



East High "Class of '56"



ANOTHER GREAT TURNOUT

We had a whopping 43 attendees at our April 12th dinner at **Hilltop**. Some faces we had not seen for a while, some steady familiar faces, and regrettably, some past steadies who for what ever reasons was unable to make it this time. If we could just get them all together at the same time, WOW what a turnout that would be.

We started at 6:30 and finished up at about 8:30. There was a whole lot of jabbering going on in between. What a wonderful night.

Those in attendance were: Kay (Edwards) & Chico Alcantar – Jerry & Diane (Ballinger) Ott – Janet (Bales) & Glenn Douglas – Doyle & Sharon Ables – Larry & Margaret Fogelson – JoAnn (Brady) Wilson & Ray Myers – Marlene (Roberts) & Dale Wheeler – Larry & Jackie Soloman – LaVae (Konz) Willson – Yvonne (Miller) & Sonny Nauman – Jerry & Becky Smith – Ruth (Cook) & Jerry Haag – Carl Little – Jerry & Carol Hall – Mary (Crum) & Don Moses – Don Spaw – Bill Foster & Shirley Selover – Bob Mentzer – Bud Robinette – Janeene (Miller) & Larry Carlisle – Larry & Karen Watkins – Bob & Connie Trotter – Larry Hockersmith – Janice Webber – John & Florita Sullivan

I would like to give a **Special Thanks** to our call committee. Without their help, our dinner get – together would be a big bust. The call committee is headed up by **Janeene (Miller) Carlisle**. She is in charge of notifying the committee to do their calls, then report back to her. She in turn calls me with a projected number of potential attendees.

The call committee consists of:

Ladies call committee – calls Ladies grads only

LaVae (Konz) Willson calls A – F (267-9794)
Linda (White) Towers calls G – O (964-2046)
Ruth (Cook) Hagg calls P – Z (262-7859)

Mens call committee – calls Men grads only

Don Spaw – calls A – L (262-5309)
Jerry Smith – calls L – Z (289-0211)

This segregation of male and females was prompted by some rather unflattering responses by a select few males in response to a female caller. Nuff said!

If you have not been being called. Call your proper caller and tell them you want on the call list. Our next dinner get-together will once again be at:

When: **Monday
September 24th, 2012**

Where: **Hilltop Pizza & Restaurant
2820 Hubbell Ave**

At: **6:30 PM**

Lets make this the biggest get – together yet!!!

Following Pictures courtesy of Janeene Carlisle!



Doyle & Sharon Ables at April dinner



Diane (Ballinger) & Jerry Ott



Carol & Jerry Hall - Bob Mentzer



Larry & Karen Watkins



Jerry & Ruth (Cook) Haag - Carl Little



Bob & Connie Trotter



**Kay (Edwards) Alcantar –
Becky & Jerry Smith**



Janet (Bales) & Glenn Douglas



Shirley Selover & Bill Foster



Don Spaw



Don & Mary (Crum) Moses



LaVae (Konz) & Larry Willson



**Pat (Jones) & Roy Mondike 40th
Wedding Anniversary**

Pat says they met in an “up” moving elevator and were married 3 weeks later in Oak Brook, IL. Roy was Assistant Attorney General of Illinois. Pat was a TV fashion model. They moved to San Diego, CA, flew their Cherokee Six airplane and sailed the ocean blue.

After retirement they continued their wanderlust lifestyle and traveled the western states in their motor coach settling around Sutherlin, Oregon.

DIGGING FOR GOLD?



Almost! Workmen are removing EHS cornerstone that had covered a 1911 time capsule. The copper box contained an East High cloth pennant; an American flag with 46 stars; a student’s tardy slip and an admittance slip; the debate club’s bylaws; copies of several of the Des Moines Newspapers of the day. It also had some audio recordings made on a phonograph of students singing the school song. The recordings were saved on round cylinders of wax that had melted. A new time capsule will be buried this fall. Principal Steve Johns said they are taking suggestions about what to put into it.

Principal Johns then recounted how then Principal May Goodrell led 700 students on a march from the Original East High building at E. 12th and Court Avenue to the new location at 815-E. 13th for the Dedication. The students carried chairs, desks and other furniture from the old building to the new building which cost \$400,000 to build.

Gov. Terry Branstad who attended the time capsule opening talked a little of what life was like in Des Moines in 1912.

At that time a four room bungalow cost \$1,050 with a \$15 down payment. The city grew from 86,000 in 1910 to 105,000 in 1915. Builders were reminded to construct homes with wiring for telephones and electrical service. At the last census taken in 2010 Des Moines had grown to 210,000.

LEE TOWNSHIP LIGHTS UP THE WORLD



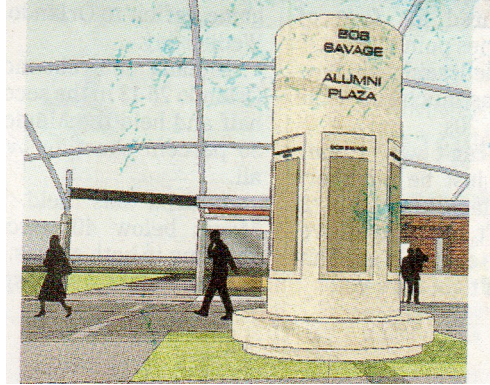
A refurbished red EAST sign is in place on the south side of the building thanks to a very generous gift from the EHS Class of 1949. The sign had been removed in the late 1990's. The sign has been rebuilt with new LED lighting, wiring, steel support and backing system. It was lit for the first time on 4/26/12 as a beacon to all passerby's on the Des Moines freeway.

PICTURES FROM 10TH REUNION?

Janeene (Miller) Carlisle wants to know if anyone has any pictures from the 10th Reunion which was held at the Savory Hotel. If you do please contact her: 718 W. Washington Ave – Polk City, IA 50226. (515) 984-6030

SCHOOL UPGRADING SPORTS FACILITIES

Many CIML (Central Iowa Metro League) schools are finding money to upgrade their sports facilities. Many have built new weight rooms with equipment, installed artificial turf, new gymnasiums, improvements for track, soccer, softball, scoreboards and baseball facilities. Many of these improvements are paid through alliances with sharing the facilities, private donations, and corporate donations. East High and Grand View University work together.



This is an architect's rendering of the Bob Savage Alumni Plaza at East High School's Williams Stadium. East has raised the \$650,000 for the Plaza as an entryway to the school's outdoor complex that hosts football, soccer, track, baseball and softball. The plaza will include concession stands, ticket booths and storage facilities.

TREADWAY ENJOYING RETIREMENT

Larry, I appreciate the work that you and others do keeping our class linked 55 years after graduation from East High, especially the East High "Class of 56" NewsLink. I have sent a contribution to Robert Trotter for the newsletter.

Since retiring from teaching at Illinois State University eight years ago, I have stayed active in many local community interests, and with travels to see my children and grandchildren in Seattle, WA and Washington, DC.

Many Thanks!

Roy Treadway (now lets hear from Ray)

Dear Larry

It has been a few years but I still remember almost all of you when, frankly, you did look a little better! Having said that, I am quick to add that most of the pictures (dec newslink) were probably taken with something less than an expensive Chinese camera.

My wife and I came to Spain in 1971, to Seville. We came for two years from the University of Virginia. We had intended to return, but my work with the CIEE was far more fun than teaching graduate students at Seville. That was 41 years ago and here we are, still.

I have been teaching Spanish linguistics at the University of Seville with consular work with the

Department of State. After 25 years of that, I retired and I am having a great time saying what I think, so be careful what you ask me, because I think that “political correctness sucks”.

We spend our time in Seville and Marbella, on the southern coast. Our children live in Vermont and Madrid, so you know where we travel. We have six grandsons. The eldest attends Montana State University.

Well, to get to the point, I fully enjoy the NewsLink. Thanks to all of you for your work of love and pride for our proud, common links to a past that lives on in each of us. My e-mail is open to all, if contacted, I will answer. The best to all.

Jerry Johnson
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(Jerry, why don't you send us a current picture of you for comparison)



Kay (Edwards) Alcantar & Mary (Kelley) Peachy are cuddling up to Elvis at the 55th Reunion (I think they are hoping for a big smooch)

ANOTHER PHOTO FROM THE 55TH



**Bob Trotter – Denny Ross – JoAnn (O'Boyle)
Shelley – Ken Viggers
Jerry & Carol Hall**

“CLASS OF 56” WALL HANGING QUILT



This quilted wall hanging was done by Diane (Ballinger) Ott and given to me in appreciation for my involvement in doing the NewsLink, dinner get-togethers and Reunions. It was made out of 1” squares sewn together. It is absolutely beautiful. I will treasure it always. I had it displayed at our 55th Reunion both nights. I will bring it to our semi-annual dinner get-togethers from now on to display.

You must go to Tom Lettingtons website to see this as well as the rest of the NewsLink in living color, it is truly magnificent.

www.ehs56.org

IN LOVING

MEMORIAM

Dennis Ross 12/16/11

ROSS EULOGIZED ON SEVERAL FRONTS

Denny spent a number of years driving an Ankeny School Bus hauling high school sports teams to athletic events as well as a number of special-needs children that he picked up on a daily basis.

Ankeny superintendent said “Ross was a fixture in our school community, and words can’t express the feelings we have at his sudden loss.”

Marc Hansen, a Des Moines Register sports columnist called Ross “a hidden gem in the Ankeny Community”.

Several parents of some of the Special Needs Children that Denny transported conveyed how the children were devastated at Denny’s passing. They expressed their gratitude and love for Denny.

His former classmates will miss him too. He will answer to a higher roll call now.

Mary Kay (Peacock) Sampson sent in a donation for the NewsLink in memory of “Denny’s ever smiling face.” WOW! How great it is to be remembered by a statement like that.

DONATIONS TOWARD NEWSLINK

Donations are the lifeblood of keeping the NewsLink coming on a semi-annual basis. Without your donations this would not be possible.

The latest contributors:

Thomas Fjelde - Pat (Jones) Mondike - Romona (Hitchcock) Moore - Mary (Crum) Moses - Mary (Peacock) Sampson - Larry Solomon - Roy Treadway

PLEASE MAKE ALL DONATION CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE ORDER OF:

East High School “Class of 1956”

and mail to:

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I would like to take this opportunity once again to thank my wife **Margaret** for all her help and support so I can continue to keep this communication going with the “Class of 56”. Thank you my love.

Also for the past several NewsLinks that were done and mailed in Des Moines; **Bud Robinette** has came over and helped the wife and I to stuff, seal, label, and stamp the envelopes. We both want to thank you Bud. We consider you to be a good friend.