



President's Message

Jeff Calk '87



I would first like to wish all of our Ex-Students and extended families a safe and joyful New Year! I hope the New Year brings each of you health, happiness, and continued success in 2010! I am truly thankful and blessed for my family, my career, the MHS Ex-Student's Officers and our members and for giving me the honor to serve our collective membership!

I would also like to thank our Vice President – Ms. Vickie Cruz for all the hard work and dedication she has put into making our 2010 MHS Ex-Students Reunion in Austin, Texas a memorable event.

As you read in this newsletter, Vickie has finalized the dates and location of our 2010 MHS Ex-Students Reunion in Austin, Texas. I look forward to seeing each of you at the Reunion and I am certain you will enjoy the accommodations and activities available to you in the beautiful city of Austin! Start planning your vacation or weekend get-a-away and join us in Austin to make this event a Reunion to remember. Stay posted on Facebook.com to get up-to-date information about the upcoming Reunion and events that will be scheduled. See you there.

Again, Happy New Year to all of our members and I look forward to seeing you all in Austin, Texas for our 2010 MHS Ex-Students Reunion.


Mark your calendars for these upcoming events...

(Summer) 2010 May 1st
 (Fall) 2010 July 1st
 (Spring) 2011 December 1st

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August 15, 2010
 Deadline for Next Newsletter



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Editor's Note

Currently one of largest expenses for our organization is the publication of the newsletter. Please let us know if you would rather view the newsletter online instead of receiving it in the mail. If you would like to be notified when the newsletter is ready to view then please check your contact information on the Ex-Student website. If you have already noti-

fied us of this change please be patient as we update our mailing list and database.

Watch website for additional dates and information.
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BANK OF AMERICA		
FINANCIAL REPORT		
10/13/09 - 12/31/09		
CHECKING ACCOUNT		
10/12/09 - Balance Brought Forward		\$6,833.57
Income		
	Dues	\$25.00
	Directory	\$18.00
Total Income		\$43.00
	Balance - 12/31/09	\$6,876.57
Expenses		
	Printing & Mailing Newsletter	\$491.06
	Postage - Directories/ Newsletter	\$299.05
	PO Box Rental - 1 yr	\$40.00
Total Expenses		\$830.11
	Ending Balance - 12/31/09	\$6,046.46
SAVINGS ACCOUNT		
10/12/09 - Balance Brought Forward		\$2,638.97
	Interest	\$1.00
	Balance - 12/31/09	\$2,639.97
MUSEUM ACCOUNT		
10/12/09 - Balance Brought Forward		\$313.25
	Expenses	\$0.00
	Balance - 12/31/09	\$313.25

Article III Membership -All Ex-Students of the Masonic Home & School shall become members of the Association automatically and membership shall in no way depend upon the payment of dues or contributions of monies for any purposes. Noncompulsory dues shall be TWENTY-FIVE (\$25.00) per member annually, which shall help defray the costs of the newspaper, memorials and such other costs properly incurred by the Association.

**Dues &/or donations should be mailed to:
Masonic Home Ex-Student Association
Sissy Moser, Treasurer
P.O. 213
Scurry, Texas 75158**

**Other important information:
Directory \$15.00 (Includes vinyl cover and insert)
Directory Updates \$8.00 (Insert only)**

Note: You may also contribute by printing the “contribute form” online and mailing your payment.

***The McCaulay Memorial Scholarship fund helps ex-students receive higher education.**

Treasurer’s Message

Sissy Moser ‘84



Happy New Year! I hope 2010 brings much happiness and good fortune to you all.

Mrs. Cloud enjoyed her surprise Birthday party. She extends her appreciation to all who attended or sent a card. We had a good time. It was like the old days. She would call out a name with her booming voice and make inquiries.

I would also like to thank all who participated in this event. It was good to see her light up. I would also like to thank Tamara (Van Gelder) Cook for helping with the party and for accompanying me on a couple of recent visits. I have also enjoyed your company. I welcome others to visit her as well.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Reunion in Austin. I look forward to seeing you there.

Trying to find an Ex-Student?

Editor’s Note

There are hundreds of Ex-Students already connecting and staying in touch with their Masonic Home brothers and sisters online at www.facebook.com. In as little as ten minutes you can set up a free Facebook account and start connecting and communicating with other Ex-Students online. Once you set up your account you can search for other Ex-Students by typing a person’s name, school, association, etc.. Furthermore, once your account

is setup, you can download and share pictures, videos, or simply chat online in a group or one-on-one. Bottom line, it’s simple, fast, and most importantly, it is Free! If you are a Masonic Home Ex-Student or former employee of the Home, please get connected on Facebook today.....see you online.

Vice President's Message**Vickie Cruz '83**

Happy New Year!!!!

I would like to start off by saying thank you! Thank you for your patience while I was working to locate a hotel and set a date for our next reunion. I know some of you have been needing the dates to set your vacation time so I hope this isn't coming too late.

I hope you will be pleased with the hotel. It is very nice and is located downtown so there will be plenty to

do while we visit Austin. I will be sending out more information about what you can look forward to besides seeing all your friends. We are going to have a wonderful reunion, and I look forward to seeing all of you. So, don't wait any longer, call and make your reservations today!

Secretary's Message ...**Lisa Jenkins '82**

In September of 1976, my four younger brothers and I were sent to the Home to live. Our lives outside the Home had been difficult to say the least. Mom had always been a housewife and now had five kids to support when our father left us. Mom didn't even have a driver's license and yet was now in a situation that I am not sure I could have handled. A typical day would be getting all five of us dressed carrying my baby brother to the apartment daycare and then walking the other three to school.

Mom didn't make much money and it usually took everything she made just to have a place to live. I think in those two years between our Dad leaving and going to the Home we must have moved at least six times. Mom always had to lie about how many kids she had just to get an apartment, and every time they found out how many of us there were, we moved again. Mom did her best to take care of us but she just couldn't make enough to feed, cloth, and give us a place to live. When the option of the Masonic Home came up, I know the decision to let us go was a difficult one but the best one she could have ever made.

Driving through that Masonic Home gate was terrifying. It was the unknown that I feared the most. The five of us had always been together and now we would be split apart. I think I adjusted much quicker than the boys did. I was older and understood better exactly what was going on. One of my saddest memories from the Home was seeing Jeff and David in their lines waiting to go into the dining hall and quietly waving and saying "hi Lisa". I am not sure why that memory sticks out in my mind but it always has.

I spent six years at the Home, and I made friends that I still have to this day. I will forever be grateful for all I was given and all I was allowed to achieve. The Masonic Home gave me back a childhood that I thought I had lost. It also gave me a sense of pride that I will forever carry in myself.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge my grandfather, David Brinlee. He passed away at the age of 36 from a massive heart attack. He was a member of Tannehill Lodge #52 and the reason that my brothers and I were given the opportunity to go to the Home. He died long before we were born and yet he helped to care and shape each one of our

**2010 Masonic Home Ex-Students
Association Reunion**

July 16th-18th, 2010

Doubletree Hotel
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Contact: **Latoya Scott**



Make the Austin, Texas Masonic Home Ex-Students Association Reunion your family vacation for 2010. There are literally hundreds of things to do, places to shop and eat, and sites to see. I hope you are able to come and join us for a weekend of fun and laughter.

Reservations for our group can now be made by calling **800-222-8733** and mentioning the group name - **Masonic Home Ex-Students Association Reunion.**

If placing your reservations online at www.austinsuites.doubletree.com the group code is **MAS**. All rooms at the discounted rate of **\$99** will be available until midnight on **Friday, June 25th, 2010**. We suggest if you plan to attend but don't know for sure, reserve your room and then cancel later if you cannot attend.

The Doubletree Guest Suites is located downtown with walking distance to the Texas State Capitol and the University of Texas as well as many Associations and Government offices. Come discover Austin's landmarks, places to eat, local hot spots, and other insider tips by visiting www.austincityguide.net.

Further information about the MHS Reunion and scheduling of events will be sent out very soon as well as posted on the MHS Ex-Students Associations' website at www.masonichome-exstudents.org and on Facebook at www.Facebook.com.

Teach A Man to Fish...The McCaulay Report

Lisa Bozarth (2001) is planning to graduate from UT Arlington in the summer of 2010. Lisa works full time and attends school part time. It appears she will be continuing her education working on her Masters.

Kimberly Browning (1996) attends Kilgore College working toward becoming a Licensed Vocational Nurse. She is a busy mother of four who attends school full time. She plans to continue school after getting her LVN in order to be a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist.

David Calk (1986) is also about to graduate with a Master in Education Administration from Texas A&M Corpus Christi. He's still teaching and coaching full time and has a 4.0 grade point average while also going to school full time. Wow, any way you cut it, he's busy.

Gladys Edenfield (2003) is attending school full time at Kingwood College. Her major is undecided but this mother of two wants to work in the medical field.

Lyndsey Kelley Garcia (2005) is on the home stretch at Kaplan University. She will have a Health Science degree in medical transcription and was on the Dean's list (exceptional grades).

Misty Wright Gibbs (1996) is grateful for support from her family while she goes to school full time and works as a dental assistant. She is still a nursing major at Paris Junior College.

Damon Green (1998) is attending the University of Houston as a Kinesiology Exercise Science Major. He wants to work with children after graduation and one day open a wellness center.

Danny Ha (2002) is attending Eastfield Community College. He will earn his Associate's Degree in Business Science in May. He plans to continue school at the University of North Texas or the University of Houston.

David Ha (2004) is considering a double major while attending UT Arlington on a full time basis. His still plans on working on a PhD after he receives a Master's in Business Administration.

Hondrea Stone Imolehin (1995) is also a full time student and is now attending Tarrant County College working toward a degree as a Registered Nurse. This busy mother of two really appreciates the support she receives from her husband and children.

Kacey Sharp (2004) is a full time student attending the Art Institute of Houston as a interior design/business major.

Leslie Tucker (1972) realized she could take a few more courses at Brookhaven Community College before going back to UT Dallas to complete a liberal arts degree...Smart way to go. She is working full time while going to school part time and plans to attend summer school.

Cassey Wright (2001) is a full time nursing major at Rose State College (Oklahoma). She plans on transferring to Oklahoma University after she receives her Associate's Degree in Nursing. She is looking forward to being on a research team this summer.

Dusty Wright (2001) is a full time Art History major at Rose State College. He is excited about being back in school.

Tonya Wright (1993) has decided to teach first grade. She is a full time student at Rose State College as an education major and plans on substitute teaching to gain more experience.

Letters to the Editor

Dylan Harrington '98

Over the last 15+ years, since leaving The Home, I have found myself with 2 main interests; Computers and Photography, as well as an amazing family.

After leaving, I got really into computers and their potential. Everything I know about them at this point is self-taught, and mostly comes from experimentation I have put a lot of time and effort into learning about them and turning this interest into a career. I have a fair amount of networking background, which has also assisted with this. Currently I am in my 8th year with Time Warner, and I am a Regional I.T. Analyst. Myself, along with 5 other people, handle I.T. related issues for the entire state of Texas (11-12K employees). A lot can be said for making a career out of doing something you love.

My other passion is for photography. Currently I am an amateur, but I am working towards a pro level. This is not something I want to do for a living, as I am afraid that I would lose the passion for it that I have now, but I am working on building a portfolio for commercial purposes. Photography is an extremely expensive hobby, so I am looking to make just enough money with it to support my addiction to the lenses I love so much.

Also, eight years ago, I married an amazing woman/artist/musician named Sarah. She is the one responsible for bringing me out of my shell, and pushing me to achieve all the goals I have been able to reach. Together we have two incredible children; Caleb (7yo) and Josie (2yo). I could not have imagined a more perfect family! The Brady Bunch has nothing on us! If you would like to see any of my work, my 'blog' is where I post new work, or stuff I have shot just playing around. It is @ www.VisualOddity.com



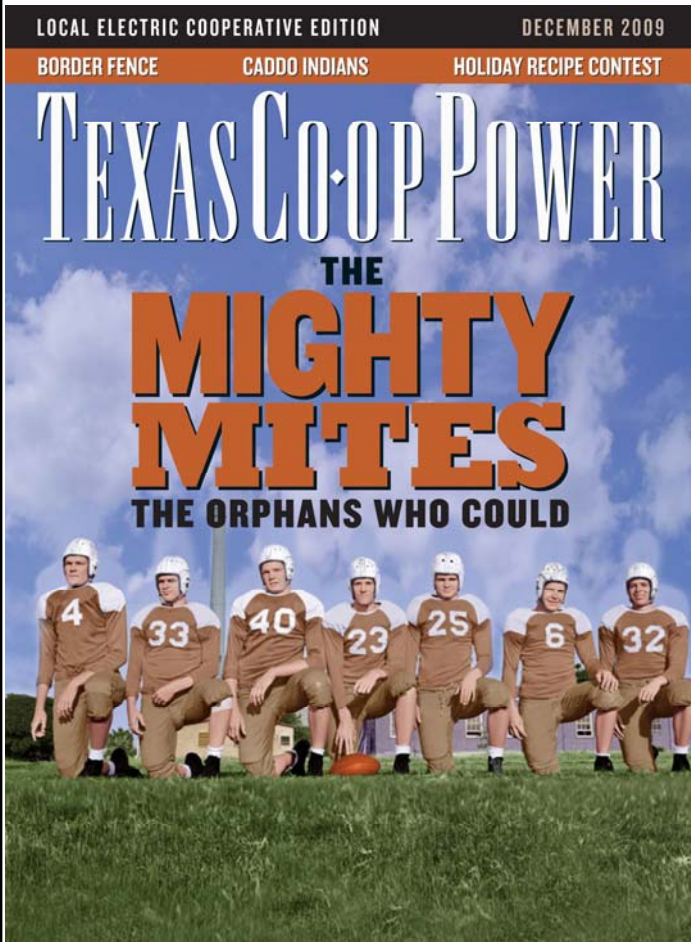
Hondrea Stone Imolehin '95

My name is Hondrea Stone Imolehin, I am a graduate of the Masonic Home and School of Texas. Masonic home was my home for 10 years. It was hard to be there alone and some times I did not think I would make it. Thank you to the dedicated people who made it possible for me to become the person I am today.

Living my younger years at the home gave me many opportunities. Trips to places I would have never seen had I not lived there and meeting people who I would have never meet. I really believe that the Masonic Home gave me the chance to become someone I could be proud of. If it was not for the home I don't think I would have had it in me to complete high school. The Masonic Home gave me the chance to do that. Now I have a beautiful family and I have decided to go back to school. I had always heard of the McCaulay fund but never really thought I would qualify. Well I put my self out there and I would have to say Melinda you are so awesome and thank you for all of your help and support. Arthur you have also been a big help in me finding my way through all of this. The McCaulay Scholarship has given me a chance to be someone other than a mom and a wife. I will find my way and it will be great. Thank you so much to the Masonic Home and School and The Scholarship programs that gives people like myself a chance.

Editor's Note

Congratulations to Jeff Calk who received his MBA. Jeff and other recipients like him embody the spirit of the McCaulay Memorial Masonic Fund. He set a goal and persevered until he reached it!



The Mighty Mites are still making news. In December they made the cover for Texas Co-op Power magazine (above) for the December issue feature story, [The Mighty Mites - The Orphans Who Could](#), by Jim Dent.



To Our Collective MHS Ex-Students Membership:

Mr. Jay Black - Curator @ The Texas High School Football Hall of Fame in Waco, Texas has contacted the Masonic Home Ex-Students Association to let us know that the museum has reserved an 8' x 8' exhibit case in honor of Rusty Russell and the Masonic Home. The exhibit case is \$5,000 and the sponsors will receive "in perpetuity naming rights" and will tell the story of the "Mighty Mites" including Scott McCall, Ray and Tex Coulter, Bill Stages, Allie White and of course Coach Russell - all of whom are member of the Texas High School Football HOF.

A group of Victoria College football alumni who played for Coach Russell have agreed to underwrite \$2,500 of the \$5,000 exhibit case cost leaving a \$2,500 balance. I ask for your support in helping the Association raise the additional \$2,500 needed before April 1st 2010, to sponsor the exhibit casing and protect the legacy of Coach Russell, Masonic Home HOF Players (current and future), and the Masonic Home & School.

Please forward all Donations to:

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In Remembrance



Patti J Eckhoff Class of 1956

Born in 1938 in Bing Spring, Texas on the 1st day of spring, Patti came to the Northwest in 1970, where she met and married Lou Eckhoff of Sea-Tac. Together they started Sea-Tac Dahlia Gardens in 1979. They have provided the community with beautiful dahlias for over thirty years. Patti is survived by her beloved husband Lou, Sister Judy Schlechten, Denver, CO, 2 daughters and their husbands Judi & Ray Metz, WA & Deidra & Bob Kuebler, VA. She is also survived by Lou's kids: David, Susan, Robert, Sally, Mark, Roger & Cheri. Patti has 16 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. She made a huge impact on our lives and we will miss her greatly.

Submitted by: Judy Schlechten

Joe Paul Kemp Class of 1948

It is with great sorrow that I inform you of the death of Joe Paul Kemp on August 23, 2009 at his home in Falls Church, Virginia after an evening of reading in the company of his wife Mildred. He completed his book, laid his glasses by his side and fell asleep forever.

Joe entered the Masonic Home in September 1941 and graduated in 1948, then went on to graduate from Texas A&M, not once but twice with degrees in Civil Engineering. He served with the United States Army in Germany then came home and married his sweetheart and fathered two sons and one daughter.

Joe worked for a construction company in Northern Virginia and oversaw the building of many projects, including a prison in the area, of which he was very proud to show anyone who visited. His company also maintained the National Masonic Temple.

Joe is survived by Mildred, his loving wife of well over 50 years, sons Bill, Phil and daughter Lisa, four grandsons, one granddaughter and one great grandson plus four sisters. In Joe's memory, I remain.

Submitted by: Johnny Lea Kemp Huitt

Robert Muse Brigman Class of 1940

On Wednesday, October 22, 2009, we lost our beloved grandfather when he passed away peacefully at his home. He was born Robert Muse Brigman on August 20, 1920 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, but to us he was Grandpa or Papa. He grew up in a Masonic Home in Fort Worth, Texas. He married the love of his life, Joan, on November 19, 1945. He served his country for many years as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force, in both World War II and the Korean War, and rose to the rank of Captain. His service took him to many parts of the world, including Greenland, Burma, and China. Papa retired in 1985 and spent many adventurous years traveling and volunteering at numerous campgrounds and National Parks. His great grandchildren knew the sound of his RV, and loved to spend time going on adventures with their Papa. He belonged to the Blue Lodge Masonic Masons for 60 years. He was a member of the America Legion, Disabled American Veterans and a lay reader for his church. During the last few years, Papa lived in Santa Maria, California, and spent his time volunteering at the Museum of Flight. He started every day by hanging the American Flag in front of his home, reading the Bible with his wife, and praying for the gifts God had given them. His faith was strong and solid, and he embodied Christian goodness. He had a heart of gold and a quick wit. He was an abundance of knowledge and could fix almost anything. He enjoyed watching his 7 great-grandchildren grow and he often shared tales of his adventures with them. Papa is survived by his wife, Joan; his brother, William; his 3 children, Karen and her husband John, Guy and his wife Maralyn, and Michael; his 10 grandchildren, Jennifer, Nathan and his wife Dayna, Christopher and his wife Tricia, John and his wife Meytal, Nicholas, Hanna, Zachary and his wife Renee, Coleman Travis and his wife Tiffany, and Ryan and his wife Stacey; his 7 great-grandchildren Jordan, Grace, Skyler, Jasper, Jeremy, Coda and Trenton. We, his family, are comforted in knowing that our Papa has started a new adventure, as he looks down upon us all with his never ending love and heartwarming smile.

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