



2016 Spring Edition

Cal Farley's Alumni Newsletter

“Teach your child to mind and respect you from the very start. Then your youngster and America will be forever grateful to you.” –Cal Farley

Roy Turner: The Rest of the Story

As the family walked single file into the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church for what his son described as the final celebration of his life, I was amazed by the significance of the four generations representing the legacy of Roy Turner, who at 88 years of age had passed away on March 6, 2016.

The first time I met Roy, he dropped in unannounced for a visit at my office at Girlstown, USA in the late nineties. I was the administrator there and knew that he had some historical connection to Cal Farley's, but certainly didn't know the depth. He was very modest and respectful. He did not talk about himself, but asked questions about our work program, opportunities for spiritual growth for the girls, and how they were faring in the public schools. Then, he said his goodbyes and left. It was not until a few days later that I understood the significance of his visit, and of his story.



In short, Roy was one of the first nine boys in 1939 to occupy the abandoned courthouse at Old Tascosa; the footprint upon which was later to become Cal Farley's Boys Ranch. Roy thrived under Cal's tutelage, and as a teenager, learned the bricklaying trade which later became his own business, R.E. Turner Masonry, Inc.

In keeping with his being one of the first “ranchers” at Boys Ranch, Roy was the first alumnus elected to the Cal Farley's board of directors, of which he became President in 1986. Not surprisingly, he was asked to serve as Executive Director in 1988, which he did until his retirement in 1995.

Some might find it ironic that Roy, one so steeped in Boys Ranch tradition, would preside over one of the most culture changing events in the organization's history, the 1987 merger between Girlstown, USA and Boys Ranch. Some considered it “mission drift,” even bordering on heresy! Nevertheless, the board's bold decision to adopt Girlstown was catalytic, leading to Boys Ranch becoming co-ed a few years later in 1991 when Marjorie Romersi agreed to fund a new home at Boys Ranch, but only if it housed girls.

Among other transformational events, this exemplified an important leadership theme modeled by Cal Farley, himself a progressive and innovative leader. That is, while our mission and values transcend time, our approaches to working with children and families must be responsive to what is in their best interest and needs at the time.

As the current President and CEO of Cal Farley's, my appreciation for this principle is stronger than ever. Now, more than 75 years after Roy Turner spent his first night in the old courthouse, and under the chairmanship of another proud Boys Ranch alumnus, Rodney Ruthart, we continue to chart our trajectory into the future.

Along with our primary services happening at Boys Ranch and sister campus, Genie Farley Harriman Center for Women and Children, our current planning process acknowledges several strategic assumptions that have evolved in our work over the past twenty years. First, working with the families of children living on our campuses enhances their chances for future success. And, much of our good work can occur outside campus boundaries, in the communities from which the children come.

Secondly, helping graduates after they leave Boys Ranch is critical to their success. The space between high school graduation and productive adulthood can be a minefield for some, and our alumni support services go a long way towards helping youngsters navigate these waters.

We plan to be here for 75 more years and longer. The business models and traditions started by Cal Farley and continued by the likes of Virgil Patterson, Roy Turner and other prominent figures on our boards of directors has created a “ripple effect” not to be thwarted. Our desire to meet the needs of children and to be the best at what we do will always be motivating forces.

I feel very fortunate to be in leadership at Cal Farley's during an era where members of the founder's family and original residents of Boys Ranch have been so actively involved. Now, as the elders move on, the rest of us become caretakers along the way, maintaining the integrity of our cause, being responsive to the changing needs of children and their families, and setting the stage to be here for those who follow in our footsteps. Here's to Roy!!

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2016 Calendar

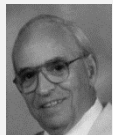
DFW Golf – May 14
BR Graduation – May 28
Girlstown – June 11
Rodeo Reunion – Sept 2-4

(See Alumni website for Gathering details)

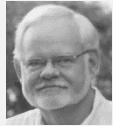
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Condolences



Sherm Harriman
BR Staff
March 23, 2016
Amarillo, TX



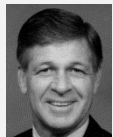
Steve Singleterry
BR Staff
March 14, 2016
Sand Springs, OK



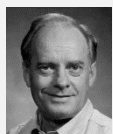
Richard McCabe
BR Staff
March 10, 2016
Lawton, OK



Roy Turner
Boys Ranch 1939 & Staff
March 6, 2016
Amarillo, TX



Troy Dunn
BR Staff
February 27, 2016
Pampa, TX



Robert Pyle
BR Staff
February 10, 2016
Lawton, OK



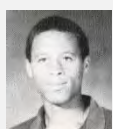
Richard Amon
Boys Ranch 62-64
February 10, 2016
Wichita Falls, TX



Bill Horner
BR Staff
February 06, 2016
Canyon, TX



Rodney Green
Boys Ranch 52-55
January 31, 2016
Amarillo, TX



Tyrone Titus
Boys Ranch 86-89
January 28, 2016
Amarillo, TX



Larry Beckman
BR Staff
January 26, 2016
Kearney, NE



James Holt
Boys Ranch 55-58
January 06, 2016
Tulsa, OK

Sympathy and Prayers

Cy Garnett, Tiffany Nation, Tim & Susan Nation, Wes Manes, Frank McBride, Dustin Montano, Cheree Gilliam, James Novak, Shirley & Robert Eldridge, Aimee Stevens

Roll Call (Alumni we've heard from or talked to)

Michael Rust (63), Gary Hardy (63), James Calhoun (63), Doyle Morris (63), Lawrence Nash (63), Ronnie Crouch (65), Everette Davis (68), Hap Rainbolt (69), Rob Waldrup (69), Ray Heredia (70), Edward Nickelson (71), Thomas Kirby (75), Henry "Buster" King (78), Robert Munson (79), Daniel Scroggs (83), Marjie Bonner (GT/85), Tammy Rogers-Thompson (GT/86), Wayne Roy Saffer (88), Dustin Melton (90), Hector Porras (92), Marci Little (GT/92), Gari Dawn Milton (GT/93), James Hendricks (93), Ambria Budlong-Wolfgang (GT/98), Ronnie Anderson (02), Lashondra Sandoval-Martin (02), Aaron Johnson (07), Alan Hatten (08), Issac Holland (09), Hershall Gates

Where are they now?

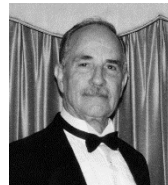
Alvis Grant

One of the most remarkable men to have spent time at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch is Alvis Grant. He was one of the first 9 boys to have lived at the Ranch, riding out with Mr. Farley in the



spring of 1939. He was 15 at the time and stayed only a short time. He had to move back to Amarillo to take care of his mother. He got a job as a sign painter working 44 hours a week for \$5.50 / week. He and his mother lived in a hotel room paying \$2.50 a week for the room. It was in this job that Alvis taught himself to paint. After a couple of other short job stints at the Capital Picture Show and then Pantex Bomb factory, Alvis joined the Marines.

Alvis told me of an opportunity that was given to him by the Rotary Club in Amarillo, over which Cal Farley presided at the time. Cal offered him a full scholarship to the Los Angeles Art Institute through the Rotary Club. However, if Alvis took the opportunity, he would not be able to care for his mother, so he had to turn it down. When Alvis told me of this he said further that in all likelihood, he would probably have been drafted and been killed in WWII, hence it was probably a good thing he couldn't take the scholarship at the time.



As it was, Alvis joined the Marines and found the affiliation a lifelong one. Though he only served on active duty for three years, he has become a valuable supporter of the corps for his entire life. While on active duty in WWII, Alvis was involved in four invasions, including Tinian, Kwajalein Atoll, Saipan and Iwo Jima. He claims he only avoided injury because he was very fast.

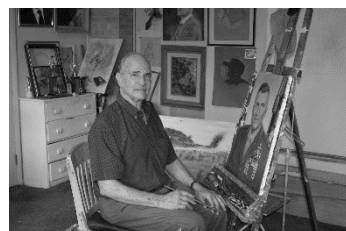
When Alvis returned from the Marines he went to work in Amarillo at City Sign Shop, eventually making \$1 / hr. He married Willie Maurice Vermillion in 1946 and they had a son, Stephen W. Grant, and a daughter, Barbara Schumann. Alvis and a partner started a sign shop in Borger where he worked for a short time. The other passion of his life, handball, led him to Dallas.

Cal Farley was the first to start playing handball with Alvis. He took a liking to the sport and, while working in Borger began making annual bus trips to Dallas to play in tournaments. The Dallas Athletic Club told him that he could have a free membership in the club if he ever chose to move to Dallas. That was all it took. While initially he thought he would starve to death, he eventually got work in outdoor advertising where he began painting the large outdoor advertising signs. This became his vocation for over 50 years.



If Alvis wasn't painting he was playing handball. This too has been a lifelong avocation for him. Alvis was the national Junior Champion in the early 50's. He was also the national champion for those over 80. He has won over 100 tournament championships, 17 national championships and is one of the elite "Grand Masters" of the National Handball Association. In 1995 was inducted into the Handball Hall of Fame in Tucson, Arizona.

Alvis has over 35 paintings in the Command Museum for the Marine Corps Recruiting Depot in San Diego. He is continuously asked to paint portraits of those the Marines choose to recognize or honor in the museum. He has also has 25 paintings in the Flying Leathernecks Museum, including one of "Pape" Boyinton of Black Sheep Squadron fame. (It's not Robert Conrad). He has painted portraits of all 66 members of the Handball Hall of Fame. He painted several pictures for Boys Ranch, including the picture of the entombment of Christ in the Boys Ranch Chapel.



Alvis Grant has lived an extraordinary life and continues to contribute to those around him. He has given throughout his life, as a Marine, as a painter, as an athlete.

Alvis is recognized on the Wall of Honor at the BR Veterans Memorial. Ray Leidich said this of the USHA Hall-of-Famer Alvis Grant at the Semper Fi Tournament: *"When the dignitaries and past champions are introduced at the jammed packed, Saturday night banquet of the annual Semper Fi Handball Tournament in San Diego this Memorial Day weekend, none will receive greater ovation, respect and admiration than Alvis Grant. Aside from his many handball victories and accolades, the competitive Hall-of-Famer is the epitome of what writer Tom Brokaw labeled 'the greatest generation.'*



Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Alumni Association

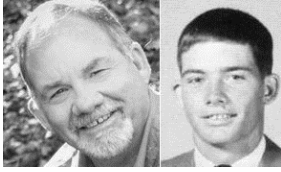
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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER by David Rodgers (70)



I would like to take time to reflect on the status of our association midway through the year. By the time you get this newsletter the Florida Gathering will be over and history. I know there are several alumni heading to Ocala, FL to attend this event. My wife and I are driving to the gathering, and doing some sightseeing along the way. We have been having these regional gatherings, in addition to the reunion during labor day weekend for several years now, and many former ranchers have had an opportunity to reconnect with old friends they grew up with. If you think you might want to put together a gathering in your area then contact the Association and we would be more than willing to give you a hand.

Our Dallas gathering was possibly the best one so far. We had a Valentine theme, and all the ladies received a rose for this occasion. I'm sure others will be writing about the gathering, so I'll be brief and just say thanks to all of you that helped make that event such a success.

We are currently working on plans for the annual reunion on Labor Day weekend. Everything is looking good and a lot of hard work is being put into this event. However, before this event takes place, we are once again having the DFW Golf Tournament in the Dallas Metroplex. This will be our fourth year. Each year the event has grown and we have used the proceeds to fund our scholarship program. During our last board meeting Chuck Farrell, who chairs our scholarship committee, gave us an update on our scholarship recipients. We support some very smart and dedicated students who are utilizing these funds to further their education. A few years ago Bobby made a statement that someday we want to have a full four year scholarship. At the time I was a little bit skeptical, but after working with this board of directors and committee persons I believe this will be a reality in the near future.

In closing I look forward to seeing many former ranchers; even more than in the past, at the reunion this year. Blessings on all of you.

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Bob's Bear



Distinguished Alumni and Staff

Time for nominating Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Staff is upon us. The committees will begin reviewing nominations in April. For Distinguished Staff, all forms and letters are due to the Alumni office by April 15th. If you are nominating a Distinguished Staff you will see in the policies that you need to have others submit letters along with your nomination form. Distinguished Alumni nomination forms need to be submitted by April 1st, but we will extend it to the 15th if this newsletter prompts you to make a nomination.

Bobby Sarpalius (67)

Distinguished Alumni and Staff policies and forms are available on the web site: www.calfarleysalumni.com. Links are available at the bottom left of the home page. Nominations that arrive late or are not selected this year may be considered next year.

DFW Golf Tournament

The Dallas-Fort Worth Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday, May 16th at the Texas Star golf course in Euless, TX. The purpose of the tournament is to raise funds for the CFBRAA Scholarship Fund. We are currently providing scholarships to a dozen students worth over \$40K. This tournament is the primary means of funding these scholarships.

In addition to the prizes for 1st through 3rd place teams we will be recognizing the First Responders Foursome, that is the foursome of firemen or police officers with the lowest score. First Responders may play in the tournament for half price (that's \$50). Green Fees and carts and supper for all others is \$100. There will be raffle items and a silent auction as well as prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive, and a car for a hole-in-one.

You are needed as a part of this major event of the Alumni Association in any of 4 ways. First – promote the event at work and to those you know who might be sponsors. You can print a brochure off the web site for information on sponsoring the event. Second – participate in the event as a golfer and/or sponsor yourself. Third – Attend and work the event...volunteers are needed in all phases of making this event successful. Finally, spread the word. Encourage any firemen or police officers to participate in the event. Encourage any golfers to participate. Find and pick up raffle items and event prizes. If you don't care about golf, but care about helping kids with college, your help is valuable and needed.

Mark the date, May 14th, and don't just be one who simply reads this article. Be a part of the very good work you are doing through your Association.

Alumni Support Services

By Kim Reeves

Regional Gatherings

If you would like to see or host a gathering in your area please contact Bob Sarpalius to set it up and get the word out.
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Class Reunions

Now is the time to start planning class reunions. If you would like to set up a class reunion, either at the Annual Meeting on Labor Day weekend, or any other time, contact Bob Sarpalius to help get the word out. Classes that might gather this year: Class of '06 – 10th; '96 – 20th; 91 – 25th; '76 – 40th; '66 – 50th.

Oldham County Chamber Honorees

2016 Oldham County Chamber of Commerce's Man of the Year goes to a dedicated and deserving guy, Mike Pacino. Mr. Pacino has lived in Oldham County since 1989 and he is very active within the Boys Ranch Community and Oldham County.



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Boys Ranch Student of the Year is Sara Hunter. Sara, a Senior at Boys Ranch High School, has lived in Oldham County for most of her life, and her family has been here for generations. She is the daughter of Shane and Casey Hall Robinson of Vega, and Donald and Kimberly Hunter of Scotts Valley,

Congratulations to both Oldham County Chamber Honorees!

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