



Brentwood Alumni Association

Newsletter

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FROM THE BOARD

Dear Fellow BHS Alumni,

This is our third newsletter, and it's being sent to 2,478 traced Alumni throughout the USA and overseas. Over the school district's lifetime, there have been about 4,400 graduates, so we are over half way there! There are now 491 contributing members of the Brentwood Alumni Association, and this number continues to grow. A lot of progress has been made, but the future is in your hands, and we need your continued support, good wishes and financial help.

The annual "3rd Weekend in September" celebration, the twice-a-year newsletter, and the scholarship opportunities for graduating seniors are the major endeavors of your alumni association, and all are looking forward to exciting events in 2005. Our third annual 3rd Weekend celebration will "kick off" when the Eagles play big rival Westminster Christian High on Friday, September 16 at BHS. Classes of '35, '45, '55, '65, '75, '85, and '95 will be highlighted for milestone reunions, and this is also the weekend of Brentwood Days. Mark your calendars and check out the August newsletter for all the details. In the spring we will be awarding our alumni scholarships; every year we hope to increase the amounts (as well as the number of applications) for our scholarships. To increase our scholarship endowment, please remember that donations, tributes and memorials are always welcome.

During 2004 we began a "Friends of BAA" (Brentwood Alumni Association) group for those, though not Brentwood High School graduates, who want to be in touch with former classmates or are interested in investing in future graduates by contributing to the scholarship fund. Please pass the word if you know of someone who wants to be a "Friend."

In our August newsletter, we want to include a "Hall of Fame" section to highlight graduates who have brought honor to BHS and/or accomplished their childhood dreams. Your Class Rep is the person to contact for more information. Our 40 Class Representatives—we still need 13 more—are eager to be in touch with their friends and classmates. Studies show that persons who attend elementary through high school together can just pick up where they left off and renew friendships as if the years in between did not happen. In fact, it is fun to recognize someone from ten, twenty, or even fifty years ago. Try it, you will like it!

It is very important to keep the Brentwood Alumni Association active, productive and financially secure, so your support is crucial. Annual contributions go to operating expenses, such as the newsletter printing and postage, the '3rd Weekend' celebration, and will help supplement the scholarship fund.

As we begin our third year of activity, we look forward to hearing from each and every one of you and hope to meet you this coming year. Thank you again for your support. Yea Brentwood and Go Eagles!!

Sincerely,

Marianne Hill Vahlkamp, Class of 1948
President, Brentwood Alumni Association

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS COMING!

The purpose of Brentwood Alumni Association is to perpetuate the spirit of Brentwood High School and to establish scholarship funds for deserving current graduates. Last year we were able to give two \$500 scholarships, and we're exceedingly pleased to announce that this year there

will be two \$1000 scholarships. Many thanks for your generosity which has made this possible.

Scholarships will be awarded at Brentwood High School's "Awards Night" on May 19, 2005, at 7:30 p.m.

Norma Hodges Murphy '41
Chairman, Scholarship Committee

**If you have any interest in serving on the Board of Directors, please let us know.
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BBA FINANCES UPDATE

The Financial Committee had its first meeting this January to guide the Association's Endowment Fund and Operating Budget. Committee members are Moir Brown Stevens, '47, Herbert Hitchings, '48, David Pentland, '56, and David Niemeyer, '61. Dr. Penberthy, Superintendent of Brentwood Schools, has offered to be an advisor as well. The Committee is seeking a couple of alums from the 1970's and/or 1980's to serve. If interested, please leave a message at 314 962-4507 x15. The main job of the Committee is to set financial guidelines for the scholarship allotment for graduating seniors.

Communicating and finding old friends continue to challenge the Board to create and discover the best ways to keep the Brentwood Alumni Association on the right path. We would greatly appreciate having interested alums contact us to share their skills that will benefit the association and their ideas on how to succeed.

WEBSITE COMPLETED!!!

Good news! The Brentwood Alumni Association Website has been launched. Our web page www.brentwoodhsalumni.org allows alumni to quickly and easily access information about the past, present, and future of Brentwood High School, the Alumni Association, class reunions, finding classmates, the annual Alumni Association celebration, and much more.

Also, a link is now established on the Brentwood School District's website (www.brentwood.k12.mo.us), where alumni may access the Alumni Newsletter. Now that we are up and running, alumni may also access our website via a link from it. Special thanks to Web Page Developer, Brentwood Alumnus, Mark Madras '79, and Brentwood's Technology staffer and 2nd grade teacher at Mark Twain, Jeen Steiger. Their help has been invaluable.

One exciting example is the current project on which Anthony Harper '83 and Jeff Manestar '84 are working. They are transferring 8 mm films from the 1950's-1980's football games onto DVD's. Eventually, the plan is to be able to add snippets of game footage to the site for alumni to watch and reminisce upon. If anyone has, or knows anyone who has, old football game film, please contact Anthony or Jeff @ Aakaharper@aol.com.

Anthony Harper '83

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*With special thanks to our retired teachers
Mary Beth Powell and Patricia Harris.*

Judi Turner Peckham '61, Newsletter Committee Chair
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**Deadline Next Newsletter
June 20, 2005**

ALUM NEWS...Let Us Here From You!

1950's GARY HOFFMAN '57 has written a book, an adult mystery novel, **DOOR HANDLES AND COFFEE SPOONS**, published in November, 2004. Part of the story is set in St. Louis with both main characters graduates of Brentwood High School. It is fast paced, involving a character who changes his identity to evade a "partner in crime." The book is available on the web and in book stores.

Gary graduated from Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, Missouri. He then taught school, mainly English and Speech/Drama, for 22 years. Gary now lives full-time in a motor home and travels the North American Continent.

1960's SHARON LEE FINK '63 reports that she just married Marcus Blais on December 20, 2004. They reside in Pinellas Park, Florida, where she enjoys crafts, auctions, needlepoint, photography, astrology, reading, walking, and would love to hear from BHS classmates.

CRAIG CHAUDRON '64 earned a B.A. from Wabash and M.Ed and Ph.D. from the University of Toronto. He is currently Professor of Second Language Studies and ESL, and Graduate Chair of the Department of SLS, University of Hawai'i, where he has been for 21 years. After working at the Missouri State Welfare office in St. Louis and serving at the University of Missouri Medical Center, he spent 4 years teaching kindergarten, then English to adults in Denmark. Later, he taught English language and applied linguistics at various institutions since then, including Boston University, Harvard, UCLA, Michigan State, Georgetown, the Universities of Toronto, Concordia-Montreal, and Laval in Canada. Craig also taught in Spain on several sabbatical residences.

Craig co-edited the international journal *Applied Linguistics* (Oxford University Press), serving on editorial boards of the TESOL Quarterly, The Modern Language Journal, Reading in a Foreign Language, and IRAL. His *Second Language Classrooms* (Cambridge, 1988) won the Modern Language Association's Mildenerger Prize in 1990. Craig speaks Danish, Spanish, and French fluently, also some German. He has been married for 15 years to Lucia Aranda, from Spain, and has three children. He is always glad to hear from visitors to Hawai'i. 808-956-2782

1970's DICK HELLWEGE '70 and JAN DRURY HELLWEGE '71 have been married for 26 years. After teaching in Bayless, Affton, and Rockwood, Dick is in his ninth year at Wydown Middle School in Clayton where he teaches math and science. Jan is in her 28th year of teaching music in the Brentwood School District. Their daughter, Emily, graduated from BHS in 2004 and is attending MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Illinois, majoring in Sports Management.

**Our mission is to perpetuate the spirit of
Brentwood High School and to keep
communications open between graduates and BHS.**

SCENES FROM THE PAST.....

They did what?
YOU'RE KIDDING!

Did you know that the students of BHS made history in April of 1940? To our knowledge it was the first time students anywhere protested in the form of a walk-out strike! Our highly respected



coach/social science teacher, Dewey Youngblood, was to be demoted to teaching lower classes and would no longer be an athletic coach. Student dissatisfaction evolved into the historic strike. Newspaper coverage included pictures of Coach, who refused to be interviewed, and a group of students marching in front of the high school. Incidentally, one of the "leaders" of the strike was Ed Wright, who later became Mayor of Brentwood.

Having established the precedent, there was another strike the following year over dismissal of a senior student.

So.....Now You Know!!

Provided by Norma Hodges Murphy '41 and Carl Day '48

BRENTWOOD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S NEW CONTRIBUTORS

August 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004



1936 Jeanne Nelson White	1959 Carol McNeal Buckner Creamer	1968 Mary Stevens McGrory
1939 M. Duane Strong	1959 Armon Crawford	1968 Nancy McNeal Bowman Ross
1941 Frances Heifner Foster	1959 Carol Mosley Davis	1968 Mark Savage
1942 Joseph J. Morrissey	1959 Jim Holtmann	1968 Don Slazinik
1942 Margaret Wagoner Strong	1959 Jim Hudson	1969 Christine Adams Mekkaoui
1943 John Beekman	1959 Larry Moskoff	1970 Paul T. Meyers
1943 Howard E. Meier	1959 Jay Ritterskamp	1970 Susan White Slazinik
1943 Norman Nelson	1959 Gloria Morgan Roseman	1970 Sharon Rumpf Stibal
1944 William M. Brannan	1959 Ron Schindler	1971 Deborah Henne Clary
1944 Gus O. Hoelscher	1959 Ted Schlosser	1971 Ellen Navies Holmes
1944 Charles Schweizer	1959 Julie Chipps Tamarkin	1971 Kevin R. Keough
1944 Elmer A. Solberg	1959 Arthur J. Toney	1971 Julie Stack Watral
1944 Wayne Thoms	1960 Mary Lou Schwartz Baker	1973 John (Greg) Rudesill
1944 Eugene C. Wiehe	1960 Richard Brantley	1973 Mark A. Schulte
1945 Joy Reinhardt Allen	1960 Jill Ramsey Ritterskamp	1974 Andrew Moeckel
1945 Mary Sagle Evans	1960 Eugene G. Rudloff	1975 Ken Hasty
1945 Betty Dunham Hamilton	1960 Jim Thomas	1975 Karen Stapf Hilf
1945 Laura (Jeanne) James	1960 Jacque Holman Trowse	1975 Keith W. Kornfeld
1945 Sue Russell Scurr	1961 Fredric L. Abrams	1975 Suzanne Swanson
1947 Iris (Dolly) Martin-In Memoriam	1961 Joan Beeman	1976 Gloria Ruiz Distler
1947 Virginia Magner Roth	1961 David C. Niemeyer	1976 James J. Jones
1948 Arline Bick Foster	1961 Jack F. Schindler	1976 Lynn Savage Moeckel
1948 Dan V. Kiechle	1961 Gerry A. Trowse	1977 Kay Jones Goding
1948 Patricia Magill Nelson	1962 Donald F. Dilly	1977 Kevin R. Kornfeld
1949 Audrey Weimann Schachet	1962 Kay Dickey Dilly	1977 Stephen F. Moeckel
1949 Roberta Scholin Weyman	1962 Michael R. Nisbet	1978 C. Patrick Kelly
1950 L. Thomas Bernero	1962 Sandra Schwinn Schumacher	1979 Bryan Christopher Brown
1950 Barbara Schmidt Hirsh	1963 Kell Brown	1979 Tracy Heidelbaugh Burns
1950 Louis D. Keller	1963 Alana Heilig Davidson	1979 Susan Dayton
1950 Elma Day Lazzareschi	1963 Phillip Howard	1979 Tom Holstein
1951 Jim Evans	1963 Nancy K. Jones	1979 Deanna M. Jones
1951 Donald R. Kuester	1963 Terry Mariano	1979 Laura Stillman Magee
1952 Suzanne Nicholl Berry	1963 David J. Riegelsberger	1979 David J. Oppenheim
1952 James W. Hill	1963 Don R. Rittensbacher	1979 Kathrine Noonan Segasture
1952 Ralph E. Schmidt	1963 Judy Rothman	1979 John (Skip) Strode, Jr.
1952 Patricia Schmidt Stevens	1963 Ginger Walsler Sailors	1979 Herbert Weimann
1952 Janet Holmes Walz	1963 Sally Schwartz Smith	1980 Paul A. Blaesing
1953 Ruth Hounsom Carr	1963 Lyttleton M. Tough, IV	1980 Mary Widmar Brungardt
1953 Donald M. Weigle	1963 Susan Ammon Young	1980 Sheryl Knapheide Cooper
1954 Richard H. Pippert	1964 Phillip Chandler	1980 Gregory A. Drake
1955 Barbara Schlosser Goodman	1964 Paul Eckler	1980 Ken D. Joyce
1955 David Graves	1964 Marilyn Holmann Eichorn	1980 Sharon Oppelt
1955 Scott Medearis	1964 John Henley	1980 Laura Dilthey Richardson
1955 Jack R. Swyers	1964 Virginia Eastin Hoeper	1980 Phyllis Schaub
1955 Gail Burkart Wahlig	1964 Tim Langan	1980 Phillip E. Thompson
1956 Edward H. Alsbury	1964 Stanley C. Lumb	1981 Jeffrey Brown
1956 Helene Day Borisch	1964 Scott Marshall	1981 J. Gregory Keller
1956 Rosalee Wagner Brady	1964 Constance Hunter Parker	1981 Jeffrey L. Magee
1956 Norm Frossard	1965 Richard R. (Rick) Bond	1981 Noreen Matthews Ness
1956 Arthur Obrock	1965 Reese Erich Forbes	1982 John Martin
1957 J. Thomas Allen	1965 Glen Fuse	1983 Tammy Halcomb Fuller
1957 Fred J. Brossart	1965 Carole Janssen	1983 Lloyd G. Tapper
1957 Doyle Click	1965 Clint A. Kleinsorge	1984 Cindy Canman Manestar
1957 Janet Slater Darwin	1966 Carol Canham Almarez	1984 Jeffrey Manestar
1957 David Dudek	1966 Ellsa Adams Bowcott	1984 Scott D. Wynn
1957 Janet Fridley Ignatius	1966 Kathleen Kraus Green	1985 Michelle Pitman
1957 Charles Kreichelt	1966 Brian A. Hagerty	1986 Devin K. Dixon
1957 Susan McManis Speichinger	1966 Ellen Riegelsberger Hellwege	1986 Chad Weston
1957 Garry (Ed) Stigall	1966 Roma Hirschfeld Rittensbacher	1989 Colleen Stutt Baum
1957 John B. Tschannen	1967 Jeanne Brunner Cavender	1989 Roberta L. Moore
1958 Mary Sue Wells Bauer	1967 James N. McAliney	1989 Suzanne Stack Smith
1958 Thomas R. Bender	1968 Donald B. Dahlin	1990 Aimee Goodman Morton
1958 Ted Haumueller	1968 Jessica Hopkins Dahlin	1992 Mary Paul Freund
1958 Neil B. Koop	1968 Jean Jansma Elo	FRIEND Dan Finney
1958 Bob McAnany	1968 Kurt Gebhard	FRIEND Carol Oppenheim
1959 Robert P. Benner	1968 Cynthia Golden	FRIEND Peg Smith
1959 Brante Braswell	1968 Gary Grindler	

SCENES FROM REUNION CELE



BRATION - SEPTEMBER, 2004



Photos by Scott Schook, BHS Senior
Thanks to Kellie Smaller, BHS Journalism/English teacher

TEACHERS' NEWS

Brentwood Retired Teachers Group

The Organization of Retired Eagles (ORE) seeks to provide opportunities to renew the golden professional and personal friendships that they, as Brentwood teachers, had as "mind workers" in the Brentwood School District. Though not a district sponsored organization, ORE is represented on the District's School Community Relations Advisory Council. To ORE members, the term "retired" is self-defined and the term "organization" is used very informally. These retired teachers all shared the purple and gold, the tradition, and mission of the Brentwood School District as symbolized by "eagles."

Their newsletter, Ore Bits, and a directory are published annually. ORE now has a mailing list of 90 Retired Eagles, and each one receives a copy of the Alumni Association's newsletter. They gather three times a year for food and fellowship. In October, they had an old-fashioned campaign rally for the people's choice, "Brent Wood Eagle." In February they are meeting at La Bonne Bouchee for a Mardi Gras celebration. For information, contact Mary Beth Powell, 636-227-4997, Mbpsowell01@earthlink.net

THE MASTER AT JIGSAW PUZZLES



Retired teacher, Ned Wicks, met the real challenge when he started and completed the assembly of a 9,120 piece Jigsaw Puzzle. When assembled, it measures 6' 4" long and 4'7" wide. A gift from Wicks's son, Matt, the giant puzzle portrays two hemispheres of a large world map, as Pieter Vanden Keere, the maker, envisioned it to be in 1611. Vanden Keere, a cartographer and publisher who

lived in the Netherlands, engraved countless maps. Mr. Wicks, as we knew him, said "The puzzle was the most challenging one I have ever done. Not only by its great size, but by the way the pieces were cut." Ned Wicks has put together over 1,000 puzzles in his lifetime.

Condensed from an article in THE PULSE by Earl Brown

COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS

As a proud alumnus of BHS, consider leaving your mark with a commemorative brick. These engraved bricks are personalized with up to three lines of text with 20 characters maximum per line. Bricks are set in the pathways between the high school buildings in the courtyard area. The Brentwood High School Parent Network sponsors this program, and proceeds are used throughout the year to help pay for programs at Brentwood High School, including the teacher dinner during conferences, graduation party and much more! The minimum donation is \$40 per brick; they must be ordered in groups of 50, so your order will be placed when that minimum is reached. Please be patient. For more information or an order form, contact Cristie by phone at (314) 968-3259 or e-mail, jhembree8@charter.net. Thanks for your support!

What Is This?



See answer in
August Newsletter

IN MEMORIAM

RECENTLY DECEASED RETIRED TEACHERS

Madeline Price

Jack Sadler

Mary Margaret Billingham (grade school)

In Remembrance of Madeline Price

2004 marked the passing of a much loved and dedicated teacher at Brentwood High School, Miss Madeline Price. She taught 8th grade "combination" at BHS for many years and was kind, inspirational, and always had her students' best interests at heart.

Those of us fortunate to have had her as a teacher may recall her love of reading and creative writing, the stacks of books in her room, her wisdom, and her sincere interest in helping her students grow and develop as future readers, writers, and thinkers. Her untiring patience and individual help, when requested, was immense. Always very serious about our learning, she also was a teacher who stopped class to tell us to look out the window, on the southwest corner of the building, to see a beautiful site—sparkling, silver branches, covered with glistening ice in the morning sun.

Miss Price spent hours in helping guide some of us with essays written for a competition sponsored by the journalism class. Her efforts certainly brought out the best in my writing at the time, for which I will be forever grateful. She really cared for us, as exemplified by her generous giving of time to help her students—always, most often after school hours.

A devoted student.....



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ALUMNI GIVING BACK – BRENTWOOD JR. FOOTBALL

Do you remember that rag-tag group of young boys wearing oversized hand-me-down uniforms and awkward fitting football helmets? If so, you will be happy to know that the Brentwood Jr. Football team is still in existence. Established in the 1960's as a way to introduce 7th and 8th graders to Brentwood Football, today the Jr. Eagles program continues to provide a positive after school activity for the youth in Brentwood and reaches these youngsters at a critical time in their lives and teaches them much more than football.

Dean Evans, who coached the team for 20 years, has 8 mm footage of a game the Jr. Eagles played at Brentwood in 1963. Many Jr. Eagle alumni will remember rosters with as few as 18 players and as many as 45 games played on the dirt field behind the YMCA, and in the 1970s, when the team was small and space limited, practicing in the coaches' backyards. Some may recall traveling as far south as Ste. Genevieve to play. Recent players will remember car-pooling to House Springs and Arnold. Fortunately, today's home games are played on the new high school field and, thankfully, the Brentwood Parks & Recreation Department has provided a better space for practice. The Jr. Eagles still car pool when necessary and continue to travel south as far as Crystal City.

Over the years, the Jr. Eagles have posted undefeated seasons, winless records, and a mixture of wins and losses. In 1995, they took 1st place at the Fox High School Super Bowl. In the 1980's the Jr. Eagles ran over an undefeated team from Jefferson Barracks, who at the time was headed to the National Super Bowl in Florida. A confident JB team wanted a "warm up" game before they left for the sunshine state. The Jr. Eagles proved to be much more than a "warm up" and was mighty hot, thus ending a perfect season for the Jefferson Barracks team.

This season the 8th grade squad ended with an 8-1 record, the only loss coming after a heartbreaker at Chaminade, where the Eagles made

a valiant comeback. With 56 seconds left in the game, the Jr. Eagles marched from their own 15 yard line to the Chaminade 1 yard line, as the clock expired. Chaminade won by a mere 1 point. Brentwood coaches pointed to this game as the apex of their season, saying that the character the team showed in this single loss, epitomizes what Brentwood Jr. Football is all about: heart.

The success of the Jr. Eagles Football team is related to the dedication and commitment of its volunteer coaching staff—a staff that continues to be made up of Brentwood graduates, many who played on the Jr. Eagles team when they were youngsters: Pete Richardson, John Slaznink, Klevin Keough, Mark Surgener, Dean Evans, John Tolish, Matt Surgener, Chris Surgener, Scott Surgener, Mark Falkner, Jeff Grandgenett, Matt McClure, and Jeff Manestar. Presently the team is coached by Brentwood Graduates, Anthony Harper (10 years), Gerry Moreno (4 years), Kevin McClure (2 years), Bryce Dunphy (2 years), and Joe Mansker (1 year).

Each year the Jr. Eagles squad fulfills the team motto of being "more than X's and O's." Players have opportunities that allow them to grow and develop into responsible citizens. They take part in a yearly community service project, allowing a give back to and connection with the community. The program stresses the importance of education by building study time into the practice schedule; each player who has perfect school attendance at the end of the season is awarded a \$50.00 U.S. Savings Bond.

So, if you are looking for a reason to get out and cheer for the purple and gold, come and enjoy any/all of the 9 games. Although the uniforms and equipment fit better now, the heart and soul of Brentwood Spirit continues to look the same.

Anthony Harper '83