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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Mary Cincotta

I'm sure that everyone reading this was at one time or another asked the following question- "What do you want to be when you grow up?" Well I kind of hate to say it, but being the president of the Northeast High School Alumni Board was never one of my answers. But that's the beauty of the world we live in - sometimes what we didn't even know we wanted, is just what we need.

During the four years I attended Northeast, I went to 1 basketball game, 1 football game and my senior prom - that was the extent of my involvement in school activities. My parents were very strict and had to work so I wasn't allowed to stay after school. But when I look back on those years, I still remember my days at Northeast fondly; and mostly because I had a few very special teachers that cared enough to help me come out of my shell and encouraged me to take chances. Their support was important because they helped give me the foundation for the person that I am today, and that includes being the president of the Northeast High School Alumni Board.

The reason I went into that little history lesson is because the majority of excuses I hear when I talk to other Alumni about becoming an active member and being involved is just that, they weren't involved then, why should they be now? Well, I'm living proof of "why now".

But how did I get here? I read a post on Facebook asking for volunteers to be judges at a debate. It was at the school and curiosity more than anything else made me decide to do it. I wanted to see what the old place looked like. But going through those doors after forty-one years was both a step back in time and a step forward into the future. I saw kids that were bright, polite and anxious to achieve. I saw teachers that stayed late because they knew their presence was necessary for the kids. I saw a building that needed some TLC but one that still held the spirit that made the Vikings great.

That was around five years ago and from that day forward, it's been my goal to be a Viking that would make those outstanding teachers proud. The amazing thing about this experience is that I know that anything I put forth for the kids and the school comes back to me ten-fold. The first time I interviewed kids for scholarships was one of the most amazing days of my life. The same was true of the 100 year celebration and most recently, attending the all year reunion in Laughlin. Seeing people from all over the United States, of all ages, coming together to celebrate a school and its impact on their lives, are events that everyone should be able to experience.

So my wish as the new president of the Northeast High School Alumni Board is that all the inactive Alumni who are reading this, wake up that sleeping Viking and become the Viking that your special teacher (and I know every one of you have at least one!) would be proud to know. Start small, pay your \$20.00 annual dues but don't stop there. Get involved, volunteer at the school or at one of our events and see firsthand what "once a Viking, always a Viking" truly means. The rewards are well worth it!

DOW AND BILLIE JEAN (DORTY) JACOBSON CELEBRATE 60TH YEARS

On June 11th of 2165, Dow and I will celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary. Those years are filled with many fond memories of our life together, including growing up in the 1950's in Northeast. Dow attended Scarritt grade school, Northeast Jr and Northeast Sr High School. I also attended both but my family moved out of the area so I didn't get to graduate from NE.

Dow worked at Agros's Grocery at St. John and Askew and that's where we met. He said he fell in love with me the minute he saw me get off the bus. And the rest, as they say, is history.

We have often talked about the teachers we had. Favorites include Mr. Bell and Miss Leedy from the Jr. building and Mr. Whisamore (we called him Whisay), Audrey Miller, Mr. Babbit, and Miss Gaylord. The teacher Dow has talked about the most through the years has been Sgt. Archie Morris, his ROTC instructor. Dow really admired him and always speaks highly of the positive influence he gained from Sgt. Morris.

Some of our favorite "hangouts" in the area were the Nuway, Allen's Drive-In, and the Northeast Book Store. We rambled around the Kanawha City Museum and Planetarium, played our version of tennis and wandered around the columns at the Concourse area. We called out to those practicing their casts at the casting pool if "they were hitting", drove Cliff Drive, and gazed at the twinkling stars overhead at Scarritt Point.

After we married, Dow went into home construction and I was happy to work with him. Just goes to show, you can be together 24 hours a day and still be happy! We've raised four wonderful daughters and when we have a big family get together we have a houseful and we love it. Last November we celebrated Dow's 80th birthday with a surprise card shower. He was overwhelmed by the results. I hope reading this story gives him the same feeling!

TRIP TO THE WILD, WILD WEST IN LAUGHLIN, NEVADA

by Vickie (Venable) Kilgore '68"

WILD, WILD WEST was the theme for the 18th annual Northeast alumni reunion held in Laughlin, NV. For several years I read about the Laughlin reunion and thought it would be fun to attend. This year, I was one of the newbies. There were 44 individuals in attendance ranging from class years '49 to '69 with 16 new kids attending.

Back 18 years ago when this reunion was started by Harold Pittman (class '53) and his wife Sharon (Windle, class '55) there were 150 individuals who attended. The first year the reunion was held at Harrah's.

The second year the event moved to Dan Laughlin's Riverside Resort and has remained there ever since. The location was beautiful, the dinner/dance was great fun but most of all the company was AWESOME. Everyone treated everyone like family plus there was so much to do. I went to the old mining town of Oatman, AZ where the burros run free. I enjoyed lunch at the Oatman Hotel where Clark Gable and Carol Lombard stayed on their honeymoon and the walls are covered in dollar bills. I played CARD RINGO with some of the alumni while others took the Jet Boat to Havasu to see the famous London Bridge. I took a day trip to Kingman, AZ, and it was fun visiting all the casinos on the Laughlin strip. Most of all, I enjoyed the opportunity to meet so many interesting people who went to Northeast High School. I plan on attending next year, February 21st - 26th and hope that your calendar is open in 2016 so that you can join me there.





NORTHEAST ALUMNI ASSOCIATION RECEIVE RECOGNITION BY THE KANSAS CITY MISSOURI SCHOOL BOARD

by Mary Cincotta

On March 25, 2015, The Northeast Alumni Association was presented with the Community Champions Award by the Kansas City Public School District. The Association, along with the N Club, was acknowledged for the many things that they do and have done in the past to support both Northeast High School and the students.

Ms. Evelyn Hill, Northeast parents and alumni liaison provided the school board with highlights of the Alumni Association's projects/involvement:

- Scholarships awarded annually - totaling between \$10,000 to \$20,000 to deserving students
- Christmas gifts to students and their siblings
- Annual Staff Luncheon during Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Financial support for various school events including Prom, Decision Day, yearbook, picnics
- Attend/Volunteers at Open House, SAC & Title I Meetings, 1:1 Presentation, Assemblies
- Participation in 2014 NABSE site visit
- Member of the Principals Advisory Board
- A 2-day 100 year celebration for both alumni and students. Centennial T-Shirts for all students

As president of the association, I accepted the certificate and was prepared to give a speech but was unable to do so because of time constraints. What follows is that speech.

"The Alumni board is both a catalyst and the steward for the generosity of the Alumni Members. And while the board members that are present at this ceremony have been integral to the success of the programs that the alumni initiate, it's important to recognize that many other individuals who were part of the board in the past were not able to be present tonight. I can only speak to the past president, officers and directors that were part of the board during the four years that I've been a member, but these individuals worked tirelessly for many years before I came on the scene. So I would like to acknowledge and share this recognition with the following:

Karole Zinger, who served a total of 12 years on the board, 7 of them as president. And also these ladies: Louise Walker, Nancy Elder, Louella Ru, Beverly Pace and Connie Edwards.

Their combined time on the board adds up to more years than I've been on this earth (and that's saying a lot!). I'm proud to have served with them and I stand taller and try harder because of the example they set."

2015 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

ALUMNI ROOM	VELMA SHOWALTER ROBERTA HOLT-KIPPER
AUDIT	VICKIE KILGORE
BYLAWS	VELMA SHOWALTER
DATA BASE	VICKI RUM
DINNER DANCE	REGINA IRWIN
FUNDRAISING	ANTOINETTE GUARINO RUM
GOLF TOURNAMENT	RON FORNILLI
LOGO SALES	ALICE BENSON
MEMBERSHIP	ANTOINETTE GUARINO RUM
NEWSLETTER	PATTI MYERS
PUBLICITY	VICKI RUM
SCHOLARSHIP	PATTI MYERS
VAP	RUTH ROUSH
VIP	ROBERTA HOLT-KIPPER
WEBSITE	SAL FARINA

LET'S CRUISE THROUGH THE YEARS ...

40's, 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's and ... 00's



Here's your opportunity to get together with your classmates from all years to celebrate traveling the Highway of Life!

What: Northeast High School Alumni Association All Year Dinner Dance and Silent Auction

When: June 19th, 2015

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Cocktail Hour

Buffet line starts at 7:30 p.m.

Cruise on home at 12:00 a.m.

Cost: \$50.00 Per Person (Includes dinner and music by DJ Frank Chertin, a favorite from previous years)

Where: Courtyard by Marriott in Blue Springs, 1500 NE Coronado Dr., Blue Springs, MO (816)228-8100

Cash Bar

Limited time discounted rooms available at hotel. Call or use link on Northeastviking.org

HOW TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE IN THE CRUISING LINE:

Name			
Graduation Year	Email Address		
Address			
If you have classmates you want to sit with, please list their names and the year they graduated			
Grad Year	Name		
Dinner/Dance - \$50	Table Sponsor - \$100	Donation \$	2015 Alumni Association Membership - \$20
Total Enclosed			\$

FILL OUT THIS PAGE AND SEND WITH YOUR CHECK TO:

NEHSAA
P.O. Box 1264
Blue Springs, 64013-1264

As a reminder, if you have services or items to donate for our silent auction, we will be most appreciative as this helps support our scholarships and other programs at Northeast High School. This year for \$100.00 you can also sponsor a table with your name or the name of your business prominently displayed. The alumni association is a 501(c)3 organization and donations are tax deductible. Contact Regina Irwin at rirwin@kc.rr.com or Mary Cincotta at mcincotta2@gmail.com for additional information about auction items, donations and/or tax receipts.

CRUISING DOWN THE GOLF COURSE



Adams Pointe Golf Club, Blue Springs, MO 64014
 adamspointegolfclub.com 816-220-3673

Date: June 20th, 2015 Time: Pre-Tournament - 7am Cost: \$110.00 per player Tee off at 8am Rain/Shine

PLEASE SIGN UP AND PAY IN ADVANCE BY JUNE 6TH

The tournament is open to all who wish to play. A lunch buffet is included in the price and is available at the completion of the course. Prepayment includes registration and **ALLOWS YOU** to purchase a discounted Viking package – Saving you time and money **THE DAY OF THE TOURNAMENT**. The Viking Discount Package provides you with 6 raffle tickets, 2 mulligans, 2 putting and 2 chipping. The value of the package is \$25 and will not be available at this price on the day of the tournament.

Your discounted price is \$15.00 with your registration. Limit one per golfer.

SPONSORSHIPS	
\$1,000 Diamond	\$50 Explorer
\$500 Platinum	\$30 Voyager
\$250 Gold	\$20 Caddy
\$100 Conqueror	\$15 Viking

Diamond, Platinum and Gold Level Sponsors of a hole receive the following: includes play in the tournament, recognition at the tournament, acknowledgment on the NEHSAA website and in newsletter (mailed to over 8000 alumni) **AND** most important, the knowledge that you are supporting the dreams of NE students!

HOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT:

Name			
Graduation Year		Email Address	
Address			
If you have classmates on your team, please list their names and the year they graduated.			
Grad Year		Name	
GOLF FEES - \$110	GOLF PRG - \$15	GOLF SPONSORSHIPS	GOLF DONOR
		\$	\$
	2015 ALUMNI ASSN. MEMBERSHIP - \$20	Total Enclosed	
		\$	

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REUNIONS

1955 60 YEAR CLASS REUNION – NANCY ELDER

The Class of 1955 will be celebrating their 60th anniversary of graduation. We will meet on Saturday, June 6, 2015, at Vulture Restaurant and Antiques, 10815 Winner Road, Independence, MO. Time is 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM. Cost is \$25.00 per person. For further information and to make a reservation, please contact Nan Brooks Elder, nancyelder9@aol.com, or telephone 816-453-4347. There will be beer, desserts, soft drinks and a cash bar. Dinner in the restaurant will be available for anyone interested (your own cost). Some may want to join in on Sunday, June 7, 2015, for brunch at V's Italian Restaurant, 10819 U. S. Highway 40, Independence, Mo. (not included in reunion price). If you have not already made your reservation, please do so for adequate planning.

1960 CLASS REUNION – ANGE DIFIDI

The theme is: Class of '60 is ready for the speedway of life. Plans are being finalized to celebrate our 55th class reunion at the annual alumni dinner/dance Friday June 19, 2016.

Place: Courtyard By Marriott 1500 n. E. Coronado Drive Blue Springs, Mo 64014 64014

Phone: 816-228-8100

Time: 4:30pm - 6:30pm - 1960 class hospitality room in suite at hotel open for socializing.

See Dinner Dance Flyer for specifics of dinner/dance. Use the reservation form in this Purple & White and where it says "meeting request" state class of 1960 55th reunion. \$50 per person cost includes buffet and DJ music by Frank Chertin.

If you require a hotel room, a direct link can be found at NortheastVikings.org, or call the hotel and ask for the NEHS Alumni rate.

You may also consider participating or sponsoring in the annual alumni golf tournament on Saturday June 20, 2015. You can find more information about the golf tournament on page 5 of this edition of *Purple & White*.

You can contact me by email for questions sdifidi@gmail.com or phone 816-942-5205.

GIRLS IN THE CLASS OF 1963

Treat yourself to lunch on the plaza. It's a celebration for turning "fabulous 70"!

Who: All the fabulous ladies in the class of '63"

When: October 3, 2015 12:00pm

Where: Seasons 52 Fresh Grill, 340 Ward Pkwy, private banquet room

If you have questions, please contact: Diane "Tusti" Collins 816-478-9970 or dmcollins@comcast.net Deanna "Valentine" Wihon 816-373-6529 or tmawalgal@gmail.com.

1965 50 YEAR REUNION GOLF TOURNAMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL "ANNUAL ALL YEAR GOLF TOURNAMENT"

Reunion Committee has organized a 50th Reunion Golf Tournament for 1965 Graduates. This '65 Tournament is in conjunction with Annual Northeast Alumni Golf Tournament to be held on Saturday, June 20, 2015 at Adams Pointe Golf Club. For '65 Graduates, sign-up, cost and play is via Annual Alumni Tournament...see separate announcement about Annual Alumni Tournament in this issue of Purple & White News. All '65 Graduates signing up for Annual Alumni Tournament will automatically be signed up for '65 Tournament. Players in '65 Tournament will be eligible for prizes both in Alumni Tournament and '65 Tournament. Please see page five for general information about the Golf Tournament – Place, Time, Cost etc.

SPECIFIC TO THE 1965 CLASS:

SCRAMBLE FORMAT

'65 Tournament Cash Prizes will be awarded based on a Single Flight with prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd with ties broken by Scorecard Playoff. Alumni Tournament will award Cash Prizes based on Three Flights (determined by Course Pro after all Scores are in) with ties broken by Scorecard Playoff.

1965 Events - In recognition of Class of 1965 50th Reunion and the NE Alumni Association cause, Sponsorship of '65 Tournament (by '65 Graduates) is encouraged. Sponsorship levels for '65 Tournament include \$200 Diamond, \$150 Platinum and \$100 Gold with 50% going to Alumni Association causes and 50% to '65 Tournament Cash Prize Pool. '65 Tournament Sponsorship is payable by check to "1965 Northeast HS Reunion", 400 Admiral Blvd, Kansas City, MO 64106.

In addition, the Northeast High School Alumni Association has set up Sponsorship Levels for Alumni Tournament. Levels include \$1000 Diamond, \$500 Platinum, \$250 Gold, \$150 Viking, \$100 Conqueror, \$50 Explorer, \$30 Voyager, and \$20 Cadette. Payable at time of Registration. Note: Sponsorship of \$250 and Up Play for Free.

PLEASE ADVISE YOUR INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING AND/OR SPONSORSHIP OF '65 TOURNAMENT BY RETURN E-MAIL TO nehaclassof66@yahoo.com OR by calling DAVE STILL at 816 863 8376 (Mobile). WE WILL ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AND, IF INTERESTED, ASSIST YOU WITH SIGN UP.

1965 CLASS 50TH YEAR REUNION

CASUAL REUNION: Friday, October 9, 2015

RECEPTION - DINNER - DANCE: Saturday, October 10, 2015

SUNDAY BRUNCH: Sunday, October 11, 2015

See Website at www.nehaclassof65.com or email nehaclassof65@yahoo.com for more information.

1975 CLASS 40TH YEAR REUNION

September 12th, 2015 at Paul and Jacks Tavern, 1808 Clay Street, North Kansas City, Mo. 7 PM to close. "Cherry Bomb" band is playing outside on the deck and there's a cover charge of \$5.

1985 CLASS 30TH YEAR REUNION

FINALIZED PLANS ARE IN FOR THE NORTHEAST CLASS OF 1985 & FRIENDS REUNION WEEKEND! Join us June 12th-June 14th for 3 days of events. One ticket/3 events!! Tickets are \$40 per person and allow you admission into ALL 3 events! Get details on the fun weekend events we have planned by going to www.Facebook.com/NortheastReunion or email webwcrkate@gmail.com.

Deadline to purchase tickets is April 30, 2015. Ticket sales available online and through committee members.

PERSONAL PLEA FROM EARL WILLIAMSON JR. CLASS OF 56

I ask my 1956 classmates to step forward and pay their dues to help the Northeast High School Alumni Association support scholarships and other programs for the class of 2015. Your \$20.00 dues are well spent to fund all of our programs. Also, put on your Calendar the upcoming dinner dance on the 19th of June and the big golf tournament on the 28th of June (our big fund raisers for the year).

ALSO I PLEAD for all alumni from all class years to come forth and pay their annual dues for 2015. Let's see which year has the best Viking Spirit!

Blessings to all,
Earl Williamson Jr. Treasurer

MEET YOUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

SHARON L. (BRISBIN) FREEMAN "68"

In February of 2010 I retired from the F.A.A. (Federal Aviation Administration), with 31 years of service. While there I held a variety of positions that included supervisory roles of both people and systems. Highlights include – helping to implement and oversee installation of a new computer system, working in New Jersey at the FAA test site, working in New York at the ARTCC, and spending time in Washington D.C. where I provided information to FAA upper management.

Prior to working for the FAA I worked for the Marine Corps at the Finance Center on Hannister Road in Kansas City. I worked in the unit that oversaw the pay records of discharged Marines. This required going over pay records from date of entry to date of discharge to ensure each service member was properly paid.

Now that I'm retired, I have more time to spend with my family. After my husband retired we decided to purchase a new home and moved to Peculiar, MO. Our daughter, Kim, lost her job in South Carolina so she and our grandson, Jake, moved to live with us. (They have since moved to Louisa, MO) I also have fulfilled a lifelong dream of learning to ride a motorcycle. I couldn't quite do a 2-wheeler (bad knees) so my husband built me a trike to learn on and then he bought me a 2012 Harley-Davidson Tri Glide. We have 3 "Fur Children", Maggie, a Bullmastiff, Lucy a pitbull mix and Macswan, a cat.

I have college credits from Avila and while with the FAA I attended numerous courses at the FAA Training Academy in Oklahoma City in addition to classes at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK. I also went to the FAA Management Training facility in Palm Coast, FL.

I am a self-starter and catch on to new things quickly and really enjoy learning new things. I'm glad to be a new member of the Alumni Association Board.

PAT MCCOLLUM ROBERTS "59"

After my graduation, I worked for the Social Security Administration, using all the office and secretarial skills I learned from my wonderful teachers at Northeast. Through the years I have worked part-time as secretary/receptionist in church offices, a community education office, and a doctor's office.

My husband, Roy (class of '57), and I married in 1960. We have 2 children, Kelly, age 53 and Kent, age 49, 3 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Since Kelly's daughter was born deaf 29 years ago, we have focused on finding opportunities for the deaf. I worked with handicapped children at Children's Mercy Preschool while Renee was in her class for the deaf. I have always loved working with children and helping people in need.

I have been on the planning committee for my class of '59 reunions since our 20th reunion. We have had reunions every 5 years and I have enjoyed searching for and finding classmates and keeping picture albums of all our reunions.

I began volunteering to help in the Alumni Room last spring after I asked Roberts Holt-Kipper – one of the co-chair's of the Alumni Room, if I could put a shadow box display about my sister, Mary McCollum Hamilton (class of '54) in the room for the 100th Anniversary Celebration in May. She had been nominated by Louella Rew and voted to be added to the list of notables. Working with Velma Sherwalker – the other co-chair and the Curator of the room has been a pleasure. They are angels. When I learned that there were 8 openings on the board now, my thought was that maybe I could contribute something more to our old school. Northeast has a wonderful history and I am blessed to be part of it.

TRISH (GEORGE) WALKER "67"

I was born and raised in Northeast as were my parents and grandparents. I attended Northeast Jr and Senior High School – class of 1967. I was a member of Alpha Literary Society, Drama Club and Pep club among others.

I was married to Buster Walker for 47 years. I have three children, 4 grandchildren and 1 great grandson.

I have worked outside the home for as long as I can remember until my retirement in 2012. I worked at Wilcox for the last 34 years. I was responsible for procuring hundreds of Millions of dollars in inventory to manufacture Aeronautical landing systems. This position allowed me to travel for the company both domestically and internationally. Meeting new people of different cultures was exhilarating and I dearly loved it. In 2010 I was appointed to a new product line and was Manager of production, inventory, receiving and shipping of this highly developed international electronic substitution. I was also in charge of the company's entire cruise inventory of 15 Million dollars and given the directive (and succeeded) in lowering the inventory to 6 Million dollars.

My love of art became apparent in my 50's. I paint in oil, acrylic and pastel participating in many local art shows. I also draw graphite portraits and taught a drawing class for 6 years through the Maple Woods Adult Program.

I was blown away by the people of the Alumni that I met and began to ask questions about what exactly the Alumni did. I learned about the scholarship program and after meeting the students I knew this was something I really wanted to get involved in. I have had an unbelievably blessed life and even though the first chapter of my life is over, it's time now for my next chapter to begin and being part of the Alumni is going to be fulfilling part of it.

JANICE RENNISON ENGLE "62"

After graduation in 1962, I continued working at Burstein-Appleson, the company which hired me for the C.O.E. program I participated in during my Senior Year.

In 1963, I was hired in an entry level position at Business Men's Assurance and worked my way upward into a position in their premium accounting department.

In 1965 I married my husband Walt. While still with BMA, I had my daughter Stephanie, and then left the company five years later, just prior to the birth of my son, Christopher.

I moved to Texas in 1977 and that was a life changing experience for me. I had grown up in the Northeast area and had never been away from home until I got married. I decided to take a part time job with Sears and that eventually became full time. After 7 years with the company, I chose to try something different and I went to work as a secretary for a buyer at Randolphs, a local grocery chain.

Always looking for better job opportunities, I left Randolphs after 4 years of employment and was hired at Compaq Computer Corporation in 1988. There, I found my niche!

Compaq offered so many opportunities to anyone who was willing to learn. I stayed with that company for 18 years, starting in a secretarial position and working my way up to a Systems Analyst in their Information Technology Department.

In 2010 I made the decision to move back to Kansas City. I was entirely on my own now and although I loved Texas and had obtained many lasting friendships there, I always had a place in my heart for my home town.

Now retired, I spend my time at various jobs, including Care Giver, Scheduler for a local cleaning company and during football season, Chiefs Ticket Taker.

I want to spend my retirement staying active and busy. This is just one of the reasons I have decided to apply to become a Board Member for the NEHS Alumni Association. In addition, a position on the Board would allow me to be able to give back to the Northeast School and community.

BOARD MEMBERS CONTINUED: DIANA GRAHAM "65"

Growing up in Northeast gave me a strong sense of community as well as a sense of service. We enjoyed our school activities but were instilled with the idea that we were blessed and as such, should help others by giving back. I took that idea of "Paying It Forward" with me as I moved forward in my life. I have always been an active participant in whatever community I lived in. I volunteered in my children's schools, in community projects and with my churches.

I lived a good part of my life in the Northeast area but did spend 29 years in North Carolina. However, I continued to have strong ties to the Northeast area because much of my immediate family has lived in Northeast since before World War II. Until recently most of my aunts, uncles and cousins also lived here. When I moved back from North Carolina, I was coming home.

I had three children, so I was a member of many PTAs/PTOs as well as benevolent groups. All of these organizations provided much needed support whether as school supplies, basic needs and/or Christmas items for students year after year. I am currently a member of a church that now does the same thing through one of our ministries. Each fall, we give out school supplies and uniforms to dozens of area children, weekly we provide basic necessities to anyone who needs them and at Christmas, we provide every child with at least one gift from their "Wish List". Although, I have been a member of organizations that gave scholarships, I was never fortunate enough to be a direct part of that process so look forward to that.

I also am a member of our church's Deacons and love visiting our shut-ins both at home and in facilities. What a blessing that service is. I look forward to doing the same for our Alumni shut-ins.

EYES PROJECT 2014

by Roberta Holt-Kipper

We look back on Christmas of 2014 with heartfelt thanks and appreciation for our alumni. This year thanks to your generosity, once again were able to make the holidays a little brighter for some of our younger brethren. We sent out the plea and you answered. We once again bought lots of needs with a few wants thrown in. Cars were packed with balls, jeans, blouses, pj's, underwear, socks, shoes, boots and coats. We then went back and got ear buds, desk lights, rugs, games, cards, movie tickets, Gift cards, ties, (purple, what else), dress shirts, belts and other things too numerous to list. We adopted around 25 students, with staff and alumni adopting even more.

Some gifts were wrapped thanks to the lovely families doing private adoptions. Other things were spread out on the floor, couch, chairs, tables and fireplace as we sorted, bagged and tagged gifts chosen individually for each and every student. Our teacher liaison, Ms. Hill was wonderful and came and picked up the packages for our annual Christmas party. Without Ms. Hill our project would never get off the ground, as she interviews each and every student to decipher their actual needs.

Our annual party included sandwiches, chips, drinks and of course plenty of Christmas goodies to take home. Retired alumni, current alumni and even a new board member was recruited to put a face on the Alumni Association. As you can tell, this tradition has put a feel good send off to start the holidays with. So, once again, I can't say it enough, thank you from all of us and to all of you, Thank You. You are the best Alumni in the world.

NORTHEAST HISTORICAL SOCIETY COFFEE TABLE BOOK

How well do you know the northeast area? Have you ever wondered where the Leach mansion was? How about where the Sheffield Masonic Temple or the Hunsaventure Hotel were? Do you know who Mattie Rhodes was and how her legacy is remembered today? Who was Dr. Lykins? What do you know about the "brownstone on the bluff" behind the Kansas City museum? Answers to these questions are now available in one complete edition. After nearly two years in the making, the Northeast Kansas City historical society announces the publication of its book featuring properties in the Northeast area. Copies of the book can be ordered by sending a check payable to:

NEKCHS
PO BOX 270193
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI 64127-0193

The cost is \$40 per copy, \$35 for members of nekchs \$8 for shipping. Pick-up in the northeast area can be arranged. This hardbound coffee table-style book contains many vintage and current photographs, as well as histories of those properties throughout our six neighborhoods (and a little beyond). Don't miss out on having a copy of the book for yourself or anyone else who has a love and appreciation for Kansas City's Northeast area.

A LESSON LEARNED WELL

Dean Hugison "69"

Nearly 50 years later one class stands out in my mind as being one of the most helpful. At the time it was a class you took because you had to have an additional credit. I am talking about typing class. Ma McMillin was an older teacher and was plain spoken and dressed like a spinster of the era; she lived with her parents still and never married. However, her style of teaching was excellent and quickly we went from being complete novices to understanding the keyboard and why we should practice. She always had 'races' going which led to many of us learning to be fast typists and accurate. When a few of us got up to 110 word per minute it was an accomplishment. I have to be honest; I actually liked going to the class. Now other than being essential later in life, I had no idea how my typing skills would benefit me but it began paying off from an early time. I got a job as a clerk-typist which led to me being offered a training job as a counselor and leading to a professional job. It also allowed me to type my college papers in the pre-computer days which were essential. Later when computers came out I was able to type emails, and I am one of the first 2000 people in the world who got an email address back in the early days when it was a long group of numbers instead of words as it is now.

I owe Ma McMillin a lot of thanks. She helped change my life. Students today at NE would be well served to be sure they take advantage of learning such essential skills because you never know what they will lead to. My typing skills led to me getting jobs that have taken me everywhere in the world many times. Incidentally I was offered a job with the CIA as a typist because they needed male typists, but I turned it down. That one semester course changed my life in many ways and even today as I type these article lessons of 50 years ago come through my fingers. Thanks Ma McMillin!!!!!!

A STORY OF SUCCESS AFTER NEHS

JROTC AND THE PART NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL AND THE PLAYED IN MY LIFE

by Barry Ball "2010"

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HOW JROTC HELPED ME

JROTC taught me to be comfortable being uncomfortable which is widely considered one of the keys to success. It taught me not to be afraid of going in a different direction from the crowd. Leaders do not necessarily search for doing things differently. They simply do what is right and possess the intestinal fortitude to do so at all times. I learned that leadership would be necessary wherever I go in life and the best way to lead is to lead by example.

THOUGHTS ON NORTHEAST

Northeast is a hidden gem. Many who come across it—and others who even attend school there—do not know the value of the school. I believe that a people who do not know where they come are incapable of knowing where they are going. For example, I never would have found myself worthy of attending an institution as prestigious as West Point. This was only because I did not know that another Northeast Alumnus had met this challenge and paved the way.

Second, I believe the Northeast community must be united. We all commonly hear the phrase "United we stand, divided we fall." The success of our children and their children depends on the support of their families and the community. I know I would not have made it this far had it not been for the sense of family that I got from Northeast. I can only imagine the great change that would come about if we could recreate that feeling for all of the students of northeast—and more importantly, among themselves as students.

Lastly, I find myself wishing I could emphasize the importance of academic excellence to those who walk the halls of Northeast today. I remember my math instructor, Mr. Rana, imparting the word "excel" to me before I graduated from Northeast. I left NEHS chasing money and a better way of living and I thought college was a way to get there. But I wasted nearly all my undergrad college career before realizing what I was truly meant to do: learn and excel academically. Graduating high school and continuing my education were basic expectations. I deserved no praise for doing such. I should have come striving for greatness. I had plenty of great people throughout history to follow. Eventually, I also learned that the people who worked the hardest to get an education tended to be the most influential people in society. They were also the least likely to be fooled into believing splurging on material things was the way to success. Ultimately, I believe education is the answer to people not knowing who they are, where they come from, and where they are going. Dear Northeast, I would like to leave you with one parting word... "EXCELSIOR"

ALUMNI DONATIONS

ALUMNI ROOM

by Roberta Holt-Kipper

Things have been a little quiet this winter as the cold kept us at home. Once again the construction crew has been in to work on the lighting. Summer is coming so get those reunion trips planned and on the schedule. As always we appreciate yearbooks and memorabilia.

On another note we have been asked to help with a project done by a young lady in another state. She is one of 39 students nationwide working on a memorial website for the D Day celebration in France. The project is called "Ultimate Sacrifice for Freedom." Her hero is a Northeast grad by the name of Edmund Decker, a graduate in '37-'38. He died in Normandy on D Day. If anyone knows or is related to Mr. Decker, please give me a call and I will put you in contact with this young woman. My number is listed in the Purple and White.

DONATIONS

Received February 2014 to March 2015

- 1926 - Yearbook by Mrs. Roberts
- 1928 - Northeast graduation album belonging to Elizabeth Spellman, donated by Gary Dasher
- 1929-1931 - High school memory book of Velma Kael (Deceased) and other memorabilia
- 1931, 1932 - Yearbooks belong to Hester and Virgil Hester, donated by their son James R.
- 1936 - Autograph books belonging to Velada Bell - Dale Jones
- 1936 - Autobiography of Albert Graaselli, A Few Good Men, by twin sister Fredrika Forrester
- 1937 - Memorabilia of Harold G Schlichting, donated by his granddaughter Pat Jackson
- 1938, 1939 - Graduation memorabilia for both the high school and the new plan
- 1939 - Class ring
- 1939 - ROTC flag and 56-57 basketball poster with hand written plays on the back
- 1940's - Northeast HS football pin NHS Viking Fever pin, ROTC pin
- 1941 - Merit Walker cartoon collection donated by Maxine Maxwell, cartoons collected by Donald Jackson Class of 41, classmate and friend of Merit Walker
- 1941 - Personal HS yearbooks from Mrs. Martha Cain Tranby (Deceased)
- 1942, 1943 - Yearbooks
- 1944 - Yearbook - Friends of the Surprise, Arizona libraries
- 1960's - Music pin
- 1962 - Track suit donated by Patrick O'Connell, class of 52
- 1965 - Yearbook donated by Earl Williamson
- 1968, 1959, 1960 - Complete set of Courier newspapers donated by Margaret Dethlefsen Pray
- 1960's - Music letter
- 1963-1965 - Yearbooks and class ring, Mrs. Pamela Kay
- 1969 - Man's class ring.
- 1971 - Class key
- 1994 - High School collection of Olivia Raya (Deceased) yearbooks, letters, pins, memorabilia, cheer captain pin and bars



NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL HONOR'S ASSEMBLY

by Irish Walker

It was the Northeast High School Alumni Association member's privilege to attend the Viking Nation Honors program March 27th in the school auditorium.

The guest speakers were the honorable Mayor Sly James, R. Stephen Green, Ed.D, the Superintendent of KCPS, (who was appointed Missouri Superintendent of the Year the previous day!), Jon Henderson, NE KC Chamber of Commerce & UMB Bank, Susann Erb, vice-president of the NE Viking N Club and our own Mary Cincotta, president of the NEHS Alumni Association. The assembly started with a beautiful solo sung by an exemplary Northeast student, Brandon Birch.

All the speakers and the Alumni were there to pay recognition to the amazing accomplishments of our NEHS students. Mary was the first to speak of how proud we all are of the students and how important it is to stay involved with the school after graduation and become an active alumna.

Mayor James and Mr. Green gave uplifting speeches pointing out the fortitude that these students have shown rising above all the obstacles in their lives to achieve these honors.



When Principal Bolden asked all the Honor Roll students to rise we were so impressed to see so many young men and women stand up. The same with students recognized for the 90/90 daily attendance.

Principal Bolden also introduced the first All-Academic Sports team consisting of students who are enrolled in sports and maintain their honor roll standing. In addition two young men were introduced that had achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

It was a very proud day to be a Viking!

NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

Principals Advisory Council (PAC) meets monthly at Northeast High School. Principal, Douglas Bolden's vision is to engage the Alumni Association, the N Club, community organizations, parents and students in conversations that help enhance academic achievement. PAC attendees have included, Antoinette Guardia, Roberts Holt-Kipper, Susann Erb, Mike Bushnell, Editor NE News, Ann Rundquist, Pastor, Children's Memorial Lutheran Church, Bryan Stalder, president Indian Mound Neighborhood Association, Jon Henderson, NE KC Chamber of Commerce & UMB Bank, Sara Selkirk, Executive Director of Community and Student Affairs KCUMB, and Barbara Zimmwilt, Parent of NEHS student. PAC members hear testimonials from students about their experiences at NE including their educational goals. The mission of NEHS Principals Advisory Council is to promote the values that represent good moral character and to provide students with mentorships/internships in the community where they will learn skills to be an integral part of society.

NORTHEAST ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE TO TAKE PLACE AT NORTHEAST ARTS KC ANNUAL CHALK WALK

On April 25th and April 26th, 2016, the Northeast Arts KC Annual Chalk Walk will be held at the Concourse and the NEHSAA is proud to be part of this year's festivities! The NEHSAA is hosting a membership drive and is challenging our alumni to take part. Call, text, Facebook, email your classmates and get a team to come display their art talents, (you don't have to participate to attend) see what's going on in their old neighborhood, visit with friends, view fun art and MOST important - pay their membership dues and support the projects of the NEHSAA. The alumni association will have a table at the event and you can pay (with cash or check) your \$25.00 annual dues. The Team Leader that brings in the most paid memberships gets a prize AND the knowledge that their efforts and the efforts of their team, will help to provide scholarships and fund other projects of the NEHSAA. Team prizes will be given each day (as long as supplies last) and attendees can attend either day.

So come have fun, support your high school and prove that the Viking spirit remains strong.

WHERE: The Fountain at Concourse Park - St. John Ave. & Benton Blvd.
WHEN: Saturday, April 25 & Sunday April 26, 2015 **TIME:** 9am-5pm each day

For additional information about the event, visit the NORTHEAST ARTS KC website at www.northeastartskc.org If you have questions about Alumni participation, contact: mcclacoth2@gmail.com.

IN REMEMBRANCE

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

<p>1931 or 32 Ray Keith Winkler</p>	<p>Virgil Alexander "Scary" Ray Anna Stuck</p>	<p>1933 Ernest E. Alvey Julia K. (Hendrickson) Benjamin Andrew "Annie" Collette E. Duane Dehart Mary L. (Allinder) Douglas Jim Holman James A. Holman Tom J. Sperting Judith (Lansford) Stanton</p>	<p>1961 Jerry Bowen Carol (Jones) Fountain</p>
<p>1933 Hildegard (Hahn) Collins Sara (Hammer) Lerner Elwyn Franklin Lewis</p>	<p>1946 Wanda (Bova) Andrews Harold E. Antrim Elizabeth (Shadellacker) Kreman Norm M. (Azzano) Nicholson Hamilton Yosal Smith</p>	<p>1957 Ernestine (Ayres) Irwin Martha A. (Parker) Mueber</p>	<p>1967 Vivian "Joanette" (Larkin) Moss Buster Walker</p>
<p>1955 Ken Akela</p>	<p>1967 Harold Edmunds Eddie Oyar</p>	<p>1956 Larry Dean Black Fryllis Cahn Cora Jeanette O'Keefe</p>	<p>1968 Linda K. (Purples) Jeongling Phil Lindsay Jo Beth (Chalder) Mizell Michael Turner</p>
<p>1963 Delbert Collins</p>	<p>1968 Clara Marie (Sims) Wernack</p>	<p>1957 Jerry Garfield Betty (Shaw) Lantz Karen J. (Tolson) Mall Delmer Strickland</p>	<p>1968 Gary Gene Larabee Connie Lee (Rend) Paul Elna Vargas</p>
<p>1969 Jack H. Burkhead Douglas Ferguson John Frank Hayner Aldine (Turney) Rendleman Dorothy Reynolds</p>	<p>1969 Peter Joseph Timbaurin Charles William Harner Laura (Caley) Mann Beverly Jewel (Benson) Miller</p>	<p>1958 Nancy (Kierus) Jacob Samuel Levita</p>	<p>1969 Jana (Walker) Friesland Jane Elaine (Anderson) McGowan</p>
<p>1969 Eugene L. Garsela Gordon Elmer Martin Don C. Jerking</p>	<p>1951 Anna Louise (McFarland) Shoemaker</p>	<p>1958 June (Strikas) Kiser Vivian Lee (Wallace) Mann Gary Manning Joe Thacker Walt Zuber Tom Allan Joe Carlo Janice (Cleweger) Manning Lynn Morales</p>	<p>1969 Robert "Bob" Stevens</p>
<p>1961 Pat Malone Nedra Nagel Emily Jane (Dinsmore) Stevens</p>	<p>1952 Mabel (Carrick) Goodpastor Herbert M. Gower</p>	<p>1969 William W. Baggitt</p>	<p>2014 Aaran H. Williams</p>
<p>1963 William W. Baggitt</p>	<p>1953 Jo Ann (Barton) Maloy</p>	<p>1965 Gerald Albert Gromer</p>	<p>Unknown Margaret Hyde Oliver L. Solder William R. Williamson Muriel "Ma" Carrick (Wife of James Carrick)</p>
<p>1965 Gerald Albert Gromer</p>	<p>1954 Mackin "Bud" Parr Stanley Strickland</p>		<p>*names between () indicate maiden last names.*</p>

A VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF NORTHEAST

When I look at the Northeast neighborhood, I see a community that is going back to its roots. It started as a melting pot and while various nationalities have moved in and out over the years, it is once again a neighborhood that at its core - is filled with people from other countries, each with their own distinct customs, lifestyles and clothing - but united in their desire to share the sometimes overlooked jewel they call home.

The Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and the Community Improvement District, known as the CID, work hand in hand to acknowledge and build on the various cultures that reside in Northeast and to share that individuality with the people outside of the Northeast neighborhood.

If you ask Bobbi Baker-Hughes, the president of the Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce what the initial focus of the CID is, her standard response is to "Crime, Grime and Chime". That translates to fight crime, clean up grime and make the numerous cash registers in the area chime with sales. Revenue brings people and people bring prosperity. A simple equation but a necessary one. But Bobbi is fully aware that cleaning up the sidewalks and bringing in shoppers won't solve the problem of perception; her quote "that means moving minds, not moving dirt".

And that's what the Chamber and the CID project are working to do - change minds. From hiring the "Average Angels", individuals that greet pedestrians, answer questions, clean up litter and watch for illegal activity, to building an "International Market Place", to flying 196 International flags along the Avenue - their focus is to show people that Northeast is not just a neighborhood but a community that has strong ties to the past, the present and the future.

Watch the Chamber website- <http://nckcchamber.com/> and check out the CID page on Facebook. They'll keep you abreast of what's going on in the neighborhood. I live in NE, so get to see firsthand all of the great things that are happening. But for the people reading this, many of you grew up here but haven't been back in years. This is a good time to change that.

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

ALUMNI

Board Meeting	April 9
Board Meeting	July 8
Board Meeting	October 13
Annual Board Meeting	October 20

NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL*

Scholarship Awards Assembly	May 6th	Northeast High School 12:30pm - 2:10pm. Other awards will also be presented.
Graduation Ceremony	May 15th	Shelfield Family Life Center 7:30pm 5701 Winwar Rd, Kansas City, MO

NORTHEAST NEIGHBORHOOD*

Northeast Arts KC	April 25 & 26	Northeast Arts KC Annual "ChalkWalk of the Centuries" Check Northeast Arts KC website for additional specifics.
Northeast Chamber of Commerce	April 28	Starrs Bowl Chinese Restaurant 12 to 1 p.m. 5017 Independence Ave, Kansas City, MO 12:00- Guest speaker Paul Hahnert with Touch of Distinction Color and Design.
Kansas City Museum	May 7	Regular museum hours will resume May 7 with new temporary exhibit "Driving the Museum: Visions of Past, Present and Future"

*Dates and times subject to change without notice. Contact organization for additional information

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