

Gladewater Former Students' Association

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Letter from the GFSA President

Dear Alums,

I hope all of you had a very "Merry Christmas" with family and friends. I want to wish all of you a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

This will be my last letter to you as the President of GFSA. I have enjoyed my time on the board and the last three years serving as President.

I could not have asked for a better Board. I just want to say "Thank You" to all of the current and past Board members. We have been lucky to have people who would roll up their sleeves and get to work. In each of my letters to you, I have always ended with "Your Board is working hard for you and the organization." Believe me, nothing could be truer about this group of people. I would also like to thank those who have volunteered and donated their time and money to the organization. Without their help, we could not continue to operate. I feel like we have made great strides the past three years. Even with Covid-19, we have managed to continue to move forward. I believe I am most proud of the work we had done on the building. The building and audio/visual equipment were in dire need of upgrading. We were able to get these things taken care of with a generous donation and with resources we had on hand. If you came to the 2021 All-School Reunion or have been to the building in the last year, you could see the improvements. There is still work to be done. I know the incoming President and Board will work hard to continue to make the necessary upgrades as needed.

I want to thank all the members for the support they give to the Board and organization. Keep up the good work. Whoever becomes the next President will continue to thrust GFSA to even greater heights. The future is bright for GFSA and I wish for nothing but success to each one of you.

Signing Off,

Larry Clemens
President of GFSA



ORANGE AND BLACK FOREVER

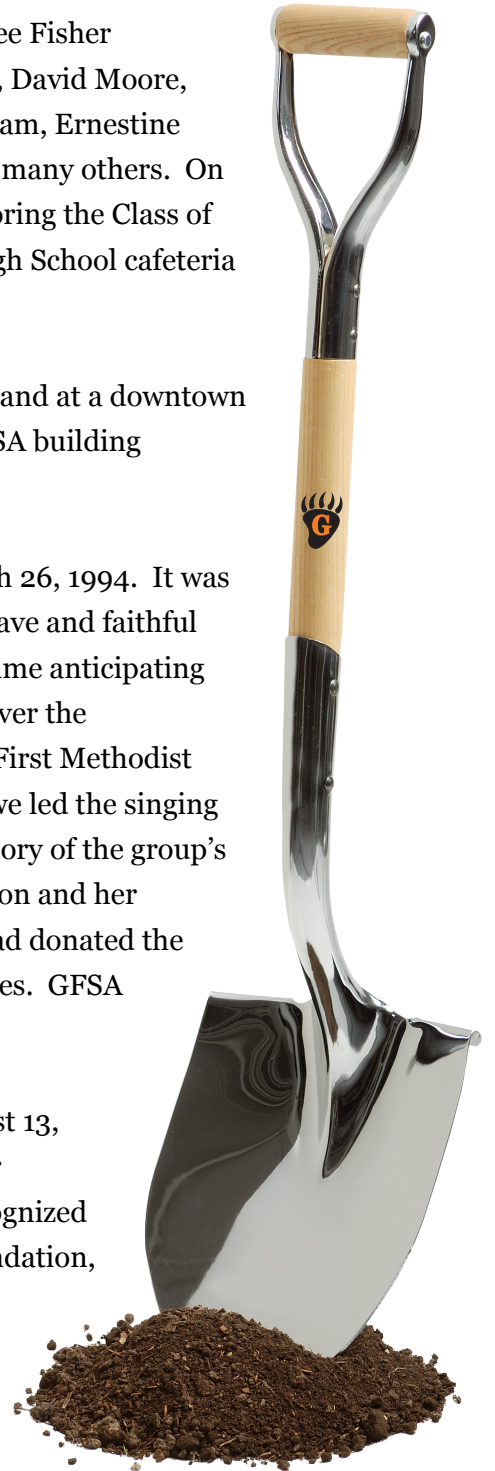
HISTORY OF GLADEWATER FORMER STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The very first recorded meeting for GFSA was January 17, 1987. It was attended by 40 former students through the efforts of Frank Hathorn, Lee Fisher Betty Pippin, Nauty Byrd Mayer, James Clark, Truman Wilson, David Moore, Frances Foshee Beavers, June Strawn Gelvin, Beth Beard Graham, Ernestine Wilson Sawyer, Helen Adams Thomas, Frances Waggoner and many others. On Friday, September 23, 1988, the first All-School Reunion, honoring the Class of 1938 on their 50th anniversary, was held at the Gladewater High School cafeteria with over 400 in attendance.

Before GFSA had its own building, the group met at Club Lake and at a downtown restaurant. Dorothy Dake and Tom Anderson donated the GFSA building to the organization.

The ground-breaking of the GFSA building took place on March 26, 1994. It was a cold and rainy day, but still was attended by more than 30 brave and faithful supporters. In spite of the weather, the group had a fabulous time anticipating the birth of the GFSA home. President Sherry Beall presided over the ground-breaking ceremonies. Reverend Clayton Gilpin of the First Methodist Church opened the ceremonies with prayer and Wanda Marlowe led the singing of The National Anthem and the GHS Alma Mater. A brief history of the group's endeavors was given by President Beall. Dorothy Dake Anderson and her husband, Tom, addressed the attendees explaining that they had donated the building for the future happiness and use to the Gladewater Exes. GFSA will be eternally grateful for their generosity.

A dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony took place on August 13, 1994, hosted by Dorothy and Tom Anderson. Over 200 former students were in attendance. Others that were specifically recognized at this celebration were Dr. Sally Lancaster, the Meadows Foundation, Bobbi Milliorn and Charles Modisette, John Paul Tallent and Bob Dooley (Builders) and Mayor Jackie Wood.



GET TO KNOW YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

“Some of my earliest and most exciting childhood memories are going to the Gladewater Round-Up Rodeo with my grandfather Houston Milliorn. He was a long-time director who was so proud of Gladewater and loved volunteering and helping with events. He instilled in me a certain sense of pride in our community that I believe you can only achieve when you have been “behind-the-scenes”. I am so proud to be able to carry on his legacy by volunteering for various community activities and boards. I know he is smiling down on me with pride at each event.”

Jennifer Hand-Jester, Class of 1995, leads the successful development and implementation of numerous digital and traditional advertising mediums for Encore Multimedia in Longview, Texas. She also develops, manages, and performs critical analysis on social media/digital advertising campaigns to best advise clients on the most efficient use of their marketing dollars to achieve the greatest impact. A passion of Mrs. Jesters is volunteering for various Gladewater events and bringing classmates together. She has recently become involved with the planning of class reunions for her class of 1995 and a multi-year reunion for the classes of 1990 – 1995.



“It is an honor and a privilege to have the opportunity to serve on the Gladewater Former Students board. I look forward to utilizing my skills and being a part of the wonderful work being done by this organization. There is a saying that ‘It takes a village’. We are blessed beyond measure to have such a wonderful community with citizens who are willing to help where needed.”

– Jennifer Hand-Jester

PAST PRESIDENT LIFE MEMBERS

'38 Nauty Byrd Pelphrey Mayer, 1989-1990
'38 Hulon Broyles, 1991-1992, 1996
'61 Sherry Waggoner Beall, 1993-94, 2011-2012
'40 Truman Wilson, 1995-1996
'62 John Paul Tallent, 1997-2001, 2013-2015
'59 Leon Watson, 2002-2003, 2008-2009
'56 Dr. Syntha Traughber West, 2004-2006
'68 Barry Cook, 2007
'60 Roy T. Van Houton, 2010
'68 Shirley Elliott Willett, 2016-2018



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2022 GFSA DUES



Thank you for continuing to send your annual \$25 dues. 2022 GFSA dues should be paid in January, 2022. This method of payment has alleviated the headache of trying to remember if dues have been paid or not. We appreciate your yearly support of the organization's mission of providing GHS Senior Scholarships, maintaining the Veteran's Memorial and our beautiful GFSA Building. If you have not paid your \$25 dues in the last 3 years, your name will be dropped from the GFSA membership list in February, 2022.

2021 New Kodiaks

Mike Bloom, Class of 1955
Dr. Bonny Cook Cain, Class of 1969
Darla Martin, Class of 1971
Ken Martin, Class of 1971
Bill M. Sloan, Class of 1973
Jordan Palmer, Class of 2012
Class of 1970
Class of 1971

GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Our Alma Mater lost the following sons and daughters from July – December 2021:

- Brenda Wilson Word, Class of 1959*
- Kerry Lee, Class of 1975*
- Max Copeland, Class of 1962*
- Dean Victory, Class of 1964*
- Gordon J. Mayer, Jr., Class of 1963*
- Marsha Matlock Valdetero, Class of 1965*
- Don Whitlock, Class of 1962*
- Murray Morrison, Class of 1965*
- Mike Reynolds, Class of 1962*
- Tony Reynolds, Class of 1984*
- Jon Ferguson, Class of 1995*
- Myles Hart, Class of 1995*

All will be sorely missed by their families, friends, and classmates to whom we extend our deepest sympathies.

*Please notify the GFSA Office if you know of anyone that needs to be added to the "Gone, But Not Forgotten" list.
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2021 GFSA Officers & Board

OFFICERS

- PRESIDENT:** Larry Clemens '68
- VICE PRESIDENT:** Shirley Elliott Willett '68
- CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:** Leslie Blount Willeford '77
- RECORDING SECRETARY:** Cheryl Moore Copeland '69
- TREASURER:** Jon Keller '92
- PARLIMENTARIAN:** Barry Cook '68

BOARD MEMBERS

- Dale Lange '69
- Steve Scurlock '68
- Danny Sorrells '75
- Cindy Tallent Rowe '85
- Mandy Williamson Wood '95
- Jennifer Hand-Jester '95

ASSOCIATE BOARD MEMBERS

- Cathy Phillips Shipp '65
- Leon Watson '59
- Patricia Martin Watson '60



The GHS Class of 1962 will have their 60th reunion party on Tuesday, April 26th, at the Gladewater Former Students' Building. The catered meal will be served at 6:00 p.m. followed by a short program and lots of visiting and reminiscing.

Reservations can be confirmed by emailing jptbatnana@aol.com or calling John Paul Tallent at 903-845-4553.

GFSA Thanks and Appreciates Larry Clemens for serving our organization for the past 3 years as GFSA President.

The GLADEWATER FORMER STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

would like to **RECOGNIZE** and **THANK**
the following alumni who have
supported this organization through the years with
“**KODIAK**” contributions of \$1,000.00 or more:



*Dorothy Dake Anderson, Class of 1943
and John Paul Tallent, Class of 1962*

'30 George Wilkins	'41 Margie Brewer Morrison
'38 C.W. Williams, Jr.	'42 Jack Phillips
'38 Gladys Browning Best	'42 Ralph Weiser
'39 Dr. John Heit	'43 Juanita Bagley Dusse`
'39 Helen Adams Thomas	'50 Janet Burnett Hill
'40 June Strawn Gelvin	'56 Leland Stracener
'41 Dr. John Artie & Arra Browning	'63 Alla Burago
'41 Gladys Williams Dreeson	

'33 Gwendolyn Hamilton Hogue	'46 Virginia Henley Mankins	'59 Grace Ann Rose Shore	'76 Sharon Scurlock Berryman
'38 Lee Fisher	'48 William "Billy Bob" Green	'60 Tom & Nita Zajicek	'76 Tommy Willingham
'39 Glenn (Squeaky) Lange	'48 Nelda Jean Barr Young	in memory of Paul & Agnes Zajicek	'77 Leslie Blount Willeford
'39 Jane Neal Sellers	'49 Jack Foshee	'62 Jack Butler	'77 Jayson Wynn
'40 Ernestine Wilson Sawyer	'49 Robert Honeycutt	'62 Barbara Brooking Henderson	'85 Cindy Tallent Rowe
'40 Truman Wilson	'49 Bill Looney	'62 Ellender "Cookie" Owens Holcomb	'85 Jon Rowe
'41 Johnnie Pace Brown	'49 T. E. "Ed" Maxwell	'62 Glenna Rush Ishmael	'89 Johnny Tallent
'41 Dr. Robert Brutsche	'49 Richard D. Tallent	'62 Loretta Blear Mitchell	'90 Andrea Slover Tallent
'41 Emma Dean Hinton Fetzer	'51 Colleen Tallent Coffman	'62 Ronny Moore	2011 Alyssa Rowe
'41 Jean Clark Hughes	'52 Frances Ann Brown Shanks	'62 John Shepperd	2012 Jordan Palmer
'41 Dr. Helen Chapman Williamson	'52 Beverly Hutson Lancaster	'62 Paula Jones Smith	2013 Leslie Rowe
'41 Charles Gilpin	'53 Alice Ruth Wallace Cater	'62 Betty Jean Thomas Stegall	2015 Rebecca Rowe
'41 Dr. Harold McDowell	'53 Jerry Don Lancaster	'62 Kay Pothoff Wallace	Class of 1943
'41 Patricia Nichols Summer	'53 Sherman Kennedy	'63 Melvin A. Tallent	Class of 1945
'42 Ann Ruth Stone Gentry	'54 Barbara Smith Mackey	'65 Danny Strickland	Class of 1958
'44 Lafon Dorrough	'54 Dr. Calvin N. McKaig	'67 Jerry D. Tallent	Class of 1961
'44 Georgia Waters Dorrough	'54 Martha Williams Squibb	'68 Mark Abernathy	Class of 1962
'44 Jo Nell Adams Lucky	'54 Jimmy A. Tallent	'68 Larry Clemens	Class of 1965
'44 Robert H. Schmidt	'54 Lula Mae Walker Waters	'68 Shirley Elliott Willett	Class of 1966
'44 Roy A. Tallent	'55 Mary Lou Wilcox Palmer	'69 Dr. Bonny Cook Cain	Class of 1968
'45 Lawanna Lee Ballard	'55 Mike Bloom	'71 Sue Clifton Moore	Class of 1970
'46 Billy C. Dale	'56 Travis Stanley	'71 Darla Martin	Class of 1971
'46 Gladys Ronita Dillard	'56 Donald Williams	'71 Ken Martin	Beverly Brunson Tallent
'46 Bobbie Milliorn Modisette	'56 Ronald Williams	'73 Bill M. Sloan	
'46 Dr. Jack "Spot" Collins	'57 Homer Beck	'75 Debra Shipp	
'46 B.M. "Mack" Rankin	'59 Mary Barr Price	'76 James Hugman	

GFSA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Tax-Deductible Annual Membership ONLY \$25.00 per Member

*In order that we may properly give you credit for your dues payment, please fully complete this form and mail with your check to:
GFSA, P.O. Box 1425, Gladewater, TX 75647.*

YOUR GRADUATION OR CLASS YEAR _____ NEW MEMBER _____ RENEWAL _____

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____

MAIDEN NAME _____ SPOUSE NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE () _____ EMAIL _____

GFSA CONTRIBUTION FORM*The GFSA is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. Donations are tax-deductible.*

AMOUNT \$ _____ SELECT A FUND: Building _____ Scholarship _____ Veterans Memorial _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE () _____ EMAIL _____

Mail to: GFSA, P.O. BOX 1425, GLADEWATER, TX 75647

BRICK ORDER FORM

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____ PRICE PER BRICK - \$65.00

Engraving limited to only 3 lines, 14 characters each line (including spaces).

SUGGESTED ENGRAVING:

IN HONOR OF _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

CLASS YEAR _____

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SCHEDULED 2022 BOARD MEETINGS

Tuesday, January 11 @ 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 8 @ 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 14 @ 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 13 @ 5:30 p.m.

Our meetings are held in the board room of the GFSA Building unless via ZOOM during COVID-19.
If any GFSA member wants to attend the ZOOM meeting, e-mail Larry Clemens at
Larryref50@gmail.com to receive a ZOOM invitation.

Upcoming Events

Bingo Game Scholarship Fundraiser for GFSA on April 12, 2022

All-School Reunion on September 24, 2022

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