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3rd Weekend in September

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 & SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

16TH ANNUAL

3rd Weekend in September- All School Reunion

7th HALL OF FAME CEREMONY
13th ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

WELCOME ALL ALUMNI, TEACHERS, & FRIENDS

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

Friday, Sept. 14

BHS Courtyard Gathering 4:00 – 7:00 pm
Art Display by BHS Art classes
Guided tours of BHS - 5:00 and 5:30 pm
Refreshments available for purchase
7th Hall of Fame Ceremony 7:00pm
Nightlife Gatherings and Reunions around town

Saturday, Sept. 15

13th Annual Golf Outing – Will be at The Links at the Landings with tee time at 8:00 am. Check out the website for future information as available.
Maddenfest Celebration (formerly Brentwood Days) and Parade – Noon
See our Hall of Fame honorees in the parade.
BAA Booth at Brentwood Park opens at 1:00 pm
Fireworks Display at Brentwood Park at 9:00 pm

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BAA PRESIDENT...

It's hard to believe that another year has gone by. But your Alumni Board is now preparing for the events to be held in 2018. **David Pentland '56**, Chairman of our Scholarship committee, is working with **Mrs. Jenny Klug**, College/Career Counselor at BHS, to determine which high school seniors will be eligible for college Scholarships. Also, **Allison Reed '82**, Chairman of the Hall of Fame committee, and her team are reviewing applications for the 2018 Hall of Fame ceremony.

This year the *3rd Weekend In September* Celebration will be held on Friday, September 14 and Saturday, September 15. So far, eight classes have indicated that they will be celebrating their reunions in the school courtyard beginning at 4:00 pm.

Also, a special thanks to the class of 1967. With the work of **Ed Wright '67** (Alumni Board member), **Mrs. Sally Graves DeWitt '67**, and all the members of their class, they raised over \$7,400.00 for the Brentwood High School Alumni Scholarship fund. This is just a reminder that without the support of our Alumni through the payment of dues and contributions to the scholarship fund, we could not continue our work supporting Brentwood High School students.

Thanks again and see you in 2018.

George Clements '57
President

3rd Weekend in September All School Reunion- at the Courtyard and Brentwood Park



Known Alums:
Standing:
Diane Keller Rekart '52,
Chuck Combs '52,
Shirley Parker Horan '53,
wwGary Gutman '52.
Sitting is Terry Wolfsberger '52



Working the booth at
Maddenfest in Brentwood Park
L to R: Wendy Marx Marshall '85,
Sandy Kurre LaGarce '61



L to R 1st Row: Phil Chandler '64 Barb Chandler Strathman '66, Cathie Brauchy Schlattman '66, Kathy White Silber '64
Ginny Easton Hoepfer '64 L to R Back Row: Elsie Kraft Link '64, Jean Dickerson Parkinson '64, Sylvia Leezy Stoll '64

Photos by: Marqie Clements,
Mark Madras '74, Judi Turner Peckham '61

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2017 & 2018 GOLF UPDATES

On September 16, a group of 14 Brentwood alumni gathered at The Links at Spirit golf course to enjoy a morning round of golf and catching up with each other. There will be another golf outing on September 15, 2018 during the *3rd Weekend in September* with tee times starting at 8:00 a.m. The course is flat, the format is a 4 person scramble, and the enjoyment factor depends on how well you like the classmates in your group! For those who have played every year, the golf outing is the highlight of the *3rd Weekend* activities – and golfers are off the course in time to participate in any Saturday evening activities.

Roy Richter '68

Vice President & Events and Publicity Committee Chair

2018 HALL OF FAME REPORT

The Hall of Fame committee has a new chair – **Allison Reed '82**. Many thanks to **Phil Chandler '64**, former chair of this important committee, with special help from **Sylvia Leezy Stoll '64** for their excellent leadership. **Phil** will remain on the committee and **Sylvia** will continue as a consultant. The committee would like new members.

If interested, please contact **Allison** at reedallison3@yahoo.com. The committee met in January to begin plans for the 2018 HOF selection of worthy candidates and the ceremony to be held Friday, September 14, at 7 pm in the BHS auditorium at the all-school reunion *3rd Weekend in September*.

ACROSS THE DECADES

Following are two more grade school pictures. If you have any you would like to share, please submit to the editor at ironhsfarm@aol.com for inclusion in future newsletters. Names would be helpful. Just maiden names will do.



Mark Twain School, 5th Grade Class of Miss Bynum, November, 1953 (Class of '61)

L to R: Known studentstop row: Dominic ? Pam ?, Bob Bruce, (?) , Eleanor Senese, Steve Eggers, Bill Bond, Jill Oppelt Manestar, 2nd Row: Lanarae Frey Anderson, John ?, Joyce Rittensbacher Gould, Sandy Miller, Gwen Crawford Atchisson, Bob Russell, Kenny Binggeli, Carol Fuse Dorn, 3rd Row: Ron Hendrix, Sonny Fridley, Charlie Ruhland, (?), Butch Ungerman, Bob Kinlough, Judy Horstman ?, Marsha Miller, 4th Row: Gloria Fogler, Gerry Trowse, Rusty Ruhl, Pat McMillan, Sharon Becker McKee, Sandy Kurre LaGarce, Linda Alexander Smith 5th Row: Bud Cook, Marilyn Day ?

Frazier School, 1st Grade Class of Miss Morris, October, 1955 (Class of '67)



Among those pictured are: **Doug Mackey, Steve Thompson, Nancy Neunuebel, Russ Lake, Barb Powers Berry, Katie Reidenbaugh, Suzie Line Dillenburg, Ed Wright, and future Hollywood actor Tom Moore (now known as Tom Berenger)**—top row, 2nd from left) plus a bunch we just couldn't identify. Do you see yourself in there? Let

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2017 3rd Weekend in September

BAA SCHOLARSHIPS TO DATE
\$170,000



George Clements, Jr. '57, Marcia Hunsinger
Werremeyer '66, David Pentland '56



Thanks to those of you who forwarded stories about your activities since our recent request. Your contributions for this column are always wanted and very welcome. For submissions, please continue to use the reply envelope in your newsletter or email **Mary Ann Eckler Koetting '59** at **jmakoetting@aol.com**. We will edit and include as much as we can, due to space limitation, in future newsletters.

40's

1941 Bette Strong Pickrel – Gladstone, MO – On my 94th birthday, I moved to a new location in Kansas City, MO and on 6/29/17, I became a very proud great-great-grandma to a bouncing baby boy!

1942 Genevieve Johnson Jennings – Owosso, MI – Still hanging in there with 95 coming up. I stay busy singing, quilting and helping fellow Marines.

1948 Gerard Voelkers, Jr - Bakersfield, CA – A second great-granddaughter arrived, November, 2017. I am in my 22nd year of retirement as a neurosurgeon and have enjoyed every moment.

50's

1950 Shirley Callaway Holman – Ormond Beach, FL – My former husband, Cody R Holman, Sr., died on July 10, 2017. He was buried in the military cemetery in Canton, GA. In 1954, he was awarded the Bronze Star at Enid, OK. Not many are living when they get it.

1952 Shirley Russell Drake – Katy, TX – I decided a large house and yard was too much for me, so I've moved into a retirement resort just

blocks away. My dog, Missy, and I are very happy here. We have lots of family here in Katy and were fortunate that Harvey didn't flood any of us.

1954 Marian Housom Lewis – New York, NY – Living in New York City provides many opportunities to participate in amateur senior theater – improv, musicals, storytelling. My dream is to create a 70-plus theater troupe of paid performers.

1954 Ted Rasmussen – Eugene, OR – I am still involved in editorial work for Tin Man Press, a company my wife, Greta, and I founded in 1979 to produce thinking skills materials for elementary-age children.

1955 Judy Green Arnett – Whidbey Island, WA – My husband and I are enjoying life on Whidbey Island, Washington. This year we traveled to Canada, South Africa, Iceland, Italy, and Ireland. A highlight was a visit from **Linda and Jim Bender '55**, full of laughs and stories about our high school days. Turning 80 is just fine, except I can't get used to the big number!

1955 Jim Bender – Montgomery, TX – Linda and I drove 5910 miles to see and experience the Great Northwest. We spent a week with our family in Crested Butte, drove to Sheridan, WY visiting the Little Big Horn "Custer's Last Stand" Battlefield, then on to the CM Russell gallery and Lewis and Clark Interpretive Museum in Great Falls MT. After a night in Missoula, MT, we drove through the majestic Bitter Root Mountains to Coeur d'Alene ID, then on to Spokane, for lunch. Following a one night stay in Wenatchee, WA we enjoyed a three night stay with **Judy Green Arnett '55** and her husband, Nick on Whidbey Island, off the coast

of Seattle. To say that we had a good time would be a tremendous understatement!!!! We all laughed until our faces hurt. Fortunately, Judy is a practicing Psychoanalyst and was able to perform some much needed maintenance on our relationship (Linda's and mine) after over 3000 miles in a car together. We proceeded down the coast to Banning, CA to spend one night with **Art and Jodie Welch '55**. Great meal, tour of the beautiful area in which they live and a fun evening playing Wizard and more hardy laughing!!!! On to Phoenix to visit my brother, **Tom '58** and then on to Tucson to visit my sister, **Mary '75**. Long story, long trip, many memories and great time with family and friends.

1955 Darlene Brink Roland – Town & Country, MO – I lost my husband, Chuck, September 2, 2016. We were married almost 59 years. Always enjoy your newsy newsletter, even hearing of friends of my sister, **Judy Brink Carter '59**. I'm so happy to see how you have developed the Alumni Association scholarship program.

1956 William and Barbara Schaefer Borghoff – Arlington Heights, IL – We've moved to a senior community in Arlington Heights, IL and are enjoying our new life here. Always like to stay in touch with those "happy days" at BHS through the Brentwood Alumni Association. Thanks to you all!

1956 Carol Kottmeier Cooper – Pomona, CA – Hi to everyone! Can't believe we're approaching 80! In October, went to Cape Cod and up the coast to Bar Harbor. Great trip! Thanks to those who do the newsletter. Look forward to it.

1957 Michael Patrick Ryan – Hillsboro, MO – I am dealing with some health issues now, but hope to do better soon.

1958 Regina Simpson Gahr – Brentwood, MO – I opened Brentwood Christian Childcare Center for the Brentwood Congregational Church in January, 2016. Now, I have 20 ‘bonus’ grandchildren and get my “baby fix” daily.

1958 Barb Higginbotham Novotny – Valley Park, MO – My sister **Pat** and I went to Guatemala to explore a volcano on horseback. Life is good!

1958 Jacqueline Schuster Thursby – Provo, UT – I am thoroughly enjoying my family, friends, service, reading, writing, travel, gardening and my kitchen. Retirement for me is more varied and has better hours!



1960 Walter Henkel – St. Louis, MO – On August 18, 2017, I have been in my house for 45 years. I don't know where the time went.

1960 Joan Ledbetter Weston – Brentwood, MO – Praising God for 3 loving children, their 3 wonderful spouses, 9 precious grandchildren, special BHS friends and memories. I am blessed.

1961 Linda Alexander Smith – Fenton, MO – We traveled to Yellowstone and to Maine in the last year. Have 5 grandchildren – the oldest is 14. We are enjoying life in our senior years!

1964 Tamara Stefanoni Rhomberg – Fenton, MO – After retiring from Rockwood School District and working as a national consultant for Zaner-Bloser, I have settled down to enjoy retirement as an adjunct professor at Webster University and as a director on the Rockwood Board of Education. I still find time for the “grans” (4 legged and 2 legged ones).

1964 Sylvia Leezy Stoll – St. Louis, MO – Just “retired” from the BAA Hall of Fame Committee and will miss getting to know VERY interesting people that graduated from BHS. It is well worth your time to join this committee!

1968 Pam Plagenz Ross – St. Louis, MO – I was recently elected to the St. Louis Community College Board of Trustees. I represent a large portion of the City of St. Louis.

1969 Harry Connoyer – St. Louis, MO – **Harry** was inducted into the Missouri Pest Control Hall of Fame. Submitted by **Vikki Hasty Belgeri '69**.

1969 Steve Moritsugu – Riverside, CA – I'm still working full time at my computer job. I've retired from teaching computer classes at the community college and sing opera with local opera companies. From my most recent performance, look for my big entrance at 7 min 50 sec into this 10 minute clip. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hop3bWQ39Rw>



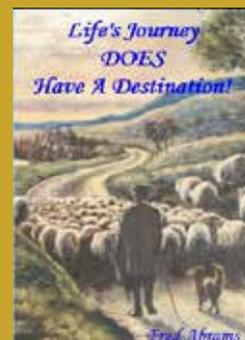
1971 Linda Patty Vordtriede - High Ridge, MO – My husband of 37 years and I are still running our landscape company here in the St. Louis area. We also own a home in the Florida Keys where we spend the winters and are renovating for our retirement. Really looking forward to that! I dance west coast swing, salsa, bachata, Argentine tango and more. Also, we love to deep sea fish when we are in the Keys.

1977 Kevin Madras – Brentwood, MO – Celebrated my 35th wedding anniversary to a very patient woman. After all, I'm just a man.

1985 John Yunker – Ashland, OR – I recently published the book *Think Outside the Country: A Guide to Going Global and Succeeding in the Translation Economy*.

ORES Betsey Anderson (Milyard) – Webster Groves, MO – My first teaching job was at BHS, teaching English to members of the classes of 1970 and 1971. Perhaps you remember our study of *Silas Marner* or *The Crucible*. My career took a few surprising turns, and I ended up teaching Spanish for 25 years. I have thought about my Brentwood students so often through the years!

Fred Abrams, '61 has published his fourth book - *Life's Journey DOES Have A Destination*. The book's premise is that we should seek a life of contentment which involves one's relationship with God, the life one is living, and the ability to be content in the moment. The book offers a number of retrospective and introspective exercises and suggestions on resetting one's goals. The motivation for the book was the response to his earlier book, *Thanks For The Dance*, on dealing with the loss of one's spouse and the need to rebuild one's life. All books are available on Amazon.



Fred's 2017 Travels

2017 was a real year of travel for Fred and his wife, Jeri. They spent two weeks in Norway cruising the fjords and watching the northern lights from above the Arctic circle.

The high point of our entire trip was seeing the aurora. After two displays that were really nice, a couple of days later Jeri and I were relaxing in the hot tub on the open aft deck when the sky erupted in displays. We watched in absolute awe for the next hour.

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Here is a snapshot of one of the earlier lesser displays. (as an engineering nerd type - the display in this snapshot, according to NOAA satellites was about 18 gigawatts.) The one we watched from the hot tub was 37 gigawatts. The biggie is that my travel bucket list is essentially complete. 2017 was a real year of travel. Seeing the aurora was the last item. In June the following were checked off: Stand atop the Great Wall of China, see the Terra Cotta Warriors in Xi'An, China, visit Lhasa, Tibet, visit with an old dear friend in Perth, Australia, snuggle with a Koala, and mingle among the world's population of Quokkas on Rottneest Island.



ERNEST GARRETT III '99

Ernest E Garrett III, former superintendent of the Missouri School for the Deaf in Fulton, MO, was named executive director of DEAF Inc., a nonprofit organization that provides services and support to the deaf and hard of hearing and works to improve interactions with the hearing community. **Garrett** was the first deaf superintendent of the Missouri School for the Deaf, serving from 2014 until July 2017. From 2011 to 2014, he served as executive director of the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. **Garrett** received an associate's degree in general studies as well as bachelor's degrees in history and professional/technical writing from the University of Arkansas. He earned master's degrees in administration and social work from Gallaudet University. He is a licensed clinical social worker, former president of the National Black Deaf Advocates and a member of the National Association of Social Workers, the School Social Work Association of America, the National Association of the Deaf, and the Academy of Management.

From the business section in the *St. Louis Post Dispatch* 10/27/2017

PEOPLE IN BUSINESS



BRENTWOOD SCHOOLS MEMORIES FROM THE PAST

From the '67 class 50th reunion



Coach Titus with members of the track team.

L to R: **Charlie Young, Dan Biggs, Tim Paul, Coach John Titus, Doug Mackey, Jim McAliney, Brad Brunk, Ray Widaman** Front center: **Russ Lake**



Coach Titus with the football players from the championship team.

L to R: **Tim Paul, Russ Lake, Ed Boles, Coach John Titus, Doug Mackey, Rich Mark, Ben Kraft**



Photo from the late 1930s taken by **Ed Beekman**, who lived in the small house visible in the photo. The view is from Bridgeport Avenue looking west toward the Brentwood High School. The Beekmans' house was completed in 1930, 3 years after the original BHS building, and is still standing. At one time, it served not only as the Beekmans' residence, but as a luncheonette and confectionary for BHS students! On the left is the oak tree that BHS tried unsuccessfully to save some time ago.

Submitted by **Barry Williams '74**

Brentwood Boys of Summer



L to R: **Les Wagner '58, Fred Brossart '57, Tom Bender '58, Marvin Ketchelmeier '58**
Submitted by **Barb Bond Simon '59**

Remember the slumber parties?

Jill Dudding Berry '84
Trudy Thompson Larkins '84
Cindy Canman Manestar '84
Submitted by **Tina Turasky '84**



PAST BHS REUNIONS 2017

1947 70th



Reunion Lunch at Miss Sherrie's.

L to R: Virginia Walsh Andrews (Deceased 1/18/18), Rosemarie Schweizer Kornfield Top Row: Irvin Carroll and his wife, Lolly, Dave Andrews Unable to attend – Don Johns, but talked to Mary Evelyn Ruegg Eckard, Bernice Rausher Hensel, Joyce Wahlbrink Meier, Kenneth Koerber, Forrest Zinn and Lowell Turner, who was in the hospital and died 10/30/17. He is the older brother of our newsletter editor, Judi Turner Peckham '61.

1967 50th

Laughter, Tears, and a Met Goal

“We had two goals for our 50th “reunion” said Class of '67 Rep **Ed Wright**. “Fun and the fund...scholarship fund, that is. We set a goal of donating \$6700 for the year to the fund and thanks to the generosity of our classmates, we collected over \$7400. I'm so proud of these friends” (A special thanks to **Sally Graves DeWitt** for her challenge to match all donations between the reunion weekend and October 31st).

As to fun, the class had plenty of that, too. More than 30 members of the class gathered in the courtyard on Friday night and the Brentwood Forest clubhouse for dinner on Saturday night.

Howard Young and **Michael Hennon** put together a display board and meaningful remarks to help us remember deceased classmates. **Russ Lake** made heartfelt remarks saluting **Coach John Titus**, who was in attendance. Prizes were given to classmates who had come the farthest and who won the traditional BHS Trivia Contest. **Wright** recited his original poem “Pedaling Up, Coasting Down:”, a reflection on our high school years in Brentwood. And many stayed late into the evening to a soundtrack of hits from the 50's.

It was great to reminisce, lie, and dredge up old memories. Sharing the past and contributing to the future scholars of BHS made the 50th a special occasion for all of us.

1957 60th



Front Row L to R: Janet Fridley Ignatius, Brenda Braun Matthews, Janet Slater Darwin, Betty Millican Barnes, Cathy Hoskins Gillis, Dennis Beebe, Richard Schwartz, Sue McManis Speichinger, Sandra Pribble Brockman and Tom Allen
Second Row Left to Right: Don Wolff, Lynn Schulte Crowder, Mary Fischer Beckmann, George Clements, Jerry Green, Jim Harris, Fred Brossart, Dave Brummett, Ray Ebert and Charlie Kreichel



Howard Young with sign made by classmate Ben Kraft



L to R: Mike Hennon '67; Dan Biggs '67; Jeanne Brunner Cavender '67 and husband Richard Cavender

PAST BHS REUNIONS 2017 *continued*

1967 50th *continued*



Back row L to R: Brad Brunk, Jeanne Brunner Cavender, Ed Wright, Janet Dickerson Belden
Middle row: Ray Widaman, Dan Biggs, Doug Mackey, Cissy Bondurant Baietto, Steve Gyore, Linda Rinck Koenemann, Bob Clemens, Barb Powers Berry, Beth Roper, Kathy Reidenbaugh Schuchman, Ed Boles, Sue Max Carleton, Ruby Davis, Jim McAliney, Rich Mark, Ben Kraft, Mike Hennon, Karen Logan Bogin, Howard Young
Front row: Tim Paul, Sue Palmer Beckman, Russ Lake, Nancy Gammon, Michael, Sally Graves De Witt, Charles Young



Sally Graves DeWitt '67 and Brad Brunk '67



L to R: Linda Rinck Koenemann '67; Richard Cavender, Jeanne Brunner Cavender '67; Chris Koenemann



Sue Palmer Crosby '67 and Russ Lake '67



Ben Kraft '67 and Barb Powers Berry '67



L to R: Doug Mackey '67, Russ Lake '67, Sue Max Carleton '67, Barb Powers Berry '67, Katie Reidenbaugh Schuchman '67, Ed Wright '67, Howard Young '67

1977 40th



L to R: Jan Kienhoff Karibian, Melissa Brigham Whiteman, Suzy LaTourette Scheidecker.



L to R: Suzy Nichols Lowe, Tom Smith, Albert Howe, Kathy Wheat Eswine



L to R: Suzy Nichols Lowe, Tom Smith, Albert Howe, Kathy Wheat Eswine



L to R: Bob Dodson, Doug Kennedy, Lacey Burnette, Lacey's wife



Kevin Madras, Pat Pryor



L to R: Virginia Sloan, Marie Shoemaker Olten, Amy Sandhagen Finley, Brenda Christmas Marlow, Jane Campbell '76, Marge Putnam

A fun bunch from 1966 getting together



L to R: Barb Chandler Strathman, Rob Wussler, Dave Larson, Ted Ganahl, Bill Hippert, Marcia Hunsinger Werremeyer, Jean Clemens Lovegreen.

Alums getting together in Branson, MO



L to R: Charlie LaGarce '59, Sandy Kurre LaGarce '61, Dennis Kurre '58, Barby West Stark '59, Terry Kurre '65

MEMORIALS

IN MEMORIAM

- 1941 Harold "Hap" Michener
1943 Arthur Herman Bode, Jr
1944 Robert F Christman II
1945 Joy Reinhardt Allen
1945 Eva Kathleen Yadon Pepin
1947 Lowell H Turner
1947 Virginia (Ginny) Walsh Andrews
1949 Margaret Ann Koenigsfeld Rogers
1949 Joan Deborah Smith Schultz
1949 Martha (Marty) Laster Vacca
1951 Mary Ann Dunlap Pierce
1953 Gerald (Jerry) Erwin Debandt
1954 Bernice Weyrauch Harrison
1962 Peggy Viehland Fossett
1963 Stanley Raymond Weyrauch
1967 Nancy Reid Kistler
1969 John Keough
1970 Frederic P (Rick) Knight
1971 Jerry K Garland
1974 Robert L Carr
1975 John Gregory Rumpf
1976 Donna Niehoff Fink
ORES Harold J (Hal) Becker
ORES Lavada Lewis

Our condolences to the family of
Peggy Viehland Fossett, '62
deceased. She gave fantastic support
to the BAA Scholarship Fund.

SCHOLARSHIP GIFTS IN MEMORY OF

- 1947 Lowell Turner
By **Judith Turner Peckham '61**
By **Gail Schultz Todd '53**
By **Cecelia Lacks**
By **Robert and Jo Annette Puskas**
- 1950 Don Oscarson
By **Grant Richard Oscarson '53**
- 1951 James A Drake
By **Donald E Drake '56**
- 1952 C Edward Schuster
By **Jacqueline Schuster Thursby '58**
- 1956 Rita Boshans
By **John Boshans '57**
- 1957 John Ammon
By **Sue Ammon Young '63**
- 1957 Judy Campbell Frossard
By **Janet Carrens Dietrich '62**
- 1957 John Tschannen
By **Brenda Braun Matthews '57**
- 1957 Bill W Weston
By **Joan Ledbetter Weston '60**
- 1958 Joe Stark
By **Andrew J Wynn '58**
- 1959 Patsy Campbell Engle '59
By **Janet Carrens Dietrich '62**
- 1959 Judy Heynen Robinson
By **Jean Flint Sevrens '59**
- 1959 Robert A Weston
By **Joan Ledbetter Weston '60**
- 1960 Steve Davis
By **Sue McWhirter Davis '60**
- 1960 Charles E Dilly
By **Dwight Prade '60**
- 1960 Barb Kraus Howle
By **Walter Henkel '60**
By **Carole Kelley Mallander '60**
- 1960 Barbara Vierheller Short
By **Mary Lou Schwartz Baker '60**
By **Joan Ledbetter Weston '60**
- 1960 Sue Frossard Taylor
By **Carole Kelley Mailander '60**
By **Joan Ledbetter Weston '60**
- 1961 Joan Beeman
By **Pat Kleisly Brinkhorst '61**
By **Lia Kahler Littlefield '61**
By **Marcia Hunsinger Werremeyer '66**
- 1962 Paul Brinkmann
By **Marilyn Blitz Blumoff '62**
- 1962 Rosemary Stoverink Connor
By **Marilyn Blitz Blumoff '62**
- 1963 Jerry Eaton
By **Jim Dobernic '66**
- 1964 Steve Dorn '64
By **Sylvia Leezy Stoll '64**
- 1964 Jill Wright
By **Stan Lumb '64**
- 1966 Dixie Campbell Clayton
By **Janet Carrens Dietrich '62**
- 1967 John W Jones
By **Stephen Gyore '67**
- 1969 John Geppert
By **Linda Gan Duncan '69**
By **Muffy Phillips Reeder '69**
- 1970 John T Carr
By **Rodney Carr '73**
- 1975 Kevin Ferguson
By **Bryce Ferguson '73**
- 1977 Todd Ferguson
By **Bryce Ferguson '73**
- ORES Earl Brown - Teacher, Principal
By **Mary Paul Freund ORES**
- ORES Helen Shipman, English Teacher in the 40's
By **Anne Hitt Hegwer '45**
- ORES Ruth Weber, BSD Nurse '48 - '52
By **Sue Weber Young '53 (My mom)**
- Michael Ramsey Montgomery
By **Michael Carl Ramsey '63**
- Doc Roper
By **William D Jackson '70**



SCHOOL NEWS

EAGLE DIVERSITY



EAGLE DIVERSITY will be an ongoing column in the BAA newsletter to focus on groups that may have been out of the mainstream in some ways but still contributed to the success of Brentwood schools.

Ed Wright, Jr. '67

DHH* STUDENTS GOT ALL OF US TO LISTEN BETTER

*Deaf/Hard of Hearing

When my daughter was attending BHS in the 90's, we were at a Friday night football game and I noticed students participating in the honored tradition of "walking the track" during the game. Many were making a series of hand gestures. I asked my daughter who they were. "Oh, those are the deaf kids." That's when I first realized that BHS had a Special School District central mainstreamed program for many Deaf/Hard of Hearing students from 1992 till 2010.

Scores of DHH students came through Brentwood and graduated in those years. In 2010, the program was moved to Parkway West High School due to a variety of factors, including a high number of DHH families in west county. I recently interviewed a 2010 graduate of BHS, **Zach Jodlowski**, and one of the **Special School District** teachers, **Robin Chickering**.

Zach said "I'm thankful for the experiences I had at BHS. My high school experience was not typical for many DHH students across America. Oftentimes, they are mainstreamed and isolated with some, little, or no access to communication

at school and no socialization with deaf people like themselves."

There were usually 15-20 DHH students at BHS in any given year. Classes could have from 1 to 5 DHH students at a time. Interpreters would be in the class to sign what the teachers and other students were saying and help the DHH students participate. (As a teacher, I appreciated the fact that I might get two laughs at a joke as the interpreters struggled to keep up with my humor.) **Zach** appreciated the efforts by some students and staff to learn some sign language. "I got to learn from some excellent teachers (both hearing and deaf) who demonstrated motivation to really make the high school experience meaningful for us." **Zach** participated in journalism/yearbook and theater productions and was grateful to **Ms. Smoller** and **Ms. Lippman** for their outreach. "Also, I really enjoyed Diversity Week, in particular, a day during my senior year that focused on Deafness and other related disabilities. It was great to see others try and understand our perspective." Many DHH students participated in sports and it was a common sight to see interpreters on the sidelines and in the time-out huddles to convey the coach's instructions to the DHH students...and cheer them on!

After graduating, **Zach** attended Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) in New York, a school that has a mixed hearing/DHH population. He earned a Masters degree in Secondary Education and is now a teacher of the Deaf at Parkway West High School "within my old DHH program". He also participates in Deaf Theater productions in the area.

Overall, **Zach** appreciated the positive interactions with students and the open mindedness of the staff in his years at BHS. **Robin** remembered a meeting where **Principal David Faulkner** said to her: "**Robin**, these are our kids." and that approach helped generate a sense of pride and belonging for this group of students who learned to "walk the track" just like their peers.



Zach Jodlowski-BHS Class of 2010

ORES Organization of Retired Eagles (Teachers)

Dave Ryan '50 and retired teacher, moved to a retirement apartment complex and placed his house on the market. With the help of his two sons, he had a lot of work to do to prepare the home for sale, move to the apartment, and decide what to do with 30 or more years of stuff accumulated. He has stopped driving. With his hip replacement, he felt that his reflexes would be slowed down and he could be a hazard on the highway. **Dave**, as Class Rep, sends a December letter to his classmates every year and has been very helpful in updating our records.

On **Hal Becker** passing...

Hal was a great friend... We had many good years at BHS working together on the drama productions, with him doing the work with the actors, and me training and working with the technical crews backstage.

2018 BAA CALENDAR

February 13	BAA Board Meeting, District Conference Room	4:30 PM
March 6	BAA Board Meeting, District Conference Room	4:30 PM
April 10	BAA Annual Meeting, District Conference Room	4:30 PM
May 3	Senior Scholarship Awards Night – BSD (District) Conference Room	7:00 PM
May 8	BAA Board Meeting, District Conference Room	4:30 PM
June 1	Deadline for August 2018 Newsletter	
August 14	BAA Board Meeting, District Conference Room	4:30 PM
September 11	BAA Board Meeting, District Conference Room	4:30 PM
September 14	3rd Weekend in September Reunion – BHS Courtyard	4:00 PM
	BAA Hall of Fame - BHS Auditorium	7:00 PM
September 15	Golf Outing- Links Landing	8:00 AM
	Brentwood Days Parade – High School Drive & Wrenwood	Noon
	BAA Booth at Brentwood Days in Brentwood Park on Russell	1:00 PM
October 9	BAA Board Meeting, District Conference Room	4:30 PM
November 1	Deadline for February 2019 Newsletter	
November 13	BAA Board Meeting, District Conference Room	4:30 PM

*Note change of date due to district spring vacation



LORRAINE ECKSTEIN, Ph.D. '57

After graduating from BHS, Lorraine went off to the Chicago area at Elmhurst College where she planned to be a pastor, but did not continue. Upon her return to St. Louis, she worked at the VA Hospital in the medical typing pool. Later she took college courses in all the places she lived. Lorraine finally received a BA degree from UMSL, an MA from Washington University, and in 1990, a Ph.D. from the University of Washington in Seattle.

In Anchorage Alaska, where she resides, Lorraine had her own business: Writing and Research Services, volunteered for Greenpeace, and finally joined the staff at Alaska Community Action on Toxics where she continues to work as Research Anthropologist. She married her domestic partner of twenty years, Pam Miller, in 2013. She remarked it is cold and dark in Anchorage in the winter and expensive to live there. She'd like to retire on the coast of Oregon.

Following are musings on Brentwood grade school and high school memories, submitted by **Lorraine Eckstein '57**.

At **Mark Twain** grade school, **Mrs. Carmalita Collier** was our sixth-grade teacher. She had received an invitation from the fifth-grade teacher requesting that sixth-grade students make a presentation to her class. Mrs. Collier let us "run with it," and I wrote a play about a widow who was suing the weatherman for predicting warm and sunny skies and her husband had died from pneumonia because he had gotten caught in a sudden rainstorm. Our class really hammed it up for the younger class, and it turned out to be funny with the widow making loud honking noises when she cried and other students playing the strutting lawyers, a jury, and pompous judge. It was well received, and made me feel good about myself and I realized that I might have some writing talent. Later at **BHS**, **Mr. Moore**, **Miss Rachel Shaver**, **Coach Marsh**, and, of course, **Mr. Streckfuss** encouraged me. I am still using my writing skills to write research reports and grant proposals.

The totally cool thing about **BHS** was the quality of teaching. They encouraged us to be our best. I was told that when our class graduated, twelve teachers left the school to go elsewhere. They had been waiting for our class to graduate. I think our class of 88 students was exceptional. According to **Mr. Crow** (psychology teacher and counselor), ten of our students tested as genius with 140 IQ.

Because the teachers were so qualified, I was able to "try on other hats" between sixth grade and senior year. I love art, but when I pushed my very kind art teacher my freshman year at **BHS**, she admitted that I was not particularly talented in art. To this day, when I travel, I go mostly to art museums. I had some talent in music and dancing, and sang in **Mr. Behr's** choruses, a sextet, and All County Choir. It was great fun doing modern dance for a holiday event. On stage my costume included a short red skating skirt and a large white muff. My role was to dance with a partner pretending we were sitting in a sleigh while others were horses pulling the sleigh. We danced to the song "Sleigh Ride." It was "a kick."

Although dancing and music were fun, I did not show exceptional talent with either. I found that drama was appealing and **Mr. Spearman** was kind—I came in second in challenging try outs for Victoria the Queen, but **Vicki Baranyai VanBellinger '57** won the part. He told me she was better able to project an imperialist queen, and if he had needed someone to play Elizabeth Barrett Browning he would have chosen me. I enjoyed doing makeup for the plays. I had difficulty memorizing lines, so I ruled out drama as well as art, music, and dancing as a career.

It was **Shaver** and **Streckfuss** who helped me develop my talent. I have been writing poetry since I was twelve years old. One of my poems, *Preparation*, was published in a Northwest journal of arts. I won a poetry slam in Connecticut with Auto Therapy. Others were published in the Harris Quarterly (Harris Teachers College), Elm Bark (Elmhurst College) and Ivory Towers (Eden Theological Seminary).

I love the humanities, but as it turns out, I tested higher at **BHS** and later at other schools in social sciences and mechanical engineering. When it came time to choose a major in college, anthropology caught my attention because it embraces both the social sciences and humanities. I learned not only the subjects and writing from the teachers at **BHS** -- somehow they also taught us critical thinking. Perhaps that began also in sixth grade when **Mrs. Collier** chided us not to be like a goose that follows the other geese in the barnyard without questioning. Do not have the mob mentality.

At **BHS** I was encouraged to see through appearances and get to the "core of the matter." The **BHS** faculty was teaching critical thinking before it became a popular phrase for educators. Anthropology teaches us to have an insider's view (emic view) as we live with the people we study, and an outsider's view (etic view) as we report on our findings. We learned nobody can be objective, as our act of observation changes the event we are observing, and we learned it at the same time that physics professors were writing about the "observer effect." After I got my doctorate, I used my capacity to analyze behaviors and values and worked as a jury consultant.

RAINBOWS

Drippings on cement
Oil and rain
Make rainbows
Where only sludge should be.
Who would begrudge a swirl
Of color in the great gray city
Where women wedge heels
Between boards of train platforms?
Wide waters at the city's shoulder
Move monstrously
Where summertime children build sand castles
And colors dance delightfully on the gleam.
But early winter warns these lovelies,
And brightness lingers
In rainbowed land lakes only.

Lorraine Eckstein, Ph.D. '57



DAVID HAHN, '54

Inside the doors of Cook County Schools, a familiar face has been seen in the hallways for the past eleven years. Meet Grandpa David, a foster grandparent at the school!

Grandpa David was introduced to the foster grandparent program through the Senior Corps Foster Grandparent program. He is at the schools full days on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. In the morning he spends time in the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade classrooms. He eats lunch with special education students and is a mentor for them in the afternoon. Grandpa David said that his favorite part of his day is being with the kids.

According to Bill DeWitt, principal at Cook County Schools, "Grandpa David lends a hand absolutely anywhere kids need it. Last year he ran the school news for kids. He also works on art, reading, mathematics – anything the kids need. Because of his efforts, the school and kids' learning is that much better."

Grandpa David decided to become involved volunteering in the schools because he loves kids, a trait that he picked up from his own grandfather. He comes from a family of educators. He has a son and daughter, as well as six grandchildren. His youngest grandson serves in the Army, and the others are enrolled in Minnesota colleges. David's career consisted of roles as a graphic artist, illustrator, and art director. His love of art carries over into his volunteerism. He paints portraits of the high school senior athletes and teaches youth art classes at the Art Colony. In his spare time away from school, he relaxes by painting and reading history.

Grandpa David admires how the school administrators work hard for the students, ensuring that friendships are formed throughout the student body.

Thank you Grandpa David, for all that you do for the kids and the community. You are changing lives, one student at a time!

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FUTURE REUNIONS 2018

1953 – 65th

The class of '53 will celebrate its 65th reunion the weekend of September 14 and 15, 2018. Ideas requested. Please let me know if you are interested. Would like to donate another brick to the courtyard at BHS for the classmates who have died since 2013. Donations requested as we no longer have a bank account. Bricks cost \$40. Contact **Sue Weber Young** succyoung@aol.com

1958 – 60th

The Class of 1958 will have its 60th Class Reunion on the *3rd Weekend in September*. Current plans include meeting Friday night, September 14th in the BHS Courtyard after 4 pm and attending the Hall of Fame presentation in the BHS auditorium at 7 pm. On Saturday, the Maddenfest Parade begins at noon followed by events at the park on Russell. Then a buffet dinner and open bar at Brentwood Forest Clubhouse starts at 6:00 p.m. Anyone who would like to be on the planning committee, please call **Regina Simpson Gahr** at (314) 962-0537 or email at rgahr@sbcglobal.net.

1963 – 55th

The BHS class of 1963 will have its 55th reunion on Brentwood Days (Maddenfest) weekend. We will meet on Saturday, September 15, 2018 at The Goff Mall Post 101, 2721 Collier, Brentwood from 4:00 pm to???. It will be a potluck buffet and cash bar. For more information, please contact **Jeannette McWilliams Horvath** at (618) 340-6631 roosterhillfarm1@aol.com.

1968 – 50th

The Class of 1968 will be holding its 50 year Reunion on Saturday, September 15. The exact time and place will be announced at a future date. Any class members who have not received an e-mail with "save the date" are asked to send an e-mail to: royhomerichter@gmail.com to assure that you receive future updates.

***THANK YOU** to all alums who joined or continued to support BAA last year.

***HELP NEEDED!** The Newsletter Committee needs photographers to take photos at the All-School reunion in the courtyard on Friday afternoon, September 14 and the Hall of Fame ceremony at 7 pm. Also, need photos of the Hall of Fame honorees in the Saturday parade, September 15. Contact **Judi Turner Peckham**, editor, at ironhsfarm@aol.com if you can help.

***HELP ALSO NEEDED** to get the BAA Roster up-to-date. If you have changed names, address, telephones, or email address in the last few years, let us know by using the envelope enclosed or go to www.brentwoodhsalumni.org and click on **My Profile**. Your Member Key can be found on this newsletter mailing label, just above your name, next to your graduation year.

*We are in need of Class Reps for the classes of '56, '77, '88, '91, 2000, 2001, and 2004. Contact **Sandy Kurre LaGarce '61** at sjlaga@gmail.com. Looking for your Class Rep? The Class Rep list is on the website. Go to the home page at www.brentwoodhsalumni.org and click on Who We Are.

*WEBSITE NOTES

Alum News is on the BAA website. Go to the home page at www.brentwoodhsalumni.org and click on **Alumni News**. Check it out!
*In addition to shirts, caps in purple and gold are now available. An order form is on the website.

WEBSITE NEWS

Now that we have all the yearbooks scanned, we would like to ask if anyone who has old yearbooks to donate, please leave off at the BSD office at 1201 Hanley Industrial Ct, c/o **Kate Hastings** or contact **Mark** at mmadrasgmail.com. We can then make them available at the *3rd Weekend In September* All-School Reunion. We have boxes for each decade to display and store them, but we don't have all the years. Thanks!

Mark J. Madras '74

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1949 Donald Emerson
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1956 Louise Barker McCloud
1962 Janet Loy Dietrich
1962 Everett Fred Schimweg
1963 Victoria Wood Soellner
1964 David Byron Jones
1965 Anthony (Daniel) Wichlan
1967 Shirley Funke Brown
1967 Charles Bradford Brunk
1967 Susan Palmer Crosby
1967 Richard Steven Mark
1969 Frederick George Wohlschlaeger
1970 Richard Bennet
1970 Dennis James McCoy
1971 Kathryn Timmerberg Winter
1972 Judith Boehne Mitchell
1972 Catherine Barr Noll
1974 Melinda Harvey Peats
1978 Tim Persons
1984 Daniel McGrath
ORES Betsey Milyard Anderson
ORES Kate Hastings
ORES Ruth Rangel

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1973 – 45th

The Class of 1973 will celebrate its 45th reunion on the 3rd Weekend in September, 2018. We will meet in the BHS courtyard anytime between 4 and 7 on Friday, September 14th. Please plan to stay for the Hall of Fame Induction. I think you will enjoy it! We also plan to meet on Saturday, September 15th but the time and place will be announced later. Save the Date!!! **Debbie Sutterer Houlihan (314) 616-4417 houlihan@sbcglobal.net.**

1978 – 40th

Plans have begun for our 40th reunion. It will be Saturday, September 22, at the home of **Meg Locklar Calcaterra**. Details to follow. Get your email address to us so we can get info out to you, as our next committee meeting is in March. **Michele Delgado Burgess micburgess@yahoo.com (731) 609-1585 or Meg Locklar Calcaterra megcalca@gmail.com (314) 691-1537**

1983 – 35th

At press time, no official reunion is planned, but let's meet each other in the BHS Courtyard on Friday, September 14th any time after 4 pm. There will also be a Hall of Fame induction at 7 pm in the auditorium. **Kathi Cartwright – kathicartwright@yahoo.com**

1998 – 20th

The BHS class of 1998 is about to celebrate its 20 year class reunion. We are excited to let you know that plans are in motion for the exciting event. More details will be passed along when plans are finalized. But, in order to help speed plans along, we are asking the BHS Class of '98, to please help us with your contact information (current address, phone number, e-mail, etc.). We want to see everyone there, and are very excited to hear about all of your post High School adventures. You can send your contact information via Facebook to **Jennifer Abernathy Paez, Candy Edwards, Jon Youngman, or Nikki Allen or email Jennifer at jabernathy98@yahoo.com**. Thank you for your help, and we will see you in September.

2003 – 15th

Fifteen years have gone by so fast. Let's get together to celebrate. I've just had a baby and would appreciate help with planning and also with getting our class list up to date so we can reach you. Your contact is **Jennifer Zeller Disbennett zellerjn@yahoo.com (314) 435-2230**

2008 – 10th

Our 10 year reunion is officially set. It will be Saturday September 15, 2018 at Llywellyn's Pub, 17 W Moody, Webster Groves. Time TBD. Contact **Erica Imergoot (314) 629-2270 eimergoot@yahoo.com**

Continued *3rd Weekend in September*

