

...oh just come on in, it's rather an adventure after all...



## AHS Class of '63 Newsletter January Into February 2017

—Alice in Ponderland Edition—

*Tw'as brillig, and the slithy toves  
Did gyre and gimble in the wabe:  
All mimsy were the borogroves,  
And the mome raths outgrabe.*

Austin, January 13, Friday of course, tis chilly [brillig](#), 4:30 a.m., a little early for proper tea, an' fixin to rain. Soooo our story begins with the rather beamish news that we have done with the 12 days. Sorta. The tree that sustained us through many pipers piping is so stiff and bushy it will now have to be sawed up *in situ* and hauled out piecemeal. We have been in a muddle on that and plenty else. It was back around Day 7 we noticed our inner swans were definitely a-swimmin' in circles. 'After that it got blurry, but one carries on. \*just fyi there is no mute button on these nasty swans...they're all definitely **trumpets**... honkhonkhonkblatherblather.... next year we will ask santa for a 12-day clicker dude in a black leather holster\* Turns out, even with all this whitehairyfeathered serenity toside, we'd been experiencing a klunky lurching and bad bubbles below deck. uhhh. Which explains the [gyring](#) swans: only one oar in the water, so to speak. And it's easily explained. But it's not as simple as ugly feet and bad shoes. Right along with at least half of 'merica, we'd got the tremblymimsies about the state of the pond for the next four years...and so we'd been having [frumious](#) nightmares about shoes dropping & getting off on the wrong foot & that one-shoe-off-and-one-shoe-on thing...\*we were in TRUB-BUL\* Mulling it over in a

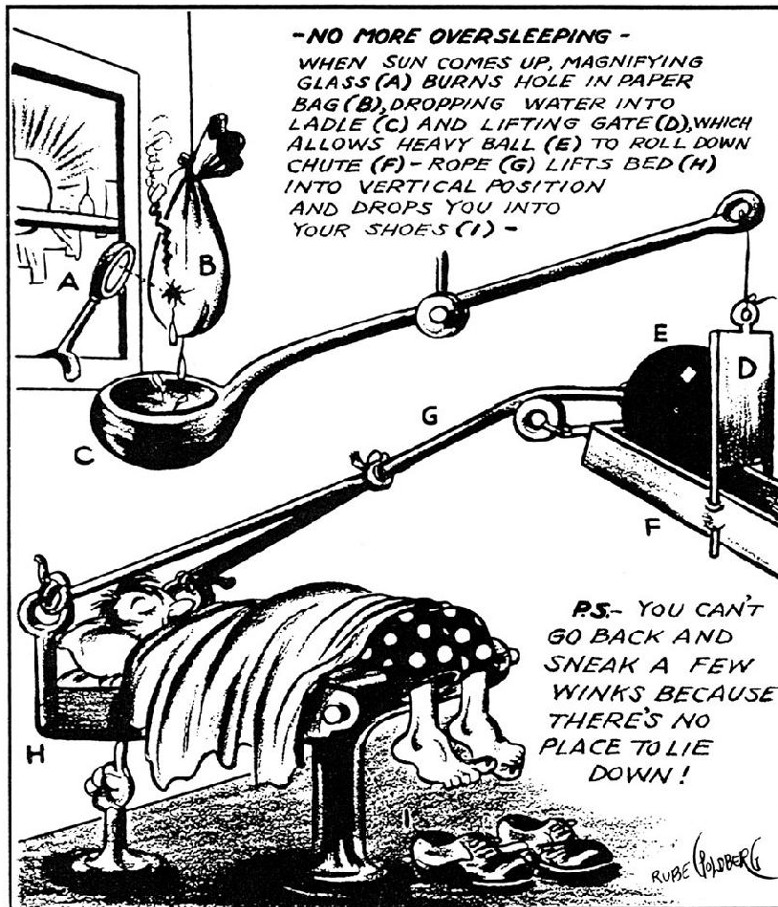
maroonish moment, conventional Jungian wisdom \*honkhonk\* with a little Louise Hay and whatever brown fairies say thrown in for good measure suggested this was a case of O.F.S....the dreaded One-Foot Syndrome.... and, alas, there are no simple solutions for finding one's footing when treading the spongecake. Not to mention restoring our precious emointellectualbalance. Not to mention resolving shoe angst. Tricky stuff. For the rest of our days we might well be dwelling amongst the [toves](#), eating cheese under sundials. No simple solutions for these complicated times!! Fine then. Off we went to look for a *complicated* solution instead. yukyuk. **Sooo where's Rube Goldberg when you need 'im?** We google up RG. \*cue Hark, the herald one more time\* Oooohhhh loooooook ... millions of perfectly [frabjous](#) inventions to solve any problem!!! AND GLORY BE \*more cloven skies unfurling\* ...there's a **Foot Rube** to resolve Wet AND Dry O.F.S.! We are overklempt with joy.

## ONE-FOOT SYNDROME SOLUTION

### AKA A RETRIEVING SYSTEM FOR STURDY HIWATER FOOTWEAR IN THE SWAMP



**O.F.S. SOLUTION for NEGOTIATING MOSTLY DRY LAND,  
PREVENTING FOOT-IN-MOUTH  
& PROMOTING GENERAL ALERTNESS  
WITH FUNNY BONE IN LOADED AND LOCKED POSITION**



WHO KNEW? now all our little inner swans were a-swooning and snorting it up in 6-inch sparkly pink pradas (\$670) and \*snickersnack!\* we're all lined up and paddling forward again. There's no place like home. Happy ending. So. For whatever muddles all of us in the days ahead—whether we're stripes or bars or stars on thars—we may take it seriously, but with *humor*. As we traverse the arc of a moral universe, we are committed to whatever it takes to soften us up and smooth out the bad bubbles, eh? Onward thru the frog!



### La Fonda Falalalala...

Gasp. Was frantic for a fainting couch. 40 people showed up—not all at the same time, fortunately... preventing extra tilt to an already wildly spinning planet. Photog was not our strong suit that night, but we do not give a fig. Lookit all these fabulous loyal forever people. We have run out of space to post them all. We didn't take roll but we heard from Bill & Gloria Bennett, Nancy Williams, Nancy

**A few leads on good stuff from LBK**  
 [Linda Burk Kemp]  
 Our  
 local *laureatam librarianam extremam* ofte

Taylor, Marcy Howard, Jackie Moon Gannaway, Alan Bergstrom, Ann Varnado Page, Sue Dodgen Vassar, Meiling Newman, Sidney Locke Benham & husband Bill, Lucielle Puett & Bob Binder...and more, including the celebrity types in the pics below.



Steve Goodwin lookin' famous. Maybe Hemingway playing the Godfather...

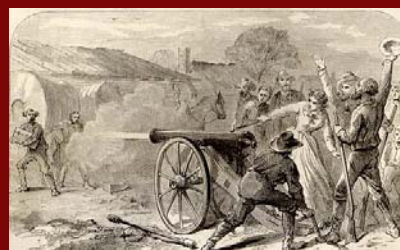
n pitches local news items in our direction with pathetic optimism that we will keep up. THIS month she rates her own dingdang column. THREE items from

Rover 1:

1. The 2017 Austin History Center—celebrating the 175th Anniversary of Angelina Eberly's Famous Cannon Shot—will feature a local rock star panelist (Vickie) Sandra Kirk.



Another local luminary Michael Barnes is moderating. The event is in the Driskill Ballroom this year on Friday, January 27, 1:15. Want to go see??? Click [HERE](#) to purchase reserved seats. And if you remain ignorant of just who was Angelina Eberly ... she heard a noise and ran out in the middle of a cold December night and fired off a canon at Sam Houston's cohorts who were taking the state archives out of Austin and moving the seat of Texas government to Houston. She was having none of it, and is "The Woman Who Saved Austin."



3. The Newberry family business supports AHS—Tarrytown Pharmacy, open since 1941, is currently located in Casis Village



Mary Frances Guerrero, Franklin & Gigi Mendez,  
Ray & Dawn Andrade



JoAnn Morris Matthews, Martha Sansom, Jimmy  
Collier ...

Shopping Center, is owned and managed by Brian's little brother Mark, who is also the pharmacist ... and there's a rather large Austin Maroon banner over the front door!



3. Even though Indie films were foolishly not in the golden globes this week, there's a full length Indie featuring the classy class actress Susan R Roberts



showing @ 7p at the Alamo in the Village January 17! *Homestate* won the 2016 Austin Film Festival Audience Award last fall and SRR Fan Club Prez LBK was there. Wanna go? Click [here](#) for tix and info. SRR has been heard to say that it's only a brief part but the prez sez foey on that and SRR is really good and it's a good story and y'all would enjoy it. So there.



PKM [Preshuss Kelly Marguerite Jarrell], Mary Ann Mellenbruch, Jimmy Raup

Yes we will plan more little soirees. SEE BELOW.  
Will pack in smelling salts in case this many loyals  
ever show up again.



**BURNET ROAD**

...you can never get too much of a good thing,  
right? here's your chance to find out:

**HEARTTHROB HAPPY HOUR**

FEBRUARY 14th

5 - 6:30p

....okayokay...it's the only date left

A thoughtful note from Bill Bennett came in yesterday to say that several in the class would want to know that Bill Benham's daughter, Susan, passed away in the Houston area this week after an automobile accident.

Condolences may be sent to William D. Benham, 8100 Pampas Cove, Austin, 78750.



**AL STAEHALEY @ EL MERCADO**

FEB 11th

JoAnn Matthews sent in the word on yet aNOTHER class rock star, who is actually a rock star, and she says you can go [HERE](#) to indicate on the webpage that you're interested in going so we can start a list. We actually caught Al's gig at El Mercado last fall and, sure enough, he still rocks the house. Y'all come on down!

\*we get to say that whether or not it's true because,  
duh, we can. ha\*

You'll still have plenty of time before the  
ELEGANT hour for dining rolls around and  
besides y'all have been married a hunnert years.  
really.

SO LOYAL UP AND SHOW UP

\*you've got about 4 weeks to remember so you better write it  
on the calendar\*

ARE YOU COMING?

c'mon. thrill us.



### Born in All That Snow...

- 01 Ginnie Lou Peck Smith (45)
- 02 Doug Spiller (45)
- 03 John Bode (46)
- 05 Myron Ralph Boyd (45)
- 06 Bev Wright Witwer (45)
- 07 Harold Hashem (45)
- 09 Mike DeGeurin (45)
- 10 Dick Williamson (45)
- 10 Jimmy Collier (45)
- 10 Gwen Doss Stone (45)
- 11 John Pendleton (45)
- 12 Grady McGonagill (45)
- 12 Charlotte Johnson Klingman (45)
- 15 Lulu Peal Muse (45)
- 15 Scotty Thomas (45)
- 15 Tom Dunlap (45)
- 18 Vickie Herold Dow (45)
- 19 Bill Crimm (45)

19 Betty Hage Heaton (45)

20 Kenny Roberts (45)

21 Janan Rodgers Moses (45)

22 Gloria Sue Cook Hyatt (45)

22 BO ROTHCHILD (45)

23 Danny Kohler (46)

23 Steve Goodwin (45)

24 Grant Simpson (45)

27 Jann Sorrell Fractor (45)

29 Harry Menn, Jr. (45)



### **71 years of being a Valentine Baby**

01 Malone Hill (45)

01 Ben Bernal (45)

02 Beth Marsh Baldwin (45)

05 Linda Grove Lynk (45)

05 Jean Doremus Grubb (45)

06 Jimmy Moncivais Orona (44)

07 Kent Rider (46)

12 Carol Edwards Shull (45)

16 Joanne Jennings Riley (46)

22 Weldon Gentry (45)

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*LOYAL FOREVER Y'ALL*