



Cal Farley's Alumni Newsletter

2020 Summer Edition

"One of the best ways to have an interest in your country is to have a sincere interest in the youth." –Cal Farley

CFBRAA CANCELS 2020 ANNUAL REUNION

The CFBRAA Annual Reunion has fallen victim to the pandemic that has affected all of us. With Boys Ranch not having the Rodeo and social distancing appearing to be the way of life, the Alumni Association Board of Directors met and unanimously voted to cancel all of the events of this year's Annual Reunion. We will be having a picnic; probably October 11th. As plans progress we will post more information.

Since we are not going to be able to go out to BR and have the Golf Tournament, and are required to socially distance and wear masks ... what kind of reunion is that? We also ran an online survey and the overwhelming response was that people were not going to attend this year. It is hopeful that we can picnic together in a few months.

Not having the reunion will have an impact on what we will be able to do this year as an Association. The Crisis Support has been primarily funded by the Silent Auction. Not having that event will affect the way we will be able to help our brothers and sisters and their families in times of crisis for the coming year. About half of our alumni renew their membership at the reunion. We will need to do that on line or by mail this year.

We have two alumni and one staff family that we were going to recognize at the reunion. We will hold off until next year on these recognitions. We could do a virtual recognition, but that would hardly be a fitting way to express our appreciation for their service and examples.

We are not planning any regional gatherings until we see the restrictions on gathering lifted. We will plan to have the Dallas Gathering in February (probably the 13th), unless this pandemic is still keeping us shut down. When things become more stable, we will begin planning regional gatherings all over the country. If you would like to have one in your area, let Bob Sarpalius know (cfbraa@gmail.com)

One small, but meaningful event that we cannot have is the General Meeting. At this meeting, we elect the new BOD members. The Executive Committee will prepare a list of 6 nominees to fill the seats of the 6 whose terms are expiring. We generally take nominations from the floor as well. It looks like, for now, those nominations will need to come via email to the CFBRAA Office. If you would like to nominate someone to serve a 3-year term on the CFBRAA Board of Directors, please send the nomination to cfbraa@gmail.com.

The events of this pandemic have negatively affected much of what we do as an Association. We continue to help those in need and continue to provide scholarships for family members of alumni. We still do what we can to support the work of Cal Farley's. However, the challenges are making it difficult. If you can support the work of your alumni association by serving or giving, your support will be appreciated, and your BR/GT family will all be grateful.

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Condolences



Steven Ingram
Boys Ranch 94-99
August 19, 2019
Borger, TX



Richard Strain
Boys Ranch 40-48
February 19, 2020
Germany



James Walden
Boys Ranch 59-62
April 20, 2020
Amarillo, TX

CSC
Staff

Susan Miller
May 8, 2020
Amarillo, TX

BR
Staff

John Dodge
June 21, 2020
Lebanon, MO

Prayers to **Michael San Miguel** (97) on the sudden passing of his son, **Brett** in Oklahoma on April 14, 2020.



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by **Jimmie Boatwright (70)**



So unbelievable that 2020 has been a year of cancellations! We will miss seeing everyone so let's all plan to attend the 2021 Reunion activities and make it the largest Reunion ever! We have the Tri-State Exhibit Hall already reserved and paid for, since we had to cancel this year.

I want to encourage all Alumni to remember to pay your Association dues. Most people pay their dues at the Reunion or a Gathering and since most all of that was cancelled this year please remember to get your dues paid. We do not send out bills, so we ALL have to put some effort into sending that \$20 a year, to support all of the good work the Alumni is doing. Now, it is even easier, you can get on the web site to pay dues!

www.calfareysboysranchalumni.com Click on the "Membership" tab at the bottom of the Home page. Be sure to check out the web site for news and events. You can also see some of the "good" those dues can do. If you think about all of the projects and good works done by those dues, that \$.05 (that is a nickel!) a day goes a long way!

Another opportunity is under the "Contributions" tab; you can pay your dues there or set up "Automatic Monthly Donations". My wife Sherry and I have both set up our Monthly Donations; we challenge you to set one up for yourself!

The Alumni Association is once again having a "social distancing" quarterly luncheon for the Alumni Support Center (ASC) in Amarillo. Tony Wade will be taking the pizza orders and making the delivery to the ASC this month. Keep those in the ASC in your thoughts and prayers as they begin their lives in this big scary "free world".

Please everyone stay safe and be kind to your friends and neighbors! Reach out and lend a hand when you can, you never know when you will be the one needing a hand!

Bob's Bear



Bobby Sarpalius (67)



*** Annual Reunion

Wow, didn't see this coming! Then again, few of us did. Never expected 2020 to be what it is turning out to be. Vacations are being canceled; gatherings are being suspended; families are hurting and support groups are being overwhelmed. I have personally had some serious health challenges this year.

However, we look forward to better days. (We certainly never anticipated days like these!) It has been amazing to see how the tough times bring out the amazing grace in many people. We are blessed to be a family; a family of multiple generations, diverse ethnicity, with gifts, strengths, weaknesses and circumstances that allow us to actually be family to one another. I must express my sincere gratitude to men and women who have stepped up and given of their time, talents and resources to help the CFBRAA be good for the family we serve.

I know there appears to be a lot in this newsletter about money. The thing is, that is one of the areas where we have been most significantly impacted, and that impact definitely affects our future. If you have been considering supporting your Alumni Association in any way, let me just say, please do so now! Thank You Much for being family!!

Bobby

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

The Alumni Association was unable to have the Scholarship Fundraiser Golf Tournament at The Winstar this year. However, we have 10 students receiving scholarships and we still needed to have the fundraiser. Hence, efforts were made to contact previous donors and raise the scholarship funds without the Golf Tournament. We did not have any green fees (of course) and, sadly, though understandably, we had no sponsors. However, due almost exclusively to the incredible effort of the Scholarship Committee Chairman, Chuck Farrell, we were able to raise sufficient funds to cover most of the expense for the coming year. We still anticipate additional support to declare the 2020 Scholarship Fundraiser a success, in spite of what Covid threw at us. We are all debtors to the dedicated effort and support of Chuck to the service we provide to family members of the CFBRAA in helping them attend college.

We continue to encourage folks to contribute to the scholarship fund. One of our BOD members signed up to sponsor a scholarship. It takes a contribution of \$2000 a year to sponsor a scholarship. This is a fantastic way to support the work. At the same time, if all you can give is \$20; every little bit helps and 100% goes to scholarships. Your dues and general support help pay the cost of overhead for the Association.