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A Message from your BAA Board President...

Welcome to 2020. Your Brentwood High School Alumni Association is already busy planning for the **3rd Weekend in September** celebration. This year's event will be held during the weekend of September 18 and 19, 2020. This year we will present the Hall of Fame Class of 2020 in the high school auditorium. Also, the Scholarship committee has begun the process of selecting graduating seniors for scholarships in 2020.

The construction and remodeling of our high school is proceeding as planned. Both the cafeteria and gymnasium have been completed, and work continues on the library and many classrooms. We are hoping and praying that the new commons area will be completed in time for our **3rd Weekend in September** celebration this fall.

Your Alumni Association is happy to announce that we have received another major donation from the Peggy and Steve Fossett Foundation. This goes a long way in providing scholarships to graduating seniors. On that subject, your Alumni Association counts on your continued support through your annual dues and contributions to the scholarship fund.

Hope to see everyone in September.

George Clements '57
Board President



Bob Niemeyer '59,
George Clements,
Jr. '57



On the track, before the rain

BAA HANDS OUT SCHOLARSHIPS



LtoR: David Pentland '56, Mary Ann Eckler Koetting '59, George Clements, Jr. '57 Photo by Judi Peckham

3rd Weekend in September 2019 ALL-SCHOOL REUNION

The 17th annual All-School Reunion at Brentwood High School was held Friday night, September 20, north of the football field and track behind the school. Due to construction at the high school, we were unable to meet at the school courtyard after so many years.

Alums joined at the get-together where they made scholarship donations, updated contact information, paid membership dues, and bought logo BAA shirts and caps.

THEN the heavy rain came and washed us out! We were able to preserve most of the things that were outside, including class memorabilia, which were put away safely and dry. Many alums remained when the cloudburst came, but got completely soaked! Though this was the first big rain during the past 16 courtyard reunions, our track record has been good, and we look forward to next year's **3rd Weekend in September** All-School Reunion after construction at the school is complete.



Shirley Parker Horine '53, George
Clements, Jr. '57

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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.

2020 HALL OF FAME AND SCHOLARSHIP REPORTS

Watch for information on the Hall of Fame inductees and Scholarship recipients in our August newsletter! The committees are hard at work behind the scenes.

The Hall of Fame induction ceremony will be held on Friday, September 18 at BHS at 7:00 pm, as a part of the *3rd Weekend In September*.

Scholarships will be awarded at the Senior Awards Assembly this spring. Check the website later for more details. BAA welcomes all donations to the scholarship fund. Donations throughout the year may be made by mail or online at <http://www.brentwoodhsalumni.org>.

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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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Across The Decades

Mark Twain Grade School 6th Grade, 1952

Submitted by Charles E. Combs, Jr.'52

TROLLEY CAR

Walter Henkel '60 corrected the information about the trolley car photo from the late '30's, shown in the last newsletter. It did not run through Brentwood, but was an extension of the University Line, named the University-Clayton Line 14, which ended in 1963 when Forest Park Parkway was built. Want any more information about the trolley lines and their travels through Brentwood?



LtoR: 1st Row: Janet Holmes, Susan Bennett, Linda Alexander, Pat Schmidt, Dian Keller, Dee Nelson, Helen Stanford, Marilyn Jensen
2nd Row: Gary Gutmann, Jim Hoskins, Charles Combs, Bill Fleshauer, Jerry Durham, Mike Lupe, Norm Ramsey, Barb Miler
3rd Row: Louis Shore, Dave Flieshman, Morley Langford, Bob Hitt, _____, Margaret McGrath

Contact Walter at 314 351-8418.

3rd Weekend in September

CLOUDBURST



Dave Oppenheim '79, Joan Ledbetter Weston '60



Ed Wright, Jr. '67 (in gold shirt)



Joan Ledbetter Weston '60, Laura Dilthey Rick '80

3rd Weekend in September photos



"On the track" before the cloudburst.



Charles LaGarce '59, Jim Gould '61, Sally Carlson

BAA at Brentwood Days

At booth - Brentwood Park



LtoR Standing: Pat Kleisly Brinkhorst '61, Sandy Kurre LaGarce '61, Mary Ann Eckler Koetting '59, Sitting Katie Thaman Stalter '95

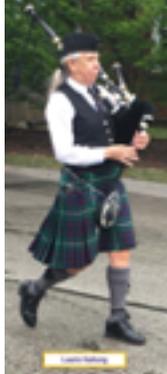


Joanne and Ed Wright, Jr. '67

Brentwood Days Parade



100 Year Centennial Celebration float



1969 Class Award Winning float and bagpiper Laura Hartung



Welcome Table Visitors and Workers



1941 Bette Strong Pickrel – Gladstone, MO
Still kickin' at 96 years old. I'm enjoying life with my family and have many fond memories of BHS.

1941 Maxine Gray Reisenleiter

Creve Coeur, MO – I am now in Creve Coeur Assisted Living – 693 Decker Lane, Creve, Coeur MO 63141, Apt 433. My doctor stopped my driving, so I have to use a driver from here to take me to outside appointments. This is a neat place. I take all meals downstairs in the dining room. They clean my apartment and change bed linens. I am well cared for.

1946 Jean Hall Michener

Hot Springs Village, AR – I was married to my high school sweetheart, **Russ Michener '46**, for 52 years when he passed away. We had 3 children, 6 grandchildren, 11 great-grands, and 1 great-great-grand. Whew!

1948 Ron Parsons – Fredericksburg, VA

Though Ron graduated from St Louis University High School, he has kept in touch with dear Brentwood alums. He has been enjoying our website and is now a new member of BAA. After practicing law in Webster Groves, he retired to Virginia.

1950 Shirley Callaway Holman

Daytona Beach, FL – We had a big hurricane here. I live one mile from the beach and one mile from the ocean, so was worried and so glad to see Dorian leave here. Most of my neighbors decided to stay and so did my son, Eric, and I. Feel bad about the flooding in the North Carolina Outer Banks and the terrible destruction and deaths in the Bahamas.

1954 Betty Dudek Dickhens

Carrollton, TX – Still sewing all of Don's sport shirts on my new sewing/embroidery machine and a lot of charity sewing. Also, just finished a king size quilt. Don enjoys woodworking and has started making beautiful canes, which are put to good use. LOL!

1955 Wanda Lee Routt Rush – Lampe MO

After 25 years at Silver Dollar City Branson, MO, I decided to retire November 2, 2019. Met a lot of people and made a lot of good friends. Have SDC pins for every five years - 1 regular, 1 gold plated, 1 with sapphire, 1 with ruby, 1 with emerald. Lot of living yet to do.

1955 Richard Wolff – Ballwin, MO – My wife, Gail, and I have been married for 38 years. We

live in Ballwin, but spend a lot of time at our 70 acre country home in southern Illinois. We enjoy travel, dancing, the Muny, Cardinal baseball and Blues hockey.

1956 Carol Kottmeier Cooper

Pomona, CA – Had college friends for a fun filled visit, had cancer, been taking road trips in the mountains and deserts of Southern California and Arizona with my friend in his Tesla.

1957 Brenda Braun Matthews

Ballwin, MO This year for my 80th birthday, my three daughters gave me a 1 year old black Great Dane, named Gracie, rescued by Big Dogs Huge Paws in Denver, Colorado. So far, I have had to replace a couch after she chewed the top off a 48 oz. bottle of Crisco vegetable oil. Then, she removed the moulding from the back door, and the living room rug has been to the cleaners twice. Maybe her name should be changed to SHENANIGAN! But I still love her and my daughters.

1958 Irene (Reenie) Ledbetter Christenson

Lake Barrington, IL – Still employed by United Airlines as a flight attendant; I enjoy this lifestyle. When at home, I enjoy the quiet pace and spend my time in the work-out room, in my large garden, reading, gathering with friends and watching a sunset. Life is good.

1958 Regina Stimson Gahr

Brentwood, MO – I have decided to retire for the second time. I am stepping down as Director of the Brentwood Christian Childcare Center and promoted **Tammy Gahr Johnson '87** as the new director. I am doing more traveling with the Order of the Eastern Star and enjoying the trips as long as my health and the money don't run out.

1958 Dennis Kurre – Springfield, VA

Took an 8 day European river cruise in April 2019 from Amsterdam, The Netherlands through Germany and France to Basel, Switzerland. Spent a week in Cancun, Mexico in July and a week in Branson, MO in October. Visited other BHS grads in Florida, St Louis/Brentwood, Independence and Springfield, MO.

1958 Suzan Cavender Slater – Ballwin, MO

- Still tap dancing, traveling and enjoying life.

1958 Jacqueline Schuster Thursby – Provo, UT

– Four adult children, spouses, thirteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren

scattered throughout the USA keep us hopping! Brentwood gave me a great start.

1959 Joan Day Johnson – Reno, NV – Joan sends best wishes for the New Year. She has recently returned from a trip to Moscow, Russia. Her present hobby is genealogy.

1960 Walter Henkel – St Louis, MO – This is the third year for the MOT (Museum of Transportation) being under private ownership and so far, not much has been done to improve things.

1960 Sue McWhirter Davis – Fenton, MO – Hah! I did retire in September! Now volunteer with Circle of Concern food pantry in Valley Park. Still weight training twice a week. I now have time to just goof off, if I want to.

1962 Marilyn Mollman Rymer – Kansas City, MO – Rob and I are spending as much time as we can in summer and winter in Colorado. The five grandchildren and their parents join us for a week of mountain activity and the annual "talent show" every August.

1963 Elaine Henson Lentz – Ballwin, MO – Still going through papers. Can't wait to get eye surgery, so I can see again. Would anyone like to buy a 7 piece bedroom set cheap? (636) 394-3529

1965 Susan Rooney Brighton

Longmont, CA – We spent a terrific time at the Del Coronado in San Diego helping **Mike Rooney '63** and his wife, Ruth, celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. I am still younger and cuter than he is.

1965 Gerard Michael Ganahl – Maryland Heights, MO – I got a big thanks from the Red Cross for giving 14 gallons. I'll be starting on 15 gallons in October.

1965 Richard Bond – Overland Park, KS – I am busy being treasurer of my adult Sunday School class and taking care of my wife. Please pray for my wife, Dayla. Thank you!

1966 Delyla Aulgur Uebel – Lampe, MO – I perform playing piano – both classical and theatre.

1967 Sally Graves DeWitt – San Marino, CA – Experienced the July 2 total solar eclipse at the Carnegie Observatory in Las Campanas, Chile.

recent request. Your contributions for this column are always wanted and very welcome. For submissions, please continue to use at jmakoetting@gmail.com. We will edit and include as much as we can, due to space limitation, in future newsletters.

1967 Richard Oppenheim – Joplin, MO – Retired May 2018. Play golf 3 days a week, play pickle ball 2 days a week, rest the other 2 days a week.

1969 Katherine (Muffy) Phillips Reeder – St Petersburg, FL – This year, for our 50th class reunion and Brentwood's 100th anniversary, several '69ers entered the Saturday parade as the '69ers flotilla with all convertibles decorated, '69ers in purple and gold, a real Beaky, and a piper leading the way. Out of 47 entries, we won first place!! So much fun and memories of the car parades of the '60s before football games on Friday night. The BHS Class of 1969 is donating \$300 to the scholarship fund. We came, we saw, we conquered!!

1971 Debbie Henne Clary – Springfield, MO – Awarded Outstanding Educator 2019 for Gifted Association of Missouri (October 2019). I will be retiring this spring (2020) after a 28 year teaching career; 26 years in Gifted Education for Springfield, MO Public Schools.

1971 Missy Reisenleiter – St Louis, MO – I was thrilled to add another stamp in my passport – a trip to Canada. This Canadian vacation was not only my first time to the Maritime Provinces, but also was the break my husband needed to energize him to combine hiking the Appalachian Trail. Mount Katahdin or bust! I have been thrilled to play a small role to support his dream of completing this challenging hike. Team work!

1972 Greg Kornfeld – St Louis, MO – Debby and I celebrated our 40th anniversary in June in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico on a trip given to us by our son, Chris, and his wife, Lindsey. We vacationed in Destin, Florida in late August with **Kurt Rudesill '72** and **Mary Hippert Rudesill '73**.

1974 Cathleen Lowe Petrucci – Newark, DE – Working part-time now in a breast cancer program, as well as wellness coaching. Thrilled to enjoy 6 grandchildren. Continuing to travel extensively with husband in developing countries to support leadership development and healthcare.

1975 Fred Heger – Broken Arrow, OK – Recently accepted a new job as Manufacturing Controller for Meridian Medical Technologies, a unit of Pfizer, located in the Westport area of St Louis. We will be relocating from Broken Arrow, OK to Chesterfield, MO soon.

ORE Richard W Niemann – St Louis, MO – I volunteer at St Cronan Food Pantry, do tax preparation for AARP, and coach for the St Louis Archdiocese.

ADDITIONAL ALUM STORIES...

Lunch With Alums And Retired Teacher

On September 16, a group of alums from the 50's plus retired teacher, Carolyn Gabbert Upshaw '53, met at Farotto's in Rock Hill for lunch. Miss Gabbert, who we knew as a popular math teacher, was unable to attend the upcoming 3rd Weekend in September. She and her husband, Bob, now live in Virginia.



LtoR: Martin Gabbert '51, Bob Upshaw, Sue Weber Young '53, Carolyn Gabbert Upshaw '53

JEAN HALL MICHENER '46

Thank you to Jean who made these cross-stitched bookmarks for each Board member. What a nice BHS remembrance!



CHARLES B. AULT '70

Charles works for Office Depot, Inc. at their Office Max store in South St Louis County, as a Logistics Specialist responsible for moving product to the sales floor in its appropriate locations. The 2019 inventory level was decreased to slightly below a million dollars. Charles was tasked to correct the "on hand" product count and finished the six-week assignment before the official count would begin.

Usually there was a variance of \$10,000 dollars. This time, when the final figure was processed and corrections made, Charles had missed the official total by forty-seven cents! He was thanked by his store manager and the Regional Loss Prevention Manager. When asked the secret of this success, Charles replied, "Attention to detail is the key to success."

RICHARD C. (SKIP) MANGE '58

Skip resigned last fall as longtime alderman in the city of Town & Country, MO, where he had served more than 20 years, including two terms as mayor of the city. Skip developed the city's parks and trail system and was task force chair of the latest park project, the city's new Town Square.

ALUMS HAPPY AT ANTHOLOGY OF CLAYTON VIEW

Three alums have moved to the Anthology of Clayton View in Brentwood. **Norma Hodges Murphy '41** first moved to Manhasset Village in 1938 and has now made the full circle back to Brentwood.



Loretta Owens Johnson '53, Norma Hodges Murphy '41, Don Ruch '44

ERNEST E. GARRETT III '99

Ernest, was named last summer to be Superintendent of the school district that includes the Louisiana School for the Deaf and the Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired. The school system oversees about 1,800 students and is called the Special School District. "I am truly honored to serve," Ernest said.

Ernest was former CEO of Deaf Empowerment Awareness Foundation Inc. in St. Louis and also previously the first deaf and black superintendent of the Missouri School for the Deaf. He also was executive director of the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and worked as a licensed social worker in both school and clinical settings.

Taken from THE ADVOCATE, Baton Rouge, LA, August 23, 2019

PAST BHS REUNIONS 2019

BHS Class of 1959 60th Reunion

Front-L-R Stan White, Bill Gruttke, David Cain, Judy Jung, Kaye Shumate, Joyce Arneson, Ann Barcus, Barby Stark
 Middle-L-R Bob Niemeyer, Nancy O'Loughlin, Janet Miles, Shirley Bice, Jay Ritterskamp, Armon Crawford,
 Middle Contined- Dick Carlson, Brante Braswell, Jon Schroeder, Mary Ann Koetting
 Back-L-R Charlie La Garce, Art Toney, Craig Shumate



◀1959 – 60th

We had our BHS Class of 1959 60th Reunion September 21st at The Highlands Golf & Tennis Center in Forest Park. It was wonderful seeing and talking with all those that could attend. We were also blessed to have the spouses of two of our deceased classmates attend - **Joan Ledbetter Weston '60** and **April Moskoff**. Submitted by **Charles LaGarce '59**



◀1963 – 56th

On August 28th, 2019, nine members of our BHS Class of 1963 went to Durango, Colorado. We were guests of Allen Harper,

Owner/CEO/Chairman of American Heritage Railways. Allen had contacted me in January of 2019, and wanted to host a reunion in Durango and reunite with his classmates. He had attended school in Brentwood from third grade (Old #1) through sophomore year at BHS. We had a memorable and fantastic trip.

When we returned home, we had a second reunion on September 21, 2019 (Brentwood Days Weekend), for those who were unable to make the Durango trip. It was a luncheon at PJ's in Kirkwood and fifteen classmates attended.

Submitted by **Jeannette McWilliams Horvath '63**

Back Row LtoR: Robert Horvath, Allen Harper, David Riegelsberger,
 Front Row: Vicki Wood Soellner, Jeannette McWilliams Horvath,
 Sally Hoffmeister Tayloe, Starr Percy, Lyt Tough, Steve Camp (Not
 pictured) – Sharon Heib Camp

1969 – 50th ▶

It was with great pleasure that the Reunion Committee came together to organize our 50th Class Reunion. Our reunion weekend began with a small gathering at the Frisco Barroom in Webster. Friday night was supposed to be the usual gathering at the high school, but an untimely rain storm dampened that event, with everyone heading to the Trainwreck Saloon. We had a blast visiting with people from many different classes.



Seated: Steve Colesworthy, Dave Hughes, Vikki Hasty Belgeri, Kit Sexton Melchert, Melissa Mills Herring, Steve Much, Muffy Phillips Reeder, Debbie Schott Bott, Patti Brigham Knowles Standing: Yvonne Suess, Kurt Niehoff, Sally Parker Kleba, Jim Falkner, Shirley Kolsbun Anderson, Jon LeClaire, Nancy Olson Hacker, Mike Toney, Debbie Byrd Strake, Scott Hippert, Steve Thomas, Casey Geisz, Barb Taylor Connoyer, Rob Marion, Lane Palmer, John Torbert, Laurie Hartung, John Moser

On Saturday, since the City of Brentwood was celebrating their 100th birthday, and we were celebrating our 50th reunion, we wanted to be in the Brentwood Days parade. This was a project that Muffy Phillips Reeder owned from day one, as she wanted to do this as a tribute to her mother. We had bubble machines blowing bubbles into the crowd, people handing out candy and beads to the kids, and Steve Much dressed up as Beaky. As we were in the parade alignment in Brentwood Forest, we heard the sound of bagpipes approaching, and realized that Laurie Hartung, dressed in full Scottish piping attire, decided to surprise us. Having her walk at the front of our procession was an absolute joy. It really added a festive air to the event and it impressed everyone that we passed. WE CAME IN FIRST PLACE in our category and we donated the \$500 prize to the Scholarship Committee.

On Saturday evening, we had a grand party at Cyrano's in Webster. The party room was already decorated with a rather hippy, Bohemian décor, so it fit right in with our 1969 memories. It was a very special evening to spend with those that were able to come. It's so hard to believe that it has been 50 years. The class of 1969 is mighty fine, and we proved it one more time.

Submitted by **Yvonne Suess '69**

1974 - 45th ▶

The BHS Class of 1974 celebrated its 45th reunion in conjunction with the 2019 3rd Weekend in September alumni activities. The group met Saturday night at C J Muggs in Clayton.

Submitted by **Jan Wuestling Burris '74**

Row 1 LtoR: Sammie Johnson Brison, Nancy Sandhagen Clark, Linda Jost Beckmeyer, Mindy Harvey Peats, Ann Kraft Petersen, Janet Watral Meyer, Jan Wuestling Burris
Row 2: Connie West Morrocco, Gerry Noss Gahr, Karen Allen Matthews, Lori Sparks, Cindy Nowell Branham
Row 3: Dan Lang, Mike Noonan, Syla Yoder Heston, Mark Madras, Brenda Dye
Row 4: Pam Costello, Greg Widaman, David Freeman
Row 5: Rick Seelbach, Dan Brown, Lu Brigham, Todd Henne, Barry Williams



Mike Noonan and Coach Beumer

ALUM *Spotlight*

Chad Plein '94

Chad Plein is an Emmy Award winning television sports anchor for KYTV (NBC) in Springfield, Missouri. After graduating from BHS, Chad attended SLU with a major in Communication and a Certificate in creative and professional writing. He got his start in TV working at KSDK, NewsChannel 5, as a sports producer in the late '90s working alongside Mike Bush and Frank Cusumano. In 2002, Chad got his first on-air job as a sports anchor in St. Joseph, MO. From there, Chad moved to Joplin, MO, and finally to Springfield where he's been since 2007. He has won four regional Emmys for his anchoring. Chad has beat journalists from television markets across eight states; including St. Louis, Kansas City, Little Rock, and Des Moines.

Over the years, he has been involved in various charities. In 2012, he was named the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Man of the Year in Southwest Missouri for his fundraising efforts to fight blood cancers. In 2013, he was named to Springfield's

40-under-40. In 2015, Chad had open-heart surgery following a heart attack at the age of 39. Since then, he's been dedicated to helping the American Heart Association by speaking at events and raising money and awareness for cardiovascular health. **Chad Plein** is definitely living the dream, attending World Series, Stanley Cup, and NCAA March Madness games.



This year, he is covering the Kansas City Chiefs in Miami at the Super Bowl. But Plein says the best part of his life is his family. In 2004, Chad married his wife Cati. The couple has two kids; a son Coy (12) and a daughter Chyler (8). His parents, Mike and Susan, still live in Brentwood. Susan has worked at Mark Twain Elementary for 28-years. His brother **Todd '06** also lives in Brentwood.

FUTURE BHS REUNIONS 2020

1955 65th

Jim Bender, Judie Green Lynch and I are making plans for our big 65th reunion. Over time, phone numbers and email addresses have changed so please call or email me. **Jodie Thomas Welch 951 769-3936 or awelch5@verizon.net**

1960 60th

We are having our 60th Reunion in the fall and hope all can make it. Further plans will be sent at a later date. **Sue Zingre Lee 314 962-2780 suelee60@hotmail.com**

1965 55th

Plans are in the works for the **55th reunion of the Class of 1965 the 3rd Weekend in September 2020**. Gatherings from Friday evening until Sunday morning are in the preliminary stages, with a class cocktail party Saturday evening featured. We're also planning to designate a class hotel where we can connect through the weekend, hopefully with room discounts and other perks. If you have not yet received any emails about the 1965 reunion, please let class coordinators **Jim Coleman and David Serra** know ASAP by writing us at **BHSMO1965@gmail.com**.

1970 50th

Class of 1970! I want to remind you all that our 50th reunion is quickly approaching. The reunion is going to be on **September 19, 2020** at The Museum of Transportation in Kirkwood. Please mark your calendars. Be watching for an invitation by mail and/or e-card with information on cost, time and your RSVP's. If you have any questions, please email me **Cathy Stockwell Whitney, at 50reunion1970@gmail.com**. I would love to hear if you have any suggestions. Hope to see you all there!

1980 40th

Let's get together and celebrate our 40th reunion the weekend of Brentwood Days and the alumni event. On **Friday, September 18** alumni will gather at BHS from 4-7, plus there is a **Hall of Fame** induction in the auditorium at 7 pm. We will be meeting up at the Trainwreck after and chatting until whenever our "Okay, Boomer's" selves need to head home. LOL! On Saturday, the 19th, the parade starts at noon ending at Brentwood Park. Please contact me with your ideas of how and where we will celebrate. **314 229-6703 joaniebaby61@yahoo.com Joan Kennedy McClelland**



BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY NEWS

The Brentwood Century Foundation's Centennial year-long celebration in 2019 was a huge success, celebrating 100 years of the City of Brentwood. The Foundation sponsored diverse events throughout the year. Events included: Trivia Night; Recognition of 75 year residents; a reunion of Howard-Evans Place residents; Brentwood Day at Busch Stadium; Old Time Baseball; and a "Race to the Courthouse" to commemorate Brentwood residents beating Maplewood's attempt at annexation in 1919. The year's climax was a Centennial Gala Party at Xavier Grand Ballroom in November.

BRENTWOOD RESIDENTS SING AND LAUGH AT ALUMNI-SPONSORED CENTENNIAL EVENT

Saturday, July 13, 2019, was a hot summer night, but that didn't keep scores of Brentwood residents from attending the Community Sing Along and Movie Night at the Brentwood School District Conference Center. The event was another Centennial celebration and was sponsored by the Brentwood Alumni Association and featured members of the Brentwood Community Youth Choir.



The evening began with the showing of *SUNNYSIDE*, a Charlie Chaplin short from 1919, the year of Brentwood's incorporation. Young, old, and in-between members of the audience appreciated the timeless humor of Chaplin. They also enjoyed free popcorn, candy, and lemonade provided by the Alumni Association.

Next, the Brentwood Community Youth Choir, under the direction of BHS choir director Deb Stinson, led the audience in an enthusiastic sing along session featuring songs from the 1919 time period. While some songs were new to the audience, others were perennial favorites. The selections included: *A BICYCLE BUILT FOR TWO*; *JADA*; *SHINE ON HARVEST MOON*;

ALEXANDER'S RAGTIME BAND; *I'M FOREVER BLOWING BUBBLES*; and *MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS, LOUIE*.

"It was great to hear the blending of voices, young and not quite so young," Stinson commented. "They really came on strong on *MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS*."

The final part of the program was a special surprise: the first showing of the Centennial documentary: *BRENTWOOD: A 100 YEAR JOURNEY*. It was produced by Brentwood resident, Dan Duffy. The crowd loved the 15 minute video that showed much of Brentwood's history and its current charm and attraction. Sponsored by the Brentwood Century Foundation, the video is available for purchase by going to the Foundation's website at www.brentwood100.org.



"We were very happy with the response to the video and the enthusiasm of those who joined us at the event," said BCF and BAA representative **Ed Wright Jr.** "The Alumni Association was well-represented and board member volunteers really helped make the event a success."

Submitted by **Ed Wright, Jr. '67**
Photos by **Elliot Wright 2022**

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! The Newsletter Committee needs photographers and assistants to take photos and record names at the All-School reunion. Contact **Judi Turner Peckham '61**, editor at judi.peckham@gmail.com if you can help.

Thank you for volunteers who offered to proof-read. **Jane Hughes Coil '71** is helping out for this newsletter, and others will help in the future.

PLEASE HELP to keep alumni records up to date by informing us of any new address, telephone number, email address or name change. Use the envelope enclosed or contact **Mary Ann Eckler Koetting '59** at jmakoetting@gmail.com

If you have a 1961 or 1964 yearbook to spare, call **Mary Ann** at **636 537-5256** or jmakoetting@gmail.com.

SCHOOL NEWS

EAGLE DIVERSITY ENVISIONING BRENTWOOD HIGH THROUGH THE EYES OF THE BLIND

[EAGLE DIVERSITY is 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.]

*Many of us can picture the skinny young man walking slowly but confidently on the streets of Brentwood, sometimes using a white cane and usually walking by himself (or with his pet German Shepherd, Becky). That same young man also walked the halls of Brentwood Schools from 4th grade at Mark Twain till graduating from the high school in 1970. **Mark Boles** is the kind of person you don't forget, and he has many good memories of Brentwood.*

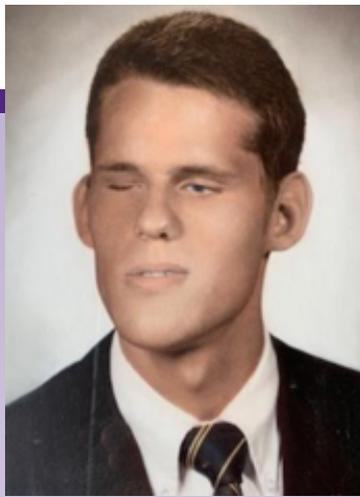
*Throughout its history, BHS has had many students who have had physical or mental challenges, but have been "mainstreamed" into the student population. I previously wrote about the many students who took part in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing program maintained at Brentwood by the Special School District. We have also had students who have been diagnosed across the spectrum of autism and Downs Syndrome. This column will focus on a student who was blind virtually since birth and became an integral part of the school and wider Brentwood community—**Mark Boles '70**.*

Mark started at Mark Twain and learned to type on a regular typewriter in 5th grade in **Emma McClurken's** home room. Before learning to type, he had the benefit of his mother, Maxine, Brailleing many of his assignments and lessons (while nursing part-time at St. Mary's and being a Cub Scout den mother). In high school, **Mark** used a Braille-writer as needed but not in class.

During **Mark's** years at BHS, there were about nine students in the resource room run by Special School District. All of them had vision challenges from total blindness to "partially sighted"/ legally blind. "I interacted with them daily in the resource room," remembers **Mark**. "A few names I remember were **Carol Greiling** (now **Carol Andris** in Jefferson City), **Winnie Eggert '71** (deceased), and **Beverly Faulkner '71**." (The author remembers **Mark Schroer** of the class of 1968, a young man who lost his sight in a tragic accident during his teenage years).

Resource teachers did not accompany **Mark** to class and there were no note-takers. **Mark** used tape recorders in class starting in his sophomore year. Tests were given orally in the Resource room.

As to gym class and sports, **Mark** says he got help from the students and coaches. He gives special thanks to **David Giacopelli** who showed him how to hike a football. He liked to run the track and says that **Jerry Burgoyne** encouraged him to run, which **Mark** continued to do through his college years. **Mark's** main socializing occurred on his walks around the neighborhood and at football



Mark Boles '70

games, DeMolay meetings, and activities at the Brentwood Congregational Church.

While there were no particular impediments to being a blind student at BHS, the accommodations we now see in most public buildings (Braille labels, tactile warnings on floors and pavements) did not exist back then. **Mark** uses "echo-location" in navigating his surroundings and can detect many obstacles in his path (part of his highly tuned hearing apparatus).

Mark graduated from BHS in 1970. He remembers several Brentwood teachers fondly, especially his 7th grade teacher, **Ruth Martin**, who was also his neighbor. "I don't remember any real academic hindrance from being blind but, like most kids, I struggled with some subjects. Math was a tough subject for me, but I got through it with help from **Jack Head**, **Rick Bunner** (resource room teacher), and my dad."

After graduating from Brentwood, **Mark** attended Meramec Community College for two years and Mizzou for one. He then transferred to Missouri State where he earned a BA in Psychology in 1976 and did some post-graduate work. He is retired now after a career in medical transcription in St. Louis and massage therapy in St. Louis and Albuquerque (where he and his mom now live). He is a licensed massage therapist in New Mexico.

Mark was a popular figure in Brentwood for many years—whether identifying a car by the sound of its engine, walking to the swim club on a warm summer day, or enjoying lunch at Carl's. **Mark's** mobility training and innate abilities allowed him to refine his "echo-locating" skills. He fondly remembers when their family lived on Salem Road and he would ride his bike up and down the street, steering around parked cars by echo-locating them with a vocal click. **Mark** says that "BHS was a good overall experience. I wouldn't change anything. I'm glad to have been admitted to public school in Brentwood, where I could join the mainstream and attend classes with my neighbors. It is hard to imagine a better place for us to have landed when we moved to St. Louis from Kansas in 1957". Like so many of our BHS students over the years, **Mark** met his challenges and showed that his ability outshone his disability. We're proud to call **Mark Boles** a fellow Eagle.



Mark Boles '70

Submitted by **Ed Wright, Jr. '67**

TEACHER *Spotlight*

ROSEMARIE HUGHES: 60 YEARS LATER!

Once a teacher, always a teacher! One of my first questions for retired Brentwood teacher **Rosemarie Hughes** was: “What hospital were you born at?” “Eddie!” came a quick retort accompanied by a penetrating look by this white-haired 92 year old lady. “Uh, sorry” I replied. “At which hospital were you born?” **Rosemarie** chuckled and patted me on the hand. “That’s alright. You know I was an English teacher.”

This exchange revealed both the charming playfulness and the dedication of **Miss Hughes**, a woman who had taught me 5th grade at Frazier School 60 years ago. Throughout our conversation, she laughed but also made serious points about her life and career. Born and raised in St. Louis, **Rosemarie** had a brother and a sister. Her dad was a bricklayer and during the Depression, the family would often travel to wherever his jobs were, such as Jefferson City to help build a prison. “I went to a lot of elementary schools in Missouri.” Her mom worked at a munitions plant in St. Louis during WW II and later at the County Board of Elections.

A graduate of Webster Groves High School, **Miss Hughes** obtained a degree in English from Webster College (run by the Sisters of Loretto) and later a master’s degree in education from Washington University. She was eager to tell me about one of her summer jobs during her college days: at Wright Leather Company on Manchester in Brentwood putting glue on billfolds (a company owned by her grandfather).

As a fellow teacher, I wanted to know how she got interested in and started teaching. “When I got out of college, I figured that’s the thing to do. You know, we get summers off!” she laughingly replied. So, her teaching career started in House Springs, Missouri as a 5th grade teacher for 4 years. She lived with a family next door to the school during the week and then came back to Rock Hill on the weekends.

In 1954, Brentwood hired her, and she started as a 5th grade teacher at Frazier School, where she taught “till they tore it down”. There she worked under principals such as **Mark Lumb, John Tout, Floyd Rice, and Doug Carmack**. One of her favorite colleagues at Frazier was **Joan Maschmann and Leslie Brann** later. Were the teachers wild back then? “Nobody was wild when **Mark Lumb** was principal,” she stated. However, she does remember a night when several of the teachers went to a local nightspot for some liquid refreshment. There was a “diatribe” from the principal in their mailbox the next morning.

I asked **Rosemarie** if she had felt any discrimination or pressure as a woman in the field of education. “I didn’t really, but if you were a woman who wanted to be an administrator, it wasn’t going to happen. Also, our principal got very upset one year when two of our kindergarten teachers got pregnant at the same time.” We both agreed that, hopefully, times have changed.

After Frazier was demolished, she went to McGrath and taught in the Enriched Learning program. This is where she taught my daughter, **June Wright Burkhardt ‘94**, 24 years after teaching me at Frazier. One of the fun moments during our conversation

was reviewing my report card she gave me 60 years ago and the one she gave my daughter in 1984. (We both did fine, though she had comments about us “following rules and regulations” and “taking responsibility for our actions”. Go figure.)



Miss Hughes and Ed Wright, Jr. ‘67 review his 5th Grade report card from 60 years ago.

Rosemarie retired in 1987 after 37 years of teaching and enriching the lives of her students. She lived at her home in Rock Hill until moving to Laclede Groves in 2014. She has never been married and her health is still generally good. She stays active, reigning as one of the “bridge queens” in her residential community. She’s traveled all around the world and we especially enjoyed sharing our experiences from China. Her favorite place to travel to? “I’d be disowned if I didn’t say Ireland.” Her eyes twinkled. She has done some watercolor painting over the years but laughed about when a local artist saw one of her paintings and said: “I like the frame.”

If she hadn’t been a teacher, **Rosemarie** says she would have applied to a newspaper and hopefully eventually become a copy editor and writer. But you can tell how much she loved teaching. Her advice to young teachers? “Leave the problems at school at the end of the day. Don’t take them home.”

As we shared laughs and stories from Brentwood schools, I realized how much of a presence she was in my life and for so many students. When I told my siblings I was interviewing her, they all sent smiley emojis and said, “Give her my best”. That seems appropriate since **Rosemarie Hughes** gave her best to so many over the years.

Submitted by **Ed Wright, Jr. ‘67**



Miss Rosemarie Hughes and Ed Wright, Jr. 5th Grade Class Photo 1959-1960

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Would you like to be an **ALUM SPOTLIGHT** in a future newsletter? We would like to hear from you. Please let the editor know at judi.peckham@gmail.com. **It is always nice to hear about alums and what they are doing since graduation.**

Also, looking for **TEACHER SPOTLIGHTS**. If you have a favorite teacher or know of one that was extra special, please let us know, and we will contact the current or retired teacher to see if he or she would be a spotlight in the future.



Note from Sandy Kurre LaGarce '61, Class Reps & Memberships Committee Chair...

"BAA thanks all who pay their dues every year. It helps pay for the Newsletter that is sent out twice a year, as well as the scholarships given to graduating seniors every year. Also, I would like to remind everyone to notify your class rep or BAA (Mary Ann above) of any changes of names and/or addresses so we can save money sending them only once instead of twice. Thank you."

Please volunteer to represent your class of '56, '88, '91, 2000, 2001, 2004, and 2010. **Contact Sandy Kurre LaGarce at sjlaga@gmail.com**. Looking for your Class Rep? The list of Class Reps is on the website. Go to BAA website www.brentwoodhsalumni.org and click on **Who We Are**.

DID YOU KNOW? Alum News is on the BAA website. Go to the home page at www.brentwoodhsalumni.org and click on Alumni News. Check it out!

BAA logo shirts and caps in purple and gold are available. See order form on the website.

2020 BAA CALENDAR

February 11	BAA Board Meeting, District Conference Room 4:30 PM
March 10	BAA Board Meeting, District Conference Room 4:30 PM
April 14	BAA Annual Meeting, District Conference Room 4:30 PM
April 29	Senior Scholarship Awards Program TBA
May 12	BAA Board Meeting, District Conference Room 4:30 PM
June 1	Deadline for August 2020 Newsletter
August 11	BAA Board Meeting, District Conference Room 4:30 PM
September 8	BAA Board Meeting, District Conference Room 4:30 PM
September 18	"3rd Weekend in September" Reunion 4:00 PM
	Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, BHS 7:00 PM
September 19	Brentwood Days Parade
	High School Drive & Wrenwood Noon
	BAA Booth at Brentwood Days in Brentwood Park on Russell 1:00 PM
October 13	BAA Board Meeting, District Conference Room 4:30 PM
December 1	Deadline for February 2021 Newsletter
November 10	BAA Board Meeting, District Conference Room 4:30 PM

Note: Alums are welcome to attend BAA Board Meetings

THANK YOU

Thanks to **Dave Ryan '50**, alum, class rep, and ORE member (retired teacher) for sending his yearly thoughtful and informational letter to his classmates near end of each year. And, the resulting updates have been very helpful for our database!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Ed Wright, Jr. '71**, who was named the "Brentwood Citizen of the Year" by the Brentwood Chamber of Commerce.

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PAST REUNIONS 2019 *continued*



Kevin Miquelon, Mike Blaesing, Joni Boldt Ridgway, Rob Espenschied



Kim Hutsell Sullins, Laura Jost Rejko, Betsey Mills Mitchell, Keith Seelbach, Kathy Seagrist Vassalli, Greg Sullins

1979 - 40th

Our picnic was held at Tilles Park on September 21, 2019, and we had about 25 people attending. I think it's fair to say that a great time was had by all!

Submitted by **Dave Oppenheim**



Terry Johnson, Dan Chapman, Coral Rush, Darryl Rush, Mike Gill, Tom Holstein, Nancy Holstein



Keith Seelbach, Joni Boldt Ridgeway, Dave Oppenheim



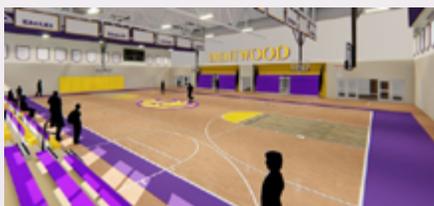
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BRENTWOOD MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

A brief overview of the work so far

The new cafeteria was opened last fall, with modern equipment and serving lines, plus an upgraded atmosphere. The band room reopened in the fall, the new, open space concept band room provides a large, comfortable space for students to practice. The large gym is complete with new bleachers and scoreboard, the large gymnasium is open.



There will be an enclosed space for the wrestling team with a new resin floor. A drop-down batting cage will also be installed for indoor practice. The state-of-the-art

science and lab classrooms are nearly ready to be occupied by students. Excavation is complete for the new commons/library area, and the foundation is currently being constructed.

For the latest, be sure to visit www.brentwoodblog.org for updates, news, and information related to construction.

Submitted by **Sam Rayburn**, Director of Communications, Brentwood School District

PAST REUNIONS 2019 *continued*

1989 - 30th ▶

Class of 1989 gathered at the BAA All-School Reunion Friday night, September 20, and at Tropicana Saturday night for Crazy Bowl 80's style. Those that could brought significant others and we had a silent auction, 50/50 raffle and all proceeds went to House of Zadok. This charity was founded and run by 1987 BHS graduate **Ron Nesbit** to help with programs and give assistance to the kids and families with immediate needs, through after school programs, housing, food and necessities, in the St Louis area. Class of 1989 was able to present a check that night for \$2000.00 to Ron for House of Zadok. Submitted by **Yvette Trokey**



LtoR: Back Row: Chris Yunker, Greg Sharp, David Niemeyer, Mark Saxon, Joey Armon, Fred Arndt, Roberta Moore, Kelli Kullum 3rd Row: Denise Johnson, Julia Strassner, Karen Yancey, Erika Welge, Jen Schaub, Carol Arens, Melissa Pitman, Leslie Holland 2nd Row: Nicole Hill, Suzanne Stack, Jill Inmam, Angie Edwards Front Row: Yvette Trokey, Pam Hounsom



LtoR Back Row: Chrissy Ellis Blancett, Jenny Schott, Justin Standiford, Paul Peters Front Row: Mrs. Jane Sneed, Aryn Kloss Kassel, Duane Hollinshed

◀ 1999 - 20th

We had a small turnout at Joey B's, but had a great time catching up! Submitted by **Chrissy Ellis Blancett**

2009 - 10th ▶

A small group met at Schlafly Bottleworks in Maplewood this past August. Submitted by **Emily Youngstrom**



LtoR Back Row: Yusef Rahaman, Jennifer Pink, Heather Propst, Linda Nichols, Larrell Hood, Charles Hogue, Colleen Cole Front Row: Janeth Clark, Haley Ford, Victoria Barnes



LtoR: Mike Kelly, Sandy LaGarce, Pat Brinkhorst, Rick Oliver

◀ 1961 Get-together

The class of 1961 likes to get together once in a while, even if we don't have an upcoming reunion to plan. We just enjoy each other's company. Classmate **Mike Kelly** was one we couldn't find for 58 years since graduation. Thanks to **Jim Flint**, he was found. He and his wife came to St. Louis to visit her relatives, so we got together with him at the Olive Garden for lunch while he was here. It was really great to see him again, and now that we know where he is, maybe he'll come to our 60th reunion in 2021. It was a very enjoyable afternoon catching up with him.

Submitted by **Sandy Kurre LaGarce**

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 1942 Marion Baker Stroup — 10/07/2019
 1944 James Walter (Jay) Luttrell — 04/28/2019
 1945 Doris Hoelscher Diederich — 11/01/2018
 1945 Leonard C Pronko — 11/27/2019
 1947 Moir Brown Stevens — 12/25/2019
 1948 Gerard (Jerry) Voelkers, MD — 06/28/2019
 1950 Laura M Brockmeyer Franzwa — 10/21/2019
 1950 Nancee Jane Krone Freesmeier — 04/16/2016
 1950 Eva Jacqueline Wall Ochs — 03/23/2019
 1955 Sue Carlock Maisch — 07/10/2019
 1958 Robert Lee Grace — 09/25/2019
 1958 Jackie Estell Seddon — 08/19/2019
 1958 Bruce Godfrey Swaine — 12/25/2019
 1959 Gerard Francis (Jerry) Stoverink — 01/01/2020
 1960 Joan Helen Wolf Siegersma — Date Unknown
 1960 Beverly Bernard Shelkton — 12/29/2019
 1961 Marsha Joan Moritz Bower — 11/23/2019
 1961 Ronald George Fangmann — 01/07/2020
 1961 Sydney F Weybrew, Jr - 09/12/2019
 1962 Mary Susan Stroup McCrary - 11/18/2018
 1964 Patricia (Pat) Matheny McGhee — 09/13/2019
 1965 Frederick McKinsey Canham — 01/02/2020
 1965 John J Jaegers — 01/14/2020
 1968 Judy Ann Bollinger — 12/24/2019
 1969 Christopher Maxwell LaFata — 11/30/2019
 1970 William Robert Frese — 01/13/2014
 1971 Mary Ann Reed Reistroffer — 05/26/2019
 1974 Todd Welden Henne — 10/28/2019
 1979 Samaiyah Aziz - 05/30/2014

SCHOLARSHIPS IN HONOR OF

- 1943 Eva Moritz Bovier
 By Shirley Moritz Taylor '53
 1950 Dave Ryan, Teacher
 By Douglas B Turnbough '75
 1962 Mike Rooney
 By Susan Rooney Brighton '65
 1967 Ed Wright for 70th Birthday
 By Mary Ann Eckler Koetting '59
 By Sandy Kurre LaGarce '60
 By Judith Turner Peckham '61
 By Marcia Hunsinger Werremeyer '66

SCHOLARSHIPS IN MEMORY OF

- 1941 Those No Longer With Us
 By Maxine Gray Reisenleiter '41
 1942 Martin T James
 By Jeanne James '45
 1945 Doris Hoelscher Diederich
 By Nancy Williams
 1950 Tom Haddock
 By Martha Haddock Stephens '62
 1950 Don Oscarson
 By G Richard Oscarson '53
 1950 George Ward
 By W Graham Shelton '60
 1952 Bob Hitt
 By Anne Hitt Hegwer '45
 1952 C Edward Schuster
 By Jacqueline Schuster Thursby '58
 1956 Rita Boshans
 By John Boshans '57
 1957 J Tom Allen
 By Ray Ebert '57

- 1958 Doyle Click
 By Louise Click Wilkerson '60
 1958 Bob Grace
 By Regina Stimson Gahr '58
 1958 Conrad Jacobi
 By Regina Stimson Gahr '58
 By Andrew Wynn '58
 1958 Joe Stark
 By Dennis Kurre '58
 1959 Judy Brink Carter
 By Darlene Brink Roland '55
 1960 Steve Davis
 By Sue McWhirter Davis '60
 1960 Charles Dilly
 By Judith Dilly Harris '64
 1960 Barb Krause Howle
 By Walter Henkel '60
 By Carole Kelley Mailander '60
 1960 Sue Frossard Taylor
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 1960 Sundaye Peer Wilson
 By Betty Pitman Bieber '60
 1961 John Robert Reisenleiter
 By Stephen Wichlan '61
 By Missy Reisenleiter '71
 1963 Marsha Moritz Bower
 By Shirley Moritz Taylor '53
 1963 Kell Brown
 By Carol Kottmeier Cooper '56
 By Gretta Kraft '63
 By Sue Ammon Young '63
 1963 Robert Hicel
 By James Dobernic '63
 By Linda Schall Powell '63
 1964 Bill Ernest
 By Ron Stahl '64
 By Sylvia Leezy Stoll '64
 1966 Carol Eves Bowley
 By Jean Eves Anton '66
 1968 Larry Volkening
 By Bob Warren '68
 1969 Charles G Gillespie
 By Nina Gillespie Jolly '68
 1969 Terrill Jones
 By Nancy Jones '63
 1969 Leigh Volkening
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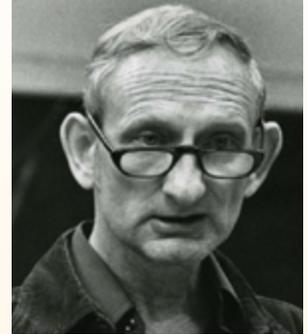
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 ORE Al Fry
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 ORE Vivienne Kueneke Schwab
 By Leslie A Brann ORE

DR. LEONARD PRONKO '45

Professor Emeritus of Theatre and Dance



Dr. Leonard Pronko '45

the son of Rev. Stephen Pronko of the Brentwood Congregational Church, passed away on November 27, 2019. During his remarkable 57-year career as a beloved member of the Pomona College faculty in Claremont, CA, Leonard was known for his infectious love of theatre—and, particularly, for his dedication to kabuki, the traditional Japanese art form combining stylized drama and dance, on which he became one of America's leading experts.

He earned his B.A. from Drury College in Springfield, Mo., and his master's degree from Washington University in St. Louis, before receiving his Ph.D. in French literature from Tulane University in New Orleans. Coupled with his love of French literature, however, was his passion for the performing arts and he transitioned fully into the world of theatre.

Leonard authored many papers and several books. Among his many honors were two Wig Distinguished Professor Awards in 1965 and 1973, a prestigious Guggenheim Fellowship, a 1972 Los Angeles Drama Critic's Circle Award for his kabuki productions, and the Association for Theatre in Education's Outstanding Teacher of Theatre in Higher Education Award in 1997.

PATRICIA L (PAT) MATHENY MCGHEE '64

Pat passed away on September 13, 2019. Her husband, Stuart, said "**Pat** spoke fondly of her time at Brentwood High. It was a wonderful part of her life".

Pat graduated from Southern Methodist University in Texas and earned a BFA in radio and television production. She loved antiques, chocolate, Steak 'n Shake burgers, and playing bridge. Pat, in San Antonio, became known as the "Piano Lady"—the one you called about all kinds of antique musical pianos. She is survived by her husband, two sons, and four grandchildren.





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8th HALL OF FAME CEREMONY
IN THE AUDITORIUM 7:00 pm



Friday, September 18, 2020

4:00 – 7:00 PM At BHS

5:00 & 5:30 PM Guided tours of BHS.

Art Display by BHS art classes

Nightlife Gatherings and Reunions around town

Saturday, September 19, 2020

12:00 PM Brentwood Days and Parade

See our Hall of Fame honorees in the parade.

1:00 PM BAA Booth at Brentwood Park

9:00 PM Fireworks Display at Brentwood Park