



**Lost Us or Moved?**

Be sure to let us know or you will miss out on the good news! Hint: If you forget Kay or Dean's Email go to our web page and bookmark it! Drop Dean note or share your news & celebrations.

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**Please don't take it for granted!**

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Thanks for Newsletter articles, notes & photos: Hutch News, Hutch Post, Wichita Eagle, The Net, Verne Ediger, Derroll Bretz,



**The following mates were lost or found  
Deceased since January 1, 2016**

- Dennis Hill.....1-1-2016**
- Carralee Owens-Mueller...8-17-2015**
- Loretta Edwards-Mayes....11-11-2015**
- Clifford Thrasher.....6-6-11-2012**
- Suzie Rives-Stone.....10-19-2005**
- Barry Hilleary.....4-22-2015**

*This brings our known loss list to 99.*



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Please check web site for access to class photo by Deming Photo. Patsy & Ron & Patsy (Brown) Slavikowski posted a site to view his many pictures of all events! ☺ Great Job!

<https://goo.gl/photos/D6AD21bhhwLCtfgM9>

**Our 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion ~ October 14-15, 2016  
Was A Huge Success!**

Joan Fast-Tolar, Janis Bybee-Watson Co Chairs & committee did a Fantastic Job! Lonny McCurdy gets **Huge Accolades providing all printing & mailings including the address book!**

The Bereavement Board was quite an eye opener! Rosalie as usual she did a fantastic job! Decorations were a big hit & a conversations starter in every turn. Many of the old goodies were Shared by Janis as Dee Ann Freidenberger's family had given them to her for the class to enjoy. ☺

Name tags were created again by Dean Lewis.

The Sat night add on suggested by Rosalie Wyatt-Waters & Charlie Hyter. It proved to be huge success! Everyone seemed to have fun-tastic time!

Rosalie & David's son Michael highlighted his talents both voice & guitar! KUDO's! ~ He has a real talent. He played n sang many beloved oldies solo for 30 min just for us. 'Old folks come & go early'. The Catfish Band started at 9. It proved to be worthwhile to stick around. It was amazing how agile our joints became when our old favs were played...The Dance Floor was quite active!

Alice Jane's 'Venue' was a huge success as well!

Thank You Alice Jane for your many accommodations!

**It was a fun weekend!**



Please UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION INCLUDING CELL PHONES – emails are failing & land lines are getting dropped...it leaves us out in cold! ☹

**\*\*Have You Moved? New Cell? (many are dropping home lines so Cells Numbers are a must to find you when YOUR emails fail!)**

**Please Help Us Out! Time & Postage is both Frustrating & Expensive!**

~ "I believe that there is an explanation for everything, so, yes, I believe in miracles." ~

**Items shared by class mates...****Verne Ediger shared:**

A recent brunch guest in our home was stage and TV actress Loretta Swit, best known for her Emmy-winning role on the '70s hit TV series, M\*A\*S\*H. We were introduced to Loretta several years ago through mutual New York friends who now also call Las Cruces home. Loretta was in town doing a benefit performance for a local community theatre.

Apart from her acclaim as Major Margaret "Hot Lips" Houlihan on M\*A\*S\*H, Loretta is a passionate advocate for animals and animal rights, supporting causes such as the Search Dog Rescue Foundation, and including a local animal no-kill shelter that we also support.

A recent project of hers we talked about is the 2013 movie documentary "Never The Same: The Prisoner Of War Experience." Narrated by Loretta, it chronicles accounts of American servicemen held as Japanese POWs during World War II and how they created coping mechanisms to survive. Loretta has kept in touch with several of the POW survivors over the years and recognized two who traveled here and were in attendance at the play in which she performed.

Photo: John Boler and Verne Ediger with Loretta Swit in their Las Cruces home.

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Hello Friends!

I'm writing those of you who are on the list so far for the reunion to tell you why I won't be there this year. I've had so much fun seeing you at all the past reunions, so I'm really sorry. Hope to see everyone at the 60-Year Reunion.

We certainly planned to be there but then my husband Fred was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer this summer. He has been in Berkeley, Calif. since then getting treatment. He's had some chemo and will now have surgery Sept 30<sup>th</sup> to remove the tumor, followed by more chemo. Because it was discovered early we are very hopeful of a cure. I have been there most of the time with several short trips back to our home in Mexico to take care of things with the house and our large herd of pets.

I had to go by the email addresses from 5 years ago so I know it won't get to everyone. Say hello to everyone for me and have a great time. And give my thanks to all those who live there and put in the work to plan these reunions! All the best, Rita Harrington [ritahar@aol.com](mailto:ritahar@aol.com)

~ "Experience is the best teacher, the lesson normally beginning right after the quiz." ~



**Square Dancers, Teacher was Mrs. Bowker, we met at Ks St. Fair Grounds.**  
 Front L-R: Carlon Cotter, Dee Ann Freidenberger, Merilee Anshutz, Patti Hagan.  
 Back: John Cole, Derroll Bretz, Donald Swanson, Unknown.



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**Square Dancers, Teacher was Mrs Browker (met at fair grounds)**  
 Front Row L-R: Dee Ann Freidenberger, Carolyn Cotter, Merilee Anshutz, Patti Hagan.  
 Back Row L-R: Derroll Bretz, Donald Swanson, John Cole, Stuart 'Stu' Steele.

~ "One shudders to think, which is why so many have given up thinking" ~

**Hoy-Hobbs, Linda** [linda.hobbs729@gmail.com](mailto:linda.hobbs729@gmail.com)

I now live in Florida. Have a home a block and a half from my daughter, her husband and my 2 grandchildren Luke 11 and Lilly 7. I am happy here. It has taken quite an adjustment. After 46 years in Overland Park, Ks., it was not my plan to live anywhere else!! However, I learned a long time ago God has a perfect plan for our lives. So I am now living in the new part of His plan. I hope this finds each one of you enjoying the struggles of the aging process!!

My dad passed away in June, 2015 at the age of 95!!! With that in mind it would seem I have only just begun to enjoy the process. God Bless each one of you. I know a good time will be had by all. My phone # is the same [816-589-4250](tel:816-589-4250). My address is:

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Mary Forbes Ziegler

Hi to everyone who might remember me. I was there only one year but still can remember quite a few of you. I am retired and living in overland park close to my daughter and her family. My one Grandchild is 9 yrs old and involved in many activities, currently dance and volley ball. I am her escort sometimes since her Mom (Janna) is working at Union Bank.

I still sew sometimes and read quite a bit. I also like to work jigsaw puzzles. My health is questionable most of the time so I will not be making it to the reunion. For any that remember me, my e-mail is [mazkz02@gmail.com](mailto:mazkz02@gmail.com). Have Fun!

Beatty Hunter [beattyhunter@comcast.net](mailto:beattyhunter@comcast.net)

Hi Kay, thanks for the update. They are always fun and informative about what's up in Hutch. Unfortunately, I will not be able to come to the reunion as we had previously organized a family reunion that weekend here in New Hampshire. I loved the bit on the Hutchinson book and I've ordered 3 copies of it with 2 going to my sisters who will really enjoy history lesson too. Keep up the good work. Best, Beatty



**Roosevelt Grade School, 17th & Adams ((S/W Corner) Hutchinson, Ks 67502**

Teacher: Elsie Davis, 3rd Grade...1951?

Information (names) shared are to his n Rosalie Wyatt-Waters revolution.

Please share updated information to Derroll.

~"In believing that your goal is possible, you, yourself, give birth to its possibility."~



Steve Stout Shares: Some of my veterans celebrating V day... Mostly Vietnam era and gulf war.... We give priority to hiring veterans but some are not pictured because most prefer to work 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> shifts to beat the heat in our un-air- conditioned Warehouse and take the advantage of a four day work week. Contact Steve: [Sstout@LibertyHardware.com](mailto:Sstout@LibertyHardware.com)

Appologies for lack of news letters, will try to do better now that have figured out patching program to make it work. Ha...matter of out smarting machine. No bragging!

Lots happening here in Hutch and things continue to change, the biggest is number of fast food places that have rolled in. Most are out near the Hospital and Mall. As some open some close. Several shops n staples have closed and continue to close. The latest is The Sports Shack in the old Mescheke's. Other big foot print changes, Olivers moved into the old Bonanza on East 30th. They offer good food n live music. Cool Beans, in the old train depot recently announced closing. More n more lofts cont to be completed n have become very popular in the downtown area. The Hotel at 5th n Main (Landmark) was sold but had water main break w/major flooding of building...cont to sit empty and in disrepair.

The former St. E Hosp. did sell, but nothing appears to be happening? Pegues has a lot happening as the conversion to consumer space below n upscale apts. above are showing progress. The Library has done lots of remodeling, Hastings is closing, K-Mart closed, Dillard's and Sears closed leaving the Mall nearly empty and it too sold. After several months things are beginning to happen there. New roof, major renovations, new businesses showing up. The area around the hospital n mall are really busy w/new businesses n eateries.

After 68 continuous yrs of operation by one family the RB has been sold but bus continues as usual under same management.

They took down the Sonic on East 4th n in not much more than a mo. is rebuilt n open for business! They (same owners) are doing same now w/The 30th st. Taco Bell! Long John Silvers at 30th n main has renovated n reopen as A&W and LJS in same building.

Since The city got a new contract w/NJCAA Basketball Tournament, college, city n others w/Architects, contractors n college students the additions and renovations are underway on the arena! Reports are they are ahead of schedule.

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Did you know Jane White-Howell has just relocated back to Hutch?

Give her a call, send a note n welcome her home! Her new info is:

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I know I have barely touched tip of iceberg and most sounds negative but, there is a lot more happening that's positive. We have added several more doctors, Oncology, Peds, OB/GYN, Ortho, Podiatry, etc. plus addition to hospital and residential home building cont. to increase. We have widened streets, marked bike paths and opened several parks. (Something for everyone.) Stay tuned for more catch ups in future. Share your tid bits & I promise to try to get them out in more timely fashion. Kay.

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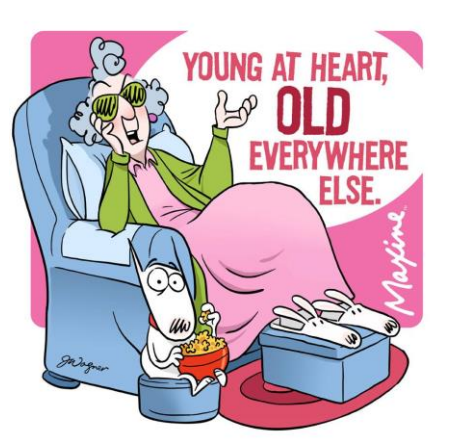
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~ "Old Age is when former classmates are so gray, wrinkled & bald, they don't recognize you!" ~