

UPDATES FROM CLASSMATES DURING THE 30th REUNION YEAR

From Cheryl Sampedro:

Thanks for the update and keeping us all informed as to the happenings with the 30th reunion from LCHS. Seems extremely hard to believe that 30 years have passed! I just wanted to inform you that my husband and I will not be able to attend since we live about 8,000 miles away in the country of Chile, South America. We have only made it back for the 5th year reunion, and then we were assigned to overseas, so ever since then we have not been in the US during reunion years.

I am sending a current picture of my family – married for the past 27 years to Bob Fugate and we have four children: Sarah, 23 is a recent graduate of Penn State University and is now a middle school Spanish teacher in the State College school district. John is 21, and in his third year at the US Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs; Susie is 17, playing soccer here in Chile and busy applying to colleges for next year and Robby is 16 and a very happy-go-lucky kid!! Sarah is engaged and will be married next October, 2008 when we can be home for her wedding.

Just a quick fill-in – we are missionaries with a Christian organization and much of our work is with orphanages that we have here in Chile. We live in a suburb of the capital city of Santiago and have really enjoyed being able to make a difference in the lives of many people, people who had no hope before.

Thanks for letting us update you on our lives. May the reunion be a blessed one for all involved as you catch up on lives and happenings with everyone. Thanks again for keeping us in the loop.

Blessings,

Cheryl Sampedro Fugate and family

PS. The pictures are from last Christmas, which is summer here in Chile, taken in a small port town on the coast of Chile.

I have just recovered from breast cancer surgery in July – had a partial mastectomy and am now taking the drug tamoxifen for the next five years, but all is well and everything was caught in time, which is a great blessing for all of us! Thanks again!

From John Hodnett:

Thanks for the invitation. I regret that I will be unavailable that night. Hope that everyone has a great time.

I miss Matt and Dan so much!

From Donna Marino:

Thanks for the reminder however, I'm sorry to say I already have plans for that date. It makes me sad I was so looking forward to seeing everyone.

Please tell all I will hopefully see them at our 35th, if not sooner.

Have a Great Reunion!

From Steve Saldutti:

Hi, Patty. Yes, it's hard getting your heart into a reunion with the people we've lost. It's hard to believe it's been 30 years since high school ... and even harder to believe that Matt, Dan, and Betsy are no longer in the world with us.

Life brings some tough hardships. But we must look ahead. I'll let you know if things change for that date, but right now it's not looking good. Hope you and the family are doing well.

From Karen Finnochiaro:

Anyway, I am sorry to say I cannot make the reunion and I am really disappointed. We are hosting a wedding for my sister-in-law and the funny thing is we have 3 other invites the same weekend, another wedding, a 50th birthday party, and fundraiser. Of course the rest of the month we will probably be open.

Thanks for keeping me the LC Loop.

From Kathy DiLello:

I am sorry to say that I will not be able to make this reunion...the first that I will miss. My oldest daughter, Mallory (15yrs old - 10th grade) is part of the crew team at her high school and she has a regatta on the 13th starting at 7am in Jacksonville (about 1 1/2 hours drive). That is also the night of their Homecoming Dance, which involves getting hair and nails done...thank goodness we already found the perfect dress and shoes. Monica (almost 13 yrs old - 7th grade) is on the Cross Country team at her middle school and she has a meet that day also. I will go to Jacksonville and Keith will do the Cross Country meet. This is pretty typical of our weekends now...going in different directions.

I'm sorry that it took me so long to reply, but the crew team schedule was just finalized last evening and I just received it today.

We are doing great in Florida. Mallory has just gotten her driver's learner's permit. Florida law is permit at 15, 12 months of driving with a 21 year old licensed driver and then at 16 you may take your driver's test. She hasn't driven yet, Keith wants to take her first and he has been traveling a bit for work and Mallory's crew practice schedule is pretty tough but there is plenty of time between now and September 6, 2008.

Keith took a job in March 2006 as Accounting Director of Faro Technologies and in July 2006 was named CFO. He works a lot and now travels about 7 or 8 days per month. The girls and I are so busy doing what we do....school, work, crew, cross country, meetings, volunteering, sometimes we don't even realize how many days he is gone.

I am working for a CPA doing Administrative work and client accounting. I work about 20 to 25 hours a week which gets me home by 3 pm when Mallory comes in from school and just in time to start the carpooling for practice and whatever else needs to be done.

Everyone in my family is doing good. My Dad took all of us on a cruise to Bermuda in July 2006 to celebrate his 90th birthday. He is slowing down a bit, not driving anymore, can't hear that great but he always looks sharp, is smiling and has a story to tell. He and Marge still live in the pink house on Main Street, which recently got painted even a brighter pink. My niece Megan had a baby girl in March and she and her husband live in Skippack. My stepdaughters are doing good, Jennifer has a 1 yr old boy, named Brendan and lives with her husband in Quakertown and Allison is a middle school teacher and lives in Bethlehem.

Well, I know you are busy, so I won't keep you any longer. I am sure the reunion will be great. Hello to all.....

From Kevin Ferren:

I was looking forward to the 30th and was anxious to see everybody, unfortunately however, we just can't make that date. Maybe we'll be able to make the 35th (if there is one) when the kids will be gone. Tell everyone I said hi, I hope it is a great time.

From Pam Houseknecht:

Sorry I won't be able to make it this year. I had already made plans that I could not change. I hope everyone has a good time and hopefully I will be able to make our next one!

From Diane Jankowski:

I've been busy with school and work. I am very sorry to say I won't be able to make it to the reunion, I have a nephew getting married that day. I am really disappointed I was looking forward to seeing everyone since I haven't been to one in awhile. Tell everyone I say hi and hope we can get together another time. All is well with my family and me, my son got married in June and my youngest son graduated in June, and I just finished my schooling for work, so its been a pretty hectic time, but now I can finally take a deep breath and relax a little. Hope all is well with you and your family and again tell everyone I say hello.

From Mike Welsh (his wife):

Mike and I would like to come to the reunion, but our son has a soccer game that day. He plays for Lycoming college and we make most of the games .I hope we can show up but we never know what may happen. It's a long drive. So I guess I am saying maybe we will be there. We missed the St. Rose reunion also. Its great that classmates are still having babies, what a blessing. Our oldest son is in college and our youngest is a freshman at L.C. I miss them as babies.

From Kathy Ricci:**Note #1 -**

I am a little on the fence at the moment. I am getting married on Saturday and I am in panic mode. There is so much left to do.

We are having it at my Mom and Dad's so I have to set up tents and tables, floral arrangements. I can't really think past this week.

I will give you a call the week after next to give you a definite.

Note #2 -

I hate to say it, but I can't make it. We have Justin that weekend and with that is soccer tournaments. I not sure what state we will be in that weekend.

From Ms. Wibs:

I didn't realize when I was talking to Bridget that you reunion was the same weekend that I will be in Baltimore for the Race for the Cure which I do with my sister every year. I am sorry I won't be able to join you. I hope you have a good evening. I told my brother about the place and date but I don't think he will be going. His wife is back in chemo therapy for the second time in a year. Keep them in your prayers.

From Jaye Fitzgerald:

I can't make it this time. Hope all is well.