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The Volunteer Assistance Program and So Much More

Roberta Holt Kipper

Have you ever wondered how your \$20.00 alumni donations are spent? I mean aside from scholarships, the P&W, postage, school supplies and school support. Well a small portion goes to buying greeting cards and postage to continue connecting with alumni who are home bound, in nursing homes and/or disabled. These are often not just our older alumni but younger members with debilitating illnesses.

The star and co-chair of the Volunteer Assistance Program (VAP) is Ruth Roush '56. Ruth can tell you through her records just how many greeting cards she sends for birthdays, get well and sympathy. She goes through the KC Star daily looking for any obit which mentions NEHS. It may be a former student, a teacher or even an admin. Every call she receives from an alumni reporting on another alumni who has fallen ill, or dies, results in some communication from that committee on behalf of all of us. Visits are made to those at home or in nursing homes. The heart of the VAP is communication with other alumni in various forms.

That communication also is at work when one of us meets another alumnus while doing their job. An example of that generosity is Mike Frederico '60 past board President. His business takes him to homes throughout the community. In talking with a home owner, he discovered that the man attended NEHS. Mike took time out of his busy schedule to not only spend extra time visiting, but to make calls on a regular basis to just check in on the man and his wife. He alerted us to the need to visit this gentleman. Ruth and her team visited him several times prior to his death.

Another alumnus who is always looking for fellow Vikings is Dean Hughson '69 who lives in Phoenix and is a world traveler. Dean has a physical condition which results in his needing to use inner airport transportation. Dean - who is a very friendly guy, discovered that the young man ferrying him from gate to gate was a NE grad. They talked on their route to and from and Dean was able share news of NE. The young man was overjoyed to touch base with another Viking and to hear news of the school. It put him in touch with his far away home. Dean also visits with another '69 grad living in Hong Kong when there on business.

I hope that this gives you a small taste of what \$20.00 can do to make the lives of our alumni just a little bit brighter. As a past board president is known to say, "It's less than the price of a pizza and does so much more."

THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

The Year in Review ... Mary Cincotta '69

It's amazing how quickly time flies when you're having fun. That also holds true for how quickly it flies when you're a new president learning the ropes. First, I want to say how much respect I have for Karole Zinger, the president that I succeeded. Her dedication and determination are shown in the legacy that she left behind – work hard, never give up and do whatever it takes to get the job done. Her willingness to hold the office for seven of the 12 years she was on the board is a testament to how much she loves Northeast High School and her concern for the students that now walk the halls that we once walked.

My first year was exhilarating, frustrating, fulfilling and difficult – in equal doses. I knew going into it that it would be a difficult one because I was taking over from a president who had accomplished some impressive things during her tenure, the least of which was a highly successful two day - 100 year celebration. Because it was a once in a lifetime event, people were generous in their contributions and attendance at the celebration, the dinner dance and the golf tournament were record breaking.

That's a hard act to follow but all things considered, I think the board has done a good job this year. Things didn't always go smoothly, the biggest issue being the lateness of the Purple & White mailing, which is the major method for sharing the information about the dinner dance and golf tournament. While the lateness of the P&W was not the fault of the board, it could have had a negative impact on attendance at those major fundraisers. The good news is that the response from alumni who emailed, called and asked on Facebook where it was, shows clearly how much people enjoy reading about the board projects, new board member bio's, the alumni, the students, the school and the neighborhood. And where there is a will, there is a way – so using last year's dinner dance and golf attendance lists – I made phone calls to last year's attendees. The response was overwhelming positive and while attendance at the events did not break records, both events were well attended and our alumni came through with generous contributions that will help to fund this year's scholarships and projects.

I don't know what the future holds for me but I do know that I've enjoyed my time as president and want to thank the board and the alumni for helping me to make this a successful year.

2015 Committee Chairpersons

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Bylaws	Velma Showalter
Communications	Diana 'William' Graham
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Fundraising	Antoinette 'Guarino' Rum
Golf tournament	Ron Fornelli - Volunteer
Logo Sales	Alice Benson
Membership	Antoinette 'Guarino' Rum
Newsletter	Mary Cincotta & Patti Myers
Publicity	Vicki Rum
Scholarship	Patti Myers
VAP	Ruth Roush & Diana 'William' Graham
VIP	Roberta Holt-Kipper
Website	Sal Fanara - Volunteer

Want to Help?

We need volunteers for many of our projects. Please contact an officer or board member and get involved. Whether it's for one project or something ongoing – your help is needed and the satisfaction you'll get from helping out will make the time spent well worthwhile.

Contact information for board members is on the back page of the P&W.

Check the website for information about our projects.
<http://northeastvikings.org>

EMAIL ADDRESS

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2015 SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

As in the past, the scholarship committee met with the prospective scholarship students individually and each committee member asked the student one question. After all the committee members asked and had their questions answered, the students were then given the opportunity to ask a question of the committee. Almost all of the students asked the same question "What was it like when you were a student at Northeast?"

The process of determining who are awarded scholarships and what amount is awarded is done by an evaluation process in which the student is scored on various criteria. Once each committee member has completed their evaluation and scoring, the members compare their numbers against what the other members have scored and the students are rated from highest to lowest based on the scores. Following a discussion of each students merits – the determination of how much to award is completed.

This year the scholarship committee interviewed 15 students and all were awarded scholarships. The largest amount awarded was \$3,000 and went to a young lady who was second in the graduating class. This year was the first year that a recurring scholarship was given and the student that received it was very excited to accept and agree to the terms set forth for its renewal.

The scholarship recipients were made aware of their selection during the school awards ceremony.



NEHS Alumni Association, P.O. Box 1264, Blue Springs, Mo 64013-1264

A BIG **THANK YOU** FOR BEING PART OF THE NORTHEAST ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Your Dues help in the following ways: The Alumni Association uses the money raised to support the students, teachers and administrators of Northeast High School. Always #1 - Scholarships - In the last 5 years over \$100,000 has been awarded to worthy seniors. Additionally, cash awards are given to the undergraduate winners of the annual Essay/Poetry/Visual Arts Contest. Financial support is provided to programs as requested by the Principal or teachers; among them - Prom, Decision Day, yearbooks, transportation for sports teams to camp, school supplies, hygiene supplies, clothing, annual staff luncheon during Fall Parent/Teacher conferences, under-graduates class picnic.

NAME (include maiden) _____ GRAD YEAR _____

SPOUSE (If NE alumni - include maiden) _____ GRAD YEAR _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

ALUMNI DUES \$20.00 _____ CHARITABLE DONATION \$ _____

*****Dues may also be paid on the Alumni Association website: northeastvikings.org*****

THE ALUMNI ROOM

Roberta Holt-Kipper

Last spring the alumni room was asked to help young Kansas City student find information about a 1938 Northeast High School graduate who died over the skies of Normandy, France on D Day, 1944. His name was Edmund L. Decker and he was one of ours. We hit the yearbooks, the school's historical records and the Couriers from 1944-47 in hopes of finding information for Audrey Calovich, an incoming senior at Notre Dame De Sion. Alas, other than a yearbook, we hit a wall. We sent her to the Northeast News, to Mid-American Genealogical Library and anywhere else we could think of.

As her mom explained to us, Audrey was 1 of 2 Missourians, and 1 of 15 students nationwide to participate in a National History Day Project. The trip included the White House, research at the National Archives, research at the Normandy institute at Omaha Beach and finally writing and delivering a eulogy for this Sacrifice for Freedom. In a piece produced by PBS and shown recently, you saw Audrey and other students deliver their eulogies for 15 silent heroes from the U.S. and Guam.

We gave Audrey so little, but what a wonderful historian she turned out to be. She was gracious enough to write us an article explaining her project and shared with us what information she found and with her help, we know have a much clearer picture of our fellow Viking, Edmund L. Decker. Her article follows at this piece.

If more information is wanted on this wonderful project, please visit NHD.org and read the experience of all 15 students. Video from this project is still online.

Those of us in the alumni room along with the members of the alumni board, salute all of our Veterans and all active duty alumni and their families. Without you, we would not live in the land of the free and the brave.

President's Note: The following article illustrates that with the right spirit, even people that didn't attend Northeast can achieve Viking status. It was written by Honorary Viking, Audrey Calovich and it paints a wonderful picture of her odyssey into the life of a Northeast student, Edmund Lamont Decker.

A Student Assignment – A Northeast Hero Discovered – A Viking Added to Our Ranks

I am a senior at Notre Dame de Sion High School. Nearly a year ago I wrote an essay, "The Trip of a Lifetime" as part of the application for "Normandy: Sacrifice for Freedom Albert H. Small Student & Teacher Institute". Each year, Mr. Small, a WWII veteran, sponsors 15 student/teacher teams selected from the United States and its territories. Normandy Scholars spend a semester studying WWII and D-Day in preparation for a trip to Washington, DC and Normandy, France. Each student chooses a "Silent Hero" to research. The US serviceman must be from the student's state and buried in the Normandy American Cemetery. In December I learned that I would be one of the 2015 Normandy Scholars.

I will never forget my Normandy Institute experience. I discovered Edmund Lamont Decker, born in 1920 in Kansas City's Northeast neighborhood. His name stood out on the list of fallen heroes (all of them deserve this honor). Tracing Edmund's life has broadened my understanding of history, and made him a part of my family. A high-spirited boy, he was popular at Northeast High School. He graduated in 1938, worked as a clerk at Skelly Oil and Western Auto, and attended Park College. In August 1941, he went to Canada, risking his citizenship by joining the Royal Canadian Air Force. He trained on spitfires and was sent to the war in England. In 1943, he transferred to the United States Army Air force as Flight Officer Decker.

On D-Day, F/O Decker flew his P-47 Thunderbolt on a strafing mission over France. Rare film footage shows bullet from his plane ripping across a German supply train. A letter written to his Aunt Dell McFerrin on June 7th boasts of downing an enemy aircraft. On June 8th he was strafing a German convoy. While low over the target, he was hit by ground fire. He lost control of his plane, flew through power lines, and crashed. He hit his target and four German soldiers, but he lost his life.

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Being in Normandy, where countless died to liberate Europe, brought Decker's story to life. We viewed black and white photographs of the places we were visiting, comparing our current locations to how they looked during the German occupation and the battle. We immersed ourselves in the stories of our servicemen.

The cliffs overlooking Omaha Beach are breathtakingly beautiful, as are the graves of thousands of men who were lost in the battles. Standing by Edmund Decker's grave, listening to the waves crash, while viewing the sea of white crosses, I felt very close him—he has become a dear friend.

As we honored our Silent Heroes, it became apparent that we, this new generation, must keep history alive. The sacrifices made by these men must be recognized and honored. As, former British Prime Minister Gordon Brown said at the 65th anniversary of D-day "...in the thin light of gray dawn, more than 1,000 small craft took to a rough sea on a day that will be forever a day of bravery. On that June morning, the young of our nations stepped out on those beaches below and into history. As long as freedom lives their deeds will never die."

It has been a privilege and an honor to memorialize Northeast Alumni, Edmund L. Decker. I have received much so more than I have given.



VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Front page article gave you information about the Volunteer Assistance Committee. We need your help in identifying Alumni that are in nursing homes or are housebound and would like to be visited by members of the VAP committee. The above article gave the history of an Alumni veteran, if you are aware of any NE Alumni veterans who might be interested in catching up on news of their high school, please contact Ruth Petty 'Roush' at 816-231-0216 or Diana 'William' Graham at kcnative81@gmail.com or 704-231-7954 Also, as part of that effort, we are always looking for volunteers to visit this people. If you are interested in helping out, please let us know.

IMPORTANT DATES NORTHEAST HS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting	Oct 13, 2015
Annual Board Meeting	Oct 20, 2015

NORTHEAST NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

Kansas City Museum 75 th Anniversary	Oct 9 th , 2015
Northeast KC Historical Society Fall Homes Tour*	Oct 17, 2015
*NEHSAA will have a membership table at the Homes Tour	

NOTE: See organization's website for additional information



Team #1
Ron Farnelli, William Schmitt, Carl
Chelms, Ray Chandler



Team #5
Regina Irwin, Vickie Kilgore, Glen
Ferguson, Doug Rodgers



Team #9
Don Kiehl, Gary Nair, John
Peterson, Lloyd Bennett



Team #2
John Wilson, Kenneth Still, Kenneth
Bowman, Golfers 4 Friend of NE



Team #6
Michael Williamson, Homer Booth



Team #10
Dave Francis, Louis Calverton, Billy
Hackett, Jeff Crane



Team #3
Don Frank, Paul Steinberg, Bob
Collins, David Collins



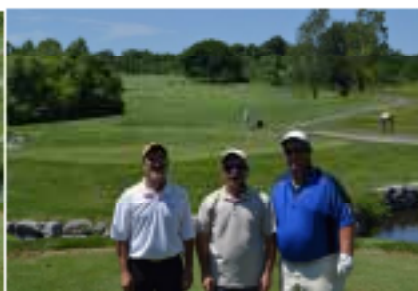
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Douglas Boyd, Kenny Rogers, Michael
Frederick, Gary Coleman



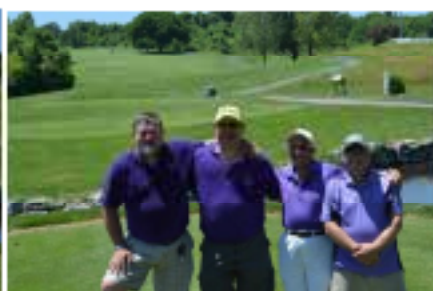
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Larry Mahoney, Harold Wilson,
Thomas Affum, Brenda Affum



Team #4
George Snel, Howard Kew, Raymond
Kew, Bill Guiter



Team #8
Billy George, Bobby George, Dave
Hemington



Team #12
William Crook, Sr., Steve Crook,
Jim Carilli, Joseph Abbott

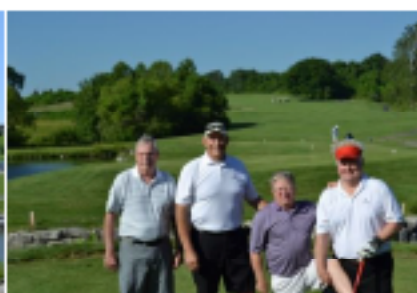
2015 Annual Golf Tournament

June 20, 2015

Adams Pointe Golf Course - Blue Springs, Missouri



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Richard Irwin, Dan Irwin,
Craig Shuman, Stan Jablonski



Team #17
Wayne Wittmeyer, Curt McDaniel,
Lee McNott, Ron Snyder



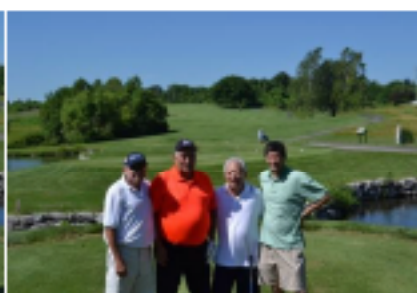
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Cameron Peak, Lee Blakely,
Don Spigner, Steve Gontham



Team #18
Linda Rivera, Pat Palombaro,
Mike Palombaro, Rick Rivera



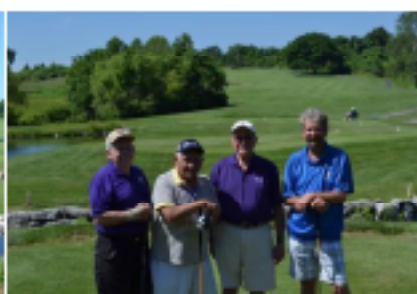
Team #15
Jim Bethke, David Kyle,
Sam Paul, Greg Koons



Team #19
James Hamilton, Jerry Smider, Irwin
Soren, Wes Hamilton



Team #16
Not Pictured - Consisted of
John Crowder, Jim Ferra, Elin
Strom, Angela Tristi



Team #20
Sol Ferra, Vic DeMayo,
Carl Eichenberger, Steve Hiney

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Thank You All For Making the
Tournament A Huge Success

A Special Thank You to the Class of
65 for having a golf tournament
within the annual alumni tournament
and for making a generous donation to
the Alumni Association in honor of
their reunion.

Appreciation goes to RON
FORNELLI who puts this event
together annually. Ron puts forth a
lot of hard work to get this event
sponsored and obtaining rates and
items for the bags handed out on the
day of the event.

Report on the 2015 Annual Alumni Association Dinner Dance – June 19, 2015

While this year's all year dinner dance was well attended with classmates from the 40's through the 60's; the night was truly special for the class of 1960 who held their 55 reunion with at the event. Angie Defidi and Helen Shores wrote the following article about their reunion celebration..

NEHS Class of 1960 55th Reunion was held at the Annual Alumni Dinner/Dance. **The Theme for this special event was "Are you ready for the speedway of life? Put the pedal to the metal and don't let life pass you by!"**

There were a total of 62 attendees which included their guests. Prior to the Dinner/Dance, the classmates enjoyed a cocktail hour in the Class of 1960 Hospitality Room to share conversation about their current life and special great memories with their lifelong friends from NEHS. In addition to Alumni who still live in the greater Kansas City area, Alumni traveled from California, Tennessee, Washington and Wichita, KS.

After a delicious Buffet Dinner, the DJ, Frank Cherrito entertained by singing some popular songs from the 1950's and 1960's. Fun was had by all and yes, several of us danced to our old time rock and roll favorite hits! There were posters with group photos from our 20th, 30th, 40th and 50th Reunions and a Special Memorial poster acknowledging 44 of our 1960 class members who have passed away. A special 30th reunion memory DVD highlighting high school activities of our Class of 1960 was set up in the ballroom foyer for all to enjoy. We are proud to have been able to donate \$800 to NEHSAA by sponsoring 8 tables for our 55th reunion.

We look forward to seeing you at our 60th reunion in 2020!



A SPECIAL THANKS TO
OUR TABLE SPONSORS
INCLUDING:

- Earl and Joan Williamson
- Alfred J. (Al) Gauert and Laura Lynne Stephens
- 8 Tables – Class of 1960
- Vickie Venable Kilgore
- Trisha Walker George

**GO TO THE WEBSITE; NORTHEASTVIKINGS.ORG
FOR ALL OF THE DINNER DANCE PICTURES**

ATTENTION REUNION EVENT PLANNERS

If you're having your class reunion next year, why not consider having it at the NE High School Alumni All Year Dinner Dance on June 10th, 2016 at the Courtyard Marriott, Blue Springs?? Leave the planning to us – we book the room, plan the buffet menu, book the entertainment, buy and set up the decorations, arrange your seating so that your class is in one section. All you have to do is get your classmates together, fill out your reservations, mail it, show up and enjoy! Check out the pictures of the class of 1960 who had their 55 year reunion at the all year dinner dance – you can see how much fun they had! Please email: purplewhite@hotmail.com or contact any board member. Contact information is on back of this flyer.

NEHSAA LOGO MERCHANDISE

We are happy to come to your reunion with logo merchandise. Contact Alice Benson at: agirard47@hotmail.com. Check out & or order Logo items from the website: northeastvikings.org



I Only Dream to be Successful - *Brandon R. Birch*

I remember it as if it was only yesterday, my first day at Northeast High School. Nearly 6 years ago I was a newly enrolled 7th grader in high school. I was very nervous and at the same time overwhelmed with excitement. And that excitement hasn't changed. Northeast has been a positive influence to me. The teachers really care for the students and we have a dynamic principal who instills in us integrity and that we are ultimately responsible for the choices we make.

During my 7th grade year at Northeast I was given an academic scholarship to Kansas City Christian School, a private school in Prairie Village, Kansas. This scholarship was given by Freedom Fire Urban Ministries. To everyone's surprise, I turned down the scholarship. Northeast was the place for me despite what anyone may say. Many times people would look at me strangely for not accepting the scholarship. But I stayed at Northeast for several reasons. I felt more connected with the teachers and students and I honestly believe that the education I would receive there would be equal or superior to other schools.

Growing up in the inner city and a black male I am often categorized as another statistic that will do nothing more than sell drugs or run the streets. But contrary to popular belief I am going to graduate college and be the absolute best that I can be! I hope to further my college education at the prestigious Howard University in Washington D.C. Majoring in Political Science and Minor in Music Education.

As a student at Northeast I have been afforded many opportunities that many students don't get. This past summer I had the chance to intern at Lathrop and Gage a law firm. While interning I had the chance to go to court, work on many cases, visit the secretary of state office, shadow a number of lawyers, attend different conferences in the areas of diversity and politics and even was able to take a mock Missouri Bar Exam. That was an awesome experience overall.

Northeast has been such a great school providing opportunities for me. I now belong to the 20/20 Leadership Program, The Missouri Black Caucus Foundation, Student Council, and am a former College Ambassador. I currently serve as Senior Class President and help out at school in any capacity needed.

I wouldn't change my decision on staying at Northeast for anything in the world. Northeast has become a part of me. But now as this is my last year, it's going to be bittersweet saying good bye but I will go on to greater things. There's no stopping me! Though the road has been tough and the going has been rough, I can say I am standing tall today because of Northeast High School.



WHAT'S UP AT NORTHEAST

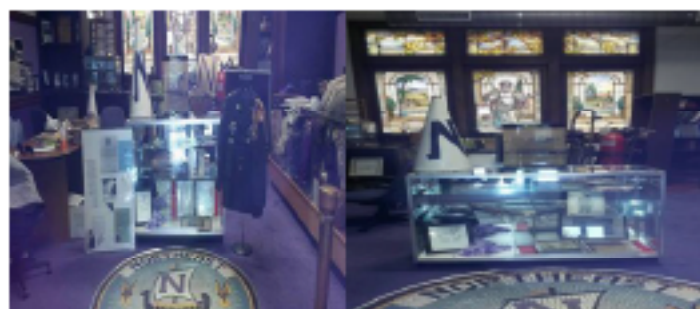
AUDITORIUM

Renovations at NEHS continue in the auditorium with the installation of new stage curtains, a fresh paint job, three hand painted murals, a Viking school flag, a Viking logo banner, bold lettered welcome sign and virtues posted on the walls. Other improvements will include: new carpet and seat installation, upgrading stage lighting, the audio system and additional decorative touches. Principal, Doug Bolden says that the transformation "is overdue" and will begin a new era for School, Family, Alumni and Community events to be held in one of the best auditoriums in KCPS!



ALUMNI ROOM

Our new display case courtesy of Earl Williamson and his church. He's not on FB, so if you see him, thank him. It was used for our Veterans Day salute.



Restorative Justice Pilot Project Beginning at NEHS

Brigitte Nicholson – Case Manager

A new program is being implemented at NEHS which will provide a unique intervention strategy in responding to minor school infractions. KCPS has invited Alta Vista Charter High School to partner simultaneously in initiating after school peer to peer review panels designed to help students engage their peers into the climate and culture of the academic setting, without being punitive in nature, while addressing in school behavior concerns. We hope the principles being taught in the training session will extend out into the community where the students reside as neighbors.

Many surrounding municipalities have youth court programs in which criminal behavior by youth are presented in a courtroom setting for disposition by youth serving in the traditional adult roles. Restorative justice panel process circles seek to be inclusive by repairing harm caused and creatively adding support for unmet needs to prevent continued problematic behavior.

In addition to this activity giving students an opportunity to gain marketable employment skills and experience, extra credit is being offered by teachers in various subjects and their volunteer time will count towards the forty hours of required community service needed to graduate from Northeast High School.

NORTHEAST GETS A NEW FOOTBALL FIELD - Mary Cincotta

Last year, I was asked to write a letter of support in the hopes that NE would be the recipient of a grant from the NFL and LISC to build a new football field on the grounds of the school. Well, if you watched the local news on September 8th, you know that the school was awarded a \$200,000 grant to put in an AstroTurf field and an additional \$25,000 from ESPN to go towards a new scoreboard.

On that day, the school was host to the media, various officials from KCPS, the NFL, LISC and to the delight of the Northeast Football team, Chiefs linebacker Derrick Johnson and Jason Avant, who took time out of their busy schedule to run some skirmishes with the kids. Both Chiefs players were gracious and genuinely happy to be part of the celebration at the school. Ms. Renee Smith, the Athletic Director had put together a small gift package for each player and SueAnn Erb, from the NClub and I had the honor of presenting the players with their gifts.

Below is the body of my letter, written on behalf of the Alumni Association. It's great that our Alumni helped to play a part in making this happen!

Dear Ms. Smith,

As President of the Northeast High School Alumni Board, I am writing to encourage the NFL and LISC to support this request from the Kansas City Public School District for grant money to upgrade the Northeast High school football field. The by-laws of the Alumni Association list as one of their objectives "To support the educational, athletic, and social programs of the school and the Northeast Community". Approval of this grant would be a great help in furthering that goal.

Because many of the students within the neighborhood come from low income families, they do not have the means necessary to explore other opportunities that are available to families with disposable income, such as the Pop Warner Football etc. Having a well maintained football field within the neighborhood on which to practice could be the first step in recognizing those students with outstanding abilities and provide them with the framework necessary to obtain scholarships that would not otherwise be available to them.

And while we know that not every student that plays high school football will receive a scholarship or become a NFL player, the experience is still a valuable one. Participation in sports teaches lifelong lessons that impact the lives of students both on and off the playing field. Teamwork, commitment and a desire to excel are necessary components of a well-rounded education and the lessons learned through team sports are a necessary component in the future success of our students.

For these reasons and many more, your approval of grant money will be appreciated and beneficial both to the students, their families and the community.



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IN REMEMBRANCE

Sadly, since our last issue of the Purple and White, we have learned of the following deaths:

1930's

1932 Jane Connick

1936 Dorothy K. "Barge" Misner

1937 Imogene L. "Hoverder"

1938 Victor H. "Vic" Peters

1938 Louise Antrim Lackey

1938 Virginia "Murdoch" Murdoch

1940's

1940 Alta Jean Hickman Walters

1941 Donald J. Zimmerman

1941 Peter Joseph Tamburello

1941 Joe Frank LaBella

1942 Antoinette "Tutorino" Migliazzo

1943 Wallace R. Hoverder

1943 Joseph Capra

1943 Everette Deibler

1944 Wallace Pemberton Hoverder

1944 Mary E. "Echridge" Tichemor

1944 George Curtis Halett

1946 Delores Antrim Schreckengast

1946 Norma Jean Kaiser

1946 Joe Frank LaBella

1947 LaVerge B. Hammond

1947 Clayton O. Basham

1947 Vernon L. Meyer

1947 Duane Seaman

1948 Roy Keith Winkler

1948 Judith A. Penyock

1948 Myra "Coleman" Norman

1949 Leonard Joseph Connick

1949 Bud McCaulley

***NOTE:** "Roual" Duane Seaman
1930-2015 – Was a Past president of
Northeast HS Alumni Association.

IN OUR MEMORIES, OUR LOVEDS LIVE ON.

Honor a loved my one by placing their name on the Recognition/Memorial wall. See page 14 for order form.

1950's

1952 Bob Waterfield

1952 Patricia Joan "Land" Borg

1952 Reba Ruth "Hamilton" Kenley

1953 Richard Lee Wilson

1953 Sue Praeger Gaston

1953 Emmett "Bill" William Shour

1953 Ronald Neiderland

1953 Robert Shields

1953 John Wansing

1954 Suzanne Cole

1954 Everett Gene George Jr

1954 Jack Leroy Coffman

1955 Helen Ida Jank

1955 Larry S. Buccero

1955 Barbara Mullnix Saunders

1955 William Crowl

1955 Jim Loria

1955 Jim McGonigle

1955 Charles Russell

1955 Robert Shields

1956 Gary Lunsford

1956 Linda A. "Stockton" Brannock

1957 Thomas James Garrison

1958 Sarah Tricarico

1958 Roger Fraiser

1959 Thomas O. Pugh

1959 Carolyn Irene Jenkins

1959 Margaretta "Zumwalt" Mirabella

1960's

1960 Joyce "Orlando" Harrison

1961 Andrew J. Van Camp II

1961 James E. Sanders

1961 Teresa Jean Nurtha Mueller

1962 Gene Cook

1964 Jack Leroy Coffman

1966 Walter Wolgamotte

1969 Cynthia Louise "Ernest" Van Bibber

1969 Robert "Bob" Stivers

1970's

1970 Patty Ryan

1978 Rosa "Hemingway" Green

Graduation Date Unknown or Attended
NE:

attended 1927 & 28 Jack Reisner

Ronald G. Smith

Sara Joanne Edmiston

Claude Raymond Davis

Antoinette "Tutorino" Migliazzo

We were made aware of the following errors
in the Spring issue:

- 1954.... Stanley Stoddard should have been Stanley Stocksdl
- 1955....Andrew "Andie" Collette. should have been Andrew "Andy" Colletti

We need your help to keep our Purple and White Readers informed: Please contact the Purple & White News: purplewhite@hotmail.com or the Recording/Database Secretary: janengle62b@gmail.com if you learn of the passing of an alumni or anyone affiliated (past or present) with Northeast High School. If possible, please provide the person's graduation year and a maiden name in the event that the last name is different. If someone other than an alumni, please include what their association with NE was. While we do read the obituary's daily, our main source of information in the event of a death is our Alumni readers.

Please Note: Because we do get information from a variety of sources, on occasion errors are made. Please let us know when misinformation is printed so that we can make a correction in our next Purple & White.

ANNUAL MEETING

October 20, 2015

The annual meeting of the Northeast High School Alumni Association will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Eastgate Christian Church located at 4010 S. River Blvd, Independence, MO. The purpose of the meeting is to elect Directors for the Alumni Board and conduct other business that may be of interest to the membership. We encourage all Lifetime and Regular (dues paid – referred to as active) members to attend this important meeting. The nominating committee will recommend candidates on the official ballot whom they have determined through an established process, as worthy of your support. Other candidates may be written in on the ballot, or candidates nominated from the floor at the annual meeting, will be added to the official ballot.

Voting procedures will be strictly adhered to at the meeting. These procedures will be posted on the website as well.

VOTING PROCEDURES

All Active/Lifetime members may vote at the general meeting. Absentee voters (voters who are unable to attend the meeting) and voters who wish to vote by proxy (voters who are authorizing another active alumni member to vote in their place) may receive a ballot from the treasurer of the Association. Two methods of request may be employed:

- Request sent by postal mail to NEHSAA, P. O. Box 1264, Blue Springs, MO 64013
 - If using postal mail, your request must be received 2 weeks prior to the meeting to provide time to confirm your eligibility, return your ballot, and then have time to receive and record your completed ballot.
- By email to aewkcfan@comcast.net.
 - If using email, requests must be received 1 week prior to the meeting and confirmation of eligibility along with a ballot will be sent by return email. In the case of an absentee voter – completed ballot must be received by return email no later than Friday, October 16th. In the case of proxy voter, they must be in attendance at the meeting and bring a copy of the ballot that they received by email.

CLASS 1955 REUNION RECAP – Nancy Elder

Presidents Note: The Class of 1955 demonstrated their Viking Spirit by donating \$2,510.00 to be used for scholarships!

As we said, “can you believe it has been 60 years”. Coincidentally, approximately sixty (60) class members and guests attended a reunion to renew friendships and catch up on old times. We met on Saturday night, June 6, 2015, at Vivilore Restaurant in Englewood. Our evening was on the patio with great weather and wonderful food. Our special thanks to Ray Worth for bringing a 1956 Ford Thunderbird convertible vehicle to share and his very generous contribution to the costs of the festivities. We had people from as far away as California, Iowa, Texas, Arizona, North Carolina, and those of us who still live in Missouri. On Sunday, June 7th, several of us met at V’s Restaurant for brunch and some more “special time” together. It was suggested (and agreed) that for the future reunions, we would meet the second weekend in June for a Saturday early evening event and perhaps brunch again on Sunday. Please watch the Spring issue of the P&W for details. Special thanks to the reunion committee –Joyce Ricketts Manning, Ruth Snyder Reed, Dick Lujin, Gene and Liz (Barton) Kuhn, Marietta Cartmell, (sorry if I forgot anyone).

MEMORIAL/RECOGNITION WALL

Since the spring issue of the Purple & White, the following names have been submitted for placement on our Memorial/Recognition Wall located in the Lyl Viers Alumni Room at Northeast High School.

Sal Fanara '54

Barbara J. Fanara '57

Edward Joseph Elliott '38

JoAnn "Barton" Maloy '53



Honor a loved
by adding their
name to the
plaque

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. Because of the generosity of our alumni, the current board is filled and a new board has been ordered and will be added soon. 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 or the name of a loved one placed on the wall. 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.

MEMORIAL/RECOGNITION WALL SUBMISSION FORM

YOUR NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ CLASS YEAR _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____ PHONE NUMBER _____ EMAIL _____

NAME TO BE PLACED ON THE WALL _____ CLASS YEAR _____
(one name per \$100 donation)

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

Send check to NEHS Alumni Assn., M/R Wall, PO Box 1264, Blue Springs, MO 64013-1264

Note _____

The alumni room is a treasure trove of Northeast High School history. It is filled with memorabilia that spans a good portion of the 101 years that NEHS has been in operation. If you have a piece of NEHS history from a grandparent, parent, sibling etc that you would like to donate, please contact Roberta Holt-Kipper at rholtkl@yahoo.com or Earl Williamson at earl.williamson@comcast.net or any board member whose information is listed on the back of this flier.

President's Note: Tshulthrims Zangmo was also the top 2015 Alumni Association Scholarship recipient and was 2nd in the graduation class. Ms. Zangmo is an excellent example of what hard work and determination can accomplish.

JROTC Cadet Receives Award From the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Pictured left to right are Linda Dimon, Deanna Wishon, Cadet Zangmo, Lt. Col. Hilliard



On April 22, 2015, Cadet Tshulthrims Zangmo, a senior at Northeast High School, was presented the prestigious JROTC Bronze Medal by the Independence Pioneers Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. Cadet Zangmo was recommended for this award by Richard L. Hilliard, Jr., Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army (Retired), Senior Army Instructor, at the school. Students receiving the bronze medal must be in the upper 25% of their classes in ROTC and in academic subjects, and must have demonstrated the qualities of dependability and good character, adherence to military discipline, leadership ability, and a fundamental and patriotic understanding of the importance of ROTC training. Due to her motivation and leadership skills, Cadet Zangmo was selected this year to be one of the company commanders. She also participated as a College Ambassador for Northeast High School and has won awards for perfect attendance and other school activities. She volunteers to help Bhutanese refugees in the Kansas City area integrate into American culture. The award was presented during the school's Annual Formal Inspection by Linda Dimon, Chapter Regent (Northeast High School alumnus), and Sandy Woodside, National Defense Committee Chair. Northeast High School alumnus and DAR member Deanna Wishon also attended the award presentation ceremony.

REUNION INFORMATION

1965 Class 50th Year Reunion

CASUAL REUNION Fri Oct 9, 2015
RECEPTION -
DINNER/DANCE Sat, Oct 10, 2015
SUNDAY BRUNCH Sun, Oct 11, 2015
See Website at www.nehsclassof65.com or
email nehsclassof65@yahoo.com for more information

1966 CLASS 50TH YEAR REUNION PLANS

Class of 1966 is gearing up for 50th reunion celebration next year. If you have moved or have a new e-mail address since our last reunion, please contact Gloria Organ Rose or Shirley Montesano Agrusa through Facebook. We want to be able to find everyone and let them know of celebration plans

RECURRING CLASS GET-TOGETHERS

CLASS OF '55 - will be meeting, annually, the second weekend in June at a location such as V's Restaurant, or Ameristar for dinner on Saturday night and perhaps brunch on Sunday. Watch the Spring Issue of the Purple & White for specific details. Contacts: Nan Brooks Elder, (nancyelder9@aol.com), Joyce Ricketts Manning (joycelamoine@yahoo.com), Gene and Liz Kuhn (mektek123@aol.com). Mark your calendar to join us.

Class of '58 - Meet for lunch the third Monday of each month at 11:30 a.m. Call Louise Kellough Welker, 816-468-7221, for information as the location 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, 816-224-001

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: Carol Monaco at 816-373-8418 for the new location each month.