



FAA Newsletter
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Photo by Alfredo Valenzuela, Jr.: Jacob Cruz, 2020 Fabens High School graduate and FAA Scholarship recipient, takes part in the Senior Showcase Parade (05/21/20).

JANUARY 2021

FABENS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

FABENS FOREVER, HAIL, GOLD AND BLUE
FOREVER AND ALWAYS WE'LL BE TRUE TO YOU
SO FIGHT, FIGHT, FIGHT, FIGHT, BOYS
SHOW HONOR DUE, TO FABENS FOREVER
HAIL TO THEE THY GOLD AND BLUE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

FABENS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Virginia B Sublasky Memorial Scholarship

By Family of Virginia B Sublasky

The family of Virginia B Sublasky is honored in donating a \$2,000 scholarship in her memory.

Our mother always worked hard to encourage and keep her children in school. She strongly valued the importance of our education and always encouraged us to apply ourselves to it.

She was a very well respected member of the Fabens community, where she resided from 1937 until her death in 1980.

She was married to Tony Sublasky, Sr. She was mother to Isidro Perez, Carolina Sublasky Sorg, Tony Sublasky Jr., Joe Sublasky, Gloria Sublasky Cole, Benjamin Sublasky, Ruth Sublasky Stockard, David Sublasky, and Virginia Sublasky Godbey.

She would be honored to know that a recipient from Fabens High School will receive a scholarship in her memory.

Mom would give all the glory to GOD.



FAA Christmas Draw 2020

Donors, thank you for your most generous and vital support. Congratulations to the winners our 2020 Christmas Draw!

1. Mony & Manny Velarde — \$500 (Winner, Tammi Say)
2. Carmen Vasquez — 50" Smart TV (Winner, Ryan Miles)
3. Joe Solis & FAA — Fabens Quick Lube \$43 High Mileage Oil Change & \$100 (Winner, Anita Olmos)
4. Mundo Herrera — Dinner for 4 at Julios Cafe (Winner, Arcelia Perez)
5. Arlene Salcido — \$200 (Winner, Jesus Ortiz)
6. Mundo Herrera — \$100 (Winner, April Baca)
7. Carmen Vasquez — \$100 (Winner, John Kind)
8. Rosa Lujan — \$100 (Winner, Diane Alba)
9. Irma Salvio-Perez — \$100 in Memory of Jerry Salvio (Winner, Corina Guerrero)
10. Irma Salvio-Perez — \$50 (Winner, Jose Garcia)
11. David Sublasky — \$50 (Winner, Melinda Quezada)
12. Robert Sepulveda — \$50 (Winner, Jose Garcia)
13. Robeli Ramos — \$50 (Winner, Erik Vasquez)
14. Barbara Telas — \$25 (Winner, David Trujillo)
15. Karina & Manny Ortiz — \$25 (Winner, John Mendez)
16. Mary & Speedy Gonzales — \$25 (Winner, Julia Calderon)

Marcelino Palacio

The Fabens ISD mourns the loss of one of our Wildcats, Mr. Marcelino "Mars" Palacio. For 23 years, Mr. Palacio worked as a security officer in the Fabens District. On behalf of the Fabens ISD & Board of Trustees, we extend our deepest condolences to the Palacio family. Rest In Peace, Mars.



2020 CHRISTMAS DRAW
THANK YOU • THANK YOU • THANK YOU

TREASURER'S REPORT

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January 31, 2020	Beginning Balance: 22,674.97
<i>Ending Balance:</i> 22,369.97	5 Deposits/Credits: 795.00
	5 Checks/Debits: (-)1,100.00
February 28, 2020	5 Deposits/Credits: 3,383.00
<i>Ending Balance:</i> 12,752.97	1 Checks/Debits: (-)13,000.00
March 31, 2020	3 Deposits/Credits: 2,313.47
<i>Ending Balance:</i> 13,736.44	2 Checks/Debits: (-)1,330.00
April 30, 2020	3 Deposits/Credits: 200.00
<i>Ending Balance:</i> 13,792.44	3 Checks/Debits: (-)144.00
May 31, 2020	6 Deposits/Credits: 465.00
<i>Ending Balance:</i> 14,169.44	2 Checks/Debits: (-)88.00
June 30, 2020	4 Deposits/Credits: 325.00
<i>Ending Balance:</i> 14,474.44	2 Checks/Debits: (-)20.00
July 31, 2020	3 PayPal: 100.00
<i>Ending Balance:</i> 14,933.59	1 Deposit/Credits: 410.00
	Deposit Slip Order: (-)50.85
August 31, 2020	2 PayPal: 20.00
<i>Ending Balance:</i> 16,169.59	4 Deposits/Credits: 1470.00
	2 Checks/Debits: (-)234.00
September 30, 2020	5 Deposits/Credits: 2,473.55
<i>Ending Balance:</i> 18,643.13	0 Checks/Debits: 0.00
October 31, 2020	4 Deposit: 3,922.00
<i>Ending Balance:</i> 22,565.13	0 Checks/Debits: 0.00
November 30, 2020	5 Deposits: 2,123.00
<i>Ending Balance:</i> 24,688.00	0 Checks/Debits: 0.00
December 31, 2020	7 Deposits: 5,595.00
<i>Ending Balance:</i> 28,908.13	10 Checks/Debits: 1,375.00

On October 15, 2020, David Sublasky, FAA Treasurer, reported a balance of \$21,718 in the Treasury. This standing ensures that six deserving Fabens High School graduates will each receive a \$2,000 scholarship come May 2021.

Expecting that the FAA presents \$13,000 to Fabens ISD at its February 2021 meeting, the FAA will have given Fabens students a whopping \$103,000 (cumulatively) in grants and scholarships.

¡Sí Se Puede!

BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

As of January 1, 2021, the FAA has 279 active (paid) members, including memorial memberships. Help us reach our goal of 500 members!

Memberships are valid for one year from the date of application.

The FAA is PayPal verified! Follow these instructions to pay membership dues via PayPal:

1. Log in to your PayPal account
2. Go to Send
3. Enter the FAA email address: fabensalumniassn@yahoo.com
4. Select your payment type
5. Enter the amount you want to send & add a message with the following info: Name, Graduation Year, Mailing Address, Email, & Phone Number
6. Review your payment information and click Send Payment Now





Mr. David Sublasky

By Karina Salvio-Ortiz

Wildcats, meet Mr. David Sublasky! Mr. Sublasky is a lifelong resident of Fabens and a proud alumnus of Fabens High School (Class '70).

Mr. Sublasky's involvement in our community is unparalleled. He serves as Treasurer of Fabens Alumni Association, Board Chair of Education Service Center (Region 19), and volunteers regularly at Fabens Veterans Park, Fabens Cemetery, and El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank— Fabens Mobile Pantry.

Mr. Sublasky is an integral member of the FAA and is hugely influential in the Association's success.

The FAA Board of Directors would like to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Sublasky for his unending commitment to our Association, community, and students.

Mr. David Sublasky, we are proud of the work you do and the difference you make!

COMMUNITY NEWS

FABENS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Notice: FAA Newsletter Distribution

The Association will publish a newsletter three times per year. Effective January 14, 2021, the FAA newsletter will be mailed or emailed to Association members towards the end of January, June, and October.

CANCELED: Fabens Veteran's Day Celebration

In 2020, we did not congregate due to restrictions on gatherings in El Paso County. Prayerfully, in Jesus' name, a special tribute to you, our Veterans, will be held at Fabens Veterans Park in 2021.

Fabens Alumni Association would like to thank all current/former men and women of our Armed Forces. Your courage and resilience serves as an inspiration to us all!

Champions for Scholarships

As part of our Champions for Scholarships campaign, the FAA is selling advertising spaces for poster boards that will be displayed at participating businesses. Advertisements can be purchased by businesses, individuals (e.g., in loving memory of), groups (e.g, Class of), etc. Ad spaces begin at \$25.

For more information, or to reserve an advertisement, contact David Sublasky at David.Sublasky@gmail.com or (915) 329-0576 (text message preferred).

Recap: FAA 2020 Scholarship Recipients

The FAA extends congratulations to:

- ▶ Juan Chaparro
- ▶ Jacob Cruz
- ▶ Sarahi De Diego
- ▶ Sheila Gallegos
- ▶ Jayliene Peña
- ▶ Melanie Torres





Spreading Christmas Cheer

By Fabens Fire and Rescue

Every year we get the privilege to do a Santa cruise, and every year the community makes our hearts melt. We appreciate the love we got back from everyone. This is the event that our department looks forward to every year. This year, we had three convoys covering Fabens and Tornillo, and had 16 people working together to cover as much of our area as we could. Thank you all so very much from the bottom of our hearts.

Ponzo Family Memorial Scholarship

By Karina Salvio Ortiz & Alfredo Valenzuela, Jr.

Sam Ponzo is a founding member of the FAA (Class '57). From 2007 to 2019, Mr. Ponzo and his wife, Sally, served as officers on the FAA Board of Directors. In January 2020, Mr. and Mrs. Ponzo provided the Association with a \$2,000 check to establish the Ponzo Family Memorial Scholarship. The Scholarship was awarded to a 2020 FHS graduate in honor and memory of the descendants of Adela and Sam Ponzo, Sr., who attended Fabens public schools (many of whom are FAA members). In December 2020, Mr. and Mrs. Ponzo, again, provided the Association with \$2,000 to be awarded to a 2021 FHS graduate.

Fabens Veterans Park Missiles Exhibit

By David Sublasky

The Missiles Exhibit is installed at the FVP. Special thanks to Gayle Bidwell for acquiring, restoring, and designing. Also, thanks to Fabens Water Board, Jose Ramirez & staff. Thanks to Martin Madrid for his personal involvement. Joe Solis, Polo Perez, the Electric Co. Thanks to Tony Sublasky! Very special thanks to Joe Garcia for all his work and prayers. God bless all donors! God bless all volunteers. God continue to bless FVP! Thanks Borjon Eatery and Beans and Burritos for the fantastic burritos. Also Pary Conley for cinnamon rolls. Stop by and enjoy!



Facebook: Fabens Fire and Rescue



Facebook: Fabens Veterans Park



Jerry Salvio Secret Santa

By Karina Salvio Ortiz

In 2008, the Salvio Family founded the Jerry Salvio Secret Santa to help families in the local communities of Fabens, Tornillo, San Elizario, and Clint, Texas. Today, we continue that mission, while honoring the memory of our beloved Jerry Salvio.

Gerardo “Jerry” Salvio was a lifelong resident of Fabens, Texas, and an alumnus of Fabens High School (Class '97). At age 12, Jerry was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes, a chronic condition in which the pancreas produces little or no insulin. While enduring a lifelong battle with diabetes, Jerry lived life fully and in service to others. His passions included dancing, drawing, and helping others. Jerry earned his wings at age 34 and was laid to rest on October 18, 2013. He was the beloved son of Irma and Gerardo Salvio, and beloved brother to Irma Perez, Karina Salvio-Ortiz, Cindy Cano, Rene, and Orlando Salvio.



Inspired by his life and in honor of his memory, Jerry’s Secret Santa continues to spread Christmas cheer to local families. Unfortunately, as with many events, our 2020 Christmas event was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In past years, children who participated were gifted new tennis shoes, jackets, and other holiday gifts. With the support of our community and business partners, we are confident we will come back stronger in 2021!



Jerry’s Secret Santa is not a non-profit organization and relies solely on the generosity of sponsors/donors. Our annual event has been a great success in large part to generous individuals who “adopt” a child and businesses who provide in-kind donations: Household Furniture provides children and their families with new tennis shoes and food baskets, the Perez Ventura family provides family-friendly entertainment, Marines with Toys for Tots provides additional toys, and Robert Sepulveda’s SONIDO provides music entertainment. We are grateful to all who have made our success possible and look forward to our partnerships in 2021.

Season’s greetings from the entire crew at Jerry Salvio Secret Santa. May the magic and wonder of the holiday season stay with you throughout the new year.

EXIT 49

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By Alfredo Valenzuela, Jr.

I am a May 2020 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and proud member of the Fabens Alumni Association (Class '16). At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, feelings of futility inspired me to create the Facebook page EXIT 49—a page, I hoped, would become a trusted resource for information and updates relevant to the COVID-19 situation in El Paso County, Texas.



Presently, EXIT 49 has over 1,300 followers across Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. It continues to fulfill its original purpose of sharing information about COVID-19, while also highlighting the accomplishments of Fabens High School students and alumni. EXIT 49 has even aided in recruiting volunteers for the weekly El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank—Fabens Mobile Pantry. To date, EXIT 49 volunteers have been present at over 30 EPFH events (collectively amassing approx. 2,500 hours of volunteer service). EXIT 49's success as a community organization can be attributed to ordinary people rushing to help friends, neighbors, and strangers.

El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank

A massive thank you to El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank for continuing to provide relief to families struggling to put food on the table in El Paso, Culberson, and Hudspeth Counties. To learn more about, donate to, or volunteer with El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank, visit elpasoansfightinghunger.org.

EXIT 49/El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank Volunteers

Lastly, a heartfelt thank you to these inspiring and dependable EXIT 49 volunteers, who heeded the call to serve—risking potential exposure to Coronavirus—when our community needed help the most:

April Silva
Vanessa Rodriguez
Alejandra Esparza
Aurora Garcia
David Sublasky
Bertina Lozano

Socorro Macias
Elvira Reyes
Sofia Sanchez
Seferina Clark
Laura Saenz
Adrian Ceballos

Lorena Bosquez
Angel Hernandez
Remigia Lozano
Eduardo Ornelas
Pat O'Neill
Samara Perez

Noah Perez
Michelle Perez
Daniel James
Guadalupe James
Alma Rodriguez
Perla Ortiz



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EXIT 49 Excellence Scholarship

By Alfredo Valenzuela Jr.

I established the EXIT 49 Excellence Scholarship in 2020 to recognize an outstanding Fabens High School graduating student who had achieved positive academic and service records.

In May, I announced Valerie Alvarado as the inaugural \$500 EXIT 49 Excellence Scholarship recipient.

I look forward to announcing the 2021 EXIT 49 Excellence Scholarship recipient in mid to late May.

FABENS FOREVER

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CANCELED: Fabens Alumni Association 2020 Annual Report & Banquet

With a heavy heart, the Board of Directors announced the cancellation of the Fabens Alumni Association 2020 Annual Report and Banquet due to the COVID-19 situation in El Paso County. We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and work to set a new date in 2021.

Board of Directors

Robert M. Sepulveda, Class '67 — *President*
Carmen Vasquez, Class '69 — *Vice President*
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Tony Sublasky, Class '63 — *Trustee*
David Rueda, Class '80 — *Trustee*
Barbara Telas, Class '66 — *Trustee*
Alfredo Valenzuela, Jr., Class '16 — *Social Media Coordinator/Newsletter Editor (Appointed)*

Past President

Mundo Herrera, Class '57 — *Served 2007-2017*

Past Executive Board Officer

Sam Ponzio, Class '57 — *Served 2007-2019*

The FAA wishes you and yours a peaceful and prosperous New Year!



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STAY ENGAGED.**

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