



# RAILSPLITTER

## review

Spring 2011

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER: **BETH BAKER ALBRIGHT** '83



This is my final newsletter message as your Alumni President. It's been a quick two years but we've accomplished a lot. Our biggest accomplishments this past year have been the Homecoming Parade (held every 4 years) and the revisions to our association bylaws. Both showcased the terrific volunteers we have and how we can come together to accomplish great things!

Now comes the part where I rally the troops! Our core group is organized into committees that meet as needed and then report their activities at our monthly board meetings.

If you have a little time or a lot of time to give, we have a spot for you! We currently have one open position on the Board, and there's always room for volunteers on our committees. Current committees include Fundraising, Nominating, Annual Celebration/Meeting, Newsletter/Web site, and Scholarship. If you live in town, we'd love to have you join us in person. If you live out of town and want to help we can work you in too! If you know of fundraising ideas that have been successful in your community, please share. If you have a talent for journalism, graphics, or would be willing to be a representative from your class year, we welcome your participation. With technology, we all become local volunteers.

As my term winds down, I will begin work on the next ALHS All School Alumni Directory. This is a long process that entails contacting each class year for classmate information and updating our database. While it's fun connecting with Lincoln grads of all ages, there's always room for more helping hands. Whether you are ready to dive in or just test the water, contact us and we'll find a place for you! [ALHSAlumniDM@aol.com](mailto:ALHSAlumniDM@aol.com) or (515) 289-0957.

Finally, I want to congratulate our 2011 inductees into the ALHS Alumni Hall of Fame: **Becky (Clinton) Dewey** ('83),

**Raymond "Skip" Phillips, Jr.** ('68), **Lewis De Marco** ('40), **Col. Kelly Kirts** ('82), **Kathryn Kate Aspengren** ('70), **Kenneth Sufka** ('85).

The induction ceremony will take place during our Annual Dinner Celebration on May 5, 2011 in the Lincoln Student Commons. All Alumni are welcome and encouraged to attend the Celebration. A registration form for the event is located on page 9 of this newsletter. Hope to see you there!

*Beth*

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**[www.alhsalumni.com](http://www.alhsalumni.com)**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Senior Celebration After Prom Party:** April 16, 2011, Public Walk-Through 7-9 PM
- **Spring Musical (at the ALHS Auditorium):** April 28 – 30, 2011 at 7 PM. This year's production is "Thoroughly Modern Millie."
- **36th Annual Meeting of the ALHS Alumni Association & Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony (at the ALHS Student Commons):** May 5, 2011 at 5:30 PM
- **Show Choir Spring Performance (at the ALHS Auditorium):** May 12 & 13, 2011 at 7 PM
- **Vocal Music Performance (at the ALHS Auditorium):** May 17, 2011 at 7 PM
- **Class Night (at the Bowen Round House):** May 23, 2011 at 7 PM
- **Commencement (at Hy-Vee Hall):** May 25, 2011, 7 PM – 10 PM
- **Last Day of School:** June 6, 2011
- **19th Annual Bob VanderLinden Golf Outing (at Echo Valley):** June 6, 2011. Contact Phil Chia at (515) 242-7525, for details.

*The Alumni Association meets monthly on the second Monday of every month at 6:30 PM in the South Side Senior Center. Check our Web site for updated meeting dates, times or locations. Join us!*

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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

*Joan Roberts*



Dear Alumni and Friends,

As we prepare for the spring and senior activities, I am surprised at how quickly this school year has gone. In the short time I have had the privilege of working with the fine students, staff, and community of Lincoln, I have learned a little about what makes this school so special.

Lincoln is not simply a school that happens to be located on the Southside; it is an integral part of the neighborhood that surrounds it. Its rich history and traditions are connected to those of the families who send their sons and daughters to follow in the footsteps of friends and families who came before them. The personal, strong connections between Lincoln and Southside families have been forged over time and generations. The strength and resilience of Lincoln relies on the support and involvement of the parents and community.

The mission of Lincoln is to prepare our youth to lead successful, productive lives after graduation. We are working hard to accomplish our goals. The Class of 2010

had a graduation rate of 81.6%, up from 72.45% for the previous year. This fall, we have seen some encouraging signs of increased achievement with improved daily attendance in all grades, and a good increase in the number of students earning credit for coursework. The faculty has been carefully studying data and developing strategies as we continue to push for excellence in ourselves, our services, and the performance of our students.

This is an exhilarating year for me. I am fortunate to work side by side with the wonderful and dedicated teachers and staff and to experience first-hand the enthusiastic and loyal support of a loving community. Thank you. ■

Sincerely,

*Dr. Joan Roberts*

Dr. Joan Roberts  
Principal

## 2010 SENIOR CELEBRATION

*AFTER PROM PARTY APRIL 16, 2011*

The Senior Celebration After Prom Party, in its 21st year, takes place annually following the Senior Prom each spring. It is an all night, alcohol and drug-free party for Lincoln High seniors and their guests. The celebration takes much planning and preparation, but it is an extremely rewarding volunteer experience for all who participate.

Volunteers are needed to help turn the school into a magical party venue based on a secret theme. Construction and decorating, fundraising, prizes, and

working the event are just a few ways to get involved.

If you'd like to help with this year's Senior Celebration in any way or have questions, contact **James Hamm** (515) 554-2121, **Larry Hoffman** (515) 240-3287, **Steve Lewellen** (515) 240-6807, or **Mary Lafferty** (515) 480-0265.

Please accept our invitation to take a tour of the After Prom event at the school during the public walk-through on **April 16, 2011, from 7:00-9:00 PM.** ■



## **BUILD LINCOLN HIGHER CLUB, INC.**

### **PRESIDENT: LAURA LINN**

Thank you Lincoln alumni, fans, parents, students, and supporters for making our January Pancake Breakfast fundraiser such a success! Through your continued support of our annual fundraisers, the concessions at Hutchens Stadium and the Bowen Roundhouse, and the RailShop, BLH will be able to give approximately \$30,000 back to the Lincoln community through grants and scholarships this fiscal year.

A special thanks to Anderson Erickson Dairy, Hy-Vee, McDonalds, Brewer Meats and Farner Bocken for their generous supply donations and discounts for our annual Pancake Breakfast. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful group of corporate sponsors and volunteers who graciously give their time for our Lincoln community. Without you all, events like this would not be possible.

BLH is supporting the Lincoln Student Council launch a new project this year called **Lincoln Looks Good**, which is an organization that collects and distributes clothing for special occasions like Homecoming, Winter Formal, and Senior Prom

Our mission is to provide all students with access to appropriate attire for formals and Senior Prom. Dances are special moments that students will cherish for the rest of their lives. Many people wear their dance attire once and then let it collect dust in their closets. By donating your gently used formal clothing you will help others have the time of his or her lives. Student Council representatives will be collecting donations at upcoming school events. Appropriate donations include formal dresses, shoes and costume jewelry for girls, and suits, dress slacks, dress shirts and ties for guys. Please do not donate anything that is torn or stained. For more information, contact Cynthia.sayles@dmps.k12.ia.us

**The ALHS 21st annual After-Prom Party will be from 10 PM Saturday, April 16, 2011 until 5:30 AM Sunday April 17, 2011.** We would like to remind all parents to submit their \$40 donation for the 21st Annual After Prom Party as soon as possible. All donations received prior to March 1, 2011, were entered in the drawing for the "ULTIMATE PROM PACKAGE" (which includes flowers, pictures, tux rental, dinner for two, tickets to the prom, and a hair and nail package) were awarded to one very lucky ALHS Senior on March 23, 2011. You may make your donation at the ALHS Main Office in person or by mail. We welcome all Seniors to the 2011 Senior Celebration After Prom Party regardless of your financial donations.

Thanks again to our corporate sponsors; Jeff Fazio, Concessions Manager; the BLH Executive Committee and the many volunteers who graciously give their time and hard work. It's your dedication to our Lincoln community that makes BLH successful. For more information about BLH, visit our website at [www.blh4rails.com](http://www.blh4rails.com)









## ASSOCIATION & FOUNDATION NEWS

### OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

#### OFFICERS

President – Beth (Baker) Albright (1983)  
Vice President – Gloria Gray (1966)  
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Treasurer – Alan Kincheloe (1980)  
Secretary – Suzanne Guess (1981) & Amy (Whisler) Hutchens (1983)

#### DIRECTORS

Bill Backstrom (1948), Mary (Moore) Backstrom (1950), Pam (Phillips) Brennan (1966), Kris (Bird) Cooper (1988), Everett Chandler (1927/1995), Coralie (Hull) Cherry (1947), Becky (Clinton) Dewey (1983), Dee (Baker) Duff (1950), Al Graziano (1960), Pete Hale (1966), Mamie (Corcoran) Morlan (1943), Lisa (Whitmarsh) Peterson (1975), Ray “Skip” Phillips (1968), Dolores “Mic” (Mickesh) Smith (1948), John Thielke (1980), George “Skip” Timmons (1953), Anna (Ruperto) Williams (1963), Ralph Wilson (1948)

### JOIN THE ALHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION!

Our annual membership dues are \$10. Lifetime membership dues are available to those alumni who are age 65 or older for \$75. As a member of the Alumni Association, you receive both the Fall and Spring editions of the *Railsplitter Review*.

Join us online at [www.alhsalumni.com](http://www.alhsalumni.com), or send us your name, class year, and a check, made payable to ALHS Alumni Association, to the following address:

ALHS Alumni Association, c/o Lincoln High School  
2600 SW 9th Street  
Des Moines, IA 50315.

### FINANCIAL REPORTS

(As of January 31, 2011)

#### ALHS Alumni Association

Checking and investment accounts

**\$35,772**

*Your annual dues go to the Association.*

#### ALHS Alumni Foundation

Checking and investment accounts

**\$552,515**

*\* Only the interest earned from the Foundation investments is used for scholarships. The endowment of the Foundation is not used.*

### Commemorative Bricks and Driveway Emblems

In 1999 Abraham Lincoln High School celebrated its 75th anniversary and the ALHS Alumni Association began selling commemorative bricks to mark the occasion. We continue to offer these bricks at a cost of \$75. The bricks are installed in front of the school, and are a wonderful way to remember a loved one, or honor a recent graduate or family of graduates.

Also available for \$20 is an ALHS emblem painted in maroon or gold on your driveway. This is a great way to show your Lincoln spirit! All proceeds go to the ALHS Alumni Association.

If you are interested in purchasing a brick or having the ALHS emblem painted on your driveway, order forms are available on our

Web site: [www.alhsalumni.com](http://www.alhsalumni.com). ■

# 2011 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

On Friday, January 28th, five accomplished former ALHS student athletes were inducted into the Lincoln Athletic Hall of Fame. The celebration began with a banquet at 5:00 PM at Lincoln, followed by the induction ceremony. Later that evening, the inductees were introduced to the audience during halftime of the boys Lincoln vs. East basketball game. The 2011 inductees are:

- **Phil Hayman '72**, a three-sport athlete at Lincoln (football, track and basketball), and an eight time letter winner. Phil currently holds 11 single or career records for the Lincoln football team. He was recruited extensively by Division I football teams, including Iowa, UCLA, New Mexico, Purdue and Nebraska. He has now started a business called Pro Action Video, Inc., specializing in athletic recruitment and web based applications.
- **Evan Johnston '84**, a four-time letter winner in swimming. His junior year Evan broke three school records in the 50, 100 and 200 freestyle. He was a district champion in the 100 freestyle. Evan was all conference, all-district and all-state. His senior year he broke five school records. Evan still ranks in the top 12 fastest 50s ever recorded in Iowa high school swimming. He is currently the head coach of the AquaKids Swim Team in Conway, Arkansas. He's coached over 1,000 kids, many to national level meets, and has received several honors in Arkansas.
- **Linda Sayavongchanh '02**, a standout for the girls' basketball program. She is currently 2nd on the all-time scoring list at Lincoln and 1st in career steals and assists. Linda earned All-State honors three consecutive years, and her senior year was 1st Team All-Conference and 1st team All-State selection, and received numerous other prestigious awards. Linda graduated with a degree in Elementary Education and later earned her Masters of Education at the University of Minnesota. She is back at Drake as an assistant women's basketball coach.
- **Jason Cromer '99**, a four-year letter winner in baseball who also participated in basketball and football. He was a Tri-Athlete sport award winner, and received several baseball honors. He has played professional baseball for the past 12 years in both the Tampa Devil Rays and Kansas City Royals organizations. He resides in Des Moines during the off season.
- **Nathan Cromer '99**, a four-year letter winner in baseball who also participated in football and basketball. He was a Tri-Athlete sport award winner and was voted the most outstanding senior athlete by the coaches at Lincoln. He was drafted by the Tampa Devil Rays and played professional baseball for six years. Nathan and his twin brother, Jason, are only the second set of twins ever to be drafted by the same professional baseball team. He is now employed as a critical care nurse at Mercy Medical Center and is working to earn his Bachelor Degree. ■

## 19TH ANNUAL LINCOLN HIGH BOB VANDERLINDEN MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

*\*\*If you or your business is interested in sponsoring a hole,  
call Phil Chia at 242-7525\*\**

All proceeds help support Lincoln Activities

**NEW DATE:** Monday, June 6, 2011

**TIME:** Check-In at 11:00 AM, Shotgun Start at 12:00 PM  
Cocktail Hour at 5:00 PM

**FORMAT:** 4-Person best shot. Put together a  
Team, or be placed on one.

**COST:** \$85.00 (per person) – includes green  
fees, cart, lunch, complimentary gift pack,  
appetizers, and a chance at numerous prizes.

**NEW PLACE:** ECHO VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB

Please complete the registration form and mail it and your check  
by May 27, 2011 to: Phil Chia, A.D., Lincoln High School, 2600  
S. W. 9th Street, DM IA 50315

**Please Print:** (All Participants Are Asked to Please Pay In Advance)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Check:**

- ☐ I will be a single, please add me to a foursome  
(\$85 enclosed)
- ☐ I am registering my foursome (\$340 enclosed) – List the other  
3 golfers below:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

# SCHOLARSHIPS

Thanks to the generosity of many ALHS alumni and friends, the ALHS Alumni Foundation awards scholarships to deserving Lincoln seniors each year. The Foundation awarded thirty-one (31) scholarships to 2010 ALHS graduates.

**We are pleased to announce three new scholarships for 2011: the William “Bill” McKibben Memorial Scholarship, the Hugh Kent Memorial Science Scholarship and the Steve Tomlinson Memorial Scholarship.** The McKibben scholarship was established by **Shirley McKibben** in memory of her husband Bill ('53). The Tomlinson scholarship was established by **Rob Tomlinson** ('87) in memory of his brother Steve ('90). The Hugh Kent scholarship was established by **Patricia Jackson** ('84) in memory of her favorite ALHS teacher, Hugh Kent.

By the time this edition of the Rail Review reaches you, the Scholarship Committee will be hard at work selecting the 2011 recipients of the scholarships listed below.

## ALHS Alumni Association Scholarship

The Alumni Association offers annual scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each. Our Scholarship Committee awards these scholarships based on the GPA, financial need and community service of the applicants. A minimum GPA of 2.50 is required. The number of scholarships awarded varies yearly based on the interest earned on the Foundation Endowment. We hope to award at least fifteen (15) scholarships in 2011.

## Named Scholarships

### Elizabeth C. Vencil Chandler Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established by ALHS's oldest living alumni, Everett Chandler ('27), in memory of his loving wife Elizabeth C. Vencil Chandler. Four (4), four-year scholarships (\$1,500 per year) are awarded **every four years**, beginning in 2007, based on the applicants' GPA and financial need.

### Neff Family Scholarship

Two (2), four-year scholarships (\$1,250 per year) are awarded **annually** to applicants who intend to declare a major course of study in **science or mathematics**. The GPA, financial need and community service of the applicants are also considered.

## Jim and Ralph Wilson Scholarship

One \$1,000 scholarship is awarded annually based on the GPA and financial need of the applicants.

## Ray Townsend Scholarship

Five (5) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in 2011 based on the GPA, financial need and community service of the applicants.

## Studebaker Elementary School

One scholarship of at least \$500 is awarded **annually** to a student who attended Studebaker Elementary School for at least three years. The GPA and financial need of the applicants are also considered.

## Ruth Johnson Nichols Scholarship

Established by Ruth Johnson Nichols ('42) to benefit a student who demonstrates great financial need, one \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded in 2011.

## Al Graziano Scholarship

Two (2) scholarships of \$1,500 each will be awarded in 2011 to students who intend to declare a major course of study in education. The GPA, financial need and community service of the applicants will also be considered.



### William “Bill” McKibben Memorial Scholarship

Established in memory of Bill McKibben ('53) by his wife Shirley McKibben, one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded based on the GPA, community service and financial need of the applicants.

### Hugh Kent Memorial Science Scholarship

Established in memory of Hugh Kent, a former Biology Teacher at ALHS, one \$500.00 scholarship will be awarded annually to a student who demonstrates a passion to learn about science and intends to major in life sciences at the college or university of his/her choice. A minimum GPA 2.0, a statement of interest in the sciences, and a written recommendation from one teacher who has observed the student's growth and interest in science are required.

### Steve Tomlinson Memorial Scholarship

Steve Tomlinson ('90) was an accomplished student athlete at ALHS. He played quarterback and safety on the varsity football team in 1989 – 1990, and lettered in baseball three times. Steve was killed by a drunk driver in 1998 at the age of 26. His brother Rob ('87) established this scholarship in his memory. One \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a varsity athlete with a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

Go to **www.alhsalumni.com** for photos of previous scholarship winners taken at our Annual Dinner. ■

### Named Scholarships

The Foundation can help you establish a scholarship in your name or in memory of a family member or friend. For more information, please contact **Nicole Graziano** at [nicolemgraziano@gmail.com](mailto:nicolemgraziano@gmail.com) or **Skip Timmons** at 515-287-6510.

## ALHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER CELEBRATION



**Thursday, May 5, 2011**  
**Social Gathering at 5:30 PM**  
**Dinner at 6:00 PM**  
**Awards Celebration at 7:00 PM**

Join us for dinner and entertainment, renew friendships and congratulate your fellow alumni and graduating seniors on their achievements. Our program includes recognition of past Hall of Fame members, 2011 Hall of Fame Award Inductees, and our Alumni Foundation Scholarship Awards. Dinner catered by Baratta's Restaurant.

To register, complete the form below and mail it along with your check by April 22, 2011 to:

Becky Dewey, 608 Leach Avenue,  
Des Moines, IA 50315

### ALHS Alumni Association Annual Celebration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tickets at \$15.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make your check payable to  
ALHS Alumni Association.*

## ALUMNI NOTES

**Coralie Cherry '47 & Anna Williams '63**



Coralie



Anna

Good luck goes out to **Steve Cox '65** who will, in April, be competing in the Fifty and Over Doubles National Tennis Tournament in Tucson, Arizona. Steve played tennis while at Lincoln and for many years was the Tennis Pro at Echo Valley Country Club. He taught many of our Lincoln tennis players. Steve will go to Arizona with a heavy heart as his father, **Bill Cox '38**, passed away in February.

In December, 2010, **Judy Temby Prothero '65** retired from the Des Moines Police Department after 22 years of service. Judy was in the 911 Department working in various positions. When Chief **Judy Bradshaw** presented Judy a plaque for her service, children **Michelle Severino '93** and her husband, **John Severino '83**, **Joe Prothero '97** and his wife, **Cherie**, her mother, **Elna Temby**, and grandchildren, **Jenna Severino** (a junior at Lincoln), **John, III** and **Justin**, were all present. Congratulations, Judy!

With the 2011 Membership Drive going on, we received a call from **Mary Palmer Antol '39** checking on her status. She has been a member of the Alumni Association for many years! She said, "I love to get the newsletter and it is my contact with Lincoln High. I would like to hear from my classmates." Mary still lives on the south side and brother, **Joe Palmer**, and his wife live nearby.

Remember the \$10 you send in for membership in the Alumni Association gets you both the spring and fall newsletters! It's also a time when you can send extra to the Alumni Foundation to help with the scholarships awarded to graduating seniors each spring.

It's for sure that **Linda Sayavongchanh '02** who was inducted into the Lincoln Athletic Hall of Fame this year was pleased to see so many friends and family at the ceremony. Do you think she knew the Drake Women's Basketball Team would be there to honor her? Linda played for Drake and is now one of the Drake Assistant Coaches. On the current Drake team, as high scorer, is

**Kirsten Turk '07**, also one of Lincoln's former basketball stars.

**Linda Reeves Ryan '79** from Shawnee, Kansas, called to say that her father, **Lyle Reeves**, passed away this past August. Her father had been in the Des Moines School District 39 years as a teacher and counselor. He was a counselor at Lincoln his last few years before retirement.

If you grew up in the Fort Des Moines area, you will be pleased to know that the Chapel in the Army Post will be renovated. The old Officers Club on Chaffee Road was remodeled and is now the Fort Des Moines Museum. It is the site for many patriotic affairs. You may remember classmates or friends like **Doug Wroe** and his sister, **Hilda**, or **Betty Allen** and others who were labeled, "Army Brats," but were really just good kids! If you have pictures or memories to share for the Museum, especially on Army Post I and II, please contact **Terry Smith Gillam '59** at [tsgillam@yahoo.com](mailto:tsgillam@yahoo.com) who is helping with the museum project.

Hardees, on the corner of S. W. 9th and Army Post, is the gathering spot for a number of Lincoln grads. Every Friday morning a group of men from the **Class of 1969** meet and enjoy breakfast. **Bill Burton, Mike Atkin, Bill Tanney, Dennis Baber and Danny Baker** are always there. Classmates are welcome to join them. Then on Tuesdays, a Birthday Club made up of **Doris Guess '50, Darlene Tursi '50, Penny Flatt '60, Jan Mulcahy '53, Susan Bruckshaw, and Sandy Johnson**, all get together and chat. You're welcome to join them, too.

The late **Francis "Sonny" Wagner**, now known as **Paul Montgomery '51** had a great idea when he asked his wife, **Linda Rife Montgomery '61**, to plan a Celebration of Life for he knew he had terminal cancer. Linda invited friends and family members to come and visit with Sonny. He truly enjoyed it, and it was just a few weeks later that he passed away.

Do you ever wonder what Lincoln High teachers do when they retire? Three of the retirees, **Joan Hall, Bert Testa** and **Rowena Schweizer**, and their spouses, join with

other bike-riding friends and have a weekly ride – weather permitting. They go to different bike trails and ride and then enjoy a meal together. In the winter, they meet monthly and eagerly await spring. One of the biggest trips they took was to fly to Holland and bike there and in Germany.

Captain **Jim O'Donnell '74** retired from the Des Moines Police Department on December 30. He was the Assistant Police Chief. Jim served as a policeman for 32 years. He is married to **Terrie Stanton O'Donnell '74**. Many of Jim's friends were there for the celebration, along with daughters, **Mindy O'Donnell '98** and **Tiffany Holmes '00**. His parents, **Dee** and **Dan O'Donnell**, and most of his siblings were present. The family is very proud of his accomplishments. Well done, Jim! Dee and Don are also proud of their other children and grandchildren. **Dennis O'Donnell '75** and **Brian O'Donnell** are on the Des Moines Police Force. **Gary O'Donnell '82** (O'Donnell Hardware) and his wife, **Sheila Vasey O'Donnell '81**, **Dan O'Donnell** (O'Donnell Hardware), **Mark O'Donnell '77** (Johnson Control) and his wife, **Tonya Ferrari O'Donnell '77**, **Tim O'Donnell '84** (EP Square) and wife, **Angela Gilman O'Donnell '84**, and **Mary Beth Hedding '81** all live in the Des Moines area. Out of town are: **Mary Kay O'Donnell Duede '80** and **Craig Duede '80** (Hormel) in Savannah, Georgia, and **Rhonda Roe O'Donnell '80** and **John O'Donnell '80** (Neenah Paper) in Atlanta, Georgia. The O'Donnell Family is well known in the Des Moines community for they sponsor a golf tournament each year with proceeds going to charity.

**Dorothy Gillam Bequeaith '38**, is an inspiration for all young people. At age 92 she is still baking, sewing, active in her church, is a member of the Red Hats and she writes. She was one of 12 children and learned all her skills while helping to raise her siblings. She has written her life story for her children and grandchildren. Her daughter, **Janet '55**, and sons, **David '56** and **John '60**, are all Lincoln grads, along with six of her eight grandchildren: **David Michael Bequeaith '82**, **Heidi Riley Bequeaith '83**, **Wendy Bequeaith Shoemaker '86**, **Mark Murphy Bequeaith '85**, **Ann Murphy Woodward '86** and **Todd Murphy '83**. **Erin Bequeaith Hoskins** and **Dan Bequeaith** are graduates of Polk City. Dorothy is so proud of all her grandchildren being college graduates! Dorothy married just short of graduation and had

to drop out of school. Back then, if you were married you could not be in school. My, my, how times have changed!

**Maxine Brannen Brewster '33** celebrated her 96th birthday October 19, 2010. She was born in Des Moines and now lives in California.

**Amy Wolfe Callaghan, D.O., FACOI '88** passed the recertification of Internal Medicine board exams. Internal Medicine boards are taken once every ten years and involve specialty diseases of Adulthood and Critical Care medicine. She is an Internal Medicine practitioner at Mercy Medical Center in Sioux City, Iowa. Amy and her husband, **Ryan**, have three children.

Who'd have thought back in July, 1960, that 50 years later two pen pals would still be writing! **Anna Ruperto Williams '63** and **Gerri Zieminski Richard '63** (Lyman Hall High, Wallingford, Connecticut) have done just that. On two occasions Anna and husband, **Roger**, were traveling to the east coast and visited with Gerri and her husband, **Bernie**. One year Gerri and Bernie took a trip to California to visit family and on the way home stopped in Des Moines. The foursome took in the Iowa State Fair and they still talk about the wonderful time they had. "The letters aren't as long these days and written less often but we're still in touch and make a phone call now and then to really catch up. It's a perfect example of old friends being the best friends!" And another example, **Mike** and **Chris Michesh Dunham '63** were in Des Moines in February to visit Chris' dad, **George Michesh '41**, and step mom, **Sandy**, and other family members like **Dolores "Mic" Smith '48**. Chris and Anna started Park Avenue kindergarten together. Mike came along in 7th Grade at Lincoln! Chris and Mike moved to Spring, Texas, in 1977, have two children and three grandchildren, and recently retired. Chris is affectionately known by the Class of '63 as the one who always manages to get her fellow classmates to sing the Park Avenue School Song!

**Tom Howard '73** is the director of ESPN's "Pardon the Interruption," and it recently won a sports Emmy Award for Best Studio Daily Sports Program. Tom was a newspaper delivery boy for The Des Moines Register for three years, worked at WHO TV-13, and was the first person hired for



ESPN's sports-banter show hosted by **Tony Kornheiser** and **Michael Wilbon**.

In September, 2010, **William G. Lapham '52** and his son, **William, Jr. '87**, attended the 50 Year Reunion of the 1960 Philadelphia Eagles World Championship NFL Team. Bill and a guest were invited to attend a weekend of festivities which included a banquet where the team members were given engraved wrist watches, green jackets and jerseys like they wore in 1960, a trolley ride from the hotel to the field for pre-game tailgating and an Eagles-Packers game. For those who are curious, the 1960 game was between the Eagles and Packers with the Eagles winning 17-13 (score as Bill recalls). Bill is one of the first Lincoln High grads to be inducted into the Lincoln Athletic Hall of Fame.

In mid November, deceased Lincoln grad, **Tom Harvey '71**, was scheduled to accompany Drake University

choral music students in its fall concert. Upon Tom's death, Drake student, **Philip King**, stepped up and learned Tom's pianist parts within a day so the show could go on. Many kind remarks about Tom were quoted in *The Des Moines Register's* November 22nd issue.

**Kate Aspengren '70** was recently highlighted in the *Des Moines South Register* for her latest play, "Blue Yonder," being published and produced by Samuel French Inc. The monologues feature 12 women from the workforce spectrum, including a firefighter, an employment agency receptionist and a woman who performs stunts at baseball games. The play has been performed at several locations including the Theatre of Western Spring (Illinois), where it featured Academy Award-winning actress **Patty Duke**.

## SOUTH SIDE HOMECOMING PARADE 2010

The 2010 Lincoln Southside Homecoming Parade took place on Thursday, October 7, just prior to the kickoff of the Powder Puff football game at Hutchens Field. Retired Principal Al Graziano was the 2010 Parade Marshal. Approximately forty-five units participated, including city and school officials, feeder schools, Southside organizations and several Corvettes and custom cars. Festive crowds gathered along the entire route (from SW 12th and Watrous to Hutchens Field) to watch the parade and enjoy the beautiful fall weather.

The parade takes place every four years, giving each Lincoln student a chance to attend one parade during grades 9 through 12. Des Moines Police commented that this event is one of the best parades that they are asked to provide assistance with. Go to the Alumni Web site, **www.alhsalumni.com** to see more photos.

The next parade is scheduled for 2014.





## TRIBUTES

The following is a list of deceased ALHS Alumni by graduating class, reported to us after the Fall 2010 newsletter went to print. If you would like to report the death of a classmate or loved one to the Alumni Association, please contact **Amy Hutchens** at [hutch1963@msn.com](mailto:hutch1963@msn.com).

### Class Lincoln Alumni

1932	Florence Pratt Nelson		
1933	Anna Mixon	1954	Mary Cooper Leonard Turner
1935	Faye Cleary		Bill McKibben
	Raymond Galenbeck		Irene Johnson Pool
	Alfred King		Mildred Powell Rock
	Max Rothful	1955	Marvin Warrick
1936	Juanita Alexander Scott	1956	Janice M. Comito Kennedy
	Mary Oliver Clark	1957	Ray Smith
	Paul Lett	1958	George Wylie
1938	Josephine Nicolino Cardamon	1959	Patricia Collins
	William Cox		Tom Perry
	Richard "Dick" Mason		Henry Chandler
1940	Arthur Alber		Loretta Ceretti Cowart
1941	Betty Carter Roth	1960	Gary Surbaugh
	Dale Mohler	1961	Harold Root
1942	Doris Paterna Scannell	1962	Diane Morlan Plumb
1943	Lucy Donato Albert	1965	Connie Moore Kuebler
	Rose Lewis Halverson	1968	Jerry Cox
1945	Bernice Stefani Fontanini		James Robb
	Clifford Losh	1969	Rob Webb
	Phil Barber, Sr.		Barbara McConnell Boyd
	Ilena DeFino Caligiuri	1970	Roberta Dunning Abbas
1946	Don Baker	1971	Sandra Allen Miller
	Melvin McConnell		Jackie Helm
	June Helton Way		Tom Harvey
1948	Twila Boring Wohlwend	1973	Dominic DeAngelis
	Lois Sherman Bowyer		Doug Anderson
1949	Delores Wright Dingman	1977	Connie Comegys Schieffer
	Charles Zimmerman, Herbert Barquist	1979	Paul Andrew Stafford
1950	Sam Caligiuri	1980	Susan Leach
1952	Bruce Dixon	1981	Travis Randleman, II
	Joanne Bradley Scalise	1983	Jason Rains
	Robert Skinner	2012	Jenna Falbo
1953	Donald Goble		Allen "Eddie" Mayfield

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## REUNION NEWS

- **Class of 1940** meets on the second Friday of every other month at Cubs Club. Next meeting is in May at 11:00 AM. For information, contact **Howard Porter** at (515) 285-8326.
- **Class of 1941** meets on the second Friday of every other month at Old Country Buffet (SE 14th and Army Post Road). Next meeting is in May. For information call **Leo Bridal** at (515) 285-3332.
- **Classes of January and June 1945** meet on the first Friday of every month at 11:30 AM at Old Country Buffet. For information, contact **Thelma Horton Penland** at (515) 285-3371.
- **Class of January 1946** meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 1:15 PM at Old Country Buffet (SE 14th and Army Post Road). For information contact **Dick Dickey** at (515) 283-0080. Dick also sends a newsletter to classmates.
- **Class of June 1946** is planning a class luncheon for June. For information, contact **Denise St. John** at (515) 246-0711.
- **Class of June 1950** will meet at the ALHS Alumni Association Annual Dinner Celebration on May 5th. **Dee Duff** hopes you will attend! For more information contact Dee at (515) 288-2283.

- **Class of January 1951** will hold its 60th Class Reunion at the ALHS Alumni Association Annual Dinner Celebration on May 5th. For information contact **Ann and Jack Mayer** at (515) 961-6363 or [granmayer@msn.com](mailto:granmayer@msn.com).
- **Classes of January and June 1957** meet for lunch on the second Thursday of every month at 11:30 AM at the Okoboji Grill on SE 14th Street. For information, contact **Jackie Thompson Tinker** at [TINK967@aol.com](mailto:TINK967@aol.com).
- **Class of 1961** will hold its 50th Class Reunion September 9-10, 2011. A Friday evening event is planned at Nancy Utterson Faber's house, and Saturday a tour of Lincoln and dinner at Wakonda Club are planned. For information, contact **Theresa Loffredo** at [t.loffredo@mchsi.com](mailto:t.loffredo@mchsi.com), **Sherie Surbaugh** at [surbaugh@ku.edu](mailto:surbaugh@ku.edu), or **Dixie Jeffries** at (515) 243-5700 or [djeff1943@gmail.com](mailto:djeff1943@gmail.com). Classmates will receive additional information in the mail.
- **Class of 1963** will hold its annual Breakfast, Golf Outing and Potluck at MacRae Park, June 25, 2011. Classmates will receive more information and reservation form in the mail.
- **Class of 1966** is planning a 45th Class Reunion. Watch the Alumni Web site for more information.
- **Class of 1976** is planning its 35th Class Reunion with a tentative date of August 19-20, 2011. For information, contact [indiansheryl@aol.com](mailto:indiansheryl@aol.com) or

- **Linda Schweiger McCullough** at [LMStudio42@aol.com](mailto:LMStudio42@aol.com). Final plans will be sent to classmates and posted on the Alumni Web site, [www.alhsalumni.com](http://www.alhsalumni.com).
- **Class of 1981** will hold its 30th Class Reunion August 13, 2011 at Echo Valley Country Club. The class has a Facebook page: Abraham Lincoln High School Class of '81 Reunion. Contacts are **Michelle Scott Miller Bales** at [mickyb25283@aol.com](mailto:mickyb25283@aol.com) or **Suzanne Guess** at [seguess@mchsi.com](mailto:seguess@mchsi.com).
- **Class of 1985** is seeking classmates to plan future reunions. If you are interested, contact [eischeid6@msn.com](mailto:eischeid6@msn.com), [Tklisares@mchsi.com](mailto:Tklisares@mchsi.com), [beth.martin@mchsi.com](mailto:beth.martin@mchsi.com) or [dawn@rafferty.us](mailto:dawn@rafferty.us).
- **Class of 1986** is planning its 25th Class Reunion August 5-6, 2011. The class has a Facebook page: LHSCLASSOFEITHYSIX. Contact is **Heidi Ogden-Wicks** at [adamheidwicks@aol.com](mailto:adamheidwicks@aol.com).
- **Class of 2001** will hold its 10th Class Reunion August 19-20, 2011. The class has a Facebook page: Reunion Class of 2001. For information, contact **Elizabeth Fitzgerald** at [drfitz@drfitztbc.com](mailto:drfitz@drfitztbc.com) or (515) 225-6877. Additional information will be posted to the Alumni Web site.

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