



Cal Farley's Alumni Newsletter



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The mission of the 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.

"It takes steady parents to have steady children."

---Cal Farley

2013 Dallas Gathering

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The first gathering of the year, the Dallas Gathering, will be held at the Haggard Party Barn in Plano this year. The change in venue is primarily a matter of stewardship as we seek to bring costs more in line with our budget. There are still some details to be worked out for the menu, but the venue has been nailed down and the date is on the calendar.

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We are looking to have 150 former BR and GT ex's on February 9th for this, the 9th Annual Dallas Gathering. The cost will be no more than \$12/person...maybe less. The location is just east of the Dallas Toll Road at – 5948 McKamy Trail, Plano, TX. This is a private banquet hall with nothing but excellent reviews. It is north of the Bush Tollway and south of the Sam Rayburn Tollway (hwy 121). (Take the Windhaven Pkwy exit off the Dallas Tollway and go north on the frontage road. McKamy is one block north of Windhaven. Turn right on McKamy Trail and the Haggard Party Barn is on your right.)

Festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m. with supper served at 6:30. We are not planning any special program...just enjoying the second largest gathering of BR and GT alumni in the country.

Now for your responsibility: First ... mark the date on your calendar. Have you done that? (be sure you use a 2013 calendar) Now make your reservation...call (817) 788-8782 or email cfbraa@sarpserv.com. Okay...now you can get on the phone and invite any alumni you know. It won't be the gathering you want it to be if you don't invite folks. That's it! You might check the web site at www.calfarleysalumni.com every once in a while to see who has made reservations.

See you next month...Feb 9th at the Haggard Party Barn.

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All submissions and comments should be directed to the editor **NO LATER** than December 15 in order to make it into the 2012 WINTER edition of the Alumni Newsletter

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Boys Ranch Alumni"

The editor is attempting to locate **John Wesley Young** (05)

Mel Jones retired from Boys Ranch on December 19. Happy Retirement!

The Association heard from **Darrell Fortier** (72), **Michael Cutshall** (75), **Danny Hersom** (64), **David Rodgers** (70), **Celia Pruitt** and many others.



We heard from **Yul Bryant** (86), **Marlin Rogers** (72), **Bill Baron** (83), **Kit Dawson** (95), **Britt Hammond** (77), **Ray Heredia** (70), **Travis Whitten** (87), **Kerry Lee** (61), **Chis Bawcom-Griffith**, **Dustin Melton** (90), **Amy Wheeler** (97), **Brandon Britton** (99), **Brian Whiteley** (01), **Johnny Tallant** (88) and **Leo Wells** (69).

The editor has been in contact with **John Taylor** (76), **Fred Hatchett** (72), **Richard Amon** (64), **Edward "Nick" Nicholson** (71), **Clay Baker** (93), **Brenda (Touchstone) White** (84), **Michael Thompson** (80), **Dirk Graves** (85), **Gary Giles** (62), **Chelsey Casey** (12), **Jimmy Rodriguez** (01), **Chris Grepo** (93), **Lashondra Sandoval** (02) and **Joe Guitierrez** (61). **Novak** (73) has heard from **Paul Kitrell** (90).

Condolences



Gary Haney
August 28, 2012
Denver, Colorado



Tom Bullington (71)
December 14, 2011



Ronnie Mooney (68)
October 14, 2012
Canyon, Texas



Lendon Mack Koonce (60)
November 12, 2012
Amarillo, Texas



Jason Bernard Hicks (88)
October 29, 2012
Huntsville, Texas



Mickel Dean Hodges (71)
November 1, 2012
Amarillo, Texas
Sympathy to brothers **Teddy Hodges (71)**
and **Eddie Hodges (71)**.



Roger Canon (73)
February 28, 2011
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



Marshall Keys (57)
December 1, 2012
Pampa, Texas



Fabian Robin Goode (77)
June 23, 1998
Blue Diamond, Nevada

It saddens us to report the passing of **Rachel Burrell**. Rachel passed away October 27, 2012 in Amarillo. She leaves behind a son, Benjamin David Burrell Grepo.

Prayers are offered to **Eddie Garza (88)** on the recent passing of his son, **Christian John "CJ" Garza** of Amarillo. Eddie wishes to express his thanks and appreciation to the Alumni Association for their prayers and good wishes.

We offer up prayers to **Adam Clark (99)** on the passing of his mother, **Lori Huke**. Prayers also go out to **Jamey Miller (05)** and **Steven Crary (03)** on the recent passing of their mother, **Jill Miller** of Borger.

Prayers are given to **Harold Russell (67)** and **Fred Russell (64)** on the passing of their mother, **Helen Russell** in Denison, Texas. Brother, **Loyd Russell (65)** passed away in 1975.

Condolences go out to the family of **Carolyn Cook**, who passed away November 9, 2012. Ms. Cook taught math at BRHS in the 90s. Sympathy is also given to the family of **Bonnie Wiegand**, who passed away November 12, 2012. Ms. Wiegand retired from the Town Office. We hear that **Paul Row**, who worked at Girlstown in maintenance passed away August 29, 2000.

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www.calfarleysalumni.com

Christmas Lights Judging



Daniel Scroggs (83)

The Christmas Lights Judging Contest out at Boys Ranch was wonderful this year. Every home participated and all were decorated very nicely, which made the judging all the more difficult. As in previous years, the winners were only separated by a point or two.

Your winners are as follows...



1st place Romersi Home
2nd place Fischer Home
3rd place Lutz Home

There were 22 judges this year. Jessie & Daniel Scroggs, son Brandon Scroggs and niece Nicole Frambes. Patsy & David Tallant (81) and their friends Frank & Melanie Keplar. Pam & Bubba Davis (84) and son Brhett Davis. Brandon Crews (94), Cylinda Case (93) and Billy Touchstone (87). Steve & Harriett McKinney and their granddaughter Shianne York. Tim & Jamie Bush, daughters Destiny, Merideth, Bobbiayn and friend Isabell Zanora.



Everyone had a great time judging the homes and enjoying the lights and goodies that were passed out by the residents. My son Brandon, David Tallant and myself presented the winning homes with their prizes after the Christmas Cantata and banquet. I am already looking forward to next year's contest, as are most of the judges. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a safe New Years!



2012 In Review – Like I began last month's article ... What a truly blessed people we are. We look back and recount a lot of struggles, some heartbreaking losses, tears, frustrations, failures. And then we remember what a very blessed people we are. We can't count the ways we have been blessed by so very many very good people. I reflect on tears of joy, on gratitude poured out for intervention by the Alumni Association in times of crisis. I think of the Harriman's, honored as the first Distinguished Staff, and how blessed we all are by them. I think of men and women across the country hugging, laughing, and serving one another, all with the one common experience of being alumni of BR or GT. I

think of good men and women working through important and difficult issues and plans that are the foundation of what we can do as an Association...board members, committee members, servants to all of us. I think of very gracious men and women we make, assemble, purchase and provide silent auction items which provide food and housing and heat for alumni all over the country. I think of generous men and women who write check each month, put it in an envelope and mail it to the Association out of a sacrificial commitment to give back and help brothers and sisters. We are a very blessed people. The heart is filled and the resolution to make this Association a vital ministry to Cal Farley's and former residents of Cal Farley's, is strengthened because...we are such a very blessed people.

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The President's Corner

David Rattan (78)



"Our thoughts of love, of what's the right thing to do, of concern for our friends tends to guide our actions to lend a hand when needed. Love you all much."

Happy New Year, friends! I love it each year when the change of the calendar gives us the opportunity to drive a new stake in the ground to mark a fresh start, a clean slate, and a bold, positive perspective.

The above quote is from a text message I received from a fellow member of the Cal Farley's Alumni Association board of directors. Over the holidays, this gentleman and his family were magnificent examples of what Christ described as 'loving thy neighbor'. Their generosity and servants' hearts were an amazing encouragement to me, and when I texted a word of thanks, the words you see above was the reply.

If I were a preacher, I could build a sermon on that quote, but the message I want to convey here is that you can build a successful, joyful life based on the wisdom contained in those 31 words and that we can build a wonderful alumni association based on those words, as well! In fact, I think there is plenty of evidence that the Association is moving forward in its mission and is fulfilling it admirably thanks to the efforts, the service and the contributions of time, talent and money that many of you

have made and continue to make. This happens because we care about each other, we know that there are times when those we care about need a hand, and because we believe it is the right thing to do. We are living it!

There will be alumni get-togethers all through the coming year. The first one organized by the Association is the Dallas Gathering on February 9th in Plano, TX. This will be my 8th Dallas Gathering (I got lost trying to find the first one...) and I look forward to seeing many of you there. We are planning for 150-200 of us to be there for the truly grand time of fellowship this event has come to be known for, and I want you to make it a point to be there for any of a number of good reasons.

Old fashioned values never go out of fashion, thank God, and I'm very thankful to associate with so many of you who are a living testimony to that fact. Let's share that good news with all those we were fortunate enough to share time with at Boys Ranch and Girlstown and build our association to successfully accomplish its every mission.

Hope to see you soon!

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Committee News



Chuck Farrell (59)
Alumni Scholarship Committee

The purpose of the Scholarship Policy of the Association is to provide guidance in the allocation of available resources for assisting Association members and their families in achieving educational goals. Educational goals may include pursuit of a degree, certification, or qualification for a job or position. Educational goals also may involve taking courses to enrich one's personal life, or better qualify one to enrich the lives of others. The Association has funded scholarships for 42 students of which 11 are currently active. Scholarships are typically for 2 years at \$500 per semester, but can be modified in some cases. Scholarships provided by the Association are primarily for immediate family members of **active** members of the Association.

Additional information regarding eligibility can be found in the By Laws and Policy Handbook located under "Menu" on the CFBRAA home page. If interested or desire more information contact Executive Director Bobby Sarpalius at cfbraa@sarpserv.com or (817)788-8782.

2013 GATHERINGS

...Many more are being scheduled...

Atlantic / East Coast October 13-20

Dallas February 9, 2013

Florida February 23, 2013

Memphis March 16, 2013

Austin April 6, 2013

Houston April 27, 2013

Oklahoma City May 25, 2013

Lubbock / Girlstown June 8, 2013

Albuquerque (pending)

Northern California (pending)

Southern California (pending)

San Angelo / West Texas (pending)

Annual Reunion Aug 30-Sept 1, 2013

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Kari Cabrera (GT/94) Austin, Texas

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Shirley Rattan

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