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Celebrate 45 Years at the Picnic

Letter from your Committee

This edition of the Comet contains new information received from classmates in response to last years mailing and throughout the year. Please continue to share the highlights and changes in your life by completing and returning the enclosed information form. Feel free to include your comments and ideas on how we can improve future reunion events. We welcome your input.

It's that time! We are taking reservations to celebrate our 45th class reunion with a picnic on Saturday, August 12, 2006, at Kensington Metropark!

We have been hard at work to plan a reunion picnic event at an affordable price with a minimal amount of on-site work so that we can all relax and enjoy the time together. Our 45th Cody Class of 61' reunion picnic will be held at the Possum Hollow picnic shelter of Kensington Metropark from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm Saturday, August 12, 2006. Kensington Metropark is a 4,481-acre first-class recreational facility in Milford Michigan. Its wooded hilly terrain surrounds beautiful Kent Lake. It features picnic areas; beaches; boat rentals and a paved hike-bike trail. The picnic shelter has tables and trash barrels. Volleyball courts, ball fields, restrooms and a beach are located near by. It does not have electricity. More information on the park, can be found at http://www.metroparks.com/parks/pk_kensington.php

The ticket price is \$10 per person, to help defray the overall expense of the picnic, with no charge for children under 12. The price includes the picnic shelter reservation fee, a catered lunch, snacks and soft drinks. We plan to start lunch at 1:00 pm and serve until the food is gone. You may bring other beverages and a desert. Beer and wine are permitted and may be consumed only in picnic area. We, also, plan to offer T-shirts and hats, for purchase, with the "Cody Class of 61" logo. Either of these items can be ordered with your tickets. Additional details on the picnic, tickets and shirts are covered in the reservation package included with this newsletter.

All we need now is for you to plan on attending and to register and purchase your tickets! So please plan on attending and bring, photos and stories to share with your Cody class of 61 friends. If you have any input or would like to help with the picnic please include with the "request for information form" or send an e-mail note through our web site.

We will post updates on the picnic and other news on our web site at: <http://cody61.org>

Please order your tickets and don't forget to return the enclosed information form!

In a spirit of love, peace, hope and the holiday season, we wish you and your family a Merry Christmas; Happy Hanukkah; and a Happy 2006 New Year!

Richie Rich Classmate Budget Report Update



Richie Rich better known as Connie, reports that we have a total of \$1,619 in savings and checking, less the publication & distribution costs of this 2005 newsletter, web site costs and remaining costs from the reunion. New Alumni memberships, renewals and or donations will insure the continuation of your Cody Comet and will make your Class of '61 committee efforts possible.

Join the Alumni Association

Please don't forget to renew or join the Cody Class of '61 alumni association for the low cost of \$5.00 per year. All dues, past & future, should be paid in January each year to simplify our bookkeeping. Checks should be made out to "Cody Class of 61". A year 2005 membership card will be forwarded to you. If you have any question relative to this or your current payment status please give Connie a call at 734-425-7094. Thank you all for your continued support!

Send Your Letters To:

Cody Class of 61
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Harper Troye sends a hello to everyone. He has been enjoying retirement in Gilbert AZ. for the past two years, driving around in his new Toyota going to Vegas and other places out west.

Barbara Shields Pierce officially retired in June 2004 from teaching as a special education teacher. She and Dean spent the entire summer of 2004 moving, boxing & sorting 30 years of STUFF to their beautiful home on Main Street in Harrisville MI on Lake Huron. They are enjoying the people, the town and their home. They love the "Up North" very much. Their granddaughter is enrolled in 1st grade in Harrisville, so Barbara is keeping busy with volunteering in the school. She also is busy with various city organizations as a volunteer.

Robert Kowalewski class of '60 and his wife Carol have moved to Grand Rapids, and like a lot of us, are VERY PROUD of their first grand child. He was born on December 13th 2004 at 5:14 PM and weighed 8 lb./4 oz, 21 1/2 long and is the best looking boy ever.

Carol Jackson Valentine and her husband James recently moved to Plymouth MI. They are both happy, healthy and collecting Social Security.

Ronald Beck has retired from Ford Motor Company as of

March 1, 2003 after 30 years. He and wife Joan are living in Canton.

John Nance class of '60 has been retired for 6 years since spending 35 years in the old Kmart system. John now lives in Nampa ID, which is just outside of Boise. He is married to Katy, who is a native Idahoan. His extended family includes Katy's 2 daughters and his 2 sons. Both girls, Candice and Amanda are living in Idaho and are 24 & 22 years of age. Their sons Steve and Scott are 41 and 40 years old. Steve has been in the Air Force for 20 years and is presently in Korea, while Scott is in southern California working as an executive with Pepsi. Their youngest daughter Candice was married in May of 2005 and works for T Mobile. Amanda is into politics and works with the Democratic Party. John says that they have some lively discussions. He also thanks us for the newsletter and info.

Frances Tanghetti Wilson went from bookkeeper and secretary in Detroit, to health food store clerk, school bus driver and nanny in Virginia Beach. Then onto managing a historic country store in Rural Retreat VA, to college at 30 years of age and became a potter, wild foods forager, mini gardener and carpenter when she bought an old house in the mountains of southwest Virginia. She was always accompanied by her daughter Karen, who became her best friend. Frances was a single mom for 30 years. She was the care taker of Karen who fought for six years with a

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chronic rejection of an organ transplant. Karen passed into heaven on Nov 1, 2004 at home.

Amelia Faraoni Robertson wrote to tell us that Las Vegas became a bit richer when she and Ron took a trip in 2004. All of her family is well. Her Mom is 79 and her Dad is 86, and still living on Rutherford in Detroit where Amelia grew up.

Sue Skinner Ross with Virgil are enjoying Florida's Sun. Denny and Vi Edens had dinner with them a while ago. They would enjoy getting together with their Cody friends that live in South Florida.

Michael Adler is just past president of IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers), a 380,000 member world wide organization. This has kept him very busy in his semi-retirement, traveling around the world. Mike retired from GE in 2000, but works for a small company in the Albany NY area called MTI. Besides work and travel his hobbies keep him busy. These include skiing, hiking, sailing, and photography. Mike and his wife, Virginia Dohring, divide their time between homes in upstate NY and Jackson WY. Mike sends a hello to all classmates.

Virginia Dohring Adler retired from her position as chemistry teacher in 1999. She travels a lot with her husband, Mike, for business and pleasure. Trips to London are frequent since daughter, Emily, lives and works there. She is a graduate of Stanford University and holds 2 graduate degrees from Lon-

don School of Economics. Son, Jerry, who is nine years younger attends MIT and is a sophomore studying chemical engineering. Both children are avid skiers and hikers. These are family activities. Virginia is very involved in the league of Women Voters and also loves studying piano. Virginia sends a hello to all.

Richard Gierczak wants to know if Cody High is still there and how it's doing.

Pamela Olds Haupt and Tom Haupt send Holiday greetings and hope to see everyone next year!

Betty Banwart Mitchell says that after 15 years with the Macomb County Health Department, she retired last January. Both of her girls were married 8 weeks apart this summer. It was a busy but fun filled summer. No grand children yet. Betty wonders how she worked and maintained everything else! Her time is consumed with more parish nurse activities for her church.

James Griffin sends a hello and to say life is the "Same old, Same old" with him.

Marjorie Rhine Tyler is still working as an RN at Botsford Hospital (since 1972). She is still married to David (since 1971), still has her mortuary Science License (since 1965), and continues to provide support services for funeral homes locally. Marjorie's only son David Jr. Graduated in 2004, with a masters in P. T., and is living in Grand Rapids.

Donald Cox wonders if anyone lives around Princeton NJ? If so stop by and say hello. There have been some big changes in Dons life since last year. He contracted esophageal cancer and he is currently in remission. In spite of this Don is still participating in competitive masters swimming at Princeton University. Three of the six kids are now married and have five grandchildren. They are spread all over, Australia, Sun Valley, New Orleans, Atlanta, and New York.

Margaret Garbacz Ferns is happy to have found Betty Jane Paraski Kujaoia on Classmates.com. She also thanks Connie and Rita for passing on her phone number and address to Bernadine Mucciante Rice. As of 12/20/04 they have made contact after 30 some odd years.

Janet Snyder Tarkowski tells us that 2004 was a wonderful year because Alexander Klautky, her first Grandson was born. He lives with his parents in Worchester MA. Early in the year, Janet got a sweet Labradoodle puppy that has grown very tall with a strong poodle frame and 78 pounds of Labrador charm. The "puppy" is named Abbey. Abbey has worked all year for Pet Therapy International Certificalo. Janet will let us know next year how it turns out. Abbey works in Janets Psychology office 3 days a week, she goes to camp Fido on Tues & Thurs to run and play. What a joy Abbey is to both her and her clients.

Terry Kittleson thinks that a

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reunion would be great, either a picnic or dinner, but, he would prefer no children or grand children. All he wants to do is reminisce with old friends and relive a great part of our lives. Terry takes it one step further in that he thinks it should be against the rules to even talk about or show pictures of children or grand children.

Barbara Kohl Lewis wrote to tell us that she is well and enjoying a prosperous life of good health, happy Grand Children and an active 86 year old mother and many happy times. Who could ask for anything more!

William Mozurkewich sends a hello to all, and hopes that everyone is enjoying their retirement as much as he and Terry are. Bill and Terry still enjoy going to vintage car shows and antiquing. They are both enjoying their home in Pinckney, and are looking forward to the picnic next summer, and hope to see everyone there.

Tony Mifsud, class of 62 has been retired since 1999 from teaching high school science. He and his wife Jewell, who is still working, have lived in Allen Park since 1972. Tony keeps busy, coaching girls cross country and track & field at Divine Child High School in Dearborn, and teaching driver education for downriver school districts. Tony, an avid runner, is also President of the Downriver Runner Club. They have 6 grandchildren.

David Pair is living in Sterling

Heights. Dave is emphatic about one thing: he is really enjoying his retirement.

Pat Buxton Latka usually spends 6 months in Michigan and 6 months in Florida, but hurricane Charlie damaged her condo in Florida last year. She now has 4 grandchildren. Pat plans on attending the picnic next summer.

Diane Covert Hazen is also retired. She retired from 38 years with the Wayne County Library system, and is loving every part of retirement.

John Ashcraft and his wife Mary have 2 grandchildren, Emily 6 and Brandon 3. John spends his free time with hobbies of trains and planes and chess.

Judy Faulkner Potratz and her husband Al are doing great. Judy is a breast cancer survivor of over 4 years. Their daughter Pamela and her husband Roy were expecting their 1st child after waiting for 10 years in March of this year. Hope all is well with them.

Sandra Adkins Corbett is sad to report that she lost both of her parents last year. Sandy sure loves her cruises. She has taken 10 of them! All the rest of her free time is spent enjoying her 11 grandchildren.

William Morgan is still working part time. He is a monitor for the Wayne State University Dept of Public Safety.

Violet Jone Edens sends greetings from Estero, Florida. She and her husband Dennis love to

see old friends and would like to set up a Cody Reunion in Florida. Vi and Denny will be at the 2006 picnic. Maybe they can get a Florida reunion going for the winter of 2007.

David Bellenir and his wife of 42 years Bobbi, keep busy out in the Irish Hills area with their roofing business and cash flow and financial consulting business. Dave also is a consultant to business people, who wish to protect their assets and financial privacy. They have a son and daughter and now have 3 grandchildren. They are still very active in their church in Tecumseh.

Caroll Krukowski Larsen, a reunion committee member is one of the few of our classmates still working. She is still an insurance agent working for State Farm in Westland. Her husband Harvey class of 58 retired this summer. They now have 4 grandchildren.

Shirley Maltby Aucutt and her husband Andy had one daughter. Shirley's daughter became an MD in Nuerology and Shirley was presented with a granddaughter June 05. She wants Shirley Speiss to call her.

Andrei Ealovega is retired from teaching. His wife Barbara Chopko is from class of '60. They have three sons and four grandchildren. They plan on attending the picnic reunion in Aug 2006. They live in Canton MI.

Trina Jones Szott class of 60. Trina and Husband Tom spend time at their condo on Marco

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Island Florida. They are still in the car business. They spend time with their seven Grandchildren and love it. Trina had a get together in Dec with classmates Pat Kartunen Perrin, Lorraine Zaborowski Fordanich, Kathy Williams Kaspzyk, Baraara Yowitz Reed, and Jackie Jurkowski Pikaitis.

John Catallo is retired from General Motors. His wife Judy is planning on retiring in 2006. They have two sons and three grandchildren.

Janet Boone King has moved to Queen Creek Arizona. She is still working as an insurance agent and enjoys her grandchildren, everyone is doing well.

Patrick Packer is living in St. Clair MI and is taking classes in Pewabic Pottery and also cares for his horses.

Sharon Vincent Freeman currently lives on Harsens Island MI and would like to contact Marcella Winebrener Peeken from Scottsdale Arizona.

Lois Robinson Fradel is busy with T. T. T. Society, Friendship Force, and Discovery Shop in her retirement and is looking forward to her Husband Ron's retirement and spending time with children and grandchildren. They reside in Bettendorf FL.

Conrad Harenda is from the Class of '60 and spends winters in Naples Florida and summers in Dexter Michigan.

Bruce Hobaugh is in the process of moving from Strasburg

CO to Coosbay, Oregon to embark on a new career as a fisherman, and boat builder.

Diane Kosabiewicz Reno is retired and living in Eureka CA. She is attending College of Redwoods for Art and private lessons for portrait painting.

Patricia Shoemaker Cooney and her husband are retired. They both enjoy reading and traveling.

Rita Buckles Avocadi has had a busy second half of the year. She recently found it necessary to move her father to an assisted living home. That has lead to going through all of the "stuff" in his house and deciding what to sell, keep or donate. She hopes to have it all completed by the end of the year so she can get back to some of her other projects.

Phyllis Szewczyk Demaine sends her regards and enjoys getting the newsletter.

Carolyn McNeice Hawkinson is retired from Comerica Bank after 25 years. Her husband Carl will be retiring this year too. Carolyn and Carl have 8 grandchildren.

Joanne Jankowski Knox enjoys reading the newsletter. She is still enjoying retirement in Florida.

Antoinette Bilicki McCormick after 35 years in the city of Detroit, Antoinette has permanently moved into her house in Allen MI.

Richard Monahan says that he is still working. So far he has

not been able to slow down. That's at work; otherwise he has slowed waaaay down. He sends his regards.

Sue Seng Parker sends her regards and is looking forward to another reunion.

William Skolnik is enjoying life on a farm raising a garden, apple trees and grapes. He rents out his barn to others that are raising horse's. He wants to know if anyone has information on classmate, Ronald M. Davis.

Linda Music Thompson sends her regards from Hernando, Florida. Linda and her husband celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary this year with a trip to Costa Rica.

Barbara Glise Yderstad and Mike (Cody 59) have been enjoying retirement for 5 years. They traveled to Manila in the Philippines to have Christmas with their Daughter Lori, her husband Greg and two grandchildren.

Stan & Kathy Svoboda report there have been a number of significant changes in their lives this past year. Stan lost his dad, Stan Sr., the lifelong musician, unexpectedly, to heart failure. Stan fondly remembers his dad as a "Cool Cat" who truly enjoyed his "Gig" in life with his family and all of his numerous friends. Stan & Kathy, also celebrated 40 yrs. of marriage, with a cruise provided by their 5 wonderful kids. Their youngest, Jennifer, got married and they have a new son in-law, Adam. Jenny, also, graduated from medical school, accepted

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a U of M residency (internal medicine and pediatrics) and moved to a new home in Ann Arbor. Their other daughter, Julie, is still pursuing her dream of writing and comedy in Calif. She is currently dating Brian Scolaro a comic, who plays the role of Stuart in the new Fox comedy series "Stacked" starring Pamela Anderson. Both Stan & Kathy are still working and looking forward to the days when they will have more time to spend with their kids and 5 grandchildren.

Gloria Newhouse Tachuk & Ron Tachuk are enjoying their retirement wintering in Florida doing what they want when they want. They hope all of their retired classmates are doing the same.

Robert Alvey and his wife Jean spent 2 1/2 months of the winter of 2004-2005 in St Augustine FL to get away from old man winter. They look forward to the Reunion Picnic in 2006. They are hoping for some grandchildren by then.

Joyce Brandt Carravallah and her husband Tom hope everyone is doing well.

Alexis Fronimos Holmstrom and her husband David are still enjoying life in Florida regardless of the hurricanes. She keeps busy with line dance lessons, painting classes, golf and molding for a local department store.

Harry Moore wrote to thank the committee for the updates on our classmates. He remembers high school full of great

times and good friends. He tells us the newsletter is a link to some of the best times he ever enjoyed.

Sue Chynoweth Moore continues to teach sewing machine operation classes 3 days a week for a local sewing machine dealer near her home in San Jose CA. Sue attended and taught classes at a national convention in Nashville TN recently.

Fred Gulyas is still in California and enjoying the good life. Fred a '60 grad found out after checking the old yearbooks his pictures only appear in the 1959 & 1960 swim team photos.

Darlene Simer Lacki and her husband David wrote to thank the committee for all the updates. She has been busy cooking and babysitting.

Walter Jakubiec hopes to be retired by 01/01/06. He has over 31 years with Ford and he says it's time to leave. He hopes everyone is doing well especially our classmates in living Florida. He hopes to see many of our classmates at the picnic next year.

Kathy Williams Kaspzyk is a 60 grad still living in Rochester Hills MI. She and her husband are doing well and enjoying their children and grandchildren.

These classmates also wrote to say hello and renew their dues:

John Battista, Dennis Barclay, Judy Bean Porter, Christine Byck Hopper, Larry Bugeja, Robert Cummings, Ronald Do-

bija, Linda Dominiak Burm, Faye Drew Long, Frank Dziewit Jr., Lenora Frick Brochowski, Kathryn Hays Farley, Michael Hubert, Carol Jackson Valentine, Patricia Jankowski Melek, James Klimek, Judith Klusacek Bishop, Christine Kolbusz Newton, Patricia Krolkowski Boyington, Jerrie Kubek Maciarz, Janice Larson Derr, Andrew Leventis, Paul Lipa, James Martin, Ronald Martinez, John Moon, Gerald Moore, Bernadine Mucciante Rice, Carol Nedwick West, Daniel Pelachik, Sharon Pinney Luttermoser, Charlotte Pundey Lothian, Patricia Purcell Rebain, Franklin Reed, Jeanette Reismont Field, Georgia Schorr Scappaticci, Bernadene Shamus Pelachik, David Shoemaker, Douglas Smith, Christine Sokol Graham, Patricia Tjerlund Battista, Donald Wake, Donna Wake Vach, Arthur Walters, Donald Worthington, Lorraine Zaborowski Fordanich.

Lost and Found (people)

If you would like to contact a classmate, give Connie a call at 734-425-7094, or Rita at 248-348-7437. You may also send email to:
connie@cody61.org
rita@cody61.org.

In Deepest Sympathy

Stan Svoboda's father Stanley Sr. passed away March 22, 2005. He was 84 years old. Geraldine, his wife of 63 years survives him along with 5 children 19 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Sheila Method Kolo died January 1, 2005. The information came from her daughter Nancy.

Frances Tanghetti Wilson lost her daughter Karen Nov 1, 2004.

Joyce Brandy Caravallah lost her father in law. Thomas Caravallah February 7, 2005 at the age of 89. He leaves 3 children, 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Andrea Krych Szkrybalo let us know her mother died in the spring of 2005.

Karen Williamson Wilkinson lost her husband Robert in 2004.

Cody General Store

Information on ordering ticket, T-shirts and hats are listed on the order form enclosed with the newsletter. To place your orders, fill in the required information, return it with a check by March of 2006 for hats and T-shirts, June of 2006 for Picnic tickets.

T-shirt prices are from S-XL \$8, 2XL-3XL \$10.
Hat prices are \$8.

Shipping is \$3 first item, \$2 each additional, or you can pickup your items at the Picnic.



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Happy New Year to All!

See you at the picnic!

The End.