

Bear Tracks

The Suda East Butler High School Alumni Newsletter



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Golden Bear Dinner – Friday, September 15

Class of 1973 to Kick Off Reunion Weekend

Please join us at this year's Golden Bear Dinner to celebrate the 50-year reunion of the Class of '73. The class of '63 will also be honored as they celebrate their 60-year reunion. Other Butler alumni, faculty and friends are encouraged to attend. This is a casual event and a lot of fun.

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Years

Please register early

While the deadline to register for the Golden Bear Dinner is Monday, September 11, we need you to register now. Eddie Cannon, SEBAA's outgoing president, explains, "It is much easier to plan if we have an idea of how many guests to expect. People are concerned that if they register early, and they are unable to attend, they will lose their registration fee. That is a valid concern and if that happens, we can refund the registration fee if requested by September 11. We hope that doesn't happen but we want this event to be nice. The sooner we have an idea of how many people to expect, the better prepared we will be."

Registrations are lagging

Right now, the registration pace is slow compared to years past, but is expected to pick up. Cannon says, "We always have a flood of people registering in the last week but we really do need to know sooner versus later. If everyone waits to register, the event will be difficult for the volunteers to pull off."

A Good Meal, a Cool Commemorative Pin, a Great Time

The Golden Bear Dinner is a signature annual event for the Suda E. Butler Alumni Association, because it's a signature event for Butler's bears. Its purpose is to recognize classes as they reach the 50th—and the 60th—anniversary of their graduation. Members of the class of '73 and '63 will receive commemorative pins, and all attendees enjoy a great catered dinner. This will be the 11th Golden Bear Dinner.



The cost is **\$35**. Again, if you register and discover later that you're unable to attend, you can ask for a refund up until the hard deadline of September 11.

There are many ways to register. Just click on the link that applies to you. You can direct all questions to admin@butlerhighalumni.com

[Class of 1973 Registration](#) [Class of 1963 Registration](#)

[All Class Registration](#)

[Faculty and Friends Registration](#)

Correction and Apology

We are in the process of updating our database and we are making great progress. We are using a slightly different format and in our last edition we made an error.

When sorting the database to create the obituary, we made an error and reported that Deborah Rodgers Duncan, Class of 1969 was deceased. Deborah contacted us and reported that she is alive and well. We apologize to Deborah and her family and friends.

Welcome New Members

1969 Kathy Titus McDonald
 1970 Rusty McDonald
 1970 Howard Rutledge
 1971 Gene Hehemann
 1971 Ronald Watts
 1973 Roy Board

1975 Lynn Leahy Pike
 1975 Pamela Lunsford Wright
 1978 Dana Board Willett-Maier
 1997 Michelle Williams
 1998 Jeremy Stigler
 2007 Kristen Rutledge Moreh

Lifetime Member's List

[Join SEBAA](#)

Alumni Obituaries

1964 Jean Yates Holmes	1973 David Colyer	1973 Barry Stevenson
1966 Joyce Korfhage Rhea	1973 Bryce Cox	1973 Kenneth Waddell
1967 Donald Lynch	1973 Patrick Duane	1974 Philip Bray
1968 Sharon Pentecost Hess	1973 Larry McGuire	1974 Mike Murphy
1971 Patricia Avery Clark	1973 William Miller	1976 Joan Gibson Brashear
1973 Robert Cecil	1973 John Mills	1978 Jerry Walker
1973 Lynn Cissell	1973 Thomas Nolan	2013 Jansen Hale

We have recently received the news of the passing of these classmates. We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of these Butler Bears. If we have missed the passing of one of our friends, please let us know and we will publish it in our next newsletter.

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We have launched a new website. For a brief time, we will maintain the new website along with the legacy web page.

We are pleased we were able to reestablish the ButlerHighAlumni domain. This was made possible by a 2012 gift from the Class of 1958. And more recently, from the research and diligence of Larry Birkenfeld '67.

As SEBAA transitions to a new leadership team, this website will become very important.