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JAMES G. CARIDDI – A NEHS LEGEND

Grace Ann Ancona & Family

Mr. Cariddi, Jim, James, Jimmy – he was an inspiration to everyone that knew and loved him. He had the most beautiful smile and always greeted you with a hug, a kiss on the cheek or a hearty handshake.

Jim was born during the depression and one of the many things his Father instilled in him was the value of having a good education. Because his Father was the only one in the neighborhood who could read and write both English and Italian, the immigrants would come to their house for help with their naturalization papers. He would have "little Jim" sit next to him to listen and learn and stressed how important it was to study.

Jim always played basketball with his buddies and afterwards, they would go out for a coke but being poor, Jim didn't have the money for a "pop" so he would take his books and go home. Dr. Bisceglia, an Italian minister at the Community Center where the boys played, had watched them play all through high school. One day he called Jim over and said, "Jim, I have been watching you and I know you're a good student. You are always studying. But I have never seen you take a break and go have a coke with your friends. I want to give you a chance, so I am giving you a scholarship to Park College". So, Jim Cariddi got the opportunity to get a college degree.

The way Jim and Mae Cariddi ended up on Van Brunt Boulevard was because they lived for a short time in Chicago where his beloved Mae was born and raised. Coach Markey from Northeast High School happened to be in town for a conference and they invited him over for dinner. Coach Markey told Jim there was an opening for a Mathematics teacher at Northeast High School. The only way Mae would come to Kansas City was if there was a new house on Van Brunt Boulevard. Coach Markey told Jim there just happened to be a house for sale across the street from him. Jim called and put a down payment on the house, sight unseen, and he accepted a job at Northeast High School.

In 1951, Mr. Cariddi made historic northeast his home, his love and his life dream. James became a Math teacher at Northeast Senior, Principal at Northeast Junior and then Vice Principal at Northeast Senior, from where he retired in 1986. During those years, Jim and Mae had four daughters - Grace Ann, Ginna, Joette and Anna Marie. The girls grew up in Northeast and attended Northeast High School.

Mr. Cariddi always wanted to give back what he had received and as previously mentioned, he was an inspiration to many. Over the years, no matter where Jim and Mae went with the family, somebody knew him. They would always say, "Mr. Cariddi! Because of you I am an engineer." Or, you might hear someone say, "Mr. Cariddi, you taught me at Northeast." And no matter how many times he heard it, every time it brought a smile to his face.

While Jim "retired", he never stopped working. After retirement from NEHS, he was the Alumni Director at Park University for three years. But he didn't stop there, after leaving Park; he went to Longview Community College where he was a Professor of Mathematics for twenty years, leaving there at 80 years old. Most recently, he worked at HyVee's Grocery.

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But work was only a small part of his life. His passion was giving back to the community that he loved. He was one of the founders of the NEHS Alumni Association and remained active in both it and the NCHS throughout his life. He was frequently at NEHS and participated in many neighborhood events. He was the Co-founder of "The 5 Gumbas", a singing group who sang Italian love songs. The group sang at various events including weddings and St Joseph table celebrations. One year he sang at 90 weddings! And you can't talk about Jim without mentioning his love of golf. He played in the 2016 NEHSAA annual golf tournament as he had in many past years and golfed regularly as the weather and his schedule allowed.

James Cariddi left an impact on all who met him and he was deeply loved by all that know him. The void left by his passing will be felt deeply by all Northeast Alumni, the NEHS faculty, administration, students and the community.

President's Note: Because of Mr. Cariddi's love and commitment to Northeast High School was as strong on the day he passed as it was on his first day at the school, I thought it would be appreciated to have Principal Bolden and Ms. Evelyn Hill, our school liaison, share some of their thoughts on his continuing impact on the school he so loved.

THOUGHTS AND MEMORIES OF JIM CARIDDI

Douglas Bolden Principal of Northeast High School

It has been indeed my absolute pleasure to have known Mr. Cariddi, as my mentor and friend. Though we were not the kind of friends that you would have as a life-long friend, he was the kind of friend that I knew I could depend on for anything, at any time, but more than that - I appreciated and respected his journey in life.

His warm and engaging smile, his quick wit and sense of humor, as well as that boyish twinkle in his eyes told you a lot about him as a man. All this and more gave you just a glimpse of the depth of his love for his beloved northeast community, the love and pride he showed in Northeast High School, and of course his undying love for GOD and his beloved family, all came through like a bright beam of light on a dark night.

To say he will be missed by me and many, many others is an understatement, to say the least. You never forget a man like Jim Cariddi. And though he has left us, I will always look back with a big, broad smile about the amazing legacy that he left behind and that you see now in his beloved family and friends, his one-time profession as a principal, his faith and his overall body of work, as just a good, honest and GOD-fearing man of GOD.

In closing, it is my hope that everybody who knew and loved Jim, think of him as man who loved his family, a man who loved to sing, a man who cared enough to make a difference, a man who was committed to his community and a man who accepted as his personal LORD and SAVIOR, CHRIST JESUS.

Take care, Jim and thank you for your amazing legacy.

Evelyn Hill Northeast High School Liaison

On any given day, I'd see Mr. Cariddi entering the school building with a smile on his face and joy in his heart. Prior to her passing, he was always with his beautiful wife, Mae. You could tell that he really loved NEHS and looked like he was visiting a familiar home; often describing what the school was like "back in the day". He never missed an opportunity to tell you how proud he was of his family and would often start *singing a song*. Some of his handwritten administrative documents have been on display in the main hall way of NEHS since March 2015.

His Viking/Italian spirit is forever with NEHS.

President's Note: While he was always a Notable in the hearts and minds of NEHS Alumni, Mr. Cariddi's induction was voted on and accepted and I was able to share the news with him at the hospital. A bright spot in a dark day was the smile that came to his face when he heard the news.

ANNUAL MEETING**OCTOBER 18, 2016 7:00pm**

The annual meeting of the Northeast High School Alumni Association will be held October 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Finnegan's, located inside the NKC Bowl building at 503 E 18th Ave, North Kansas City, MO 64116. 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 14th. 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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD:

- September 17 To October 15, 2016
Passing Me By: Snapshots of Northeast, 1996 to 2016
Through film and digital mediums, Bryan Atkinson seeks to present a vibrant portrait of Kansas City's Historic Northeast community. Since the 1990s, Bryan has been photographing life and spaces in Kansas City's Northeast neighborhoods through an ongoing personal project. The exhibit features a series of photographic works that contract the beauty, history, and grit of the Northeast. These images are a photographic introduction to a unique part of Kansas City through the camera lens of someone who grew up wandering its streets.
- **October 15, 2016** - The Northeast Kansas City Historical Society is proud to announce its fifth annual Fall Homes Tour to be held from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The first floors of five classic houses will be featured on this year's tour. The destinations were built in the early 1900s and one is a classic example of adaptive reuse of an old fire station into residential living. Please allow yourself plenty of time to enjoy the viewing of each home. All houses have some stairs to gain access into them.

E-mail questions to board@nekchs.com. Check out our website at www.nekchs.com to place your advance purchase and to see pictures from previous NEKCHS Tours. **ALUMNI PRESIDENTS NOTE:** *The Northeast HS Alumni Association will have a membership and logo table at the event and anyone who stops by to pay their dues will receive a token of our appreciation for their support.*

"MY BROTHER'S KEEPER"

Roberta Holt-Kipper

Northeast High was chosen as one of the pilot schools for President Obama's, "My Brother's Keeper" Initiative (MBK). It is one of two schools in Kansas City to be part of this program. Thirty (30) schools nationwide are participating - including schools in Detroit (MI), Oakland (CA) and the Pine Ridge Reservation (SD). MBK will start with this year's freshman class. At this time there are 240 students who should be graduating in the 2020 class. It's the belief of the instigators of this program, that its implementation will positively impact that number.

Each student in the freshman class will be paired with a Mentor to work with them on attendance goals. Attendance is the number 1 issue which challenges students in urban school districts. At Northeast our attendance problem occurs throughout the school day. The goal is for the Mentors is to work one on one with a student to help improve their attendance, which results in better grades and higher graduation rates.

There are two types of Mentors for MBK - Viking Mentors (Kansas City Public School (KCPS) staff and Success Mentors - community volunteers. To ensure the safety of our students all Mentors must undergo a background screening through the *Missouri Family Care Safety Registry*. KCPS staffs are screened as a condition of hiring. Approved community volunteers will have a number of ways to Mentor their students and that information will be provided at the volunteer orientation. One of the most important ways to help a student improve attendance is through regular communication with him/her. Success Mentors will include members of NEHS Alumni Association, NEHS Alumni, Foster Grandparents, Boys and Girl Clubs, Resurrection Church, City Council Members and Mayor Sly James. The school is looking for individuals or companies to provide monthly incentives for MBK students. Incentive can be gift cards, movie passes, candy, cookies, backpacks, T-Shirts, flash drives, ear buds etc. If you'd like to volunteer or donate incentives, please call Ms. Evelyn Hill at 418-335.

MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

**NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ELVES PROJECT**

Trish Walker

It's that time of the year again – time to start planning for the Northeast High School Alumni Association Elves project. As many of you know, this is a yearly Christmas activity. Students that could use a little extra Christmas happiness are identified by teachers and interviewed by Ms. Hill. Ms. Hill helps these students identify some items they need and some that they want. This list is then given to the NE Alumni Elf Committee. Donations and or sponsors are requested of the Alumni, their friends and families to help make these wishes come true! An Alumnus who wishes to sponsor a student gets the name and age of the student along with the list of items, sizes etc. and goes shopping for that particular student. For those adopting a student, it's important to note that sponsors are not required or expected to buy everything on the student's list - it's up to the individual to determine what they wish to purchase. The Elf Committee shops for the remaining students that are not individually sponsored. All presents are wrapped either by the individual sponsor or members of the committee. A Christmas party is planned where the students are provided food and presented with their presents. The smiles on the faces of the students (and the Elf Committee members who attend!) leave an impression that will last a lifetime.

The Northeast Alumni Elf project has been very successful in the past and we know that success will continue this year. The generosity of our Alumni and their families has been amazing and we thank them in advance for their continued support.

If you have questions, comments or want to be involved in this year's Elf Project, please contact me by email at: twalker729@kc.rr.com.

WANT TO HELP? We need volunteers for many of our projects. Please contact an officer or board member and get involved. Contact information is on the back page of the Newsletter. 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 worthwhile.

UPCOMING CLASS REUNIONS

RECURRING GET-TOGETHERS

Classes of '45 & '47 – Invite you to join them for their lively luncheons the 1st Tuesday of every month at the Ararat Shrine Temple.

Class of '53 – Meet the last Saturday in April and the last Saturday in September at different restaurants. Please contact Gayle Hilligoss at ghilligoss@gmail.com for additional information.

Class of '55 – Meet 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 Jane Morgan 816-781 3730 for information as the location changes monthly.

Gals of '59 – Meet 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 816 228 8790.

Class of '60 – Meet on the third Thursday of every month at 12 noon for lunch. We change restaurants every month to accommodate people from all locations. Other years are encouraged to join us! Contact: Carol Monaco at: designsxx@sbcglobal.net or phone at 816-373-8418 for the new location each month.

Fab Ladies of '63 - The Fab Ladies of '63 lunch the "Fourth Wednesday" of each month at 12:30. Call Sue Ann Slavens Erb (913) 205-0511 or Diane Tosti Collura(816) 478-9970 for details and location ... We are having a ball so ladies mark your calendar and please join us soon!

NORTHEAST LOGO MERCHANDISE

We are happy to come to your reunion with Logo items for purchase. We carry a variety of items including t-shirts, hooded sweatshirts, polo shirts, and ball caps. Availability for some items is limited so please contact **Alice Benson** at agirad47@hotmail.com to check our availability and to make arrangements.

Visit the northeastviking.org website for additional information.

UPCOMING REUNION INFORMATION CLASS OF 1948

The Class of 1948 is thinking about holding their 70th Reunion in 2018 in conjunction with the Annual All Year Dinner Dance Reunion normally held in June. Those who are interested should contact either Jim Dull or Aubrey Fredericks and provide their current phone numbers, addresses and/or E-Mail information. Aubrey and Jim would appreciate this information for future contacts with cost, date, location and any other information that we will have to share with them. This is still in the preliminary stage of planning but it would certainly be a great setting to hold our reunion as it was for our 60th reunion celebration.

Thank You.

Contact Information:

Aubrey Fredericks - almlf@aol.com or
1 (253) 852-3655

Jim Dull at j.dull@sbcglobal.net or
sabrejetjdull@gmail.com; or 913-744-1588

STAY WARM IN A NEHS SWEATSHIRT

As Fall is right around the corner, proclaim your Viking pride as you proudly wear a NEHSAA hooded, zip up sweatshirt or long sleeve t-shirt, shown below. The sweatshirt has an embroidered Logo and the t-shirt is silk screened.



Both the sweatshirts and t-shirts come in sizes from Med to XXXLG. The sweatshirts sell for \$40.00 each and \$7.00 shipping. The long sleeve - T's are \$15.00 each and \$7.00 shipping. Go to our website Northeastvikings.org for a complete list of our logo merchandise. If you have questions about any logo items, please contact: **Alice Benson** by email at Agirard47@hotmail.com. Proceeds from the sale of logo merchandise are used for scholarships and to support other programs at NEHS.

NEHSAA 2016 ANNUAL ALL YEAR DINNER DANCE

The theme of this year's all year dinner dance: *"Vintage Vikings - Like A Fine Wine - We Just Get Better With Age"* was quite appropriate as we had attendees from the 1940's on. The theme and décor were from the imaginations of Karen Olsen Ellis '68 and she worked alongside members of the dinner dance committee to make her vision come to life.

This year we were happy to have two annual reunion groups celebrate with us - the class of 1956 and the class of 1966. Although 10 years apart in age - considering both groups had dancers constantly out on the dance floor throughout the evening - you would be hard pressed to tell which reunion the dancers were attending. And the dinner dance was only one of the events that the classes took part. The class of 1966 partied Thursday night away at a casual get-together at Paul and Jack's in NEC and the class of 1956 continued their celebration Saturday night with dinner at the Courthouse Restaurant on the Independence Square. Since Vikings were known for their stamina, does that leave any doubt why we're named after them?

While a long way from vintage, this year we had a 2016 scholarship recipient, Larry Cooper (his address to the JROTC cadets was on the front page of the Spring P&W) as a surprise guest speaker and he gave us a glimpse into his life - both where he came from and where he is headed - and the part that Northeast High School and the JROTC played in his about face from a "knucklehead" - Col Hilyard's words - to the outstanding role model Mr. Cooper is today. His speech was met with thundering applause and a standing ovation from the attendees. Larry stayed through the first few hours of the dance and mingled with the alumni and was fortunate enough to meet and spend time with Mr. Carridi. Mr. Carridi had taught Larry's grandmother and he was so impressed that Mr. Carridi remembered her. Another example of Larry's character is that while having only met Mr. Carridi once, he cared enough to pay his respects by attending Mr. Carridi's visitation service.

CLASS OF 1956

CLASS OF 1966



ALUMNI FROM THE 1940'S TO 2016 ENJOYING THE FESTIVITIES



2016 ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Our appreciation goes out to Dr. Ron Fornelli for once again being the chairperson of our golf tournament. His hard work helped to ensure the success of this event.



Ron Fornelli '63, Kenneth Landes '62,
Joan (Krusor) Davis '62, William Schmit '63



Joe Abbott '69, Jim Cariddi '44,
Steven Crook '79, William Crook, 74



Austin Petersen, John Aniteier
Stanley Jablonski, John Petersen



Ron Turner '54, Carl Eichenberger '54,
Vic DeMayo '54, Sal Fanara '54



Don Gauert, David Duval,
Nick Reddel, Al Gauert '54



Larry Mahoney, Homer Routh,
Jeffrey Jones, Michael Williamson



Howard Rew '59, George Snell '59,
Victor Bragg, Ray Rew '59



Josh Goodman, Charlie King
Nick King, Gary Masner



David Kyle, Samuel Paul,
Greg Koons, James Bethke



Michael Knotts, Jerry Watts,
David Todd, William Arbuckle



Carl Cleland, Don Sprincer,
Cameron Peak '52



Pat Palumbo, '77, John Lipari,
Rick Rivera, Linda (Hale) Rivera '70

2016 Golf Tournament (Continued)



David Francis, Louis Calandrino,
Billy Hackett, Jeffery Crane



Snake, Wes Hamilton,
Irwin Sano, James Hamilton



Wes Crockett, LeRoy Chatfield, Jack Wallace



Gary Coleman '61, Kenneth Rogers '61,
Doug Boyd '61, Mike Frederico '61



Steve Hardy, Richard Esteban,
Steve Carter, Ross Siren

C FLIGHT winning team (NOT PICTURED) members included:
Alva McCormick/John Peterson
Janey Jablonski/Carl Cleland

We would also like to acknowledge our volunteers, who were happy to give up a Saturday to help raise money for the students of the school they so dearly love. This year's volunteers – some who are regulars and others who came for the first time but hopefully not the last are: Louella Rew, Patty Snell, Connie Evoritt Mithelavage, Al McCormick, Delores James Fahetty, Noel Barnes, Karen Carpenter Wirtmeyer, Kent Monger, Karen Laughlin and 3 of our 2016 scholarship recipients - Larry Cooper, Tony Luu and Valerie Gonzales.
Our apologies if we overlooked anyone.

2016 GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORS

DIAMOND

A. Earl Williamson '56
Carlene G (Fries) Smith '56

PLATINUM

Sal Fanara '54
Jay New

GOLD AND EXPLORER

Kenneth R. Bowman '65

GOLD

George Snell '59
Alva L. McCormick '64
Steven M. Crook '79
William T. Crook '74
Cameron H. Peak '52
Dr. Ron Fornelli '64
James C. Bethke '64
Spalitto's Pharmacy
Gregory R. Koons

VIKING

Janelle (Hosman) Padsrasky '59

CONQUEROR

Roberta J (Canada) Newell
Nancy (Brooks) Elder

EXPLORER

Joan (Krusor) Davis '62

2016 TOURNAMENT WINNERS

A FLIGHT

(55) Linda Rivera/Rick Rivera/John Lipari/Pat Plumbo
(58) Ross Siren/Brett Siren/Richard Escarban/Steve Hardy
(59) David Petersen/Jack Wallace/LeRoy Chatfield/Wes Crockett

B FLIGHT

(63) Mike Frederico/Doug Boyd/Kenneth Rogers/Gary Coleman
(64) Ray Rew/Bill Guiter/George Snell/Howard Rew
(64) James Hamilton/Irwin Sano/Wes Hamilton/Snake

C FLIGHT

(69) Alva McCormick/John Peterson/Janey Jablonski/Carl Cleland
(69) Cameron Peak/Don Spincer/Seven Grantham/Nate Frazer
(70) William Arbuckle/Wayne Todd/Terry Watts/Mike Knotts

HOLE CONTESTS

Longest Drive #2 White Tee	Charlie King
Longest Drive #2 Green Tee	Dave Petersen
Closest to Flag #8	Rick Rivera
Longest Put #10	Howard Rew

All ties are broken by a scorecard playoff starting on the #1 handicap hole

IN REMEMBRANCE

Sadly, since our last issue of the Purple and White, we have learned of the loss of the following alumni

1930's	
1937	Jack M. Hopkins
1937	Suzie I. Hill
1938	Dorothy Hatfield
1938	Wade Rubick
1939	Madeline Jane White

1940's	
1940	June Milliscent Caulk
1941	Mary Louise Estes
1941	Julia Martin
1942	Robert N. Carr
1942	Robert Maier
1942	Bettie Maier
1942	Nadine Mooneyham
1942	Mary Louise Moretina
1943	Marilyn Clark
1944	Wilma L. Alderson
1944	James G. Cariddi
1944	Larry D. Perry
1944	Margaret Ziegelmann
1945	C. E. "Gene" Atkins
1945	Harlan E. Bowser
1945	W. Everett Dalton
1945	Mary Lou Jennings
1945	Lloyd Jennings
1946	Lawanda Andrews
1946	Mary Helen Butler
1946	Willa Lou Hestwood
1946	Joan Lowe
1946	Imogene Mckee
1947	Doris Colleen Davis
1947	Judith A. Penycok
1948	Emily Jean Clatterbuck
1949	Don Wesley Bridegan
1949	Charles Thomas Kueck
1949	Shirley Kueck
1949	Richard Mcfarlane

1950's	
1951	Albert Leon Giese
1952	Janice Camp
1953	Jo Anne (Babler) Fuller
1953	Wanda Jones
1954	Leonard Lee Jacobs Jr
1954	Salvatore Agrusa
1954	Don Feagens
1955	Donald Dewey
1955	Mary Ann (Bernenate) Schumacher
1955	Ross L. Thomas
1955	Patricia Thomas
1956	Eric Benson
1956	Linda Brannock
1956	Ronald Brumbaugh
1956	Howard Fields
1956	James Edward Hoffman
1956	Mary McIntyre
1956	Norma Miller
1956	D. Diane Scott
1956	Avery Shirley
1956	Lonnie Schooling
1957	Lawrence Leroy Brownley
1957	Barbara Fanara
1957	Theda Sue Luebkin
1957	Judy Petersen
1957	Robert & Carol Watkins
1957	Sharon V. Wealand
1958	Frankie C. Graham
1958	Johanna Marie Hooper
1959	Dominick Tittone

1960's	
1963	Frances Wallace
1965	Gary Hedberg
1965	Gregory Simmons
1967	Daniel Marsh
1968	Karen Robinson

1970's	
1974	Mary Joe Polito
1979	Deborah "Debbie" Gilliland
1979	Rebecca Lynn (Converse) Stevens

Year Unknown	
	Marjorie J. Davis
	Kenneth Hill

CORRECTION FROM THE SPRING ISSUE

We apologize for the mistake but are happy to announce that Marie Steiner, Class of 69 is very much alive and doing well.

IN OUR MEMORIES, OUR LOVED ONES LIVE ON.

Honor a loved one by placing their name on the Recognition/Memorial Wall. See page 10 for an order form.

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE REMEMBRANCE PAGE AND NOTIFICATIONS

Please contact either Jan Engle, the database secretary by email - janengle@sbcglobal.net or Sal Fanara - sal.fanara1@gmail.com if you hear 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, the date they passed 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 NEHS 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.

ALSO: The issue that a death is noted does not necessarily mean that the alumni passed in the months since the last issue. Often we are notified years after an alumni's passing because someone just heard about it and contacted us with the information.

MEMORIAL/RECOGNITION WALL



The Memorial/Recognition Wall is on permanent display in the Alumni Room for all students, faculty, and alumni visitors to view. The plaques are made of colorful acrylic. Names of individuals honored will be permanently inscribed on plates to be attached to the plaques. 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 everyone 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.

Because Viking pride fills the hearts of those left behind, the original plaque has no more space and new plaques have been added so that alumni can continue to honor their loved ones. Since the 2016 Spring Issue of the Purple & White newsletter, the following names have been submitted for placement on the memorial wall. These names however will be added to one of the new pieces that are placed on either side of the existing plaque.

IN MEMORY OF

Madeleine White '39
 Robert John (Bob) Marshall '48
 Frankie C. Graham '58
 Leonard Joseph Conrick '47
 Mary (Raw) Hood '68
 Avery G. Shirley '56
 Mary Ann (Bennett) Schumacher '55

REMEMBERED/HONORED BY

Shirley J. Copenhaver
 Joan Marshall '48
 Eugene L. Woodell '56
 Lyone J. Conrick
 Suzanne "Suzie" (Rowe) Lester '67 and Ticia (Mendenhall) McNitt '69
 Dorothy M. Shirley
 Ruth Reed and Friends from '55

MEMORIAL/RECOGNITION WALL SUBMISSION FORM

YOUR NAME _____ GRAD/CLASS YR _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBER(s) _____

EMAIL(s) _____

NAME TO BE PLACED ON WALL _____ GRAD/CLASS YR _____

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

Notes _____

PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS IN THE PURPLE AND WHITE

If you have a business to promote, you will soon have the opportunity to let fellow alumni know about it. Beginning in the Spring issue, for the nominal cost of \$50.00, we will place a business card size advertisement in the newsletter. Our average mailing is between 7500 to 8000 – providing a significant number of new potential customers. In addition to the advertisement in the paper, if you commit to both the Spring and Fall issue, you will receive a discount on the cost **AND** we will have a link for your business on the alumni website: Northeastvikings.org. Vikings trust Vikings and your potential return on your investment should more than justify your expenditure. While promoting your business is an important reason to participate, there are two excellent secondary reasons: 1) you'll have the additional reward of reconnecting with people that share the same history and values that you grew up with and 2) the income from the ad's will help defray the cost of the publication, allowing us to use Alumni dues and contributions to go towards our main objective, supporting the students. Contact Mary Cincotta at mcincotta2@gmail.com for additional information or questions.

NOTE: We retain the right to refuse any ad that does not meet Alumni Board standards.

2017 DONATION DRIVE

Last year's donation drive was such a success that we're having another one this year. It will take place in April, specifics will be given on the Alumni Facebook Page and in the Spring Purple and White. But it's never too early to start gathering your items so here are the allowable items: Soft Goods to include: Clothing, Hats, gloves, scarfs, billfolds, purses, backpacks, shoes, bath towels, sheets, blankets, pillows, curtains, tablecloths, toys, games, puzzles, stuffed animals, jewelry, crafts, mugs, candles, pictures/frames, baskets, ornaments etc., Hardback and paperback books, magazines, records, tapes, CDs, videos, DVDs, computer software, small electrical toasters, radios, power tools, irons, blenders, mixers, stereos, CD players, speakers, DVD and VCR players, table lamps, floor lamps, humidifiers. Don't miss this opportunity to clean your closets, garages and attics while helping the kids at NEHS.

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VAP	Ruth Roush & Diana 'William' Graham
VIP	Roberta Holt-Kipper
Website	Sal Fanara - Volunteer

ATTENTION ALL CLASS 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, to be held June 9th, 2017 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 Classes of 1956 and 1966 who had their reunions at the 2016 all year dinner dance – smiles on every face. You'll be the hero for planning the best reunion EVER and no one has to know we did all the work! Please email: purpwht@hotmail.com or contact any board member. Contact information is on back of the flyer.

President's Note: Thought our readers might enjoy reading the reasons why some of our Directors are the board.

Earl Williamson – Treasurer: I appreciate what the Alumni Association stands for and am proud to be a NEHS graduate because of its rich traditions. I love being your TREASURER and working with all the paid members and our committee Members for FUNDRAISING efforts thru the year.

Joyce Manning – Secretary: The Board is important to me as it gives me a chance to contribute to the Alumni and the current students. They are our future.

Nancy Brooks Elder: My reasons for being on the Northeast High School Alumni Association are to give back to my school some of the business knowledge I have gained through the years and to support the activities, programs, and scholarships provided each year.

Roberta Holt-Kipper: First, someone asked me, pure and simple. Second, I was looking to be involved with high school students, having worked as an email buddy at Longfellow elementary school for a number of years. Third, I have a great time working with alumni of all ages and decades.

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NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2016

- 20 NEHS Students working with NEMS students on the Scarritt Elementary Mural. This is part of the KC Art Institute Illustration Project and is intended to curb vandalism
- 20/20 Leadership hosted its first Viking Voyager 5K on the football field in April. Other events include: field trips to Jefferson City, Business Expos, and Prison go to 2020leadership.org for more information about this program that helps our students
- 11 Seniors earned the Missouri A+ Schools Scholarship which provides approximately \$2000 to each student for the next two years attended designated Missouri colleges. This is the largest number of recipients NEHS has ever had
- End of Course (EOC) exams results show an increase in the number of students who scored Proficient in English, Government, Biology and Algebra.
- 65 students were inducted in the National Honor Society this year.
- JROTC continued to earn top recognition at local and regional competitions and drill meets
- 4 students participated in the "Coding Olympiad" Each student who participated received a variety of gifts from various organizations
- Student participated by reading to students at Garfield Elementary in the "Lead to Read" event
- 40 students attended Day at the K and a Celebration Carnival was held at the school for students with attendance above 90%
- Mrs. Green's Entrepreneurial class participated in DECA Competition, Dress for Success, Vikings Meet Vikings and Shark Tank Youth Competition
- P.A.V.E. the Way (Project Assets and Values in Education) help our students reach beyond their circumstances. This after school program includes: personal development, job readiness, skill development, college tours, career options, mentoring and support that our students need to realize their potential.

A WARM WELCOME TO MR. JARIUS JONES NEW VICE PRINCIPAL AT NEHS

A Kansas City, Kansas native, who is entering into his 16th year of serving as an educator, Jarius Jones is presently serving as a Vice Principal of Northeast High School in Kansas City, MO. He has a B.S. in Education from the University of Kansas, and an M.S. in Teaching from Pittsburg State University through the Kansas City Teaching Fellows Program. Currently, Jarius is a Doctoral candidate for District Level Leadership at the University of Kansas. Jarius has been actively involved in various afterschool programs throughout the last 15 years; particularly, the Kansas City Kansas Urban Academies (i.e. Saturday Science and Math Academy, Summer Science Academy through the Health Careers Pathways Program (KUMed), and the Science Education Partnership Award program (SEPA)) and he coordinated the initial Summer Academy Programs for Kauffman Scholars, Inc. In 2005, Jarius co-founded the Kansas City, KS Public Schools Math Relays, which has become a highly anticipated event with over 1,100 3rd-12th grade students from all schools in the Kansas City, KS Public Schools compete in. His civic-mindedness and outstanding leadership abilities are visible by the number of community organizations he has been involved with over the years. Presently, Jarius serves on the Board of Directors for: Smile for a Lifetime, the Pentecostal Church Of God In Christ, Greater Pentecostal Temple Local Area Network and the Urban Scholastic Center. In July of 2016, Jarius completed his second term and sixth year as a member of the Kansas National Education Association, Board of Directors; representing the Wyandotte United Uniserv. He has also been appointed to serve on various Kansas State Department of Education committees/initiatives geared towards improving conditions and opportunities for teachers and students. As the husband of his college sweetheart Kim (Guthrie) Jones, and the proud father of his amazing five children (Mija, Jarius, II, Olivia, Alexandria and Victoria), Jarius is committed to providing opportunities for all students to extend their learning beyond the scheduled school day and he is a relentless advocate for all learners reaching their highest potential.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS & SUCCESS – THE PART NEHS PLAYED IN MY LIFE

Tony Luu

Do accomplishments equal success? If they do, then everyone is successful because each and every one of us has accomplished many things in our lives – no matter how young or old we are. From taking our first steps to learning to talk, to getting our first job – each goal we attain is an accomplishment. But success is something different to everyone. My name is Tony Luu, a proud millennial graduate of the class of 2016 and I believe that success is taking the next step after the accomplishment – going that extra mile to excel past the norm. And I feel that Northeast High School played an integral part in helping me to make that happen and in good part because I was fortunate to meet and be mentored by Ms. Colleen Freeman, Ms. Nadia Nibb and Ms. Paula Schaaf.

My freshman year I participated in JROTC (Junior Reserves Officer Training Corps) and it impacted my life dramatically because it showed young cadets the importance of being a good citizen. I had the privilege of raising and lowering the flag and that simple task made a profound impact on me. I was recognized by a United States Marine Corps Officer who was attending one of our events and that gave me an added sense of pride.

Sophomore year my primary focus was on Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA). DECA is an organization that provides hands on experience for young entrepreneurs and marketing scholars. DECA engages in competition against other chapters from different school districts and as a result of that competition, I earned first place as a Leadership Delegate. That award allowed me to move forward, and I went to both state and national - Lake of the Ozarks and then Atlanta, Georgia for the International Career Development Conference (ICDC).

Also in my sophomore year, I learned about Early College Academy (ECA). This program is a contract between Kansas City Public Schools and MCC-Penn Valley, part of Metropolitan Community College, which allows high school students to earn an AA-Associate of Arts degree simultaneously with their high school diploma. My successful participation in this program was largely responsible for my acceptance at 28 universities, along with scholarships totaling \$250,000. Of the scholarships I received, I consider the Jim Benson Scholarship from University of Missouri Kansas City (UMKC) my biggest accomplishment because it exemplifies my future goals. The scholarship is in honor of the late Mr. Jim Benson - a successful business owner, who possessed an entrepreneur spirit. Mrs. Benson created this scholarship to pass the torch of education from one generation to another.

I started this piece by mentioning three people who had made a positive impact on my life – Ms. Colleen Freeman, Ms. Nadia Nibbs, and Ms. Paula Schaaf. Ms. Freeman is a teacher who has always stuck by my side from my young and mischief years to my young adult life – providing guidance and wisdom along the way. Nadia Nibbs was my English teacher who tutored me after school. Last but not least - Paula Schaaf, the head coordinator for the ECA program, who pushed me to my limit and beyond.

While proud of my successes, they are only a small piece of my story. My true purpose in life is to make a difference for others and give back to my community and to society. I want to continue and pass the torch of knowledge from one generation to another. As part of the NEHS Alumni Association, I will work hard to make that happen.

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Fana Cona Vogelbaugh: I have warm feelings about NEHS and the community because I feel it provided a good foundation for the person I've become and I believe that our support of the students will help to give them the same experience.

Diana Williams Graham: I am proud to be a Viking Alumni and I support the goals of the Alumni Association. Plus it's fun to reconnect with old friends.

Trish George Walker: I enjoy being a NEHS Alumni Board Member because it has given to the opportunity to get involved with the students on many different levels.

Ruth Petty Roush: I was invited by a board member to attend a meeting in the early 2000's. I liked what I saw and heard and joined that night. My friend & I co-chaired and formed the Viking Assistance Program (VAP). She and I received more blessings than we gave to the shut-ins during our brief visits.

PRESIDENT'S NOTE: In one way or another, all of the alumni of Northeast High School are Notables but some do it quietly, preferring that the people and organizations that benefit from their efforts receive the attention. Barbara Jean (Blair) Fanara was just such an Alumni. But her impact on her family, friends and multiple organizations is recognized by the following brief biography.

Barbara Jean (Blair) Fanara

10/5/39 – 5/16/16



Barbara graduated from Northeast High in the class of 1957 and was soon married to the love of her life, Sal Fanara – class of 1954. Their family now consists of 4 children, 12 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren with 2 on the way.

On May 9th of this year, they celebrated their 59th Wedding Anniversary and 7 days later she went to be with our Lord. Over the years, they were active with their church where Barbara taught a young girl's Sunday School class. In 1977, they joined the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) where they were Co-Chair of the local Branch when the FCA building was built across from the Sports Stadiums. Barbara spoke at FCA Girl's Camps and also served on the National FCA Board of Directors for several years. Later she was asked to serve on the Board of Directors of the Concerned Women For America (CWA) in Washington, D.C. She accompanied the Founder on a mission trip to Costa Rica where she learned that her job would be to give haircuts. The older men were cautious about getting their hair cut by someone they never saw before, so they sent the young boys in first to see if it was safe. Good thing they didn't know that she never cut hair before. Sal & Barbara enjoyed dancing all their lives and 1960 they began Square Dancing and Sal started his calling and teaching career.

Barbara began her career with Home Interiors & Gifts in 1968. In 1969 she was promoted to Unit Manager and then in 1971 was promoted to Branch Manager. The Branch continued to grow into a 5 state area-wide Branch consisting of 2 Sub Branches, about 40 Unit Managers, several Senior Groups and approximately 3500 Displayers, all holding decorating shows in homes across the country. At that time, they were the only branch to exceed 2 million dollars production in one month in the history of the company which started in 1957. In 1982 she was promoted to Regional Vice-President assigned to the Eastern half of the U.S. where she continued to motivate, teach and inspire those she served.

HELP US KEEP YOU INFORMED AND INVOLVED

Please take a few minutes to provide us with your most current contact information, including physical address, phone number(s) and email address. Every time we do a mailing, we have some that come back as "moved - no forwarding address". And that's a waste of time and money. We know you love the P&W, so help us make sure it gets to you AND ensures your dues and donations go where they should go – to the students. The same holds true for email addresses – when we send out the E-News - we get a percentage that come back as undeliverable. Rest assured, we do not share our mailing lists – either physical or electronic – and we won't bother you with anything but Viking News! Email to Jan Engle: janengle@sbcglobal.net, Sal Fanara: sal.fanara1@gmail.com or use the form below to mail.

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The Alumni Association uses the money raised through payment of dues, fund raising events, sponsorships, contributions and donations to support the students, teachers and administrators of Northeast High School. The following shows some of the major financial items we provide financial assistance towards:

- Always #1 - Scholarships - In the last 5 years over \$115,000 has been awarded to worthy seniors
- Cash awards are given to the undergraduate winners of the annual Essay/Poetry/Visual Arts Contest.
- Financial support (upon review and Board approval) is provided to programs as requested by the Principal, Teachers or Administrators
- Financial assistance for special events – including Prom, Decision Day
- Purchase of 6 yearbooks - 2 for alumni room and remainder for area libraries
- Transportation costs for sports teams to camp
- Supplies - school supplies, hygiene supplies, clothing
- Annual staff luncheon during Fall Parent/Teacher conferences
- The annual Elf Project

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*Lifetime members - Lifetime members are not required to pay annual dues but the Alumni Association greatly appreciates any financial assistance that is provided as it benefits our efforts to provide support to the students and school we hold in such high esteem.

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To become an active member, all you need to do is pay your annual \$20.00 dues and you then become part of an organization that helps to make the dreams of Northeast students come true. If you have a favorite project that you want to earmark your dues towards, please make a note and include it with your check and mail it to:

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