

Tempe Union High Class of 1961

SUNDAY FAREWELL

Photo's & Memories
Of

The 50 Year Reunion

Embassy Suites, Tempe, AZ

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“Fifty Years And Still Going Strong!”

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Sunday Farewell



Elaine and John take a well earned break. A big thanks for their effort. John made all the hotel arrangements, and a great deal of leg work to make sure everything happened. Elaine took care of the food menu, and so many more details that made our 50th reunion a fantastic event.

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Left: Betty Baird Stone lost the wager so she has to get coffee for the table.

Right: Tom Krill, Sara Clark, Dena (Billie) Stormont Lasater, Ralph Bell , chat and review the reunion events. It went by quite quickly actually.

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Left: Herb and Jane enjoy John Radcliff's stories. When Herb and Jane moved to the L.A. area after graduation, the Radcliffs and McLures would get together quite often.

Right: John, Alberta, Pete, Al and Helen enjoy the conversation and the really beautiful Arizona morning. A perfect end to a great 3 days.

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Left: Al and Helen enjoy some hotel coffee...

Right: Alberta and Pete are looking forward to the next big event...Oh no, 55 years or 60.

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Left: Dena (Billie) Stormont Lasater chats while Ralph Bell transfers photos to be used by Dan Clark for the Memory DVD.

Right: Tom Kril and Sara Clark chat about Tom's son Ken. Ken is Sara and Dan Clarks Godson.

Sunday Farewell



Left: Just relaxing after a couple days of busy schedules.
Right: Bob and Judy arrive to say their good-byes.

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Left: John Pritchard, Duane Strebbe, Larry Fry and ? Pritchard.
Right: Richard and Molly Wetmore Lowry.

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Left: Barbara Grim Woodruffe relaxes with some coffee and conversation

Right: Donna Pinkston and Dennis Clark relaxing and enjoying the beautiful Sunday morning.

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Left: For all the empty coffee cups, John Pritchard and Duane Strebbe may not be quite awake yet.

Right: Eldon Smith and Pete Wood discuss the reunion.

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Left: Quick, can you name all 12 people in this shot?

Right: Dena and Ralph

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Left: Ralph, Tom, Betty

Right: Molly & Richard, Susan and Elaine

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Left: Jerry is on a diet but he enjoys watching Dick Erickson eat.

Right: Jerry is having one of his moments and can't remember...

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Left: Eldon, Tom, Dan, Elaine, John and Ron
Right: Pete, John & Anne, and Jerry

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Left: Bob and Judy Mahr

Right: Helen and Ed

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Left: Molly, Brenda and Barbara

Right: Barbra, Dick and Molly



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Left: Jim Austin and Pete with John at the bottom right.

Right: Ed Mezes, Margaret, and Martha

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Left: Kay Johnson Erickson and Jess

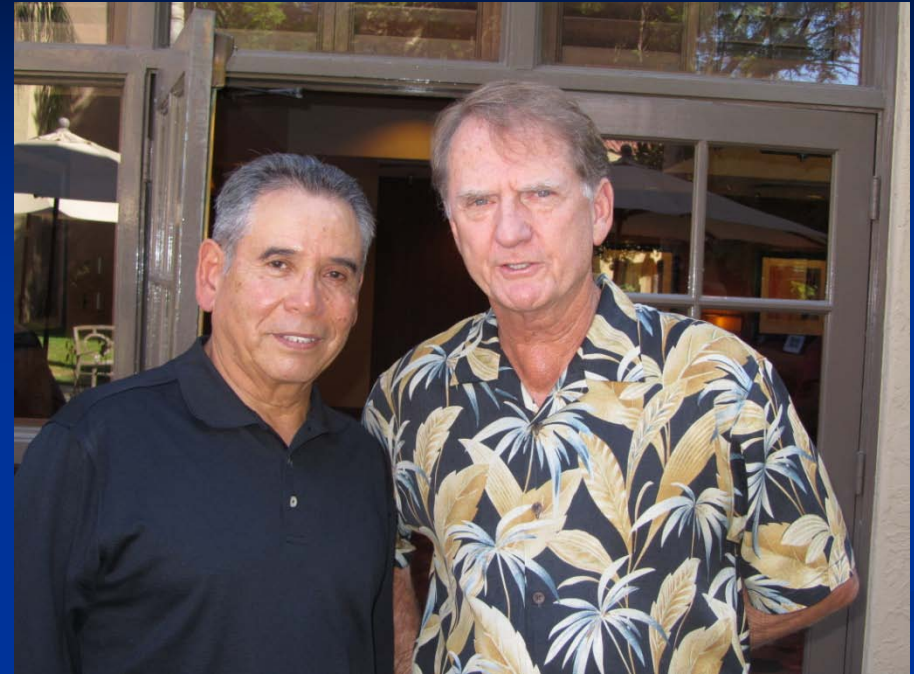
Right: Donna and John chat with Jane Rosio

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Left: Bob takes the picture of Dena and Brenda
Right: Manuel and Darlynn Flores

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Left: Zenna, Jess, Manuel, Jerry and Darlynn
Right: Manuel and ?

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- Larry Windes was provided a “Draft” of the slide shows for review. The following was his reply.

Hi Dan,

Thanks for the updates. From this slightly jaundiced viewpoint, all visual indicators show clearly that the close bond between the members of "61" is viable and still growing throughout the intervening decades. What a great group! It brings a lump in my throat to have missed the reunion, but the documentary results is a fine overview of the festivities to warm the heart and bring a bit of moisture to the eyes.

Some look nearly the same, some appear altogether unrecognizable, some look fit, some need a fix, but Hey wot! we all are pushing up the underside of 70, so a bit of a break is warranted. As for pushing up the years, it was a delight to see Joe Spracale and even more amazing, that Rudy Campbell is still crashing parties with his huge smile and sage wit. Rudy is Tempe's ultimate icon and what a treasure.

Congrats to the entire team that pulled off the latest reunion. All of you deserve profound thanks for keeping the past and present full of grins and chuckles.

Pura Vida,

Larry

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- Another great time with the Class of 1961.
- John Black and Bob Hallett have already volunteered to take the helm of the 2021 Reunion Planning.
- Bob wants to have the reunion in Brazil, John would rather have it in Tempe, and Dan Clark wants to have the next one on a riverboat cruise (Danube, Mississippi, or the Rhine).
- Check back and check into the web site from time to time to update your information, phone numbers, email/home address.
- For more pictures from this as well as other reunion activities, refer to the directory on the reunion DVD.

Photo Credits

- Zenna Hall (Jerry)
- Ralph Bell
- Dan Clark