

# Brentwood ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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### FROM YOUR BAA BOARD

As we begin the new year, plans are underway for our annual **3rd Weekend in September** celebration. This year it will be held on Friday and Saturday, September 16th and 17th, 2016. A special occasion on Friday night will be the Hall of Fame ceremony honoring Brentwood Alumni who have excelled in their various careers.

Our Scholarship Chairman, David Pentland, and his committee, have begun the process of selecting students from the Senior class for financial scholarships from the Alumni Association. One of the missions of your Alumni Association is to provide scholarships to graduating seniors.

As many of you know, long time Teacher and Principal of Brentwood Schools, Mr. Earl Brown, passed away recently. Our sincere thanks goes out to the Brown Family for suggesting that contributions to the Scholarship Fund be made in the honor of Earl Brown. This is truly a great way for BAA's alumni to remember one of Brentwood's best teachers and administrators.

### BHS All School Reunion, 2015 - At the Courtyard...



Courtyard Gathering - September 2015 - Photo by Mark Madras '74

### At a BAA Board holiday party at home of Pat and Mark Madras '74



L to R: Charles LaGarce '59, Debbie Pentland, George Clements '57, David Pentland '56 -Photo by Ed Wright '67

Also, I would like to welcome our newest member to BAA's Board, **Allison Reed**. She is from the Class of 1982. Looking forward to seeing everyone on the 16th of September.

**George Clements '57**, President

### BHS All School Reunion, 2015



Diane Madras '80 and Elizabeth Butler '80 - Photo by Mark Madras '74

### SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Contributions to the BAA Scholarship Fund and dues are tax deductible under Section 170 of IRS Federal Income Tax Code, section 501 (c) 3. The Association is also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Sections 2055, 2106 or 2522. A copy of the approval document is available upon request. Checks should be made payable to Brentwood Alumni Association.

## FINANCE UPDATE

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you all have a safe and healthy 2016.

Our alumni continue to donate generously and we want to thank each and everyone of you for your extra dues payments. It will make a big difference in helping with the cost of the newsletter. We get so many compliments on this publication and we want to continue it into the future.

By the next newsletter, we will announce our Scholarship recipients. This is such an exciting time for the Brentwood Alumni Association and our students. Good luck to the Class of 2016!

Have a great spring and summer.

**Deborah Sutterer Houlihan '73**  
*Treasurer*

## SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

The Scholarship Committee is reviewing applicants now. Scholarship awards will be distributed on Thursday, May 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the district administration building at 1201 Hanley Industrial Court.

**David Pentland '56**  
*Scholarship Committee Chair*



## DID YOU KNOW?

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

**The City of Brentwood** was named the third best city in Missouri for starting a small business according to Nerd/Wallet.com, a consumer finance website. And, Brentwood was named the second best suburb in Missouri to buy a house according to Niche.com. *Thanks to Brentwood Chamber of Commerce for this information.*

## A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE...

**"80 Acres"** - Driving north on High School Drive past Lawn Avenue, would lead you into a wooded area called **"80 Acres"** in the 40's. Actually "80 Acres" was hilly with a valley...High School Drive ran through the valley from Brentwood (south) to Manhasset Apartments (north)...Among the two hills, there existed a low level dry creek exactly between the two... which now borders Wrenwood Lane in Brentwood Forest (formerly Audubon Apartments) today. The dry creek area was a perfect spot for us to meet and sleigh down hills in the snow. As you might imagine, the idea had a defect...High School Drive was one road with two directions, without signs, like we see in road repair jobs. We had some "head-on's" with no broken bones, only a sled that had the runners out of alignment in a crash. There was a huge barrel for a bonfire that kept us going on. I remember walking home at 2:00 a.m. under a cold, clear, icy, calm sky with Orion up above watching the whole show. Submitted by **Lowell Turner '47**

**Brentwood Theatre** - Coming next issue: Did you work at the Brentwood Theatre? If so, do you have any tales or comments about your experiences there? Some of us at the last courtyard reunion, discussed our good times at the theatre. Would like to have an article about our old theatre memories. Please contact editor at ironhsfarm@aol.com.

## HALL OF FAME REPORT

The BAA Hall of Fame committee has received new nominations; our thanks to those of you who submitted names and information. The committee met in February to begin a review. It is exciting to view the information of many remarkable alums, but so difficult to make choices.

Note: CONVERTIBLES NEEDED - Convertibles are needed for the Maddenfest Parade on Saturday morning, September 17th. If you have one and are willing to escort our Hall of Fame inductees, please contact Phil Chandler (314) 974-6802 pchandler@cbgundaker.com or include your information in the enclosed dues envelope.

**Phil Chandler '64**  
*HOF Committee Chair*

## 2016 GOLF REPORT

There will be a BHS alumni golf outing over the **3rd Weekend in September**, on Saturday, September 17. Anyone interested in participating is encouraged to contact Roy Richter at royhomerichter@gmail.com with suggestions on courses and tee times. As has been the case for the last several years, the classes of '66 through '70 have been the most involved in planning and playing - we welcome input from other classes to gather more participants. What better way to spend a fall morning than playing golf with your high school buddies?

**Roy Richter '68**  
*Events and Publicity Committee Chair*

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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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# THE INIMITABLE EARL BROWN

by Ed Wright, Jr. '67

*"Morning, Professor."  
"Morning, Earl."*

For my nine years of teaching at Brentwood High School, I could always count on that greeting a day or two before classes were to begin. The inimitable Earl Brown was making his rounds...checking in on the teachers as they prepared for the arrival of the students after an all too brief summer respite. Earl would drop by with a joke, an encouraging word, and a warm handshake to remind us that we had the best job in the world. My relationship with Earl was a bit different because he had been my Geography teacher at Brentwood High School during my student days there. And then, long after he had supposedly retired in 1990, he was a consultant and fount of knowledge about the district for new staff members during their orientation. Though I already knew a lot about the district, Earl was always able to teach more about education and about life...just as he did for over 50 years in the Brentwood district.

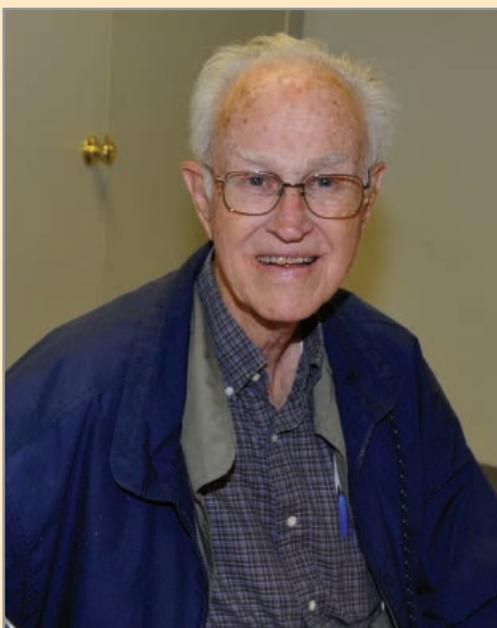
Born on a farm near Union, Missouri in 1926, Earl attended small rural schools for elementary and high school. After serving in the US Army in the latter months of WW II and into 1946, Earl returned to his country roots and, holding only a high school diploma, he started his teaching career at Beaufort Elementary School near Leslie, Missouri. There he taught every subject to 21 students from 1st through 8th grade. After earning his B.S. in Education from Mizzou, Earl made his way to the "big city" of Brentwood where his long career with our school district began.

Earl Brown has filled many positions in the Brentwood School District, and many of us have been fortunate to receive his wisdom and support. For 12 years, he taught American History, Geography, World History, and Driver's Education. Earl also saw the importance of extracurricular activities as he served as sponsor of Senior Student Council and National Honor Society.

Earl had other plans, too: "I wanted to go the principal route because it would permit me to work with teachers, students and parents in a total school setting." Earl's hard work was rewarded as he was named Principal of Mark Twain Elementary School where he served from 1965-1977. He then moved back across Brentwood Boulevard where he served as principal of McGrath Elementary School from 1977-1980. Earl's dedication to his students and the importance of education in our democratic society resulted in him

being the only Missourian in 1969 to receive the American Educators Medal Award from Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Recipients are selected for "exemplary educational leadership in building sound programs of patriotic instruction." This would be another hallmark of Earl's educational career in Brentwood. He received other awards over the years—Best of Brentwood from the district in 2001 and Citizen of the Year from the Brentwood Chamber of Commerce in 2005.

While Earl enjoyed his interaction with students in the schools, he was also able to find the treasure of his life in a classroom at McGrath Elementary School—his wife, Joyce. She had taught at Old No.1 and then moved to McGrath when it opened in 1957. The two married in 1958 and have been together ever since. They have two sons born in Brentwood (Jeffrey and Stephen), both proud alums of BHS.



**Earl Brown**

Photo by Steve Bowman, *The Brentwood Spirit*

Earl moved on up the District hierarchy and became Assistant Superintendent in 1980, a position he held until his "retirement" in 1990. "Retirement" is in quotes because Earl has stayed active with the school district until his recent hospitalization. He could be seen at many sporting events, academic gatherings, and just walking the school hallways. When he wasn't fishing or traveling with Joyce or his sons or friends, Earl could be counted on to add his wisdom and humor to a variety of district activities.

As a teacher at BHS, I was fortunate to be able to help present many assemblies outside of the classroom that might be beneficial to the school community. I'm probably most proud of two of those—a Naturalization Ceremony bestowing citizenship on new Americans and a Black History Month assembly in which we invited back several Black alumni of

Brentwood High. I can still remember, clearly, Earl Brown coming up to me afterwards and congratulating me on the efforts. "This was great, Ed! These type of assemblies mean so much to these students and their education." That was the best compliment of all from a gentleman who knows the true value of education, both inside and outside of the classroom curriculum.

Earl was a great spokesman/salesman, not only for the district, but also for the city of Brentwood. He served as President of the Brentwood Parks and Recreation Board while my dad was Mayor, and he lists the purchase of the land for Memorial Park as one of their most important achievements. His active participation in civic, community, and Congregational Church groups is well known...as is his love of his city. "Brentwood is a wonderful place to live, to raise a family, and to work...The citizens of this community go about solving its problems, that face all communities, in a quiet and efficient manner which shows the integrity of the people who reside here."

I've had the chance to visit Earl a few times since his stroke and his move to a convalescent center. Last August, I visited him the week that school was starting. I've been retired for two years, but any retired teacher will tell you that you still get that itch as the kids are preparing to return. As I walked into his room, Earl gave me a big smile and a warm handshake. I could almost hear the words "Morning, Professor". Though he was unable to speak, he and I had a nice "chat" about the start of school and what it meant to have a new group of "eager" students file into your classroom. We remembered many days from the past... days when I was his student, days when he was my "mentor", days when we laughed and told really bad jokes to each other in the hallway of BHS. His wife, Joyce, was at lunch when I stopped by but his dog was lying at the end of the bed, undisturbed by these two old teachers sharing special memories. Then, suddenly, the dog got up and disappeared into the hallway. Earl smiled at me and gave an "Oh well" shrug of his shoulders. I looked at this man from rural Missouri who had been through country schools, far off wars, teaching during the turmoil of the 60's and 70's, rewarding fishing trips with family and friends, comradery with fellow Optimists, tough decisions as a school administrator, and on and on and on. I looked at my friend, Earl Brown, and simply said: "Thank you." He smiled and gave me a thumbs up. We shook hands and said goodbye, hoping to see each other again...maybe at winter break time.

*This article, written by Ed, was written a week before Earl Brown passed away.*

**1941 Bette Strong Pickrel**

**Roger, AR**

Four generations of our family - myself, daughter, granddaughter and great-granddaughter, enjoyed a cruise together with one of our stops being Cancun.

**1942 Bill Koch**

**Ocala, FL**

Still healthy and enjoying life.

**1946 Virginia Meier Snowden**

**Cincinnati, OH**

I am thankful life is great – so far. Thanks for honoring our Veterans. I recognize many of my 5 brothers' friends – “The Greatest Generation”! Looking back, I shall never forget those days, seeing the strain on my mother and dad.

**1947 Peggy Jones Moeckel**

**Brentwood, MO**

My husband, Forrest, and I just celebrated our 64th anniversary.

**1948 Marianne Hill Vahlkamp**

**Kirkwood, MO**

It's been 68 years since our graduation, so let's celebrate. See contact information under Future Reunions. It will be fun to hear from you.

**1949 Marlene Scharf Hanks**

**St. Petersburg, FL**

St. Petersburg is a small town as compared to St. Louis. It's easy to get around, and weather is delightful except for hurricanes. I'm near my son and his family. I enjoy hearing news about former classmates.

**1949 Jocelyn Millner Pitts**

**Pasadena, CA**

Trying to keep hydrated in a Southern California drought. I look like a piece of beef jerky!

**1950 Bob Green**

**Brentwood, MO**

Had an exhibition of 50 years of my photography of Europe, Japan, and the States at the local Ethical Society last fall. Will also have one at the Willows at Brooking Park until the end of February, 2016.

**1950 Jean Walsh Provencher**

**West Long Branch, NJ**

Have been living in New Jersey for the past 50 years near the shore. My husband passed away in 2012, but I still have lots of family nearby. Two of my four children and six of my eight grandchildren still live in New Jersey. Every morning I take a walk on the Boardwalk along the beach, weather permitting. I also continue with many activities at my church.

**1953 James Howerton**

**St. Charles, MO**

Not much news about me, however, I believe I am doing fairly well regarding my wife's passing on July 7, 2015. She was the love of my life, and I will miss her forever!

**1954 Betty Dudek Dickhens**

**Carrollton, TX**

My husband, Don, and I drove all the way from the Dallas, TX area September, 2014 for the courtyard reunion (my 60th reunion) and I was the only one from my class! LOL! We still enjoyed seeing the old campus.

**1955 Harold Lee Mitchell**

**Saint Ann, MO**

My wife, Fran, passed away.

**1955 Darlene Brink Roland**

**Town and Country, MO**

Still volunteering and so happy to be with my classmates for our 60th Reunion. Thank you for your terrific newsletter. So proud of BHS. Small school that accomplishes excellence in all it does!

**1955 Richard Wolff**

**Ballwin, MO**

My wife, Gail, retired October 1, 2015. Plan to remodel our country home in Southern Illinois and do a lot of travel.

**1956 Elaine Lieberthal Kahn**

**Collinsville, IL**

Still involved in dog obedience and therapy dog visits, Lions Club, and carrying out duties on my condominium board of directors. I still keep in regular contact with Laverne Rocklage Kerkoski '56.

**1956 Ed Jordan**

**Dallas, TX**

With pride and pleasure, I announce the birth of my great-grandson, whose parents are Jordan and Julia Mullendore. God bless you all!!!

**1957 Michael Ryan**

**Hillsboro, MO**

Retired since 2004. Fishing, hunting, 25 grandkids and 15 great-grandkids (enough said)? I had a stroke last year, but am doing ok now.

**1958 Irene Ledbetter Christenson**

**Lake Barrington, IL**

Still flying high in the skies of United. Looking for something new to learn. Always enjoy a sunset. My best to all.

**1958 Regina Stimson Gahr**

**Brentwood, MO**

I opened a childcare center for infants at Brentwood Congregational Church in January. Will add children 1-4 years in Fall 2016.

**1958 Jacqueline Schuster Thursby**

**Provo, UT**

Another good year for our family; we're blessed and thankful!

**1958 Gerie Klug Vellios**

**Oro Valley, AZ**

Moved to the Tucson area called Oro Valley, AZ.

**1959 Richard Carlson**

**St. Augustine, FL**

Moved from Rhode Island to Florida to avoid the harsh winters and found a small piece of paradise in St. Augustine, email me (dick@carlson.net) and drop by if you are coming this way in the fall or winter. We love being tour guides.

**1959 Judy Heynen Robinson**

**Kirkwood, MO**

I have enjoyed being involved in "Old Brentwood Memories" on Facebook; a great addition to connect with friends.

**1960-61 Jerry and Patricia Eaton Wynn  
Republic, MO**

We both retired eight years ago and enjoy watching our grandson grow. We enjoy cruising, kicking back, and living the good life. GO EAGLES!!

**1961 Jim and Joyce Rittensbacher Gould  
Chesterfield, MO**

We celebrated 50 years of marriage on November 13, 2015. After serving in the Army, Jim graduated from the University of Missouri, St. Louis with a Business degree and retired from Xerox after working there for 34 years. Lived in Springfield, MO for 7 years and returned to St. Louis in 1980. We are blessed to have 1 daughter, Julie, who lives with us, 2 sons and daughters-in-law and 5 grandchildren. Dan and family are in Chesterfield, and Jeff and family live in Brentwood where our grandson attends Mark Twain. We both continue to work part-time; Jim has his own Mobil Notary Service business, and Joyce loves her job at the YMCA. During free time we both enjoy playing golf and spending time with family and friends. Life is good!

**1962 Marilyn Blitz Blumoff  
St. Louis, MO**

Dog sitting, baseball with a 13 year old. Seeing BHS friends once a month is the best!

**1963 Elaine Henson Lentz  
Ballwin, MO**

Started making Cardinal and Rams t-shirt quilts. I want to thank all of you for your service to our country. God bless you all and America!

**1964 Ron and Jan Brunner Stahl '65  
Cincinnati, OH**

In July, we spent 2 weeks on safari in Zambia and Botswana (South Africa). Got great photos of wild animals up close by boat and SUV.

**1965 Gerald Ganahl  
Maryland Heights, MO**

Sold the farm for health reasons. Going to miss it. Still have golf and metal detecting.

**1967 Charles Young  
Santa Monica, CA**

Released my indie film "The Haunting of Pearson Place" on Amazon Prime, iTunes, Google, and YouTube in April, 2015. Moved the production company, MCMFILMS, to Los Angeles in June, 2015 to more effectively market our TV series, DRAKUL.

**1968 Judy Bollinger  
Ft. Collins, CO**

Retired on 9/4/2015. Yipeeee!

**1968 Roy Richter  
Montgomery City, MO**

Got Hole in One on the 150 yard No. 8 hole at Loutre Shore Country Club, August 25, 2015.

**1969 John Moser  
Crestwood, MO**

Became proud "PaPa" to twin boys, Abraham and Oliver, on June 11, 2015.

**1971 Deborah Schwartz Miller  
St. Louis, MO**

I am a Mental Health Counselor in private practice for the last 20+ years.

**1980 Diane Madras  
Brentwood, MO**

Moved back to St. Louis. Retired from a career teaching physical therapy at a university in northwestern Pennsylvania.

**1981 Jim Featherston  
Osprey, FL**

We've moved to Florida where it is never cold and a beach is 5 minutes from the house. After looking all over Florida, we selected this place, because it has the hometown feel of Brentwood. My parents still live where I grew up, and my oldest daughter, after graduating college and marriage, moved back to St. Louis from Nashville, so we will be back to visit.

**2011 Jack Suntrup  
Brentwood, MO**

While attending Mizzou, Jack is now interning at the Jefferson City bureau of the St. Louis Post Dispatch.

**ORES\* Wray Darr  
Webster Groves, MO**

I suffered a stroke August, 2014 and am continuing to recover slowly.

*\*Organization of Retired Eagles (teachers and retired BSD personnel)*

## SCHOOL *News*

**The Brentwood School District** was named the top scoring school district (99.3%) in the St. Louis area according to the Annual Performance Reports released by the Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education.

Last May, high school senior **Sophia Rivera** broke the overall state record in the shot put in Jefferson City. In the summer, she made International Association of Athletics Federations history by becoming the first athlete at any level to compete in two field events simultaneously at a world championship. She finished eighth in javelin and received

the Silver Medal in shot put. The finals were held at the IAAF World Youth Championships in Santiago de Cali, Columbia.

Last September, Brentwood senior, **Jacob Clay**, was named a [St. Louis Post-Dispatch Athlete of the Week](#). In football, he carried seven times for 184 yards and three touchdowns against Crystal City in a 58-6 win in the first game of the season; and carried the ball 16 times for 294 yards and seven touchdowns in a 54-18 win over Kennedy. Clay's 10 touchdowns of the season led the area.



# SCENES FROM

Photos by Evan Adams, Jackson Wright, Students, and Kellie Smoller, BHS teacher



L to R: Arnold Mitchell '55, Jack Fuchs '56, Linda Bender, Jim Bender '55



L to R: Charles Dilly '60, Bill Henkel '60, Mark McAnany '60



L to R: Jim Gibson ORES, David Faulkner, BSD Superintendent



L to R: Randy Niehoff '60, Mary Lorsbach Halloran '59



L to R: David Pentland '56, Gordon Swor '56, Carol Swor, Gary Asher '56



L to R: Lisa Deimeke Featherston '80, Katherine Noonan Segasture '79, Allison Reed '82



L to R: Steve Moergen '70, Gerri Weatherly Adkins '70, Jim Adkins, Sharon Rumpf Stibal '70



L to R: Keith Haus '64, Jeff Johnson '64, Phil Chandler '64, Allan Hrstich '64



L to R: Judi Turner Peckham '61



L to R: Pat Kleisly Brinkhorst '61, Barby West Stark



L to R: Dave Ryan '50, Bill Heger '77



Alums greeting in the courtyard

# Courtyard Gathering and Parade

September, 2015



L to R: Dave Horine (husband of Shirley Parker Horine '53), Terry Wolfsberger '52, Charles Combs '52, Linda Oscarson (wife of Dick Oscarson '53), Dorothy Jean Marien Lange '53, Lois Schneider (wife of Don Schneider '53), Sue Weber Young '53



L to R: Marvin Hayes'48, Barbara Burkhouse Hayes '48, Rosemarie Schweizer Kornfeld '47, Ginny Walsh Andrews '47, Peggy Jones Moeckel '47, Dave Andrews, Irvin Carroll '47



Ed Wright '67



R to L: Art Toney '59, Mary Ann Eckler Koetting '59, Mark Madras '74



2015 Maddenfest Parade



Enjoying the Parade

## 2015 3RD WEEKEND IN SEPTEMBER

Again, alumni joined together in the courtyard gathering to meet with old friends and teachers. There were tours of BHS, refreshments, student art displays, BAA shirt sales, and great weather.

The Maddenfest Parade on Saturday was another winner. Be sure to watch the 2016 Hall of Fame honorees in the parade this coming September.

Also, alumni volunteers manning the BAA booth at Maddenfest in Brentwood Park enjoyed meeting alumni and visitors.

**Looking forward to September, 2016!**  
If you have any ideas for next September, please let us know.



## 2016 BAA CALENDAR

<b>March 8</b>	BAA Board Meeting, District Conference Room	4:30 PM
<b>April 12</b>	BAA Annual Meeting, District Conference Room	4:30 PM
<b>May 5</b>	Senior Scholarship Awards Night – BSD Administration Building	7:00 PM
<b>June 1</b>	<b>Deadline for August, 2016 Newsletter</b>	
<b>May 10</b>	BAA Board Meeting, District Conference Room	4:30 PM
<b>May 20</b>	BHS Graduation	
<b>August 9</b>	BAA Board Meeting, District Conference Room	4:30 PM
<b>September 13</b>	BAA Board Meeting, District Conference Room	4:30 PM
<b>September 16</b>	<b>3rd Weekend</b> in September Reunion – BHS Courtyard	4:00 PM

# ALUM *Spotlights*



## Laurie Hartung '69

French and music were two of Laurie's favorite classes at BHS, and continue to influence her life today. Having lived in France and Switzerland for a year, Laurie has continued her love of the French language and culture as a current board member for two local French organizations, Les Amis and La Société Française. The preservation and promotion of local French history, culture, landmarks, the French Creole Corridor and Ste. Genevieve are among the priorities of these two organizations. Laurie's lifelong interest in music led her to the bagpipes as a hired soloist and member of the St. Louis Caledonian Pipe Band for the last thirty years. Laurie also serves as the band's Business Manager. Throughout her life, Laurie has immersed herself in a wide variety of physical activities which include lap swimming, cycling, women's rugby and the British sport of Bassetting. After earning an M.A. in Education from Washington University in St. Louis, Laurie pursued a career as an educational administrator at St. Louis University, Southwestern Illinois College and most recently, The Wilson School in Clayton. Laurie retired in June 2015 after 17 years as Wilson's Director of Admission.



Lunch with BHS beloved French teacher, **Mary Ellen Pearson** at the MAC, January 2016. The Fête de Roi, La Société Française

## Barbie Muehlberg Bailey '70

Much has changed since our class celebrated its 40th Anniversary in 2010.



Back in the 60's, I attended elementary school in Tulsa, OK. At a first annual reunion of our sixth grade class in Tulsa, I was reunited with childhood friends from the magical 60's. For the first time in 47 years, I saw Gary Bailey, a boy who had learned to read with me in "Reading Circle" in the first grade in 1958. It was wonderful to be reacquainted with friends from so long ago.

In 2013, Gary had two extra tickets to a Green Day punk rock concert in Chicago and asked our group if anyone would like to use them. My son, on spring break from college, was interested, so we took advantage of the tickets and drove to Chicago. My best friend teases me, to this day, for saying to her, "I sure don't want to have to spend a whole weekend with Gary Bailey!", because I drove home from that weekend, knowing that I'd found the love of my life.

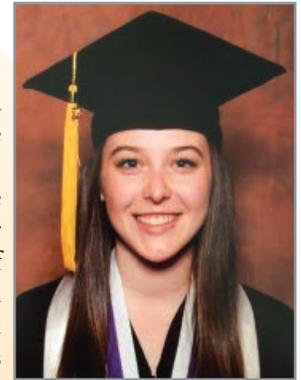
Gary is the CIO of an oil company here in Houston, TX, so I moved to Houston. I never would have guessed that I would end up being a

Texan! (I keep hoping to develop a sexy Southern accent). We were married in October, 2014 in a small, lovely ceremony in Newport Beach, CA, followed by an amazing tropical honeymoon in Bora Bora, French Polynesia, where we saw the bluest blues imaginable – sea and sky!

We've designed and built a new house where we love spending time on our patio, in our pool, and dining al fresco, with plenty of rockin' music playing, to keep us energized. We enjoy entertaining and love having visits with houseguests from out of town.

I am in the process of writing my first book (finally!). It's a true labor of love, since writing has been a consistent joy throughout my life. I've also taken up golf. I'm not too bad, either! I just may have to get into that BHS Golf Scramble...

## Alaina Youngstrom 2012



At Truman State University, Alaina completed a Bachelor's of Science degree in Psychology and a minor in Sociology. She was a member of the Society of Dance Arts for all four years as well as a member of its executive board for one and a half years. This was a dance organization with all different styles of dance in which she helped choreograph dances and performed in recitals each semester.

During the summer of 2014, Alaina participated in an internship at Great Circle's Edgewood School, in which she assisted children ages 8-11 with emotional and behavioral diagnoses. This further strengthened her interest in pursuing a career in clinical social work. She studied abroad for one semester in Northern Ireland, UK on scholarship through Truman (in Spring 2015). During that semester, she traveled to 13 different European countries, met a lot of wonderful people, and had a lot of incredible experiences! During her four years at Truman, Alaina was a leadership scholar and participated in the Truman Leadership Program. This involved participating in many campus projects that benefited the Truman community. She received the recognition of being on the President's List each semester and graduated summa cum laude and as valedictorian with a cumulative GPA of 4.0. Currently, Alaina is working as an implementer at ABA Consulting Services, where she provides therapy to young children with developmental disorders. In the future, Alaina would like to provide therapy to children with emotional and behavioral diagnoses, which is why she plans to pursue a Master's in Social Work within the next year or two.

Also, Alaina wants to thank the Brentwood Alumni Association once again for the scholarship which BAA provided her with as a graduating senior of Brentwood High School. It was really a great help to her in pursuing her studies, and can't thank us enough for the wonderful opportunity!

# IN MEMORIAM

1932 Imogene Hoffmeyer Light

1940 Margaret Welsch Roehm

1941 Leland (Lee) Hofer

1943 Viola Fischer Umphenour

1944 Charles (Chuck) Schweizer

1945 Virginia Schaefer Bailey

1945 Betty Dunham Hamilton

1945 Harold R (Hal) Jordan

1947 Patrick O Elder

1949 Peggy Hill Schaeffer

1953 Doris Rhea Biggs

1955 Dorothy (Elaine) Gates Lee

1956 Don J Bohr

1956 Ruth Wenta Gimney

1956 John Allen Hounsom

1957 James A (Jim) Weikart

1958 Thomas Nicholas DeWald, Jr.

1960 Glenn Allan Richter

1962 Paul E Bohr

1964 Stephan C. Dorn

1964 Dorothy (Sue) Bell Phipps

1966 Sarah Carter Brown

1968 Laurence H (Larry) Volkening

1969 John James Keough

1970 Deborah Reece Kleinow

1972 Donna Strode Burdett

1981 James H Featherston, Jr

1995 Keith Adrian Green

ORES\* Earl E Brown, Teacher, Principal

and BSD Administrator for 36 years

ORES\* Peter Daniel Tkach, Music Teacher

\*Organization of Retired Eagles  
(teachers and retired BSD personnel)

# SCHOLARSHIP GIFTS IN MEMORY OF

**Beverly Ramsey Owens '42**

By Genevieve Johnson Jennings '42

**Class of 1949**

By Jocelyn Millner Pitts '49

**Barbara Wolff Pope '53**

By Richard Wolff '55

**Dick Richards '53**

By Andy Dunlap '53

**Classmates of 1955 who have passed away**

By Darlene Brink Roland '55

**Rita Boshans '56**

By John Boshans '57

By Eleanor '56 and Tom White '55

**Karen Kopelman '59**

By Jean Flint Sevrens '59

**Barbara Krause Howle '60**

By Walter Henkel '60

**Sue Frossard Taylor '60**

By Carole Kelley Mailander '60

**Thom Hudson '61**

By Sue Ammon Young '63

**Rosemary Stoverink Connor '62**

By Don Dilly '66

**Charles Mantei '63**

By Marty Mantei

**Susan Sachs '64**

By Sylvia Leezy Stoll '64

**Donna Purkey Coots '65**

By Gary Carruth '65

**Roy Cleveland '67**

By Julie Cleveland Hovis '63

**Todd Ferguson '77**

By Bryce Ferguson '73

**Earl Brown ORES**

By George and Barbara Clements '57

By Mary Ann Eckler Koetting '59

By Judi Turner Peckham '61

By Kell Brown '63

By Marcia Hunsinger Werremeyer '66

By Ed Wright, Jr. '67

By Mary Freund ORES\*

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# IN REMEMBRANCE

## *One Of Our Oldest Alums...1932*

**Imogene Marie Hoffmeyer Light '32** was born July 14, 1915 in Wellsville, MO. Having lost both parents at a very young age, she and her siblings were largely separated, but Imogene and one sister were sent to Missouri Baptist Orphanage. She was later adopted by a wonderful Christian family. She attended elementary schools in Brentwood and graduated from BHS in 1932, where she lettered in sports. In 1937, Imogene married Nile Light in Brentwood, and they had 3 children. She had 5 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and 9 great-great grandchildren. Imogene enjoyed writing poetry since her days at Brentwood, wrote a few books, traveled with her family, and did quilting. She and her husband enjoyed team bowling. She also worked as a Senior Companion until she was 82 years old. Imogene passed away on August 20, 2015 at the age of 100.

My Mother, **Beverly Ramsey Owens '42**, passed away on February 14, 2002. She and my Dad, and a brother and sister, are buried at Mt. Lebanon Cemetery in St. Ann, right next to Lambert St. Louis Airport. Mom was an extraordinary pianist, organist, & played the bass drum in the BHS Marching Band. She was also the mother of nine children. Her best friend was **Eloise Beckley Hess '41**, who passed in 2007. Also Eloise's sister, **Robin Beckley Hess '42**, passed in 2008.; not sure if Eloise's twin sister, **Esther Beckley Tarr '42**, is still alive. Mom's parents, Lloyd and Leelah Ramsey, bought the house at 8711 Eulalie in 1924, and were the only owners until 1969. I remember some Thanksgiving dinners there when I was very young. (I was also born in Brentwood). Mother was the organist at every church we went to as the family grew, and we moved a lot. When we finally settled in Naperville, Illinois in 1960, Mom became the organist at our church there, while expecting her ninth child. After 30 years of service as the organist, she retired. Her name is on a plaque on that pipe organ. On her "retirement Sunday" she was asked: "All those children – how did you ever manage to love them all the same?" And the answer was – she didn't. She loved us all differently, and we thrived on that. We miss her every day, but have a lot of memories. Her brother, **Norman Ramsey '52**, is now 81 years old, and lives with his wife in Florida. Submitted by Bonnie Owens – Naperville, IL

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# HONORING OUR VETERANS

## 1941 Ed Wright, Sr.\* US Army 1945-46

He was stationed in the China-Burma-India (CBI) Theater and was a truck driver and mechanic on the famous Ledo Road. He was close to combat but never directly involved. He also was able to use his athletic skills and was a member of the Ledo All Stars in softball and basketball. One of his most memorable experiences in the middle of warfare was meeting and hearing a man of peace, Mahatma Gandhi. He attended some of Gandhi's rallies and was very impressed with the dedication and strength of Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first prime minister.

## 1942 Genevieve Johnson Jennings

As a woman, Genny Johnson Jennings had obstacles to overcome before she was finally able to enlist in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1944. The Marine Corp was strictly male until World War II, and even after the gates swung open, female candidates had to be 21 to enlist unless they had permission from a parent. So, Jennings had to wait longer than she wanted to, and certainly longer than the men, who could join at 17. After she signed up at 21, her furious stepfather asked the Marines to release her. But, military officials told him Jennings was an adult and free to do as she wished. And what she wished to do was serve her country during the war, as all were encouraged to do. Also, working as a chemical analyst in her hometown of St. Louis, Missouri, Jennings was ready for a little adventure.

Besides, "my brother, Ralph, was in the Marines, and I thought I should be, too," said Jennings, 92, during a talk at her home in Owosso Township, MI. "I thought I was capable of doing whatever they wanted me to do." Her brother was fighting in the Philippines at the time, but as Jennings soon discovered, women in the Marines stayed stateside.

She and most of the other 18,000 female Marines who served in World War II were trained at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Jennings wound up being stationed there for the duration of her 19 months in the service. One highlight, she said, was meeting several celebrities, including Lt. Col. Lewis Burwell "Chesty" Puller, one of the most decorated members of the Marines, bandleader Guy Lombardo and Blackstone, a hypnotic magician, who both performed at the camp. Based on her earlier experience of clerking at her stepfather's grocery store, Jennings was assigned to run the canteen in the officers' mess in Paradise Point at Camp Lejeune. She remembered getting paid \$54 per month. Some male Marines at the camp seemed to resent the presence of women at the camp, she said, for example refusing to train them in their assigned duties. Fortunately, not all of the men at Camp Lejeune were tough on the women. Jennings met her future husband, Howard Jennings, a Navy corpsman attached to the Marines, at lunch in the officers' mess. His family in Owosso co-owned the Jennings-Lyons Funeral Home, now Watkins Brothers Funeral Home, on Main Street. Dating was allowed since Howard Jennings wasn't an officer. The couple got married in a Protestant church in Cape Lejeune on November 2, 1945, the day after he was discharged from the service. Jennings, the eldest of nine children herself, had nine children with Howard. Four of their boys served in the military; the oldest graduated from the Air Force Academy, one joined the Navy and the younger two, the Marines. Howard passed away in 1988. Today, Jennings has 23 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

After the war, Jennings joined the local Marine Corps League, now called the Harold R. Cooley Detachment 841. In the early days, she said, members expressed surprise that she belonged to the group. "Many of them had never seen a woman Marine," she said with a chuckle. She is active in the Woman Marines Association, the American Legion Post No. 57 in Owosso, Order of the Eastern Star and Owosso First United Methodist Church. A charter member of the Women in Military Service for America, which built the Women's Memorial in Washington, D. C.,

Jennings and other local women veterans attended the groundbreaking in 1995 and dedication in 1997. Jennings wore her uniform from World War II, which still fits. She continues to view those days among the best in her long, happy life. "Many times I wish I could have done it again," she said. Excerpts from The Argus-Press in Owosso, MI published on August 10, 2015

## 1942 Bill Koch – Ocala, FL

Served in the US Navy in the Pacific campaign in World War II. I'm still healthy and enjoying life.

## 1948 Monte B Cook\*

Killed in Action in Korean Conflict

## 1957 Jim Harris

Served in the Navy from 1961 to 1988. Jim served on 7 different Navy ships - two amphibious ships, one logistics replenishment ship, one flagship (Middle East Force out of Bahrain), and 3 destroyers. One of the highlights of his sea going experiences was picking up the Gemini 8 astronauts when they had to abort their mission and land in the Pacific Ocean. Jim got to meet both Neil Armstrong and David Scott.

Jim's shipboard tours involved him in the Cuban Embargo, Vietnam (5 campaigns) and the Lebanon Crisis. He also went sightseeing through the Inland Sea of Japan, visited many parts in the Far East, Middle East and Mediterranean aboard Naval ships. He was on ships as far south as Mombasa, Kenya on the African continent and Quito, Ecuador on the South American continent. While working with Army Special Forces, he sailed through the Panama Canal numerous times. He was in Diego Garcia aboard ship when it was accepted by the US Navy. He even spent 6 weeks working with the Iranian Navy prior to our present impasse.

Ashore, Jim served on the Atlantic Fleet Commander's Staff in Norfolk, VA, Fleet Training Group Western Pacific in Yokosuka, Japan, Naval Forces Europe Staff in London, England, Bureau of Naval Personnel in Washington, DC, Naval Station Guam Executive Officer, and Commandant Naval District 13 Staff in Seattle, WA where he retired. In retirement, Jim is keeping busy serving his community with various organizations - Past Washington REALTORS President and Past State Certified Residential Brokers, Certified Residential Specialist President, Past National Association International Operations Chair and Presidents Liaison to New Zealand Real Estate Institute, Past Greater Poulso Kiwanis Club and District Lieutenant Governor, presently serving on Washington Association of Realtors, Kitsap County Association Board of Directors and Pacific Northwest Title Board.

## 1957 Jim Weikart\*

Served 3 years in the US Army. Trained as a combat engineer; was the colonel's driver in Germany.

## 1958 Don Hodapp

Army Signal Corp. Trained at Fort Leonard Wood, MO, and then Fort Monmouth, NJ for Radio School. Met his wife in Heidelberg, Germany. Returning home, Don used skills learned in the service in his job with Southwestern Bell Telephone.

## 1963 Tom Hunsinger

From the moment of induction, I set only one goal for military service: To survive. In that respect, I was successful. But survival cost me nearly more than I could afford to pay. Simply put, the Army wasn't for me.

**The Facts:** Drafted into the Army, 1967. Released from active duty, 1972. Graduated Infantry Officer Candidate School, 1968. Taught small arms weaponry, 1968-1969. Graduated Officer Rotary Wing

Aircraft Course, 1970. Certified as pilot for TA-55, UH-1, and OH-6 helicopters. Served as aviator and aircraft maintenance officer, Republic of Vietnam, 1970-1971. Posted to special assignment, Aviation Systems Command, 1971-1972.

**The Costs:** The Army drafted me three months following college graduation, aborting a good start on a career, and wielding absolute control over my life. They dictated where to live, what to wear, what to eat, where to work, at what job, and with what people. "Tom, we've selected a job especially for you: infantry soldier." To improve chances for survival, I went to the few schools available. That required more time served and put me into occupations for which I wasn't necessarily suited. Still, I survived. And, I set a new goal: Resume a career. The job market offered drastically fewer possibilities than the one in 1967; I had far fewer resources; and the Vietnam on my resume cost me many opportunities. I went an embarrassing long time without working. Another cost is less tangible. Combat experience can cause intellectual and emotional damages that are impossible to quantify or articulate. Some memories never go away.

**The Conclusion:** Given a choice between five years in the Army or five years in a coma, I pick the coma. Good days happened rarely. My best day in the Army occurred in 1970 when my old friend, Jack, visited me in Vietnam. He asked me to help him fly a sling-loaded oven into a leper colony operated by an elderly French nun. After installing the oven, we flew to Da Lat to enjoy lunch with a Spanish priest. Jack had kept in contact with the nun and the priest since he'd first met them in World War II Europe. Later, we flew down to the Delta where Jack had a business meeting with Admiral Matthews, a native of Cape Girardeau. Throughout the day, we talked a lot about a lot of things, particularly the Army. I was 25 and a captain. Jack was 50 and a major general. Jack conceded that some things aren't for everybody.

#### 1966 Gregory Niehoff

While a student at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, I attended AFROTC classes at Washington University, at least until our offices were firebombed and both the Army and Air Force ROTC detachments kicked off campus. But that's another story! I entered the U. S. Air Force in 1971 as an Administration Officer assigned to the 8th Military Airlift Squadron at McChord AFB, WA. Subsequent assignments included serving as a Foreign Training Officer, Chief, Base Administration, Training Staff Officer, and Chief, Administration Plans and Programs at HQ USAF.

I was fortunate to have been able to work and live in such places as Galena Airport, Alaska; Aviano AB, Italy; Lackland AFB and Randolph AFB, Texas; Langley AFB, Virginia; and the Pentagon, Washington, DC. Retired after 22 years as a Lieutenant Colonel and Assistant Director for Administration in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, The Pentagon, Washington, DC. The Air Force took good care of my family and me, providing us an extended "family" wherever we were assigned. We'd do it all over again in a heartbeat! Thank you to all our vets and those in uniform for all you've done and continue to do to help guarantee our freedoms.

#### 1967 Joel Hodapp\*

USAF Sergeant served 18 months in Vietnam. Met his wife, Sharon, at Offutt AFB, Omaha, Nebraska. Joel is buried in Jefferson Barracks Cemetery and was part owner of Soulard Plumbing Company.

#### 2004 Evan Barnhart

USAF JTAC. Served 2 tours in Iraq and 2 tours in Afghanistan. Currently stationed in Hawaii.

#### \*Deceased

Note: Our August, 2015 issue incorrectly reported that a 1963 graduate is the only recipient of The Bronze Star Medal from that class. New information indicates that he is not the only one. We regret the error.

## IN REMEMBRANCE

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**Charles (Chuck) Schweizer '44** - Chuck was a "boat" enthusiast and made the Mississippi River voyage from St. Louis to New Orleans, Louisiana by himself. Chuck played trombone in Vanskike's BHS Band, along with impressive years as a basketball champ. He was in the US Army, I assume near the end of WW II, after which he continued college with a major in Civil Engineering, resulting in a career in Highway Design. He spent his last years in the Veteran's Hospital of St. Louis and, lastly, in a contracted hospice, where he died on January 8, 2016. His sister, **Rosemarie Schweizer Kornfeld '47**, tells me he is survived by 3 wonderful daughters. *Submitted by Lowell Turner '47*

**Virginia Schaefer Bailey '45** passed away October 1, 2015. She was the loving wife of 65 years to the late William Bailey. She is survived by five children: Richard (the late Heath) Bailey, Metta (Robert) Heublein, William (Gayle) Bailey, Jr., Elizabeth (Joseph) Starke and David (Cora) Bailey, 11 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren and 2 on the way. Virginia loved making quilts as gifts to her family. She was a member of Concordia Lutheran Church in Kirkwood for over 60 years and did secretarial and volunteer work there. She also enjoyed playing bridge, loved history, traveling as much as she could, taking pictures, creating annual family scrapbooks, and was a BIG CARDINAL FAN. *Submitted by Barbara Schaefer Borghoff '56*

**Harold Jordan '45**, one of our famous BHS Eagles, passed away October, 2015. Hal was very involved at BHS serving as class president all 4 years, Student Council President, Boy's State representative, and as captain of the basketball team. If a sport was mentioned, he excelled in it. He donated his letter jacket to the Brentwood Historical Society and was a great flag waver for the Brentwood Alumni Association. A memorial service was held January 3, 2016 near his home in Pebble Beach, California.

**Patrick O Elder '47** - Pat is remembered as the guy who loved cars. He owned the Mobil Station at Brentwood Blvd and Brentwood Place, and he and his brother, **Gus Elder '56**, had the auto parts business on Manchester Road. Pat and his oldest son were flying enthusiasts, owning two planes at once. Pat's first plane was a Piper (low powered). He and his son left St Louis flying that Piper to Columbia, MO against a 40-45 mph west wind, nearly running out of fuel. Those were the days! They proudly spent partially a week together on an aircraft carrier, truly one of the best times of his life. *Submitted by Lowell Turner '47*

The Museum of Transportation in St. Louis lost 2 longtime associates in 2015, and both were BHS Alumni. They are **Albert Howe, MD '49** and **Bob Eastin '57**. They did a great deal for the museum in general and the Trolley Group, in particular, and are sorely missed. *Submitted by Walter Henkel '60*



# PAST BHS REUNIONS 2015

## 1955 – 60th

In September, it was déjà vu all over again for the 60 year reunion of the class of 1955. Lois Jeanne Wright Cromwell hosted a “girls night only” Thursday to begin. Then again, Judith Green Arnet’s brother opened his home on White Avenue Friday night where we felt like it was 1955 again – old friends never change. Saturday night a dinner at Hotel Ignacio was highlighted by a large screen slide show and Jim Bender’s memories. Our bitter sweet goodbyes Sunday were at a brunch at Gail Burkhart Wahlig’s. *Submitted by Joyce Deschamps Howlett*

## 1960 – 55th

The class of ‘60 celebrated its 55th Reunion in September at CJ Muggs in Webster Groves. We had adult beverages, appetizers, and a sit down dinner which was great for visiting and catching up for some 30 from the class of ‘60. As always some great stories resurfaced along with some new ones which no one could verify, but sounded great. The memories of BHS were fond ones and the evening a great success. We really appreciated all who attended and especially those who traveled from out of town. *Submitted by Gene Rudloff*

## 1965 – 50th

Class of ‘65 held its 50th Reunion on Sept. 18-20 during the Brentwood Days Celebration. The fifty of us had a great time participating in the activities and catching up on memories and current news from classmates. Members joined us from coast to coast—East coast of New England to the beach in California and all points in between. We participated in a great tour of BHS, followed by a trip down memory lane as we gathered at the site of “Teen Town” in the Congregational Church Friday night. The rest of the weekend was filled with a breakfast gathering, visiting both Brentwood Park and the Webster Days Jazz Festival, ending with a dinner at CJ Muggs. All had a great time, and if you were not able to join us, watch for news about up-coming reunion plans in the future. We all agreed we want to get together before the next 50 years speed by us! *Submitted by Linda Kaufman Zeman*



## 1965 – 50th



L to R: Jerry Ganahl, John Jaegers



L to R: Mike Epstein, Jim Coleman, Reese Forbes



L to R: Carole Janssen, Judy Philibert Huntley, Linda McKnight Jesse, Debbie Nisbet Lake, Judie Glass Sollis



L to R: Judy Philibert Huntley, Linda McKnight Jesse, Carole Janssen



L to R: Front Row: Linda Kaufman Zeman, Jane Vellios Driskill, Linda McKnight Jesse, Sue Rooney Brighton; 2nd Row: JoAnn Brengard, Anna Jenkins Calkins, Karen Worles, Stephanie Hartung Marinac, \_\_\_\_\_, Carole Janssen, Jan Brunner Stahl, Jan Offenbach Nykin, Mary Lou Herminghaus Palmer 3rd Row: George Beekman, Mike Epstein, Rick Bond, Terry Ruhland, \_\_\_\_\_, Judy Taussig Alles; 4th Row: Terry Kurre, Glen Fuse

## 1970 – 45th



L to R: Cynthia Georges Orf, Michael Leahy, Steve Moergen, Vicki Beekman Mansfield, Sharon Rumpf Stibal, Cathy Stockwell Whitney, Rick Wuestling, Sandy Grace Deelo, John Wussler, Dennis McCoy



L to R: Pamela Felknor Berra, Cynthia Georges Orf



R: John Wussler



L to R: Cathy Grace Deelo, Cathy Stockwell Whitney, Linda Savage Sramek, Robin Brauchy Roberts



L to R: Cathy Stockwell Whitney, Steve Moergen



L to R: Mindy and Dennis McCoy, John Wussler

## 1980 – 35th

The Class of 1980 gathered on August 15th at OB Clark's in Brentwood for its 35th Class Reunion. The crowd was small but very lively and happy to be able to spend the evening together! Submitted by Lisa Deimeke Featherston



L to R: Rob Herrick, Carlo Marconi, Michael Frame, Bryan Foy, Buddy Howe, Rusty Patton, Jon Schuppan, Greg Sullins, Charlie Danforth, Billy Kuper, Bob Ronkoski, Billy Schimweg



L to R: Lisa Dellinger Graves, Mary Widmar Campbell, Sheryl Knapheide Cooper, Lynn Beimdick Morris, Beth Boshans Hake, Diane Madras, Mary Callahan Holtkamp, Laura Dilthey Rick, Lisa Deimeke Featherston, Tammy Sneeringer



L to R: Lisa Deimeke Featherston, Sheryl Knapheide Cooper, Lisa Dellinger Graves



L to R: Mary Callahan Holtkamp, Mary Widmar Campbell, Tammy Sneeringer, Rusty Patton

# FUTURE BHS REUNIONS 2016

## 1948 – 68th

In 2016, the Class of 1948 will celebrate its 68th year since graduation. Please join our reunion by calling the following: Shirley Strebler Tully (314) 962-0470 or Marianne Hill Vahlkamp (314) 966-8562. It will be fun to hear from you.

## 1956 – 60th

The Class of 1956 is without a class representative for the alumni association, but if any of you would like to step forward and help put a gathering together for your 60th reunion, contact Ellie Keller White [elliwhite1@att.net](mailto:elliwhite1@att.net) or France Langan (314) 968-0392. Help is needed.

## 1961 – 55th

The Class of 1961 is planning its 55th reunion on the **3rd Weekend in September**. We have made plans to go back to CJ Mugg's in Webster Groves for dinner on Friday, 9/16/2016. More information coming. Contact Sandy Kurre LaGarce (636) 236-3286 or [sjlaga@gmail.com](mailto:sjlaga@gmail.com).

## 1966 – 50th

Class of 1966's 50th Reunion will begin Friday, September 16th in the BHS Courtyard from 4 to 7 ending at the Trainwreck. For the Brentwood Alumni Golf Tournament, you may register on line this summer or join in the parade and Maddenfest (formerly Brentwood Days) at Brentwood Park on Russell on Saturday,

the 17th. Saturday evening the venue will be Brentwood Forest Clubhouse with music by DJ Bob. The Inquiring Reporter wants to know if you can recall the venues of Reunions 10, 20, 25, 30, 40 and 45.

We will keep everyone informed about the planning meetings and would welcome all who would like to help or just attend and share some wonderful memories and giggles. "See you in September, when the summer's through ..." Barb Chandler Strathman [barbstrathman@hotmail.com](mailto:barbstrathman@hotmail.com)

## 1976 – 40th

The Class of 1976 is planning its 40th reunion on September 17, 2016. Please save the date! We have a small committee of 4 and are in the preliminary stages of planning. We are missing contact info on many of our classmates. If anyone is interested in helping locate people, please contact Anne Drury Matheis [ataroo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ataroo@sbcglobal.net) Looking forward to a great turn out in September

## 1981 – 35th

BHS Class of '81 would like to have its 35th reunion get together later this year. Please provide feedback if you are interested in having one and let me know when would be a good time. Contact Doreen Farwig [cakesrme62@aim.com](mailto:cakesrme62@aim.com) or on Facebook Doreen Jorn Farwig. I am looking forward to hearing from everyone.

## 1986 – 30th

Hey class of '86! Our 30 year reunion is coming up! Join the Facebook page "Class of 86 Reunion" or email your contact info/ideas to [theresaacts@hotmail.com](mailto:theresaacts@hotmail.com) Save the date for the third weekend in September, as it looks like we will be joining the regular alumni festivities during Brentwood Days. More specifics are to be determined! Hope to see you all there! Contact Theresa Peters Nigus.

**2006 – 10th** Our class will celebrate its 10 year anniversary reunion with a potluck picnic from 11 am to 4 pm at Tilles Park on Saturday, May 21, 2016. We will have sign language interpreters present. Contact Julia Madras (314) 223-0003 [madrasjc@gmail.com](mailto:madrasjc@gmail.com) to RSVP or for more information.

## FUTURE BHS REUNIONS – 2017

### 1957 – 60th

PLEASE SAVE THE DATES OF SEPTEMBER 15 AND 16, 2017. We are working on plans for our 60th Reunion to coincide with the All-School Reunion, the third weekend in September, 2017. You will be notified of these plans later. Ray Ebert (636) 227-6555. Looking forward to a great turn out in September.

# SPECIAL Notes



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

**FOOTBALL HISTORY** – BHS - Coach John Titus wrote an excellent article, along with many pictures, which was published last year in *The Brentwood Spirit*, a local email newsletter. You may read the complete article at [www.thebrentwoodspirit.com](http://www.thebrentwoodspirit.com). or the web address, which is [www.thebrentwoodspirit.com/featured/titus-writes-history-of-brentwood-football/](http://www.thebrentwoodspirit.com/featured/titus-writes-history-of-brentwood-football/). It is terrific!

Thanks to Steve Bowman of *The Brentwood Spirit* and, of course, Coach Titus.

**WE ARE IN NEED OF CLASS REPS** for the classes of 1956, 1979, 1988, 1992, 2000, and 2001. Contact Sandy Kurre LaGarce '61 at [sjlaga@gmail.com](mailto:sjlaga@gmail.com).

**PLEASE** use your dues envelope to let us know if you have discontinued your telephone land line or changed your mailing or email address.

**THIS SUMMER**, BAA caps will be available for purchase. Check out the website for more information in coming months. Order form for apparel is on website. [www.brentwoodhsalumni.org](http://www.brentwoodhsalumni.org)

**ALUM NOTES** are now on the BAA website. Check it out! [www.brentwoodhsalumni.org](http://www.brentwoodhsalumni.org)

## HELP NEEDED!

The Newsletter Committee is looking for a graphic artist/designer to help prepare our composed newsletters for printing (pre-press). All can be done by email, so you don't have to be in the St. Louis area. We also need proof-readers for newsletters; please let us know if you can help. Contact Judi Peckham, editor, at [ironhsfarm@aol.com](mailto:ironhsfarm@aol.com) if you have expertise in these areas and want to discuss in further detail.

**IMPORTANT WEBSITE TO KNOW:** The Brentwood School District website is [www.brentwoodmoschools.org](http://www.brentwoodmoschools.org), which includes Brentwood High School's website.



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Judi Turner Peckham '61  
Marcia Hunsinger Werremeyer '66

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Lowell Turner '47

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David Pentland '56

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SEPTEMBER 16 & 17, 2016

3<sup>rd</sup> WEEKEND IN SEPTEMBER

14<sup>TH</sup>  
ALL-SCHOOL REUNION

HALL OF FAME CEREMONY

10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 • SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2016

*Mark your calendar for a great weekend of friendship and fun. Here's a list of events:*

### FRIDAY

#### BHS COURTYARD:

- Gathering 4:00 – 6:30 pm
- Art Display by BHS Art classes
- Guided tours of BHS - 5 and 5:30 pm
- Refreshments available for purchase
- 6th Hall of Fame Ceremony 6:30 pm
- BHS Football Game 7:30 pm

*Nightlife Gatherings and Reunions around town*

### SATURDAY

#### 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF OUTING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Check out the website for future information as available.

- Maddenfest Celebration and Parade – Noon
- BAA Booth at Brentwood Park opens at 1 pm
- Fireworks Display at Brentwood Park at 9 pm