

# CAL FARLEY'S Boys Ranch Alumni Association Newsletter

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## Dallas Gathering

**Saturday, February 7, 2009**

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

7:00 p.m. Dinner

**Edison's by Eddie Deen's**

1724 Cockrell St, Dallas 75202

(Located a few blocks away from Eddie Deen's Ranch)

### Cost

FREE - Association members + their guests with reservations  
\$10.00 - Non-members at the door

Please RSVP to Bobby Sarpalius [cfbraa@sarpaserv.com](mailto:cfbraa@sarpaserv.com) or (817)996-7342.  
Reservations requested by February 1<sup>st</sup>

Quarterly Board Meeting will be held at Eddie Deen's on  
February 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

**Check the website for more, updated information!**

Carl Jobert (72), Ray Heredia (70), Duane Ferguson (96), Tommy Matthews (93) and Bob Riley (47) came by the Town Office and signed the Alumni book. Clay Baker (93) dropped by and said he'd seen Michael Gentry (91) recently. Ivan VanHuss (83) and his fiancé, Rebecca, dropped by the Town Office to visit.

We heard from Walter Greaves (95), Joe Foreman (84), Cris Rodriguez (08), Robert Jenkins (81), Dan (Pickett) Smith (79), Kendra Taylor (02), James Watson (57), William Mack (80), Brice Shambaugh (00), Johnny Sagnimeni (74), Aliessa Terrell (GT-08), Melody Rollins-May (GT-89), Roland Grubb (87), Sarah Dobbins (08), Sean Burton (89), Eddie Bassett (83), Julie Howard (GT-91), William Rust (89), Robby Kent (85), Eric Garner (93) and Tyke Porsch (08).

Lan Bostwick (61) had contact with Eric Barrett (97). Mike Pacino, at Boys Ranch, heard from Joe "Lumpy" Constantino (87). Tom Novak (73) heard from Ty Lightfoot (81) recently. Ty heard from Dan Engs (82), Randy Earle (80) and William "WB" Sansing (80). The editor talked with Ron Munson (79), Richard Amon (64), Dean Thompson (87), Ron Brasi (83) and Nick Littlefield (95).

The editor received a call from Brian Cline (96). Brian is doing well, is married and has 2 kids. He has been in contact with Jose Tamayo (93), J.J. Beltz (94), Carlos Gancedo (94), Jason King (96) and Jacob King (95). We also heard from Mark Morren (88), Danny Bell (69), Richard Strain (48), Billy Shirey (88), Samuel Sosa (68), Leo Wells (69), Don Raphel (79), Charlie Kennedy (53), Nick Littlefield (95) and Danny Hersom (64).

Cal Farley's received a gift in honor of Bryan Bingham (87). Way to go Bryan! Kenny Eatinger (84) has requested prayers for Floyd Keesee (01) who is currently serving in Iraq/Afghanistan and Lynn Keesee (04) who is currently serving in Korea.



### 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.

#### Newsletter

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"Skipping school is the first step toward the 'wrong' kind of company and delinquency."

---Cal Farley

**HAPPY  
NEW YEAR**

## Condolences



Our sincere prayers and sympathy are extended to the family and many friends of **Joseph "Joe Bill" Oney** (67). Joe Bill passed away December 3, 2008 in Amarillo, Texas and was buried at BR Cemetery. Please remember his family during this sad and difficult time.

We heard from **Ray Jones** that his father, **Larry Jones** (43) passed away on September 12, 2008 in Morro Bay, California. Please remember this family in prayer for their loss.



Our sincere prayers and sympathy are offered to the family and many friends of **Joyce Welch** who worked at Boys Ranch many years ago in the dining hall with her husband, Lester. Mrs. Welch passed away December 4, 2008 in Childress, Texas. Please remember her family during this sad and difficult time.

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to the family and friends of former Boys Ranch employee, **John Dulaney**. John passed away November 7, 2008. John was an Activity Specialist 2003-2006.

Sympathy goes out to the family of former Boys Ranch employee, **Cindy Louder**. Cindy passed away October 15, 2008 in Wichita Falls. Cindy and her husband were houseparents 2003-2005.

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to **Robin Brown** (03) and **Karen Brown** (03) on the recent passing of their grandmother, **Martha Brown**. Martha is the mother of former employee, **Floyd Brown**. Please hold the Brown family in your prayers today and in the days to come.

Condolences go out to the family and friends of **Lan Bostwick** (61) on the passing of his older sister, **Susie Lutz**. Please offer Lan sympathy with prayer during this sad and difficult time.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Royal Fritsch** (00) on the sudden passing of his step-father, **Doug Henson**. Doug passed away October 12, 2008. Please keep Royal's family in your prayers.



Our prayers and sympathy are extended to BR employee, **Doyle Graves**, on the death of his wife **Claudette Graves**. Mrs. Graves passed away October 31, 2008. Please keep the Graves family in your prayers during these difficult times.

Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Clayton Shiver**. Mr. Shiver designed many of the buildings at Boys Ranch and was a friend to the Cal Farley organization. Please remember his family in your prayers.

The editor received an email from an ex staff member, **Jennifer Herber**, that she has been in contact with the family of **Lois McFetridge** (GT-54) and that she is very much alive and well. It was reported in the last newsletter that a notice has been received of her passing. We are glad to report otherwise.

All submissions and comments should be directed to the editor no later than March 15 in order to make it into the 2009 SPRING Edition of the Alumni Newsletter.

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<http://calfarleysboysranchalumni.org>

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Holly & Jason Neill** (94) on the birth of their daughter, **Brooklynn Grace**. Brooklynn was born November 25, 2008 and weighed in at 8 lbs 5 oz and was 21½ inches long. Proud grandparents are **Randy & Sherry Neill**.



Congratulations go out to **Sherri & Park Fleshman** (89) on the birth of their son. **David Joseph** was born November 11, 2008 and weighed in at 7 lbs 9 oz and was 20½ inches long.



Congratulations to **Holly & Jason Davis** (98) on the birth of their son. **Cole Archer Davis** was born October 30, 2008 and weighed 7 lbs 5 oz and was 20 ¼ inches long. Proud grandparents are BR employees **Hal & Jolene Davis** and **Vickie Reynolds**.

On November 3, 2008, **Jeff Poindexter** (83) was announced as Teacher of the Week in Amarillo. Way to go Jeff!

Congratulations go out to **Justin Maynard**, son of **Freda & Tom Maynard** (82). Justin, who coaches Texas Tech University's Meats Judging team, helped capture the national championship in the season's final competition by a margin of 50 points. Tech has not won the national title since 2003. Way to go!



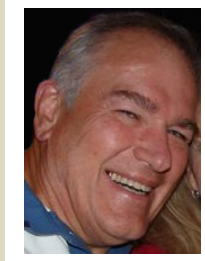
**Josh Foster** (07)  
 Graduating from boot camp recently.

## The Presidents Corner

Michael Rogers (71)

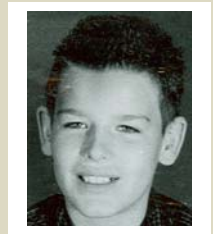


As the current President of the Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Alumni Association, I am delighted to announce that the Board of Directors took a gigantic step forward at the last Board Meeting in November 2008 when we overwhelmingly voted to appoint Bobby Sarpalius as the first Executive Director of the Association. The Association has taken monumental strides in the past three years. However, the vision of the Board is to achieve far more for CFBRAA, Cal Farley's Boys Ranch and Cal Farley's Girlstown, USA. The Appointment of an Executive Director is the next essential step in achieving great things.



Up to this point, all of the past and present board members have unselfishly, graciously and exhaustively contributed many hours, day and night, to near completion of the needed infrastructure for our 501(c)3 charitable organization. Even with all of the efforts extended, there is much to be done and we have to accelerate from a "part time" initiative to a "full time" result. Bobby Sarpalius will be the catalyst in helping bring this to fruition.

Bobby Sarpalius graduated from BR in 1967. He was on the Board when the Association was chartered back in 1972. He served as chairman of the Finance Committee from 2005-08, and he has served as Treasurer for the past three and a half years. When the Board of Directors decided to take the step of appointing an Executive Director, Bobby was the logical choice.



Bobby has a diversified experience level that has prepared him with all the essentials necessary to assist the Board of Directors and Committees in completing the goals set forth to serving our organization. A thumbnail synopsis of his education includes: Associate of Science, Business – Amarillo College. Bachelor of Arts, Speech Communications – Hardin-Simmons University, Master of Divinity, Pastoral Ministry – Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and finally, Doctor of Ministry, Pastoral Ministry – Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Bobby has served as Pastor for a Church that experienced significant results in growth through his leadership and responsibilities in the administration of the organization, finances, planning and ministries of a congregation over 1,000. This included the management and administration of multiple staff and a child care center. He led the Church in relocating and building a new facility.

Bobby made the decision to move into the private sector of business in 1991 and has served in two key positions since, the last being a Financial Controls Specialist for Bell Helicopter.

As the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors took the initiative in appointing an Executive Director, we never could find ourselves searching beyond Bobby Sarpalius. When going through the hiring process, management in private enterprise always sees the "best stuff" about a person on resumes and still after careful research, there is great risk that such a person will actually "fill the bill" at the end of the day. With Bobby Sarpalius on the other hand, the Board of Directors has actually experienced and enjoyed for over three years one of the highest work ethics that I personally have ever observed in an individual.

The mission of CFBRAA is to provide support for the CFBRAA alumni, being the family that Cal Farley's was to us when we were kids. The Association works closely with Cal Farley's in the Alumni Support phase of their mission. This step of appointing an Executive Director will better enable the Association to establish and maintain family ties with our brothers and sisters all over the country. It will enhance our opportunities to involve philanthropists in contributing to the mission of both the Association and Cal Farley's. It will open doors for more effective support of alumni and their families in times of crisis and need and in providing scholarships for alumni family members.

Bobby has not been appointed to "do the work" of the Association, but rather to assist all of us, especially the Board of Directors, in getting the work done. Don't hesitate to contact Bobby with your suggestions, encouragement and support. He is our "point person" and all communication should be directed to him that needs action or response. Bobby will direct these communications to the other Committees and Board Members to insure timely responses. His email is [cfbraa@sarpserv.com](mailto:cfbraa@sarpserv.com) His phone number is (817) 788-8782. He is OUR Executive Director.

May your New Year bring many blessings and may our Lord keep you in the Hollow of His Hand!

Michael Rogers

## *Get Connected!*

Visit the CFBRAA Website at -

[www.calfarleysboysranchalumni.org](http://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*

## CFBRAA Standing Committees

### Executive Committee

#### Distinguished Alumni Committee

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#### Development Committee

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#### Annual Meeting Committee

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### Board of Directors 2008-2009

Tommy Alvarez (66) Amarillo, Texas

Douglas Brady (60) Haysville, Kansas

Bubba Davis (84) Amarillo, Texas

Mark Embry (88) Austin, Texas

Britt Hammond (77) Dallas, Texas

Gary Hardy (63) Camarillo, California

Lee Kirgan (85) Austin, Texas

Bobby Lehew (88) Piedmont, Oklahoma

Tom Maynard (82) Florence, Texas

Don Raphael (79) St. Petersburg, Florida

David Rattan (78) North Richland Hills, Texas **SECRETARY**

Michael Rogers (71) Ocala, Florida **PRESIDENT**

Bill Sarpalius (67) Stevensville, Maryland **VICE-PRESIDENT**

Bobby Sarpalius (67) Hurst, Texas **TREASURER**

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Remembered the  
Alumni Association  
in Your Will?*

**For more information,  
contact the  
Alumni Association**



### Prayers

Ellen Price (ex-staff)

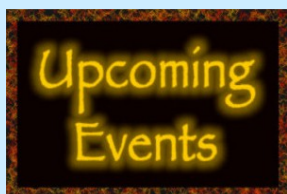
Yesenia Enriquez (06)

Kenneth "Gabby" Hinds (64)

Jerry Raines (director)



Christmas 1952 in old gym (taken by Sherm Harriman)  
Carl Orth, Santa, John Nickles, Lyall Murdock



**DALLAS GATHERING**  
**Quarterly Board Mtg**  
February 7, 2009

### 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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