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Becoming Who I Am...

By Thuy Nguyen

I remember Northeast High School as an invigorating experience to learn about other people. I wasn't always proud of who I was or where I came from. I think if I had not gone to Northeast High School, I would not be who I am now.

As I was growing up, I remember the first day when a girl said to me, "Your hair is so long and black. Why is that?" I just shrugged my shoulders. I didn't know I was different from them until she asked that question. As I got to third grade I was bullied for the first time. Again, it was about my hair because it was so black. So one day I just cut it off, all of it. My mom asked why I would do such a thing. I told her a lie saying I was tired of my long hair. She didn't know I was being bullied.

I thought the bullying would stop but it didn't stop and I was now being teased about my eyes. To make it even worse, a boy came up to me and asked, "Why is your nose so flat?" Right then I started to hate who I was and my background. I thought to myself, why couldn't I be white or black? They don't get teased about how they look. Or so I thought.

Middle school began and although the teasing and bullying stopped, I was still ashamed of who I was, and especially my background. In my mind I thought my race was not as beautiful as all the other races. I had wished I were them. My self-confidence was not very high at that time.

High school came and I saw much diversity in the school. Although I saw many Asian peers, I denied my background and avoided talking to most of them. I acted like I didn't know my native language so I wouldn't be teased. In many of my classes, I was typically the only Vietnamese girl in class. There were other Asian students, but I avoided sitting with them, because I saw myself as a black or white person.

One day during my sophomore year, a new student came into my classroom. He was Vietnamese and barely knew English. The teacher automatically sat him by me. I smiled at him and he smiled back. After class he had trouble finding his next class. Instinctively, I went over and asked him if he needed help, in Vietnamese, of course. He said yes, excitedly, and seemed relieved that I knew Vietnamese. He was actually my first Vietnamese friend. After a while we became best friends.

One day another friend of mine asked if we were a couple. I made a face and said, "No! I don't like Vietnamese guys!" Then my best friend said, "What?" I didn't know he was behind me. I turned around and his face was angry but also sad. I tried to explain to him that I didn't mean it like that. (continued on page 2)



MIKE'S MESSAGE

By Mike Frederico, 2008 President

To all Alum,

I want to thank all who were so helpful in making the dinner/dance and golf bash a success. Many people helped. Really too many to name, but the contribution you made was appreciated by all. There were 237 reservations made and all had a great time. Mark your calendars for next year's big weekend on the third weekend in June. More information will follow as details are confirmed.

Your Alumni Association wants to provide assistance to improve the education of current Northeast students, improve educational opportunities beyond high school with scholarships and awards, and remain a positive example in the Northeast community. Our goals can be achieved only through your continued support by sending in \$20 annual dues and other generous donations as so many of you have done in the past.

Please join us for the annual meeting and election of eight board members for the 2009 Board of Directors. The meeting will be held at the Ararat Shrine on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Remember you are encouraged to attend but only lifetime and regular members are eligible to vote. If you have any questions, please check the alumni website www.northeastvikings.org or call me at 816-229-7004.

Gratefully yours,
 Michael S. Frederico '61
 President
 Northeast High School Alumni Association

Becoming Who I Am (continued from page 1)

I tried apologizing every day, but he ignored me. He didn't talk to me for weeks. He was my only Vietnamese friend and I didn't want to lose his friendship. I finally caught up with him before school ended so I could explain myself to him. As I was about to begin, he started talking first. "Why don't you like your own heritage?" I told him what I had been through when growing up. He started to laugh and said, "Don't get me wrong. It's just that you shouldn't let something like that hurt your pride and not like who you are and where you came from. Everyone is different in their own way. Who cares what they say. They're just jealous because you're beautiful." I started to cry because I was touched. No one had ever called me beautiful. "You have such beautiful long black hair, it flows in the wind and is soft as silk. Your "small" nose is cute as a button, and your most beautiful feature is your almond-shaped eyes. Most Asian girls would kill for eyes like yours." I was blushing now, my friend laughed and patted my back and said, "We're still best friends."

I started opening up more to other people and I learned about the different cultures we had at Northeast High. I found out we had many more languages than I had thought. Northeast High is the best school to find out about the traditions and cultures of other people. It was the best experience and good things do come from some bad experiences. **"NORTHEAST HIGH IS THE BEST, GETTING BETTER."** I love my school! Thuy Nguyen

Editor's note: After graduating in 2001, Thuy attended Maplewood Community College paying for her classes with scholarship monies given to her by the Northeast High School Alumni Association and working to pay the additional money needed. Thuy is now a business owner in Johnson County. She is married and has one son. Her parents still own their Northeast neighborhood Vietnamese restaurant on 9th Street.

Thank You To All

Once again, we would like to say thanks to all of you who care enough to help. With your generosity we have been able to award scholarships, continue our VAP and VIP programs. Below is a list of those who chose to help. I sincerely hope we haven't missed ANYONE:

Beverly J. Miller '31
 Marguerite Weaver '34
 Joann Kelly Hewitt '49
 Anne Foster Kombrink '51
 Mattie Morris Laughlin '51
 Donald Feagans '54
 Henry Rector '55
 Gary Meyer '57
 Class of '57 for Robotics Program
 Henry Montez '62
 Nancy DeMarco Buffa '63
 George Miller '56 in honor of Chuck Naylor and Mary Schlie Smith '53

MEMORIAL/RECOGNITION WALL

James "Jay" Campbell '62 by NEHS Alumni Board.

Kenny Brauninger '64 by Elaine Hicklin Bethke '62 and Jim Bethke '64

Mary Hicklin Beaver '56 by Ruth Hicklin Yellin '55 and Elaine Hicklin Bethke '62

John L. Sanks '39 by Lee Sanks '40

Tracy Gail Weber '99 by Chuck and Sandy Weber '69

Ingbert Gans '58 by Class of '58 Reunion Committee

Joanne McConnell Royle '56 by Sharon McConnell Thomas '54 and Jack McConnell '68

Betty Kuhr Hook '47 by Helen Kuhr Shores '60 and Janet Kuhr Smith '51

John Hawkins '61 by Mike Frederico, Ron Bond and Kenny Rogers '61
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**Purple & White-More than just Colors...**

It isn't often that someone will step up to take on a daunting responsibility, but a Board member did just that. **Richard Lang '58**, assumed the task of being the Purple & White editor four years ago when our long-time Editor, **Harlene Holferty Huckett '43**, decided to pass the torch after serving many years. Richard has done a remarkable job of revamping the Purple & White to include a new, more modern look and including information of interest to all generations. For those of you who don't know, putting out a 16 page newsletter twice a year is not easy and requires a commitment to detail. It is more than just gathering information; it is making sure the data is correct, punctuated, timely, gathering the articles, keeping everyone on task and lastly, making sure the information contains interesting and factual information for all Viking years. Richard, along with his committee, has made sure this newsletter will continue to be a source of communication we all look forward to receiving.

Our thanks to **Richard Lang '58** for a great job. We hope that while we are trying to copy and paste, you will be enjoying great games of golf with good friends.

*Editors note: Special thanks to **Judy Springer Terry '59** for co-editing last year and to **Harlene Holferty Huckett '43** for her years of service to the Purple & White.*

Viking Assistance Program

We are still in need of volunteers to help us call on our senior alumni who are residing in care centers in various parts of the city. If you would be able to call on someone in your part of the city, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact **Louise Kellough Welker** 816-468-7221 or **Ruth Petty Roush** at 816-231-0216 for further information. A friendly face and shared memories of Northeast go a long way in making a long day shorter for these fellow Vikings.

Viking Incentive Program

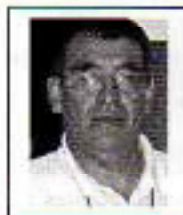
The VIP committee again planned a luncheon for the teachers at Northeast on their back-to-school planning day. **Bill Kanan, Mike Frederico** and other Alumni Board members helped plan the luncheon to meet the teachers and to share in the goals and activities planned for the students this year. This is a small part we can play to say thanks for the tough job they have ahead of them in guiding our future alumni members to become successful citizens. **THANK YOU!**

SOCIAL FOR REGULAR MEMBERS & LIFETIME MEMBERS

On September 28th a picnic was held in Lake Jacomo Park with great fun and great friends sharing in delicious food and stories of the good old days. Watch for the next social event through the Supplement and Web site!

JOIN YOUR FELLOW VIKINGS ... MEMBERSHIP \$20

GETTING TO KNOW YOU....Board Profiles

William (Bill) Kanan '74

is the eldest of five siblings; his sister Ann Kanan Estrada graduated in '75 and his other siblings graduated from Winnetonka. Bill was raised in the Northeast area beginning in 1967 when his father retired after 21 years in the Navy. He attended Whittier Elementary and Northeast Middle School.

Bill was an outstanding athlete in school and was the first track athlete to win four gold medals in the Illinois Championship. He also won the Wayne McKanna Award and set the 880 record that stood for almost 28 years.

Bill attended college at Missouri Valley from 1974 to 1975. He then transferred to Central Missouri State University and received a BSE in 1979. He was the All-America Regional Runner-cross country, set the indoor school record in the 1000 yard run and his cross country team was elected into the Hall-of-Fame in 2002. Bill also received a MSA at UMKC in 1995. He has been a teacher for 26 years in the Kansas City Missouri School District; teaching at East High and currently teaching at Northeast High School for ten years.

He was married to his wife, Sherry, for 24 years until she passed away from breast cancer in 2006. He has three children, Kourtney 19, Matthew 18 and Bradley, 16.

Bill has been a sponsor of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Northeast High for years. He has been a coach for almost 26 years and he is the current cross country and track coach at Northeast. It's great to have a Viking teaching and giving back as well as serving on your Board of Directors!

Jerald W. Slavens '48

was born and raised in Northeast, attending Thatcher Elementary and Northeast Jr. He played center for our school's 1947 undefeated football team, receiving Honorable Mention.

His senior year not only included football but he played guard on the '48 basketball team and placed 2nd in the Interscholastic League, lettering in track, and throwing the shot put. Jerry has two sisters who graduated from Northeast; Jeannette '45 and SueAnn '63.

He joined the USAF in 1950 and became a Cryptographer serving in North Truro, MA on Cape Cod until the Korean War ended. He came home and became Branch Manager for the Sherwin-Williams Paint Company at 33rd and Troost.

In 1963, Jerry was transferred to Columbia, Missouri as Branch Manager and he continues to live there. After retiring from Sherwin-Williams, Jerry opened his own paint and decorating business in Columbia and also became co-owner and President of VIP Travel Company.

Jerry has always been active in organizations. He is a past board member and treasurer of the Southwest Business Men's Assoc., and is a devoted member of the Masonic Lodge and the Shriners, becoming a Master Mason in 1956 and joining the Ararat Shrine Temple in Kansas City. After moving to Columbia, he joined the Moolah Shrine Temple of St. Louis and the Tiger Shrine Club in Columbia where he has dedicated much time to benefit the Shriner Hospitals for children and burn victims.

In the 1970's, Jerry joined a new organization called Schutzhund which is an organization of owners and trainers of competition sporting dogs, such as German Shepherds. He was elected President of The United Schutzhund Clubs of America. He has attended many meetings of the World Union for Germany Shepherd dogs in Germany and other European countries representing the USA. As a dog handler and trainer of an exceptionally nice German Shepherd dog, named Utz Von Der Goldbergheide, Jerry won the 1981 USA Schutzhund Championship on three World Champion teams in Austria, Germany and Holland and in 1991 he made the USA Team with a dog named, Arko. As President of the United States Schutzhund Clubs of America, from 1978 thru 1986, this new dog organization grew from 13 clubs to over 250 with a total membership of 4,500.

Jerry gives much credit for his achievements to his early years as a student of Northeast High School! **"It is a very high honor to be a board member of the Northeast High School Alumni Association."**

**Donald Redding '40**

was born and raised in Northeast Kansas City, attending Thatcher Elementary, and Northeast Jr. His brother, Earl, also graduated from Northeast in 1936.

Don was President of the Benton Literary Society. He was also on the swimming team that in 1939, in an All-City Meet, accumulated more ribbons than all the other High Schools put together. In 1940 he was on the waterfront staff at Scout Camp in Osceola, Mo., and saw a pretty girl who was visiting her cousin, Lee Mathews '41. He went over to talk to her (Pat Crenshaw, NEHS ROTC Queen 1940), when the starter's gun went off for the race in which he was competing. This made him miss the start and he came in second place losing to NE classmate, Lou Cimino '40. He may have lost the race but not the girl. A few weeks later, back in Kansas City, he asked her for a date...it was the Oakley Methodist Church hayride

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU....Board Profiles (continued from page 4)

She said yes, eventually culminating in a marriage that lasted almost 59 years! Sadly, Pat passed away, March of 2007.

He reported for duty at Leavenworth, Kansas in January of 1943. It looked like most of the class of 1940 was there. He became a crew member on a B-24 bomber with the 456th Bomb Group stationed in Italy. On his 17th mission his plane was hit by flak and he bailed out over Vienna, Austria. He spent the next 15 months as a POW in Stalag Luft One in Northern Germany. He was liberated by the Russians and returned to American control on May 12, 1945.

Don and Pat both graduated from William Jewell College and the night before graduation, they were married. He then began a career in the insurance business. They enjoyed playing golf, fishing, traveling and were avid Chiefs fans. Don was a Charter President of the Blue Ridge Optimist Club, and became a member of Rotary. He also became a Master Mason and a member of the Ararat Shrine in 1963 and a member of the Royal Order of Jesters. In 1972 he was elected to the newly approved Jackson County Legislature. Don and Pat were the sponsors and made the arrangements at the Ararat Shrine for our Northeast Alumni Association's second annual dinner-dance in 1991. Don also served as Heart of America Ex-POW Chapter Commander in 2005 and Missouri State Commander in 2006. He is co-chair of the National Ex-Prisoners of War Convention held in K.C. in September.

1927 ROCKS...

David Remley with Remley Photography sent us this photo of Grace Charles Hales '27 who recently celebrated her birthday!

CONGRATULATIONS!



Lyal Viers Alumni Room

When Northeast opened in 1914 it was the first high school in Kansas City to have an indoor pool, emergency room for the ill, rest parlors for the teachers, a cafeteria, sliding blackboards, model apartment in the domestic science area, running track above the boys' gym, a gym for the girls and a cooling system that kept the building at 68-72 degrees with the windows closed. There were 57 classrooms and an auditorium that seated 1450. It was known as the "palace" of schools.

The opening of the school was quite an affair with a dedication banquet. Silverware was purchased which consisted of a 24-piece setting with dinner knives, dinner forks, salad forks, teaspoons, soup spoons, shrimp fork and serving spoons. The school board met at Northeast and used the silverware for their dinners and later it was used by the teachers in their dining room. It had School District N.E.H.S. inscribed on each piece. Much of it was lost or sold, but we still have a setting on display in the Lyal Viers Alumni Room.

The Alumni Room is looking for yearbooks from years we are missing. We are in need of 50's and 60's. Any memorabilia is wanted and encouraged. When we have an excess of yearbooks we will sell the extras. Contact **Velma Showalter** 816-241-4873 or vshowal1146@aol.com

A tour of the Alumni Room is possible on Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment. Contact **Roberta Holt-Kipper '69** at 816-358-3201 or Rholtk1@yahoo.com

CAN YOU HELP WITH ANY INFORMATION?



We received a letter from Jo Maeder, who is the daughter of JoMarie Dole Cole '38 who passed away April of 2006. While in hospice care, the daughters read their mother's high school diary to her which seemed to please her immensely. Ms. Maeder is now writing a memoir about moving from NYC to NC to care for her mother. In going through old photos, she came across a picture of her mother in a uniform with other Theta sisters on Lit night. Ms. Maeder is wondering if anyone has information as to whether her mother might have won anything on any Lit Night. Please share any information regarding her mother for her book. She has yearbooks from 1936 and 1938 but is missing 1937. Any information would be helpful. contactjo@jomader.com

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WE ARE THE VIKINGS...

MIGHTY, MIGHTY VIKINGS...



New Principal at Northeast

Ms. Linda Collins is the new principal at Northeast this year and strives to be a "woman of excellence." She grew up in Detroit and she had two passions; to teach English and to become a nurse. She accomplished both of these by first going into the Air Force as a nurse and second by teaching English at the Genesis School and at Ruskin and Hickman Mills High Schools. She has been in education for sixteen years including four years as Assistant Principal at Northeast. After leaving for two years, she has returned and was happy the staff welcomed her back, as it meant a great deal to her.

Ms. Collins sets order and achievement as priorities to accomplish at Northeast. She wants the students to have a safe and healthy environment where they can achieve academically and become successful adults. She is a determined, positive person believing "it is never too late" for these students. The Alumni Association can play a part in helping the staff and students achieve their goals. Ms. Collins is most appreciative of what has been done in the past and looks forward to a cooperative effort this year.

ABA Back to Kansas City

By SueAnn Slavens Erb '63



The American Basketball Association announced that it will return to Kansas City under new ownership. Alumni President, **Mike Frederico**, and I had the pleasure of meeting **Milton Thomas**, owner of the Kansas City Spartans, an ABA-affiliated team. Milton attended Northeast High School, class of 1996. This young man has taken on a challenge that we can be proud of and we wish him much success! According to Joe Newman, ABA CEO, "We've been waiting for the right ownership to return to Kansas City."

This is not an easy accomplishment for Milton because a previous attempt by others to have an ABA team in Kansas City in 2000 was unsuccessful. Milton is able to stay focused because when he was 19 years old, he had a stroke and woke up six weeks later. He has recovered and he looks at life as "precious and he pushes it"...no challenge is too big.

The season starts December 6th and they will play Hickman Mills High School. They will be hitting the road and playing in other cities across the country. There are a total of 36 teams in the ABA but something tells me that the Kansas City Spartans will be the best; after all, Milton is from Northeast. Check out their web site to see their progress! www.kansascityspartans.com

Athletic Schedule

At the writing of this newsletter we have been requested by a coach at Northeast to post the schedule of Northeast athletic games on the web site. The information will be posted on www.northeastvikings.org as given to us.

2008 Committee Chairpersons

Sgt. At Arms.....Dan Davis
 Scholarship.....Robert Holt-Kipper
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 Golf.....Ron Fornelli & Rex Stephens
 Dinner Dance/Socials.....Beverly P. Pace
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 Historian.....Dr. Wm. Stevens

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Committee Chairpersons (continued)

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 VIP.....Bill Kanan
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 Newsletter...Karole Null Zinger-SueAnn Slavens Erb

And A Good Time Was Had by All

By Beverly Pennington Pace



Drew Twins



'48-'49 Reunion



Good Lookin' Gals



Mrs. Fornelli & Jean Stricker



Roberta Holt-Kipper
& Mr. & Mrs. Astry

The annual Northeast Alumni dinner/dance was held on June 20th, 2008 at the Marriott Courtyard in Blue Springs, Missouri. We had the largest attendance in many years with 237 attending. Credit for our attendance goes to the classes that held their reunions with us and in particular, the class of '48 and the hard work of **Dan Davis, Jerry Slavens** and their committee. The class of 1948 came to celebrate 60 years since their time at "Thou Dear." They had a wonderful time and many of them said they want to make it an annual event. The class of 1968 held their reunion with us as well and was the last to leave and wanted the music to keep playing.

We were joined this year by some very special guests. **Mrs. Ione Fornelli**, a former teacher at NE Jr., really enjoyed visiting with former students. Also attending were **David O. "Ace" and Catherine Astry** from the class of 1933. They had the unique position of being the most senior grads there.

Everyone enjoyed a very good buffet and the DJ did a great job of playing everyone's requests. We even had some line dances. Those "girls" really know how to have fun!!

The silent auction received a lot of attention and so did the video produced by **Sal Fanara '54** that highlighted Northeast through the years.

Thanks to everyone who had a part in making this a very special evening. The end result was **"A Great Time Was Had By All!!!!"**
Editor's note: Beverly, you and your committee did a great job!

18TH ANNUAL GOLF BENEFIT TOURNAMENT

The 18th annual golf tournament was held on June 21st at the Adams Pointe Golf Course in Blue Springs, Missouri. The tournament was in conjunction with the annual dinner dance this year and both were a great success. The golf course provided a beautiful setting, a great course to play and a great staff with which to work. It didn't hurt that the weather cooperated this year. 85 golfers resulting in 21 teams showed up at an early hour to enjoy a day of camaraderie to benefit Northeast High School scholarships, programs and activities.

The Viking spirit was evident as friends, families and volunteers gathered at 7 a.m. to have coffee, donuts and pre-tournament contests. As golf carts started rolling toward the course, the teams were ready to compete for prizes and bragging rights. A lunch of BBQ brisket and chicken followed as the golfers finished playing the 18 holes and waited for the announcement of winners, scores and prizes won. Many auction and raffle items were donated with a separate raffle for a TV being won by **Linda and Paul Husted, '60**. Opportunities to win other great prizes for a hole-in-one were also included in the tournament.

Our thanks...to the **players** for participating because without you, there would be no tournament...to the **volunteers** who work hard to put on a good tournament...to **everyone** who made a donation of prizes or services...and a special thank you to our **sponsors** for believing in us and showing your support with monetary donations, and allowing us to continue to be there for the kids of Northeast.

Please watch the web site and future communications regarding the place of our next tournament on June 20, 2009. We look forward to another successful and fun tournament.

2008 NORTHEAST TOURNAMENT GOLFERS...



Top Row- Left to right: Ron Stewart, Bill Holler, Bill Guiter, George Snell-Jim Bethke, Jamie Bethke, Sam Paul, David Kyle,- Richard Lang, Ron Warlen, Steve Ellison, Alva Ellison.

Second Row: Howard Rew, Lewis Jenkins, Phil Scott, Kim Schauberg,-Joe Klein, Ron Turner, Ronald Yahne, Kent Yahne,- Jim Hamilton, Jerry Lobato, Wes Hamilton, Jerry Hamilton.

Third Row: Sal Fanara, Ed Lynn, Vic DeMayo, Carl Eichenberg, -Mike Frederico, Ron Bond, Kenny Rogers, Ray Ritchie,- Ron Fornelli, James Murphy, Mike Sutherlin, Randy Koons, Lee Rozell.

Fourth Row: David Busch, Ron Regan, Tom Thornton, Gary Regan,- Jim Cariddi, Ray Rew, Jim Badger, Dave Karaff,-John Croucher, Jim Ferro, Ellis Storms, Sal Cali

FOR MORE INFO. 810-401-0201

2008 NORTHEAST TOURNAMENT GOLFERS



Top Row- Left to Right: Dick Shores, Gary Bond, Jim Quinn, Lloyd Bermond (not shown), - Cameron Peak, Lee Blakesley, Steve Grantham, Don Sprenger -John Frederico, Sal Frederico, Rusty Murray, John Dowling (not shown).

Second Row: Bob Nutt, Hal Sherwood, John Deis, Rocky Buford,- Rich Irwin, Karen McKee Irwin, Dan Irwin, George Coulas. - Granville Morgan, Jim Fuller, Mike Staihr, Greg Berkstresser.

Third Row: Joe Guarino, Billy Hackett, Jeff Crane, Dave Francis.- Bill George, Robert George, Billy George, Dan Henningsen (not shown),-Dave Worden, Phil Worden, Dave Harris and Brian Walton (not shown).

LAUGHLIN NORTHEAST ALL SCHOOL REUNION -February 22-27, 2009

Laughlin, NV

Don't miss this One!! More Information on the northeastvikings.org web site or

call Beverly Pennington Pace 816-461-6201

2008 NORTHEAST ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS

A FLIGHT: 1ST Place: (56) Bill George, Robert George, Billy George, Dan Henningsen. **2ND Place:** (61) David Busch, Ron Regan, Tom Thornton, Gary Regan. **3RD Place:** (62) Bob Nutt, Hal Sherwood, John Deis, Rocky Buford. (65) Richard Lang, Ron Warlen, Steve Ellison, Alva Ellison. (65) Howard Rew, Lewis Jenkins, Phil Scott, Kim Schauberg. (65) Jim Hamilton, Jerry Lobato, Wes Hamilton, Jerry Hamilton. (65) John Frederico, Sal Frederico, Rusty Murray, John Dowling.

B FLIGHT: 1ST Place: (66) Ron Fornelli, James Murphy, Mike Sutherlin, Randy Koons. **2ND Place:** (67) Cameron Peak, Lee Blakesley, Steve Grantham, Don Sprenger. **3RD Place:** (68) Dave Worden, Phil Worden, Dave Harris, Brian Walton. (68) Granville Morgan, Jim Fuller, Mike Staihr, Greg Berkstresser. (68) Joe Klein, Ron Turner, Ronald Yahne, Kent Yahne. (69) Joe Guarino, Billy Hackett, Jeff Crane, Dave Francis. (69) John Croucher, Jim Ferro, Ellis Storms, Sal Cali.

C FLIGHT: 1ST Place: (70) Jim Bethke, Jamie Bethke, Sam Paul, David Kyle. **2ND Place:** (70) Rich Irwin, Karen (McKee) Irwin, Dan Irwin, George Coulas. **3RD Place:** (71) Mike Frederico, Ron Bond, Kenny Rogers, Ray Richey. (71) Ron Stewart, Bill Holler, Bill Guiter, George Snell. (72) Dick Shores, Gary Bond, Jim Quinn, Lloyd Bermond. (75) Sal Fanara, Ed Lynn, Vic DeMayo, Carl Eichenberg. (75) Jim Cariddi, Ray Rew, Jim Badger, Dave Karaff.

SPONSORS MAKE IT HAPPEN AGAIN!!

DOUBLE DIAMOND: \$2,000 Carlene Fries Smith '56

DIAMOND: \$1,000 David Harris of Joenic Steel

PLATINUM: \$500+ Paul & Linda Hustad '60 and Sal '54 and Barbara Blair Fanara '57

GOLD: \$250 Mike Frederico '61, Ron Fornelli '63, Richie & Karen McKee Irwin '60, Joseph '52 & Mary Brancato '57, Fred '46 & Arlene Angle '47, James Cariddi '44, John Croucher '57, Ray A. Morton '58, Pat Yokley '64 of Community America (our Bank), Walt Dods '55 memory of John C. Dods, Janne Markey Walker '59, Bev Pennington Pace & '53 Gals Lunch Bunch, Cosentino's Food Mart, June Drew Ebensteiner '47, Dennis & Jane Springer Taylor '56, Richard Beeman '44, Karole Null Zinger '62.

VIKING: \$150+ David Busch '68, Janelle Hosman Podrasky '59

CONQUEROR: \$100+ John & Jane Kopp, Jerry Slavens '48, James Murphy '63, Mike Sutherlin of Sutherlin of Sutherlin Eye Center, Roberta Newell '44, Jim Evans '69, Jeanne Watson '38NP, Donald E. Dickerson, M.D. '49, Charles T. Jones '43, Vicki E. Foreman '63, Shirley Trilling '54, Ron Bond '61, David Worden '56, Rex & Sondra Stephens '63, Dorothy Rodina Williams '55, Silverstein Eye Centers PC, SueAnn Slavens Erb '63

EXPLORER: \$50+ Ray Worth '55, Henry Montez '62, David Sheridan '60, Mary V. Hamilton '54, Darell F. Norris '46, Kay Jones '47, Kay Sears, Lea Lundgren '43, Gary Asanti '66, Lee Rozell '56,

VOYAGER: \$25+ Ann Perry '67, Jack Howard '47, Nancy Buffa '63, Donald Feagans '54, Betty Hamilton '51, Joann Hewitt '49, Vicki Kilgore '68, Janiece Baker '48, Jewel J. Nelson '39, Mary L. Estes '41, Sheryl Terry Harkness '63, Andrew H. Krumwiede '54, Marjorie & John Trinkle '48, Louise Rhodes '49, David Daugherty '54.

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Nick Gray Salon, Ed Lynn, Adam's Pointe Golf Course, Marriott Courtyard, Universal Press Syndicate, Wal-Mart, Indep. & Lee's Summit, Sam's Club, Manny's V's Restaurant, AMF Pro Bowl

Memories Through the Years...**"Thou Dear Northeast"...Special Song & Special Bond...**

By Mary Kilroy Carter '37

Sometime ago, I was invited to a luncheon at **Clara Jane Dodd Hill's** home here in Tucson, AZ. Several other guests were there; the late **Dr. Jack Hill** and his wife, **Gerry, Willadean** and the late **Joe Berglund**. While we were having lunch and visiting, we discovered we were all graduates of Northeast High School. That called for a special song... "Thou Dear Northeast" which was written by Ethel May Rush in 1917. All 3 verses rang out, with most of us recalling the words...well, most of them.

I am very happy to share this coincidence with all my fellow alumni and I am sure it really would have pleased Ethel May Rush to know that her words live on as well as our special bond as graduates of "Thou Dear Northeast."

Distance for Love of Northeast High School

By Catherine Hudson Moran '56

Reading my Purple & White news, "Memories through the Years," made me stop and wonder...who had to travel the longest distance to our beloved Northeast.

My family had always lived at 6th and Brighton, behind the old Allen's Bowl (what a fun spot in those days!). I was in walking distance of my grade school, Thatcher, Northeast Jr., and my junior year at the senior building on Van Brunt. However, in the summer before my senior year, my folks moved. My new wonderful home was located at 75th and Prospect, across from Fairyland Park. It was for me, the other end of the world!

I was heartbroken, however, my sweet mother called the Board of Education, because in those days to go to a school out of your district and without paying a fee, you had to get special permission. Finally, we got the okay but it would be a very long bus ride every day to finish my 1956 senior year. In the morning I would catch the Prospect bus at 75th Street, ride to 15th Street (also known as Truman Road), hop on a bus (we called the Dinky) to Independence Ave., then board another bus to travel to Van Brunt and walked up to my "dear Northeast." After school, I would reverse the trip!!! Later in my senior year some of my friends had cars and would offer to drive me home...**gas was a lot cheaper then.**

I have always been so thankful for that wonderful year and all the great friendships I made and still have, after these fifty years. **If I had to do it again, I would do it in a heartbeat!**

Annual Members Meeting

Tuesday, October 21, 2008

The 2008 General Meeting will be held October 21, 2008, 7:00 p.m. at the Ararat Shrine Temple, 5100 Ararat Drive, Kansas City, MO near I-435 & Eastwood Trfwy. The purpose of the meeting is to elect eight Board members. The meeting is open to all members but you must have a lifetime or current membership to vote. Contact Mike Frederico for more information. 816-229-7004 or mfrederico@att.net

Dates to Remember: **October 7** Board Meeting **October 21** General Meeting **Socials TBA** Check web site

January 13, 2009 Board Meeting **February 22, 2009** Laughlin Reunion Trip

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ALL ABOUT REUNIONS AND GET-TOGETHERS...

Good Old Loving Friends

By Rosemary Brown Higgins

The classes of '48, '49 and '50 joined in the celebration at the Northeast High School Alumni Association's dinner dance held with the annual golf tournament on Friday and Saturday, June 20th and 21st. Lots of festivities were planned for this 2008 reunion including a BBQ evening on Thursday, tour of the Alumni Room on Friday morning, plus tons of fun in the hospitality room arranged at the hotel. Friends started arriving at the airport and hotel on Wednesday evening and the Party Began!

The class of '48 was celebrating 60 years and they were trippin!!! Especially our resident cowboy, **Jim Clarke** --"Turn Him Loose!" Also, **Alice Gill Edmonds**, our "You Go to Town" girl and **Shirley Hamilton Mianick**, our "Never Run Out of Gas" girl! These classmates have no concept of their true age and the **Drew** twins were such a delight. They have done so much for the Alumni Association through the years! How fun to see them again. The memories were plentiful and wonderful.

Some of the Vikings from out of town: **Barbara Burns Weiss** and **Archie McGee** (CA), **Joann Hurt Muir**, **Nancy Neely Fox**, **Shirley Bruns Harger** and **Charles, Stan White** (TX), **Norma Garrett Crockett**, (MN), **Aubrey Freericks** (WA), **Janiece Boling Baker** and **Joe** (KS) and **Bud Thomas** (NC).

It was so good to see all of them and many, many thanks to **JoAnn Gebhardt Altschul**, **Jerry Slavens** and **Dan Davis** for all their help with the hospitality room, the videos and especially the food! Also, to our humble Prez, **Mike Frederico**, who works very hard ... it doesn't go unnoticed. Thanks to the dinner/dance committee and everyone who made this reunion so very, very special. Hope we can do it all over again! Is there anything like good old loving friends?

LUNCH BUNCH

The Gals of '53

The gals of '53 meet at White Horse Clubhouse, 39th & Chrysler. **Bev Pennington Pace** (date of event) 816-461-6201

Class of '56

Members of the class of '56 meet at **Chappell's Restaurant** in North Kansas City at 11:30 a.m. on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Anyone from '56 or a class close is welcome to join us. Contact **Roy Beaty** at 816-444-9294 or e-mail roysandybeaty@aol.com

The Gals of '58

We meet for lunch and fellowship the third Monday of each month at 11:30 a.m. Call **Louise Kellough Welker** 816-468-7221 or **Jane Bryant Morgan** 816-781-3730 for the location which changes monthly.

Gals of '59

Meeting every Jan. & Jul., 2nd Sat. of the month at Clancy's, Blue Springs, So. Outer Rd, West of I-70/Hwy 7 11:30 a.m. **Luella Copenhaver Rew** 816-229-9230 or **Judy Springer Terry** 816-461-7400

MEMORIAL/RECOGNITION WALL (cont. from pg. 3)

Sam Zuzich '44 by **Janet L. Hunter '55**

Clifford L. Sims, Jr. '43 by **Mary M. Sims '43**

Frances Drew '47 & June Drew '47 -Twins by **June Drew Ebensteiner '47**

Robert Schaffhausen '43 by **Charles T. Jones, Jr. '43**

Carl Shortino '54

Virginia Campion Spencer '58

Pauline Segler Ulrich '35 and Charles Henry Ulrich, Jr. 1936NP by **Sondra A. Ulrich Carder '61 and John C. Ulrich '65**

CLASSES OF '67, '68, and '69

Vikings from the classes above held a "mini-reunion" in the new Power & Light District on September 11, 2008, with free refreshments and a light dinner. A donation of \$482 for the scholarship awards was given to the Alumni Association. This meaningful donation is greatly appreciated and a big THANK YOU for thinking of the kids. Contact person for this gathering was **Vicky Smiraldo Zuber**, 816-373-2899.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Sadly, since our last newsletter we have learned of the loss of our fellow Vikings:

- 1927 – Ruth E. Eastham Burns
 1928 – Mildred Yeamans Saul
 1929 – Lucille Dunn Montell Montalbano
 1931 – Lawrence D. Bodenharner, Frances Louise Flanagan, Robert W. Parsons
 1933 – Aldine Basham Blankenship, Fern Hogan Cooper, Antoinette Marie Pittala, Nicolasa M. Ramirez
 1934NP – Mary Kate Hamm Duncan, Marjory H. Hentschel Bright, Pauline Katherine Robichaud Heins, Bertha M. Maddi
 1935 – Minnie Santa Marie
 1936 – Anna P. Roberts Tomasiewicz
 1937 – Flora Leas Keeran Gorenic, Janearl Jones, Carl J. LeVota, Mary Elizabeth Still Meyer, Catherine L. Clark Norris
 1937NP Jesse Catherine Kepley Hunter
 1938 – James William Cross, Richard B. Cummings
 1939 – Edna LaVern Fox Cipriano, Bill DeHass, Arthur E. Lee, Edward E. Mance, Donald Eugene Zumwalt
 1940 – Margaret J. Berry Doelling, Bernadine Fleming Halbert, Victor Thompson
 1941 – Margaret J. Miller Gugle
 1942 – Alpha LaVonne Julian Canole, Richard W. Johannes, John Pace, Edward E. Schmitt, Bettie Galbraith Stockebrand, Lois P. Chitwood Wilson
 1943 – Esperanza "Hope" Velasquez Diaz, J. David Miller, Calvin P. Monroe, Patricia Arenson Raskin, Shirley Ann Peironnet Thomsen, Earl Robert Woodworth
 1944 – Frank "Chee Chee" Bonomo, Ralph Grego, Glen R. Jenkins, Mary Sue Pendleton Matthews, Jack H. Mitchell, Lucy Nigro, Richard B. Price, Sr., Evelyn Huck Tarvin, Glenn Westman, Sam Zuzich
 1945 – Iris VanWormer Grimmer, Arthie E. Hamilton Tohill
 1946 – Edward Ross Arenson, Keith E. Moore, Evelyn Templeton Weeks
 1947 – Jeanne A. Stinson Browning, Kathryn B. Paladino Davis, Elizabeth Kuhr Hook, Marjorie L. Shreve Larson
 1948 – Charlene Smith Atkin, Marian Eliz. Canzonere, Bill Dull, Frank Joseph Faulconer, Robert William Irwin, Wayne Alan Johnson, William Layton, Mildred Campbell Lewis, Leita Diane Gates Marvel, Martha Nan Puckett McGee
 1949 – Jeannette R. Nicely Borders, Joan L. Haley Duncan, Ben L. Galbraith
 1951 – John C. Dods III, Patricia J. James Henshaw, Alice Marie Fugate Smith
 1953 – Wayne Hannsz, Carolyn Sue Canada Kennedy, Robert "Friday" Plumlee, Lawrence Polizzi
 1954 – Glen R. Jenkins, John F. "Beazley" Keithley

IN REMEMBRANCE (continued)

- 1955 – Twila Karr Collins
 1961 – Joseph H. Brown
 1962 – John "Jay" Campbell
 1963 – Patricia J. Church Kroenke-Olivas
 1964 – James Patrick McMahon
 1966 – Frank "Larry" Royal
 1970 – Edward E. Burnett
 1971 – Jaci Madison Bentrop
 1974 – James Coonfield
 1976 – Michael Lee Ridge
 1977 – John E. "Jack" Dumolt, Jr., Becky Vanlandingham Howell
 1980 – Robert E. Heishman, Jr.
 1996 – Ryan Keith Schuman
 2000 – Jeremy J. Lara

Ray Marvel, Tom Carter, Wm. J. Westman, Marie Westman

Deaths reported after August 31st will be reported in the Spring 2009 issue.

Please contact the Purple & white News purpwht@hotmail.com if you learn of the death of anyone affiliated (past or present) with Northeast High School. We rely on information we receive from our readers and those we read in the local newspapers.

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

- Ferne Sadler '39 in memory of her sister-in-law Dorothy Baker Rice '43
 Judy Dethlefsen Bray '62 in memory of Jay Campbell '62
 Dorothy T. Hamilton '43 in memory of Evelyn Templeton '46
 Joyce A. Vinson '48 in memory of John F. Vinson '54
 Ralph Shank '31 in memory of Francis Teller Flanagan '31
 Willadean W. Berglund '36 in memory of Joseph Berglund '36
 Betty Glass Hamilton '51 in memory of Nancy Asher Keen '51
 Marjorie Chalmers Lankford '49 in memory of Jack Chalmers '45
 Lea Sheets Lundgren '43 in memory of her brother-in-law Richard B. Cummings '38

2008 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS &

ESSAY and VISUAL PRESENTATION RESULTS

The Northeast Alumni Scholarship Committee members are pleased to see students' interest and participation gain momentum in the 2008 Sophomore and Junior Essay and Visual Arts Presentation contests. After several brainstorming sessions and creative input from our committee members, a new category was created to replace the Oration category. Our goal was to challenge students to express their thoughts visually through varied artistic mediums. We were hopeful this new category would appeal to more of the ESL (English as a Second Language) students at Northeast high School.

Students were given a choice of five topics on which to write an essay or create a visual to explain their thinking on the subject. Each student was given a set of contest guidelines for content and form, and was offered tutoring at school by Northeast Alumni or their teachers. The students were to be prepared to defend and explain their interpretation of the topic they chose for their essay or visual presentation to a panel of judges.

On Thursday, April 17, the judges and Scholarship committee members gathered in the Northeast Media Center at 9 a.m. to view and judge the entries. Each student's creativity was uniquely displayed through graphs, dioramas, paintings, mockups, posters, dimensional effects, interactive devices and other mediums. Following the Visual Arts judging, all students were interviewed by judges and Scholarship committee members on their essays and visual arts.

Our winning students by grade level are:

Essays-Sophomores- Antanisha Jones, Winnie Roche, Odell Rivers. Juniors- Jessyca Pierre, Victoria Craddock.

Visual Arts-Sophomores-Stephanie Carillo, Arleny Arevalo, Tiffany McDowell. Juniors-Jesus Tapia, Sharekka Byrd, Barbara McGinnis.

The Scholarship Committee members wish to thank all Northeast students who entered this year's contest. We appreciate the adults, some of which were Northeast alumni, who agreed to be judges and volunteered their time to this worthwhile contest.

We are pleased to announce the winners of the 2008 Scholarship Awards with over \$18,000 given to the following students for their outstanding academic achievements. We are also pleased to announce that as part of this amount, five \$1,000 scholarships were awarded in the name of **Holmes Rau Knox '27** as donated by his sister, **Helen Knox Loughran '30** in his honor. The **Charles Weber** family once again awarded \$1,000 in memory of their daughter **Tracy, '99** to an outstanding student pursuing a career in nursing and for the first time this award went to a young man! The Markey-Peters scholarship was also awarded in honor of our two NE coaches. The **Class of '69** along with the family of **Cheryl DeShazer-Aronoff** awarded a Vo-Tech scholarship to a deserving young man. **Congratulations and our best wishes for your continued success as you prepare for your future!** The winners are:

Preston Gazaway...Markey-Peters Award of Excellence

Christopher Nations...Tracy Weber Nursing Scholarship

Jared Weese...DeShazer-Aronoff Vo-Tech

Charese Littlejohn...Holmes Rau Knox

Christopher Bernard...Holmes Rau Knox

Ricardo Almarez...Holmes Rau Knox

Kyondra Moss...Holmes Rau Knox

Kechena Richardson...Holmes Rau Knox

Sandra Allen, Ruben Diaz, Krystea Taylor, Anabella Roche, Anali Arballo, Anai Arballo, Elias Paez, Jacqueline Bol, Ashli Turner, Yar Riak, Karen McGee, Sophonie Nesthant, Alexis Martin

PLANNING YOUR REUNION? WHY NOT HAVE IT WITH US IN JUNE...IT'S FUN!

GRADUATION PENDANT

Viking Ship Pendants available in 2 sizes with class year engraved. Men's lapel pin, post or wire earrings, 18" & 20" rope chains. 100% of proceeds donated to scholarship fund by Geo. Snell. To order or for price info contact: geosnell@shcglobal.net -816-358-0825 See northeastvikings.org.

Purple Sweatshirts are now available! They are a poly & cotton blend (50/50) with the Viking Ship logo. A bargain at only \$20.00! They make a wonderful gift. Don't forget one for yourself.

Also, new license plate covers. They are white plastic with purple letters and Viking heads. They are only \$5.00 each.

View these and other items on the web site northeastvikings.org.

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Logo Sweatshirts:

\$32.00 (Gray or Birch) _____ NEW PURPLE SWEATSHIRT \$20 _____

Med. _____ Large _____ XL _____ XXL _____

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Med _____ Large _____ XL _____ XXL _____

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Water Bottles \$2.00 White plastic with Purple lettering.

License Plate Covers. \$5.00 White plastic with Purple lettering w/Viking Heads.

Postage: Please include \$6.50 for postage*

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____ Include name, address, e-mail, phone #.

Make checks payable to: Northeast Alumni Association, Nancy Elder, Treas. P. O. Box 1264, Blue Springs, MO 64013-1264.

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