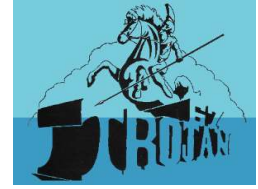


Ribault Senior High School
Jacksonville, Florida

Class of 1967



January 2024, No. 14

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



May you have a great year and a wonderful time ahead and not have to eat awful black-eyed peas or collards to be sure of that!

RECAP OF 2023

We said goodbye to too many loved ones. Thankfully, many welcomed precious new grandchildren and great grandchildren. Covid 19 is still around but we've pretty much learned to "live" with it. The hottest summer anyone can remember. Stock market did better than expected. Economy is better even though we don't believe it. The Georgia Bulldogs should have been in the playoffs and, yes, FSU was "most deserving." Won't even mention the Orange Bowl.

75TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION COMING SOON

1949 was a very good year! It happens to be the year that most members of the Class of 1967 were born and that in and of itself makes it special. It has been my extreme pleasure recently to work with a group of very enthusiastic and creative class members on your Reunion Committee to begin planning the Birthday Party of all Birthday Parties to celebrate our 75th Birthday. We have so many ideas to make this party special that it is sometimes hard to settle in on just a few. We all think, however, that this party will be more successful and certainly more fun if **YOU** attend! Please calendar **Saturday, September 28, 2024**, and make plans to be there with us. In the meantime, if you have

any special requests that you would like to see implemented for the party, please contact me at your earliest convenience. **WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

Vanesa Perry Bowden
Event Planning Chair
Class of 1967
vpbowden33@gmail.com



WHERE IN THE WORLD IS . . .

This list has now been updated by the names highlighted in yellow. If your name, city and state are not on here, please let me know. abmabry49@gmail.com

CLASSMATE	CITY	STATE
1. Alan Jones	Flagler Beach	Florida
2. Alice Bartlett Mabry	Atlanta (Sandy Springs)	Georgia
3. Alice Faye Curry Gray	Yulee	Florida
4. Ann Long Webb	Jacksonville	Florida
5. Ann Smith Nowlin	Jacksonville	Florida
6. Babs Moley	Merritt Island	Florida
7. Barbara Russell Bailey	Jacksonville	Florida
8. Barry Lane	St. Johns	Florida
9. Betsy Parks Trimble	Dickinson	Texas
10. Beverly Coyner Hadley	Jacksonville	Florida
11. Bobby Friend	Jacksonville	Florida
12. Bonnie Kelley Jennings	Gulf Breeze	Florida
13. Brenda Budd Russell	Middleburg	Florida
14. Brenda Cowart Driggers	Jacksonville	Florida
15. Brenda Tyrell Richards	Jacksonville	Florida
16. Buddy Campbell	Mayo	Florida
17. Cathy Copps Hillis	Callahan	Florida
18. Cynthia (Cindy) McElhaney Barrow	Hatboro	Pennsylvania
19. Dan Peyton	Melrose (near Keystone Heights)	Florida
20. Darlene Dennette	Jacksonville	Florida
21. David Byrd	Carrollton (34 years and counting)	Texas
22. David Scroggins	Many years in Las Vegas but live in Lake Havasu City now.	Arizona
23. Dawn Harmon McCord	Carrollton	Georgia
24. Debbie Gandy McBride	Nassau County	Florida
25. Dianne Cook Scarboro	Jacksonville	Florida
26. Don Wimberley	Tarpon Springs	Florida
27. Doug Trantham	Callahan	Florida
28. Eddie Dedmon	Callahan	Florida
29. Elisabeth (Liz) North Nightingale	Jacksonville	Florida
30. Frances Stewart Hanson-Grow	Pensacola Beach	Florida
31. Gary Coulliette	Jacksonville (Del Webb)	Florida
32. George Diaz	Jacksonville	Florida

33. Hal Greenman	Newport News	Virginia
34. Hank "Corky" Powell	Ridgewood, Queens, NYC	New York
35. Helen Barnes Lane	St. Johns	Florida
36. Helen Glover Keene	Clearwater	Florida
37. Howard Rodgers	Jacksonville	Florida
38. Jack Kelly	Crossville	Tennessee
39. Jan Tokarz Redden	Jacksonville Beach	Florida
40. Janet Griffin Bradley	Jacksonville	Florida
41. Janie Bryan Hathcock	Middleburg	Florida
42. Jeri Brooker Carroll	Jacksonville	Florida
43. Jerry Nelson	Biloxi (one block from Larry)	Mississippi
44. Joann Garner	Sequim	Washington
45. John Hasbrouck	Fort Mill	South Carolina
46. John McCabe	Trinity	Alabama (northern and west side of state)
47. John Powers	Dallas	Georgia
48. Judy Baucom Hunter	The Villages	Florida
49. Judy Haar Sontag	Dowington	Pennsylvania
50. Kay Dees McGee	Fernandina Beach	Florida
51. Ken Morefield	Tallahassee	Florida
52. Ken Sellers	Ponte Vedra	Florida
53. Kile Tomlinson	Lake Forest	California
54. Lance Hall	Lewisville	North Carolina
55. Larry Nelson	Biloxi (one block from Jerry)	Mississippi
56. Larry Simpson	Tallahassee	Florida
57. Larry Waters	Ogden	Utah
58. Leo Smith	Mountain City	Georgia
59. Linda Drury Drewery	Warner Robins	Georgia
60. Linda Jordan Greene	Hilliard	Florida
61. Linda Parker Dixon	Jacksonville	Florida
62. Linda Raines Harrell Nelson	Jacksonville	Florida
63. Linda Sheffield Shepherd	Jacksonville	Florida
64. Linda Vaughan Simpson	Tallahassee	Florida
65. Lynda Kabrich Mihalchik	Loveland (outside Cincinnati)	Ohio
66. Mary Ann Meares Crumley	Jacksonville (Mandarin)	Florida
67. Mary L. Cean Hout	Londonderry	New Hampshire
68. Mary Musselwhite	Lithia	Florida
69. Mike Key	Whitehouse	Florida

70. Mike Suggs	Summerville	South Carolina
71. Nancy Pace Ford	Jacksonville Beach	Florida
72. Neal Jennings	Gulf Breeze	Florida
73. Pat Knezevich	Jacksonville	Florida
74. Ray Godbee	Jacksonville	Florida
75. Rick Jones	Jacksonville	Florida
76. Ron Baker	Palm Coast (close to Marineland)	Florida
77. Rudy Murray	Jacksonville	Florida
78. Sharon Dewberry Lord	Jacksonville	Florida
79. Sharon Lane	Jacksonville	Florida
80. Sherryl Wilson McDowell	Neptune Beach	Florida
81. Steve Nelson	Lake Mary	Florida
82. Steve Waters	Savannah	Georgia
83. Susan Crause Spalding	Henderson	Neveda
84. Susan Garcia Tomlinson	Jacksonville	Florida
85. Terry Gentry Morefield	Tallahassee	Florida
86. Tim Delrose	Bostwick	Florida
87. Vanesa Perry Bowden	Jacksonville (Mandarin)	Florida
88. Wayne Sarrells	Spartanburg	South Carolina
89. Wayne Williams	Jacksonville	Florida
90. William Gilsdorf	Asheville	North Carolina

MESSAGE FROM LINDA DAVIS CONAHAN

I live in Boca Raton, Florida where I have spent the last 46 years. I moved here after graduating UF law school and married my husband, Cormac (Mac) Conahan. We have two children. My son lives in Boca and my daughter lives in Washington state. I lost my beloved husband in 2022 after an exceptionally long battle with glioblastoma. It usually kills very quickly but he survived more than three years. I retired from the practice of law in March 2020 only days before the pandemic shutdown. Mac and I had planned to travel after retirement. Instead, we took daily walks and sat at the beach for as long as he was able. His care consumed me and I am still navigating where to go from here. We lived a blessed life. We worked hard, we traveled, we raised two beautiful children, and we enjoyed every minute.

I wanted to let you know that I have truly appreciated the newsletters and the website and learning about the lives of our classmates. Thank you to all of those who have worked so diligently to keep the connection over these many years.

Best,
Linda Davis Conahan
Go Trojans!



Our last Christmas together

MESSAGE FROM HANK POWELL

It's Hank now, not Corky, as I'm older @ Hank.Powell@gmail.com. I'm so sorry, but when I got the newsletter it was only then that I realized I'd forgotten to respond. I'm living in Ridgewood, Queens, NYC in an old 1907 historic neighborhood on a tree-lined street with front porches and wrought iron fenced houses that is often used as a movie set, such as for *The Irishman* because it still looks old fashioned.



MESSAGE FROM LEO SMITH

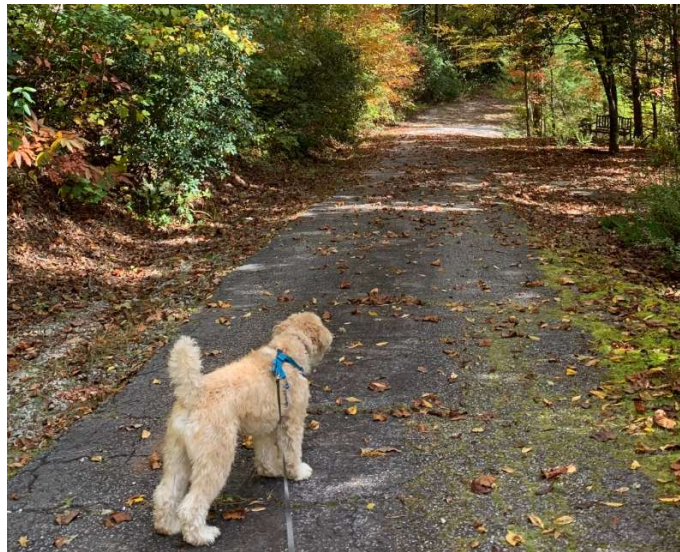
Many of you will remember that I married Sarah Weber who was in the Class of '69. Sarah and I were married 53 years on July 31, 2023. She has not run me off yet but I do keep her thinking about it all the time. Sarah and I have two daughters—Katherine (Katie) Chandelle Smith now 39 and Kari Allison Smith now 36 yrs. Our girls live in Athens, Georgia—they have gone to the “Dawgs.”

We met in high school, however she would not date me then (said I was a smartass—can you believe that?). We met again when she was a senior and started dating. We dated for about a year and then got married on the 31st day of July 1970. Jack Weatherly and Bill Smith were standing with me in the wedding and Janice McCullah was at Sarah's side. It was 97^o in St. Patrick's Church on Broward Road that day. We left the church in a 1960

Chevy Impala convertible. What a time we had. We spent the next week on the lake and in St. Augustine just having FUN.

We now live in Mountain City, Georgia. Black Rock Mountain State Park is our only neighbor. We had to install gates on our driveway so folks would not think this was State Park property. We live on approximately 10 acres of land which includes two small ponds. As long as we can pay the property taxes, it is ours and our daughters have a place to come home to.

I have had a complete left hip replacement but all's well at this time.



This is the view down our driveway in the fall. That beautiful soft coated wheaten terrier in the picture is our beloved dog named Brady.



Leo and Sarah
July 31, 1970



Leo's other girl—Miss Piggie
1947 Cessna 120
5 HP Continental Engine

Leo has been the happy owner of Miss Piggy for 45 Years. She burns 4.5 gallons of fuel per hour of operation and gives him 85 MPH on a good day.

TRIP TO THE FORD'S YASNY CABIN

By Dick Dixon

Betsy Parks Trimble, Rudy Murray and his wife, Pam, Bill Ramsey and his wife, Julie, and Linda Parker Dixon and her husband, Dick, took a vacation in September 2023 to Bruce and Nancy Pace Ford's YASNY cabin on Balsa Mountain in North Carolina. The weeklong journey was won in the raffle at our 55th Reunion. A fantastic time was had by all of us.

We visited Sky Top Orchard located in Flat Rock, North Carolina where we ate wonderful food, shopped till we dropped and played putt putt miniature golf. We drove part of the Blue Ridge Parkway (about 60 miles) and had a picnic lunch at almost the highest point on the parkway.

Along with the chili, chicken casserole and seafood lasagna, and other foods, fruits and snacks at the cabin, we feasted at Legends Sports Grill, Hubba Bubba Barbeque and Carver's Maggie Valley Restaurant—best fried chicken around.

A great big **THANK YOU** to Nancy and Bruce for making our stay a wonderful experience, despite the three-mile gravel driveway up to the cabin. UGH!

We talked a lot, laughed a whole lot, told stories and probably cried a little. Couldn't have been any better.



The Gang's All Here!

Front Row: Julie and Bill
Back Row: Linda, Dick, Betsy,
Rudy and Pam



Couples Dick and Linda, Rudy
and Pam and Julie and Bill



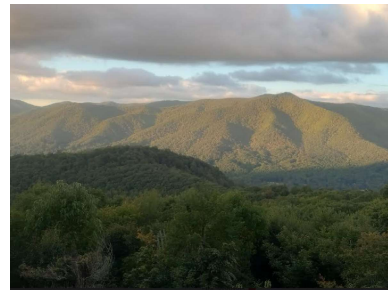
'67 Classmates Bill, Linda, Rudy
and Betsy with their
walking sticks ("props," so
they said)



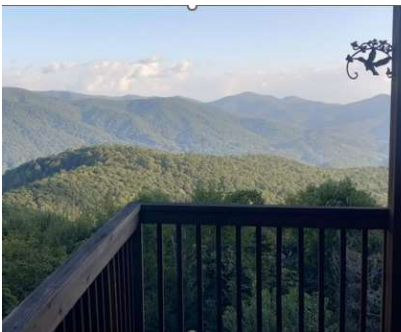
Linda and Dick



Three-mile gravel driveway



One of many incredible views
from the cabin.



CHECK ONE OFF MY BUCKET LIST

By Judy Baucom Hunter

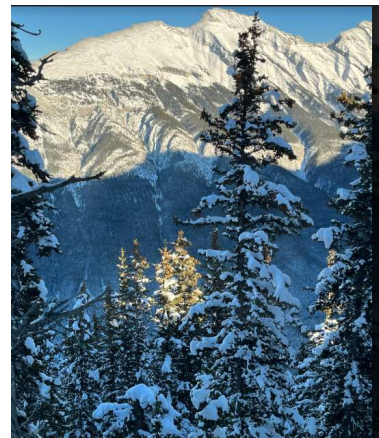
Banff* has been on my bucket list for a long time. Years ago I worked for a construction company in Orlando. One Christmas one of my coworkers walked by my desk and I asked what he did over the Christmas holidays. He answered that “we went to Banff.” I responded by saying, “Banff? Where’s that?” I had never heard of it. So he told me all about it. In a few minutes he came back to my desk and dropped a brochure from the hotel on my desk. I was mesmerized. The hotel was situated on a mountainside. It was evening and snow covered the ground and trees. Lights illuminated the beauty of this winter wonderland. It looked just like a scene from a Christmas card. I knew I had to go. It took us awhile, but after my husband, Wally, retired last year, we finally decided we were ready to make this trip. We were both so glad that we did. Would we do it again? Yes! In a heartbeat.



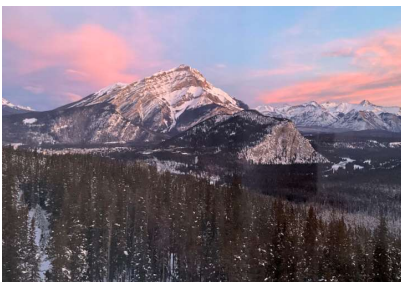
Wally and I in our hotel lobby.



Just one of the many magnificent views . . .



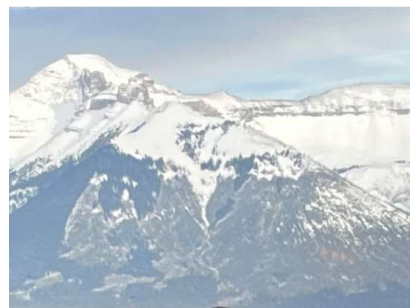
and another.



View from our hotel room.



Dog sledding. I swear I am in there somewhere under all those blankets.



Majestic!



Lake Louise. This was the only day it snowed. But it snowed all day long and was magical—a winter wonderland. Lake Louise is about an hour’s drive from Banff.



We ended up becoming friends with this sweet couple photobombing me because we kept running into them so often.



This one’s for you, Alice! We all know how you love your gin. The guy serving it was right up your alley as well—a young, handsome Australian.

***Note from Editor:** Banff is a resort town in the province of Alberta, Canada located within Banff National Park. The peaks of Mt. Rundle and Mt. Cascade, part of the Rocky Mountains, dominate its skyline. On Banff Avenue, the main thoroughfare, boutiques and restaurants mix with château-style hotels and souvenir shops. The surrounding 6,500 square kilometers of parkland are home to wildlife including elk and grizzly bears.

THE GIRLS’ BEACH GETAWAY

By Alice Bartlett Mabry

For years and years, when I would come home usually for either Thanksgiving or Christmas, I would get a group of my high school BFFs together for lunch. The group grew and changed with time. Janet nicknamed us “the Girls” and it stuck. Then in October 2017 we lost Marigene and in October 2021 we lost Edwina.

At our 55th Reunion, we all met for lunch in Fernandina Beach and decided 2023 would be the year we would take that beach trip together we had talked about forever. Jan found us the most amazing beach house. It was beautiful, brand new, right on the ocean with multiple decks, lots of bedrooms with baths and an elevator. We brought plenty of snacks, homemade goodies and wine to keep us happy for a week, even though we were only staying three days. We did put some makeup on and get dressed for dinner two nights. We went to The Reef and Raintree—both wonderful local restaurants.

We talked into the wee hours of the morning, stayed in our pjs sometimes until dinner and never took a walk on the beach. What? It was like a three-day sleepover.

All of us thought we knew everything there was to know about our years in high school. **WRONG!** There were stories shared that will **NEVER** be shared again. I will say that

Kay and Susan tied first place for having the best stories. We laughed so hard we almost peed in our pants (not hard to do these days).

The highlight of our getaway, or at least for everyone except Janet, was when Janet got stuck on the elevator headed to dinner one night. Jan put it so well:

Special kudos to our good sport and precious friend Janet for staying calm while being stuck in the elevator! She not only stayed calm but enjoyed her drink sitting on the elevator floor while the maintenance person rescued her by removing the door to the elevator. She, of course, exited with her amazing smile, charm and drink in hand!



Water Colors
South Ponte Vedra Beach



Just sitting around telling stories we can never share.



Cocktail hour on the deck

October 2023



Dinner at The Reef
The most incredible buttermilk honey fried chicken anywhere.

Jan, Alice, Susan, Venesa,
Kay and Janet



Dinner at Raintree
They had Beef Wellington on the regular menu! Who does that?

Janet (with a star headband she insisted on wearing), Susan, Vanesa, Alice, Jan and Kay

The following pictures are from some of our lunches over the years. Pictured are Alice Bartlett Mabry, Cathy Copps Hillis, Edwina Millican Richards, Janet Griffin Bradley, Jan Tokarz Redden, Judy Baucom Hunter, Kay Dees McGee, Linda Sheffield Shepherd, Marigene Chappell O'Connor, Pat Gromer Weyand, Sharon Dewberry Lord, Susan Crause Spalding and Vanesa Perry Bowden



November 2008



December 2009



December 2010



December 2012
Blue Fish Grill—Avondale



December 2014
North Beach Fish Camp



December 2015
Jan's Neptune Beach House



November 2016
JJ's on Gate Parkway



November 2018
The Brick—Avondale



May 2021
Nineteen at TPC Sawgrass



December 2021
Nineteen at TPC Sawgrass



October 2022
Café Karibo in
Fernandina Beach
while at our 55th Reunion

*February 2023

Nineteen at TPC Sawgrass

*And, now for the rest of the story. In February 2023 most of us were able to get together for lunch at Nineteen at TPC Sawgrass. Unfortunately, we failed to get a picture although this probably was our best lunch ever. Here’s the reason for no pics. Kay was at the end of our long table and she ordered first, a glass of chardonnay. The rest of us followed suit and said we would have what she was having. Only when our bills arrived did we realize Kay had selected the finest glass of chardonnay on the menu. Some even had two. We were laughing/crying so hard we simply forgot to take a picture when we left.

PRAYER REQUESTS

For the family of **Cindy DiGiorgi Edenfield**

Charlene Barrow Catlett let us know the sad news that our classmate Cindy DiGiorgi Edenfield died from pneumonia on Sunday, November 5, 2023.

Charlene and Cindy were dear friends since elementary school, and their daughters, Jamie (Charlene’s) and Ellen (Cindy’s), were close friends as well. Jamie went to be with Ellen during this difficult time.

Cindy had been excited about her recent move to Reno, Nevada to live with Ellen. Ellen has had two dogs for many years and Cindy loved to refer to them as her “granddogs.”

Charlene remembers Cindy as a very kind and generous person and a hard worker when she served on the Reunion Committee. Cindy loved life and never let her serious health problems over the years affect her great attitude.

Ellen would love to hear from her mother’s friends from high school. This is her email address: ellenedenfield@yahoo.com



For the family of **Helen Glover Keene**

Our classmate **J.W.** passed peacefully on November 21, 2023. Helen and their children and friends were by J.W.'s side the night before his passing to assure him they would be fine. Helen will be forever grateful she was able to keep him home through the help of home hospice.

His Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, January 13, 2024 at their church, The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, 601 Philippe Parkway, Safety Harbor, Florida 34695.

J.W.'s obituary is posted on the *In Memory* page of our website. www.ribault67.com

hgkeene@verizon.net



Their Happy Place!

For the family of **Lamar Hillis**

Lamar passed away on December 30, 2023 in Baxley, Georgia after a long illness. Lamar was the former husband of classmate Cathy Copps Hillis and they had three children together.



hillis.cathy@comcast.net

EMAIL SPOOFING

Spoofing continues to be an issue with some of our classmates' email accounts. There is nothing that can be done about it. Please just be very careful when clicking on any link you are not **100 percent** sure about. Valid email addresses can be found on the Website. **DO NOT** respond to an email in question.

PLEASE LET US HEAR FROM YOU

There is no way we can know about every illness or death or when your email address changes unless you tell us. We promise if you will let us know, we will do our part to keep you well informed.

If you are not already on our *Ribault High School "67" FB Friends* page, please join us. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/336958183371434/>

We have rules that keep our page fun and safe.

1. Membership
 - (a) Are you a member of the Ribault Class of '67?
 - (b) If not, what is your connection to the Ribault Class of '67?
2. Be Kind and Courteous
3. No Hate Speech or Bullying
4. No Politics
5. No Promotions, Spam or Selling of Products
6. No Explicit Pictures, Videos or Posts
7. Respect Everyone's Privacy

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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024

AUDE LANG SYNE

*Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And the days of auld lang syne?*

*For auld lang syne, my dear
For auld lang syne
We'll drink a cup of kindness yet
For the sake of auld lang syne*

*And surely you will buy your cup
And surely I'll buy mine!
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
For the sake of auld lang syne*

*We two have paddled in the stream
From morning sun till night
The seas between us Lord and swell
Since the days of auld lang syne*

*For old acquaintance be forgot
And never brought to mind
Should old acquaintance be forgot
For the sake of auld lang syne?*

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Author Robert Burns

