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BRENTWOOD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

BAA AWARDS FIVE \$2,000 SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2009!

2009 marks the sixth year in which we have awarded scholarships to deserving students. One is sponsored by the generosity of the BHS Class of 1958.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS - 2009



MICHAEL FITZGERALD: Michael plans to attend Tulsa University, majoring in International Business and German, which he has already studied several years. His leadership, athletic and community service histories are quite extensive and most impressive. Michael has accumulated a high number of college credits and has obviously geared himself to "pursue his dreams."



MELANIE BLAKE GILMORE: "Blake," a highly motivated young lady, will attend Pomona College in California. She plans to major in Political Science and Journalism and is extremely focused on her selections. She claims her "intellectual curiosity knows no bounds." While doing a great deal of work with theatre/drama during high school, she has also held various offices on the Student Council and has received a number of academic honors and awards. These activities have been accomplished by Blake in spite of a 35 hour per week work schedule as a student leader/intern with Bank of America.



YUSEF RAHAMAN: Yusef will attend the University of Science & Technology, MU, Rolla, where he will study Nuclear Engineering and Mathematics. He firmly believes America's future is with nuclear power and wants to be a part of its expansion. He has received a number of honors and awards, particularly in mathematics and chemistry. Yusef's foreign language has been Spanish, and he has held leadership positions with the youth programs of the Maronite church.



ANNIE SCHMID: Annie will attend DePaul University in Chicago, majoring in Journalism and Public Relations. To help prepare for her major, she has been on the yearbook staff, supervising four people with a work load including an average of six hours per week. She has also been the photographer. In addition, she has participated in numerous thespian endeavors, has been President of the French Club, acted as Public Relations Commissioner for the Student Council, and has done much volunteer work.

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EMILY YOUNGSTROM: Emily will attend Truman University, Kirksville, MO, with a double major in Classics and German. She has been a book lover all her life, learning to read while still in kindergarten, leading her desire to be a librarian. Emily has been active in both varsity softball and varsity soccer and has taken leadership responsibilities for National Honor Society, Student Council, and YMCA. Her community service has been with both children and the elderly.

SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Contributions to the BAA Scholarship Fund 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.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

State of the Brentwood Alumni Association August, 2009

It is my pleasure to report that the organization continues to grow in both scope and membership. The BAA is ever moving forward and planning events to help alumni stay in touch with our alma mater and with one another.

We are very proud to report that we were able to award \$2000 scholarships to five members of the graduating class of 2009. The generosity of the alumni for this worthy cause is truly astonishing given that BHS is a small school. What we lack in numbers we make up for in enthusiasm. We hope that a class donation to the scholarship fund will be included in your reunion plans. What a great way to say thank you to the school for the first-class education you received as students. We are certain the current students are very grateful for our help.

Selection is in progress for the 2010 inductees into the Hall of Fame, which has been a very successful endeavor of the Alumni Association. and we hope an inspiration to current and future students. Please submit your nominations for induction into the 2010 class; we look forward to honoring our alumni.

Plans for the "3rd Weekend in September" Celebration are well under way and we hope you will attend to meet up with old friends, make new ones, and enjoy interacting with the special mystery guest. This event is truly a great opportunity for mixing, mingling and seeing what changes have been made in the school's physical facilities. You can see if those initials you carved in your old desk are still there. Committee Chairman George Clements always orders up good weather for the occasion.

Once again, we were able to help out with expenses for the Senior Lock-In and were pleased to help the graduates have a safe and memorable celebration of their graduation from BHS.

We have a great alumni association going; and let's keep that ball rolling!!!

*Rita L. Boshans, Class of 1956
President, Board of Directors*

WEBSITE NEWS

We've been busy this year doing some things in the background -- Laying a foundation for some future changes. We're going to be setting it up so each reunion has a place where they can go to commune with their classmates, upload pictures and reconnect. You can also submit nominations for the Hall of Fame for 2010 on the Hall of Fame section. Check it out at: <http://www.brentwoodhsalumni.org>.

Also, if you have any suggestions on ways to improve the site, please email me at mark@brentwoodhsalumni.org.

Mark J. Madras '74, Webmaster

FROM THE TREASURER

We had a great spring this year. Your generosity is what makes this organization great! We were one of the sponsors for "Project Graduation" again this year; it was the post-graduation lock-in party for the seniors. What better way to introduce the newest alumni to our organization! Many thanks to all who have donated to the scholarship fund already. The Scholarship Derby is on again this year, although with the economy the way it is, it's not going quite as well as in the past.. Don't forget, your contributions are tax deductible. And remember us when you do your estate planning. What better way to continue the legacy of Brentwood's fine school system!

A special note that we've added complimentary membership for 2010 to all 2009 graduates in order to introduce them to the Brentwood Alumni Association.

*Mark J. Madras '74, Treasurer,
Finance Committee Chair*

ALUM TALES



Paul Wynn '86

Paul is spending 2009 working in Baghdad as a Senior Military Advisor to the Ministry of Defense and Iraqi Army. Paul and hundreds of other advisors are working to assist the Army to become self-sufficient across every aspect of training, readiness, and logistics. Paul works with the Supply Directorate that ensures all branches of service have proper personal equipment, weapons, and ammunition.



Scott Morris '05

A FULBRIGHT FUTURE
From The Elmhurst College
Magazine 2009

It's been nearly a century since the days of German-only instruction at Elmhurst, which began as a seminary for German ministers. For graduating senior Scott Morris, though, the College's German roots – and the rigor of a German language program that requires travel abroad – were a big part of his decision to enroll here. Thanks to his work at Elmhurst, Morris will get a chance for German-only instruction next fall when he travels to Germany on a Fulbright grant.

Dr. Earl Thompson, professor emeritus of foreign languages and literatures, calls Morris "a creative, serious, and driven student," and it would be hard to contest that claim. He finished college in three years and served on five academic honors societies. Morris himself admits the Fulbright honor culminates years of focused study.

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Mission Statement:

Our mission is to perpetuate the spirit of Brentwood High School, to keep communications open between graduates and BHS, and to help students with future educational opportunities - be they university, community college, or technical scholarships.

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**Deadline Next Newsletter
December 1, 2009**

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Thanks to Jerry Wahlbrink Franklin '40
for help in proof reading.

Please let us know if you have any interest in serving on a committee or the Board of Directors
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BRENTWOOD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S NEW CONTRIBUTORS

January 1, 2009 to June 29, 2009

1943 Fred Freeman
1953 Carolyn Gabbert Upshaw
1954 Sidney Hoskins
1955 Sue Carlock Maisch
1956 Ronald R. Forney
1956 John Hounson
1958 Elsa Stampehl Wilkerson
1959 Charlene Brinkmann Evjen
1961 Douglas C. Chaudron
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1974 Anne Kraft Petersen

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1978 Tom Gill
1978 Janine Waters
1979 Michael Gill
1981 Kathy Chapman Lewis
1984 Deanna Rae Kapfer Roberts
1991 Cynthia Ellis
FRIEND Jack Parezo
ORES* Maryann Shephard

**Organization of Retired Eagles*

Across The Decades

A trip down Memory Lane.....

Walter Henkel '60 – Worked for Mrs. Davenport's convenience store and remembers shoveling coal for the coal furnace. It was the only retail outlet where you walked up 3 steps to get in. He remembers a street dance in 1954 when they barricaded Brentwood Blvd. from Eulalie to Harrison. There was a Kroger store where the credit union is now. Remember when the 50 Minute Cleaners was bombed in 1958? *Thank you, Walter, for this information!*

Betty Whitford Clark '47 – While remembering old “sandwich shops,” go way back to Beekman's on the corner of High School Drive and Bridgeport around 1938. Also, Van Horn's Farm for proms and wedding receptions until 1951. (See painting by my son at Brentwood Historical Society.) *Thanks to you, also, Betty!*

Betty Rick Dilthey '53 – I remember Posche's Variety and Drug Store on the corner of White and Brentwood with a soda counter when you walked in. Then there was Clark's Drug Store, also with a soda counter, on the corner of Bridgeport and Brentwood. Their daughter, Helen, graduated from BHS in 1950. Later, the store was owned by Kleisly's and their daughter, Pat, was also a BHS grad '61. Then there was Gualdoni's Grocery Store on Brentwood between White and Bridgeport, near the post office. Later that building housed a bike shop and a Kentucky Fried Chicken; it's now Frank Papa's Restaurant. El Patio was a camera shop owned by Tom and Cleo Grey. They also owned and printed the Brentwood newspaper – *The Scope* – later to become *The Pulse*. In my junior and senior year, I worked for El Patio hand addressing the newspaper for mailing. Remember Marty's Dress Shop? It was owned by the Schuppan's from Brentwood and Mrs. Schuppan, better known as Marty, was a living doll. She would let all of the girls wander through her store for hours after school. At first, it was by the liquor store and later moved across the street to the old Velvet Freeze Store. At one time, there was a variety store owned by the Hall's in the same building. Mr. Hall was a Brentwood policeman. In the same block, between Cain's and Posche's, there was a bakery, Keller's, I think. Cain's was owned by Bill and Laura Cain and their son, David, graduated from BHS in 1959.

Remember when the Brentwood Community Center was located in the old house on Annalee? That house had belonged to the Brentwood Congregational Church, whose minister, Stephen Pronko, and family had lived there. Of their 3 children, Alice, nicknamed "Eddie," graduated with Gloria Litzsinger Rogers in 1948. Gloria worked at the community center. "Eddie" married Joe Sandven, who was the church's minister after Rev. Pronko died. *And, thank you, Betty, for sharing these past memories!*

Those Old Cars.....

Joanne Robertson Stark '54 drove a yellow '35 or '36 Ford convertible. The editor remembers that this cutest of cars had a rumble seat. When it rained, Joanne had to hand crank the windshield wiper - no automatic on that car! Her husband, Buddy Stark '54, drove a '29 or '30 Model A coupe, which also had a rumble seat. Lowell Turner '47 sent in a story about his '21 Overland, which he, Art Bert '47, Bob Larico '50, and Russell Strong '50 drove around in; more to come about this in next issue. Any more old car stories out there?

Thanks to Joanne Robertson Stark '54, Buddy Stark '54, and Lowell Turner '47 for sharing these stories.

NOTE: We'd like to have some articles and information about past music programs you remember and music teachers from the past. Please let us know.

SPECIAL NOTE: STILL NEEDED FOR ARCHIVES: *Commencement programs from BHS CLASSES of 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1965, 1974, 1977, 1986, 2000, 2001, 2003 and 2006. Please send in the enclosed dues envelope. Thank you.*

ALUM TALES continued from pg 2

“I took an eighth-grade German class and loved it from the first day. Since then, I have never stopped thinking about a career in German,” he says.

Morris will teach English within what Germans call a “gymnasium,” a challenging secondary school comparable to an American college prep high school, and plans on taking courses at a German university and pursuing an internship. The Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship grant will cover virtually all his expenses.

Thanks to Jan Morris for submitting this article.

ALUM NEWS

Your email address is an important addition to our new database. Please update your information at membership@brentwoodhsalumni.org or
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40's

1940 Jerry Wahlbrink Franklin – Lakeland, FL – *Florida resident for 8 years..still playing golf and bowling.. married 64 years to Bob (Jennings '40)*

1941 Edward Micka – Bradenton, FL – *Stopped playing softball last year.*

1942 Daniel J. Welsch – Florissant, MO – *Just trying to stay alive. Hi Norma!*

1945 Leonard Pronko – Claremont, CA – *Published the translation of Fundamentals of Japanese Dance. Published by Kodansha 2008; also an article on Revenge in English, Spanish and Japanese Theatre; gave a lecture on Kabuki at California State U – San Bernardino. Spent 3 weeks in June and July seeing opera and 2 months in Japan last fall. Am directing a 17th century comedy, The Liar, at Pomona College in April.*

1945 Marie Lynch Roam – O'Fallon, MO – *Lost my husband of 61 years in December, 2007. Moved to O'Fallon in May of 2008 after 57 years in Ferguson. Went to Ireland last May.*

1947 Betty Whitford Clark – Ft. Worth, TX – *Texan since '57, widowed in 2000. Retired from community college, play bridge, Braille transcribing, taking computer courses. 4 great children, 8 grands – many Brentwood friends! Love the newsletter!*

1947 Peggy Jones Moeckel – Brentwood, MO – *I became a great-grandmother in October, 2008. My granddaughter, Kate Moeckel Kasten '98, had a son, Jonathan Douglas.*

1947 Moir Brown Stevens – St. Louis, MO – *Two of my grandsons are now working for me and are helping tremendously. The building projects are making progress.*

1947 Lowell Turner – DeSoto, MO – *I've worked with my sister, Judi Peckham '61, on the BAA newsletter.*

1947 Forrest Gregory Zinn – Ballwin, MO – *Playing tennis 3 times a week and training my two Yorkshire terriers and "Bubbles".*

50's

1950 Bob Green – Brentwood, MO – *Practicing architecture, playing piano, telling jokes at Rotary. Voted "Ageless-Remarkable St. Louisan" at St. Andrews Resources for Seniors.*

1950 Kurt S. Herrmann – Ballwin, MO – *Still very active with the St. Louis Woodworkers Guild*

1950 Carol Light Williams – Prattville, AL – *Finally, after visiting 19 countries, I completed visiting all 50 states this past summer.*

1951 Robert C. Jones – Crestwood, MO – *I have been practicing law in St. Louis for 52 years.*

1952 Jim Hoskins – Sarasota, FL – *This season I have choreographed 5 productions in 4 different theatres, taught workshops in Period Movement and Dance for the FSU/ASOCO Conservatory and celebrated 50 years in my career.*

1953 Richard Oscarson – Chesterfield, MO – *Recently retired as president of an international humanitarian organization and after 30 years as Honorary Consul for Sweden.*

1953 Sue Weber Young – Brentwood, MO – *On June 1st, our son Paul Young '87 and his wife, Jamie, became parents of their first child, Jackson Robert Young, making me a new grandmother. We are thrilled!*

1955 Sue Carlock Maisch – Louisville, KY – *Retired R.N. Living in Louisville, KY Husband, Weldon, is retired as well.*

1956 Jerry Reider – San Antonio, TX – *Have entered 3rd childhood.*

1957 Tom Allen – Richmond, VA – *Cruised from Buenos Aires to Valparaiso, vacationed with grandson*

in Yellowstone National Park, active in Presbyterian Church (USA) events.

1958 Barb Higginbotham Novotny – Valley Park, MO – *I'm still loving working as a gift sales rep for 25 companies and I'm taking my grandson to Ireland this summer.*

1959 Diane Baker Keeter – Brookline, MO – *Still painting, working part time in art gallery. Volunteer with American Red Cross in their call center and Disaster Action Team. Get my cat "fix" once a week at CARE – Castaway Animal Rescue Effort. Playing and sitting with the "grands". I'm blessed!*

1959 Judy Heynen Robinson – Kirkwood, MO – *Working on The Big 50th!*

60's

1960 Jim Thomas – Comfort, TX – *We live on a ranch 40 miles northwest of San Antonio. Still working as a commercial real estate appraiser and broker.*

1961 Fred Abrams – Dayton, OH – *Completed installation of wind/solar power for AIDS orphan sanctuary project I am leading in Kenya. Installation of Bio-gas generation and building clinic and school are next. Details are at www.daytonrotary.com*

1961 Robert J. "Bud" Cook – Ballwin, MO – *This is my 32nd year with AT&T. Enjoy traveling – Nepal, Ireland, Mexico, etc. My fiancée and I love playing with our grandchildren.*

1962 Martha Haddock Stephens – Gilbert, AZ – *Traveling, playing bridge 2-4 times a week, enjoying kids and grandkids. Retired in 2007.*

1963 Elaine Henson Lentz – Ballwin, MO – *Still making porcelain dolls, dollhouses and all that goes with it. Have been working part-time at Shop 'n Save the past 3 years. Retirement HA!*

1963 Vicki Bothman Mack – Palos Verdes Estates, CA – *Photography for*

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John McCain and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger; photos for vineyard owners in Tuscany

1963 David Hover – Hilo, HI – Retired from Department of Defense (Civilian) in 2001. Moved from Honolulu to the Big Island of Hawaii. Enjoy golf, fishing, and reading. Thank you for the great bulletin!

1963 Judy Wilkinson Hammock – Carson City, NV – Hi Everyone. I am still living in Carson City, Nevada. I teach on-line classes in Disability for San Diego State University and the University of Nevada, Reno.

1964 Phillip Chandler – Oakville, MO – Helping plan 45th class reunion.

1964 Judith Dilly Harris – Brentwood, MO – I'm enjoying retirement after working for the same physician for 40 years.

1964 Sandy Kraft Kohring – Providence, RI – Our first grandchild, Lillian Hope Kohring, was born February 24, 2009.

1965 Richard Bond – Overland Park, KS – I'm currently a delivery specialist for Factory Motor Parts in Overland Park.

1965 Gerard Ganahl – Maryland Heights, MO – Sitting at home recovering from total left hip replacement. Who knows, it might help my golf game. Lord knows I need it! (Feb 09)

1965 Joseph A. Sadowsky – Mt. Dora, FL – Enjoying semi-retirement as teacher's assistant with middle school ASD students in "nowhere'sville" Florida.

1966 Ted Ganahl – Rock Hill, MO – Our son got married in January and we are looking forward to our first grandchild. Still very active with American Legion Post 101 in Brentwood.

1966 Melinda Reisenleiter Hawkins – Hallsville, MO – Oncology nurse at University of Missouri School of Nursing.

1966 Marty Mantei – Tampa, FL – My fiancée, Beth, and I toured Germany for 2 weeks in December and January. My daughter had her first child February 8th, my first grandchild. What a doll!

1966 Nelson Morgan – Waynesville, MO – Retired from teaching in 2007. Retired from coaching 2008. Entire teaching career was in Waynesville, MO

1966 Diana Wessler Skogseth – Walpole, MA – Became engaged to Stephen R. Laxton of Florida.

1966 Margaret "Peggy" Hundley Spitz – Wall, NJ – O.T. to Go, our on-line business, has been attending a lot of state and national Occupational Therapy and National Association of Educating Young Children Conferences and getting great feedback on our business.

1969 Katherine "Muffy" Phillips Reeder – St. Petersburg, FL – After 7 years, Skip and I are still loving being married, working on our beautiful house, playing with our new dog, Bindi, and seeing "the kids" Andy, 34 and Chris, 31. See everyone in September!

70's

1975 Greg Rumpf – Greensboro, NC – Lived in Greensboro since '84; currently preparing to open my own State Farm Insurance Agency. Life is good, boating is my hobby.

1978 Janine (Jan) Waters – St. Louis, MO – I recently joined the St. Louis OASIS team which offers enriching educational and volunteer opportunities for people age 50+. I am married and have two beautiful and incredible daughters, 6 and 8, from China.

80's

1980 Rhonda Booth Carsten – Webster Groves, MO – Traveled to New York City, plan to travel to Istanbul, Turkey and Washington DC in these next few months.

1980 Sheryl Lynn Knapheide Cooper – Sugar Creek, MO – Our son was accepted to the United States Air Force Academy. Free college!! YEA!! We are very proud of him.

1980 Diane Madras – Swoyersville, PA – Tenured as associate professor in physical therapy. New house.

1981 Kathy Chapman Lewis – Mexico, MO – My husband, Larry, and I have been married 26 years and have 3 children ages 23, 15, and 13. Larry is a Mexico, MO native and I have lived here since graduation. I am a self-employed photographer specializing in wedding, portrait and reunion photography – Memories By Kathy www.memories-bykathy.com I noticed that the football game on the "3rd Weekend in September" is with Missouri Military Academy. Their land borders ours and the Academy boys are always running down our road for training. Small world!

1981 Phillip S. Wilson – Kansas City, MO – Still working for IBM after 29 years and loving it!

1986 Lisa Rickards Frank – Eureka, MO – I got two scenes as an extra in George Clooney's film "Up in the Air" ...one in the airport and one on the plane.

1986 Paul Wynn – O'Fallon, MO – Back in Iraq in Special Services.

90's

1991 Brian Peters – St. Louis, MO – Was a stuntman in "The Dark Knight". His four person high fall team won the 2009 Taurus World Stunt Award for "Best High Work".



00's

2005 Scott Morris – Germany – Teaching assistant at Elmhurst College in Germany.

2008 Alison Macy – Brentwood, MO – Just became engaged to Isaac Kinnard.

AFRICAN AMERICAN ALUMNI RETURN TO BRENTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL STAGE

They were from four different decades and had different experiences, but had one thing in common: they were African Americans who had graduated from Brentwood High School. On February 18, 2009, the BHS Diversity Club sponsored an assembly for the student body that featured the return of four graduates and two former staff members, all of whom had stories to tell of the experience of African American students at the high school.

Co-moderated by Diversity Club President Madeline O'Leary and Diversity Club member Dominique Lucas, the panel discussion provided an opportunity for the former BHS students and staff to enlighten the current student body on the ups and downs of the previous 50 years. The assembly has been a dream of Diversity Club sponsor Ed Wright Jr. '67 for many years. "I've always wanted to set up a truly 'courageous conversation' here at Brentwood where the students of today could really learn from the students of years gone by. I think we accomplished that today."

Ed Holt '58 was the first speaker. He had planned in 1954 to attend Douglass High School in Webster Groves, where most Black students in the area attended. When the Supreme Court ruled against segregated schools in the Brown vs. School Board of Topeka case, Ed changed his plans and set his sights on Brentwood High. "Personally, I encountered no problems at Brentwood High School.... Everybody was nice and it really wasn't a big deal. It was just something new," Ed said. He went on to sing the praises of the school and the opportunity it gives to all students.



Ed Holt '58, Don Thompson '63, Lee Wynn

1st row: Colleen Cole, Rachel Bruning, Gerald Harsley, Madeline O'Leary, Dominique Lucas, Joey Merlotti

2nd row: Kiara Kullum, Carl Sanders, Brian Roy, Lee Wynn, Earl Brown, Marco Thompson '78, Don Thompson '63, Wendy Holt Jackson '85, Ed Holt '58, Ed Wright, Jr. '67

Don Thompson '63 remarked that "my experience was a bit different from Ed's...I had a lot of anger, because I couldn't sit in the Brentwood Theater or at the counter of Kleisly's Drug Store.... They were failing a high percentage of the kids from our neighborhood at Brentwood." Thompson later joined the St. Louis Police Department and laughed about how the principal at BHS suddenly realized "that was my calling."

Marco Thompson '78 brought smiles and laughter to the audience as he recounted how he was the only Black student in his kindergarten...but didn't even realize he was Black. While recognizing some of his problems during high school, Marco expressed appreciation for his "parents who always backed me up... and some great friends, White and Black." He also emphasized the importance of having school counselors that are supportive of your goals and dreams.

Wendy Holt Jackson '85 is now an administrator in the Ritenour School District. "I had a very good experience here at Brentwood. I had friends of all races and had no real racial problems while I was a student. I was friends with everybody." She told of her extensive activities at BHS and urged others to try new and different things.

Lee Wynn and Earl Brown, former staff members, told of their experiences as teachers during the integration of the Brentwood schools.



Ed Wright, Jr. '67

Wynn had also taught at L'Ouverture School (the school for African American students in Brentwood) and shared stories of mixing with and learning from the Black community in Brentwood. Brown expressed gratitude for the opportunity to be part of the assembly where there were "honest remarks that could only take place where the climate was just right for our student body."

Two current African American students from BHS, Dominique Lucas and Gerald Harsley, discussed their experiences and both emphasized the importance of taking advantage of what Brentwood has to offer to all students—Black or White.

The assembly was part of a month long celebration of Black History Month at BHS. Many activities were sponsored and put on by the Diversity Club, including Daily Trivia contests, a poster contest, and "Hit and Run Mix-it-Up Lunches." It seemed to be the prevailing opinion among staff, student, and community members that the Black Alumni Assembly was the perfect way to top off the month's programs.

Thanks to Edward T. Wright, Jr. '67

Marco Thompson '78, Wendy Holt Jackson '85



BAA ANNUAL BOARD MEETING, APRIL 22

The annual Brentwood Alumni Association Board Meeting was held at Brentwood High School on April 22. Class representatives, reunion organizers and loyal alumni gathered at 7:00 p.m. in the high school lecture room for a cordial reception and brief welcome by board members. Shortly thereafter, President Rita Boshans presided with agenda review, introduction of current board members, and summary of board proceedings during the past year. This was followed by each committee chairperson reporting on past year accomplishments and plans for the upcoming year. The meeting concluded with a call for nominations and vote for election of the Executive Board and members to the Board of Directors.

Thanks to Bill Hippert '66 for this article

2008 "3RD WEEKEND IN SEPTEMBER" CELEBRATION

The all-school reunion celebration in 2008 was very well attended with the highlight of the evening -- the 2nd Hall of Fame ceremony in the auditorium where 14 distinguished alumni were inducted into the BAA Hall of Fame. The weekend celebration included participation in the Saturday parade and a booth at Brentwood Days in Brentwood Park.

2008 GOLF SCRAMBLE

The fifty-two players, who participated in last year's Brentwood alumni golf event, shared memories of renewed friendships, sunken putts, and clubhouse festivities. Last year's first place team was Roy Richter '68, Jim Roberts '68, Kurt Rohr '68 and Tom Gammon '68.

The Hall of Fame Committee of the Brentwood Alumni Association is accepting nominations for the Hall of Fame Class of 2010. To be eligible for consideration, nomination forms must be postmarked on or before November 9, 2009. The finalists will be inducted during the "3rd Weekend in September" all-school reunion celebration on September 17, 2010.



BRENTWOOD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME 2010 NOMINATION FORM



Please join us in celebrating the Brentwood Alumni Association's rich heritage of exceptional education by nominating a distinguished alumnus for the Brentwood Alumni Association's Hall of Fame. Finalists will be inducted during the "3rd Weekend in September" all-school reunion celebration on September 17, 2010.

1. Nominees must have graduated from Brentwood High School.
2. Nominees must have achieved distinction in a particular area including, but not limited to, academics, athletics, business, community service, science, medicine, military service, public service, visual arts, or performing arts.
3. Nominees must have demonstrated good character and citizenship.
4. Both living and deceased alumni are eligible for nomination.

Nominee Name: _____ [] Living [] Deceased

Address: _____

Primary Phone No.: () _____ Email: _____

Years attended Brentwood High School: _____ Graduation Year: _____

Elementary School: _____ Years attended in District: _____

Area of Distinction: _____

Attach one page, printed or typed, which details and documents the nominee's achievements and accomplishments within this area.

Nominator Name: _____ Affiliation with nominee: _____

Address: _____ Primary Phone No. _____

Visit www.brentwoodhsalumni.org for more information.

Mail this completed form and one page documentation to:

Hall of Fame, Brentwood Alumni Association, 90 Yorkshire Lane Ct., Saint Louis, MO 63144-1632

Nomination must be postmarked on or before November 9, 2009.

SCHOOL NEWS

One of our illustrious alumni was asked to deliver the 2009 Commencement address to 67 graduates.

BHS GRADUATION SPEECH 5/29/09
Someone once said QUOTE "Anyone who begins their speech with a quote must not have anything original to say." UNQUOTE

And so I will begin my speech with a quote and it should be no surprise that I'll quote from my favorite musical group...and that would be-----
Yes, the Kinks. Parents...don't worry. I will NOT be quoting any lyrics from LOLA.

This FIRST VERSE shall we say...is from a song called A LONG WAY FROM HOME .

*"You've come a long way from the runny-nosed
And scruffy kid I knew
You had such good ways.
I can remember the little things that always
made you smile
They made you happy.
Now you think you're wiser because you're
older and you think
That money buys everything
And you think you need no one to guide you
But you're still a long way from home."*

"Home." BHS is so much of a "home" to many here tonight.

This especially strikes a chord with me (musical and otherwise) because, as many of you know, I'm from Brentwood. My dad went to high school here, my daughters went here, my sons went here and 42 years ago I walked across this stage. Thus, you can see why when Rachelle Farlow (Rachel to most of you, I understand) invited me to speak tonight, I was overwhelmed. Actually, I was the last speaker at my own graduation. In fact, I gave the "benediction"...the closing prayer...which raises several interesting points, the first of which is covered in my Constitution class.

But two other ironic points about me being asked to do the closing prayer are...Number one: many of my teachers probably thought I didn't have a prayer and certainly couldn't say one. Number two: As a Christian Scientist, I was in a religious minority in Brentwood and here I was supposed to give a prayer. Well, I'm sure some of the administration was a bit worried about what this Christian Scientist kid might say...perhaps I'd rant and rave about the easy availability of aspirins on campus.

But no...I did not. I was rereading my "benediction" the other night and found it to be rather generic spiritual-

ly but in touch with the world of 1967...a world that saw in the few weeks after we graduated, the 6 day war between Israel and the Arab countries...and the release of SERGEANT PEPPER'S LONELY HEARTS CLUB BAND by the Beatles (another English group that were, I believe, contemporaries of the Kinks).

I urged my classmates to [QUOTE] "recognize the work and effort we must subject ourselves to in the coming years...to maintain the courage of our convictions in defense of our American principles, whether we be in the jungles of a far-off country or in the rat-race of the American business world or on the controversy-filled campuses of today's colleges." [UNQUOTE] For just as your world tonight is full of uncertainty and hidden threats, so was our world on that June night in 1967.

SECOND VERSE is from the Kinks song "School Days."

*"School days were the happiest days of your life
But we never appreciate the good times we have
until it's too late.
I miss all the acquaintances we made
And I'd go back if I could only find a way."*

And you will come back...it might be a football game next year...or your sister's graduation in three years...or the annual Brentwood alumni gathering in September in 10 years...or your fortieth reunion in...40 years (I don't teach math, you know). And when you come back or when you get together with your classmates, there will be a connection... a feeling that is hard to describe. I've felt it in the last few years as my classmates and I planned our 40th reunion. You'll talk and laugh with your good friends from high school...but what I found fascinating is that I was talking and laughing with people I barely knew at BHS. There's something there...something intangible.

My classmate, Russ, was a CO during Vietnam...a Commanding Officer who led troops in combat. I was a CO during Vietnam...a conscientious objector. When our reunion planning committee met at Hacienda Restaurant, Russ and I sat across from each other and talked...and laughed...and cried...and embraced. We had taken different paths...had written different verses after our days at BHS, but that connection we had from high school enabled us to come out on the other side of a very difficult period and be able to communicate. I dare say many of you may find a similar experience in the years ahead.....though I'm not sure if Hacienda will still be around by then...and if they are, I hope they have

more parking spaces.

But for now...your journey, your song takes you elsewhere and my final verse to you is from a Kinks song which I've told my wife must be played at any gathering to remember me or attempt to explain my time on earth. The words to this song are sung to you from all of us...but I would hope you would return the sentiment.

FINAL VERSE—from the song "Days" by the Kinks:

*"Thank you for the days,
Those endless days, those sacred days you gave me
I'm thinking of the days
I won't forget a single day, believe me.
I bless the light,
I bless the light that lights on you, believe me
And though you're gone
You're with me every single day, believe me."*

To the class of 2009, thank you for the days. Enjoy writing your next verse...and be sure and come back. After all...it's home.

Edward T. Wright, Jr. '67, Teacher

MISCELLANY

LAWRENCE PAPIN BHS CLASS OF 1932

Our oldest alumni
Lawrence resides at:
11720 Park Haven Ct.
St. Louis, MO 63126-3071
(314) 842-2302

Well wishers may want to send him cards; we're sure he would greatly appreciate receiving them.

*Thanks to Mark Savage '74
for this information*

Newsletter Pictures

If you have pictures you would like to see published in the BAA newsletter, send them to Kathy Chapman Lewis '81 (573) 581-4343 kathy@memoriesbykathy.com. Include your name and grad year, plus name and grad year for each person in photo. We will try to include each photo received in future newsletters, but due to space allocation, may not be able to use all photos submitted.

SPOTLIGHTS ON ALUMNI

PEGGY HUNDLEY SPITZ 1966



Peggy went to Kansas University on the advice of Ted Lewis (BHS Guidance Counselor in the 60's)--and LOVED it! After working over 23 years in the school systems, she started OT to Go (OT means Occupational Therapy) after winning many awards at the National OT Conferences for her developmental

ideas in the Maddak Competitions. Her daughter who is an Outstanding Teacher (our other designation for OT in OT to Go) is a member of NAEYC (National Association of Education Young Children), and that organization is responsible for the high standards to which great daycares and nursery schools adhere.

Both mother and daughter discovered that several curriculums used by school systems do not really give the children everything they need when studying a theme or subject. Since children learn in different ways--auditory, visual, tactile, etc., they wanted to help teachers and therapists by providing items to make sure whatever the learning style, they had a toy or a game that would help that child learn about that theme.

In the school systems in which she worked, Peggy tried to follow the theme of the week the teachers were using by drawing graphic skill pictures that pertained to the theme, to use with children in her therapy. She soon found the teachers using her ideas with ALL their students. They said she should write a book for everyone to use, so that is what she has been doing. Each of the themes has a reproducible book that allows a therapist or teacher to copy the appropriate

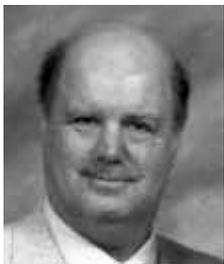
pages for a child so that child can learn to trace or draw particular lines or shapes, do mazes, dot-to-dots, etc. Included are crafts, activities of daily living skills (like lacing), recipes, games and coloring pages that would relate to a class trip or activity. Every child in the classroom, no matter what their developmental level, can participate.

Peggy's themes have been divided into the usual areas of a pre-school or kindergarten classroom. For instance, if the theme is dinosaurs, there are dinosaur toys that will go in the art area, the block area, the dramatic play area, the small and large group areas, the fine motor area, the sand table and the water table. Peggy's and her daughter's goal is to have 40 themes and 40 books when finished (for the 40 weeks of school). Daycares run 52 weeks, but there are enough ideas in the books for teachers and therapists to add a second week of the children's favorite themes.

Peggy was honored as the Alumni of the Year of the School of Allied Health in 2003. She was trained very well, and the knowledge she learned there was most helpful. She served on the New Jersey State Board of OTY (as the pediatric OT) for five years after being appointed by the Governor. It was an interesting experience for her.



FRED ABRAMS 1961



Fred graduated from Washington University with a degree in math and entered the USAF via ROTC. He attended pilot training and graduated number one of 370 in his class and became a fighter pilot flying the F-100, F-4, F-15 and T-38 aircraft, including 148 missions in VietNam, earned an MS degree in Systems Management,

and interspersed USAF assignments in Development, Acquisition and Logistics with flying, retiring after 27 years as a full colonel. Assignments included being responsible for deploying the F-15 world-wide including with the Japanese, Israeli and Saudi Arabian air forces.

Fred was a USAF logistics battle staff director for Gulf War in 1990-91. In the commercial sector, he formed several businesses based on patents he obtained in thermoplastic

composite and in-mold decorating technologies. Fred is presently president of The Dayton Group, a project management consulting and training company primarily providing services to the FAA.

He has led a number of community service efforts -- he is a wood-badge trained Boy Scout leader and an active Rotarian. Through Rotary, he led efforts to tutor high school seniors in math and to provide health care access info to the uninsured. He currently leads a Rotary Project to develop an energy, water and food self-sufficient sanctuary with a clinic and school in Kenya for orphans rescued from Africa's most dangerous slum.

His wife of 33 years died in 2004 and he re-married and now has four children and five grandchildren. Success is getting paid to do something you thoroughly enjoy. Happiness is being a grandpa.

FUTURE REUNIONS PLANNED FOR 2009

For more information regarding BHS reunions or alumni,
check out the website: www.brentwoodhsalumni.org

1949 60TH

The BHS Class of 1949 will celebrate its 60th reunion during Brentwood Days, September 18-19, 2009. We will meet on **Friday evening, the 18th**, at 4 pm at the Brentwood Alumni's "3rd Weekend in September" event in the BHS Courtyard. This is a great opportunity to meet and visit with all fellow alumni. There will be a time to tour the high school and at 7 pm attend the football game - BHS vs. MO Military Academy.

Saturday, at 12 noon, the Brentwood Days Parade begins. You will not want to miss this event! The parade begins in Brentwood Forest, continuing south on High School Drive, right on to Litzsinger Road and a left on Bremerton Road to Brentwood Park on Russell. Following the parade, we will meet for lunch at Farotto's in Rock Hill at 1 pm. After lunch, we will go to Brentwood Park to enjoy the Brentwood Days activities. Be sure to visit the BAA booth while you are there. The day concludes with a fireworks display at 8:30 pm. A Saturday morning option is the Best Ball Golf Scramble for all alumni. For golf reservations, contact **Bill Hippert '66** hippertw@sbcglobal.net

For additional reunion information, contact **Donna Cloak Langhart (314) 962-3558**, **Audrey Weimann Schachet (314) 434-4042** aschachet@charter.net, **Mary Lee Thebeau Timmerberg (314) 961-9155** maryltim@aol.com, **Marlene Sitze Wynn (314) 968-0418** wynnm@sbcglobal.net

1959 50TH

IT'S TIME! The Reunion Weekend is only a month away. The invitations were sent out on July 14 and need to be returned by August 14. Check your copy of the Eagles Nest, April, 2009 for reunion details. What's unique about this reunion? **Friday night** we'll reopen Teen Town in the basement of the Brentwood Congregational Church, and we're extending an invitation to the community of former BHS students to come and join us on that evening. We'll be serving Carl's foot long hot dogs and ice-cold root beer! The DJ will play your favorite tunes from the 50's. The fun begins on Friday evening, September 18th, from 7:00 pm and will go on for awhile after the football game. Admission is \$10 per person while the food lasts, \$5 per person if we run out! Admission includes a Teen Town Souvenir Program. **BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!** Class of '59, don't forget to mail in your RSVP before the deadline. Questions? Contact **Barb Bond Simon (913) 383-2303**.

1964 45TH

Why wait till our 50th? The BHS Class

of 1964 will reunite to celebrate our 45th reunion during Brentwood Days celebration the weekend of September 18-19th. Please join us on **Friday** at the BHS Courtyard from 4-7 pm to greet fellow alumni followed by the Eagles' football game at 7 pm. **Saturday's festivities** include (along with Brentwood Days and a Brentwood Alumni Golf Event), a casual evening cocktail hour and dinner at the Goff Moll Post, 101 Collier Avenue, beginning at 6 pm. A flier was sent to all class members along with an invitation/reservation form in mid-July. If you have not received the flier, or for questions, please contact BAA Class Representative **Phil Chandler** pchandler@cbgundaker.com (314) 974-6802. We look forward to visiting with you and hope you'll respond with your contact information.

1969 40TH

The Class of 1969 will celebrate our 40th reunion on **Saturday, September 19th**. We invite members of the Class of '69 to join us for an evening of fine dining and celebration at Pietro's Restaurant, 3801 Watson Road. The cost is only \$48 per person and we will party from 6 pm until 11 pm. Contact anyone on the committee to learn more about this event. **Yvonne Suess** ycsflash@sbcglobal.net (314) 962-4204, **Vikki Hasty Belgeri** belgeri@swbell.net, **Debbie Byrd Strake** ddbyrdie@aol.com, or **Kurt Niehoff** kalkkurt@aol.com We hope to hear from you soon.

1974 35TH

Celebrate our 35th reunion by attending the "3rd Weekend in September" alumni event in the BHS Courtyard beginning at 4 pm, **Friday, September 18th**. Stay for the football game against Missouri Military Academy from Mexico, Missouri. Come on down to the Trainwreck, 9243 Manchester, afterward. Form a foursome and contact **Bill Hippert '66** hippertw@sbcglobal.net (314) 966-6472 if you would like to play in the alumni golf event on Saturday morning. Questions? Contact **Mark Madras (314) 918-7630** mmadras@swbell.net, **Cindy Nowell Branham** Cbran10955@aol.com, **Jan Wuestling** wuestling@san.rr.com or **Jan Watral Meyer** jkmeyer1@sbcglobal.net

1979 30TH

All classmates of the BHS Class of '79, you are invited to the annual Brentwood Alumni event September 18-19, 2009 to commemorate 30 years since your graduation. Take the opportunity to stroll down memory lane with activities for all alumni.

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IN MEMORIAM

1932 Mildred A. McManis
1942 Robert H. Mardis
1943 June Carr
1943 Richard Dickens
1943 Howard E. Meier
1944 Helen Dedrick Horine
1945 Mary Kay Martin Yonkman Jepsen
1946 Leroy Glenn Day
1947 Virginia Magner Roth
1948 Catherine Curtis Rafferty
1949 Roy Johnson
1949 Jerry Farrar Schmitz
1954 Esther Nie Carnahan
1956 Richard A. (Dick) Fischer
1959 Jerry Marshall
1964 Cheryl Bozeman Riegelsberger
1969 Jo Anne Chapman Smith
1975 Danny Patrick Noonan

SCHOLARSHIP GIFTS IN MEMORY OF

Robert H. Mardis '42

By BHS Lunch Bunch '40's

Howard E. Meier '43

By Mrs. Gilbert Meier

By Gary and Christine Meier

By Cathy and Bill Weinandt

By Jeff and Lisa Meier

By Virginia Meier Snowden '46

Dolly Martin Gabauer '47

By Dot Martin Zumwalt '40

Joyce Ritz Surgener '47

By Betty Whitford Clark '47

Alice "Eddie" Pronko Sandven '48

By Leonard Pronko '45

Carol Lynch Allen '53

By Betty Rick Dilthey '53

Barbara Jean Wolff Pope '53

By Robert T. Wolff, Jr. '52

Dick Richards '53

By Betty Rick Dilthey '53

Richard Zingre '54

By Susan Zingre Lee '60

Richard (Dick) Fischer '56

By Glenda and Gary Asher '56

By Bill and Barb Schaefer Borghoff '56

By Rita Boshans '56

By Valerie and Sid Brown '56

By Bud and Gail Schwartz Bruffee '56

By Lois Luecking Halamicek '56

By Elaine Lieberthal Kahn '56

By Sarah and Steve Kinsey '56

By France Langan '56

By Donna Featherston Timms '56

By Tom '55 and Ellie Keller White '56

Barry Bruton '57

By Tom Allen '57

Jim Beckmann, husband of

Mary Fischer Beckmann '57

By Carl '56 and Louis Sharp

Horstman '57

Bonnie Johnson Vento '57

By Judy Granger Opfer '57

Jerry Marshall '59

By Mary Lorschach Halloran '59

By Mary Ann Eckler Koetting '59

Clifton (Steve) Davis '60

By Suzanne McWhirter Davis '60

Connie Petterson '60

By Judy Granger Opfer '57

Cheryl Bozeman Riegelsberger '64

By Sandy Kraft Kohring '64

Lucy Lake '66

By Paige West Kelley '66

Ruth Martin, Teacher

By Carmilita Alexander Collier,

Teacher

IN MEMORIAM

SCOTT NEUNUEBEL '70

Scott requested that his companion and dear friend, Susan Main, of California, travel to his home town of Brentwood following his death. He wanted her and his kids to experience those hot, humid St. Louis summer nights, swim at night while watching fireflies light the darkness, see his home, schools, and the hometown of his beloved Cardinals. Susan and two of his children, Becca and Adam, made the trip late in summer, 2008. One evening was spent at Carl's Drive-In visiting with old friends and family, followed by a trip to the home where Scott had lived on Parkridge. Casey Geisz '69, a dear friend from high school, played Amazing Grace on his trumpet for

those attending. The next evening some BHS grads met at Hacienda, along with Scott's sister Barbara '63 and her family members, Susan, and Scott's kids. BHS friends from McGrath Elementary School and BHS shared wonderful "Scott" stories which his children and family loved hearing. A memory brick that says-"Scott Neunuebel....He soars on Eagle's Wings" was purchased in Scott's honor. Friends in attendance were Steve Moergen '70, Vicki Beekman Mansfield '70, John Wussler '70, Karen Schaper Deimeke '70, Phil and Vicki Lakamp '69, Robert Brunk '70, Frank Cunetto '70, Zack Cartwright '70 and sister Kathy '83, Rick Wuestling '70 and Casey Geisz '69.



Taken at Hacienda.....a gathering of friends to honor Scott and tell "Scottie" stories. Pictured....L to R John Wussler '70, Susan Main, Karen Schaper Deimeke '70, Zachary Cartwright '70 and his sister Cathy '83.

Thanks to Vicki Beekman Mansfield '70 for this article.

DANNY PATRICK NOONAN '75

Danny passed away surrounded by his family and close friends on December 24, 2008, after a hard fought battle with lung cancer. Danny was a warm hearted Irishman with an infectious laugh and insatiable love of the St. Louis Cardinals. He lived in Imperial, MO. For nearly 30 years he was a blacksmith with the railroad, a job he enjoyed. Danny's greatest moments in life came from his three sons, Dr. Dan Noonan of Albuquerque, NM, Brian and Kyle Noonan both of Imperial. They were not only Danny's loving sons, but his best friends. In addition to his sons, Danny is survived by

his brother Mike '74 and sisters Marie Hamann '69 and Kathrine Segasture '79.

Thanks to Kathrine Noonan Segasture '79 for this article

RICHARD FISCHER '56

From the BHS yearbook of 1956: "Dick"....a good personality....quiet in the nicest way....a great guy with the girls....a friendly grin. In the true spirit of BHS, Dick's class contributed over \$500 to our scholarship fund in his memory.

Thanks to the Class of 1956 for this information

FUTURE REUNIONS *(Continued from pg 10)*

Friday, September 18th

4 pm - Gather in BHS Courtyard to meet classmates from all graduation years.

7 pm - Football game - BHS vs. Missouri Military Academy - \$2 Class of '79 sit at the 50 yard line. Meet at the Sports Attic after the game. (Food and drink are at your own expense-pay as you go per person).

Saturday, September 19th Brentwood Days 8 am - Tee off with other alumni in a best-ball scramble golf event. Form a Class of '79 foursome and contact BHS Alumnus **Bill Hippert, Class of '66, at hippertw@sbcglobal.net** if you are interested in playing.

Noon - Brentwood Days City Parade

1 pm - Vist BAA booth at Brentwood Park on Russell.

8:30 pm - Enjoy fireworks display at Brentwood Days in Brentwood Park.

Please mark your calendar for a Class of 1979 "Great Celebration" 35th year reunion during Alumni Weekend the "3rd Weekend in September" 2014. Contact **Tracy Burns tracyburns@charter.net** if you are interested in forming a reunion committee or attending, also submit personal updates for class and Alumni newsletter.

1984 25TH

Let's kick off the weekend of our 25th reunion on **Friday, September 18th**, after 4 pm, with the all-school reunion in the Brentwood High School Courtyard followed by watching BHS defeat Missouri Military Academy in football at 7 pm. Afterwards, let's meet at the Sports Attic, 8212 Manchester Road. On **Saturday**, enjoy Brentwood Days, which includes a parade and festivities at Brentwood Park on Russell Avenue. This promises to be a great weekend that you do not want to miss, so come connect with your classmates from the Class of 1984. For questions, contact **Ray Briles, rbriles@sbcglobal.net, (314) 968-7785.**

1989 20TH

Wow, our 20th reunion is here already. Let's get together!

Friday, September 18th - Come early to the alumni BHS Courtyard gathering and attend the football game at 7 pm - BHS vs. Missouri Military Academy - Admission: \$2.00 Immediately following the football game, meet at the Sports Attic, 8212 Manchester Road. Appetizers will be served, drinks are at your own expense.

Saturday, September 19th - View the Brentwood Days parade at noon and continue on to Brentwood Park with your family. Please come by and visit us at BHS Class of 1989's area near the Bingo tent. At 8 pm, meet at Bella Vita on the southwest corner of Manchester and McKnight Road.

Appetizers will be served, but drinks are at your own expense. The cost for the whole weekend is \$25 per graduate to be paid to Mark Saxon by August 1st. If you have not received a flier with details, or have any questions, please contact **Yvette Trokey-Smith redyvette@yahoo.com (314) 920-6179.**

TEACHERS' CORNER



SHANNON KOSTER, 2009 BEST OF BRENTWOOD HONOREE

Shannon Koster is a sixteen-year veteran teacher of Special School District, who fills a variety of roles at Brentwood High School. Shannon was nominated by fellow teacher, Terri Schuchard, who works with Shannon daily. In addition to teaching Learning Strategies classes, Shannon, who is also certified as a reading specialist, supports students by co-teaching the American Experience and British Experience courses. Kellie Smoller notes that Shannon has the remarkable ability to enhance my lessons by sharing her unique vision and insight, making them more effective for all of our students. Shannon is also committed to her Advisory students, "counseling them, encouraging them, and celebrating them as individuals as they journey through high school." Her commitment to students is also expressed in her sponsorship of two clubs, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Friends of Rachel. Fellow teacher Darla Cobb shares that Shannon cares deeply about students development as human beings, encouraging them to do their best, and simultaneously, to BE their best. Shannon's work through Special School District has directly benefited Brentwood's students far beyond the classroom. She is one of the BEST of Brentwood.

From the May, 2009 Pulse.
Shannon is the daughter of Forrest Zinn '47.

Thanks to Rosemarie Schweizer Kornfeld '47 for this article



WRAY DARR

Wray Darr came to BHS to teach Science in the fall of 1954 and left thirty-four years later in 1988. Wray and his wife, Doris, live in

Normandy now, where they tend a backyard full of flower and vegetable gardens. Wray sketches the micro organisms he sees there and adds them to the other sketches he's kept over a lifetime. Wray and four of his friends formed a

group called the Five Old Men, over 18 years ago. On weekends they maintain the grounds at Mound Ridge Camp, a Presbyterian youth camp in Meramec Springs. Wray enjoys being in the company of his lifelong friends and loves the opportunity to search this centuries-old campground for specimens that he can later catalog. His life is centered on God, his family and science.

Wray's students remember him fondly and many attribute their careers to his careful observation and the individual mentoring they received from this man, during school and often after hours. One student, '64, dedicated his doctoral thesis to Mr. Darr. Four current members of the Brentwood Hall of Fame first became interested in a career in science while they were students of Mr. Darr. Mr. Darr chose to spend his career teaching at BHS. By doing so, he has added greatly to the reputation that Brentwood High School holds as a school of excellence. In the fall of 2007, I sent out a request to hear from former students of Mr. Darr for an article I wrote for the Class of 1959 newsletter. I continued to get responses for weeks. I'll use the words found in these letters to convey the respect and love that Mr. Darr earned from his students. They said inspirational, my hero, the reason I chose a career in science, outstanding teacher, sought out students interested in science and offered them his time and knowledge, he is one of the most influential people in my life. It seems certain that if you had Mr. Darr as one of your teachers at BHS, you've never forgotten him.

Thanks to Barbara Bond Simon '59 for this article

2009 VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Friday	Aug. 21	Orchard Farm Jamboree At Orchard Farm High School	6:30 p.m.
Friday	Aug. 28	Crystal City High School At Crystal City High School	7:00 p.m.
Friday	Sept. 4	Maplewood-Richmond Heights HS At Maplewood High School	7:00 p.m.
Friday	Sept. 11	Ethel Hedgemen Lyle Academy At BHS	7:00 p.m.
Friday	Sept. 18	Missouri Military Academy (Alumni Night) At BHS	7:00 p.m.
Friday	Sept. 25	Cuba High School R-2 At Cuba High School	7:00 p.m.
Friday	Oct. 2	St. Pius X High School-Festus (Homecoming) At BHS	7:00 p.m.
Friday	Oct. 16	Orchard Farm High School (Senior Night) At BHS	7:00 p.m.
Friday	Oct. 23	Clopton High School At Clopton High School	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Oct. 31	Principia High School At Principia High School	1:00 p.m.

MEET YOUR BOARD

This is the first of a series of articles to inform you of your hard-working BAA board members.....



Maxine Gray Reisenleiter '41

Maxine began school at the old Grade School No.1 in 1929. The school was located on the corner where Walgreen's now stands. In high school, Maxine was the Drum Major of the Marching Band, played trumpet in the Orchestra, and sang in the Glee Club.

After graduation, she attended Washington University night school, worked for Union Electric, and volunteered all during World War II at St. Mary's Hospital as a nurses' aide. She was fully trained to take the place of the nurses sent overseas. When the War ended, Maxine married Harry Lee Reisenleiter, who served in the War with the 82nd Airborne, 509th Regiment. His platoon liberated Nymegen, Belgium. She was able to go to Europe and tour all the places where her husband had fought. They were married for a little over 52 years and had two children, Harry Lee Reisenleiter '65 and Melissa Reisenleiter '71, before he passed away in 1998.

Maxine made a parachute jump in her husband's memory, on his birthday, in July of 2000. Greg Freeman, a writer for the *Post-Dispatch* at that time, wrote a long article and the jump was covered by Channel 11. Very exciting day! Maxine also made 6 additional jumps after the one in 2000.

She is a volunteer with Hospice and an organization called Soldiers' Angels.



Marcia Hunsinger Werremeyer '66

Marcia lives with her husband, Bill, in Kirkwood, and they have two grown daughters. She has taught at Eliot Chapel Nursery School for the past 20 years. Realizing that her experience in the Brentwood Schools instilled in her a love of learning, she derives tremendous satisfaction in serving on the Board.

"Especially gratifying is the awarding of scholarships that help deserving graduates of BHS in their pursuit of higher education," says Werremeyer, "and working with such a dedicated group of fellow alumni is really fun."

PAST REUNIONS – CLASS OF '67 CELEBRATES THE 60'S...SORTA

There's an old saying about "being stuck in the 60's." Well, now the BHS class of 1967 can legitimately claim to be there again. On May 15th and 16th, several class members got together to celebrate the year they turn 60. "We had so much fun at our 40th reunion a few years ago," said class rep Ed Wright Jr., "that we decided to have another party."

Just like two years ago, we started appropriately at Carl's on Friday night, bringing back many fond memories of chili dogs and root beer...in fact, bringing them back again and again. We then moved the party to the Train Wreck for more liquefied conversation until late in the evening. The laughs (and lies) filled the air as other patrons quickly moved away from us.

Saturday night was the main event...a barbecue party at Jacque Prade Ehrlich's home in west county. Kudos to those who helped plan and execute the party plans: Sue Max Carleton, Ray Widaman, Beth Roper, Russ Lake, and Steve Gyore. The early arrivals watched the Preakness, while munching on appetizers and emptying the coolers. Soon, Russ and Steve (also known as the hunter) were grilling dinner for us. (No, Steve did not bag our main courses...unless he was hunting in the local Schnucks again.) Jacque was a great hostess and we soon settled into relaxed conversation and reminiscing...and as the saying goes...."What happens (or is said) in West County, stays in West County."

Terry Stewart won the award for the longest distance traveled, having flown in from Florida. Bob Ault was second having made the trip in from central Missouri. Many of our out-of-town (and local) classmates sent regrets due to graduations, christenings, shoe rearrangement, and other semi-legitimate excuses.

Special appreciation goes to Russ Lake's wife, Debbie, and Ed Wright's wife, Joanne, who attended and put up with all of our stories without questioning our veracity once...ok, maybe once.

Some classmates will be coming in town this summer, and we look forward to getting together again at that time. Meanwhile, the spirit of '67 lives on and we'll continue to touch base with each other throughout the year.

Thanks to Ed Wright '67 for this article



Ed Wright Jr, Howard Young, Robert Ault, Steve Gyore, Jacque Prade Ehrlich, Terry Stewart, Ray Widaman, Russ Lake, Beth Roper, Sue Max Carleton

CLASS OF 1999 CELEBRATES 10TH REUNION

Our very first reunion, our 10th, was pretty successful with at least half the class attending. Adults celebrated Friday night, June 12th, at Jive and Wail in Maplewood and on Saturday, our families gathered at Memorial Park for a picnic. It was good to see that everyone was doing well and looked great. Catching up was such fun that we are looking forward to our 20 year reunion in 2019.

Thanks to Chrissy Ellis Chandler '99 for this article.

Come to the 7th Annual Brentwood Alumni Association "3rd WEEKEND IN SEPTEMBER" Reunion Celebration Friday and Saturday – September 18 and 19

For a fantastic weekend of friendship, football and fun, this year's reunion celebration promises to be the best yet! Here is what you can expect:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 *Alumni Gathering Festivities*



Alumni Gathering Festivities will begin at 4:00 p.m.

as classmates, old friends and neighbors congregate in the Brentwood High School Courtyard for an informal gathering to catch up and reminisce under the courtyard trees. Don't be surprised if you hear the common phrase, "you haven't changed a bit," murmured throughout the courtyard. There will be student art on display, as well as guided tours of the High School to showcase our proud US News and World Report's "best high schools in the nation."

Special Celebrity Guest Appearance



The highlight of the evening will be a special guest appearance by a former famous, nationally-recognized celebrity. This mystery guest will be on-hand to mingle, pose for photos and entertain from 5:30

until 7:00 p.m. Bring your camera. It will be a great opportunity to have

your picture taken with this well-known celebrity.

Want to know who's coming? Each month until the night of the event, we will provide identity clues in a special section on our Alumni Website. Go to www.brentwoodhsalumni.org. See if you can guess who will be coming to Brentwood in September.

BHS Football with Alumni



BHS Football with Alumni and Home Field Advantage

Friday evening will be capped off with the BHS home gridiron

game. The Brentwood Eagles will play Missouri Military Academy beginning at 7:00 p.m. All alumni are invited to cheer the Eagles on to victory.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 *Annual Golf Scramble*



Registered golfers will tee-off in a four-person team scramble at 8:00 a.m.

at Pevely Farms Golf Club. Pevely Farms is the ultimate experience in Missouri golf. While many courses have one scenic hole, Pevely Farms is one postcard-worthy view after another. From the fir trees and oaks along the fairways to breathtaking vistas of the Meramec Valley, every detail of Pevely stands in harmony with its surroundings.

If you can wield a club, join the fun by gathering your four-person team and registering using the sign-up form on the next page of this newsletter. All levels of playing ability are encouraged to participate. Remember, in a scramble, you need only to be as good as the best shot in your foursome. If you have questions, e-mail hippertw@sbcglobal.net.

Celebrate Brentwood Days



Bring the family and enjoy Brentwood Day's annual celebration beginning with the noon parade. The parade route will meander to Russell Avenue at Brentwood Park where games, amusement rides, and food booths will be waiting. Be sure to visit the Alumni booth.

Register Now for the BHS Alumni "3rd Weekend In September" Golf Scramble



Last year fifty-two players representing 13 different class years enjoyed the beautiful fairways of Pevely Farms Golf Club in a morning of "scramble" golf with classmates, family and friends. This year's event is, once again, scheduled for Saturday morning of our "3rd Weekend in September" alumni weekend.

All levels of golfers are encouraged to join

in on the fun. You can be as competitive as you wish, but the primary goal is for everyone to enjoy the camaraderie of other BHS alums, family and friends. In a scramble, each team plays the best shot from all four players throughout the game. So, if you can drive a cart and wield a club, you need only to be as good as the best shot played.

Registration is now open, so begin contacting, classmates and forming your team. Some of our most adventurous alumni have already formed teams and are awaiting your challenge. Teams can include family, friends and members of other BHS alumni classes, **but each foursome must include two BHS alumni players.**

Cost for each player is \$70, which includes cart, practice range, BHS gift bag, 18 holes of play and prizes for:

Top team

Men's closest-to-the-pin and longest drive

Women's closest-to-the-pin and longest drive

Registration deadline is September 1. Don't wait – space is limited and participation is accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you need partners, e-mail Bill Hippert. When players are needed to round out a foursome, we'll pair you up.

Details and official rules will be sent from e-mail inquiries.

Questions can also be directed to Bill at hippertw@sbcglobal.net.

"3rd Weekend in September" All-School Reunion

Four-Person Scramble Golf Event Entry

Pevely Farms Golf Club

Saturday, September 19, 2009



Here's my four-person scramble team. A \$70 entry fee is enclosed for each player below:

	Player Name	Class	Address	City	State	Zip	E-mail
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Please make check(s) payable to **Bill Hippert – BHS Alumni Golf** and mail to:

Bill Hippert – BHS Alumni Golf, 8 Adams Lane, Kirkwood, MO 63122
ENTRY FORM AND PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2009

Clip and mail entry with remittance to the address above



CLASS REPRESENTATIVES



YEAR	LAST NAME	HOME PHONE	E-MAIL ADDRESS	YEAR	LAST NAME	HOME PHONE	E-MAIL ADDRESS
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1941	Maxine Gray Reisenleiter	314-961-6795	ger1nam0@earthlink.net	1976	Debbie Brunner	314-205-8339	dbrun627@yahoo.com
1942	Norma Hodges Murphy	636-227-7927	njmurphy@sbcglobal.net	1977	Judy Munoz Flick	314-277-0393	jmfflick1@sbcglobal.net
1943	Norma Hodges Murphy	636-227-7927	njmurphy@sbcglobal.net	1978	John Laseter	314-968-9911	jhlaseter@charter.net
1944	Leroy Amen	636-733-0726	gleibner@accessus.net	1979	Tracy Heidelbaugh Burns	636-386-3346	tracyburns@charter.net
1945	Kathleen Yaden Pepin	314-821-8076	ktg2838@swbell.net	1980	Joan Kennedy McClelland	314-229-6703	joaniebaby613@aol.com
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1951	Nancy Bosche Jones	314-961-7527		1987	Cindy Camp Foley	636-227-1817	campfoley@charter.net
1952	Charlotte Groce Unversaw	317-774-9934	charlotteunversaw@att.net	1988	Jennifer Johnston Winters	636-861-0692	jenniferwinters@yahoo.com
1953	Shirley Parker Horine	636-227-6382	sjh112@sbcglobal.net	1989	Yvette Trokey Smith	314-962-2989	redyvette@yahoo.com
1953	Sue Weber Young	314-961-4243	sueyoung@aol.com	1989	Suzanne Stack	314-961-5564	suzq3as@yahoo.com
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1955	Tom White	636-532-9444	tomwhite@charter.net	1991	Angie Wahlig Hulshoff	314-968-6344	slang8735@yahoo.com
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1967	Ed Wright	314-962-3713	wrikink@aol.com	2003	Jennifer Zeller	314-435-2230	zellerjn@yahoo.com
1968	Nancy Sorgenfrei McCormac	314-822-0695	mccormn@sbcglobal.net	2004	Emily Hellwege	314-909-1168	e.hellwege@sbcglobal.net
1969	Vikki Hasty Belgeri	314-645-7548	belgeri@swbell.net	2005	Kaitlin Fitzgerald	314-962-9839	kait.fitzgerald@gmail.com
1970	Richard Hellwege	314-909-1168	d.hellwege@sbcglobal.net	2006	Julia Madras	314-961-8331	jmadras@mail.bradley.edu
1971	Sue Higginbotham Byler	636-583-4570	sbyler@sbmac.com	2007	Carrie Smith	314-922-0933	200706218@panthers.greenville.edu
1972	James N. Foster	314-645-3806	Betsy2205foster@charter.net	2008	Leigh Durham	314-322-4581	ldurham@tulane.edu
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1975	Marsha Sullins Ring	314-581-7136	marsha@ercelectronic.com				

Note: New Class reps are shown in bold face.

If you would like to be a representative for your class or need reunion information, contact Mary Ann Eckler Koetting '59 (636) 537-5256 jmakoetting@aol.com

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For the newsletter, MAIL class notes and news articles to the above address as soon as they become available, or contact your class rep.



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- ** Alumni Gathering at the BHS Courtyard - 4:00 p.m.
 - ** Celebrity Guest Appearance - 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
 - ** Football Game - BHS home game: Eagles vs. Missouri Military Academy - 7 p.m.
- See page 14 for more details*

- ** Annual Alumni Golf Scramble - Pevely Farms - 8 a.m.
 - ** Brentwood Days Parade - 12 noon
 - ** Brentwood Days Celebration at Brentwood Park - 1 p.m. Evening fireworks - 8:30 p.m.
- Visit the BAA booth all afternoon
- See page 14 for more details*