

**GRAPEVINE HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Class of 1966**  
**MARCH 2007 NEWSLETTER**

**Greetings Classmates and Friends of the Grapevine High School Class of 1966!**

It is hard to believe that it is spring 2007! It is even more difficult to believe that we are almost 41 years beyond GHS graduation of May 1966! Time is beyond flying. I know that being younger than most everyone in your high school class kinda sucked in 1966. But, I know that class members like Gary Cumbie (just a child at less than 58 ½ years old) and those having months to wait until they turn 59 like Jim Stockton, John Yancey, Bob Havran, R.B. Mohney and many others are feeling much better about being the younger group than they did 41 years ago.

With time flying by as it is, I hope each of you take the time, at least once in a while, to consider your Grapevine Public School roots. Take the time to consider what great friends you made during those years and how blessed many of us are to have continued in those relationships over the past fifty plus years, even if they have been on-again and off-again sort of relationships. I hope that you have taken the time to realize how many great teachers and classmates' parents crossed our paths influencing our lives and futures. I hope even more that you take opportunities to tell one another how much we have meant to one another over the years, and that you tell those teachers and classmates' parents that are still with us how much they influenced your life and future. When you look around the world as it is today, how can you not feel that the Lord truly blessed those of us who were fortunate to have lived in Grapevine and Colleyville and Carroll Hill, Texas during the 50s and 60s! Even though we didn't seem to appreciate our times here in Texas so much in those days as we only looked for seeing more, learning more, experiencing more – we truly had no idea what a great environment we were living in during those times. So, let me again encourage you to ponder those days, those times, enjoy reliving the good times and those people who were a part of your life growing up...I know it will make you appreciate it more each time you do so.

Since the December 2006 Newsletter, things have been moderately quiet from our classmates. I guess we are still trying to get over Christmas 2006 and entering the new year – getting those annual physicals, trying to lose some weight gained from the holidays and looking forward to springtime. I know that I am ready for some warm sunshine. I also know that I am looking forward to some rain as well – it is so dry and everyone needs it. Grapevine Lake is still way down (around 10 feet low).

For those who've not been around Grapevine since the reunion or so...at the "Y" as you are going toward the "Dam Road" (we still love saying that in Grapevine) toward Lewisville, there is a new huge development on the eastern horizon. Great Wolf Lodge is being built – a Period Lodge Hotel with a "HUGE" indoor water park with an entrance right across Hwy 26 from the entry to Gaylord's Texan Resort, near the Cowboy Golf Club! My, how things continue to change around here! Traffic is the major problem with the prospects of a many year plan to expand the roads in the area kindly referred to as "the funnel". The stretch of Hwy 114 between Main Street Grapevine and the Entry to DFW International Airport is the heaviest traveled portion of Highway in the State of Texas – to handle the traffic they estimated (three years ago) that it would take 17 lanes. So, Grapevine is prospering and the largest downside is traffic, but it seems everyone in this area is suffering from that same problem.

**Gary Cumbie just can't keep a job any more...after retiring from TXU a few years back he took time off to play and then took on work with Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth trying to get them money...which he was rather successful. Of course that job was a lot like a carnival worker position. He then opted for another short time out and has now gone to work for Tarrant County Community College as (and I know I won't get this exactly right) as Assistant to the Chancellor – again hawking for money and public relations work (you'd think Jane would be concerned about any such activity for Gary). But, congratulations are in order again for our classmate Cumbie for finding, what he refers to as, a job that has little work for a lot of pay! I know that TCCC will be pleased to have Mr. Cumbie in their organization. And, this will perhaps provide additional funding where Gary can have another poker party since Stevenson seems to forget about his offer!**

**Randy Flanagan is continuing to recover from his by-pass surgery late last fall. Send Randy an email and continue to encourage him during this recovery and remind him that he needs to stay away from those cigarettes. His wife Pat is taking good care of him (as always), but she needs us to help her keep him from picking those smokes back up!**

**Some of you will recall that Larry Hamlin (class of 1965) was diagnosed with an aneurysm about 4 months ago. He still has the aneurysm, but has been returned to Arlington from Houston where he is in a rehab facility after encountering and battling various infections. Continual improvement will lead to performing the surgery to eliminate the aneurysm. Please keep Larry, his mother, his sister (Linda Hamlin – Class of 1967) and his children in your thoughts and prayers.**

**This past month, a new face was added to our website. Becky Presley attended classes with a number of our class and she is in the 1966 yearbook as a part of our class. Johnnie Mae Washington Braddock and Darla Eubanks Cooper asked to add her to our list of classmates as well as to show our respect to her, her family, and her friends listing her as one of our classmates who is now deceased. I apologize for the quality of the photo, but she is now listed on our opening page with Diana James, Donnie Moss, Rodger Jordan, Bobby Lawrence and Linda Blevins as one of our lost classmates.**

**There are still some things going on with the celebration of the 100-year anniversary of Grapevine High School. I have been working with Ex-Student Association president, Russell Kidd and Phil Cloud with the Grapevine-Colleyville Education Foundation to try and have a bronze Mustang erected on Main Street Grapevine to commemorate the first 100 years of GHS. I have had conversations with the Mayor Tate regarding the City's participation. Phil Cloud has also had conversations with Mayor Tate. Phil, Russell and I have also had conversations with Mr. Hank Johnson, CFO for the Grapevine-Colleyville ISD, who also indicated a willingness to participate in the cost. It has been an unusually difficult task to get everyone working together, but hopefully we are having some success. We are not there yet, but we are still hoping that this will happen soon. If we can pull this off, it would be a large bronze horse with grapevines around it and we've had discussions of having a plaque with the names of the distinguished alumni during the first 100 years of Grapevine High School...I think there are just over 50 distinguished alumni during that first 100 years.**

**I want to appeal to each of our classmates to help us keep up with one another. After a reunion year, there is always a period of a few years where people move, change email addresses, mailing addresses, phone numbers, etc. I want to ask that you help keep me posted on changes so that we can continue to communicate to our class. We have just over 70 classmates with valid email addresses and another 28 with mailing addresses. We still have a number of people we have not located. Please help find these folks if you have any information, please let me know:**

<b>Jerry Bates</b>	<b>Pat Bates</b>	<b>Jill Carlson-Williams</b>	<b>Gail Defibaugh</b>
<b>Bill Tutt</b>	<b>Kenneth Hughes</b>	<b>Doris Jean Jones</b>	<b>Betty McQuade</b>
<b>Jackie Morgan</b>	<b>Evelyn (Dobie) Gill-Lindsey</b>		

**This is not too bad for an original list of 121 names to only have 10 that we could not locate for the June 2006 reunion. So, again, I ask for you help in locating these folks as well as trying to make sure we keep in touch with people who move, change addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, etc. Thanks for your help and support as always!**

**Keep your classmates and their families in your thoughts and prayers...and, remember that you have many friends from Old GHS out their, call one of them or email one of them and tell them just how much you valued their friendship at GHS and how much more valuable it is these days. God Bless the GHS Class of 1966!**

**Respectfully Submitted for March 2007,  
Larry Oliver**