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CHS Bio

Bea Klopfenstein Tennis, Golf & Bridge



After Central graduation I attended Lindenwood College for Women in St. Charles, Mo. for one year. I then transferred to the University of Arizona, became a Chi Omega, and graduated in 1960 with a BS in Business Administration. I met my future husband, Gary, on a blind date at the Kappa Sig house, where he was a member. We were married at Tulsa's Boston Avenue Methodist Church in June of 1960. He graduated in Engineering the following February and his job brought us to California where we have lived ever since.

Our two sons were born in '62 and '63. The older one is an attorney and lives in the Bay Area. He has two sons, aged 16 and 13. Our younger son is in the mortgage business and lives here in Orange County—he has a son 1½ and another son due in early November.

After a few moves within Southern California, we settled in Fullerton and have lived in the same house since 1968. Needless to say, we love it here. I did not work outside the home after our first son was born until 1983 when I started my present, very part-time job at the Anaheim Convention Center. When I work there I am either the Concierge or I am processing registration for the various conventions that come to town. It is fun and interesting—meeting people from all over the world.

I was rather a “slug” growing up in Tulsa and did not enjoy any sports or outdoor activities. However, living in the dry climates of Arizona and California really changed my life style. I began playing tennis when I was 30 and played several times a week during the next 25 years (when my “job” didn't get in the way). I began a weekly golf game about 10 years ago and recently gave up tennis altogether. Duplicate bridge is something I also enjoy and play quite often—collecting a few master points along the way. Gardening, working the crosswords and sudoku each morning, walking, spending time with family and friends are other activities I pursue. I am active in PEO and Panhellenic.

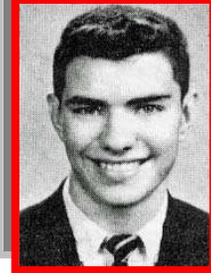
There are only two unusual events of my life that I can think of: climbing Mt. Whitney and attending Reagan's 2nd inaugural ball (the California one), when we were houseguests of our Congressman.

Gary retired in 2000 and we have enjoyed some wonderful trips throughout the U.S. and to China last summer. For four consecutive summers we took our two older grandsons on 2-3 week car trips throughout the West, ending with a fly/drive trip to the East two years ago.

I definitely agree that we were privileged to receive an excellent high school education. It is fun to reminisce about those happy, carefree days in the 50's.

See you at the 50th!! A BIG thank you to all those who have worked on this reunion!

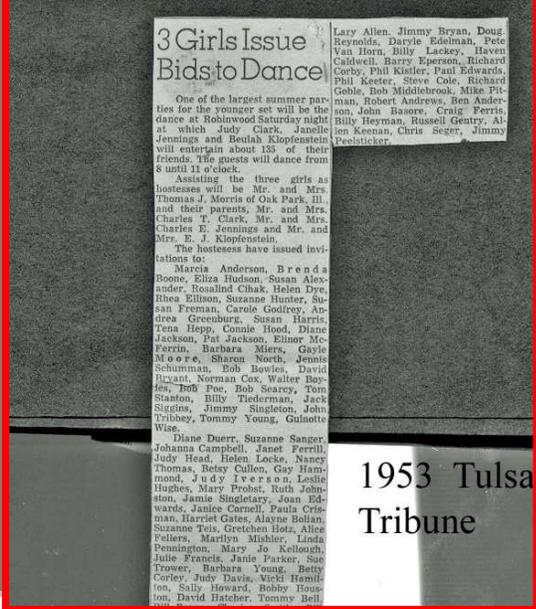
(Additional notes from Fred Benford) – I got to know Bea when she and Gary came to the desert to visit **Janelle Jennings** and we all attended the Musical “*Senior Class*” starring classmate **Marcia Rodd**. Bea says she was a “slug” at CHS but she was active in youth groups at Boston Ave. Methodist Church from elementary school on and was an officer in her social club. And ... she was in several dance choruses in the Daze. Her first kiss was from **Bob Houston** (don't get jealous **Carolyn Eads**) in the 8th or 9th grade. She dated **Brad Coody** and a couple of guys from Cascia Hall. Bea's dad had a Buick Convertible. Bea would borrow the car and of course they would get a crowd, go to Pennington's with the top down with the girls sitting on top of the back seat (no regard for safety in 1954/55). Bea is a “keeper (AKA Pack Rat).” She has a photo album from CHS & Horace Mann that is about two feet thick. Lots and lots of memories as you can see from the saved Tulsa Tribune article below (that's Bea on the right). Also note the “*Tickets*” below from school days. **Thanks Bea for all the memories.**



Bob Houston (L) – Bea's first Kiss & Brad Coody Bea's date



JUDY CLARK, JANELLE JENNINGS, REULAH KLOPFENSTEIN
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