

# Class of '57 Newsletter

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## On the Road Again

Thom and Barb Feit, traveling in their RV, have seen the sights in and around Glacier National Park. Following are a few excerpts from an email report that was sent to Joe Yoder. If you would like to read the whole report just let Joe know.

"When we entered Canada, Barb said she wanted to see two special things while in this country; a bear and a Canadian Mounted Policeman in full regalia. We shall see if she meets her goals."

Keep in mind that the Feits travel with their newly acquired dog named *Kona*, a five month old pup, which they include on all of their jaunts

In summary Thom says: "In all, we were quite taken by Canada. From the majesty of those Canadian Rockies, to the stunning beauty of the rivers and lakes such as Lake Louise, to the more arid and wine country of southern British Columbia, in all the areas are a wonderful place to visit. About those two items that Barb wanted to see on this part of the journey; well she did grab a quick glance at a bear in a wooded area near the highway as we drove through Glacier National Park. But sadly she did not see a member of the Canadian Royal Mounted Police in full regalia, just one sitting in a patrol car – not even in full red uniform attire."

## Proud of Our Off-Spring

The following letter came from Judy King Yockey in response to an email that was sent to those who have that capability. The email pictured a large group of American service men all with their heads bowed. Here is what Judy wrote (some parts are omitted to comply with government regulations):

"Your message was quite timely for us. Our older son David is a Lt. Colonel in the Air Force and just arrived today in the Middle East and will be Deputy Commander of a base there. Several months ago he called to tell us that he had volunteered for a Middle East deployment. He told us that he can retire in 1 ½ years and when he does, he wants to feel that he has done everything he can do to fulfill his commitment to this mission and his country. That is why he volunteered. In our years of visiting David, his wife, and two sons at various bases in this country and Europe, we have been moved to tears at times upon seeing the dedication and sacrifice of the military men and women we met.

We are very proud of our son."

**Judy King Yockey**

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## New Grandparents

*by Rex Carpenter*

Fayette and I are grandparents again. Grant Oren Carpenter was born January 18. He was a big baby and already weights 17 pounds. His parents are Lewis and Denise Carpenter, who live in Kansas City. Grant Oren has two sisters, Lauren, 4, and Alexa, 2. ("Oren," by the way, was my father's middle name.)

## **A Visit With the Freys**

By Thom Feit

"After a day of travel across and area near the north rim of the Grand Canyon, we came to Hurricane, UT. Pronounced, "her-ah-kun," Hurricane received its name after a whirlwind blew the top off a buggy Erastus Snow was riding in. Snow exclaimed, "Well, that was a Hurricane. We'll name this Hurricane Hill." All of this according to my source for information large and small; Wikipedia.org.

There we dined with Don and **Barbara Carver** Frey. They live in the most wonderful southwestern home we have ever had the pleasure to see. The house, located on a hill with great vistas to the land below, was designed by Don. True to the southwest, it has high windows, and lots of space. Many of the inside walls do not make ninety degree corners, but rather meet at the more gentle forty-five degree. There are large windows in the dining area that look out to the back area of succulents. All in all, a most wonderful and awe inspiring home. Barb also prepared a remarkable gourmet dinner, complemented with great wine and memories of high school days. Our sole regret, we forgot the camera. Now this is a wonderful way to begin a vacation.

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### **PUT YOUR CAR KEYS BESIDE YOUR BED AT NIGHT**

Sent in by **Carolyn Hilligoss Fisher**

Put your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off

or the car battery dies.

It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain. It works if you park in your driveway or garage. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into your house, odds are the burglar won't stick around... after a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that. And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there.... This is something that should really be shared with everyone. Maybe it could save a life or a sexual abuse crime. Men should also carry their keys while working in the yard so that in case they fall they can activate the car's alarm until aid comes.

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### **Report on Mother**

By **Judy King Yockey**

Elizabeth King will be 95 in November. She is still living in her own home where she and my Dad lived for the last 30 years - Dad died two years ago. Mother is delightful and has no signs of senility. She has considerable arthritis but copes as gracefully with that as she has coped with aging. One day she said to me that every day is an adventure. I said, "Mom, that is a wonderful attitude and that's why you have lived so long." She laughed and answered me by saying, "No, that's not what I mean. I mean that every day is an adventure to see what is going to hurt that day!" She still has a great sense of humor, also!

## Cards, Letters, Thoughts and Prayers

*The following people are facing difficult times in their lives and need your, cards, letters, thoughts and prayers.*

In February **Don Deutsch** discovered that he had cancer in both lungs. After taking the first series of chemo, a PET scan showed the tumors had shrunk. Now he is taking a second round of chemo, and this time he is very tired and weak. He does not have e-mail, but he would appreciate cards. His address is 102 N. Park Dr., Columbia City, IN 46725. His phone is: 260-244-3514.

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**Sharon Bates Wolf** has returned home after spending nine weeks in various hospitals in the Ft. Wayne area. Sharon had suffered something known as "*septic shock*". She came home on the 14<sup>th</sup> of August after spending time in hospitals and rehabilitation facilities. She has appreciated your thoughts, prayers and cards.

*Septic shock is a serious condition that occurs when an overwhelming infection leads to low blood pressure and low blood flow. The brain, heart, kidneys, and liver may not work properly or may fail.*

Needless to say Barbara was a very sick woman. Her home address is: 348 N. Chauncy St., Columbia City, IN. 46725

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**Joe Yoder** is undergoing tests on his heart for blood pressure problems. He has had a stress test which indicated there might be some blockage. He will have to wear a heart monitor and have an angiogram plus other tests. These tests will be coming up in September.

**Larry Hearld**, who has been dealing with prostate cancer reports, "I have been feeling fine. I had a doctor's appointment with the radiologist and he said I was doing fine. They took a P.S.A test and it came back 0.06 which is very good. In early September I see my urologist for another implant and check up. Thanks for the prayers, thoughts and concerns. My thoughts and prayers are with my fellow classmates who are having health problems as well."

**Martha Hinen Anspach** fell from her basement step onto the floor and shattered a couple of bones in her right leg. She had surgery sometime in March and was put in a mobilizer. She spent some time doing physical therapy at the nursing home and has done physical therapy at home. In order to get around she had to use a wheel chair or walker. Martha says that she doesn't care if she has a limp, she just wants to be able to walk again. Cards and prayers were appreciated and helped her recuperate. Martha is doing fine now. We don't know if she has a limp or not. Her address is: Martha Anspach, 606 E Jackson St., Columbia City, IN 46725. Martha is doing much better these days

**Jo Ellen Adams McConnell** says, "I am not taking any medication (no chemo). I have no pain of any kind, and I have had a wonderful summer at Crooked Lake. My diagnosis of carcinoma and sarcoma, two separate cancer sites, is very serious. I am choosing to go forward with hope, and asking the Lord to take care of me. Address 910 West Ryan Rd. Columbia City, IN 46725

**Bill Yaney**, coping with Parkinson's Disease, says he moves slowly, takes a lot of pills and sleeps a lot and watches his favorite TV programs. His wife, Joyce, and son, Pat, push Bill around in a wheeled chair, when they go anywhere, so they don't have to wait for him to catch up. Bill is able to be on the go, he just doesn't go very fast. Bill's address is 310 Windsor Dr. Churubusco, IN 46723

## Not all a bed of Roses

By Barbara Carver Frey

On August 18th we will be hosting a group of Colorado 'retreads' - Bob & Nancy Poffenberger Rosenberg & about 15 other Honda Goldwing riders will be traveling through Zion National Park on their way to Hurricane for one night. We have invited them to come out for dinner & to enjoy the views out here. We did this about 4 years ago & had a great time with the group.

I visited my daughter, Jill, & her family in WI for one week in July. The weather was good w/a shower now & then. Jill's thyroid gland is enlarged on one side. I was able to go with her for a consultation w/the surgeon. She recommended surgery to remove the enlarged portion. Jill will have the surgery on September 11.

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## Seeing the Sights

Tom and Bonnie Felger traveled to the Netherlands for an eight day tour during the months of May and June. They discovered that this country is the size of Massachusetts and Connecticut combined, and that 1/3 of the country is below sea level. It is the most densely populated country of the world with 450 people per square kilometer.

Automobiles are small and most people get to work by riding bicycles. It was funny to see men dressed in suits and ties, and women in high heels and business suits riding bicycles to work. Gas there was \$10.58 per gallon in American money.

Tom sent Joe a lengthy account of their travels. If you would like to read the whole report let Joe know.

## Treasurer's Report

July 31, 2008 Statement

Beginning Balance/01/08	\$1507.82
Receipts	
<u>Checking Balance</u>	<u>\$1507.82</u>

Disbursements

Flowers

Eugene Brown	\$53.00
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Newsletter *Covered by donations*

<u>Total Checking Balance</u>	<u>\$1454.82</u>
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Checking Account Balance as of 7/31/08  
\$1454.82

Treasurer

*Janis Kelly*

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## Keep in Mind

Remember that there will be a Florida Brunch for anyone graduating from Columbia High School on the first Sunday, of March 2009. This reunion is held at the Jacaranda Country Club in Venice, FL.

Also the next reunion for the class of 1957 will be held in 2010. Details of that reunion will be forthcoming in future communications.

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## Did you Know?

There are no natural lakes in the state of Ohio, every one is man made.

## Changed Email Addresses

The following people have changed their email addresses.

**Nancy Poffenberger Rosenberg**  
[nncyrosenberg@mac.com](mailto:nncyrosenberg@mac.com)

**Rosalie Farber Kleespie**  
[rkandgkles@live.com](mailto:rkandgkles@live.com)

## New Addresses

The following people have made a move in the past few months.

Larry Pequignot  
27738 W. Groveland Ave.  
Spring Grove, IL  
60001  
Phone # Unknown

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Remember to let Joe Yoder know of any changes in your address or phone #. Even health issues are welcome and will be handled discreetly.

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*The mission of the newsletter is to keep members of the class of 1957 informed and updated as to all members of the class.*

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### Senior Moment With a Reward

**Rosalie Farber Kleespie** reports that she recently was discussing "boneless watermelon". Ted Gruver heard of this incident and made up a newspaper with coverage of Rosalie's error of the boneless melon and sent it to her along with

a picture of what a boneless melon would look like. Rosalie got a big kick out of the article and picture. She wants to thank Ted for his efforts.

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### Did You Know?

*Chinese gardening scientists have actually developed a watermelon that grows in a cube shape by putting the growing melon in a box that forces the melon to grow in its shape. Great for shipping more in less space*

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### Farewell to Family and Friends

Mary Ann Squires Anderson's mother, Kathleen Ann (Grant) Squires, 91, died in Encinitas, Calif. on April 1, 2008, following a short illness. Born in Columbia City on April 1, 1917, she resided there for more than 70 years. She was married to Jack Squires for over 50 years. He preceded her in death in 1989. For more than 25 years they owned and operated Squires Jewelry in Columbia City. Survivors include two daughters, Mary Ann Anderson of Smyrna, Ga. and Martha Orr of Encinitas; a sister, Mary Trier of Columbia City; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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To the class of 1957

Thank you for the beautiful bouquet sent for the loss of my darling husband, Gene Brown. I still can't believe he is gone, but I know where he is and I will see him later. He is without pain and suffering.

What a wonderful man this was. You had three class mates come to his burial in Bryan, Ohio and Ted Gruver's cousin also.

God bless you all.

Gene Brown passed away on July 15, 2008. He had fought the complications of a brain tumor and cancer for several months.