



BRENTWOOD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS SIX MORE SCHOLARSHIPS - 2020

Since formation in 2003, the Brentwood Alumni Association has awarded \$251,000 to students, based on exceptional academic achievement, participation in extracurricular activities, citizenship, community service, and financial aid. Through the generosity of alumni and charitable giving partners, BAA has had the opportunity to increase its scholarship funding each year. 2020 recipients each received a \$5,000 scholarship. The BAA scholarship program is the high mark of BAA's role in serving students, teachers, parents, and the community.

David S. Pentland '56
Scholarship Committee Chair



Ben Barkofske will be attending the University of Missouri-Columbia in the fall, where he plans to major in Nursing. He was a Brentwood High School student since freshman year. As a Brentwood Student, he was involved in numerous organizations and clubs including National Honor Society, Student Council, and the soccer and tennis teams. He is very grateful for his experiences

at Brentwood High School and will miss it a lot.



Nathan Butler will be attending Bellarmine University to study Physics. During his time at Brentwood High School, he was very involved in almost every club and activity that was offered. He played four different varsity sports throughout and was lucky enough to be captain for some of them. He was involved in many clubs, such as Student Council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National Honor Society, German Club, and

International Thespian Society. He was a FCA Huddle Leader, German Club Leader, ITS officer, and NHS officer during his senior year. He was also a part of the Scholar Bowl team. He is really thankful for everything that Brentwood has offered him over the last four years of high school. He is grateful to receive this scholarship and looks forward to making a difference in the world thanks to the generosity from the Brentwood Alumni Association.



Zoe Krause has been involved in many things during her time at Brentwood, thanks to the small size and ability to try it all. Some of her favorite activities include Student Council, volleyball, soccer, dance team, and musicals. She was also a National Honor Society officer her senior year, as well as chief editor of Brentwood's online newspaper, The Nest. Zoe is so grateful to all the teachers at Brentwood, especially since she has attended

Brentwood schools since kindergarten. If she could give any advice to other Brentwood students, it would be to take a shot at anything you have an interest in, and be ready for many new doors and paths to open and explore. Zoe will be attending the University of Missouri-Columbia to major in Journalism and hopefully minor in Art.



William Ma will be attending Saint Louis University to major in Biology and plans to continue studying into medical school to reach his dreams of becoming a neurosurgeon one day. As a student at Brentwood, William has taken initiative and participated in a variety of activities including serving as a National Honor Society officer, president of French Club, member of Student Council, and member of French Honor Society. William

has also participated in wrestling, track, and basketball. Additionally, William has played piano for nine years. He is grateful for receiving this award and wants to contribute to society and make a difference in the lives of others in the future.

AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP IN MEMORY OF PEGGY VIEHLAND FOSSETT '62



Benjamin Haug has been a part of the Brentwood community since he was eight years old. From his first year in fourth grade to his final year as a senior, Ben has participated in ten different extracurriculars and founded the Brentwood Middle School Speech and Debate team. Ben is incredibly grateful for the resources and flexibility the Brentwood community offered him during his time at McGrath, BMS, and BHS. Ben plans on attending either

The George Washington University in DC or the University of Birmingham in England to study Human Geography.

AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP IN MEMORY OF JANE CAMPBELL MOECKEL '76



Contessa Smith will be attending Fontbonne University this fall. She plans to double major in Art and Theatre. Contessa has always been passionate about the arts, and was heavily involved in Brentwood High School's art and theatre programs. Her hope for college is to refine her skills as much as she can and begin the next chapter of her life doing what she loves. She is grateful to those who

supported her artistic endeavors over the years and to everyone who made her time in the art and theatre programs precious and memorable.

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.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BAA BOARD PRESIDENT GEORGE CLEMENTS...

Because of the COVID-19 concerns, the City of Brentwood has cancelled Brentwood Days, which was to be held on Saturday, September 19, 2020. (The event is held at Brentwood Park with a carnival theme and fireworks display conclusion.) Also, your Brentwood Alumni Association is concerned about the construction at the High School being ready on time for our Friday afternoon "3rd Weekend in September" celebration, which would have included the Hall of Fame ceremony, As a result, the difficult decision was made to CANCEL the "3rd Weekend" event for 2020.

Brentwood Alumni Association is already planning for 2021. Construction will be complete, and the new commons area, gymnasium, and auditorium will be ready. So, join us in 2021 for a very special "Third Weekend in September." Information will be coming in the February, 2021 newsletter, or check our website www.brentwoodhsalumni.org for updates.

Also, I would like to ask everyone to keep your membership active by paying your dues and making contributions to the Scholarship Fund. See you in 2021.

George Clements '57
Board President

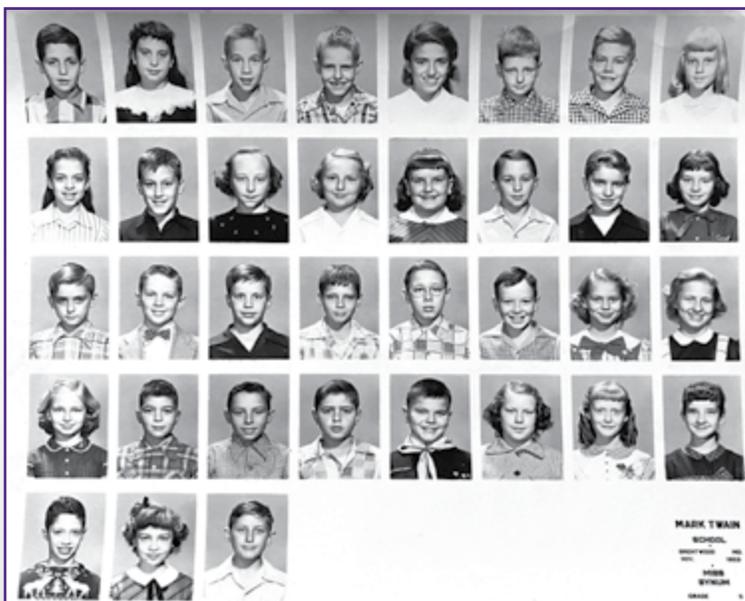
TREASURER'S REPORT

BAA gets the bulk of its dues during the "3rd Weekend in September" event each year, which funds our operating expenses. Since it's been cancelled this year, we would really appreciate your dues payment either by credit card through our website www.brentwoodhsalumni.org or using the enclosed envelope. Look on your address label on this newsletter to see when you last paid. You can also update your address, phone, and email changes the same way.

Deborah Houlihan '73
Finance Committee Chair

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Submitted by Robert (Bud) Cook '61



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Across The Decades

L'OUVERTURE: AN OPENING TO SCHOOL LIFE FOR MANY

This is the first of a new article featuring Brentwood grade schools; some are gone, but some still exist. More to come in future newsletters.



L'Ouverture School

Many of us have fond memories of our elementary school experience in Brentwood: Old No. 1, Mark Twain, Frazier, McGrath, and L'Ouverture. Many of us are unfamiliar with L'Ouverture School. It served the African-American neighborhood known as Howard-Evans Place.

Opening in 1925, the two-room schoolhouse was named for Toussaint L'Ouverture, leader of Haiti's rebellion against France, who also emancipated the slaves. Located at 8616 Rose Avenue, the small school added another classroom and gymnasium in 1941. The late Eugene Roberts remembers: "When I started, there were two in first grade and we picked up a few more students. There were 11 when I graduated."

The school served students from kindergarten through 8th grade. As with many schools for African-American children, there were challenges—a lack of supplies; use of textbooks discarded by the white schools; no library in the school; scarcity of teachers. Some of the white teachers from the other Brentwood schools would go each day to L'Ouverture to teach. This included **Lee Wynn** and **Earl Brown**.

Ed Holt '58, said: "Most of the teachers were outstanding. But my 7th and 8th grade teacher was not. There was no learning going on, because there was no teaching. Sometimes he'd be sleeping in class." Ed found this to be especially problematic later at BHS, when he failed the algebra class the first time.

Before the 1954 Brown decision ordered integration of the schools, Ed and other graduating 8th graders would have gone to north Webster Douglass High School, the only accredited public high school for African-American students in St. Louis County. After the decision, the L'Ouverture grads were given the choice of going to Douglass or to Brentwood High. Ed's response: "Being able

to attend high school in a 20-minute walk from home was great." Seven chose to attend BHS.

After Brown, L'Ouverture began a 10-year closure process. It remained open for K-2 while grades 3-6 students transferred to Mark Twain or Frazier. What began as a two room schoolhouse that welcomed Brentwood's Black students closed its doors in 1963.

Today the school building is gone, as is the entire Howard-Evans Place neighborhood. At the east end of the shopping center there is a rock that memorializes the community that once lived there and reminds us of a time when discrimination in schooling was pervasive...and legal. "L'Ouverture" in French means "the opening" and the small schoolhouse provided an opening for many of Brentwood's best citizens.

Thanks to **Ed Holt '58** and Beth Miller for information in this article.

Submitted by **Ed Wright '67**



Ralph Schmidt, Jr., '52 (deceased) and **Shirley Parker Horine '53**. Taken from PROM Magazine, 1951.

ALUM NEWS

1942 Genevieve Johnson (Genny) Jennings - Owosso, MI - I'm doing pretty well for an almost 97 year old (7/23/1923). I don't know how many of the class of '42 are left, as I never hear from anyone since I moved to Michigan. I'm living at an assisted living home at 245 N Caledonia Dr. Rm 110, Owosso, MI 48867. I have fallen too many times and now walk with a walker. Family are scattered around the country and world - only one child here. I do enjoy reading your bulletin, and the school looks very large now with lots going on there. My step-father owned the Wayside Market just off Eager Road on Highway 40. Sending the best to all.

1944 LeRoy Amen - Chesterfield, MO - I was sorry to read of the death of my friend, **Jay Luttrell '44**. We had many good times together. The class of '44 has become a very short list. I'm still in good health and living in a retirement village. I started school in Brentwood in the 9th grade. My father was principal of Mark Twain, so we moved to be living in the district. At the end of my junior year, we moved to Columbia and enrolled in the University. I was a high school principal for 30 years; 23 of those as principal of Lindbergh High School.

1950 J Robert Green - Brentwood, MO - I published a book of my architecture.

1952 Norm Ramsey - North Fort Myers, FL - Kudos to **Charles Combs'52** for the Mark Twain picture. I went there for kindergarten and 7th grade; the rest at Brentwood No. 1, and of course, 8th through 12th at BHS. Great times. Super people. Wonderful teachers shaped us all!

1953 Shirley Parker Horine - Ellisville, MO - Lost my husband, Dave, six years ago after 60 years of marriage. Every two months, gals from my Brentwood class meet for lunch, usually at Farotto's.

1953 Shirley Moritz Taylor - Northridge, CA - I always enjoy the newsletter and read it all, but disappointed there was no news from the class of '53. My relatives, the Moritz's, LaGarce's and Boshan's are always mentioned somewhere which makes it fun and interesting. Very impressed and proud of your scholarship awards.

1954 Marian Hounsom Lewis - New York, NY - Life in New York City after almost 60 years, is still good. Not traveling as much as in the past; Central Park is my "backyard." That's where I do my biking, bird watching, and summer outdoor concerts.

1956 Elaine Lieberthal Kahn - Collinsville, IL - I've gone back to my crochet hobby and have completed a number of pieces. Also still active in

dog sports. David continues to enjoy swimming as his favorite exercise.

1958 Barbara Higginbotham Novotny - Valley Park, MO - 2019 was a great year for travel! In January, I spent time in Florida with fellow classmates; March was a cruise on a Seabourn ship for 35 days to New Zealand, Australia, and Indonesia. Fabulous! Then, the first two weeks in November, a breathtaking safari with my sister Pat in Kenya. Got to get it all in while I'm still in great shape. Blessings to all.

1958 Jacqueline Schuster Thursby - Provo, UT - We are feeling thankful that, so far, the virus has missed us, our home is safe and warm, and we have plenty of good food. The family is well, and we are so delighted with technology! And this too will pass!

1961 Lia Kahler Littlefield - Menemsha, MA - From 2017-2019, I trained to become a volunteer community mediator at the Peace Institute in New York City. I will have new opportunities to use my skills in our new home in Massachusetts, as we are leaving our beloved NYC after many years.

1961 Judi Turner Peckham - Labadie, MO - I have reconnected with an old friend, **Ellen Rockett O'Neill**, in Georgia. She went to No. 1 grade school through 6th grade; we were special friends. Many good, old memories. Her email is ellenoneill@aol.com.

1963 Elaine Henson Lentz - Ballwin, MO - My husband passed away in January, 2019 and my son, Glenn, has moved in with me and has been a big help with the house. We got a red standard poodle and named her Misty.

1965 Richard Bond - Overland Park, KS - We are moving to sunny Sarasota, FL. My wife has arthritis and I have 1st stage Parkinson's! We have family in Sarasota, and when we get there, the family will be together again.

1966 Nelson Morgan - Smyrna, TN - After a three-year hiatus, I found a job as public address announcer at Rockvale High School near Murphysboro, TN. That's 36 years at the mike. I consider myself very fortunate to still be doing something I love.

1970 Mark Boles - Albuquerque, NM - Would love to hear from classmates at kaiserkidmark@gmail.com.

1971 Debby Zimmerly Goggins - Lake Ozark, MO - Jerry and I celebrated 44 years of marriage this past March 15 and have been blessed with five beautiful grandchildren. I retired in 2016

after working as an RN for 42 years. We moved to Lake Ozark, MO in 2011 and enjoy boating, fishing and lots of partying with good friends.

1972 Rick Reece - Salem, OR - I retired in 2018 after a long, fun, fulfilling career in broadcast and cable TV advertising. Now, I help manage my wife's family's business - Sea Lion Coves, on the central Oregon coast. We have nine grandkids who keep us hopping, and we enjoy traveling, too.

1976 Mark Surgener - St Louis, MO - We celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary this past May. First of four grandchildren heading to college in the fall. Wow! Where did the time go?

2000 Michael Gallina - St Louis, MO - From the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, for the second consecutive year, Michael Gallina of Vicia is a finalist for Best Chef Midwest at the James Beard Awards, among the industry's most prestigious honors. The selection will be announced September 25th. He and his wife, Tara, also own Winslow's Table in University City.

2016 Eddie Wright - Brentwood, MO - In the coronavirus spring, I graduated from Maryville University with a degree in Sports Business Management. No ceremony, but I got the parchment! While at Maryville, I played club soccer and club roller hockey. The hockey team went to the national tournament two years in a row and I scored goals both times.

2020 Nathan Butler - Brentwood, MO - From the *St Louis Post-Dispatch*, we learned that Nathan Butler was selected as Scholar Athlete for 2020. His sports are football, soccer, wrestling and baseball. In wrestling, he is a three-time state qualifier with more than 100 career wins, and in football, he was a 2016 district champion team member. His academic bio is a 4.18 cumulative GPA, National Honor Society, Honor Roll, and German Honor Society.

ORE* (Teacher '70-'71) Betsey Anderson Milyard - Webster Groves, MO - Since this year's cancellation, I'm looking forward to attending the 50th reunion of BHS Class of 1970 next year. That was my junior English group that I knew best.

ORE* Dick Ross - Augusta, MO - Coming to Brentwood Schools in 1967, I taught Science 7, 8, General Science and Biology, retiring in 1993. I would really like to hear from other students and teachers. (636) 485-2832 or 1001 Terry Rd, Augusta, MO 63332.

***ORE - Organization of Retired Eagles (teachers)**

MORE ALUM STORIES

1947 ROSEMARIE SCHWEIZER KORNFELD - Brentwood, MO
Rosemarie Schweizer Kornfeld '47 celebrating her 90th birthday in 2019 with her sons, all BHS graduates - **Kevin '77, Gary '73, Greg '72 and Keith '75.**



1959 DAVID CAIN - Spotsylvania, VA, and **1957 VICKY BARANYAI VAN BELLINGER** - South Bend, IN
Vicki Baranyai Van Bellinger and I acted together at Brentwood High School (Maxwell Anderson, "Elizabeth the Queen," 1957) under the direction of **William Steerman**. We both deeply admired **Mr. Steerman**, appreciating and enjoying working with him. He was a great gift to BHS and to us. **Bill Steerman** brought the spell, enchantment, and beguilement of theatre into the classrooms, halls, backstage, and the old stage (existing no longer) of BHS. After high school, Vicki and I lost touch, lived separate lives, until sixty years later I discovered, thanks to my cousin, **Lura Lee Howe Roux '57**, Vicki living in Virginia seventy miles from me! We met and talked of BHS and of **Bill Steerman**, crossing a lifetime of memories in minutes. Warm greetings to good friends from BHS in the 1950s and today. Submitted by **David Cain '59**

THEN: VICKI, BILL STEERMAN, DAVID



NOW: VICKI AND DAVID



1961 FRED ABRAMS - Springboro, OH

Fred and Jeri did a getaway in Jan-Feb, just ahead of the COVID-19 hitting. Jeri said she wanted to go south to escape the Ohio winter - Fred suggested an Antarctic cruise - they compromised on a 16-day LA-Hawaii-LA cruise on Princess. Very relaxing time. First time visit to Kauai (had been to all the other islands in the past). Impact of the 2018 volcanic eruption on the big island was impressive. Best part - 16 days for \$979 each with another \$250 credit on top of that for Fred being a veteran. Highly recommended once cruises start up again. Our plans for 2020 include travelling with our three rescue dogs rather than boarding them - so, at our advanced age, bought a 24-foot RV.



1962 NELL MIER NEWTON - South Bend Indiana (Home of Mayor Pete!)

I stepped down as Dean of Notre Dame Law School on July 31, 2019. Instead of retiring (because... what would I do?) I stayed on as a professor of law. During the fall of 2019, I was sent to London to work with the Law School's semester and year-long program. This past spring (2020) began in Washington, DC, where I directed our DC semester externship program. I came home to South Bend in early March and promptly got "stuck" here when things shut down. Fortunately, I was able to get my car and worldly goods brought back from DC. I'm safe and healthy, but having trouble adjusting to not having enough to do. This coming fall (2020), I'll be on a sabbatical, preparing to teach again. I had hoped to travel, but... "Who knows? Man proposes, but God disposes, as they say."



1965 PARK FIND "RINGS" BACK MEMORIES - **JIM COLEMAN** - Jefferson City, MO

Someone found a 1965 BHS class ring in Sullivan, MO and brought it to **Dr. Lane** at BSD, who turned it over to BAA, hoping we could find the owner. We took it to a jeweler who was able to decipher 2 of the 3 initials on the inside. Looking through the list of 1965 graduates, we thought it might belong to **Jim Coleman**. When contacting him, he was very happy to have it back. Fifty-four years ago, he and his girlfriend at the time had been picnicking at a park in Sullivan and did not realize her chain holding the ring had broken until they arrived home.

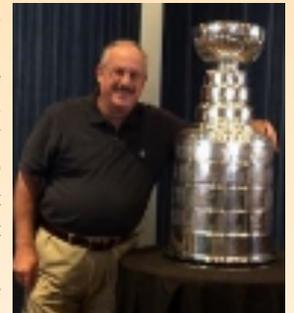
1967 HAPPY HOUR - Ed Wright '67 - Brentwood, MO



Continuing their practice of having occasional happy hours together, eight members of the Class of '67 gathered in February at the Trainwreck Saloon and shared stories and laughs. In attendance (from left to right) were: **Ben Kraft, Barb Powers Berry, Howard Young, Michael Hennon, Sue Max Carleton, Steve Gyore, Beth Roper and Ed Wright.**

1972 GREG KORNFELD - St Louis, MO
RETIRES AFTER 42 YEARS SELLING RADIO ADS

Greg Kornfeld has been selling radio time for KTRS since 1996. He began his career back in 1977 with KMOX (1120 AM). "I know it sounds trite, but I'll miss the people, both in the office and the clients," Kornfeld said, adding that he had no immediate plans for his retirement. "I'm sure I'll be doing more traveling, but right now I just will have things to do around the house," the south St. Louis County resident said. Station boss Mark Dorsey said Kornfeld is "one of the true great people in our profession," adding that he's "a legend in radio sales." Written by Joe Holleman for the *St. Louis Post Dispatch*



Longtime radio advertising salesman **Greg Kornfeld** with the St Louis Blues Stanley Cup.



PAST BRENTWOOD MEMORIES NOW BEGINNING TO FADE...

The Hobby Shop... Does anyone remember where this was? There was one, but cannot recall where it was), **Colabianchi Hardware** (next to one of **Sutterers'** gas stations,) **Cain's Music Store** where we could listen to records in booths, **Kroger's** grocery store across from City Hall, **Gualdoni's** grocery where an Italian restaurant is now located, a grocery store in Brentwood Square-can't recall the name... Barney's **Tomboy** grocery where Hunan Wok still is, **Schnuck's** grocery near Rock Hill, where John Truitt was a butcher and I

later rode horses on trails with him... small world.... (As a small town, Brentwood sure had lots of grocery stores!) The old library on Brentwood south of Manchester. It had so many good books for children! And, later, the new library on Eulalie...**Mrs. Eatherton's** 2nd grade class at No. 1 took us over to watch its ground-moving behind City Hall, around 1950. The name **Homer Fudge** of Brentwood strikes a memory, too, but what? Of course, the **Brentwood Bank** was south of No. 1. More memories to share in next newsletter.

Let me know if you have a few for publication. Especially wanting memories from 80's and 90's.
The Editor



1950 DRIVERS ED CLASS

ALUM CLASSIC STUDEBAKER ENTHUSIASTS

Ed Meyer '70 - St. Charles, MO

I don't know if our class is planning any kind of parade like the class of 69 did. If so I just finished restoration of a 1963 Studebaker Lark Daytona convertible that is parade worthy. Mark Boles '70 and a few other classmates have agreed to ride along if we have such an event? Sincerely, Ed



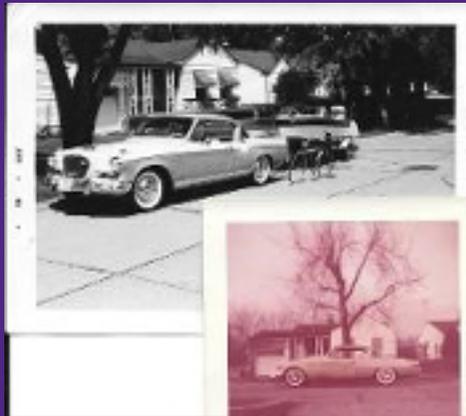
PS - I'm about to publish two, 600 page eBooks on Studebaker's on Google Books and Apple Books that interested auto enthusiasts can download for a modest fee onto any device. Of course, I will send both eBooks, free of charge, as a 'professional courtesy' to any hard-working BHS alumni folks for the asking on 1GB thumb drives via email: edanna97@gmail.com.

Fellow Gateway SDC chapter member and Post-Dispatch retiree, Lew Schucart, is helping me load the eBooks for sale onto Google Books and Apple Books for sale as well as encrypting them onto thumb drives. I'm not sure how long the process will take but will let you know when I can mail you free copies of both eBooks for those who are interested. As Jay Leno loves to say, no one ever got rich writing car books. One is lucky to break even. Just as those who restore orphan cars are lucky to break even. One has to intrinsically love to do it as is the case with me and Dave. Stay safe!
Best, Ed

David Hahn '54 - Grand Marais, MN

Pretty neat Ed, I had 3 of them. A '55 Raymond Lowey V8 HT, a '55 President Speedster, and a '56 Golden Hawk with Packard 356 c.i. V8. They were all a blast to drive. Had Stewart Warner instrument panels with tach and all. The Golden Hawk would do an easy 110 MPH in second overdrive. Had the Speedster up to 125 with the aerodynamic body style.

Dave



Jack Head, Teacher

Mark Boles '70 mentioned in his note about deceased teacher, Jack Head's Studebaker, on page 14: "Mr. Head's first car was a '49 Studebaker Commander with overdrive."



ALUM SPOTLIGHTS

Greetings and Advice From Our Oldest Alum, JANET SPRATTE TUTHILL '38

"A smile is the same in any language." This quote in the 1938 BHS yearbook is next to the name of **Janet Spratte Tuthill**, our oldest alum. Janet turned 100 years old on April 14th and the quote represents her well.

Born in her family's home at 8608 Florence, Janet came from a proud Brentwood family. Her grandfather, Jacob Spratte, was mayor from 1931-33. Her parents were Jewel Spratte and George Spratte, who served as school board treasurer. She also had a sister, **Georgiana '35**.

Janet attended Brentwood No. 1 grade school under the wise direction of the McGrath sisters, Madge and Josephine. She then went on to 7th grade, but her singing talent was needed back at No. 1 when one of the leads for the 6th grade operetta came down with measles. The school quickly recruited Janet to take over the role that night. Janet said it went well "until I blanked on the lyrics and finished it up by singing 'la la la'." The district superintendent, **J.E. Holman**, complimented Janet in her autograph book.

Janet loved BHS. She wanted to play sports for **Coach Youngblood** "but I was afraid of the balls." She was on the debate team and sang in many programs. A favorite musical memory was being in a small band called "the 4 J's"—James, John, Jimmy, and Janet. "It was fun being the only girl, but we didn't last too long." She continued singing and acting through college.

Socializing was important for Janet and her 33 classmates. "**Emily Krech '38's** family had a restaurant opposite the high school, and we would go there for lunch." Dances were held in the gym (like today) and kids would try all the latest dances like the Lindy Hop. (Janet remembers as a 7-year old in 1927 when Charles Lindbergh came back to St. Louis in his Spirit of St. Louis plane. "My dad took us out to the airport to see him land. It was exciting.")

"I had a lot of good friends. There were the 3 Janets: **Tucker '37, Bryant '38, and me. Diana Kinlough '39** was from my neighborhood. **Edwin Harper '38** was our class president. I used to double-date with **Bob Tiefenbrun '38 and Neil Gallagher '37**. One week I'd go out with Bob, the next week with Neil. Back then, we didn't just go out with one person. We'd just hang out as friends."

Janet probably wouldn't recognize the school now. In 1938, it was just the brick building with the columns in front. "We loved taking photos in front of those columns." Behind the building was a track and tennis courts instead of a football field.

After graduating, Janet went to William Woods College in Fulton for one year and then moved back home to attend Washington University. She met Sanford Tuthill, and they married in 1943, one year after graduating. They lived in a city apartment while he finished his medical studies. His career took them to New Orleans and eventually Bogalusa, Louisiana. After Sandy died in 1988, Janet stayed in their home until Hurricane Katrina in 2005 forced her to move to Baton Rouge. She has lived in the same house by herself since then. Janet has one daughter, Nancy,

JANET NOW



JANET (3rd from left) AND HER HIGH SCHOOL FRIENDS



3 grandkids and 5 great-grandkids. Janet's daughter had a big party planned for her 100th birthday, but the pandemic canceled it. She told her daughter to plan her 105th. Janet has wonderful memories of Brentwood High and may visit Brentwood again. In fact, she may drive up from Baton Rouge. You see, she just got her driver's license renewed for another 5 years. What a lady!

DR. RON NISBET '87

Since graduation at BHS, **Ron Nisbet** has been involved in a variety of different positions and fields including HVAC tech and is currently a practicing chiropractor in Chesterfield, as well as a high school wrestling coach. Married to the love of his life, Venus Nisbet, they are raising four amazing young women as they pursue God's purpose for their life.



Their primary focus these days is the 501©3 non-profit organization they established many years ago, House of Zadok Ministries, an organization aimed at helping families in need with clothing, furniture and food as well as other household needs. As an offshoot, Ron started the Zadok Wrestling Club to help provide mentoring to at risk youth. Noting his senior quote, "In place of that which you dislike, replace it with something you do like, make it something better," Ron and his family's organization is truly working to make an impact in the City of St. Louis. If you would like more information or would like to support their efforts check out their webpage, www.houseofzadok.com, or email their Facebook page www.facebook.com/zadok99 or www.facebook.com/zwc99. Also, consider being a part of their fundraiser at Top Golf in Chesterfield September 27th, please message Ron zadokwrestlingclub@gmail.com.

BAA proudly recognizes the Brentwood High School Hall of Fame Class of 2020.

•INDUCTION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD IN 2021; A DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED. •

The goal of the Brentwood High School Alumni Association Hall of Fame program is to recognize and honor former Brentwood High School graduates for outstanding accomplishments. Plaques of all honorees adorn the halls of the high school.

Allison Reed '82, HOF Committee Chair

ALLEN C. HARPER '63 - DURANGO, CO

Mr. Harper has more than forty years of business experience, primarily in the areas of real estate sales and management, development, rail transportation, and tourism. In 1984 he was principally employed as Chairman, President, and as a principal Shareholder of First Reserve, Inc., the holding company for Esslinger Wooten Maxwell, Inc., a residential and commercial real estate brokerage and management firm based in Coral Gables, Florida. First Reserve also owned Embassy Financial Services, Inc., a mortgage company, and Columbia Title, Inc. In 2003, the company was sold to Home Services, Inc., an affiliate company of the well-known Warren Buffet organization, Berkshire Hathaway. Mr. Harper remains as Chairman Emeritus of Esslinger Wooten Maxwell Realtors and is an active broker of commercial investment properties.



From 1989-2005 he served as a Director on the Tri-County Rail Authority, a Florida state-owned commuter railroad, and was Chairman of the Board for three terms. Tri-Rail was incorporated into the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, and Mr. Harper was elected its Chairman. He also served, for 12 years, as a Director of Florida East Coast Industries, Inc., a railroad and real estate company based in St. Augustine, Florida. In May, 2001, Mr. Harper was appointed by Governor Bush, a second time, to serve on the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority Board (MDX.) He also was Chairman of Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce.

In 1992, Mr. Harper became actively involved in the tourism industry. He and his wife, Carol, through their holding company, American Heritage Railway, currently own three of the nation's most historic, scenic tourist-oriented railroads: The Durango Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad in Colorado, The Great Smokey Mountains Railroad in North Carolina, and The Mt. Rainier Railroad in Washington state. The Harpers own a hotel called the Grand Imperial in Silverton, Colorado.

EDWARD JEFFERSON HOLT '58 - ST. LOUIS, MO

Mr. Holt attended K-8th grade at L'Ouverture, from 1945-1954. He was the first student in his neighborhood to complete K-12 in the Brentwood School District. He earned an associate degree at Forest Park, and a Bachelor of Arts from St. Louis University, majoring in Urban Affairs and Community Service. He also took a grad subject in Counseling Theory and Practice at SLU. Mr. Holt and his wife, Barbara, share five children, two of which, Wendy '84 and Candice '90 were also graduates of Brentwood High School. He has 10 grand and two great-grandchildren. He was a Brentwood resident for 55 years and served as a U.S. Postal Service letter carrier for 31 years, mostly in Brentwood. He was a member of the Planning & Zoning Commission from 1969-1972 and was President of the Evans Place Improvement Association in his neighborhood from 1979-1996. Through his leadership, a playground was established on Central Avenue, and the neighborhood always remained safe and crime-free. As President of the association, he was instrumental in deterring 170 from extending through the neighborhood once in 1979 and again in 1989. He also was instrumental in selling the neighborhood commercially, rather than losing out to the highway extension. As a result, we have the Brentwood Promenade and other nearby commercial developments which have increased revenue and quality of life in Brentwood. In 1996 he was cited by the Brentwood Chamber of Commerce for outstanding service to the community. Mr. Holt is an ordained Baptist minister and served as an associate pastor of the Christ Southern Mission Baptist Church, for 20 years. He is a 33rd degree Mason and a 20-year member of the St. Louis Celebrity Seniors which provides financing, volunteers, and a platform for local nonprofit organizations, helping others do good and providing community service.



CHAD PLEIN '94 - NIXA, MO

Mr. Plein attended St. Louis University where he majored in Communication and earned a Certificate in Creative and Professional writing. During his senior year in college, he earned an internship at KSDK News Channel 5 in St. Louis. Mr. Plein was also a substitute teacher for the Brentwood School District, and helped out in the attendance office. Mr. Plein got his start in television as a weekend sports producer with KSDK. He



worked alongside Mike Bush and Frank Cusumano and met St Louis sports legends, learned a great work ethic, and produced the weekly hour-long Sports Plus Show on Sundays. Mr. Plein was the main sports anchor of the ABC affiliate in St. Joseph, Missouri in 2002. He then signed on as the Sports Director at the CBS station in Joplin, Missouri. His counterclockwise tour of the state took him to Springfield, Missouri, in 2007, to the NBC affiliate which is where he still works today.

He's won four regional Emmys for anchoring; awards from the Missouri Broadcasters Association, the Kansas Broadcasters Association, and the KC Press Club for his story-telling. 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.

His charitable work became more personal in 2015 when he suffered a heart attack at the age of 39 and underwent open-heart surgery. Since then, he's been dedicated to helping the American Heart Association by speaking at events and raising funds and awareness for cardiovascular. At every speaking engagement, part of his message includes something he learned at BHS. Rich Neimann told us on the first day of Physics, "a body in motion stays in motion," and that is very true for a healthy lifestyle and his message to his audience. He's been living the dream attending World Series games and covered the Kansas City Chiefs in Miami at Super Bowl LIV. The best part of Mr. Plein's life is his family. He and his wife, Cati, have two children; a son Coy and a daughter Chyler. His parents, Mike and Susan, still live in Brentwood, where his mom works at Mark Twain Elementary and has worked for 28 years. His brother, Todd '06, also lives in Brentwood.

CINDY SCHMIDT RICKS '77 - KIRKWOOD, MO

Mrs. Ricks received an athletic scholarship and attended Covenant College playing varsity volleyball for four years, while pursuing a Physical Education degree. For two years, she taught PE at Chattanooga Christian School and started a pre-school program at Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church. From 1985-1989 she was the head women's volleyball coach at Covenant College, leading the Lady Scots to their first district championship and first appearance in a NCCAA tournament.



She returned to St. Louis in 1990 with her family where she ran a day care business for several years. In 2003 she was hired by Kirkwood High School as a walking counselor and she started the Study Focus program designed to help "at risk" students. These are students who are identified as needing extra resource help. Mrs. Ricks works with around 70 students a semester as a "school mom" advocating and creating individual weekly plans to help students be successful.

Over the years she has helped hundreds of students raise their GPA and the Study Focus program has helped increase the graduation rate for Kirkwood High School.

The students refer to her as "Mama Ricks." They know that she loves them and looks out for them. She has helped raise thousands of dollars for school supplies, taken in homeless students, been in birthing rooms, taken students to college and bailed students from jail. Mrs. Ricks works with some of the toughest situations at KHS, but always with a big heart believing that every student needs another chance and each is worth fighting for.

Mrs. Ricks is also a class sponsor and spends a lot of her time organizing events and creating class unity. She tries to bring excellence to every part of her job. Cindy has been married to Dr. Tom Ricks for 38 years and they have three children: Nathan, Katie and Jordan. She is a proud grandmother of six with the seventh on the way.

PEGGY VIEHLAND FOSSETT '62, Posthumous - Philanthropist - CARMEL, CA

After graduating from Webster College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education, Peggy met and married her husband, Steve, who was in graduate school at Washington University. She taught music in the St. Louis area for a year. In New York in the late sixties, Peggy worked on Wall Street as a textiles analyst for E.I. DuPont Brokerage Company. Peggy and Steve eventually settled in Chicago, where she worked for First Chicago Bank in portfolio management and retired there as a Vice President.



Peggy's husband became a famous aviation adventurer who set more than 115 new world records in five sports and died in a tragic plane crash in 2007. The Peggy and Steve Fossett Foundation has generously contributed to the BHS Scholarship Fund. Peggy passed away October 17, 2017.



THANK YOU'S FROM SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

Members of the Brentwood Alumni Association,

Thank you so much for making me a recipient of this year's Brentwood Alumni Scholarship! I have greatly enjoyed my time at Brentwood High School, and will never forget the friends that I made and the important lessons that I have learned. I feel like my time here has prepared me very well for college, and I cannot wait for next year. As you probably know, I will be attending Mizzou next year. It has been my dream for as long as I can remember to attend this school, and this scholarship will help me and my family tremendously to make this a reality.

Thank you all for your generosity and blessing me with this scholarship. It has helped me greatly, and my family and I are extremely grateful.

Sincerely,
Ben Barkofske '20

Hello Brentwood Alumni Association,

I just wanted to say thank you for choosing me to receive one of the Brentwood Alumni Scholarships. I am filled with gratitude and happiness as my hard work throughout high school is recognized in a great way. I appreciate your hard work, looking through applications and selecting me. It is a great honor, and I hope to use this money to contribute to pursue my dreams in college. Thank you so much for giving students this opportunity and thank you so much for taking the time to review my application and choosing me.

Thank you again,
William Ma '20

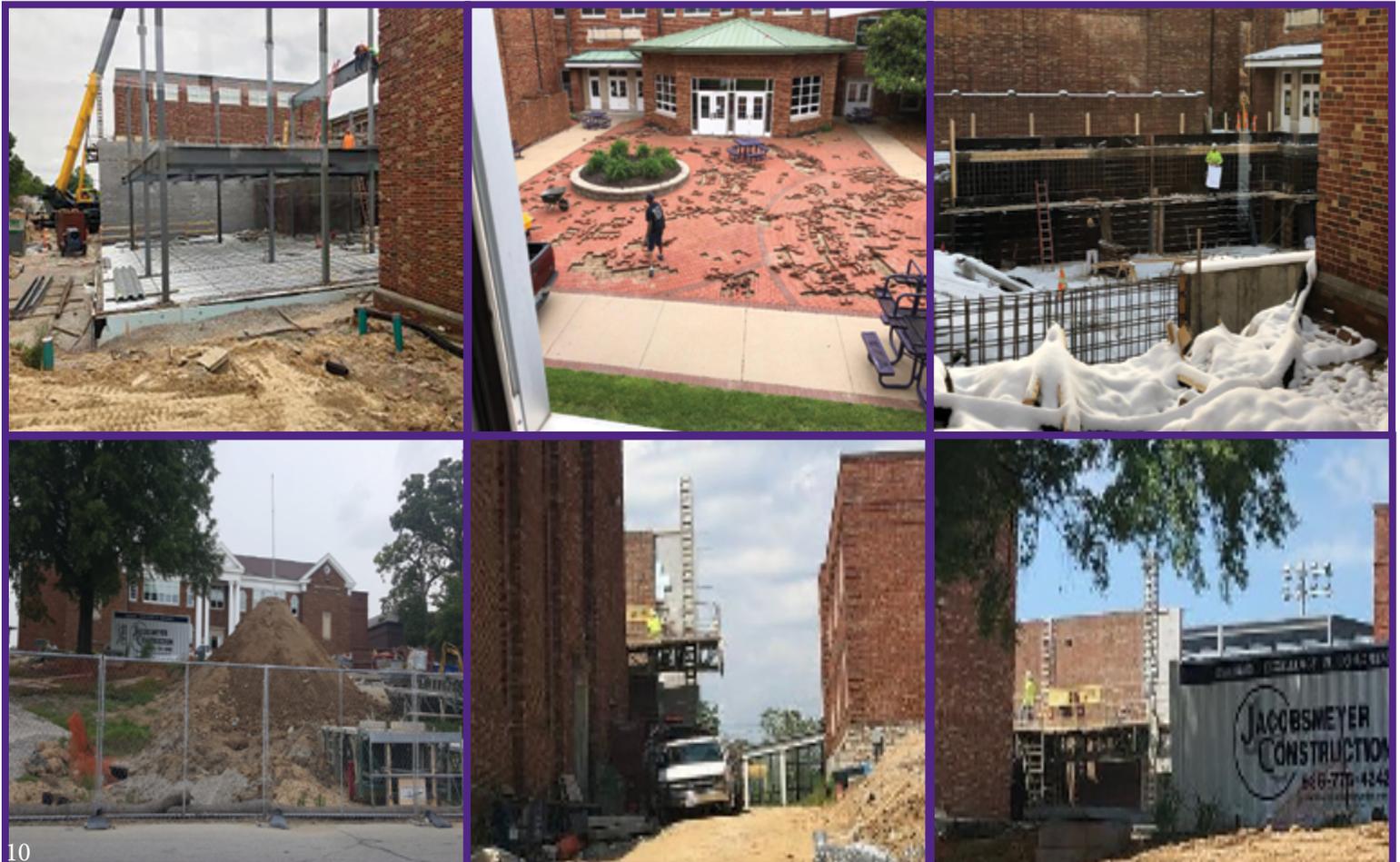
To Emily Diaz, College and Career Counselor,

Could you please pass along my thanks to **Mark Madras '74**. I am so grateful for this scholarship! If all goes according to plan, I'll be able to attend college for free because of him!

Contessa Smith '20

2020 BHS CONSTRUCTION PHOTOS

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BAA TEACHER & STAFF SPOTLIGHTS

RICH NIEMANN, Chemistry and Physics

At a recent Special Olympics basketball tournament, this writer spotted a former teaching colleague at Brentwood High School...Rich Niemann. After his legendary basketball career at Bishop Dubourg High School, St. Louis University, and the NBA, it was not unusual to see him on a court; and Rich, being known for his kindness and service to many causes, it was not unusual to see him coaching these kids. He coached in Special Olympics for 10 years prior to teaching and continues work with SLARC (St. Louis Arc which provides Assistance with Residential Care in the Home.)



After his basketball career ended, Rich became a chemical salesman. Luckily for Brentwood, his study of chemistry and physics at SLU led to him pursuing a career in teaching science. After short stays at Mary Institute and Francis Howell, Rich began a 23-year career at Brentwood High, teaching chemistry and freshman physics.

Rich's love of sports led him to a successful coaching career at Brentwood where his special memories include girls' basketball finishing 2nd at state and several district titles in baseball. "I had the pleasure of working with awesome people across the district," Rich said. "Each person, no matter what their individual position, had students at the forefront of their work. These people made this a special career for me."



Rich and his wife, Julie (a well-known financial analyst), like to "travel and see parts of the world I had only read about in books." They also visit their daughter, Christina, a chemistry teacher in Denver.

He continues to donate his services as a tax preparer for AARP and food pantry volunteer. And he's still playing basketball with his buddies (and winning national tournaments!)

Rich's message to BHS alumni: "It was awesome to be a member of this community and watch how the city and parents support BHS. It's a good day to be an Eagle!"

Ed Wright '67

GAIL ELLIOTT THOMAS DOWNS **Elementary School Librarian from 1990-2006** ***The Black Suitcase Mystery Project***

75 years ago, World War II officially ended on September 2, 1945. During the 50th commemoration period, (1991-1995) Fifth Grade students at Mark Twain School were

involved in a unique hands-on, heartfelt remembrance project under the guidance of librarian Gail Elliott Thomas Downs and teacher Leslie Brann. The project, which became known as The Black Suitcase Mystery, began in September 1991 when librarian Gail approached Leslie with an idea that would engage her fifth-grade students in authentic research activities.



Gail with books

Gail had inherited a small, battered suitcase containing over 200 letters from the 1920s to the '40s written by a relative who was killed on his 50th bombing mission. She proposed using this original correspondence as a foundation for a semester-long study of WWII, culminating with a "Pearl Harbor Night" to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the attack. With the consent of Mark Twain principal Jackie Whitworth and Brentwood Superintendent Dr. John Cleary, the two educators proceeded. From this humble beginning the project grew into a four-year study involving a missing pilot, the famous Tuskegee Airmen, and two generations of US military veterans and found its way into a speech by then President Bill Clinton.

Leslie retired from the Brentwood School District in 2005 and Gail followed in 2006. Three years later, Gail moved to the Central Oregon Coast where she frequently gives presentations about the fifth-grade project to civic and veteran groups. In 2015, she wrote *The Black Suitcase Mystery—A World War II Remembrance*. Since then, she has been the Education Director for the Oregon Spirit of '45, an organization dedicated to remembering the achievements of the WWII Generation and inspiring today's youth.

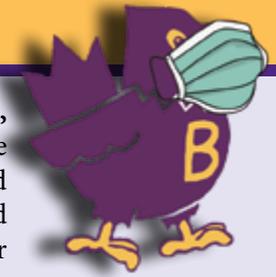


Gail and Leslie

Publishing the book has given Gail incredible connections and opportunities to share the Suitcase Saga. The greatest of these was meeting a German WW II veteran who, as a 16-year old Luftwaffe cadet in 1944, was assigned to the anti-aircraft artillery battery which shot down her relative's plane. This Luftwaffe cadet now lives 4 hours south of Gail near Bandon, Oregon! His story will be one episode in the *Black Suitcase Mystery* mini-series currently under development by New Shepherd Films of Salem, Oregon.

After discovering the book, a former Fifth Grader posted on Facebook, "I always thought this was one of the most interesting things I did while in school." It is Gail's hope that other Mark Twain students will share comments and memories about *The Black Suitcase Mystery* project. She can be contacted at: blacksuitcasemystery@gmail.com.

HOW HAS COVID-19 CHANGED YOUR LIFE?



1941 Maxine Reisenleiter – Creve Coeur, MO - I am now living at Creve Coeur Assisted Living complex, 693 Decker Lane, Apt 434, Creve Coeur, 63141. My home and car have been sold. Am now in isolation and can't leave my room or have visitors. It is a maddening situation - Have email and TV to help me with my sanity. Have not seen the outside in so long. With this virus, I have to wear a mask when I get to leave the room to play Bingo, which is not often. Hope all of you are doing well.

1955 Judith Green Arnett – Langley, WA - My grandmother always used to say, "There is no ill wind that does not blow some good." During this sad time, I am looking for the good, such as people reaching out more to each other. I will look forward to seeing our class for a reunion in 2021.

1955 Jim Bender – Montgomery, TX - Both my wife and I have a mantra - live in the present and plan for the future. Living in the present has not been that difficult, in that, we live on a golf course and have been able to get outside and yet socially distance. We also enjoy putting puzzles together, and Linda enjoys waxing me at gin rummy. With regard to planning for the future, that is a different matter. We love to travel and all plans have been shelved. We love to be with our family and cannot be personally involved until the virus is contained. All in all, we are lucky to have each other and try to take the time to reach out to friends that do not have someone close to share the loneliness, by phone and e-mail.

1955 Bob Cooper - Osprey, FL - Little changed with Covid-19. Played golf through it all, picnicked with friends distancing at 6 feet. Restaurants/shops now reopened. All's good.

1957 Janet Slater Darwin – Las Vegas, NV - Sin City, Entertainment Capital of the World, is strangely quiet and deserted. But a back injury last year has kept me close to home now anyway. I have a large collection of movies, books, and music, also puzzles and Netflix. My son's family lives next door, and we visit daily. We are all healthy, thank goodness, but I worry about my sons' jobs and my grandson's schoolwork. I hope they can get back soon to whatever normal is now.

1958 Marian Swaine – Brentwood, MO - I am replanting my flower beds, front and back with the help of my daughter, Rebecca, and her family. Large job. No rush. Keeps me out of trouble and out in the fresh air. Also reading a lot. I am in two book clubs that have now had to go virtual, though one already was since it is through my university. Also, Silver Sneakers exercise classes are on line though the Y. Hope everyone is doing fine.

1959 Craig and Kaye Wessler Shumate – Kirkwood, MO - Craig is ridding our yard of pests: rabbits, squirrels and moles. He has trapped 15 moles as of May 30. Kaye is playing Mah Jong on line with local and out of town friends. Given a computer for the website with a cellphone for a conference call; everyone has a great time without getting dressed or leaving home. Stay safe.

1961 Sandy Kurre LaGarce – Ellisville, MO - As with a lot of us during the Covid-19 pandemic, I got a lot of yard work and house cleaning done that would normally not get done for one reason or another. Also, visited my older brother in West Virginia for a few days. We felt like we "escaped" from our house and were "free" to travel for a change of scenery. We had a great time.

My birthday happened right after the shutdown from the virus. Two of my kids with their families, a granddaughter with her husband and son, another granddaughter who's wedding was planned for May and now rescheduled for October, sang Happy Birthday to me from the front yard and had 3 signs which said "Happy" "Birthday" "Grammie". It so happens that my neighbor's birthday is the same day, so they sang Happy Birthday to her also.

1961 Judi Turner Peckham – Labadie, MO – Fortunate to have been able to spend lots of time outdoors on our land. Sorry that so many are not able to be outdoors as much as we are. Never ending work being done outside (lots of chiggers)! Getting a lot of work done inside, too. Only regular visits to grocery stores, Home Depot, and Lowe's. Coping best we can.

1966 Kay Wickiser Bizelli – St Louis, MO - So far, Mike and I are among the lucky ones. We are healthy (fingers crossed), financially okay (fingers crossed) and not that sad about staying home. The kids, grandkids, and extended family are okay, too. Not being able to hug our granddaughters or get together with friends, ordering to go instead of dining in at our favorite Mexican restaurant, wearing a mask in public spaces, missing my Silver Sneakers workout, foregoing a needed haircut, giving more to foodbanks and other charities are small sacrifices, we know. We are not immune to the pain and anxieties of these times. Our friend and accountant of more than 30 years lost his life to Covid-19. We mourn for him and his family.

1969 Steve Moritsugu – Riverside, CA – I'm still living in southern California doing IT support. My career as a local tenor in opera is on hold for the virus so I posted this - Standchen <https://www.facebook.com/100002187685188/videos/2895318313884396>. Remembering my science teachers, Mrs. Knight and Wray Darr, here is a simple science experiment I did that has useful importance about virus sanitation that my high school friends might find interesting/useful/important. <https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=2934648426618051&set=a.105883952827860>

1974 Mark Madras – St Louis, MO - When I was growing up during the Christmas holidays, like so many people, we put together jigsaw puzzles. After I had kids of my own, we continued the tradition with the twist that I thought it would be more challenging to build 3D puzzles. So, every year we would get a new 3D puzzle and assemble it. During Covid-19 and when the quarantine hit, I had a rather large stack of puzzles gathering

dust in our basement storage and pulled them out and one by one constructed them each week. I started with the newest acquisition, Hogwarts Grand Hall and the Hogwarts Astronomy Tower. I followed those with the Neuschwanstein Castle in Germany. Then came Notre Dame in Paris, the Sistine Chapel in Vatican City, the CNN Tower in Toronto, the Eiffel Tower in Paris and finished up with the Orient Express. Most were around 1000 pieces except for the Sistine Chapel. It was only 400, but it was double-sided. All the interior was finished, also, to show Michelangelo's artistry. My son contributed the Sydney Opera House while he isolated at his home. After building the first couple and knowing we would be isolating for a while, I decided to build some shelves to display them as I went along, since I do woodworking and had a bunch of scrap laying around gathering dust. It's been a journey.



1976 Patti Adams (Trish) Farrell – Rock Springs, WY - Life hasn't changed too much for us. We live in Wyoming where the STATE population is about 570,000. Yes, that's a little less than St. Louis County. We've both been able to work up until 05/29, when I was laid off from the hospital. Now, it's scary. Just bought our house a few weeks ago. I am hopeful for a new job soon, and then there's unemployment. I have a strong faith; God takes away things to make way for better things.

FUTURE REUNIONS 2020

Since BAA has had to cancel its annual 3rd Weekend in September All-School Reunion this year, here is the most current reunion information at press time. Check our website www.brentwoodhsalumni.org throughout the year for updates.

FUTURE REUNIONS – 2020

1955 - 65th

We have postponed our reunion this year and are looking forward to our 66th reunion next year. **Jodie Thomas Welch (951)769-3936 awelch5@verizon.net**

1960 - 60th

The Class of 1960 has postponed its 60th reunion this year with plans to celebrate in 2021. **Sue Zingre Lee (314) 962-2780 suelee60@hotmail.com**

1965 - 55th

Plans are for a 56th reunion in September 2021. Questions? Contact **Jim Coleman and David Serra at bhsmo1965@gmail.com**

1970 - 50th

It makes me sad to announce that it has been decided to postpone our 50th Reunion in September, 2020 until next year. We thought about it long and hard, but with all the restrictions and possibility of the virus returning even stronger, we wanted everyone to be safe and wanted our 50th to

be a great time. We will keep you informed on when the Reunion has been rescheduled. Please, everyone, be safe, and we will have a fantastic Reunion next year! If any of you have any questions please email me, **Cathy Stockwell Whitney at 50reunion1970@gmail.com or call 858-699-5528**

1975 - 45th

We will not be having a reunion this year in accordance with the guidelines of the Brentwood Alumni Association. However, the Class of '75, **will have a reunion "planning" meeting on Saturday, 9/19/20, at 7:00 pm** at the Trainwreck Saloon, Rock Hill location. Everyone from the Class of '75 is welcome to participate. Social distancing will be observed.

Classmates interested in helping may contact me at my email address – **markekurtz@gmail.com**

1980 - 40th

Even though Brentwood Days and the 3rd Weekend in September All-School Reunion have been cancelled, let's **still get together at the Trainwreck on Friday evening, September 18, 2020.** We'll be chatting until whenever our "Okay, Boomer's" selves need to head home. LOL! **Joan Kennedy McClelland 314 229-6703 joaniebaby61@yahoo.com**

1985 - 35th

The 1985 reunion **IS taking place Saturday, September 19, 2020.** For details, people can email or text **Claire Patton Budd at c.budd@att.net or 314-599-8707.** Here's the invitation!



FUTURE REUNIONS - 2021

1961 - 60th

To begin planning for our 60th reunion next year, if you can find an address, telephone number, email address, please contact **Sandy Kurre LaGarce (636) 236-3286 sjlaga@gmail.com - Jacqueline Camelle Cameron Beck, Sharon Anne Ottmer Coffman, Brenda Leona McMillion Hunt, Barry Stewart Krembs, Emily Yvonne Belger McLemore, Douglas Craig Payne, Peggy Joyce Poole, Brooks Elgar Pumphrey, Sally Ann Eskeles Richards, Kathleen Ann Daddona Stutheit, Curtis Clifton Turner, and Sandra Ann Williams Walenga.**

1981 - 40th

The class of 1981 would like to start planning its 40th reunion for next year and would welcome anyone who would like to help plan it. Please contact **Doreen Jorn Farwig at doreenfarwig2@gmail.com or on Facebook.**



1940 Violet Clare (Dot) Martin Zumwalt - 10/24/2019
 1943 Oscar George (O G) Polster - 11/27/2016
 1943 Patricia Ann Mussman Polster - 01/29/1992
 1952 William A (Bill) Stack - 04/03/2020
 1952 Alice W Southard Youngermann - 03/12/2020
 1953 Joan Frances Bernard Nieman - 02/04/2020
 1957 Gary Ramsey Hoffman - 12/23/19
 1957 Jean Farrar McVey - 6/18/20
 1958 Thomas Lee Aydelott - 05/02/2020

1959 William Bromley Gruttke - 02/27/2020
 1959 William Edward (Bill) Wilson - 02/2020
 1960 Mary Josephine Watson Noble - 02/25/2020
 1961 Marilyn Steidemmann Whaley - 10/28/2019
 1964 Timothy William Diffley - 02/25/2020
 1965 Jill Ann McDade Cissell - 03/03/2020
 1966 John (Michael) Cook - 2019
 1970 Debra West McIntosh - 07/04/2020
 1970 Robert Edward (Bob) Petersen - 03/12/2020
 ORE Jack Head - 02/15/2020

1940 Dot Martin Zumwalt
 went home to be with the Lord and beloved
 husband, George, and infant daughter on
 October 24, 2019.

ORE Jack Head - 02/15/2020
 Math Department Chair who taught a variety
 of subjects to Brentwood students from 1959
 to 1991, including Special Education, Algebra,
 Calculus, Chemistry and Physics.

MEMORIES OF JACK HEAD, Teacher

Jack Head was something else. Not one student ever put him down; he was that good a teacher. I had him for general math and elementary algebra. He often got off the track if caught up and once he shared an experience with his dad's Henry J. At first startup, it refused and his dad was the only one who could con her into a start.

Jack drove her some but was uneasy with the lack of power from the flathead 4 cylinder. Jack's first car was a '49 Studebaker Commander with overdrive, that he told us about as well.

He often showed up at school events long into my adulthood. After I had him for two classes, we sometimes met in the hall if going the same direction and he would join me. Allen Stirbens was the new resource teacher and after I left BHS, he and Jack became good friends. Allen was legally blind but did a good job there, as Jack pointed out. I met Allen and we often spoke if my walks were near the school. There's another BHS history lesson for you. Submitted by **Mark Boles '70**

SCHOLARSHIPS IN MEMORY OF

1942 Richard F (Dick) Dunham
 By Richard K '62 and
 Jean Fischer Dunham '64
 1947 Jack Hitt
 By Anne Hitt Hegwer '45
 1949 Donald J Dunham
 By Richard K '62 and
 Jean Fischer Dunham '64
 1952 C Edward Schuster
 By Jacqueline Schuster Thursby '58
 1954 Ray Booker
 By Bob Cooper '55
 1961 Ronald George Fangmann '61
 By Sam Jansma '64
 1963 Robert Kemp
 By Dolores Kemp Picker '68
 1963 Charles Mantei
 By John Martin Mantei '66
 1964 Pat Matheny
 By Ron '64 and Jan Brunner Stahl '65
 1965 Jill McDade Cissell
 By Jeanne Brunner Cavender '67
 1966 Sarah Carter Brown
 By Linda Pribble Hamberg '66

1966 Paige West Kelley
 By Linda Pribble Hamberg '66
 1966 Jean Howard Riezman
 By Linda Pribble Hamberg '66
 1968 Judy Bollinger
 By Cheri Bolling Hollensbe '68
 1968 Don Dahlin
 By Gary Grindler '68
 1968 Larry Volkening
 By Gary Grindler '68
 1974 Todd Henne
 By Louise Shore ORE
 ORE Paul Beuttenmuller
 By David Cain '59
 By Vicki Baranyai Van Bellinger '57
 ORE Rosemarie Hughes
 By Ed Wright, Jr '67
 ORE Vivienne Kueneke Schwab
 By Leslie Brann ORE
 ORE Bill Steerman
 By David Cain '59
 By Vicki Baranyai Van Bellinger '57
 Ruth Flint
 By Jim Flint '61

Ben and Marie Moritz
 By Shirley Moritz Taylor '53

SCHOLARSHIPS IN HONOR OF

BHS Class of 1961
 By Lia Kahler Littlefield '61 and
 Thomas Huber
 1965 Sue Rooney Brighton
 By Michael Rooney '62

AN ALUM HAS REQUESTED A 1959 YEARBOOK.

If you have an extra one,
contact Mary Ann Koetting
jmakoetting@aol.com.

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES ARE URGENTLY NEEDED

for '56, '88, '91, '00, '01, '04.

contact Sandy Kurre Lagarce sjlaga@gmail.
com

The current Class Representative List is
published on our website
www.brentwoodhsalumni.org

THANK YOU

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From the editor

MORE ALUM STORIES

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1968 PAM PLAGENZ ROSS '68 - CLAYTON, MO

Two strangers meet on a flight to L.A. They get much more than a flight to the Golden State.

They became great friends who loved their 8th grade teacher, **Coach Long**. They were **Pam Plagenz Ross '68** and **Antwan Binion '88**. They are 20 years apart from their BHS graduation, but they found they had a great deal in common. Pam is the President of the St. Louis Community College Trustee Board. Antwan owns several successful businesses, including the restaurant Just Chicken and a booming real estate business. They now meet in Forest Park while exercising and stay up-to-date on their lives. Antwan's restaurant didn't close during the virus shutdown, he was very busy making lunches and dinners for Washington University, several police headquarters, and folks from the Delmar Loop Association. It seems that Antwan has a knack for business.

Pam found that Antwan's grandmother, Eddie Mae Binion, was an award-winning activist for the rights of poor people. She was the YMCA Woman of the Year in 1984 and won the Danforth Leadership Award in 1977, to name just two of her awards. Antwan is looking to assist St. Louis Community College students with scholarships. He knows the value of education and of helping others just like his grandmother. Pam is working hard to help students on the Forest Park STLCC campus become nurses, dental hygienists, x-ray technicians, and other allied health workers.



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2020 *3rd Weekend In September* All-School Reunion **CANCELLED**



During these COVID-19 uncertain times, plus the cancellation of Brentwood Days, the BAA Board of Directors regrettably decided to cancel this year's "*3rd Weekend in September*" All-School Reunion on September 18, 2020.

Planning has already begun for the September 17, 2021 Come Home to Brentwood High School "*3rd Weekend in September.*" Construction at the high school will be complete and changes can be viewed on tours.

Join alums for a very special Third Weekend next year. Information to come in the February, 2021 newsletter; keep checking the BAA website www.brentwoodhsalumni.org for updates.

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