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The fairy tale “The Viking Heart” touched a nerve with our faithful Alumni and we had a surge in membership dues received in the first few months of the year. And we hoped that was a trend that would continue but unfortunately, that wasn’t the case. Instead we had something happen that we’d never expected or prepared for – the Coronavirus - most often referred to as Covid 19. That changed the world and it’s not surprising that people forgot to pay their membership dues or make a donation. They were focused on staying healthy. And since we had no idea (and still don’t!) when the situation would improve we delayed the printing of the Purple and White hoping that we would have a better grasp of the situation and could move forward with plans for the Golf Tournament or an All Year Get Together. But it’s 8 months later and things are still up in the air with no answers in sight.

This is unexplored territory. The world has started spinning in the opposite direction and it’s consuming our thoughts. It’s hard to think about whether you paid your 2020 membership dues when you’re faced with this “Brave New World”. At least now you can go out but only with masks and social distancing observed. And since many of the Alumni that pay their membership dues annually are in the “at risk” segment of society by nature of their age, it makes thinking about anything other than “if I go to the store will I get Covid-19?” the first and last thing that we think about every day.

Of course, the Alumni aren’t the only ones affected. We know that a large portion of our students family members have been severely impacted by the Pandemic. Article II of the NEHSAA By-Laws outlines the objectives of the NEHSAA. Item C reads: **To promote a good relationship with Northeast High School and the Northeast Community.** We thought about what that meant and what we could do to promote a good relationship during this most difficult time.

The Board had a meeting and discussed how best we could serve the community. We knew that a large portion of our student’s family members were laid off without pay for at least two months. And when you consider that many of them are barely making it even with a paycheck, that created a real hardship for most of them.

So, the result of the meeting was that we decided the most good we could do would be to pay “necessary” bills – utilities and internet (students needed it for distance learning) for some of the families that were impacted the most. We knew we couldn’t help everyone but even if we only helped a few, it could make the difference of having lights and water on and make the stress for them lower - at least for a little while.

After deliberation and a review of our operating funds, we set a limit of \$10,000. With the help of the school administration to identify the families most in need of assistance, multiple families were contacted by the Middle School Counselor and asked if they could use assistance. Twenty of the families contacted said they could use the help.

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To ensure the money was going to areas that would have the biggest impact, we requested that the families provide us with copies of their utility bills and we paid them directly to the vendors.

We purposely didn't deal directly with the families because we didn't want them to feel embarrassed about the situation but they were told who was helping them out and we were provided with positive feedback by the counselor.

So that's part of what we've been doing since all this started. But that \$10,000 is only the newest illustration of what we do to support the community and school. This list provides a more detailed outline of what your membership fee does for the school, students and community of NEHS.

- Always #1 - Scholarships – We now have a program to provide select students' renewable scholarships. Being able to help an Alumni throughout their college or technical school career illustrates to the student the true meaning of what "Once a Viking, always a Viking" means. These students and the students that follow are the future of the Alumni Association.
- Support to the Viking Pantry –Students, School staff and members of the neighborhood can find fresh, frozen, canned etc. food items, hygiene supplies, School supplies and Clothing. This year they hosted a Prom shopping spree.
- 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 for programs as requested by the Principal, Teachers or Administrators. This includes financial assistance for special events such as Prom & Decision Day
- Purchase of 6 yearbooks - 2 for alumni room and remainder for area libraries
- Annual staff luncheon
- The annual Elf Project

But that list isn't complete either because it leaves off one of the most important things that our Alumni Association Members do – act as role models for the students that benefit from our interaction in their lives. Every time they go to the Viking Party and talk to Mrs. Pat Roberts or Ms. Roberts Holt-Kipper they see first-hand the importance of lending a helping hand. When the students are interviewed for scholarships, they always ask what school was like when we were there and what we did after graduation. Our tales of success show them that while most of us were poor growing up, we valued what we had learned at Northeast High School and carried that commitment with us regardless of what path we took in life.

A good percentage of the students that we establish a relationship with continue to be part of our lives for years to come. This coming Saturday I plan to attend the graduation of a 2016 Northeast graduate and one of the students that we provided financial support to for the 4 years that she attended college. Her graduation is proof that we make a difference as does her commitment to be being a role model for students that follow in her footsteps.



Chinese Saying: If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap. If you want happiness for a day, go fishing, if you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune but if you want happiness for a lifetime, help someone else.



IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY OR TOO LATE TO PAY YOUR ANNUAL ALUMNI DUES!

- Please keep your calendar updated so that you are reminded that Northeast High School Alumni Association membership is due on January 1st.
- You are always welcome to pay in advance for future years.
- Payment methods are listed on the membership form found on the following page.

EVERYTHING IS MORE FUN IF YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN SOMETHING SO WE HAVE A 2 PART INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR NEHSAA MEMBERS TO GET THE BALL ROLLING!

A CURRENT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBER ONLY RAFFLE WITH A CHANCE TO WIN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 65" SMART TV
- NO CONTRACT AT HOME SECURITY SYSTEM

JUST TO CLARIFY. Only Alumni that have already paid their 2020 annual alumni dues or are lifetime members are current Northeast High School Alumni Association Members. Once your 2020 NEHSAA membership dues are paid, you become a current Association member and will automatically be entered into the raffle and sent your raffle numbers.

GREAT! WHAT ABOUT RAFFLE TICKETS AND HOW DO I GET THEM?

IF YOU HAVE ALREADY PAID THE 2020 NEHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DUES

- a. As a Thank you for supporting the Alumni Association, each Alumni Association member will receive 8 free raffle tickets.
- b. Lifetime Alumni Association members will receive a total of 16 tickets – 8 for being a Lifetime Association member and an additional 8 for being a Lifetime member that generously paid the annual 2020 dues and/or any additional years.
- c. Alumni Association members that are current with their 2020 dues and whom also paid for any upcoming years (one or more years) will get an additional 8 tickets for a total of 16 tickets.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The maximum number of free raffle tickets per NEHSAA Member is 16. Additional raffle tickets can be purchased in increments of 8 for \$20.00 – no limit – and can be ordered using the NEHSAA membership form located on the following page.

HOW DO ALUMNI THAT ARE NOT CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE NEHSAA BECOME ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RAFFLE?

- By paying their 2020 Annual Alumni Dues. Payment must be received by December 1st. They can pay online or mail a check. Detailed information is on the membership form located on the next page.

HOW WILL THE DRAWING WORK?

- a. To save on postage, people that have email addresses will be sent their ticket numbers by email. Those that do not have email will receive their tickets by postal mail.
- b. NEHSAA members that are playing in the Golf tournament will get their raffle tickets in their Viking Discount packet. Number of tickets depends on status: 8 as regular member, 16 as a regular member that paid in advance for next year or more years or 16 if they are a lifetime member that also paid 2020 dues (or additional years)
- c. **WHILE YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN**, weather permitting, the drawing will take place on the grounds of Northeast High School on December 18th.
- d. If the winner received their tickets in an email and is not present at the drawing, they will be sent the winning ticket as a memento.

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VIKING SPIRIT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. SPECIFICS AS FOLLOWS:

- a) The decade that has the most paid Alumni by December 1st, will get a plaque on the Memorial/Recognition Wall in the Alumni Room
- b) A drawing will be held for the year that has the most paid members. The class member whose name is drawn from that class, will have paid attendance for 2 at the 2021 All Year Event.

PLEASE NOTE: In the event that we are unable to have an All Year Event in 2021, the lucky couple will receive a \$100 restaurant gift card

**SO YOU KNOW WHERE WE ARE AND WHERE WE NEED TO GO
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE GOAL IS 1000 PAID ALUMNI MEMBERS BY DECEMBER 1st, 2020**

CURRENT 2020 MEMBERSHIP NUMBER IS 385 - 615 MORE AND WE'VE MET OUR GOAL!

WE ARE VIKINGS AND WE DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE!

**NEHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM
PAYMENT CAN BE MADE IN THE FOLLOWING TWO METHODS**

Pay Online at northeastvikings.org.

By check, Mail check addressed to NEHSAA and membership form to:
NEHSAA, P.O. Box 1264, Blue Springs, Mo 64013-1264

**IMPORTANT TO KNOW - IT'S NEVER TOO LATE OR TOO EARLY TO PAY DUES.
WE WELCOME THE PAYMENT OF DUES AT ANY TIME DURING THE YEAR!**

BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO SIMPLY GETTING YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS

NAME (include maiden): _____ GRAD YEAR: _____

SPOUSE (IF NE alumni - include maiden) _____ GRAD YEAR: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

2020 Membership Fee \$20.00 _____ Pay in advance for Additional Years: \$20 x number of years _____

RAFFLE TICKETS 8 for \$20.00: 1 PURCHASE OF 8: Multiple purchases of 8 each \$20 x total _____

CHARITABLE DONATION: \$ _____

COMMENTS: _____

NOTE: Lifetime members are not expected to pay annual dues but the NEHSAA, Students and Faculty welcome all financial assistance that is provided.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION JAMES A. CARIDDI ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

After much deliberation, the Northeast High School Alumni Association Board has decided to move forward with the Annual James Cariddi Memorial Golf Tournament with the following considerations in place:

- It will be held on September 26th at Adams Pointe (registration form follows) contingent on the pandemic having reached a plateau by September 1st 2020.
- **However**, because the safety of our golfers and volunteers is our #1 priority - in the event that new cases and deaths are still on the rise in the greater KC metropolitan area on a daily basis, we will be forced to cancel this year's tournament. But you can count on us to start planning next year's tournament immediately and promise that it will go down in the record books as the **BEST TOURNAMENT EVER!**

In order to proceed with the tournament, adjustments/changes will be made to lessen the risk to golfers and volunteers. Depending on the circumstances as the date becomes closer, more adjustments/changes may need to be implemented.

NOTE: THIS DOCUMENT WAS DEVELOPED USING 2 LOCAL GOLF COURSE'S PROCEDURES FOR TOURNAMENT PLAY DURING THE PANDEMIC AND FOLLOW COVID 19 REGULATIONS

- Our ability to have the golf tournament will be dependent on having enough volunteers to manage the event.
- Payment must be made in advance so no cash will exchange hands the day of the event. Payment information is on the registration form on next page.
- In the event that there is a difference in what the Alumni Association feels is the safest course of action for our golfers from how Adam's Pointe Golf Club is operating, our golfers will follow the precautions of the Alumni Association Board.
- Masks will be worn and social distancing will be in place in all common areas.
- Limit groups of ten or less in club house and snack bar area.
- There will be no socializing in the club house before or after the tournament.
- No physical contact is required to maintain a safer environment.
- We will provide snack bags and water for golfers. They will include a complementary Viking face mask, hand sanitizer and NEHSAA thank you gift.
- Rather than a sit-down lunch, there will be a boxed lunch that the golfers will pick up and take with them.
- We will not have our table auction items.
- Distribution of winnings for the money holes will be made outside on the grounds with social distancing observed. Determination of where to be provided on day of tournament.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Do not high five, shake hands or fist bump with your playing partners during/after the round.
- Gloves will be provided in the event that someone other than the owner carries their golfer's equipment.
- Pins are to stay in the cup.
- If the ball bounces off the pvc in the cup, it does not count as "it would have gone in." The ball must remain in the cup.
- Sand-traps are not in play. Drop on the line the ball went into the trap, no closer to the hole.

MOST IMPORTANT

- Please **STAY HOME IF YOU ARE NOT FEELING WELL.**
- Payment received to play constitutes the understanding that players and volunteers do so knowing the risks involved. The NEHSAA has no responsibility for any negative outcomes as a result of their involvement in the tournament.

We love our Alumni, their family and friends and our only consideration at this time is to make playing in the tournament as safe as possible. The registration form follows on the following page.

NEHSAA 2020 ANNUAL JAMES CARROLL MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



COST: \$99.00 Per Golfer
 DATE: Saturday, September 26th, 2020
 TIME: Pre-Tournament Begins At 7 Am
 With Tee Off at 8 Am (Rain Or Shine)
 LOCATION: Adams Pointe Golf Club,
 1601 NE Rd Mize Rd, Blue Springs, MO 64014
 PHONE: (816) 220-3673

IMPORTANT NOTICE: DUE TO THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC, PAYMENT MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE AND RECEIVED NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2020. NO PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED THE DAY OF THE TOURNAMENT. THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO PAY:

- 1) **PAY ONLINE AT NORTHEASTVIKINGS.ORG:-** Open golf registration page & menu. Follow directions to fill out the Interactive PDF form. Navigate to the website's "donate/register" link, it will direct you to that page to complete the PayPal transaction. Please remember to designate "for golf" when authorizing the payment. **NOTE:** If you prefer to pay by check but like the option of filling out the form online, you can fill in the form, print and mail with your check.
- 2) **PAY BY CHECK:** You have the following options for getting the form - complete the online interactive form and print it, make a copy of the form from the P&W Newsletter or remove the form from the P&W. Mail the completed form along with a check made out to: NEHSAA, P.O. BOX 1264, BLUE SPRINGS, MO 64013-1264

IMPORTANT NOTE: In the event that the tournament is cancelled due to Covid 19, your payment can be credited towards the 2021 tournament or refunded at your request.

**WOULD YOU BE ONE OF OUR SPONSORS ?
 GOLD, PLATINUM, AND DIAMOND SPONSORS GOLF FOR FREE !**

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

\$1,000 Diamond	\$150 Competitor
\$500 Platinum	\$50 Explorer
\$250 Gold	\$10 Voyager
\$150 Viking	\$10 Caddie

OPPORTUNITY TO SHINE!

You don't have to golf to sponsor a hole. \$50 Explorer level and above will put a sign with your name or business name on a hole for everyone to see!

TEAM CAPTAIN NAME: _____ GRAD YR: _____ EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

NAME OF TEAM PLAYERS & GRAD YR.

_____ NEHS Grad Year : _____

_____ NEHS Grad Year : _____

_____ NEHS Grad Year : _____

Golf Fees \$	Viking Discount Package \$	Hole Sponsor \$
Donation \$	NEHS Annual Alumni Dinner \$	Total Enclosed \$

The Alumni Association is a 501(c)3 organization and donations etc. are tax deductible. Please email Earl Williamson - ewilliam@conncast.net, phone 816/536-1085 or Mary Carrozza - rcarrozza2@gmail.com, phone 816/589-1455 if you have Tournament questions or want to make donation, sponsor a hole or need a tax receipt.

NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL NOTABLES

Northeast High School has produced many stellar individuals that have made an impact either locally, nationally or worldwide. At the January meeting, two new Notables were added. If you know someone that you feel meets the criteria necessary to be recognized as a Notable, please send a biography outlining their achievements to Nancy Elder at nancyelder9@aol.com or any of the board members listed on the back page of the P&W. The bio will be presented to the board and a majority approval is required to add them to the list.

NEHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 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 role co-creating, a significant or well-known book, song, poem, full length film, or of multiple independent periodical articles or reviews.
 6. The person's work either (a) has become a significant monument (b) has 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 rat.
 9. An individual who by volunteering his time and efforts to the Northeast community has enriched the lives of the individuals he has worked with and contributed to the betterment of society because of his actions.
 10. An individual who has dedicated part of his life to the distinguished service of the United States, either nationally or internationally as in but not limited to - servicemen and women, medical personal, religious leaders, secret service, diplomats and ambassadors. Persons who have died or been seriously wounded in service to our country are automatically awarded Notable status.

NOTE: Individuals do not have to have graduated from Northeast to be considered for Notable status.

NEW NOTABLES

Two names were submitted at the end of 2019 as worthy of being admitted to the ranks of Northeast High School Notables. The vote for both was unanimous. They each exemplify the commitment and dedication that is the earmark of a Viking.

The newest Northeast High School Notables are Velma Buterbaugh Showalter and Dale Lightfoot. Short biographies for both parties are on the next page.

VELMA BUTERBAUGH SHOWALTER

Velma Buterbaugh graduated from Northeast High School in 1944, and in 1947 married Jim Showalter who also graduated from Northeast High School in 1944. They raised three children, two boys and a girl and those children also attended and graduated from Northeast High School! Velma worked at Montgomery Wards while the children were in school. After several years she wanted to teach and was hired by St. John Holy Rosary School as a teacher contingent upon her completing her college education. She did and graduated from Avila College in 1972. After graduation she continued to teach. In addition to teaching, she was active in her Church and PTA.

Of major importance in regards to being deserving of the designation of Notable is that she was a founding member of the Northeast Alumni Association. Up until 3 - 4 years ago, she was still up at the school weekly taking care of the Alumni Room and sharing the history with students that were in awe of all the treasures in the room.

About five years after Jim passed away, Velma decided to go to live at the Groves in Independent living. There she taught the people how to play cards and games. When someone new came she was the one who wanted to help them get acquainted with others and the surroundings. After about three years Velma left the Groves to live closer to her daughter and gave up driving. She no longer drives and it has slowed her down somewhat but she still has the drive to attend church and help out anyone that needs it.

You don't hear it often anymore but the saying "don't hide your light under a bushel" would be true of Velma. She doesn't know how special she is and how much she contributed to the school and other organizations. Her claim to fame is much simpler – that she was always willing to help no matter what it was or where, you just have to give her a call.

DALE LIGHTFOOT

Dale Lightfoot has always worn many hats and here are only a few that are known to me. Some of this information was taken from the Northeast News.

One hat he wears is as the Charitable Mercenary. He donates food and volunteer hours to organizations like Harvesters, Betsy's House, Children's Memorial Lutheran, The Cherith Brook Catholic Worker House, Redeemer Lutheran, Hillcrest Ministries and Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

Another hat for Dale is his charisma and sales ability to get people and companies to donate through him to these charitable organizations. He and only he has developed relationships with grocery outlets such as Sprouts, Hy-Vee and Harvesters. He has a true Viking-giving-spirit. He has not only provided food to the pantry thru his vast connections but also picks up food from another Viking Alumni, and past Board Member, Bob Wisdom, who owns a produce company.

Add another hat to add to the pile and you will see that Dale has ministered to the homeless as well. At one time he provided a place where the homeless could stop in, shower, with no questions asked.

Hat three, is his skilled photography business. He is a well-known photographer in the Kansas City area and has provided many Northeast Reminians with the documented proof that they had a good time at their reunion. He makes us all look good. He frequently does aerial photography and brings quite another talent to his long resume`.

And probably, the most important hat he wears is that he is a father, to three beautiful daughters. I am sure they are as proud of him as he is of them.

His future includes a desire to open food pantries in other places where there is a need, and I have no doubt he will accomplish it wearing one of his many hats. As Dale would say, "Peace—out."

The NEHSAA Logo Shop has Viking Face Masks for sale! Fall is around the corner, time to buy a long sleeve pullover and a hoodie. Check online at northeastvikings.org for all available merchandise and pricing.

PRESIDENT'S NOTE: In one way or another, all of the alumni of Northeast High School are Notables but there are some that stand out because of the impact they made to their family and their community. Space does not allow us to print everyone's obituary but on occasion, we feel the need to share information that you might not otherwise know. The following two obituaries are for two Vikings that illustrate what we mean when we say "once a Viking, Always a Viking."

ROSS J. CASCIO 1929 - DECEMBER 3, 2019

CLASS OF 1946

Ross J. Cascio, 90, passed away peacefully on December 3, 2019, surrounded by his loving family. He was born and raised in the Northeast area of Kansas City, graduating from Gladstone Elementary School and Northeast High School. He married the love of his life, Clarene, 69 years ago and they lived out their love story until she became his guardian angel in May, 2018.

Ross was so proud of his Purple and White Northeast Vikings, his involvement in UNICO (an Italian-American charitable organization), and his leadership in the Kansas City Real Estate Board, as only one of two Father-Son Presidencies in its history. He was one of the founders of the Northeast Chamber of Commerce and was often referenced as the "Mayor of Northeast".

He reflected so fondly on his involvement in the grocery business and was a devout Catholic - serving on parish councils, ushering and volunteering for numerous positions. One of his passions was opening and running Cascio's Corner diner on St. John Ave. and decades later, would still meet people who had such fond memories of that establishment.

He was also proud to serve on the Board of Directors for Central Bank for more than 40 years as one of the longest-termed Board Members.

What really defined Ross and made him beam with pride over the years was founding and leading Victor Ross & Co. Real Estate for 60 years. He often reminisced on the many businesses that he helped to get their start, the way he and his team shaped Kansas City, and led to the building of so many successful businesses. He defined "White Tie Service" with his loyalty, integrity, and customer focus, plus he could negotiate a deal like no other!

Ultimately, Ross was a true people-person, a family man - a faithful, committed, and loving husband, a supportive, caring and nurturing father and grandfather, and always there for any family member or friend in need. He brightened the days and any room with his sense of humor, a smile, and a kind word or compliment. He worked the room with a rare charisma that made everyone feel happy and loved.

CLAUDE RAYMOND "CHUCK" WEBER, JR

You do not have to have attended Northeast High School to be a Viking. Sometimes you become a Viking because you married one or have a child that attended Northeast. In Chuck's case, both are true. He married Sandra "Sandy" (DeGeare) Weber, a Northeast Alumni and they had a son and daughter that attended Northeast High School.

The following is taken from Chuck's obituary.

Claude Raymond "Chuck" Weber, Jr., 73, of Kansas City, MO, formerly of Greensburg, IN, passed away on Friday, September 6, 2019 at Veterans Hospital in Kansas City, MO, from complications of pneumonia. Visitation will be from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 13th at Royer's New Salem Funeral Home, Independence, MO, with Memorial service following at 2:00 p.m. Private burial. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be sent to Disabled American Veterans Association.

Claude was born on June 3, 1946, the son of Claude Raymond Sr. and Freida Mae (Schaffer) Weber. He has two brothers, Raymond and James Weber. Claude graduated from Greensburg High School, Greensburg, IN, in 1964. He was in the Army from June 11, 1964 to June 9, 1967. Claude married Sandra (DeGeare) Weber on June 13, 1970. He worked at Midwest Research Institute in Kansas City, MO, as a research photographer for 26 years and at Harrah's Casino in North Kansas City as a hotel night supervisor for 12 years before retiring in December 2008.

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Survivors include his wife, Sandra "Sandy" Weber of Kansas City, MO; son, Christopher and Christina Weber of Lee's Summit, MO; three grandchildren: Orville Dupree, Jocelyn Weber, and Brooklyn Weber of Lee's Summit, MO; and two brothers: Raymond and Cecilia Weber of Pittsburg, MO, and James Weber of Olympia, WA. Claude was also loved by many uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Tracy Gail Weber.

I knew Chuck as a quiet and kind man who believed in giving a hand-up. His daughter Tracy Gail Weber, wanted to become a nurse and was attending school in pursuit of her dream when she was tragically killed in a traffic accident. Chuck and his wife Sandy wanted to honor their daughter and have done so by funding a \$1000 yearly scholarship in Tracy's name for the last 19 years. Sandy plans on continuing that scholarship for as long as possible.

Proof that Vikings are Vikings because of their big hearts. And that "Once a Viking, Always a Viking" is as true today and it was when it first was said.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OCTOBER 20th, 2020

The annual membership meeting of the Northeast High School Alumni Association will be held October 20, 2020 at 7:00P.m. at Maywood Baptist Church, 10505 E Winner Rd, Independence, MO 64052. 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

- o 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

- o 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.

IMPORTANT NOTE: We will follow the COVID 19 regulations in place at the time of the meeting, including having an electronic meeting or postponing it until a later date if the Covid - 19 regulations still do not allow for large group gatherings. Please check the website for updates and if you have not already done so, provide your email address so that you can be updated in the event of any changes. You can add it online at our website northeastvikings.org. or send email to Sal Fasara at sal.fasara1@gmail.com and Jan Engles at janengle@bcglobal.net so we can add your email to our e-mail lists. To ensure we have all necessary information you will need to add your address, phone and email.

PLEASE KNOW THAT THE INFORMATION IS FOR USE BY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ONLY. WE DO NOT SELL OR DISTRIBUTE ANY PERSONAL INFORMATION.

IN REMEMBRANCE

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

1930'S	1950's	1960's
1937 Frederika (Grassilli) Feorester 1937 Marian Barbara (Marsh) Jamison 1939 Martha L. (Pittman) Mance 1937 Edith Mae MacDougall 1938 Martha Lucille (Pittman) Mance 1939 Clifford T. Bryant	1952 Cheryl Ann (Turecak) Gopford 1952 Burton H. Hendricks 1952 Lawrence "Larry" Phillips 1952 Robert "Bob" C. Stockwood 1953 A. Richard "Rich" DeMayo 1953 Loretta "Laura" (Sollomi) Dunn 1953 Paul Joseph Guarino 1953 Gerald Arnold Kilgore 1953 Robert L. Paruchich 1954 Gayann (Riggin) Hamilton 1954 Paul Raymond Oaks 1954 Jackie (Bailey) Sacamano 1955 Larry Keith Campbell 1955 Dorothy (Ziegler) Hernandez 1955 James Douglas Hooten 1955 Phillip E. Klossner 1955 Joyce A. (Ricketts) Manning 1955 Claudene Eleanor (Craven) Mattos 1955 Frank J. Poppa 1955 Alice Anne (Adcox) Richardson 1955 David T. Sano 1956 George Cain Miller 1957 Wanda Joan (Asta) Beach 1957 Charles E. Coakley 1957 Raymond Anthony Casumano 1957 William J. Hake 1957 Jack E. Lambrecht 1957 Betty Rosecrans 1957 Stottler King Starr 1957 Ellis Carman Storms 1957 Norma J. (Lairmore) Williams 1958 Georgia E. (Barbar) Benigar 1958 Linda L. (Thompson) Bomer 1958 Virginia F. (Hurlbert) Carpenter 1958 Betty S. (Davis) Cornwall 1958 Robert Edward Dearing 1958 Judith K. De Lapp 1958 Harold L. Fuller 1958 Gwendolyn H. Hake 1958 June Darlene Hertzog 1958 Linda B. Himes 1958 Lloyd Hoover 1958 Larry W. Hughes 1958 Bernice Golden (Childress) McCutchen 1958 Carol N. (Coffman) Motter 1958 Vera Kathleen (Norris) Peters 1958 Vivian K. (Hurlbert) Rosecrans 1958 Marcia West 1958 Peggy J. (La Porte) Willoughby 1958 David L. Wittmeyer 1959 Earl F. Conarley, Jr. 1959 John G. Forbes 1959 Anne (Bomura) Gingrich 1959 Vera Kathleen (Norris) Peters 1959 Roger Carroll Thompson 1959 Randy Vest 1959 Joyce Ann (Crockett) Veterans	1960 David A. Gillman 1960 Julia (Allen) Krazoff 1960 Joyce Engenst 1960 Bruce Goldsmith 1960 William Henry "Bill" Niggen 1960 Charles "Charlie" Lyle Annis 1960 Larry Dale Howard 1960 Carolyn Sue (Thames) Dumassey 1960 Tomi Ann (Fontana) DeSimone 1960 Roger Pool 1960 Frank Carl Scrimble 1960 George D. Toppy, II 1960 Michael Eugene Coleman 1960 Judith A. Fornelli 1960 Patricia (Walker) Tyndal 1960 Gary Francis 1960 Larry Mays 1960 Alice (Hutchins) Nelson Stone 1960 Myra 1960 Jerry L. Skinner
1940'S	1970's	
1940 Clyde Dewey Hood 1940 Clara Murray Rimshart 1940 Betty Jo (Decker) Springer 1942 Richard Lee Flack 1942 Russell L. Handy, Jr. 1942 Juanita Reed Hood 1943 Jean Marie (Henderson) Hancock 1943 Edwin William "Bill" Hockett 1943 Nina (Teale) Raps 1943 William "Bill" Robert Burras, Jr. 1944 Peggy (Galbraith) Cassell 1944 John Richard Hansford 1944 Barbara Jean (Kelley) Jansen 1944 Evelyn (Cullen) Allen Miller 1944 Helen (Snook) Mueller 1944 Martha Pauline "Pat" (Flory-Puckett) Pinelli 1944 Sam Briscoe 1945 Beverly Ruth (Patrick) Campbell 1945 Norma Elizabeth (House) Miller 1946 Ruth Colleen Bond 1946 Ross J. Cascio 1946 Ralph Collins Drake 1946 Robert K. Fitzgerald 1946 Margaret, "Peggy" (Palmer) Saffir 1946 Norma (Metz) Wilson 1946 Jo Ann (Moats) Donaldson-Mericle 1947 Renee Mae (Rice) Pittman 1947 Norma Jean Ericason Poling 1947 Fred W. Shantzler 1947 Edward (Ed) Lee Trader 1947 Walter L. Van Wye, Sr. 1947 Evelyn L. Walton 1947 Barbara Sue (Garrison) Hixson 1948 William Calvin Johnson 1948 Alice June (Lewis) Sessions 1948 William S. Sessions 1948 Patsy Ruth (Kerst) Smith 1948 Winifred Lois (Petry) Wood 1948 Mary Lou (Weiland) Baker 1949 William H. "Bill" Danforth 1949 Carolyn (Weston) Harbaugh 1949 Shirley Loree (How) Johnson 1949 Kenneth Lloyd Organ 1949 Ralph Shimsman, Jr.	1970 Matthew Marc Inzerillo 1970 Frank L. Martin Jr. 1971 Jack William Wilson 1971 Charles Leroy Dickerson 1971 Stephen E. Lambke 1971 Vicki S. Little 1971 Steve Rainey 1972 Pamela A. (Northcut) Petros 1973 Bruce "Murphy" E. Adams 1973 Bobette (Mersman) Kilgore 1973 Donita Patricia (McMullin) Steward 1974 Theresa Ann Monaco 1977 Kathleen (Fontana) Davis Gregory Allen Ford	1980's
		1983 Donna (Giambalvo) Carrander
		OTHERS:
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duane Kelly - Teacher 1962-1993 • Claude Raymond "Chuck Weber Jr. - Humanitarian - Funded the Tracy Weber Scholarship in honor of his daughter.
1950's		
1951 Patricia Collen (Hayes) Garvasi 1951 Donald Lawrence Hughes 1951 Ronald David Kean 1951 Betty Sue (Chatman) Litor 1951 Richard A. (Buck) Nash 1951 Maurice G. Nolte 1951 Anthony E. Scardino, Jr. D.O. 1951 Edna Elizabeth (Hopper) Syjeda 1951 Robert "Bob" Dean White		

MEMORIAL/RECOGNITION WALL



The Memorial/Recognition Wall is on permanent display in the Alumni Room for all students, faculty, and alumni visitors to view. Names of individuals honored are inscribed on plates and attached to one of 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 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. Since the Fall 2018 Purple & White, the following names have been requested by loved ones to be added to the Memorial/Recognition Wall located in the Loyal Viers Alumni Room at Northeast High School.

Since the 2019 SPRING/SUMMER Issue of the Purple & White Newsletter, the following names have been Submitted for placement on our "NEW" Memorial/Recognition Wall located in the Loyal Viers Alumni Room at Northeast High School:

ROBERT W. STIVERS '69

His Four Brothers, Henry, Douglas, Thomas
and Charles Stivers '64

**FOR OUR CLASSMATES,
ALREADY IN HEAVEN
IN LOVING MEMORY, CLASS OF '77"**

By Patricia Kullman-Ruiz '77

ROSE ELLEN (LEWIS) STERVINOU '51

By Mary R. (Hawkins) Barnett '51

DAVID A. DOUGHERTY '54

By Sandra O. (Pennington) Dougherty '57

DONALD B. EVINGER '46

By Cynthia S. Dull - Daughter

JAMES G MCCARTNEY '69

By Class of 69

RUSSELL LOWELL HANDY, JR. '42

By Margery S. (Stubble) Handy '41

THE RECOGNITION WALL SUBMISSION FORM

NAME _____ GRAD/CLASS YR _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

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

MEMORIAL _____ RECOGNITION _____ \$100 _____ \$250 _____ \$500 \$ _____ OTHER TAX RECIEPT _____

NOTE _____

USE THIS FORM AND SEND FORM & CHECK
TO NEHSAA, M/R WALL, PO BOX 1264, BLUE SPRINGS, MO 64013-1264

UPDATE ON THE VIKING PANTRY

Sorry that I'm late in reporting but this has been a very strange year. We were fortunate that we had mild temperatures in December and January because once Covid 19, aka Corona Virus struck, the world became a different place. Northwest students stopped attending school and long-distance learning became the norm.

In a time of fear and uncertainty, good news is always welcome. My good news is that the NEHS cafeteria staff is now providing a boxed breakfast and lunch for our students. The meals are available for pick up, it is being delivered to them by the district. I don't know what my numbers are, but numbers for the district are 65,000 since the initiative started back in mid to late May. A shout out to Mr. Wendell Toombs and his crew for their hard work.

Back in the pantry, on May 5th, we packed groceries from the pantry for over 50 families to be delivered to MY student families by the KCMOPD. MY thanks to Officer Anne Murphy and her partner Officer Johnson for stuffing their teeny tiny car with bags of groceries, boxes of lunch meat and 30+ frozen turkey breast to MY families. The turkey breast was my Easter meal, which because of COVID-19 did not happen.

We also, through the Viking clothes closet headed by awesome manager Pat McCullum Roberts, started a Prom Fair. Last year the school was lucky enough to have the services of Sheffield Assembly who provide prom dresses and accessories. They brought the dresses to the school and my ladies shopped to find just the dress for the event. Unfortunately, this year we were unable to get their services. So, what did we do, we looked to our Viking sisters for help.

And my Viking sisters answered. So a SPECIAL THANKS to my awesome Viking sisters of all classes. In less than two weeks, we had 262 gorgeous prom dresses that came from all directions. Unfortunately, COVID-19 put the prom on hold but my Ladies were able to attend the Prom Fair before things were cancelled and when the situation changes and a prom is back on the schedule, MY ladies will be the best dressed anywhere!

But it doesn't stop there. my Viking sisters from all classes, brought or sent in another 162 dresses. Dresses arrived from Arizona and from the far North thanks to Kathy and Paula and Linda from Arkansas. Then during our quarterly luncheons, my Viking sisters from the 60's loaded my car with more for the Prom. Too many of my sisters for the space to list, but you know I love each and every one of you. Mrs. Charlene Warrington Law provided us beautiful purses and accessories to accessorize those dresses.

In addition to my Viking Sisters, my special thanks to Woods Chapel United Methodists Church. They allowed us to come visit them after their own prom fair. We were allowed to go through their dresses and take what we thought we would need. my Viking sisters choose 150 beautiful dresses. They choose short, long, modest, less modest and even a few matronly dresses for our sponsors. We had sizes from 0 through plus sizes. MY nurse Emily, even gave us bridesmaid dresses from a wedding that never happened.

Now, I would like to highlight my awesome Clothes Manager Ms. Pat. Ms. Pat actually is the love of all MY students, both girls and boys. If a student is unable to find a size or a specific color or garment. It will magically appear within a week or so. She has even ordered ASL books for a teacher whose students are not native speakers. This is so their parents can learn. Ms. Pat has a granddaughter who is deaf and Ms. Pat has taught all of us something. I personally know the sign for Potty. She and her crew of volunteers both student and adults, male and female, take such loving care of sorting, labeling, boxing, reboxing according to the season. Her awesome husband Mr. Roy has become MY delivery man to her favorite thrift store, Savers. She has helped MY students shop, even teaching them skills that could lead to part time jobs in clothing stores. She has even taught them wrapping skills and helped them to find gifts in the pantry for their families. Believe me when I say that I can't do this without her. There would not be a clothes closet without her and her volunteers. Students come in on her few days off look at me and say.... "Where's Ms. Pat?"

BO'S NOTE: This was written before things were shut down. Just to update... Schools are still shut down. Summer school will be done on the new distance learning system, called Google Classroom. School is expected to resume sometime in September. There are several graduations with some being televised. For now we are on hold just like all of you. Keeping all of you in my prayers. Stay safe stay inside, stay cool. Cool, because We are the mighty, mighty, Vikings.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: THE 1960 CLASS REUNION HAS BEEN CANCELLED

The Class of 1960 reunion planning committee made the difficult decision to cancel our 60th Class Reunion plans (rescheduled once already!) for 2020. The new date of Sat., Oct. 10, 2020 has been canceled. We have regrets making this decision, especially since this 2020 reunion would have been our celebration of 6 decades of friendship and treasured memories. Our decision was based on the health and safety of our classmates during this troubling, unstable time of the Covid-19 worldwide pandemic. Until the NEHS Class of 1960 can safely celebrate together again, we wish each member good health and daily safe living.

"We'll Meet Again, Don't Know Where, Don't Know When"...(Song Published 1939, WW 2)

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING RE-OCCURRING GET-TOGETHERS –Because of the uncertainty due to Covid-19, we are not posting any re-occurring get-together information until further notice. Please reach out to your Alumni Contact for questions or comments.

WE ARE NOT ALONE

We are Vikings and we are tough but the last 8 months have been difficult to navigate. We've been through 9/11 wars, depressions, recessions and a host of other life changing occurrences but there has never been a time in our lives that we had to isolate ourselves from our friends and in some cases - family members. But we hunkered down and did what we knew was the best way to get through this situation and with God's Blessing we are able to begin to do some of the things that we enjoy again.

But what's happening now isn't just happening to us. I saw this letter/poem on Facebook and it reminded me that just because the kids haven't gone through everything that we have, doesn't mean that they haven't been through some of the same scary things and those things will be responsible for shaping them into the soon to be young adults they are destined to be.

DEAR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS O:

YOU WERE BORN WHEN THE WORLD WAS GRIEVING OVER 9/11.

AND YOU ARE GRADUATING AS THE WORLD GRIEVES A PANDEMIC.

ALTHOUGH YOUR TWO BIGGEST LAUNCHES INTO (BIRTH AND GRADUATION) HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE MIDST OF TRAGEDY!

JUST KNOW THAT THE WORLD IS AN AMAZING, LOVING, BEAUTIFUL PLACE. AND IT IS WAITING FOR YOU WITH OPEN ARMS.

WE GRIEVE WITH YOU THAT YOUR SENIOR YEAR IS ENDING THIS WAY.

BUT WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HOW YOU OVERCOM

You were made for this



**IN 2019 WE WERE FORTUNATE TO HAVE 3 SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING ALUMNI.
THE TRACY GAIL WEBER \$1000 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

On pages 9 and 10, you read about Claude Raymond "Cluck" Weber, Jr and his wife Sandy - Class of 1969. They have generously provided a scholarship in honor of their daughter, Tracy Gail Weber for 19 years.

LINDA KATHRYN COLLINS DIMON, NEHS CLASS OF 1968 – She has again funded a \$500.00 Scholarship in honor of her mother, Ida Kathryn Simmons Collins. Linda shared the following when making the presentation:

It is my pleasure this year to provide an academic scholarship as a tribute to my mother, Ida Kathryn Simmons Collins. She grew up during the Great Depression, when it was a significant challenge to complete high school. She persevered and was 16 years old when she was awarded the honor of Valedictorian. Her dream of becoming a teacher was denied by economic conditions and family opinion that girls did not need a higher education.

After marrying her childhood sweetheart, my mother bore eight children, losing two as infants, and endured two miscarriages. Hers was a difficult life, with many financial challenges. As a factory worker earning low wages, providing books, clothing and other expenses for her children to attend school was a disheartening experience. Still, because she wanted her children to be educated, she persisted. Despite the family's hardships, several of her children finished high school at Northeast, with two later earning college degrees.

After the children were grown, my mother taught herself skills such as using a typewriter and adding machine, and was asked by my grandparents to serve as the accountant for their business. She later assumed ownership of their Northeast-area moving and storage company, operating it successfully for many years. Because of her drive to learn and accept new opportunities, she was an inspiration to our entire family.

In December 1996, my beloved mother departed this life. I still desperately miss her, and feel privileged to keep her memory alive through this scholarship.

THE RODINA KIDS \$1000 SCHOLARSHIP HAS AGAIN BEEN FUNDED - OFFICIAL NAME AS SHOWN ON THE CERTIFICATE: VICK AND DOROTHY RODINA WILLIAMS GORDON AND JULIE RODINA IMLAY

The Rodina Kids scholarship is named for four siblings—Bill, Carl, Dorothy, and Margaret—who all graduated from Northeast. It seeks to support students who are immigrants or first-generation children of immigrants. The scholarship honors the memory of the Kids' parents, Dorothy and Tony (who himself was an immigrant from Croatia).







2020 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

With all of the challenges that Covid-19 brought to us this year, we can put finding and interviewing scholarship candidates in the top 10 most difficult things to accomplish. But it was worth the wait because the 6 students that we awarded scholarships to are guaranteed to make us proud. The areas of studies are varied: Pre-Law, Nursing, Counseling, Human Biology/Business, Aircraft Mechanic and Graphic Design.

The common theme that all of the students shared was that they wanted to make a difference, be able to help people, to give back to the community and mentor and be a role model for future students of NEHS,

Hopefully, several of these students will qualify for a renewable scholarship so they will receive matching scholarship funds for the two or four years they attend.

CONGRATULATIONS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

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 <p>NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI</p> <p>2020 Scholarship Recipient</p> <p>CONGRATULATIONS!! SKILA HOOKER Award: \$2000</p>	 <p>NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI</p> <p>2020 Scholarship Recipient</p> <p>CONGRATULATIONS!! TERESA SUAREZ Award: \$1000</p>
 <p>NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI</p> <p>2020 Scholarship Recipient</p> <p>CONGRATULATIONS!! COURTNEY SKELTON Award: \$2000</p>	 <p>NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI</p> <p>2020 Scholarship Recipient</p> <p>CONGRATULATIONS!! SEBANTU MUKANYA Award: \$1000</p>

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