

45TH FOR CLASS OF '59 IS "NO-GO" & OTHER STUFF

The Special Celebration 45th Reunion for the Class of '59 did not get off the ground. The Club was providing all the infrastructure for the event but nobody wanted to pick it up and do the remaining functions like a Memory Book and the Friday afternoon program. The prevailing opinion appeared to be: "Let's wait for our 50th and do it up big." Since the Club does not run anybody's reunion, we respect their opinion and will let the matter die.

On a happier note, '54 is putting together a great 50th and all indications are that it will be a huge success. Marguerite **GROFF** Thompkins ('54) and her crew are doing a terrific job and those '54ers among you should be getting your Registrations in as soon as possible. You can check the Club 40 Website (RichlandClub40.org) for the frequently updated list of people who have Registered (all classes) to see which of your old friends have committed to attend. Also, contact Bob Carlson (DustStorm Editor) if you have any leads on contacting missing classmates.

I would also like to draw your attention to the article about this year's River Cruise on Page 1. We anticipate an early sell-out of the limited availability (66 people max) and we want to make sure everyone knows about it. You can include your sign-up on your regular Registration form or send in a new form if you have already registered and neglected to include it.

I would like to thank Tom **BEAULIEU** ('59 Rep) for donating the labor to construct 10 tripods for use in displaying our historical boards at the Reunion. Tom did an expert carpentry job and they are much appreciated.

See you in September,
Burt Pierard ('59), President

And Now... The Moment You've All Been Waiting For

The list of those expected to appear at the 2004 Richland Club 40 Reunion (so far)
(for a more current list see the Club 40 website)

From the Class of 1947:

Keith Clark
Carl Dreher
Al Williamson

Representing the Class of 1948:

Dwight Underwood

For the Class of 1949:

Bonese Collins Turner
Pat Loftus
Fred Ouren
Paul Phillips
Mel Stratton
Glenn Turner
Jean Williamson Dreher

From the Class of 1951:

Bud Bartlett
John Irl French
Bill Wilkins

For the Class of 1953:

Shirley Graham Sturdivant
Ron Mayberry

From the Class of 1954:

Gloria Adams Fulcher
Mabel Alder Miller
Dennis Armstrong
Charles Bigelow

George Bowls

John C. Bowman

John Bruntlett

Karl (Shyrl) Bucholtz

Dennis Chapman

Larry Christenson

Mike Clowes (aka Bob Carlson)

Jeanette Duncan Mefford

Ivamarie Edens Douglas

Millie Finch Gregg

Phil Gant

Betty Goakey Door

Dick Grabner

Marguerite Groff Tompkins

Bill Griffin

Priscilla Hall Boswell

Harold Kenitzer

Lloyd Kent

Jim Mefford

Larry "Sonny" Murphy

Norma Myrick Nunamaker

Glenn Olson

Durward "Pete" Petry

Joan Phillips Wile

Betty Russell Kent

Bruce Schoenrock

Rodney Smith

Dorothy Stamper McGhan

Shirley Strege Bigelow

Virginia Weyerts Wendland

Rex (Pat) Wood

For the Class of 1955:

Sherrill Hamlin Savery
Marla Jo Lowman Kenitzer

From the Class of 1956:

Larry Harold
Carol Ritz Griffin
Lois Weyerts Harold

For the Class of 1957:

Larry Belt
Daniel Haggard

Fred Klute represents the **Class of 1958**

From the Class of 1959:

Susan Erickson Kuntz
Missy Keeney
Burt Pierard

For the Class of 1960:

Mary Judd Hinz
Marjorie Qualheim Haggard

For Classes of 1963 and 1964

Maren Smyth

Representing the Col-Hi School faculty

Bandmaster extraordinaire,
Gordon Pappas.

What Happened 50 Years Ago

It was early June, and we were supposed to have the ceremony in the Bomber Bowl. Now whether the weather guesser said it would or some member of the school administration saw what they thought to be a rain cloud forming over Badger is lost in the mist of time. Chairs had been set up in the Bomber Bowl on the day previous, but when it came time to gather, we were told we would be in the Boys' Gym.

So, there we were, sort of sweltering in our gowns hoping to keep awake during the speeches and wondering why we weren't outside.

We were somewhat relaxed as the Korean Conflict had been resolved by a truce agreement. This meant the guys would not have to worry about an immediate call-up as apprentice cannon fodder.

It came to pass that we all graduated and went on our separate journeys through life. But come this September we will gather to listen to the program that Dona **McCLEARY** Belt and Jim **WATTS** are putting together. And we will take time to remember those who are no longer with us. And we will all wonder what we did to have lasted this long.