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The Northeast High School Alumni Association



Presidents Note: I had the privilege of being able to witness the JROTC annual inspection and awards ceremony and was so impressed with the Battalion Commander speech that I felt it warranted being on the front page of the Purple & White.

Address to the JROTC Cadets

Battalion Commander - Larry Cooper

I'd like to thank you all for your hard work, for studying your questions, practicing your drill movements, staying up late to make sure everything is squared away on your uniform. Thank you to every single cadet from the top to the bottom of the chain of command.

It has been an honor to serve as your battalion commander. I am pleased to announce that this year under my command and with the help of my staff and company commanders; we have made history, broken records, and most of all changed lives. We have made our school name synonymous with excellence. By reaching out and working with schools such as Gladstone, James, Northeast Middle, for the first time in the history of the Viking battalion I've ensured that our battalion is committed to help mentor and grow other battalions in the city. In partnership with East High School's Bear battalion, I have established relationships which will carry forward for years to come, where our school is committed to being mentors to other programs in the city.

By producing the "Company Inspection Improvement Chart" we can now literally see our progress as a battalion. I'm leaving this for those leaders next year to use. Myself and my staff set a battalion goal to have the battalion average to a 2.5 or above on a 3 point scale. I'm pleased to announce that our battalion average currently is: 2.45

We've accomplished so much this year, but we shouldn't stop here. I strongly encourage those who replace me next year, to do even better than I did - that's what this whole speech is about. Always strive for excellence and always look in the mirror and see where you can do better, because there is always room for improvement. For example, when I became the Commander, my first order of business was to speak with all of the cadets by visiting all six companies. When I told Colonel what I wanted to do, he told me that no commander has ever asked to do that... now just think about that for a second, none of the commanders wanted to speak with the cadets who they were in charge of. I did, I wanted to meet all of you, I wanted all of you to know who I was and what I was about. I wanted you to know my story. I also wanted to hear from you, you told me what you would like to be changed; I listened to you and made those changes where I could. And that's what the next commanders should be doing. Please use what I've done as an inspiration to develop yourself and be better than I was. My heart will always be with this battalion, and to those in charge next year I wish you luck.

All and all it was a great year. I am proud of each and every one standing here today; you have all contributed to another memorable year. You all know my story now, I come from the same place you do; you all know what my obstacles were; I made it to where I'm at now and so can you.

Presidents Note: Commander Cooper is donating all of his uniforms – with medals attached – for display in the Alumni Room. He stated he didn't want them stuck in a closet or box gathering dust. And besides thought it would be "neat" to someday take his kids up to Northeast to see them displayed.

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

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 \$100,000 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 lunches during Fall Parent/Teacher conferences
- The annual Elf Project

NAME (include maiden) _____ GRAD YEAR _____

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

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER(S) _____

ANNUAL ALUMNI DUES* \$20.00 _____ CHARITABLE DONATION \$ _____

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

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

*Lifetime members - Lifetime members are not required to pay annual dues but the Alumni Association, students, teachers and administrators, welcome any financial assistance that is provided.

**NORTHEAST ALL-YEARS 2016
LAUGHLIN REUNION**

Vickie (Venable) Kilgore '68

"Masquerade Party" was the theme for the 19th Annual All-Years Reunion, held in Laughlin, NV. Oh what a great time. You can attend planned events and even take time to do your own thing, such as; golfing, hiking, shopping, riverboat riding, enjoying sunshine by the pool, classic and antique automobile showrooms, bowling, movie theaters, concerts, sports book, bingo and other casino games or just visiting in the Hospitality Room (which is always open with snacks and drinks) and where you catch up with everyone that you haven't seen for a year or maybe with someone you are just meeting for the first time. Everyone has stories to share about when they attended Northeast High School. Group activities included a Welcome Breakfast, Card Bingo, Mexican dinner and, of course, the main event Dinner Dance.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW for the 20th Annual All-Years Laughlin Reunion scheduled for February 19th – February 24th, 2017. Dig out your grass skirt or Hawaiian shirt as next year's theme will be "Hawaiian Luau". Vikings from all over, and ALL YEARS (from 1949-1969) gather in 2016 to share - we hope to see more Vikings from more years participating next year so that we can keep this event going.

NORTHEAST LOGO MERCHADISE

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

Check the NortheastViking.org website for additional information.



2015 ALUMNI ELVES PROGRAM

Trish Walker '67

Thank you to our NEHS Alumni, along with their friends and families, that made our Elf program such a huge success. We were instrumental in making 29 students have a merrier Christmas! Out of those 29 students, 21 were individually sponsored! Just to let you know the students requested things like blankets, pillows, dress clothes, underwear and some even asked for a present for their younger siblings. They were so grateful and loving for the gifts they received. I was a recipient of many hugs and now I send those hugs out to all of you!

I would also like to thank Mary Cincotta, Roberta Holt-Kipper, Fana Vogelbaugh and Earl Williamson for making this party so special from wrapping presents, decorating the room, buying candy and treats to sharing their love and care for the students at Northeast High.

Also it could not have been such a success without the help of Ms. Evelyn Hill who gives of her energy and care to these students every day!

Well Done Vikings, Well Done!!



UPCOMING CLASS REUNIONS

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IS PLEASED THAT THE CLASSES OF 1956 & 1966 WILL BE SHARING THEIR FUN WITH THE ATTENDEES OF THE NEHSAA ANNUAL ALL YEAR DINNER DANCE

THE CLASS OF '46 INVITES THEIR CLASSMATES SHARE IN THE FUN AT THEIR 70 YEAR REUNION! And they encourage classes '45 & '47 to join them in the festivities. The luncheon will be held at the Ararat Shrine Temple, 5100 Ararat Drive, KCMO. Please call Dolores James Fahetty at 816-478-2227 or Billie Tate at 816-836-4177 to make your reservations or if you have questions or comments.

THE CLASS OF 1956 WILL HAVE ITS 60TH CLASS REUNION ON JUNE 10TH as a part of the Annual NEHS Alumni Association's Dinner Dance/Golf Tournament. This date was the preferred date of those who responded to the Post Cards. The event will be held at Courtyard by Marriott, 1500 NE Coronado Drive, Blue Springs, MO 64014 and the cost is \$50.00 per person. We will have designated tables just for our Class 1956 making it easy for us to exchange hugs. The fun starts promptly at 6:30PM with cocktails, the buffet opens at 7:30. What follows - Good food, a good Disc Jockey, and dancing. The hotel is offering a special discount for those who wish to spend the night. A link to the hotel is on the NEHSAA website: northeastvking.org. The registration forms for dinner dance and the golf tournament are in this newsletter. Page 6 - Dinner Dance and Page 7 - Golf Tournament. Let's continue our fellowship Saturday evening, the 11th at Courthouse Exchange Restaurant located on the South side of the Independence Square, 6:00PM is the hour. The cost will vary from \$15.00 to \$29.00 based on the number attending. A list of local attractions will be at your tables Friday evening for your Saturday daytime pleasure for those not playing golf. If you have any questions or comments: Contact Earl Williamson: aewkcfan@comcast.net or call (C) 816-536-1085.

REOCCURING GET-TOGETHERS

CLASS 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 '55 - Will meet for Brunch at noon on Sunday, June 19th at V's Restaurant. But for those that can't wait - start early by attending the NEHSAA all year dinner dance on Jun 10th, at Courtyard Marriott, Blue Springs. Contacts: Nan Brooks Elder, (nancyelder9@aol.com), Joyce Ricketts Manning (joycelamoine@yahoo.com),

CLASS OF '66 CELEBRATES 50 YEARS WITH TWO PARTIES!

1) **DATE & TIME:** Thurs, June 9th -5:00 pm-**Close**
PLACE: Paul & Jack's, 1808 Clay Street, NEC
DETAILS: No cost except your drinks. Appetizers will be available. Very casual, we have access to an indoor room and a large patio. This event is open to grads of 68, 67, 66, 65, 64 Years.

2) **DATE & TIME:** Friday, June 10, 2016
PLACE: Alumni Assoc. Annual Dinner/Dance Courtyard Marriott, Blue Springs, MO
DETAILS: Buffet dinner, cash bar and a DJ for dancing.
 The cost is \$50.00 per person. Registration form is on Page 6 of this flyer or on the NEHSAA website: northeastvking.org

If you have questions or comments: Contact Shirley Montezano Agrusa, sagrusa@kr-rr.com
 Gloria Rose, gloriarose66@hotmail.com

REOCCURING GET-TOGETHERS

Continued

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 - are meeting every January and July, the second Saturday of the month at Clancy's in Blue Springs, MO at 11:30. Contact: Luella Copenhaver Rew, 816-229-9230 or Linda Hurley Anderson 816 228 8790

Gals of '60 - meet on the third Thursday of every month at 12 noon for lunch. We change restaurants every month to accommodate our gals from all parts of the area. We would like to invite all gals from close classes to join us! Contact: Carol Monaco at 816-373-8418 for the new location each month.

Fab Ladies of '63 - The Fab Ladies of '63 lunch the "Fourth Wednesday" of each month at 12:30. Call SueAnn 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 HIGH SCHOOL & BEYOND

Face Your Fears and the Dreams Come True

ALICIA MATINEZ-FIDELMAN '84

I transferred to Northeast High School my junior year. My Spanish teacher, Mrs. Knight was concerned about the night job I had at a factory. She feared I would be seduced by the money and give up on my future. Even though I was an average student, she saw something in me and I will always remember that she believed in me at a time when I sometimes doubted myself.

Working at that factory helped to pay for college and in 1984 I headed off to the University of Central Missouri State. Summers at home, I waited tables and did two internships at the local TV stations. After graduation I worked for the Kansas City Star Newspaper until I got a call from WCBS Radio in New York. My resume was selected out of hundreds for an interview for a desk assistant position. I moved to New York City six weeks later. Three months after that, I was promoted to their News Operations Coordinator.

From WCBS I took a paid intern position at Post Newsweek TV Stations on Capital Hill, interviewing members of Congress. The position was difficult and so was my boss. But after a couple of missteps, I obtained a few hard to get exclusive interviews and proved myself – both to my boss and more importantly - to myself.

I moved back to New York City a year and a half later to begin work at CBS. I worked on various news shows throughout my tenure but one of my favorite memories was working for “Sunday Morning with Charles Kuralt”. The head writer gave an assignment to a group of us that he knew might be impossible to complete. He needed a Purple Heart medal and needed it immediately. Because it was a “impossible” task, those given the assignment knew that if there was a winner, they would probably be promoted to Associate Producer for the annual end of the year Obit segment. Thinking outside the box - I tried an army surplus store. It was and still is an unfortunate fact that many veterans fall through the cracks and I figured that if one of those hero’s was in that boat, they might be forced to sell their medal. My hunch paid off and I was proud to win the challenge. And as hoped for, I was awarded with the Associate Producer’s position.

In 1996 I helped launch the cable network – “MSNBC” and became a producer on it. Two years after that I headed back to CBS where I took an Associated Producer position with the “Evening News Weekend” and worked on the “60 Minutes Anniversary Special”.

I left CBS but not before I met my husband, who works for the “NFL Today” show. We have two great kids and I am now pursuing a career in real estate.

I tell this story because it’s important to know that sometimes you have to stop fearing the unknown, take a deep breath and just do it. That was one of the lessons I learned growing up in Northeast and it helped me to get me where I am today. I don’t get back to the old neighborhood as often as I’d like, but I miss it and have fond memories of the school, my teachers and the places that made it a great place to grow up.

Alicia with Walter Chronkite



CBS Identification Card



Alicia w Charles Kuralt



NEHSAA ANNUAL ALL YEAR DINNER DANCE



VINTAGE VIKINGS

LIKE A FINE WINE - WE JUST GET BETTER WITH AGE!

- WHAT:** NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ALL YEAR DINNER DANCE AND SILENT AUCTION
WHEN: JUNE 10, 2016
WHERE: MARRIOTT HOTEL, 1500 NE CORONADO DR, BLUE SPRINGS
TIME: 6:30PM TO 7:30PM COCKTAIL HOUR - BUFFET LINE STARTS AT 7:30PM & THE MAGIC ENDS AT 12:00AM
COST: \$50.00 PER PERSON - INCLUDES DINNER AND MUSIC BY DJ FRANK CHERRITO, A FAVORITE FROM PREVIOUS YEARS. CASH BAR

NOTE: ALUMNI WHOSES CHECKS ARE RECEIVED PRIOR TO MAY 20TH WILL BE ENTERED IN A SPECIAL DRAWING TO TAKE PLACE DURING THE DANCE

FILL OUT THIS PAGE AND SEND WITH YOUR CHECK TO:

**NEHSAA
 P.O. BOX 1264
 BLUE SPRINGS, MO 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 - irwinr@ncr.org or Joyce (Ricketts) Manning - jzscelapine@yahoo.com for additional information about auction items, donations and/or tax receipts.

NAMES (LADIES INCLUDE MAIDEN)

GRADUATION YEAR EMAIL ADDRESS

ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

IF YOU HAVE CLASSMATES YOU WANT TO SIT WITH - PLEASE LIST NAMES & GRADUATION YEAR

GRAD YR NAME

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DINNER DANCE \$50/EA

TABLE SPONSOR \$100

DONATION \$

\$20 ANNUAL DUES



Adams Pointe Golf Club
 1601 NE R.D. Mize Rd., Blue Springs, MO
 816-220-3673

The Northeast High School Alumni Association
 Invites You to Play In Our
2016 Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 11th, 2016
 Pre-Tournament - 7am
 Tee Off - 8am (Rain or Shine)

AS PART OF OUR THANK YOU TO OUR GOLFERS – WE ARE PROVIDING AN ALUMNI GOLF SHIRT. TO ENSURE WE HAVE THE CORRECT SIZE AVAILABLE, PLEASE ADVISE US ASAP THAT YOU ARE ATTENDING.

PLEASE SIGN UP AND PAY IN ADVANCE BY MAY 27TH TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE VIKING DISCOUNT PACKAGE

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. Pre-payment 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.

HAVE FUN, RECONNECT WITH OLD FRIENDS AND HELP THE STUDENTS OF NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL

WOULD YOU BE ONE OF OUR SPONSORS * GOLD SPONSORS GOLF FOR FREE!**

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS:

\$1,000	Diamond _____	\$100	Conqueror _____
\$500	Platinum _____	\$50	Explorer _____
\$250	Gold _____	\$30	Voyager _____
\$150	Viking _____	\$20	Caddie _____

NAME _____

GRADUATION YEAR _____ EMAIL _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

TEAM/PLAYERS – GRAD. YEAR _____

GRAD. YR: _____

GRAD. YR: _____

GRAD. YR: _____

GRAD. YR: _____

(You don't have to be a Viking to play or donate. Everyone is welcome!)

USE THIS REGISTRATION FORM PRINT IT FROM OUR WEBSITE: NORTHEASTVIBOMSG.ORG

Golf Fee \$110	\$	Viking Discount Package \$15	\$	Dinner Dance \$50	\$
Donation Sponsorship	\$	NEHSAA Annual Membership \$20	\$	TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$

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IN REMEMBERANCE

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

1930'S	1950's	1990's
1930 Mary L Grinham 1935 Jeannette Lappine 1935 Phillip P. Scaglia 1935 Ruth 'Perrigo' Slagle 1936 Harry Gray 1936 Dorothy K. 'Warren' Misner 1936 Thelma Bourne 1938 Thomas Franklin O'Connor 1939 Beulah Kinney 1939 Michael Toner	1951 Patricia Joan Borg 1951 Thomas Franklin O'Conner 1951 Dwight Dean Nicholas 1952 Diana Morrow 1952 Roger Welch 1953 Jim Henderson 1953 Janice 'Markland' Bloemaker 1953 Allan Lyle Best 1953 Frank T. Cosentino 1953 Sandra K. Schafer 1954 John Vito Calia 1954 Jerry Bloemaker 1954 Gerald (Jerry) Keith Delles 1954 Ray Louis Hawthorne Jr 1954 Sonald Dehn 1954 Kenneth Lee Todd 1954 John Vito Calia 1955 Walter K. Dods 1955 Larry Pence 1956 Karen Jeanne 'Ronney' Yokley 1959 Wayne Pressley 1959 Linda (Hurley) Anderson	1996 Mia K Lawrence York 1999 Michael Daniel, Jr
1940's 1940 Claude Raymond Davis 1940 Norman Wright Hildreth 1940 Edith Marie Trumpold 1941 Dorothy Jandl 1941 Dorothy 'Howell' Zimmerman Smith 1941 Robert Prewitt 1941 G.C. Smith 1942 Joseph Donald Abell 1942 Wanda Ruth Dagley 1942 Herbert J. Murray Jr 1943 Anna Louis Finfrock 1943 James S Robinson 1943 Evelyn Phinney 1943 Richard L. Lewis 1944 William B Stevens* 1944 Agnes Mae Daniel 1944 Beverly Nordstrom 1944 Reba Robinson 1944 Sally Stanley 1944 Frieda (Bellingloph) York 1945 Ethel Claire Kean 1946 John Dinsmoor 1946 Leonard E. Gee 1946 Richard H Edwards 1946 Dolores Nakashima 1946 Arthur Ray Sullard 1946 John Laterra 1946 Mary Francis Nelson 1947 Roy Lee Thompson 1947 Vernon L. Meyer 1947 Beverly J. Powell 1947 Leroy Shelby 1947 Yvonne Zech 1947 Darlene Shea 1948 Jack Alan Pugh 1948 Janice Baker 1949 Delores Brewer 1949 Charles William Horner 1949 Melvin N. Saxton	1960's 1960 Lawrence Philip Lowerman 1960 Martha Judith Parkhurst 1963 Charlesetta E Stokes 1964 Larry Ray Chapman 1964 Bob Bledsoe 1964 Mary Roebuck 1965 Don Palmerin 1965 James Nelson Hollis 1966 Karen Jeanne Vokley 1967 Donna Cucchiara 1968 James Stout 1968 Mary Ellen Rood 1969 Michael Venable 1969 Mark R Hammond 1969 Marie Steiner 1969 Anna Marie Sorisso Galate	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>We need your help to keep our Purple and White Readers informed:</i></p> <p>Please contact Jan Engle, the database secretary, janengle62@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 and a maiden name in the event that the last name is different. If someone other than an alumni, please include what their association with NE was. While we do read the obituary's daily, our main source of information in the event of a death is our Alumni readers.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>SPECIAL NOTE: William B. Stevens served for many years as the NESHAH Historian</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>IN OUR MEMORIES, OUR LOVED ONES LIVE ON.</i></p> <p>Honor a loved my one by placing their name on the Recognition/Memorial wall. See page 9 for an order form.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SHARE YOUR MEMORIES</p> <p>The Lyl Viers Alumni Room is located at the top of the main staircase at Northeast HS and it provides a wonderful look into the past of NEHS, our Alumni and Administrators. If you have memorabilia you would like to donate to the Alumni Association, please contact Roberta Holt Kipper at rholtk1@yahoo.com.</p>
	1970's 1971 Charles Leroy Shelby 1978 Rosa Greene	
	1980's 1981 Steve Galate	

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 plaque is made of colorful acrylic. Because of the generosity of our alumni, the current board is filled and two new plaques have been added to the wall. Names of individuals honored will be permanently inscribed on plates to be attached. When you provide a generous, tax-deductible donation of at least \$100 or more, you may choose to have your name or the name of a loved one placed on the wall. Your class may want to provide a donation and have the class year inscribed for all others to see. With each \$100 or more donated, you may specify an honoree. Our thanks to you for your support, and we hope you will take this opportunity to receive the recognition due or to honor someone with a lasting remembrance. Send your donation today and be recognized, or honor a loved-one.

MEMORIAL/RECOGNITION WALL SUBMISSION FORM

YOUR NAME _____ 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

Note _____

MEMORIAL/RECOGNITION WALL

Continued

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 2015 Fall Issue of the Purple & White newsletter, the following names have been submitted for placement on the memorial wall. These names have/or will be added to one of the new pieces that are placed on either side of the existing plaque.

NAME OF PERSON REMEMBERED

EMMETT "BILL" WILLIAM SHOUR '51
 DONALD K. WANSING '54
 RODNEY N. HADER '39
 SUE PRAEGER GASTON '52
 EVERETT DEIBLER '43
 NORMA EILEEN (GROSS) MCATEE '49
 LINDA ANN (STOCKTON) BRANNOCK '56
 MARY JO (RANALLO) BLACK '56
 LINDA (COLE) RUMLEY '65
 RAY WORTH '55
 JOHN S. GLORIOSO '47
 CLASS OF 1954
 FOOTBALL TEAM 1954
 ALL ALUMNI ASSN. MEMBERS
 LOUIS & ANN FANARA
 JEANNE (ROONEY) YOKLEY '66

 CHARLESETTA STOKES '63

HONORED BY

Ronald D. Kean '51
 Janet E. Wansing '54, Wife
 Lottie G. Hader, Wife
 John R. Gaston '52, Husband
 Richard E. (Gene) Graff '43, Friend
 Robert L. "Bob" McAtee '47, Husband
 Catherine Darlene (Hudson) Moran '56
 and Carol Sue (Ward) Romero '56
 Jeanne (Cole) Lemon '62
 "The Northeast Class of '55"
 Sal Fanara '54
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 Shirley J. (Montesano) Agrusa '66,
 Virginia L. (Savona) Christy '66, and
 Janet S. (Stephens) Hollingsworth '66
 "The Fab Ladies of '63"

2016 Committee Chairpersons

Alumni Room	Velma Showalter & Roberta Holt-Kipper
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Fundraising	Brian Toliver
Golf tournament	Ron Fornelli - Volunteer
Logo Sales	Alice Benson
Membership	Brian Toliver
Newsletter	Patti Myers
Publicity	DianaWilliam Graham
Scholarship	Patti Myers
VAP	Ruth Roush & Diana William' Graham
VIP	Roberta Holt-Kipper
Website	Sal Fanara - Volunteer

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 at janengle62@gmail.com or mail to:
 NEHSAA, PO Box 1264, Blue Springs, Mo 64015-1264

NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL NOTABLE CRITERIA

Definitions to keep in mind while selecting NEHS Notables:

- Worthy of Note: Remarkable, Distinguished and Prominent
 - Remarkable: Worthy of being or likely to be noticed, Uncommon, Extraordinary
 - Distinguished: Marked by Eminence, Distinction or Excellence
1. The person has received a well-known and significant award or honor, or has been nominated for one several times.
 2. The person has made a widely recognized contribution that is part of the enduring historical record in his or her specific field.
 3. The person is regarded as an important figure or is widely cited by peers or successors.
 4. The person is known for originating a significant new concept, theory or technique.
 5. The person has created or played a major co-creating role; of a significant or well-known work or collective body of work that has been the subject of an independent book, feature-length film, or of multiple independent periodical articles or reviews.
 6. The person's work either; (a) has become a significant monument (b) have been a substantial part of a significant exhibition, (c) has won significant critical attention, or (d) is represented within the permanent collections of several notable galleries or museums.
 7. The person has received a highly prestigious academic awarded or honor at a national or international level.
 8. The person is in a field of literature of the fine arts and meets the standards of notability in that art.
 9. The person who by volunteering his time and efforts to the Northeast community and has enriched the lives of the individuals within the community and contributed to the betterment of society because of his actions.
 10. The person who has dedicated a major portion of their life to the distinguished service of the United States either locally, nationally or internationally as in but not limited to - servicemen and women, medical personnel, first responders, religious leaders, secret service, diplomats and ambassadors. Persons who have died or been seriously wounded in service to our neighborhood or country are automatically awarded notable status.

People are likely to be notable if they meet any of the above standards. Failure to meeting these criteria is **not** conclusive proof that a subject should not be included, conversely, with the exception of the last part of item 10, meeting one or more of these criteria will not guarantee that a subject should be included. A person who fails to meet these criteria may still be notable. Common sense and occasional exceptions many apply.

NOTE: Individuals must have attended Northeast High School but they do not have to have graduated from Northeast to be considered for Notable status.

Revised & approved by notable working committee with the addition of items 9 & 10 - October 1, 2015
Revised & approved at annual Jan board meeting - NOTE sentence changed to included "attended NEHS" 1/9/2016

NOTE: Nominations for Notables may be made by any Northeast Alumni and by following the guidelines as outlined in the "Northeast High School Notable Criteria" document referenced above. A bio should be provided in a one page document outlining their contributions. Supporting documentation should be provided if possible.

At the October 2016 Board Meeting – Two Northeast Alumni were presented and approved as Notables. Their biographies follow on the next two pages.

EDDIE OYER - A Northeast Institution

Eddie grew up in Northeast and has lived here all of his life. He started playing the piano at age 3 and by the time he was 12, he had his union card. He was so talented that at 15 years old, he was playing evenings at many of the downtown hotels, among them, the Continental, the President and the Bellivere. But that was at night. In the day, he worked at his sister's dance studio, playing piano for the dance classes. And it was at that studio that the institution of Eddie Oyer began.

Usually an institution is made of brick and stone, such as Northeast High School but on rare occasions they can be made of skin and bone, and such is the case with Eddie Oyer.

When Eddie's sister decided to leave the studio in 1954 to raise her family, Eddie took it over. So if you grew up in Northeast anytime from 1954 on, and you wanted to learn music or how to dance, chances are, you would have been taught by Eddie Oyer. Over the years he has taught both music and dance to 1,000's of hopeful musician's and dancers. Some of his musical students went on to music careers – including playing with Lawrence Welk's orchestra. While Eddie started his musical career at the tender age of 3 (and there are pictures of him dancing as young as 4), he attributes much of his formal training to a music teacher at Northeast High School, Nevin Wasson. Mr. Wasson recognized talent when he saw it and soon had Eddie playing in school shows such as the Viking Varieties. Mr. Wasson taught Eddie the importance of learning how to play a variety of music and that was a lesson that Eddie carried with him throughout his life, playing and teaching others to play classical, jazz, rock, country & western and religious music. His belief was that if you specialized in a style or type of music and that music went out of fashion, so did your career.

At 18, Eddie began playing around the country and his fast paced style earned him the nickname "The Keyboard Atom-Splitter". But he didn't spend his entire time playing piano. He felt the call of the military and joined the army as a combat engineer. However, when you have true talent, it drives your life and he ended up in the music part of the military. He also took time off from music to marry his wife Patty and they became leaders in the Northeast community. He played piano at Budd Park Christian Church and taught Sunday school there. He was honored by the church in 2005 with an "Eddie Oyer Day". He volunteered at Glennon Nursing home and entertained the residents with his vast repertoire, playing whatever the residents requested, and usually without sheet music. That's how you can do it when you've been playing all your life.

In 2007, after 53 years of teaching both the young and the young at heart – Eddie closed his studio. But closing the studio was not the end of his contribution. He continued his activities in the community until his health required him to stop. This piece was started by talking about what an institution is made of. The definition of institution is "an organization, establishment, foundation, society, or the like, devoted to the promotion of a particular cause or program, especially one of a public, educational, or charitable character". Eddie's love of music and his devotion to sharing that love with the 1,000's of pupils that he taught over the years, along with his unfailing commitment to the community, has earned him the right to be called an "institution".

STEPHEN THACKER - Class of 1965

The NEHSAA has recognized many Notable Alumni that have had internationally significant careers. Stephen B. Thacker MD, MSc, RADM/ASG (ret.), US Public Health Service, NE Class of '65 was one such alumnus added to that list by the NEAA Board on the 50th anniversary of his NE graduation. Steve was co-valedictorian at NE, went to Princeton University, and held a medical degree from Mount Sinai School of Medicine and a master's of science from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He did his residency at the Duke School of Medicine and then joined the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

During his service, Dr. Thacker held such CDC leadership positions as Director of the Office of Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Services, Director of the Office of Workforce and Career Development, and Director of the Epidemiology Program Office.

STEPHEN THACKER - Class of 1965

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In addition to these permanent appointments, Dr. Thacker served in an acting capacity at different times as Deputy Director of CDC, Director of the National Center for Environmental Health, Director of the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, and Director of the National Center for Public Health Informatics.

Steve was known for his committed stewardship of many of CDC's flagship programs such as the Epidemic Intelligence Service. For 37 years at the CDC, Steve worked on public health issues for people across the globe as he was instrumental in launching the Field Epidemiology Training Programs in more than 35 countries around the world. His accomplishments were recognized through more than 40 major awards and commendations during his professional career. His more than 240 publications on public health will continue his influence on public health practice well into the future.

Steve's contributions were cut short at the age 65 when he died from complications of Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, a degenerative neurological illness that causes rapid deterioration of the brain. The naming of the Stephen B. Thacker CDC Library in Atlanta established a lasting memory of his service. The library includes the Stephen B. Thacker Legacy Exhibit which showcases the distinguished awards and investigative papers that reflect the outstanding career of this outstanding 1965 graduate of Northeast High School.

Thacker also delighted in his role as a husband, father and grandfather. He coached his daughter's high school girls' basketball team for 20 years. To acknowledge his devotion to the school, the girls' locker room at St. Pius X Catholic High School in Atlanta, GA was dedicated to Coach Thacker.

Northeast High School was fortunate to have a student that made such amazing contributions to the people of the world. You can learn much more about Steve Thacker and his service by visiting the website: www.teamtacker.com.

ST JOSEPH TABLE

Everyone that grew up in Northeast (and most other areas of the city) is familiar with the tradition of the St. Joseph table. The board's own Angie DiFidi has been the lead person for her church's event for many years. The volunteers start in January and they work tirelessly to ensure the event is a success. Among their prep - frying 1200 Cannoli shells, boiling and blanching cases of asparagus, cauliflower for the frittatas. The main dish consists of traditional Pasta Milanese. The community participates by making many side dishes, including artichokes, rice balls, pizza, stuffed peppers, fried eggplant and many, many other Italian specialty items. And of course what's an Italian meal without Italian cookies & candies, cannoli's, cakes and many other sumptuous desserts. The meal is served to all for a free will donation.

Another tradition is to have "The Gumba's"; a musical group of NEHS Alumni; perform at the event, serenading the guests with Italian music. The Gumba's are made up of the following: Sandy Jackson (guitar), Bill Jackson (accordion), Frank Ancona class of 66, Grace Ann 'Carridi' Ancona class of '70. And last but certainly not least - Mr/ James Cariddi. Mr Carriddi is another Northeast Institution - serving as a teacher, vice-principal and principal at NE Jr & NE Senior. He is still very active in the school and the community, and is treasured by all.

The Gumba's as listed above with Angie DiFidi.



The months of preparation results in a bountiful feast



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

Mary Cincotta

One of the things that I want to accomplish as president is to be more involved with the students at the school. While the Alumni board members are often asked to help out at various events – welcome back to school night, teacher parent conferences, checking in paperwork for computers, teacher appreciation lunches, testing monitors etc., etc., etc. – those activities didn't give me/us the interaction with the kids that I wanted. And my reasoning for wanting that interaction is two-fold – I love being around young people, their energy, their wonder at the world around them, their perspective on life and what comes next, helps take me back to my days as a student. While it's a very different world than it was when I was at Northeast – some of the challenges and the situations are the same – you know the saying "there's nothing new under the sun" and in some ways that's true of teenagers 50 years ago and teenagers today. But the other reason, and I'll admit it's the more important of the two – is because for the students to become invested in the Alumni Association, they need to meet the people and see just what we do – and why we do it. And this year, I think we've made some progress in that direction.

With the help of Ms. Carmen Truax, the school's Library Media Specialist – who organized many of the events our Alumni participated in, and Ms. Evelyn Hill - who's title as school liaison is as much of an understatement as calling a Lamborghini "just another car" – we were able to take part in activities that let us get to know the students and the students get to know us.

So the title of this piece is "**WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?**" and the answer is lots! This year I presented a "Dress for Success" workshop for some of the seniors from Ms. Lois Green's marketing class. I've presented this workshop numerous times over the years but this was the first time to high school students so had to adapt it somewhat for the audience but based on the feedback from Ms. Green, the presentation along with the handouts that detailed what we talked about – was a success. The presentation was in two parts – the first what to wear and the second – where to find clothes that didn't break the bank. (And anyone that knows me knows what's coming next!) We covered not only what to wear but how we could shop at thrift stores to maximize our budget.

The next step after knowing what to wear on an interview is to interview, so members of the alumni along with some teachers and administrators from the school, conducted mock interviews. The students were given the job description of "customer service" along with a list of responsibilities for the job so they would have an idea of what to expect and answer accordingly. We had a prepared list of behavioral questions that the interviewer could pick from and after the interview – we critiqued the students. I think the exercise was beneficial for both the students and the alumni because it gave us more insight into what great students Northeast is producing.

Next on the agenda was "Viking Meets Viking". During a round robin style event, Alumni sat with students and talked about what it was like when they were in school and what they did after graduation. We had 5 minutes with each group and then they would move to the next Alumni table. The one thing everybody brought up when we talked about how to make it better next year – was that 5 minutes wasn't long enough.

I chaperoned an outing to Union Station with Ms. Freeman and Ms. Hill to see the play "The Island". The apartheid-era drama, inspired by a true story, is set in an unnamed prison clearly based on South Africa's notorious Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was held for twenty-seven years. For many of the students, it was the first time they had ever been to a play and the first time they understood what apartheid was. After the play, the students had the opportunity to ask questions of the actors and I was impressed with their willingness to show their appreciation of the actors and their performance.

The front page of the Purple and White is a speech given by Mr. Larry Cooper, this year's ROTC Battalion Commander. I had the honor of being invited to this year's JROTC inspection ceremony and I was inspired by the discipline, commitment and respect for both the uniform and the ROTC leaders - that the cadets displayed. Linda Dimon, Chapter Regent of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution – Independence Chapter awarded the prestigious JROTC Bronze Medal to Valarie Gonzales. She was nominated by Col Hillard Jr.

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

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I'm pleased to report that both Mr. Cooper and Ms. Gonzales, along with 16 other well deserving seniors - were awarded 2016 NEHSAA Scholarships.

Speaking of Commander Cooper, who would have thought that among his many talents - we could add writer and rapper. I found this out by attending the recent - 7th annual Poetry and Open Mic contest at the NEHS library. Mr. Cooper shared the stage with another scholarship recipient, Thomas Manzon. Both had written the pieces they performed. To be honest, if you asked me if I like Rap, my answer before hearing our students, would have been No. But hearing the honesty behind the words and the raw emotion that the students were willing to share - I can now say I'm a convert. And the talent wasn't limited to seniors, rappers or poets - there were also some very talented singers and undergraduates who also performed. And as is always the case, when I get to see our students in action, it made me so proud that they are students of the same great school I attended.

So, I saved the best for last - The FIRST ANNUAL NEHSAA Donation Drive - \$269.68 Raised. The Assoc is constantly looking for more ways to make money for the students, and as a regular shopper at Savers Thrift Stores, the idea of hosting a donation drive, seemed like a no brainer. People have to clean out their closets and garages, so why not have them bring it to the school and let their clothes, shoes, purses, books and a WHOLE bunch of other stuff - make money to help the kids! And boy did our Alumni and the community come through for us! The event was held on April 9th, a cold blustery day but that didn't keep people from coming. We had 12 students helping out - half at the door greeting people and bringing in the bags, boxes, lamps, and etc. The other students were leading tours so those that wanted to see how the school looked, had the opportunity to take a trip down memory lane. Let me say, the students that helped with this event were shining examples of why we do what we do. They were friendly, enthusiastic, knowledgeable and willing to do whatever was asked of them. And that isn't just my opinion - every comment I heard from Alumni about them was overwhelmingly positive. At the pizza "thank you" party we had, the kids spent a lot of the time brainstorming about what they could do to raise money for the Alumni. How cool is that!

I'm almost done - so don't stop reading yet. Last week when we conducted our scholarship interviews, I saw students that I had met at one or another of the events that I helped with or attended. The first question I ask the students is "what do they know about the Alumni Association?". This year, for the first time in the 5 years I've been on the scholarship committee, every student knew who we were, what we do AND how much our annual does are! So, I think it's working....

The photos below are ones from many of the events I just outlined for you. (And I thank you for your patience in sticking around till the end!)



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