



AUSTIN HIGH CHICAGO 1950s ALUMNI

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SAVE THE DATES: October 9, 10, 11, 2020 for our **AUSTIN HIGH ALL 1950s REUNION.**

At a recent Austin High 1950s Reunion committee meeting, Shel Marcus ('55), Chairman of the 2020 Reunion Planning Committee, gave an informative presentation of the work his committee, comprised of representatives of the 1955 and 1956 classes, has done so far.

They have secured the Drury Lane Theatre Complex and Oakbrook Hilton Suites in Oakbrook Terrace, IL for an elegant sit-down dinner on Friday night, a casual Chicago-style '50s party on Saturday night, with all manner of special surprises both nights, and a farewell breakfast Sunday morning.

There also will be an area for displaying Austin memorabilia. We would like to have copies of each year's Maroon & White available in the memorabilia area for attendees to review. If you have one or more copies, and are willing to share them for the weekend, or if you have other memorabilia to bring, please contact **Shel Marcus** at shelmarcus@yahoo.com or 847-966-5862.

Also, if you know anyone who attended Austin during the 1950s, and is not currently on our 1955 or 1956 mailing list, please have them contact **Art Fumarolo** at reunion@austin1955.org or 847-289-7847, so they can start receiving the 2020 reunion information.

Once again, **MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for **October 9, 10, and 11, 2020**, and spread the word to other 1950s alums. This could be the biggest and best reunion ever. Watch for more information in future newsletters.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

We are very grateful to the following classmates for their donations in support of this newsletter:

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LADIES, PLEASE NOTE YOUR MAIDEN NAME ON YOUR CHECK, and everyone, PLEASE NOTE YOUR CLASS YEAR ('55, '56, '57, etc.).

Help Wanted: The class of '56 needs an alum to take over the class database. It is all in Excel, with no fancy formulas or special routines. If you use Excel, you can do the job, and training/consulting is available.

Respond with your offer to take on this important job to the newsletter editor kaurige1@att.net or to marshech@comcast.net. Thanks.

AUSTIN NEWS: The Chicago Public Library Foundation was given a \$250,000 grant by the Comcast Corporation to help bridge the “digital divide” in Chicago. At a news conference announcing the grant, Mayor Lori Lightfoot said she’s heard countless stories of parents driving their kids to parking lots of fast-food restaurants, and parking, so they can use the free WIFI to do their homework. “In this country, in this city with the wealth and the talent that we have, that should never ever be a thing,” Lightfoot said at the Austin branch library, at 5615 W. Race Ave., one of the branches receiving the grant money. “I am confident that the investments Comcast has made will bridge in the short term the digital divide that is holding back our children, our families and our neighborhoods.” [Chicago Sun-Times 8-16-19]

ALUMNI NEWS: Janet (Westergren) Johnson writes from Lancaster, CA, “On July 4, 2019, my family and I were on vacation in San Clemente in our 2nd floor condo. About 10:30 a.m., my daughter was on her computer and told me to stop shaking the table, which I wasn’t, but I did feel light-headed and dizzy. Then the TV flashed – “Earthquake in Ridgecrest 6.8.” Ridgecrest is a 4-hour drive north of where we were. We called our homes in Lancaster, CA, just one hour away from Ridgecrest. The only damage was lost water from the swimming pool. That night, we watched fireworks on the San Clemente pier.

The next day, we drove to Oceanside, CA to get fresh fish on the way home. We reached Lancaster at 7:30 and found a mess in my home. The kitchen cabinets had opened and canned goods had fallen all over. The bathroom shelves had broken, dropping linens on the floor. As I was picking up the linens, the second quake hit – a 7.3. I was swaying back and forth and the rest of the articles on the shelves started falling on me. I ran outside and met my neighbors on the street. We all had vertigo. My neighbor to my right was wrapped in a towel, having been in the shower when quake #2 hit about 7:30 pm. You don’t care what you’re doing – you just go for safety. Thank Goodness, we only had clean-up to do, but our neighbors in Ridgecrest had major damage.

You actually don’t know what’s happening at first – it starts out so subtle. Then, it grows to a real “Shaker”, and the dizziness sets in for about 30 minutes. We have our earthquake kits prepared, because Lancaster, CA sits on the San Andreas fault, but we hope the “Big One” never happens. We’re getting aftershocks now, but they’re not too bad.” [Editor’s note: Thank you, Jan, for this vivid account of a real earthquake experience.]

AUSTIN HISTORY: Thanks to **Paul Sengpiehl (’55)** for bringing us this historical tidbit from *Chicago Jewish History, Spring 2009: The Jazzman Had a Jewish Father* by Bev Chubat. Tenor saxophone legend Lawrence “Bud” Freeman was renowned as a raconteur, as well as a musician. His effervescent wit is apparent in the third and last of his memoirs, *Crazeology: The Autobiography of a Chicago Jazzman*, as told to Robert Wolf (University of Illinois Press, 1989). Studs Terkel wrote the introduction to the book.

Bud Freeman was born in 1906 in Austin to a French-Canadian Catholic mother with musical talent as a singer and pianist, and a Jewish father who was a cutter in the garment industry. In 1922, five boys at Austin High School formed a little band. All of them, except Bud, had formal music education in the classics, but were enthralled by the black jazz music they heard on visits to nightclubs on the South Side of Chicago. They heard and learned from Louis Armstrong and all the greats of that time. Bud believed that *real* jazz was born in Chicago – not New Orleans.

The band, whose original members were: Jim Lannigan, Jimmy McPartland and his older brother Dick, Frank Teschmacher, and Bud Freeman, gained fame as **The Austin High Gang**. Dave Tough came over from Oak Park. Bud learned to play the C-melody saxophone, and changed to tenor sax a few years later after the band got underway professionally. Always an Anglophile, Bud lived in London for some time, but he spent his last years in Chicago, living modestly in an apartment hotel. He played joyous gigs at Andy’s Jazz Club on Hubbard Street, lectured at the Field Museum, and proudly received an award from Mayor Harold Washington. Bud died in 1991 at the Warren Barr Pavilion in Chicago at age 84.

DID YOU KNOW?

Lake Michigan is the only Great Lake that is entirely contained within the United States, bordering Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin, and is the second largest by volume and the third largest by area.

MILESTONES:

400 years ago, in the summer of 1619, the first **Africans** set foot on mainland English America. Held as captives, first on a Portuguese slave ship, and then on an English privateer, they endured a grueling journey across the Atlantic Ocean from present-day Angola to Point Comfort, Va., where they were sold to the colonists of Jamestown. The arrival of enslaved Africans in colonial Virginia would shape not only the future of Jamestown, but also the subsequent development of the United States. [Washington Post]

150 years ago, on May 10, 1869, two mighty locomotives from East and West met at Promontory Summit, Utah, and the “Golden Spike” was driven to join the two railroads. Truth be told, there were four precious metal spikes and a special laurel wood tie for the ceremony, and a celebratory photo was taken. 20,000 Chinese immigrants risked their lives to build the railroad, but not one was included in the photo. After the speeches and spike presentations, the precious metal spikes and laurel wood tie were removed and replaced with a pine tie, into which three ordinary iron spikes were driven. A fourth iron spike, and a regular iron spike hammer, were both wired to the transcontinental telegraph line so that the Nation could “hear” the blows as the spike was driven. Finally, a regular rail worker drove home the last spike, and the telegrapher, W.N. Shilling of Western Union, sent the long-awaited message, “D-O-N-E.” The time was 12:47 p.m., Monday, May 10, 1869.

The **Village of La Grange** celebrated its **140th birthday** at noon Aug. 8, 2019 outside Village Hall, 53 S. La Grange Road. Local elected officials and civic leaders cut a custom-designed La Grange Village Hall replica birthday cake, and because a birthday party isn’t complete without presents, the event featured giveaways for children and a drawing to win a \$100 La Grange Business Association gift card.

130 years ago, on September 23, 1889, Nintendo Co., Ltd. was founded by Fusajiro Yamauchi. **Nintendo**, one of the world's largest video game companies, creating some of the best-known and top-selling video game franchises of all-time, such as **Mario**, **The Legend of Zelda**, and **Pokémon**, and originally produced handmade **hanafuda** playing cards. By 1963, the company had tried several small niche businesses, such as cab services and love hotels. Abandoning those, in favor of toys in the 1960s, Nintendo developed into a video game company in the 1970s, and ultimately became one of the most influential in the industry and one of Japan's most-valuable companies with a market value of over \$37 billion in 2018. [Wikipedia]

120 years ago, on July 21, 1899, Ernest Hemingway was born in Oak Park, Illinois. He was the first son and the second of six children born to Clarence and Grace Hemingway. His father was a physician, and his mother was a homemaker who made extra money by giving voice and music lessons. Despite his great literary talent and numerous accolades (a Pulitzer prize in 1953 and the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1954, a few weeks short of his 62nd birthday, he put a shotgun to his head and took his life on the morning of July 2, 1961. His remains were interred in the Catholic cemetery of Ketchum, Idaho. [<https://www.u-s-history.com/pages/h3801.html>]

100 years ago, on July 23, 1919, Ray Rayner was born. Rayner (the name was initially spelled "Rahner" but pronounced "Rayner") grew up in Queens, New York. His first media job was working for WGBB radio in Freeport on Long Island while he was attending night school at Fordham University. While his work on radio and television, especially on WGN-TV as clown Oliver O. Oliver on *Bozo's Circus* and on his own show, *Ray Rayner and Friends*, with Chelveston the Duck and Cuddly Dudley, is well-known, his WWII activities are not.

He enlisted in the Army Air Corps, serving as the navigator of a B-17 during World War II, when he was shot down over France on April 3, 1943. During 2 1/2 years as a POW in Stalag Luft III, he helped prepare the escape depicted in the film *The Great Escape*—though he was transferred to another camp before the escape took place. It was during his time as a POW that he discovered his talent for entertaining, namely through his fellow prisoners and his German captors. He was interviewed in a documentary titled *Stalag Luft III*, produced by RDR Productions of Glenview, Illinois. He died on January 21, 2004 of complications from pneumonia in Fort Myers, Florida at the age of 84. See more about this fascinating and highly accomplished man at <https://www.chicagotribune.com/chi-040121rayner-story-story.html>

Take time to laugh, because laughter is the music of the soul. [from an Irish Prayer]

June 17, 2019 is the **100th birthday of Barney Google**, the original star of one of the longest-enduring comic strips in history. Billy DeBeck, Barney's creator, launched his first successful comic strip, which was called "Married Life" in 1915. The comic rapidly transformed in 1922 with the addition of Barney's stupendous (and adorable) failure of a race horse, Spark Plug. In 1923, the pop song "Barney Google" was released. DeBeck became fascinated with mountaineers of Appalachia, and set off to learn more about them. In 1934, Barney Google followed suit, traveling into Appalachia on his beloved Spark Plug, where he met the characters DeBeck created in an homage to the people who had so generously shared their lives with him. Enter Snuffy Smith in 1934—a character as wily and courageous as Google is artless and cowardly. People immediately took to Snuffy, his wife, Loweezy, and their friends and family members in the small town of Hootin' Holler. So much so that by DeBeck's death in 1942, Snuffy had become the main character in the strip, now known as Barney Google and Snuffy Smith. With Spark Plug's introduction, the comic took on a new life, as it shifted focus more and more to Barney's adventures at the races—and beyond. [*Comics Kingdom* 6-15-19]

100 years ago, on **May 28, 1919**, about six months after the guns fell silent in the First World War, the Allied Powers and Germany signed the **Treaty of Versailles** to formally end the conflict. [*Chicago Tribune* 6-6-19]

100 years ago, on **July 27, 1919**, a teenage black swimmer breached the unholy, unofficial color line at 29th Street Beach, and invaded "white" Lake Michigan waters, setting off eight days of battling between white and black gangs in the South Side's Back of the Yards and Bridgeport area that left 23 blacks and 15 whites dead plus 500 injured. One of two Bridgeport gangs joining the riot was the Hamburg Athletic Club, whose membership included 17-year-old Richard J. Daley. Whether Daley actually fought in the riots remains an unanswered question obscured by official denials. [*Chicago Sun-Times* 7-25-19]

95 years ago, on **March 29, 1924**, WGN Radio was launched when the Chicago Tribune assumed control of WJAZ, The Zenith Edgewater Beach Hotel station. Listen to Chuck Schaden reminisce about the first Cubs broadcast, the Scopes Monkey Trial, the groundbreaking programs and events that launched the legendary station, its association with the Mutual Broadcasting Company, stories about Quin Ryan, Jack Brickhouse, Wally Phillips and a special appearance by WGN legend Orion Samuelson, recorded June 2, 2019.

<https://wgnradio.com/2019/06/02/celebrating-the-95th-anniversary-of-wgn-radio-and-its-storied-history-with-broadcasting-historian-chuck-schaden/> [wgnradio.com]

90 years ago, the **Bud Biliken Parade** was founded in 1929 by Robert Sengstacke Abbott, the man who started *The Chicago Defender* newspaper. The parade, known to be the largest African American and second largest parade overall in America, signals the end of summer break and the start of school for Chicago Public Schools.

85 years ago, in 1934, Mayor Anton Cermak joined forces with James C. Petrillo, the president of the musicians' union, to begin the **Grant Park Music Festival**. In 1944, the Chicago Park District formed the Grant Park Orchestra under the direction of Principal Conductor Nikolai Malko. In 1962, the Grant Park Chorus was established under the direction of Thomas Peck. The Festival's first home was a temporary fan-shaped bandshell constructed at the south end of Grant Park, near the Field Museum. In 1978, the Festival moved to the Petrillo Bandshell, named for the Festival's founder, and in 2004, Millennium Park opened and the Grant Park Music Festival moved into the state-of-the-art Jay Pritzker Pavilion designed by renowned architect Frank Gehry. Led by Artistic Director and Principal Conductor Carlos Kalmar and Chorus Director Christopher Bell, each summer the Festival offers a 10-week season of concerts, artistic development initiatives, radio broadcasts and community engagement and outreach programs. [Wikipedia]

70 years ago, in 1949, the game of **Cootie** was launched and sold millions in its first years. The object of the game is to be the first player to build a "cootie" from various plastic body parts. Body parts are acquired by the player's roll of a die, with each number on the die corresponding to one of the body parts. The body corresponds to one, the head to two, three to the antennae (feelers), four to the eye, five to the proboscis (mouth), and six to the leg. The first part acquired must be the body, and then the head. All other body parts may then be acquired.

60 years ago, on **August 4, 1959**, the **Village of Indian Head Park** was incorporated on land that once was one of the last camp sites of the Potawatomie Native American tribe. The anniversary was marked this year with a classic car show and music at the Indian Head Plaza at Joliet and Wolf roads. [*Chicago Tribune* 8-8-19]

60 years ago, on August 21, 1959, the **Aloha State**, also called the “Paradise of the Pacific,” became the 50th state in the union. Identified as one state, **Hawaii** is actually a series of islands that formed from volcanic activity. It is named after the largest island, which is itself said to be named after a legendary figure in Hawaiian mythology. The moderately smaller island of Oahu contains the state capital, Honolulu. Despite its remote location, it has long been a wildly popular vacation destination. [Wikipedia]

55 years ago, on May 4, 1964, the United States Congress recognized **bourbon whiskey** as a "distinctive product of the United States" by concurrent resolution. Bourbon may be produced anywhere in the United States where it is legal to distill spirits, but most brands are produced in Kentucky, where bourbon production has a strong historical association. The filtering of iron-free water through the high concentrations of limestone that are unique to the area is often touted by bourbon distillers in Kentucky as a signature step in the bourbon-making process. [Wikipedia]

50 years ago, on May 22, 1969 the **Apollo 10** mission that paved the way for the Apollo 11 moon landing, almost ended in disaster. Quick action on the part of Commander Tom Stafford saved the day. Read the gripping story at <https://www.history.com/news/apollo-10-disaster-apollo-11-practice-run?cmpid=email-hist-inside-history-2019-0523>.

50 years ago, in the early morning hours of **June 28, 1969** at the **Stonewall Inn** in New York City, violent confrontations between members of the police and gay rights activists sparked the beginning of the modern fight for LGBTQ+ rights in the United States. On the first anniversary of the riots, the first Gay Pride marches in the United States took place simultaneously at the Stonewall Inn and in Los Angeles and Chicago. In 2016, 47 years after the riots, President Obama officially announced the establishment of the Stonewall National Monument—the first U.S. National Monument dedicated to LGBTQ+ rights and history. [<https://www.history.com/news/stonewall-riots-timeline> and https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stonewall_riots]

50 years ago, on July 14, 1969 *Easy Rider*, starring Peter Fonda, Dennis Hopper, and Jack Nicholson, was released by Columbia Pictures. Fifty years later, on August 16, 2019, Peter Fonda, who wrote the screenplay with Dennis Hopper and Terry Southern, died of respiratory failure from lung cancer. Eerie...

50 years ago, do you remember where you were or what you were doing on **July 20, 1969**, when **Apollo 11** landed on the surface of the moon? On the morning of July 16, astronauts Armstrong, Aldrin, and Collins sat atop a Saturn V rocket at Launch Complex 39A at the Kennedy Space Center. At 9:32 a.m. EDT, the engines fired and Apollo 11 cleared the tower. About 12 minutes later, the crew was in Earth orbit. Three days later the crew was in lunar orbit. A day after that, Armstrong and Aldrin climbed into the lunar module *Eagle* and began the descent, while Collins orbited in the command module *Columbia*. When it came time to set *Eagle* down in the Sea of Tranquility, Armstrong improvised, manually piloting the ship past an area littered with boulders. During the final seconds of descent, *Eagle's* computer sounded alarms. It turned out to be a simple case of the computer trying to do too many things at once. When the lunar module landed at 4:17 pm EDT, only 30 seconds of fuel remained. Armstrong radioed "Houston, Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed." Mission control erupted in celebration as the tension broke, and a controller told the crew, "You got a bunch of guys about to turn blue, we're breathing again."

At 10:56 p.m. EDT Armstrong was ready to plant the first human foot on another world. With more than half a billion people watching on television, he climbed down the ladder and proclaimed: "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind." Aldrin joined him shortly, and offered a simple but powerful description of the lunar surface: "magnificent desolation." They explored the lunar surface for two and a half hours, collecting samples and taking photographs. They left behind an American flag, a patch honoring the fallen Apollo 1 crew, and a plaque on one of *Eagle's* legs. It reads, "Here men from the planet Earth first set foot upon the moon. July 1969 A.D. We came in peace for all mankind."

Over the next three and a half years, 10 astronauts followed in their footsteps. Gene Cernan, commander of the last Apollo mission, left the lunar surface with these words: "We leave as we came and, God willing, as we shall return, with peace, and hope for all mankind." [Excerpted from *NASA Administrator* July 15, 2019]

https://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/apollo/apollo11.html

40 years ago, on **July 12, 1979**, Steve Dahl, then a 24-year-old Chicago radio DJ who hated Disco music, came face-to-face with the community he had created, on a night that became known as ‘Disco Demolition Night.’ As part of a ‘teen night’ promotion with the LOOP radio station, fans were told that if they donated one of their disco records, they would be admitted into Comiskey Park for only 98 cents. Dahl and his cohorts promised to put the records in a giant dumpster at center field and blow it up.

Fans flooded the stadium, as ushers struggled to keep up with the number of disco albums being shoved in their faces. Comiskey Park, often half-empty on game days, was filled past capacity. More than 47,000 people packed into a stadium whose capacity was 44,492. To chants of ‘Disco sucks!’, Dahl stepped out of the Jeep into center field and led the crowd in a countdown to the demolition of the albums. But too much dynamite caused album fragments to shoot into the sky, and a crater was formed from the explosion’s impact. ‘The place went bonkers ... People started jumping out of the stands,’ D J Michaels, a witness, remembered, ‘It was like the rats leaving a ship. A few, then more, then total chaos.’ [chicagobusiness.com]

40 years ago, in the summer of **1979**, McDonald’s **Happy Meals** were born. There is disagreement about who came up with the idea, but Yolanda Fernandez Cofino is credited with being one of the creators of the Happy Meal. She’s 84, president of McDonald’s Guatemala, and prefers to go by her husband’s last name. Jose Maria Cofino founded the first McDonald’s in Guatemala in 1974 (he died in 1995), and in 1977, Yolanda created a “Ronald’s Menu” for the restaurant. It contained a hamburger, small fries, small Coke, and a small sundae. She added little toys that she bought at a local market. She packaged the whole thing on a tray — no box.

40 years of Svengoolie: Rich Koz got his start with “Svengoolie” as a freshman at Northwestern in 1970. After sending in jokes for the original Svengoolie, Jerry G. Bishop, to perform in his next episode, Koz was invited by Bishop to write for the show. The first iteration of “Svengoolie” was canceled in 1973, but was resurrected in **1979** with Koz taking the reins as “Son of Svengoolie.” WFLD wanted Koz to debut a different look than Bishop’s dated hippie-vampire getup, so Koz rummaged around his house to create Svengoolie’s new look of black suit, top-hat, wild black wig, red tux shirt and heavy, skull-like makeup.

15 years ago, on **July 16, 2004**, Millennium Park opened four years late and cost \$340 million more than the original plan, but the delay and investment have paid off. The 24.5-acre park replaced an unsightly wasteland of railroad tracks and parking lots in the heart of downtown, helped bring residential development and tourism to the Loop and its surrounding neighborhoods, offers a huge variety of free, popular cultural programming, and attracts millions of tourists each year – it surpassed Navy Pier as the top tourist attraction in the Midwest in 2017. The architecture critic Michael J. Lewis called it “America’s most dazzling urban park.” [wttw.com]

IN MEMORIAM:

Born Arthur Stanton Eric Johnson in Benton Harbor, MI, Austin alum, **Arte Johnson** passed away on July 3, 2019. He graduated from Austin at age 12, and from U of I Urbana in 1949. He won an Emmy in 1969, and was known for saying “Verry Interesting” on Rowan and Martin’s *Laugh-In*.

Jenifer Tews writes: “Hello, I found a letter in my mother's things from Austin high school and wanted to let you know of her passing. **Jean (Anthony) Stueben ('55)**, born 9-1-37, died April 9, 2019. She is survived by 3 daughters and 5 grandchildren. Her twin sister, **Joan (Anthony) Helminiak** preceded her in death on April 30, 2011. Joan is survived by four sons and a daughter, as well as seven grandchildren.”

Sylvia (DiBiase) Tazelaar Jozwiak ('56), of Geneva passed away on April 29, 2019. Beloved wife of Michael Jozwiak and the late Marvin W. Tazelaar; loving mother of Nancy Gant and Marvin E. Tazelaar; stepmother of David Jozwiak; devoted grandmother of four; sister of Roger (Emilia) DeBiase, the late Margaret (the late Ben) Leonard, and the late Josephine (the late Roy) Hart; aunt to many and friend to very many.

Annamarie (Pulicano) DiCicco ('56) passed away on September 27, 2018. Devoted wife of Tony, beloved daughter of the late Vincent and Rose Pulicano; sister of the late Father Vincent Pulicano; dear aunt and friend to many.

IN MEMORIAM (cont'd.)

Grace Carol (Larson) Furry ('55) passed away on June 11, 2017 in Joliet, IL from natural causes. She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years Bruce Duane Furry. She is survived by her 4 children, 9 grandchildren and 3 great granddaughters. Daughter Susan G. Hitchcock wrote, "She had fond memories of high school and her friends from that time. She must have enjoyed receiving the newsletters since they were set aside with other important papers."

Sheldon Weinstein ('56) passed away on March 29, 2019. Classmate *Marshall Hechter* remembers him as one of the truly nice guys. Our sympathies go to his widow Sandra and the Weinstein family.

Timothy J. Twohill ('57) of Lockport, passed away Sunday, April 2, 2017. He retired from the Chicago Police Department after 33 years of service and was a member of the FOP Lodge #7. Tim's passion was drawing cartoons of his family and friends, and he was a crossword puzzle enthusiast, enjoyed fishing and the outdoors, was a wonderful dreamer and loved people, but his greatest joy in life was spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. Tim is survived by his loving wife of 29 years, Patricia (Noel) Twohill; his children, Jean Sanders, Tim (LaVina) Twohill, Robin (John Catemis) Stott, Kelly (Yvonne) Stott; five grandchildren, one great-grandson; and a brother, Michael (Carol) Twohill.

Dr. Robert Emery Schulman ('55), of Lawrence, Kansas passed away on June, 11, 2019. Bob earned a scholarship to Northwestern, became interested in psychology, received his BA and then studied at the University of Illinois, receiving a PhD in clinical psychology. He moved to Topeka, KA when he was recruited for a Fellowship in Forensic Psychology at the prestigious Menninger Foundation. While there, he earned his law degree and was a professor of law at the University of Kansas. He authored numerous research papers and book reviews, and practiced forensic and clinical psychology for over 40 years. Affectionately referred to as Bobbo by friends and family, he loved boating at Lake Perry, family cruises and vacations in Key West, traveling and just being with Anne, martinis made with very specific instructions, baked goods and barbeque, jogging, attending high school reunions, and decorating his quite elaborate man-cave. He is survived by his wife Anne; son Todd (Cindy Reid) of Chicago, IL; daughter Dr. Stacey Schulman-Byrne (Ian Byrne) of Del Mar, CA; stepchildren Brian Flescher, Shira Flescher (Bernard Raphael) of New York City; sister Karyl (Alan Friedman, deceased) of Hoffman Estates, IL; and five grandchildren. Bobbo's sense of humor, tenacity, and unique way of relating to others, as well as the way he handled life in general will be missed.

Stanley J. Horn ('55) passed away on November 6, 2018, after a seven-year battle with brain lymphoma. After graduating from the University of Illinois, Champagne/Urbana in 1959, and Northwestern University School of Law in 1962, he was a practicing immigration attorney from 1963 until 2016, specializing in deportation defense. He was on the board of HIAS (Hebrew Immigration Society) for many years. Stanley was an avid reader and loved the arts, especially theater. As a board member at Victory Gardens Theater for over twenty years, he helped guide it to many years of success. He participated in their yearly amateur "Casting Auction" musical theater productions, making up with enthusiasm for what he may have lacked in talent. A lifelong athlete, he played football in high school, baseball at the U of I, and was an avid biker, sailor and runner. He ran seven LA marathons in his sixties, proudly achieving his goal of finishing in under four hours. He was a devoted father to Judd (Sara Malakoff) and Lucia (Steve Larson) and grandfather to Zachary, Benjamin and Sophie Larson, and Alexandra and Madeleine Horn, who all reside in Brooklyn Heights, NY. He was a loving husband to Daryl Sharwell Horn, his second wife, and they spent thirty happy years together. He was previously married to Linda Bley Horn. Stanley was an extreme extrovert who could start a conversation with anyone, anywhere. He had a large and diverse circle of devoted friends and an incredible lust for life.

Thomas A. Mitropoulos ('55) of Roselle, passed away on November 3, 2015, loving husband of Jennifer nee Coppola; devoted father of Elanie (Sean) Ahearn, Anthony (Melissa) Curcio, Michael (Michelle) Mitropoulos and the late Thomas; grandfather of four; brother of Frank (Dena), Peter (Nancy), Angela Tagaris and the late Emily; uncle and friend to many.

Condolences to classmate **Barbara (Feldgreber) Wilensky ('55)** on the passing of her husband Fred on March 28, 2018 in Glenview, Illinois.

Some Great One-Liners (shared by Ken Rosko)

- I thought getting old would take longer.
- A wise man once said – nothing!
- Respect your elders. They graduated school without the internet.
- Behind every angry woman stands a man who has absolutely no idea what he did wrong.
- Instead of “Single” as a marital status, I prefer “Independently owned and operated.”
- Patience: What you have when there are too many witnesses.
- Some things are better left unsaid, and I usually realize it right after I say them.
- Camping: Where you spend a small fortune to live like a homeless person.

TELL US YOUR NEWS: Send news to share to **Kaye (Beecroft) Aurigemma** at kaurigel@att.net or write to her at 10846 Martindale Drive, Westchester, IL 60154-5021. Photos and other items for our website should be directed to Chris Padar at cpadar@gmail.com or 408 Nawata Place, Prospect Heights, IL 60070.

CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGE: Please email changes to reunion@austin1955.org or mail to: **Art Fumarolo, Austin High 1950s Alumni; 5365 Fox Path Lane; Hoffman Estates, IL 60192.**

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