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Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Alumni Association

Cordially invites you to our 4th Annual

Dallas Gathering

Saturday, February 9, 2008

6:00 p.m. Registration, Cocktails & Appetizers
7:00 p.m. Dinner

Eddie Deen's Ranch in Downtown Dallas
944 South Lamar, Dallas 75202

COST: \$10.00 per person

Please RSVP to **Bob Sarpalius**
bobby@sarpalius.us or 817-996-7342
Reservations requested by February 4th

HOST HOTEL: Hotel Lawrence

Mention CFBRAA for discount rate \$89.00/night
302 South Houston Street
1-877-396-0334

Visit our website at:
<http://calfarleysboysranchalumni.org>

Our Mission

The mission of the Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Alumni Association is to provide a professional network of former ranchers who seek to carry on the spirit of family through fellowship, association and support.

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"Teaching a boy to mind who's never had to isn't simple, but a sincerity of purposes will work wonders."

---Cal Farley



Condolences



Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Ernest Lawrence Greear** (57). Lawrence passed away December 6, 2007 in Carlisle, Arkansas. He will be missed by all that knew him.

Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Dean Thompson** (87) on the recent death of his grandmother, **Christelle Ary**. She passed away on November 25, 2007 in Amarillo, Texas. Pallbearers included **Rod Beckner** (86), **Les Saker** (89) and **David Tallant** (81). Dean returned from Iraq to pay tribute to his "mom". Please pray for the Thompson family during this very sad time.



Condolences go out to the family and friends of **James Douglas Beavers** (69). Doug passed away December 9, 2007 in Canyon, Texas. Services and burial were at Boys Ranch on December 13. Please remember this family in your prayers today and in the days ahead.

Our sincere prayers and sympathy are extended to the family and many friends of **Robert "Bob" Sloger**. Bob was married to **Shelley Sloger**, daughter of **Gene & Sherm Harriman**. Bob passed away unexpectedly on November 9, 2007. Please remember his family during this sad and difficult time.



We received a call from the daughter of **Thomas Knowles** (58) that he had passed October 22, 2007. The editor regrets there is no other information.

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the family and friends of former Cal Farley employee, **Bob Eastham**. Bob was the maintenance supervisor at the Family Program from 1990-1995.

From the Alumni

"Thanks for all that you've done for our family and for dad. Britt's musical tribute to dad was terrific. I really appreciate everyone's comments at the funeral service and graveside. It meant a great deal to our family, and we continue to hear from friends that attended about how special dad's funeral was. * Dad's love for BR, Mr. and Mrs. Farley and the Alumni will always be important to me and my family as well. Hopefully, we will see you in coming years at the Rodeo from time to time or at a Dallas meeting.

---Mark A. Owens

Regarding the passing of his father, Wyman Owens (53)

"I attended Wyman's funeral on behalf of Cal Farley's. It was a great testimony to him and Boys Ranch too. * Others, which you would know, in attendance were Jody Granger, Tom Maynard, Aaron Alejandro, Bob Sarpalius, David Rattan and Britt Hammond. Britt sang at the service and at the graveside. Britt also made a few comments at the funeral and Aaron and Tom spoke about Wyman at graveside. * Wyman was a great man and will be missed. If you haven't looked at the alumni website, there is a brief tribute to him there.

---Tom Novak (73)

"We are just trying to pass time because winter is almost here so we are winterizing everything, chopping wood, pulling guard, and hoping for mail all the time. I turned 21 over here, that was fun. I got bought about 20 cokes since we can't drink over here. I can't wait to get back to see everyone. Tell everyone in the office I'm good and that I said hello."

---Ernie McKay (05)

Currently serving in Afghanistan

"No matter what you hear on TV, this place is doing well and things are changing over here. I cannot stand the fact that our media always has to show the negative things instead of the good that is happening here. It is really amazing to talk to the people and see how much they appreciate what is going on. Pray for us all."

Dean Thompson (87)

Currently serving in Iraq

Alumni News

Buster Schupman (63), **Jason Schupman** (02), **James Brower** (73), **Kipp Burnett** (70), **Ron Munson** (79), **Chris Grepo** (93) and **Britt Hammond** (77) came by the Town Office and signed the Alumni book.

We received emails from **Allen Tant** (91), **Justin Moore** (01) and **Richard Strain** (48). The editor talked with **Arnold Bennett** (66), **Kerry Lee** (61), **Chris Grepo** (93), **Benny Williams** (73), **Christian Weatherspoon** (03), **Clay Baker** (93) and **Thomas Riehl** (88).

We also heard from **Bobby Jackson** (74), **Mike Stack** (75), **Shawn Logan** (76), **Mickey Jobert** (72), **Chris Riehle** (85), **Vance Scanlon** (96), **David Jackson** (71), **David Gerharter** (77) and **Darrell Smith** (85).

LaQuita McMillan, Donor Services, tells us that she ran into **Roger Turben** (89) while out shopping recently. **Roberta Dillingham**, BRISD, heard from **Shaun Acker** (92). Shaun is looking forward to attending the Gathering in Dallas in February.

We heard from **Thomas Brault** (86) and **Dennis Linam** (82). Dennis redeployed to Iraq with the 45th Inf. Div. in October. He is stationed at Camp Bucca, Iraq. **Mel Jones**, Support Services at Boys Ranch, heard from **John Burton** (94). John has returned to Iraq for his 2nd tour in November. Please pray for their safety and well-being.

Joe Chambers, Chief of Security at Boys Ranch, recently talked with **Gabrielle Harper**, daughter of **Hal Harper** (80). **Tom Novak** (73) has talked with **Sandy Cable** (72) and **Pat Ledbetter** (85). Pat recently returned from Iraq. **Georgia Ann Johnson** (GT-75) came by the Town Office and the editor was able to visit with her for a bit.

The Editor regrets that she made a mistake in reporting that **Christina (Patterson) Jordan** (97) was a Girlstown alumni, when in fact she was a Boys Ranch alumni.

All submissions and comments should be directed to the editor no later than March 14 in order to make it into the 2008 SPRING Edition of the Alumni Newsletter.

Congratulations

Congratulations go out to Boys Ranch employees, **Adrian & Telita Jackson** on the arrival of their son, **Adrian Paul Jackson, Jr**, born October 26, 2007 in Amarillo. Adrian weighed in at 7 lbs, 15 oz and was 20" long.

Scott Mayfield (98) and his wife are happy to announce the birth of their son, **Cash Thomas Mayfield**, born on September 4, 2007. Cash weighed in at 8 lbs 4 oz and was 20 ¾" long. Cash has two older brothers, **Hayden** and **Cole**. Congratulations!

Heros For Children



Andy Justus (91) is one of 15 school volunteers named **Heroes for Children** by the Texas State Board of Education. Andy is a KAMR NBC4 News Anchor and Reporter. He was born and raised in the Texas Panhandle, graduating from Boys Ranch and then with honors from West Texas A&M University.

Andy is a mentor to at-risk students at Oak Dale Elementary School, Amarillo, Texas. He spends his time listening to and talking to the students and telling them that they matter and that someone believes in them. Andy wants to help them make positive choices in life.

The Presidents Corner

Tom Maynard (82)



Christmas, 2007 is in the books. The holiday season is full of traditions, and a practice that has gained popularity over the past few years is the annual family newsletter thrown in with the Christmas card. I plead guilty to being an author of one of these annoying, biased, self-serving publications that never mention how many hours the children have spent in the school's detention hall, the details of the teenage daughters messy break up with boyfriend #42, uncle so and so's incarceration experiences or the latest bout with the IRS. Journalistic accuracy is not a priority and these annual periodicals paint a rosy picture of one's family life.

Why do we do that?

I am not a psychologist, but perhaps it is because for the most part, at our core, we are optimists. We all have personal warts and flaws, but we don't roll them out for display. We put our best foot forward—even though the other information may prove far more interesting.

THE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI HALL OF HONOR

Beginning in 2008, the alumni have an opportunity to put on public display some of our finest alumni—to put our best foot forward. Many of our brothers and sisters have built outstanding careers and lives on the foundation created by the Cal Farley experience and have made significant contributions to our communities and to our nation.

Your alumni association has worked in partnership with the Cal Farley organization to create an Alumni Hall of Honor to recognize the achievements and contributions of these men and women to serve as an inspiration to those young men and women who currently reside at the Ranch.

We encourage all alumni to nominate one of their brothers or sisters who has (1) demonstrated the highest standards of integrity and character, (2) effectively served their community and country, (3) achieved significant success and influence in their chosen profession and (4) become an example that would inspire and challenge boys and girls.

Nomination forms will be available on the website and are due April 1. We will have a special induction ceremony during the Labor Day rodeo and reunion.

INTERACTIVE REGISTRY

Your alumni association is working proactively with the Cal Farley organization to build an accurate database of alumni across the globe. Our ultimate goal is to account for every boy or girl who was ever admitted to Boys Ranch or Girlstown, U.S.A. and have accurate, current contact information. This is a multi-faceted project with multiple strategies and tactics working in concert to capture data regarding people who span nearly seven decades and who are literally scattered across the world.

One of the tools that has been created as a part of the technology piece is an interactive registry that enable us to harvest data and members to make contacts with brothers and sisters. Membership committee chairman Scott Carriker has been instrumental in the development of this project.

What do we need from you? We need all alumni to register on the system and we need all alumni to steer others to the registry and provide us with accurate, current information. Of course, we always respect privacy and do not sell information to third parties.

DIGITAL YEARBOOKS

Your alumni association has awarded a competitive contract to Luv2ShootU Studios of San Francisco to convert all of the BRHS yearbooks to digital files. The firm is owned and operated by BR alum Karl Sarpalius.

Many of these books have become lost and difficult to replace as they become increasingly scarce. Additionally, with age, many of the older books are becoming more fragile and in displaying the hard copies, we risk permanent damage. The electronic files will be a valuable archival asset to the alumni association, Cal Farley's, BRHS and to the hundreds of grads who have lost these keepsakes over the years. They should make fine gifts for many BR alums.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Congratulations to Fischer Home who captured top honors in the Alumni Association Christmas Decoration Competition last month. Romersi 4 was runner-up and Romersi 5 was third. Top three received cash prizes. Thanks to Britt Hammond, Bubba Davis and David Tallant who braved the bitter Texas Panhandle winter conditions to judge the yuletide displays, select the winners and make the presentations.

WORKING TOGETHER

Our alumni association has continued to foster a positive, professional working relationship with the Cal Farley organization. Over the years, points of contention have risen between the two entities, but we have chosen to focus on the common ground that unites us. We all gain when we can work toward common goals and benefit from the synergy created by teamwork. We are working on many projects that reflect this philosophy as we fulfill the words of our motto, "Carrying on his work," the work of Cal Farley. I would challenge all who have enjoyed the legacy of this great man to join us in this vital work. Happy New Year! We look forward to serving and working together with you in 2008.



David Gerharter (77) visiting the Town Office in October 2004. Roy Hayes (71), machine operator in Direct Marketing, visited with David. With both being Veigel boys, they shared stories about their days at Boys Ranch.

Get Connected!

Visit the CFBRAA Website at -

www.calfarleysboysranchalumni.org

and click on the link to the *Boys Ranch Family Online Forum*. The forum is a great place to catch up with other alumni and share "war stories" from days at the ranch. Also, visiting the website is a great way to stay connected to alumni activities.

Alumni Forum Online

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 the Alumni Association
 in Your Will?*

For more information,
 contact the Alumni Association



Darrell Smith (85)
 1980



Terry Van Sickle (70) and
 Phil Mancuso (75)

Upcoming Events

Dallas Gathering
 February 9, 2008

Rodeo Reunion
 August 30-31, 2008

ALUMNI DONATIONS

A contribution is enclosed in the amount of \$ _____

FOR: General Fund Alumni All-Stars Scholarship
 Membership Dues (\$20.00)

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