

Thorndale ISD Ex-Students News
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What a great business meeting we had last week. Seven of our regulars were in attendance but we missed the ones that usually come and weren't able to make it. Those present were Angie Schneider Becker, Class of 1965, our financial secretary; Evelyn Beard Young, Class of 1953 of Rockdale, our Historian; Mary Ann Sielaff Rodenbeck, Class of 1949; Gracie Schneider Cargill, Class of 1967; Don Guthrie, Class of 1957; Leroy Olbrich, Class of 1951; and of course, yours truly. We looked over our deaths and lost exes since last year; our lists of attendees both Friday night and Saturday; our scholarship recipients and financial report. We visited in between our talks about our wants and needs, and what we did this year compared to what we will do next year. Our Homecoming activities went in the hole \$313.40 this year, about \$100 less than last year, so that's good. We will be giving eight (8) scholarships in May. We can't set our Homecoming date until February when UIL does their re-alignment. We have coffee, cold drinks and cake for refreshments during and after our meeting and have fun in the process.

Our condolences to the family of Bernard Ferdinand Kelm who passed away October 10, 2009. He was brother to exes dad, Harvey Kelm and we know he will be lovingly missed by many.

We received a sweet note and nice donation from Amos Barchenger, Class of 1939 of White Oak. We surely thank him for the donation and appreciate the note. They were sorry they couldn't be here this year but hopefully will be able to be here next year. And he "hoped all went well" this year. So nice.

Our condolences to the family of Ryndol Lee Brown, Class of 1955 of Davila who passed away October 10, 2009. Thanks to Gracie Schneider Cargill for giving us a copy of the memorial card from his funeral. He will surely be missed by many loved ones.

Gracie visited with Barbara Rosenthal Hargrove, Class of 1962 of Buckholts and her aunt, Ann Rosenthal Burnett, Class of 1929 of Eliasville is back home (as far as we know) from the hospital. She won the oldest ex-student at Homecoming last year and keeps her Bulldog trophy that she won for that distinction on a shelf in her full view. She says she looks at it every day and it smiles at her and she smiles back. Isn't that the sweetest thing!! She will be 99 years young in November. Thanks to Gracie and Barbara for sharing this cute story.

We have a number of folks we need to keep in our prayers. And they do help and mean so much.

Exes Mom, Clara Roepke, is home from the hospital. She's at home alone and trying to build her strength back up.

Exes Mom, Mae Evans, has been in the hospital but is back home. Daughter, Patricia Evans Limmer, Class of 1952 takes good care of her mom.

Ex-Principal, Bob Mathis, is battling a number of health issues. He has been in the hospital, but is back home now.

Exes Dad, Billy "Bubba" Carlson, has serious health issues and needs our prayers. He is taking mega-doses of Chemotherapy and we surely hope it works.

Irene Waiser Cast, Class of 1944 has been in the hospital. We hope she's back home by now and doing better. Her treatments really drug her down and now she has to be built back up. She was so very weak at Homecoming but kept on going.

Exes Mom, Doris Kiesling, is still taking Chemo or has just finished. And that's such a hard thing on the body.

Exes Mom, Imogene Fisher, is in a rehab facility in Austin. We sure hope they can get her back up and going.

Rhonda Biar Jordan, Class of 1987 has been in the hospital with a blood clot in her leg. She is home and hopefully all o.k.

We thank all the folks who passed the above information on to us. Without you, we wouldn't know these things. Please do keep them in your prayers and any others we don't know about. Maybe even a little extra prayer.

Our Facebook membership seems to be hung on 140. If you haven't joined, please do so and browse the site. Lots of photos and other information there. And you are welcome to add to the notes or photos that are already there.

There was a cute photo and notice of a wedding to come in the newspaper as the daughter of Deborah and Steven Stolte, Class of 1981 get ready to take the big step. Our congratulations to them and we wish them many years of happiness.

Thanks to Debra Rutledge Posey, Class of 1977 for a posting on Facebook that our "Fightin Band from Bulldog Land" received a Division I rating last week-end. Our congratulations to the band. They really make us proud every time they perform.

Thanks to Larry Fisher, Class of 1969 for letting us know that Bruce Featherston of Irvine, California was in his class when they lived here. We will now add him to that class and hope to find out where the older and younger Featherston brothers belong. We are waiting to hear from someone who was in their class to let us know. That's Bill, Jr., the oldest and Don, the youngest.

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