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*Happy Birthday to all the December Darts!  
It is your special day, live it to the fullest.*



**Sagittarius---Honest, Philosophical,  
Optimist, Independent, Generous**



**Capricorn---Ambitious, Responsible,  
Patient, Resourceful, Loyal**

Events/Activities during December 2018---

Friday, 7th - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Friday, 21st - 1st Day of Winter

Friday, 21st - Ugly Christmas Sweater Day

Tuesday, 25th - Christmas Day

Monday, 31st - New Years Eve

Look On the Bright Side Day (Every Day of Your Life)

**MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR**

May 2019 be a wonderful year of good health,  
happiness and Everlasting Joy!



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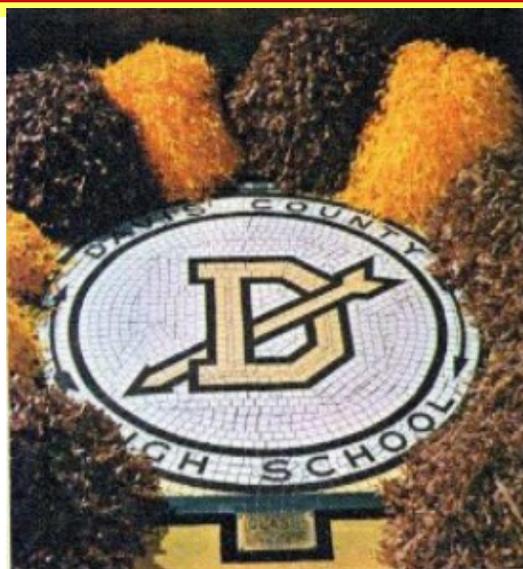
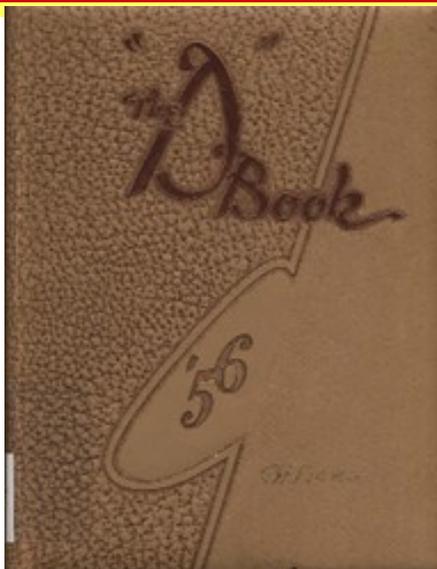
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# Sylvia's Report

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## Fellow Classmates,

I know you had an exciting, fun November and a wonderful Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving, that time of year dedicated to giving thanks and enjoying that delicious Thanksgiving Dinner with family, relatives and friends. We have a lot to be thankful for, we were blessed to be raised during a famous, rewarding time in history. As we start the Holiday Season there is another happening in November that I would like to discuss with you. All of you Astrologists, especially our *Sagittarius* Classmates know that on November 22nd the Sun entered the *Sagittarius* Season. It is all about returning to and basking in the light. In fact, it may feel as though the light switch was literally flipped on for many of you. Sagittarius season is truly the season of holiday cheer. It's common to feel lighter, more productive, and more joyful with this recent cosmic shift. Many of you may feel ready for a new adventure. Others of you may feel the need to push yourself beyond your comfort zone in some way. Still others of you may feel more outgoing and inspired to not only show up, but truly shine! That's the energy of Sagittarius, and it will be with us through December 21st (let your light so shine). Sagittarians are the incurable optimists. They are always looking at the positive side of a thing. Their optimism can't be dampened by hardships or negative results. Sagittarians often are outdoor people. They will take interest in all sorts of sports and outdoor activities. They are also adventures in nature. Although they are true to their faults but can also turn completely deaf to criticism and turn down suggestions.

The sun in Sagittarius also makes it easier for us to connect with others. One way to create connection is through *gratitude*. There are so many ways that expressions of gratitude can make our lives better, from improved health and personal success to making the world a better place. Expressing gratitude enhances your energy levels and reduces stress. Heart centered feelings, like gratitude and appreciation, can bring about beneficial physiologic changes in your body in a very short amount of time. *Robert A. Emmons, Ph.D.*, professor of psychology at the University of California, Davis is the author of many studies and books on gratitude, including, *Gratitude Works! A 21 Day Program for Creating Emotional Prosperity*. He has found through decades of research that people who practice gratitude daily report higher levels of alertness, enthusiasm, determination, attentiveness, and energy.

Gratitude leads to joy. When you count your blessings on a regular basis, they will multiply many, many times over. Opening your heart to those less fortunate creates joy and blessings in the world. Count your blessings and let the good times roll. Express gratitude to those you are truly grateful for and watch how everything just gets better.

Sources: *Christiane Northrup, M.D.* and *Robert A. Emmons, Ph.D.*

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As we finish out 2018 I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and appreciation for all of my wonderful DHS Class of 1956 Classmates and their families.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year*

## Sylvia's Report (Cont.)



**Merrill Henson Scott**—Merrill Henson Scott, beloved husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, and friend, passed away December 6, 2018, surrounded by his loving family. He was born September 9, 1938 in Santa Monica, CA to Glenn Henson Scott and Erma Sims.



He attended Davis High, served in the US Air Force and the Central States Mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He earned his Bachelor's degree from BYU, where he met and married Ronée Ottesen. They were married in the Oakland Temple on February 14, 1967. They had 7 children. Merrill was a High Priest and served faithfully in the Church. He was an entrepreneur, school teacher, Scout executive, and insurance and investments salesman. He loved working in his garden and being with family.

Preceded in death by his parents. Survived by his wife, Ronée, 7 children, Christopher Ronald, Stefani Dee (Troy) Walker, John Taylor (Rachel), Michael David (Regan), Charity Elizabeth (Darin) Bartholomew, Victoria Maria, and Merrill Henson, Jr (Candace), 20 grandchildren, siblings, Annette (Clark) Lium, his twin Michael Glenn (Marilyn), Susan (Marlon) Bateman, John Elijah (Susan), Daniel Eugene, and half-brother Paul Glenn, and step-mother Joan Scott.

Funeral services were conducted on December 13th, Interment followed at Utah Veterans Cemetery & Memorial Park, 17111 South Camp Williams Road, Bluffdale, Utah.



### William (Bill) Kenichi Okamoto

Bill is with his glorious Savior, Jesus Christ. The Lord is holding Bill in perfect peace. What greater thing would Bill want than this? Bill died on December 9, 2018 in his home in Brighton, Michigan. He was born in Gonzales, CA, on January 15, 1938 to Fred Tsuruichi Okamoto and Amy Hanako Okamoto. He had 5 siblings, Elsie



Shiramizu, Howard Okamoto, Jane Rouzer, Emma Stewart and Walter Okamoto. His family spent 3 years in a Japanese Internment Camp in Poston, AZ. The family then moved to Utah. He met his wife, Judy Tsukamoto, in Utah. He went to her family's farm to get tomatoes and he kept on going to that farm to get tomatoes. He was married to his wife, Judy, on Valentine's Day in 1964. They had two children, Jeffrey K. Okamoto and Douglas H. Okamoto. He was preceded in death by his son, Jeffrey, who was 10 at the time of his death. Douglas is married to Geneva Okamoto and Bill has two granddaughters, Keira and Cora. Bill so loved his Lord and was baptized in faith on June 6, 1971 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Westland. He worked for Ford Motor Company for thirty years in Fuels and Lubricants and was a Materials Engineer. He retired on a medical disability in November, 1996 after heart surgery. He then volunteered in the St. Joseph Mercy Health System for twenty-one years, in the cardiac floor at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, then at Ambulatory Surgery at Woodland Health in Brighton and then at the Cancer Care at Woodland. He was a member of Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church in Brighton for forty years. His greatest legacy is that he loved the Lord and that he loved people. He would go out of his way to be with people and greet them and hug them.

Funeral Service was held on December 14, 2018 at Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church, Brighton, MI. Burial at Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia, MI.

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The month of November went by too fast, as usual. We had a wonderful Thanksgiving, all of family but our Atlanta clan were home with us. Our Daughter and nine year old grandson from Virginia spent a week and half with us. Since they live in Virginia we only get to see them once or twice a year, their visits are always fun, quality time. I recommended that we eat our Thanksgiving dinner at our local favorite restaurant, wow, I almost got lynched. They all said that "no way would they trade my Turkey Dinner with my homemade dressing for eating at a restaurant". I think next year I'll probably win on my recommendation to eat out, the many hours of planning, preparation and serving the turkey dinner is not as fun as it used to be. We can't just move the Thanksgiving Dinner to one of our sons home, I still have to do it. December is here and boy is it moving fast. We have received more snow than usual for this time of year. Have most of our Christmas decorations up already and getting ready for the big day, family members from Atlanta will be with us. Season Greetings to all, have a fun safe time wherever you may be, stay healthy.

**Now that 2018 is on its way out, it is time to start prioritizing 2019---**

- \* #1 on your list should be, take care of number 1. Stay healthy, physically and mentally
- \* #2 should be to assist all of your family members and friends in staying healthy
- \* #3 is to live a positive life and enjoy every day to the fullest
- \* #4 is to send in your Classmate articles/pictures for publishing in our Newsletter
- \* #5 is to mark your 2019 calendar for our 63rd Class Reunion (Annual Buffet Luncheon)--- post a reminder somewhere that you will see it every day. We will meet on Friday, September 13, 2019 at the Courtyard Marriott in Layton, UT. Assemble at 11:00AM for registration, meet and greet---eat lunch/visit 12:30PM - 3:00PM--- visit and collect hugs until 4:00PM. Please come prepared to take the Microphone (open MIC time) and share some memories with your Classmates.



**Matilda wishes you all**  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
 &  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR**



### HELPING HANDS

Please notify us about a fellow alumni or family member who is seriously ill, in a hospital, or care facility. We need your help so we can extend our love for them. Notify Sylvia at [sylvia.jutila@gmail.com](mailto:sylvia.jutila@gmail.com) or Larry at [dhsdart1956@gmail.com](mailto:dhsdart1956@gmail.com).

In **school** you're taught a lesson and then given a test,  
 In **life** you're given a test that teaches you a lesson.

## "UNDER SIEGE"

**Our Class of 1956 was gifted with many outstanding artists! Our Classmate Garry Glissmeyer continues to share his new masterpieces with us through our Dart Newsletter. We are honored this month to enjoy his latest, UNDER SIEGE pastel-----**

Hi, Dart Classmates,

This Eagle/Flag pastel is a recent piece of Art I just completed for our college's FACULTY ART SHOW in the school's Art Gallery. It is titled: "**UNDER SIEGE.**"

It was 'inspired' because of the present tumult and discontent we, as a country, politically are experiencing, ---- between the Left and the Right-- seemingly each saying the **same** words, but those words being used against each other, with different antonyms in our minds as our motivation. We seem to now be very divided in our country, more so than even in the mid-1960s?

Our National Bird and Flag are symbolic victims of this rancor we are witnessing and feeling? Indeed, our values seem UNDER SIEGE and disintegrating, in some areas? And it seems each group is perceiving THEIR values and interests are more important than the other's? It doesn't matter which side of the political arena you are in, this seems to get a good reaction; each side sees their "valued" principles being attacked, under siege?

For any of you with art curiosities or backgrounds: this is a Soft Chalk Pastel piece, on 600 grit, black sanded-paper. It took about 16 on-the-board hours to do, with another couple of planning-and-framing hours.

Hope you all enjoy it now, as much as I did creating it?  
Garry Glissmeyer



## Sylvia's Report (Cont.)

Now that I have updated you on the negative classmate news, it is time for some positive classmate news. In previous newsletters I have reminded you that 2018 is the BIG **80** Birthday year for most of us and requested that you send me articles and pictures of your party/celebration. I received one from **Gary Hansen** and would like to share it with you.



### **Gary M. Hansen-----Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday----- 80 ★**



Gary says his life has been quite a journey. He wasn't born in a hospital, but in his parent's home in Bountiful on November 7, 1938. Welcomed as the second son to Keith and Sybil Hansen. His brothers are Kent, Fred and Scott. His sisters are Lynette, Joy and Melanie.

He says he has had a great life. Has always done what he loved to do. Played football, ran track and enjoyed wrestling at Davis High School. Learned to weld at Salt Lake Area Vocational School and still welds for friends and neighbors. Drove a diesel truck while he played football and studied psychology at Weber State College. Coached football, wrestling and track at Kaysville Jr High and Layton High School. Loved his athletics, still does. Taught biology, physiology and drivers education to great kids at Kaysville Jr High, Layton and Northridge High School. Volunteered as a fireman for the town of Uintah. Drove crews for Wild Land Firefighters. Served his church in various callings and also an inner-city mission with his wife. Served his Country for thirty-two years and continues his service with other great veterans in a Combined Honor Guard.

He loves his children, Kirk and Louann, Malinda and John, Heidi and Kirk, Guy, Jill and Del, Joel, Nicole and Brian and Dan. He loves his twenty-eight grandchildren and thirty-seven great-grandchildren. He is a faithful companion and loyal friend. Thanks to all who wrote great letters remembering him on this special birthday.



Happy Birthday, Gary!

Our Classmate Dennis Olsen and his wife Mary love to go on cruises. Dennis also loves vintage automobiles. I received a picture of Dennis fulfilling both of these loves-----



Dennis Olsen Cruising on the Oasis of the Seas!

Okay Classmates, there are hundreds more of you out there, why haven't I received articles and pictures from you?????No excuses! If you won't write, I'd love to see all of you at our next **Class of 1956 Luncheon, September 13, 2019, Layton, Utah**



# Patience & Wisdom

Two of the greatest qualities to have in life are:



**PATIENCE  
and WISDOM**

### Can You Read This?????

fi you can raed tihs, yuo hvae a sgrane mnid too. Cna yuo raed tihs? Olhy 55 plepoe out of 100 cna. I cdnuolt blveiee taht I cluod uesdnatnrd waht I was rdanieg. The phaonmneal pweor of the hmuan mnid, aoccdrnig to a rscheearch at Cmabrigde Uinervtisy, it dseno't mtaetr in waht oerdr the lltteres in a wrod are, the olny iproamtnt tihng is taht the frsit and lsat ltteer be in the rghit pclae. The rset can be a taotl mses and you can sitll raed it whotuit a pboerlm. Tihs is bcuseae the huamn mnid deos not raed ervey lteter by istlef, but the wrod as a wlohe. Azanmig huh? Yaeh and I awlyas tghuhot slpeling was ipmorantt! If you can raed tihs, you did good, pat yourself on the back.

# Alumni/Association Info



**WE WANT YOU!**



**Annual Buffet Luncheon  
Layton, Utah  
September 13, 2019**



Classmates, go to your 2019 calendar right now and mark this important date, now make a reminder and post it on your refrigerator door. Now start planning and preparing for this important function.

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**Have you joined the Alumni Association? See Membership Registration Form below—fill it out and mail today\*\*\*\*\***

## DAVIS HIGH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Graduating Class \_\_\_\_\_ (Women, please include maiden name)

Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Interests/Talents \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to participate on a committee: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**To register, complete this form and mail to:**

**"Home of the Darts"  
Davis High Alumni Association  
325 South Main  
Kaysville, UT 84037**



*"It's the little things in life that bother us.  
You can sit on a mountain but not a tack"*

## “Class Tidbits”

### \*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE/INFORMATION\*\*\*\*\*

Our Class of 1956 Dart Newsletter is now available on the Davis High School Website. This will allow those classmates without an e-mail address and all other Davis High graduates access to the newsletter. To get to the newsletter follow these instructions: Davis High School Website----- <http://www.davis.k12.ut.us>

On the home page, click on “Organizations”---then click on “Alumni Davis High”---scroll down this page until you see Class of 1956---click on “Class of 1956”---then click on the monthly newsletter you want to see/read. **Please help us get this information out.**

***“You don’t stop laughing because you age.  
You age because you stop laughing”***

## TAPS

## MEMORIAM



<b>DHS 1956 Alumni</b>	<b>Died</b>
<b>Merrill Scott</b>	<b>12/06/2018</b>
<b>William (Bill) Okamoto</b>	<b>12/09/2018</b>

<b>Alumni Family Members</b>	<b>Died</b>
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Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of those who have passed to their eternal rest. May all those who grieve be comforted.  
**Note:** As of December 10, 2018 our unofficial departed Dart count is 198.  
 We miss them all.

### Fellow Alumni--

It is an honor and privilege to put together this Class of 1956 “Davis Dart” newsletter. It is your newsletter, please provide me feedback and most important provide me alumni news, articles, photos, etc. Update all of your classmates on your life after Dear Old Davis High School. Don’t be bashful, be proud of what you have accomplished and share all these wonderful moments with your classmates.

Please send your text input to both Sylvia and Larry.

Send your photos and art work directly to Larry.

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Thanks,  
Larry Edwards

