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I can't believe it has been 50 years since graduating from AHS. Time really seems to fly when you are having fun!

Jeff and I were married in July, 1961. Since that time we have lived in Lubbock, Texas, Manhattan, Kansas, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Quito Ecuador, Bloomington, Minnesota, and Tigard, Oregon.

We have two children, Kevin L. Greene and Carissa Schroeder, both of whom live in the Portland Metro area. Kevin has three girls, Kelsey (16), Devon (14), and Cameron (10).

I worked as a legal secretary in Lubbock, an assistant to the Dean of Home Economics at KSU, and a legal secretary, office manager and paralegal in Albuquerque. While in Albuquerque I was hired as the Executive Director of the State Bar of New Mexico. I was then hired away as Executive Director of the Minnesota State Bar Association, and later the Oregon State Bar (all lawyers).

While working my 21+ years as an Executive Director, I became a Certified Association Executive through testing by ASAE, and served in various elected positions up to and including President of the National Association of Bar Executives and the Oregon Management Association. I also lectured and conducted many training, leadership and management sessions, and performed several management audits of other bar associations on behalf of the American Bar Association.

After retiring from bar association work, I became self employed, working first as a Management and Leadership Consultant, and then moving into two unrelated fields. Since approximately 1995 I have been a practicing artist and sculptor, working in lost-wax cast bronze. My work can be seen at my website, www.celenegreene.com. Over the years I have shown my work throughout the country, and have received numerous awards.

In 1999 I fulfilled a life-long dream and began studying martial arts, both T'ai Chi Chuan and Tien Tae Jitsu. Since that time I have added Kickboxing (martial arts style) to my regimen. I currently am a 3rd Level Black Belt in Tien Tae Jitsu, and a certified instructor in Tien T'ai Chi, Tien Tae Jitsu, Self Defense for adults and children, and Kickboxing. I teach classes weekly at various locations in the Metro Area.

Jeff and I have enjoyed travels all over the US, Mexico, Ecuador, Peru, England, Austria, Spain and Ireland. We love to travel and experience life and various cultures. For fun we are pretty eclectic, enjoying camping, hiking, golf, gardening, reading, photography, etc., and our activities within martial arts and our family. Through our granddaughters we have become very knowledgeable about soccer, and spend most weekends watching tournaments and games involving all three girls.

I regret that Jeff and I cannot attend the 50th Reunion festivities, and wish everyone the best for the next 50 years!