Happy New Year!

Greetings from the Austin High School Classes of 1955 Reunion Committee! We had such a good time planning our 50th reunion we're staying in business. This is the first quarterly (we hope) 1955 Austin High Reunion newsletter. We want to maintain contact with all our classmates and keep everyone informed of plans for future events.

WHAT'S NEW?

If you have moved or changed your email address, please email the new information to reunion@austin1955.org, or call (847-623-5800) or write to Ken Rosko (Austin Class of 1955, 3233 West Grand Avenue – Suite 103, Waukegan, IL 60085-2234). To keep costs down, subsequent newsletters will be emailed to everyone who has email. Others will receive hard copy.

NOTE: If you know of any classmate who has passed on or have any other news for the next newsletter, please email Kaye (Beecroft) Aurigemma (kaurige@comcast.net) or Nancy (Baggio) Pasquerelli (npasq@comcast.net) or write to Ken Rosko at the above address.

NEXT EXCITING EVENT:

We're planning a **cruise** for early **February 2007**. <u>Let us know</u> if you'd like to join us for a week of fun and frolic (or just relaxing) at sea. We hope to keep the cost of the cruise between \$700 and \$1,500 per person, double occupancy. You must arrange and pay for your own transportation. **BRING A FRIEND!** Please complete and return the form below before <u>March 15, 2006</u>.

HELP WANTED:

Some classmates would like to buy a copy of a 1955 Maroon & White. Please tell us if you have one for sale or to give away.

STAY CURRENT, LOG ON:

The website remains in service at www.austin1955.org. Log in often to keep yourself abreast of what's going on. The site currently includes a graduate list, reunion photos, old school photos, articles of interest and the latest newsletter. If you have material that you think might be of interest, please email it to AustinWebmaster@comcast.net

WHO ARE THOSE PEOPLE?

The January and June Class photos from the reunion are now available on our website www.austin1955.org. Please help us identify everyone. Email your information to AustinWebmaster@comcast.net. Indicate January or June class, Row, Number of People from Left or Right, Color of shirt, dress, jacket, etc. The webmaster will post the information on the website.

RAINES VIDEO PRODUCTIONS (800-654-8277):

As of February 20, we have not received any reunion videos or DVD's. We have made many phone calls, and have been told they will be in the mail "soon". If you have ordered and not received anything from Raines, please let us know, so we have an accurate count of what is missing. Also, <u>call Richard Raines to lodge your complaint</u>.

REUNION KUDOS:

We were please to hear from many people after the reunion. Here are some of their comments. More will be printed later. <u>John and Wanda (Myers) Smith</u> – " ... a tremendous job... right down to the ice sculpture of the tiger and the maroon & white M & M's. It was fun seeing old friends and renewing old memories. Even my husband enjoyed the weekend."

<u>Carl Sonik</u> (Lane Tech) – "thank and commend you and your committee for planning and executing a wonderful reunion... obviously knew what was important and did it with class....perfect setting for me to reconnect with my childhood friends." <u>Rochelle (Lisky) Adler</u> – "Thoroughly enjoyed the week-end. ...This is what memories are made of."

<u>Larry Sommers</u> called to thank us for asking him to attend the reunion, and for our efforts in finding him.

Ray and Patricia (Heiland) Wise – "The reunion weekend was perfect down to the last detail...Thank you for a weekend we'll never forget. Go you Austin!"

<u>Gerry (Erdmann) O'Rourke</u> – "...I enjoyed every minute of the reunion and rekindling some old friendships. ...I look forward to the next event."

<u>Janet (Westergren)</u> <u>Johnson</u> – "...I'm hearing all kinds of praise and everyone really was very thrilled and impressed.... this event was a highlight of my life."

<u>Beverly (Morreale) Dalesandro</u> – "...wanted you to know how much my husband and I enjoyed the reunion. We are still talking about what a great time we had."

IN MEMORIAM:

We are sad to report the passing of Edwin G. Vanoucek (Vann) on October 28, 2005.

CRUISE INTEREST SURVEY - PLEASE RETURN BEFORE MARCH 15, 2006 TO KEN ROSKO,

Austin Class of 1955, 3233 West Grand Avenue - Suite 103, Waukegan, IL 60085-2234.

Please indicate your level of interest, 1=high, 2=medium, 3=low, and number of people.

(NOTE: This survey does not constitute a firm commitment – just your level of interest. The cruise will be selected according to the majority of votes.)

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Cruise A Cruise B Cruise C, or	Anywhere Sorry, I/We cannot attend. # of People
Cruise A 7 days to Eastern Caribbean	Price Range: \$ 700 - \$1,000 per person + airfare
Your name:	Phone:
Your address:	Fmail