

Ribault Senior High School
Jacksonville, Florida

Class of 1967



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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



Gracious Lord,

As the Class of 1967 enters the final months of this year, we lift our hearts in gratitude for the gift of life, the friendships that have stood the test of time, and the countless ways You have carried us through each season.

We ask for Your continued favor and protection over every classmate. Strengthen our bodies, refresh our minds, and fill our spirits with peace and joy. Let each sunrise bring renewed energy, and each sunset remind us of Your steadfast love.

Bless our connections—whether by texts, emails, in person, by voice, or in memory—and keep our hearts united. Guide us with Your wisdom, surround us with Your comfort, and grant us the grace to embrace each day with hope and gratitude.

In Your loving name we pray,

Amen

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REUNION COMMITTEE NEWS

Chairman's Corner

By Pat Knezevich, Chairman

Your Reunion Committee has spent countless hours and done extensive vetting to find the perfect venue for our 60th Class Reunion. I am happy to report that we have decided to hold the reunion at the Southbank Hotel on the banks of the St. Johns River on the weekend of October 8-10, 2027. We will provide additional details after the first of the year. Please stay tuned!

Classmate Rudy Murray Joins the Committee

The Committee is excited to announce that Rudy has joined the Committee. Not only will Rudy bring new and fresh ideas and lend a needed helping hand, but he also brings his lovely wife Pam as an honorary member. Pam was active for years on her own reunion committee. **WELCOME, RUDY & PAM!!!**

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2026 at 10 a.m. at the Southeast Regional Public Library, 10599 Deerwood Park Blvd., Jacksonville, Florida. **If you have an interest in becoming a member of the Committee and working with us on our 60th Reunion, we would love to have you.** Please contact Vanesa at vpbowden33@gmail.com if you have any questions.

FUNDRAISING RAFFLE OF 65" TV



WE HAVE A WINNER!!!

On Thursday, October 1, the Great Class of '67 held their highly anticipated raffle drawing at the Golden Corral on Merrill Road in Jacksonville. The restaurant was abuzz with excitement as the winning ticket was pulled for the 65" Westinghouse Roku TV*. After a month-long raffle campaign, the Reunion Committee is thrilled to announce our grand prize winner! Thanks to the Committee's hard work, our classmates, friends, and families

all had a chance to bring home a brand-new big-screen TV—just in time for football season (Go Dawgs—Editor’s choice—LOL!). **And the lucky winner is:**

PAT JACOBS TSCHAPPAT



Dick Dixon, Bobby Friend and Pat Knezevich
loading the TV in Pat’s car. Nice legs, guys!

This campaign raised over \$2,000 for our 60th Reunion and was successful because of your support. Special thanks go to the classmates and friends shown below (listed chronologically as purchases were made):

1. Alice Bartlett Mabry
2. Brenda Budd Russell
3. David Byrd
4. Debbie Gandy McBride
5. Pat Knezevich
6. Derek Dixon
7. Shane Dixon
8. Dick Dixon
9. Linda Parker Dixon
10. Mary Ann Meares Crumley
11. Terry (Gentry) & Kenny Morefield
12. Knights of Columbus
13. Lynette Anderson
14. Janice Johnson
15. Donna Wallace Bergren
16. Jamie Catlett
17. Jacksonville Acupuncture Clinic
18. Charlene Barrow Catlett
19. Eddie Dedmon
20. Clyde Smith
21. Johnny James
22. Ann Long Webb
23. Rex Krivenski
24. Rudy & Pam Murray
25. Frances Stewart Hanson-Grow
26. Wendie Hill
27. Meg Pace Chancey
28. Nancy (Pace) & Bruce Ford
29. Pat Jacobs Tschappat
30. Ray Godbee
31. Michelle Drury
32. Lucy Godbee
33. Mary O'Caine
34. Diane Kilpatrick
35. Laura Munns Barnhart
36. Cathy Copps Hillis
37. Landon Bakai
38. Sharon Lane
39. Vanesa Perry Bowden
40. Judy Baucom Hunter
41. Beverly Coyner Hadley
42. Jeri Brooker Friend
43. Bobby Friend
44. Larry Wayne Hersey
45. Nikki Hersey
46. Lee Bowen
47. Christie Seymour
48. Linda Johns
49. Rosa Faircloth
50. Joey Hillis
51. Angela Gomez
52. Russell Klee
53. Christina Butler

*Some of you have asked what a “Roku” TV is. A Roku TV is a flat-screen smart television that has the [Roku OS](#) streaming platform built directly into it, meaning you do not need to plug in an external device like a cable box or a separate streaming stick to watch internet video. It works right out of the box after connecting to Wi-Fi. It comes with a small, basic remote that controls both the TV volume and the on-screen menu. Many things are free, like U-Tube, and the Roku channel itself gives you access to many shows, including some of the oldies we watched growing up.

SAVE-THE-DATE

60TH REUNION
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Friday, October 8, 2027—Sunday October 10, 2027

Southbank Hotel
1515 Prudential Drive
Jacksonville, Florida

JOY OF GIVING



By Sharon Lane



Greetings All You '67ers!

Our class is truly fortunate to have such a wonderfully active Reunion Committee! We seem to have our fingers in a bunch of pies all at the same time. Throughout the years between reunions, we actively fundraise to help keep reunion costs down.

Another activity the Committee has taken on, and one that is especially near and dear to my heart, is a Christmas-time project for those experiencing homelessness. My son, Chris, has been preparing backpacks several times a year and distributing them to our homeless neighbors in Jacksonville. Three years ago, the Reunion Committee joined his efforts by collecting needed items and putting together backpacks.

This year we would like to invite **YOU** to participate in this very worthwhile endeavor. I am including a list of items needed and ask that you let me know which items you would be willing to contribute. Our goal is to prepare **30 bags** this year, and with your help, we hope to make each one as useful and meaningful as possible.

Hygiene: toothbrushes, toothpaste, wipes, soap, lotion, hand sanitizer, shampoo, combs, nail files, and pocket-size tissues

Clothing: gloves, socks (Chris has beanie hats and blankets.)

Nonperishables: fruit cups, peanut butter crackers, chips, dried fruits (banana chips, mango slices, apricots, etc.), goldfish, veggie straws, water bottles, nuts, popped popcorn, beef sticks and Vienna sausage

Miscellaneous: Ziplock bags, Band-Aids, and plastic spoons (Chris has forks.)

Chris provides a bible for every bag.

I would like to ask each of you to select a couple of items and sign up to furnish those items. As I mentioned, we are aiming for 30 bags, but if we receive enough supplies for more than 30, we will certainly put them to good use.

If everyone signs up on a first-come, first-served basis, we can avoid duplication and provide a nice variety of items in each bag.

Please email me at guslane35@gmail.com by October 5 to let me know which items you will cover. I will keep everyone updated as I receive your selections.

We have a couple of months to gather our goodies. The bags will be put together in early December and distributed by Chris.

Thank you for helping us continue this special project and for making a difference in the lives of those in need during the Christmas season.

MONTHLY RIBAUT ALUMNI DINNER—NEW LOCATION

**Golden Corral
9070 Merrill Road
Jacksonville, Florida
First Thursday of Each Month
5 p.m. summer/4 p.m. winter**

Bono's is out and Golden Corral is in. Due to various issues with Bono's on Beach Boulevard, our class **as of October 1** moved to the Golden Corral located at 9070 Merrill Road, Jacksonville, Florida. The Golden Corral is offering our group a private room and a special price on their buffet of \$13.99 including a drink for a total with tax of \$15.04. If you have a suggestion of another restaurant you would like to try, please let us know. We are under no standing commitment to Golden Corral.

Last night was the first time at the new location. Vanesa was happy to report there was a good showing of 40 to 45 people and the food was plentiful and delicious.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers for the family of our classmate **Kay Roberts Minsky** who passed away on July 26, 2026. Kay was a practicing respiratory therapist for over 35 years. Kay and Jeri Brooker Friend were best friends since 1961. Jeri was able to wish Kay a happy birthday on July 14, shortly before she passed away on July 26.



<https://www.bushriverfuneralhome.com/obituaries/theresa-minsky>

Prayers for **Kay Dees McGee**. Kay's husband, Ray McGee, died on July 2. As most of you know, Ray was a graduate of the Class of '64. Kay and Ray, like Liz Taylor and Richard Burton, were married twice. Ray always said Kay was his Liz Taylor. Services for Ray were held on Saturday, September 26, 2026 at the Firefighters Union Hall in Jacksonville, Florida. Ray was with the Fire Service for 31 years.

Please let Alice know of the need for prayer for a classmate or the death of a classmate so the information can be posted on our class Facebook page as well as added to our website on the *Prayer Page* and/or the *In Memory* page. abmabry49@gmail.com

LET US HEAR FROM YOU

WHEN YOU CHANGE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS, PLEASE LET ALICE KNOW.

If you click on <https://ribault67.homestead.com/ClassEmailAddresses.html>, you will find the names of most of our classmates and the status of their email addresses. We would love some help in finding those addresses that are listed "**Unknown.**" Thanks!

Please join our "Ribault High School '67' FB Friends" page. This is our most direct form of communication. We have over 100 classmates on our page. We have safeguards that keep our page fun and safe. People seeking to join our page must have a connection to the class. Even with safeguards, we have had incidents of people posting on our page who should not. When this happens, the post is removed and the person banned.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/336958183371434/>

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