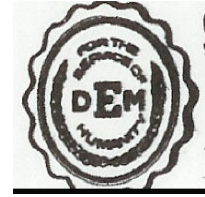




East High "Class of 56"
NewsLink
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50TH REUNION Thursday MAY 11TH

We started off with attending the East High School Annual Alumni Association meeting . The Alumni Association boasts that it is the largest in the world..



Janeene (Miller) Carlisle welcomes Mary Lou (Katzmann) Goodman to the East Alumni meeting.



Jerry Hall is passing out information on the Just for Fun Golf outing for Friday Morning.

East High Cheerleaders lead the gathering in the School Song from the balcony.



The Class of 56 had a position of honor in front of the stage. There were about 94 of us in attendance.



Lyle Simpson graciously agreed to represent the honored "Class of 56" by giving a very eloquent class response.

The Alumni Foundation awarded 67 scholarships on Thursday night in an amount totaling \$86,200. The "Class of 56" presented the Alumni Foundation a check that night in the amount of \$1,019.56 to be applied to the Scholarship Fund.

Most of the Class of 56 was feeling pretty big by being there to celebrate our 50th year after graduation. Then they called the roll call of graduated classes. There was actually a grad there representing the Class of 1925. She was 99 years young. *Now that is something to strive for!!!*

FRIDAY MORNING MAY 12TH

A few hardy souls who could brave the high 40's temperatures and 30 mph winds played golf Friday Morning at Grandview Golf Course.



Tom Pierick – Rod Campbell – John Sullivan



Jolane (Wichersheim) & John Kirby-Jerry Hall-Denny Ross

We had about 19 golfers who braved the elements.
Several more showed up for coffee, donuts and camaraderie.



*Jolane was the only Lady to brave the elements. She also had a cure for the super slick greens. She one putted a lot of them.
(A lot of us four putted some of them)*

Meanwhile, a lot of the Lady's took the more comfortable approach by attending a breakfast that was being hosted by Janeene Carlisle.



Nancy (Miller) Quillen-LaVae (Konz) Willson-Janice (Crain) Stueckrath-Janet (Bales) Douglas-Sally (Peterson) Goeser-Donna (Aspengren) Yeager-Barbara (Belluchi) Wertz-Janet (Griffiths) Harmon



Left to Right: Suzanne (Samo) Newton - Sandra (Selover) Bramel - Mary Lou (Weisbrod) Nicholson - Sharel (Tuers) Spendlove - Linda (White) Towers - Nancy (Lund) Belluchi - Norma Jean Allsteadt - Sonja (Bingaman) Kester - Deane (Ballinger) Ott - Donna (Nichols) Wilson - Barbara (Lowe) Penn - Barbra (Evans) Priest



Norma (Treanor) Burke - Mary (Kelley) Peachy - Joyce (Baker) Doyle - Mary Lou (Katzmann) Goodman - Shirley (Grant) Robinette

FRIDAY NIGHT AT PRAIRIE MEADOWS



Set up for Friday Night at Prairie Meadows



Janeene (Miller) Carlisle prepares gifts for Friday Night drawing.

After Rev. John Hill gave the Benediction. We had a Buffet of Grilled Brats & Hamburgers, with all the trimmings.; beans, potato salad, chips, etc.

Janeene Carlisle MC'd a roll call of Attendees. We had 175 with 93 being from within State, and 82 from out of State.

Tom Abbott told a few "wild tales" regarding Larry Fogelson's juvenile years, then told everyone it was his birthday. 175 people sang Happy Birthday. *Wow! What a Birthday Party.*



Part of the crowd at Prairie Meadows Friday Night.



Martha & George Clark – Bob Trotter



Larry Gilliland talking with Linda (White) Towers



*Part of the Woodrow Wilson Jr. High crowd. Left to Right
Bob Trotter-Jerry Hall-Tom Pierick-Donna (Turner) Beal-Ken Viggers-Dick Smith-Tom Lettington-Janice Webber-John Moody-Tom
Abbott-Nancy (Lund) Belluchi-Shirley (Grant) Robinette-Larry Fogelson-Mary Lou (Katzmann) Goodman*



Good Alums: Back L to R: Charles Allen- Don Stevens-John Sullivan-Ron Olson-Bob Baldwin-Diane (Ballenger) Ott-John Hill-Dan Strosnider-Sonja (Bingaman) Kester-Sharel (Tuers) Spendlove-Jerry Brown-Barbra (Evans) Priest-Don Spaw Don Munson-Arnold Erickson Sitting: Janet (Bales) Douglas-John Beal-Norma Jean Allsteadt-Norma (Treasor) Burke



Oh My Word! Marlene (Roberts) & Dale Wheeler-Norman & Suzanne (Samo) Newton looking at the Baby Picture Place Mats. (This was the brainchild of Shirley(Grant) Robinette)



Other Alums: Sitting: Barbara (Belluchi) Wertz-Janice (Crain) Stueckrath-Sally (Peterson) Goeser-Karin (Karlson) Blankenhagen-Mary Lou (Weisbrod) Nicholson Back Row: Sandra Parsons-Donna (Nichols) Wilson-Donna (Aspengren) Yeager-Max Miller-Dennis Parker-Tom Fjelde-Steve Larson-Janet (Griffiths) Harmon-Sherry (Lair) Northcutt-Judy (Hanson) Honett-Larry Gilliland(Hidden)-Linda (White) Towers-Mevelyn (Wooderson) Richardson-Nancy (Miller) Quillan-Sandra (Selover) Bramel-George Clark

SATURDAY MORNING TOUR OF EAST

On Saturday Morning; Sharon Page from East High Staff came in and gave our Group a tour of the school.



All Purpose area between east side of old bldg. and old gym.



Old gym is now weight lifting and exercise room.



Stage has been extended out in auditorium.



Harold Olson appears to be pondering something that was said.



If only we had been this attentive when we were going to school there. Rev. John Hill seems engrossed.



You will be glad to know that the west steps and view remain as we remembered it.



Duke Williams picture hangs in the office.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT HYPERION CLUB



Elegant setting with a great view not only of the golf course, but you could even see some of the tall buildings downtown.



One of two cakes which would later become our dessert



Steve Larson was the “hit” of the evening playing an assortment of golden oldies and sing-a-longs. (great job)



Tom Fjelde returned a “toilet brush? wrist corsage” given to him by Carol (Graney) DeChant for a Spinsters Spree Party some 50 years ago, and received a nice smooch for his consideration and effort.



*L to R: Shirley (Grant) Robinette-Yvonne (Miller) Nauman
Ruth (Cook) Haag-La Vae (Konz) Wilson-Bob Trotter. Bob Trotter presented a Gift Certificate for a local Restaurant to Larry & Margaret Fogelson for their work on the NewsLink.*



Ken Viggers steadies John Moody's balance during picture.



Front clockwise: Ray Robinette-Shirley (Grant) Robinette-Larry Fogelson-Margaret Fogelson-Margaret Fogelson-Martha Clark-George Clark-Connie Trotter-Bob Trotter-Mary Lou (Katzmann) Goodman-Kay (Edwards) Alcantar-Chico Alcantar-Roberta Abbott-Tom Abbott



Kay(Farrington) & Tom Lettington talking with Loretta (Woods) & Milo Ware

A good time appeared to be had by one and all!

YOUR REUNION COMMITTEE

Janeene (Miller) Carlisle Shirley (Grant) Robinette

Janet (Bales) Douglas Larry Soloman
Larry Fogelson Linda (White) Towers
Ruth (Cook) Hagg Robert Trotter
Pat (Rounds) Hockersmith LaVae (Konz) Willson
Yvonne (Miller) Nauman

A special **“Thanks”** to the following:

Lyle Simpson for the Alumni Night Class Response

Jerry Hall & Buddy Ellis for the Friday Golf Outing

Janeene (Miller) Carlisle for the Friday Gals Gathering, and setting up Prairie Meadows.

Rev. John Hill for the Friday Evening Benediction

Ken Viggers for the Saturday Evening Benediction

Shirley (Grant) Robinette for the “Baby Picture” placemat idea at Prairie Meadows and coordinating the Saturday Morning Tour of East..

Steve Larson for his piano playing on Saturday evening.

Larry & Jackie Soloman for checking out numerous Saturday night locations with the wife and I.

I believe the whole committee deserves a huge “Thank You” for all of everyone’s hard work. This have been a work in progress for a year and a half.

Larry and Margaret Fogelson would like to **THANK** the class of “56” for the Restaurant Gift Certificate presented by Bob Trotter for the past 10 years of doing the NewsLink. We were humbled beyond words. It has been a labor of love, which would not have been **possible** with the help and support of my lovely wife Margaret.

We need your ideas and or input on what you would like to see for a 55th reunion. Please start thinking now, and contact any of the committee members!

NewsLink donations:

Steve Larson-Darrall Heggen-Barbara (Evans) Priest-Mary Lou (Katzmann) Goodman-Bob Duval-Rod Campbell-Nancy Bishop-Jerry Brown-

Thank You! Your donations keep the NewsLink coming.

Reunion donations:

Tom Pierick-Sharon (Burriss) Howze-Mary Lou (Katzmann) Goodman-Deanna (Wheatley) Peterson-Mary Lou (Weisbrod) Nicholson

Thank You! Your donations helped us to buy some very nice momentos to the Reunion attendee. Plus the gifts we drew for.

In Memoriam to our Deceased Classmates

Harold Cahow - Paul (Fritz) Gould

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FALL DINNER GET-TOGETHER

Monday Night - October 9th at 6:30 pm at Pagliai's Pizza - 5312 Merle Hay Rd.

Call committee- Janeene will need your estimated number by Wed. Oct. 4th so we can notify Pagliai's.

TOM LETTINGTONS WEBSITE:

See these NewsLink Graphics and other pictures in Color on the Tom's EHS Class of "56" web site.

www.ehs56.org

I ran out of room, will have more on the reunion and the reactions to it in the December NewsLink. On the next page is the group photograph taken at the Saturday night dinner at the Hyperion Club.



EAST HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1956 50TH REUNION

Back Row L-R: Mary Lou (Weisbrod) Nicholson-Jerry Ott-George Clark-John Moody-Don Stevens-Charles Allen-Robert Trotter-Ronald Olson-Jolane (Weckersheim) Kirby-Ronald Gray-Rod Campbell-Robert Baldwin-Jerry Smith-Donald Patton-Tom Lettington-Tom Pierick-Ken Viggers-Larry Soloman-Tom Abbott-Steve Larson-Bill Foster-Jerry Brown-Dick Hamilton-Larry Watkins-Don Dugan-John Sullivan-Sherry (Lair) Northcutt-Larry Fogelson-Paul Goetz-Max Miller-Larry Gilliland-Dennis Parker-Carol (Graney) DeChant-Tom Fjelde-Donna (Turner) Beal-Dennis Ross-Harold Olsen-Don Sullivan-Ed McCartney-Dan Strosnider-Lyle Simpson-Don Monson-Annette (Anderson) Audas-Larry Anderson-Donna (Mumford) Eide-Jerry Hall-Marlene (Roberts) Wheeler-Richard Smith-John Hill-Suzanne (Samo) Newton-Bing (Kinney) Miller

Middle Row L-R: Diane (Ballenger) Ott-Janice (Crain) Stueckrath-Deanna (Wheatly) Peterson-Barbra (Evans) Priest-Marion (Adams) Cotter-Pat (Rounds) Hockersmith-Yvonne (Miller) Nauman -Delores (Carson) Guyer-La Vae (Konz) Wilson-Sharel (Tuers) Spendlove-Ruth (Cook) Haag-Kay (Edwards) Alcantar-Donna (Aspengren) Yeager-Sandra Parsons-Sharon (Whitehead) Stilwell-Janeene (Miller) Carlisle-Janet (Griffiths) Harmon-John Beal-Doris (Glidewell) Sanborn-Kathleen (Graney) Finkenauer-Barbara (Lowe) Penn-Nancy (Miller) Quillen

Front Row L-R: Janet (Bales) Douglas-Donna (Nichols) Wilson-Cynthia (Moore) Huntley-Mary (Crum) Moses-Shirley (Grant) Robinette-Joyce (Baker) Doyle-Loretta (Woods) Ware-Karin (Karlson) Blankenhagen-Sally (Peterson) Goeser-Lois (Bengtson) Thompson-Jo Ann (Brady) Wilson-Janice Webber-Sonja (Bingaman) Kester- Linda (White) Towers-Norma Jean Allstedt-Sharon (Burriss) Howze-Nancy (Lund) Belluchi- Mevelyn (Wooderson) Richardson-Norma (Treanor) Burke-Doris (Steffenson) Harrington-Nancy Bishop-Mary Lou (Katzmann) Goodman-Marilyn (Day) Schoonover-Barbara (Belluchi) Wertz-Donna (Mattis) Wright-Beverly (Stovall) Wallace-Alfreda (Moore) Emery-Sandra (Selover) Bramel

My thanks to **Janeene (Miller) Carlisle** who sent me the identifications for this class picture. You have better eyes than I do.