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Dallas Local Chapter to Hold 2nd Annual Charter Banquet & Golf Outing

David Rattan (78)

The Dallas Local Chapter of the Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Alumni Association invites all alumni to attend this year's golf outing and banquet recognizing the chartering of the first of the CFBRAA regional chapters.

The event will be held for the second straight year at Woodhaven Country Club in Fort Worth on Saturday, April 26, 2008, and it will include a 4-person scramble during the day and a sit-down dinner in the evening. Alumni are encouraged to get a foursome together to play golf or simply show up with their clubs to be part of the fun! Those who do not care to play golf are encouraged to plan on making the banquet and visiting with the rest of those in attendance.

It is the hope of the Dallas Local Chapter that the event will provide an additional opportunity for members of the Boys Ranch / Girls Town family to reconnect in a relaxed and fun setting to recall our heritage and to build a better future for the families of alumni through support of the efforts the Alumni Association has undertaken to help with special needs and scholarships.

Ag Workers Mutual Auto Insurance of Fort Worth has signed on as our event sponsor, and we are very grateful for their ongoing and growing support of the work of the Association and of the local chapter. Because of their help, we will be able to keep the cost of the event at a level that allows alumni to come and bring their families without having to spend a lot of money.

Whether you golf or not, we want you to know you are invited, and we will have a terrific time! Reservations are not required but are very much appreciated to help with planning, and you can email reservations to

Bobby Sarpalius at bobby@sarpalius.us
or David Rattan at maxcackle@msn.com

Watch for the mail out letting you know more about the event!

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

Our Mission

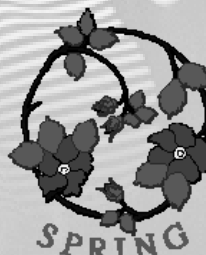
The mission of the Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Alumni Association is to provide a professional network of former ranchers who seek to carry on the spirit of family through fellowship, association and support.

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"Correcting your children isn't difficult if you live and act the way you're asking them to."

---Cal Farley



Condolences



Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Paul Moses** (60). Paul passed away January 7, 2008 in West Columbia, South Carolina. Following his graduation, Paul served his country honorably for 20 years in the Army, retiring in 1980. He will be missed by all that knew him.

Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Paul Walker** (02) and wife, Shawna, on the passing of their infant son, Joseph Sean Walker on December 25, 2007. Please remember the Walker family during this very sad time.



It was brought to our attention that **Ronald Allen** (57) passed away February 25, 2008 in Anaheim, CA. The editor regrets there is no other information concerning his passing.



We received notice that **Ronald McCash** (66) passed away October 23, 2007 in Fort Worth, Texas. The editor regrets there is no other information.



We heard from **Tom Hester** (59) of the recent passing of his brother, **Gaylon Hester** (61). Gaylon passed away January 26, 2008 in Oklahoma City. Please remember Tom and his family during these sad times.

We received word that **Douglas Stephens** (41) passed away August 9, 1997 and his brother, **Ross Stephens** (41) passed away May 28, 2007. The editor regrets there is no other information.

Condolences go out to the family and friends of **David Miles**, father of **David Miles** (78), **Darrel Miles** (82), **Donovan "Donnie" Miles** (86), **Dale Miles** (89) and **Dean James "Jimmy" Miles** (92). David passed away January 15, 2008 in Amarillo, Texas. Please remember this family in your prayers today and in the days ahead.

Services were held for **Ronald D. Owens**, who passed away February 13, 2008 in Denison, Texas. Ronald was preceded in death by his father, **Wyman Owens** (53), who passed away September 22, 2007. Please pray for this family during these trying times.



Our sincere prayers and sympathy are extended to the family and many friends of **R.L. Stockstill**. Mr. Stockstill passed away March 5, 2008. He was employed at Boys Ranch from 1970 to 1981. Please remember his family during this sad and difficult time.

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to the family and friends of former Boys Ranch employee, **Rex Briscoe**. Mr. Briscoe passed away January 16, 2008. He was Food Service Manager at Boys Ranch from 1989 until 2000. Please remember this family in your prayers today and in the days to come.

Sympathy is extended to **Paula Dunkerson** and the family and friends of **Robert Dunkerson**. Mr. Dunkerson passed away January 21, 2008. The Dunkerson's were at Boys Ranch from 1998 until 2003. Please remember Paula and her family in the days to come.

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the family and friends of current Boys Ranch resident, **Caleb San Miguel** on the recent passing of his mother. Please pray for the San Miguel family and that Caleb finds strength and guidance for his loss.



Dicky Hinton (71), **Dustin Johnson** (95), **Taylor Brewer** (04), **Mat Thompson** (80), **Les Saker** (89) and **Sean Hadaway**

(89) came by the Town Office and signed the Alumni book.

We received emails from **Ashly Posey** (GT-04) and **Diane Van Nest-Waldron** (GT-60s). The editor talked with **James "Cal" Calhoun** (63), **Leon Dibbern** (93) and **Sandy Cable** (72). We also heard from **Leo Wells** (69), **Derrick Woods** (95), **Mark Brewer** (80) and **Tommy Gore** (49).

Patrick Stout (93) and **Dom Schiro** (93) both visited Boys Ranch recently. **Cal Farley Harriman**, Donor Services, tells us that he recently talked to parents of **Doug Larson** (81) who is a private contractor currently in Iraq. Randy and Sherry Neill of Boys Ranch, recently heard from **Loab Burk** (92). **Joe Chambers**, Chief of Security at Boys Ranch, recently talked with **Sam Bever** (89).

The Editor mistakenly omitted alumni **Ben Thompson** (88) as being at the funeral for his grandmother, **Christelle Ary**, in the last issue of the newsletter.

Congratulations!



Congratulations go out to **Patrick McCollum** (06) and his wife, Jena, on the birth of their son. Malachi Nathan McCollum was born February 20, 2008 and weighed in at 8 lbs 13 oz and was 21-3/4" long.

Eddie Enochs (63) and his wife, Debbie, are happy to announce the birth of their new grandson, Timothy Cash, born on December 1, 2007 in Kingfisher, Oklahoma. Timothy weighed in at 8 lbs 2 oz and was 20" long. Congratulations!

From the Alumni

"Just a short note to thank everyone who remembers the military personnel serving our country in their prayers. My son, Casey Gazzaway, made it back to the states and is home for a while. Thanks again to everyone.

---**Leroy Gazzaway** (57)

All submissions and comments should be directed to the editor
no later than June 20 in order to make it into the
2008 SUMMER Edition of the Alumni Newsletter.

The Presidents Corner

Tom Maynard (82)



One of the most memorable juncture in my life was my graduation from Boys Ranch High School. It is speculative on my part, but I suspect that many of us who experienced this unique abrupt thrust from the tightly controlled, highly structured Boys Ranch environment to the “real world” have vivid memories of that day.

Graduation is a common rite of passage for thousands of eighteen-year-olds. Amidst spring when new life emerges from the drab dormancy of winter, graduates adorned with mortarboard, tassels and gowns march down an aisle to the strains of “Pomp and Circumstance” surrounded by proud and smiling family. The cameras flash and the camcorders roll as speeches are delivered, honors are awarded and the coveted diplomas are distributed. The caps are tossed upward and the supporting relatives and friend roar their approval. It’s as American as apple pie. At the end of the post commencement festivities, the grads return to the comfort of their homes to pursue college or work.

For me and many of us, graduation held much deeper implications. I had witnessed six commencement exercises, including that of my older brother Jim two years before. Upon graduation, all vacated the premises—almost immediately—disappearing into the vast expanse beyond the stone entry pylon we called the “free world.” Anticipating graduation day stirred open excitement and secret worry and trepidation. Following the last choir piece, speech, diploma presentations and the benediction, we all strode up the chapel center aisle jubilantly whooping and hollering as if we had been paroled from prison. Within the hour we were off the property with every earthly possession we owned, heading somewhere.

From an institutional perspective, the reason for the abrupt expulsion is obvious and justified. Nonetheless, when I recount this story, most people are amazed, since parents seldom entertain the notion of evicting their children from the home within an hour of high school graduation. For many of us, this new life was like being a trapeze artist or a tight rope walker without a safety net. Many of us had no recourse if we were injured, ill or simple unable to make ends meet. We had to be tough and resourceful because for us, the margin of error was zero.

I graduated on Monday, May 24, spent the night in Amarillo at a very cheap motel and the following day drove to Lubbock where I got a job and an apartment. By Wednesday morning at 7:00 a.m., I was at work scratching out a living and preparing for college. This is a far cry from what my own children have done, but this was how I began and very likely, not much different from the experiences of my Boys Ranch brethren.

Cal Farley’s Boys Ranch does a far better job assimilating its graduates into the “real world” than when I made my sudden transition. The approach is far more strategic in terms of preparing ranchers for that leap into life, and there is a far wider safety net for those young ranchers who stub their toe and need assistance. The Cal Farley’s organization has alumni center across the street from its Amarillo headquarters and has plans for the construction of a new facility to provide these young grads an opportunity to live in somewhat familiar surroundings, have summer employment and ready themselves for college. Your alumni association has played an increasing role in this vital work and in the future may have more opportunities to provide mentoring and other assistance regardless of where these new grads roam. We envision an alumni network reaching across the country standing ready to assist our younger brothers and sisters as they make their way in this world. I believe that Mr. and Mrs. Farley would have shared and supported this vision.

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?*

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Hal Harper (80) with granddaughter, Kamryn Cheyann Hoff



Patrick Ledbetter (85)
and daughter Raegan



Rodeo Reunion
August 30-31, 2008

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