

NEWS FROM THE PEWS



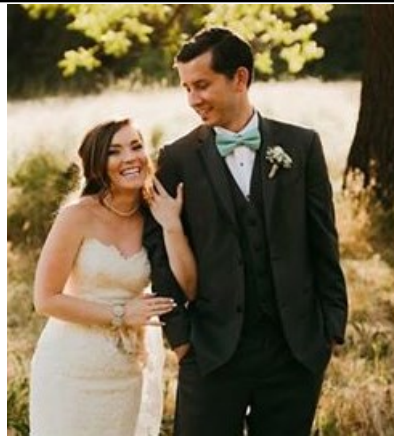
Nancy Prosa flew to Colorado to attend her Grandson, Bryce Nichols, High School Graduation on May 21, 2017. Was such a blessing as both my daughters, Shereen and Monique, were able to come so with my son Kirk, all the chicks were in one place.



Noel with Sheryl and Mike Kizer.

Myrna & Noel Phillips' farewell coffee hour, April 30, 2017.

There was great excitement in the Sharon and Tom Campbell family when family and friends gathered together for the wedding of their granddaughter Alyssa Campbell. Alyssa and Jim Thompson were married on May 27, 2017 in Foresthill, CA, at the Monte Verde Inn in a beautiful garden setting ceremony. Alyssa is the daughter of Dennis and Laura Campbell. Alyssa and Jim live in San Francisco, CA.



Barb and Steve Tarrant's Get-Away

After spending a very wet winter around the house Steve and I decided to just GO no matter what the weather man brought us. So we packed up and headed down I-5 to Eugene then over to highway 101 then down the coast we went... With our love of Lighthouses we revisited Umpqua River Lighthouse established in 1857. A major flood in 1861 washed the lighthouse away but in 1894 the present lighthouse was completed. On down the road in Bandon we stopped again to see the Coquille Lighthouse which is at the entrance of the Coquille River bar. Along the southern coast line one can enjoy the many rock structures – lots of stops for picture taking. In Gold Beach we eat at our favorite Pole Hole Café right on the harbor, then on to Cape Sebastian State Park to view more huge rock formations. The weather was still good so we stopped in Brookings, our hotel was right on the beach near the harbor... directly behind our hotel was the newest of Oregon Lighthouses – Pelican Bay established in 1997. This aid to navigation is located on a bluff in the Port of Brookings. It is a privately owned lighthouse and is not open to the public. Being we had great weather we walked to beach looking for rocks and taking time to make cairns along the beach. The next morning we were off to Crescent City where I thought we might see St George Reef lighthouse which is 8 miles off the coast but our weather wasn't going to let that happen. Of course we were able to view Battery Point Lighthouse on a small island 200 yards from the shore right in town, with winter hours we couldn't go inside. As the weather started to change for the worse we found Rumiano Cheese factory – established in 1921. Wow fun tour and we loved their cheeses... After a talk we decided to head north again just outside of Crescent City we took highway 199 through Jedidiah Smith Redwood State Park - WOW the splendor of those giant redwoods is behind words... Once home we thought back on all we had seen and were so thankful that with the rain we've had this winter the highways were still there so we could enjoy the many sites.

MY LAS VEGAS TRIP

BY JUDY STEVENS

THE ACCENTS



1966/2014

1966/2017

51 Year reunion



When I was attending Northwest Nazarene College, (now University), in Nampa, Idaho, I was in a girl's quartet. We were called "The Accents", and were chosen to travel for the college in the summer of 1966. We were the first group of women to be chosen, in the history of the college. We traveled in 9 states that summer and put on a concert every night, in a different town and church, and two concerts on Sundays. It was our job to sing, to speak about the college, and to recruit students. Needless to say, it was a great summer for the four of us!

Three years ago, one of the girls decided that it was time for us to have a reunion. She and her husband have a vacation home in a little ski town outside of Denver, called Silverthorne. We gathered there for a week, and it had been over 40 years since we had seen one another! Then, in December 2015, we went to Cabo San Lucas, since one of the gals and her husband have a time share there. Last week we met in Las Vegas. The other gal lives there and directs a Sweet Adelines Chorus (barbershop style singing). They call themselves the "Lady Luck Showtime Chorus"! In fact, they just won a contest in Bakersfield, California! So, while we were in Vegas, we got to attend one of their rehearsals and it was so much fun! They had us sing for them, too! Some of the other fun things we did were some day trips to the China Date Farm and The Valley of Fire. We also went to a show at the Venetian put on by "Human Nature". They are a group of four guys in their forties that were very popular in Australia during the "boy band" days. They sang a lot of "oldies" and put on an amazing show with a band, dancers, costumes, etc.! We had dinner before the show at the Hard Rock Hotel. Another night, we went to dinner in the old Las Vegas area of town at a place called "The Italian American Club". There were many pictures on the walls of famous people that had dined there. Frank Sinatra hung out there a lot! One snapshot I saw was a picture of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Ronald Reagan, John Wayne, and Bob Hope all standing together! I wondered (or possibly believed) that I was eating in a Mafia hangout! On Sunday morning, we went to church at Community Lutheran Church and they have a very large congregation. They have 3 services every Sunday morning. That Sunday, their huge choir and orchestra put on a Gaither musical called "Alleluia" and it was amazing! What a blessing! In the afternoon, we traveled to a small mining town called Good Springs, and ate at the Pioneer Saloon. Boy, was that fun! They had a band playing and singing, and there were at least 40 Marine bikers there that had traveled out there to eat. It was a hopping place!

You're probably wondering if we did any singing! Yes, we had a piano at the house where we were staying, and we sang a lot! We are preparing to sing at the chapel service for our Golden Graduation reunion at the university next May. We are also planning a trip to Branson, Missouri in 2019. These reunion times have been a real blessing to me, since I never had sisters. Whenever we get together like this, it's like we've never been apart! I thank God that He has given me the opportunity to spend these special times with these gals!