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A Message From George Clements, BAA President

Dear Alumni,

The **BAA office** has now **relocated** to Brentwood High School. The new mailing address is: **BRENTWOOD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, 2221 High School Dr., Saint Louis, Missouri 63144-1725**. Any mail sent to the Hanley Road address might be returned to you.

Start making your plans now for the **3rd Weekend in September** celebration at Brentwood High starting on Friday afternoon, September 20, 2024. We will start at **4:00 pm.** in the Commons area of the High School and end with a **Hall of Fame** induction ceremony at **6:00 pm** in the Auditorium. Visit the commemorative bricks in the outdoor patio and the new Hall of Fame display near the high school library. On Saturday, September 21, events in Brentwood, including the parade, will be announced in the August issue of "The Alumni Connection."

George Clements '57, President



The new Hall of Fame display in the high school above the Commons area near the library. Go find it!

One of our oldest alums reading the BAA August newsletter...

Eva Moritz Bouvier '43

She remembered some of the names. Eva was 99 years old and the aunt of **Charles '59 and Sandy '61 LaGarce**. She passed away December 5, 2023



Finance Report

I hope you are all enjoying this most recent newsletter! You may notice on the remittance envelopes that we have decided to raise our dues to \$20 for a single alum and \$30 for a couple. This was a decision we felt was necessary at this time.

First and foremost, I would like to express our deep gratitude for all your generous donations. Our newsletter is produced twice a year and we want to continue sending it out to all alumni. As with everything else, costs have gone up for our publication and our team works hard to get the best prices for printing, etc. Postal rates have also increased, and it has been several years since we raised the dues.

Your dues also go toward making for a fun **3rd Weekend in September**, the Hall of Fame induction ceremony, and various other expenses throughout the year.

I hope you all understand why we needed to do this. Our mission statement is to keep you informed of what your classmates are doing, help with reunions, let you know about any upcoming events, and hear about what is going on at BHS. Thanks for your understanding and happy reading!

Deborah Sutterer Houlihan, Treasurer and Committee Chair

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 Section 2055, 2106 or 2522.

A copy of the approval document is available upon request. Checks should be made payable to Brentwood Alumni Association.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Scholarship

The committee is working now on the selection of BHS seniors to be awarded 2024 scholarships on May 1. The awardees will be featured in the August issue of “*The Alumni Connection*.”

Lisa Deimeke Featherson, Committee Chair

2024 Hall of Fame

An announcement will be made for the 2024 Hall of Fame awardees in the “Alumni Connection” August issue. The 2024 Induction ceremony will be held during the **3rd Weekend in September** all-school reunion.

Alison Reed, Committee Chair

Class Rep & Membership

I want to thank the Class Reps who have recently retired from this position. You’ve done a wonderful job and is really appreciated. Also, thank you to the new class reps who stepped up to fill the vacated positions. I know you will do a good job also. As always, if you have any questions, please let me know and I’ll be glad help. sjlaga@gmail.com

New Class Rep for the class of 1963 is **Annette Siegel Heller** taking over for **Jeanette McWilliams Horvath**. New Class Rep for the class of 2019 is **Rebecca Ann Walthall** taking over for **Gino Kler**. Thanks again to all of you.

Sandy Kurre LaGarce, Committee Chair

Brentwood’s Lustron Homes

Some of these homes are left on Litzsinger Road. Built in the late 40’s, they were composed of porcelain-enameled steel panels built in a former aircraft plant in Columbus, Ohio. Planned by entrepreneur Carl Strandlund, they have glossy, square exteriors and were either a post-war innovation or a short-lived housing experiment, but of interest to many Americans. 2600 were manufactured and some still remain across the country. **Charlotte Mastin Ellis ‘61** lives in one of these homes.

FADING MEMORIES... ”but not so fading”...

The following came to the editor from Bob Warren ‘68 last fall. He had hoped to get this published in the February, 2024 issue, as promised by the editor. He passed away on January 27, 2024.

I came to Brentwood in 1957, the only child of a widow. We had no family to speak of, but I found my three families at Frazier and BHS. The first two families being at work with co-workers of 30-40 years at the St Louis Eye Clinic, and with the last one, my wife and best friend, Mary, with whom we created our two kids and four grandkids.

Invariably, in St. Louis someone will ask you “where did you go to school?” and I answered with pride BRENTWOOD. I tell them of the great sports teams and players. I tell them of the great accomplishments of classmates and our amazing alumni association. I have classmates, who have decided to continue living in Brentwood, even living in their parents’ house. Brentwood is a tight-knit community and great place to raise a family and get your children an education.

Bob Warren ‘68



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3RD WEEKEND IN SEPTEMBER

Another great all-school reunion in the BHS Commons room

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Alison Reed 82, Barb Clemens, Debbie Sutterer Houlihan '73



Jan Niehoff, Greg Niehoff '66, Kurt Niehoff '69



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60s and 70s grads



____, Don Hodapp '58, Dennis Kurre '58, Jean Brinkmann Boyd '61, Brante Braswell '59



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ALUM NEWS

40's

1949 Mary Lee Thebeau Timmerberg – St Louis, MO – My sister, **Jean Ann Thebeau Tallis '49** died on 01/06/2024. She is survived by four children, eight grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. Our classmate, **Audrey Ann Weimann Schachet** passed away on 08/26/2023. She is survived by four children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

50's

1950 Barbara Schmidt Hirsh – Williamsburg, VA – Still vertical and getting around on my own two feet. Exercise three days a week, square dance on the fourth and still sing with the Colony Chorus. Volunteer in the health care units. I go to symphonies and plays, wherever a Colony bus takes me.

1951 Martin Gabbert – Ballwin, MO – Still in Ballwin and attending football games. One grandson with KC Chiefs and one the quarterback in Miami of Ohio.

1952 Norman Ramsey – Chesterfield, MO – We have now moved from Florida back to Missouri. Feels like home.

1954 Sidney Hoskins – Waynesboro, PA – I have moved to senior housing near my four grandchildren in Quincy Village, Ohio.

1954 Marian Housom Lewis – New York, NY – My haven in busy New York City is growing vegetables and flowers in the community garden. We have film nights and pot lucks in summer. Feels very “smalltown.”

1956 Louise Barker McCloud – Hernando, MS – My husband, George, just celebrated his 90th birthday and is in good health. We went to his high school reunion in Alton, IL in August. We still

travel to some extent to Branson, MO and other places close to home. He is an excellent driver, me, not so much. We have four children, six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren all in good health. We have been very blessed. In these days, that is good!

1956 Gene Nau - Naples, FL We are now enjoying fulltime snowless living and would welcome any classmates to visit us in Naples anytime. We live in a golf retirement community called Bentley Village.

1958 John Baumgartner – Prairie Village, KS – Took our kids and grandchild to London to celebrate our 60th anniversary.

1958 Rita Gardner Mockler – Baton Rouge, LA

We are all well. Taylor and Dom are expecting their first baby in October, my third great-grandchild. Five out of eight have already graduated from college; “So far, so good”. Two are at LSU. Love to everyone. Stay well.

1958 Jacqueline Schuster Thursday – Provo, UT – Doing well for an aged couple. Busy with family, home-church-work and community. So far, so good.

1959 Nancy Eisenhardt Toma – Belton, TX – Moved from Ocala, FL to Belton, TX in March to be closer to our two children. Florida is definitely cooler. Oh well, not moving again. This was our 21st move in 60 years of marriage. Time to settle down.

60's

1960 Sandra Line Pitman – Sullivan, MO – Lived in Tampa Bay, FL from 1977 until September 2022, when I moved to Sullivan. Raised two sons, worked in accounting and taught same. Have traveled around the world, except Africa, where I've always wanted to go on a safari.

1961 Fred Abrams – Springboro, OH – Was one of the F-100 pilots interviewed for Smithsonian Air Warriors series – Smithsonian Channel Season 11 Episode 5 (F-100 Super Sabre)

1962 John Fields – Mt. Vernon, IL – Sharon and I are enjoying our retirement years and recently spent a week in Door County, Wisconsin celebrating our 56th wedding anniversary.

1962 Mike Rooney – Tempe, TX – Still going to my law office, but lots of fly fishing and sporting clays.

1966 David Larson – Overland, MO – Retired 13 years ago. Had an exciting work life with many opportunities. Now taking care of my wife and spend many hours helping veterans through VFW.

1966 Nelson Morgan – Smyrna, TN – In May, I was gifted by the Waynesville R-VI School District Foundation with the 2021 Outstanding Educational Professional Award. It had been delayed by Covid. I taught middle school social studies in Waynesville for 24 years.

1967 Jeanne Brunner Cavender – Rolla, MO – Just enjoying retirement from education profession. Watching my first granddaughter go off to Webster University majoring in Musical Theatre.

1967 Charles Young – Beverly Hills, CA – Working with Julie Pacino to locate funding for her most recent short film “Harmony in Gold” and for her first feature now in post-production “If I Live Here Now”. Two more projects are on the horizon for her with two major projects in the works.

1968 Gary Grindler – Great Falls, VA – Last fall, I started teaching a course as an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, DC.

ALUM NEWS

Pam Plagenz Ross '68 As a Vice President and President during her term at the St. Louis Community College Board of Trustees, Pam has very successfully campaigned for major improvements and was instrumental in obtaining the following: professional child care centers at Forest Park and Florissant campuses, assigning tutors to students assisting them on their career paths, passing tax levy in 2022 allowing the institution to modernize campuses, and many programs to benefit students.



1970 Dennis McCoy – Villa Ridge, MO – I recently closed my dental practice after nearly 46 years in St. Clair, MO. I still do volunteer work. Mindi and I have been married for almost 52 years. Together, we have four children and eight grandchildren.

1971 Diana Kuelker Huckstep – Louisiana, MO – My niece, daughter and myself just spent 19 days in Europe. I had never traveled abroad before and wasn't really excited about going, but my niece talked me into it. It was amazing! I can't wait to plan another trip.

1971 Missy Reisenleiter – Dushope, PA – My husband and I relocated to Dushope, PA in May, 2023. We are both retired and are enjoying the beauty and history that this county has to offer. Gorgeous hiking trails in the endless mountains are ten minutes from our door. If you are in our area, look us up! We have a spare room.

1976 Scott Marion – Brentwood, MO – After many years as a sports writer for the old *Suburban Journals* and the *Edwardsville Intelligencer*, I'm now working part-time for the *Intelligencer* as a news feature writer.

1976 Christopher McClellan – Lake Worth, FL – I was elected to the St Louis United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame in 2021.

1977 Lori Suess Wolter – Austin, TX – My husband, Dave, retired last year and we are looking forward to traveling.



BHS grads visit London for Cardinals series. Ed Wright, Jr. ('67), his wife (Joanne Sivier--not a BHS grad), and their 3 sons went to London last summer to watch the Cardinals play and visit other memorable sites. Pictured are Ed, Joanne, **Elliot ('22)**, **Jackson ('18)**, and **Eddie ('16)**.

FUTURE REUNIONS

1959 65th

Plans are beginning for BHS Class of 1959 reunion. **Charlie LaGarce** would appreciate your suggestions and answer your questions via text (636) 346-8633 or email clagarce@me.com.

1964 60th

The year is 1964: The Cardinals won the World Series, "Goldfinger" hit the big movie screen, "I Want to Hold Your Hand" by the Beatles was a hit, the first Mustang rolled off the assembly line, the Munster's appeared on TV, Pepsi Cola introduced Diet Pepsi, and Buffalo Wings were created in Buffalo, NY- AND the Brentwood High School Class of 1964 graduated. It is time for us to celebrate our 60th high school graduation with a reunion.

Please mark your calendars for the weekend of September 20 and 21, 2024 for our reunion weekend. We will, of course, start with the annual BHS reunion on Friday night September 20 and some casual get together and then have our reunion event on Saturday, September 21. There may even be a golf tournament or pickle ball game on Saturday. We have a small group of us in St. Louis that are working to make this a memorable event for everyone who can attend - our goal is to keep it simple and affordable BUT FUN! More details will be coming out soon, but in the meantime, if you have new contact information or have information regarding a classmate - please send it to **Tammy Stefanoni Rhomberg** at tjrh3@earthlink.net. See you in September 2024!

1974 50th

The BHS Class of 1974 will have its 50th reunion on Saturday, September 21 at CJ Muggs, 200 S Central Ave in Clayton. The reunion will start at 6 pm. **Jan Wuestling Burris** - jwuestling09@gmail.com



2000 Michael Gallina – St Louis, MO – The James Beard Foundation has announced the semifinalists for its annual restaurant awards. Michael's partnership, Root Hospitality, that operates Vicia, Winslow's Table and Bistro La Floraison, is a semifinalist for the second year running as "Outstanding Restaurateur" nationwide. From the St Louis Post Dispatch.

3RD WEEKEND IN SEPTEMBER

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Welcome Brentwood Alumni



Terri Dilthey Halsey '73, Barb Clements



Kaye Wessler Shumate '59, Craig Shumate '59, Mary Ann Eckler Koetting '59



Dave Heger '83(?), Kenneth Levin '69



Chuck Conant '52



Walter Henkel '60, Chuck Combs '52, Norm Ramsey '52



Kaye Wessler Shumate '59, Marcia Hunsinger Werremeyer '66



Rodney Carr '73



Kurt Niehoff '69



Art Toney '59, Ed Holt '58

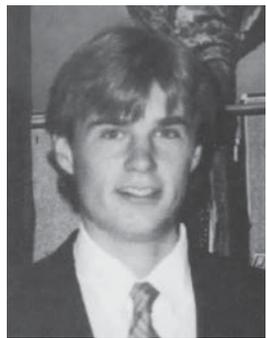


George Clements '57, Dennis Kurre '58

ALUM SPOTLIGHT

Joseph (Joey) Charles Barzantny '89, Posthumous

“An Amazing Young Maze Maker” ~ *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*



I first met Joey, a boy of about 12, along with his mother, Irene Leland Barzantny. They wanted to get a special book “Mazes by Joe,” printed, after several

previous editions. It was a delight to help them getting it done by a printing company where I worked.

The Editor

Here is Joe’s story:

From very early on, Joey amazed his parents, Joe and Irene, when he arranged various items in different patterns. Even at age four, he worked his way through mazes. Later, Joey astonished, teachers, friends, and classmates with his creative, intriguing, beautiful mazes. They eventually became even more complex. His favorite and most published “Brain Maze,” was created at age eight.

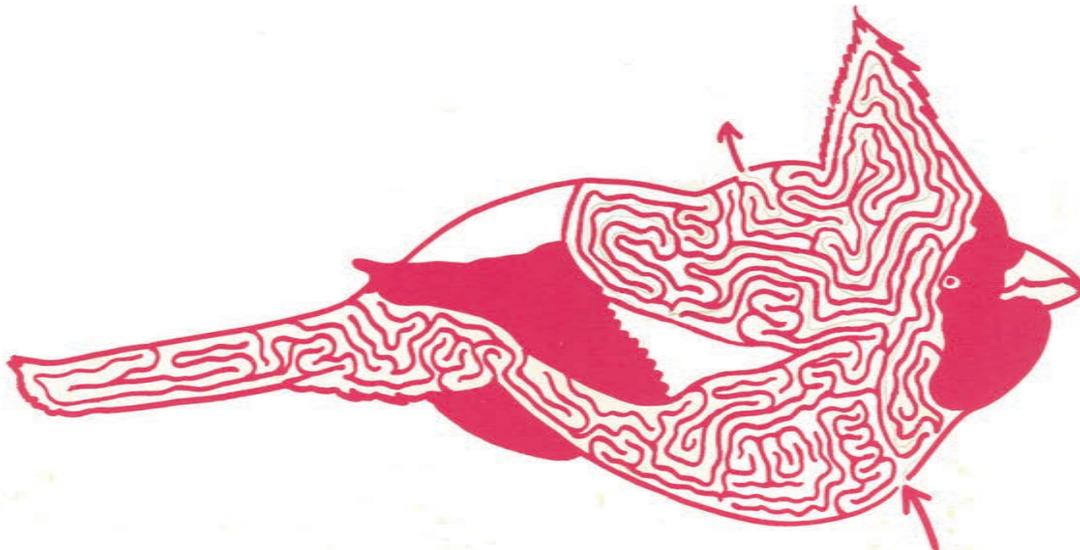
His first book published by his parents, as he turned ten, was “You Amaze Me As I Amaze You.” A few more books followed, with a total of four. These exemplified his special gift and developing talent for drawing subjects, shapes, logos and images incorporated in the puzzles. As he became known, Joey suddenly was interviewed by newspaper reporters and local television stations. He was featured on national TV shows and magazines, as well. School children also worked his mazes through educational publications. During all this, Joey couldn’t understand what the big deal was about something

that came so easily to him. All through his many years as a local celebrity, he was known to quickly, upon anyone’s request, produce a customized puzzle, such as someone’s name, or a particular slogan, event, or organization.

Joe was a handsome, lanky lad with a warm and out-going personality. His younger brother, **Austin '97**, enjoyed his mazes, too. Joe broke school records running track. He was an avid tennis player and collected several trophies. Joe was very musical, singing and playing guitar. He also became a master at video games. Joe’s mazes are currently running in the monthly “Pulse” local Brentwood newspaper, which has kindly been publishing them for many years.

Unfortunately, Joe, the “Wizard of Maze,” (from “Star” tabloid) was “trapped in his own maze of life”, and due to mental illness, found his way out at age 21, on January 11, 1992. Joe’s website is amazesbyjoe.com.

Wing Your Way With The Cardinal



PAST REUNIONS



1961 80th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The class of 1961 celebrated its 80th Birthdays at CJ Muggs in Clayton on Saturday, September 30th, 2023. After all the planning we did, I tested positive for Covid the day of our party. Jim and Joyce Gould took over for me and from what I heard, everyone had a good time.

*Submitted by **Sandy Kurre LaGarce***



L to R around table: Tom Smith, Linda Alexander Smith, Joyce Rittensbacher Gould, Jim Gould, Tish Hrastich, Tom Hrastich, Brant Braswell '59, Jean Brinkmann Boyd (not in view), John Manestar, Jill Oppelt Manestar, Carol Offenbach, Stefan Offenbach, Fred Abrams, and Judi Turner Peckham not pictured

1972 On Saturday 9/16 (alumni weekend), a group of guys from the **BHS Class of '72** got together to watch Missouri play Kansas State at Llewelyn's Pub in Webster Groves. By the way, that was also the site of our 50th Reunion on September 17, 2022.

Left to right, it's Alex Munoz, Jeff Geppert, Greg Kornfeld, Jim Darlington, Kurt Rudesill, Tom Terry and Larry Bush

*Submitted by **Greg Kornfeld***



1973 50th

The Class of 1973 held its 50th High School Reunion on the weekend of September 15-16 2023. It started out with several classmates meeting at the high school where school tours were provided. The new construction was a sight to see! After catching up with each other, a group gathered at Trainwreck for drinks, dinner and reminiscing! The weather was perfect! Saturday night, September 16th, the party was at CJ Muggs in Clayton with several more classmates attending. In all, it was a great turnout with good food, laughs and stories from the past! The common remark was, how did it get to be 50 years? Everyone had a wonderful time!

*Submitted by **Debbie Sutterer Houlihan***

PAST REUNIONS

1983 40th

The Class of 1983 held its reunion on September 16, 2023. Our classmate, **Virgil Avanzado**, hosted us at Boardwalk Pizza in Ellisville, which he owns and manages. We had a fun night catching up with each other, and Virgil created a great atmosphere with craft beer brewed on the premises and plenty of appetizers and pizza for snacking. We were lucky to have many classmates return from far away. The classmates who traveled the farthest were **Gary Russell** from the Los Angeles area and **Jeff Bingley** from Alberta, Canada. The time flew by quickly that evening, so we're already looking forward to getting back together in 2028!

Submitted by David Heger



L to R: Seated – Kathi Cartwright, Debbie Shaw Pearman, Kim Dayton Dubrow, Susie Gill Bennett, Jeff Bingley, Mike Peters. Standing Row 1 – Therese Hutsell Heard, Diana Chapman, Greg Carr, Amy Eckart Meyer, Jill Drury Gundy, Pam Featherston McGrath, Joann Sirota Kole, Melanie Buerkle Maesaka, Earl Laseter. Standing Row 2 – Dave Heger, Christine Brenton Kelly, Joe Magee, Anthony Harper, Jerry Featherston, Virgil Avanzado, Gary Russell, Karen Bush Keller, Sara Soebbing Hacala

A Special Invitation to BHS alumni:

The Catalyst, our Brentwood, Clayton, Ladue, and University City school districts CAPS cohort, invites you to join in our journey. Our mission is to provide students with experiential learning opportunities. A normal day at Catalyst could be hosting a speaker panel in a variety of industries, visiting a company for a behind the scenes look, going to work at an internship, working on a special project with a business partner, or even working on a plan for their own business venture! It is partnering with our local businesses and communities that this is possible.

You are invited to contribute to this exciting venture. There is no shortage of ways to get involved. For more information, please contact Christine Tilley at ctilley@brentwoodmoschools.org. Or 636-699-5470.



SCHOOL NEWS

A Sign of the Times

Back in 2005, **Norma Hodges Murphy '41** submitted an article in our newsletter about the famous BHS student strike of 1940. A popular coach and teacher, **Dewey Youngblood**, was being demoted and would no longer be a coach. To protest, students walked out of class and gathered in front of the high school (as shown in the photo). One of the "leaders" of the strike was **Ed Wright, Sr. '41**. Recently, **Ed Wright, Jr. '67** was going through his parents' papers and found a "strike badge" that his father had worn. It's reproduced here. (Coincidentally, Ed (the son) was one of the leaders in a cafeteria boycott at the high school in the mid 60's. We're guessing that the apple didn't fall from that family tree.)

Submitted by Ed Wright Jr.



ALUM SPOTLIGHT

Once Shy But Now Retiring: Nell Jessup Newton '62



When **Nell Jessup Mier Newton '62** was inducted into the Brentwood Alumni Association Hall of Fame in 2014, it took a while to list her accomplishments and achievements. In the 10 years since her induction, she has not slowed down but now is retiring in June. Nell was an Ursuline Academy student before she came to Brentwood. “Brentwood met my intellectual needs with great teachers and rigorous courses but it also met my social needs. A rather shy transfer from a Catholic girls’ school, I was welcomed by wonderful classmates and friends.”

While attending Brentwood, Nell excelled as a student attaining a National Merit Scholarship. She was also active as Yearbook editor and a member of Pep Club, Latin Club, and Great Books Club. However, after she left Brentwood, her career took off and she left her mark in academic communities throughout the country.

She is addressed as Dean Newton because she holds the record for being dean at six law schools in the US: Notre Dame (2009-2019); University of Miami (2021-2022); Wake Forest University (2022-2023); University of Denver; University of Connecticut; and University of California Hastings. She recently returned to Notre Dame to serve again as a faculty member in the law school. After a long and distinguished career in the academic world, Nell has decided to retire.

In a letter to her BHS classmates, Nell explained her reasoning and her plans:

“After taking my first job at 15 ½ years old, I am now planning to retire at the end of this academic year. It’s been a good ride with a number of different jobs before I landed in academia. During the past two academic years, I took one-year position as interim dean at Miami Law and then Wake Forest Law. I seem to have developed a talent for parachuting into a law school that has undergone a difficult transition. I then help figure out the best way to move forward...and helped put together a dean search committee. Wow, this work is really fun! Helping a community and leaving them with a wonderful new dean is so satisfying.”

Her skill in helping law school administrations in transition was recognized by Wake Forest University Provost Michele Gillespie who stated: “Nell is a brilliant scholar, a gifted teacher, and an extraordinarily transparent, visionary leader who can build a strong vibrant collective culture out of honesty, compassion, humor, respect, and straight talk, and all in record time. For all her sharp wit and keen intelligence, she is also quite magical.”

This BAA Hall of Fame member was respected and loved by faculty and staff at every law school and academic stop along the way of her brilliant career. However, it became obvious to her after a bad case of Covid with “long Covid” effects that it was time to slow down and to retire.

Nell reflected on her decision to retire: “So my national record as the person who has the most deanships (6) may have to stay until some whippersnapper breaks it. I have purchased a condo in the D.C. area (Friendship Heights, Maryland,) a vibrant neighborhood and on the Metro line and the bus lines. I also get to vote in federal elections as I could not as a D.C. resident. My place is a 3 bedroom, so lots of room for guests, too.”

Nell looks forward to visiting family in Brooklyn and Boston and even taking the occasional nonstop flight to St. Louis (hopefully to our **3rd Weekend in September** celebrations.) But she doesn’t plan to stay completely out of the academic world: “I plan to stay busy by doing some consulting for law schools (if I can figure out how to work my magic without physically moving there). I’m hoping to teach one course a year at Georgetown. So that should keep my grey cells functioning.”

We have no doubt that Nell will continue to impress people with her wit and wisdom. We’re certainly proud to put the spotlight on this alum for her career achievements and we wish her luck. We’d love to see her come back to Brentwood and tour her alma mater. She can even drop in for a short visit to Ursuline while in town...but then we’ll meet her for lunch at Carl’s. Congrats, Nell.

BRENTWOOD ALUMNI SURVEY TO IMPROVE 3RD WEEKEND IN SEPTEMBER

To help us plan for successful future Alumni gatherings, please answer the following questions, and return to us by email to Admin@brentwoodhsalumni.org or by regular mail to: Brentwood Alumni Association, 2221 High School Dr., Saint Louis, MO 63144-1725

Have you attended a “3rd Weekend” alumni gathering in the past? _____

How many? _____

What do you like about the gathering? _____

What could make it better? _____

“3rd Weekend” is currently tied to Brentwood Days. Is that important to you? _____

Do you attend Brentwood Days activities also? _____

If “3rd Weekend” were moved to a different weekend, would you be more or less likely to attend? _____

Why? _____

What are your suggestions for our annual alumni gathering? All comments are welcome!

Name and contact information (Optional)

**PLEASE RETURN AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE
THANKS A LOT!**

SPECIAL NOTES

Who We Are

Looking for your class representative? Go to **WHO WE ARE** on our website www.brentwoodhsalumni.org, and you will find contact information for all class reps.

Class Representatives Needed

These classes are not receiving information to pass on to their classmates. Won't you step forward and be your alumni class representative for 1988, 1991, 2000, and 2004? **Sandy Kurre LaGarce '61** sjлага@gmail.com or (636) 236-3286 can help you. You do not have to live near Brentwood; many of our good reps live in other states.

Address Change

The **Brentwood School District** and **Brentwood Alumni Association**, as well, are now located in the high school. Our new postal address is: **Brentwood Alumni Association, 2221 High School Dr., Saint Louis, Missouri 63144-1725**

Photographers Wanted

Do you enjoy photography and working with pictures? Maybe you were even on the Eagle or Eaglet staff when you were at BHS? We need photographers to take and submit digital pictures, plus an assistant to collect the names of those photographed, mainly at our **3rd Weekend in September** All-School Reunion and Hall of Fame induction. Our newsletter and website committee members would really appreciate this. Also, if you have any photos of interest, please submit them for the newsletter. Contact judi.peckham@gmail.com

WEBSITE

DID YOU KNOW? You can find all **Newsletters** on the website www.brentwoodhsalumni.org on the Main Menu, as well as keep in touch with **Reunion** plans. Check them out!

CALENDAR

February 6	BAA Board Meeting, Middle School meeting room	4:30 PM
March 5	BAA Board Meeting, Middle School meeting room	4:30 PM
April 2	BAA Board Meeting, Middle School meeting room	4:30 PM
May 1	Senior Scholarship Awards Program	TBD
May 7	BAA Board Meeting, Middle School meeting room	4:30 PM
June 1	Deadline for August 2024 Newsletter	August 6
	BAA Board Meeting, Middle School meeting room	4:30 PM
September 3	BAA Board Meeting, Middle School meeting room	4:30 PM
September 20	3rd Weekend in September Reunion – BHS Commons	4:00 pm
	Hall of Fame ceremony in BHS Auditorium	6:00 pm
September 21	Brentwood Days Celebration – schedule	TBD
October 1	BAA Board Meeting, Middle School meeting room	4:30 PM
November 5	BAA Board Meeting, Middle School meeting room	4:30 PM
December 1	Deadline for February 2025 Newsletter	

MEET OUR NEW CLASS REPRESENTATIVE – GWEN AUGUSTINE '68

After graduating from BHS in 1968 I attended Forest Park Community College and the St. Louis Board of Education nursing program where I received my nursing license graduating in 1971. I retired from nursing in 2016. I have two children (a son and a daughter) and two grandsons. I attend The Spirit Church in Bridgeton where my Pastor is Aneas Williams, a pro football hall of famer who played for the Rams (awesome Pastor). I live in Creve Coeur, love to travel, crochet and being a group leader for my church.



Class of '73 Takes Advantage of Reunion Reimbursement Program

In the photo, Class of '73 member **Rob Burris** is smiling as he receives a \$100 check from BAA Treasurer **Deb Houlihan '73**. The reimbursement for reunion expenses is pursuant to the new board policy to encourage more class reunions. The \$100 helped pay for expenses at the September 16th gathering of about 40 class members at CJ Muggs in Clayton. "We had a great time and appreciate the support of the board. Every little bit helps." said Rob.



If your class is planning a reunion, you may also be reimbursed up to \$100 for any reasonable expense related to the affair. Provide a receipt and proof of the activity to BAA at 2221 High School Dr., Saint Louis, MO 63144-1725. We will be happy to process it and send you a check.

FUN STUFF

The photo shown in the previous "Alumni Connection" was taken on a horseback ride showing **Janet Riegert Basse '61**. Thanks to an alum who thought it was someone else and submitted his guess. More next time.

IN MEMORIAM

1938 Janet Spratte Tuthill – Deceased 09/17/2023
1939 Jane Streit Hackmann – Deceased 09/21/2016
1939 Kenneth F Hackmann – Deceased 09/30/2015
1941 Melba Irene Light Landes – Deceased 11/22/2005
1942 Opal Donahue Billman – Deceased 11/13/2016
1942 William G (Bill) Flora – Deceased 01/19/2017
1942 William F Roehm – Deceased 11/02/2002
1943 Fred R Freeman – Deceased 08/08/2019
1943 Betty M Martin Naughton – Deceased 10/25/2009
1945 Doris Eunice Morrissey Bayers – Deceased 07/25/2012
1945 Anne Hitt Hegwer – Deceased 09/03/2023
1948 Carl E Day, Sr – Deceased 10/14/2023
1949 Audrey Ann Weimann Schachet – Deceased 08/26/2023
1949 Jean Ann Thebeau Tallis – Deceased 01/06/2024
1954 George Francis Kenney – Deceased 03/10/2023
1954 Patsy Irene Jacobsen Lehman – Deceased 11/23/2023
1954 Harold William (Bud) Stark – Deceased 04/22/2023
1954 Joanne Robertson Stark – Deceased 11/15/2023
1955 John Patrick Hart III – Deceased 12/25/2023
1955 Lorean (Marie) Ruhl Jundt Hay – Deceased 09/01/2023
1955 Judith Ann Keith Litts – Deceased 12/02/2023
1956 Donna Lou Featherston Timms – Deceased 11/15/2019
1957 Barbara Diane Bates Sweat – Deceased 10/18/2021
1958 Robert Allen (Bob) Featherston – Deceased 12/07/2023
1958 Colleen Sue Moran McMillan – Deceased 11/19/2023
1958 Lester Odell Wagner – Deceased 11/01/2023
1959 Theodore Robert (Ted) Schlosser, Jr – Deceased 01/06/2024
1964 Armand (Paul) DeMargel – Deceased 12/31/2023
1964 David William Mars – Deceased 10/13/2023
1964 Thomas Wayne Minor - Deceased 2021
1964 Richard Glennon Purcell - Deceased 02/08/2022
1965 George Adam Clemens – Deceased 01/26/2024
1965 Margaret Jane (Peggy) Sutton Greene – Deceased 06/07/2023
1965 Terry Clark Kurre – Deceased 12/01/2023
1966 Michael Paul Crump – Deceased 11/09/2023
1966 William Karl Young – Deceased 08/2023
1967 Jane Elizabeth Cole – Deceased 2021
1967 Ruby Estella Davis – Deceased 2020
1968 Lee Elston Morris – Deceased 2021
1968 Robert William (Bob) Warren – Deceased 01/27/2024
1968 J David Sapp – Deceased 10/28/2020
1968 Robert William (Bob) Warren – Deceased 01/27/2024
1973 David Gene Magee – Deceased 12/09/2023
1973 Susan K (Susie) Wiseman Meeks – Deceased 09/2023
1974 Charles Anthony Dyson – Deceased 06/25/2023
1979 Barbara Ann Suttles – Deceased 03/01/2020
1980 David Martin Stojeba – Deceased 12/05/2023
2008 George Jacob Nuernberger – Deceased 03/10/2019
2008 Michael Brooks Perkins – Deceased 12/04/2017
ORE Louise W Shore – Deceased 12/17/2022

IN REMEMBRANCE

1938 Janet Spratte Tuthill, our oldest known alum, passed away 09/17/2023 at age 103.

To read more about Janet, go to our website www.brentwoodhsalumni.org, click on Newsletters Vol 17, No 2, and on Page 7, there is a feature article on her 100th birthday.

1948 Carl E Day, Sr. – As BAA’s very first vice president, Carl was instrumental in getting our association off the ground. He was also the very first quarterback at BHS. After service in Korea, he began his college career, graduating from Washington University with a degree in Architecture. His home building designs were heavily influenced by Frank Lloyd Wright. He was licensed in 35 states and featured in “Custom Builder” magazine. He passed away 10/14/2023, and is survived by his wife, Nancy, four children, 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Thank you to Rita Gardner Mockler ‘58, who generously contributed to the scholarship fund in memory of her husband, Gary Mockler, who passed away 04/17/2020. They have two sons, Timothy and Patrick, two daughters-in-law, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

1968 David Sapp died 10/20/2020. His partner of 45 years, Chester Jakubowicz, said when David moved from Columbia. MO to San Francisco, he became active in social causes. He then went back to school and received his law degree, where he was in the top of the class specializing in Social Justice. David was diagnosed with MS in his late 40s, but continued his busy career, until they moved back to Columbia in 1998, as he became progressively worse. Even as a paraplegic, he became a prayer chaplain at his church and continued to foster dogs.



SCHOLARSHIPS IN MEMORY OF

- 1938 Janet Spratte Tuthill
By Richard K '62 and Jean Fischer Dunham '64
- 1947 Lowell H Turner
By Judi Turner Peckham '61
- 1948 Carl E Day, Sr
By Mary Ann Eckler Koetting '59
By A J Borzillo, Friend
By Mary Jones, Friend
By Annette and John Santilli, Friends
- 1953 James Manser
By Sidney Hoskins '54
- 1954 Harold William (Bud) Stark
By Barby West Stark '59
- 1956 Rita Boshans, my remarkably brilliant cousin
By Ruth Pitman Pettitt '78
- 1959 David Cain
By Diane Baker Keeter '59
- 1959 Robert H (Bob) Niemeyer
By Ann Henley Barcus '59
By Mary Ann Eckler Koetting '59
By Ed Wright, Jr. '67
- 1960 Betty Pitman Bieber, my intelligent and beautiful sister
By Ruth Pitman Pettitt '78
- 1960 Charlie Dilly
By Judith Dilly Harris '64
- 1960 Barb Kraus Howle
By Carole Kelley Mailander '60
- 1960 Sue Frossard Taylor
By Carole Kelley Mailander '60
- 1960 Patricia Eaton Wynn
By Jerry Wynn '61
- 1962 Don Dilly
By Judith Dilly Harris '64
- 1963 John De Pitman, Jr
By Ruth Pitman Pettitt '78, my loving brother
By Jan Waters '78
By Michele Pitman Magner '85
By Barbara Pitman
- 1963 John R Reisenleiter
By Melissa Reisenleiter '71
- 1963 David Riegelsberger
By James '66 and Barb Watkins Dobernic '68
By Ellen Riegelsberger Hellwege '66
By Michael Ramsey '63
- 1964 Patricia Turner Krehbiel
By Judi Turner Peckham '61
- BHS Class of '65 – Remembering those who have gone before us, far too soon.
By Gerard Ganahl '65
- 1965 Barb Collodi Lithander
By Jan Brunner Stahl '65
- 1965 Mary Lou Herminghaus Palmer
By Jan Brunner Stahl '65
- 1966 Judy Olson Weber
By Linda Dollar '66
- 1967 Tim Paul
By Jeanne Brunner Cavender '67
- 1968 Tim Cook
By Gary Grindler '68
- 1968 Terry Stewart
By Pam Plagenz Ross '68
- 1968 Larry Volkening
By Robert Warren '68
- 1969 Alan Bott
By Anonymous
- 1969 John Geppert
By Anonymous
- 1969 Mark Henry
By Anonymous
- 1969 Dan Howard
By Anonymous
- 1969 Leigh Volkening
By Robert Warren '68
- 1970 John T Carr
By Rodney A Carr '73
- 1970 Reed Pitman, my talented and darling brother
By Ruth Pitman Pettitt '78
- 1970 Susan Slazinik
By Pamela McAliney Strueber '70
- 1970 Paul Sorgenfrei
By Zach Cartwright '70
- 1973 Cheryl Noonan Titus
By Michael Noonan '74
- 1974 Robert L Carr
By Rodney A Carr '73
- 1975 Danny Noonan
By Michael Noonan '74
- 1976 Donna Niehoff Fink
By Jean Niehoff Steele '73
- ORE Paul Buettenmuller, Teacher
By Judi Turner Peckham '61
- ORE Charles D Duggan, Teacher
By Judi Turner Peckham '61
- ORE Coach John Titus
By James '66 and Barb Watkins Dobernic '68
By Ed Wright, Jr. '67
- In Memory of ORE colleagues who have passed
By Janet Drury Hellwege '71
- Gary Mockler, husband of
Rita Gardner Mockler '58
- In Loving Memory of our son,
Michael C Stahl
By Ron '64 and Jan Brunner Stahl '65

SCHOLARSHIPS IN HONOR OF

- 1965 Sue Rooney Brighton
By Mike Rooney '62

NEW CONTRIBUTORS

**01/01/2023 to
12/31/2023**

- 1959 Denver Wright III
- 1962 Don Aurand
- 1964 Jill Oppelt Manestar
- 1967 Michael Moskoff
- 1971 Gordon William Robinson
- 1972 Mary Wheat Brown
- 1973 Mary Diffley Halsey
- 1973 Timothy Hoffman
- 1974 Michael Noonan
- 1974 James Richard Seelbach, Jr
- 1977 Timothy Tanner
- 1983 Jeff Bingley
- 1983 Gary Russell
- 1985 Mark Niemeyer
- 1994 June Wright Burkhardt
- 1995 Kevin Burkhardt
- 1999 Jennifer Ladage Kloth
- 1999 Rebecca Cornell Miller
- FRND Barbara A Pitman
- ORE Susan Lile

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.

More Scenes of 3rd Weekend in September 2023



Marcia Hunsinger Werremeyer '66



LtoR: Charles LaGarce '59, Alison Reed '62, George Clements '57

I think this check shows the impressive amount of \$351,000 contributed by alums and friends over the years for the BAA scholarship fund. We can be proud of ourselves for our many contributions. Congratulations, alums!!

... the editor



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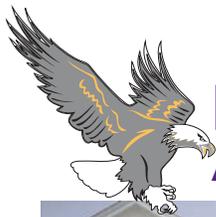
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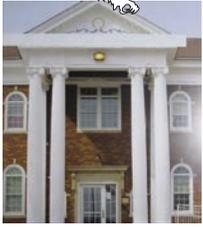
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2024 “3rd Weekend in September”

ALL-SCHOOL REUNION

Friday, September 20, 4 pm

Saturday, September 21

Friday:

Beginning at **4 pm**, through **6 pm**, join alums for the very special “**3rd Weekend in September**” ALL-SCHOOL REUNION in the Commons Room.

- **High School tours** are available and view the new **Hall of Fame Wall** near library.
- Visit the inner courtyard to see commemorative bricks.
- Drinks and snacks offered in the Commons Room for purchase.
- **Hall of Fame** Inductees and ceremony at **6 pm** in school auditorium.

Activities in Brentwood, including Saturday parade will be announced in the August issue of the “Alumni Connection” newsletter.

NOTICE OUR NEW ADDRESS!!!