



FHS 25+ ALUMNI CLUB NEWSLETTER



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2007 Annual Picnic

By Nancy 'Skubick' Fay '60
What better way to spend the second Sunday in August than with lots of friends? Many 25+ FHS grads gathered for an afternoon of visiting, taking pictures, winning raffles, and chowing down on scrumptious vittles. John Porter, Class of '77 donated corn on the cob and delicious bar-b-que'd pork, plus there were hot dogs, knackwurst and soft drinks.

Carl Romano, dad of Jim Anderson, Class of '68, asked classes to gather for group pictures. Smiles and silly comments were rampant, as was laughter and shared memories.

Thanks to those graduates and friends of graduates who helped with cooking, tickets, registration, set-up and take down. The planning committee is special, but these few dedicated people can't do it all! If they know you're willing to help out that day, please tell them ahead of time; email jan@ferranflorist.com, or phone Chris Fletcher @ (586) 549-8113. Many hands make work easier, and the committee would like a chance to visit with their buddies, too!!

This year's Annual Picnic is August 10th from noon to dusk. Call some classmates and come join the fun at Steffens Park, under the tent, near the playscape, Fort Fraser. Remember no glass bottles allowed on park property.

Life is what you make it. Don't miss this opportunity "to be young again"... See you there!

FHS 25+ ALUMNI CLUB
22nd Annual Picnic
Aug. 10, 2008
Come early for coffee and help set up tables, chairs, etc, at 9 a.m.
(Volunteer 1 hour - sell tickets, work at registration, food counter, raffles, etc.)
On site BBQ, pop, water
Noon 'til dusk
Stay late to tear down / clean up

Constant helpers for the annual picnics need a pat on the back - so when you see any of the following, please offer your appreciation for their efforts. It's all their hard work that keeps the event rolling on. '41 Helen 'Ayers' Stovel; '42 Tom Engel; '58 Jerry Koelzer; '60 Nancy 'Skubick' Fay; '63 Jane 'Patton' White; '65 Pat Hallendy; '67 Bonnie 'Brackett' Etelamaki; '68 Jim Anderson; '69 Mike Jennings; '71 Chris Fletcher; '72 Bob Poole; '77 John Porter and Steve Urbaniak; '78 Ken Conlon & all other unnamed alumni that step up to the plate every year.

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In 2007, the club gave two \$1,000 awards respectively, to Taylor Hicks and Samantha Strachan as part of the Audrey Kleino DeFauw Memorial Scholarship.

Taylor Hicks, who was the 2007 FHS salutatorian, is the daughter of Brian and D'Anne 'DuBois' Hicks, both from the Class of 1979. Taylor was president of Student Council, member of Link Crew, NHS, and athletically excelled in varsity volleyball, and varsity soccer, where she was captain. Her interests include soccer, volleyball, reading and writing. Her 3.985 GPA is certainly worth mentioning. Her leadership abilities, combined with the responsibilities of her hard work will take her far. Her scholarships in Social Studies and Fraser Youth Soccer and the FHS 25+ Alumni Club will help her in her plans for a degree in education.

The second scholarship recipient was Samantha Strachan, who is the daughter of Ronald Strachan and alumnus Jennifer 'Savage' Strachan (Class of 1982). Samantha has been an active member of the marching band, tennis team and drama club and beyond - into tennis, jazz and tap. Her peers and teachers see and admire her dedication in all aspects of high school life including academics, athletics and music.

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Donations since the last publication of the Newsletter - if we missed anyone, please let us know and we will include you in next year's list.

Donations to the 25+ Alumni Club General Fund - we thank you !

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Audrey DeFauw	Terry & Dianne 'Cote' DeFauw	1977-79
Stan Zogas	June Fletcher, teacher	1962-87

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Donor	Class of	Comment
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In memory of Dominic Bertucci Patrick Laughlin, Class of 1964

\$1 - \$99 Continued

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1955 Robert Rahlwes
1967 James Salamon & Thomas Koelzer

Scholarship Recipients

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Sam plans to attend Central Michigan University with the aspirations of becoming a chiropractor.

Best of luck to both of our scholarship awardees.

TEACHER FEATURE

By STEVE URBANIAK '77



Gerald Perry has been selected to be a teacher feature for this year's newsletter. Do you remember his social studies classes? He was a teacher for quite a number of years and a Fraser institution. But to do him justice, we'll all have to look into the crystal ball for Gerry to tell his story from the beginning.....

Gerald Perry was a boy in Ohio, and went to 8 different schools growing up. He attended nearby University of Toledo for his college years. Stanley Schook came down to the university to interview teachers for the growing school system and liked Perry or Gerry, or some other nice term to refer to him. So Perry (not related to superintendent Walter Perry from the 30's), came up to Fraser to teach. That was in 1962. And during that time the high school was in the present-day Richards Middle School building and housed grades 8 through 12.

His social studies classes were in the still-standing 80's wing, but the building was modeled after an archetype from Arizona with the spider arms out from the center. It was hardly heat-efficient in our cold winter -- unlike the heat of Arizona. "The furnace would, of course, regularly break down. Some kids would have to wear coats in class to keep warm," Perry recollected.

Gerry taught various classes in the social sciences -- history, psychology, and even one section of biology one year. He had many pleasant

experiences there. In his earlier teaching years, he knew all the students. "Fraser was a stable residential community. Most families stayed for years and didn't move away, and I thought that I should live there, too," Perry stated. His first domicile was an apartment he rented on Utica Road and Masonic Blvd. from Mr. Shepherd, owner of Shepherd's Inn restaurant on Utica and Groesbeck. The dwelling was upstairs behind Otis McKinley's dentist office.

His motto was to attempt to be a professional engaged in his occupation and the community. He served on the Fraser Planning Commission for a while. Two other homes he lived in were in the City of Fraser, one on Grettel and the other on Moors. He liked his position and his surroundings.

During the 60's and 70's he served as class sponsor numerous times, helped build floats for his classes, and was a regular at the games taking tickets. He sold lots of tickets at the ticket booth to sporting events too.

In his years as Quiz Bowl sponsor, he remembers one game where Fraser skunked its opponent 295-0. History was always his favorite subject, so he enjoyed instructing a wide variety of history-related classes. "We split up the world history, which was hard for some students to grasp. The class was divided into 10-week units. There was Middle Ages and Renaissance, for instance.

As Perry was one of my teachers, I related an item I remembered back with him and he chuckled as I told my story.....

A senior needed the 10-week world history class in Middle Ages and Renaissance to graduate. The class was all down in the library doing research on a topic from a general list Perry supplied to the students. The senior came to me, a lowly sophomore and was complaining that he couldn't find

any books in the card catalog about the great artistic master Michelangelo. I thought to myself, "Gee, Michelangelo was such an important figure in history, it couldn't possibly be true that there no books on him in the library!" The senior went on to say he looked in the drawer under "A" and there wasn't one, single item. "A?," I roared. "Michelangelo's last name starts with 'M'. Angelo was not his last name -- it's Michelangelo! Not Michael Angelo!" Shortly thereafter, the senior found lots of books on his topic, and I think he did eventually graduate.

Perry retired from Fraser in 1993, after 31 years in the classroom. He is now 66 years old. In the dozen-plus years since retirement, he has kept busy in other pursuits. He taught world history at Macomb Community College, was a volunteer docent and historical presenter at Greenfield Village for 4 years in the Edison birthplace/laboratory-inventor zone of the village. He serves as a historical guide at St. Clair Shores' Selinsky-Green Log House on 11 Mile Road. His fascination with traveling has taken him to the Grand Canyon and the Gulf of Mexico. He has many old books in his possession that he'd like to donate to the school. He said he'd like to bring some to the reunion picnic, old yearbooks and all.

In closing, Mr. Perry would like to wish all of his thousands of former students success in life and best wishes.



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This year we welcome the class of 1983, unfortunately we don't have many addresses. If you have access to these addresses, please contact me at jan@ferranflorist.com or (586) 791-4300

Fuzz Baller



FHS grads - My brother Ken was visiting his wife's cousin and her husband in a community south of Knoxville, and something caught Ken's eye when he was reading the local paper for that particular complex. There was a picture of Mr. Lusk and some other guys close to his age (80) and it said that he had won a recent tennis tournament. Ken looked him up, met him at the tennis courts, and was able to have someone snap a pic with himself and Mr. Lusk. Being a fellow "fuzz baller" at FHS, I am flattered that TL took up tennis, a real man's game!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

He was one of the best coaches I ever had.....fun, very fair, and a darn good coach! How about those two district championships in '63 & '64?????!!!!

Who can forget....."Who saw, saw, saw, who saw, saw, saw, hit 'em in the head, with a big kielbasa!" Hope you all enjoy! Rich Whipple, Class of '64

SAY HELLO TO YOUR CLUB PRESIDENT !

We would like you to get to know our FHS 25+ Alumni Club President...her name is Janet Smits-Kimball, class of 1960. Jan joined the club in October 2000. She has been a very busy member since, holding the following positions - She started the position of Treasurer in November 2000 and continues to present. She is the Database Administrator from 2001 to present and Web Administrator from September 2001 to present - she shares this position with the more important administrator, Bob Moats. She was Corresponding Secretary 2001-2004 and was elected President 2004 to present.



Also, she has helped with all of the 50/60 dances, newsletters, awarding of the scholarships, picnics, fundraisers and whatever other areas are in need of attention. Her personal accomplishments include Secretary for the Clinton Township Kiwanis Club for ten years. In addition, since 1995, she has been an Advanced Master Gardener.

CLUB PRESIDENT

Jan's previous experience in the positions of Inventory Clerk, Billing Clerk, Office Manager and Sales Manager have helped her achieve her dream of owning and operating her own florist shop called Ferran's International Flowers in Clinton Township, Michigan, on Garfield at Metro Parkway.

She and her husband, Ken, have been given the joyful opportunity of caretakers for her son's two children, after he passed away from an automobile accident 12 years ago. They also have 11 other grandchildren. After living in Detroit, Roseville, and Florida, Jan bought the house she grew up in from her parents. Since 1972, they have made two major house improvements allowing for more living space. Jan, Ken, and the grandchildren maintain a French themed vegetable garden (garden strips with grass paths in between the rows and growing vines vertically) and five flowerbeds.

Without Jan's expertise, involvement, and total commitment to the club, it would not be as successful as it is currently. On behalf of the FHS 25+ Alumni Club Committee, we would like to take this opportunity to thank Janet Smits-Kimball for her commitment, dedication and everything she has done for all of us.

Next time you see Jan, say hello and tell her how much she is appreciated.

Your 2008 FHS 25+ Alumni Club Committee

CLASSES OF 1960-1969 REUNION August 10, 2007

The reunion might be over, but the excitement of renewed friendships lives on. It was a great weekend for a decade of Fraser High School graduates, reunited through a golf outing, dinner dance and 25+ picnic.

Representatives from each class helped organize the weekend of fun. Over 45 graduates began the day in a 4-person scramble at Sycamore Hills Country Club, while over 240 graduates ended the day enjoying Sycamore Hill's banquet facilities. Graduates from the 60's had one more time to relive their high school days

60's Reunion

as they joined other 25+ graduates on Sunday for the annual picnic at Steffens Park.

The committee members would like to thank the attendees for their enthusiastic support and participation. The smiles and laughter, the hugs and handshakes, and the memories and updates, created an electrifying atmosphere. Hopefully, future reunions will incorporate multiple-class attendance, allowing siblings, teammates and classmates the opportunity to rekindle old friendships and re-establish connections that have surpassed the test of time.

Once again, thank you for joining in on the fun. We look forward to seeing you at future reunion functions.

Your 60's Committee Members



Annual Golf Outing

The Annual Charley Brown Golf Outing will be held on June 23rd this year.

The event, named after Dr. Charles Brown, the first President of Fraser's Booster Club and a local dentist, will provide a day of golf and camaraderie. This event will produce funds to finance the bi-annual Hall of Fame banquet, designed to honor Fraser graduates who excelled in sports, both during and after high school.

Golf is \$105 - including golf, cart, banquet, hot dog and pop at the turn, pop on the course, a chance for a large prize and the first hour free at the bar. Other sponsor opportunities also exist.

For information or opening availability, contact Brad Robinson at Brad.Robinson @ fraser.misd.net or (586) 879-2315.

OBITUARIES

Only listings of FHS Alumni, Classmates, Principals and Teachers are printed.

This is just a brief listing of our departed classmates, principals and teachers.
An obituary, if available, in its entirety, is available on the website.

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| Henry Anderson (Culinary Arts teacher 1975-1983) died in 2002 | Marcus 'Mickey' Klein, friend of 1935, died Nov. 14, 1997 in Sterling Heights | Stanley Schook (Principal '49-'81) died June 21, 2007 in DeLand, FL |
| Henry Brohl, Class of 1959, died Feb. 21, 2000 | Karen Kurek (Teacher 1968-2001) died Feb. 24, 2001 | Dorothy 'Seiferlein' Ward, Class of 1928, died Sept. 11, 2007 in Clinton Twp. |
| Suzanne 'Bryk' Mesler, Class of 1980, died July 2007 | David LeSage, Class of 1976, died Oct. 16, 1994 | Sallie 'Smith' Newsome, Class of 1968, died December 21, 2007 |
| Kenneth Burgett, Class of 1957, died Jan. 25, 2008 in Clinton Twp. | Karen 'Lopacki' Turner, Class of 1963 died Sept. 19, 2007 in Harrison Twp. | Ruth Sobers (Teacher '68-'83) died Dec. 28, 2007 |
| Rosemary Colombo (Board Member '66-'82) died Nov. 22, 2000 | Rev. Dennis Madill (Teacher 1964-1968) died Sept. 8 1998 | Karen Turner, Class of 1963, died Sept. 19, 2008 |
| Loa 'David' Petri, Class of 1974, died April 2006 n Rochester Hills | John Mensior, Class of 1977, died March 28, 1988 in New York | Ronald Vergin, Class of 1956, died March 8, 2008 |
| Herbert Geiger, Class of 1949, died March 6, 2006 in Saginaw, MI | Harmon Nine (Board Member '72-'86) died Nov. 20, 2004 | Carolyn 'Wallison' Bennett, Class of 1961, died April 26, 2007 |
| Gladys 'Graham' Coon, Friend of 1933, died Feb. 8, 2008 | Richard Polley, Class of 1973, died Dec. 15, 2005, suddenly | Thomas Welke, Class of 1967, died December 2006, in Oregon |
| Cathleen Groza, Class of 1967, died March 20, 2008 in Big Rapids, MI | Florence 'Pruehs' Minda, Friend of 1933, died Jan. 2, 2008 | Russell Wheeler, Class of 1947, died in 2004 |
| Nancy Hanatyk (Teacher 1967-1979) died Nov. 24, 2001 | Robert Rahlwes, Class of 1955 died in California | Alan Yudinsky, Friend of 2000, died Oct. 21, 2007 in Clinton Twp. |
| Jacqueline Hankinson (Teacher 1961-2000) died March 12, 2000 | Norman Reindel, Class of 1928, died March 14, 2007 in Warren | Stanley Zogas (Science Teacher '66-'04) died July 19, 2007 in Mt. Clemens |
| Pat Haueter, (Phys. Ed. Teacher '67-'96) died May 7, 2007 in Ohio | Olga 'Reindel' Priehs, Class of 1926, died Sept. 22, 2007 in Imlay City | |
| William Ingram, Class of 1972, died May 13, 1999 in Detroit | Joseph Riggen (Bus driver) died Sept. 7, 2007 in Royal Palm Beach, Florida | |

If you are still breathing, we need to hear you breathe at some of the Board Meetings, held the second Wednesday of each month. For details call Jan (586) 791-4300 or Chris (586) 286-0096

RETIREMENTS

Recently retired FHS employees:	
40 years	Loretta DeSantis
38 years	Joy Perkins
37 years	Gerald Sherman, Gerald Bufalini, Tim Boyer, Jeanette Mitchell
36 years	Ginny Carter
35 years	Christine Camp
32 years	Charlon Franke
29 years	Grace Trombley Diane Clancy
28 years	Marlene Sivil

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I earned my juris doctorate degree in 1983, passed the bar exam, was sworn in as a licensed Michigan attorney, and was married all in the same whirlwind year!

I married a fellow 1974 FHS graduate, Tom Roland, after dating each other for 6 years. We remained in Macomb County and by 1989 three of my four dreams had come true because Tom and I had 4 children, now ages 24-19. Three of our children are graduates of Chippewa Valley High School and our youngest daughter is a special needs young adult who attends the Lutz M.I.S.D. program.

This year I have been able to pursue my "secret dream" of becoming a judge. I am an official candidate on the ballot for Macomb County Probate Judge in this November's election. I would certainly love the support of my fellow FHS graduates, alumni, and their families in this huge endeavor. This 2008 year marks my 25th wedding anniversary, my 25th year as an attorney and hopefully my election to the Macomb County Probate Court as your next judge, Debra Lux-Roland * another whirlwind year!!

"You gotta follow that dream wherever that dream may lead you*"

Words from a song typed underneath the "Most Likely to Succeed" picture in the 1974 Senior Edition of the Flash newspaper. What a long and exciting journey since the FHS traditional senior mock elections when the title of "most likely to succeed" was bestowed upon me, Debbie Lux, and my fellow

classmate, Bob Oglenski. Back in those carefree days my 1974 dreams were to become a "successful lawyer" (per my senior Will), marry and have a family, but with a secret dream to also become a judge. Following FHS graduation, in pursuit of my dreams, I set off for WMU to earn my bachelor's degree followed by enrollment at Thomas M. Cooley law school.

NEW Picnic Picture Times



Despite the improvement in organization, posted scheduling and live announcements, some alumni continue to miss out on the picture sessions. The reasons offered include not hearing the announcements, arriving too late, or leaving too early. Some even claim not to even know that pictures were being taken and were available for purchase. This would probably account for some of the late orders we received. This year we have decided to make just a few minor adjustments to improve the process even more. Last year was a success by all means and this year will be even better.

We will again post schedules listing the times and the class years involved in each photo session. The plan is to group several class years of alumni together for each picture. The pictures will then be offered for sale in an 8" x 10" color enlargement on photographic paper. The pricing will be \$10.00 for advance orders, and \$15.00 if ordered after the festivities and also includes mailing.

Copies of last year's group sessions will be available for viewing at the FHS memorabilia table. Individual class photos can be scheduled before or after the main sessions are completed. The groupings are based on last year's attendance and is subject to change.

Tentative time and classes involved:

Class Years Time	Class Years Time
1939 - 1949 1:30	1965 - 1969 2:50
1950 - 1954 1:50	1970 - 1974 3:10
1955 - 1959 2:10	1975 - 1979 3:30
1960 - 1964 2:30	1980 - 1983 3:50

If you decide to pre-pay your photo(s), simply include your payment with the contribution form, found on the last page, and return with payment.

Thanks very much and we'll see you in August!



Class of 1947 60th Reunion



Graduates have an * preceding their name - back row - *Harold Bock, *Jack Kimball, *Dick Morehead, Maurice Beauchemin, Emma Kimball. Front row - *Virginia Soltman-Mellar, *Pat Kilts-Beauchemin, *Rosemary Hartsig-Pietsch, *Bonnie Rosteck-Layman and Karen Morehead.

On Aug. 11, 2007, the class of 1947 gathered for their 60th re-union at Sajo's restaurant.

Of the 25 graduates, 12 are deceased. One was never located. From the 12 remaining, 7 were in attendance.

After enjoying a good meal, pictures were taken and old pics and memories were re-lived. It turned out to be a great evening and we all departed, wishing each other well and hoping to meet again soon !!

Class of 1977 30th Reunion

By Steve Urbaniak

It was a walk down memory lane as 88 1977 alumni gathered at the Fern Hill Golf & Country Club on August 11, to reminisce about old times.

Class president, Beth 'Meerschaert' Patrick and Class Reunion Committee Member Chris Lynch Skruba worked for months on details for the event. The food was tasty, and the music was fine -- a great time indeed to see old friendly faces. A few alumni had come from hundreds of miles away to attend the festivities.

All of us were so much older than we ever thought we would ever be, but isn't that like an 18-year-old? So many of us lost a lot of hair, especially me. Just how many could say that we weighed less than we did when we were at Fraser High? Probably not a one! Some of the group were grandparents. My, how time flies. Addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses were exchanged, and several attendees were seen at the 25+ Picnic on Sunday. Great!

In closing, it was a fun time. Keep in touch, won't ya'?



Mini reunion? Starting front left - '49 Tom Adams, '49 Al Holmes, '49 Ralph Bielawski,

'51 Red Davies - Standing; '51 Jerry Corneliessen, '51 Joyce Oehmke-Corneliessen, then on the right side starting from the back - '51 Theresa Gregory-Bielawski, '51 Cheryl Hein-McPherson, '51 Jean Dobies-Klein and '49 Ken Klein - all in the 2007 Picnic reunion tent.

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Standing L>R Jerry Hilliker '62; Tim Hilliker '68; Greg Hilliker '65; Ralph Plumb '58; Jerry Koelzer '58; Nancy (LaCross) DeVolder '59; Carol (Beaupre) Geiger-Robison '58; Jim Fordyce '58; Joanne (Torregrossa) McNary '60; Dennis Kollmorgen '61; Bob Warner '59; Sharon (Trozak) Warner '59; Phil McNary '58; Ken Schneider '68; Janet Sauer '65; Wayne Fillmore '61; Barbara (Markham) Rietsch '61; Ed Beaupre '60; Tony Lawson '56 **Kneeling** - Sandy (Apps) Hilliker '66; Linda Lahay '65; Nancy (Lannoo) Plotzky '58; June (Haist) Taylor '61; Elaine (Maesso) Wedral '62; Gloria (Kozdron) Pylkas '59; Harriett (Beaupre) Richberg '65. **Front** - Rich Riggen '61; Elsie (Larson) Riggen '61.

Talk about a small world – Ed Schultz '67 works for Robert Bosch in Farmington Hills. Recently he realized that he also worked with other Fraser alumni, namely Jacquelyn LaTorre-Smiatacz '96 and Michelle Moskal '95.

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2009 Florida Reunion

The next FHS Florida Reunion will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2009 at the Sun-N-Fun RV Resort in Sarasota. Flyers will go out the first of the year to all FHS graduates residing, wintering or just plain vacationing in Florida at the time of the reunion - providing we have your addresses. If you will be in Florida in March and are considering attending, please be sure the FHS 25+ Club has your Florida address. Cost to attend the reunion is \$5 per person, \$10 per family and includes a BBQ lunch and dessert. Coffee and soft drinks will be available; bring your own alcoholic beverages. (Mobile homes (Park models) are available for either weekly or monthly rentals - call (800) 843-2421 or (941) 371-2505 for rental information.) If you need earlier reunion information, email June Haist-Taylor at jtridge@aol.com or call (941) 342-4350.

Twenty-eight FHS grads plus assorted spouses and friends attended the FHS Florida Reunion on Saturday, March 8 at the home of Rich and Elsie (Larson) Riggen. After a couple of days of severe storms in the area, Saturday cleared up nicely so everyone could enjoy the barbeque and camaraderie with old friends. Several new faces joined the regulars this year, which just added to the fun! Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Tom Kellar '52, who had aneurysm surgery and wasn't feeling

well enough that day to attend. Our prayers and best wishes also go out to Andrew, grandson of Marge Love '58, who was injured on a trampoline, and is still in the hospital. Marge and her husband were on their way to the reunion when they got the call and had to turn around and go back to Tampa.

A special thanks goes to Jim and Brenda (Qualls) Carter who sent a donation to help with the costs of the reunion, even though they couldn't attend this year.

40th reunion for 1968 alumni is scheduled for July 26, 2008 at Jim and Suzi Peters' ErEm Equestrian Ranch in Goodrich. Cost is around \$40, we're still putting numbers together. Contact either Jim Peters at etemestate@aol.com, Jim Anderson at (586) 777-7870 or janderson@audiosentry.com or Mel Izokovic at izokovic@gdls.com for more details on the horseshoes, hayrides, evening campfire and other planned activities.

1978 30th Class Reunion and Weekend Extravaganza - Golf, Bowling, Dinner, Dancing, Aug. 8-10. Click on link at www.fernhillcc.com for more information.

Next year we will welcome the class of 1984 - but first we need addresses. If any one has access to these, please contact me at jan@ferranflorist.com or (586)791-4300

Anita (Romano) Cadez, '79, was recently promoted to Regional Coordinator of Eastern Michigan with EF Foundation for Foreign Study. This is a non-profit organization which places foreign exchange students with carefully matched host families for either one semester or two. The students are fully insured and have their own spending money. Anita overseas approximately fifteen coordinators in her region and nearly 40 exchange students from many countries from around the world. If you would like more information about hosting a foreign exchange student call (586) 206-3012, or check the website www.fffoundation.org She is recruiting more coordinators, if interested in working with teenagers and learning about international cultures!

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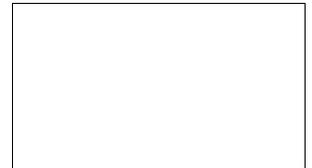
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