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The mission of the 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.

**"Today's small fry are tomorrow's big shots."
--Cal Farley**

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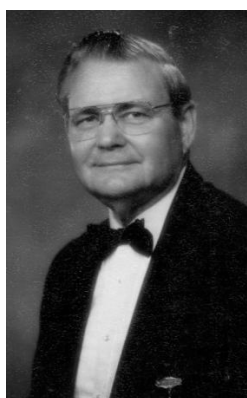
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In Memory

Garland Ward Rattan

Mr. Garland Rattan worked at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch from 1955 to 1992. At the age of 28 he was the youngest school superintendent in Texas and served the ranch in that capacity for over 30 years.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Shirley Rattan of Amarillo, two sons, David Rattan and wife Lee Ann of North Richland Hills and Chris Rattan and wife Dena of Amarillo.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Garland and Shirley Rattan scholarship fund to benefit Boys Ranch Alumni, in care of Bob Sarpalius, 133 Springhill, Hurst, TX 76054.

THANK YOU!

2011 Alumni Association Annual Reunion Review

This amazing weekend does not happen without the dedicated and sacrificial work of a lot of people. There is no way to thank everyone, and in this effort, some will inevitably be left out, but the service provided by so many needs to be recognized and appreciation expressed.

The Leading the Legacy Golf Tournament was tremendously successful, thanks mostly to the year-long efforts of Tom Alvarez. We are all grateful to **Daniel Scroggs**, **Michael Rogers** and **Rodney Ruthart** for getting corporate sponsors and the individuals who sponsored holes (listed on website). **David Rattan** and **Joe Truesdell** did not play but they helped work the event. Presley Yarborough provided refreshment from Coors and **John Matteson** got snacks from Pepsi, Lays and Lance. **Cindy Sarpalius** spent the day being certain Hole-In-One contestants were "honest", not an easy task. **Bobby Lehew** couldn't be there but he provided golf balls for everyone. It was a very successful event thanks to the efforts of a lot of people.

This is the fourth year for the fishing derby, and the fourth year **David Tallant** has run it, securing prizes and taking charge. We are grateful.

Dean Sharp again ran the Silent Auction, which took gallant effort for several months. **Sydney Sharp** helped make it successful as did all who brought items, including handmade afghans, woodwork, paintings and boots. Thank you Daniel for all of the collectible Nascars. All who bid and all who won contributed to the success of this annual event.

(See **THANK YOU!**, page 4)

Condolences



Our sincere prayers and sympathy are extended to the family and many friends of **Travis Murray** (90). Travis passed away November 20, 2010. Please remember his family during this sad and difficult time.



Condolences for the family and friends of **Larry Trotter** (54). Larry passed away July 30, 2011 in Amarillo, Texas. Please offer his family sympathy with prayer for guidance and strength.



Offering up prayers to the many friends and family of **Jason Black** (91). Jason passed away August 4, 2011. Please remember the Black family during these healing days.



Prayers are offered to the many friends and family of former Boys Ranch house parent, **Vernon Lloyd Searcy**. Mr. Searcy passed away August 30, 2011 in Canyon, Texas. He will be missed by all that knew him.



It saddens us to report the passing of **Kevin Sewell** (73). Kevin was from Eunice, New Mexico and passed away November 19, 2010 in Odessa, Texas.



Sympathy is extended to the family and many friends of **Leslie Cooper** (72). Les passed away January 27, 2006 in Galveston, Texas.

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to **Jimmie Boatwright** (70) on the passing of his wife, Laura Belle. Laura passed away September 13, 2011 in Canyon, TX. Please keep Jimmie and his family in your prayers today and in the days to come.

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<http://www.calfarleysalumni.com>

Congratulations!

Congratulations go out to **Britny Douglas Eslinger** (02) and husband Sean on the birth of their daughter, Jaydon Alexander. Jaydon was born on June 15, 2011 and weighed 6 lbs 3.5 oz and was 18.5 inches long. Siblings Scarlet and Bradley are very excited.

Congratulations go out to **Hap Rainbolt** (69) on the birth of his granddaughter, Payton Newell. Payton was born on May 13, 2011 and weighed 7 lbs, 3 oz and 19 inches long. Haps daughter, Deanna and husband JD, along with little brother Colton are all doing great.

Emily and **John Burton** (94) are proud parents of a new baby boy. Lucas Henry was born July 29, 2011 weighing in at 7 lbs 9 oz and 21.5 inches long.

Debra and **David Rodgers** (70) recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. The couple met in July 1970 while "cruising Polk Street" in Amarillo and were married August 21, 1971. May you celebrate many more together!



Max Borchardt (84), **George Clark** (79), **Ben Reed Jr** (79), **Russell Perry** (64), **Marvin Ivy** (74), **Ed Baus** (80), **Jeff Mitchell** (65), **Jerry Ni-**

cholson (65), **Danny Hersom** (64), **Joe Ben Shreve** (64), **Napoleon Hernandez** (77), **Glenn Gardner** (72), **Ken Summers** (77), **Steven Crary** (03), **Tim Darnell** (92), **Rick McKown** (69), **Glenn McKown** (04), **David Gaylor** (76), **James Calhoun** (63) and **Earl Jordan** (66) came by the Town Office and signed the Alumni book.

The Association heard from **Angelo McClain** (75), **Bill Reinier** (71), **Jason Richie** (82), **Cy Garnett** (54), **Bryan Latchaw** (77) and many others.

We heard from **Rick Thompson** (82), **Ray Heredia** (70), **Kamirae Chance** (GT/93), **Christopher Lopez** (96), **Gary Seeberger** (79), **Charles Brandenburg** (76), **Cy Garnett** (54), **Dustin Montano** (03), **Bill Mack** (80), **Ronnie McCabe** (85), **Alex Molina** (11), **Chester "Butch" Ray** (83), **Jim Miner** (51), **Robert Largent** (68), **Carol Baker** (GT/66), **Tammy Reese** (GT/91), **Raye Richards** (GT/07), **Samantha Williams** (GT/06), **Cynthia Howard Doane** (GT/94), **Lewis Gunter** (87), **David Nobel** (82), **Chris Carter** (98), **David Silva** (98), **Phil Mancuso** (75), **Lloyd Henson** (76), **Ezra Starkey** (99) and **Cam Waldrip Lindsey** (76).

The editor has been in contact with **John Taylor** (76), **Richard Amon** (64), **Kyle Humphrey** (81), **George Clark** (84), **David Griffin** (76), **Gary Giles** (62), **Chad Nutt** (91), **Chris Grepo** (93), **Arnold Bennett** (66), **Joe Gutierrez** (61), **Clayton Carrozza** (00), **Paul Easter** (72), **Jay Taylor** (88), **Leo Wells** (69), **Paul Kitrell** (90), **Brent Seelar** (88), **Johnny Tallant** (88), **Sean Bryant** (89) and **Dirk Graves** (85). The editor also talked to **Mark Duffy** (66), **Michael Miller** (70), **Roy Hayes** (71), **Bob Riley** (50), **Danny Bell** (69), **Jimmie Smith** (81), **Clay Baker** (93), **Robert Kurz** (87), **Cody White** (92), **James Hewitt** (98), **Samuel Adams (Carter)** (64), **David Rodgers** (70) and **Chris Worley** (94).

William Keener (90) visited Boys Ranch recently. **Mike Pacino** heard from **Cody Miller** (05), who is now officially a graduate school professor. **Joe Chambers** heard from **Scott Workman** (88), who is still resides in China.

Announcements

As most of you know, **Doug Brady** (60), long time Board member and supporter of CFBRAA was in an accident and is paralyzed from the neck down. He would love to hear from you. He can be reached at:



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Best Year Ever!

That is what lies ahead for CFBRAA. Those are big words when you consider what has been accomplished over the last five or six years. But that is what I firmly believe. While this year's annual reunion was fantastic, next year's will be better. Daniel Scroggs has already enlisted twenty plus people to work on making it "the best ever."

With more gatherings across the country, more alumni being involved as legacy partners and being members of the Association, more awareness of the very good and important work this Association is doing, this will be The Best Year Ever for CFBRAA. Thank you for what you have done. And thank you in advance for what you will do to Carry On His Work! Woohooo!

Bobby Sarpalius | Executive Director | cfbraa@sarpserv.com

The President's Corner

David Rattan (78)



Hello, and thank you!

This is my first newsletter column as president of this organization, and I want you to know I am humbled and honored to serve the Association in this capacity. It is my sincere hope that many more of you will catch the vision and join in to help us be able to serve our brothers and sisters in better ways as time goes by. There is a level of excitement about our mission that has been built up through the real actions of real people, and I encourage you to join us as we continue to make a positive difference.

This year's Annual Meeting and Reunion was a tremendous success and a lot of fun because of the hard work and dedication of many of our brothers and sisters in the Association who put their time, their sweat and their hearts into seeing to it that it was so. Rodeo weekend is always a time filled with laughter and renewal, and it was a total joy to share it with all of you again. Our alumni gatherings have that homecoming feel to them whether they are at Morris Lake or Memphis, the Dipple Center or Dallas, Hilltop or Houston, Valley View or Valle do Oro or Washington D.C. If you've been to one of these gatherings, I don't have to try to explain it, but if you haven't been, you will love the experience. The Atlantic Gathering is coming up on October 22nd, and the Dallas Gathering is February 4th. Make plans to go if you can. Your presence will make it even more special.

As I looked through this newsletter, I noticed the picture of Miss Melba Brown with several students she had in first grade who were all graduating. It dawned on me that I fit that description as well. When I started school, it was 1966 and the first year that the Mimi Farley Elementary School was open. I was 6 and the alumni association was 5 years old. Miss Brown was my first grade teacher. In May of 1978, I graduated from Boys Ranch High School along with several others with whom I started. It was that foundation on which the rest of my education was built, and I love it that so many of us shared that experience and share a wonderful heritage. "Face the front. Turn. Rise. Pass."

I also see the picture of my dad. Because Mom and Dad chose to spend their careers at Boys Ranch, I was born there, started school there, graduated from high school there, and when I went home to see my folks, home was Boys Ranch until the middle of 1992. I'm Cal Farley's Boys Ranch through and through, and I count myself lucky because I got to grow up with so many of you. Dad was a man who learned the Cal Farley philosophy directly from Cal Farley, and he was an ambassador for Cal Farley's everywhere he went. I learned a lot from Dad, and that's part of why I'm so honored to serve the Association. "There is no end to what we can accomplish if we do not concern ourselves with who gets the credit," he would quote Mr. Farley as saying, and he lived that way. We all love attaboys, and he did too, but he did the work whether the attaboy was coming or not, and he and Mom served with others who lived the same way. I figure that is an example worth following, and Dad was so moved and honored that the Alumni Association named its scholarship program after him and Mom.

You are invited to be a part of something truly significant as we pursue the mission and objectives of the Association. We stand on the shoulders of those who founded this organization and who have carried it to where it is today, and we are encouraged by the fact that so many of those people are Founding Legacy Partners. The little extra commitment of being a Legacy Partner and making a small monthly contribution to the Association is such an important part of seeing our mission fulfilled, and we are grateful to those who are making our continued work possible through their support of every kind.

The times are exciting, and it is great to be an alumnus of Girlstown or Boys Ranch and an active part of the Cal Farley's Alumni Association family. We're saving you a place at the table!

David Rattan '78

ATLANTIC GATHERING

October 22 – Stevensville, MD
Home of Bill & Jenny Sarpalius

Begins at 2:00 pm
with steamed crab served at 3:00 pm

Contact Bobby Sarpalius to make your reservations
and get address and directions
cfbraa@sarpserv.com or (817) 788-8782

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2012 GATHERINGS

Dallas Gathering

February 4

Tunica, Mississippi Gathering

March 17

Central Texas Gathering

San Antonio – March 24

Houston Gathering

April 21

Oklahoma City Gathering

May 26

Girlstown Gathering

Lubbock – June 9

Looking for dates and places for gatherings in California and Florida.

Thank You! (continued from page 1)

For the Picnic we are indebted to some very helpful workers at Boys Ranch, including Mike Pacino who brought the grill, along with our own **Don Hipp**. **Shelli Miner**, **Dena Price** and **Doyle Ross** helped to make the event possible. Brothers, **Bob, Rob and Matt Matteson**, came to the rescue with brauts from their camp site when we were running out of burgers and dogs, which were grilled to perfection by **Daniel Scroggs** and **Alan Dore**. And we are especially grateful to Debbie & **David Rodgers** for bringing their corn roaster and providing roasted corn on the cob. **Cam Lindsey** brought drinks and Cindy was serving. Many hands made a truly delightful afternoon.

Becky & **Eugene Boger** were drafted for service at the banquet; **Michael Rogers** was filming the event; **Ken Jurden** and **Butch Bawcom** took and sent pictures that will be included in the Galleries. **Matt Matteson** helped register folks and **David Tallant** helped people with merchandise. **Beverly Hall** worked wherever she went and... and ... A lot of people did a lot. We are all debtors to those who serve, and the servants in CFBRAA are many. We Are Grateful!!!!



Prayers

Doug Brady (60)
Gary Giles (62)
Kyle Humphrey (81)
Jessie Vizcaino (85)

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