



San Antonio Mini-Reunion, Saturday, September 26, 2009

(See how nice I am? I picked the photo that was the best of everyone else even though I look as if a bug is crawling up my leg!)

Kneeling – **Karla Kirby** Corkran Standing left to right – **Patricia Mooney** Marlowe, **Betty Benda** Montague, **Linda Stephens** Marsh, **Martha Miller** Leske, **Marsha Neill** Surlles, **Bill Oates**, **Rhonda Halasz** Lands, **Kathy Kilmer** Moak, **Tracy Coffey**, **Brenda Bock** Linzel (We were trying our best not to crush Patricia's beautiful flowers!)

To me, the down side of class reunions is you aren't able to really visit with any one classmate because we're so busy visiting with every classmate. Mini-reunions during "off years" provide the perfect opportunity to solve that problem!

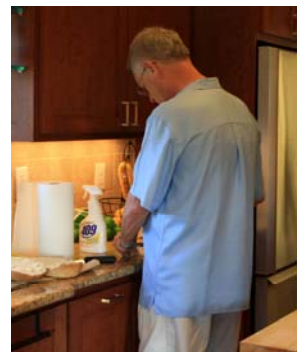
On Sep. 26, a group of us gathered at Patricia Mooney's house in San Antonio for a '67 fiesta! We did this a couple of years ago and had so much fun, Patricia invited us back to her house again. Brave lady.

Now, I'll have to admit I wasn't thrilled with facing a 6 hr. drive down there Sat. morning after an extremely hectic week trying to get everything set for the "80 Years of Woodrow" premiere on Thu. night, and then having to drive back behind the Pine Curtain on Friday, but I am so very glad I made the trip! Betty and Brenda (also known as Betty Bock and Brenda Benda) drove over from Houston to join us. Karla and Corky came from Kerrville, Tracy and Julie from Bulverde, and Bill, Linda, Marsha and Rhonda from Austin. San Antonio is home base for Martha and, of course, Patricia and Rudd.

Speaking of Rudd (photo @ right), Patricia has trained him well. He's the perfect host – cooking, cleaning up, refilling, and then leaving the room when Patricia begins telling stories about him. ☺

The Marlowe manor is gorgeous – on a golf course complete with deer We saw one huge, beautiful buck posing out there among the golfers. You would never know you were in the middle of a big city. The house is a virtual museum of wonderful family pieces, photos, drawings, and paintings. I love hearing all of the stories behind each item!

The four photos below were taken on the back patio.

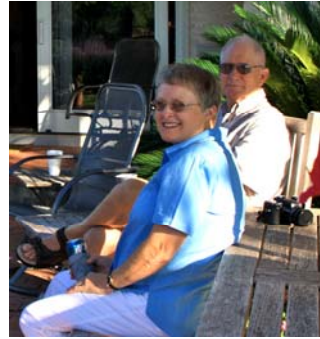




(left) Bill & Kathy (WHY do I continue making that face?)



(center) Martha (ship ahoy!) & Karla



(right) Karla & Corky

(below right) Brenda, Marsha, Linda

Dinner was potluck, and as at all such meals, everyone ate way too much. We had wondered if the widely varied dishes would come together, but they did.....deliciously! (Hey, mini-reunioners, don't forget to share those recipes!!!)



Those who couldn't make it this time included Dave Kittrell (vacation), Suzi Shuler Harkey (previous commitment), Mike Barnes (no longer works in S.A.)

It has become a tradition at these get-togethers to call Don Mohon. Why, I'm not sure, but it's always a challenge for everyone to listen to one side of the conversation and try our best to imagine what Don might be saying. ☺ Two years ago, it was Martha who had an extended conversation with him. This time, the ever-smiling Brenda (right) had the honors.



Dan Hatzenbuehler was the recipient of Martha's call this time around. It was his birthday - What more could he possibly want than for us to wish him a happy one? (Such a young thing Mr. Hatz is!)

(....and just what was it you said to Dan, Martha?)



Left – Patricia & Betty looking skyward
Above center – Marsha, Martha, Rhonda
Top right – Patricia, Tracy, Kathy, Julie
Right – Kathy gaining 5 instant pounds while eating Tracy's incredibly delicious peach cobbler and Karla's melt-in-your mouth chocolate cake; Marsha being much more sensible.



We watched "our" DVD – "80 Years of Woodrow," then called Mike Barnes to tell him, "Job well done!" Of course, a couple in the crowd couldn't resist ducking into the kitchen now and then to check the status of the TTech game.

Jay Ballou was also the recipient of a group phone call.....to chew him out for not being there with us.



What fun! The next time we do this, we hope even more classmates will join us. San Antonio is a great place to spend the weekend. Below are more photos, and if you haven't had your fill, Marsha has posted her pictures on her facebook page. Even if you are not a member of facebook, you can view them by using this link - <http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=27957&id=1645551296&l=1418a3630c>



San Antonio Fun!

