



February-March 2016 AHS '63 Newsletter Lizards, Leprechauns & Brute in a Tutu

Austin, March 9, 2016. Actually, we started this little column early early on LeapDay with feverish good intentions. We were 10 ways into things that leap...and then stuff happened. Computer virus. On our Mac. These things do not occur on a Mac. It is like it's own planet. But... if you have the firewall turned off...okayokay who turned off the firewall? Sigh. Feverish good intentions went pfffft whilst somebody else controlled the cursor...5 hours and only \$129 later we were clear of the monstrous insult. But, the muse refused to leap up and write...we were hobbled by goblins. Bleah.

*BUT, like Li'l Orphan Annie, several TomorrowTomorrows later, here we are. We bring up LOA because Feb 29th was her birthday [Leapin' lizards!] We all grew up with the red dress and big vacant oval eyes and Sandy and reallyreally odd adventures ... Daddy Godfather Warbucks, we now learn, despised FDR and government "interference"... it was a sociopolitical commentary? Holy Trumpsim, Batman! But back to the list of things that leap: the heart leaps (or was it the hart?), lovers leap *yikes* and there's leapfrog and leaping leprechauns, 10 lords a-leaping, leaping tall buildings in a single bound, a giant leap for mankind...and then there's a leap of faith...which is what it took to resume this newsletter since not many others jumped at the chance. Okayokay NO others jumped or leapt or even lurched sideways. But we hope you don't mind this chatteringboxthing up front because it's a chance to mull things over out loud with friends. Is that okay with you? Tell Brutus to put his silly knife away and let's just dance...he didn't want this job either :) TLHH*

...just for the record, Sadie Hawkins was invented in the Li'l Abner comic strip (1934-1978) and had roots in early Scottish law. Looks like a fellow had to pay a lady a pound if he refused her advances on that day. Turns out, a pound in 1288 could buy about 7 chalders [kettles] of oatmeal. At least she wouldn't starve.

Leap Year



When invitations or posters for a Leap Year Party are being planned, this old law will be useful. It was enacted in Scotland in 1288, a similar one in France a few years later, and in Italy in the fifteenth century.

"It is stated and ordained that during the reign of her most blessed Majesty, for every year known as Leap Year, every maiden lady of both high and low estate shall have liberty to bespeak the man she likes. But if he refuses to take her to be his lawful wife, he shall be fined in the sum of one pound or less, as his estate may be; except and always if he can make it appear that he is betrothed to another, he then shall be free."

—(Encyclopedia Britannica, 13th Ed. Reprinted from Kit 13.)



MAROON NEWSROOM

Unless you've got Tweet you are stumbling around in the dark with no hope...here: [JUST GO HERE AND BE AMAZED](#)...it is a whole new Dick Tracy world and you can get the news INSTANTLY about what's going on at Austin High. We are not kidding even a little bit. The pic is our AHS Jazz Band on location at SXSW, which is

And finally, here it is....
Claudia's Little List
of
Leaping (FEBRUARY)
Leprechaun (MARCH)
Birthdays



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

01 Malone Hill (45)
02 Beth Marsh Baldwin (45)

the annual two week shutdown of Austin for everything from live music to technology to whatever they mean by policy interactive. The President will be here tomorrow--doing SouthBy instead of the Nancy Reagan funeral--to discuss tech-connected cities and how not to over-regulate the internet. Very cool. Since everything shuts down when He moves, they are letting out downtown area schools at noon--that would be US :) ha. Herself will be speaking NEXT week on global education issues for girls. It's all going to be covered by the Maroon, so try to keep up.



Sue Dodgen Vasser has sent in a note and we are happy to pass it on...she says: "Assistance League of Austin, a National Non Profit, is having their annual convention at the Anatole

- 05 Linda Grove Lynk
- 05 Jean Doremus Grubb
- 06 Jimmy Moncivais Orona (44)
- 12 Carol Edwards Shull (45)
- 16 Joanne Jennings Riley (46)
- 17 Chuck Worrell (45)
- 22 Weldon Gentry (45)

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Bonnie Montgomery Carol (46)
- 02 Sidney Brient Lock (46)
- 03 Mike Bown (45)
- 03 Carlton Edwards (45)
- 06 Menota Fields Edwards (45)
- 07 Cathy Foust Seddon (45)
- 07 Harper Clark (45)
- 08 Allan Stark (45)
- 09 Malcolm Flournoy (45)
- 10 Judy Cleveland Huppert (45)
- 12 Scarlett O'Dell Reimer (45)
- 13 Phyllis Gerloff Guthrie (45)
- 31 Sue Dodgen Vasser (45)

VERY SAD STORY...

The nasty computer virus ATE the birthday list & we have only been able to retrieve an OLDER birthday list...

if you have gone MISSING from the list above please HIT REPLY and send it to us again—

AND

we will just send the list out AGAIN :) how's that?

AND

IF YOU'VE NEVER SENT YOURS IN well then!

NOW is a really really good time to do that isn't it?

Just to be super clear:

if you sent in your birthday

ANY TIME DURING THE LAST 3 YEARS

it's pretty much for certain we aren't going to be able to find that.

We have wept bitter tears over the whole thing but it didn't help much...

TELL YOU WHAT...

How about ALL of you just HIT REPLY and SEND IN YOUR BIRTHDAY just for the helluvit?

and give our little chimpmailbox the shivers? we would ADORE receiving little hellos we are sooooooo waiting for that kind of fun :)

THE END.

Hilton in Dallas September 14-18. We are looking for local vendors who might want to purchase a table (Price not set yet but around \$550 for all days.) I know we have lots of talented classmates who might want to take advantage of this opportunity. In years past we have had about 1000 conference attendees and 20 vendors — many of them local — selling jewelry, handbags, scarves, clothes, swimwear, etc. All things Texas would be great, too. We are taking reservations now for this Conference. I can certainly give you more information on Assistance League of Austin. I know many of our classmates shop at our Thrift Store, 4901 Burnet Rd. Thanks!" **welcome! and if you've got a question, you can magically email Sue by clicking [HERE](#)**



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