



Alumni Connection

From Your Board of Directors

2014 was another great year for your Brentwood Alumni Association. We awarded college scholarships to four outstanding graduating seniors in the amount of \$5,000.00 each. The 3rd Weekend In September celebration last year was a great success with nine different classes

holding reunions. After the annual courtyard gathering, a Brentwood Hall of Fame ceremony took place in the school auditorium, where six alumni were inducted.

In other news, I would like to welcome Debbie Schott Bott '69 and Scott Surgener '81 as new members of your BAA Board of

Directors. As we begin 2015, our Scholarship chairman, David Pentland '56, is working with the school counselor to begin the process for selecting outstanding seniors for college scholarships to be awarded in May.

A special thanks to everyone who continues to support your

Brentwood Alumni Association. Yearly dues of \$15.00 help pay for this great newsletter. I encourage you to take a minute and renew your membership so that we can continue to bring you all of the interesting things going on with alumni and at Brentwood High.

George Clements '57, President



Photo by Steve Bowman

BHS Hall of Fame Class of 2014

David William Cain '59, Trudy Thompson-Larkins (Olivia Fox) '84, Don Slazinik '68, Nell Jessup Mier Newton '62, Vicki Bothman Mack '63, Barry A. Short '58



Photo by Steve Bowman, the Brentwood Spirit

The courtyard remained crowded for most of the three-hour gathering



Photo by Sylvia Leacy Scott '64

2014 Parade Maxine Gray Reisenleiter '49, Mark Madras '74, Vicki Bothman Mack '63

BAA holds 12th Annual 3rd Weekend in September All-School Reunion - 2014

On Friday, September 19, the Brentwood High School courtyard was again the casual gathering spot for many returning alumni and launch of a weekend of class reunions, informal get-togethers, and scheduled alumni activities. Alums, family, and friends were welcomed with purple and gold balloons, banners, class tables, and a showcase of high school student art. Guided tours of the high school were offered.

The 5th Hall of Fame Ceremony was held at 6:30 pm. Six graduates who have achieved high levels of success in their chosen fields and made contributions to society and their communities, were inducted in this bi-annual tradition. The honorees were Vicki Bothman Mack '63; David William Cain '59; Nell Jessup Mier Newton '62; Barry Short '58; Don Slazinik '68; and Trudy Thompson-Larkins '84. Brentwood Alumni Board member and retired BHS teacher, Ed Wright '67 served as master of ceremonies

On Saturday, September 20, alumni and friends teed-off in the 8th Annual Golf Scramble, held at Sunset Lakes Golf Club, and enjoyed a morning of golfing camaraderie and lunch.

The noon parade on Saturday marked the beginning of the annual Maddenfest Celebration at Brentwood Park. The inducted Hall of Famers joined in the parade. Alumni manned a booth at Maddenfest at the park, where alums, friends, and families gathered to update class information, visit with each other, and then enjoyed the day's events with amusement rides, community booths, and the grand finale fireworks display.

Note: In the next newsletter, we want to feature our great alums who have served in World War II, Korea, Viet Nam, Iraq and Afghanistan. Send your stories to the editor listed on Page 2 under Board of Directors. Thanks!

Website News

A special Reunion section has been set up and will be available soon. Alums may connect with their classmates by posting messages, pictures and event schedules. We need a class reunion person to volunteer to use it to test out this new section.

Contact Mark Madras '74 at mmadras@gmail.com.

Mark Madras '74, Webmaster and Website Committee Chair

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8th Annual Golf Scramble – 2014



Don Slazinik '68

The Brentwood Alumni Association held its annual golf scramble on the **3rd Weekend in September** at Sunset Lakes Golf Club. This golf event is a major fundraiser for BAA.

Thirty-two golfers participated last September and had the opportunity to receive any number of attendance prizes. They could also bid on various items of sports memorabilia and tickets to Cardinals and Blues games.

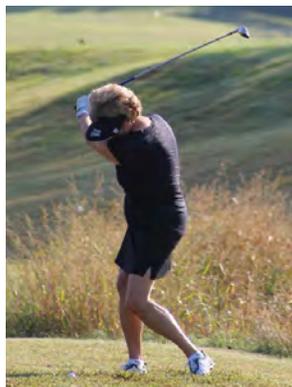
The winning team was **Jeff Johnson '64, Ron Stahl '64, Dave Johnson**, and **Scott Johnson** for shooting a scorching 61. The A flight winners were **Don Slazinik '68, Russ Lake '67, Jim Wulff '66, Brian Hagerty '66**, for winning in a scorecard play-off with a score of 65.

The Alumni Association owes a huge THANK YOU to **Don Slazinik '68, Tim Nisbet '68 and Russ Lake '67** for organizing the event and obtaining sponsors and auction items.

Roy Richter '68, Events and Publicity Committee Chair



Gary Frossard '68, Bob Frossard, Bill Hippert '66, Lane Palmer '69



Jeanne Brunner Cavender '69

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Mission Statement:

Our mission is to perpetuate the spirit of Brentwood High School, to keep communications open between graduates and BHS, and to help students with future educational opportunities - be they university, community college, or technical scholarships.

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Please let us know if you have any interest in serving on a committee or the Board of Directors
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Did You Know?... Time Capsules...

Did you know that back in the 40's Brentwood High School had tennis courts? Not sure if they were ever used, but they were at the south side of the track.

Did you know for the first few years after Brentwood began football that the school could not have any home games, and why? The track was not large enough for the standard size football field to fit inside. The goal posts were right at the edge of the track with no space behind the goal posts. All home games had to be played at Maplewood High School.

Did you know that actors Brenda Marshall and William Holden were the aunt and uncle of Carole **Kelley Mailander '60** and **Karen Kelley Wright '58** and visited them at their home in Brentwood.

Did you know that **France Langan '56**, while in the Navy, appeared in a scene in the movie *South Pacific*?

Did you know that movie actor and former Oscar nominee Tom Berenger attended Frazier Elementary and Brentwood Junior and High School through 9th grade as **Tom Moore?**

Did you know it was reported that Elvis Presley and his entourage dined one evening at Caruso's while in town. Caruso's, at South Brentwood and Manchester, was managed by the parents of **Pam Juelich Mason '61**.

Did you know that the tv show, *Route 66*, was filmed at Rock Hill Quarry in 1962? Here is the link to the story guide: http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0690454/plotsummary?ref_=tt_ov_pl

Thanks to all who submitted these interesting facts. Please let us know if you have any other "Did You Know" items to report for the next newsletter.

8th Annual Golf Scramble

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Golf Photos by Janet Nisbet



Jeff Johnson '64, Ron Stahl, '64, Dave Johnson, Scott Johnson



Mike Toney '69, Phil Lakamp '69, Casey Geisz '69, Tim Nisbet '68



Pete Willenborg, Jr., Kevin Hoersink, Phil Hedrick '68 Brian Nisbet '89



Rob Paxton '74, Dave Freeman '74, Greg Widaman '74, David, Guest

Scenes from Courtyard Gathering, September, 2014

Photos by Steve Bowman



Bill Koster, Beth Featherston Clay '86
In the courtyard was a booth set up by the Brentwood Football Booster Club



Marvin Hayes '48, Barb Burkhouse Hayes '48



Peggy Jones Moeckel '47, Forrest Moeckel



Jeff Johnson '64, Ron Stahl '64, Jan Brunner Stahl '65, Ginny Eastin Hoyer '64, Bob Meyers '64



Charlie Dilly '60



Ginny Walsh Andrews '47, Dave Andrews



Ed Wright, Jr. '67, Marco Thompson '78



Jan Niehoff, Gregg Niehoff '66, Kurt Niehoff '69, Marilyn Borghoff Niehoff '60, Randy Niehoff '60



Stan White '59, Joyce Rinck Arneson '59, Kaye Wessler Shumate '59, Craig Shumate '59



David Faulkner, BSD Superintendent, on tour, answers questions



During a tour of BHS, Elsie Kraft Link '64 stops by her freshman locker. "It was one of these right here in this area," she said. "You never forget that first locker."

Alum News

Your email address is an important addition to our database and saves postage. Please update your information at membership@brentwoodhsalumni.org or Brentwood Alumni Association, 1201 Hanley Industrial Ct., Saint Louis, MO 63144-1911

40's

1942 William Koch – *Ocala, FL* – Still enjoying the “Sunbelt” routine. Good health, weather, travel, golf. Sorry to see 1940’s grads names in the “In Memory Of” section.

1945 Virginia Schaefer Bailey – *Kirkwood, MO* – My husband, Bill Bailey, passed way October 28, 2013. My sister Metta K. Schaeffer Wilcox passed away July 18, 2014. I have moved to a retirement community – Bethesda Gardens in Kirkwood, MO.

1947 Virginia Walsh Andrews – *Senath, MO* – We still live on the farm in southeast Missouri and spend winters in Ft. Myers FL. I enjoy getting emails from BHS classmates – **Sis Kornfeld, Buz Carroll, Moir Brown Stevens**, and enjoyed seeing everyone in September.

1949 Zora Belle McCann Galvin – *St Thomas, Virgin Islands* – I still work full time at The Sandal Shop. I’ve retired my French horn and have taken up violin.

1950 Barbara Schmidt Hirsh – *Williamsburg, VA* – Not much change this year. We stopped by BHS in October while we were visiting family in the St. Louis County area and were pleased to see that it was still there.

50's

1950 Jeanne Hey Van Steen – *Nutley, NJ* – My 4 children are scattered around the country – have 8 grandchildren, 4 are married and 4 are great-grandchildren. Fred died in 2011. I was just reappointed to Nutley’s Historic Preservation Committee (Commission). Have lived in Nutley for 61 years in a 200 year old house. I keep busy with all my organizations and church. Most active with my Aqua-size classes, after school monitoring with Newark school children, Friday Afternoon Club (Literary group), PEO, Thriving Survivors (Breast Cancer Support Group), many historical and preservation organizations. I’m exhausted just thinking about all I do!

1950 Elsie Mackay Yacono – *Getzville, NY* – I still enjoy the newsletter even though I have lived in Buffalo, (and yes, we have beautiful summers) New York for the last 60 years. Finally retired (for the third and last time) in June 2013. I also enjoy watching my two great-grandchildren one day a week. Theater and friends are a great part of my life and looking forward to the 65th reunion next year. I plan on coming.

1951 Jane Debandt Lochmoeller – *Town and Country, MO* – Just watching the years go by – too fast. I have grandchildren going to Brentwood schools - my son’s 2 daughters, Tara and Emma.

1951 Lonnie Thomassen McKown – *Bradenton, FL* – **Joan Martin Bardgett ’51** and I are now living in the same Life Care Residence in Bradenton, FL. Such fun to be together again.

1952 Charlotte Groce Unversaw – *Indianapolis, IN* – I am slowly adjusting to living alone after losing Frank to congestive heart failure on May 24. My firm faith in Jehovah God and my theocratic activity keep me focused on a bright future under God’s Kingdom under Jesus Christ.

1952 George Wilson – *Bridgeton, MO* – Worked for Brentwood School District for 22 years as head of maintenance. Retired in 1999. Had a stroke on left side in 2006.

1953 Andy Dunlap – *Port St. Lucie, FL* – Having some health problems, restricting my travels. God has been good to me.

1953 Ann Hysmith Reckelhoff – *Brentwood, MO* – After many years as a professional artist teaching watercolor, workshops, judging art shows, such as Tilles Park, and having gallery shows, I am still painting; currently working on a series of Brentwood scenes.

1953 Richard Oscarson – *Chesterfield, MO* – Married 56 years. Twenty-six grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren so far! Going to Hawaii for anniversary.

1955 Bob Cooper – *Osprey, FL* – Golfed my age for the first time – much tennis – much Florida sun.

1955 Jodie Thomas Welch – *Banning, CA* – I took over as Class Rep from **Tom White**. Please send me your emails so I can update our records. Looking forward to our 60th reunion in September.

1956 Ed Jordan – *Dallas, TX* – Gwen and I have started our third year of guardianship of our 3 grandchildren, Sebastian 12, Isabella 10, and Sophia 7. The 3 are a blast and it is fun to be a dad at the tender age of 76!

1957 Fred Brossart – *Aledo, TX* – Jan and I hosted a Van Cliburn International Piano Competitor in the spring of 2013. – a wonderful experience and a relief for our piano, which has put up with my abuse for years.

1957 David Dudek – *High Ridge, MO* – Enjoyed trip to Texas to visit my sister **Betty Dudek Dickens ’54** and her husband Don and their children Diane and Mike. Got to see **Paul Stoyanoff ’59** in Houston. Have total of 5 grandchildren.

1958 Ken Bohringer – *Ardley, NY* – I recently joined the board of directors of the Mount Kisco Concert Association, a 46-year-old organization that presents subscription-based chamber music programs in private homes in Westchester County, featuring internationally known artists, both soloists (e.g., Jean-Pierre Rampal) and ensembles (The Beaux Arts Trio). Chamber music in the living room—where it belongs!

1958 Regina Stimson Gahr – *Brentwood, MO* – I am still on the Brentwood School District School Board, a “room granny” at the Middle School, Secretary of the Brentwood Historical Society, active in the Order of the Eastern Star, a zoo volunteer, and a certified professional tour guide.

1958 Gerie Klug Vellios – *San Diego, CA* – Glad to say there is nothing new. Still enjoying Rancho Bernardo and volunteering for various Seven Oaks committees.

60's

1960 Sue McWhirter Davis – *Fenton, MO* – Enjoyed Hogwarts with my grandsons last summer. Question is who had more fun. October trip up East Coast visiting Washington, DC and Gettysburg. Still working full time and enjoying it.

1961 David Niemeyer – *Ballwin, MO* – Six grandchildren, another on the way. Vacationed in Bal Harbor, ME in October.

1962 John Fields – *Mt. Vernon, IL* – My wife, Sharon, and I stay busy traveling to Downs, IL to watch our grandson, Payton, play baseball and football. We enjoyed a wonderful week in May in a cabin in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. We both spend many hours each month volunteering in our church ministry “Angels on Assignment.” Sharon works in the thrift shop and I work in the food pantry.

1962 Gerald (Jerry) Stimson – *Villa Ridge, MO* – I retired this year from Dollar Tree and moved to the Washington, MO area. My wife, Lee, and I are enjoying the retired life in the country.

1963 Elaine Henson Lentz – *Ballwin, MO* – Found a new market for my dolls, so I’m making more. Still working on my last dollhouse putting the shingle roof on. That’s all for now. God Bless America!

1963 David Riegelsberger – *Las Vegas, NV* – Traveled to the French Riviera in April and took a river cruise up the Rhone and Saone Rivers ending in Paris. In August, I took a river cruise from St. Petersburg to Moscow, Russia and was joined by my '63 classmate, **Annette Siegel Heller** and her husband, Jack. Annette and I have known each other since third grade.

1963 Judy Zahner Rothman – *St. Louis, MO* – Sorry to have missed the 50th reunion. Everyone looked great in the photos. Had 3 horse shows in Ocala, FL the same weekend! Enjoying a good, but very hot, summer in St. Louis this year. Looking forward to returning to Florida in the fall. Will be teaching a few "Intro to Psych I" classes at University of Florida beginning in January.

1965 Grettie Stimson Bondy – *Norman, OK* – I have officially retired from the University of Oklahoma, but am an officer or on the Board of more than 9 organizations. My most recent endeavor was a book sale to benefit the Library at the VA Hospital. Our committee has been sorting and cataloging books donated to the hospital and the money from the sale will purchase more shelving to hold the books. My motto is "Volunteerism – Love in Motion."

1965 Joseph Sadowsky – *Mount Dora, FL* – Still eating a Burnt Weeny Sandwich with Uncle Meat, as I cruise around in my Studebaker Hawk with Ruben and the Jets. Hello to all the Hungry Freaks out there.

1968 Linda Rehfeld Ryan – *Jacksonville, IL* – We split our time between Illinois and Naples, FL to be near the kids and grandkids. I'm no longer teaching French, but I enjoy volunteering with Literacy Volunteers of Collier County (FL) and local genealogy organizations.

1969 Muffy Phillips Reeder – *St. Petersburg, FL* – Loved attending the 45th reunion for all my "old" buddies in September. Having a great time with my deli trainer job for Walmart in Florida. Everyone is healthy and happy within my small family.

70's

1970 Barbara Allen Abston – *Cumming, GA* – I retired from AT&T after 25 years of service. My husband, David, and I have been married 25 years next year. Between us, we have 10 grandchildren. We do some traveling, gardening, golfing and fishing here in beautiful northeast Georgia. Dave is self-employed in the flooring business, and I now work part time for a chiropractor – sports, pain management. Love, love, love it! I still love advocating for the elderly, and working with them in their rehab journey. I am a big supporter of the Tea Party and pray for our country!

1970 Lillian Shilling Collins – *Leasburg, MO* – My husband and I have started a U-Pick Blueberry Farm in Leasburg called Ozark Berry Farm. I have been growing and selling native plants with "Gro Native" and enjoy learning more about the interconnectedness of our plant-animal kingdom.

1971 Mary Head Clyne – *Vicksburg, MI* – Our youngest is graduating from college this year. I am trying to adjust to the empty nest. Still enjoy Michigan, especially the Upper peninsula and Lake Superior for vacations.

80's

1987 Tamara (Tammy) Gahr Johnson – *St. Louis, MO* – My husband and I have been rolling with our food truck, Curbside Cookery, for 2 years now. This summer was much better than the "scorcher" we had last year. We've been at all

food truck events held this year in Brentwood. We were one of the first food trucks allowed to serve "under the Gateway Arch." Running a food truck is hectic and hot, but we haven't killed each other yet. We just love it!

90's

1994 Chad Plein – *Nixa, MO* – From Joe Holleman's column in the *St Louis Post-Dispatch*, we learn that congrats are in order for **Chad Plein**, who is now the main sportscaster on KYTV, the NBC affiliate in Springfield, MO. Plein cut his television teeth here in St. Louis at KSDK, where he worked as a producer for Frank Cusumano. In January, he was at the JQH Arena playing with the Washington Generals against the Harlem Globetrotters. Submitted by **Nelson Morgan '66**.

1999 Ernest Garrett – *Fulton, MO* – From the Special School District publication, we see that Ernest Garrett is the first deaf person to be superintendent of the Missouri School for the Deaf. He lost his hearing when he was 2, and came to Brentwood School District when his parents heard about the SSD program for the deaf and hard of hearing there.

00's

2006 Julie Duke – *Cambridge, MA* – Julie received her masters degree in science writing from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in September. As the former recipient of a BAA Scholarship, she is now employed at Harvard University, her alma mater.

ORES Charles Duggan – *Green Valley, AZ* – We are enjoying another mild winter in southern Arizona, although the 100 degree plus temperature in the summer keeps us indoors.

Fantastic Volunteer

Janet Nisbet, wife of **Tim Nisbet '68**, though not an alum of BHS (Bishop Dubourg High), certainly did her share of helping the **2014 BAA Golf Scramble** become very successful. Besides taking the great photos of the outing, Janet did all of the graphics for sponsor signs, bagged all the give-aways, and conducted the check-in for golfers and the auction. She is a St. Louis County Police Officer and worked 12 hour days in Ferguson. (*What a gal!*)



David William Cain '59 and Nell Jessup Mier Newton '62



Coach Titus and Ron Stahl '64



Class of '47

Teacher Spotlight



Jonathan Duffe-Holmes '15,
Robyn Haug, Austin Koster '15
Photo by Shannon Koster

Robyn Haug Popular BHS Teacher and Debate Coach
Robyn joined the faculty at Brentwood High in 2008. She currently teaches College Credit English III, College Credit English IV, and English IV, but debate team coaching is her passion.

Robyn previously taught in Berkeley Middle School in the Ferguson-Floissant School District, and then the St. Charles School District where, at Hardin Middle School, she was out of the classroom as a Literacy Coach for two years. Robyn's husband, Jeff Haug, is an Assistant Superintendent in the Hazelwood School District. They have two children, Meghan, 8th grade, and Ben, 7th grade, who attend Brentwood Middle School.

Robyn received her Bachelor's Degree in Communications at Truman State University and a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Walden University. Currently, she is working on her MFA in Writing at Lindenwood University. Robyn truly loves Brentwood and coaching debate. She has high hopes for BHS debate teams, and her enthusiasm and confidence in her students is reflected in the many past BHS

student tournament awards received, both local and throughout the Midwest. Traveling and weekly tournaments keep Robyn and her students busy at this time of year. She is not only very popular, but a VERY busy person indeed!!

BHS Recognized By Newsweek Magazine

BHS was recognized by Newsweek magazine in its 2014 rankings of America's top 500 public high schools in the country that do the best job of preparing students for college. Brentwood ranked #205 based on an analysis of data which included student achievement, enrollment, graduation rates, advanced courses, SAT/ACT score, attrition and counselor-to-student ratios. Gold Star status was also awarded to the school because of the performance of economically disadvantaged students. Congratulations to the staff and students of Brentwood High School!

From the St. Louis Post Dispatch

BHS Principal Receives Excellence In Education Award

Dr. Edward Johnson, BHS Principal, was selected as an Excellence in Education Awardee by the St. Louis American. Dr. Johnson was honored at the 27th annual awards and scholarship recognition dinner held in September. He was selected as an outstanding leader because of his commitment to students, belief in the importance of education for life-long success, and his dedication to "cultivating leaders."

Dr. Johnson is in his tenth year at Brentwood and second year as the high school principal. He has worked in education for 25 years and held positions as a physical education teacher, coach, assistant principal, and athletic director. Congratulations, Dr. Johnson!!

ORES – Organization of Retired Eagles

Former Geography and History Teacher, **Earl Brown**, has been moved to Sunrise Assisted Living of Des Peres - 13460 Manchester Rd., St. Louis, MO 63131. He loves to have company and mail, but it is suggested that anyone wanting to visit him, first check with Sunrise at 314-965-3800.

Former English Teacher/Librarian **Wayne Martin** has had a third stroke. He is getting around with a walker and still enjoys reading the alumni newsletter and hearing from friends and students. You may contact him at 2703 Oak St, Apt B, Higginsville, MO 64037

Refer to the www.brentwoodhsalumni.org website for information about the Brentwood High School Commemorative Brick Program.



Eagles Do It Again – 9-0

Regular Football Season

They were undefeated for the first time in 47 years.

But they didn't just win...but won big!!

Thanks to the Brentwood Spirit for this information

Alumni & Friends Donate Money to Help Ailing Tree on School Grounds



Barry Williams '74
photo by Steve Bowman

As of December 31, the Brentwood School District had received \$810 in donations to the Oak Tree Fund from alumni donors. **Susan Haynes '72** provided the single largest gift, which represents more than a third of the total money raised to date. She is famous for twirling her flam-

ing baton at football games during her years at Brentwood High School. The fundraising effort was organized by the Class of 1974 to help the District pay for various services by the Davey Tree Company to try to save the ailing post oak located near the front of the BHS Auditorium.

Any questions, or if you wish to make donations to help save the oak, contact **Barry Williams '74** at (314) 961-8178 tass92@juno.com.

2015 BAA CALENDAR

February 10

BAA Board Meeting, District Conference Room* 4:30 PM

March 10

BAA Board Meeting, District Conference Room 4:30 PM

April 14

BAA Annual Meeting, District Conference Room 4:30 PM

May 7

Senior Scholarship Awards Night – District Conference Room 7:00 PM

May 30

Deadline for August 2015 Newsletter

May 12

BAA Board Meeting, District Conference Room 4:30 PM

August 11

BAA Board Meeting, District Conference Room 4:30 PM

September 8

BAA Board Meeting, District Conference Room 4:30 PM

September 18

3rd Weekend in September Reunion – BHS Courtyard 4:00 PM

September 19

Annual Golf Scramble TBD

Maddenfest Parade – High School Drive & Wrenwood Noon

BAA Booth at Maddenfest in Brentwood Park on Russell 1:00 PM

October 13

BAA Board Meeting, District Conference Room 4:30 PM

November 1

Deadline for February 2016 Newsletter

November 10

BAA Board Meeting, District Conference Room 4:30 PM

**If the Conference Room is needed for a School District event, we will move to a room in the Brentwood Early Childhood Center.*

Josh Collins '10

Audio Engineer, Hollywood, CA



A lot has happened in the life of Josh Collins since graduating from BHS. He had no idea of what he would do after graduation and had no plans for the future. He loved making music, this he knew. Band was always the highlight of his week. During his last few high school years, Josh battled a serious drug addiction and began nine months of humbling drug rehabilitation. He got a job in a kitchen preparing food for clients after finishing the rehab program.

After a few months, in 2011, his friend, Andy Ford, messaged him and said he should move out to LA and live there with

him. Josh immediately put in 2 weeks notice and started packing up. In LA he enrolled at the Musicians Institute studying Audio Engineering. While there, he landed an internship at Atlantic Records. While interning he also worked in construction and spent much time commuting in heavy traffic between jobs. His persistence paid off and he became an engineer. Since then, he has worked with artists, such as Rome from Sublime, Flo Rida, Skrillex, Pitbull, Andrew McMahon, Jason Derulo, and the list goes on. He says the best part about meeting and working with these people is he found they are people just like you and

me. It really taught him that if you really want something and you are dedicated and believe enough in yourself, anything is possible. You don't just say it, you have to do it--everyday until you go blind from staring at a computer screen. Everything seems like it's going to fall apart, and finally just before you give up, before you cannot stand the struggle any longer, that's when you'll break through the mold. He adds that none of this would have been possible without the support of his friends and family. He is eternally grateful to them. His mother, Lillian Shilling Collins '70, is an alum of Brentwood High School, also.

Darlene Brink Roland '55



Darlene was honored as an Ageless Remarkable St. Louisan 2014 by the St. Andrews Resources for Seniors System. Darlene is a leader. So many organizations have made her their president over the years, probably partly because of her infectious laugh, obvious energy, and the way she thoughtfully responds to every question. She says that she couldn't do it without the support of her family and friends. "It's a privilege to work for so many worthwhile

Volunteer Extraordinaire!

organizations. St. Louis gives us so much; we just have to give something back," Darlene said.

There is a great need for volunteer involvement. Even as a small girl, Darlene's mother took her to nursing homes where she would dance for the residents. Her parents instilled in her this value of commitment to the community. Just to list a few of the many organizations Darlene has led or served on boards, are Barnes Hospital Auxiliary, St. Louis Symphony

Orchestra Volunteer Association, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of America, Art Access, Inc., Friends of St. Andrews, and P.E.O. St. Louis Chapter GT.

Darlene attended the University of Missouri, but could not finish because of medical problems. She worked for Standard Oil of Ohio and married Charles (Chuck) Roland III -- 56 years in April. She has two children, three grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren and was the sister of Judy Brink Carter '59.

Past BHS Reunions – 2014

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Submitted by Tina Brejot Turasky

Class of
'84
30th



Past BHS Reunions – 2014

Class of '44 70th

BHS Class of 1944 enjoyed celebrating its 70th reunion at Spiro's Restaurant on September 3, 2014. Other alumni from the 1940s also joined in.

Of those not present, Gene Wiehe sent in a recap of his life since 1944. He served as a radioman in the Navy Amphibious Force, LCI-703 in the Philippines in World War II and was called back for the Korean War, as lead radioman on the destroyer, USS Bradford DD545. He became a state licensed accountant for an aerospace company for 30 years, and just for fun, owned five mobile home parks from New Mexico to Oregon. He has 2 sons, one a captain in the LA County Fire Department, who also has a business wrapping fishing rods www.classicastrods.com and the other, lead electrician at Northrop-Grumman, plus 5 grandchildren.

Thelma Brantley Rice wrote that she lives in Springfield, MO and has 3 children, 7 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren.

Submitted by LeRoy Amen

Back Row: Wayne Thoms, Donald Ruch, LeRoy Amen, Jay Luttrell
Front Row: June Alberter Klenc, Chuck Schweizer, Jeanne Enders Margulis



Row 1: Stan White, Judy Miler Jung, Kaye Wessler Shumate, Judy Heynen Robinson, Mary Ann Matheny Kincade, Nancy Pollard O'Loughlin, Jan Wynn Miles, Barby West Stark
Row 2: David Cain, Brante Braswell, Craig Shumate, Jay Ritterskamp, Bill Gruttke, Diane Baker Keeter, Mary Ann Eckler Koetting, Joyce Rinck Arneson, Ann Henley Barcus
Row 3: Bob Niemeyer, Art Toney, Bill Walters, Ted Schlosser, Armon Crawford, Jerry Stoverink, Larry Moskoff, Charlie LaGarce

Class of '59 55th

Friday evening following the Hall of Fame Induction, classmates got together to socialize at the Brentwood American Legion Hall. **Saturday evening** we shared stories and a great dinner at CJ Muggs in Webster Groves. We were blessed to have 25 classmates attend the evening event. Looking forward to our 60th in 2019.

Submitted by Charlie LaGarce

Class of '64 50th

September 20th, 2014, the class of '64 celebrated its 50th Reunion. Our fun began at the high school on Friday evening, enjoying friends from many classes, the tours, the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, going to the football game and meeting at several destinations. But Saturday night, the 20th, we partied at Bartolino's

on Hampton with lots of conversation, good food, and a presentation put together by Tammy Stefanoni Rhomberg of pictures that brought back many memories and reviewed the story of our class and Brentwood High School. We were proud to have almost 40% of our class there to talk, laugh, remember old times and become reacquainted. We were having so much fun we found it difficult to stop and take pictures but here are a few.

Submitted by Sylvia Leezy Stoll



Pat Hodes Wettack, Phil Chandler, Jean Dickerson Parkinson



Alma Watson, Patty Matheny McGhee, Paulette Moore Boelter, Barbara Southern, Judy Dilly Harris, Ginny Eastin Hoepfer



Elsie Kraft Link, Linda Bishop, Jean Dickerson Parkinson, Pat Hodes Wettack, Joan Mollman



Tammy Stefanoni Romberg, Kathy White Silber, Barbara Southern



Keith Kramer and Scott Marshall



Jean Dickerson Parkinson, Sylvia Leezy Stoll, Joan Mollman



Phil Lakamp,
John & Linda Moser



Debbie Schott Bott & Frank Cunetto '70



Vikki Hasty Belgeri



Phil Lakamp,
Duane & Chris Gonyea



Kurt Niehoff, Kathy (Muffy)
Phillips Reeder,
Debbie Byrd Strake



Lane Palmer &
Yvonne Suess



Yvonne Suess & John Geppert



Laurie Hartung &
Debbie Byrd Strake



Casey Geisz & Debbie Schott Bott

Our 45th reunion weekend was so much fun. Even though only 21 attended, we all felt the love. We met at the Train Wreck Friday night. Our team of Steve Thomas, Phil Lakamp, Mike Toney and Casey Geisz came in second at the BAA Golf Scramble Saturday morning. On Saturday night, Kurt and Joan Niehoff opened up their beautiful home for a pot luck BBQ that was outstanding. If anyone was like me, I couldn't talk the next day and my back hurt from laughing so much, but it was worth it. We really would love for more classmates to come, because we miss everyone and enjoy being with people our own age. We have so many things in common – health, non-working body parts, diet restrictions and knowing where the best senior discounts are. Hope to see you at the 50th.

Photos by Vikki Hasty Belgeri

Submitted by Vikki Hasty Belgeri

Class of '69 45th



Row 1: Nancy Sandhagen Clark, Linda Jost Beckmeyer, Leann Stewart Walters, Denice Evans Schmitt, Mindy Harvey Peats, Sammie Johnson Brison, Sylvia Yoder Heston
Row 2: Mark Madras, Jane Holstein Walter, Debbie Mayer Flores, Jan Wuestling Mathews, Anne Kraft Petersen, Karen Allen Matthews
Row 3: Janice Wall Jones, Bob Paxton, Elaine Greitzer Darter, Jan Watral Meyer, Lyn Scott Canham, Sara Canatsey Roden, Nancy Eggers Elenbaas
Row 4: Bob Bennet, Greg Widaman, Jay Evans, Pam Costello, Barry Williams, Dan Janssen, Dave Freeman, Lu Brigham, Andy Moeckel

We met at the **Trainwreck** on Friday night, September 19th and then met at CJ Muggs in Clayton on Saturday night and had a great time both evenings. We even included a few folks from the Class of '73.

Submitted by Mark Madras

Class of '74 40th



BHS Class of 1994 20th
Reunion
June Wright Burkhardt
and Lori Langguth Ehler

Submitted by June Wright Burkhardt

Class of '94 20th

Future BHS Reunions – 2015

1955 60th

The class of 1955 will be holding its 60th reunion during the all-school reunion September 18-20. We will begin with a get-together on Friday night at the home of Bob Green. More details forthcoming. **Jodie Thomas Welch (951) 769-3936 awelch5@verizon.net**

1960 55th

Plans are to get together for dinner later this year to celebrate our 55th anniversary. Save the date information will be coming. **Sue Zingre Lee (314) 962-2780 suelee60@hotmail.com**

1965 50th

The BHS Class of 1965 is beginning to plan its 50th reunion this year. A mailing will be sent in the future. Right now, we need help locating Marcia Bowles, LaVerne Boyd, Linda Ducey, Richard Durham, Terrie Eckhard, Barbara Ferguson, Linda Fox, Gary Hendrix, Gail Jacobi, Carol Klaskin, Christine Love, Linda Ura Miller, Suzanne Schmeider, Don Schulze, James Smith, Joe Bob Taylor, Steven Toney, Daniel Wichlan, and Joyce Williams. **Linda Kaufman Zeman (314) 962-9768 zemanlj@yahoo.com**

1970 45th

A casual 45th reunion has been suggested for our class, possibly the weekend of September 18-19. **Sandy Grace Deelo (314) 952-7609 sjdeelo@yahoo.com**

1995 20th

Where did the time go? It has already been 20 years since graduation, so let's get together for a reunion. Contact me if you would be willing to help plan or if you can find addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses for the following: Gary Bogdan, Ryan Irwin, and Mary Catherine McDowell. **Katie Thaman Stalter (314) 698-8389 katie_thaman@hotmail.com**

2005 10th

We are working on hammering down a date and details for our 10 year reunion. Help us find missing grads Ashlie Carroll, Harold Castillo, Jennifer Hammond, Ashley Jackson, and Derek Molenhour. **Kaitlin Fitzgerald kait211@hotmail.com**

In Memoriam – 2015

1936 Jeanne Nelson White
1940 Metta Schaefer Wilcox
1943 Virginia R Gualdoni Donohue
1944 Gustave O Hoelscher
1945 Harold L Gabauer
1951 Marian D Bick
1952 John Evans
1952 James H Hoskins

1952 Mary Coffy Remes
1954 Beverly McInnis Lenhardt
1955 Wanda Carmack Behrens
1955 Lois Weinbrenner Brown
1961 Pamela Juelich Mason
1961 Carolyn Becht Wolff
1964 Brian Michael Watral
1967 Joel E Hodapp

1969 James S Bueker
1974 Denice Evans Schmitt
1978 Sandra Phillips Butler
1988 Kimberly L Lay
1988 Jason R Skaggs
1979 David E Frick
ORES Norma (Jean) Baldwin
ORES Marjorie Marting

In Remembrance

Retired teacher, **Norma Jean Baldwin, 88**, passed away August 6, 2014 in Columbia, MO. She began her teaching career in a one-room schoolhouse, eventually becoming an art teacher at Mark Twain and McGrath for nearly three decades. She loved knowledge and sharing it with others and was very well liked by the students and staff. Her husband, Laban, was formerly a custodian at McGrath and head of the summer painting crew at BSD. Both of her children were Brentwood High graduates, **Brad Alan Baldwin '75** (deceased) and **Ronda (Rhoda) Baldwin '71**.

Scholarships Given In Honor Of

BHS Class of 1967

By Ed Wright, Jr. '67

Vicki Bothman Mack '63

Induction into Hall of Fame

By Annette Seigel Heller '63

Scholarship Gifts In Memory Of

Jeanne Nelson White '36

By Norman Nelson '43

My Fallen Classmates and Friends '51 and '52

By Charlotte Groce Unversaw '52

Ralph Schmidt '52

By Robert T Wolff, Jr '52

Rita Boshans '56

By John Boshans '57

Jane Langenbacher Oatman '59

By Jean Flint Sevrens '59

Steve Davis '60

By Suzanne McWhirter Davis '60

Sue Frossard Taylor '60

By Carole Kelley Mailander '60

Carolyn Becht Wolff '61

By Pat Kleisly Brinkhorst '61

Gary Rybolt '62

By Nell Mier Newton '62

Clay Coates '63

By Anne Coates Conaway '58

Cheryl Bozeman Riegelsberger '64

By David Riegelsberger '63

Brian Watral '64

By Janet Watral Meyer '74

Leigh Volkening '69

By Robert W Warren '68

Carol Robinson '74

By Anne Kraft Petersen '74

Sharon Enzenauer ORES

By Linda Dollar '66

Mary Coffy Remes ORES

By Beth Coffy Rehm, *daughter*

Verna and Henry Mollman

By Joan Mollman '64, *daughter*

Ben and Marie Moritz

By Shirley Moritz Taylor '53

Priscilla Titus

By John E Titus **ORES**

***HELP WANTED!!!** The editor and newsletter committee are in need of a reporter/writer to help with writing various articles for the Alumni Connection. If you are interested and could help us a few times a year, please contact the editor (Judi) at ironhsfarm@aol.com. Please offer your expertise which would be most appreciated. Thanks!!!

***Thank you to all alums that joined or continued to support BAA last year.** Your dues pay for the printing and postage of the newsletter and other organization expenses.

***We are in need of Class Reps for the classes of 1956, 1988, 1992, 2000, and 2001.** Contact **Sandy Kurre LaGarce '61** at sjlaga@gmail.com For a listing of current class reps, please refer to website at www.brentwoodhsalumni.org.

***If you would like to order BAA apparel** (shirts and polos), please find order form on the website (www.brentwoodhsalumni.org)

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* **PTO TRIVIA NIGHT** - Brentwood High School PTO is hosting a trivia night to benefit Project Graduation. Funds raised will provide the senior class with a safe, fun after-graduation party chaperoned by parent volunteers. Come support the class of 2015!

When: Saturday, March 7, 2015

Doors open at 6:00 pm and 1st Question is at 7:00 pm

Where: Brentwood School District Conference Center

1201 Hanley Industrial Court, Brentwood, MO 63144

Details: Light snacks, soda and water provided. You may bring your own food, but alcohol is not allowed. The cost is \$20 per person in advance and \$25 at the door. You can reserve a table of 8 or register individually. Email your reservation or questions to bhs63144@gmail.com.

CLASS OF 1953 Let's start a new tradition at the all school reunion on the **3rd Weekend of September**...celebrate our **80th birthdays!!** Other classes have done a 70th, but we don't recall anyone having an 80th. Let Sue Weber Young know if you would be interested/able to attend. suecyoung@aol.com.

* **2016 HALL OF FAME** - Nominations for future Hall of Fame honorees will be due in November, 2015. Please refer to the website for a nomination form at www.brentwoodhsalumni.org

New Contributors

July 1 To December 31, 2014

1950 Neville Frohwitter
1952 George Wilson
1953 Barbara Egelhard Faron
1953 Loretta Owens Johnson
1957 Sandra Pribble Brockman
1958 Judy Erich Radcliff
1961 Lia Kahler Littlefield
1963 David Baumgartner
1963 Linda Schall Powell
1964 William Craig Ernest
1964 Jeffery Johnson
1965 Karen Roehm Merrill
1965 Jacqueline Broyles Qualls
1966 James Anthony Wulff
1967 Terry Stewart
1969 Deborah Schott Bott
1969 Geralyn Sindelar Spears
1973 Michael Robert Moore
1973 Lucy Waldemer Ryan
1974 Sammie Johnson Brison
1974 Joanne Klimpton Hardy
1974 Karen Wuestling Matthews
1974 Leann Stewart Walters
1974 Gregory Widaman
1974 Barrett Morgan Williams
1976 Laurie Jundt Donion
1976 Patricia Myers Smith
1977 Diane Bingley
1982 Karen Jaenicke Carnesciali
1982 Anthony Johnson
1984 Lisa Roberts Williams
1986 Rev Paul Wynn





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September 18 & 19, 2015
3rd WEEKEND IN SEPTEMBER
All-School Reunion, 9th Annual Golf Scramble

Join the fun

13th Annual Brentwood Alumni Association 3rd Weekend in September All-School Reunion

Friday, September 18 and Saturday, September 19, 2015

Mark your calendar for a fantastic weekend of friendship and fun. Here's what you can expect:

Friday

BHS Courtyard: Gathering 4:00 – 7:00 pm

Art Display by BHS Art classes

Guided tours of BHS - 5 and 5:30 pm

Refreshments available for purchase

Nightlife Gatherings and Reunions around town

Saturday

9th Annual Golf Scramble

Register 7 am, Tee off at 8 – Place tbd

Maddenfest Celebration and Parade – Noon

BAA Booth at Brentwood Park opens at 1 pm

Fireworks Display at Brentwood Park at 9:00 pm