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Bebop, DooWop or Hiphop

It's All Rock 'n Roll to us Vikings!

Whether you like Bebop, DooWop or Hiphop, we can all come together and join in the fun on June 19th and 20th for the annual homecoming Dinner Dance and Benefit Golf Tournament sponsored by your Alumni Association.

Northeast made us who we are because of where we were. Even in troubled times, Vikings were known to persevere because of who they were and these times are no different. We will persevere and raise funds to help our Northeast kids have high school memories and opportunities like we did... because that's how WE Rock 'n Roll. Now here is how you do it! Fill out the registration forms on pages 8 and 9 and you will be doing the kids a favor and having fun while doing it.

*Dinner Dance
Friday, June 19, 2009
The Marriott Courtyard
Blue Springs, MO*

*Open Golf Tournament
Saturday, June 20, 2009
Bent Oak Golf Course
Oak Grove, MO*

Your PARTICIPATION and GENEROSITY are needed and appreciated. If you can SPONSOR a hole, make a DONATION or VOLUNTEER, it will allow us to continue in the tradition of the Alumni Association of providing scholarships, programs and activities to make a difference. We will gladly accept any new items/services for our tournament and auction and will happily receive MEMBERSHIPS and CONTRIBUTIONS at the dance.

In addition to helping the students at Northeast, it is our goal to have activities for our alumni throughout the year. These activities will be announced through our E-News program or on the web site so stay tuned so you don't miss out. As much as we would like to be able to just throw a good ole party when we want to, it all takes time, effort and money. We are prudent with our budget and are mindful of how we spend Alumni Funds, but we think with careful planning we can weather the economic storm. So you can count on us!

Be a part of the Purpose!
Party on, Good Vikings



Mike's Message...



WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH...
THE TOUGH GET GOING..
THAT'S THE VIKING SPIRIT!!

Dear Alumni,

As we watch the news on TV and read our local newspapers, we see the progressive downturn of our economy. We watch as family, friends and neighbors lose their savings, jobs and security. Many of us lived through the depression and have survived previous recessions. Through prayer and determination, we will come through again.

The Alumni Association will once again be giving scholarships to deserving students this year. We are hoping that this current recession will not give us cause to cut back on this beneficial program. This year more than ever the seniors will need our help to pay their college fees.

We will have our annual alumni homecoming Dinner/Dance this year on June 19th with the Golf tournament to follow the next day, Saturday, June 20th, (watch for more information in the near future via web site and E-News). We rely on this major fundraiser along with donations from our loyal alumni for the scholarship program. I know it is tough this year, I just ask that we all give what we can to help the kids at Northeast.

Thank you for all of your support and God Bless each and every one of you...

Sincerely,

Mike Frederico, President



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Want to Help?

We need volunteers for many of our projects. Please contact an officer or board member and get involved.

E-mail address:
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<http://www.northwestvikings.org>

SEEKING AN ACTIVE REGULAR MEMBER
Please fill out the membership form on page 15 and do what you can to support the Northwest Alumni Association.

Important Dates to Remember! 2009

Board Meeting	April 14
Annual Dinner/Dance	June 19
Golf Tournament	June 20
Board Meeting	July 14
Alumni Activity to be announced	Fall
Board Meeting	Oct. 13
Annual Meeting	Oct. 18
Active Member Socials to be announced	

The above dates are subject to change. Always check the web site for updated information and/or changes.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!
Don't miss any of the fun Alumni Association events.

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The Northeast Alumni Association would soon cease to exist without the generous support from all of you...

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A. R. Rittenmeyer in memory of wife, Cecily Adams Rittenmeyer '47 (Batch)
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APPRECIATION

We would like to express our appreciation and thanks to those of you who have expressed your sympathy regarding the loss of our son, Billy, with local arrangements, cards, calls, e-mails and your donations to the American Cancer Society. We thank you so much, they were all very much appreciated.
Bill & Harlene Hackett

Memorial/Recognition Wall Contributions

For \$100 plus, any name can be placed on this beautiful wall displayed in the Lyle Viers Alumni Room.

- Tony Scardino '51 - By Edie Scardino DeMaris '47
- Philip D. Row '56 - By Raymond and Howard Row and Donna Carpenter (mother and sister)
- Mrs. Gertrude "Senora" Bell - By Jack P. Sampson '43
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COMMITTEE UPDATES

VIKING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Luzine Kellough Welker '58 and Ruth Petty Bensch '57 continue to be the foundation of our VAP program! Dedicated to our alumni, they make sure that our senior alumni receive telephone calls, a kind written note and personal visits. Many of our seniors are in retirement residences, assisted living or skilled care. They are all happy to see us. Your alumni association wishes to continue to grow this program...we need you! Please think about being a part of this important program, after all, you may be the one who needs a friendly voice on the phone. Please answer the ad below. Others have and don't regret it and neither will you.

HELP WANTED

Looking for a NREHS Alumna who is willing to spend just a little bit of time helping with a very important program to assist his/her fellow alumni. The pay is none but the bonus, "a smiling face and a thank you" are worth more than money can buy! If you are this person, please contact our President, Mike Frederica at 816-419-7943, or mifrederica@att.net

ALUMNI ROOM

Our Alumni Room Committee has been quite busy since the last newsletter. Recently, while working in the alumni room, the discovery was made of a hero that is one of ours'. After receiving a phone call asking if Richards-Geborn Air Force Base was named after a Viking, we began our search. We asked the ROTC office, looked on the internet and finally found Arthur Geborn in our early yearbooks. We believe that one of the men for whom the base is named is a Viking. He was a Korean War soldier who was MIA and was considered dead.

Another mystery was finding a picture for a family who had never seen their Dad and Grandfather. Once again, our old yearbooks were an invaluable tool. This family was overjoyed at finally having a photo of someone important to them. If you are ready to part with YOUR yearbook or other memorabilia, we would welcome it into the family. Also, this year we have three current students (Vikings), who help with research, cleaning and all the high shelf work. This fulfills their community service requirement needed to graduate as well as teaches them the history of their school. One of the young women can now tell the stories of our Notables to other students.

If anyone would like a tour, we can be found most Tuesdays and Thursdays in the alumni room, but recommend that you call one of us first. As always, special arrangements can be made to visit any time during the school year. Please contact Felma Skramlter at 816-241-4873, eskram1146@aol.com or Roberts Holm-Kupper at 816-352-3301, rholm11@yohco.com.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

2009 Northeast Alumni Socials

In June, we'll kick off the Social Season with our Annual Dinner/Dance and our 19th Benefit Golf Tournament benefiting our scholarship awards and activities.

In August we've got a T-Bones/tailgating party planned to cheer them to a victory against the Joliet Jackhammers...

UMMO T-BONES GOLF

You won't want to miss October in Weston, Missouri - about an hour drive out of Kansas City. We'll stroll through historic Weston, enjoy wine tasting and taking in the sights and smells of fall with other alumni.

Christmas will be a particularly exciting time this year as the NE Alumni will be giving back to the community in a very special way. This is something that we've all excited about and looking forward to being a part of...giving.

Check back frequently for dates and additional information posted on the web site, northeastvikings.org or through our E-News on this season's activities!

If you've thought about joining your fellow alumni, but have put it off in the past, please consider sending in your dues so that you can be a part of the activities this year. There are so many opportunities throughout the year to be an active member of this terrific organization. Contact: Camie Evocik Edwards 816-254-2114

VIKING INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The VIP committee again stepped up with a program to help the students not only with monetary awards for scholastic achievements but with the Character Plus program brought to us by Joan Kruzer Davis '62 which is a program designed to teach character and instill these values in the participants. Unfortunately the school district chose another program so we will not be offering Character Plus this year as part of VIP but will continue to work with the students and faculty on programs to enhance education.

GO VIKINGS GO



SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship committee is hosting our annual Visual Presentation/Essay competition next month. Our topics for this year's competition cover subjects from the Cultural History of Northeast to the Changing of America. Sophomores and Juniors compete against their own peers in each category. Monetary awards will be presented to the winners. Helen Shores '60 tutors the students during the entry process to make sure everyone knows the rules or needs help on additional information.

Our Scholarships will be administered to deserving Seniors who are career-oriented with plans to further their education after graduation. We will once again, have additional scholarships funded by the Charles Weber family in honor of their daughter, Tracy G. Weber. A Vocational scholarship offered and funded by the Church of God along with Barry Aronoff, in memory of their daughter, and Barry's wife, Charise DeShazer-Aronoff.

If you would like additional information on contributing to our scholarship fund or would like to help with our committee, please feel free to contact Mike Frederica, Alumni President, or any member of the Board.

LOGO COMMITTEE

Look for our entire line of "Lags" items at the June 19th, 2009 dinner dance. We will be there and we look forward to seeing you.

Also, keep us in mind if your class is planning a reunion. We would be delighted to display our merchandise and add to the festivities and celebration of your NREHS class reunion. Lags items make great door prizes!

We would greatly appreciate the opportunity to attend reunions. Please contact Deanna Valentine Wiseman '63 at 816-373-6529 or e-mail Mike Frederica, President, at mifrederica@att.net to arrange the date.

A Loyal Viking to the End...

Sadly, at the time of the writing of this newsletter, the VAP committee had the sad task of saying goodbye to their friend, Emilee Bales, 95. She was a loyal Viking and always kept her yearbook close by. She was a happy, positive person to the end. Her love of butterflies and her faith will be remembered and missed by all who were fortunate to have met and loved her.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU Board profiles

The Board welcomes the following new members.

ALICE GIRARD BENSON '65

Alice was born and raised in Kansas City. She lived at 38th and Prospect before moving to the Northeast area where she attended Northeast Junior High and graduated from Northeast in 1965. She has three children, two boys who live out of state and a daughter who resides here in Kansas City. In 1980 Alice moved to North Dakota and worked for Blue Cross for 18 years. After retiring she moved back to Kansas City where she resides on 2 acres just north of Scottville. She has a couple horses and a dog and works at the Green Acres Market in Briarcliff Village. She looks forward to retirement so she can enjoy traveling to see her family, gardening and other outdoor activities. After having been a member of the Alumni Association for some time, she decided to get more involved when she moved back. Welcome to the Board.

LLOYD BERMOND '60

After graduating, Lloyd went into the Marines and served four years for our country. After his tour of duty, Lloyd pursued a career in law enforcement. For 26 years he was with the Kansas City Police Department and then was with the suburban police department in Kennett, Missouri. He also did investigations as a contract employee for the United States Marshall Service. Lloyd's wife, Roxine Crawford Bermond also graduated from Northeast in '61. Roxine passed away in 2006 of cancer. Lloyd has two children and two grandchildren. Spending a lot of time taking care of his home and 5 acres just outside Kennett plus the enjoyment of volunteering with Meals on Wheels as part of Liberty Hospital and helping people in need reflects just a little about Lloyd. He also likes to garden and play golf...so it's really great to have Lloyd co-chair our golf committee. We welcome him and thank him for dedicating time to our Alumni Association as a new Board member. Welcome Lloyd!

MARY SCHLIE SMITH '53

Mary was born and raised in Kansas City. She attended Scarritt Elementary and NE, Jr., She moved to Independence in 1961 where she still resides. Mary retired from Kansas City Power and Light Company. She is a widow and has two birth children and three step-children along with five grandchildren.

Mary does volunteer work, swims at the YMCA twice a week, line dances twice a week and likes to read. Mary is one of the pretty gals from the class of 1953 who have been very helpful and generous to the alumni association.

She mentions that she has a best friend by the name of Chuck Naylor '48.

Welcome to the Board. We look forward to our work together to make great things happen at Northeast.

VOLUNTEERING IS A GOOD THING !!

CHARLES "CHUCK" NAYLOR '48

Chuck was born in Central Missouri and moved to the Kansas City area at age six. He attended Scarritt Elementary School and NE, Jr. Chuck worked for Rhesark FSI as a food broker. He retired on December 31st after working in the food business for many years. Chuck was in the National Guard for twelve years. He is a widower with three children and eight grandchildren. Chuck just returned from wintering in Florida and we are happy to have him back. Chuck is very supportive of our programs and activities at Northeast and will be a great asset to the association.

And guess what, his best friend is Mary Schlie Smith '53.

Well, Mary and Chuck, we thank you for volunteering to serve on the social committee. We all know how important friendship is and we are certainly glad to have you both join and help us continue to build this wonderful circle of friends in our alumni association.



CONNIE EVORITT EDWARDS '63

Connie moved to St. Louis after graduating in '63 and lived there for five years and then to Dallas and Houston for 35 years. While in Houston she volunteered to work with the Harris County Children's Protective Services providing support for children before they were either sent back into a previously unstable home environment or going into foster care.

She was Vice President of Partners for Excellence, an organization made up of parents providing additional help and funds (through fundraising) for the high school her children attended. She and other parents started this association to help the school since it was new and funds were limited from the school district. The organization supplied everything from landscaping to computers for the library. When they started the program 21 years ago, it was meant to just get the new school up to par in the district, but it proved to be so successful, that most of the schools across Texas adopted the program!

Connie also worked as a fashion model and fashion photographer for Paige Parks Modeling Agency in Houston, Texas. Connie has 4 children and 5 grandchildren living in Florida, Kansas City, Chicago and New York. She moved back to Kansas City in 2000 and has fallen in love with the architecture of her home town...and now enjoys photographing many of the landmark buildings in the downtown area and has her works of art hanging in her home.

We welcome Connie to the Board and especially for accepting the responsibility of the Social Committee. 2009 is going to be lots of fun and successful with Connie leading the way with our social events.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!

ALUMNI NEWS

NORTHEAST LOVE STORIES...Velma & Jim Showalter. Recently the Northeast News printed a story about our beloved, Velma Showalter and her husband, Jim. The article reflects how their life began as students at Northeast High School and continues in the same house her parents owned and where they were married in front of the fireplace in 1947. Jim tells the story that she tolerated him after an appendicitis episode and they became good friends. They can around with the same group of friends, however, Velma dated Jim's nephew who was their same age and Jim dated some of her friends. After going their separate ways after high school and after the Navy for Jim, he returned home and decided to call Velma and ask her out...she said no each time he would ask her until her current boyfriend was too sick to go on a boyride and Velma called Jim. The Showalters' laugh today about how her dress cost \$18, the license \$3 and a week's wages purchased her engagement ring. Two boys and a girl were blessings for this happy family and the rest is history happening in good old Historic Northeast. Great story about two great Northeast Alumni.

**PROPOSAL & WEDDING HELLS
FROM OUR DINNER DANCE**
By Rosemary Brown Higgins '48

Question: How exciting can a Homecoming Reunion be? Is this something you might decide to skip at this stage of the game? Well, maybe...but listen up and think again!

During their 60th class reunion at the 2008 Spring Homecoming Dinner Dance, Dan Davis and Nancy Neely Fox renewed their friendship and had such a good time that Dan asked Nancy to stay over in Kansas City for a couple of days of dating. Nancy flew home to Corpus Christi and they burned up the telephone wires. The next weekend, Nancy's grandson was playing in a band in Wichita. Dan met Nancy there along with some of her family. More telephone calls and then a ten-day trip to Corpus Christi. At the end of his stay near, Dan told Nancy he didn't want to go home without getting engaged. After a night of thinking it over, Nancy said yes! They drove back to Kansas City where Dan introduced Nancy to his family. Dan and Nancy were married September 4, 2008. The newlyweds reside in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Answer: Very Exciting!!!

(Trust me on this one...the same thing happened to me 38 years ago at my Northeast High School Reunion!)

FUN Fundraiser

The Alumni Association would like to invite you to submit recipes for our new cookbook that is now in the planning stage. To our knowledge this is the second cookbook sponsored by the alumni association.

Send to: Karole Null Zinger, P. O. Box 1264, Blue Springs, MO 64013-1264

1958 REUNION - Tremendous Success

By Jane Bryant Morgan



Left to right: Bob Deering, Kent Simsbrough, Richard Boggs, Ron Wheeler, Front: Jim Ahoyall

Among exclamations of...

"WE MADE IT!", "CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?" "IT CAN'T BE!" the class of 1958 celebrated its fifty year reunion September 19, 20 and 21, 2008. What a fabulous opportunity to renew friendships, make new ones and share the successes of our fellow classmates. The three day event began with an informal fireside gathering on Friday evening. Poodle skirts and fifties attire worn by members of the reunion committee welcomed over one hundred guests and set the stage for a PDN event from six until midnight.

Prior to the Dinner/Dance in the evening, the Saturday schedule offered a tour of THOU DEAR, walking the halls one more time, sharing memories of games, clubs, friendships and viewing the Alumni Room maintained by the Northeast Alumni Association. Some found a golf game was their way to spend a picture-perfect day, harassing one another and enjoying camaraderie while playing a very competitive game of golf that they knew would afford them a prize and/or bragging right for some time to come.

The large ballroom was filled with excitement as we greeted one another, some for the first time since graduation. Our special guests, Mr. and Mrs. Coribbi and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, former teachers and their wives, were introduced. Acknowledgements were given to our class Valedictorian, Janet Cook Andes, our Foreign Exchange student, Ingrid Gans, who came all the way from Germany to attend this event, and the Reunion Committee members for a job well done. And yes, these prizes for the golf event were awarded by Ron Wheeler and Larry Terry, co-chairs. A buffet dinner was enjoyed by all and dancing followed.

Now, as if this were not enough, all attendees were invited to the home of Barbara Diehlman Haynes on Sunday for brunch. Magnificent is just the beginning of adjectives that come to mind. The outstanding hospitality of Barbara to host this time for fellow classmates to share is unbelievable. Beautiful setting, wonderful food. What a great way to end our 50-year reunion festivities. Thanks again, Barbara, and thanks to each of you for attending any or all of these events. If you were unable to attend this time, we hope you will try to come to future events. Our class has the most wonderful group of human beings and we would love to see you again.

Mark your calendars now, the class will be attending the annual alumni Homecoming Dinner/Dance, Friday, June 19, 2009. The reservation form for attending is on page 8 of this newsletter. Mark your reservation form "Class of '58" and our tables will be located together. Looking forward to seeing you!



First Row: Sue Rupp House, Carolyn Sturgis Dinwiddie
Second Row: Shirley Glascock Anderson, Virginia Champion Spencer, Janet Cook Andes, Jim Badger
Third Row: Richard Lang

TIMES LIKE THESE MAKE MEMORIES. Special

ALUMNI NEWS

Mr. David G. Astry, who goes by the nickname of "Ace" is a 1933 graduate of Northeast and still lives in the Kansas City area. For 75 years he has dreamed of visiting his alma mater and often explored the old neighborhood on weekends.

Mr. Astry's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Steele, worked quietly behind the scenes to make Ace's dream come true. From the Northeast web site, Mr. Steele was able to reach Mike Frederica, Board President, to set it all in motion. Although he was told he was going to watch skydiving, Ace secretly believed he might be going to visit his high school.

They arrived at the Lyle Viers Alumni Room and were greeted by Velma Showalter, Carolee, and numerous members of both the staff and students (future alumni). We don't know who was more surprised, Ace or the students. Mr. Astry posed for pictures to record his visit while reminiscing about his years at Thom Dear.

One of his classes was printing where students prepared publications, including setting type and printing the Courier. The Alumni Room has an extensive collection of these early newspapers and while these, copies from 1931-33 were reviewed by him. He didn't remember any one particular article, however, he does remember that he received an S (Superior) while a pretty girl received an B (Excellent). Mr. Astry protested and got his B after telling the teacher he would quit because he felt he was doing more work than the pretty girl.

He told of a buddy bringing his car to metal shop where it could be worked on by the class. He and his friend would put a few miles on the car after class and then bring it right back in for more work. In these days, classes were offered that taught the students life skills and vocations to prepare them for jobs to support their families.

After graduation, Mr. Astry worked for Barlow Manufacturing before joining the military in WWII. He served in the Field Artillery Observation Battalion. He reached the rank of Sgt. Technician. This job placed him near the front lines and his unit was responsible for measuring the distance of shooting, so that our troops knew where the enemies were. Mr. Astry received two Battle Stars for serving in the Rhineland and Central European Theaters. After WWII, he tried several jobs, one of which was at Sheffield Steel. He learned welding in the service and it was helpful to him when he worked at GMI where he worked 38 years as a skilled tradesman. Upon retirement, he held a union position for many years.

Mr. Astry was in the ROTC at Northeast and there are plans to have him tell of his adventures to the current ROTC students and perhaps see the Girl's ROTC Drill Team perform. Mr. and Mrs. Astry attended the annual Dinner Dance and we are hopeful they will be there again this year. If you know Mr. Astry or if you were a classmate of his, we know he would appreciate strolling down memory lane with you. It was certainly our pleasure to meet him and to be able to have him see his school again.

JOIN THE FUN!!

VIKINGS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM ARE BACK ON THE RUN

By Chris Smith '84

Thanks to Coach Bill Kraus '74, the Northeast Vikings cross country team got a second chance. Both the boy's and girl's teams were eliminated from the 2007-08 school year sports program. Coach Kraus would be starting from scratch for the 2009 season.

What made this comeback even sweeter, was the Boy's team winning the League title for a record 17th time. The Boy's placed six runners on the All-League team led by Mahamad Aweys, Alfred Bak, Abdi Dirie, Abdi Ibrahim Farah, Ali Hassenaw, Coyle Lee and Ayak Wink. Tiffany McDowell made the Girl's All-League team. Coach Kraus was awarded Coach of the Year for the Boy's team by the Interscholastic League.

The Boy's team had several strong finishes this year placing 2nd in three meets (Minnor Park Invitational, Barstow Invitational and the Sherwood Invitational). The Boy's would finish the season with a 10th place showing at the Class 4 District Meet. Mahamad Aweys would be the top Viking by finishing 30th and qualifying for the Sectional Meet. There, he would place 61st covering the 3.1 mile course in 17:58.

Northeast has always had a great tradition in Cross Country. The boy's teams have competed at the state Meet on six occasions ('54, '58, '59, '60, '80 and '84) and several athletes have earned All-State honors. Several runners have gone on to compete at the college level and earn All-American status.

I would like to encourage Alumni to attend meets or games and cheer our Viking athletes. They absolutely love it when they have someone cheering for them. I was able to attend a couple of meets and truly enjoyed interacting with these student-athletes. Drop me a line if you would like to communicate about this article or the information contained herein at smithkroos@earthlink.net. Please consider that the team is always in need of sports drinks, shoes, awards and other various items.

Track Trophies from 1915



1970's, '80's, 90's COME

We need you to STEP UP and SPEAK UP!

The Alumni Association needs representation from your classes to report on any activities of interest for this publication. We want you to be involved. We strive to include articles of interest for everyone whether it involves the school, students, neighborhood or successes of our alumni, but we can only do so much. Therefore, we are asking for some of you to STEP UP and SPEAK UP to let us know what is happening from your class or something you would find of interest from your time at Northeast. Reporters are needed to keep this newsletter of interest to all generations. We all need to take our turn in keeping the Purple & White a great source of communication. It's your turn to help by either reporting or volunteering!! (Not a writer...we'll write it just give us the information.)

Friday, June 19, 2009

Marriott Courtyard

Blue Springs, MO



Alumni Homecoming Dinner Dance

Let's go to the HOP!

Cocktails 6-7 pm Buffet Dinner 7-8:30 pm Dance to D.J. 8:30 pm-Midnight
COST: \$50 PER PERSON

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Make checks payable to Northeast Alumni Association: Send to: Northeast Alumni Association, P. O. Box 1264, Blue Springs, MO 64013-1264. Please RSVP by June 9, 2009. We will do our best to accommodate your seating requests if indicated below. A special block of rooms will be available for NE at The Courtyard for \$99 plus tax. Make room reservation by June 5th. Be sure to tell them you are with the NE group. (816-220-4400). For more information: Connie Edwards -816-254-2114

Name _____ Year _____

Spouse/Guest Name _____ Year _____

Address: _____

Number in your party _____ E-Mail _____ Phone _____

Seating Request: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ 2009 Membership \$20 _____ Donation _____

Tour of Alumni Room @ 10:00 a.m. _____

Why Not Have Your Reunion With Us...We Do the Work...You have the Fun!

19th ANNUAL NORTHEAST GOLF BENEFIT

TO BE HELD AT

BENT OAK GOLF CLUB

Oak Grove, MO

Saturday, June 20th, 2009

Start Time: Pre-Tournament 7:00 am Tourn. 8:00 am (Rain or Shine)



COST: \$110

Please join us for a fun-filled golf tournament. The tournament is open to all those who wish to play. A lunch buffet will be included after playing the course. We will be playing on a great course, with good friends, for a truly great cause!

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Name: _____ Year: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City, State & Zip: _____ E-Mail: _____

Team Members & their Year: _____

Amount Pd \$ _____

PRE-PAY NOW AND PURCHASE THE VIKING DISCOUNT PACKAGE: Save money and avoid waiting in line to purchase mulligan and raffle tickets. The Viking Discount Package provides you with 6 raffle tickets, 2 mulligans, 2 putting & 2 chipping. The value of the package is \$25 and will not be available on the day of the tournament. Your cost of this package when you purchase it with your registration is only \$15. Limit one package per golfer. Yes, I want to purchase the package for \$15 _____.

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(A gentle reminder that if you have services/prizes/donations, we will be most appreciative, as this is our main fundraiser) Questions: Lloyd Bermond - 816-320-3386 or Mike Frederico - 816-419-7943

Memories Through the Years

NOT MEMORY LANE BUT MEMORY ALLEY By John C. Dods '51

Alleys are a thing of the past, no longer a part of new neighborhoods in the burgeoning suburbs. But for kids who grew up in the early era when alleys were part of the urban landscape, these backyard lanes were special places for play and the sharing of the secrets of childhood.

I well remember the alleys that traversed the Old Northwest neighborhood where I grew up. Even though the streets offered smoother surfaces for roller skating, bicycling and the games of long summer evenings, it was in the alleys that we could create our own world, away from the restraints of grown-up rules. Alleys, in those days, had their purposes. They were the route of the trash haulers, garbage trucks and coal vans that serviced every block.

Many alleys were unpaved, protected only with the ashes and cinders spread from the coal-fired furnaces of every house. Trash was often thrown into discarded barrels along the boundary of the alley. Before the days of the environmental concerns, combustible discards were burned in these barrels, fouling the neighborhood with the acid aroma of trash fires. Household garbage was put out unclogged to await the infrequent pickup by the garbage man. Alleys, almost by definition, were dirty places, where the detritus of life was tossed or stored, away from the public view.

But for kids, alleys were places for salvage of discards that could be converted, with imagination, into props for childhood fantasies - old tires to be turned into swings, broken furniture reclaimed to furnish scrap lumber and cardboard for a clubhouse sure to spring up on some vacant lot.

It was in the alley that we could build a bonfire around which we gathered to tell stories or pretend in our imagination that it was the campfire of a brave patrol of buffalo hunters or a gang of treasure-seeking pirates, all as we poked out charred, roasted potatoes - the staple food of kids around fires.

Those days are now long gone. There's not an alley within miles of my suburban home where neighborhood customs decries the backyard be as groomed as the front. Neither bonfire smoke nor trash fire soot drifts across my patio. Yet somehow, I miss the brown cinders and untidy vermin of that old neighborhood, where childhood imagination and ingenuity were all a kid needed to make life an adventure and even an alley a special place.

We want to thank Ron Roberts '68 for submitting this article to us by John C. Dods who passed away this past year. John practiced law with the Shank, Herdy & Bacon Law firm for 50 years. He also served as a Gladstone Municipal Court Judge and an Assistant Clay County Prosecutor. He was President of the University of Missouri-Kansas City Law Foundation and President of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association.

John had communicated with Ron, complimenting Ron on a story that he had written previously and how he had enjoyed Ron's piece, "Navyviches" about "momviches." In the letter to Ron, John told him he had a real knack for story telling and he enclosed the alley story which we have printed.

AS TIME GOES BY

Neighborhood icons such as Sears Roebuck and the Montgomery Ward stores have been replaced with strip malls and large anchor stores in huge malls, but we can all remember shopping at these great stores or maybe even being employed by one of them. Along with remembering the big stores, how about the corner drug stores such as Alvested's at St. John and Bellvue or Sander's at St. John and White or Malcolm's on St. John and Elmwood to name just a few that come to mind. But these wonderful, friendly, family owned drugstores have been replaced by the Walgreen types in America.

At these old drugstores you could buy anything from a vanilla phosphate to toothache medicine and some of them smelled of medicine. No one cared because even though it was probably frowned upon, you could hang out with your friends for hours after school. That smell didn't stop you from ordering a malt (not a shake) and either sitting in a booth or at a small table to wait for a friend or two to show up.

As time goes by, new history and memories are being made for those of different generations, but some of us will always remember the good times at our corner drugstores.

Editor's note: We invite you to share your memories of fun places in the Northwest community such as Indian Mound, Drive-in movies, Lphines etc. Let us hear from you!



Viking Memories... a good thing shared by friends!



REMEMBRANCES

Since our first newsletter, we have sadly learned of the passing of the following Vikings...

1925 - Agnes M. Elsd Brown, Ruth Dwight Upham
 1927 - Alice Louise Hyler Piper
 1929 - Paul A. Board, Elizabeth L. Porter Crossley
 1930 - Annet Louise Benson Anderson, Bonnie Ellen Bates, Eleanor Yvonne Hatchitt Hill, Blanche B. Smith Parker
 1931 - Maxine Cade Charlton
 1933 - Opal Gilspey, Dorothy H. Hammer Hershey
 1933 NP - Byron Eaton
 1934 - Clara Youngberg Donham Finch, Jean Grasselli Strong,
 1935 - Ronald McCannan
 1936 - Mary Lee Albin Lockman, Rosalie Stokes Lowe, Kathryn Louise Tutuina Pesta, Mildred L. Hirschberg Zeldin
 1937 - Delewan "Dell" Edwards, Jr., Melvin McClure, Mary Elizabeth Sill Meyer, Gwoner T. Rhodes, Thomas Walker Endrum
 1938 - Virginia Herbert Bricker, Mary Margaret Rankin Brown, Charles R. Conkley, James W. "Bill" Cross, Robert Samuel Gardner, Louise Izkowich Hutton, Harry Mestch, Frances Barbara Brunson Notlage
 1939 - Edna LaVee Fox Cipriano, Margaret Shephard Duke, Frances Gwoner Hoover, Dorothy B. Lavers, James Welch, Beth K. Kittle Yates, Catherine L. Firth Yates
 1940 - Frank J. Balistrieri, Bernadine Florence Fleming Halbert, Helen L. Backsdale Jones
 1941 - Margaret Miller Gagle, Florence Marby, Catherine Mills, Zelma Rans Mitchell, Harold & Betty Rohrs
 1942 - Mary Ann Paden Davis, Margie S. Kittle Ford
 1943 - Al (A.T.) Hancock, Jennette Neyhart Hedges, Joyce Jennette Tambllyn Hall, Wilma Barbara Michaels, Calvin P. Marston, Gloria M. Hinton Reese, Adelia Howe Kuberstein
 1944 - Ann Parsons, Betty F. Crane Russell
 1945 - Robert Lee Buchanan, James Richard Johnson, Edward "Ed" Price
 1946 - Charles Lee Owen, Jr.,
 1947 - Bernice Jean Boyd Jewett, Richard H. Stark, Lee B. Wells
 1948 - William "Bill" Layton, Alfred "Monte" Myers, Irma Colerdy Nelson, Robert E. Stone
 1949 - Betty "Jean" Haldes Densalt, Jean L. Haley Duncan, Jennette Frances Karrenshock, Mary Matilda "Dell" Hagerty McPherson, Barbara Jo Swensay Rouse, James F. "Tim" Sigler
 1951 - Stanley E. Guin, Alice Marie Fugate Smith
 1952 - Robert Glen Birch, George Foster, Bina Jo Marjorie Pippin
 1953 - Al Arrowood, John "Jack" Becker, Raymond Vernon Boice, Jesse Bowman, Donna Jean Lackey Birmingham, Patricia Nash Ide, Carolyn Sue Canada Kennedy, Shirley Small Pippin, Barbara Ash Scagin
 1954 - Dale Keith Burns, Paul A. Krokstrom, Mildred L. Mills, Rudy Nones, Clark S. Kuhlman, III
 1956 - Willard Thomas Logan, Carl A. Maggio, Jerry Ring
 1956 - James Edward Desposy, Leonard "Herb" Halbert, Jr., Pascual J. Rasmussen, James L. Skinner
 1957 - Richard L. Kauterick, Kenneth Wagner
 1958 - Tom Carter, Ronald G. Carfanti, Byron Jay Porter
 1959 - Phillip R. Bailey, Lynn Vance Kershner, Allen Lyons, David Leroy Patten
 1960 - Jesse Arredondo
 1963 - Patricia I. Kowensko Clivas
 1964 - James Patrick McMahon
 1965 - John W. Middleton
 1966 - John R. Campos
 1968 - Cam Andrew Johnston, Donald Lyle Thomas

Remembrances continued:

1969 - Dominick Joseph Carrallo, Gyneth Ruth Sanders
 1971 - Jackie Lee Grant Bikel, Sarissa "John" Leone
 1977 - Joseph Guarcino, William Joseph Everts
 1979 - Mark Cleveland Frame
 1984 - Joseph G. Watson
 1988 - Rodney K. Mullins

We have no class year for the following classmates:
 Virginia Neal Higgins Doty
 Alice Gilspey

WHAT A GAIL!

By Velma Showalter and Harlene Hockett



Joyce Tambllyn Hall, what a gal! The Northeast Alumni Association lost one of its greatest boosters when we said goodbye to Joyce on January 30, 2020 as she headed for her final resting place.

Joyce and her husband, Rex, were probably two of the most enthusiastic boosters of the Alumni Association that ever existed. Our first meeting to establish the Association was held at their home on Van Brunt Blvd. It was because of their enthusiasm that the Northeast Alumni Association was born and grew into the fine association it is today, helping students to finish and continue their education. Joyce graduated from Northeast in 1943.

She was a beautiful girl and quite popular. She was a member of the Pep Club, Glee Society, Coward Staff, Student Council, Girl Reserves and on the Honor Roll.

My memories of Joyce always bring a smile to my face. When she met Rex Hall, there was never another love in her life. I recall the night they ran away and got married. Then they sat in the living room of Joyce's home until her parents got up, so they could announce their marriage. They had a beautiful family and she and Rex loved all of them dearly. Joyce, Rex and their children graduated from Northeast.

We have them to thank for the great organization that has developed over the years. She did the first one page newsletter in 1991 and organized the first Alumni Dinner to be held at Italian Gardens to raise money for the first Markey-Peters Scholarship. She gave money to buy much of the furnishings in the Loyal Viers Alumni Room in memory of Rex. A fond farewell to Joyce, and our deepest sympathy to her family and many friends.

Editors note: We are indebted to Joyce and her husband, Rex, for their years of service and for providing us the opportunity to continue to be a strong and dedicated Alumni Association. May she rest in peace knowing our appreciation.

NORTHEAST NEWS -Neighborhood icon

Extra! Extra! Northeast News Looks to 77th Year

For over 77 years, The Northeast News has continued to serve as the independent voice of the Historic Northeast Community. Throughout the years, the Northeast News team has been devoted to bringing the stories that impact Historic Northeast directly to our readers doorsteps. We plan to continue our tradition of advocating for our community. Publisher, Michael Bushnell said. We are full of excitement moving into 2009.

The newspaper's history dates back to its founding in 1932. Not much is known of these years as most of the paper's archives were lost during the 1970's or 80's. News of WWII was featured in the paper's early years. Tom Patton and Mr. Hill produced the paper in the 1950's, 60's and early 70's. Then in 1978, Terry and Mary Brock purchased the Northeast News and relocated it from the 3600 block of St. John Avenue to 6612 Independence Avenue, next to the old Shell Funeral Home. Later it would move back to the 4680 block of St. John Avenue. Under the Brock's, the business expanded adding typesetting services and partnering with a local print shop to provide printing services.

In the 80's and 90's, the paper's direction turned toward being a local shopper circular without much community news included. In 1998, Michael Bushnell and wife, Chris Adams, purchased the paper with the goal of steering it back to the quality news source it had once been. They then relocated to the old Miller Real Estate building at 5715 St. John in 2001. Ironically, that's where Bushnell closed on his first house in Northeast in 1990!

Today, the award-winning publication is printed weekly, delivered to Nor'easter's doorsteps every Wednesday, full of meaningful news, features and advertisements.

The Northeast News has been the recipient of numerous awards from the Missouri Press Association for excellence in journalism including first place awards in business and government coverage. Additionally, the paper was recently recognized by Crime Stoppers International for being an excellent media partner in fighting crime in the community, edging out over 1,800 publications around the world for the award.

Along with staff and ownership changes over its 77 years, the newspaper has seen technological shifts with the times. In 2005, the newspaper launched its web edition of the paper at www.northeastnews.net. Two years later, the Northeast buzz blog was launched at www.nebuzz.blogspot.com bringing Honey's buzz of Northeast to readers in real time.

We continue to upgrade, said Publisher, Michael Bushnell. In both our print product and our web site, we're adding exclusive new features designed specifically for our Historic Northeast community.

The Northeast News staff thanks the community for embracing the independent publication for 77 years and looks forward to many more.

CONTEST NEXT ISSUE

We will feature a picture of the cover of a Northeast yearbook, a trivia question regarding Northeast High School or the neighborhood and the first person to e-mail or call the answer to the editors will win a prize!

Class of 1969 does it again!

The Class of 1969 once again stepped up with a fundraiser to help our scholarship program while providing a music-filled event for those in attendance. The Asher Inn has become a venue for our Northeast musicians who wish to participate in this good cause. Musicians Ernie Henderson and John Northern performed for classes represented from 1965, 69 and 74. This musical talent is provided in an effort to raise funds in memory of their classmate Cheryl DeShazer Aronoff. This has been an ongoing memorial for approximately three years now and the focus of the scholarship has been to provide vocational training for students wishing to continue their education after high school.

Donations and funds were raised through a raffle with items such as CDs from Billy Bob Thornton, John Northern, The Rainmakers, Bob Walkenhorst, Trampled Underfoot, The Roman Numerals, Billy Beking and Jeff Porter. Gift certificates to the Record Bar and Maloney's Sports Bar were won as well as shirts, hats and sweatshirts from Dennis and Pam Smith's Sport Ties.

About \$300 was raised and the organizers said they will do it again next year.

The Alumni Association sends a BIG THANK YOU to these fine guys who seize the opportunity and embrace our challenge of helping the students at Northeast while honoring their friend!

GREAT HAPPENINGS!

Northeast High School Science Teacher, Gayle Richberg, was a recipient of a Kansas City, Missouri School District Excellence Fund Award. The \$497 grant will enable Ms. Richberg to purchase necessities for the chemistry lab experiments. It is an indication that we have one of the "Best Teachers" in Kansas City.

The Alumni Association proudly congratulates Ms. Richberg and all the teachers at Northeast who guide the students each day to become educated, successful citizens.



NORTHEAST ALUMNI CELEBRATE IN LAUGHLIN, NV - Information provided by Jan Fuhs '53

The week went by very quickly with everyone doing pretty much what they wanted for fun. There was golfing, jet boat rides to London Bridge, the Cambridge Boys and a couple of days earlier Glenn Campbell shows. Monday morning's welcoming breakfast was a prelude to Tuesday's buffet breakfast and Archie's famous Mexican dinner on Wednesday. Rides on the river and the big Hollywood party (complete with red carpet) made the trip worthwhile. We hardly had time to use our complimentary buffet breakfast and dinner tickets. The Northeast High School All-Class Laughlin trip declared a success!!!

Praises to the committee: Jan Fuhs '53, Beverly Pennington Pace '53, Fred & Carol Lee Mitchell Pinaro '53, Floyd '49 & Joyce Tomp Cannon '51, Chuck Howeman '51, Sharon Windle Pittman '55, Archie McGee '48, Jerry '57 & Alice Shultz Richards '56.

NEXT REUNION FEBRUARY 21 THRU 26, 2010

NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL NEEDS TUTORS!

By Helen Kuhr Shores

Several students at Northeast High School are struggling with literacy, have learning disabilities, or perhaps are unfamiliar with the written English language. Northeast is in need of volunteers to help in this area or in any of the academic areas. Reading skills are the basis of learning. A student who struggles to read textbooks, directions, or written assignments, usually struggles with daily school work. Confidence grows as students develop increasing knowledge of vocabulary and grammar. YOU could make a difference in a student's life by volunteering to help a student learn reading skills which would last a lifetime.

Reading is one of life's greatest pleasures and learning to read one of life's most important achievements. How well one makes a connection to the written words on a page is an important predictor of how well one does in school and life. Struggling readers need all the help they can get. Practice and encouragement are fundamental to success. Reading volunteers are not reading teachers. Their role is to support and encourage a student and to show patience, friendliness, and respect for that student who is struggling. Give honest praise as well as helpful feedback. Accentuate the positive. Eliminate the negative. Have fun reading together.

"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader." – W. P. Freeburn –

"To learn to read is to light a fire, every syllable that is spelled out is a spark." – Victor Hugo – Les Misérables

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." – Dr. Seuss –

To become a future tutor/mentor for Northeast High School, contact YOUTHFRIENDS of Greater Kansas City at 816-843-7882 - Toll Free 877-843-7882. Or go to youthfriends.org for information. PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING NORTHEAST HELP THE YOUTH OF TODAY! The most important requirement for being a Youth Friend is a sincere desire to be a caring adult role model for a young person. Think back to a caring adult who shaped your life. That person had the ability to listen, was honest, and displayed trustworthiness.

YOU COULD DO THE SAME THING FOR A NORTHEAST STUDENT NOW!

Contact: YouthFriends, 1800 Baltimore, Suite 408, Kansas City, MO 64108 - 816-843-7882

MENTORS/TUTORS MAKE GREAT PEOPLE POSSIBLE!

THIS INFORMATION IS JUST IN & IN TIME...



...for you to make your reservations for the dinner dance on June 19th. We have just learned that in addition to special rates being given by the Marriott Courtyard, where the dinner dance is held, the Knowledge, Blue Springs, MO, (located at Highway 7 and I-70),

agreed to give us a special rate of \$55.99, plus tax per night. You must mention the Northeast High School dinner dance (reservation) & get confirmation number. 75 rooms are set aside for NH. The rate includes: Hot breakfast: waffles, biscuits and gravy etc. Hotel has wireless internet, all channel TV's and an outdoor swimming pool that will open May 7th. Contact: Angela, 816-228-6363 and mention NH!

LETTERS...WE GET LETTERS...

It is always fun to read the cards and letters from our alumni. Here are two of the many we have received. In December, Jim Evans, class of '53 wrote, "Thank you for your loyalty and dedication to keep the Purple & White alive each year. Your service to all graduates is appreciated." Thanks, Jim, it means a great deal to us to continue this tradition and we are happy you enjoy the newsletter.

Amber Ragan White wrote that her brother, Johnny Ragan and wife, Iola Lee Kelley Ragan, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in December. Congratulations to Johnny & Iola Lee!

REMEMBER THE GOOD TIMES AT THE Y?

This lovely old building certainly served a multitude of purposes over the years, however, it was the focal point of many "Y" meetings. Sadly, this building is in a state of disrepair and the lawn is overgrown with weeds but the building still stands proudly as a reminder of good times shared by friends who came and went through her doors. Remember?



ALL ABOUT REUNIONS & VIKING GET-TOGETHERS

CLASS OF '59's 50 - YEAR REUNION

September 25, 26 and 27, 2009

Plans have been made for the class of '59 to gather on the above dates to celebrate its 50-year reunion. Besides playing golf on Friday, Sept. 25 in the a.m. and towing the school on Saturday, Sept. 26 in the a.m., all other reunion activities will take place at the Hilton Garden Inn in Independence, MO located near I-70 and Little Blue Parkway.

Reservation/information letters were mailed in early March. Classmates, if you didn't receive one, please contact Judy Springer Terry, jsterry@comcast.net or Luella Copenhagen Rerw 816-238-9238 to give your name and address. Any other NB Alums who would like to be part of the weekend, you are most welcome. Just contact one of the above in order to receive the necessary info. Dick Clark's e-mail was not clearly legible in the committee's reunion letter recently sent out. It is dclarckales@comcast.net

Please check the Northeast website (northeastvikings.org) for a list of "Unable to Locate" and help us up date our list of classmates.

CLASS OF '89 20 - YEAR REUNION

Friday, September 18, 2009 - Cocktail Hour
Paci's 1825 Buchanan, North Kansas City, MO

Saturday, September 19, 2009 - Dinner/Dance
2000 Grand, Kansas City, MO
(above the Cashew at 20th & Grand)

Sunday, September 20, 2009 - Family picnic
Oak Grove Park, Gladstone, MO (Pollock style)

For registration information, please visit our class website at www.northeast89.com or e-mail kevinandshellym@juno.com
Shelly Martin (Hostess) 816-234-2658

LITERARY SOCIETIES

During the summer months, the Alumni Room will have a feature wall on Literary Societies at Northeast. If you have anything to loan for the wall or to donate, it would be greatly appreciated. We think the reunions held this summer and fall will enjoy viewing these articles/and or items.

If you were a member of a Literary Society at NB from any class year and would like to participate in a get-together at Chappell's, NECC, on April 21 at 11:30 for lunch for this purpose please RSVP to Karole Noll Zanger '82 - 913-397-6992 or SueAnn Stevens Erb '83 - 913-894-1775

The Gals of '53

The Gals of '53 still meet last Saturday of April and last Saturday in September at 11:30 a.m. at the White Horse Casino Clubhouse, 39th & Chrysler. Please contact Bev Pennington Pace for info: RSVP 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 close year is welcome to join us. Please contact Ray Beady at 816-444-9284 or e-mail raysandybeady@aol.com

The Gals & Guys of '58

We meet for lunch and fellowship the third Monday of each month at 11:30 a.m. Call Luanne Kellough Weller 816-468-7221 or Jane Bryant Margra 816-781-3730 for the location, which changes monthly, or for more information.

The Gals of '52

Still meeting every January and July, the 2nd Saturday of the month at Charcy's in Blue Springs, South Outer Road just West of I-70 and Hwy 7, at 11:30 a.m. For more information, please contact Luella Copenhagen Rerw 816-238-9238 or Judy Springer Terry 816-461-6400

IF YOU ARE PLANNING A REUNION LIST IT HERE AND ON OUR WEB SITE. IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR ONE LOOK IN BOTH PLACES FOR CONTACT INFORMATION

TEXAS HOLD-EM NIGHT FUNDRAISER

We are in the planning stages so stay tuned for a fun event later in the year. If you have prizes/services that might be won that evening, please let a Board member know. Please check the web site or the E-News later for the date, time and place. Please provide us with your e-mail so we may keep you informed in regard to our activities.

Special Acknowledgement...

should be given to our gaffers who have continued to support our benefit tournament for years. Their participation through the years is exceptional. They have come each year on the sunny days as well as the cold and rainy days to help our tournament be a fun, successful event. We just want to say a special **THANK YOU** to all of you great people. Some of our gaffers have played in every tournament. **LADIES**, we need you to participate also!

We look forward to seeing you again this year. This is a great place to have fun and meet up with old friends. We will be playing on a different course this year so check it out and sign up! If you would like to volunteer on tournament day, give us a call. Lloyd McCombs '80 or Mike Frederica '61 will be happy to answer any questions, so look up their numbers listed on the back cover of this newsletter and join us! See registration form and info on page 9.



JUNE 20, 2009

Graduation Pendant

Viking Ship Pendants available in 2 sizes with class year engraved and men's lapel pin, post or wire earrings, 18" & 20" rope chains. 100% of proceeds donated to scholarship fund by George Snell '59.

To order or for price info contact:
 gsnell@siglobal.net
 816-358-0825.
 See picture on northeastvikings.org

Purple Sweatshirts are now available!

The new sweatshirts are a poly and cotton blend (60/40) with the Viking Ship logo. A bargain at only \$20.00 and you will be helping us help Northeast. These shirts make wonderful gifts for anyone but especially for an alumni friend and don't forget to get one for yourself.

Also, license plate covers in white plastic with purple letters and Viking Head logos are only \$6.00 each. View these and other items on the web site: northeastvikings.org.

Buy a logo item and make a difference!

**LOGO SALES
 HELP US HELP NORTHEAST**

Logo Sweatshirts:

\$32.00 (Gray or Birch) _____ New Purple Sweatshirt \$20 _____
 Med _____ Large _____ XL _____ XXL _____

Golf Shirts: \$30.00 (Purple)
 Med _____ Large _____ XL _____ XXL _____

The above shirts have Viking Ship logos - Men's /Women's sizes available

Vest: \$18.00 _____ White with Purple lettering.

T-Shirt: \$18.00 _____ Black with Gray and Purple lettering.

Tote Bag: \$20.00 _____ Gray _____ Tanpe _____ -Viking Ship Logo

Water Bottle: \$2.00 _____ White plastic with Purple lettering.

License Plate Cover: \$5.00 _____ White plastic w/Purple lettering Viking Head

Sub-total \$ _____ Include name, address, e-mail, phone #

Shipping, Handling
 & Postage * \$ 6.50
 TOTAL Amt. \$ _____

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

Contact: Dennis Valentine Wisnom '61,
 Logo Committee Chair
 816-373-6519

Help Keep Our Database Updated

It is very important for you to let us know if you have moved! Returned newsletters cost us money! We would appreciate your filling out this change of address form. If you do not wish to receive the newsletter or if someone you know is deceased, please let us know so we may update our record.

NAME _____ Class Year _____ E-Mail _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP DUES \$20
&/or MEMORIAL/RECOGNITION FORM

Name: _____ Class Year _____ Phone _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____ E-Mail _____

Northeast Spouse: _____ Class year _____ Send Tax Receipt _____

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