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NORMAL – WHAT’S NORMAL?

We've had a tough two years and things are getting back to normal at a slow pace. But that's not really true because we have a new normal that has new rules to live by that aren't really clear. Do we wear a mask or not, can we shake hands or is it ok to hug? Do we need to show our vaccination card before meeting in a group setting or going out to an event? Most of us don't like to be told what to do but we do what we need to do to feel safe and to keep our families safe. Because that's really what life is about. Keeping the people we love safe.

But that's not all. We also want to let the students and families of Northeast High School know that there are people that care about them and want to help. For the Alumni of Northeast High School that means we write a check or go online to pay our \$20.00 annual Alumni dues. We donate food, clothes and money to the Pantry so that the people that need assistance have someplace to pick up a meal or find clothes to wear on an interview. We also have workshops to help them with interview skills and developing a resumé. Always number 1, we provide scholarships for some of those students that need help in making their educational dreams come true.

This year we awarded scholarships to 7 students, 5 of whom also received individually funded or family funded scholarships. With that extra assistance, each student was awarded a minimum of \$2,000. Two of the students, twins, received a total of \$3,000 each. It's also important to note the majority of the students that received scholarships volunteered in Mamma Honey's Pantry. They already understand the importance of helping when help is needed. And with the money received from dues and donations, we will provide one of those students who continues to show a commitment to the school, the Alumni Association and NEHS a renewing scholarship.

So let's talk about dues and who pays them. We have 8 decades of alumni but not all of them pay dues. For the last few years, the 50's are above the other decades in paying dues. As a '69 graduate, I think it's time that the 60's take over 1st place.

A quote from the internet, "The 1960s saw the emergence of social movements around civil rights, opposition to the Vietnam War, feminism, Mexican American activism and environmentalism, as well as the first stirrings of gay rights". If you listen to the news today, not much has changed. Many of the things that were problems in the 60's are still problems today. Some of us will continue to try and make the issues we all face better but as is true with all activism, it will continue to be an uphill struggle.

However, there is an easy way to make a difference in the world that doesn't require a struggle. We can make a difference by paying our \$20.00 dues and providing an example for those decades that followed us, including the current students that see that a difference can be made in the smallest of ways, without a struggle but instead with a hand-up to the people who need it the most.

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So let's do what we do best. Let's prove that "once a Viking, always a Viking" is as true today as it was on the day we got our diplomas. The 30's, 40's & 50's are showing the rest of us how it's done. Let's show them that we listened and are following in their footsteps.

Two easy ways to pay.

- Pay online at northeastvikings.org.
- Use the membership form on this page or download the form from the website. Mail it along with your check to: NEHSAA, P.O. Box 1264, Blue Springs, MO 64013-1264.

NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM AT BOTTOM OF PAGE

THE GOOD NEWS CONCERNING THE PAY IN ADVANCE DRAWING: We have 78 people that have paid their dues in advance – with one paying all the way to 2030! It's not too late to participate. We are delaying the drawing to August 31 st to give people an extra month to send in their 2020 dues and beyond, giving them a chance to win a prize with a cash value of up to \$250.00. Pay online at Northeastvikings.org or mail a check to NEHSAA, P.O. Box 1264, Blue Springs, MO 64013 – 1264.

THE VERY BAD NEWS: Our membership numbers to date have dropped dramatically from previous years. That's due in part to the sad fact that many of the Alumni that paid their dues annually, passed since the last P&W. The other reason is that to date, we only had 19 new members that paid dues. We are at less than half of what we normally have for membership at this time of year.

We send out 7,500 plus P&W copies each mailing. If you receive the P&W and aren't paying dues, please start. If you are paying dues but know other Alumni that aren't, please remind them that they can help a teenager grow into a successful adult. Whether you loved your time at NEHS or you hated it, what we do provides students and families help that will improve their life and offer them hope for the future. Your help can change a life for the better. Be that person and join online or write that check. You'll be glad you did!

Thank You Note from One of This Year's Scholarship Winners

I want to thank you deeply for giving me, along with several of my peers, an opportunity to receive a Northeast High School Alumni Association Scholarship as it will help substantially with college expenses. I started helping at the Northeast Pantry with the utmost intention to assist as much as I could to take care of the needs of other students and their families. One of my goals is to continue in the example of the NE Alumni Association by providing a hand up whenever possible. It's been a journey working with Ms. Roberta and her team and I am truly thankful for this reward! In the future, I will continue to volunteer at the pantry even after I graduated because I feel like our community needs as much support as possible.

Address your check to the NEHSAA & Mail To: NEHSAA, P.O.BOX 1264, Blue Springs, Mo 64013-1264

Or pay online at northeastvikings.org

NAME (include maiden) _____ GRAD YEAR _____

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

ADDRESS _____

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2021 Membership Dues \$20.00 2022 Membership Dues \$20.00 2023 Membership Dues \$20.00

CHARITABLE DONATION: Please specify if you want it used for something specific ie: scholarships, the Pantry, etc.
\$ _____

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: Those who choose to pay for 2 years or more will be entered into a mystery drawing. Prize and winner to be announced August 31, 2021. Watch for Email broadcast for the lucky winner.

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

PANTRY/ SCHOOL UPDATE**ROBERTA HOLT-KIPPER '69**

The 2021 school year is one for the history books. The pantry was asked to return in late February to prepare for the return of students for in class learning. We actually didn't know what to expect as the building had been virtually empty, except for some staff, janitors and district workers preparing for re-entry. As February turned to March, Northeast came back to life.

It took us a few weeks to inventory and figure out what the rest of the year would look like. Dale Lightfoot was alerted to put us back on his rounds and before you knew it, we began the end of the school year.

We fed our school families and also all the sports teams continuing that Northeast winning tradition. In addition to feeding the sports teams, we were approached to see if the Pantry would buy a pair of track shoes for a newbie. After reaching out to my awesome alumni sisters, we had the donations and through trial and error, we finally found a winning pair. Not only a winning pair, but a pair that took a 1st time track star, Aiden Wooden, all the way to state. Congratulations to each and every student, along with their extraordinary coaches.

It was decided to bypass prom, but the 2021 seniors did have a night out on the town. Dr. Rogers enlisted the help of the Combine, a rooftop restaurant located next door to the school board. Luckily, we had all of those prom dresses from last year ready for the ladies. And the gentlemen weren't left out; there were suits and dress clothes for them as well. Dressed to the nines, they had a rooftop dinner celebration that they will remember for years to come.

Thanks to my volunteers, both men and women, students were given the choice of anything we had in the closet to wear to any event. Senior Celebration, job interview, graduation or all of the above. Mr. Shores and Mr. Tombs, tied ties and fit out senior men with suits, shoes, slacks, shirts, vest, etc. We ladies couldn't have done without them. In the meantime the ladies, (Ms. Pat, Helen and Kathy) mended, hemmed, steamed everything that needed to be done, in addition to helping our ladies.

I was asked to attend Senior Celebration. What a glorious night. Beautiful view of both midtown and downtown, Kansas City. Great food, awesome desserts and good company. Students had a great time visiting and enjoyed seeing each other dressed up for a night on the town.

Next on the schedule was Graduation which took place at Arrowhead Stadium. What a great afternoon. Hot, but thanks to a lovely breeze it was a comfortable celebration. Special Thanks to the Chiefs for loaning us their awesome stadium.

The pantry is so proud of all our students, but take special pride in saying that 7 of the 10 regular volunteers were in the top 10 academic graduates, also 5 of the seven scholarship recipients were pantry volunteers. To add a poignant moment to tell our alumni on how great and important you are to all our students. We answered more than one question from a senior. The question was the same. "How soon do I have to return my suit, dress, etc.?" Our answer was the same. Whatever you were given is yours forever. So in closing our two year prom saga, a great big heartfelt thank you to all of you for the donations of dress clothes which helped boost the pride and self-esteem of the Class of 2021.

WHO IS YOUR WHO?**Kyle Hollins, CEO & Founder Of Lyrik's Institution**

President's Note: I had the pleasure of attending the recent Athletic Awards Dinner and was impressed by the guest speaker, Mr. Kyle Hollins. Mr. Hollins is the CEO & Founder of Lyrik's Institution. He gave a very heartfelt and moving address that may shock you but was a true look into what our children need to focus on. No one likes to think about it but we live in a world where there is no place and no person that is safe from violence. Mr. Lyrik's speech told the truth about what they need to know and what they need to prepare for if they want to survive and prosper in the world that they are going to grow up in. At the end of the speech, there is a blurp taken from their website that explains the purpose of Lyrik's Institution.

Let us give our Student Athletes a hand, let's give them a standing ovation. We are proud of their hard work and their achievements, but winning a trophy isn't the end. While it's a sad truth, playing a sport helps to keep them from being killed in a random act of violence. I just left the hospital last week from seeing a teenager that had been shot 6 times in the stomach and once in the neck. She has been in the hospital for 3 months. I asked her, what would be something that you would tell other teens? She told me, "Tomorrow isn't promised, it's just not promised." We live

as if life is a hurry, and we are owed to live till we are 90 years old and that is so far from the truth. Even more so, in the neighborhoods that we call home we are living as if we don't live in danger and often in poverty. We have become complacent in our struggles. If you want to get out, then you must do the work to get out.

We are taught to set goals and chase them down and that's important, but there are a lot of people that go to the Olympics and their goal is to win the gold medal in their sport. Not everyone makes it. What is the difference between the gold winner and the person that went home with nothing? It is the process that makes them different. We have to fall in love with the process because that is where true success lives. Game day doesn't start when you walk on the field or step on the court. Everyday is game day. Every practice is game day, even accepting the award is game day. I've seen some of you walk up here to get your award as if this wasn't important. Like this isn't a part of the game, a part of the process.

It's not all about you, what about the people that love you that are here that need to see you win? Not only because they love you but because they need to be inspired by you. They need to see it can be done. You are the fuel to someone's jet that will take them to the moon. And the way you are not caring about the process is robbing them of what they need.

When it becomes important to you, you will never let anything stop you from obtaining your dreams. You need a Why, you need something to fight for. I need you to find someone in your life, someone that you are doing it for. I need you to attach the Why to a person. Whether it's your Mom, Dad, Brother, Sister, Grandma, or Auntie. Who are you fighting for? Who are you wanting to take out of poverty with you? If it's about money, if it's about cars, you will never have enough drive to do what doesn't feel good. You need something that is going to wake you up at 4:30 in the morning when your body is telling you to go back to sleep. I feel like quitting my job every other day, but my kids are my Why and I can never let them down. Who is your why?!

Taken from the website: "Lyrik's Institution is a cognitive based program that allows its students to master in the Creative Arts of their choice. Lyrik's understands the power of the culture and sees that it is influential enough to reinforce the cognitive behavior therapy strategy, and that tools require an environment that encourages and fosters them in order to succeed. It is with these strategies that the Lyrik's Institution rises and stands above the rest."

TEENS GAIN POSITIVE OUTLET THROUGH KANSAS CITY ART INSTITUTE, LYRIK'S INSTITUTION PROGRAM

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A Kansas City nonprofit is teaming up with the Kansas City Art Institute for a summer program designed to save young lives and lay a foundation for a brighter future.

Students at Northeast High School are participating in a summer program organized by Lyrik's Institution and the Kansas City Art Institute. The program offers teens classes in subjects such as painting and sculpting/3D design. "It really helps me get my mind off of a lot of things and like just to keep me distracted and doing something I really like to enjoy," said student Danelly Torres.

Lyrik's Institution founder Kyle Hollins said the program exposes young people to a positive environment where they can learn and grow. "For them to actually see it, to walk the campus, to see the artwork, to see the teachers and interact. It's also opening up their eyes to new possibilities and opportunities." Hollins said the summer program is important for many of the teens they work with, "They're coming from poverty. They're coming from struggle. They're coming from hardships."

Hollins said his organization focuses on behavior modification and opportunities like the summer program offer a change that can have a positive impact on their future. Art instructor Belinda Blake said she notices a change in the students. "They're getting more comfortable with finding their own voice with visual art," said Blake.

Dr. Keyona Powell with Northeast High School also notices a change in the students' behavior. "They're drawing when they get home. They're sketching when they get home, and this has been like a therapeutic release for them," said Powell.

The program [ran] until July 23. A gala recognizing the students' work [was] held July 23 at 6 p.m. inside the Gem Theatre in the 18th and Vine District.

DOING WHAT I LOVE TO DO**LYNNE NEWTON – ACTOR, WRITER, PRODUCER**

At what age did you decide that you wanted to be an actor and how did you go about making that dream come true?

I chose one aspect of the entertainment industry that I absolutely loved and could not live without, immersed myself and mastered that skill for many years. For me that was acting. But I knew that once I mastered acting, I would keep an open mind and learn as much as I could about all aspects of the film industry. I am now an actress, producer and a writer. Having multiple skill sets will most definitely get you noticed. I continued building relationships with like-minded people throughout my career. I pride myself on always being the person that everyone wants to work with. I get repeat work with some of the same people over and over because I always leave the impression that I'm professional, likable, and prepared. The next big director may want to work with you down the line just because you were pleasant to be around. I always tell myself, there is no such thing as a "small job". I take the work seriously, show up on time, do great work and leave knowing I put in at least 130% of my absolute best. Those few traits alone have taken me very far not only in my career but also in life.

Starts with us what growing up in Northeast Kansas City means to you?

Besides being a place of historical significance, Northeast has always cultivated a unique sense of community. The melting pot of nationalities along with the quaint shops, parks, fountains, stores and eateries make Northeast a one-of-a-kind place. The sense of nostalgia I feel when visiting the businesses and sights that have been operating since I was just a kid makes me feel like Northeast is a place that I can always call home. Every experience I've had growing up good or bad, has helped shape me into the person I am today. Growing up in Northeast meant being strong, resilient, resourceful and street smart. With most parents working sometimes more than one job, it was important to know how to handle yourself. I quickly learned how to balance school, a part time job, extracurricular activities and household chores as a young teenager. These are skills and tasks that really set me up for a successful life. The historical significance and preservation of Northeast is unmatched. It's incredible to me that the school is over 100 years old and is still standing and thriving better than ever. The generations of people that have graced the halls of Northeast all these years is astounding to me.

If we asked your best friend from Northeast High School what you were like during those years, what would they say?

She would say I was popular, well liked and fun loving. She would say I was someone who treated everyone with respect no matter who they were or where they came from. She would say I was ahead of my time and had a real "think outside the box" mindset. She would also say "Remember how much you loved Duran Duran?" LOL!

What type of life lessons did you take from your experiences at Northeast High School?

Since Northeast is a melting pot of all nationalities, backgrounds and religious beliefs, I learned early on the meaning of tolerance and keeping an open mind. Having respect and appreciating others that didn't look like you, was something that you had to learn and Northeast was the place to learn it. As a result, I have greatly expanded my horizons by working with filmmakers from all over the world while keeping diversity and inclusion at the forefront of my film projects. Being involved in organizations like the Drama Club, Student Response Team, Y-Club and President of my class, helped me to quickly develop communication and leadership skills. My experiences at Northeast have greatly enriched my adult life in ways I could have never imagined.

Of the many things you do, what makes your heart beat the fastest?

My heart beats the fastest when I am acting on a film set. Especially a project that I wrote, produced and am starring in. Watching the hard work and all the moving pieces finally come together is so exhilarating and gratifying. The feeling of community, collaboration and camaraderie is unlike anything else. And of course, hearing the word "Action"!

Do you have a global message to share with today's youth and as importantly, the leaders of the world?

My global message to young people would be to remember your life and your journey will unfold the way it is supposed to. Whether you have success at 25 or 85 it doesn't really matter. Learn to slow down and really take it all in. Enjoy what you are doing. Success is a lifelong ongoing journey and process. Give yourself space to fail but always give yourself credit for trying. Go with your instincts, it will never fail you. Always find ways to stand out. Write out small attainable goals for yourself and once you accomplish those goals reward yourself. Be comfortable and content no matter where you are within your journey. Don't get caught up in a materialistic reality. Instead always focus and work

on your inner self. Who are you as a person? How will people remember you? Did you make an excellent impression? Always strive to be someone that lifts others up and not tear them down. My final message to youth is to take good care of yourself mentally, physically and spiritually. Please maintain your wellness because being healthy is a choice, it's not a given. My message to the global community is to strive to continuously connect with each other on a deep and personal level while putting out the best versions of ourselves every day. We must lift each other up with the intention of being more tolerant, kind and empathetic. We all have a responsibility to collectively place positive and impactful energy out into the universe that will ultimately transform us in a way that will incite positive change. Our world can be joyful and harmonious if we choose to make that our purpose.

What do you do to pick yourself up on those days when everything is going wrong?

In life, there will be situations or triggers that can set you back and make you unhappy. When I am having a hard time, the first thing I do is immediately take a step back and assess what is making me feel that way? And secondly, what can I do right now to change my focus, clear my mind so that I can come up with a solution? I get in a quiet place and write down all the possible situations that are making me feel unbalanced and bogged down. Once I determine that, I meditate on what is the best possible solution for the best possible outcome. And finally, I take action, and action takes courage. I have always been a firm believer in tackling hard decisions and situations head on. I don't let negative feelings linger for too long. Sometimes a pick me up could just be taking a break and stepping back to give yourself time to hit the restart button, decompress and regroup. Taking a long walk, going to a movie or dinner. Getting a massage or buying yourself something nice can also lift your spirits.

If you had one thing that you could do over, what would it be?

Earlier in my career I wish I had done more wellness checks. By asking questions like, does this make me happy? Am I taking care of myself the way I should be? Do I have a headache because I'm too busy or because I forget to drink water? Is there a restroom at location I'm going to? Should I be resting more? Did I eat today? Do I have water and snacks in the car because I won't have a lot of time to eat a full meal today? If you're not paying attention, you can really burn out and even get physically sick. A compromise between your career and your personal well-being can be a delicate balance. You must be just as passionate about your health as you are your career so that you can be the best version of yourself.

Now that you've been doing what you love to do, what comes next?

I currently have five film projects in pre-production, and I am hoping to film two projects each year. I recently wrote, starred in and produced a short film entitled Enipheres(enif-fa-rees). Enipheres is a 3000-year-old Egyptian warrior and is the main character. This story is a shorter version of the feature I wrote entitled Illumination Paradox. In the near future, I plan to submit the short film to festivals and pitch the feature length to major studios in hopes of getting it financed. I have also written a biopic of my life's journey that I plan to self-author later this year. My long-term aspirations are to acquire commercial space for my film production company and to have the power to greenlight projects for major theater release and distribution. And finally, it is my goal to attach my face and name to causes that are important to me such as the environment, homelessness and hunger.

Where can we see your work?

IMDB Resume

www.imdb.com/name/nm1308010/?mode=desktop&ref_=m_ft_desk

Lynna Newton Personal Website

www.lynnanewton.com

Illumination Paradox Website

www.illuminationparadox.com

Eye in the Sky Pictures

lynnanewton6.wixsite.com/eye-in-the-sky-pics

ZLounge Podcast

vimeo.com/437474957/0ba94ae124



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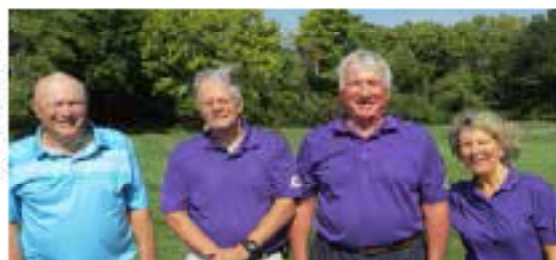
A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING VIKINGS FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE GOLF TOURNAMENT

A. Earl Williamson Jr.	'56 Diamond	David A. Bauer	'71 Conquerer
Eva Janelle (Hostman) Podrasky	'59 Platinum	David Bywaters	'49 Conquerer
William T. Crook	'74 Gold	Carol J. Detwiler	'49 Conquerer
Steven W. Crook	'79 Gold	William L. Hanaway	'46 Conquerer
James G. Cariddi	'44 Gold	Carolyn Jean (Cardis) Megee	'58 Conquerer
Dr. Ronald J. Fornelli	'63 Gold	Richard S. Brooks	'64 Explorer
George E. Snell	'59 Gold	Karen (Olson) Ellis	'67 Explorer
Alva L. McCormick	'64 Gold	Fana (Cona) Vogelbaugh	'59 Explorer
Cameron H. Peak	'52 Gold	William A. Schmitt	'63 Explorer
E. Elaine (Hicklin) Bethke	'62 Conquerer		

We want to acknowledge our 2020 volunteers, who were happy to give up a Saturday to help raise money for the students of the school they so dearly love. Special Appreciation is given to Dr. Ronald Fornelli, Committee Chair and Karole Zinger, Past NEHSAA President.

GOLF TEAMS

TEAM 1



Ken Landa, Ed Schmidt, Ron Fornelli, Joan (Driver) Davis

TEAM 2



George Snell, Ed Geller, Peter Dragg, Raymond Row

TEAM 3



Wayne Zehl, Jerry White, Larry Fortescue, Mike Koops

TEAM 4



Mike Frederico, John Frederico, Ernie Rogers, Douglas Dept

TEAM 5



Al Mankov, David Mankov, Dan Mankov, Neil Mankov

TEAM 6



William Crook, Steven Crook, Joe Abbott, Michael Williamson

GOLF TEAMS CONTINUED

TEAM 7



David Kyle, James DeBelle, Emmet Paul, Gregory Eason

TEAM 8



Dan Frank, Garry Frank, Paul Steinberg, Bob Collins, Larry Bellin

TEAM 9



Gary Mauer, Calvi Fryer, B.J. Transerson, Nick King

TEAM 10



Lee Blakesley, Cameron Peck, Leonard Smith

TEAM 11



Marc Pappas, Billy Lambert, Frank Fierova, Phil Dighane

TEAM 12



Jeff Crane, Louie Caldikins, Pat Polombo, Scott Edmondson

TEAM 13



John Peterson, John Dehaas, Brad Zerfel, Danielle Zerfel

GOLF WINNERS

A FLIGHT	1 st Place	55	Al Maddox, David Maddox, Dan Maddox, Matt Maddox
	<i>*Won scorecard playoff w/birdie on 1st playoff hole</i>		
	2 nd Place	55	Dan Frank, Garry Frank, Paul Steinberg, Bob Collins
	3 rd place	55	Gary Mauer, Andrew Makowski, B.J. Transerson, Nick King
B FLIGHT	1 st Place	62	Jeff Crane, Louie Caldikins Pat, Polombo, Scott Edmondson
	<i>*Won scorecard playoff w/birdie on 3rd playoff hole</i>		
	2 nd Place	64	George Snell, Bill Gritter, Victor Bragg, Raymond Rew
	3 rd place	65	Wayne Todd, Jerry Watts, Larry Porterfield, Mike Knotts
C FLIGHT	1 st Place	67	
	<i>*Won scorecard playoff w/birdie on 6th playoff hole</i>		
	2 nd Place	67	Michael Frederico, John Frederico, Kenny Rogers, Douglas Boyd
	3 rd place	67	Cameron Peck, Lee Blakesley, Steven Grantham, Nate Fraizer

Last year was a success in spite of COVID. This years is going to be even better!

THE NEHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU TO PLAY IN THE NEHSAA 2021 ANNUAL JAMES CARIDDI MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



DATE: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2021
TIME: Pre-Tournament Begins at 8 AM
 With Tee-Off at 9 AM (Rain or Shine)
LOCATION: Adams Pointe Golf Club,
 1601 NE R D Mize Rd, Blue Springs, MO 64014
PHONE: 816-220-3673
COST: \$110.00 per golfer

PLEASE SIGN UP AND PAY BY SEPTEMBER 17, 2021 TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE VIKING DISCOUNT PACKAGE

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.

The tournament is open to all who wish to play. A lunch buffet is included in the price and is available at 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.

***BE A HERO AND HELP THE KIDS AT NEHS REALIZE THEIR DREAMS
 GOLD, PLATINUM AND DIAMOND SPONSORS GOLF FOR FREE!***

SPONSORSHIP LEVEL

DIAMOND	\$1000	<i>GOLD, PLATINUM AND DIAMOND SPONSORS GOLF FOR FREE</i>	CONQUEROR	\$100
PLATINUM	\$500		EXPLORER	\$50
GOLD	\$250		VOYAGER	\$30
VIKING	\$150		CADDE	\$20

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MAIL RESERVATION AND CHECK TO NEHSAA, P.O. BOX 1264, BLUE SPRINGS, MO 64013-1264

CAPTAIN NAME _____ **GRAD YR** _____ **EMAIL** _____

ADDRESS _____ **PHONE** _____

PLAYER _____ **GRAD YR** _____ **EMAIL/PHONE** _____

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Golf Fees \$110.00	\$	Viking Discount Package \$15.00	\$	Total Enclosed ↓
Donation/Sponsorship	\$	NEHS Annual Alumni Does	\$	\$

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. The Alumni Association is a 501(c) organization and donations etc. are tax-deductible. Please email Earl Williamson - earlwf@comcast.net or Mary Cincotta - mcincotta2@gmail.com if you have auction items, want to sponsor a hole or make a tax-deductible donation.

IN REMEMBRANCE

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

1930's

1936	Betty (Hall - Hamfield) Herod
1937	Betty I. "Jo" (Hemrich) Galick
1937	Elmhurst Louise Camerlino Bell
1938	Frank E. Ombark
1939	Marilyn Hill

1940's

1942	Harriet William Grossmeyer, Jr.
1943	Mary (Lynn) Anderson
1943	Robbin Thomas Biber
1943	Rita Emma (Lind) Brock
1943	John E. Districk
1943	Frances Louise (Huffman) Emberton
1943	Dorothy Heinemann
1943	Honora Dawn Loy
1943	Edith Marie Lang
1943	Jack F. Stroupman
1944	Constance Marie (Dolan) Emberton
1944	Frances (LaHalla) Mendenhall
1944	Ernest Allen Myers
1944	Shirley Roseman
1944	Theodore (Arthur) Spivack
1945	Richard Allen Cook
1945	Ernest E. Holliger
1945	Robert Louis Miller
1946	Rich Howard
1946	Ethel (Russell) Price
1946	Marilyn Frank Thors
1947	Virginia (Phillips) Austin
1947	Archie Louise
1948	Archie Albert Austin
1948	Frankly Leonard Carter
1948	William "Bill" Eugene Dixon
1948	Laura Belle (Alexander) Walker
1949	Shirley (How) Johnson
1949	Russell C. (Pete) Lane
1949	Alvah "Ann" (Stewart) McKinley
1949	Joseph I. Sappich
1949	Mary Ann (Farrar) Wells

1950's

1950	Barbara E. (Vick) Christman
1951	Dale Edwin Arntsen
1951	William "Bill" Eugene Borchardt
1951	Norran Jean (Lambert) Demanti
1951	Lain Lee (Frankrichson) Herch
1951	Mary Margaret (Hilke) McCortley
1951	Paul Phillip Owens
1952	Barbara (Hanson) Ranning
1952	Donald Wayne Best

1950's Continued

1952	Billy Egan (Elyson) Carpenter
1952	Mary Emma (Littman) Giacobino
1952	John William Hudgins
1952	Gaetano Matthew Stabile
1952	Dale Lee Strawnigan
1953	Emilio Albert (Thomas) Bailey
1953	Paul Lynn (Lambert) Boldox
1953	Barbara Jean (John) Brown
1953	Shirley Ann (Purinton) Knack
1953	Della (Eadie) Thompson
1953	Edward Richard "Dick" Woodberry
1953	Don Warring
1954	Kenneth Eugene Anderson
1954	Lain "Ann" (Borchardt) Beira
1954	Margaret E. (Kurt) Owens
1953	Mickey Hattow
1953	Kirkland "Don" Donald Carpenter
1953	Charles Henry "Chuck" Davis
19537	Thomas R. DeMartino
1953	Ralph Horner
1953	James Anthony LaPace
1953	Samuel F. Maroney
1953	Donald Erwin McKerrin
1953	Billy Louise (Roberts) Spitzer
1956	Norran Brice Gaudman
1956	Caroline (Cassidy) Naylor
1956	Bela (Elsie) Price
1957	Carole Jean (Owens) Brown
1957	Gaetano Calman
1957	Ivy Allen Coiswell
1957	Gene Granger
1957	Margaret "Lain" (Bachman) Isley
1957	Sandra Jean (Holtzman) Kirby
1957	James Samuel Quinn
1957	Judy Ann (Henneman) Shields
1957	Judith Mae (Kotter) Swoey
1958	Verona L. (Ranfield) Beck
1958	James Leroy Cartmell
1958	William V. Calman
1958	Albert J. Colver
1958	Judith L. (Christman) DeRusso
1958	David E. Evans
1958	Shelby L. Ellett
1958	Edward M. Geer
1958	John Gaudman
1958	Judith A. Hamilton
1958	Michael Hooper
1958	Mary Elizabeth (Giles) Inceit
1958	Jon R. Jurgens
1958	Paul Dean Jones

WE ARE NOT GONE

*You have not lost us, we are not gone
We have only slipped away
To a place where we are at peace
Sharing joy with those who went before*

*We are with you - today and always
You need only close your eyes
To see our smiling faces
Filled with our love for you*

*Open your heart and you will hear us
Telling you that all is well in your world
And that all will be well in ours
Memories of our time together will make it so*

*The time will pass in the blink of an eye
And you will grow old - secure in the knowledge
That someday - when the time has come
We'll be together again, for always and forever*

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT
THE REMEMBRANCE PAGE
AND NOTIFICATIONS

Please contact either Jan Engle, the database secretary by email - jengle@purplewhite.net or Ed Ferrara - ed.ferrara@gmail.com if you have of the passing of someone or anyone affiliated (past or present) with Northstar High School. If possible, please provide the person's graduation year, the date they passed and a written notice in the event that the last name is different. If someone other than an alumni, please include what their association with NUHS was. While we do read the obituary's daily, our main source of information in the event of a death is our alumni readers.

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

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

CORRECTIONS FROM THE LAST ISSUE

PLEASE NOTE: We mistakenly listed that Sara Winkler was deceased. We are happy to report that is not the case. However, sadly we do share that Mr. William Winkler, class of 61, passed in May of 2018.

IN REMEMBRANCE

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

1950's Continued	
1958	Isabelle Jo (Gaynes) Knittel
1958	Lucas L. Lathrop
1958	Josephine L. (Luccasini) Lucito
1958	Irma C. McCarty
1958	David Lee McLaughlin
1958	Donald Lee Moorhead
1958	Julian I. Pitzer
1958	Richard Rasmussen
1958	Jerry D. Smith
1958	Joyce A. (Wright) Starr
1958	Patricia I. (Lynche) Thomas
1958	Richard Joseph "Dick" Wyatt
1958	Carol A. (Oliver) Young
1959	Wayne Pughan
1960's	
1960	Sarah Louise Ellis
1960	Gary William McElmurry
1961	Larry Lee Anbacher, Sr.
1961	James "Jim" Latham Coxon
1961	Linda Marie (Hankoff) Dunn
1961	Russell Faye (Cobb) Humphreys
1961	Billie Jean Wilson
1961	Kenneth Wilson
1962	Mary Angela (Mintzer) Healy
1962	Jerry Gansfield
1962	Lucy Wesley Murphy

1963	Gary W. Brown
1963	Emma Winter Gauder
1963	Em (Lapping Polko) Justice
1963	Florence (Hines) Kinder
1963	"Bobby" Gene "Red" Larkin
1963	Earl Masteller
1963	Larry Young
1964	Emma Huffington
1964	Michael Coleman
1964	Patricia Jean (Oliver) Casper
1964	Ern Gauder
1964	Karen M. (Hessick) Turk
1965	John Hall
1965	Bill Galloway
1965	Peter LaFronza
1965	Stephanie Thacher
1966	Shirley Jo (Montgomery) Agnew
1966	Roger E. Egleston
1966	Judy Lynn (Jensen) Fullerton
1966	Linda (Clark) Wheeler
1967	Frank Terry Burmy
1968	Tom Salvatore Curiale
1969	Armenyque Daniel Edward
1970's	
1970	Chandra (Wyatt) Analt
1970	Fred Bender
1970	Vivian (Olson) Collins

1970	Thomas "Ike" (Ribe) Demer
1970	Victoria Anita Lipari
1970	Stan Fineman
1971	De Naha Mae Davis
1971	Lorenzino Schell
1972	Russell Lee (Scott) Clark
1972	Kathryn Irene (Shawen) Eklund
1973	Dalewek (Larson) Cook
1973	Sharon Marie Green
1973	Joyce Ann (Dunnell) Phillips
1975	Michael Bryan Amason
1980's	
1981	James Michael Hyman
1983	John P. "JP" Pace
1986	Chris Canfield
1986	Ronald Colburn
1986	Larita Fountain
1986	Dale Russel Francson
1986	Ricky Hamilton
1986	Carly Jean
1986	Marie Mann
1986	Dwayne Muncross
1986	Charles Porter
1986	Kevin Kink
1986	Martinega Simonsen
1986	Raymond Strathairn
1987	Therese Alaman

We were notified of the passing of one teacher, Ms. Malewski.

AL MADDOX CLASS 1952

FAST PRESIDENT OF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

This is an open letter to my Viking Alumni brothers and sisters. We have weathered 2020 and Covid-19 and are now in the middle of 2021. We've made progress, but Covid-19 is hanging on and we may have to go backwards before we move forward.

The Pandemic is not all we've had to deal with so far this year. Racial unrest, political unrest and all of the good policemen who were tainted by a few bad policemen have made headline news daily. We have seen too many riots, unnecessary deaths, funerals of family and friends and a lot of discontent that has been further fueled by the news media. The big problem with the news is that not all of it is the truth, but many people believe whatever is said without researching it to see the real story. There is unrest at the highest levels of government and because of the divide between the two parties, the issues that need to be addressed both on a national and state-wide level, are being tied up in what seems like endless meetings that end up with nothing being resolved.

So we need to start back at the beginning. In order to move forward we need to go back to the basics. Where does that start? It starts by putting the word RESPECT back in our lives and vocabulary. In the last 2 decades, Respect took a back seat to the words I and Me. I wanted my kids to have more than I had. It took me 60 years to realize that what I wanted most for them was to grow up to be good people who knew that giving back and helping others was one of the most important things they could do in life. And as importantly, knowing that regardless of whether they liked or agreed with their family, neighbors, teachers, older people, the opposite sex, etc., they always treated everyone with respect.

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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 plaques 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 2020 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 Loyd Viers Alumni Room at Northeast High School:

LOYD LILES LASTER, JR. '53	By Leslie L. (Lester) Barton, Daughter
JUNE JEANETTE (COFFMAN) LASTER '54	By Leslie L. (Lester) Barton, Daughter
MEMORY OF A. RICHARD DeMAYO '53	By Sal A. Parma '54, (A Friend)
GARY ROBERT FREEMAN '65	By James C. Bethke '64
FRANK CARL SMIROLODO '63	By James C. Bethke '64
SANDY (HARBRUCKER) KIRBY '57	By Jack F. Kirby
FRANK T. BURNAP '67	By Bill A. Dambrose '65 and Linda Garrison '61, (his other sister)
JACK PARKER SAMPSON '43	By Shirley VanOrman Anderson '43
NANCY CAROL (THURMAN) CARL '48	By Garrett T. Thurman '49, (her brother)
HELEN (SELF) SHEARER '48	By Betty J. (Self) Jackson (her sister)
ROBERT K. NAGAMOTO '58	By Robert K. Nagamoto '58
RICHARD CLARK RENNISON	By Judith (Rennison) Horner '56; Robert Rennison, Justice (Rennison) Hogle '62; & Ralph Rennison '54
JUDY ANN (NEWMYER) SHIELDS '57	By Laura Fern (Bivens) Smith '57

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 Receipt

Note _____

Fill Out This Form and Send With Check To

NEHSAA, M/R Wall, PO Box 1264, Blue Springs, MO 64013-1264

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We forgot that WE is always stronger than I. By focusing on I, it led us down a dark road, blinding us to where we were going or where we had been. To go in the right direction on that road, we need to stop what we are doing now and to focus on helping others and always treating everyone with Respect. And with RESPECT comes LOVE and ACCEPTANCE. So let's make sure not to believe everything you hear, and to treat ALL people with RESPECT, LOVE and ACCEPTANCE. That needs to be a top priority for our Country. We must respect everyone and throw out the words hate, racism, black, white, rich, poor and all the other words that build walls instead of tearing them down. These three words will be a great way to start a discussion.

THE N CLUB DESK 2021

Thankfully, we are finally out of the Pandemic and things are beginning to return to normal. We had to suspend all our programs as a result of Covid and we are now beginning to gear up and return to planning and implementing our normal activities.

LETTER JACKET CAMPAIGN

In the past we have presented up to 12 NEHS Purple & White letter jackets to the MVP of each Varsity player of each sport at Northeast. The MVPs are selected by the Coaches, Athletic Director and faculty at the school. Jackets are presented to the players at the annual fall Hall of Fame Weekend.

The jackets are purchased and awarded to well deserving student athletes with donations made by our alumni from various sports who were awarded the "N" letter for their own performance. Also, we have donations from many graduates and clubs/associations like the Alumni Ladies from 1963 and the Ladies Class of 1967 & 1968, former Cheerleaders and Alumni that just want to "give back" to today's MVP players. We are so grateful to each Alumni who has so generously donated and without them we would not be able to conduct this annual program. We need you!

HISTORY

As an NEHS Alumni you know how proud the players from your graduating class were to wear their letter and "colors" of purple and white on their jacket or sweater. For many, including this writer, this was the most treasured garment we owned. It seems this wonderful tradition, like many, have gone by the wayside. Schools in the Kansas City Interscholastic league system no longer carry on this "Letter Jacket" tradition. However, due to the "N" Club board this proud tradition has been resurrected. Also, schools like Southwest have called the Northeast office to inquire just where to get jackets for their athletes. Well, we get our "I" shirts and jackets from Mike Romney class of 1964. He operates "Rods Sporting Goods" in Blue Springs. A big shout out to Mike for his supports. Talk about "giving back."

HALL OF FAME WEEKEND

The inaugural Hall of Fame was held October 2017 and since then we have celebrated many of our Vikings who excelled in sports representing our school. The Hall of Fame event is planned to bring alumni together with outstanding athletes, coaches and teams of the past. Nominations are submitted to the Northeast Vikings N Club Hall of Fame Committee to be considered for induction. The weekend kicks off with a Meet & Greet Reception on Friday prior to our Vikings Home Coming game. On Saturday the formal induction takes place in the gym. Details of the 2021/2022 Hall of Fame Homecoming Weekend will be announced soon ... watch for details.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, CONTACT:

Mike Brasfield '63 (415) 314-9279 or SueAnn Erb '63 (913) 205-0511.

NEHSAA LOGO MERCHANDISE

Fall is around the corner and we have long and short sleeve logo T-Shirts and hoodies. Check the website for prices and other available items.

ONGOING GET-TOGETHERS

The class of 1958 is continuing to meet the third Monday of each month. Anyone interested in attending or for more information, please call Jane (BRYANT) Morgan at (816) 781-3730. We try to rotate from North to South of the river each month as the restaurant changes. An email or phone call notification will be sent each month with the meeting location.

Gals of '60 - Will resume lunch get-togethers starting on the 2nd Thursday in August, which falls this year on August 12th at noon. 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 designs@shcglobel.net for the monthly location and to confirm your attendance.

UPCOMING REUNIONS

CLASS OF 1970 50-YEAR REUNION (Classes of '68, '69, '71, and '72 are invited!)

WHERE: Brass Rail Sports Bar & Grill, 4940 NE 81st Street, Kansas City, MO 64119

WHEN: Saturday September 25, 2021

TIME: 5:00PM - ??

COST: \$5.00 per person (cash only, please) at the door to defray costs of mailings, decorations, desserts, etc. We will not be providing a meal, but you will have the opportunity to order from the menu.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Please RSVP by calling 816-651-6939 or email baked4u@att.net to be counted.

CLASS OF 1976 CLASS REUNION

When: October 2, 2021

Where: Marriott Airport Hotel Pavilion

Cost & Payment Instructions: \$58.00 per person. If you are certain you are going to attend, please make your check payable to Lucinda E Baker. Contact Cindy Gretzinger Baker at cindybeal042@gmail.com for the address.

NOTE: Lodging: If you are coming in from out of town, there is a block of rooms reserved just for you at the Marriott. Let's make this a reunion to remember!!

STAY WARM IN A NEHS SWEATSHIRT

Chilly weather is on the way! Show your Viking pride as you proudly wear an NEHSAA hooded, zip up sweatshirt or long sleeve t-shirt. The sweatshirt has an embroidered Logo and the t-shirt is silk screened.

Check out all the logo merchandise – golf shirts, crew neck T-shirts, tumblers, history Cd's and a variety of other items – on the website:

Northeastvikings.org



NEHSAA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OCTOBER 19, 2021 - 7:00pm

The annual meeting of the Northeast High School Alumni Association will be held October 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at Maywood Baptist Church, 10505 E Winner Rd, Independence, MO. The purpose of the meeting is to elect Directors for the Alumni Board and conduct other business that may be of interest to the membership. We encourage all Lifetime and Regular (dues paid – referred to as "active") members to attend this important meeting. The nominating committee will recommend candidates on the official ballot whom they have determined through an established process, as worthy of your support. Other candidates may be written in on the ballot, or candidates nominated from the floor at the annual meeting, will be added to the official ballot.

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

VOTING PROCEDURES

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

- Request sent by postal mail to NEHSAA, P.O. Box 1264, Blue Springs, MO 64013
 - If using postal mail, your request must be received 2 weeks prior to the meeting to provide time to confirm your eligibility, return your ballot, and then have time to receive and record your completed ballot.
- By email to aewkrfan@comcast.net
 - If using email, requests must be received 1 week prior to the meeting and confirmation of eligibility along with a ballot will be sent by return email. In the case of an absentee voter – completed ballot must be received by return email no later than Friday, October 14th. In the case of a proxy voter, they must be in attendance at the meeting and bring a copy of the ballot that they received by email.

OFFICERS

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MAY 2 - 7, 2022 5 DAY CRUISE - CARNIVAL VALOR

ITINERARY

MONDAY MAY 2, 2022 NEW ORLEANS
TUESDAY MAY 3, 2022 DAY AT SEA
WEDNESDAY MAY 4, 2022 COZUMEL
THURSDAY MAY 5, 2022 YUCATAN
FRIDAY MAY 6, 2022 NEW ORLEANS

To: Everyone who ever lived in the Northeast Community
From: Sheryl Perkins - Northeast Grad '74

I was chatting with former NE resident Kevin Gragg about how fortunate we were to have lived in the Northeast area of Kansas City. I said to Kevin, "Wouldn't it be fun to reunite hundreds of people from the NE area and share stories and memories?" I added, "After all the craziness we went through in 2020, it would give everyone something amazing to look forward to". And that is how this crazy cruise idea all began.

**TO FIND OUT WHAT KIND OF FUN YOU WILL
HAVE, CHECK OUT THESE WEBSITES:**

www.NENeighbors.themisevent.com
www.gragg.citymax.com/ne.html

**WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE WILL
BE SAILING IN THE WAVES FOR THE NEHS CLASS
REUNION, HOSTED BY CARNIVAL CRUISE.**

Where are we going?

Port: Orlando, FL

Nassau Bahamas

Princess Cays

What's the cost?

Please refer to flyer for payment layout.

If you have questions please reach out to:

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**As you all know, NORTHEAST does it BEST. But only with
the help of you. Let's GO VIKINGS!**

**PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT: THE NEHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
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