



President's Message

Jeff Calk '87



Happy New Year to our entire Masonic Home Ex-Student family! I hope your New Year is off to a great start and everyone is sticking to their New Year's Resolutions. My New Year's Resolutions are to spend more

quality time with my family and friends, exercise a minimum of 4 days a week, and eat healthy every single meal. Life is what we make of it and I want to be around for a long time so that I do not miss the important milestones and accomplishments (and yes some failures) that take place in the lives of my family and friends.

On another note, the 2011 Masonic Home Ex-Students Reunion is just around the corner and our vice president, Ms. Vickie Cruz, has set the dates for June 17, 18, & 19th, 2011 at the Embassy Suites in Dallas, TX. Vickie has done exceptional job locating and locking down a quality hotel

with excellent amenities and all at an affordable price. Please make every effort to make this event this summer so that it may be one of the most memorable reunions we will ever experience. Our goal is to have a minimum of 200+ Ex-Students attend the 2011 Masonic Home Ex-Students Reunion and if we accomplish our goal it will be the largest Reunion our association has ever had in attendance. Please help us achieve this goal! I look forward to catching up with all of you and your families as well as having a great time with some great food and entertainment! See you there!

Want to view the newsletter in color?

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.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events...

(Summer) 2011 May 1st
(Fall) 2011 July 1st

McCauley Applications due

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August 15, 2011
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Watch website for additional dates and information.
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FINANCIAL REPORT		
11/19/10 - 01/31/11		
CHECKING ACCOUNT		
11/19/10 - Balance Brought Forward		\$5,044.64
Income		
Dues		\$0.00
Directory		\$0.00
Total Income		\$0.00
Balance - 01/31/11		\$5,044.64
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Printing & Mailing Newsletter		\$601.69
Postage - Directories/Newsletter		\$1.39
PO Box Rental - 1 yr		\$20.00
Total Expenses		\$623.08
Ending Balance - 01/31/11		\$4,421.56
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Interest		\$0.43
Monthly Maint. Fee		-\$20.00
Balance - 01/31/11		\$2,522.55
MUSEUM ACCOUNT		
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Expenses		\$0.00
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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
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**Other important information:
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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



With the Holidays behind us, we can now look forward to Spring and the upcoming Reunion. Vickie has been hard at work lining up a good Hotel for an enjoyable weekend. Mark your calendars for June 17th – 19th and plan on a fun filled weekend. If you haven’t

been to a Reunion in a while, come see what you’ve been missing. Last year we had a really good turn out and look forward to an even larger crowd this year.

In a few months, we will have a special mailing with all the Reunion information. Remember to pre-register so we can have an idea of how many to expect and to make registration easier during the Reunion.

I would like to ask for some of you to consider volunteering an hour or so to help with the registration table, refreshments or wherever help is needed. It will be greatly appreciated as there is a lot of hard work put into making this a successful weekend.

Last year’s Silent Auction was a huge success thanks to all the donations. Let’s see if we can do even better this year so put on your thinking caps and start getting creative.

If anyone has any interest in serving as an Officer of the Association, please contact a current Officer for details and to put your name on the ballot.

See you in June!

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

Can you say brrrrr!!! I can't believe how cold it has been here in Fort Worth Texas. One thing that has kept me warm is all the thoughts I've had in putting together the reunion for this

summer. I know you will love this hotel. It is in Dallas this year which might be a little further out than we are used to, but it will defiantly be worth it. If you are interested in helping with the reunion in anyway please let me know. I know we will need help with registration, the silent auction and donations for the band.

This is also the year will be electing new officers. If you are interested in holding any of these positions please let one of the officers know.

I would like to run again for VP because I've so enjoyed putting together the reunions and I hope you have also enjoyed what I have done.

Look forward to seeing all of you in June!

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

Happy New Year to one and all! I hope 2011 is starting out to be a good year for each of you.

Our family recently had a death, our uncle Mike passed away January 22. So, it's been a tough beginning for me but I have high hopes for the upcoming months. My first grandchild is due in May. We are having a little boy and I can't wait to be a grandma.

I'm also looking forward to the upcoming Reunion. I know Vickie's been hard at work in getting everything set up, organized and planned. Our Reunions are such a special time that we only celebrate once a year and I really hope each of you will make an effort to come and join us and help us surpass our goal for attendance.

2011 MASONIC HOME EX-STUDENTS DALLAS , TEXAS REUNION

June 17th-19th, 2011

Embassy Suites Hotel

3880 W. Northwest Hwy. Dallas Texas, United States 75220

Tel: 1-214-357-4500

Contact: Tammy Herring

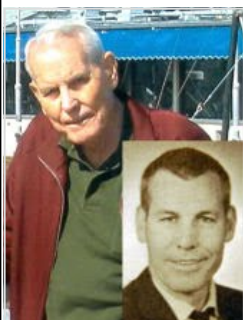
Make the Dallas, Texas Masonic Home ex-students Association Reunion your family vacation for 2011. There are literally hundreds of things to do, places to shop and eat, and sites to see, I hope you are able to come and join us for a weekend of fun and laughter.

Reservations for our group can now be made by calling 1-214-357-4500 and mentioning Masonic Reunion. To place your reservations online go to this website www.embassysuitesdallaslovefield.com and click on the link for the Masonic reunion. All rooms at the discounted rate of \$99 will be available until midnight on May 27th. 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 Embassy Suites Hotel is located north of Dallas Love Field. The Hotel will provide a complimentary hot breakfast buffet Saturday and Sunday and also complimentary happy hour Friday and Saturday night. Further information will be in the newsletter.



“Wheatie” Sealey, Coach, Teacher, Mighty Mite



Charles Drew "C.D." Sealey died December 11, 2010 at age 87. He was known to his Masonic Home family as "Wheatie" because when he first came to the orphanage right after he had turned six, he took on the challenge of seeing who could eat the most bowls of cereal and he won, acquiring his nickname from thenceforth. He ate nine bowls.

When his father, a Master Mason, died, Wheatie was taken to The Masonic Home and School to be raised and educated. He was one of the youngest children there, as you couldn't enter The Home until age five. It was 1929 at the height of the Depression and he was typical of many kids who entered the home at that time when their fathers died and their mothers could no longer support their children.

Wheatie had vivid memories of entering the home. "I saw all the tall buildings. I couldn't imagine what kind of place that was, ...what kind of place I was getting into," he said. "Everyone had a big kid pal when you got there." They were protectors and disciplinarians. It was helpful to a "new kid" to be taken under the arm of an older "protector". The big kid pals became like older brothers, looking out for the younger boys and teaching them. This concept carried over to the Milk Slimes, a work chore group that Wheatie belonged to, where bigger boys initiated the younger boys who came of age to join to group who milked the cows that provided the fresh dairy products for the children. The Home Kids became like family to one another.

Mike Barr, one of the principals of 12 Productions developing the story into the movie, sat by Mighty Mite Miller Moseley at the funeral. "When his three descendants spoke to those gathered, about 75 percent of what they talked about was Sealey's time at The Home and its impact on his life," Barr said. "His daughter said that his children had hundreds of aunts and uncles -- Sealey's non-blood siblings from The Home. He was proud of his time there, always talked about it, how it shaped him and how Rusty Russell influenced him." Barr said 20 percent of the tributes given were about Sealey's years spent as a coach and there were quite a number of his players there.

H.N. "Rusty" Russell came to the home in 1927 as a teacher and administrator and he started the football program right away. Wheatie was pulled right into the football program and was a Little Mite and later part of the famous Mighty Mite teams from 1937 - 1940, that made the State

Playoffs and Wheatie played quarterback. Wheatie graduated in 1941 from The Home.

Like his Mighty Mite teammate, Doug Lord, who fell in love with and later married fellow Home student Opal Worthington, Wheatie met and married his first wife Erline Alderson, also a Home Kid. He joined the Marines as a paratrooper at the beginning of World War II and returned home after being wounded. After graduating from college, at North Texas University in Denton, Texas, he became, like other Mighty Mites such as "Brownie" Lewis, a teacher and coach.

Wheatie remained in Fort Worth. "Coach Sealey" retired from the Fort Worth Independent School District in 1981. He was a sixty-year member (and past master) of Polytechnic Masonic Lodge 920 and a member of Godley Masonic Lodge. His brother, Murray, predeceased him. He is survived by two sisters, Agnes Hall of Fort Worth and Niela Shelton of Haslet, his wife of 30 years, Joella Mims Sealey, and numerous children, step-children and great-grandchildren.

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Special Thanks

We would like to thank Tamara (Van Gelder) Cook '88 for volunteering to convert the old Masonic News Bulletins into a CD format.

Masonic Home Campus and Chapel

ACH is currently renovating this site to become the central operating campus for the organization. The Chapel was one of the first buildings to undergo renovation. Renovations were completed in 2009 and included mostly cosmetic upgrades, ADA compliance adjustments and the installation of the adjacent garden. had no primary programmatic use for the Chapel, and determined that opening this facility to the public for the first time in its history could generate revenue to support the mission of the organization. Therefore, Belltower Chapel & Garden was officially launched in late 2009.

Visit www.belltowerfortworth.com for more information.

Letters to the Editor

Starla Anderson 1995

As an ex student of the Masonic Home and School of Texas, my biggest highlight was Christmas which was called "Oak Cliff." We would go into the auditorium with a huge tree sitting on the stage along with piles of gifts for us. Masons and other ex students made our Christmas possible each year and without their help, we would not have Christmas.

Although Masonic Home and School of Texas isn't open anymore, I thought I would start our own tradition to help other ex students during their time of need during the holidays. Christmas 2010, we adopted three families with a total of eight children. I can't take full credit for the wonderful outcome so I want to personally thank Kacy Hiser, Jennifer Blackmon Berquist, Candy Watling, Steve Green, and Christie Winters Norwood. All of you have helped bring "Remember Oak Cliff" alive and I will be forever thankful. I know many wanted to help but I have faith that next year we can help more ex students and their families in need.

I am proud to call all of you my brothers and sisters.

Adele Cloud

I enjoyed hearing about the students from my years at the Home. I have to have someone read the newsletter to me as my eyesight isn't very good anymore.

I would love to hear from any of you. I now reside at:
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Letter from the Editor

Arthur Calcaterra '96



I know that as "Home Kids" we see the annual reunion not as a gathering of classmates but as a family reunion. The times that we spent together at the Home are times that we will never forget and as the years go by some of those memories seem stronger than ever. All of these memories come alive when we

gather every year to catch up and to reflect on our years since we left. Some stories are told over and over but we all enjoy hearing them.

Even if you haven't seen or talked to some of the ex-students, it only take a few minutes to recall the bond that we all share. I would encourage you to try to make it out this year to share in this experience.

I have had the privilege of serving as the editor for the Ex-Student Association. I would like to continue this role as the editor if given the opportunity. I am always open to send in ideas and letters to include in each issue of THE NEWS.

Please keep in touch and reach out to other members of our home "family" to pass on the information about the reunion. We are excited about this year's reunion and hope to see you all there.



In Remembrance



Tommy Lee Bishop

Dorothy Bowline Bishop's '52 husband passed away Sunday night. Dottie seems to be doing okay right now. The family is over helping.

Tommie Lee Bishop, 85, went to be with the Lord on Monday, January 31, 2011. He was born on June 11, 1925, in Waka, Texas, to Harry and Grace Bishop.

Tommie served our country proudly in World War II and the Korean War.

He taught public school for 32 years in Texas with the majority of the years taught at Clear Creek High School, where he continued to be a substitute teacher for another 17 years.

He was preceded in death by both parents; sister, Fern Roberson; and twin brothers, Jay and June Rogers. Tommie is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Dorothy Bishop; children, Cindy Ann Bishop, Randy Lee Bishop and wife Laura and David Scott Bishop and wife Shelley; grandchildren, Zachary Lee Bishop, Jacob Greene Bishop, Austin McKinley Bishop, Sasha Grace Bishop, Shane Gabriel Bishop and Javier; sister Mildred Thorne; along with numerous other loving family and friends.

Visitation will begin on Wednesday, February 2, 2011, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Forest Park East Funeral Home, 21620 Gulf Freeway, Webster, Texas. A Funeral Service will held on Thursday, February 3, 2011, at 2:30 p.m., at Forest Park East Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Forest Park East Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in the form of books to the Texas Avenue Baptist Church Library, League City, Texas.

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