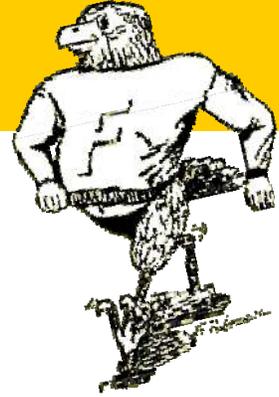


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THE NEWSLETTER OF FRANKFURT
AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES
1963 - 1966



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PHILADELPHIA 2006



Barbara Motson Leiser '65

**A MESSAGE FROM THE
PREZ....**

Fellow Classmates:

"So, where are you from??" I never lived in any one place for any length of time growing up, but Mom and Dad were both from the Philadelphia area and I was born just outside the city. So Philadelphia became "home". How thrilling to welcome our classmates to "my hometown" this year. I know what a wonderful city Philly is...the great history...restaurants...theater...museums. It was fun to share it all with everyone.

The city seemed to work so well for our little group. It's a great walking city and the location of our hotel was just perfect for that. As usual, our reunion committee did just a wonderful job putting everything in place to help everyone have a great time. But the best part of this reunion was...we had more NEW classmates at this reunion than we have had at any since Chicago 1985. Watching everyone on Saturday evening up dancing...and I mean EVERYONE!!!...no wallflowers at these reunions! You don't get up and dance...they come drag you on to the floor. Where does the energy come from at our age??? I was being begged to get the DJ to stay longer...no one wanted the evening to end. There is something magical that happens on these weekends. For those of you who were there or have been in the past...you know just what I am talking about. For those of you

who have not yet joined us for one of these unforgettable weekends...take the chance...next year...San Antonio, Texas! We have been there before (1993) and it's a wonderful city to see and to party in. Leanne already has the hotel booked, the Saturday evening dinner arranged, and lots more in the works. So start planning your weekend trip to the great state of Texas next year! Join us for another great "Gathering of Eagles". And thanks to all who helped make this Philadelphia reunion a wonderful memory...hope to see you next year...

Barbara Motson Leiser

President

FAHSAA 63-66

aka "The Empress"

1966 FORTIETH REUNION AND FIRST TIMERS

Nine from the class of '66 divided the roster of all 1966ers and called with a special "It's our 40th Reunion in Philadelphia Invitation" (If you didn't get a

call you may need to check your current info on our web site). As we talked, a kind of fever caught on and many became detectives. Found: Doug Haines,

Mike Dacy. Talked with some fellow FAHSers for the first time since '66: Mike Malone, Maggie Fazzenbaker, Faye Bisaccia. A number of people said

they were showing up in San Antonio in '07: Joe and Mike Vinci, Dennis O'Connor, Tony Jesurun, Rogers Reaves. Luis Morales, George Horn, Pat Sterne said they'd like to.

After Philly, 1st Timers wrote: "WOW what an experience...after 32 years with no contact with anyone from FAHS so excited to discover the website...my two years at Frankfurt were the best...Reminiscing, renewing old acquaintances, making new ones was so much fun. Everyone was warm and welcoming. What a wonderful uplifting experience. I've always felt privileged being a 'Brat' , spending time with all of you just reinforced and brought back those feelings...to all those out there who have not, for whatever reason, come to a reunion, don't put it off, time passes too quickly. I guarantee you will not be disappointed". Carol Danko '66 NYC

"I was certainly stoked!!!! Looking forward to the next 'Gathering of Eagles'. Thanks to all you guys that hold us together". Ron Holroyd '66 FL "I felt completely at home...as if I had stepped out of a time machine, the noise, the laughter, like the halls of FAHS...I have been looking at photos and my heart fills with joy...hope more come in the future. They should not miss the fun". Mickey Hardin '66 Deutschland. Jack Rachid and I only played

phone tag, he said he was thinking of showing up in San Antonio and could I explain why I go to all of these reunions? Jack, just check out the quotes.

*Susan Milstead
Murphy FAHS 1966*

As a first timer, I wanted to say thanks to the FHS Brats for the stories, the smiles, the energies, and the experience. It was a time machine carrying us back into when we were brats, but the trip makes one realize that we have ridden a giant time machine 40 or so years into the future. A broken covey regrouping after flight in all directions, a covey very aware of missing members. Like a dandelion flower where the seeds have been scattered by the winds, we are a group blown all over the world. Thank goodness there are seed collectors among us. Personally I was prompted to come by Allen Macklin and Sue Milstead but I know many among you are collectors.

*John Sandidge
FAHS 1966*

I have just returned from Philadelphia Pa., where I was privileged to fulfill two dreams at one time - attending my very "first"

Reunion & the wonderful event of the celebration of my 40th Reunion. Oh my God, it's you, how are you?" was the most frequently exclaimed comment, followed by a strong big hug, & a deep look into each other's faces, unable to stop smiling, reminiscing of our lives over the past 40 years; of happiness, festive events or sharing the sadness of the loss of a loved one. We had Alumni from as far away as France, Germany & Australia! Saturday when I stepped onto the dance floor, I felt like "Tinkerbell had sprinkled Magic Dust" & we were all transformed back to Frankfurt American High School, & our Teen Club Dances. The evening was magic, we forgot our true ages, Those of you, who have thought of coming, but just haven't taken that actual first step, please just do it! Keep our Military Brats Legacy ongoing, come to the 2007 San Antonio Reunion! You will be so glad you made that decision!

Olivia (Sheri Evans)

Zarnack



Saturday Night Teen Club ?

"A broken covey regrouping after flight in all directions."



John Sandidge



Olivia & Walt Zarnack

ROLLER COASTER HIGHS

This year's Class reunion marks the first of what I hope to be of many. I will begin from the deepest part of my heart and with all sincerity. Never did I think I would have such a great time, or be received so well by all. I am still on a "roller coaster" high. For me to reconnect with so many after forty plus years, was completely different of what I expected. It was very emotional, as well as memorable. I must admit that I was hesitant about attending the reunion initially. Apprehensive about who would attend the event and if I would be welcomed. Being a person of color was a concern, why? Because looking thru our web site at the pictures of past reunions, I didn't see any. How-

ever my fears were instantly shattered. We are truly a family. Please just let me say thank you, to all I have met directly and indirectly at the reunion for making my first, a wonderful one. Hey, it is here in my heart, I can't describe it, but it is there. Not trying to single anyone out, but I must say this, Ernest Flowers was very instrumental in making Aretha and me comfortable and welcome. Saturday night's dinner and dance was the most. I didn't want the night to end. I haven't danced that much in well over twenty years. What a good time I did have. WOW!!!!!! This was truly remarkable. We all shared a good time, we all bonded, we came from

different backgrounds, different parts of the country/world. Because of this, my first FHS reunion was such a success and I will forever cherish this. It was a pleasure seeing classmates and seeing how the years of adolescence have grown into adulthood. I will treasure my time spent with all and would strongly encourage everyone to find a classmate that didn't attend the FHS 2006 Reunion, and invite them to San Antonio, Texas. In the spirit of preserving old memories as well as new, lets, make all FHS Class Reunions a wonderful one!

Helga (Allen) Robbins FAHS 1965



Aretha Blockton Huntington – Helga Allen Robbins - Ernest Flowers – Jerry Zimmerman

“For me to reconnect with so many after forty plus years, was completely different of what I expected. “

SERENDIPITY

Where do I begin? The 'serendipity' of coming across a small group of attendees immediately after our arrival on Wednesday afternoon?! AND actually recognizing them, even though I'd only seen a few photos from past reunions on the websites that I found in December 2005...WOW, what a feeling as a first-timer! Then the week just got better

and better. Walt (my husband) says he hadn't seen me so excited in 40 years! Leanne and fellow organizers are AMAZING at what they have done...Thank you all so much. Cheryl Anderson, you are still as lovely as you were in the 2 years we had PE together...still blushing as red as your hair! Bill Childers, I guess we have taken on

the challenge of getting as many Hanau people as we can to attend San Antonio next year ... where ARE you guys?! It was wonderful to see and talk to people I thought I'd never see again, and to meet and mingle with so many new acquaintances and friends. Can't wait to see you all in San Antonio!
Peggy (Hendrickson) McGough FAHS 1964



Cheryl Anderson



Peggy McGough

ANDREW WYETH

Though I've only been doing FAHS reunions for about 5 years, Leanne Corbin, wife of Hal Corbin, always seems to pick an interesting, invigorating place to visit. This time I'm happy to report was no exception. The superb Andrew Wyeth retrospective currently at the Philadelphia Museum of Art was particularly fine. We were the first groups through Saturday morning; unencumbered by the large crowds soon to descend. My group of 15 was led by a docent who had the

insight and grace of our own treasured English teacher Joan Gibbons. But of course the best part was seeing our old friends and making new ones. Highlights from our class included Judie Cobb Seferovich coming to her first reunion and reconnecting with an old beau from FAHS, Jerry Zimmerman, tolerantly chaperoned by his wife, Wendy Mayer. We were delighted to welcome Larry Slade with his wife, Betty. Rolf von Hellens

looked in fine trim as well coming over to us from Mechanicsburg, PA. We are planning on next year's reunion being in San Antonio.

See you next year!

Mike Rankin

FAHS 1963

Gary Sams has put together a unique opportunity to travel to Germany in September of 2007, coincidentally arriving in Munich the beginning of Oktoberfest!

Gary Sams - 130 E. Main St.
Everett PA 15537 814-652-5658



Andrew Wyeth Exhibit at the Philadelphia Art Institute

CALLING ALL MELLOTEENS

A special "Thank You" to Cindy Ravitsky for gathering the Melloteens, rehearsing them and directing them on Saturday night. Memories! This year Cindy even brought props - flower leis and sunglasses with flashing lights. What's next...choreography???? Oh, and for the first time ever, the men outnumbered the women. Calling all sopranos and altos. The Melloteens need you to come sing next summer in San Antonio!

TREASURER'S REPORT

I am pleased to report that after all expenses have been submitted for the 2006 reunion in Philadelphia, our treasury stands at a healthy \$13,196.72. This includes \$2,624.93 in Reunion Aide Fund monies. We will still have this newsletter cost before year end. This year no one requested aid from the Fund, which saddens alumni,

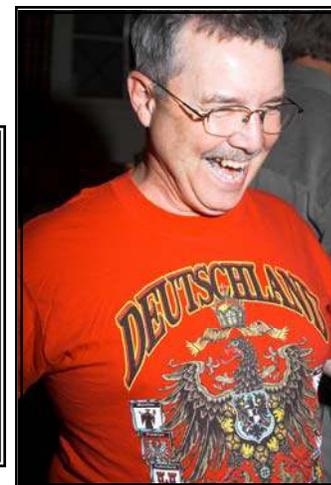
who have given from their hearts, so that those who cannot attend due to financial restrictions might be able to join them. Please remember that the Reunion Aide Fund is available to any **ALUMNUS**. It can be used to cover lodging and all scheduled activities. It CANNOT cover travel to the reunion or be used more than once

every five years. The request for aid is strictly confidential. If there are those out there reading this and think they would love to attend, PLEASE contact me. We would love to see anyone who wants to be with us!

Respectfully,

Janet Surkin Heidorn

Treasurer FAHS 1965



Gary Sams



Cindy Ravitsky



Ken Lapin



Jeff Cornelis

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SAN ANTONIO 2007

FIESTA – noun meaning festival. Festival of the senses...Festival of the soul...Come join the FAHS Fiesta Friday, June 22 - Sunday, June 24, 2007 in the only major Texas city founded before Texas won its independence from Mexico. We'll be located in the heart of San Antonio adjacent to the Alamo at the Historic Crockett Hotel. Our host hotel is offering us a room rate of \$105 – including complimentary continental breakfast from Wednesday thru Sunday nights. For our Saturday night banquet we will again visit the Historic Menger Hotel. Come early and join the camaraderie of your classmates. The block of rooms will be held until Sunday, May 20, 2007. Please call 210-225-6500 or 800-292-1050 and mention Frankfurt American High School Reunion in order to secure the negotiated rate.

San Antonio captures the spirit of Texas. Now the eighth largest city in the United States, the city has retained its sense of history and tradition, while carefully blending in cosmopolitan progress. Stroll along the Paseo del Rio (Riverwalk,), under bald cypress trees festooned with lights. Check out the local architecture a mix of Spanish viga beams, southern Greek revival columns, German fachwerk (half-wooden) pitched roofs, and East Coast Victorian gingerbread facades accompanied by red-clay roofs, Saltillo tile floors, and central patios in the King William district – where wealthy German merchants built some of the most beautiful mansions in town.

Discover the history of the Alamo (Mission San Antonio de Valero), some well known museums like the Witte or San Antonio Museum of Art, or some of the more obscure museums like the Buckhorn Saloon & Museum. It has been around since 1881, displaying a unique collection of wildlife horns and antlers, including a record-breaking 74-point whitetail buck on display as it was in 1899.

But don't forget shopping! Our hotel is across the street from the River Center Mall replete with fine stores, restaurants and a movie theater. Down the street is La Villita (the Little Village) revitalized in the late 1930s by artists and craftspeople and the San Antonio Conservation Society. This Spanish/Mexican village now houses boutiques, crafts shops, and restaurants, replete with shaded patios, plazas, brick-and-tile streets, and some of the settlement's original adobe structures.

The city has always been a crossroads and a meeting place. With its German, Southern, Western, and, above all, Hispanic influences you can partake in everything from Mexican tamales and tacos, Texas chili and barbecue, Southern hush puppies and glazed ham, and German beer and bratwurst. Sit by the San Antonio River as it meanders thru town and listen to some Tejano music or good old country music and wash it all down with an ice cold micro-brew or a frozen cactus margarita.

Getting here is easy. The San Antonio Airport is located only eight miles from downtown and is served by 16 major and discount airlines offering non-stop service to 32 markets. If you are flying into San Antonio it is suggested you take the Airport Shuttle Service provided by SATrans (210-281-9900) that picks up every 30 minutes 7:00am to 1:00am daily outside terminal 1 or 2. Tickets may be purchased at the airport terminal (\$9 a person).

Come in early. We will have the hospitality suite open Wednesday thru Sunday. Saturday morning we will hold our "business" meeting in the hospitality suite and Saturday night we will have a wonderful dinner at the Hotel Menger followed by dancing the night away. There is never enough time to catch up, renew or establish friendships.

If you have any questions, suggestions or comments please feel free to contact me by phone or e-mail.

We look forward to seeing you in San Antonio!

Leanne Corbin

Spouse and Honorary Eaglette – class of 1965



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2007 DUES PAYMENT and BUSINESS MEETING REGISTRATION

FRANKFURT AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, CLASSES OF 1963-1966

JUNE 22-24, 2007 – THE HISTORIC CROCKETT HOTEL – SAN ANTONIO, TX

1. Complete and return this form with your check payable to FAHSAA, Inc. to

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Name and Graduating Class: _____

Names and relationships of others attending: _____

Phone Number and E-Mail: _____

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2007 Dues* (Frankfurt High School Alumni only)	\$30.00 per year, \$250 for ten years	= \$ _____
San Antonio Participant Registration Fee	\$25.00 per person	x ____ = \$ _____
Dinner & Dancing (Saturday 6/23/07 at the Menger Hotel)	\$40.00 per person	x ____ = \$ _____
	TOTAL	= \$ _____

* Dues help us to continue to maintain our website, publish and post newsletters, pay operating costs, etc. Last year FAHSAA received dues from only a handful of alumni who did not attend the reunion. Please support your alumni association by paying your dues.

If you have internet access, send your e-mail address to Allen Macklin [allen.macklin@noaa.gov], so that we can deliver to you information via e-mail and further reduce our expenses.

** Reunion Aid is available to help alumni with some or all hotel, registration and event fees for Friday &/or Saturday night(s) and is available one time during any five-year period (this does not include coverage for spouse/significant other/family members, personal expenses – phone, dry cleaning, room service, other meals, travel expenses, transportation, etc.). Anyone in need of Reunion Aid, contact Janet Surkin Heidorn (see address, phone, and e-mail address above) for confidential arrangements.

2. Make hotel reservations and payment directly with the Crockett Hotel, 320 Bonham, San Antonio, TX 78205 <http://www.crocketthotel.com/>. Reserve your accommodations by calling (210) 225-6500 or 1-800- 292-1050. Ask for the Frankfurt American High Reunion rate of \$105 single - quad (16-¾% occupancy tax = \$122.59 per night). This rate includes Complimentary Continental Breakfast. Reservations cancelled after 72 hours prior to arrival will be assessed one night's room and tax. The block of rooms will be held until Sunday, May 20, 2007. Check-in is at 3:30 PM, and check-out is 12:00 noon. Valet parking \$19 + tax per day with in/out privileges. Parking options: self parking in city lots for \$8:00-\$13.00 plus 8% tax.

3. For general questions about the meeting, contact the organizer, Leanne Corbin, 770-778-9499 / 770-578-4757, corbin@gowebway.com

**SAN ANTONIO
2007**



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HOW MANY CLASSMATES CAN YOU IDENTIFY?



1-Dan O'Connor 2-Speedy & Penny Lopez and Buzz & Kathy Grogan 3-Bill Childers* 4-Cheryl Bisbee Todd 5-Larry & Betty Slade*, Marshall & Cindy Spencer, Mike Rankin, Judie Cobb*, Rolf von Hellens, Jerry Zimmerman & wife Wendy Mayer 6-Terry Skelton & Bob Begg 7-Sue Milstead Murphy, Dick Bartelt, Kathy Bates Johnson & Bob Begg -The Silliness Continues! 8-David & Linda Usher 9-Dick Wills* 10- Jon Cable* & Maureen Finn 11-Judie Cobb*12-Pam Eyre* 13-Mickey Hardin* 14-Larry Slade* & Skip Holroyd* 15-Doug Haines* 16-Carol Danko* 17-Barbara Motson, Nonie Counts, Janet Surkin & Kris Payne 18-THE MELLOTEENS. *First Time Attendee

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SAN ANTONIO
IN 2007!**

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