

REUNION COMMITTEE 50



HHS RAMS CLASS OF 1975

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VOTE: Females, Fireworks and HHS 50th

Aloha ~

As classmates prepare Reunion 50, we think back 50 years to high school. Two key decisions affected us: Title IX and Roe v. Wade. You are familiar Roe legalized abortion. May not remember Title IX — passed in 1972. Law mandated equal spending in education for boys and girls. Not much changed in the classroom. Boys and girls got the same books. Biggest change was athletics. I remember the impact of Title IX well.

TITLE IX

Boys programs maybe received \$40,000; girls about \$10,000. Coaches Kress and Koetter had worked years to build funding for programs. Coach Peg Peterson did for girls. Title IX said equal spending. An enlightened society would have given girls \$30,000 more. Equal at \$40,000. No losers. Didn't happen. America chose to fight wars; not fund public education.

Thus, HHS boys were cut \$15,000; HHS girls gifted \$15,000 — equal \$25,000. Boys lost big; girls gained. Caused tension between boys and girls. Boys, as we turned into men, found similar cuts in the workforce. Companies looked to hire more women; cut men — White men. For 50 years, White males have been asked to step to the rear of the bus, so women and minorities could have additional opportunity. White males became frustrated. And this anger fuels the political candidacy of Donald J. Trump. He represents angry White men. Democrats represent women and minorities ... started when we entered high school. Fascinating, right?

SIDE EFFECTS of CUTTING TITLE IX

Cutting boys funding had other side-effects. Society funded boys sports because boys tended to get in trouble, not remain focused in classes and needed discipline. Boys athletics focused on Character Development and Good Grades. Coaches were role models; practices disciplined. Playing sports was a privilege — a reward for good behavior — and boys had to be responsible to play. Remember Grease (1978)? John Travolta went out for track to win the heart of Sandy, Olivia Newton John. He was a rough boy. Sandy wanted him to clean up. Travolta earned a sports letter. We all loved that movie.

Cutting funding for boys cut opportunity for boys in need. It cut one huge motivator for boys — to be on a team. Fifty years later, more boys are in trouble; do less well in school; do not have strong role models that coaches provided.

Girls got privilege. While boys were expected to develop character, girls were begged to play. My sisters, Kari and Dianne, didn't really want to compete. Kari preferred Lassies. And, girls programs did not have to earn money, as boys programs had. Government simply made funding equal.

Boys learned, "With Great Privilege requires Great Responsibility." Girls simply got Great Privilege. Responsibility was not required. Expectation on women in the workplace or politics are also less stringent. Kamala Harris, for example, was selected because she is a "Black Female" — not merit.

REUNION 50

In reunion planning, FEMALES Ann Jesse Driever and Susan Mattivi-Gierga, hold leadership positions with the committee. We had FIREWORKS. Ann and Susan refused to communicate; they blocked and ignored. Men cannot behave this way: With Great Privilege requires Great Responsibility. Men must answer critics. Women do not feel equally compelled. Privilege without Responsibility.

On May 22, 2024, Ann and Susan resigned. Entire committee resigned. Jeff Waldron informed me the next day. Ann agreed to pass funds and authority. As Class President, I accepted resignations and picked up the torch. Ann and Susan refuse to be responsible. They accepted privilege. They cheat expected responsibilities. They are women. They do not feel compelled to transfer class funds or updated rosters to Reunion 50 committee. Both do not communicate at all. Privilege without Responsibility.

As Class President, I have written critical stories about both — to demand accountability. Their theft of class resources doesn't harm me. They harm 440+ classmates. They do not put you first; they think of themselves. Men cannot behave this way. Men are expected to "man up" and pass the torch. Jeff Waldron conspires with the ladies. I criticized Jeff, because his father, Uncle Lloyd, would be greatly disappointed in Jeff's obstinance. Had to take Jeff to Facebook Court for stealing company copyrighted work. He lost. Men are not allowed to behave this way.

DISRESPECTFUL

Joy Black Hartley is angry with me, "You are disrespectful to classmates." True. 100% do not respect classmates who behave this way. Have spoken truthfully, and harshly. HHS did not allow us to behave this way 50 years ago. I still hold HHS values. The LDS church did not support such behavior then; not today. Leaders do not behave this way.

So what are YOUR VALUES? I sought help from Ann's daughter, Nicole. Nicole said, "I will always back her up. ALWAYS!" That's what women, mothers and daughters tend to do. My father loved me, but demanded I follow the rules. Jeff's father did as well. Girls back up girls; women always back up women. What then are your morals? OK for you, but not for me? Privilege without Responsibility?

VOTE NOW

I now require YOUR OFFICIAL VOTE by Sunday, June 23, 2024. Do you stand for "Privilege AND Responsibility" or "Just Privilege"? Non-vote means status quo: "Privilege AND Responsibility." You are either part of the solution or part of the problem. Speak up.

I came to assist our 50th celebration. If YOU stand for Just Privilege, I no longer respect being a classmate of Highland High School. I shall move on. I still stand for "Privilege AND Responsibility," as we were taught 50 years ago.

Ann Jesse Driever, Susan Mattivi-Gierga and Jeff Waldron stand for Just Privilege. They resigned their privilege. They have the responsibility to “man up” and transfer resources. Girls and Boys equal; Men and Women equal.

I need YOUR OFFICIAL VOTE by Sunday, June 23, 2024. Outcome announced Monday. We were one of the best — if not best — classes at HHS. Believed in you then. Ask you to show me you value being RAMS: Right Attitude Means Success

Do you stand with:

(1) Scott Goold, “Privilege AND Responsibility”

OR

(2) Ann, Susan and Jeff, “Just Privilege — no Responsibility”

How do you vote? Voting results will be published.

With love and aloha from Hawai’i,

Scott Goold, Reunion 50 chair
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