

# CAL FARLEY'S Boys Ranch Alumni Association Newsletter

2010 SUMMER EDITION

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## 2010 Reunion Schedule of Events

The 2010 CFBRAA Annual Reunion is fast approaching. This year's activities are sure to exceed the events of the 2009 meeting. Schedules and venues have been altered slightly to allow greater participation in all activities.

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The Annual Meeting, social and activities will again be held in Amarillo at the Cal Farley's Civic Center, in the Heritage Room instead of the Grand Plaza. A block of rooms are reserved for you, your family and friends at the Ashmore Inn & Suites. Please contact them and make your reservation today. We look forward to seeing you in Amarillo. Mark Your Calendar and Join Us!

### Host Hotel - Ashmore Inn & Suites

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### 2010 Reunion Silent Auction

The silent auction is going into its fourth year and folks are still talking about the items that were purchased last year to benefit the association and the members served. This year, all proceeds will go to the Special Needs Fund to help fellow Ranchers in times of crisis and need.

Contributions to the Silent Auction are needed. Contact **Dean Sharp** at [dean.s@obrllp.com](mailto:dean.s@obrllp.com) or **Bobby Sarpalius** at [cfbraa@sarpserv.com](mailto:cfbraa@sarpserv.com) if you have an item to contribute. Bring your checkbook and your generous spirit as you help your brothers and sisters at the auction.

See enclosed inserts for additional Reunion information

### 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.

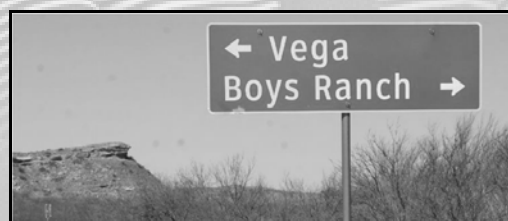
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"If you show a genuine  
interest in a boy, he'll break  
his neck for you."

---Cal Farley



All submissions and comments should be directed to the editor NO LATER than September 10 in order to make it into the 2010 FALL edition of the Alumni Newsletter.

## Condolences



Our sincere prayers and sympathy are extended to the family and many friends of **Chris McDonald** (91). Chris passed away April 27, 2010 in Lubbock, Texas.



Condolences go out to the family and friends of **James Frederick Litton** (64). Fred passed away April 28, 2010 in Delta, Colorado. Please offer his family sympathy with prayer for guidance and strength.



Prayers are offered to the many family and friends of **Jim Boyd** (49). Jim passed away June 7, 2010 in Amarillo, TX. He will be missed by all that knew him.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Sterling "Corky" Hicks**. Mr. Hicks passed away May 3, 2010. He worked at Boys Ranch as a teacher and dorm parent for almost 10 years. Please keep this family in your prayers.



Sympathy is extended to the family and many friends of **Elizabeth Dyer**. Ms. Dyer passed away April 4, 2010 in Amarillo, Texas. Ms. Dyer worked at Boys Ranch as a cook from 1976 – 1990. Please keep this family in your prayers.



Condolences go out to the family and friends of **Barbara Woods**. Ms. Woods passed away April 3, 2010 in Amarillo, Texas. She touched many young lives while at Boys Ranch. Please offer this family sympathy with prayer for guidance and strength.

Condolences go out to the family and friends of **Fred Hatchett** (72) on the passing of his wife, **Faith Hatchett**. Faith passed away May 10, 2010 in Amarillo, TX. Please remember the Hatchett family in your prayers today and in the days to come.

Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Glenn Gardner** (72) on the passing of his wife, **Wanda Gardner** on June 4, 2010 in Wichita Falls, TX. Please keep Glenn and his family in your prayers.

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[www.calfarleysalumni.com](http://www.calfarleysalumni.com)

## Congratulations

Congratulations to **Mekala Williams Poirier** (03) and husband **Matthew** on the birth of their son, **Maxwell Troy Edward Poirier**, born March 21, 2010. Maxwell weighed in at 6 lbs 13 oz and was 21 inches long. Proud grandparents are **Troy and Dona Williams** of Boys Ranch.

Congratulations go out to **Carrie Brady**. Carrie graduated from Abilene Christian University in May with a BA in Interior Design and a Minor in Business. Proud father is **Charles Brady** (64).

The Editor is wishing to contact  
**Anthony Evans (52) &**  
**Clinton Roberson (95)**

**Rick Thompson** (82), **Kenny Eatinger** (84), **Kevin Altieri** (81), **Matt Matteson** (89), **Wayne Powell** (75), **Travis Whitten** (87) and **James Johnson** (80) came by the Town Office and signed the Alumni book. **The Association** heard from **Bobby Hendricks**, **Mary Schwarz**, **Joe Foreman** (84), **Tommy Weissinger** (86), **Richmond Gurley** (78), **Bill Price** (83), **Johnny Phillip Gentry Sifford** (79) and **Glen Thomason** (62). **Frances Waldrip** has been in contact with **Roy Dormire** (67) and **Cal Harriman** has been in contact with **Damon King** (79).

We heard from **Gary Seeberger** (79), **Harley Whitlock** (99), **Jeremy Earl** (75), **Amber Brown** (GT/10), **Kristin Reeves** (GT/02), **Tracy VanLeer Miskimen** (GT/95), **Jim Richards** (73), **Jason Schupman** (02), **Allen Crouch** (70), **Marcy McDonald** (08), **Robin Reese** (73), **Rick Hanzelka** (75), **Chris Head** (68), **Johnny Tallant** (88), **Amber Scott** (GT/10), **Ken McKnight** (82), **Kera Rezac** (GT/10), **Leo Wells** (69), **Wayne Miller** (00), **Katy Sarpalius** (GT/10), **Sergio Diaz** (98), **Amanda Hollingsworth Brewer** (GT/97), **Savannah Renfro** (GT/10), **Shannon O'Leary** (GT/10), **Ericka Medrano** (GT/10), **Brianna Linnemann** (GT/10), **Lacy O'Leary** (GT/10), **Olivia Williams** (GT/10), **Kristi Riley** (GT/10), **Jackie Leonard Moore** (GT/96), **Jimmy Gaunder** (53), **James Shelnut** (00) and **Bill Kizziar** (77).

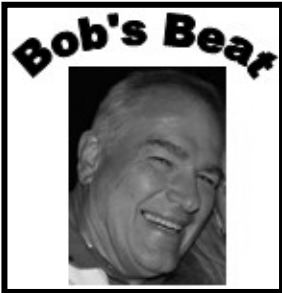
**Mike Pacino** at Boys Ranch, heard from **Keegan King** (06), **Preston Embry** (89), **Pat Riley** (73), **Billy Bob Touchstone** (87), **Jim Minor** (51), **Max Borchardt** (06), **Cody Miller** (95) and **Robert Dougless** (06). **Tom Novak** (73) has been in contact with **Kyle Humphrey** (81) and **Nicholas Hanna** (03) recently. Tom also had lunch with **Bill Sarpalius** (67) while visiting up in New York. **Ronnie Crouch** (65) tells the editor that he has visited with **Joe Ben Shreve** (64), **Danny Hersom** (64), **Ronnie Glover** (64), **Clyde Watts** (63) and **Russell Perry** (64) and ex-staff, **Jack White**.

The editor talked with **Richard Amon** (64), **Rob Waldrup** (69), **Cal Calhoun** (63), **Lan Bostwick** (61), and **Dean Thompson** (87) who was home briefly from Korea. The editor has been in contact with **Arnold Bennett** (66), **Kevin Vaughn** (90), **James Johnson** (80), **Lamisisa Miles** (98), **Merrell Johnson** (48), **Ken Arthur** (77), **Dirk Graves** (85), **Robert Murphy** (73), **Roland Grubb** (87), **Britt Hammond** (77), **Mike Gutierrez** (61), **Sam Bever** (89), **Joe Gutierrez** (61) and **Gary Giles** (62).

**Richard Strain** (48) and his wife **Gerta**, are visiting in the US and dropped by recently. It was fun catching up with him. **Bette Akin** at Girlstown, has heard from **Shelia Akin** (GT/92), **Kandace Boyd Cruz** (GT/03), **Betsy Hodell Brock** (GT/71), **Felicia Reid Rush** (GT/07) and **Rose Adams Beasley** (GT/80).

**Theresa Willson** at Boys Ranch heard from **Mike Ellis** (96). **Mel Jones** at Boys Ranch heard from **Rent Donaldson** (95), **John-Mark Vivens** (06) and **Dru Cirio** (03), who was on leave from his 4<sup>th</sup> tour in Iraq.





Setting up the Alumni Association Foundation, establishing the Founding Legacy Partners program, Dallas Gathering, first Houston Gathering, first Austin Gathering; DFW Area Golf outing; these are a few of the events and accomplishments of your Association this year. And there is much left to be done. Your Annual Meeting will be the best ever...way better than last year, more greeting and less meeting, more recognition and less sittin-n-listenin. I never cease to be amazed at what we can accomplish, and at the willingness of so very many to work hard to get things accomplished. I continue to say thank you for allowing me to serve you as your Director. This is a privilege and honor, along with a lot of work.

Many of you may know that I have a new position working for Cal Farley's. My title is Special Assistant to the President for Alumni Relations. Basically my responsibility is to represent Cal Farley's to you and you to Cal Farley's. Most of what I have been doing in service to the Association, I will continue to do, but BR will be my employer. Since this truly is all that I do, please take advantage of me. I look forward to your questions, concerns, suggestions and comments. This new relationship between Cal Farley's and the Alumni Association can only be a win – win for both of us. I am a blessed man to be able to work for and with my family of brothers, and sisters, and with my home.

Be sure and check out the web site for continued updates on what we are doing and final preparations for the Annual Meeting. ( [www.calfarleysalumni.com](http://www.calfarleysalumni.com) )

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## The Presidents Corner

Michael Rogers (71)



GREETINGS! It has been my pleasure to serve on your Alumni Association BOD for almost six years. When I became involved at this level, being an old timer like many, I had concerns as it relates to changes in the ways things are done at the Ranch compared to what they "used to be". Over the last six years I have learned much concerning many of the changes and how that laws in relation to child protection services, etc., have both required and dictated many things. This has helped me understand the why's and "why not's". Every Alumnus and Ex-Rancher needs to know this information as well to help better understand. There is one thing in particular that I know without any doubt. Many of the changes have come about through the leadership of our President & CEO Dan Adams. I personally know that Dan is "top shelf" in not only his leadership skills, but also has the heart, soul and compassion in serving the best interests of our residents at Cal Farley's and Girlstown U.S.A..

Some very significant changes have been taking place, particularly in relation to CFBRAA and CF. You may have seen on the website the information about the new Alumni Support Center. This is a fantastic new facility specifically for alumni in times of transition or crisis. It is an incredible investment BR has made in supporting and helping us. All done in some of the toughest economic times in history!

In addition, our Executive Director, Bobby Sarpalius, has recently been employed by Cal Farley's for the express purpose of building relations between BR and the alumni. He is now the "go to" man for Alumni with BR and for BR with the Alumni. This is a very positive step in enabling both organizations to work together both in supporting the alumni and in support Cal Farley's. There have been many changes at BR in the last few decades, most of which we don't know about and many of which we don't understand. Bobby's job will be to help enlighten us and assist us in working with BR.

Finally, this is the last blast before the Annual Meeting. Be sure to make your reservations via the insert in this newsletter, on the web site or by calling Bobby (817) 788-8782. Between the golf tournament, the fishing derby, the silent auction, the picnic, the old timer's breakfast and the annual meeting and banquet, it will be a very meaningful and memorable weekend for all of us. See you in September!

### *Girlstown, U.S.A. News*

Starting this summer there will be a significant scale back in the programs to youth at Girlstown. In conjunction with the transition, former residents of GT had planned a reunion on June 24-27. There was a "Meet-n-Greet" in Lubbock on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> and on Saturday the plans were to tour the Whiteface Schools and the GT campus. Over 200 former residents were expected to join in the reunion.

### *Alumni Support Center*

Cal Farley's has completed the Alumni Support Center in Amarillo. This is a significant part of the "Lifetime Commitment" of Cal Farley's to the former residents of Boys Ranch and Girlstown, U.S.A. and their families.

The Alumni Support Center is located across from the Campus Support Center (Town Office) at 11<sup>th</sup> and Monroe in Amarillo. It is designed to provide temporary housing for individuals and families while they get on their feet or transition to a new phase in their lives. There is an apartment for a staff family and 11 other apartments set up to accommodate a family or up to 3 individuals in each apartment. The initial residents will be mostly recent graduates from BR and GT.

The Alumni Support Center is another example of the efforts Cal Farley's is making to provide family support for those who have called Cal Farley's home. As an Alumni Association we would do well to consider how we might partner with Cal Farley's in helping alumni through the Support Center.

# 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

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 Remembered the  
 Alumni Association  
 in Your Will?*

**For more information,  
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### Prayers

- Gary Giles
- Angie Eakright
- Robert Hunkapiller
- Arnold Bennett
- Raymond Hill
- Jared Ward
- Roy Dormire



**Winners of the  
 2010 Pioneer Spirit Award  
 Sherm and Gene Harriman  
 June 2010**

**Blake Johnson (05)  
 Graduate West Point  
 U.S. Military Academy**



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*A contribution is enclosed in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_*

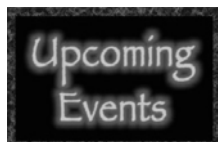
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