

To those who attended! Yes, Mc, it's me again!

Dear Classmates:

WE DID IT! We celebrated our 50th and we did it so fantastically that we celebrated for all of you who could not attend! The weekend actually began on Thursday when several people arrived at Oglebay early: Jack and Russell Huber, Glenn and Margie (Gillespie) Fleming, Roz (Roth) and Phil Sky, Cathy (McIntosh) and Bob Hill, Skip Boynton, and Joyce (Beadling) and Scott Hines. We gathered in the Glassworks Grill where we put tables together and had dinner! Thus it began...*the reminiscing*..."Do you remember when...?"; "Didn't we...?"; "Where did we...?"; "Who taught...?" and so on!

Friday morning, in the early hours, I had coffee with Skip Boynton and saw Gladys Lou Parella Husted reading in a soft leather chair in the Hillman Lounge. We had a great visit while our husbands snoozed! The Committee met around 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Center, a closet-like room where we stored our "stuff" for the reunion. Margie Gillespie Fleming definitely won the prize for "rolling and tying" maroon ribbons on the napkins! Cindy Coats and I came in at a distant second. We stuffed gold bags with Bio Books, Directories and schedules to be passed out at the dinner. By 1:30 p.m. the Oglebay staff had the tables set up with table clothes so that we could put on the centerpieces (these included genuine EHS diplomas and Commencement programs!) and napkins; organize the memorabilia table (Roz's project), and set up the registration table.

At 3:08 p.m. eighteen classmates were gathered at the Crispin Course #1 tee! Roz divided us into teams and gave us instructions for the 9-hole scramble! And scramble it was...just like in high school half of us didn't listen...but no worry, we just made it up as we went! The weather cooperated and fortunately we all had golf carts...the term *West Virginia Hills* doesn't do justice to the Crispin Course! The competition was fierce. When teams met up at any given tee, the questions and comments flew..."How many under par is your team?" "DJ is really playing well!" "Jo-Anne (Petras) can sure hit that ball!" Scott and I golfed with Ed and Louise Symons. Louise and Ed have obviously played the game a few times! I was our team's handicap! Scott and Ed's biggest decision was which of my pitiful drives would they use...had to use at least one according to "Rozzie's Rules"! And the winning team was: Phil and Roz (Roth) Sky and Jack and Russell Huber *and* their magic pencil! (*Could this have been fixed???*)

At 6:45, with Kathi (Niesemann) Ferguson womaning the Registration table, classmates and guests (total 57) began to arrive at the Terrace Room: Eldan and Barbara Klemm Snyder, Arlene Thompson, Gladys Lou (Parella) and Jim Husted, Cathy (McIntosh) and Bob Hill, Bruce Bowden, Wayne and Carol (Crawford) Tamarelli, Stan and Susan Vlasak, and Bill Townsend just to name a few. Each classmate received a gold bag and classmates and guests received nametags designed by Jim Scott! The noise level rose at a steady pace until our Grand Buffet was served at about 8:00 p.m. After a delicious meal capped off with scrumptious cakes, Glenn Fleming welcomed all. Paul McLain gave a "profound" speech befitting a class president! Glenn conducted a Service of Remembrance for our departed classmates, which included classmates lighting candles for each departed member. Then Stan Vlasak took the mike and entertained us, asking the girls to sing a round of Patience and Prudence's *Tonight You Belong to Me!* And we did! Not too badly if I do say so! Roz then took charge by organizing the group to play a Trivia Game. Talk about competition: each table pitted against the others; a total of 57 people trying to shout the right answer! Ron Champ was definitely the "trivia expert" making our table the winner! Carol Holt Riviere was the best at "objecting"! Actually this game was just an excuse for Roz to get rid of...that is, *distribute* some of her famous "junk"! Sorry, Sue (Dodd Simchock) and Jim, no gifts for you this time, but you can have my rubber pig head if you want it! Finally, Jay Coats conducted a short class meeting informing everyone about our finances and leading a discussion about our next class reunion. Wise man that he is, he stopped the heated discussion concerning

the best time of year to have the next reunion by simply saying that “We obviously cannot make that decision now! Wrapping up the evening, we gathered in front of the huge fireplace outside the Terrace Room for our class photo. Our photographer, Scott Hines (a teacher for 35 years) tried to keep the directions simple...”Just make sure you can see me,” he said! Rich DeMore, did you hear that? Well, our unruly class settled down and the photo was taken, again and again and again! Every face was showing...almost!!! Scott then took a photo of the spouses who were much more cooperative! They get an “A” for the best photo! (By the way, do you know how difficult it is to choose a photo where all 40some people look good at the same time?)

On Saturday, our picnic was to begin at 1:00 p.m. The weather report was not good (plain ugly) but the morning drizzle was not too bad. After an agonizing debate...inside, outside, inside, outside???...We decided to go for the outdoor pavilion. Paul McLain, Jim Scott, and Jay Coats loaded the coolers and headed down to Driehorst Pavilion. Promptly at 1:00 the liquid sunshine began falling! Luckily Mother Nature held back the wind. Actually the continuous rain kept us huddled within the shelter and encouraged conversation and mixing. Ron Heller and Mick and Sandy Schevchik popped in for the picnic as did John Browne (Barb Nichol’s cousin). Rich and Cindy DeMore, Arlene Thompson, DJ and Sandy Daw Jameson, Jo-Anne (Petras) and Jim Edwards, Chris and Margaret Jernstedt, Bruce and Lisa Bowden and son Chase plus many others...a total of 56 were a part of the picnic. Scott, our trusty and fast learning photographer, gathered us again for another class photo, this time **before** eating and drinking! Same simple directions: “Make sure you can see me!” (Chris Bach, did you hear?) Every face showing...almost!!! With a fire in the fireplace, beer in the coolers (no pop...a little slip up on my part...Sorry!!!), and a great picnic lunch, the day was a rousing success!

Saturday evening found a group of EHS classmates sitting in the Hickman Lounge, listening to Stan Vlasak and Art Pape (Class of ’58 married to Barb Nichols) playing their guitars and singing. Soon the gathering crowd including Barb, Susan Vlasak, Diane Burnham, Linda Myers, Chris and Lynn Bach, Kitty Hughes Leatham, Glen Grymes Husak, Sally Griggs, Carol Holt Riviere, and Ginny Morgan Stahlsmith among others were joining in singing. Meanwhile at 8:00 a group of avid Penn State fans were joining together in Conference Rm. 6 to cheer on the Blue and White...Glenn and Margie Gillespie Fleming, Roz (Roth) and Phil Sky, Kathi (Niesemann) and Jim Ferguson, Jim Scott, Susan (Holden) and Tommy Hamm plus other fans. Roz not only made the arrangements for the TV and room, but also managed to procure cheese and fruit trays abandoned in nearby deserted conference rooms. So those trays along with Susan (Holden) Hamm’s almonds and pecans gave us the fortification to survive the *not so great* football game! Not a happy night in Happy Valley...but our spirits weren’t dampened! We ate, drank and visited in spite of the game!

Finally, time for our farewell breakfast. Conference room 6 was the meeting place for our last get-together. Skip Boynton, Bob and Karen (Kennon) Schwarzbach,

Susan (Dodd) and Jim Simchock, Ron and Valjean Champ, Ginny Morgan Stahlsmith (wearing another of her famous hats!) and many others, 43 in all, enjoyed the breakfast buffet, last minute visits and reminiscences, and, of course, more photos! This time we took a Forest Hills photo and an Edgewood photo along with the usual snapshots. It wasn’t easy saying good-bye, however we left Oglebay looking forward to our next class gathering!

All in all, our 50th Reunion was a rousing success! The Oglebay staff was extremely accommodating and pleasant; the facility was amazing...certainly one of West Virginia’s finest! Many people played a role in this “50<sup>th</sup> production”. Just a few were: Jim Scott who put together the Bio Book, Directory and nametags. Without Jim we would not know who we are or where we are! Roz Roth Sky who planned the program and golf outing, Jay Coats who is our money man, Glenn and Margie Fleming planned the Service of Remembrance and Margie who helped

with decorating, Kathi Niesemann Ferguson who helped with proofing the Bio Book and took care of the registration table; program presenters: Paul McLain, Stan Vlasak, Roz, Glenn, and Jay; those who made numerous phone calls: Jack Huber, Kathi Niesemann Ferguson, Jay and Cindy Coats, Chuck Bair, Glenn and Margie Fleming, Roz Roth Sky, Jim Scott, Flo Uram Stengel (Flo started the calls for the Bio Book by calling every single class member!); those who helped gather information about our deceased classmates: Carolyn Donkin Nunnally, Carol Richards, Pat Coleman Wilson, George Lohman, Roz Roth Sky! Then there are the spouses that helped and endured: Scott Hines, photographer, host of reunion committee, and neglected husband; Cindy Coats who located several of our "lost" classmates, decorated, offered suggestions at the planning stages; Phil Sky who patiently rides Rozzie's roller coaster and always has good suggestions when it comes to food and meal planning! The list goes on and on! **Thank you all who were involved in any way!**

We hope those of you who could not attend enjoy this narrative and that it makes you want to attend our future events. We hope those who attended have many happy memories of our Class of '59 and of our 50th. Certainly we have rekindled old friendships and made new friends...what more could we ask?

**NEXT MAJOR EVENT: OUR 70TH BIRTHDAY BASH** (a dinner) to be held in somewhere in **Pittsburgh** in the year **2011!**

**NEXT REUNION: OUR 55TH**

to be held...??? Email or snail mail your suggestions to:

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**NEXT GATHERING:**

Whenever anyone wants to gather people in their area for a weekend or a lunch or dinner. You name the time and place and let me know. I will email the information to the class! Let's do small events often! We're not getting any younger!

**NOW:**

Sit back and enjoy reading your best seller, **THE EHS, CLASS OF '59 BIO BOOK!**

**FINALLY:**

Be sure to keep me or Jim Scott informed of all address/email/phone changes! Also, photos of the reunion will be posted on our website: [ehs59.com](http://ehs59.com)

Keep smiling!

Joyce