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Kansas City School District at a Crossroads

By: Walt Brown '65

In September 2011, the **State Board of Education** voted to reclassify the **Kansas City School District** as unaccredited effective January 1, 2012. The loss of accreditation was the result of continued poor performance by the district on its Annual Performance Report (APR). The APR employs a variety of measures used by the **Missouri Department of Education** to award school district accreditation. A major component of the APR is student academic performance. Over a sustained period of time, student performance has not met state standards. Thus the decision was made to let the district's accreditation lapse. For the past decade the district has only been provisionally accredited. There was a two-year period nearly a decade ago when the district was also deemed to be unaccredited.

Under current state law, an unaccredited school district has two years to regain its accreditation. There has been a variety of proposals discussed over the past six months to allow additional, more immediate options and address the future of the district. These ideas have included such things as a state takeover of the district, dissolving the district (there have been several versions of this proposal), and even mayoral control of the district. All of these proposals would require legislation, and to date this has not occurred.

The path forward at this time is to allow the district one last chance to save itself. There is a current and state approved transformation plan in place in the district. The state department has empowered an advisory panel to work closely with school district personnel to oversee and monitor the implementation of this improvement plan.

In the final analysis, it is virtually assured the status quo will no longer be tolerated. The challenges the Kansas City School District teachers and administrators face in improving our students' learning are great and will take a very sincere, determined and sustained effort by all parties for things to turn around. "All parties" includes parents, the community at large, and alumni. The fate of the school district could well be in the balance. More importantly, the school children in Kansas City deserve nothing less than our best effort.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

A POSITIVE SPIN ON A DIFFICULT SITUATION...

Karole Null Zinger Alumni Association President

The Kansas City schools losing their accreditation could be viewed as a negative, but Northeast is still enrolling students at this time. We are looking at this continued enrollment as confidence in NE and as an opportunity to do better with new students. Along with this new enrollment, we believe we can help as volunteers, in the capacity of tutors and perhaps help the test scores improve. If you have the desire to tutor in math or English, we need for you to contact **Youth Friends** to complete their application and background check. This is a requirement intended to screen and know who is in the schools and as a protection for all involved.

Imagine the power and self esteem that knowledge will bring to the students needing a nudge in the right direction. Imagine, also how you will feel when you are a part of making the difference between a passing grade or failing, of helping the athlete qualify to stay on the team, and helping the image of the school in general. Be a part of the start!

Your Board of Directors recently held a workshop intended to think outside the box for new ideas for fundraising, for improving our already successful events and to listen to the suggestions of board members attending committees other than the ones on which they usually work. The meeting was held at Northeast, and a potluck lunch was enjoyed by all attending. I think there were some good thoughts shared, and each committee will entertain implementing these new ideas. I wanted to share some of the pictures from the workshop, and I especially want to thank the guys for giving up an important game on a Saturday to attend the workshop.



An appropriate dessert was brought by Earl Williamson and was just one of the many great culinary delights shared at the workshop.

Walt Brown, Bill Parrish and Dale Lightfoot added valuable input to our NE Committee Workshop Day!



HOT OFF THE PRESS!

By Roberta Holt-Kipper '69

Northeast High School was chosen as the host site of the first **Urban Round Table**. This student summit included students from 35 area schools. The Northeast team was led by **My Nguyen**, founder of "Let's Improve Where We Are" and **Caesar Jones**, of the student-led group, **SIMBA**. "LIWWA" is new to NE this year. The focus of the student-led round table included subjects such as Building Inclusive Communities, Media Perception, and Segregation. Although there as adult sponsors, teachers attending participated in their own sessions in the media center. One of their sessions included the teaching of cultural diversity.

Over 150 area students were in attendance. The Alumni Association provided snacks through Dale Lightfoot's generous help and provided visual proof of the support that bridges the diversity at NE.

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LAUGHLIN A SUCCESS AGAIN!!!!

Lots of different years were represented this year at the Laughlin reunion. The "Nautical Party—By The Sea" theme brought out many "Sea Captains," but the real hit was the "Castaway" and "Wilson," (Jerry Richards, husband of Alice Jean Schultz '56) Tom Hanks would have been proud. If you have never attended a Northeast Laughlin Reunion, you should mark the last week of February 2013 on your calendar and plan to attend. You will be glad you did. Ask anyone who has ever attended, and they will tell you it is five days of pure FUN with NE Alumni and friends. The theme for next year will be announced at our Dinner/Dance on June 22. Hope to see you there!

In Memory of.....

Dr George "Bill" Davis '33NP
 Marguerite Young Davis '34NP
 By Rev. Charles G. Workman

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We are always interested in saving money when and where possible.

We understand that some prefer receiving a copy in the mail.

PLEASE NOTE!

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WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT

SCHOOL NEEDS ARE ADDRESSED

As we reported in the January Supplement, **Dr. Joe Coleman, Principal at NE** mentioned the need for treats, snacks and reward type items that we might provide for the students in recognition of a job well done. They asked, and he responded. **Dale Lightfoot of Lightfoot Ministries** a Board of Director of the Alumni Association, in affiliation with **Children's Memorial Lutheran Church**, has provided 250 lbs of snacks to be given as treats and rewards. Thanks to Dale, thirteen homeless students are now getting food for the weekend. The snacks consisted of Hershey candies, popcorn, juices and other enjoyable treats. Thanks, Dale, for stepping up in a big way!

Dale is a graduate of 1962, and as most of you know, has taken many reunion pictures for us over the years. He and his family own **Lightfoot Photography** in NKC and have always done a wonderful job. We are grateful for his willing attitude and his ideas on how we can take care of these kids.

SALE OF SCHOOLS

The following information was sent by email to Karole Zinger, President, NEHSAA from Block Real Estate Services, announcing that they have received offers and completed the marketing process on several properties, including the Askew, Bingham, Blenheim, Bryant and Swinney schools. These properties received a good deal of buyer interest, and they are currently working through the remaining disposition process on each one. McCoy Elementary School, located at 1524 White, remains available as there were no qualified offers received in the first round. Block also announced that a second round of properties is now being offered by Kansas City Public Schools. These properties include:

- *Dunbar Elementary – 5419 E. 36th Street*
- *Moore Elementary – 4510 Linwood Blvd*
- *Northeast Middle School – 4904 Independence Avenue (can be paired with Thacher)*
- *Thacher Elementary – 5008 Independence Avenue (can be paired with Northeast)*
- *Westport High School – 315 E. 39th Street*
- *Westport Middle School – 300 E. 39th Street*

Editors note: No word on the buyers or the intended purpose for the buildings.

NORTHEAST NEWS CORNER

We have NE authors amongst us who need to be recognized! If you know of someone, or if you have an accomplishment that you'd like to share, we would like to know. Several of our alumni authors have donated their books to our alumni room. The **North-east News Corner** will appear in all future issues of the Purple and White Newsletter.

Lt. Col. (USAF Retired), Leonard V. Porter, Jr. Class of 1938-1939, author of Reflections of a Pilot, Part I, Seconds to Eternity (Part II to come)

Carl DiCapo, Class of 1944, co-author of Italian Gardens: A History of Kansas City through its Favorite Restaurant

Duane Seaman, Class of 1947, author of Essays In Idleness

PN3 Jim Miller, Class of 1948, author of U.S. Naval Patrol Squadron Twenty-Eight (VP28)

Vince Burgio, Class of 1952, author of Pizza, Pasta and Poker

Bruce Clayton, Class of 1957, author of Praying for Base Hits: An American Boyhood

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBERS

Charles "Charlie" Annis '62

Charlie attended James Elementary school, then Northeast Junior and graduated from Northeast in 1962, so he truly is a Northeast guy. He was a police officer in the metro area for many years. He is married to a Northeast gal who now sells real estate in NKC. Charlie has many stories from his police officer career about the good old days and apparently for some, the not-so-good old days.

Charlie brings to the Board the enthusiasm to help and a true spirit of cooperation and hard work ethic. We look forward to working with Charlie this year and know we can count on him to be there when needed.

He is serving as the Sergeant of Arms and also on the Alumni Room, Golf, Scholarship, VIP and Viking Sports committees.

*****GETTING TO KNOW YOUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBERS*****

Randy Collins '78

Randy and his wife, Cassie, have two beautiful daughters, ages 15 and 18. Cheyenne, their older daughter, graduated from Raytown South with honors this year and is currently attending JCCC as a culinary student. Cailene is a sophomore at Raytown South. Randy works as the IT Manager at Western Extralite Company and has been with the company for 15 years.

They own a vacation home on Truman Lake where the family likes to ride ATVs and go boating. Their girls are active in softball and are on summer and fall leagues. Randy also raises Black Angus cattle.

When he's not working you will find him outdoors or doing some sort of remodeling project. He built the home at Truman Lake in his spare time with the help of family and friends. He saw a post on Facebook asking for volunteers for the Alumni Board of Directors and decided that it would be a nice way to give back to our Northeast Community and Alumni Association!

Randy will be serving on the Database, Fundraising, Communications, Web Site and Membership Committees.

Earl Williamson '56

Earl has lived in Independence, MO since 1948. He married fellow classmate, Jo Ann Jackson in 1958 they had two sons. One lives in Olathe, KS and the other in Cedar Park, TX. Their sons have blessed them with four grandchildren.

From 1961 to 1964 Earl served in the US Army, Artillery Division. After being discharged, he worked as a carpenter building homes for five years. J.E. Dunn Construction Company hired him and in time, he was promoted to job-site construction Superintendent serving the company for 31 years.

Both Jo Ann and Earl were on bowling teams for many years and enjoyed spending time at the Lake of the Ozarks with their sons and friends. They were a part of the NEHS Class of '56 reunion committee for 40 years and enjoyed the fellowship of other classmates two to three times a year. Jo Ann died from cancer in 1999.

In 2000, Earl remarried and retired from J.E. Dunn. He and his wife enjoy traveling and make an effort to visit state capitols, presidential libraries and other historical sites. He spends a great deal of time volunteering at schools and his church where he is on two boards. Currently, he is the president of the Knife and Fork Club of Independence. Earl feels honored to be on the NEHS Alumni Association Board.

Earl will be serving on the Newsletter, Fundraising, Alumni Room, Communications, Dinner/Dance/Golf, NE Tour Guide, Committees and is the chairman for the Boys Viking Sports Committees.

William "Bill" Parrish '70

Bill has lived all of his life in old NE Kansas City. After graduation, he went to work for Kroger's Grocery store. In 1972, he joined the military and served for six years in the Air Force. Bill feels that 1976 was a "very good year" when he married the love of his life, Rose Favoroso. They have been married for 36 years. They have three children and five grandchildren.

In 1977, he started to work with AT&T and worked there for 34 years before retiring. He feels proud to serve on the NE Alumni Board of Directors and is committed to helping in every way possible to support the students of NEHS obtain the education that every student deserves.

Bill will be serving on the Newsletter, Fundraising, Scholarship and Communications Committees

Mary Cincotta '69

Mary said that while she had strict parents, worked after school and was shy, she looks back on her days at NEHS with fond memories. She is glad to be part of the Alumni Association so that she can help to make positive memories for the current students. Mary credits her NE teacher, the late Ed Poepek, for encouraging her to pursue a degree in teaching. During high school and college, Mary worked at Harold's Dairy Supreme Drive Inn on Admiral Blvd. After college, Mary taught at Southeast Junior, then went to work for Koch Supplies. While at Koch, she reunited with Carl Dicavolo, a NEHS graduate, and they were married. Mary had the wonderful experience of being a step-mom to Carl's twin daughters. Mary is grateful that their mother, Toni Catalano (also a NEHS graduate), opened her heart and allowed her to have such an active role in raising the girls. To this day, Mary considers Toni to be one of her best friends. Mary says the girls have turned into amazing women, and she is the proud grandmother of a 10-year old girl and a one-year old boy! After leaving Koch, Mary started her own business in wedding and events coordination. Eventually Mary took a position with Russell Stovers Candies, then went to work for NAIC, National Association of Insurance Commissions. After 10 years, Mary's position at NAIC was eliminated. Mary is currently working with a friend in his company while continuing to look for a permanent position. In the meantime, Mary is staying busy volunteering with not only the NEHS Alumni Association, but with Whole Person, The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and visiting nursing homes.

Mary will be serving on the Newsletter, Fundraising, Chamber of Commerce, Communications, Dinner/Dance and Viking Assistance Committees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BYLAWS

The last revision to the Association Bylaws was in 2007. The Committee is reviewing the bylaws to determine if revisions need to be made and if so, recommendations will be presented, and then voted on at the Annual Meeting in October 2012. If you have suggestions to be considered by the Bylaws Committee, please email to Nancy Elder, Chair, at nancycelder9@aol.com or Karole Null Zinger, Jane Bryant Morgan or Connie Evoritt Edwards

SCHOLARSHIP

The 2012 NEHS Alumni Scholarship season is off to a great start. Many seniors have been by the front office to pick up their scholarship applications! We will begin the interview process on May 3rd and will be awarding scholarships and other awards on **Student Award Night** (at the school) on **May 10th at 5 PM**. There is a special section reserved for the alumni in the auditorium. The event is open to all alumni, and we encourage you to attend this heartwarming evening. This is what your donations, contributions, support and hard work is all about, so don't miss this evening!

While the scholarships are for seniors only, we haven't forgotten about our underclassmen. Each year the committee brainstorms for topics that are relevant to the students at NE, the current times and social concerns. We're looking for a range of topics that they can translate into Essay, Poetry or Visual Arts medium. We invite five outside judges (teachers) to come to the school and select a first, second and third place in each category. This encourages the freshmen, sophomore and junior class students to start competing for awards and recognition while expanding the process of learning about themselves and their world.

The topics for 2012 are:

- **Teen Suicide....How Do You Overcome the Negatives in Your Life?**
- **How do You Stay an Individual and Still Fit into Your Group?**
- **What Issues do You or Your Friends Have to Deal With in a Single Parent Family?**
- **Do You Feel the Ethnic Diversity at Northeast High School and in the Community is a Positive or a Negative?**
- **Let's Discuss the Future....What are Your Concerns and Needs to be Successful?**

This is a big night for the award recipients, and many parents are still at work and cannot attend. Won't you lend your continued support and join us for this night...we have an old wooden auditorium seat with your name on it!!!

LOGO

Reunions are all about catching up and going down memory lane. How about continuing to show your support and pride of being a Northeast Viking Alumni by purchasing a t-shirt, sweatshirt, car license plate holder, baseball hat, or even a sun visor all of which help to fund our programs.

We appreciate being allowed to have a table at your reunion, and are happy to be there for a couple of hours. Please contact: Vicki Rum, v_rum@hotmail.com or Antoinette Rum-Guarino, Antoinette_221@yahoo.com

VIKING VICTORY SPORTS COMMITTEE

The Northeast Boys' Basketball Team had a very good year with a record of 19 wins and five losses..... best since 1955 in the "Coach Huhn and Jim Hoffman days" at Northeast. They lost an exciting game at the Class 4 District 14 game to Lincoln Prep, down only one point at half time and in the end, lost by seven points. Three of our young men made the All City Interscholastic League Team, and we are very proud of them!

Spring sports are under way, including field and track and both boys and girls baseball and girls' soccer. The baseball team includes Destiny Smith who is also one of our cheerleaders.

Thanks to Coach Conaway, Coach Kanan, and Coach Morgan for their leadership of these young athletes. Let's give our students all the support they deserve.

VAP

While everyone knows that the alumni association works hard to raise funds and provide support for the students of Northeast, some of you may not be aware that another important function of the association is to provide support to our senior or disabled alumni. We do this by way of the Viking Assistance Program (VAP), a special committee that was established in 2002. The members and volunteers of the committee keep in contact with many of our senior or disabled alumni by telephone and personal visits to their home or retirement community or while they are in the hospital or a skilled care facility. Additionally, the VAP send cards to recognize birthdays, holidays and get well cards and also sympathy cards when needed to our alumni families. Members also represent the association at memorial services and always sign the guest books. If you would like to volunteer or know someone who would like to receive a visit from one of the **Viking Assistance Program** members, please contact:

Mary Cincotta, mcincotta2@kc.rr.com
 Louise Kellough Welker, jrwlek@aol.com
 Ruth Petty Roush, 816-231-0216

ALUMNI ROOM

By: Roberta Holt-Kipper '69 Co-chair along with Velma Showalter '44

The alumni room has been really quiet this winter, except for our students. They come in with question after question. Most are because someone has mentioned something. Examples of this are...did **Walt Disney** really go to NE? Answer, no, but many of his friends and business associates did. **UB Iwerks**, the artist who drew **Mickey Mouse** did, as well as **Clarence "Ducky" Nash**, the voice of **Donald Duck**. That leads to a conversation about what kind of student Nash made and if making voices got him into hot water with the teachers. We love all their questions and try to find the answers for those we don't know.

We continue to work with **Dr. Bill Stevens**, our Historian. Dr. Stevens is a member of the class of 1944. We are working on a video on the history of NE and the rise of education in Kansas city. We are currently finishing the years following **World War II**. We have talked about the great war of WW I, influenza epidemic, the Depression and their lasting effects on both students and staff. I have learned how our salute to the flag changed in the war years because of the rise of Hitler. I've also learned that chemistry teachers were some of the first to be drafted and that students were drafted before they were allowed to graduate.

We are hoping to finish with the segment through the mid 50's and then on to **Mr. Jim Cariddi** to lead us through the 60's-90's. We hope to then start the editing process and to make it available on the web site. If anyone is interested in helping, we welcome your input and participation.

As always, we ask that you send us any news of NE or its alumni that might appear in your local newspapers. You may send them to me, Roberta Holt-Kipper. Just email me at the email address listed on the back cover, and I will provide my address. We wish to express our joy for the graduation class of 2012. They will be the 98th graduating class of Northeast High School. Congratulations and best wishes now and into the future. Come back to visit. You are now members of a strong alumni!

**CLASSES OF 1945, 1946, & 1947
CELEBRATE WITH A REUNION**

By: Billie Adkins Tate

On October 29, 2011 at UMKC in Pierson Auditorium, grads from coast to coast came (home) to capture one more memory and celebrate friendships that have lasted a lifetime. Yes, it had been a lot of years since graduation, but with recognition of that dear friend, the years disappeared, and we were once again "Young at Heart." With 115 people in attendance, it was truly an amazing and wonderful time.

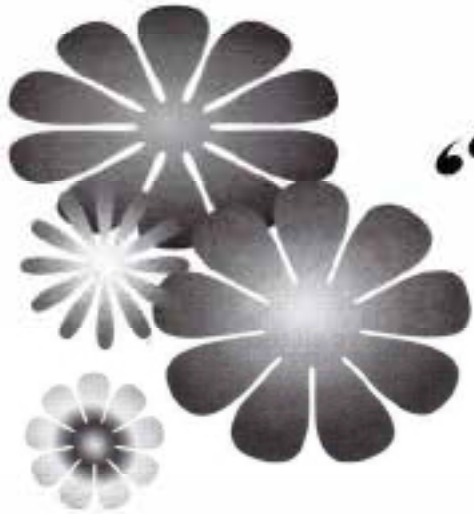
We want to say "thanks" to members of the Alumni Association for joining us. A lot of interesting information about the accomplishments and activities of the Alumni Association was presented by Nancy Elder. We are certainly proud of this organization and eternally proud of Northeast High School.

Editor's note: The Classes of 1945, 1946, and 1947 presented the Alumni Association with a donation of \$300 for which we are very grateful and will put to good use. We are merely following in the footsteps you have left for us and as we watched you enjoy yourselves at your reunion, we also agree you are truly "Young at Heart." Thank you again for the invitation to be with you and for the generous donation!



This is a picture of the centerpieces displayed on each table with the quote:

"REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE - FOREVER A VIKING OR VIQUEEN"



“HAWAII”

Surf's up at the
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June 22, 2012



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Cocktails 6-7 pm Buffet Dinner 7-8:30 pm Dance 8:30 - Midnight

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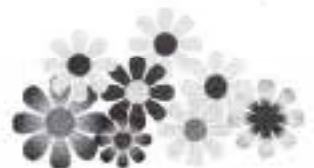
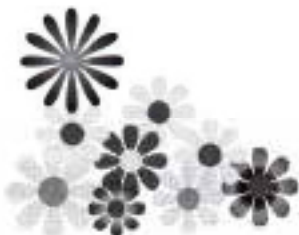
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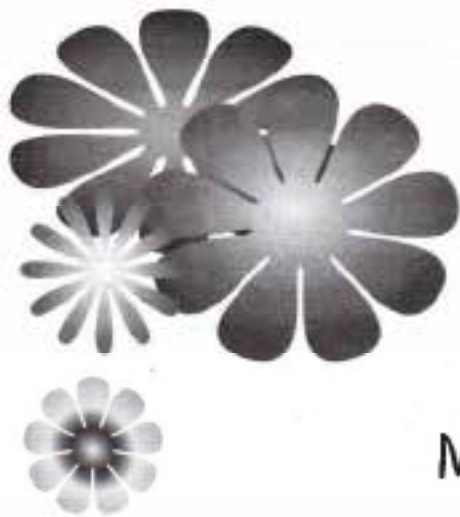
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June 23, 2012

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Grace Ann (Cariddi) Ancona's '70 Memories of the Northeast Area.....

Some of my greatest memories of Northeast are at **DiMaggio's Drive-In**, the hamburger joint at Independence Avenue and Jackson. It was here that I actually "sealed the deal" on finding and hooking my husband, Frank Ancona '66. I initially met him at my cousin's wedding and Frank was in the singing group at NEHS, Charlie and the Four Fellas, with my cousin, Charlie Bruscatto '66. After meeting Frank, I would beg my Mom to drive me to DiMaggio's in hopes of seeing the guys and of course, Frank. This way, Frank would not know I was looking for him. Mom and I would order hamburgers, but I would also be able to "hang out" for awhile. This place was THE hang out for all the guys. The parking lot was huge, so there was plenty of room for everyone to park and all the guys and gals would go from car to car, window to window to talk.

Ross DiMaggio, a big burly guy, was the owner and spent most of his time in the kitchen, cooking. But every once in awhile, he would come out of his kitchen to yell at us to "move on or go home." It was hilarious to us, but he meant business!

Kendall Leroy Kohre, a mentally challenged young neighbor, who everyone knew, hung out with us at DiMaggio's as well. Kendall was well liked, and the guys would treat him to sodas, fries and 'burgers and talk with him. He was like our mascot in the NE neighborhood. After awhile, Kendall would tire of us and head on home.

During our senior year, we had an incident where two of our classmates ran up Independence Ave, stark naked and jumped on a motorcycle at DiMaggio's and drove it off from the parking lot. That was during the days when "streaking" was VERY popular. Now, whenever I see a streaker caught by the camera at a sporting event, I am reminded of our own "event!"

The guys would travel up and down Jackson to go to the pool hall on St. John from DiMaggio's, so there was always traffic between DiMaggio's and the pool hall. You were always guaranteed to see someone you knew. It was great fun and it always MADE YOUR DAY!

Now, a Sonic Drive-in has taken DiMaggio's place on Independence Ave. New memories are probably being made with the new generations, but our fond memories will never be replaced! Thanks for the memories, DiMaggio's; it will always have a special place in our hearts!

AMERICAN BANDSTAND ON TV

Going down Memory Lane just wouldn't be right if we didn't mention the local TV Show designed after the real American Bandstand (1952-1989) on TV. Many of us would hurry home to watch the real one on TV and watch our "favorites" dance in the spotlight to the current hits. But imagine how delighted we were when our school was selected to appear on the local channel of American Bandstand. Yikes! The excitement would begin...what to wear, who would be our partner, and we had to learn the newest "in" dance. The **Stroll** was big back then and the **West Coast Swing**.

Those were great times! I'm guessing if we watched reruns of ourselves dancing back then, we'd have a good laugh!

TEXAS HOLD-EM EVENT

Plans are being made for our Texas Hold-em event!

Mike Frederico, Fundraising Chair, is meeting with his committee to plan a great Italian dinner along with a Texas Hold-em Tournament you won't want to miss.

Watch for the information on our web site and call your friends and come out for a great night of fun for a great cause.

For more information email Mike or any Board member listed on the back cover of this issue.

MEMORIAL/RECOGNITION WALL

Since the fall issue of the Purple & White, the following names (in bold) have been submitted for placement on our new Memorial/Recognition Wall located in the Loyal Viers Alumni Room at Northeast High School:

- Lawrence Greenfield**, '54, by Louise Borchers Greenfield '54
- Marjorie Webb Curtis** '34NP, by Karlyn Curtis Witte '59
- Dr. William Stevens** '44, by Anna Larkin
- Archie McGee**, by Barbara Burns Weiss McGee'48
- A. Richard DeMayo** '53, by Janice Organ DeMayo '54
- Raymond E. Ward** '39, by Ruth Carrel Ward '40
- Thomas Metz** '48, by James C. Miller '48
- James R. Sheets** '48
- Louise Borchers Greenfield** '54, by Jane Bowman Smith '54
- Richard Venie** '61
- Madeline White** '39



The Memorial/Recognition Wall will be on permanent display in the Alumni Room for all students, faculty, and alumni visitors to view. The area designated for the memorial/recognition wall plaque is four-feet wide and thirty-two inches tall. The plaque is made of colorful acrylic. Names of individuals honored will be permanently inscribed on plates to be attached. When you provide a generous, tax-deductible donation of at least \$100 or more, you may choose to have your name placed on the wall. You might want to honor a spouse, sibling, parent, classmate or other loved-one. Your class may want to provide a donation and have the class year inscribed for all others to see. With each \$100 or more donated, you may specify an honoree. Our thanks to you for your support, and we hope you will take this opportunity to receive the recognition due or to honor someone with a lasting remembrance. Send your donation today and be recognized, or honor a loved-one.

YOUR NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

NAME TO BE PLACED ON THE WALL _____ CLASS YEAR _____ Your phone # _____
(one name only, please)

DONATION: \$100 \$250 \$500 \$ _____ OTHER _____ SEND TAX RECEIPT _____

Send check to NEHS Alumni Assn., MR Wall, PO Box 1264, Blue Springs, MO 64013-1264
 Notes: _____

Barry Ball is a 2010 Graduate and Alumni of NEHS.
 By: LTC Richard L. Hilliard, Jr.

Barry was a member of our JROTC program for two years after transferring from the St. Louis school system. Barry received a nomination to the **United States Military Academy at West Point** from Senator McCaskill and in order to better prepare him for the academic rigors of West Point, he received a position at the **United States Military Academy Preparatory School (USMAPS)** located at Ft. Monmouth, N.J. He successfully completed the course this past summer, and he entered West Point this year with the incoming class of 2015.

The Alumni Association helped Barry out tremendously after graduation by presenting him a "scholarship" of \$475 which helped defray his initial uniform expenses at USMAPS. He is doing well at West Point and expects to be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army upon graduation. **Congratulations, Barry!**



SUCCESSFUL VIKING NEWS

Carol Caldarella Monaco

Many thanks to Karole Zinger for asking me to write a short bio for the newsletter. My name is Carol Caldarella Monaco, graduating class of 1960. I've been blessed with two sons, two grandsons and two granddaughters. I spent my professional career supporting top executives at Fortune 500 companies. In addition, I am a freelance artist, operate a home based business, (Designs Extraordinaire), offering interior decorating services, custom designed gifts and jewelry, and I published a book in 1994. Since happily retiring 18 months ago, I am now able to dedicate more time to my art.

At our 50th class reunion in September 2010, after greetings, hugs and catching up on what had transpired since the last reunion, many of the gals made a comment to keep in touch. Hence, a luncheon on the third Thursday of every month was established as our time to gather. At one of the luncheons, I surprised the gals with a little calling card naming our group, "Viking Women of NE '60, A Club of Savoir Faire." That card found its way from Helen Kuhr Shores to Karole Zinger, who then asked me to write this piece. I have very much enjoyed reconnecting with these wonderful women. Life is short. After God and family, there is nothing more valuable than cherished friendships. At this age, I can relate to the adage regarding relationships: "New are silver, but old are gold."

So here's to all of my 'golden oldie gals'-
I am so blessed!

Editor's note: It is our privilege to highlight talented alumni and Carol demonstrates a very successful talent. Thank you for sharing.



Viking Women
of NE '60
A Club of Savoir Faire

CORRECTION

Our apologies to the Rennison family for not stating that the Memorial Wall plate was donated by the family of Eugene Rennison '35, Doris Foster Rennison '36, Rosa Lee Foster Morrison '37 and Don Foster '41.

It would appear that the Rennison family has quite a legacy of Northeast graduates, and we are happy to acknowledge them on our Wall.

SCHOOL NEWS

NE is quickly moving toward the end of the school year. Old traditions die, but the Class of 2012 is trying to jump start at least two of those traditions. The first is Baccalaureate. The senior class is actively looking for a place of reverence in the NE area to restart this timeless tradition. Remember your own? Baccalaureate is a nice way to set the tone for the end of your high school departure. The graduation of this class means we are creeping closer to that 100th Class. This class represents 98 years of graduations from the halls of Northeast High School.

The next tradition is the class gift. The Class of 2012 has a gift in mind, but I'm not at liberty to spill the beans. Come visit us after graduation, and we will be willing to share. Graduation itself will be held downtown in the Great Hall. Graduation is set for May 17th at 5 pm. Limited tickets are available if you would like to attend.

Seniors have started the celebration with a day trip to Weston to ski. Many of these students have never ventured out of the city, let alone ski. I'm told they ooh-ed and ah-ed at the countryside. They had a great time and spent a fun-filled day. It looks like NE could have a ski team based on the skills that were shown. A trip to Branson is still a possibility, but with the recent tornado damage it may not happen.

The 7th and 8th graders took a field trip to the Coterie Theatre in Crown Center to see a production. I'm sure it was the first time many of the students had seen live actors. Reports from teachers and students were that it will be something that will be repeated. About 100 students visited UMKC during their African American Celebration. The trip included a campus visit for all.

Yearbooks are once again being produced at NE. Thanks to Faculty Advisor, Rochelle Walker, the yearbook is being produced. The Class of 2014 is being represented by the seal of our first yearbook in 1914. This alone is reason to purchase it. Once again it will be in the Alumni Room.

On behalf of the Alumni Room, the board and all alumni, we would like to wish the Class of 2012 the best of times. Just remember as Dr. Seuss said, "Oh, the places you will go." Don't forget that the Alumni Association is here for you. It is our hope that these students will become active in our Alumni Association. To the classes of 2013 and beyond, we'll see you in the fall!

We are the Vikings!

IN REMEMBRANCE

Sadly, since our last newsletter, we have learned of the following deaths:

- 1925-Charlotte Nye Haskin
- 1927-Arthur H. Bowen, Jr., Grace Charles Hales
- 1928-Zolona Stevens Moss
- 1930-Helen June Knox Loughran
- 1931-Mildred Cousins Charlton, Helen Miriam Carnahan Smith
- 1932-Charles Fansler
- 1933-Evelyn Bade Ditsch
- 1934NP-Robert V. Harman, Jr.
- 1935-Edwin Fredolf Anderson, Mary Kuhn Dunigan, Ruth Jean Hall Smith
- 1936-James L. Gillham, Josephine A. Henry Henkel, Ann Krykia Paskon, Earl E. Rogers, Laverne Jaeger Svendsen
- 1937-Paul Jack Forgey, Mary E Page Gibson, Dorothy Jean Schultz Peterson, Rosaria Theresa "Sadie" Tarantino
- 1938-Isadore "Smiley" Bressel, Marjorie Stark Davis, Kenneth A. Lisk, Barbara E. Hill Norris, John A. Ragan
- 1939-Ferne Rice Sadtler
- 1940-Virginia Frances Dickinson Forgey, Vincent Piraro, Florence T. Simone Scardino, Edna R. Stokes Tyron, Alice L. Minor Young
- 1941-Alfred James Kalen, Dorothy Powell Spradlin
- 1942-Paul Crosby, Harry C. Duncan, Mary Ann DeCleva Manzo, Shirley M. Smith Wybar
- 1943-Wilma Wilkerson Haraan, Ruth Beatty Keen, Margaret L. Jones Lawrey, Robert C. Pummel, Jack Stevens School, Doris Virginia Hamilton Simpson, Gordon Wilburn "Smitty" Smith
- 1944-Donna Poore Atchley, Virginia Paden Campbell, William F. "Bill" Carpenter, Delores Noteman, Mary Lee Duncan Wynn
- 1945-Ned R. Bradley, Dorothy Wenski Burkhead, David C. Davis, Charles J. Holloway, Harold Porter, Mary Lee Leggio Singleton, Betty Kershaw Stigers, Gene Welch, Howard L. White
- 1946-Jo Janice Brown Bell, Jean Jenkins Heinen, Pat Murphy, Hugh Galen Patchin, Ivan Ricketts, Mary Lou Cooper Truitt, Ralph D. Williams

- 1947-Barbara E. McFarlane Higdon, Ron Johnson, Clay L. Sincos, Lila Lee King Stamm, Henrietta Liebfried Stucker, Eleanor Walker Sullenger,
- 1948-Emmett Luther Arlint, Jean Harker Burns, James E. "Jim" Dumsky, Sue Williams Haner
- 1949-Robert E. Blundell, Jonas Daniel Rea, Jr., Gerald J. Staton
- 1951-Clifton Raymond Burkhead, Sr., Valerie Crossley, Donald Morrison Gates, Carolyn Vader Myers, Ernie Otis, Joan Clare Sullivan Paris, William Howard Windhausen
- 1952-Audrey Lallow Arnold, Robert D. Blum,
- 1953-John P. Farmer, Sue Slezak Huff, Nora Brammer Mozingo, Phyllis Arenson Reed
- 1954-Louise Borchers Greenfield, Nancy Ewing Wolter
- 1955-Zetta Gunnels Howell, Sherry L. Stokes
- 1956-Vincent Anthony Leggio
- 1957-Sam Brocato, Pat Gibbs Hopkins, Winfred Walter Graves
- 1958-Francis Ninfa Toia
- 1959-Robert Henry Dice
- 1960-Janice Marie Clevenger Manning, Mary Ella Nichols Whaley
- 1962-Judith "Judy" Laughlin Sander
- 1964-Anna Marie Simone Sciortino
- 1966-Christine Hockett Branstetter, Chester Wallace Gearhart
- 1968-John O'Driscoll
- 1969-Danny O'Driscoll
- 1970-Candi Collura Jobe
- 1971-Randall E. Price
- 1972-Nancy Ruth "Sam" Lopez
- 1974-Sheli Van Trump Favoriso, William L. "Bill" Tresenriter
- 1975-Brenda Kathleen Fathers
- 1978-Nancy Georgana "Anna" Giguere
- 1981-Debbie Floyd Lomonte
- 2003-Nathan L. Davis

Deceased with no years:

- David Franklin Becker
- Marlene Ryerson Greenwood
- Virgil Ham
- Mary Virginia Ham
- Willis Harville
- Gipson Alfred Shoemaker, Jr.

The Battle of The Twin Tunnels

By Jim Miller '48

The twin tunnels refer to a series of railroad tunnels in North Korea, where our own ARMY PVT THOMAS C METZ, '48 was killed in action on Feb. 1, 1951. He served with Company L, 23rd Infantry.

The first Battalion, located at Iho-ri, was ordered to join the embattled units in the "Twin Tunnels" area and hastily moved out from its reserve positions at 0830 hours. The Division commander assured the 23rd, "If necessary, the entire division will be moved up to do the job." At 0700, the enemy launched powerful attacks on all positions occupied by the French including Hill 453 where bitter hand-to-hand fighting took place and in the Muchon Valley where the enemy broke through the French Heavy Weapons Company and came within 200 yards of the road before it was repelled by a counterattack of the French Pioneer Platoon supported by two tanks. L Company was forced to give up slight ground about 1030 hours when severe pressure caused the lines to sag, but by 1200 hours, the ground was regained and the fighting continued to rage. In the French sector, the defenders were inflicting terrific casualties on the attackers in bayonet fighting. Company L was occupying defensive positions in the Twin Tunnels area when a numerically superior enemy force launched an attack against the position, forcing two platoons to withdraw in order to establish a tighter perimeter. As the two platoons were effecting this maneuver, a second enemy group launched an attack that threatened to cut off one of the platoons from the remainder of the company. Enemy attacks succeeded in penetrating the positions of the 37th Field Artillery during the afternoon, and the invaders were placing fire on the gun positions. To read more on the Twin Tunnels, go to:

http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?Title=Battle_of_the_Twin_Tunnels

Please contact the **Purple & White News** purpwht@hotmail.com or call any Board Member listed on the back page 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 what we find in the local newspapers.

Gals of '53 - For more information regarding lunch plans and getting together, please contact **Sue Renne Phillips**, liveloud7@gmail.com 816-304-5518 or **Gayle Stevenson Hilligoss**, crhilligoss@embarqmail.com, 816-987-2434.

We meet every last Saturday of April and September. April 28th the luncheon will be held at **Hawthorne Place**. Call for directions and time or for more information.

Class of '56 - Meet at **Chappell's Restaurant** in North Kansas City at 11:30 on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Anyone from '56 or a close class is welcome to join us.

Contact: **Roy Beaty** at 816-444-9294 or email roysandybeaty@aol.com

Class of '58 - Meet for lunch the third Monday of each month at 11:30.

Call **Louise Kellough Welker**, 816-468-7221 or **Jane Bryant Morgan**, 816-781-3730 for locations as it changes monthly.

Gals of '59 - are meeting every January and July, the second Saturday of the month at **Clancy's** in Blue Springs, MO at 11:30.

Contact: **Luella Copenhaver Rew**, 816-229-9230 or **Linda Hurley Anderson**, 816-224-0017.

Gals of '60 - meet on the third Thursday of every month at 12 noon for lunch. We change restaurants every month to accommodate our gals from all parts of the area. We would like to invite all gals from close classes to join us!

Contact: **Angie Panzica Difidi**, at ardi-fidi@kc.rr.com or **Helen Kuhr Shores**, 816-803-1951, dshores@aol.com or **Carol Monaco** at 816-373-8418 for the new location each month.

Class of 1957 Fifty-Five Year Reunion

Plans have been made. Please come and join us.

Friday, September 21, 7:00—10:00 pm (Casual)
Courtyard By Marriott, 1500 NE Coronado Dr., Blue Springs, MO
Get re-acquainted—small charge per person
Munchies—Cash Bar

Call **Elaine Miller** 816-373-0182 or **Bernie Hartley** 816-353-8037 if you plan to attend.

Saturday, September 22, 6:00 pm—12 :00 midnight

Courtyard By Marriott
Dinner Buffet with music/dancing
Any questions call:

Elaine Morlan Miller 816-373-0182 rmiller401@comcast.net
Bernie Hartley 816-353-8037 suber65@aol.com

Class of 1962 Fifty Year Reunion

Classmates, please join us in celebrating our 50th Reunion

Information will soon be mailed with dates, times and locations. In the meantime, if you have questions or if your address has changed since the last reunion, please contact **Christy Stumpf Chester**, 800-821-3626 or 816-223-7118, christysteaks@boylesteaks.com or **Karole Null Zinger** at Karole.Zinger@yahoo.com, 913-484-6400. A September date is planned.

We will post the information on our web site northeastclassof62@wordpress.com and on northeastvikings.org We look forward to a great time and renewing old friendships!

Class of 1967 Forty-fifth Reunion

Plans are underway at the time of this printing. There will be limited "snail-mailing" of information but it will be posted on the northeastvikings.org web site as soon as finalized, or by contacting stephen.cooley@gmail.com

There will be two gatherings: First, the Northeast dinner dance on June 22 (see the flyer on page 8) Cost \$50.

Second time will be a Saturday in early August and will be just the 1967 class. Contact: **Stephen Cooley**, 816-804-4545, Stephen.cooley@gmail.com

!!!Attention all Class Reunion Event Planners!!!

If you're having your class reunion this next year, why not consider having it at the NE Annual Viking 2012 Dinner/Dance, Courtyard Marriott in Blue Springs??? Leave the hassle to us...we reserve the hotel, plan the buffet menu, book the entertainment, buy the decorations (AND decorate), arrange your seating so that you are all in one section and recognize your class! All you have to do is get your classmates together, fill out your reservations, mail it in, show up and plan on having the best reunion to date! You can even join in the golf tournament the next morning! You'll be a hit with no effort on your part...it just doesn't get any better!

Contact:
Beverly Pennington Pace
bapace8@gmail.com

Literary Societies:

Dinner at 6 pm at V's Restaurant on April 25, 2012

Please join us. RSVP by email
karole.zinger@yahoo.com or 913-484-6400.



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 1944, 45, 46=6 each
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 1952=8
 1953=11
 1954=17
 1955=27
 1956, 58=16 each
 1957=11
 1959=23
 1960=12
 1961=10
 1962, 63=15 each
 1964=8
 1965, 67, 69=6 each
 1968=4

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The above have Viking Ship logos-men's and women's sizes available.

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**Contact Vicki or Antoinette, Logo co-chairs, for more info.
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