

## FREDDIE TEAGUE 1953

Freddie Teague ran the hills and hollows of Soddy as a boy. He learned to swim at the blue hole, camped in Big Soddy Gulf, and hiked every trail on the hills surrounding Soddy-Daisy. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, in fact almost all his teen activities happened in or around Soddy Lake. Anybody with a boat had lots of friends in tow!

Freddie loved sports and played them all. In the summer he would hitchhike to Engle Stadium to play baseball. Hitchhiking was a common way to get around then, and teenagers longing to visit Chattanooga, Dayton or Rockwood, would thumb a ride to see what activities could be enjoyed in the next town. His friends included Clarence Shattuck, Buck Johnson, and his cousin Sam Mills.

For years Freddie worked a part-time job delivering newspapers in the community. Walking to and from school was also common, and he and his friends did this often, even if the distance was several miles. They walked almost every road in town and learned the neighborhood well.

At Soddy-Daisy High School Freddie was elected class vice-president for 4 years. He was a good student and belonged to the Beta Club and the Service Club. But he excelled in sports. He played basketball and lettered 4 years in football and was honored as an all-state athlete. He was also Player of the Week for the state of Tennessee.

His athletic skill earned him a 4-year scholarship to one of the best schools in the south, Georgia Tech. There he played football for the legendary Bobby Dodd. He also ran track. While at Tech, he was a member for two years of the Air Force ROTC. His one regret is not having served his country in the military. At the time he was exempt from military duty due to his enrollment in college, getting married and having a family.

He considers his greatest accomplishment was earning his degree at a major engineering school while being married the last 2 years and raising a family. He met his wife, Babs, on a bus he was riding home from college. He has been married to that Baptist Minister's daughter for the past 57 years. They have 4 children, 11 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

At Georgia Tech Freddie earned his B.S. degree in Industrial Management with a minor in Industrial Engineering. His first job after college was with Combustion Engineering in Chattanooga. His 42-year career also took him to North Carolina, Oklahoma, and Missouri. He has worked for the likes of Boeing Aircraft and McDonnell Douglas. His expertise was called on to design boilers, and industrial gas and oil piping and burners. He has also helped design some of the airplanes you may have flown in.

Freddie's hobbies come in all flavors. He has officiated football in 3 states. He is a past member of the Masonic Lodge and Scottish Rite and a 32nd degree Freemason. He has taught Manufacturing Processes at the Tulsa Junior College. He and his wife are members of the First Baptist Church in Owasso, Oklahoma. He enjoys being retired and loves to elk hunt in Colorado and being with his grandkids and great grandkids.

On his bucket list of things to do, he considers scoring one more touchdown at the age of 100 to be at the top! He says that would be a blessing from God ending a good Soddy-Daisy life.

He says he longs for the day to see and hear many loved ones who have passed before him, his classmates, his family, his daughter, and his parents "on the other side" of life.

When he spoke of his regret not to enter the military, Freddie says "I was in the Air Force ROTC for my first two years of college but am not worthy of being a veteran." Today, Soddy-Daisy High School considers Freddie Ray Teague worthy of induction into the SDHS Hall of Fame.



## Dennis Selvidge

We worked very hard to keep the next inductee a secret, so if the next inductee looks surprised, he really is! He is a very private person who might not have shown up today if he had known that he was being inducted into the Soddy Daisy Hall of Fame, so his name does not appear on the program.

Raised in a conservative Southern family, Dennis Selvidge grew up loving to spend time with his granddad at his Middle Valley Grocery; playing with his dog, Brownie; and spending time with his family. He was always very close to both of his parents and especially loved music. He attended Ganns Middle Valley Elementary School, and here at Soddy Daisy High School, he was a member of the Spanish Club, the Pep Club, and the Trojan marching band where he played saxophone.

Some of his best friends from high school are still his best friends today; Floyd Bledsoe, Doug Eble, and Harold Oldaker still enjoy each other's company and see each other pretty regularly.

Dennis has earned numerous degrees in his education quest...the first from Devry Technical Institute in electronics, then a Bachelor of Science in Physics and a Bachelor of Science in Education from Memphis State University, a Masters in Educational Administration from the University of Tennessee Knoxville, and an Educational Specialist degree from Lincoln Memorial University.

For 16 years he taught science classes at Rossville High School and then spent 13 years as a teacher and assistant principal at Ridgeland High where he was voted Teacher of the Year three times. After he retired from Georgia schools, he has worked in Hamilton County at Hixson High, Soddy Daisy Middle, and for the past seven years, here at Soddy Daisy High School.

One of his greatest passions is boating, and his dad said that he has worn out more than one boat. He spends as much time as he possibly can at the lake...relaxing and soaking in the rays. And, as you can imagine, he loves going to the beach, being outside, and spending time with his daughter, Ashley, and wife, Randy. In fact, the things that he is most thankful for in life are his loving parents and the close relationship he has with his daughter and wife.

Dennis is multi-talented. He is an expert carpenter, can build houses, can fix and ride motorcycles, can write and perform music, can run a school, and can make everyone feel equally welcome. Around here we think of Dennis as a hillbilly Chris Rock. He can be hilarious and is such a quick wit...full of colloquial humor, sarcasm and charm. Sometimes, he chimes in a quick one...just as he is walking off with a smirk on his face. He can literally leave you rolling in the floor.

And he has uncanny talents. He can chew you out one second and crack you up the next. He can stare holes through you while smiling that sly smile. Every teacher here has the greatest confidence in his leadership, discipline and fairness. No one knows the number

of students he has encouraged to stay in school and give it one more try. And we could all take a cruise on the lunch money he has given out to students or the shoes and supplies he has provided for needy kids over the years.

Here at Soddy Daisy High School, he has chosen to take a less glamorous, behind-the-scenes administrative job—performing less glorious tasks that deal with student discipline, books, and school grounds. Whatever job he is called to do, he does it expertly, always leading by example.

For his many accomplishments and for being the man that he is, we are very proud to induct Dennis Selvidge into the SDHS 2012 Hall of Fame.

## BILL MOORE 1970

Many students experience hardships. Sometimes it's getting over the obstacle that propels one to achieve in life. Over a 2 year period of time in Bill Moore's life, his father passed away, Bill's family relocated from South Pittsburg to Soddy-Daisy, 2 of his brothers left for college, and Bill started Junior High School. It was a difficult time in his life. But Bill had the support of a wonderful mom and 3 brothers who inspired him to make the best of life.

**Bill Moore loves learning**, and comes by it honestly. He says his mom is one of the most intelligent people he has ever known. The Great Depression was raging, but before dropping out of High School to enter the work force, Cassie Moore **read every book** in the Daisy School library. This love of learning proved contagious as she produced 4 sons with engineering degrees from the University of Tennessee.

Bill grew up during the space age. Names like Sputnik, Mercury, Chuck Yeager and John Glenn rang in the news every day. From his back yard he watched those NASA satellites go up to outer space and this stirred a passion in Bill for science and math. There was also great competition in the Moore house to achieve a little higher than the previous brother. Seeing his brother awarded valedictorian of South Pittsburg High School made Bill study hard enough to do the same. Fierce sibling competition can sometimes reap great rewards.

Bill was not only valedictorian of his class, but was the most valuable player and captain of his football team, and was voted by his classmates as Mr. Soddy-Daisy. He was chosen as a Presidential Scholar and received a personal telegram invitation from President Richard Nixon to visit the White House. Yet Bill's highest honor came when he was awarded **National Merit Scholar**.

He is one of only two (2) SDHS students in recent memory to earn the National Merit Scholarship. SDHS considers him one of its brightest students of all-time. His friend, Arnie Stulce, calls Bill *"the most innately intelligent and academically gifted person I have met in my life."* But he shares that there is a small chink in Bill's armor and claims while at UT Bill made a "C" ...in P.E. badmitton! Well Bill, nobody's perfect! He graduated from the University of Tennessee with Highest Honors.

Today Bill Moore helps light up the world. He works as a Principal Engineer in the Westinghouse Nuclear Power Plants Division, where he helps design nuclear reactor coolant pumps. Work is currently underway for four of these new plants in China, two in Georgia, and two in South Carolina. His work with Westinghouse has taken him to at least 24 states and eight foreign countries including Belgium, Germany, Sweden, Spain, Brazil, Australia, South Korea, and the Republic of China.

Bill has co-authored 3 publications with the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, presented at conferences, and once taught a course on Reactor Coolant Pump Evaluations at the Korea Atomic Energy Research Institute. He is a member and Elder of the Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) and has actively served with the Boy Scouts of America.

One of his high school memories was the trip to UT Knoxville for Engineer's Week – where his group skipped the workshop and went to see “Planet of the Apes”. He remembers how the ballgames and dances were the social events. But Bill says “mostly just being young is a great memory.”

Living in Pittsburgh, PA for many years, there are some things that Bill misses from home: Barbeque, Sorghum, and Krystal hamburgers! Even Krispy Kreme Doughnuts have disappeared from the North. Some of Bill's favorite teachers at SD were Coach Jim Harrison, Miss Jenkins (Chemistry) and Miss Swingle (American History), adding that his favorite teacher was his freshman English teacher, Mrs. Vieth. He says “She worked hard at teaching and expected us to work hard at learning. She challenged us to think and seemed delighted on those rare occasions when one of us actually did.”

Bill offers these pearls of wisdom for today's students at his alma mater:

*“Don't be afraid to aim high. If you fall a little short of something that required you to stretch, you will be further along than if you only attempted things you were sure to accomplish easily.”*

*“Don't be afraid to try new things. So what if you look a bit foolish...you will still experience more than if you had stayed in your comfort zone. And don't forget your family.”*

Bill says his greatest accomplishment in life is being a good husband and father. According to him, "When all is said and done, your family is the most important thing you have."

To Bill we would like to say a big "Welcome Home", and for your contributions in making the world a better place, we take this opportunity to induct you, William "Dude" Moore, into the SDHS Hall of Fame.

She has traveled to every continent on earth except the coldest one. She works for the largest consumer products company in the world. 4.4 billion people buy its products, and daily every one of you uses some of the things that she designs and sells. Go home today and look in your pantry for some of these names: Crest, Charmin, Downy, Gillette, Pringles, Tide, Duracell and Pepto-Bismol, just to name a few. In the corporate world, Kathy Irwin Welker has worked her way to the top. Her story will describe for you how one gets from Brickhill Lane in Soddy-Daisy to London and Japan, to Switzerland and China.

Her family has lived in Soddy-Daisy for generations. Kathy made her life-long friends at Soddy Elementary, the junior high, and SDHS. She was a born leader of people. Her teachers recognized her leadership skills and groomed her to succeed. Some of her favorites were Dr. Eddie Owens, who taught chemistry to many of us, and her Spanish teacher, Jo Ellen Simmons. Kathy was a member of the SD band, the drill team, the Miller teen board, and the yearbook staff. English teacher Mr. Ed Hicks saw her abilities and named her the yearbook editor, and in this role she learned to meet deadlines. She credits this skill with getting her through college and helping her succeed daily at her chosen profession.

After graduation, Kathy attended Tennessee Tech where her sister studied as well. The fields of engineering were just beginning to open for women and Kathy credits her mom, Jimmie Lou, for encouraging her to be an engineer and break into a "men-only" profession. The encouragement paid off and she graduated in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering. Her first job was one close to all of our hearts...that's right, she made diapers! Pampers is a line of Proctor and Gamble products, and it is with P&G that she has carved a 31-year career. At the young age of 24 she was placed in charge of 32 employees reporting to her and their average age was the same as that of her grandparents! Today she travels the globe negotiating with CEO's and heads of state to provide products that meet the needs of people everywhere.

She says that ***"Whether a millionaire in China is shopping only for high end products or a slum dweller in India only able to afford a single dose of shampoo at a time, each shopper should be treated with dignity, respect, and we should deliver a product that meets their needs."*** And she adds that growing up in Soddy-Daisy she learned to respect, appreciate and learn from people from every walk of life.

Kathy taught her children from a young age that Soddy-Daisy was the center of the universe. She says "after all my travels, experiences, and successes I still believe this. I was fortunate to grow up in such a wonderful community and have a challenging academic environment that prepared me for my future. As I travel the globe and meet others from different countries and cultures I have learned how fortunate we have been to have grown up in Soddy-Daisy."

Kathy met her husband, Kerry, during her 3<sup>rd</sup> day on the job with P&G. She says he was training new hires in diaper technology. Today he serves as North American Demand Manager and is charged with placing P&G's products in all North American Walmarts, Targets, Dollar Generals, Lowes and others. Together they have raised 4 children, Katie, Joseph, Alex and Max. It is raising her family while growing in her profession that she lists as her greatest accomplishment.

Some of her friends from high school remember her strengths.

2012: Procter & Gamble Purchases Associate Director – Global Brand Building Purchases Design and InStore Services, InStore Marketing Materials: Responsible for global purchases in excess of \$1.5 Billion and a global team located in four regional offices.

Honors and/or Awards Received:

Corporate Purchases Competitive Bidding Skill Expert

Corporate Purchases Trainer (Ethics, Contracts, Competitive Bidding, Negotiations)

What is your favorite memory (memories) of Soddy-Daisy High School?

The Band: Being in the band was a great experience that solidified friendships that I will cherish forever. Marching at a Friday night football game, in parades around the southeast, and of course the S-D band horse show fund raiser! Being in the band taught me that practice makes perfect!

List some of your favorite high school friends, especially ones you may have kept in contact with through the years:

Mary Ann Ewton Harris (Church, Band)

Cathi Gram Tidwell (Church, Band)

Kenneth Thomas (Spanish)

Cindy Johnson Cunningham (Church, Band)

Sandy Quinn Card (1975) (Band)

And of course, Karen Irwin Ward (1974) and Chip Irwin (1978)!

### **A few questions:**

- **Help the high school students fathom the relevance of P&G. What are the scope of P&G products that we purchase? See attached.**
- **\$1.5 billion in global purchases...represents materials purchased to make products? Help me explain what these things are (or "for instance"). My global team leads the purchases of ideation and creative services for packaging and instore materials. Packaging is defined as the bottle, bag, or carton your Tide, Pampers, or Pepto Bismol comes in. Our agencies create the shape, color, fonts, and text you find on these packages. InStore materials are the end of aisle displays, aisle & floor signage, and coupons that promote our products. (pictures attached). My team works on 2 key P&G priorities – First Moment of Truth (when the shopper chooses our product in the store) and Second Moment of Truth (when our consumer uses our packaging to deliver our product in their home).**
- **Say something about your very first job in the diaper plant? My first role with P&G was as an Industrial Engineer. I was responsible for a multi million dollar operating budget, identifying and delivering savings opportunities for our Pampers operation. My second job was as an operating manager for 2 Pampers lines. I was 24 years old, had 32 people reporting to me whose average age was the same as my grandparents!**

- **names and ages of your kids?** *Katie -28 (Registered Nurse married to Derek), Joseph – 26 (Assistant District Attorney in Knoxville), Alex – 17 (Junior at St Xavier High School), Max – 15 (Freshman at St. Xavier High School)*
- **Name the places where you travel, and a tidbit or 2 about what you have learned (culture, etc).** *I travel all over the world. I have been on every continent ex the “poles” (although I got close visiting Iceland once!). We have agencies and suppliers all over the world and we work with retailers (Walmart, Target, Tesco in Europe, etc). I have learned that every person on the planet has the same basic needs (food, clothing, shelter) and they also have the same emotional needs (to be respected, cared for, and a part of a larger community). Whether a millionaire in China shopping only for high end products or a slum dweller in India only able to afford a single dose of shampoo at a time, each shopper should be treated with dignity, respect, and we should deliver a product that meets their needs. I have held negotiations with the heads of major corporations (MSN, News Corp,AOL) and governments (China). They all want to be treated fairly. They want to work with companies that are honest and listen to their business needs - not just pushing their own agendas.*

P&G touches and improves the lives of about 4.4 billion people around the world. with \$83 billion in sales, P&G is the largest consumer products company in the world and has one of the strongest portfolios of trusted, quality, leadership brands, including Pampers®, Tide®, Ariel®, Always®, Whisper®, Pantene®, Mach3®, Bounty®, Dawn®, Gain®, Pringles®, Charmin®, Downy®, Lenor®, Iams®, Crest®, Oral-B®, Duracell®, Olay®, Head & Shoulders®, Wella®, Gillette®, Braun® and Fusion®.

The P&G community includes approximately 127,000 employees in about 80 countries worldwide, and P&G people work to make sure P&G brands live up to their promise to make everyday life just a little bit better, now and for generations to come.

## MAX PARROTT

1979

Max Parrott grew up as a Tennessee Vols fan. His dad often took him to Knoxville to watch the football games. He loved sports and as a young boy he played all of them. In high school he was a 4-year wrestler, a baseball player and ran cross-country. He was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, President of the Pep Club, and served on the Trojan yearbook staff his senior year. He won a senior superlative for "Most School Spirit." Who would have guessed that Max's journey would take him to Knoxville, Tennessee and Neyland Stadium where he would serve on the Vols football managing staff for the next 31 years!

The Soddy-Daisy class of '79 sent several students to UTK to further their education. Max sought his degree in pre-med. His dream was to attend medical school and, one day, become a doctor. But dreams can get side-tracked, and sometimes for the better. As fate would have it a family member married a former UT Vol football player named Tim Priest, and Priest (who now announces football games on the Vols radio network) put in a good word for Max with re-known Vols Coach George Cafego. There was no opening on the Vols football staff for a new manager, but Max's persistence paid off. His freshman year he would visit the coach every 2 weeks and inquire about a spot until finally he was awarded a job as a team manager.

Max remembers the first time he ran through the giant "T" formed by the Tennessee marching band at every home football game at Neyland Stadium. He said his feet didn't even feel the ground he was running on! Today he still gets the goose bumps when running through the "T". Max lived in the famous Gibbs Hall, the athletic dorm, and his first job on the sideline was to chart defensive calls- he had to learn the hand signals and recognize each call of the game. He rarely got to watch the offensive plays as he held the chalkboard during sideline huddles.

In his junior year at UT, Max made the travel squad and got to see the rest of the college football world. Traveling to each Southeastern Conference school and performing his chores in new venues proved exciting beyond belief. Rubbing shoulders with big-time college football is the dream of a lifetime. Max has met countless football stars, many of whom made NFL careers. Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning remains Max's personal friend. When Peyton visits Knoxville, he calls Max to ask if it's okay. They vacation together each year and keep in touch regularly. Max has worked for many coaches, including Johnny Majors, Phillip Fulmer, Lane Kiffin and Derek Dooley.

Max completed his B.S. degree in Biology. He has served for 27 years as the assistant equipment manager. In 2003 The equipment room was renamed the Roger Frazier and Max Parrott Football equipment Room. The plaque by door bears his name.

He is a member of First United Methodist Church of Knoxville, the Southeastern Conference equipment managers association, the UT employees board, and the UT entertainment advisory board. He enjoys the memories of the Vols 1998 national championship game. He considers having a loving family to be his greatest accomplishment in life.

His favorite memories of his high school days are going to the football games, wrestling matches, and hanging out with friends after school. One of his best friends, Rees Skillern, just passed away recently after battling cancer. Max remembers two favorite teachers: Pam Malone, and JoEllen Simmons.

He is married to the former Paige Davis of Lenoir City, and they enjoy boating on Norris Lake along with camping and snow skiing. It is Soddy-Daisy's privilege to honor Max Parrott for outstanding accomplishment by inducting him into the 2012 class of the SDHS Hall of Fame.

PAUL LASLEY  
1981

Paul Lasley loves serving his country. He says his hometown has played a huge role in his success in life. He says the Soddy-Daisy community, the teachers, his friends, his parents, his brothers, and his church helped him to recognize his blessings.

A graduate of the class of 1981, Paul Lasley remembers Soddy-Daisy as a place where people practiced compassion and service to others as a way of life. He says “no other town or city in the world (and he has been all over the world) is a better place to live and grow up than Soddy-Daisy.”

His favorite teacher was Mr. Bobby Jenkins. He says “I remember his love of history. His passion...was infectious. You either caught it or repelled it, but it was compelling.

In 1981, The U.S. Military Academy at West Point received over 10,000 applicants. Chosen among the 1500 students to attend was Paul Lasley. One third of those dropped out within 4 years. Paul’s teachers at Soddy-Daisy had encouraged him to apply even though he didn’t think he stood a chance to get in. Upon arrival at West Point, it seemed to Paul that everyone there was a valedictorian or an all-state athlete.

There were 15 students in a class and homework every night. Each day he had to be prepared to stand up in class, go to the blackboard, chalk in hand, and explain in meaningful and coherent English how he worked out the math, chemistry or engineering problem. A 500-word essay was due each Friday, and everyone got an F on each paper for the first few months of school. But Paul persevered.

This star Soddy-Daisy student, football player, and wrestler forged ahead. He studied abroad and learned the Portuguese language. But through West Point and later at Princeton Theological Seminary, he never struggled in school. Paul says that the rigor of his courses at Soddy-Daisy High School prepared him for the toughest education in the world. He says his education here was absolutely first rate.

After graduation, he carved out a career of 25 years with the U.S. Army. He was chosen to attend Ranger school where he was trained in special forces, became a master parachutist with 650 jumps, and has seen combat action in places you and I only see on T.V. Paul loves the Army! He served in the Infantry and later with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division commanding the Pathfinder Detachment. Paul was deployed in the first Gulf War to suppress Sadaam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait. He was there in the Iraqi desert leading soldiers in the fight. He saw the army's development of the first GPS technology which we all enjoy today.

Paul has seen the pain and suffering of war. And yet some things are worth fighting for. He offers this advice to any young person who goes into the military..."it is your routine obedience and daily discipline that will carry you...if you are asked to sweep a floor, do it better than anyone else." When everyone approaches service in this manner, it changes things for the better.

Ultimately combining service to God with service to country, Paul attended seminary and took on a higher calling as army chaplain. His heart for serving the Lord began as a child. He saw his father, Don Lasley, pastor and serve the community at Oak Street Baptist Church. Now Paul travels the world while offering hope and encouragement to many soldiers who serve in harm's way.

He has seen the Sinai Peninsula, Saudi Arabia, & Kuwait from the soldier's point of view. He fought in Bosnia, the Gulf War, and has seen 13 deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. With retirement on his horizon, he says being part of something bigger than himself is the reward.

When asked about his greatest accomplishment in life, he talked about his marriage of 17 years to his wife, Melanie, and their 4 children whom he loves dearly. While stationed in Germany, their 4<sup>th</sup> child was born in the family van on the way to the hospital!

He points to the blessings he has been granted in life, one of which is growing up in Soddy-Daisy. He also feels blessed to be able to participate in serving the greatest nation in history.

Soddy-Daisy would like to show our appreciation to Lieutenant Colonel Paul Lasley by inducting him into the 2012 class of the Soddy-Daisy High School Hall of Fame.