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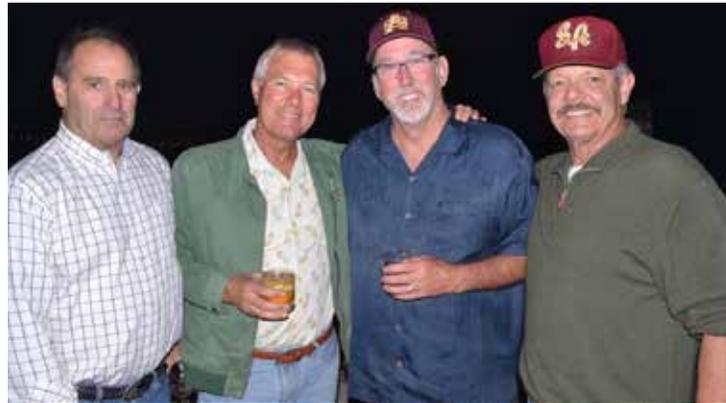


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Alums Ushered in "Nights of Lights" at Holiday Networking Event

A November event brought together alumni whose classes

spanned decades. Chris and Pam Way opened their beautiful home on the bay to SA/KHS Alumni Association members, providing them with a perfect view of town as "the switch was flipped" and Nights of Lights began.

What a fun way to start the holiday season, celebrating with the Yellow Jacket family!

Guests enjoyed great food, great views, and great friends!



Events, Events, Events!

Annual Derby Day Reunion for Classes of '67 and Earlier Set for Saturday, May 5

The annual party is coming up for alumni of Ketterlinus High School and St. Augustine High School whose graduating classes have already held their 50th year reunions.

Members of the SAHS and KHS classes of '67 and earlier have set their annual multiyear get-together for 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 5 at Royal St. Augustine Golf Club, 301 Royal St. Augustine Parkway, near the St. Johns River State College campus.

St. Joseph's Academy graduates from 1967 and earlier are also welcome.

Because May 5 is also the running of the Kentucky Derby, cash prizes will go for the finest ladies' and mens' hats, a special 50/50 horse race themed raffle will be featured, and the cash bar will offer a Yellow Jackets Julep. A limited food menu will be available for purchase.

There is no ticket fee, but funds raised from the 50/50 raffle will benefit the Jackets Forever Endowment.

To reserve your spot, contact Tom Brown at tfonz64@gmail.com



Danny Plunkett '64 and Judy Jaye, '59, the 2017 winners of the "Finest Hat" competition.

April 6 First Friday Art Walk Alumni Night & Get Together

Tim Gillis, Class of '95, is opening The Gillis Law Firm, 125 King St., to fellow Yellow Jackets during the First Friday Art Walk on April 6.

The idea for the event started, Tim said, when he posted a picture on Facebook "from back in the day" at SAHS as part of a happy birthday greeting. The post got more than 250 comments, many from former classmates expressing a desire to get together. Tim himself missed both his class reunions but thought "a big party" sounded fun. Art Walk Alumni Night was on!

To let Tim know you're coming, go to *The Gillis Law Firm* or the *SA/KHS Alumni Association* pages on Facebook.



Tim Gillis

Tim and Gillis Law are enlisting local businesses to provide items for auctions and drawings, from restaurant meals to merchandise to event tickets. Funds raised during the event will benefit the SA/KHS Alumni Association's scholarships, classroom grants, and endowment.

Two of the five artists who will be featured during Alumni Night are themselves Yellow Jackets: Jeremy Rogers, Class of '94, and Marcy Welter, Class of '95. There will also be food, beverages, and even DJ Mike Hardee, Class of '95. Please let Tim know, via Facebook, if you plan to attend.



50th Class Reunion is Being Organized Now – Spread the Word!

The Classes of '68 of St. Augustine High School and St. Josephs Academy are putting together a joint reunion for this fall. More details will be forthcoming but the date is set for Saturday, Nov. 3.



Right now, organizers are focused on locating classmates so they can keep them informed of the plans. If you are a class member, or know how to reach 1968 SAHS or SJA members, they want to hear from you.

Gary Peterson is the contact person for the Yellow Jackets. Gary can be reached through Facebook, but if you or your classmate is not on FB, you can email Gary at pete5033@comcast.net.

Judy Versaggi Angyalffy is compiling the list of Flashes, and she can be also be contacted on Facebook.

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Interested in serving on a committee?
We'd love to have your help.

Please contact any board member,
or Pres. Doug Wiles at dwiles@herbiewiles.com or 904-209-3805.

Mission: The purpose of this association is to support St. Augustine High School students and alumni through scholarship, mentorship, fellowship and community involvement, the support of such purposes to be exclusively charitable, to make and receive contributions as and for this association that qualify as exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and any corresponding law of the State of Florida.

Thanks for Your Help with the Huge Backpack Drive!

When SAHS asked for the SA/KHS Alumni Association's help providing backpacks for students in need as classes resumed from the winter break, alums responded with enthusiasm!

In fact, so many backpacks were collected at the offices of Herbie Wiles Insurance that we had to make two trips to the high school to deliver them all. Thank you for your generosity and support for today's Yellow Jackets!



Dean Amy Arnow, right, gives alumni a thumbs-up after the first load of backpacks arrive. Front office student worker Alexandra helped get the backpacks ready for distribution.

Scholarship News

The March 1 deadline for scholarship applications brought entries from 16 outstanding Yellow Jackets. Winners are selected based on grades, performance, activities, and other qualities.

The names of the recipients for the Class of '18 will be announced during the Senior Awards Night ceremonies on Tuesday, May 15.

New scholarships were added this year, funded by the Classes of '61 and '98. Both are one-year only awards. A list of all the SA/KHS Alumni Association scholarships is available at mysahs.com.

Keeping in Touch is Easier Than Ever

There are two easy ways to keep up with your alumni association.

1. Go to mysahs.com. You'll find everything from the history of our schools to our Hall of Fame inductees to new scholarship winners to class reunion information. You can also sign up for the email news list. See the new site for yourself today!
2. Follow us on Facebook. There, you'll find even more up-to-the-minute news, shares about class members and news from Facebook class pages, and much more to "Like."



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Membership Will Have Its Privileges

A committee has formed, led by Dan Chitwood (Class of '75) and his wife, Sue (Class of '66), to institute a membership program for the SA/KHS Alumni Association.

You will soon be able to say you are really a "member," one whose dues support the scholarships, classroom grants, educational enhancements, and -- oh yeah -- fun events bringing together fellow Yellow Jackets.

Those interested in serving on the committee, and contributing their ideas for how to reach out to classmates, the types of benefits we offer, and how to grow the SA/KHS Alumni Association are invited to attend the membership committee's first meeting:

**6 p.m. Thursday, April 5
Blackfly Restaurant, 108 Anastasia Blvd.**

Note to alumni of a certain age: Yes, that's the place that used to be Colley's and we're meeting in the back room where class banquets were once held.



Dan and Sue Chitwood

Please RSVP to Dan (dec_fl@bellsouth.net) or Sue (homesbysue@bellsouth.net) by Friday, March 30 if you are planning to attend. Hors d'oeuvres will be served, and a cash bar available. Space is limited, but ideas and enthusiasm are not!



New mysahs.com Coming Soon!

An all-new website for the SA/KHS Alumni Association will launch soon. Expect new features, new ways to interact with your fellow alumni members, and new ways to stay in touch with the good work your organization is doing, especially for today's students and our school.

You will still find us at mysahs.com so be sure to mark the site as one of your "favorites!" And always follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/SAHSAlumniAssociation.

One more note: Soon you'll be able to find us on Instagram!