

# CAL FARLEY'S Boys Ranch Alumni Association Newsletter

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## Dallas Gathering

**Saturday, February 6, 2010**

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

7:00 p.m. Dinner

**Eddie Deen's Ranch**

944 South Lamar, Dallas 75202

### Cost

FREE – Association members WITH reservations

\$10.00 – All guests, Association members without reservations and Non-members at the door

Please RSVP to Bobby Sarpalius

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Check website for additional information (map, hotel, etc.)

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Brandin Walters (05), Shawn Gilchrest (89), Benji Adams (84), Roger Boggs (75), Jim Canada (66), Daniel Scroggs (83) and Lynn Keesee (04) came by the Town Office and signed the Alumni book. **The Association** heard from Jason Richie (82), Ms. June Spivey, Ken McKnight (82), Preston Newman (55), Joe Sanders (55), Ty Lightfoot (81) and others.

We heard from Sean Hadaway (89), Christian Weatherspoon (03), Erica Betz (04), Rafael Pena (06), Joshua Daugherty (97), David Williams (97) and Betheny Moore (GT/09). Bobby Sarpalius (67) heard from Matt Matteson (89) recently. **Barbara Lill**, retiree from the Town Office, tells us she heard from **Bobby Hendricks**.



**Mike Pacino**, at **Boys Ranch**, heard from David Caramela (74) and Ashlie Kain (06). Jim Canada (66) talked with Chuck Duffy (66) recently. Tom Novak (73) has heard from Jim Pyle (83) and Ernie McKay (05). The editor talked with Richard Amon (64), John Taylor (76), Jared Morland (92), Fred Hatchett (72), Dean Thompson (87), Clay Baker (93), Everett Davis (68) and Marlin Rogers (72).

The editor has been in contact with Jim Crain (86), Liz Drummond Spinhirne (96) and Matt Talley (94). Chris Carter (98) called recently and he has been in contact with Katie Youngblood-Lee (97). **Bette Akin** at **Girlstown**, has heard from Kayla Ramirez (GT/09), Rose Adams Beasley (GT/87), Faye Strickland Moss (GT/68), Rhonda Akin (GT/88) and Heather Bickford (GT/08). We also heard from Jason Richie (82), Marie Kossak, Dona & Jackie White and Glendon Hill (50).

### 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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**"What's greater than being a great dad?"**  
---Cal Farley



## Condolences



Our sincere prayers and sympathy are extended to the family and many friends of **Cloyce "Bill" Gariepy** (55). Bill passed away December 20, 2009. Please remember his family during this sad and difficult time.



Condolences go out to the family and friends of **Willis "Bo" Archie Cagle** (51). Bo passed away October 21, 2009 in Pocatello, Idaho. Please offer this family sympathy with prayer for guidance and strength.



We heard from **David Rodgers** (70) that his brother, **Jim "Wesley" Rodgers** (68) passed away on December 6, 2009 in Amarillo. Wes was laid to rest at Boys Ranch Cemetery. Please remember David and his family in prayer for their loss.



Our prayers and sympathy are extended to the family and friends of **Virginia Turner**, wife of alumni **Roy Turner** (39). Mrs. Turner passed away October 26, 2009. Roy and Virginia have enjoyed a relationship with BR for many decades with Virginia working for Cal Farley's for more than 30 years, retiring in 1990. Please hold the Turner family in your prayers today and in the days to come.

Condolences go out to the family and friends of Boys Ranch employee, **Jim Costin**, on the death of his wife, **Cathy Costin**. Services were held November 6, 2009 in Amarillo. Please remember the Costin family in your prayers.

Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Paul Sublett**. Mr. Sublett was a leader in the acquisition of the first firetruck for Cal Farley's Boys Ranch. Please remember his family in your prayers.

Condolences go out to the family and friends of **Kerry Mills** (84) and **Richard Mills** (84) on the passing of their step-father, **Russell Smith**. Mr. Smith passed away October 19, 2009. Please offer sympathy and prayer to help these families during this sad and difficult time.

Our prayers are sent to former Boys Ranch teacher, **Barbara Beaver** on the death of her husband, **Cecil Beaver**. Mr. Beaver passed away October 18, 2009. Please lift this family with prayer.

**Visit our website at:**

<http://calfarleysboysranchalumni.org>

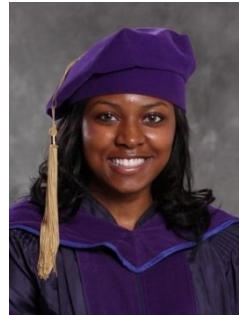
**We wish to thank the Special Needs Committee for once again providing Christmas presents to residents of the Alumni Support Center in Amarillo. We appreciate your ongoing commitment to helping alumni who are facing difficult situations.**

**--Alumni Support Staff**

**Correction:** It was incorrectly stated that Robert W. Smith, who passed away September 29, 2009 left the ranch in 1983 (83). It should have read 1988 (88).

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Dean Thompson** (87) and wife, Jacque on the birth of their granddaughter, **Rylie Michele Strain**. Rylie was born October 30, 2009 and weighed in at a mere 3 lbs 11 oz and was 15 inches long.



Congratulations go out to **Shemika Sanford** (02). Shemika attended West Texas A&M University where she earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in May 2006. She is currently attending Law school in Washington, DC and will graduate May 2010.

Congratulations go out to **Cricket Johnson** (02) on her marriage to **Dustin Linker**. They were married on September 26, 2009. Good wishes and happiness to the couple!



Currently working in China, **Scott Workman** (88) tells everyone hello!

## Christmas Lights Judging

Judging the lights this year were **Bubba Davis** (84) and his family, **JoLean Adams**, **Amy Brasher** (92) and her children, **Daniel Scroggs** (83) and his family and **Patsy & David Tallant** (81). The Winning homes were:

**1<sup>st</sup> : Smallwood**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> : Lutz**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> : Anderson**

Anderson Home won in a tie-breaker over Willis Home. Way to go everyone!

**All submissions and comments should be directed to the editor no later than March 12 in order to make it into the 2010 SPRING Edition of the Alumni Newsletter.**



2010 – The best year yet for CFBRAA; and that’s saying a lot. We’ve seen so very much accomplished, and there is still so much to do. Our Board of Directors and Committees have been working diligently to make this the year we will look back on as the launching pad from which this Association really took off. This will be the first year for the Houston Gathering to meet. This is the first year of the Founding Legacy Partners campaign. This is the first year of the CBFRAA Foundation. This has the potential to be a great year.

The truth is that none of these things mean anything without active participation by alumni. There have been and always will be critics of what our Association is doing. It is typical that critics rarely contribute. Those who choose only to criticize and not contribute are to be taken very lightly. Those who care enough to contribute and wish to criticize are to be taken very seriously and are appreciated.

We will always make mistakes and some efforts will not succeed. But by the grace of God and the diligence of participating alumni, we will keep falling forward enough to achieve our noble objectives. We are doing very good work!

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## The Presidents Corner

Michael Rogers (71)



**Greetings and Happy New Year! Hoping that everyone had a blessed Christmas and praying that 2010 will bring many new positive opportunities in all of our lives. Your Alumni Association is working extremely hard! We are now finishing final preparations of engaging in three different streams of fund raising and they all look very promising. Please read about the Founding Legacy Partners Campaign below.**

**Because there have been so many of *our own* needing financial help, available funds have been nearly depleted. Our Association is much more than about “raising money,” and you haven’t heard me discuss this much before. You may be asking, “How can I help?” If that’s the case, let me give you a few things to consider:**

**#1 – If you have not become an Alumni Member, please go to our website and do it now! We need you involved in our family organization. Your membership dues of only \$20.00 annually will go a long way in helping. There are so many benefits our members receive besides the networking and fellowship. Believe it or not, if you attend one of our annual events, you’ll save that and even more dollars back on dinner alone. If you haven’t renewed your membership, please do it now!**

**#2 – Many of us are struggling financially right now, but if you are one of the blessed, who could do a little more, consider it. There are many of our family that are facing hard and difficult times - right now. As Chair of the Special Needs Committee, I talk with these brothers and sisters almost daily. We have been able to help most needing help at this point, but this fund is quickly running dry.**

**#3 – You will find a card enclosed concerning the Founding Legacy Partners Campaign and an envelope included with this newsletter. PLEASE take the time....right now to fill out the card and mail it. If you can give just a little each month for five years, you will be one of the first; one of the Founding Legacy Partners who makes our association meaningful for generations to come. If you can give more than the \$20 per month, do it now! No, don’t put this down on the coffee table and say, “I’ll do it tomorrow or the next day”.....do it right now!**

**I am not one who likes to hear organizations “beg” for money.....sometimes it’s a real turn off. But I find myself needing to “stand in” for our own and ask you to prayerfully consider helping. Trust me, it will make you feel GREAT!**

## *Board & Committee News*

### **FOUNDING LEGACY PARTNERS CAMPAIGN**

CFBRAA has initiated the Founding Legacy Partners Campaign (FLPC) to underwrite the work of the Association and maximize the resources available for the services you provide. The FLPC is a five year program to endow the operating costs of CFBRAA. The plan is to get 1,000 units of \$20/month for five years. Those who contribute the first 1,000 units will be Founding Legacy Partners of the CFBRAA Foundation. Those who contribute \$100/Month will be Five Star Founding Legacy Partners. Certificates will be given to all who sign up to participate. Plaques will be given upon completion of the contribution. Only the first 1,000 will receive Founding Legacy Partner plaques; beyond that, Legacy Partner plaques will be given. When the operating costs are endowed, 100% of donations to the Association will go toward our four mission objectives. This campaign will allow the Association to help alumni and their families for generations to come.

Let’s do this ... it’s good work! You can go to the website under “Online Giving” on the menu bar and set up your monthly contribution. If you have any questions, contact Bobby Sarpalius 817-788-8782 or [cfbraa@sarpserv.com](mailto:cfbraa@sarpserv.com)

### **HOUSTON GATHERING**

This will be the sixth year for the Dallas Gathering. It will be the first year for the Houston Gathering. All of the details have not been worked out, but you can mark your calendar and plan to attend on Saturday, March 6, 2010. Keep checking the website for details and plan to be part of the First Annual Houston Gathering of Cal Farley’s Alumni!

**The Editor is wishing to contact  
Anthony “Tony” Evans (52) and Clinton “Clint” Roberson (95).**

