



Putnam City High School Alumni Association

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Alumni Association Gearing Up For Annual Reunion Weekend

Sponsored by Class of '71

Greetings from the President

Ahoy, Pirates!

This looks to be a great year for our alma mater.

We have a new principal, Rick Croslin, who took the helm in July. They have finished the new girl's softball field. They will have started the new sports building in the far east parking lot by the time our All Classes Reunion is held.

We would like to give a great big thank you to the classes that have donated to our scholarship fund this year (1958, 1959, 1969, 1970 and 1980). We look forward to all the classes as they have their reunions to collect funds to donate towards our scholarship fund.

I would like to invite any of my Pirate alumni to attend an Alumni Association meeting held at 7 p.m. on the last Monday of the month in the Library at PC High while school is in session.

Remember our Annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, October 29 and the All Classes Reunion on Sunday. See you all there.

David Apgar '76, President
PCHS Alumni Association

Annual PCHS Alumni Association Pancake Breakfast

Oct. 29 7 a.m. -- 11 a.m.

PC High Cafeteria

N.W. 50th & Ann Arbor

\$5 per person, proceeds benefit
Association and Scholarship fund

Annual PC High Alumni Association All-Classes Reunion

Oct. 30 Registration 12:30 p.m.

Program 1 p.m.

PC High Auditorium

\$10 per person, covers annual
association dues

Reception follows in cafeteria

***The Putnam City Schools
Museum will be open for
extended hours, 9 a.m. to 4
p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m.
to 5 p.m. Sunday during
the reunion weekend. The
museum is located at N.W.
40th and Grove.***

Class of '71

Volunteers needed to help host re-
union events! Call Christie Cham-
bers Hall, 313-0084, mph24@att.net,
or Paula Mitchell Strong,
474-5886 or pmitchell.s7@gmail.com

'61 Pirates Recognized as the "Honored Class"

Hey, Class of 1961, although it is hard to believe, we will soon celebrate our fifty-year reunion. It will coincide with Putnam City's All-Classes Reunion during the weekend of October 28-30. Our class will be the honored class and receive medals to commemorate the event.

A committee of your classmates have arranged ample opportunities to visit old friends and catch up on their lives.

On Friday, October 28, a hospitality room will be located on the second floor of the Embassy Suites Hotel, 1815 S. Meridian.

Allen Bumgardner is arranging a golf outing on Saturday morning. Contact him at 405-373-1011 or oubums@aol.com.

Saturday evening the class will gather for dinner and a program at the Embassy Suites and feature a deejay with music from our era, games and prizes.

The '61 Pirates are asking classmates to donate money to be used to purchase display cases for the Putnam City Schools Museum. The cases are filling up and more are needed to show off items from the past.

If anyone wishes to donate, but especially the '61 class, checks can be mailed to PC Schools Museum, P.O. Box 561 Bethany, OK 73008. Indicate display case on the memo line. The museum now holds status as a 501 (c)(3) organization.



Association, classes award scholarships to nine grads

The Putnam City High School Alumni Association granted nine scholarships to deserving PCHS graduates in 2011.

The recipient of the Nell McMillin Scholarship was Sarah Nessman. She currently plans on attending Francis Tuttle Vo-Tech to study accounting.

Kiera Nessman was awarded the Ralph Downs Scholarship. She will use the scholarship to help fund her studies in veterinarian technology at Oklahoma State University--Oklahoma City.

The Class of 1959 scholarship honoring veterans was awarded to Lauren Watton, who will study sports medicine at the University of Central Oklahoma.

The Class of 1969 presented two this year to male graduates and another one to a female graduate. These were presented to Long Pham who will attend Oklahoma University to study dentistry, to Cody Miner who will attend Sterling College to study athletic training and to Mersades Daffer who will attend Oklahoma State University to obtain a degree in education or design.

The Class of 1958 scholarship was given to Karla Trotter. She will be attending Francis Tuttle Vo-Tech to study cosmetology.

The recipient of the scholarship established by the Class of 1970 was Shaundra Hicks who will attend OSU. She is undecided on a field of study, but is considering studies in mathematics, athletic training, optometry or science.

The Class of 1980 scholarship was awarded to Kaylie Young who plans to study for a veterinarian degree at OSU.

The PCHS Alumni Association will award at least six scholarships in 2012 which are available to graduates of that class. Students or family members can obtain more information about the scholarships from Brenda Stinnett, college advisor at PC High, by calling her at the school, 789-4350.



Karla Trotter, Kaylie Young and Long Pham attended an Alumni Association meeting to receive their scholarship checks and certificates.

Putnam City High School will be very much in need of volunteers to monitor for EOI (End of Instruction) tests from mid-April thru mid-May. Each test lasts 1 1/2 hours. Each class must have both a test administrator (teacher) and a monitor to observe the class.

This monitor is extremely important because without them, the test could not be given at all. These tests are now state mandated therefore, very important.

If a prospective monitor would be willing to assist in this very much needed task, please contact Barbara Lowry at blowry@putnamcityschools.org or call 405-789-4350 Ext 2042.

Reminder: Send class event notices to website, or email

Classes who wish to alert classmates about reunions or other activities and updates of their information should send information to the alumni website: www.pchs4allyears.com or by email to jasimpson@pchs4allyears.com



Keira Nessman



Cody Miner



Lauren Watton



Mersades Daffer



Sarah Nessman



Shaundra Hicks

Museum seeks to capture 100 years of PC history

by Gloria Quaid

Several Putnam City alumni—and other individuals interested in the school district's upcoming 100th anniversary—have formed a committee to create the definitive Putnam City centennial history book.

So far, book project committee members hope more graduates, teachers and patrons will join the effort.

"It's going to take a lot of work to put together the kind of quality book we're planning to produce," Committee Member Jim Shields said. The book will be a complete written history beginning with the consolidation, in 1914, of the four one-room schools that resulted in the creation of Independent School District No. 1, now known as Putnam City Schools. The organization holding the copyright will be the Putnam City Schools Museum, a 501(c)(3) organization, and profits will be used to support the museum.

Classes began in what is now known as the Arnett Building, at the corner of NW 39th Expressway and State, while the first official district building was constructed at what is now NW 40th and Grove.

Museum looking great, needs volunteers

Things are looking great at the Putnam City Schools Museum, according to committee chairman Mike Brake, '65, who has led volunteers in arranging displays of memorabilia donated by new and old Pirates.

Yearbooks covering most of the years from the past have been gathered and there is a computer display of "notable" Pirates. There is also a collection of books authored by graduates.

Another recent acquisition is a collection of a "nearly complete" set of the Lunch Bunch News, a monthly newsletter detailing the history of personal experiences of students from the past. The collection was donated by Paul Long, '45, and John Sharp. It is fun to read what some of our 1940's classmates were involved in, and what is happening to members now.

The museum has achieved status as a 501 (c)(3) organization for tax purposes. This separates the PCHS Alumni Association and the museum into two distinct entities. This was accomplished through the efforts of Mary Jo McKown, '52, and Jim Shields, '50.



The centennial book committee gathers for a brainstorming session. Attending are (from left) Beverley Stinchcomb, David Stinchcomb, Jim Shields, Gloria Porter Quaid, Shelli Clemenceau, Al Rodgers, Mike Brake, Jackie Cole Simpson, Sheron Folsom Rodgers, Dick Click and Paul Long.

The 100th school year will begin in August 2013.

"We'll be looking for pictures and stories concerning what happened over the past 100 years in Putnam City," Committee Member Al Rodgers said. "We're hoping to collect as much information as possible."

Stories and pictures will supplement

the historical collection of material already available at the museum.

The group is hoping more Putnam City alumni will sign on to help. If you can contribute any time or talent at all, please contact Sheron Folsom Rodgers (405)721-5531, or sheronrodgers@cox.net. Regardless of whether you live nearby or far away, your help would be appreciated.

Updating alumni records

We are working very hard to update our alumni records after the donation of a computer from one of our 1969 grads. We now have all of our records in one central location.

If we've made a mistake in your name or year on the mailing label, please let us know. If you know of a classmate who is not receiving a newsletter, please notify us at P.O. Box 34, Bethany, OK 73008

Association officers

The officers for the PutnamCity High School Alumni Association are:

President -

David Apgar, '76

Vice-President -

Don Long, '62

Secretary -

Janet Sears Gingerich, '62

Treasurer -

Sheron Folsom Rodgers, '64

Historian -

Mary Ann LeGrange Vance, '59

Webmaster -

Jackie Cole Simpson, '61

The committee is looking for additional volunteers to serve on the committee and to help as staff when the museum is open. One of the goals is to open the museum every Saturday. Currently, it is open only on the second and fourth Saturdays each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

If you would like to help, please contact Mike Brake at 767-9379 or Jim Shields at 787-7029.

Send
A Kid
To
School!



Support the annual Alumni Association Pancake Breakfast. Tickets cost \$5 per person and help fund the scholarships given each year to PC graduating seniors.

IMPORTANT!! In an attempt to try to hold down the expense of printing and mailing the newsletter, the association would appreciate your input by completing this survey. Each year the association mails out approximately 14, 000 newsletters. If you do not respond to this survey you will continue to receive your annual newsletter by mail.

_____ I wish to receive the newsletter by e-mail only. E-mail address: _____

_____ I will read my newsletter from the website and do not want a hard copy mailed to me.

_____ I no longer wish to receive the annual newsletter from the PC Alumni Association.

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The PC Alumni Association survives from the membership dues, special fundraising projects each year and the generosity of the graduates and patrons of the school district. The dues are \$10 per person. However, the lifetime membership dues remain at \$100. AND ... Contributions for Scholarships or Honor/Memorials are always welcome in any amount. Donations made to the association are tax-deductible. Checks should be made to the PC High School Alumni Association, P.O. Box 34, Bethany, OK 73008.

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Name (used while student) _____ Year attended or graduation _____

Do you have information about class members who are now deceased? Please let us know.

Do you need to update your personal information?

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