



**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 Ron's Email go to web page and bookmark it! Then drop notes from either of the mail drops!

**HHS CLASS OF '61 Web Page:**

[www.kansasconnections.com/reunion/reunion\\_time.htm](http://www.kansasconnections.com/reunion/reunion_time.htm)

or to Kay: [klmr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:klmr@sbcglobal.net)

**Thanks for Newsletter articles, notes & photos:**

Hutch news, KWCH-TV, KSN-TV, What's up Hutch, The Hutchinson Magazine, Charles Hyter, Judi McElyea-Smith & Kent Ewing, Edward Kumorowski, Joan Tolar & Phyllis Parker for photos!

**Remembering in Sympathy:**



<Sonya (Blount) Chambers' father,  
Hershel Tincher Gum, died Mar. 15, 2009

**\* KUDOS - You All Do Make A Difference! ☺**

Janet (Symns) Hodge sent a note saying how touched & pleased she was to have heard from so many old friends after the passing of her mother.

Visit our class web page for full personal information.

To make donations to our Class Scholarship Fund: Make checks to 'Hutchinson Community Foundation' and mark them for 'HHS Class of '61 Memorial Scholarship' Mail them to;

Hutchinson Community Foundation  
1 N. Main  
Hutchinson KS. 67501

**These donations are tax deductible.**

I was very pleased to receive comments from Jan Symns-Hodge. Jan was so pleased to have heard from so many old friends and was trying to contact many who left messages & emails for her during her time of sadness. She said, *'Mom always took an interest in the activities and lives of our classmates so she would have been pleased to see how many people contacted thru email at the site.'* She is referring to having it placed on our web page. Another big thanks & kudos to Ron Montandon for Great Job! (For those who don't know...is our web master, host/sponsor & provider)

Anyone have nominations for A Class Highlight & or Stories? Have a new event or retirement to report? Give me a call or drop note...

**Seen & Heard In or Around Hutchinson:**

Hutch gets Computer Air Service: Border to border (or shorter) Wells Aircraft will offer on-demand charter flights out of Hutch airport:

<http://www.hutchnews.com/Todaystop/bordermkof>



**'March Madness' in Hutch**

We are attending JUCO Tournament Games...first day took in 6, 10.5 hr straight. 2<sup>nd</sup> day, crashed out after 3 and came home. Listened to last 2 and recorded scores/wins & caught up on computer. Day 3...exhausted...the bod is tired and the mind I must admit is tired too...ha!

March has for sure been a month of Madness & a bit of scandal too. ☺ Check out a few of the headlines, recent articles & video reports:

HHS Coach Resigns, KWCH-TV:

<http://www.kwch.com/Global/story.asp?S=9906142>

HHS Basketball Coach Investigated for misconduct,

KSN-TV: <http://www.ksn.com/news/local/40379732.html>

Debate powerhouse earns Hutch High a day off,

By, Darcy Gray - The Hutchinson News:

<http://www.hutchnews.com/Localregional/powerhouse>

HHS Coach Investigation leads to Florida: Hutch News:J. Ruhlen

<http://www.hutchnews.com/Localregional/hhscoach>

HCC Coach Swanson Resigns 3 yr post:

<http://www.hutchnews.com/Todaystop/scoach>

HCC Coach Hires ECK: 'Great Eck-pectations', Brad Hallier, Hutch

News: <http://www.hutchnews.com/Sports/greateck>

Coaching in Eck's blood from start (a bit of back ground for those who do not know of him) Harold Bechard, Hutch news: <http://www.hutchnews.com/Sports/coaching2009-03-18T23-30-03>

2009 NJCAA TOURNAMENT COVERAGE: Top news stories:

<http://www.hutchnews.com/juco/>

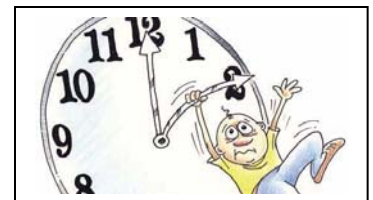
Latest Scandal in Hutch: Breaking News...

Embezzlement of \$800,000., from Perpetual Care Funds of Fairlawn Cemetery & Heritage Funeral Home.

Heritage is the former Vokland Funeral Home located at: 528 North Main, Hutchinson. Stay tuned for more info.

Enjoying your Extra Hr. of Sunshine...Comments?

Daylight Savings...  
Phluurb!

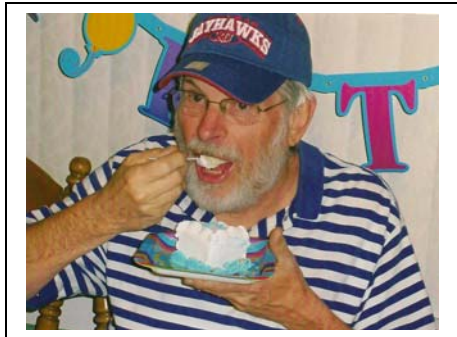




### 'Classmate Highlight' 'Don Parker'



Don retired on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from Eaton (Cessna) after 43 years of dedicated service. His final position had been in security but Don, 'A Jack Of All Trades' had worked at almost every job in the plant over his tenure.



In talking to friends & wife (of 38 yrs.) Phyllis, heard that they celebrated with a large family Steak-Dinner at the Airport Restaurant and reconvened at house to have Cake & other frivolities.

Don won't be having too much idle time on his hands as they own, manage & maintain 10 rental properties and If he does find too much free time on his hands she might be forced to build a 'Honey-Do List' to keep him out of trouble as well. ☺

I did learn from Phyllis that Don likes to spend his free time is on his Kawasaki Motorcycle. Although it is a Kawasaki he makes believe & dreams it is a Harley. ☺ (...hence the Harley on his cake.)

The Parkers are planning to spend 5 weeks in Mission TX. as a well deserved Get-Away. They keep a fifth wheel there for such times and have other family there as well.



Don & Phyllis have 2 sons & 5 grand children who they enjoy spending every minute possible with.

I was disappointed to hear they were not taking their computer along so you can't contact them till they get back but suggest you send him cards & kudos to the home in Hutch:

Don & Phyllis Parker  
808 west 17th  
Hutchinson KS 67502  
620 665 7146  
(Email withheld for obvious reasons)

Don & The Grand Kids  
Celebrate his retirement:  
2-27-2009 >



### 'Classmate Highlight' 'Joan Fast Tolar'



Mirror, Mirror, Oh My Goodness

Joan has been busy girl since HS & JUCO, Married Bob Tolar in 1963, (46 yrs in July) 2 sons & their families: Dwight, Mary & Alex (13), Manhattan, KS; Don, Mel, Drew (3) & Reece (1 1/2), Cheney, KS.

Joan retired on March 1 as Administrative Assistant at Emanuel Lutheran Church, 140 East 30<sup>th</sup>, Hutch for 25 1/2 years. Joan has worked for 8 pastors during her time.

In addition to her administrative responsibilities she directed children's choirs for more than 20 yrs. & took leadership. For 10 Mother's Day musicals & several children's Christmas programs. She is a member of the Senior Choir, the Women of Evangelical Lutheran Church of Am & numerous church committees. She also served as a Stephen Minister.

Joan was honored at a congregational-wide retirement reception & potluck dinner on March 2.

Joan's retirement plans include devoting additional time to volunteer work, travel & family.

Joan was last seen taking in many of the 2009 Men's NJCAA Tournament Games...& sharing seats with grandsons too. Bob can be seen all too frequently helping out as part time staff of Elliott Mortuary.

Below Joan has been seen taking in several ballgames & in the company of Bob & g/sons! Hurrah to Free Time!

Do drop a card, call or email Joan & Bob and wish them a Very Happy Retirement.



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