

JUNE 2015 Class of '63 NEWSLETTER



May 25th, scene from the 15h street bridge over Lamar. It might be hard to feature exactly what you're looking at here, but that's House Park. Most of the Memorial Day flood news covered the horrific events in Wimberley... the Blanco River carrying off houses full of people, killing 8... ripping out 500 yr old cypresses and marooning them on bridges. So, the local 12th & Lamar shop owners were not heard to complain much about 20 feet of water.. Shoal Creek really went on a roll...over two dozen rescues in 3 hours. Same scene, looking north:



It was gone and mostly dry 24 hrs later.

The only classmate reporting in was Barbara Huber Ward:

"Had at least 1 foot of water in lower floor- since we live in a HOLE...near Shoal Creek. The water removal people have been here for a week and yet Bill had stored his extensive Art collection and lots of it was damaged. I am having to wait until the end of the month to go to Colorado.

(Bummer)"

If anyone else in the area has a story, send it... we'll post an addendum. We are so hopeful that friends and family came through it safely...but we know some did not and hold them in our hearts.

*June 4. *we have promised the wee preshuss claudia we will try to write large except when we wish to whisper wickedly* So, came the afternoon of Memorial Day all tornado-infested and hailing buckets and we think, prudently, as we perch under the stairs waiting for the all-clear, it would be good to call over to the really nice place just down the way where we had contracted to spend a patriotic hour with the sweet ancients in well-wheeled chairs. They like to sing. We like to play. Pure symbiosis. *BUT, worth risking life & limb for pursuit of happy? not so much, so we call...surely they've cancelled* Sweetness & Light on the other end of the phone inquires "How far away are you?" which bodes not well. "360 & Six-Flags-Over-Jesus" *Riverbend Church to the uninitiated...CouldShoulda-sed 12th & Lamar glub glub but we didn't know about that yet* S&K: "Oh, I was afraid you were in Round Rock...not to worry!" GTK *gasp* We spring from the safety of the throne room & whip out the door armed with bumbershoot & plenty of quack-em-up tunes. We are relatively fearless *well, fortuitously, you'll recall there are already dimples that do not show **that much** on a white car. funny comfort, that* No small thanks to Moses, we can see the road. Upon arriving, there are 70 little people lined up wheel-to-wheel in the halls in safety mode. Seems there's another tornado 2 minutes from Westlake. Whatever. Suddenly it's a hall party. Homemade ice cream & strawberries & blueberries all around. Some pretty fantastic orderlies roll the upright out in the big fat messy middle of it all--AND we have a stupendously grand time. Best EVER. A real thunder clapper foot stomper. A real She's a Grand Old Flag old-fashioned fun good time. ...The main storm hit halfway home. The fact that the dimpled darling crawled up and down the hills at 15 mph for 45 minutes did absolutely nothing to dampen the spirit. **Sometimes, little old people are magical.** If we keep our spirits up, we have that to look forward to. Are we there yet?*



Speaking of honors and grand not-so-old things, this is a good time to note that our classmate Lt. Colonel Tom Lewis (U.S. Army, Retired) was honored at last month's AHS 2015 Dedication Day with a singular presentation of the "Well Done" medal for his 25 years of service. Tom was a helicopter pilot in Viet Nam and served with the military police in Germany--it's a beautiful thing to have the regard of present and future generations. Congratulations, Tom.

An Hour Happymaking Your Own Self...or something



*...and so here we are
where
make-it-up-sister
meets
schedule-it-and-they-will-come*

:)

*we make it up every month, and several people actually attend,
and we are shocked that it seems to work pretty much EVERY TIME...*

HOWEVER,

*This month we are wading into vacation time and we
suggest a happy hold on happy hour
until September...*

are you good with that?

**we are pretty much sure there will be a party opportunity*
probably around a pool sometime in July*

and so we'd like to just wait for it...anticipation being such a fine thing :)

and we love backyard parties for a little change-up ...

but let us hear from you on that, okay?

hup hup & hit reply

AND FINALLY...
CLAUD'S LITTLE BIRTHDAY LIST FOR



- 01 Tina Lawson Houston (45)*
03 Georgia Gaarde Fariss (45)
04 John Brakebill (45)
05 Jon Fruchter (45)
09 Linda Slease Sadler (45)
09 Marsha Slease McLaurin (45)
09 Nancy Williams (45)
09 Polly Coffin Swain (45)
10 Will Houston (45)
11 Glen Lewis (46)
12 Ron Warden (45)
13 Bill Moses(45)
13 Jim Sanders (45)
13 Gary Don Whitlock (45)
16 Connie Knippa Simmonds (45)
20 David Nelson (45)
22 John Luedecke (45)
23 Babs Becker (45)
23 George Covington (45)
24 Sam Boyd (45)
26 Nancy Taylor (45)
29 Sherman DeBusk (45)
29 Alan Bergstrom (45)

...and if, by some crashing miserable stroke of stupidity, we have somehow failed to divine your birthday [really, we're not psychic--well, some of us are psychO, but we are very very careful about admitting it's advantages] you hafta TELL US, please?We actually WANT to know it...so WRITE BACK!

now wasn't that sweetly said?

loyal forever, y'all