



## Ephrata High School Class of 1963

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**A fun time was had by all who attended!** Although our class didn't have a large turnout, the entire Ephrata High School Alumni turned out in great numbers. A little over 1200 pre-registered, and almost 1500 came! The main events took place at the EHS Kiwanis Field (Football Field); and cars were parked from the Lee Theater to Grant Elementary School.

There are not enough words to express gratitude to **John Martin ('63)** and Sharon Rood Spofford ('61) for co-chairing the KOVE event held Saturday night. Friday afternoon, **Marcia Bush, Nona Fitts Askwig**, Vicky Hunt (EHS '64) and **Joyce Curtis Mulliken** helped decorate St. Rose School Gym – then topped the evening off at Don's Restaurant for a nice relaxing dinner.

Saturday morning began with a Decades Car Display (at least one or more cars from each decade) and a Tiger Track-Walk around the track field. The Opening Ceremony was delightful, entertaining and informative. EHS Alumni were the primary participants, *sans* a couple of folks who were Administrators or Teachers at EHS and whose kids were EHS graduates. Notable participant to our classmates was: Elaine Porter ('38) **Jeanne Porter Paynich's** mother. She's an amazing woman! Also, one of our favorites: Don Gordon (Past Vice-Principal of EHS and past Principal of Columbia Ridge) was introduced along with other current & retired Administrators. Singing the Tiger Fight Song while the EHS Band played and the EHS Cheerleaders cheered brought the 'gray hairs' to their feet with enthusiasm.

Following the Opening Ceremony, Don's Restaurant served a delicious barbeque prime rib sandwich near the grandstand. This gave many of us an opportunity to connect up with "who's here and whatever happened to ..?" The Classes of '61 through '65 collectively had many in attendance – but, it's difficult to count the numbers since so many came who did not register and some registered who were not able to attend.

**JOHN MARTIN:** Not only a great co-chair for KOVE, but a gracious and outstanding host to our classmates, family and friends at his beautiful home and Westmont Park Roses. John's partner, Robert had prepared delicious snacks and beverages for us while we toured the gardens and enjoyed a relaxing visit with: Polly Tindal, **Susan Tindal Brima** & daughter, Lisa Ralph, **Jackie Whitford Coghill, Nona Fitts Askwig**, Gary (EHS '60) & **Susan Pogemiller Abel, Louise Greenlee**, Rick (EHS '61) & **Kay Robertson Grimstead**, Ernie Johnson (EHS '61) **Marcia Bush, Joyce Curtis Mulliken**, Vicky Hunt (EHS '64), Gene (EHS '61) & **Shirley Wallace Clasen**, Steve (EHS '61) & Sandi Englehorn, **Bonnie Holt Levi** & Hugh Lackey. (Not pictured: **Dan Davis & Don Davis**).

**If you have any photos from the EHS 100 Reunion, please send them to Mary McMains Hunt:**

**[mary@huntfarms.org](mailto:mary@huntfarms.org)** Greg will be posting them to the **[www.ehs-100.com](http://www.ehs-100.com)** website and wants them by June 30<sup>th</sup>. He will also post any pictures of our classmates to our website: **[www.ephratatigers63.com](http://www.ephratatigers63.com)**

Thankx ☺



Saturday afternoon at John Martin's Home

**KOVE** was a big hit with almost 300 in attendance – a lot of rock 'n' roll and lots of visiting with EHS Alumni mostly from the 1950s and 1960s. The disc jockey, decorations, snacks & beverages were a great hit and added to a wonderful fun filled, nostalgic evening.

Sunday morning many participants attended a Memorial Service at the Ephrata Cemetery to remember classmates who are buried there. There was also a Walk of Remembrance display at Kiwanis Field. Our class poster included: *Don Anson, Myron Davies, Claudia Dillon Davis, Richard Fry, Bob Goytowski, Pete Lough, Dave Middleton, David Mutch, Marcheta Ream, Diane Rottle Tamer, Ken Sager, Marvin Witzel, William Woodard, and Mickey Wright.*

The Honors and Closing Ceremony was significant and reflective with **Mike Montaney** participating in the Posting of the Colors. Although not from our Class of 1963, it was especially meaningful to see Vaughn Downing (EHS '62) and Janeen Blake Downing (EHS '64) recognized for their military service – Vaughn with five overseas assignments and Janeen keeping the family together during his absences. Their lifetime commitment to serve our country is commendable, and deserving of appreciation and recognition.

The EHS 100 Reunion Committee, led by Beverly Elshire Mayer (EHS '60), Jerry Pitts (EHS '55), Barbara Anderson Deycous (EHS '61) Gail Mason Smith (EHS '70) Mike Lehmann (EHS '57) and webmaster Greg Folsom (EHS '62) committed two years of their time to make the EHS 100 Year Reunion a great success. There were many other local Alumni participating in the planning – please check out the website: [www.ehs-100.com](http://www.ehs-100.com) for additional information.

**WHAT'S NEXT?** The consensus among our classmates is beginning 2015 we should have an annual reunion, so if we have to miss one, we may make it to the next one. Other classes following their 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunions have found this to be a great way to stay in contact. Because the majority of us are retired and like to enjoy our families (grandchildren mostly) during the school vacation summer months, the week following Labor Day in September has been suggested by many of you. It doesn't have to be on a weekend – and other classes are using Tuesday – Thursday as a great time to reunite with a no-host dinner and no-host breakfast. This allows opportunity to visit with family members still living in the Ephrata area. So – *(drum roll)* **mark your calendars & save the date: September 15-17, 2015.** Another suggestion has been to invite the Classes of 1961 & 1962 to join us on these annual events – since we seem to have a few of our own classmates married to some of our favorite upper classmates. This suggestion could be coordinated by: Terry (EHS '62) & **Mary McMains Hunt**, Jim (EHS '62) & **Marilyn Blackburn Berschauer**, and Bert (EHS '62) & **Gayle Anderson Bargmann** (Terry, Bert or Jim would make great contacts for EHS '62) and Rick (EHS '61) & **Kay Robertson Grimstead**, and Gene (EHS '61) & **Shirley Wallace Clasen** (Rick & Gene would make great contacts for EHS '61) – or at least someone they would delegate to contact their classmates.

**EPHRATA HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION:** The EHSAA met Sunday afternoon to elect a new Board and officers – more information soon. Most important is the EHSAA's primary goal is to raise money for scholarships and to support EHS. This year the EHSAA awarded two \$1,000.00 scholarships to EHS 2014 Graduates. This is a 501c3 which makes it tax deductible for contributors. Our class had decided at our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion to make a one-time contribution of \$500.00 which was gratefully received. The new Board: John Mitchell, Jerry Pitts, Mike Lehmann, Beverly Elshire Mayer, **Joyce Curtis Mulliken**, Gail Mason Smith, and Patty Wallen Ferguson.