, it could very well be a different three. Other exes receiving votes were the Class of 1970 gals, Sue Kilkuskie Lucrezi (’71), Mary Coulter Selfridge (’56), Myrna Hall Hart (’71), Mike Caddell (’60), Bryan Hampton (’60), and Doris Veach Cownower (’45).

The book, titled, Phillips: A Town and Time Not Forgotten, contains 116 pages with poems written by 47 exes - some years and years ago, but most of them during the past year. For those of you who did not order a book, but now have decided to do so, the Phillips poem book can still be purchased for $15 each (includes postage), or for $12 if you pick it up here. It would make a nice little birthday or Christmas gift for your siblings or close Phillips friends. You can send your order and check to Phillips Alumni Assn, PO Box 1710, Borger TX 79008.

Blackhawk Gulf Cruise Plans Underway

A 2015, 5-day cruise on the Carnival Ship Triumph is being organized for travel to Cozumel and Progresso, Mexico on May 5-9. The ship will originate and leave port at Houston. All PHS alumni and their families are invited to join the Class of 1955 to celebrate our 60th Reunion Anniversary and your class’ anniversary. The cost is very reasonable (basic cost around $500 per person), and there will be pre-dinner cocktail parties for our group as we sail. For more information please contact one of the two individuals below.

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Pictured from left to right: Vance Orr (’59), Ron Cromer (’58), and Gary Anderson (’56)

Barbara Hall Franks (’56) showing photos of old high school burning.

Pictured from left to right: Eugene Young (BH Class of ’62), Mary Nell Love (’64), Harvey Morris (’64), and Robert Sprawl (’64)

Pictured from left to right, standing: Don Pat Morgan (’59) and Dick Cook (’60), Seated: Martha Russell (’60), Judy Laney (’60), Jonnie Oswalt (’60), and Gay Caddell (’60)

Pictured from left to right: Betty Tindall (’54), Joy Taber (’54), and Karen Hood (’59)

Sign in front of Joey Sutphen’s (’58) and Mike Webb’s (’64) new Borger restaurant