



# The News

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THE MASONIC HOME EX-STUDENTS ASSN.

November 2009

## President's Message

Jeff Calk '87



I would like to start off by informing our members that it is with regret that our previously elected Secretary, Lindsay Vorster, has resigned her position due to circumstance beyond her control. First and foremost, I

want to thank Lindsay for her dedication, support, and commitment to her duties as Secretary and let her know how much she is appreciated for the work she was able to accomplish in the short term. With this said, according to our by-laws, a Secretary was appointed and by majority vote, Lisa Jenkins (Calk) was elected as our new Secretary. Please welcome her as our new Secretary, and if you would like to email, write, or send information to Lisa, you will find her email, address, and phone number in the officers section of this newsletter. I thank Lisa for her commitment to the Secretary position and know she will be an asset to our association.

Switching gears, before we know it the 2009 year will be coming to a close. Our Vice-President – Vickie Cruz, is already making preparations in locating a venue and reviewing dates for our 2010 Masonic Home Ex-Students Reunion in Austin, Texas. As soon as Vickie selects the dates and venue, we will get this information out to you as quickly as possible so that you can start making your preparations to attend this special event. I am certain Vickie will do a great job selecting the venue as well as preparing an exceptional reunion....stay tuned!

Last, because I haven't mentioned them, I want to thank our Treasure – Sissy, and our Editor – Arthur, for the outstanding work they do and for helping handle the extra responsibilities during the interim in the absence of a Secretary. I wish all of our members a safe and Happy Holiday season that will soon be upon us and thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

**Mark your calendars for these upcoming events...**

**December 1 (Spring) & May 1 (Summer) 2010**  
McCaulay Applications due

**December 15, 2009**  
Deadline for Next Newsletter

**2010 Reunion July**  
Austin, Texas. More Details to follow in January's Newsletter



## 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](http://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.

Watch website for additional dates and information.  
[masonichome-exstudents.org](http://masonichome-exstudents.org)  
New address, phone number, e-mail, spouse, child, grand-child?  
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**Please Note: All letters are the opinion of the sender and do not necessarily represent the views of the Ex-Student Association.**

<b>BANK OF AMERICA</b>		
FINANCIAL REPORT		
07/17/09 - 10/12/09		
<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT</b>		
7/17/09 -Corrected Balance Brought Forward		\$8,036.27
Income		
	Dues/Registration	\$182.00
	Directory	\$40.00
Total Income		\$222.00
Balance - 10/12/09		\$8,258.27
Expenses		
	Printing & Mailing Newsletter	\$775.97
	Printing Directory	\$242.23
	Postage - Directories/ Newsletter	\$103.41
	Microsoft Ofc - For Secre-	\$303.09
Total Expenses		\$1,424.70
Ending Balance - 10/12/09		\$6,833.57
<b>SAVINGS ACCOUNT</b>		
7/17/09 -Balance Brought Forward		\$2,637.64
	Interest	\$1.33
Balance - 10/12/09		\$2,638.97
<b>MUSEUM ACCOUNT</b>		
7/17/09 -Balance Brought Forward		\$625.49
	Expenses	\$312.24
Balance - 10/12/09		\$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.**

**Treasurer’s Message**

**Sissy Moser ‘84**



Upon receipt of the checkbook, I found a calculation error. After speaking with Bert, we are in agreeance to a corrected ending balance of \$8,036.27 for the previous Financial Report. I would

like to take this opportunity to thank Bert for his continued support to my many questions and to wish him a speedy recovery.

updated on your current address. Also, if you would like to receive the newsletter through the website, please contact our Secretary, Lisa Jenkins, with this information. All Officers contact information is located on the back of each newsletter as well as the website.

I would like to wish Mrs. Cloud a very happy 75th Birthday on October 31st. She holds a special place in a lot of hearts after serving 21 years as a Teacher, Coach & Houseparent at the Home.

The printing & mailing of the newsletter is a large part of the Associations’ expenses. Please remember to keep us

**Secretary’s Message**

**Lisa Jenkins ‘82**



When I was asked to assume the position of Secretary, I was surprised and honored. I really didn’t hesitate to say yes because it finally gives me a chance to give back a little to an organization that gave me so much. I look forward to doing the best job I can do.

Growing up as a home kid is something I’m proud and thankful for. It has made me who I am today. I so enjoyed last year’s reunion and reconnecting with so many friends that I hadn’t seen in years. I’ve always looked at the Home kids as a family and it’s nice that once a year we are given a chance to go home again!

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

Fall is here and I am so excited for the change in the weather; the holidays will be here before we know it. I love this time of year, getting to spend time with family and getting some much needed time off work.

Another event that will be here before we know it is the 2010 reunion in Austin, TX. I've started working on locating a hotel and looking at dates, and don't worry we will get that information to you as soon as it becomes available. I know some of us will be planning our vacation time around the dates that are set, so I understand how important it is to get that to you as soon as possible.

I would like to welcome Lisa Jenkins as our new Secretary. Lisa and I were best friends out at the home, and it's just unbelievable that after all these years later here we are serving on the ex-students association. As a matter of fact, I grew up with everyone that holds a position with the exception of Arthur, but the moment I met him I knew I had a new friend. Life is great!! I would like to thank Lindsey Vorster for her time, energy, and her contribution to the association. Thank you Lindsey!

As I said earlier, the holidays will be here before we know it, and I would like to take this time to say I wish you all a very joyous and loving holiday season!

**Editor's Message ...****Arthur Calcaterra '96**

November 3rd, 1988, that was my first day at the Home and a day that forever changed my life. I'm sure many of us remember our first day on the campus and what it was like to meet all the new people who would later become our new family.

I would like to take this opportunity to share my story with the rest of you. I was eleven years old at the time.. My father had passed away when I was only a year old which left my mother to take care of me. My mother had several health problems and about a month before I entered the Home, she became very ill. My mother was admitted to the hospital and while in the hospital she was concerned about me and knew I need a place to stay. So, she contacted her brother, who was a Mason, to get me into the Home.

The first day was very scary for an 11 year old, and I'm sure everyone had mixed feelings when entering. I thought that my stay would be temporary while my mother recovered in the hospital. I arrived around lunchtime and can still remember that we were having short pork ribs and green beans. I met a few of my new classmates and by the end of the day had made several friends. Making friends was easy, everyone had their own story and in no time, I was settling in.

I had been at the Home for almost 10 months when my mother became ill again. I remember the Home staff taking me to the hospital to see her every few days. I didn't think much of it; my mother had been in and out of hospitals all my life. Then, one night, my houseparent called me into his room. There were a few oth-

ers there, and I knew something was wrong. They started to tell me that my mother had passed away just a few hours before; I was in total shock! That was a day I will never forget.

The next few weeks were hard. It was during this time that I made a decision to look forward and make the best of my situation. I put my trust in God, and accepted that he had a plan for me. The Home gave us all so many opportunities. Small classrooms, band, choir, all the sports you could play, and teachers and staff that were dedicated to all of us. Let's not forget all the chili you can eat on Saturday's. Many of us, without much family, had the opportunity of growing into a much larger family. Our friend's at the Home became our brothers and sisters. We learned that we could depend on each other during hard times; we learned that no matter when you were at the Home, you were connected to all ex-students.

A few years after I graduated, I found out that my great grandmother was Mary Brown, Hardy Brown Sr.'s sister. As the book 12 Mighty Orphans came out, I found a cousin who had done some research on our family. So, I found out that my Grandfather and all of the Brown children (Hardy, Jeff, etc) were cousins. So, I have another connection to the Home that I didn't even know about until recently.

That's the amazing part of being a Home kid, we are all connected and we all share a story of why we were at the Home. I look forward to meeting other ex-students and hearing their stories.

## McCaulay Fund Update

**Lisa Bozarth** (2001) is a part time senior accounting major at UT Arlington. She plans to graduate in the summer of 2010. After that, she also plans to continue her education, getting her CPA and a master's degree.

**David Calk** (1986) is working on a Master in Education Administration at Texas A&M Corpus Christi while teaching and coaching. Even though he received the Governors Excellence Award for being an outstanding classroom teacher, David says, "It is my hope to find a principal job in an Alternative setting so that I might continue to help those that are like my former self." He should graduate in May.

**Jeff Calk** (1987) is in his final semester at Amberton Christian University where he will receive his Master in Business Administration. As you know, Jeff is already "giving back" to our Association by serving first as Vice President and now as President.

**Michelle Estrada** (2000) is a communications major at the University of Maryland and expects to graduate in the Spring of 2010. Michelle has lived in Spain where her husband Manny (also an ex-student) has been stationed. Due to a reduction in Navy forces, they will be moving back to the states and pursuing civilian jobs along with school.

**Lyndsey Kelley Garcia** (2005) is attending Kaplan University working full time as a medical transcription major. She plans to finish in February. She really enjoys her classes and might possibly pursue a nursing degree since so many of her classes will already count toward that degree.

**Misty Wright Gibbs** (1996) is a full time nursing major at Paris Junior College. She works as a registered dental assistant and is mother of two very busy kids.

**Danny Ha** (2002) attends Eastfield Community College as a business major. He is a full time student and plans on continuing at a university in order to earn a bachelor's degree after he receives his associate's degree at Eastfield.

**David Ha** (2004) is working on a Master in Business Administration at the University of Texas at Arlington with a concentration in international business. He plans on seeking a PhD and/or working overseas once he has earned his master's degree.

**Hondrea Stone Imolehin** (1995) is attending Concorde working on her license as a Vocational Nurse. She plans on continuing on and getting first her RN (registered nurse) and then a Bachelor of Science in nursing. She is a wife and mother of two children and is excited to be continuing her education.

**Dale Lord** (2005) is attending Eastfield College as a full time student. Dale also went to summer school at Eastfield this year.

**Kacey Sharp** (2004) is attending the Art Institute of Houston as a interior design/business major. She plans on continuing in the honor society and play a part in student government.

**Leslie Tucker** (1972) received an associate's degree in Business Science from Brookhaven College and is now a liberal arts major at UT Dallas. She also works full time as a staff accountant.

**Cassey Wright** (2001) is a full time nursing major at Rose State College (Oklahoma). She and her husband are the proud and busy parents of a beautiful one year old girl.

**Tonya Wright** (1993) attends Rose State College as an education major and plans on substitute teaching to gain more experience. She wants to be a first or second grade teacher.

### THE McCAULAY MEMORIAL MASONIC FUND

This fund is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes to assist ex-students of the Masonic Home and School of Fort Worth, Texas who are in need of financial assistance in obtaining a higher degree of education. This will be in the form of scholarships. All the funds available for McCaulay grants are provided by former students of the Masonic Home. The income of this fund is derived primarily from contributions, bequests and interest income. The Fund has a proud history of having helped many students achieve their educational goals. Any money provided for education by the Masonic Home is provided by the Masons of Texas, and applicants are strongly encouraged to seek financial assistance from the Home in addition to the McCaulay grants.

The deadlines are: July 1 for the Fall Semester, December 1 for the Spring Semester, and May 1 for Summer Semesters, and will be strictly enforced.

**Interested in making a donation to the McCaulay fun? Please contact David Underwood.**  
972-226-3765 or [aeiou2david@tx.rr.com](mailto:aeiou2david@tx.rr.com)

## Letters to the Editor

### Jane (Williams) Pelletier '62

Last summer for my birthday I visited the Gettysburg National Battlefield, and there I saw a very impressive monument erected by the Masons of Pennsylvania that I would like to tell you about. If you saw the movie "Gettysburg" you may remember that one of the Confederate generals, Lewis Armistead, was a very good friend of an opposing general, Winfield Scott Hancock. The two were said to be as close as brothers, and in fact were brothers in Ma-



sonry. The memorial emphasizes the strong ties that could not be broken even when fighting for different sides of a battle. As depicted by the statue, General Armistead lies mortally wounded after reaching Union lines at the top of the hill in Pickett's charge. He is dis-

traught to learn that his friend and brother General Hancock has also been wounded in the charge, and asks an aid to deliver his pocket watch to Hancock, who eventually recovered from his wounds. I've enclosed a couple of pictures of this memorial statue, taken by my brother Henry and my husband Larry. Also on the visit were my sister Claire and her husband, Steve, and we all were very moved by this tribute to Masonry. Men and women do their duty as they see it, but that doesn't sever the strong bonds of friendship and brotherhood.

Growing up at the Masonic Home gave us strong ties to each other, as well as a sense of caring for others and trying to do our personal best. Greetings to each of you reading this; may this year bring you peace and happiness. I'd also like to say a special hello to those of you who, like me, reached the milestone of turning 65 this year. It's not such a bad age, is it, when you think of all that wisdom we've gained over the years! I want to tell all of you former classmates of mine just how much you meant to me, both back then and now, thinking back over the years. Sending 'Sonic love to each of you.

### Cheryl Young daughter of Alice Tempelmeyer class of 1939

Just wanted to send my thanks for the opportunity to tour the campus of the Ft Worth Masonic Home. My mother was an ex-student, Alice Tempelmeyer class of 1939. Although I had seen the campus before, this was the first time that I was able to go inside any of the buildings. I have listened to stories about the Home all of my life and now I have a better picture of the times my mother had there. Thanks and regards

### David Underwood '65

On Wednesday September 16, 2009 Zavala Masonic Lodge #1059 in Dallas presented Doug Lord with a pin and certificate commemorating his sixty years as a Texas Mason. Another milestone among the many in Doug's Masonic career. It was a proud night for all of us.



Doug's sixty-year pin presentation. From left to right: 2009 Texas Grand Master David Counts, Opal Lord, DDGM: Paul Underwood, Doug Lord, David Underwood, Dale Lord, Joe Hogan and Bob Elwell.

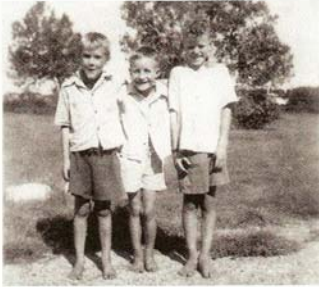
### Paul Underwood '70

I am sure many of the exes know about our former Treasurer, Bert Van Natter, being hospitalized recently. He had a brain aneurysm and was hospitalized for quite some time late this summer in Austin. He was fortunate to have good doctors and seems to be doing better. Bert was released from the hospital on September 2nd. I have received a couple of e-mails from him and spoke with him on the phone. He says he is not sure he is going to return to work as he has enough time in with the State with his sick leave to get him to retirement. I think he had planned on retiring anyway in the next few months. He definitely deserves to retire and I am so very happy for him to be taking that step and wish him and Renee the best in their new adventures.

Bert has done a lot of good work for our Association and we are fortunate to have had him as Treasurer. He thanks everyone for the e-mails and prayers.

**David Underwood**

I just received my copy of the University of North Texas alumni news. In it was the attached article about the Mighty Mites and has pictures to boot. Mentions Doug Lord, Bruce Riddle and C.D. Sealey

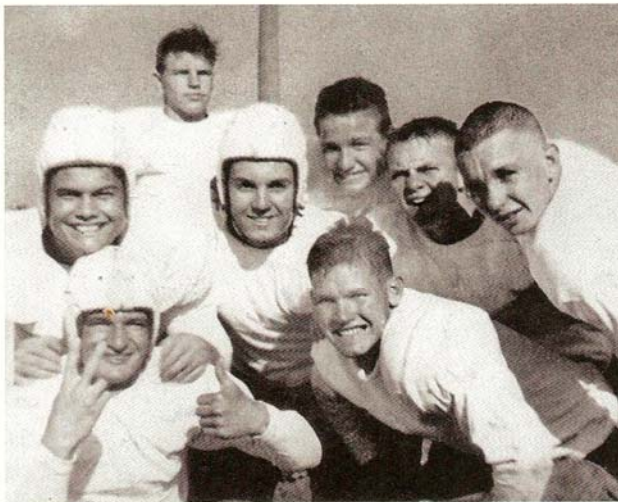


The KERA-TV documentary series *Nowhere But Texas 2*, co-produced by radio/television/film alumna Therese Powell ('91 M.A.), received top honors from the national Gracie Awards this summer. The segment "High Hopes," about Women Air Force Service Pilots training in Sweetwater, won in the "portrait/biography" and "outstanding special" categories and garnered an award for its director. The

awards are presented annually by American Women in Radio and Television.

The documentary from the Dallas-Fort Worth public television station, which uses interviews and archival footage to tell interesting stories from Texas communities, has another UNT connection. The segment "Mighty Mites" features the underdog high school football team of the Masonic Home and School in Fort Worth, which tied Corsicana in the 1932 state championship game under coach Rusty Russell. Three Masonic Home boys who went on to North Texas appear in the segment: Doug Lord ('50), who played football under Russell in the early 1940s; Bruce Riddle ('61), who lived at the Masonic Home in the 1940s; and C.B. Sealey ('48), who played on the 1940 team.

**Nowhere But Texas 2**



Bruce Riddle (at right in photo on left) and Doug Lord (above center, with helmet) are two North Texas alumni featured in the "Mighty Mites" segment of KERA's *Nowhere But Texas 2*.

The following article was taken from a blog on the 12 Mighty Orphans website. Friday June 26th 2009

**So, What's the Latest?**

Arthur Calcaterra, a 1996 graduate of the Masonic Home and School, wonders what is the latest news about the story as he heads to the Masonic Home reunion in Fort Worth. The annual reunion takes place this weekend on the old Home campus.

Calcaterra has an added personal reason to be interested in the 12 Mighty Orphans story, as Hardy Brown is his first cousin twice removed -- his grandfather and Hardy Brown were cousins. Not only are his generational ties to the story strong, but Calcaterra has stayed in Fort Worth and is a practicing architect. As an architect, he would also understand how well-built the remaining buildings are on the campus, having been built by Masons.

Calcaterra is not the only one who keeps asking for the latest news. So, direct from the partners, here's what can be announced so far:

The four partners of 12 Productions have had a five-step goal of 1) partnering with a major production company; 2) finding a director who understands the genre; 3) finding a screenplay writer; 4) attaching a major actor to play the lead role; and 5) taking the project then to a major studio.

They have spent the last several months working on each of these steps and their initial meetings had such successful receptions that the project has generated passionate responses with experts who have quickly understood the story and requested repeated meetings wanting to be part of this project. The partners have been extremely pleased with the substantial progress they have made on their plan and the talented people they are partnering with and hopefully will have more specific information regarding the project in the very near future.

To find out more visit:

<http://12mightyorphans.blogspot.com/>

**One Book, One Arlington**  
This October the Arlington Public Library selected, Twelve Mighty Orphans as part of their One Book, One Arlington community wide reading project.



## In Remembrance



### William Woodrow Wilson

William Woodrow Wilson was born on December 2, 1922 to Orvil and Marion Wilson in Fort Worth, Texas, the fifth Wilson child of the family of two boys and two girls. Our father died in 1925. Being a Mason enabled the girls to enter the Masonic home and school in Fort Worth in 1924 and me on December 12, 1926. This was the best thing that could have happened to us. We were there during the Great Depression: and being there, we received three meals a day, were clothed, and received an excellent education. (he was a member of the legendary Mighty Mite football team during the late 30's and early 40's)

He graduated in 1942; declined a scholarship to the University of Texas in Austin, and signed up for Naval Aviation. Completed course at Hensley, due for Pensacola, but failed to obey rules and regulations, (The plane he was flying buzzed the private boat of a naval commander on Lake Worth. He thought it was fun; the naval commander, however, did not) signed up for the U.S. Marine Corps. After boot camp he was stationed at Norman OK. That was not too far from Ft. Worth and rekindled a lasting relationship with Pauline Bower. Who became his wife on July 18, 1943. Bill's earthly life ended on October 1, 2009 at Mainland Medical Center. He is survived by his wife of 66 years.

### Charles "Buster" White class of 1937

Charles "Buster" White died July 12, 2009 in Boyd, Texas, after a long battle with cancer. Services were held at the Trinity Baptist Church in Boyd. He is survived by his wife Lucy, daughter Shari White Dempsey, and son Jody White.

Charles came to the Masonic Home in 1947 from Polytechnic Lodge No. 925 with his sisters, Shirley and Myra, and brother, Kermit. While at the Home, The Moslah Drum and Bugle Corps honored Buster as the Outstanding Boy of 1956.

### Morris Gary Jacks Sr. class of 1954

Dear editor, it is my sad duty to advise you and all the Sonics that our brother Morris Gary Jacks Sr. (better known as Squeaky Jacks) passed away unexpectedly on September 17th at the age of 74. He came to the home in 1946 along with his sister Sherry Dell and brothers Tommy, Roy and Terry. Please find a copy of the picture from his obituary attached.

Submitted by: Roy M. Jacks

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