



East High "Class of 56" NewsLink June, 2004



SPRING DINNER GET-TOGETHER

We had a good turnout for our semi-annual dinner get-together at Okobogi Grill in Pleasant Hill on April 26, 2004. As always, it is a informal get-together with lots of conversation and mingling.



Phil & Barbara (Lowe) Penn-Lyle & Judi Norman-Pat (Rounds) & Larry Hockersmith



Ruth (Cook) Haag- Nancy (Lund) Belluchi-LaVae (Konz Benshoof) Willson-Yvonne (Miller) Nauman



Don & Mary (Crum) Moses - Janeene (Miller) & Larry Carlisle - Linda (White) & Tom Towers



Margaret Fogelson-Norma (Treanor) & Bill Burke- Arlene & Don Spaw-Shirley (Grant) Robinette

Others in attendance were: Doyle & Sharon Ables-Dale & Marlene (Roberts) Wheeler-Elizabeth (Schoonover) Emanuel-Larry & Jackie Solomon-Jerry O. Smith-Bud Robinette-Larry Fogelson-Lyle & Janet Simpson-Harold & Carole Olsen.

For the benefit of the locals who have not attended one of these dinner get-togethers; we do this twice a year. It is informal, lots of conversation and mingling, you order off the menu, and pay your own check with gratuity added in. Please feel free to join us at the next dinner get-together at:

Pagliai's Pizza 5312-Merle Hay Road (1/2 mile north of I-235 on the west side of the street)

Monday Sept 20th at 6:30 pm.

The call committee will call you about a week to 10 days ahead of time so we can get a head count to notify the restaurant. **TRY IT, YOU MIGHT LIKE IT.**

QUILL HAS MOVED TO THE FAST LANE

The 2004 East High yearbook is the product of months of work in adviser Ed Kelly's class.

This is not your mother's annual. The modern version is crammed with hundreds of candid and active photos. Created on computers, students can pour all their graphic, writing and artistic skills into making the book reflect the style and attitude of their class.

The East staff has the task of keeping the school's traditional red and black cover. This year they went with the image of a speeding red race car on a black background.

"Our theme was "Life in the Fast Lane", to make East seem like we're surpassing the other schools", said design editor and senior Barbie Morris, who carried the theme inside the book with checkered flag details.



Some pages seem clipped from magazines, with lots of photos and articles about summer vacations, clothing trends, and school events. It's a long stretch from the yearbooks of yore with their pasted together photo collages.

A full color yearbook would be the state trophy of books, a holy grail to be pursued. East's staff delight in the color pages they have and long for more.

Yearbooks are a big business. Yearbook students sell about \$20,000 in ads. Production costs total about \$35,000 to print 1,150 yearbooks.

The high cost is partly because yearbooks have grown. East's yearbook has more than 330 pages.

This much has not changed: The most memorable stuff in yearbooks is often added after the staff work is done, when the students get out their pens and scrawl messages across any blank space.

(This information was not the result of the tireless effort and legwork expended by your editor to seek out and report the truth, irregardless of the consequences, but, was in fact taken from a recent Des Moines Register Newspaper article.)

SCOOBY DOO DIVING DAN

In August of 2003 I traveled to an island 200 miles off the coast of Brazil, two degrees south of the equator. I went there to Scuba Dive.

The island is a national park, and has limits on the number of people who can be on the island at any one time, exclusive of full time residents. There is a per day charge to be on the island and the charge goes up each day you stay, for a maximum of 10 days.

The island itself is one of the most beautiful places I have ever been. The local residents depend on visitors for their living. It is the cleanest place I have seen, no trash on the road, no bottles, nothing.

The island has many remote beaches, accessible only on foot after a long hike, and climb down, then back again, however, it was worth it. Beautiful isolated beaches all to yourself.

The scuba diving was great, including a dive with a resident pod of wild spinner dolphins. It is prohibited by law to dive with the dolphins, however, if you are diving and they come to you, the rules are suspended. The sight and SOUND of 600 spinner dolphin around you in the water is something you will never forget.

I also spent a few days in Rio, and those are also days that I never will forget.

Dan Strosnider

(Dan sent me this in response to my request for you to share some of your experiences for the classmates to read about. Thank You Dan. It sounds like a paradise.)

GOLFING RUNS IN THE FAMILY

Received the NewsLink, and we enjoy reading it. It would be fun to be in Des Moines for one of the East High get togethers.

Our youngest daughter Laurie is engaged to a nice young man who works at a golf course, and hopes to have his "players card" in a few months. Our oldest son is executive VP of Washington Golf in DC Area. The only one who rarely plays any more is Larry, and when he is not working, he is usually at the Inlet fishing. We are enjoying Florida and our grandchildren.

Karin & Larry Ramsey

(Karin is my wife's cousin. She is married to Larry Ramsey who courted Professional Golf for some years. You would think that with so many ties to good golf in the family, someone could help me with my game.)

CHRISTMAS IN ARIZONA

My husband and I spent Xmas and New Years in Sierra Vista, Az. With our classmate, **Sandra (Selover) Bramel**. Sandra has been my good friend since 4th grade at Webster Elementary. Her mom passed away in early December, so we thought it might make her Christmas a little more merry if we loaded up our sleigh and went for a visit.

We had a great time, we also took a side trip to Phoenix to visit two of my sister, (also EHS grads), and wound up doing a rousing rendition of the school song.

Thanks for all the work you do with the NewsLink, and **Tom Lettington** with the Web site. I enjoy reading about everyone and what they are doing.

I kept in touch with **Bob Duvall** for a while after he moved down here, but have lost touch with him. He was living just down the road from me the last I knew, and we kept trying to make plans to get together for coffee, but didn't get it done.

Nancy Rai (Miller) Quillen

WINTER VISIT TO FLORIDA

Just wanted to let everyone know that Bill & I had lunch with **Sharon (Burriss) Howze**, and her husband Tom this past winter in Florida.

Sharon has had some eye surgery, and she said she was doing fine. Sure hope she continues to do so.

We had a very nice time and enjoyed their company a lot. Sure hope to see them at the 50th reunion in 2006.

Norma (Treanor) Burke

50TH REUNION IN 2006

Yes, there will be a 50th reunion in 2006. In informal talks with a couple of committee members, it sounds like we might be shooting for May of 2006. So start planning now. The committee will probably start getting together within the next couple of months to formulate ideas, and then start the planning phase.

Let's make the turnout for this one a real door buster. After all, we only pass this way but once.

PLEASE HONEY, CAN I ? PLEEEEEEASE



Lyle Simpson appears to be in "Hawg Heaven" pointing out the benefits of one of the new Harley Davidson's to wife **Jan**.

They were photographed at the recent opening of a new facility for Zook's Harley Davidson Dealership on 2nd Ave. and I-35/80.

It almost looks like Lyle is trying to convince Jan that there is plenty of room for two on that seat. Or, maybe it is Jan that is interested, and Lyle is complaining about the seating arrangements. In any case, I think you would both look good on that bike riding up to Sturgis, S.D. for the next annual rally.

APPRECIATE NEWSLINK & WEBSITE

I really look forward to reading about my fellow "Alums". East High Alumni are so fortunate to have such a dedicated group who are willing to devote time to the Newsletter and the maintenance of our web-site.

Thanks to all of you
Nancy (Harris) Robinson

Enjoyed the December issue of the NewsLink.
Nan Bishop

I enjoy receiving the NewsLink, and the Website is great. I appreciate everyones work on it.
Marlene (Roberts) Wheeler

Thanks to all of you who put in the time and work on the NewsLink and the Web-site.

Sarah (Nass) Struthers

Thanks so much for all the work put into the NewsLink and the Web-site. So much work put into it by so few.

I also ran around with some of my friends from the June of "55" class. Does anyone know if they have anything like the class of "56" does?

Mary Kay (Peacock) Sampson

GOOSEBERRY FALLS, MN.



Tom & Roberta (Elin) Abbott helped **Larry & Margaret Fogelson** celebrate their 46th wedding anniversary last fall by accompanying them on a trip up to Minnesota.

Larry & Margaret relived a trip that they had taken several times in years past in celebration of their anniversary.

We left Des Moines and drove to Duluth, MN. and spent the night. The next day we drove up the coast of Lake Superior to Grand Marais to have lunch. Then drove back to Duluth for the night. The following morning we drove down to Minneapolis for the night, and dinner at Murray's Steak House.

The fall foliage on the Lake Superior drive can be absolutely beautiful, plus we stopped at a lighthouse, as well as the above falls along the way.

It was an enjoyable time with close and long time friends.

SEVERAL LOST CLASSMATES FOUND

We have found several of our classmates thanks to the efforts of some of you, they are now back on the mailing list.

In particular I would like to thank the efforts of **Dick Smith** who found **Bill Orris** for us. The ironic part is that Bill was just down the street a few addresses away from where his mailings was coming back to us as "Undeliverable". Glad we found ya Bill. I assume that I inadvertently reentered your address wrong after the hard drive in my computer took a dump.

Norma (Allison) Moslander is now living in Richmond, IN. She and her husband **Ross** are serving as Pastor's, (a 40 year occupation). They have 5 children living in various parts of the country, and are doing well.

Also received an email from **Jolane (Wichersheim) Kirby**, saying she was Lost No Longer. Glad to have you back on board.

We gained a few, but unfortunately we lost a couple more. The following classmates last mailings came back as "Undeliverable" No forwarding address:

Harold Cahow-3630 Galloway Ct. Apt 2707
Rochester Hill, MI 48309

Georgia (Vergas) Larson –
2801 Brook Ridge Court S.
Waukesha, II 53188

This is going to become more and more of a problem as retirement become more prevalent as we move to be near the Kids , and or Grandkids, or less yard maintenance, etc. Please continue your good efforts to help us keep our list up to date.

This will be the same list we use for the mailings about the upcoming 50th reunion.

WEB SITE EMAIL ADDRESSES

The above holds true for email addresses also. Many of you are changing email addresses for a variety of reasons, and you are not notifying **Tom Lettington** of your new email address.

If you want to continue to be eligible to receive email postings from your class mates, and about upcoming activities, including announcements

about the upcoming 50th Reunion, you will need to keep Tom notified of your current email address. Those who have not registered your email addresses can do so one of two ways.

1. Go to the web site at ehs56@ehs56.org and follow the instructions.
2. Send a direct email to Tom at tom@tfl.net and I am sure Tom will be happy to help you.

RULES: No spam, no jokes, etc. It must be a informative message affecting your classmates.

Thanks again Tom!

IN MEMORIAM

Thomas Mason 4-11-04

Tom was employed as a stationary engineer before retiring in 2000. Tom is survived by his wife and three daughters.

ARTICLES AND ADDRESS CHANGES

Please people, send me your address changes so I can keep our list up to date and mail you the NewsLink, as well as up coming information on the 50th class reunion.

Larry Fogelson
3121 Twana Dr.
Des Moines, IA 50310
Ph# (515) 279-0013
chieffog@mchsi.com

Thanks to **Dan Strosnider** for responding to my plea for articles of a personal nature to share with our classmates. Lets have many more. **Please!** The NewsLink would become very boring without articles of a personal nature to share.

NEWSLINK DONATIONS

Thank you for the donations to keep the NewsLink going for all our "56" classmates.

Nancy Bishop-Norma (Teanor) Burke-Carol (Graney) DeChant-Ruth (Cook) Haag-Nancy (Harris) Robinson-Mary Kay (Peacock) Sampson-Sarah (Nass) Struthers-Marlene(Roberts) Wheeler

Mail donations to:

Shirley (Grant) Robinette
812 E. 22nd Ct.
Des Moines, IA 50317

CURRENT LIST OF THE LOST

Sharon (Crawford) Allsteadt	Gene Lewis
Charles Baker	Frances (Tulley) Malloy
Lola Baker	Ralph Marshall
Karen (Anderson) Barton	Sandra (Parsons) Mathys
Edward James Brown Jr.	Bill McGriff
Shirley Brown	Barbara (Byerly) Monahan
George Butler	Jeanne (Clark) Moore
Harold Cahow	Nancy Morrow
Sandra Carter	John Nelson
Carl Christiansen	Donald Patton
DeWayne F. Clark	Gail (Black) Polson
Helen Cooper	Charles Price
William Downey	Jeanne (Sacco) Randleman
Donald J. Dugan	Wilma Richards
William E. Fleming	Margaret (Chapman) Roe
Robert L. Freeborn	Lucille (Belzer) Ryan
Robert L. Graham	Jack Slattery
John Hall	Betty Smith
Jean K. Hamilton	Max K. Smith
Edward L. Harvey	Opal Tomlinson
Patricia (Martin) Hughes	Ruth Jeanine Turner
Marilyn Jackson	Lynn Van Sickle
James Jessor	Anita Ward
Joanne (Bosshardt) Jergens	Tom F. White
Jim Jordan	Frances (Knotts) Wright
Barbara (Batty) Kimley	Janet Wright
Georgia (Vergas) Larson	
Gary Lewis	

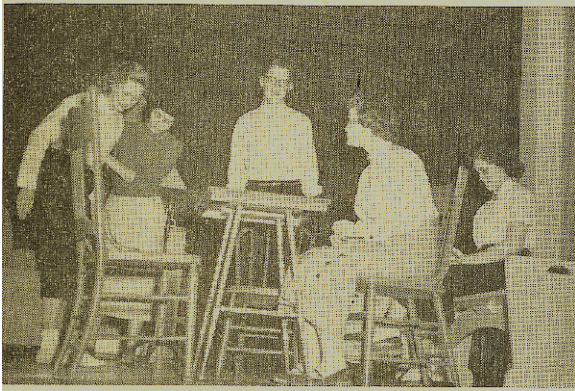
EAST HIGH SCROLLS FROM THE PAST

Lyle Simpson sent me approximately 50 Scroll's from 1953 – 1954 – 1955. Many were in rather fragile condition, many are duplicates, the graphics are faded in many cases.

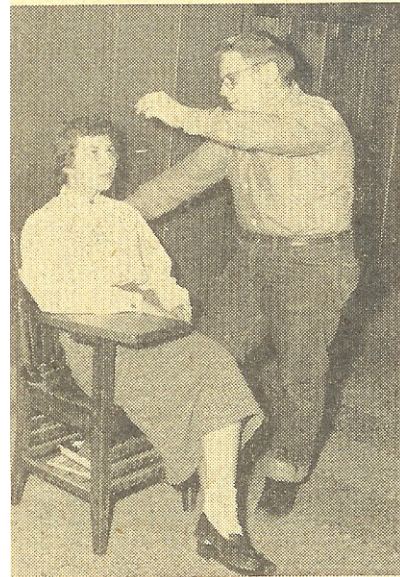
Lyle asked if these past Scrolls could serve any purpose. I told him I would like to try and use some of the material in some future NewsLinks, and also see if **Tom Lettington** could scan any of them for the Web site.

Lyle made one request, that after we were finished with them, he would like to see them donated to East High.

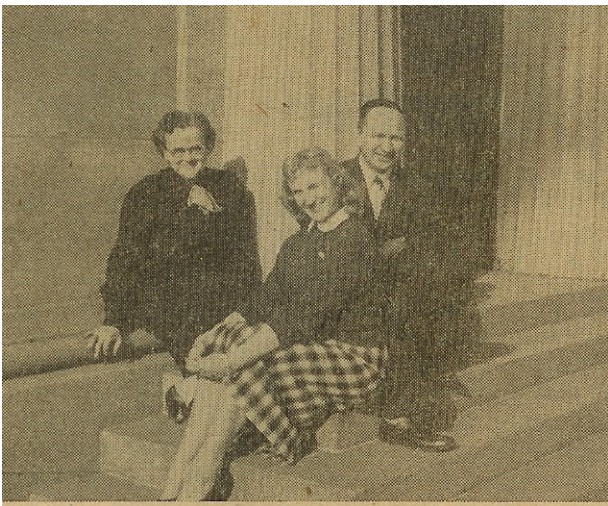
We will be happy to do so Lyle, and I am sure East will be happy to get them. Thank you for sharing.



Kay Clemens, Joan Goldfarb, Bob Bason, Helen Aitken and Rebecca Miller in rehearsal for the School Play "Tish" in March of 1955.



Gary Blair practices his powers of hypnosis on Helen Zaver.



East High's contribution to the state Legion Oratorical contest was Laima Aulis, pictured with her coaches Mr. Schakel and Miss Whitford.



Senior Basketball team: Dick Jessen, Dick Sisam, John Cisna, Ron Maigaard, Jack Hartung. They played together since Warren Harding Junior High.

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HIGH SCHOOL SHOP, FOURTH FLOOR

I love these old adds with the prices in them