



East High "Class of '56"

Newslink

December 2010



Friday Sept. 2nd festivities will be in the Meadows C room inside of Prairie Meadows. A very nice ballroom inside the main building on the ground floor. Saturday Sept. 3rd will be at the Des

GOOD TIME AT NOODLE ZOO

We had a good time at the Noodle Zoo in Ankeny at our last dinner get together. The crowd was somewhat less than expected, but we had a lot of good conversation, and that is what it is all about.

Mary (Crum) and Don Moses and their daughter own and operate it. Normally, they are not open on Mondays, but they open it just for us.

Those in attendance were:

Bob & Barb McAfee-Kay (Edwards) & Chico Alcantar-Jerry & Becky Smith-Don & Mary (Crum) Moses-Bill Foster-Denny & Mary Ross-Linda (White) Towers-Janet (Bales) & Glenn Douglas-Nancy (Lund) Belluchi-Janet (Griffiths) Harmon-Bob & Connie Trotter-Don & Arlene Spaw-Jerry & Carol Hall-Ruth (Cook) & Jerry Haag-Norma (Treanor) & Bill Burke-Larry & Janeene (Miller) Carlisle-Larry & Margaret Fogelson

Our next dinner get-together will be:

AT: Hilltop Lounge & Pizza
2880 Hubble Ave.

WHEN: April 26th, 2011
Monday at 6:30 PM

We will only have the spring dinner get-together in 2011, because we will be having our **55th Reunion on Friday September 2nd, and Saturday September 3rd.**

CLASS OF "56" 55TH REUNION, SEPT. 2011

Preparations are almost complete for the "Class of 1956" 55th reunion. You will receive a mailing in the spring regarding this festivity. But mark your calendar now.

Moines Elks Lodge #98 located at 5420 NE 12th in Pleasant Hill. Motel rooms are now being put on hold.

At the current time, it looks like we might be able to do both nights at \$40.00 -\$45.00 a head. More later. We have already received commitments from Dick & Elaine Smith, Tom & Marj Fjelde, Carol (Graney) DeChant and her sister Kathleen (Graney) Finkanauer.

Pictures from the October Dinner



Connie & Bob Trotter-Norma (Treanor) Burke-Don Spaw-Kay (Edwards) Alcantar-Arlene Spaw



Mary (Crum) & Don Moses-Janet (Griffiths) Harmon



Linda (White) Towers—Nancy (Lund) Belluchi—Janet (Bales) & Glenn Douglas



Bob McAfee—Larry & Janeene (Miller) Carlisle—Barb McAfee

MORE EAST ATHLETIC HALL OF FAMERS

Two more Class of 56 members were inducted into the East Hall of Fame in September of 2010.



Bill Orris – 3 Time State Champion

In 1955 Bill won the 120 Yard High Hurdle and the 180 Yard Low Hurdle State Championship & the Drake Relays Title. In 1956, Bill won the 120 Yard High Hurdle State Championship.

Bill continued his education and track career at the University of Iowa, where he earned his Bachelors Degree in Civil Engineering, and was the Central Collegiate Champion in 1960.

Bill was an Area Engineer for Military Construction, in charge of 65 personnel. Bill retired in 1963.

The US Air Force awarded Bill the “Civilian Man of the year award in 1989.

Bill and his wife Bobbie live in Sacramento, CA. They have a son and a daughter, and two grandchildren.



Jerry Schartner

Jerry played basketball for East from 1953 – 1956, and Grandview College from 1956 – 1958, while earning an Associate of Arts degree. He received his Bachelors and Masters from Drake University.

Jerry taught in the DSM public schools for 41 years and coached a variety of sports. His emphasis was always on Girls Basketball. He has served as Lincolns Head Coach for 32 years, and is still their head coach. His record at Lincoln is 540W & 183L. Schartners Coaching Accomplishments include: 10 State Tournament Appearances – 14 Conference Titles – 3 Time State Coach of the Year – 6 Times Conference Coach of the Year – 6 Times District Coach of the Year – Once Regional Coach of the Year – Golden Plaque of Distinction – Hall of Fame in the Girls Coaches Association. Grand View College Hall of Fame – Coached 12 division 1 players – 52 of his players received College Basketball Scholarships. Jerry’s wife Joan is deceased. He also has two daughters, and 5 grandchildren.

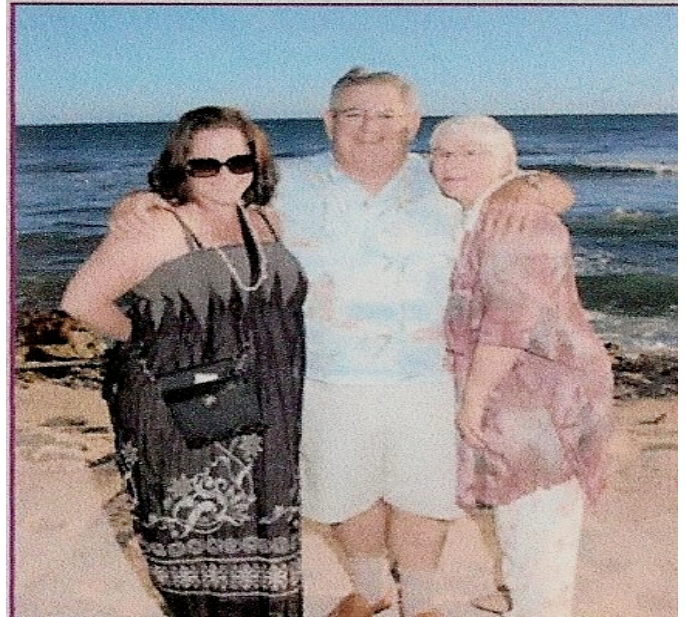
IN TOWN FOR 50TH REUNION



Larry & Karin Ramsey were in Des Moines this past July for Karin’s 50th reunion from St. Joseph’s Academy. Karin is a cousin of my wife. Larry of course is an EHS Class of 56 alum. Larry played Golf for East. As I understand it, he was very good. He went on to play some pro golf, and was the Head Golf Pro at several Country Clubs. I asked Larry to send me his resume and accomplishments as a golfer both at East and professionally. I must have embarrassed him because I have not received it yet. Come on Larry, I am still waiting. The Ramsey’s

live in Vero Beach, FL. They have two daughters and one son, and numerous grandchildren.

42nd WEDDING ANIVERSARY IN HAWAII



John Moody and Wife and Daughter on the Beach

John was diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis, which was caused by asbestos exposure during 3 ship overhauls, without respiratory protection. His medical care at the San Diego VA Hospital was the best, and John’s wife being a nurse, her case management is now on a very personal level. John is on oxygen for exercise, and for sleep.

They and their daughter decided to celebrate their 42nd Anniversary in Hawaii. They took in Pearl Harbor and the Arizona Memorial. Lois said they had a Luau to help celebrate, and it was a lovely balmy evening.

Lois says she is grateful for retirement, so they can enjoy more time together. *(You are a fighter John, hang tough. We expect to see you at many more reunions.)*

DES MOINES ALL-AMERICAN CITY

Des Moines received the icing on the cake by being named an All-American City for the 5th time since the inception of this honor in 1949, by the National Civic League, a nonprofit organization that

fosters community building and recognizes collaborative community achievement.

Just prior to this latest accolade, Des Moines was named best place for business and careers, and best place to raise a family by Forbes Magazine, and was listed on the Kiplinger's Personal Finance list of best cities for the next decade. (*Wow, and I did not realize just how good I had it.*)

EHS GETS COUNTY PROJECTS GRANT

A \$150,000 community development grant for the Bob Savage Alumni Plaza and Williams renovation projects won unanimous approval last week from the Polk County Board of Supervisors.

THE LETTINGTON'S CELEBRATE THEIR 50TH WITH FAMILY IN HAWAII



Tom and Kay (Farrington) Lettington of Rancho Bernardo, CA. and all their clan help them celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in Hawaii. (You must see this in color on Lettington's web-site at <http://www.tfl.net/MauiFamilyPhoto.html>)

REALLY "LOOKING" FORWARD TO 50TH

It is really wonderful receiving the NewsLink. I spend a lot of time going over every word and

The one time grant money will go to the East High Alumni Foundation to help defray the construction costs of these projects.

NOTE:

Earlier this year the Class of 56 purchased a plaque to go on the memorial wall when completed. The plaque will read:

**"CLASS OF 1956"
DEDICATED TO
"HUMANITY"**

reliving all the memories. I am glad to see that you were not to embarrassed to print the picture of you that I sent in the last NewsLink. I was in Arizona

last winter. When I left there it was 74 degrees, when I arrived back in Bemidji it was -23 degrees. It was a fast re-entry into real life.

To bring everyone up to date on myself, I woke up one morning seeing pink soap bubbles in my vision. Went to the doc to find out what was going on. I was in the process of getting wet macular degeneration in my left eye. Long story short, I have lost all the vision in that eye now, and since my right eye will develop the same issue, I have moved to a small town in McVile, ND to be near my son and his family. I am not sure that I will be a good candidate for blindness, so I am trying to learn to deal with this outcome. I am still driving during daylight, and doing some consulting. Trying to keep busy and content. I sure am hopeful that I will be able to attend the 55th. I am sending a check to

Trotter to help defray expenses for the NewsLink. Take care and tell everyone hello. Thanks again for your work in keeping us together.
Best Wishes **Sandra Parsons**

In Memoriam to our Deceased Classmates

James L. Collins

August 13, 2010

Jim was a retired Police Officer from the city of Des Moines.

*Our deepest condolences to **Suzanne (Samo) Newton** whose husband Norman passed away in August also. Norman was an EHS 1955 graduate.*

They answer to a higher roll call now. But they will remain in our hearts forever.

WARREN HARDING MAY, 1953-



Front-M. Johnson-J.McGriff-J. Pike-L. Weslund-C. Carlisle-V. Sims-J. Eberhart-?-V. Robinson-L. Ballard-R. Bard-K. Semple-R. Music-G. Douglas -N. Lettington-K. McMurrey-J. McGlasin-M. Thomels-B. Smith-D. Reiger-D. Ables-D. Jarman-B. Crees

2nd:-J. Clark-K. Pence-G. Andrews-L. Anderson-?-B. Williams-W. Wallace-D. Ballinger-H. Hooks-P. Whipple-J. Bales-C. Overton-L. McClan-P. Danial

S. Bufford-B. Stract-L. Lengaman-V. Chambers-J. Oneth-G. Dunaway-S. Dewallie-C. Ruddell-L. Spray-B. Aller-R. Olson-D. Heggen- J. Backins

3rd:-S. Carpenter-B. Evans-J. Wilson-D. Wheatly-S. Nicholson-R. Snell-S. Smith-C. McClure-E. McDonald-B. Mouser-D. Miller-D. Godfrey-P. Green R. Warnock-S. McCormick-E. Brittlan-C. Pullen-S. Bingaman-D. Bowes-N. Turpin-L. Allison-V. Boyd-C. Gembrel-M. Freight-P/ Gambel-B. Clark-L. Murray-K. Sullivan-P. Murphy-E. Mulcatty

4th:-J. Pegs-A. Carman-R. Oberander-W. Kents- C. Ross-D. McBride-K. Klingaman-R. Stanley-P. Thomas- J. Politto-B. Guarnea-W. Sander-B. Dykes

F. Brown-E. Clark-B. Wood-J. Sowers-C. Easter-N. Knudson-J. Arluand-D. Peterson-J. Gokner-C. Nouree-J. Taylor-N. Hefner-M. Gloteelty-P. Butts

5th:-S. Tuers-M. Wright-N. Allstead-J. Ferman-?-D. McVey-B. Dent-S. Power-M. Vinson-D. Stephens-R. Six-B. Donaldson-D. Nicholson-J. Kenedy

J. Johnson-J. Wadden-M. Linn-E. Smith-T. Johnson-B. Rogers-L. Evans-R. Johnson-S. McClellen-P. List-W. Richards- M. Moran-J. Nederman-R. Moore

6th:-P. Fleming-K. Whitlatch-J. Damon-S. Bell-S.Deskin-V. Bauman-R. HabeKost-B. Baldwin-J. Beal-J. Warren-D. Burnett-L. Holsman-J. Forney J. Sullivan-J. Brown-D. Madison-D. Keiler-?;B. Buckroyd-R. Brown-D. Stewart-?-B. Ashley- D. Gaurkee-D. Frakes-E. Gray

7th:-F. Ericson-J. Moss-S. Lathrum-D. Shelburg-T. Richard-?-D. Rehne-J. Hensley-M. Wonders-A. Harvey-D. Ahn-T. Swanson-?-B. Rhinhart

G. Burgeson-?-?-A. Ford-J. Nichols- P. Wagner-N. Bailey-J. Meeker

8th:-J. Hill-J. Whitham-?-B. Hildreth-S. Nass-J. Anderson-M. McCoy-F. Sutton-J. Garnet-R. Moss-M. Mitchel-?-D. Pallmer-B. Drake-J. Yeast-?-

W. Crouse-R. Lyle-L. Walker-J. Freeborn-Danny Finch-B. Cisna-D. Miller- D. Strosnider-R. Campbel

This picture and identifications was sent to **Nancy (Lund) Belluchi** from **Sarah (Nass) Struthers**. Nancy passed this on to me to see if I could get it in the NewsLink. I do not like the way it turned out, but here it is. I also apologize for I know I have misspelled some of the names. I did not have the means to check them all out. All in all, I think Sarah did a great job, thank you Sarah.

DOES THIS REMIND YOU OF ANYONE?



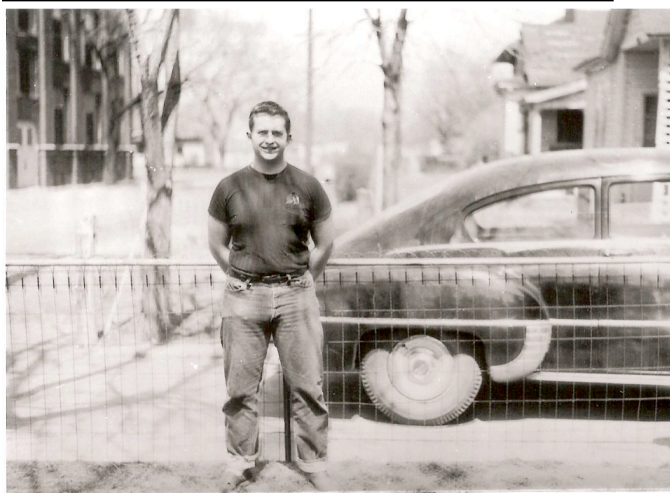
This is a picture of **Mary Lou (Katzman) Goodman's** uncle Maynard Boatwright, taken when he was coronated as "Cardinal" of the 1944 class. But he reminds me a lot of what a young Tom Lettington looked like when he also was a senior.

THANKS TO OUR REUNION COMMITTEE

Kay & Chico Alcantar—Janeene (Miller) Carlisle—Janet (Bales) & Glenn Douglas—Larry & Margaret Fogelson-Ray (Bud) Robinette-Larry & Jackie Soloman-Linda (White) Towers-Bob & Connie Trotter-LaVae (Konz) Willson.

They have all been working very hard to make sure we all have a very good 55th reunion. Our newcomers Kay & Chico, and Bud have been real go-getters. Thank You One and All.

DO YOU RECOGIZE THIS INDIVIDUAL?



This person and I have been closest of friends for almost 60 years. We have spent the night at each others house on many occasions. This picture was taken in approximately 1953 or 54. His name is **Tom Abbott**.

DONATIONS TOWARD THE NEWSLINK

Thank you all so much for the contributions which keep this NewsLink coming to everyone in the Class of 56. The latest contributors are as follows: *Kay (Edwards) Alcantar-Norma (Treanor) Burke-Sandra (Wistrom) Cole-Janet (Bales) Douglas-Doris (Steffenson) Harrington-Sharon (Burris) Howze-Theresa (Hodges) Lowman-Ed McCartney-Harold Olsen-Bill Orris-Sandra Parsons-Dennis Ross-Linda (White) Towers-Loretta (Woods) Ware-LaVae (Konz) Willson.*

Thank You One and All!

ALL DONATIONS TO TREASURER:

Robert Trotter
5625-Lakepoint Circle
Johnston, IA 50131

VISIT LETTINGTON'S WEBSITE

Go to Tom Lettington's Website and see all the EHS things he has on there. Now, many are in color, Pictures, Prior Reunions, Articles, Quills, NewsLinks, etc. www.ehs56.org
Great Job Tom. Thank You from Everyone.

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NEXT DINNER GET-TOGETHER

April 26th, 2011 at 6:30 pm

**At: Hilltop Lounge & Pizza
2880 Hubble Ave**

(note: there will not be a dinner get-together in the fall due to the reunion)

55th Reunion

Friday Sept. 2rd at Prairie Meadows

Saturday Sept. 3rd at Des Moines Elks Lodge

We wish everyone the happiest of the Holiday Season. And on a personal note my lovely wife and lifelong partner would like to take this opportunity to wish from our house to yours:

**A Very Merry
Christmas
And A Happy New
Year**