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ONCE A VIKING, ALWAYS A VIKING!

Karole Zinger '62

As most of you may know by now, there was a proposal to close ten schools within the Kansas City Public School system. The plan called the 'Blueprint 2030' recommended that Northeast and Central High Schools be closed as well as James, Whittier, Longfellow, Troost, Wheatley, Faxon, Melcher, and King elementary schools.

As you can imagine there was an outcry from the parents, students, communities, and organizations in these neighborhoods. This outcry was based on many different levels such as a concern for children being bussed, loss of students to Charter schools, closed schools creating a blight in the areas of closures, and a thousand other logical and realistic concerns.

To have this study done and a plan put together must have cost money. The plan was sweetened with many good things that would happen for the students, but those attending the meetings were smart enough to ask the right questions and to speak their minds. The subject of promises made before but not kept was mentioned. Two of the previously closed schools burned and several remain empty and for sale raising more concerns of what was to come from these proposed closures.

They asked for input and they got it. The refreshing result is that they listened. The 'Blueprint 2030' proposal was revisited. It was decided to keep Northeast and Central High Schools open, and only close two elementary schools of the eight originally proposed. The two elementary schools to be closed are Longfellow and Troost.

While we are thrilled with the outcome, there were some caveats that need to be met at some point in the near future. One of which is the low enrollment at the most of these schools and maintenance of the older schools (which has in most cases, been deferred due to cost issues,) along with several other criteria. So having said this, we are currently out of the woods for now. Perhaps the money spent on the study for the proposal could have been spent on how do we get the enrollment up, incentives to entice the parents and students back to Northeast, and to pay our teachers better salaries.

Your Alumni Association would like to thank all of you for your concern, letters, email, petitions, attendance at meetings, and overall support in surviving another threat of closure. There was a lot of behind the scene efforts put forth by your Board of Directors also, for this cause as well. We would also like to thank the neighborhood organizations who banded with us to join in a show of force that only Northeast people know and understand. **Thank you!**

WE DID IT AGAIN!



THIS LETTER WAS PRESENTED AT A MEETING ALONG WITH PICTURES IN A PRESENTATION NOTEBOOK BY THE NEHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CONCERN FOR A GREAT SCHOOL with HISTORY and SPIRIT

As members of the Northeast High School Alumni Association, we have concerns regarding the possible closing of this wonderful school and the direct repercussions on the students, staff, and the Northeast community itself. Because of these concerns, we would like to share some information with you.

Many notable people have come from the halls of Northeast, such as General Maxwell Taylor, Artist; Mort Walker, two FBI Directors; Clarence Kelley and William Sessions, along with many other successful graduates. And we certainly don't want to forget all the teachers who came from Northeast High School. At the top of the stairs as you enter Northeast, is our Alumni Room. The NE teachers often use the Alumni Room and the history of the school as a reference center. Many NE Alumni visit this room as well, and other high schools have inquired about starting their own Alumni Room of treasured memorabilia.

Our Alumni membership is strong with a mailing of a newsletter to approximately 7,000 Alumni. We are also in touch by way of an E-News that is sent to those Alumni providing email information. We have a presence on Facebook and an active website. Through these communications we can convey what is happening at Northeast. Imagine our disappointment if this wonderful school is closed. No more Alumni support, no more scholarships awarded, and no pantry to feed and clothe the students. No more Prom attire and business interview clothing. This would all come to an end.

It is through this strong Alumni, and their love of this school, that they continue to provide donations and the volunteering of their time. We have given scholarships each year since the 1990's and a guestimate would put that figure well over \$500,000. We give merit scholarships to worthy and needy students, as well as trade school or Vo-Tech scholarships. All these students will need to provide for families, and it is our goal to help them as we are able to do so. Some of these students would stay in the Northeast community to be near families, but it is unlikely, if they feel no connection to the neighborhood if you close their neighborhood school. What better gift can we give them than one of education to ensure their future?

We have provided funds for a robotics team in the past, athletic equipment for the sports teams and shoes for a basketball team. We have given an appreciation luncheon for the teachers and staff for the last twelve years, because we know their job is a tough one. We have painted a Viking Mascot on the gymnasium wall to help give the students pride in their school. Awards were given for perfect or improvement in attendance, and it worked. These are just a few of the wonderful things the Alumni Association and the Alumni of Northeast have done for our students and our beloved school.

The Northeast pantry provides more than food and clothing for the students and their families. It is a safe haven for the students to come and be comforted knowing they are loved and will be helped by the Northeast Alumni Volunteers who truly care for them.

This is what we are doing to help Northeast kids survive these trying times, and we respectfully ask you to do something for these students as well, by not transplanting them out of their neighborhood and bussing them to a neighborhood where they will have no pride or feeling of community spirit. If the question is low attendance, then why aren't we asking where are these students, and what can be done to get them back? Why not give them the incentive to go to Northeast by providing something special to excite their parents. Providing the very best teachers and the very best curriculum might lure them into the neighborhood and Northeast. You certainly have spent money on your study and proposed recommendations to prove why it isn't working, so why didn't you spend money on an alternative to see what could work? Give Northeast the 'elite' status it once had, and provide a positive picture for the future of the community. It just makes sense that if you provide good schools (meaning great opportunities and education) the parents will make sure their students follow.

From a business standpoint, we can appreciate the financial crunch the Kansas City School District is facing, however, when a young boy stood in a meeting the last time of a proposed closing, in a room full of adults, and stated he was afraid for his safety if sent to a rival school, it was excruciating to hear. When he asked, "What is more important, my safety, or the money?" It is heart-wrenching to think these students are faced with this and not what they should worry about.

WE RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR CONSIDERATION TO BE GIVEN TO KEEP NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL OPEN AND GIVING NORTHEAST STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET THEIR EDUCATION AT A SCHOOL RICH IN HISTORY AND STRONG IN ALUMNI PRIDE!

Many Thanks to Our 2022 Sponsors and Contributors
Northeast Alumni Association would soon cease to exist without the generous help of our supporters!

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IF YOUR DONATION TO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REQUIRES A RECEIPT FOR IRS PURPOSES, PLEASE NOTIFY EARL WILLIAMSON, TREASURER, AT OUR ADDRESS ON THE LAST PAGE OR CALL HIM — 816-536-1085 HE WILL PROVIDE ONE FOR YOU.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT

MEMORABILIA

Please consider donating memorabilia to our Lyal Viers Alumni room. We are interested in jewelry, trophies, year-books, etc., to display. In the past, we have been visited by another local high school regarding establishing their own alumni room of history. Another reason to be proud.



VOLUNTEER

You don't have to be on the Board of Directors to volunteer to help us. We need volunteers to help in the Pantry, Alumni room, help with the Teacher's luncheon or numerous other places as well. Want to call on an elderly Alumni to brighten their day? Your time and choice.

AMAZON

Amazon has announced that their AmazonSmile charitable contributions program will be closing in order to focus its philanthropic giving to programs with greater impact. The company, which ranks among the top philanthropists in the U.S. will continue to pursue and invest in other areas where it can make meaningful changes. We received the following notice.

Dear Customer,

In 2013, we launched AmazonSmile to make it easier for customers to support their favorite charities. However, after almost a decade, the program has not grown to create the impact that we had originally hoped. With so many eligible organizations, more than one million globally, our ability to have an impact was often spread too thin.

We are writing to let you know that we plan to wind down AmazonSmile by February 20, 2023. We will continue to pursue and invest in other areas where we've seen we can make meaningful change.

To help charities that have been a part of the AmazonSmile program with this transition, we will be providing them with a one-time donation equivalent to three months of what they earned in 2022 through the program, and they will also be able to accrue additional donations until the program officially closes on the 20th. Once AmazonSmile closes, charities will still be able to seek support from Amazon customers by creating their own wish lists.



SCHOLARSHIPS

The Alumni Association Scholarship Committee has finally caught up with technology. Our annual scholarship application form and information went live on December 11th and will close on February 10th, 2023.

One of our awesome College Prep advisors helped us set up the form and content needed to streamline the process. This also brought it into line with what other scholarships require. Seniors may now access applications through their Google Drive done on their computers.

The Alumni Association has their own partition on the drive. Seniors or early graduates fill out an application online, giving all needed information. Listed on the partition are five statements or questions from which they will choose and write a 400-500 word essay. One of several criteria. All their information including college choice, GPA, class standing, recommendation letters, and the essays will be available to the scholarship committee members regardless of where they live or spend the winter. In the past, it was difficult to get all this information put together from different sources and to distribute to the committee. This process is much easier for all involved and especially the students.

The system will also provide a spreadsheet from which committee members can work from. Our hope is that this will speed up and clean up the scholarship process.

Roberta Holt-Kipper '69

*For those of you who may not know, The Northeast High School Alumni Association's 501 c 3 designation is based and issued on Education.
Karole Zinger '62, President*

THE KANSAS CITY MUSEUM (Continued from last issue)

Gone are the days of the gigantic bear in the entry way and the igloo we all crawled through. It is difficult to let go of some of these treasures from the past, however, the Museum has taken on a sophistication with a new Mission of preserving, interpreting and celebrating Kansas City through collections, exhibits and bold programs that reflect the evolution of the City and its' spirit. There are stories about Kansas City's vibrant history that will continue on through time now.

The Vision is to be a hub of learning, creativity and collaboration where individuals and communities will engage in knowing more about the Kansas City area.

How fortunate are we that the Museum we grew up with is now such an important place to learn of the history of KC? The Kansas City Museum now shares experiences of individuals from communities that have been underrepresented and overlooked in the past. What a great way to inspire the families and generations from all over the city that are now the future of the city. Now isn't that better than a moldy old bear and a crumbly old igloo?

2022 ELF PROJECT

This years Elf project was an overwhelming success starting with the outpouring of love given by our alumni members. A list of students of need was provided to us by the school. Thirty students were chosen to party with alumni board members.

Needs are so different from student to student that we once again chose to provide each student with a \$50.00 gift card. This card allowed them to shop for themselves or for their family.

Along with the gift card, the alumni threw a party for them. They were treated to unlimited pizza from a locally owned pizza parlor. They enjoyed soda along with cake.

To top it off, the pantry created gift bags full of cookies and candy for them to take home to their families. This allowed them to carry the good will and holiday spirit home to their loved ones.

The students were asked to play a game giving one word on the traits of the school. Some of the words were gratitude, thankful, purple, white and my favorite, heroes.

Thank you on behalf of the students and thank you for once again showing your Viking spirit and stepping up to help make the holidays a little brighter for those who may have needed a Santa in their life.

Roberta Holt-Kipper `69

PANTRY & CLOSET

Our students and families need food, and you would be surprised at how many students actually come in for clothing. We help when they are going for job interviews or when a warm coat is needed. Remember these are young students wanting to fit in and look good. Being hungry does not help in the learning process. Be proud of the Alumni Volunteers working there. YOU CAN TOO!!

CHRISTMAS AT THE PANTRY

We were indeed blessed once again to be able to provide Holiday meals with the help of Traveling Turkeys. They are a non-profit operating out of Cleveland, MO. Traveling Turkeys and their awesome volunteers buy and package over 1,000 Thanksgiving meals. Northeast has been very fortunate to work with them since 2020. This year once again we were a recipient of this good fortune.

Unfortunately, school closed early and we picked up late, so the donation of turkeys were frozen and dinners were placed in our storeroom. We developed a plan.

Thanks once again to our beloved alumni, we were able to purchase ham, chickens, and more turkeys to supplement what we received. We had ordered 30 box meals from Harvesters but those arrived without a source of protein.

We were able to distribute our donation from Traveling Turkeys, our box meals, and our alumni provided meat to feed all the families who requested meals. Donations of new coats to students before the school break began. Coats were still arriving when school closed for winter break.

The pantry operates primarily on help from Harvesters and other organizations who donate food and items that are free to the pantry.

Roberta Holt-Kipper, `69

A special nod and acknowledgement to the volunteers in the pantry. It is time consuming and a lot of thought and detail goes into the planning for these special occasions as well as their daily interaction with the students and parents who often visit the pantry. It is not just handing out food, it involves driving to pick up at locations, distributing, restocking, and planning the meals.

thank you

JOIN US ON APRIL 22, 2023



THE ELKS LODGE
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ADMISSION TO THE EVENT

\$50 DONATION IN ADVANCE—AT DOOR \$60
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SPAGHETTI DINNER !!

(Dinner may be purchased separately for \$10 if not playing)
Dinner 4-6 p.m. Fun Begins 6-9 p.m.

BLACKJACK TABLES *** CRAPS TABLE *** ROULETTE ***

MONEY WHEEL ***

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS!

Enjoy a fun evening with us and be a winner in many potential ways: Win gift cards, and prizes. Your support of our fundraising effort directly benefits the educational programs and scholarships provided by the Northeast High School Alumni Association. As a 501 © 3 organization, the IRS recognizes contributions/donations as tax deductible.

You also have opportunities to be CASH SPONSORS.

NAME OF PLAYER: _____ Class year: _____

Address: _____

City, State , Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

My Donation check is enclosed for \$50 _____ for admission to the Tournament!

I would like to be a sponsor: \$500 _____ \$250 _____ \$150 _____ \$100 _____ \$ _____

I have the following raffle items or service to donate _____
(Tax receipt available on request)

MAIL TO: NEHSAA, TREASURER, P.O. BOX 1264, BLUE SPRINGS, MO 64013-1264

SPORTS HISTORY

Many great stories about sports at Northeast are hidden in the past, (but not forgotten,) and sometimes if you're lucky they are found. I want to tell you about such a story.

This story is true and happened on October 30, 1953 with Northeast playing Westport. The score was tied 6-6 with seconds to pay when history was made. This feat had never been done in Interscholastic League. The Northeast offense lined up at the 14 yard line and center, Ross Arnold, made a good snap to the holder, Gene George, and Al Gauert kicked a 24 yard field goal to give the Vikings a 9-6 victory.

This was the first and only field goal in league history. The game was played at the Municipal Stadium at 22nd & Brooklyn, the home of the Kansas City Monarchs, Kansas City A's, and Kansas City Chiefs.

Our Alumni Room will soon receive a great addition, compliments of a player on the 1948 football team. Over the past 100+ years, Northeast has had many good football teams. With this gift we will have an autographed picture of the best team- the 1948 team was undefeated and unscored on, which is a very rare feat. To see the Alumni Room you need an appointment. Please check our website and call a board member. This room holds many memories and is worth seeing.

TRADITION

The "N" Club is now over 100 years old. Back in the 1940's, 1950's and 1960's, as young men, we always wanted to play for Northeast and be a part of the Viking Kingdom. We wanted the honor of wearing the purple "N" for playing and lettering in a sport at Northeast.

The real force behind this drive was the great tradition that was Northeast sports. That drive was propelled by the great brother and sister combos we had and here are a few of them:

Father and son - Rex Hull & Rex, Jr., Jim Fuller & Jim, Jr.
Four Brothers - Al, Dale, Larry & Corky Maddox
Three Brothers - Jess, Walt & Gene Kuhn
Two Brothers - Del & Devon Norris, Don & Richard Wright,
Wally & Jim Hoverder, Ron & Gary Bond, Ed & Bob Lynn,
Ray & Bernie Ricono, Bill & Gene George,
John & Don Wansing, Bob & Bill Semler,
Frank & Jack Votchatzer, Bob & Craig Turley,
Bob & Keith Nutt, Bill & Steve Crook,
Larry & David Sheridan, John & Walt Dodds,
Sal & Mike Frederico, Hadley & Bradley Reimal,
Dick & Bob Hazelbaker
Cousins - John Glorioso & John Glorioso & Joe Glorioso
Two Sisters: Elise & Suzanne Jones

I hope there are other families that have connections mentioned above, and if you know of someone who should be added, contact me at al1952mx@gmail.com

GO VIKINGS

Articles by Al Maddox, Class of 1952



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Jack DiCapo Treasurer

ALUMNISTRONG

I was born in 1958 and grew up on Van Brunt in Northeast Kansas City. I graduated from Northeast High School in 1976 and attended Penn Valley Community College and UMKC.

I loved growing up in Northeast with lots of Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and friends living on our block and throughout the neighborhood. It was a real community and it's true what they say "it takes a village to raise a child" and Northeast raised me.

Now as my business career winds down I've decided it's time I give back to Northeast and to Kansas City all the good things that I was blessed with.

We need to reduce crime and murders, help solve the homeless problem and stand up for the small business-person.

Please go to our website www.kc4dicapo.com and read more and donate to our campaign if you can.

Thank you my Northeast High brothers and sisters. Together we can make a difference.

John David DiCapo

*John David DiCapo supported us in keeping Northeast open. It is now our privilege to support his campaign .
We are allowed to do this as this election is non-partisan.*

WE ARE THE VIKINGS!

2022 GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sal Fanara '54, Vern Zugenbuhler '51, Al Gauert '54, Jim Fuller '53



Ronald Synder '67, Wayne Wittmeyer '67, Lee McNutt '67, Rick Mendenhall



Linda Rivera '70, Rick Rivera, Pat Palumbo '77, John Lipari



Steven Crook '79, William Crook '74, Ginna (Cariddi) Terrill '72



Cameron Peak '52, Lee Blakesley, Rick Hock, Josh Mitchell



TOURNAMENT WINNERS

HOLE CONTESTS

Hole #2 Longest Drive (72 yrs and Under) R. J. Traverson
Hole #2 Longest Drive (73 yrs and Over) Don Frank '65
Hole #2 Longest Drive (Women) Linda Rivera '70
Hole #18 Longest Putt - Jeremy Amos
Putting Contest - Ray Rew '60 (First Try)
Chipping Contest - Sam Paul '64 (3 1/2")

"A" FLIGHT

1st Place - Score 56
Ron Fornelli '63, Ken Landes '62, Bill Smith '63, Larry Jordan

2nd Place - Score 61
Ronald Snyder '67, Wayne Wittmeyer '67, Lee McNutt '67, Rick Mendenhall

3rd Place - Score 61
Don Frank '65, Paul Steinberg '65, Bob Collins '68, Joe Collins

"B" FLIGHT

1st Place - Score 64 (Scorecard Playoff Hole #15)
Paul Coffman, Joe Hatcher, Roger Briet, Glen Bowman
(No picture)

2nd Place - Score 64 (Score Playoff Hole #10)
Cameron Peak '52, Lee Blakesley, Rick Hock, Josh Mitchell

3rd Place - Score 64
John "Pete" Petersen '60, Austin Petersen, Mario Petersen, John Anheier, Jeremy Amos

"C" FLIGHT

1st Place - Score 68
Gary Masner '77, Nick King, R. J. Traverson, Josh Goodman

2nd Place - Score 69
Sam Paul '64, David Kyle '64, Gregory Koons '64, William Thrall
(No picture)

3rd Place - Score 70
Sal Fanara '54, Vern Zugenbuhler '51, Al Gauert '54, Jim Fuller '53

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!



Kenny Rogers '61, Michael Frederico '61, Jody Rogers '90, Jim Shawn '90 John Petersen '60, Austin Petersen, Mario Petersen, John Anhieir, Jeremy Amos



Jeffery Crane '77, Phil Infranca '77, Ted Infranca



Isidore Reyes '79, Bernie Batlinger '79,

George Snell '59, Raymond Rew '59, Victor Bragg, Bill Guter '59

Gary Masner '77, Nick King, R.J. Traverson, Josh Goodman



Dave Still '65, Ray Chandler '65

Ron Fornelli '63, Ken Landes '62, Bill Smith '63, Larry Jordan

Don Frank '65, Paul Steinberg '65, Bob Collins '68, Joe Collins



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32nd NEHSAA GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORS**

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Earl Williamson, Jr. `56

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Ronald Fornelli `63
George Snell `59
Richie Irwin `60
Bill Crook `74

Al McCormick `64
Sal Fanara `54
Cameron Peak `52
Gregory Koons `64
In memory of -

Dave Still `65
Ronald Snyder `67
Don Kimble `60
Steven Crook `79
James Cariddi `44

Viking Level

Kenneth Landes `62

MEMORIAL/RECOGNITION WALL

Since the last issue of the Purple & White, 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:

- Steven C. Cooley `67 & Paula Kay (Campbell) Cooley **By NEHS Alumni Association**
- George Cain Miller `56 **By Marilyn Mae Miller `56 (wife)**
- Martin Edward Mall `57 **By Nancy (Mall) Hudson `61 (cousin)**
- Karen (Tuleen) Mall `57 **By Nancy (Mall) Hudson `61 (cousin)**
- Mary L. (Calef) Boothe `72 **By Patricia J. Calef `62 (sister)**
- James R. Calef `60 **By Patricia J. Calef `62 (sister)**
- Jackie Eirls `62 **By Patricia J. Calef `62 (sister)**
- Karen Lynn Towse `60 **By Patrice K. Briggs `60**
- Carol Monaco `60 **By Patrice K. Briggs `60**
- Thomas Lester Coleman **By Kathryn Sylvia-Coleman `60 (wife)**
- A. Richard DeMayo `53 **By Janice L. (Organ) DeMayo `54 (wife)**



The Memorial/Recognition Wall will be on permanent display in the Alumni Room for all students, faculty, and alumni visitors to view. The area designated for the memorial/recognition wall plaque is four-feet wide and thirty-two inches tall. The plaque is made of colorful acrylic. Names of individuals honored will be permanently inscribed on plates to be attached. When you provide a generous, tax-deductible donation of at least \$100 or more, you may choose to have a name placed on the wall. You might want to honor a spouse, sibling, parent, classmate or other loved one, **living or deceased**. 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.

YOUR NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

NAME TO BE PLACED ON THE WALL _____ CLASS YEAR _____ Your phone # _____
 (one name only, please)

DONATION: \$100 \$250 \$500 \$ _____ OTHER _____ SEND TAX RECEIPT

Send check to NEHS Alumni Assn., M/R Wall, PO Box 1264, Blue Springs, MO 64013-1264

Notes: _____

Please Help Keep Our Data Base Updated

It is very important to us for you to let us know if you have moved! Twice a year we mail out approximately 7,000 newsletters to alumni in our database. In order to keep our records up to date, we ask the Post Office to furnish us with a correct address, and we guarantee postage on each newsletter returned to us with a correction. An incorrect zip code can result in a returned newsletter. **Each returned newsletter now costs us money.** We would very much appreciate it if you would fill out the Change of Address Form below advising us of any changes. If you receive a newsletter for a member of your family who is deceased, please send us that information also. If you do not wish to continue receiving our newsletter, we appreciate your advising us. You can mail us the change of address form provided below, call any Board Member, or email info.janengle62@gmail.com. We greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Mail changes to: **Northeast Alumni Association P.O. Box 1264 Blue Springs, MO 64013-1264**

Name: _____ Class Year _____ E-mail _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____ - _____

YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IS AN OUTSTANDING ORGANIZATION

By Al McCormick '67

A few weeks ago I was invited to write a newsletter article and I would like it clear there were no boundaries set. I did ask "What's the topic" and the response was "your choice, you've had lots of experience." I'm sharing this and the opinions expressed are mine and without prompting from anyone.

I had the good fortune to be an active officer in another alumni association that afforded me a great deal of experience and personal appreciation for efforts placed forward. It was an association of a private boarding school and reinforcing all those activities was employment for five years as the Director of Alumni Relations. Some of the contacts made in other organizations allowed me to see other alumni groups on a national level providing valuable experience. The University of Missouri Alumni Association President was particularly good to me and for me.

I think I'm qualified to offer the following opinions, but I'm not any smarter than any of your current or past officers or volunteers, I have just had a good experience as I reflect on it. You as an association have the benefit of having some great individuals as officers and volunteers and the proof is in the pudding: Your Alumni Association is an Outstanding Organization and deserves your support.

Northeast High School was twice scheduled to be closed by district officials and those activities were TWICE defeated primarily by your alumni association officers & volunteers who lobbied hard with down to earth facts and their ability to express importance in the community and to the students enrolled at Northeast. If neighborhood schools are closing, the neighborhood is being destroyed.

The **NEHSAA Scholarship Program** is second to none. Not only is there a substantial amount of money involved in your generosity but the structure employed to review and select winners from student candidates is extremely fair. This program is funded by association dues and the ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT.

The Annual ELF Christmas project is also a great benefit to the student bodies and their families. Many of our students have received benefits at a difficult time of the year through your dues and the generosity of many individuals who provide financial support.

The Annual Alumni Golf Tournament is a wonderful event that has become a tradition over the last couple of decades. This event deserves your support and financially supports the NEHSAA Scholarship Program. It's also a great social event but if you cannot attend or play golf, then consider becoming a sponsor and take Purple and White pride in supporting the scholarship program. This event needs you this year, please participate in this Fall Event.

Annual Dues. Do you realize your annual dues are only \$20.00 per person? The ratio of those receiving the Purple & White to those paying dues is poor. Dues pay for the production and mailing of the Purple & White. If you are not a member please consider becoming one by sending your name and class year with your \$20.00 (or more) to NEHSAA, Post Office Box 1264, Blue Springs, MO. 64013-1264.

These are only a few of the activities in which your association has active involvement, come join in and help your dedicated officers and volunteers. *Editor's note: Thank you, Al, now we're blushing.*

NEWS ABOUT THE NORTHEAST NEWS—continued from last newsletter

The NEHSAA supports the Northeast News as they supported us...

In May of 2022, The Northeast News migrated to a non-profit news model in order to pursue grant funding as a charitable organization.

Non-Profit Journalism is a huge growth industry and The Northeast News is now poised for growth in to our second century of providing local news that matters to the residents of Historic Northeast Kansas City.

If you'd like to support our mission to keep Community Journalism alive in Northeast, visit our website at

<https://northeastnews.net/pages/>, and click the DONATE button in the upper right hand corner and become a regular monthly news subscriber.

Interested in sponsoring a part-time Reporter or a college intern? We can assist with that as well. Just drop us a line through the donation button at: <https://northeast-news.fundjournalism.org/donate/>.



IN REMEMBRANCE

Sadly, since our last newsletter, we have learned of the following deaths:

1930`s

- 1932—Craig Christie
- 1936—Marie (Nigro) Casio
- 1939—June (Howard) Kelly, Lloyd Leger, Doris (Kubicki) Stout

1940`s

- 1940—Margaret Firkins, Baxter Brown Watson
- 1941—Robert “Bob” Gross
- 1942—M. Bernice (Sayre) Crummett, William G. Gray
- 1943—Anthony Anello
- 1944—Lucille E. (Ford) Hassel, Mary Louise (Helms) Sandla, Velma (Buterbaugh) Showalter
- 1946—Virginia Kathryn Pierce, Delores Alberta (Vochatzer) Robinson, David Warnock
- 1947—J. Lee Bolton, JoAnn Bolton, Lawrence Bolton, John P. “Jack” Howard, Virginia L. (Melloway) Testorff
- 1948—Beverly Ann (Witham) Layton, Jerald William Slavens, Martha Louise “Marti” (Heck) Kammert, Charles Franklin Patterson
- 1949—Patricia Caylor, Charles Leonard Frost, Paul Esmond Gammill, Robert Loren Johnson

1950`s

- 1951—Katherine Elizabeth “Betty Kaye” (Rector) Nichols, Elsie Rebecca (Shields) Johnson
- 1952—Don Keith Hereford, Carolyn (Magardee) Ruffim

We would like to apologize to Norman Prewitt, Class of 1945 for listing his name on this page in the last newsletter. We apologize to his family and friends as well for this mistake.

Please contact the **Purple & White News** karole.zinger@yahoo.com or call any Board Member listed on the back page if you learn of the death of anyone affiliated (past or present) with Northeast High School. We rely on information we receive from our readers and what we find in the local newspapers.

1950`s continued

- 1953—Antoinette (DeSimone) Berry, Shirley (Koelmel) Glenn, Myrna (Markwell) Grindinger, Betty Jo (Bryant) Henderson, Wilma Arlene (Jones) Johnson, Edith Elizabeth (Epps) Kreps, Ronald Ellis MCoy, Donna (Vessels) Penson, Patricia (Phillips) Perusich, Frances Sue (Renne) Phillips, Patricia A. (Wilcox) Renshaw, Judith A. (Fisher) Rippentrop, Sandra K. (Partridge) Schafer, June (Holloway) Smith, Eleanor (Schowengerdt) Soldanel, Charlene (Kouns) Van Becelaere, Robert “Bob” Eugene Van Compernelle, Patsy (Dorrell) White,
- 1954—John “Jack” Ronald Harrington, Virginia Kaye (Dominick) Jackson, Mary Janet (Nuckolls) Shura, Dorothy E. (Greely) Schwartz
- 1955—Ronald Earl Blair, Lowell D. Davis, Charles “Bud” Ray Price, Alberta Marie (Timm) Young
- 1956—Carol Francis (Van Compernelle) Palmieri, Nancy L. (Heckart) Smith
- 1957—John L. Porter
- 1958—Thomas Anthony Benenate, Marjorie Lou (Caseldine) Kater, Ray A. Morton
- 1959—Dr. Susan (Shotliff) Mattingly

1960`s

- 1960—Larry Eugene Friend, Carol Ann (Caldarella) Monaco,
- 1961—Barbara Jo (Boyce) Rellihan, Jerry R. Stephens, Walter “Frank” Wegerer, Jr.
- 1962—Sharon Kay (Koch) Bain, Donna Dianne (Pearce) Richardson
- 1964—Carolyn K. (Montesano) Brooks
- 1965—Evelyn (Carson) Brooks
- 1966—James E. Zawanda
- 1967—Robin E. Wegerer
- 1968—Terry Beason
- 1969—Beverly S. Bourdlais, Carolyn L. Zawanda
- 1970—Barbara Jean (Saunders) Campbell
- 1972—Stephen Lee Grandstaf, Diana L. Oyerly
- 1976—Anthony Wayne “Tony” Brenton, Tony Roadcap, Aaron Robert Watkins
- 1977—Bryce Edward Ferris, Marilyn Kay (Fugitt) Gorman, Helen Hurtado, Joseph John Taibi, Jr., Becky Jane Vanlandingham

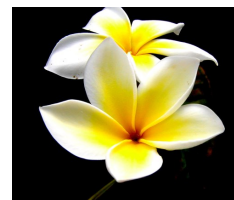
No Year Reported

- Faye Critcher
- Robert B. Scott
- Parker Fenton Vanlandingham

The following deaths were recently reported in the Kansas City Star.

- 1939—Wilfred R. Bell
- 1940—Frances Virginia (Grego) Glenn
- 1945—Jerold Terrence Connor, Peggy Jean (Irwin) Houston
- 1947—Jasper Moberly
- 1948—Herbert Teeple
- 1954—Charlene Agnes (Boan) Willis
- 1961—Woody Joseph Simmons
- 1967—Carol L. (Renno) Sanstra
- 1968—Robert “Bob” McDaniel
- 1969—Marilyn Kay (Mann) Long
- 1970—Anthony “Tony” Salvatore Galate, Glenda Kay (Beebe) Masonbrink
- 1971—Mary Leona (Calef) Boothe
- 1973—Elsa (Motley) Roark
- 1974—Mary Ellen (Knapp) Michael
- 1977—Gladys “Peanuts” (Alderson) Moulder
- 1980—Lajuana Yvette Saxton
- 1985—Sheila Renee Fryer
- 1986—Kena Renee Whitmire
- 2002—Brandon Elder
- 2003—Christopher Fernando Taylor
- 2011—Charles Ross
- 2015—James Robertson
- 2016—Brandie (Jordan) Rivers
- 2023—Sergio C. Padilla

Our condolences to the families and friends for the loss of these classmates and loved ones.



SADLY WE SAY GOODBYE

Class of `58 - Meet for lunch 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 location.

Gals of `60 - Will resume lunch get-togethers starting on the 2nd Thursday of the month 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: dhshores1@gmail.com

Gals of `63- Meet for lunch. Contact: Diane Tosti Collura 816-478-9970

LET US KNOW YOUR PLANS

*Friendship is the hardest thing in the
World to explain. It's not something
You learn in school.
But if you haven't learned the mean-
ing of friendship,
you really haven't learned anything..
Muhammad Ali*

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RECONNECT AT 2023 REUNIONS

Class of 1958 65th Reunion

The date is yet to be determined, but June is the month. Watch the northeastvikings.org website for further information. Contact is Louise (Kellough) Welker 816-468-7221

We have classmates from the class of 1983 asking about their 40 year reunion.

LET US KNOW YOUR CLASS CONTACT INFO

Attending your high school reunion is a great time to renew the strong bond that Northeast is known for, and to rekindle old friendships. Go and reminisce about the good old days or learn what's happening in lives now. It can be a fun time.

**REMEMBER
THE GOOD TIMES!**

-Important-

DATES TO REMEMBER!

2023

Board Meeting.....Apr. 11
Casino Night Social.....Apr. 22
Golf Tournament.....Sept.TBD

The above dates are subject to change!

You participation in our Social Events are Fundraisers and we invite you to come have fun and help us raise money!

DON'T MISS OUT ON ANY OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION EVENTS.

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Want to help?

We need volunteers for many of our projects. Please contact an officer or board member and get involved.

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Become an Active Member!

Pay your dues...

Volunteer...

Please fill out the application form in this issue and do what you can to support the Northeast High School Alumni Association



**New Payment/
Donation Capabilities**

PayPal (thru website)

Venmo

Square Credit (at events)

Smile.Amazon.Com (Discontinued by Amazon) Not available.

LOGO SALES FORM

Logo Sweatshirts \$40.00 (Black Hooded Long Sleeve Zippered Sweatshirt)
Med ___ Large ___ XL ___ XXL ___ XXXL

Golf Shirts \$30.00 (Purple)
Med ___ Large ___ XL ___ XXL ___

The above have Viking Ship logos-men's and women's sizes available.

Ball Cap \$12.00 White with purple lettering & Viking head
Visors \$10.00 White with purple lettering
T-Shirts \$10.00 Black with gray and purple (pre shrunk)
Short Sleeve T098 ___ Long sleeve T099 ___

Centennial Insulated Mug White plastic with purple lettering
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Postage Please include \$7.00 for postage. *

History of Northeast on DVD- \$20.00 donation plus \$3.00 postage

Total Enclosed: _____

Please include your name, address, email address, & phone number.

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The Board of Directors consists of Alumni willing to give their time toward the needs of NE students and to the betterment of the school itself. Tell them thank you.

LOGO ITEMS

Support the Alumni Association by buying our Logo items. Watch for new items.

Let us know what you would like to see us offer.

Remember the money is for the good cause of helping Northeast and the students of Northeast to have a better high school experience.

Buy golf shirts and visors for your team and wear them in our Golf Tournament in September.

Buy a history of NE CD and send it to a classmate you haven't seen for awhile or present them as a favor at your reunion.

Call or email Tiffany Bush to set up at a reunion or for inquiries.

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Northeast High School Alumni Association

NAME _____

Last

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Class Year

ADDRESS _____

CITY-STATE-ZIP CODE _____ EMAIL _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____ SPOUSE'S NAME & CLASS _____

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$20.00 _____ DONATION: _____

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