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**The Northeast High School Alumni Association**



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### **NORTHEAST VIKING SHOPPE**

We've known for some time that Northeast High School has a number of students either living on the streets, in shelters or couch hopping. The sad truth is that this trend is not unique to NEHS. Schools throughout the city and the suburbs also face the same problem. And while some of the schools affected do make an effort to help these students, none do it with the passion and zeal of the NEHS Alumni Association. Several years ago, with the help of former Alumni President, Karole Zinger, the Alumni Association set up a small non-perishable food pantry, a hygiene cabinet and we began stocking some much needed school supplies. These resources were overseen by Ms. Evelyn Hill, our School Liaison.

Dale Lightfoot, an Alumni who runs a ministry in Northeast, helped to stock the food pantry. Additionally, food was brought in at various times by alumni or concerned neighbors and is always requested during the annual "Elf Project". Helping with the school supplies is the son of one of the Alumni Founding members, Ms. Velma Showalter. The hygiene cabinet is very much a group effort.

Unfortunately, at the end of the 2016 school year, we lost Ms. Hill to a new job at the KCPS district and with her leaving, we also lost our storage area so for most of 2017, we struggled with keeping those supplies available to the students.

However, those days are almost at an end. Principal Bolden has generously offered the former teacher's lounge as the new center. Knowing that we would soon have a permanent place to house our supplies, we were able to reestablish our link with Dale Lightfoot who has agreed to help us provide food for our students. The food pantry will address the needs on weekends, nights and during summer vacation. Currently, the room is being made ready. It's in the process of being cleaned and then we'll begin stocking the shelves. In addition to non-perishable food stuffs, we are excited to share that the Alumni Association just purchased a 25 cu ft refrigerator so we will be able to supply meats, dairy, vegetables, fruits, as well as other food items that require refrigeration. Add to that, the generous donation of a freezer and our students will be able to have a well-balanced meal even when not in school.

But that's not all. Only half of the room will be used for the various pantries. The other half of the room will be used as a clothes closet for students who may need wardrobe help. Additionally, we will be adding a tiny library where students can take a book or leave a book. Our space permits this idea. We have an awesome school library, but this will let students who treasure reading and Re-reading their favorite books, an opportunity to have their own private library.

While there are still things to be determined, such as the hours of the Village Shoppe and the possibility of students being able to use their "purple bucks" in the store for items that are not considered necessities; with the refrigerator in place and the shelves being stocked, it should be open by the time you read this article.

If you would like to donate or help in some way, please contact either - Roberta Holt-Kipper who has worked diligently as the coordinator of this effort - or Mary Cincotta by email or by phone. Contact information is listed in this issue. We don't know yet about operating hours, but stay tuned. Another needed and fun service is soon to happen.



**A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR LOYAL VIKINGS  
FOR BEING PART OF THE  
NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**



The flyer that went out in February was a call to arms and our Alumni responded. For the 1<sup>st</sup> time in recent years, we have close to 300 paid alumni in the first quarter! But let's not stop there. Over 7200 Alumni have received this Purple & White Newsletter. If you are one of the Alumni that received it but haven't yet paid your dues, this is a good time to do it. Let's see if we can double, triple or better still - quadruple the number of Alumni Members in the next quarter! A reminder of what your dues and donations are used for:

- Always #1 - Scholarships - We have given over 75 scholarships in the last 5 years
- Cash awards are given to the undergraduate winners of the annual Essay/Poetry/Visual Arts Contest.
- Financial support (upon review and Board approval) is provided for programs as requested by the Principal, Teachers or Administrators
- Financial assistance for special events - including Prom, Decision Day
- Purchase of 6 yearbooks - 2 for alumni room and remainder for area libraries
- Transportation costs for sports teams to camp
- Much Needed Supplies - On top of hygiene supplies, school supplies and non-perishable food items, as of April 2018, perishable food items to feed our students in need outside of school hours
- Annual staff luncheon during Fall Parent/Teacher conferences
- The annual Elf Project

NAME (include maiden) \_\_\_\_\_ GRAD YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE (If NE alumni - include maiden) \_\_\_\_\_ GRAD YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ANNUAL ALUMNI DUES \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_ CHARITABLE DONATION \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TWO EASY WAYS TO PAY**

**MAIL THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK TO:**

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

**Online at The Alumni Association Website: [Northeastvikings.Org](http://Northeastvikings.Org)**

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



## ALL ABOUT THE SCHOOL



If you ever need a visual reminder of just what a difference the NEHS Alumni Association makes at NEHS, just take a look at the above photo and you can see firsthand what our combined voices can accomplish!



Students from the class of 2011 gather for a balloon release to honor the memory of Ta'ron "Rio" Carson, the 2011 HEHS Class President, who was killed in a senseless act of violence.



Empty in the photos but by the time you read this P&W – the Village Shoppe will be open for business!



A fun, informational, well attended and very successful Cultural Fair Day at Northeast High School



A display of some of the amazing work created by Mary Hamilton – renowned Hallmark designer, illustrator and NEHS Notable. Display set up by her sister, Pat Hamilton Roberts and Roberta Holt-Kipper.



# VIKINGS UNITE



## Doesn't Matter How You Get There

### The Northeast High School Alumni Association Dinner Dance Is The Place To Be!

**WHAT:** NEHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ALL YEAR DINNER DANCE AND SILENT AUCTION  
**WHEN:** FRIDAY, JUNE 8th, 2018  
**WHERE:** MARRIOTT HOTEL, 1500 NE CORONADO DR, BLUE SPRINGS, MO  
**TIME:** 6:30PM TO 7:30PM COCKTAIL HOUR - BUFFET STARTS AT 7:35PM - NIGHT ENDS AT 12:00AM  
**COST:** \$50.00 PER PERSON - INCLUDES DINNER AND DANCING TO DJ SKIP

As a reminder, if you have services or items to donate for our silent auction, we will be most appreciative as this helps support our scholarships and other programs at Northeast High School. This year for \$100.00 you can also sponsor a table with your name or the name of your business prominently displayed. The Alumni Association is a 501(c)3 organization and donations are tax deductible. Please email Alice Benson - [agirard47@hotmail.com](mailto:agirard47@hotmail.com) or Mary Cincotta - [mcincotta2@gmail.com](mailto:mcincotta2@gmail.com) if you have auction items, donations or want to sponsor a table.

### PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM AND SEND WITH YOUR CHECK TO:

**NEHSAA, P.O. BOX 1264, BLUE SPRINGS, MO 64013-1264**

NAME (INCLUDE MAIDEN)

GRADUATION YEAR PHONE(S)

EMAIL

ADDRESS

PLEASE LIST CLASSMATES (INCLUDE MAIDEN) YOU WISH TO SIT WITH AND PROVIDE  
GRADUATION YEAR, NAME, EMAIL

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DINNER DANCE \$50 EA TABLE SPONSOR \$100 DONATION \$ ANNUAL DUES \$20

#### IMPORTANT NOTES:

- While every effort will be made to accommodate your seating choices, depending on the number of attendees and the time in which requests are received, in some instances it may not be possible
- Alumni whose checks are received prior to **May 24<sup>TH</sup>** will be entered in a special drawing to take place during the dinner dance
- While it's never too late to decide to come; tickets purchased the day of the event will have \$5.00 surcharge to cover the additional cost of last minute preparations
- If you have a song or two you'd like to hear, please use the other side of the form to list



# THE NEHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU TO PLAY IN THE NEHSAA 2018 ANNUAL JAMES CARIDDI MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



**DATE:** SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2018  
**TIME:** PRE-TOURNAMENT BEGINS AT 7 AM  
 WITH TEE OFF AT 8 AM (RAIN OR SHINE)  
**LOCATION:** ADAMS POINTE GOLF CLUB,  
 1601 NE RD Mize Rd, BLUE SPRINGS, MO 64014  
**PHONE:** 816-220-3673  
**COST:** \$110.00 PER GOLFER

**PLEASE SIGN UP AND PAY BY MAY 27<sup>TH</sup> 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 LEVELS

## AMONG THE PRIZES YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN

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

Par 3 Holes	Sharp LCD flat screen TV
Par 3 Holes	Set of Callaway irons ( 3-PW )
Par 3 Holes	Two Round Trip Airline Tickets
Hole in 1	\$11,000. Vacation at Pebble Beach

**ADDITIONAL:** Free golf club certificate for every golfer (you pay S&H)  
 Free Goldsmiths \$10.00 certificate for every golfer

**USE THIS REGISTRATION FORM OR PRINT IT FROM OUR WEBSITE: [northeastvikings.org](http://northeastvikings.org)**

**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	\$	Dinner Dance \$50.00	\$
Donation/Sponsorship	\$	NEHS Annual Alumni Dues	\$	Total Enclosed	\$

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***Helen (Kuhr) Shores 1960 – Newly Elected (Returning!) 2018 Board Member***

"Thou Dear Northeast Art The Fairest Of All"- I learned our Viking school song at an early age, having grown up in the Kuhr family on South Elmwood, only 4 blocks from Northeast High School. My two sisters, Janet and Betty Kuhr, and my mother, Elizabeth Agnes (Gornall) Kuhr, graduated from NE High School. I was to be the final Kuhr girl to graduate in the proud Class of 1960. From Gladstone Elementary, NE Junior High to another Viking graduation, we were blessed to be NEHSAA lifetime members. Little did we realize what a strong bond we would cherish with our KCMO high school. This is precisely why I wanted to volunteer my time at the school, become a member of the scholarship committee, tutor students, serve on the golf and dinner dance committees, visit our alumni through the VAP program, belong to the Purple and White Newsletter staff, and offer a helping hand to the NEHSAA when needed. This Association is one of the finest in our nation. I am proud to be a Viking!

I earned my BS in Elementary Education at CMSC in Warrensburg (now UCM), married Dick Shores in 1963, also Class of 1960 and former member of the NEHSAA BOD, and both of us retired from teaching careers in 1996. I am a 54 year member of Sweet Adeline's International, a worldwide women's singing organization committed to advancing the art form of barbershop a cappella harmony through opportunities in education, performance and competition. I have a passion and respect for music and the arts in the education of our youth. I also respect our NEHS ROTC training program, another Viking legacy in the KCMO School District, as well as our Viking sports programs. NEHS has endured the many changes and challenges throughout more than a century of education in our Northeast District. I am convinced 'Thou Dear' will face many more in our future.

We, the educators, administration, support staff, parents and guardians, students, graduates and NEHSAA members, are charged with protecting and advancing a legacy of a proud past, vibrant present and empowered future for the students of Northeast High School. We must promote a student centered school by supporting our youth in every way possible. To this end, I commit my time and effort.

***Tiffany Bush 2007 - Newly Elected 2018 Board Member***

My name is Tiffany Bush. I am twenty-eight years old and a lifetime resident of Northeast, attending Gladstone Elementary, Northeast Middle, and graduating from Northeast High School in 2007. At NEHS I was involved in many activities. My high school extracurricular activities involved my participation on the soccer, track, basketball, and volleyball teams. During my senior year, I was the volleyball captain and led my team with a 16-0 record. I was also a part of the JROTC program and on the unarmed drill team. I received the SAP award for my leadership in JROTC, and was chosen for *The Kansas City Star Athlete* because of my academic and athletic excellence.

Currently, I am employed as a Girl Scout troop leader. I attend five different schools each week teaching a diverse range of girls' level-based curriculum, and provide activities that foster a positive, connecting, and growing environment in an afterschool program setting. I also establish strong relationships with the parents and other family members of our girls, to ensure they are included in the program and are able to see the benefits of what our program provides to their daughters. Regarding my academic career and progress, I currently attend University of Kansas City MO, and am pursuing my Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. I am an active participant in the Institute for Urban Education Program. IUE provides students with scholarships and financial/academic resources. In exchange, student participants of the program commit to working in a Kansas City, MO school for four years. The schools are ones that UMKC has partnered with in the urban core sector of the populace. Outside of work and school I am actively involved with my church. I participate in vacation bible school, volunteer at events, and am involved in ministries.

My passion lies within my education and my community. The Alumni Association plays a big part in those areas. During my senior year, I was grateful to receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the Alumni Association and that helped me with my journey on to college. Now that I am older, I realize that I had a huge support system behind me, and without the alumni's dedication and commitment that wouldn't have happened. Being a part of the alumni board will be a blessing because I will have the chance to work with a great team, build relationships, promote education and most of all, I will have a chance to give back to my fellow Vikings.



## LAUGHLIN ALL YEAR CLASS REUNION

## Sal Fanara Class of 1954

Last Year was my first year to attend the Laughlin All Class Reunion and I had a great time. I was able to re-connect with several classmates from years before and after my class of 1954. There were those whose name I recognized but didn't really know. It's always nice to put a face and a personality with a name. I attended the event, again this year, and believe that we had an even better time than last. The group started arriving on Sunday afternoon to get checked in and settled. The next morning was the group breakfast and casual gathering in the Hospitality Room to catch up on all the happenings since the last time we were together. Check out the group photo. Those attending were from the Classes of 1947 through 1974.

During the week, there were those who ventured out to nearby locations such as the old gold mining town of Oatman, AZ where wild Burros wander the street looking for someone to feed them. While there, you usually witness a Bank Robbery or two followed by a gun fight in the street. We had a couple guys who participated in the Karaoke Party that the hotel hosted each night. Some took a trip to Lake Havasu to see the original London Bridge. One Day, a fun version of Bingo was played using decks of playing cards with each player paying only 5 cents to play each game. The last evening was the dinner/dance. The tables were nicely decorated in Purple and White with horns to help us celebrate another year together. As always, the food was great. Later, some took to the dance floor for some good old music from years past and some from not so far back. You could see all types of dancing.... Slow, Boogie, Rock & Roll, Cha Cha, Country Two Step, Twist, Stroll, and a few Line Dances. Fun was had by all. Hope you and your friends will plan now to join us next year at Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort beginning Sunday, February 24, 2019 checking out Friday, March 1, 2019.



**Back Row:** Bob Carder '56, Vickie Kilgore '68, Fana Vogelbaugh '59, Kay & Cecil '59 Leiby, Jim Gibson '57, Luella (Copenhaver) '59 & Ray '59 Rew, Chuck Housman '53, Ken Reinert, Bev (Pennington) Pace '53, Fred Piraro '53, Tom Peca, Sal Fanara '54, Bernie Mallen, Patricia Copenhaver  
**Middle Row:** Lois Fults, Alice Richards '56, Evelyn Gibson, Jerry Slavens '48, Donna Smith '48, Max Dix '48, Barbara (Hawthorne) Thompson '55, Mary (Cole) Mallen '56, Carol Lee (Mitchell) Piraro '53, Shirley (Volk) Fulcher '53, Dave Gibson '60  
**Front Row:** Jon Fults '53, Ollie Housman, Lou Anne Carder, Janet (Holst) Leone '66, Cecilia (Eth) Berryman '68, Kevin Smith '74, Kay (Carter) Peca '72, Deena (Caton) Gibson '62, Regina Irwin '68

## STAYING IN TOUCH

- Circumstances change, so best to confirm information prior to re-occurring get to-togethers
- We are happy to share your information in the Purple & White Newsletter. Please email your announcement information to Mary Cincotta at [mcincotta2@gmail.com](mailto:mcincotta2@gmail.com)
- Mary Phinney is looking for Alumni from 1951. Feel free to contact her by email at [rvmlp416@gmail.com](mailto:rvmlp416@gmail.com)

## RE-OCCURRING GET-TOGETHERS

**CLASS OF '45 & '47** - Invite you to join them for their lively luncheons the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month at the Ararat Shrine Temple.

**Gals of '53** - Meet the last Saturday in April and the last Saturday in September at different restaurants. Please contact Gayle Hilligoss at [ghilligoss@gmail.com](mailto:ghilligoss@gmail.com) for additional information.

**CLASS OF '56** - Meet at Chappell's Restaurant in N Kansas City at 11:30AM on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Anyone from '56 or a close class is welcome to join us. Contact: Roy Beaty at 816-444-9294 or email [roysandybeaty@aol.com](mailto:roysandybeaty@aol.com)

**CLASS OF '58** - Meet for lunch the third Monday of each month at 11:30 a.m. Call Jane Morgan 816-781 3730 for information as the location changes monthly.

**GALS OF '59** - are meeting every January, April, July and October on the second Saturday of each month at Clancy's in Blue Springs, MO at 11:30. Contact: Luella Copenhaver Rew - 816-229 - 9230 or Randy Barnes Hinkle 816-478-9575.

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

**FAB LADIES OF '63** - lunch the "Fourth Wednesday" of each month at 12:30pm. Call SueAnn Slavens Erb (913) 205-0511 or Diane Tosti Collura (816) 478-9970 for details and location.



*President's Note: The NEHSAA is blessed with members who understand the value of giving a hand up to those that can benefit from their help. Marion Munns, a 1941 graduate is a wonderful example of that belief. He has generously funded four \$1,000.00 scholarships in his and his wife's names. He lives in Colorado and is will not be attending the award ceremony but has written the following speech to be read at the award presentation.*

### **THE HELEN ANDERSON MUNNS AND MARION MUNNS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

I am happy to be able to award four worthy students at Northeast High School, scholarships of \$1,000 each. The scholarships are given in the names of Helen Anderson Munns and Marion Munns. It may seem odd that these scholarships are given in two names. And even odder, that only one of the two attended Northeast High School. But the reason for that is that while I graduated from Northeast High School and my wife graduated from another school, we both knew the value of hard work and education and these scholarships are meant to honor both of those values.

My wife and I were in the class of 1941 and we met, fell in love and married in 1942, prior to my entering the service of our country on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1943.

While in the service I was accepted in the aviation cadet program, where I received an excellent education which I would not have received otherwise. That education assisted me tremendously in future years.

While I was in the service, my wife Helen worked at the ammunition plant that was close to Kansas City. Upon my return from the Air Corps in November of 1945, she became a homemaker and I the breadwinner – a successful team.

As a team, we had two children, a son and a daughter. While we were not able to receive a higher education diploma, it was something we believed in strongly. Our son graduated from the University of New Mexico. Our daughter chose not to pursue a higher education degree. We were blessed with 3 grandchildren and we were able to fund their higher educational goals.

Our grandchildren blessed us with 3 great-grandchildren – the oldest of which is 8 years old. I have already started educational funds for them.

My wife passed in 2017 after 75 years of marriage - that as all marriages do - included good times and bad times but throughout those years; we always had each other and were a team that believed in the importance of hard work and education.

I feel fortunate to be able to assist the recipients of these scholarships obtain their dream of a higher education. Because my wife also felt strongly about the importance of higher education, I have funded four scholarships to my wife's high school which is located in Dearborn, Mo, just north of Kansas City, Mo.

May the recipients of these scholarships use their time in school wisely and pursue the endeavor of their choice so that they can become successful and pay it forward to other future worthy students that will benefit from a helping hand.

Hard work builds character and an understanding of life so my hope for you is that you work as hard as I did, make sacrifices when necessary, but always live life fully and enjoy your blessings with your family and loved ones. An old saying that I've always believed in and illustrates what I mean is to "watch your pennies and your dollars will take care of themselves".

Congratulations on reaching this plateau in your life.

Sincerely, Marion Munns – Class of 1941

### **The Decker/Cottrell Family Memorial Scholarship funded by the Named Families**

We are extremely fortunate to have another new individually funded scholarship this year – the Edmund/Cottrell Decker Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$500.00. In 2015 Audrey Colovich, a senior at Notre Dame de Sion HS entered a National contest and researched and wrote an essay on a "Silent Hero". The serviceman she selected was Edmund L. Decker, an Alumni of NEHS. (The winning essay can be found on the northeastvikings.org website)

Students interested in this scholarship were required to submit an essay titled "The Meaning Of Sacrifice". The essays will be judged by the Decker/Cottrell and Colovich families and someone from the families will be present at the award ceremony to give a speech regarding the scholarship.



## UPCOMING CLASS REUNIONS

Northeast High School Alumni Association is pleased to announce that the following class years will have their reunions in conjunction with the All Year Dinner Dance.

**CLASS OF 1948 - CELEBRATING THEIR 70 YEAR REUNION**

**CLASS OF 1963 - CELEBRATING THEIR 55 YEAR REUNION**

**CLASS OF 1978 - CELEBRATING THEIR 40 YEAR REUNION**

### THE SPECIFICS ARE AS FOLLOWS

**WHAT:** NEHS Alumni Association All Year Dinner Dance and Silent Auction

**WHEN:** Friday, June 8th, 2018

**WHERE:** Marriott Hotel, 1500 NE Coronado Dr, Blue Springs, Mo

**TIME:** 6:30pm To 7:30pm Cocktail Hour - Buffet Starts at 7:35pm – Night Ends at 12:00am

**COST:** \$50.00 Per Person – Includes Dinner And Dancing To Dj Skip

The reservation form for the event is online at [northeastvikings.org](http://northeastvikings.org) or found on page 4 of this issue of the Purple and White Newsletter

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## ADDITIONAL ANNUAL REUNION INFORMATION

### CLASS OF 1958 - 60<sup>TH</sup> REUNION CELEBRATION SPECIFICS

- Date: September 29, 2018
- Time: 1:00pm to 4:00pm
- Location: Clancy's, 800 South Outer Road, Blue Springs, Mo 64015
- Cost: \$20.00 Per Person Includes Large Appetizer Buffet With Coffee, Tea, Soda, & Lemonade, \$20.00 Per Person. Reservations Will Be Required

Contacts: Richard Lang [We2langs@Hotmail.Com](mailto:We2langs@Hotmail.Com) (816) 461-5851 Jane (Bryant)

Morgan Jallenemorgan@Aol.Com (816) 781-3730

### CLASS OF 1973 - 45<sup>TH</sup> REUNION CELEBRATION SPECIFICS

- Date: August 18, 2018
- Time: 6pm to 9pm
- Location: Cascone's North, 3733 North Oak Trafficway. KCMO 64116

Information is posted on Facebook and Classmates and will provide a website address for sign-up soon.

### CLASS OF 1968 - 50<sup>TH</sup> REUNION CELEBRATION SPECIFICS

- Date: September 29, 2018
- Time: 6:00pm to 12:00pm
- Location: Marriott Hotel, 1500 NE Coronado, Blue Springs, Mo
- Admission Price: \$50.00 includes buffet dinner and dancing to DJ Skip
- Memory Books available for \$15.00

Contact: Becky Miles at Email: [nevikings1968Gmail.com](mailto:nevikings1968Gmail.com)

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## NORTHEAST LOGO MERCHANDISE

**What's a reunion without Logo merchandise to buy!** We are happy to come to your reunion with Logo items for purchase. We carry a variety of items including t-shirts, hooded sweatshirts, polo shirts, and ball caps. Availability for some items is limited so please contact Alice Benson at [agirad47@hotmail.com](mailto:agirad47@hotmail.com) to check our availability and to make arrangements.

Visit the [northeastviking.org](http://northeastviking.org) website for additional information.



*Presidents Note: Northeast has had many influential people pass through its doors throughout the years and they leave a legacy that is important to share with those that come after. Mort Walker was such an alumni and the following biographical information illustrates why he is a Notable.*

## MORT WALKER

## NORTHEAST NOTABLE

Addison Mort Walker attended and graduated from Northeast High School. During his years at NEHS, he was a cheerleader, editor of the school newspaper and the yearbook art editor. But as if that wasn't enough to keep him busy he was also a stage actor in a radio show and ran the neighborhood teen center that belonged to several organizations. His first comic was published at age 11 and he sold his first cartoon at 12. At age 14, he regularly sold gag cartoons to *Child's Life*, *Flying Aces*, and *Inside Detective* magazines. When he was 15, he drew a comic strip, *The Lime Juicers*, for the weekly *Kansas City Journal*, and working as a staff artist the same time for an industrial publisher. At age 18, he was the chief editorial designer for Hallmark Brothers (later Hallmark Cards) and was instrumental in changing the company's card from cuddly bears to gag cartoons, which was more suitable for soldiers.

After graduation, he attended one year at Kansas City Junior College in 1942-43, before going to the University of Missouri. Walker's physical presence in Columbia is noted by The Shack, which was a rambling burger joint behind Jesse Hall on Conley Avenue. Images resembling the interior of the shack appeared in Beetle Bailey cartoons and is mentioned by name in September 14, 1950 Beetle Bailey strip. Walker visited the Shack on return trips to Columbia with the last being to the original structure in 1978. The Shack was destroyed in a fire in 1988 and Walker returned in 2010 for dedication of a replica of the building in the student center with dining area now formally called "Mort's". A life-sized bronze statue of Beetle Bailey stands in front of the alumni center which is near The Shack.

In 1943, Walker was drafted into the United States Army and served in Italy, where he was an intelligence and investigating officer and was also in charge of an Allied camp for 10,000 German POWs. After the war he was posted to Italy where he was in charge of an Italian guard company. He was discharged as a 1st Lieutenant in 1947. He graduated in 1948 from the University of Missouri, where he was the editor and art director of the college's humor magazine, *Show Me*, and was president of the local Kappa Sigma chapter.

After graduation, Walker went to New York to pursue a career in cartooning. He began doing *Spider*, a one-panel series for *The Saturday Evening Post*, about a lazy, laid-back college student. When he decided he could make more money doing a multi-panel comic strip, *Spider* morphed into *Beetle Bailey*, eventually distributed by King Features Syndicate to 1,800 newspapers in more than 50 countries for a combined readership of 200 million daily.

In 1954, Walker and Dick Browne teamed to launch *Hi and Lois*, a spin-off of *Beetle Bailey* (Lois was Beetle's sister). Under the pseudonym "Addison", Walker began *Boner's Ark* in 1968. Other comic strips created by Walker include *Gamin and Patches*, *Mrs. Fitz's Flats*, *The Evermores*, *Sam's Strip*, and *Sam and Silo* (the last two with Jerry Dumas).

In 1974, Walker opened the Museum of Cartoon Art, the first museum devoted to the art of comics. It was initially located in Greenwich, Connecticut, and Rye Brook, New York, before moving to Boca Raton, Florida, in 1992.

During his life he drew special drawings for individuals, in particular for those who were ill.

From previous marriages, Walker and his wife, Catherine, had ten children between them. Walker's sons Brian and Greg Walker produce the *Hi and Lois* strip with Chance Browne.

In addition to books about comics and children's books, Walker has collected his strips into 92 "Beetle Bailey" paperbacks and 35 "Hi and Lois" paperbacks, plus writing his autobiography, *Mort Walker's Scrapbook: Celebrating a Life of Love and Laughter*.

In his book *The Lexicon of Comicana* (1980), written as a satirical look at the devices cartoonists use, Walker invented a vocabulary called *Symbolia*. For example, Walker coined the term "squeans" to describe the starbusts and little circles that appear around a cartoon's head to indicate intoxication. The typographical symbols that stand for profanities, which appear in dialogue balloons in the place of actual dialogue, Walker called them "grawlises". In 2006, he launched a 24-page magazine, *The Best of Times*, distributed free throughout Connecticut and available online. It features artwork, puzzles editorial cartoons, ads, and a selection of articles, comics and columns syndicated by King Features. His son, Neal Walker, was the editor and publisher. Between 2006 and 2010, they published 27 issues.

Walker was asked in 2013, as he turned 90, what did he think his legacy might be? "I think a lot of that depends on the rest of the world," he said. "What's the future of newspapers? I might be leaving a legacy of failure to my children. It's like Kodak — nobody buys film anymore. I have a typewriter sitting in the corner that I haven't used in 15 years."



## **THE NEHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND WHY I BECAME "A FUTURE ALUMNI NOW"**

***Mian Wabbas Shahd***

I wanted to be part of the NEHS Alumni Association because I'm proud of my school and am also proud of what the Alumni Association does to help the students of Northeast High School. I'm now a senior and enjoy the prestige associated with that. When I walk across the stage at graduation, I can tell the world I've accomplished my goal of successfully completing high school. And part of the accomplishment will be in knowing that by paying early reduced dues, I'm helping a student of NEHS in their quest for a higher education.

I have come to that point where I need the support from my teachers and counselors to be able to take the next step and hopefully my hard work will also be acknowledged in the form of a scholarship awarded by the Alumni Association. I support the goals of the association and hope to be able to give back to the school by being a role model for the students that comes next.

Although going to school and studying is important, that wasn't the only lesson I learned at school. I learned that at NEHS I was now part of a culture that cared about me and listened to my questions and problems. Where I came from I never had a chance to talk to my teachers or the counselors because nobody cared about me but when I got here in the U.S. everything changed. If you ever you have a problem there is always someone ready to help you on the spot. And another important thing was that being part of NEHS, I had the opportunity to work with our principle, Douglas Bolden and my counselor, Shanitra Jones, it was an exciting experience and one that I was so honored to be a part of.

I came to the U.S. with the dream that I wanted to change my lifestyle and become one of the best engineers in the world so that my parents could be proud of what I had accomplished. I now know that I have already made my parents proud and that they will continue to be so as I futher my educational goals. I intend to complete my education with honors and go to college, where I will complete my major in Computer Software Engineering and Android Development.

My brother and I are the only ones who will be able to graduate from High School and college in our family. I am really excited to be graduating in 2018. I know that if you want to achieve your goals then you have to work really hard for it. By joining the Alumni Association early I hope I can be an example to the younger students by showing them that not only do you have to work hard but you have to help others to show opportunity to me. I'm proud that my dues will go towards making either my or one my classmates college dream come true.

### **2018 ANNUAL JROTC FORMAL INSPECTION**

### **PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL JROTC FORMAL INSPECTION**



The recipient of the 2018 JROTC Bronze Medal was Cadet Yunaivys Zavala.

Bev Agut, Regent, Independence Pioneers Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution presented the Award on March 19, 2018 at NE High School, KCMO, MO, with the assistance of Linda Collins Dimon, Chair of the chapter's National Defense Committee.



Proud of our JROTC members as they marched and demonstrated the skills they've mastered during their time at NEHS during the 2018 Inspection





## IN REMEMBRANCE

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

1930's	1960's continued	ASSOCIATED WITH NEHS
1937 Lola Bell Carpenter Bollin	~1961 Connie D. (Edwards) Chastain ~1963 Henrietta "Hank" Hill ~1963 Sheryl L. (Terry) Harkness ~1964 Donna Bradsher ~1964 Landis McKee ~1964 Jerry Treece ~1964 Earnest Reynolds ~1964 Fred Blair ~1964 Don O'Riley ~1964 Sharon Sullivan ~1964 Patti Teel ~1964 Robert Eugene Fortner ~1964 Jay Alan Jones ~1965 Mary Frances Shatswell ~1967 Martin Chavez Jr ~1967 Sally L. (Ambro) Conroy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Edward Zinger, Husband of Karol Zinger, past Alumni Association President</li> <li>Retta Aileen Sandgren 20 Years Teaching - NEHS Teacher</li> </ul>
1940's	1970's	CORRECTIONS
~1940 Frances (Teri) Tombene ~1941 Marilyn Ann Becker Koeneke ~1942 Jean Reynolds ~1942 Helen (Scrivner) Sportsman ~1942 Anthony P. Vallacqua ~1942 Joyce S. Driskell ~1943 John E. Dietrich, DDS ~1943 Phillip Dahm ~1943 Monte William Allen Jr ~1944 Kathryn Dorroen (Coen) Hayes ~1946 Martha Jane (Scrivner) Ryan ~1946 Henry (Hank) L. Ammerman ~1946 William Hilker ~1946 Roma Evans Katzman ~1946 Betty Jean Schafer ~1946 Fred Royal ~1948 Lewis Barnes ~1948 Annabelle Mae (Cox) Albertin ~1948 Lale Albertin ~1948 Francis M. Pelletier ~1948 Robert (Bob) Merritt ~1949 Phillip F. Brown ~1949 Roy L. Thorton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~1971 Peggy (Henry) Puckett</li> <li>~1972 Albert Sergio Fantasma</li> <li>~1972 Edward Alvarado</li> <li>~1973 Janie Lynn Herschell</li> <li>~1976 Paul Woodruff Hamn</li> </ul>	<p>We are happy to report that Larry Beaty is alive and doing well. We apologize for our error in reporting him as deceased.</p>
1950's	THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT REMEMBRANCES & NOTIFICATIONS	SHARE YOUR MEMORIES
~1950 ~Charlotte Anderson Maluski Adalene "Anne" (Foster) ~1951 Kombrink ~1951 Patsy Ruth O'Brien Gipson ~1952 Jack Samuel Stokes ~1952 Jesse W. Metz, Jr ~1952 Madeline May (Barford) Shrlley ~1953 Gene Alan Naylor ~1953 Byron A. Maklin ~1953 Beverly S. Tapp ~1953 Margaret Irene (Reed) Mullin ~1953 Jay W. McConnell ~1954 Marilyn Yvonne Stevenson ~1954 Sue Ann (Rickey) Peterson ~1954 Vivian Kathleen (Nolte) Raysilk ~1954 David Dougherty ~1955 Mary Elizabeth (Barton) Kuhn ~1957 Jack Eugene Lambrecht ~1957 Kenneth Harry Stephens II ~1957 Joseph Galetti ~1957 Robert John DiRaimo ~1958 Carol (Wansing) Launius ~1959 Peter J. Donnici ~1959 Patricia I. Gretzinger Skaggs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please contact either Jan Engle, the database secretary by email - <a href="mailto:janengle@sbcglobal.net">janengle@sbcglobal.net</a> or Sal Fanara - <a href="mailto:sal.fanara1@gmail.com">sal.fanara1@gmail.com</a> if you hear of the passing of an alumni or anyone affiliated (past or present) with Northeast High School. If possible, please provide the person's graduation year, the date they passed and a maiden name in the event that the last name is different. If someone other than an alumni, please include what their association with NEHS was. While we do read the obituary's daily, our main source of information in the event of a death is our alumni readers.</li> <li>The issue that a death is noted does not necessarily mean that the alumni passed in the months 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.</li> <li>In some instances, the exact year of graduation is not known so the year listed might be a year earlier or a year later.</li> <li>Because we do get information from a variety of sources, on occasion errors are made. Please let us know when misinformation is printed so that we can make a correction in our next Purple &amp; White.</li> </ul>	<p>The Lyal Viers Alumni Room is located at the top of the main staircase at Northeast HS and it provides a wonderful look into the past of NEHS, our Alumni and Administrators. If you have memorabilia you would like to donate to the Alumni Association, please contact Roberta Holt Kipper at <a href="mailto:rholtk1@yahoo.com">rholtk1@yahoo.com</a>.</p>
1960's	HELP KEEP US UP TO DATE	
~1960 David Lee Krokstrom ~1960 Edward Cecil Maxwell	<p>We know you love reading the Purple and White Newsletter so please be sure to let us know if you have any changes in your contact information including change of address, phone number, email or name. It's important we have the most current information to ensure that you receive the alumni association notifications - both paper and electronic in a timely fashion. Please contact Jan Engle - <a href="mailto:janengle@sbcglobal.net">janengle@sbcglobal.net</a> or Sal Fanara - <a href="mailto:sal.fanara1@gmail.com">sal.fanara1@gmail.com</a></p>	



## MEMORIAL/RECOGNITION WALL



The Memorial/Recognition Wall is on permanent display in the Alumni Room for all students, faculty, and alumni visitors to view. The plaque is made of colorful acrylic. Because of the generosity of our alumni, the current board is filled and two new plaques have been added to the wall. Names of individuals honored are inscribed on plates and attached to one of the plaques. When you provide a generous, tax-deductible donation of at least \$100 or more, you may choose to have your name or the name of a loved one placed on the wall.

Your class may want to provide a donation and have the class year inscribed for all others to see. With each \$100 or more donated, you may specify an honoree. Our thanks to you for your support, and we hope you will take this opportunity to receive the recognition due or to honor someone with a lasting remembrance. Send your donation today and be recognized, or honor a loved one.

Since the Fall 2017 Purple & White, the following names have been requested by loved ones to be added to the Memorial/Recognition Wall located in the Lyal Viers Alumni Room at Northeast High School.

## In Memory or Recognition of

## Honored By

Arnett Louise Barrow '30

by

Larry S. Anderson '58

Class of 1958

by

Louise Welker '58

John J. Gioia '45

by

Lisa A. Gioia (Daughter)

## RECOGNITION WALL SUBMISSION FORM

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GRAD/CLASS YR \_\_\_\_\_

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NAME TO BE PLACED ON WALL \_\_\_\_\_ GRAD/CLASS YR \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**SEND FORM AND CHECK TO NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
M/R WALL, PO BOX 1264, BLUE SPRINGS, MO 64013-1264**



## **Northeast Vikings N Club Association Inaugural Hall of Fame**

**Reynold Middleton, Class of 1981**

**President, N Club**

The mission of the Northeast High School N Club is to support and recognize the accomplishments of current and former Viking athletes. For the last several years, they have been strong supporters of Viking athletics. However, there was always a vision to recognize and honor the great athletes that have proudly worn a Northeast uniform in the past.

On Saturday October 7, 2017 in the NEHS gym, the vision final became a reality with the inaugural class of the Northeast High School N Club Athletic Hall of Fame ceremony. On Friday evening prior to the main ceremony, there was a meet-and-greet in which many of the inductees, their families and friends, teammates and former coaches had an opportunity to visit with each other and see the brand-new turf field.

The inaugural class was made up of athletes that met an automatic qualifying standard (a state championship, for example). The inductees included over 20 teams and 30 individuals dating all the way back to the 1920s. While it was not possible for all the inductees to attend, many of the individuals were there as well as representatives for many teams and family members representing inductees. It was a great opportunity for people from many different eras to come together and share stories and experiences from their time at Northeast.

Future inductees will be selected from among athletes that are nominated. Any member of the N Club can nominate a former athlete for consideration.

We would like to thank Mr. Bolden, Northeast Principal, and Dr. James



The  
Athletic  
Hall of  
Fame  
Plaque



The  
Inductee's,  
Family  
members  
and  
Alumni



The  
Medals  
Awarded  
to the  
Inductee's

### **From: The "N" Club Desk**

### **Letter Jacket Program Update**

Hello fellow Northeast High School Alumni. We just wanted to update you on what we have been doing since the last newsletter. Well ... we have received 8 confirmed donations of a varsity letter jacket from our fellow Alumni. Thanks to those of you who have donated. BUT, still one to go so we are looking for more donations of \$250 to add additional jackets for now and the next school year!

We are going to begin our initial campaign at the N.E.H.S. all sports banquet on May 12, 2018. Here we will present 9 Letter Jackets to the MVP players of each varsity sport for 2017-2018 seasons. Players, family, coaches, faculty and guests will be present to enjoy the evening events. Also, we would like to invite any and all Alumni who are interested to attend as well.

A special "Go Vikings" shout out to Mike Rooney, Class of 1964, at Rod's Sporting Goods in Blue Springs for helping us acquire the jackets. Contact me at 415-314-9279 for time and location.

Michael L. Brasfield, Class of 1963



**Teaching Problem Solving Skills with Board Games**

**Carmen Truax – Media Specialist**

My students enjoy coming to the library to do different independent activities. As their librarian media specialist I listen to their requests and we have made the library a fun place to be. Students help me to decorate the library and to select the books and materials I need to add to the catalog.

In the last four years the circulation of the library has increased more than 500%. We started a Chess and Checkers Club, a Board Games Club, a Reading Club, a Minecraft Club and a Technology/Art Club. I am always open to new ideas.

But to keep the students engaged, it's important that we get new board games to stock the shelves. I have a group of boys and girls who spend time during lunch and before or after school in the library playing games and it would be nice if they had a wider variety of games to choose from.

**My Project**

Every day more students are attracted to the school library and if we have more board games we will help students to develop social skills, improve memory, critical thinking and best of all, we are teaching them problem solving and decision making.

But it doesn't end there, the students interested in board games are good readers, get good grades, and they are quiet. And since board games are a social activity, I see their interest in getting new friends when they find a board game to play with other students.

Because the Alumni Association is already such a generous supporter to the school, I thought I would try another source for obtaining the funds required to purchase new games so I decided to use DonarsChoose.org a 501(c) 3 non-profit corporation that make it easy for anyone to help a classroom in need. Public school teachers from every corner of America create classroom projects requests and donors can give any amount to the project that inspires them.

Donations are slow coming in but I have confidence that we will be successful. I look forward to seeing the happy faces of the students as they see the new games on the shelves. Their smiles and the knowledge of what benefit the games will have on them makes the wait worthwhile.

*President Note: It's not too late help-to look into the project. Check it out at [DonarsChoose.org](http://DonarsChoose.org).*

**THE PROM FASHION SHOW – Guys & Gals Looking Good!**



St.Thomas More's Annual  
St. Joseph's Day mini  
Reunion Photos



**WANT TO HELP?** We need volunteers for many of our projects. Please contact an officer or board member and get involved. Contact information is on the back page of the Newsletter. Whether it's for one project or something ongoing, your help is needed and the satisfaction you'll get from helping out will make the time spent worthwhile.



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