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*****2007***** **Happy New Year**



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The New Year is here and here's hoping that everyone crossed over with a renewed sense of life, love and prosperity of spirit.



What a blessing it is that we have all rekindled our connection after leaving Orange High School so many years ago. Our reunion was so inspiring, that out of it was borne this Alumni Newsletter!!!

Many thanks to Carl Coleman... who started us off with our first issue in October, 2006. I've received many notes from our classmates who are so happy we are doing this and keeping the momentum going.

Linda Baskerville Lewis who now resides in Georgia has sent a note of support:

"I am so glad y'all are doing this. I am enjoying the updates and information about all the "goings on" of the members of the class of '76."

Terese Boswell Pierce responded to say:

"I just want to take this moment to commend you all on the newsletter. I'm loving it and looking forward to reading the next edition."

So we're rollin'.... and keeping it going!

(Special thanks to those of you who have contributed items to be included in this issue!)

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OHS '76 Alumni Contribution to the Kiernan Shields Fund

Cyndie Webster (yours truly ☺) entered the 1st Annual Kiernan Shields 5K Run to represent the OHS '76 class. We raised \$200 which I presented to the scholarship fund at the event.

"I carried the torch representing the OHS Class of '76.... and crossed the finish line in 40.22...."



It was cold that morning (like 44 degrees), but once I rounded the corner from Heywood Avenue to Berkely, my numb toes began to come to life.

The race started at the entrance of Orange Park on Center Street. It was a lot of fun and I'm looking forward to participating next year!



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**"SO HARD TO BE A
 TORNAO!"**

Remember....?

(Most Versatile - Mike Slade and
 Cynthia Knight)



MOST VERSATILE
 Cynthia Knight, Michael Slade

(Football Rally King & Queen Donna
 Knight & Munuwell Barrett)



Donna Knight, Munuwell Barrett

Greetings from Ronald Lewis!

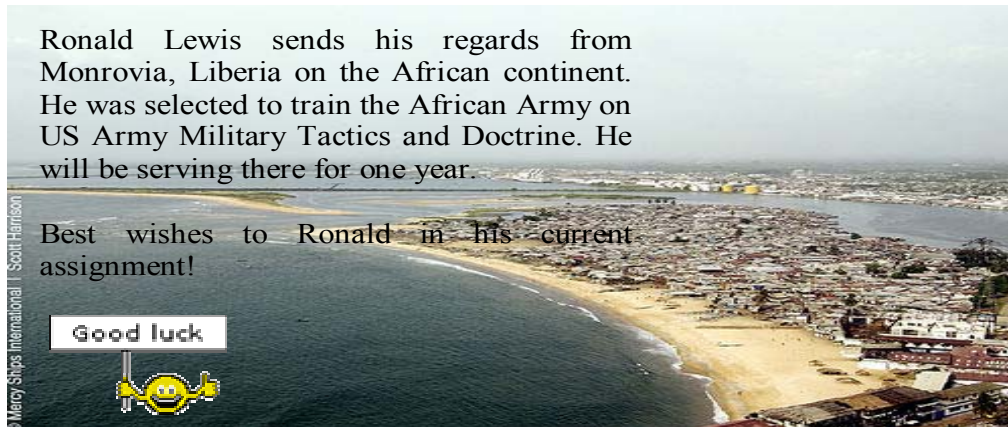
Ronald Lewis sends his regards from Monrovia, Liberia on the African continent. He was selected to train the African Army on US Army Military Tactics and Doctrine. He will be serving there for one year.

Best wishes to Ronald in his current assignment!

Good luck



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Happy Birthday!!!



December

Christ Jesus - 25th
 New Years Eve - 31st

January

New Years Day - 1st
 Dr. Martin L. King Day - 15th
 Kim & Greg Jones Anniv. - 28th
 Mike Slade Defends PhD. - ?

February (Black History Month)

Valentines Day - 14th
 June McRae Morgan - 28th

March

Cyndie Webster - 7th
 Helena Rogers Lowther - 9th

Please send your "start date" info to Kim Simpkins at kimcupcake@aol.com. She's our Birth Date Manager.

And just remember... when anyone tells you you're getting old, tell them it's *a beautiful thing, especially if you consider the alternative....*



Lord, if you will, make each of these birthdays, anniversaries and milestones a special, special blessing and send it down. In Jesus name, amen.

Martin Luther King Day
January 15th

Each year on the third Monday of January schools, federal offices, post office and banks across America close as we celebrate *the birth, the life and the dream* of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

<http://www.holidays.net/mlk/>

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2006 Reunion Memories



Time Machine....
 Take a trip back in time to 1976.....
 Articles in the Orange Transcript

Teens train on-the-job
 Orange High School students enrolled in the health careers class, are receiving on-the-job experience by spending three days a week at the Hospital Center at Orange. Students get the feel of being a nurse by taking a patient's temperature, assisting with morning care and transporting patient's to some appointments. By observing and conversing with technicians, they learn about the duties and responsibilities of the respiratory and laboratory technicians and many others. Knowledge about careers in rehabilitation is gained through observing the physical therapist, occupational therapist and speech therapist at work at the Orthopedic Hospital. Students enrolled in the program are Kevin Davis, Davina Franklin, Jacqueline Finch, Sharon Jones, Cynthia Knight, Theresa McKitty, Marsha Phelps, Kevin Rogers and Cyndie Websters. Mrs. Ima Burney, health careers instructor, set up the program with Mrs. Ethel Smith, the hospital's in-service education director.

New officers for Stellato
 The Joseph R. Stellato Association, recently honored outgoing Association officers and installed new officers for the coming year. Fidela Riviello, outgoing president, received a presidential plaque by Standard Bearer Joseph Stellato. New officers include John Villone, president; Nino Petrillo, vice president; John Kling, treasurer; and Kay Kling, secretary. Rose Giambattista was appointed sergeant-at-arms.

Students talk atoms
 Orange High School held a special program entitled "The Atomic World" with Charles Knowles of Oak Ridge Associated Universities as the guest speaker. Knowles discussed natural isotopes, fission reactions and chain reactions. He gave demonstrations using the Vandergraaf Generator with the assistance of Beth Sisto, a member of the faculty and Donald Bellafatto, a student. Kim Simpkins assisted in a demonstration of tracking the isotopes about the body by drinking an "atomic coke." Knowles was available to physics and the advanced biology classes, elaborating on more advanced topics such as the potentials of nuclear-powered plants and the overall problems of the storage of atomic wastes and thermal pollution. All press releases must be typed and double-spaced; not called in by phone. Please include your phone number, however, so we may contact you if we need further information.

February is Black History Month!

The History of Black History Month
<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/bhm1.html>

Black History Month
"Freedom is never given; it is won."
 -A. Philip Randolph



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Poem from our '76 Peal

By

Regina Rennick

Step into... Our World

Our World...

A world of triumphs and defeats
A world of mistakes, and learning from
our mistakes
A world of pain, and being made
stronger as a result of our pain

Our World...

A world of teen-age accomplishments,
and adult challenges
A world of frustrations and anxieties,
and also---
A world of love and fulfillments

A world of learning to cope with and
understanding ourselves;
So as to better cope with and
understand other people.
A world of growth and development.

OUR WORLD
OUR LIFE
OUR BEING

Prayer Request

Tia Stizza Waller has a special request of our prayers for the safe return of her son Bruce A Smith Jr. - Gunnery Sergeant/Communications Chief for the US Marine Corps. He is at Camp LeJeune, NC and is being deployed to Fallujah, Iraq on Jan 18th which is one of the "hot zones"! This will be his second deployment there. Bruce has been in the Marine Corp for 13 years & has a wife, Stacy and an infant daughter, Mya.

In Closing.....

I hope you all have enjoyed this second issue of our OHS '76 alumni newsletter. Our next issue will be published in April by Kim Simpkins Jones. Please submit anything you'd like to contribute to Kim at kimkupcake@aol.com by March 31, 2007.

'Happiness is a Choice!'

Cyndie

