



# RAILSPLITTER

## review

SPRING 2012

### PRESIDENT'S INBOX: **GLORIA GRAY '66**



What a great year we have had so far for the Lincoln Alumni Foundation! Members approved an update of our by-laws, and a new Board Manual that contains all of our "how we do Alumni Foundation business" information. We gratefully welcomed several new named scholarships, adding to what we can do for deserving Lincoln seniors this spring. Many Alumni Association members helped again with the Pancake Breakfast, taking tickets and flipping pancakes, once again ensuring

another wonderfully successful event!

You may remember that two years ago we began the Annual Dinner Celebration event each May. And right now we are in the planning phase for the 37th Annual Dinner Celebration on May 17 – bringing Hall of Fame and scholarship winners and their families together at the Lincoln Commons, for dinner and an awesome program. That program begins with the introduction and recognition of this year's Hall of Fame inductees. They are recognized for their life achievements and community service after graduating from Lincoln. This year, those inductees are:

**Joe Tursi, Class of 1941**  
**Dr. Ted Harper, Class of 1947**  
**Paul Tursi, Class of 1950**  
**Suzette Stephens Jensen, Class of 1964**

**John Haigh, Class of 1972**  
**Tim Leach, Class of 1974**  
**Jim Edwards, Class of 1975**

It is inspirational and so encouraging for scholarship winners to hear about their lives. It's a beautiful thing when Hall of Famers thank us, and then turn to look at our scholarship winners to offer words of encouragement and

*continued >>>>*

### WHAT'S INSIDE

- 2... Principal's Letter
- 3... Alumni Notes
- 5... Alumni Spotlight
- 6... BLH Club
- 7... Tributes
- 8... Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees
- 11... Membership Application
- 12... Foundation Scholarships

Check out the ALHS Web site!  
**[www.alhsalumni.com](http://www.alhsalumni.com)**

## President's Letter *(cont)*

hope!

This is good work, people! You too can experience this good work, and participate in helping good things happen at Lincoln High. Join us. Come to a meeting. Join a committee. It is an enjoyable and rewarding job, knowing we are helping Lincoln graduates continue along a path to become successful adults!

Lincoln produces so very many skilled, bright, talented, and impressive graduates. It is our job to help as many Lincoln seniors as possible to build strong futures!

Please join us! ■

*Gloria*

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

**Paul Williamson**



Dear Lincoln Alumni:

I hope this letter finds you doing well. Life at Lincoln remains busy! The first semester has now come and gone. We have experienced much success both in the classroom and out. We would like to encourage you to check out the Every School Every Friday section of *The Des Moines Register* as are purposely providing information that will keep Lincoln High School in good light.

During this past semester we experienced football playoffs after a very successful season. This upcoming school year will present a challenge with the new alignment. Our football coach says we need to play the best in order to be the best. I respect and support his philosophy! We will get an opportunity to try this out next season with opponents such as Valley, Dowling, Ankeny, Iowa City East, and Roosevelt just to name a few. Our boys' basketball team experienced success in the playoffs this year as well. We won the first sub-state game against Ottumwa, but lost in overtime at Valley the next week.

Lincoln has some state champions! The most recent award went to one of our bowlers. Brittany Smith, a junior, won the state individual title last week. This, accompanied by a second place finish in state by the boys' team, shows great promise for the future of our bowling program.

You may recall Lincoln began the Career Academies concept approximately five years ago. Whereas this is a fantastic structure for high schools with today's teenagers, the grant has run out and the district will not be able to provide the funding in the future. Therefore, Lincoln is currently developing an updated Vision and Mission Statement so we can then decide what type of programming will help us reach our goals.

Until next time, I hope you take care of yourself. I look forward to meeting many of you at the annual alumni dinner and during class reunions over the summer. Please let me know if I may be of any assistance in the near future. ■

Sincerely,

*Paul Williamson*

# ALUMNI NOTES

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



Coralie



Anna

Valentine's Day has come and gone, but a romantic story is always in season. Just ask **Sarah Luymes '04**. **Kyle Davis**, a Marine Corps Officer at Camp Pendleton, and Sarah, a nurse in the ICU, met on match.com. From their first date, they both felt the same -- this is the one! Sarah is a huge fan of **Ellen DeGeneres**, so Kyle sent their story to Ellen, hoping he could propose to Sarah on Ellen's show. Not really expecting to hear anything, Kyle was shocked when he received a phone call, and several weeks later he received V.I.P. tickets to Ellen's Halloween show. Sarah was called down to the stage, and Ellen thanked her for being a loyal fan. After a few surprises, Kyle was invited to the stage, and Ellen asked him if he wanted "to do what he said he wanted to do." Kyle took Sarah's hand, got down on one knee, and proposed. Sarah said "yes," and the rest is history. By the way, rumor has it match.com has given the couple \$50,000 for their wedding.

**John Fedro '60** is enjoying his retirement in Bozeman, Montana. John had been in the tire business since graduating high school. He worked his way up to being sales and marketing vice president in the United States for Sumitomo Tire. He later started his own tire business in Cedar Rapids and expanded it to include retail, wholesale and commercial truck. When he had an offer to sell his business in 2010, he took it and he and wife, **Pene Rohr**, originally from Norwalk, moved to Montana, where he'd gone fly fishing for 18 years, and also where both their daughters live. Daughter **Laura** has her own interior design business located in Bozeman, and daughter **Kristen** works for PBS-TV in Helena. She's also had a book of her photography published. John and Pene also own a home in Ovando, Montana, and guess what, John works in the local fly shop and does river shuttles for fly fishing outfitters.



Many of our alumni attended **St. Anthony School**, so you will want to save the date, August 18, 2012, the beginning of the school's 100-year celebration. For more information, give **Maxine Flaherty** a call at (515) 244-4794.

For the first time in ten years, Lincoln has a new baseball coach. **Alec Quijano '61**, who started as an assistant in 1995 and became head coach in 1999, has retired. Alec helped guide Lincoln to the Class 4-A state title in 1998, and in 2004 led Lincoln to a runner-up finish. **Randy Wee**, a former Ankeny baseball player who coached Johnston to a 40-0 record and a Class 4-A state championship in 2008, has been named coach at Lincoln. Good luck to you both!

It's always nice to see our Lincoln folks featured in *The Des Moines Register*. **George Caudill '79**, a Democrat, has done advance work and event coordination for the Democratic Party, Barack Obama's presidential campaign and the Clinton White House. Last August's Iowa straw poll was an all Republican affair, but George crossed party lines to coordinate Michele Bachmann's Ames operation which featured an air-conditioned tent, free barbecue and country-music star **Randy Travis**. **John Carle**, former boys' basketball coach at Lincoln, will take over as interim head coach for AIB women's basketball when **Jerry Kindhart** takes a leave of absence for health reasons. John is an Iowa High School Athletic Association and Lincoln Athletic Hall of Famer with more than 50 years of coaching experience.

**Pam Kline '76** had the trip of a lifetime last year. Traveling with a team from the Lutheran Church of Hope, Pam volunteered on a two-week mission trip to Mokapane, Limpopo Province, South Africa, to assist at optical outreach clinics and various feeding centers. Team members had been trained to perform optical evaluations and prescribe eyeglasses. Pam initially helped with the vision exams, but then broke out her paints, and the children lined up for face painting. In addition to painting about 130 little cheeks, hands and arms, she painted two wall murals -- one for a feeding center and one for a sewing center -- an entrance sign and an eagle sculpture. The church group also visited a disabled center and an orphanage built by Hope and Blessman Ministries in 2009. Blessman Ministries, in partnership with Meals from the Heartland, feeds more than 3,000 children every day.



We recently received an update on the daughters of **Randy and Sue Evans** -- **Sara '00** and **Katie '03**. Katie, an Iowa State graduate, is employed on the international headquarters staff of Habitat for Humanity in Americus, Georgia. In October, 2011 she was part of a Habitat team that spent two weeks on a housing construction project in Nepal.



Katie played volleyball and softball for Lincoln. Sara is a registered nurse at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago. She received her bachelor's degree in nursing from Saint Louis University and worked as a pediatrics nurse in St. Louis, San Diego, Los Angeles, Kansas City, New York City and Chicago before joining the staff at Children's Memorial. . Sara played softball and is in the giant photo of the Railsplitters' first state champion softball team that hangs in the Bowen Roundhouse.



The **3rd Annual South Des Moines Art Festival** was another success! The weather on September 17, 2011 was beautiful, and many came out to enjoy the activities, food and vendor demonstrations. **Chuck Mettler '61** and **Phil Barber '68** are looking forward to organizing the 4th Festival scheduled for Saturday, **September 22, 2012.**

**Sue and Kevin Turk '76** enjoyed their ten-day trip to Sweden to visit their daughter, **Kristin '07**. Kristin is in Sweden playing pro basketball. They got to see Kristen play in three games while there, and also visited Copenhagen. Kristin plays for the Mark Basket basketball team and her job is to play basketball. She is provided with a nice apartment, wages and a stipend for food and travel. Kristin was an outstanding player for Lincoln and Drake University and wanted to play pro ball so she went to Sweden and loves it. She is looking forward to coming home for her five-year class reunion to see family and friends.

Congratulations to **Coach Cecil Rhoads** and the others for being inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame. When I (Coralie) visited with him, I wanted him to tell me more about his input into Iowa State's football success. He said he goes to observe the team but wouldn't admit to telling his son, **Coach Paul Rhoads**, what he should do. Cecil said that he gets to most out of town games with a Booster Club. And, yes, he did get to the Pinstripe Bowl!

**Troy Senter '80** has an interesting job. He is the Chief Financial Officer in the business area for the NBA and is in Manhattan, New York City. Troy graduated from Iowa State and went on to Wharton in Pennsylvania to get his Masters degree in Finance. He worked in Singapore and other countries before moving to Jersey City. He enjoys his work even when it's stressful. Troy's brother, **Victor '75**, stayed closer to home and lives in Centerville, where he is with Alliance Energy Company.

The community lost a friend last summer. **Lewis DeMarco '40** served on our Alumni Board of Directors, and was inducted

into the Alumni Hall of Fame in 2011 in recognition of his many volunteer activities and long-time support to our Foundation scholarship program.

When I (Coralie) was in Nashville recently to visit my son, **Aaron Cherry '86**, and his wife, **Jennifer**, I also got to visit with **Tammy Daugherty VerSteeg '86**. Tammy, Aaron and **Kurt Allison '86** were all members of Lincoln's Swing Choir under the direction of **Carroll Bennick**. After graduation, Tammy and Kurt went down to Nashville to pursue a music career. Tammy did some back up singing for various stars such as **Dolly Parton**, **Reba** and many Christian groups. She is now happily married to a doctor and has four children. Kurt Allison played with a number of bands over the years and is now on tour as lead guitarist with the **Jason Aldean Band**. Kurt, Tammy and Aaron were all in Des Moines for their 25th Class Reunion last August.

Alumni Association Past President, **Bill Backstrom '48** fell and broke his hip in February and was in rehab. Bill was at every function Lincoln High held. He lost his eyesight but that didn't hinder him. If he couldn't find a ride, he would take a cab to get to Lincoln. We're sorry to report that Bill passed away on March 27th. If you would like to send his wife, Mary, a card, you can send it in care of Lincoln Alumni Association, 2600 S. W. 9th Street, Des Moines, IA 50315.

**Howard Porter '40** would like to thank everyone for attending over many years the every-other-month luncheons at the Cubs Club. Lately, it's been hard for classmates to gather so the luncheons will no longer be scheduled. If you'd like to give Howard a call, he'd love to hear from you: (515) 285-8326.



**The Class of 1961** held its 50th Class Reunion September 9-10, 2011. The reunion started on Friday night with classmates gathering at **Nancy Utterson Faber's** home. Classmates took a tour of Lincoln on Saturday, and the Wakonda Club was the setting for social hour and dinner/program Saturday night.

# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:

## JOHN & MAXINE MCCAW

BY NICOLE GRAZIANO '86



**Dr. John Emory McCaw ('35)** is a proud graduate of Lincoln High School. While at Lincoln, John became a member of the National Honor Society, was valedictorian of his class, was awarded the Joseph's Honor Cup, and was recognized for exceptional attainment in scholarship, public speaking and leadership.

John graduated from Drake University in 1939 with a degree in Liberal Arts. His studies continued at the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, where he received a Bachelor of Divinity Degree, writing a thesis entitled "Formula and Freedom Among the Disciples of Christ." In later years he received an honorary Doctor of

Divinity Degree from Christian Theological Seminary of Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana. He is also a Fellow at the Union Theological Seminary in New York.

On May 15, 1942, John married Maxine Mae Gambs, a graduate of North High School in Des Moines. Maxine was a concert pianist who also studied at Drake University, Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, Chicago Musical College and the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. John and Maxine have four children: Clayle Franklin, Milva Lou, Maxhn Herbert and Janine Gambs. All of their children graduated from Lincoln. Like their parents, John and Maxine's children pursued service oriented careers in the areas of human resources, law, medicine, education, transportation and music.

John had an accomplished professional life. In 1950, he became the Dean of the Bible College at Drake University, where he led the College to full accreditation and changed the name to the Divinity School of Drake University. He was instrumental in the construction of Medbury Hall and Scott Chapel. He received numerous recognitions at Drake, including the Centennial Award, the Dawson Award, the Alumni Distinguished Service Award and the Drake Medal of Service. John retired from Drake in 1982, but continued to serve on the Drake Alumni Board, the Board of Higher Education and the General Board and Administrative Committee of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ.

John helped establish the Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center, serving as its president for a time. His public service included the Mayor's Commission on Rape and eight years on the Des Moines Independent School District Board.

John and Maxine published many books on family history, genealogy, prayers, children's stories and two novels. John has many hobbies including bee keeping, gardening, fishing, and raising live stock and fowl at their South Side home. John and Maxine have been generous benefactors of Lincoln over the years. Most recently they established the The Clayle, Milva, Maxhn, and Janine McCaw Scholarship Fund through the Alumni Foundation in honor of their children. ■

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Spring Musical (at the ALHS Auditorium):** April 19 – 21, 2012 at 7 PM. This year's production is Neil Simon's "Fools." Ticket prices are \$7 adults & \$5 students.
- **Senior Celebration After Prom Party:** April 28, 2012. Public Walk-Through 7 – 9 PM.
- **Show Choir Spring Performance (at the ALHS Auditorium):** May 10 – 11, 2012 at 7 PM
- **Spring Vocal Concert (at the ALHS Auditorium):** Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 7 PM
- **37th Annual Meeting of the ALHS Alumni Association & Hall of Fame**
- **Induction Ceremony (at the ALHS Student Commons):** May 17, 2012
- **Class Night (at the Bowen Round House):** Thursday, May 24, 2012 at 7:00 PM
- **Commencement (at the Knapp Center):** Saturday, May 26, 2012 at noon
- **Last Day of School:** Friday, June 1, 2012
- **20th Annual Bob VanderLinden Golf outing (at Echo Valley):** Thursday, June 14, 2012 at noon. Contact Phil Chia at 515-242-7525, or visit [www.alhsalumni.com](http://www.alhsalumni.com) to download the registration form.

## BUILD LINCOLN HIGHER CLUB, INC.

*PRESIDENT: LAURA LINN*

Build Lincoln Higher Booster Club raises money to promote the school, its students and all school sponsored activities. With your support, we operate the concession stands at Hutchens Stadium and Bowen Roundhouse as well as our annual Chicken Bowl, Pancake Fest and we offer spirit merchandise through the Rail Shop. Through your purchases and membership dues, BLH will be able to give approximately \$30,000 back to the Lincoln community through grants and scholarships this fiscal year.

Thank you to Lincoln alumni, fans, parents, students, and supporters for making our Annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser such a success! Lincoln's Performing Arts Groups showcased what a fabulous group of gifted and talented students we have on the south side.

A special thanks to Anderson Erickson Dairy, Brewer Meats, Hy-Vee, and Farner Bocken for their generous donations and discounts for our annual Pancake Breakfast. We also thank BLH Concessions Manager & Assistant Manager Jeff Fazio & Lynda Teichroew, BLH Executive Committee, BLH Board of Directors, BLH Members and all our volunteers who graciously give their time and hard work. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful group of corporate sponsors, volunteers and supporters. Without you ALL, these events would not be possible, it's your dedication to our Lincoln community that makes BLH successful!

**GO RAILS! [www.blh4rails.com](http://www.blh4rails.com) ■**



## TRIBUTES

The following is a list of deceased ALHS Alumni by graduating class, reported to us after the Fall 2011 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

1927	Everett Chandler	1949	Bettie Lou Uhlman
1928	Lela Mae Evans Tam	1950	Nadine Mortvedt Obregon
1933	Sarg Fontanini	1951	Don Hettinger
1935	Joyce Lenihan	1954	Jeanne Monroe Ware
1936	Mary Oliver Clarke	1956	Leland C. Ogren, Jr.
1938	John G. Howell	1959	Virginia E. Martin David Ortale
1939	Mary Elizabeth "Betty" McCurnin Dawson	1960	Cecilia Ann Bell Ladd
1940	Dominic Caligiuri Ray Grange Vito Carmosino Esther Leone Anania	1961	Ronald Lee Berry
1942	Irene Tantillo Frances Jeanne Seymour Killeen	1965	Janet Price Rominger
1943	Lucille Amadeo Tucci Lois Grange Mary Ellen Ahlberg Cutler Timothy E. Berry William O'Keefe	1967	Kathy Riley Knight Richard O'Keefe
1944	Bob Burt Roland A. Dennis Leonard Hudson Jr. Ruth Adel Cox	1969	Johnny Hartman, David Cox
1945	Anna "Ann" Mae Paterna Cocking Charles Gay Harold Stebbins	1970	Ross "Harry" Flowers
1946	Gloria Radcliffe Bennett Mary Russo Fresco	1971	Timothy Glenn Fogue Patti Leonetti Sanders
1947	Jack Close Bonita Lacey Bogle	1972	Mary Jo Moreno
1948	Bill Backstrom Patricia Knox	1973	James Foster
		1974	Mark Allen
		1975	Lucretia "Chris" DeCarlo Jones
		1980	Jeff Stanley
		1981	Rita Sease Brumley Mitzi Schoondyke Bresley
		1985	Kelly Gruwell Dooley
		1994	Matthew Payne
		2012	Jennifer Garcia
			Attended: Grace Rydberg Lawson

## EVERETT CHANDLER (1910 - 2012)



ALHS lost one of our best friends, Everett Chandler, in February. As a memorial, we are running his obituary that appeared in the Des Moines Register.

Everett R. Chandler, 101, passed away at Bishop Drumm Care Center on February 26. He was born March 10, 1910 in Des Moines. Everett attended St. Anthony's grade school and Lincoln High School and is a member of the Lincoln Hall of Fame. He graduated from Grand River High School in Grand River, IA in 1928. Everett married Elizabeth Vencil at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Des Moines on March 5, 1933, and they enjoyed 72 years of marriage until her death.

Everett began employment with the U.S. Post Office in Des Moines in 1939. He served in the U.S. Navy Fleet Post Office during World War II. Everett and Bessie then settled in San Francisco where he continued employment with the Post Office until his retirement, finishing as a station chief.

After retirement from the post office, the couple moved to Fallbrook, CA where he operated a lime grove for several years before moving for a short time to Lake Havasu, CA. He and Bessie returned to Des Moines in 1993.

Everett was a lifetime member of American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, BPO Elks of the USA-West Des Moines Lodge 2752 (charter member), Lincoln High School Alumni Association-Hall of Fame, and AARP. He is also a member of St. Augustin Catholic Church and St. Anthony's Franciscans, Fourth (or Patriotic) Degree Member of the Knights of Columbus Assembly 263 and the Des Moines Pioneer Club. He established scholarship foundations for St. Anthony and Lincoln High School graduates.

He is survived by several nieces and nephews. Everett is preceded in death by his best friend and wife, Elizabeth "Bess" (Vencil) Chandler; his parents, Vestal and Elizabeth Chandler; three brothers, Earl, Forrest and Vernon Chandler; and his sister, Martha Locke.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Anthony Catholic Church, with burial following at Glendale Cemetery. Visitation was held at Brooks Tonini Chapel, with a Rosary recited. Memorials may be made to the Chandler Scholarship Fund at St. Anthony School or Lincoln High School.

---

## 2012 SENIOR CELEBRATION *AFTER PROM PARTY APRIL 28, 2012*

Please accept our invitation to take a tour of the After Prom event at the school during the public walk-through on April 28, 2012 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. If you'd like to help with this year's Senior Celebration, contact **James Hamm** (515) 554-2121, **Steve Lewellen** (515) 240-6807, or **Mary Lafferty** (515) 480-0265.



# ASSOCIATION & FOUNDATION NEWS

## OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

### OFFICERS

President – Gloria Gray (1966)  
 Vice President – Endowment – Nicole Graziano (1986)  
 Treasurer – Alan Kincheloe (1980)  
 Secretary – Suzanne Guess (1981)  
 Corresponding Secretary – Amy (Whisler) Hutchens (1983)

### DIRECTORS

Beth (Baker) Albright (1983) (Past President), Pam (Phillips) Brennan (1966), Coralie (Hull) Cherry (1947), Kris (Bird) Cooper (1988), Becky (Clinton) Dewey (1983), Dee (Baker) Duff (1950), Al Graziano (1960), Jacki Hyde (1994), Lisa (Whitmarsh) Peterson (1975) Ray “Skip” Phillips (1968), Dolores “Mic” (Mickesh) Smith (1948), John Thielke (1980), George “Skip” Timmons (1953), Anna (Ruperto) Williams (1963)

## 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, 2012)

### ALHS Alumni Association

Checking and investment accounts

**\$33,358**

*Your annual dues go to the Association.*

### ALHS Alumni Foundation

Checking and investment accounts

**\$606,817\***

*\* 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). ■

## ASSOCIATION & FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTORS

The **Board of Directors** thanks the following individuals for your kind donations received since our fall newsletter went to print:

Richard Adamson	Marilyn Fisher	Dan Jordan	Nancy Porter
Sandy Agey	Patricia Fortune	Carey Jury	Gary Puls
Fran Allen	Mary Frederick	Kevin Ketzler	Judy Reed Atkins
Cyndi Barber	Victoria Gabriel	Sue Kingsbury	Donna Resch
Carol Beck	Cathy Goldman	Beverly Kreutz	Jeff Rice
Diane Benoit	Virginia Good	Nancy Kuemmerle	Barbara Roberts
Peggy Bone	Angie Goodson	Steve Lewellen	Beverly Russo
Chuck Buchanan	Peter Goodwin	Judy Lewis	Betty Schlievert
Patricia Carpino	Theresa Graziano	Vickie Lewis Reihe	Dan Sears
Steven Coleman	Nicole Graziano	Mike Lloyd	Terry Shaver
Susan Connell	Carolyn Griglione	Alice Lucia	State of Iowa One Gift Program
Lloyd Cook	Doris Guess	John Madison	Patrick Sullivan
Nancy Coolley	David & Priscilla Guessford	Lynn Mawe	David Tharp
Jack & Peggy Copic	James Harlan	Jerry Mills	Duane Thorpe
Robert Cox	Matt Herbert	Arthur Nizzi, Jr.	William Vermie
Carl & Judy Crees	William Highland	David Noah	Ronald Vest
Doris Custer	Becky & Charles Holmes	Michael O'Conner	Wanda Wallace
Jim Deets	Virginia Howard	Marilyn Oleson	Jennifer Weeks Meehl
Dorris Defino	Denny & Donna Howell	Della Overton	Jackie Wilde
Dee Duff	Suzette Jensen	Robert Patten	Ralph & Marilyn Wilson
Kenneth Elliott	Russell Johnson	Douglas Phillips	John Yanasak
Ryannon Faries		Carmella Pigneri	

### **Memorial Contributions**

In Memory of **Lela Tam, Class of 1928:** Jackie Wickett

In Memory of **Mary Ellen Ahlberg Cutler, Class of 1943:**  
Coralie Cherry

### **Corporate Contributions**

Meredith Corporation

### **Rail Club Contributions** (*Gifts of \$500 - \$999*)

Class of 1961

Rob Tomlinson, for the Steve Tomlinson Memorial Scholarship

Anonymous, for the Studebaker Scholarship

### **Abe Club Contributions** (*Gifts of \$1,000 - \$4,999*)

E.D. Wolfe, for the Wolfe Family Scholarship

Ernest Gruwell '40

### **Maroon Club Contributions** (*Gifts of \$5,000 - \$9,999*)

### **Gold Club Contributions** (*Gifts of \$10,000 or more*)

Dr. John '53 & Maxine McCaw, for The Clayle, Milva,  
Maxhn, and Janine McCaw Scholarship Fund

Virginia Green, for the Dr. John W. Green, Jr. Family  
Scholarship

Rosemary Neff Schwent, for the Neff Family Scholarship

**Sarg Fontanini Memorial Scholarship**

Sandra Agey  
Linda Anania  
Larry Angaran  
Richard Archibald  
Coralie Cherry  
Cathy Conklin  
Elizabeth Cosner  
David & Frances Cowan  
Directions Home, Inc.  
Donald & Patricia Dooley  
Joel Drake  
Gary & Diane Ellis  
Gary & Judy Ellis  
James Fontanini  
John Fontanini  
Terri & David Frieberg  
Jay Goesser  
Joe & Christy Graziano

William & Lori Haakinson  
Mary & William Hartgrove  
Marjorie Huber  
Lorne & Marlene Hupp  
Ron Keener  
Judith Lewis  
Claudia Lucia  
Terri Martin  
Lena Mason  
Jeremy Michelman  
Frank Miller  
Evelyn Morlan  
Janice Mulcahy  
Marla & Joseph Naumann  
Cynthia Palladino  
Ronald & Jody Palmer  
Robert & Mary Jo Pomerantz  
Peter Renzo, Jr.

Vernon & Mary Robbins  
Linda Rosky  
Rickie & Leonard Rotter  
Denise Ruggeri  
Sharon Simmons  
Diana & Jerry Simons  
Stephen & Cheryl Stefani  
Richard Tate  
Howard & Diana Tomlinson  
Mary Tonini  
Paul & Darlene Tursi  
Jack Webb  
Eric & Ammy Webster  
Gerald & Sandy Weldon  
Marian White  
Anna & Roger Williams  
Jane & Donald Wyckoff

## 2012 ALHS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Your current name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name at Lincoln: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City/state/zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this address new? ☐ Yes ☐ No

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Check appropriate boxes:**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Former student     | <input type="checkbox"/> New membership        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse of alumni   | <input type="checkbox"/> Last year at Lincoln* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership renewal | _____  |

Does your employer offer matching gifts? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you want to receive the Newsletter electronically? ☐ Yes ☐ No

\*Please fill in your class year on this application form to help us with our mailing list.

**Type of Membership**

- ☐ Regular Annual Membership - \$10.00  
☐ Additional donation to Alumni Association

- ☐ Lifetime Membership - \$75.00 (65 and older)  
☐ Donation to Foundation Scholarships

Make check payable to: **Lincoln High Alumni Association**. Complete this application, detach and mail, along with your check to ALHS Alumni Association, 2600 SW 9th St., Des Moines, IA 50315. Or, go to [www.alhsalumni.com](http://www.alhsalumni.com) and click "Donate Now."

# 2012 ALHS ALUMNI FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Thanks to the generosity of many ALHS alumni and friends, the ALHS Alumni Foundation, a Dollars for Scholars Chapter, awards scholarships to deserving Lincoln Seniors each year. The Foundation awarded thirty-four (34) scholarships to 2011 ALHS graduates.

**We are pleased to announce seven new scholarships for 2012:** the Jenna Falbo Memorial Scholarship; the Stephen Brodie Memorial Scholarship; the Taylor-Hyde Family Scholarship; the Wolfe Family Scholarship; The Dave Mills Scholarship; the Dr. John W. Green, Jr. Family Scholarship; and The Clayle, Milva, Maxhn, and Janine McCaw Scholarship Fund.

**The following scholarships are available in 2012:**

## **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 Association scholarships in 2012.

## **Neff Family Scholarship**

Established by alumni Rose Mary Schwent, Class of 1942, two, 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 will also be considered.

## **Ray Townsend Memorial Scholarship**

Three \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in 2012 based on the **GPA, financial need** and **community service** of the applicants.

## **Jim & Ralph Wilson Scholarship**

Established by alumni Jim & Ralph Wilson, one \$1,000 scholarship is awarded annually based on the **GPA** and **financial need** of the applicants.

## **Studebaker Elementary School Scholarship**

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

## **Al Graziano Scholarship**

Established in honor of retired Principal Al Graziano, Class of 1960, one \$1500 scholarship will be awarded in 2012 to a student who intends to declare a major course of study in **education**. The GPA, financial need and community service of the applicants will also be considered.

## **Jenna Falbo Memorial Scholarship**

Established in memory of Jenna Falbo, who would have graduated in 2012, a \$500.00 scholarship will be awarded to a student who intends to declare a major in **nursing**. Special consideration will be given to a student who demonstrates an interest in oncology. A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required.

## **Stephen Brodie Memorial Scholarship**

Established in memory of Stephen "Steve" Brodie, Class of 1965, one \$500.00 scholarship will be awarded to a student who participated in **football** at Lincoln, has a strong academic record and demonstrates great **financial need**.

## **Hugh Kent Memorial Science Scholarship**

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

## **Steve Tomlinson Memorial Scholarship**

Steve Tomlinson, Class of 1990, was an accomplished student athlete at Lincoln. 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 Tomlinson, Class of 1987, established this scholarship in his memory. One \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a **varsity athlete** with a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

## **Ruth Johnson Nichols Scholarship**

Ruth Johnson Nichols Scholarship  
Established by Ruth Johnson Nichols, Class of 1942, to benefit a student who demonstrates great **financial need**, one \$1500 scholarship will be awarded in 2012.

## **Taylor-Hyde Family Scholarship**

Established by alumni members of the Taylor and Hyde



families, four \$250.00 scholarships will be awarded annually beginning in 2012, to students who were actively involved in **band, choir, speech/debate or drama** throughout their time at Lincoln.

#### William "Bill" McKibben Memorial Scholarship

Established in memory of Bill McKibben, Class of 1953, by his wife Shirley McKibben, one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded based on the **GPA, community service and financial need** of the applicants.

#### Wolfe Family Scholarship

One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually, beginning in 2012, based on the **GPA, community service and financial need** of the applicants. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required.

#### The Dave Mills Scholarship

Dave Mills, Class of 1950, has dedicated his retirement years to Community Service. To honor Dave's work, one \$500 scholarship will be awarded annually to a student who has shown **leadership, commitment and passion for volunteer service** to improve the community. The student should be recognized by established service organizations for demonstrating strong organizational, leadership and communications skills to accomplish stated goals and benefit others through their volunteer efforts. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required.

#### Dr. John W. Green, Jr. Family Scholarship

Established by the late Virginia Green in honor of her family, five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded annually for the next six years to a student who demonstrates **financial need and solid academic performance**. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required.

#### The Clayle, Milva, Maxhn, and Janine McCaw Scholarship Fund

Established by Dr. John ('35) McCaw and his wife Maxine in honor of their children, all who graduated from ALHS, one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually to a student who demonstrates a **solid academic performance, community service and financial need**. Acceptance at an accredited institution and a minimum GPA of 3.0 are required.

#### Sarg Fontanini Memorial Scholarship

Established by the Fontanini family to honor the memory of Sarg Fontanini, Class of 1933, one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded in 2012 to a student who demonstrates **exceptional character, solid academic performance and financial need**. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required.

## RAILSPLITTER REVIEW SCAVENGER HUNT

The first Railsplitter Review Scavenger Hunt was a huge success! We had many entries, but the lucky winners were **Jack & Anna Mayer**, who enjoyed the Fall Musical and dinner at Baratta's. It's fun and easy to participate. All you need to do is read the newsletter, answer the questions below and send in the form! All correct responses received by **May 11** will be entered into a drawing for two tickets to the ALHS Alumni Association Annual Celebration.

1. When is the Annual Bob VanderLinden Memorial Golf Outing?

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

2. Where does Kristin Turk '07 play professional basketball?

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

3. When did Dr. John McCaw graduate from Lincoln?

Best Time to Call: \_\_\_\_\_

4. How many new student scholarships are there for 2012?

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

5. How many 2012 Alumni Hall of Fame inductees are there?

Send your responses by mail to: Suzanne Guess

c/o 210 Communications

2643 Beaver Ave. #326

Des Moines, IA 50310

For those who prefer e-mail, send your responses to: [seguess@mchsi.com](mailto:seguess@mchsi.com)



## Alumni Association Annual Meeting

**DATE:** May 17, 2012  
**TIME:** 5:30 PM (social hour)  
6:00 PM (dinner)  
7:00 PM (program)  
**LOCATION:** Lincoln Commons

Join us for the Annual Alumni Association Meeting on May 17, 2012. The following will be awarded at the meeting:

- ALHS Alumni Hall of Fame designations
- ALHS Foundation Scholarships.

Entertainment at this year's meeting will showcase student performers from the instrumental and vocal music departments.

Come and renew friendships, enjoy a light meal, and congratulate your fellow alumni and students on their achievements. Simply complete the form below and send it along with your check by Friday, May 11 to:

Suzanne Guess  
c/o 210 Communications  
2643 Beaver Ave. #326  
Des Moines, IA 50310

---

### LHS Alumni Association Annual Meeting Reservation Form

Please Print:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_ Tickets @ \$15 each =  
TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_



\*\*\*Make your check payable to LHS Alumni Association\*\*\*

# 2011 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

On February 3, 2012, seven new members were inducted into the ALHS Athletic Hall of Fame during halftime of the Railsplitters' basketball game against North High. The 2012 inductees are:

**Sargio Fontanini '33** participated in several school activities including Student Council, Senior Loyalty Commission, Junior Character Commission, Home Room President, and golf. His golf career began at age 13 while working as a caddy at the Wakonda Club. Over the years there were many newspaper articles and television newscasts about his golf career. Sadly, Sarg recently passed away, and his two daughters accepted the Hall of Fame induction on his behalf.

**Dave Summy '69** participated in football, basketball and track. He was football team captain his senior year. He attended Simpson College and played football where he was a four-year starter as linebacker. His senior year he was co-captain and voted the season MVP. Dave played semi-pro football for the Newton Nite Hawks. He was head football and track coach at North Polk for 10 years and then head football coach at Indianola High School.

**Mike Winfrey '69** participated in football, track, baseball and basketball, earning seven athletic letters. He was a two-time All-Conference selection in basketball, and a two-time First Team All-Conference selection in football. Mike set several school records in football his senior year and some are still active to date. He attended the University of Northern Iowa.

**Ashley Chelleen '02** received a varsity letter in basketball all four years while at Lincoln. She is still among the all-time leaders in several categories in Lincoln Girls Basketball history. Ashley went on to attend Bradley University with a National letter of Intent from 2002-2007, where she also received a Varsity Letter all four years, and holds several school records.

**Stephanie Chelleen '04** lettered in basketball all four years at Lincoln, and holds several school records. Stephanie attended the University of Illinois-Champaign Urbana with a National Letter of Intent from 2004-2008, where she also received a Varsity Letter all four years. Her freshman year she was the recipient of the George Huff Award and received Academic All-Big Ten honors her sophomore and junior years.

**Brandon McDonough '04** participated in wrestling, cross country and track, lettering in each of these sports. Brandon has one of the all-time best career wrestling records at Lincoln. He went on to attend Johnson & Whales University where he was a three-time NCAA Division III National Qualifier and he placed third at the NCAA tournament his junior year.

Cecil Rhoads joined Lincoln High School in 1974 as **Head Football Coach** after nine years coaching at Nevada High School where he won three championships. His overall Lincoln record was the most wins by a coach in Lincoln history until 2011. At Lincoln, Cecil coached six All-State players, 26 All-State Honorable Selection players, and 41 All-Metro players, and 48 players continued on to play college football, seven at the Division I level. ■

## REUNION NEWS

- **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 at 1:00 PM. For information call **Leo Bridal** at (515) 285-3332.
- **Classes of January and June 1945** meet for lunch at 11:30 AM on the first Friday of every month 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. For information contact **Dick Dickey** at (515) 283-0080. Dick also sends a newsletter to classmates.
- **Class of June 1946** will hold its annual class luncheon at noon, on June 8, 2012, at the Okoboji Grill on SE 14th Street. For information contact **Denise St. John** at (515) 246-0711.
- **Classes of January and June 1947** are planning a **65th Class Reunion** May 17-19, 2012. On May 17 classmates will meet at the Alumni Association Annual Dinner Celebration. On May 18, there will be a lunch at 11 AM at the Best Western on Army Post Road. On May 19 there will be a tour of Des Moines. For information contact **Coralie Cherry** at (515) 285-3098 or **Norma Kacheloffer** at (515) 244-3662.
- **Class of June 1950** meets at the ALHS Alumni Association Annual Dinner Celebration and the BLH Club Pancake Breakfast each year. **Dee Duff** hopes to see many of you attend! For more information, contact Dee at (515) 288-2283.
- **Class of January 1951** will hold its annual brunch at 10 AM on June 8, 2012, at Hy-Vee on Fleur Drive. For information contact **Ann & Jack Mayer** at (515) 961-6363 or granmayer@msn.com.
- **Classes of January and June 1952:** If you are interested in a **60th Class Reunion**, contact **Jeanine Raffensparger Lyman** at (515) 277-8487.
- **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 S E 14th Street. The

*continued >>>>*



Abraham Lincoln High School  
**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**  
2600 SW 9th St.  
Des Moines, Iowa 50315-1998

**www.alhsalumni.com**

---

## REUNION NEWS *(cont)*

Visit the Alumni Web site at  
**www.alhsalumni.com**  
for the latest information on Alumni activities.

classes will also celebrate their **55th Class Reunion** on September 7-8, 2012 at the Marriott on Jordan Creek Drive. Plans include an informal gathering on Friday night and dinner/dance on Saturday night. For information contact **Jackie Thompson Tinker** at (515) 967-6232 or [TINK967@aol.com](mailto:TINK967@aol.com).

- **Class of June 1962** will hold its **50th Class Reunion** on September 14 - 15, 2012. On Friday, classmates will gather at the **Corigliano** home in the Maffet Lake area. A Saturday evening event will take place at Echo Valley Golf and Country Club. For more information, contact **Susie Koons Ortale** at (515) 285-4361 or **Sheryl Keefer Drake** at 288-9990.
- **Class of 1963** will hold its annual Breakfast, Golf Outing and Potluck at MacRae Park on June 23, 2012. Classmates will receive more information and reservation form in the mail.
- **Class of 1965 "65th Birthday Party"** - The Class of 1965 is turning 65 this year so classmates are planning a party to celebrate. Classmates will meet on August 4th, 2012 at 6 PM at the Greenbriar Restaurant in Johnston, IA.

**Tim Meline** has prepared an amusing PowerPoint presentation titled "Down Memory Lane." **Steve Cox** is going to sing while playing his guitar, and the CD player will be playing all of our favorite Jr. High and High School songs. The menu will include "heavy" hors d'oeuvres all night long. The cost is \$30 per person. Please RSVP at [tmeline100@aol.com](mailto:tmeline100@aol.com).

- **Class of 1967** will hold its **45th Class Reunion** on July 13-14, 2012. For information contact **Phyllis Richardson Fitzpatrick** at (515) 244-1381, or see Facebook page Lincoln High School Class of 1967.
- **Class of 1972** will hold its **40th Class Reunion** September 21 - 22, 2012. For information contact **Linda Lembke Godwin** at (515) 453-5118 or [LindaGodwin@IowaRealty.com](mailto:LindaGodwin@IowaRealty.com). Please e-mail Linda to update or furnish your address.
- **Class of 1977** will hold its **35th Reunion** on June 15 - 16, 2012, at the Izaak Walton League. Contact [SuzanLang@ALHS1977.com](mailto:SuzanLang@ALHS1977.com) or see the Facebook page ALHS Class of 1977 35th Reunion.

- **Class of 1982** will hold its **30th Class Reunion** on June 22, 2012. There will be a dinner and dance at Echo Valley Country Club. For information contact **Rhonda McCaughey Robel** at (515) 287-1699.
- **Class of 1985** is seeking classmates to plan future reunions. If you are interested, send an email to [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 1987** will hold its **25th Class Reunion** on June 22-23, 2012. For information, contact **Tracey Wildermuth** at (515) 255-1580 or 205-9898 or [tracey@tgdArt.com](mailto:tracey@tgdArt.com). Please e-mail Tracey to update or furnish your address.
- **Class of 1997** will hold its **15th Class Reunion** on Saturday, August 11, 2012, from 7 - 11 PM, at All Play, 615 - 3rd Street in Des Moines. For information contact **Amanda McVey Tyler** at (515) 577-3221, [Amanda.tyler@aol.com](mailto:Amanda.tyler@aol.com), or see Facebook page ALHS Class of 1997 - Des Moines, IA.

**www.alhsalumni.com**