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KSHB-41 'GIFT OF SOLE' GALA

THIS LETTER WAS SENT TO Dr. ERVIN, PRINCIPAL, AND FORWARDED TO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION. WE ATTENDED AND THE EVENT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

Hi Dr. Ervin,

Cynthia Newsome here with KSHB 41. We spoke on Tuesday about our KSHB 41 Gift of Sole Gala, raising money to buy sneakers for metro area teens in need. We are so pleased that Northeast High School is a beneficiary this year. Thank you for mentioning that the **North-east alumni** may want to participate in this fun event and help us raise more money to provide more sneakers for teenagers. Please share this information with anyone you think would be interested in attending.

I'm excited to tell you more about our KSHB 41 Gift of Sole Gala, on Saturday, October 21, 2023, from 6pm to 11pm, at The Abbott, 1901 Cherry Street, KCMO. It's a classy, fun, inspiring gathering of people who understand the importance of letting our young people, facing challenging circumstances, know we care and we're doing something to help them. Tickets are \$150 each, or you can be a table-sponsor at \$2,500 (table of 10)

The Gala is the big finale to a week-long on-air campaign asking KSHB 41 viewers to donate money so children in financially struggling families will get a new pair of sneakers! KSHB 41 Anchor, Kevin Holmes, started this event because of his experiences when he was a teenager wearing shabby sneakers on the basketball court.

At the Gala guests will dress-up in their glitz and glam and wear their favorite pair of sneakers! We had so much fun last year; and this year is even better. We're having a formal dinner prepared by the Chef at Lula Southern Cookhouse, at your reserved table. There's an open bar and live entertainment—plus the inspiring moments to tell the stories of teenagers who received the sneakers and what it meant to them. Keep your wallet handy because we're going to have some live and silent auction items that you simply can't live without.

Our beneficiary schools this year are Wyandotte High School in KCK, and **Northeast High School** in KCMO. We'll provide sneakers for Sophomore students at those schools. KC Urban Ranger Corp participants will also receive a new pair of sneakers. Depending on how much money we raise, we'll also help Police Athletic Leagues in the area and scholarship students participating in KC Sports Commission summer camps.

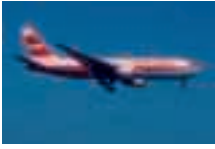
**We're not shy about asking for \$2,500 for a table-sponsorship because we have seen what that money can mean to young people who may be bullied or have low self-esteem just because their sneakers are old and raggedy. So, please review and say yes right away to being a Marvelous Sneaker Supporter!

Thank you,
Cynthia Newsome



**WE WENT, WE PARTICIPATED,
AND ALL OUR
SOPHOMORES WILL RECEIVE
SHOES!!**



DATES TO BE DETERMINED**WATCH FOR THESE FALL ACTIVITIES!****TWA Tour in October**

We are planning a fall tour/social at the TWA Museum with lunch at Cascone's after the tour. We will provide the tour/social, and for those who wish to go to Cascone's for lunch, we will meet there for more camaraderie. No need to send money for your lunch; you will order from the menu and pay at the restaurant. The tour tentatively would be from 10:00 am-12 noon. The Museum is in the most historic building in Kansas City's aviation history. TWA's first executive headquarters was located in New York City with Kansas City chosen as the home of its operational headquarters.

WATCH for the July Purple & White Newsletter, Facebook, and the Website for more detailed information and to RSVP.

**We look forward to some fun fall events!
In October**

**NE ALL-CLASSES SCHOLARSHIP DINNER DANCE - FALL**

We are working in concert with the Principal and staff at Northeast to have a Gala Dinner to raise funds with them for scholarship money. We hope to make this our largest fundraiser ever! We have been asked to do this with them, and we have accepted the challenge to show them what their alumni is all about. We don't just talk the talk; we walk the walk! We will be sending letters to neighboring businesses and going all-out to make this a success. This Gala will take place in the fall with a dinner and dance. So again, watch for details in the July Purple & White newsletter, Facebook, and Website for information. In the meantime, if you know of any business that might want to support this worthy cause, please let us know or have them contact a Board member.

Purple Power!**HONOR ROLL OF NE VETERANS**

We would like to salute our Northeast Veterans by placing the names, class year, branch of service, and rank of any person living or deceased who served in the military, in our Alumni Room. We will also post on our website. In order to accomplish this, we will need this information mailed or emailed to us.

Please indicate if the veteran is deceased or if he or she served in a war. If you want to send a picture (will not be returned), that would be great.

These Vikings need to be honored, respected, and thanked for their service to our country.

THANK YOU!

ELF SUCCESS!

Thank you for making another Christmas holiday brighter for 35 Northeast students. The students received a gift card along with a Price Chopper gift card donated by the daughter of Al Maddox '52.

A lunch of sandwiches, chips, sodas, and dessert was served buffet style to very hungry teens. Candy, lip balm, and hand cream were given to each student as well.

When they say the fun is in the giving, it's true. Thanks again for stepping up to help the Elves fill the sleigh with good, warm memories for both the volunteers and the students of Northeast.

After all, it takes a Village, a Viking Village!

Many Thanks to Our 2023 Sponsors and Contributors

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- 1968 - Karen J. Laughlin
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- Class unknown:** Chessie Robbins, Cathy Jo Thomson, Shawna L. (Clark) White

CHRISTMAS CAME EARLY

By Karole Zinger '62

You can imagine our surprise when we received a phone call from an attorney telling us that we were to be one of the recipients of proceeds from an Estate of an Alumni. That was wonderful on so many levels. The idea of someone, after all these years, caring enough for the students and the Alumni Association to help us is amazing.

But wait, it happened again! Another Alumni awarded us money in their Will.

We are so grateful for these funds, as we will be able to provide a few more scholarships or increase the amounts awarded this year.

Please keep us in mind if you know of someone who might want to do the same, as the needs are great, and the funds are scarce at times.

Our budget is set, and we are ready for the New Year. Our expenses are approximately \$60,000 a year—that includes many programs at Northeast, scholarships, the pantry, printing and mailing the newsletter, and other expenses.

We have invested (basically endowed) money so as to maintain a good balance and act as somewhat of an insurance plan.

COVID didn't help any of us, and I think it may have affected our fundraising a bit.
But this is a NEW YEAR!

I have also noticed that we seem to have a decline in alumni participation during the years that Northeast was a Magnet school. Is it because they came from other neighborhoods? This is only my opinion; however, we need to consider things such as this, so as to maintain the Alumni Association's good work and who will steer our ship in the future!

This is why we ask for your dues of \$20, and for your participation in our fundraisers. Attend the fundraisers with your friends.

We are always grateful for any consideration.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

MEMORABILIA

Please consider donating memorabilia to our Lyal Viers Alumni room. We are interested in jewelry, trophies, yearbooks, etc., to display. In the past, we have been visited by other local high schools regarding establishing their own alumni room of history. Another reason to be proud of our Alumni Room at the top of the stairs at Thou Dear.



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/choice.

LYKINS COMMUNITY CENTER - By Al Maddox '52

This was a group of guys and gals who went to school at Northeast, East, Manual, Glennon, and De LaSalle in the 1940's. They grew up together at a place called Lykins. It was a community center with outdoor and indoor activities. We utilized it until our high school days in the '50s, and many of us either went on to college or got married, and started families. But our Lykins friendships stayed strong. We would meet for lunch or go to sporting events or just have a beer.

In the early 1990's, we decided we should get together and have an event to see how many of our old gang we could get together for a picnic. Thus started the Lykins Picnic, and this event brought together 120 people. Some came from as far as California, Minnesota, Florida, and Texas. We met until 2016, when our last one was at the home of Dante and Mary Sue Cosentino with 87 in attendance. We were able to take many pictures of the event, so now we have a permanent record of the group.

In 2018, we decided to get together for lunch, and we started the Lykins Lunch Bunch. We now meet the last Thursday of the month. We have a permanent location at Tiff & Jay's in Lee's Summit, MO

These are our active guys; Sal Fanara '54, Jim Fuller '53, Al Gauert '54, Gene Kuhn '55, Frank Lasta '49 Al Maddox '52, Larry Maddox '55, Carl Shortino '54, Vern Zugenbuhler '51, and Rocky Stasi '56 De LaSalle.

These are our inactive; Jim Clark '48, Dale Maddox '55, John Royal '53, Dick Trekell '55, Betty Pope '52, Dorothy Callahan '52, and Chuck Loomis '52 Manual High School.

Come and join us in Lee's Summit for talk of the past, good food, and fellowship. You are always welcome at the big round table.

VIKINGS FOREVER!

NO, WALT DISNEY DID NOT ATTEND NORTHEAST!

By Roberta Holt-Kipper '69

For the record, Walt Disney did not attend Northeast; however, he did have close connections. There are connections to two famous alumni who did attend. And this is their story.

On Facebook there are many pages and writers you can enjoy. One I enjoy is all about Walt Disney. Every day there are stories about his time in Marceline, Missouri; Kansas City; California; Florida; etc. There are also wonderful stories about his friends, family, business partners, and creative associates. They frequently mention our Northeast connection. Those are the ones I most enjoy, as our own Alumni Archives include stories of at least two Northeast alumni.

No, neither of them is Walt Disney. Walt Disney's business partner in Kansas City was Ubbe Iwerks, an alumni of NE. The story is they met at the Kansas City Star. Disney left the Star to form Laugh-O-Gram at thirty-first and Troost. Disney, and Iwerks joined him as chief animator.. Disney then went to California where the streets were paved in gold. He called Ubbe to come to California, and the rest is history. Ubbe's granddaughter, a documentarian, wrote both a book and produced a documentary about her grandfather, The Hand Behind the Mouse. Ubbe was responsible for the distinctive style of the earliest Disney animated cartoons, and was also responsible for designing Mickey Mouse

The other, my favorite, is Charles "Ducky" Nash. Mr. Nash is actually a graduate of Northeast. Many stories of Mr. Nash appeared in our school newspapers around that time. They read like he was a rascal. He played the harmonica, was able to throw voices, etc. And talking about voices, Mr. Nash was both the voice of Clarabelle the Cow AND the voice of the beloved Donald Duck. His last performance was as Donald in Mickey's Christmas Carol. On December 12, 1954 he was on What's my Line.

Charles and his wife's gravestone is a heart with Donald and Daisy Duck on it. How sweet and deserving of his legacy. We plan to have ongoing information about Northeast Alumni in the Purple & White News; after all, we have 110 years of stories about the school, the students, and the resident ghost....stay tuned!

GOOD THINGS HAPPENING!

VIKING VILLAGE GARDEN

By Roberta Holt-Kipper '69

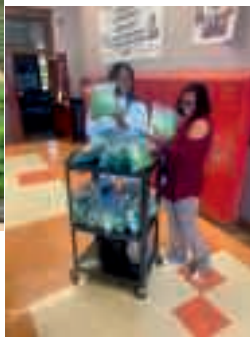
The garden had a successful first season. Right before Thanksgiving the garden was harvested, and the students shared the bounty with the science community. At this time, the garden is shut down but will come alive with a spring planting.

Students have an opportunity to vote on what should go into the spring planting. Plans at this time are to harvest before school is out in May. Some things may have to be harvested in the summer.

Currently, the sponsors are working to increase student interest before additional plans are put into action. The additional plans, with the approval of the administration, might include additional beds and even fruit trees, which would require an in-ground watering system. This would be part of a long-term project that would require a grant to pay for the in-ground system.



VEGGIES



FOR ALL



**GOOD JOB
VIKING
GARDENERS!**

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!!**

PANTRY & CLOTHES CLOSET

By Pat McCollum Roberts '59

Come visit our Northeast Food and Clothing Pantry located on the first floor in the former art room! We alumni volunteers are ready and waiting for students, teachers, families, and other visitors from 10:00 to 2:00 on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

We love to see students and families come in to shop from our selection of clothing and accessories plus lots of miscellaneous, everything from hairbrushes to shoes. Donations and thrift store purchases keep us supplied. One of our favorite thrift stores is Red Racks. They have a Sunday sale of everything with a certain color tag for 75 cents. If you go early, you get the best clothing, even some new with the tags on them. Goodwill's sale day is Wednesday at \$1.79 each. This year we've found another great bargain store in Claycomo and other locations in and around Kansas City called Retail Rebel. Getting the clothes ready for our students and families keeps us always sorting, separating by size, putting on hang tags, hanging on racks, and folding the rest to put in large plastic bins on tables or on shelves. Students can use their break time as quickly as possible and get to their next class on time. If we're asked for certain items and sizes and don't have what they need, we get their information and go thrift shopping!

The past few years we have increased our supply of infant, toddler, and older children's clothing, and our volunteers have added items including some toys, books, dolls, learning games, and wooden puzzles. When families come to the pantry with children, we pick out something for them. Sports clothing is hung on a rack by itself, and it goes pretty fast. On the thrift store special sale days they usually have a lot of sports items, especially hoodies, which we get a lot of requests for. Recently one of our alumni gave us some great men's clothes and several pairs of size 15 like-new athletic shoes. We lined them up under a table, and when Coach came into the pantry, he was asked if he had any students who wore size 15. As he looked down at them he said, "I know just the students who can wear those."

Prom has been one of our biggest projects for a few years. Miss Roberta would lead some of our volunteers to a church in Lee's Summit, which gave us hundreds of beautiful, very expensive dresses, short and long, some with the new tags on them. We filled two double racks with them and filled another rack with men's suits, dress shirts, slacks, and sports coats. This year there were not many students requesting clothes for the Prom, so we have only a small rack filled with those. There are also two racks of men's and women's dress clothes, which students choose for job interviews, school events, and other special occasions.

We're still receiving boxes of donations of new clothing items—coats, socks, knit caps, gloves, underwear, and more.

Thank you so much to all our friends, classmates, and anyone who has donated clothing to the pantry so we can continue to provide for school students and the community.

CASINO NIGHT

JOIN US ON SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024



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**\$50 DONATION IN ADVANCE—AT DOOR \$60
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INVITE YOUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS!

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NAMES OF PLAYERS: _____ **Class year:** _____

_____ **Class year:** _____

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E-Mail: _____ **Phone:** _____

DONATION OF \$50 PER PLAYER \$ _____ DINNER ONLY \$ _____

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

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THIS IS THE STORY OF THE FIRST GOLF TOURNAMENT

By Al Maddox '52

The year was 1990, and the new Northeast Alumni Association was looking for ways to raise money to help a couple of our athletic teams.

I put together a group of alumni friends, had a couple of meetings, and our golf tournament plans were in motion. We had a date, but needed a location, what the fees would be, promotion, and food. We wanted to make money, but keep our costs down. We found our location, Shamrock CC with a good price. We made a flyer and wrote an article ready for the Northeast News and businesses in the Northeast community. We contacted people from earlier classes and started getting ready to play golf!

We got beer donated from County Beverage by The Pizzichino Family, and Tony Vig made and cooked Italian sausage. After the last group got in, we couldn't find him. He had passed out by his cooker.

We had twenty-four teams of 5 players. We all had to tee off on hole #1, and it took us 5 hours and 20 minutes for every team to play 18 holes. This meant that as the first team was finishing, the last group was starting. We started at 10 a.m. and finished at 8 p.m.

There was a whole lot of beer drinking going on in those 12 hours. We had a super guest play, the Kansas City Chiefs QB, Steve DeBerg. He commented, as he left the tournament, that he had a game the next day and that he had a good time, but please don't ever invite him back for another tournament. Everyone laughed.

We ended the night with a little excitement, a golf cart ran into the corner of the building knocking down a pole, and running into one of our golfers, breaking his leg.

The party was over, and a good time was had by all (except the broken leg guy), and money was made.

Here are a few facts about our thirty-three years:

- Courses we have played—Shamrock Hills, Lee's Summit, Teetering Rock, Raytown, Paradise Point, Smithville, Bent Oak, Oak Grove, and Adams Pointe, in Blue Springs, MO.
- There is a plaque in the Alumni Room showing the winners of the tournaments.
- The most important thing is the money this tournament has generated in its thirty-three years, \$430,000 for scholarships, teams, and our alumni association.

Our hope is that we can keep it strong. Getting your family members to become partners in this event as players, sponsors, donating if you can't attend, or donors of raffle items will keep this tournament going. We invite young and old, men and women, to participate in some way. Just come to visit with fellow Vikings.

Thanks for making Northeast great by becoming an Alumni Association member with a \$20.00 membership.

Hope to see you at the 34th Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 21, 2024.



WE ARE THE VIKINGS!

THE NEHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU TO PLAY IN THE 34th NEHSAA 2024 ANNUAL JAMES CARIDDI MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



The 33rd annual tournament started off with threats of afternoon rain, but the Vikings and friends arrived with positive anticipation of a fun day of golf with more memories to be made.

After coffee and donuts (thank you, Lamar's) and instructions from Ron Fornelli '63, the teams were in their carts, and off to win the tournament. But, Mother Nature had plans of her own in store for us, as documented by a photo below. The heavens opened up and down it came with lightning and thunder enough for us to see this tree split in half. The tournament was called, but not before everyone was drenched.

Lunch was served, and talk of past and future tournaments replaced the conversation regarding the weather. Due to not being able to complete the 18 holes, and after some discussion, it was decided since we had no winners per se, to be fair, we divided the total winnings by the number of teams. Each team received money for each player. The math worked out, and thank goodness our Treasurer, Earl Williamson, made it work.

RAIN



Maybe the following teams were still putting their umbrellas down, but for some reason, we didn't get their handsome faces captured here with the rest of the teams. Sorry, guys! **Ray Chandler, David Still, Walt Brown, and John Wilson; Jeffrey Crane, Billy Hackett, Frank Favaroso, Louis Calandrino; Rocky Browne, Chaz Taibi, Garrett Browns, Josh Snider**

**Bob Collins,
Paul Steinberg
David Collins
Don Frank**



**Jim Swantes
Mike Frederico
Kenny Rogers
Jody Rogers**



**Sam Arello
Marc Pasley
Joe Infranco
Phil Infranco**



**Luke Haney
Sal Fanara
Joe Klein
Al Gauert**

**Rick Hock
Rod Cotton
Lee Blakesley
Cameron Peak**



**Nick King
Asa King
R. J. Traverson
Gary Masner**



**David Kyle
Sam Paul
Sorry, no
name was rec-
orded**



**Glen Bowman
Scott Divish
Bruce Wilfong
Mike Mathis**



Steve Hardy
Sorry, no name listed.
Richard Esteban
Brett Kennedy



Kirk Harrop
Joe Abbott
Steve Crook
Bill Crook
We honor our friend and past team member:
James Cariddi



Larry Jordan
Ken Landes
Bill Schmitt



Doug Maddox
Larry Maddox
David Maddox
Al Maddox



George Snell
Ray Rew
3rd party did not play (pic from past)
Bill Guiter



Pete Petersen
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4th party did not play (pic from past)
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Sal Fanara `54

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A. Earl Williamson `56

GOLD

Al & Paula (Ryan) McCormick `64
William A. Schmitt `63
Dr. Ron Fornelli `63
Gene Schnake `62
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VIKING

Jim & Elaine (Hicklin) Bethke `64 & `62
Carlene G. (Fries) Smith `56

EXPLORER

George E. Snell `59

VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU

Luella Copenhaver Rew
Faye Huff
Ellen Wilfong
Dick Shores
Kent Monger

SPECIAL THANKS to Ron Fornelli, golf chair, who was unable to play due to a back injury but came to get the carts rolling!

AND TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS who always step up to either play in the tournament or help in other ways to put on a **GREAT DAY OF GOLF!**

A NORTHEAST NOTABLE IS ADDED.

By Karole Zinger '62

THOMAS D. BARR '47

Submitted by John R. Praeger, Attorney At Law, and fellow graduate of the NE class of 1947. Here is his letter to the Alumni Association.

Dear Madam President,

I recall during my last visit to Northeast, that there is, or was, a room at the school which contained newspaper clippings and memorabilia of some of the more famous alumni of Northeast. If that is still there, I have enclosed some articles and the obituary from the New York Times about Thomas D. Barr, my friend and fellow graduate in the Northeast class of 1947.

Upon graduation, Tom attended Kansas City University and then Yale Law School, and then started his law practice with Cravath, Swaine & Moore, a large New York law firm. The enclosed articles referred to several very large and important law suits in which Tom was the lead attorney.

I last saw Tom at our 40th reunion, while we were both active in our respective practices.

Sincerely, and with best wishes.

John R. Praeger

Below are excerpts from The New York Times, dated Sunday, April 7, 1991

- Best known for representing IBM in a 13-year antitrust battle with the federal government, which claimed that the company had monopolized the computer business. This case in all of its facets was the first of the real megacases. The case generated 66 million pages of documents and hundreds of depositions, and it was the first to use computers to organize and search all of that paper. Time magazine called it "the case of the century" in 1979, 10 years after it was filed and in the midst of a five-year trial in which the defense eventually called 856 witnesses. The government dropped the case in 1982, on the same day that it announced the agreement that would break up AT&T. The different outcomes in the two cases warranted banner headlines.
- Mr. Barr also represented Time magazine in its defense of a libel suit in 1983 brought by Ariel Sharon, the Israeli military officer and politician, whom Time magazine had accused of complicity in a massacre in a refugee camp. Mr. Barr won the case, barely. The jury said Time had the story wrong but that it had not done so intentionally.
- In his four decades at Cravath, Mr. Barr also represented the Oneida Indian Nation of New York in its efforts to reclaim tribal land; the FDIC in its suit against Drexel Burnham Lambert; and bondholders in the default of the Washington Public Power Supply System.

"Winning was important to Tom, very important. He was very competitive. But it was actually more important to him that the work be done as well as it possibly could be done than it was to win," said Evan R. Chesler. Mr. Chesler worked on the IBM case with Mr. Barr.

WELCOME TO THE NORTHEAST NOTABLES, MR BARR.



If you are on Facebook, you know I am a frequent contributor to all things Northeast.. This spring we will be celebrating 110 years in our original building. Others schools may be older, but none have graduated every single class from the same building. Roberta Holt-Kipper '69

SUDDENLY BUSSED TO NE IN THE 70's

We were recently contacted by Sam Wiggins, who attended Northeast from 1977-79. He was searching for pieces of his past experiences of being bussed to NE. He inquired about a picture of himself that his brother had told him appeared in the KC Star newspaper, leading an ROTC parade. Upon searching, he could not even find a picture of himself in the yearbooks pertaining to those years. After speaking to our head Detective, Roberta Holt-Kipper '69, and hearing about Sam, the search began. A conversation between Sam, Roberta, and me led us to some interesting insight from a then young black student's perspective. Here is Sam's story. (We have not yet found his picture, but are still researching.) This is one of several emails from Sam to Roberta and me.

"As I logged into the many yearbooks from 1977 thru 1979, I saw some familiar faces, all but one, mine.

I remember growing up in the Kansas City metro area and attending predominately (Negro) schools. Then one year, all of a sudden, based on your address, you were forced to ride a bus to Northeast High School. I remember the feeling of anticipation, wanting to show how smart you were, how talented you were, and above all, how equal I was to those students on the east side of town.

I sat here today at the age of 63 and cried, knowing that I and many others were so miseducated back then; simply put, marginalized. Had it not been for the bussing I would've never known how big the world was. I would eventually drop out in my senior year and joined the Army.

My brother told me many years ago that he saw me leading a parade in the KC Star newspaper while in a JROTC uniform. I remembered that parade when I was at Northeast High School. I couldn't find any photos of me, but I did of the Sergeant Major, and the assistant Sergeant First Class. Those photos were precious because those two men opened their hearts and welcomed us rag tag bunch of junior officers with big afros and superior drill skills.

I went on to retire from the Army after several wars and many worldly travels." By Samuel Wiggins who wanted to share and shed light on how far Kansas City Public Schools have progressed.

Editor's note: Sam now resides in Glen Burnie, Maryland. His home during high school was 2227 Tracy, KCMO. We will continue our conversations with Sam and wish him the best. I told Roberta, this is what it is all about, and why we do what we do. How nice to see a glimpse from the past with a positive result.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBER— LARRY COOPER '16
INSTALLED AS NEW BOARD OF DIRECTOR OF MATTIE RHODES CENTER

Helen Kuhr Shores '60

At the 2023 Mattie Rhodes Center Annual meeting, held on November 15, NEHS graduate Larry Cooper was installed as one of 5 incoming new MRC Board of Directors. The installation ceremony was held following a superb Mexican Buffet Dinner served by members and volunteers of Mattie Rhodes. The 5 incoming board members took the MRC pledge.

"I promise to do all I can to help the needy and suffering by working for them, learning about them, giving for them, and trying to interest others in them." A video was then viewed by those in attendance with a brief historical accounting of the founding of Mattie Rhodes. Board Chair, Rigo Jurado followed with an explanation of the name of Mattie Rhodes Center. In the late 1800s a determined teenager named Mattie Rhodes gathered several friends to help her feed the needy and suffering, and to learn about the circumstances which placed them in jeopardy of homelessness and starvation. Mattie died early in 1890 at the age of 19 and left \$500 to be used for establishing a safe place for those in need. Thus, Mattie Rhodes became the name of the three community centers in Kansas City, Missouri: 148 N. Topping in the north-east district, 915 West 17th Street on the west side of Kansas City, and 1701 Jarboe. The areas serve bilingual students and families of KCMO. In addition, there are 3 satellite offices.

Congratulations to Larry Cooper, who says he is extremely honored to serve in this position.

IN REMEMBRANCE

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

Cynthia Marie (Digiovanni) Frederico, wife of Mike Frederico, Alumni past President.

Judith Lynn Kornfied, NE teacher

1930`s

1933 James A. Bell

1938 Kathryn Louise (Blair) Topi
103 years old.

1940`s

1941 Phillip E. Payne, Wilma (Sebring) Payne

1942 Mary Louise (Plummer) Ballard, Albert W. Strayhall

1943 Kenneth Abranz, Lester Addington, Mary Margaret (Melloway) Sims

1944 Mary Elizabeth (Hassel) Flom

1945 Mary Janeece (Prewitt) Day

1946 Edgar "Marty" Irwin, Claudine Marie Thomas

1948 John H. DeHardt

1949 Jean (Long) Corken, Clara (Gauld) Vest

1950`s

1951 Jim Strong

1952 Joanna May (Weissbeck) Kelley, Victor Joseph Mancuso, John Anderson Rinehart

1953 Bonnie Sue (Mулnix) Armour, Carl Edward Burkhead

1954 James Leonard Green

1956 Bettie Lou (Jones) Brannon, Robert Lee Haas, George A. Lago, Carol Jean (Williams) Pickering

1957 Larry Alan Cammack

1958 David Mason Beaty, Carolyn Sue (Liggett) Bunning

1959 Cecil Leroy Leiby, Maude Ann (Greer) Martin

Please contact 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.

1960`s

1960 Gary E. Adams, Laura Bernice (House) Johnson

1961 Dan Longstreth, Noyce McGarity

1962 Judy M. (Dethlefsen) Bray

1963 James Bias, Fredrick J. Gravetter, Sondra L. (Shores) Stephens, Georgianna (Oberkrom) Wilson

1965 Ronald Jenkins, Benton B. Holt

1967 Harry James DeFeo, Diane Marie (Occhipinto) Brown

1969 Carol (Haggard) Clopton

1970`s

1971 Diane (Circo) Treft

1973 Vickie Carrullo

1974 Ted Alan Braile

1975 Lucy Ann (Miller) Berry, Raymond A. Seales

1976 Edith "Elaine" (Allison) Weehunt, Clifford Eugene Beavers

1987 Eric Donell Parrish



INTERESTING CONNECTION TO AN ALUMNI

Recently a 1st Lady of the United States passed away. Her name was **Roselyn Smith Carter**. Even Mrs. Carter now has a connection to Northeast.

At the end of her memorial service, the choir led the congregation in a song. That song was **'Let There Be Peace on Earth.'**

Quite a fitting song with all the selfless work she, along with her husband, President Jimmie Carter, did after leaving the White house.

What you may not know is that the song was written in 1955, by **Jill Jackson Miller**, 30s, and her husband, Sy. She was not only a graduate of Northeast but a **NORTHEAST NOTABLE**.

If you aren't familiar, pull up YouTube, enter Vince Gill. He and his daughter, Jenny, sing a beautiful rendition of the song.

KC CARE MOBILE DENTAL SERVICES

The Kansas City Public Schools and KC CARE have announced they have joined together to offer a School Based Dental Program. The program will provide students an opportunity to receive dental services at school during normal school hours. KC CARE will provide state of the art dental services to students in the most comfortable, convenient, and effective manner possible.

KC CARE offers comprehensive dental care. The services provided include preventive services (cleanings), x-rays, examinations, sealants, fluoride, fillings, some crowns, and extractions. There may be some procedures that cannot be completed on the mobile unit, and it may be necessary to refer those patients to our KC CARE Health Center location or elsewhere for care.

The program will serve all Missouri Medicaid and children with or without dental insurance.

NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL GETS GRANT

Ms. Rheanna Egli, one of the Vice Principals at NE, is working with students at Northeast to open a small store where the proceeds will go toward paying for activities and being self-sufficient when needs are presented. The store will be a great way for the students to see commerce (small) in action.

The "store" will not compete with our pantry where everything is free, but will encourage students to pay-their-way by working there and paying for things. Soda, candy, and small items will be sold.

We applaud Ms. Egli and her students and wish them well in their new endeavor.

GO VIKINGS!

Lykins Lunch Bunch—Meet the last Thursday of the month at Tiff and Jay's in Lee's Summit, MO noon.

Class of '56—Meet at Black Bear Diner in Independence, MO at 11:30 a.m. on the second Wednesday of the month. Anyone from '56 or a close class is welcome to join us and bring a friend. Contact: Roy Beaty at 816-652-8741 or roysandybeaty@aol.com

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 '63—Meet for lunch. Contact: Diane Tosti Collura 816-478-9970

REMEMBER

LET US KNOW YOUR PLANS

New Payment & Donation Capabilities

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2024 Committee Chairpersons

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- Data Base.....**Sal Fanara**
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REUNIONS????

CLASS OF 2014 It's time for your 10 year reunion!

CLASS OF 2004 20 years for you!

CLASS OF 1999 It's 25 for your group!

CLASS OF 1974 Your FIFTY year reunion is

Saturday, September 21, 2024 6:00pm

Hilton Garden Inn

19677 East Jackson Dr. Independence, MO

\$45 per person includes

Buffet Dinner, Cash Bar, Music, and Dancing

(Special room block rate available for those who wish to stay)

For payment or questions,

Theresa Hieronymus, therehier@gmail.com or

Connie Hicks-Tarwater, connietarwater@gmail.com

Please submit payment by August 21, 2024

This invitation extends to classes between 1972-1976.

Feel free to invite any classmates from those years, we may have missed.

THE GOOD TIMES!

We are often ask if a class is having a reunion. We would like to assist your classmates with a contact person. So, if you are that person, please let us know so that we are able to make the connection for you.

-Important-

DATES TO REMEMBER!

2024

- Board Meeting.....Apr. 9
- Casino Night.....May 18
- Golf Tournament.....Sept. 21
- ROTC Ball.....TBD
- Scholarship GALA.....TBD
- TWA Museum Tour.....TBD

The above dates are subject to change!

Don't miss the Annual Meeting to vote on Board members

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

Website— northeastvikings.org

Newsletter—karole.zinger@yahoo.com

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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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ANY SHIRT Choose 1-6

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Any shirt available in these colors



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Please include postage. * \$8.00
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Include your name, address, email address, & phone number.

Make checks payable to: Northeast Alumni Association
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MIDWEST GENEALOGY CENTER

The original copies of the NE Couriers are now too old and fragile to be on display. The paper is yellowed and crumbles when touched.

The Midwest Genealogy Center has agreed to copy the Couriers for us at no cost. We feel this is a giant step in preserving our history.

We will now be able to display them and have a digitalized copy on the website.

SO MANY BOOKS, SO LITTLE TIME!



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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.

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Northeast High School Alumni Association

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