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Dallas Gathering - Fantastic!

That is the most common response from the over 130 alumni and family members when speaking of the 2009 Dallas Gathering.

Following the "Meet-n-Greet", David Rattan, the DFW Chapter President, began the program with a welcome and introduction of Michael Rogers, the Association President, who flew in from Florida. Michael introduced the new Executive Director, Bobby Sarpalius.

Michele Cermak from the Cal Farley's Family Resource Center in the DFW area then spoke of the services Cal Farley's provides to alumni and expressed appreciation for the support provided by the Association in meeting special needs.

Tom Alvarez of the Scholarship Committee then introduced two of the nine students currently on scholarships provided by the Association: Aaron Latchaw attending Tarrant County College and Alisha Owens, attending Grayson County College.

Dan Adams, President and CEO of Cal Farley's informed the Gathering of the activities going on in the organization and of the Girlstown 60th and Boys Ranch 70th Anniversary events to be held across the country. Michael Rogers then presented Dan with a check for \$2,500 to Cal Farley's as a token of support from the Association for what Cal Farley's is doing. The Alumni Association is a co-sponsor of the 6070 Anniversary events.

The Harold Simmons Foundation provided the resources to make the event free to Association members and their guests. This foundation has been a vital supporter of everything the Association has accomplished over the past three years.

Lee Kirgan brought his photography studio from Austin and took hundreds of pictures of the event. Alvis Grant painted a portrait of Dan Adams which was presented to him at the Gathering.

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Our Mission

The mission of the Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Alumni Association is to provide a professional network of former ranchers who seek to carry on the spirit of family through fellowship, association and support.

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"When you're on top, remember to look down once in a while. There may be a boy (or girl) who could use your helping hand."

--Cal Farley

Condolences



Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Kenneth Polvadore** (52). Ken passed away March 13, 2009 in Amarillo, Texas. He will be missed by all who knew him.



We received word that **Ron Munson** (79) passed away February 23, 2009 in Amarillo, Texas. Ron has been interred at Boys Ranch.



We heard recently from Debra Hostetter that her husband, **Jeff Hostetter** (80) passed away December 23, 2008 in Leicester, North Carolina. Please pray for his family during these sad times.



Patsy Walpole, wife of **Tommy Walpole** (60) tells us that Tommy passed away November 22, 2008 in Ft. Worth, Texas. She noted that Tommy remembered his time at the Ranch fondly.

We received information that **Earl Mason** (50) had passed away November 8, 1991 in Sunset, Texas. The editor regrets there is no other information.

Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Marjorie Jean Hanna**, wife of deceased board member, **Tex Hanna**. Mrs. Hanna passed away January 30, 2009 in Amarillo, Texas. Please remember this family in your prayers.

Condolences go out to the family and friends of **Joe Williams**, Houseparent at Boys Ranch in the late 90's. His wife, **Michelle**, emailed us that Joe had passed away December 12, 2008. Please remember this family in your prayers today and in the days ahead.

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to the family and friends of **Rick Lee**. Mr. Lee passed away January 15, 2009 in Canyon, Texas. He was a friend and counselor to many youth at Boys Ranch. Please hold this family in your prayers today and in the days to come.

Congratulations!

Congratulations go out to **Lynn Keese** (04) on her engagement to **James Byrd**. Lynn and James are planning a wedding at Boys Ranch in June 2010.

Ashley Kain (06) called **Mike Pacino** and congratulations are due, literally. Ashley is expecting a baby boy any time now. Hopefully the editor will have more information in the next newsletter.



We heard from **Matt Brightbill** (96). Matt and Teresa have two children. According to Matt, "Being a police officer is sometimes a hectic job, but I believe this is where God has lead me and I plan on being a police officer until I am told to quit or retire. I truly love my job and like Cal Farley's did for me, I get to help people."



James Maloy (73), **Jettley Walker** (05), **Arthur Garcia** (86), **Joe Flippin** (59) and **Brandin Langford** (01) visited the Town Office and signed the Alumni book. **Junior Garza** (85) and **Dom Schiro** (93) came by to say hello. **Douglas Larson** (81) and his wife dropped by on their way to Arizona.

We heard from **Blayne Pritchard** (07), **Sean Bryant** (89), **Millie Allen** (05), **April Hancock-Thomas** (GT/90), **Kristy Foster** (05), **Ginger Newton** (97), **Daniel Thompson** (05), **Tim Brazeal** (76), **Bill Price** (83), **Julie Howard** (GT/91), **Eric Garner** (93), **Joe Foreman** (84), **Jamie O'Leary-Scharbach** (GT/94), **Denise McFadden** and **Anna Trevino**.

We received emails from **Angie Fulkerson** (GT-96), **TJ White** (86) and **Allen Tant** (91). The editor talked with **Jeff Mitchell** (65), **Michael King** (89), **Gary Seeberger** (79), **Konan Kohut** (91), **Steven Ingram** (99), **Robert Kurz** (87) and **Phillip Upchurch** (91). We also heard from **January Pearson** (GT/96), **Richard Amon** (64), **Douglas Brady** (60), **Scott White** (83), **Marvin Ivy** (74), **Darrell Turner** (67) and **Richard Strain** (48). We received a very nice letter from **William E. Davis** (76).

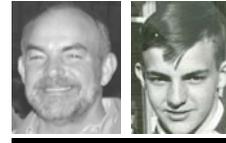
The Alumni Association heard from **Ronald Brightwell** (60), **Raymond Hill** (80), **Donald Novak** (74), **Joe Garcia** (63), **James Malott** (92), **Shawn Logan** (76), **Jimmie Boatwright** (70), **Ken McKnight** (82), **Doug Spradling** (62), **Camilla Waldrip-Lindsey** (76), **Dean Sharp** (78) and **George Grant** (52).

Mike Pacino tells us that some members of the class of 2000 met for supper on December 27, 2008. They were **Aaron Williams**, **Wesley Brown**, **Tiffany Cochran-Brown**, **Thad Hargrove**, **Tracy Smith**, **Arthur Rodriguez**, **Jason Dunkerson** and **Missy McClish-Dunkerson** (02). They were joined by **Daniel Osburn** and **Joey Neusch**. Mike also tells us that he ran into **Everett Davis** (68) at the Emergency Preparedness Conference in Amarillo.

Tom Novak (73) heard from **Pat Ledbetter** (85). **Bekah Westover** tells us that she received a visit from **Chipper Cruts** (97) and his fiancée, Sarah. Joe Chambers heard from **Bill Kizziar** (77). **Frances Waldrip** heard from **Ken "Gabby" Hinds** (64). Gabby is doing fine.

The President's Corner

Michael Rogers (71)



While trying to decide what to discuss in this letter, I found myself pondering all of the important stuff that we as the CFBRAA are undertaking to advance this wonderful organization. There are truly many topics!

But each time when I thought that I had centered on a good topic, the phone or emails from you would light up with stories as they relate to our present economy. There have been a few good reports, but for the most part many announce job losses across the country from our brothers and sisters. Rather than avoid the subject, I feel compelled to spend my allotted room in this letter to acknowledge that you are not alone and be of some encouragement.

While we grew up at the Ranch or Girlstown, we rarely knew when there were financial difficulties both nationally or for our own BR/GT organization. Through the hard work and dedication of Cal and Mimi Farley and all the many others that worked behind the scenes, we always had a dry bed, three squares a day, education and a job. Somewhat shielded to not bare the stress and uncertainty that saddles folks with trying to provide for their families and loved ones. BR/GT instead wanted us to be occupied with getting a good education and developing a work ethic that has been for many of us the ticket to our survival and even career advancement.

I would love to share with you an A – Z formula that you could follow so that the pains would go away and promise everything will be grand. Problem is, I personally have had to deal with this perplexing economy. Perhaps one of the scariest things to all of us is that we have recently had to accept that we had *faith* there were those who are much smarter than we who were *watching our backs* and never let these types of things happen, just to find out they did not. A lot of this fall out has had many *fingers pointing* especially as it relates to politics. My personal conviction is that a greater lesson must be renewed by me from this experience.

Above I listed several important items that Cal & Mimi and many dedicated others considered paramount in our *growing up* as equipped human beings. One thing I left out I want to briefly discuss now. One of the most important items was to try and lay the ground work for the development of our *faith* in our Lord. Those of you who know me personally know that I am far from being what the Lord would desire in many areas, so I am not fit to try and come off as a preacher. Having said this, I am one who has learned without question what the mercy and grace of God can do. He has picked me up from the very bottom and allowed me to see and experience His true unmerited (and unearned) love and favor. Many who are reading this have had similar experiences in your own lives. What I have learned is that our Lord at the end of the day is the One who is in real control and *has my back*, not me or the politicians. For those who have read and even study the Bible, you are aware that He spoke through His Spirit and penned through His prophets and apostles that these days were ahead as men and women depart from our dependence on Him and more on ourselves and others. With these prophecies, He also gave many promises of provision, favor and inner peace to those who trust Him while on earth. Even now, when it seems so unimaginable!

I have personally been challenged in this time of chaos with the question of, “Do I really trust and depend on Him for my every need and inward peace?” Wow, when I am *nakedly* honest with myself and the Lord, I know that there is much to be accomplished with allowing Him to make the changes in me that really matter. This much I do know ... He loves me and you so much, that He will tax the very universe by allowing or even creating circumstances to try and cause us to seek Him with all our hearts. Sometimes things must become totally hopeless in order for Him to penetrate me because I know that I can be stubborn and in denial of where my true *faith* is centered. Of course, I don't like the *painful* parts, but I am so grateful that He loves you and me so much that He will never give up in bringing us to that ultimate place of “...the peace which passes all understanding.”

Brothers and sisters, I encourage you, along with myself, to have faith and trust that He *has our backs* and not others. He instructs us to pray for our leaders and that they be filled with His wisdom. If you are hurting, speak with Him personally and He will bring results according to what He knows is the very best for you.

This letter is from my heart and I know that I risk not being *politically correct*, or that I may even offend some. I sincerely hope not. I realized that I had to dismiss these concerns for I do love you more than any conflict that could possibly return. You are part of my family and therefore I am compelled to share with you the real things of worth that I have learned on this dusty road called “life.” It's the only A-Z formula that has truly brought back a worthwhile return in my life.

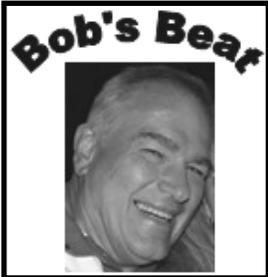
My prayer is that God's greatest blessings be upon you and your families especially right now as many of us struggle and hurt. May His perfect peace be yours daily!

Sincerely Yours, Michael Rogers

Distinguished Alumni Award

Please submit your nominations for the
2009 Distinguished Alumni Award
 no later than **April 30, 2009.**

Forms and additional information can be found on the website at
www.calfarleysboysranchalumni.com



What have you been up to? Let me mention a few things. You have been family to literally hundreds of your brothers and sisters all over the country. In particular you have participated in, either by being there or supporting, a gathering of over a hundred other family members in Dallas last month. You are going to be a part of a gathering of the DFW area family members again in May. The ninth of May is scheduled for the annual **DFW Golf Tournament and Supper** at Woodhaven Country Club in Fort Worth. If you can be there in person, by all means, let me hear from you. If you can't be there, you are still a part of the event because you support

your Association.

What have you been doing? Over the past few months you have helped some of your family members in times of crisis. You have helped with dental work, car insurance, phone bills, and rent. You have helped some of your really needy brothers and sisters with providing Christmas presents for their family members. You have been a true "brother" or "sister" in the family.

What have you been doing recently? Right now there are nine family members receiving help for college because of you. Inasmuch as you support your Association, you have been helping family members get an education.

It is a privilege to serve you and help you help others in the family. You are doing a good work! Keep it up!

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Hello fellow Alumni and former Staff,

Spring is upon us and rain is all around us. Thank GOD. While in Austin last week catering the Cal Farley's Boys Ranch 70th Anniversary, I was reminded how beautiful our State Capitol was in the light of the moon and how God doesn't care if we get wet doing our job. It was great to feel and see the liquid sunshine and see familiar faces during the event. I manage the sales department for Eddie Deen & Co. Catering and we were selected to provide food and production for the event on the Capitol grounds.

It also reminded me about how hard we worked while at the Ranch. Most of the time, 6 days a week and if you were on restriction, make that 7. My point is where we come from isn't as important as where we're headed. Cal's familiar saying, "It's where you're going that counts" is so true, but also where you've been. We have over 7000 alumni who have passed through the gates at BR and only 200 active, dues paying members. There is a flaw in that ratio. We truly need to, at the very least, reach out and see what one another is up to. If you're reading this you probably are involved or receive information. Go to www.calfarleysboysranchalumni.com to get connected for more information.

Rodeo 2009 is not any more special than Rodeo 2008 - except for one item. It's another year to attend the Reunion in Amarillo during September 4th- 6th. We will have several events going and we really would like to see you attend. There will be a silent auction and a live auction, not to mention the fun of reacquainting yourself with old friends. A golf tournament on Friday, dancing on Saturday and reuniting with brothers and sisters all weekend long. Take it from me, from Anderson Home, it's well worth your time.

Britt Hammond (77)
 Chair of the Annual Reunion Committee

From the Alumni

“ ... I was at Boys Ranch from 1940 to 1947. I am so thankful for what Boys Ranch did for me. I learned a lot, and I will always be thankful. Mr. Hardin was the Principal when I was there. I took one of the boys to Channing in a Jeep, for piano lessons.

I would like to know how to get in touch with some of the boys that were there when I was. I am 77 years old, and in perfect health, thank God for that. I have 11 children, all in good health. My wife died in 2002, and I am still working. Enjoy it very much.

I just want to say thanks to Boys Ranch and the fine people running it... ”

Permission to print was not obtained, so we are unable to release this alumni's name.

Charlie Brady (64) retired from Boys Ranch after 32 years. There was a retirement party held for him on March 30 at the C.E. Building at BR. Enjoy retirement Charlie!

There was a reception honoring **Carol Jones** of BRSD on March 31 at the BRSD Admin Building. Please wish Carol good luck as she leaves BR and embarks on a new adventure.

*Have you Remembered the Alumni Association
in Your Will?*

For more information contact the Alumni Association

M E M O R I E S



**March 1987 - BR Clinic
Laverne Richards and Lavender brothers
(James, John & David)**



**August 1969 – Working with bees
Tony Sparks, Burt Casstevens**

Get Connected!

Visit the CFBRAA Website at -

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and click on the link to the *Boys Ranch Family Online Forum*. The forum is a great place to catch up with other alumni and share "war stories" from days at the ranch. Also, visiting the website is a great way to stay connected to alumni activities.

Alumni Forum Online

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All submissions and comments should be directed to the editor no later than June 17 in order to make it into the 2009 **SUMMER** edition of the Alumni Newsletter.



DFW Golf Tournament and Supper
 May 9

Rodeo Reunion
 September 4-6, 2009

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