

# Bear Tracks

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## Golden Bear Dinner - 2023

*Hard Work Pays Off for the Class of '73*

When planning for this year's Golden Bear Dinner began, we didn't know what to expect. We were honoring the Class of 1973. It was a typical Butler class from the 70's, successful by all measures, but they had not had a reunion since 1983 (40 years ago). One class member, Juanita Haysley Lehman, contacted SEBAA and expressed interest in planning a 50<sup>th</sup> reunion for the class. We were glad to help. After our initial discussion, she liked the idea of building the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion weekend around the Golden Bear Dinner.

Juanita and the committee started working on contacting class members. They were behind the eight ball. Remember, they had not had a reunion since 1983 and a lot had changed in 40 years. Juanita contacted some reunion committee members from the class of '72 and got tips on how to locate people, then the work began. As a result, nearly 70 class members and 170 people attended the Golden Bear Dinner on September 15 in Alumni Hall.

For most, it was their first visit to Butler in 50 years. Cheryl Perkins Clark and her husband Mark Clark both graduated in '73.

Cheryl's impression of the event was shared

by other attendees, "We had a wonderful time!! It was my first time back to Butler since I graduated. We plan to keep in touch and are hoping we can get together again soon!" Others expressed their excitement as well. Debbie Braune Carper, "What a wonderful night we had seeing old friends and reminiscing about our time at good ole BHS!! I especially liked hearing the room rock with the BHS fight song!! Thanks to all who worked so hard to make it special."



Craig Thornton is excited to receive his Golden Bear Pin from former Faculty member, Jean White Andrada (also Class of 1964)



David Hepp, Debbie Braune Carper, Sandra Lucas Lockett, Vicki Herms Ligon, Kaye Richie Christy

Nina Darnell Layer and her husband John, both Class of '73 members, enjoyed the evening. Nina has a suggestion for the entire class, "I really enjoyed seeing all who attended. We should all try to attend Butler's Alumni Picnic next June at Mike Lining's and invite someone from our class that didn't attend this past weekend."

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The dinner also honored the Class of 1963, celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> reunion and the former faculty members that were present: Jean Andrada, Emily Antle, Wanda Flener, Joe Page, Otis Reed, Phil Thrasher, Judy Thomas, Donna Conway Tooley and Robin Whitehouse.



Reunion Committee: Julia Gilpin Kuhman, Cathy Lee Cannon, Terry Elmore Parrish, Sherri Williams White, Juanita Haysley Lehman, Judy Jessee McQueen and Kaye Ritchie Christy



Jerry Seidl and Bob Glasscock, from the Class of '63, receive their 60th Anniversary Pin.



Football Alumni: Ron Andrada '63, Scott Kolter '73, Pat Givens '73, Gary Huff '73, Tony Winston '73, Robbie Butler '74, Marc Jennings '74 and Eddie Patton '71

## Butler High School's Festival of Trees



Butler High School will host its 36th Annual Festival of Trees on Saturday, December 2 from 8 a.m. till 4 p.m. This popular event is not an alumni event but we are often asked about the details so we thought we would share them with you.

Click here for more detail including [Vendor Registration](#).

### Welcome New Members

- 1964 Sandy Lacy Hoback
- 1966 Janice DeLong Dunn
- 1967 Linda Graham Cook
- 1970 Angela Rule Watson \*\*
- 1970 David Shattack \*\*
- 1970 Mike Van Meter \*\*
- 1973 Richard Bartsch
- 1973 Keith Bohler
- 1973 Sheila Coots Maryman
- 1973 Pat Givens
- 1973 Kathy Holsclaw Jones
- 1973 Jeffrey Johns
- 1973 Jeannie Logsdon Linker
- 1973 Sandra Lucas Luckett
- 1973 Mark Pait
- 1973 Terry Powell
- 1974 Lawrence Blair
- 1975 Paula Deane Gordon
- 1997 Emilie Rengers Tally
- 1997 Lauren Wolff
- 2012 Shelby Weber Burch
- 2015 Travis Weber
- Faculty Marc Monroe

\*\* Memorial Membership

### Alumni and Faculty Obituaries

- 1964 Sandra Williams Wilson
- 1965 Benny (Ben) Lacy
- 1966 Jack (Jacko) Button
- 1968 Vickie Edwards Lampton
- 1969 Mark Hartman
- 1970 Gregory Rountree
- 1970 Angela Rule Watson
- 1970 Michael Van Meter
- 1972 Clara (Dianne) Ewing
- 1973 Edward (Eddie) Zimmerman
- 1974 Susan Doerting Tommie
- 1998 Jeffrey Rose

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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