

Milestones to celebrate in 2018:

75 yrs . Drummer '43

70 yrs - Drummer '48

65 yrs. - Drummer '53 - (Marvin Beck)

60 yrs - GCMS Class of '58

55 yrs. - GCHS Class of '63

50 yrs. - GCHS Class of '68 (Gary Reiners)

45 yrs. - GCHS Class of '73

40 yrs. - GCHS Class of '78

35 yrs - GCHS Class of '83

30 yrs. - GCHS Class of '88

25 yrs. - GCHS Class of '93

Plans are underway for the class gatherings. Send your plans to me and I will post a note in here. Many will include attendance at the 9th Greyhound Festival on Saturday, July 21st.

To those celebrating in
February/ March/ April
Happy Birthday
Happy Anniversary
HAPPY Easter!!!!!!

Reunion Highlights

Members of the class of '67 are making an all-out effort for their classmates to attend the Festival, even though it isn't a milestone year. Many of them are on Facebook.....so the word is spreading fast.

Drummer class of '53 --Festival information was mailed to members in late February. and have already started making their plans to attend.

Members of classes of '58 (60 years), '63 (55 years) and '68 (50 years) are making preliminary plans for their reunions.

More information will be posted here as soon as we are notified.

March 20th marked the beginning of Spring !!! However, Mother Nature had other plans for a LOT of places, perhaps you felt her joke ! Central Illinois was hit with snow of measurable amounts, mixed with rain, wind and general nasty conditions for the weekend !!! We all felt that winter had done an about turn and came back for 1 more time to allow kids to build snowmen and the snow plows to be operated 1 more time. We here in Central Illinois are sincerely hoping that this was the last of winter, as we look for the usual signs of spring, including robins, and their friends, budding plants and trees. And as I finish this issue on April 1st.....it is snowing again in Gibson and surrounding area ! Interesting weather we are experiencing.....hope it is nicer where you are !!!

GREYHOUND NEWS !

PLEASE FORGIVE THE EDITOR FOR ANY EXCLUSIONS OF NEWS DURING THE PAST YEAR. I AM HOPING TO IMPROVE ON MY REPORTING IN THE COMING YEAR ! THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORT MY EFFORTS.!

March 24th - Pauline Brooks celebrated her 90th birthday with an open house at the Baptist Church in Gibson City. Congratulations Mrs. Brooks. We all wish you many more !!!!

NOTE -- The 2018 Festival reservation form is ready and available on the website. Check out www.greyhoundfestival.com We are already receiving reservations for the big day. More information will be posted as we get closer to the big weekend. Please let me know if your class is making special plans that I can post here.

******* Festival Assistance -- I will be looking for additional help this year closer to the Festival weekend. Please let me know if I can count on you. Many hands make for light work. AND I will much appreciate your assistance this year (as in the past !)**

You either get bitter or you get better. It's that simple. You either take what has been dealt to you and allow it to make you a better person, or you allow it to tear you down. The choice does not belong to fate, it belongs to you !

Facebook notes.....As you all know by now, I am on Facebook, keeping track of Greyhounds activities. (I have over 800 in my friends list and most of those are Greyhounds from all years !!!) I am pretty sure you don't have everyone listed in your list...therefore, when I see a post that I think you might be interested in, I 'share'. That is why you may see a post more than once.



11th Greyhound Festival

Saturday, July 21, 2018
(Annually 3rd Saturday of July)

Your value does Not decrease based on someone's inability to see your worth !!!

Thoughts and Prayers to the families of :

May God grant you strength and peace during these difficult days.

Joann (Johnson) Reinhart-Gibson City, IL.—February 18, 2018. Survivors include daughters Vicki '71 (Rodney Bowen), Becki '72, and Sharon '75 (Craig Lesley 6 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by 2 brothers, Ivan and Gene Johnson.

Howard Thompson - Gibson City, IL- February 19, 2018. Survivors include wife Helen, children Cheri '70 (Dave) Bonacker, Mark '72 (Chery), Jodi '86 Neaveill , 9 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Ken Heffley '63 -Port Orange, Florida — February 2010, 2018. Survivors include wife Mary (Swanson '63), children Renee and Eric, siblings Connie Haruch, Laura Henry, Sharon '68 Lund, Paul, and William in addition to many other family members. Ken was an accomplished sculptor, as well as loving to cook and having a green thumb. A free-form sculpture was made for the Gibson City Woman's Club and can now be seen outside the City Hall.

Dr. Sharon I. Schnittker -Bloomington, IL —March 19, 2018. Survivors include sister Mary Munson and additional family members. Sharon was a highly respected board-certified forensic pathologist, serving as a former deputy medical examiner for the Los Angeles County Medical Examiners Office. She returned to Bloomington where she served as an Illinois Coroners Physician working for the McLean County Coroners Office.

James LeMoyné Fry (class of '53) - notified by Judy Glascock —more information will be posted in the April issue.

Mary Lou (Sarver '59) Deason - April 1, 2018 - notified by her sister JoAnn (Sarver) Thomas —additional information will be posted in the April issue.

*'I've decided that I'm not OLD....I'm 25 plus shipping and handling !!!'
'I've reached an age where my train of thought often leaves the station
.....without me !!!'*

Always say a Prayer (ASAP)
for all of our classmates who are facing health
issues (listed here or not)

Arlene (Jordan '51) Jacobs, Betty '53 Moser,
Marvin Kumler '58, Nancy (Conover '58) List, Ron Davis '60,
Sharon Kay (Adams '64) Paynter, Bill Dueringer '64,
Robin Hoover '68, MaryAnn (Walter '69) Swanson Smith
and any Greyhounds who might be homebound
or in nursing homes.

May God's peace and strength be with you.

Note : Let me know if there is anyone you want added to this list. In order to preserve privacy,only those names are printed that have given me permission to do so.

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compiled monthly and posted on our website for your viewing.

www.greyhoundfestival.com

Send any news to Carla at cmoxley47@mediacombb.net

Pictures to post on website - Doug Brooks '73