

Mary McElwee, as promised

Once upon a time Mary Frances Kellogg was born to her proud parents Robert and Rebecca Kellogg in Denver, Colorado, June 17, 1946, just one year after WWII was won. My sister was three years older and my brother came along a year and a half after me. We lived in Golden, Colo where the family owned a hardware store and belonged to the First Methodist Church. In those peaceful days before TV, the family got together every Sunday at church and afterwards at one of the family's homes. The conversation was always forward planning, the store, building additions to the church, and city affairs, since Grandpa Kellogg was Mayor of Golden.



Daddy must have gotten tired of no down time or Mother missed her mommy, so we moved to Texas on my 10th birthday. We settled in Duncanville, where I graduated May 1964.

College was wonderful but only lasted until 1968. Graduation with a degree in Biology, English and Education from ETSU meant I had to find work that actually paid something, so I started teaching math and science at Lancaster Junior High for \$500.00 a month. I thought I was rich. Having just learned how to drive after I bought my first car to go to work in, life was exceedingly interesting. With no TV, I had no clue about riots or anything else going on, so life was just a bowl of cherries.

I met Dave in January of 1969. We started dating in February, he proposed in March and we were married in April. We have no trouble making decisions. That was all part of my first year of teaching. Oh, by the way, my school burned down in February, so my methods of teaching were profoundly marked when we started over with nothing.

Life changed. He had a TV. Wow, there was a war going on and all sorts of crazy things, so we decided to go to college full time. I transferred to Greenville Junior High, August 1969. I wanted to teach there forever. I got my Masters in Biology and Education in 1971 and Dave got his Bachelor's degree in Economics, Political Science and Education in 1972. Dave started to teach at Highland Park High School and I was still at Greenville, so we moved to Garland. Thank goodness gas was 22 cents per gallon.

The next summer, we moved back to Arlington and lived in Town North Apartments. Everyone there was retired, so it was quiet, peaceful, and everyone knew everyone. We loved it. Dave started working on his Master's Degree and I substituted at various schools in Arlington. The next year, I taught at Ferguson Junior High. Shackelford was under construction, so I applied there and was on the first faculty. As with every other school, I loved it.

One December day I dropped by Mr. Hillman's office for something, and the yearbook photographer sitting there said, "You're pregnant!" My cheeks were rosy because I was pregnant; Mr. Hillman's cheeks were rosy because he was exceedingly embarrassed. After a visit with a doctor that afternoon, I found out I was one month pregnant, so I went immediately and bought a triple dresser. Figured that would work for a hope chest.

Our precious Andrew Phillip was born July 30, 1976. We started looking for houses the next summer and bought our house and moved in August 1977. During a visit to Shackelford to show off Andy the following January, I was rehired. Seems the lady who took my place adopted twins and quit on the spot. After several snow days, we settled into the routine of childcare and teaching. Again, my teaching changed forever now that I was a parent.

We decided that it was best for me to stay at home with Andy after 2 1/2 years of juggling and being sick all the time. I kept other Shackelford teachers' babies and loved it. Life agreed with us so much that Theodore Daniel arrived Thanksgiving Day, 1981. Andy was as delighted as we but couldn't understand why this little bundle wouldn't get up and play when we brought him home or why I had such a saggy baggy tummy.

Bored with teaching after 10 years at Highland Park and wanting us to have a blanket of benefits, Dave changed from Navy Reserve to Active duty, and we moved to Hawaii. Three months after we arrived, Dave's Mom came to visit us. So did Hurricane Ewa. Her plane left the next day. Thanksgiving was two days after that. Ted's first birthday was the day after that. The power finally came back on the day after that. The week after that, my favorite aunt retired and came to stay for a month. So our first Thanksgiving and Christmas in paradise were so unique.

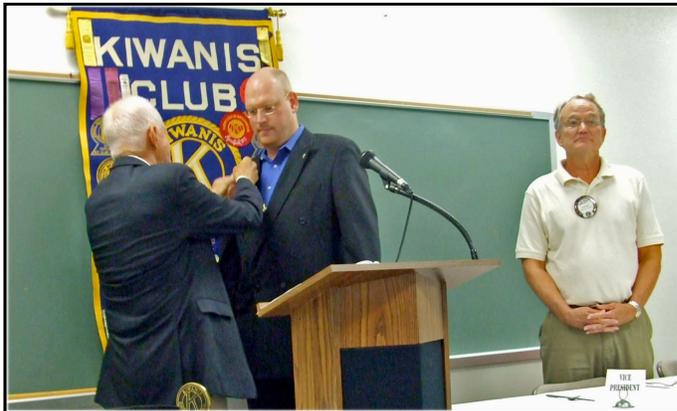
Dave would take the launch across Pearl Harbor to go to work at the Fleet Intelligence Headquarters for the Pacific and I would take Andy to school at Messiah Lutheran Church School in Ewa Beach. We would go to the beach on weekends, and it was always a treat to watch the sunset over the Pacific Ocean. We learned how to avoid the crazy tourists and where to shop.

We moved back to our house when the three year tour was up and Dave was attached to the Fleet Training Center at San Diego mobile training unit and then sea duty with the Commander Amphibious Squadron 5 that served aboard the flag ships, USS Tripoli LPH-10, USS Belleau Wood LHA-3, and USS Denver LPD-9, and the USS Alamo LKA-19.

Dave arrived home for good in 1988 attached to the Reserve Intelligence Personnel Office-Area 6 at NAS Dallas. With him on the road in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, I thought it was a good idea to return to the classroom when they asked me to finish out the year for a teacher who quit at Thanksgiving 1986 at Workman Junior High. I don't know why these teachers quit in the middle of the year.

I loved teaching Physical Science to 9th graders! So I kept on doing it, five years at Hutch and five years at Young. Then the ninth grade was moved up to the

Armstrong assumes KCA presidency



Lt. Gov. Milton Glenn inaugurates President Ben Armstrong, while lame duck outgoing President Dave Turney looks on wistfully, wondering what he going to do short of joining a big-name Washington lobbyist firm, to maintain the life style to which he had become accustomed since assuming the position that Armstrong has now wrested from him.

Lt. Gov. Glenn also swore in President-Elect Larry James and Vice-President John Hyde. He thanked Turney and the outgoing Board of Directors members, Sabrina Jones, Jim Killebrew, and Bob Landon for their service to the club. The new Board of Directors are Jamie Cisneros, Chuck Hope, Jerry Jones, and Dave McElwee. They will join existing members Laura Lammons, Wayne Clark, and Steve Ramey.

He had lavish praise for the returning secretary, Susan Miller, while slamming the treasurer, whom he said was unfit for office, and he questioned the KCA judgment in returning him to office for the twelfth time. The treasurer responded by immediately moving an additional untraceable sum from the AKF to his secret account somewhere in Barbados.

Ferguson JH Builders Club off & running

The Builders Club at Ferguson Junior High School held its organizational meeting at 4 pm on Thursday, September 18. Present were 31 prospective members, sponsors- Jenita Davidson(lead), Scott Jordan, and Eric Rudeseal as well as Kiwanian Elwood Preiss.

Rebecca Leppert, who was chosen last year, was introduced as president (she led her club by selling 36 tickets for Pancake Day). The following officers were elected: vice-president-Natalie Gutierrez, secretary-Kim Le, and historian-Anh Ho. An artistic group was selected and will assist in preparing signage announcing club events as well as preparing BooGrams.

Club members will be responsible for a concession stand at three Ferguson football games. Plans are underway for the fall fund raising project of preparing, selling, and distributing BooGrams.

We are looking forward to a productive year of service, leadership and fellowship.

OCTOBER LUNCH PROGRAMS

- Oct 1 - Dr. Allan Saxe, Arlington historian & Asst Professor, Political Science, UTA
- Oct 8 - Robert Carpenter, president, Visiting Nurses Association
- Oct 15 - Kirk King, president, Arlington Memorial Hospital
- Oct 22 - De'Onna Garner, Park Planning Manager, City of Arlington
- Oct 29 - Jeff Williams, P.E., President, Graham Associates, Inc - Three Bridges and other transportation projects/issues
- Nov 5 - Chief Theron Bowman, Arlington Police Department

high schools, so I finished with seven years at Martin High School. During these years, chaperoning and fund raising for our First Methodist Church youth group and the Bands at Bailey and Arlington High were so much fun. We had a great time with our sons and becoming best friends with their friends' parents. Where did I ever get the energy to do it all?

Retirement was stressful. Ted was in Iraq for the second time and I wasn't teaching Physical Science to ninth graders. Men aren't the only ones who have to adjust to retirement. The USO at DFW opened in May 2004. So by August, I was on board volunteering wherever I could. Ted is home and in college. Andy graduated from TCU and is working. I think I'll whine 'cause there are no grandchildren on the horizon. Guess I'll have to travel the world with my beloved hubby.

TOM DODSON Kiwanian since 1993

Tom was born in Dallas on August 24, 1934, to Hal and Mildred Dunbar Dodson. At the time of Tom's birth, his dad was a buyer for Butler Brothers Dry Goods in Dallas, and lucky to have a job in the middle of the Great Depression. Two years later in 1936, Tom was joined by a sister, Sue, a psychologist in private practice in Denver for many years.

When America entered WW II, his Dad went to work in the Purchasing Department of North American Aviation (NAA) in Grand Prairie. NAA was building P-51 Mustang fighter planes for the war. After the war, North American vacated the plant, and it was then partially occupied by Texas Engineering & Manufacturing Company, later to become TEMCO, then Temco-Vought, and then Ling-Temco-Vought. Hal commuted during the war, so Tom started elementary school in his Oak Cliff neighborhood.

After the war, in the summer of 1945, the Dodsons moved to Grand Prairie. Having been active in Cliff Temple Baptist Church in Oak Cliff, the Dodsons helped start the new Fairview Baptist Church in Grand Prairie. Tom later became the first janitor! In 1946, another sister, Gay, was born. Gay is currently the Executive Director of the Texas State Board of Pharmacy, the first female to hold that position. Tom continued grade school in Grand Prairie and went to Grand Prairie High School, graduating in 1951, in a class of 94. Those graduates still in the area meet for lunch every other month!

During high school, Tom was a newspaper carrier for The Dallas Morning News. Caring deeply for his children and intent on teaching them important lessons of life, Hal took Tom to the local bank to apply for a loan for a bicycle to deliver the papers. Tom paid back the loan in four months with his income!

The summer after high school graduation, Tom and his friends were out "cruising" in his friend's Model A Ford (if one can "cruise" in a Model A). They saw some unknown girls exiting the local swimming pool (they had come over from Arlington, looking for a boy they saw there the previous week). Pursuing the girls, the Model A overheated. The girls took pity on the boys and brought them some water. Three marriages, including Tom's, resulted from that chance meeting. Three years later, on September 7, 1954, Tom married Jean Helen Burman, daughter of Kiwanis Club member Harold Burman, Professor of Chemistry at Arlington State College (now UTA).

In the fall of 1951, Tom enrolled in Arlington State College and graduated from the then 2-year college in 1953. During the summers, Tom worked at Chance Vought and TEMCO in Grand Prairie. After finishing at Arlington State College, Tom transferred to, and graduated from, The University of Texas at Austin, first with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting, and then an MBA, in 1956. Following their marriage in September 1954, Jean and Tom lived near the UT campus in Austin; Jean transferred from Arlington State College to UT, enrolling in Home Economics. Tom worked part time, first as an accountant for a local drugstore chain, and then as a UT Instructor in Accounting during his graduate year.

After graduation in 1956, Tom joined the Controller's Department of the old Humble Oil and Refining Company (part of Standard Oil of New Jersey, now Exxon), in Houston. Tom worked for Exxon for over 36 years. It was in Houston where their children were born...Karen in 1957 (now living in Ft. Worth), Kathy in 1959 (now living in Dallas), and Brian in 1961 (now living in Austin).

In 1969, Tom accepted an assignment in Standard Oil (NJ)'s world headquarters in New York City. They lived in New Providence, New Jersey, and Tom commuted an hour and 20 minutes (one way) on the train and subway to Rockefeller Center every day. During his total career, Tom did this commute a total of 17 years, in two different assignments! In New York, Tom was in charge of the Division that produced the Annual Report and made monthly presentations to the Management Committee on worldwide financial results.

In 1972, Tom began a five-year assignment in London. He was Assistant Controller in Esso Europe. The kids took the "Underground" to the American School in London. Brian was only 11, and Kathy 13, when they moved, but Karen graduated from the American School and started TCU before the rest of the family came back to the States.

Interestingly, the kids never "single dated" in London. The kids went everywhere in small groups. It was a culture shock in dating when they returned to the U.S.! It was a wonderful experience for the whole family. Unlike NYC, they lived so close to Tom's office in central London that he could walk to work! Before the first spring break, the kids realized that all their friends were traveling during the break. Jean and Tom starting researching and the first of many great trips was to...Tunisia! If they didn't have it before, Tom and Jean definitely got the "Travel Bug" then.

When they returned to the States, they returned to New Jersey, and Tom continued his long commute into Manhattan until 1990, when Exxon decided to make a historic move to Irving, Texas. After they announced the move, Tom was approached by Jim Fry, reporter from WFAA-TV in Dallas, for an interview...Tom's



UPCOMING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

October

Prayer, Pledge & Song: Dave Turney, Im Past President
InterClubs: Phil Porter, InterClubs

November

Prayer, Pledge & Song: Ken Watkins, Outstanding Dad
InterClubs: Mark Permenter, Publicity

December

Prayer, Pledge & Song: Tom Dodson, Capo
InterClubs: Jannette Workman, Power Broker

September InterClubs...

8/28 Arlington Sunrise

Larry Heath	Don Oberholzer
John Hyde	Phil Porter
Norris Rogers	

9/4 Key Club

Sabrina Jones	Jamie Cisneros
Jerry Jones	Rod Copenhaver

9/25 Arlington Sunrise

Larry Heath	John Hyde
Don Oberholzer	Phil Porter

Heard on the Street...

John Hyde's son is a National Merit Semi-Finalist.

After years of being out-of-sync (an understatement if ever there were once), Al Rollins has found his rhythm. He was shocked out of cardio arrhythmia a couple of weeks ago and several previous attempts, and now has a solid heartbeat. Next goal: to lose 150 pounds and ride the Hotter N Hell with Ken Watkins next year.

Laura Lammons finally bought a sewing machine and is no longer sewing dolls for the hospital by hand. She has even enticed newbie Mary McElwee and some girls in the Key Club into helping her.

Our condolences to Ron Albertson, whose mother passed away.

Better late than never.....Susan Miller presented a Kiwanis Club of Arlington President Plaque to Ron Albertson and Rodney Copenhaver for their past presidencies. A Plaque was also presented to Dave Turney for his term ending this month. Many thanks to all of you for all your hard work!!!

Norris Rogers traded his New Member Badge for a Member Badge in record time!



first appearance on television! Ironically, Tom was the only person in the office who was a native of Dallas!

During the last of his career, a portion of Tom's position involved training. This resulted in his travel all over the world. English was the universal language of the company, which made things easier. Tom and Jean did a lot of traveling as a result of the training.

When the move to Irving was announced, the Dodsons decided to settle in Arlington, Jean's home. The commute to Irving was easy compared to what Tom had been used to in the Northeast! Tom worked two more years, and retired at the end of 1992. Jean's father, Harold Burman, was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Arlington, and in early 1993 sponsored Tom as a new member.

Tom was Kiwanian of the Year in 1996-1997, and was President 1997-1998 and again 2001-2002. Phil Porter introduced Tom to Venture School and Tom has been volunteering there as an English tutor since 1993. He has also been on the Arlington Historical Society Board since 2002.

He and Jean are members of the Arborlawn United Methodist Church in Ft. Worth. They have six grandchildren, ranging in age from 17 to 23. Three have graduated from college - TCU, Southwestern (in Georgetown), and Oklahoma State. Two are at UT Austin, and one is in high school in Austin.

Tom's hobbies include antique automobiles (he owns a 1941 Chevy), collecting and operating old Lionel electric trains, and, of course, TRAVEL! Jean's current hobbies include quilting and, of course, travel! In 2009, Jean and Tom are booked to travel to Egypt, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia, where the group will be hosted by a Bedouin tribe! The adventure continues!!