



# RAILSPLITTER

## review

FALL 2018

### PRESIDENT'S INBOX: ANNA RUPERTO WILLIAMS '63



Greetings!

What a busy spring and summer the Alumni Foundation has had! We held our **2nd Annual RAILS Party**—an all class reunion and membership drive—at **Carl's Place** on May 5th. Carl's Place, a Sherman Hill bar, is owned by **Jimmy '85** and **Mike '92 Daughenbaugh**. Jimmy and Mike donated kegs of beer and snacks, and their staff were wonderful hosts. This year, music was provided by three bands: **Curseword**, **Tough Ghost** and **Mississippi Jake**.

At the Annual Dinner our Dollars for Scholars Chapter awarded 15 Alumni Association scholarships and 59 named scholarships, totaling \$88,000! See page 4 for the names of these deserving 2018 ALHS graduates.

During our Scholarship presentations we had the pleasure of singing Happy Birthday to Dr. John McCaw '35! Dr. McCaw turned 101 on March 10, 2018. You may recall Dr. and the late Mrs. McCaw established a scholarship in honor of their children, The Clayle, Milva, Maxhn, and Janine McCaw Scholarship Fund, in 2012.

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Classes represented ranged from Class of 1949, **Virgil Moore**, to Class of 2012, **Karly King**. And the class with most participants was probably the Class of 1986!

More photos are on our alumni website, [www.alhsalumni.com](http://www.alhsalumni.com). Check the website, too, for future information that will be posted for the 2019 RAILS Party!

May 16th was our Annual Dinner Celebration. We inducted three new members into the Alumni Hall of Fame: **Mary Jennings '54**, **Richard Hurd '70** and **Joel Drake '87**. Read their amazing

biographies on our web home page, [www.alhsalumni.com](http://www.alhsalumni.com).

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## FOUNDATION NEWS

### OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

#### OFFICERS

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Kris (Bird) Cooper (1988), Gloria Gray (1966), Shirley (Eaton) McKibben (1953), Matt Meline (1986), Tyler Navin (2002), Ray “Skip” Phillips (1968), Lisa Whitmarsh Peterson (1975), Phyllis (Knouf) Stegman (1943) John Thielke (1980)

### ATTENTION STATE OF IOWA EMPLOYEES!

The ALHS Alumni Foundation Dollars for Scholars Chapter is once again participating in the **State of Iowa One Gift Program** where employees may payroll deduct contributions to charitable organizations.

The One Gift campaign takes place during September, however, employees may pledge at any time for the balance of the current year. The ALHS Alumni Foundation/Dollars for Scholars is proud to have been a part of this charitable program since 2009! If you are a State of Iowa employee, please pledge to the Des Moines Lincoln Dollars for Scholars Chapter. Imagine the additional scholarship possibilities this One Gift Program can bring to our ALHS students!

One hundred percent of the One Gift voluntary payroll deduct contributions go to the designated charitable agencies. To learn more, see web site <https://das.iowa.gov/human-resources/one-gift>. Des Moines Lincoln Dollars for Scholars is agency **No. 7665**. ■

### FINANCIAL REPORTS

(As of May 31, 2018)

#### ALHS Alumni Operating Accounts

Checking and investment accounts

**\$24,202**

*Your annual dues go to help with operating expenses.*

#### ALHS Alumni Foundation

Checking and investment accounts

**\$1,253,543\***

*\* Interest earned from our investment accounts funds Association scholarships.*

## FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTORS

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

Barbara Aller	Al Graziano	Virgil Moore	Randy Wallace
Cynthia Barbour	Nicole Graziano	Jerilyn Munsinger	Gary & Sandra Wegenke
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<b>Sarg Fontanini Memorial Scholarship</b>			
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Gloria Gray	Anna Williams		
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In Memory of: **Raymond '46 & Janice Mount**  
 Phil Mount

In Memory of: **Dick Selinger '59**  
 Jan Selinger

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

Barb Timmons for the **Myrna Newbury Agan Memorial Scholarship**

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

Suzette Jensen for the **Class of 1964 Scholarship**  
 Shirley McKibben for the **William “Bill” McKibben Memorial Scholarship**  
 Zac Bales-Henry for the **Zac Bales-Henry Scholarship**  
 Nicholas Mancuso for the **Nicholas J. Mancuso Scholarship**  
 Anonymous for the **Studebaker Elementary School Scholarship**  
 Todd & Janet Kicheloe for the **Carole Jones Memorial Scholarship**

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

Dr. John McCaw for the **Clayle, Milva, Maxhn and Janine McCaw Scholarship Fund**  
 Dick Geil for the **Ruth Johnson Nichols Memorial Scholarship**  
 Class of 1963 for the **ALHS Class of 1963 Memorial Scholarship**



### CONTACT US

**Are you interested in establishing a scholarship?** The Foundation can help you establish a scholarship in your name or in memory of a family member or friend.

**Are you considering including the ALHS Alumni Foundation in your will?** Contact us for the legal language for making a bequest to the Foundation and to specify how your funds should be used by us.

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ALHS Alumni  
Foundation**Dollars for  
SCHOLARS®**

A Program of Scholarship America®



Thanks to the generosity of many ALHS alumni and friends, the ALHS Alumni Foundation awards scholarships to deserving Lincoln seniors each year. We are pleased to announce another new scholarship:

**Carole Jones Memorial Nursing Scholarship**

Established by **Todd Kincheloe '79, Alan Kincheloe '80, Janette Kincheloe Brenner '82, and Mark Kincheloe,** to honor the memory of their mother and her lifetime of service as a nurse in recovery rooms and nephrology clinics, a \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually beginning in 2019 to a student who plans to major in **nursing.** A minimum **GPA** of 3.0 is required.

**The following 2018 graduates of Lincoln High School received our Alumni Foundation Scholarships in May 2018:**

**ALHS Alumni Association Scholarship**

Bishnu Adhikari, Simpson College  
Frankie Baratta, Grand View University  
Hali Christiansen, Des Moines Area Community College  
Puspa Dhimal, Des Moines Area Community College  
Puja Dhungel, Iowa State University  
John Fitzgerald, Iowa State University  
Dibya Gurung, Des Moines Area Community College  
Sabitra Kafley, Des Moines Area Community College  
Amalee Larson, University of Northern Iowa  
Louis Moreno, Drake University  
Brooke Nath, Central College  
Jadon Ohnemus, Drake University  
Kathryn Post, Iowa State University  
Hser Thaw, Des Moines Area Community College  
Kristen Woolery, Oregon Coast Community College

**ALHS Class of 1963 Memorial Scholarship**

Noah Robinson, Des Moines Area Community College

**ALHS Class of 1967 Scholarship**

Spencer Davis, Simpson College  
Evelin Delgadillo, Des Moines Area Community College

**Bill Backstrom Memorial Scholarship**

Heman Gurung, Iowa State University

**BLH Bevington Scholarship**

Spencer Davis, Simpson College  
Rylie Dougherty, University of Northern Iowa  
Grant Fay, Iowa State University  
Katelyn Foltz, Des Moines Area Community College  
Jenna Gilliam, Iowa State University  
Zachary Hollingsworth, Simpson College  
Connor Kane, Des Moines Area Community College  
Warren MacDonald, University of Iowa  
Mason Prymek, Simpson College  
Noah Robinson, Des Moines Area Community College  
Olivia Rowling, Des Moines Area Community College  
Alix Rush, Collin County Community College District  
Michael Scott, Iowa State University  
Wyatt Shumaker, Des Moines Area Community College  
Olivia Signor, Iowa State University  
Samuel Stevens, Iowa State University  
Leon Urias, Iowa Central Community College  
Nicholas Worthington, Des Moines Area Community College

**Coralie Cherry Memorial Scholarship**

Phouthasith Macvilay, Iowa State University

**Des Moines East and South Chamber Educational Scholarship**

Reya Mathew, Iowa State University

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

Bishnu Adhikari, Simpson College  
Amalee Larson, University of Northern Iowa

**Dr. Patricia K. Tice Scholarship**

Mi Chau, Iowa State University

**George "Skip" Timmons Memorial Scholarship**

Ana Garcia, Kirkwood Community College  
Alisa Silwal, Grand View University

**Howard Wayne Foust Memorial Scholarship**

Warren MacDonald, University of Iowa

**Hugh Kent Memorial Science Scholarship**

Kayla Bosiljevac, Des Moines Area Community College

**Jim & Ralph Wilson Memorial Scholarship**

Jocelynn Luangdetmalay, Iowa State University

**Leo Bridal Memorial Scholarship**

Joslyn Cardenas-Flores, Simpson College

**Mahoney Family Scholarship**

Elizabeth Freeze, Southeastern University

**Neff Family Scholarship**

Nirjan Bhattarai, Drake University  
Hari Biswa, Iowa State University

**Nicholas J. Mancuso Scholarship**

Grant Fay, Iowa State University

**Ray "Monk" and Erma Wilson Family Scholarship**

Arleth DeAvila Lopez, Iowa State University

**Raymond and Shirley Phillips Memorial Scholarship**

Leon Urias, Iowa Central Community College

**Ruth Johnson Nicholls Memorial Scholarship**

Carla Ruiz, Central College

**Sarg Fontanini Memorial Scholarship**

Jenna Gilliam, Iowa State University

**South Des Moines Sculpture Park Scholarship**

Kiera Edwards, University of Iowa

**Stuebaker Elementary School Scholarship**

Macalister Downing, University of Iowa

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

Viridiana Virgen-Garcia, Iowa State University

**The Dave Mills Scholarship**

Samuel Stevens, Iowa State University

**The Dave Ostrem Family Scholarship**

Hao Chen, University of Iowa  
Caitlyn Lucht, Simpson College  
Ashley Sackpraseuth, Iowa State University  
Shantelia Shook, Dordt College  
Olivia Signor, Iowa State University

**The Erickson Family Foundation Scholarship**

Evelin Delgadillo, Des Moines Area Community College

**The Gloria Gray Scholarship**

Jordan Foster, Des Moines Area Community College  
Kaw Mu, Iowa State University

**The Meline Family Swimming Scholarship**

Miguel Vazquez-Espinoza, Iowa State University

**The Myrna Newbury Agan Memorial Scholarship**

Maria Fazio, Kirkwood Community College

**Tom Akers Scholarship**

Scott Nguyen, Iowa State University

**William "Bill" McKibben Memorial Scholarship**

Dai'Tynn Coppage-Walker, Iowa State University

**Wolfe Family Scholarship**

BriAnn Chapman, Iowa State University

**Zac Bales-Henry Scholarship**

Evelyn Meyer, Des Moines Area Community College



President's Inbox *(cont)*

Dr. McCaw had another unexpected surprise—He was invited by Kris Bird Cooper '88 and Job Cooper '86 to be Grand Marshal of the Lincoln Homecoming Parade. Dr. McCaw was thrilled, and he told me in all his 101 years he had never been asked to be a parade grand marshal. Kris and Job have been sponsoring the homecoming parade

every-other-year. Check out the rest of the parade photos on our website.

This summer Alumni Foundation members assisted the Classes of 1963, 1968 and 2003 with their Reunions by conducting tours of Lincoln High School and handling their registration tables for them. We participated in the Chicken Bowl and Back to School Nights in August, and in September shared a booth with the **Build Lincoln Higher Club** at the Des Moines SW 9th Open Street Fair. September also found ALHS Foundation members at the Annual South Des Moines Art Festival! Photos for all these events can be viewed on our website, [www.alhsalumni.com](http://www.alhsalumni.com).

November 16, 2018, is the Winter Kickoff at the Bowen Round House. Last fall, on behalf of the ALHS Alumni Foundation, I entered the Chili Cookoff. I did not win—in spite of how good my chili was! The other groups had too many loyal fans voting for their chili. So, this year you alumni **must** come to the Winter Kickoff, vote for my Alumni Foundation chili, and have fun at the **Alumni Foundation's 5th Annual Silent Auction**. See page 12 for the details.

I'm looking forward to the rest of this second year as your Alumni Foundation President! There are lots of ways for you to volunteer, keep in touch with your classmates and friends, and show your Southside pride! Start by coming to the Winter Kickoff on November 16th, bid on a basket at the Silent Auction, and **vote for my chili!** ■

Hope to see you,

*Anna*

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

**Paul Williamson**



Wow, what a busy and great start to the 2018-2019 school year. At this writing, we have now officially been in school four weeks. During this time, our 2,500 (YES 2,500!) students have enjoyed their homecoming, with parade, been well behaved, and renewing/discovering their Southside pride! This year we are working hard to teach our students about Southside pride and the fact that it is

something that is within them. It isn't something we can teach, yet something they discover and show through their actions. This past spring Lincoln was awarded a \$200K grant by Polk County. We are currently embarking on multiple projects to provide better opportunities for our students both in the classrooms and on the fields.

In the classrooms we continue to change the way we teach to meet the needs of the new work force and learning styles of our students. This continues to challenge us every day as educators, but we will do whatever it takes to make sure our students are in school and prepared for college or the work force. Our focus



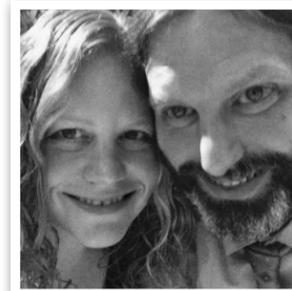
is teaching students the skills to be collaborative problem solvers in creative and innovative ways. Now entering my eighth year as the principal of Lincoln, I continue to be amazed at the diversity of our student body and the efforts the students and staff make to allow everyone to feel welcomed. I look forward to seeing you at some of our upcoming events! ■

Sincerely,

*Paul Williamson*

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:  
KERRY BIONDI-MORLAN '91

BY JENNIFER WELDON VAN WYK '91



Kerry Biondi graduated from Lincoln in the Spring of 1991. That fall, she headed to Cedar Falls with the intention of majoring in Special Education at the University of Northern Iowa (UNI). During her first semester of college, she became interested in speech pathology after hearing a friend talk about touring the university's speech and hearing clinic. By second semester of her freshman year, Kerry had changed her major; she went on to earn her BA in Communicative Disorders in 1995 and her MA in Speech Pathology in 1997, both from UNI.

After graduation, Kerry moved back to Des Moines. In the fall of 1997, she married her high school sweetheart, Luke Morlan '92, and they settled into a home near Roosevelt High School. *For those reading this from the classes of 1951, 1952, 1972, or 1973, the last name may sound familiar. Luke's grandparents are Dick and Mamie (Corcoran) Morlan, and his parents are Rick Morlan, and Pam Jury.*

Kerry's first professional job as a speech pathologist was at Mercy Hospital. While she enjoyed working with people of all ages, it was her time working with children she found to be the most rewarding. As a result, after four years at Mercy, she followed her passion, and accepted a job as a speech pathologist with the Des Moines Public Schools (DMPS), serving several schools. Currently she serves two elementary buildings on the south side - Lovejoy and South Union (formerly Granger Elementary).

With both sets of parents on the south side, she and her husband made the move back to Des Moines' southeast side in 2001. A year later, they received the exciting news that they were expecting their first child.

In the spring of 2003, Kerry and her husband found themselves doing the types of things all expectant parents do...they washed tiny clothes, put them on tiny hangers,

and hung them in the closet of their newly decorated nursery. But then the unimaginable happened: their first child, a daughter, Grace Biondi, was still born at 32 weeks.

In the weeks and months that followed losing her daughter, Kerry met four women who all lost daughters to stillbirth or infant death within months of one another. At first, they simply shared their stories of grief and found comfort in knowing they were not alone. However, it didn't take long before those stories turned into a mission and the non-profit, Healthy Birth Day, was born. Their mission is to prevent stillbirth and infant death through education, advocacy, and support.

Healthy Birth Day's primary initiative is a public health campaign called Count the Kicks. Count the Kicks teaches expectant parents about monitoring their baby's movements in the last trimester of pregnancy. It launched in 2009 and since then, Iowa's stillbirth rate has dropped 26%, taking Iowa from the 33rd worst in the country to the 3rd lowest stillbirth rate. The organization's latest focus is on the racial disparities in stillbirth.

Focusing on stillbirth and infant death prevention helped Kerry heal. She smiles when she says that the time and efforts she puts into the organization are when she gets to be Grace's mother. And while a portion of the pain is always there, she has found happiness again.

Seventeen years after starting with Des Moines Public Schools, Kerry still loves working with the students and families at her schools – especially South Union, where she attended elementary school when it was still Granger. She and her husband, Luke, have remained on the southside and are the proud parents of three healthy children: 13 year-old twins, Adam and Addeline, who are in 8th grade, and 12 year-old, Truman, who is in 6th grade. Both boys swim at Lincoln for the South Side Seahawks.

To learn more about Healthy Birth Day and Count the Kicks, visit [www.countthekicks.org](http://www.countthekicks.org). ■

# ALUMNI NOTES

**Thanks** to all the folks who have been sending in information about our ALHS alumni, friends and family. Keep it coming! Submit your news to [williamsanna@netzero.net](mailto:williamsanna@netzero.net).

**Susan Amend Woody '81** has been named the new Executive Director of the Des Moines Public Library. Susan has worked for the library for the past 14 years, most recently as director of community engagement. Susan was selected after a three-month long nationwide search. Congratulations, Susan!

Speaking of the Des Moines Public Library, **Dr. John McCaw '35** is the oldest former staff member, serving as a reference room page under the direction of **Esther Hughes** (former Governor Hughes' aunt) and **Edith Page**. John was 17 years old and while filing papers, he read some highly confidential information. Not knowing where to file the papers, he brought them to Esther's attention. Esther immediately brought John to Edith's office. Through no fault of his own, he had seen papers he was not supposed to see! To remedy the situation, Edith and Esther made John an honorary, secret member of **PEO—Philanthropic Educational Organization**. PEO members are proud of their organization and are committed to helping women pursue higher education. The women's organization was founded in 1869 by seven female students at Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant, Iowa. By the way, mention any subject to John and he will have a story for you! It's kind of like, "McCaw 101."

**Steve Conner** is looking for a 1976 ALHS Yearbook. If you have one to spare, please give Steve a call at (515) 943-9047.

In **January, 1952**, **Dolores Beardsley Horton** wrote a poem for her graduating class. It recently surfaced and we'd like to share it:

### Thorns of Life

Look at a rose, you will see it's beautiful.  
 The stem is crooked and the thorns cause us pain.  
 Life, like the rose, has beautiful times,  
 Life, like the stem, will have crooked paths  
 and some cause us pain.  
 As we go through life we make choices.  
 Some choices will be beautiful, and some choices  
 will cause us pain.  
 But we can survive, and we are made stronger  
 by the thorns of life.

Thank you, Dolores! Does it feel like 66 years since you wrote this for your classmates?

Fire Fighter **Stuart Isaacson '79**, was honored as the Rotary Club of Des Moines' **2018 Fire Fighter of the Year**. Stuart has been a firefighter and medic, and has been on the hazardous materials team for over 14 years in Des Moines, and was previously a firefighter and medic in Clive. He is the first to receive Fire Fighter of the Year awards in both Des Moines and Clive. Stuart is pictured with Des Moines Fire Chief **John TeKippe**.



**Charles Stover '56** has been professionally taking photographs for many, many years. His mother, **Caroline R. Munyon Stover Darlington '36** passed away in March, at age 99.5, succumbing to Alzheimer's. Charlie recalls the pleasure of photographing her 50th and 70th class reunions, and taking this photo in her 90th year.



Another photo was uncovered, taken when Caroline's girlfriend, **Dorothy Berry**, married (early World War II)—**husband and Dorothy Berry; Jimmy and Ruth Mattson Longden; Doris Stroud; Verlon, Caroline and Charles Stover; Cal, Katherine, and Janice Butler**.



**Samuel McMichael '15** was awarded our four-year **Elizabeth C. Vencil Chandler Memorial Scholarship**. This summer we received a note from Sam: *Now an alumnus of Wartburg College with a bachelor's degree in business administration, I greatly enjoyed my time there. During the past three years at college, I ran track,*

*was involved in our college student senate, partnered with various organizations for community service projects and met an innumerable number of lifelong friends and acquaintances.*

*In the fall of my sophomore year, I discovered my interest in law and soon made the decision to pursue it as a career. In order to save both time and money, I decided to cut my time short at Wartburg, graduating in three years instead of four. I applied to several law schools and ultimately chose Drake University as my next destination. I am excited (and nervous) for the next step in my education this fall, and continue to be thankful and appreciative of the Elizabeth C. Vencil Chandler Memorial Scholarship that I received. As all families know, university is an expensive endeavor. Through several scholarships, the most prominent being this one, I look to graduate from both Wartburg and Drake with minimal debt. I am proud to have been a Railsplitter and can't say enough about the opportunities the school, and its resources, have provided. And we're proud of you, Sam!*

**Dennis Chadwick '63** has had his first book published: in biblical studies titled, *Both Here and There: Studies in Concentric Parallelism in the Gospel of Luke*. Wipf and Stock Publishers, 40% launch discount at publisher site with discount code "THERE." Congratulations, Dennis!

**Walter Goff II (Wally)** husband of **Sandy Geyer Goff '63**, has had his second book published, *Vengeance is Mine*. Characters Bill and Holly Chandler, from his first book, are caught in an international web of airline terrorism, and become the targets of opposing forces trying to acquire control of Litten Industries.... Curious? Go to <http://www.smile.amazon.com/ch/42-1392969>. Don't forget, when you shop Amazon, the **AmazonSmile Foundation** will donate 0.5% of your purchase price to the ALHS Alumni Foundation.



What a beautiful day for the Lincoln **Homecoming Parade** on September 12th. The parade travels from Watrous along S.W.12th to the football field.

The **Annual South Des Moines Art Festival** was held September 15th at the Sculpture Park, S.W. 8th and McKinley. The festival is free, with great food and entertainment; and jewelry, art and crafts available for purchase. The annual art festival helps to fund the South Des Moines Sculpture Park Scholarship established by **Phil Barber '68** and the late **Chuck Mettler '61**.



**Barbara Quijano Decker '68** has been named the Executive Director of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Des Moines. Barbara was previously the President of Mercy College of Health Sciences from 2005 until 2018. Since graduating from Drake Law School in 2000, her career has been centered on human relations, higher education and health care. Congratulations, Barbara!

**Class of 1958** celebrated their 60th class reunion September 28 & 29 with a lunch at Baratta's Restaurant and a tour of Lincoln.

**Classes of 1959 Gals** held a luncheon at Baratta's on South Union, Friday, June 15, 2018.



**Classes of January and June 1963** held their **55th Class Reunion**, June 22-23, 2018. Events included an informal gathering on Friday night at the Eagles Lodge, breakfast on Saturday morning

at the Village Inn on Army Post Road, then some went golfing and some toured the school. Class photo and a buffet dinner was served on Saturday evening at Blank Golf Course.

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**Class of 1968** celebrated its **50th Class Reunion** September 14 & 15, 2018. Friday's event was at the Iowa Cubs Club, and Saturday included a program and buffet dinner at Blank Golf Course. Details are available on FB at Lincoln Class of 68, Des Moines, Iowa.



**Class of 1973** had a packed weekend for their **45th Class Reunion**, September 14-15, 2018! They had a pre-game party at Park Avenue Pub, then attended the homecoming football game, and had a post-game party at the Baymont Inn & Suites. Saturday included golf, class photo, buffet dinner (at Baymont) post reunion party at Francie's, and post-post reunion party back at Baymont.



**Class of 1978** celebrated its **40th Class Reunion** July 14, 2018 with a golf outing and dinner at the Urbandale Country Club. All info for the Class of 1978 is being handled by e-mail, so contact **Betty Koeppl Schlievert** at (515) 991-6697 or [betty@schlievertplumbinginc.com](mailto:betty@schlievertplumbinginc.com).



**Class of 1988** celebrated its **30th Class Reunion** on September 1, 2018, at The Hall @ The Foundry in WDM. "It was great to reconnect with our fellow Railsplitters. Those who were unable to attend were greatly missed. We look forward to seeing everyone at our 35th Reunion in 2023! Thanks" from your 1988 Reunion Committee.

**Class of 1990** met at Easter Lake Shelter #2 on August 25th for a potluck to celebrate their 28th class reunion. They meet every year the Saturday after the Fair. Everyone from the class is invited, no exclusions. Contact: Tammy Monaghan (Polson) at [tammon71@gmail.com](mailto:tammon71@gmail.com) or Facebook group class of 1990.



**Class of 1998** celebrated its **20th Class Reunion** July 21, 2018. The class originally planned to hold its reunion downtown, but renovations to the hotel weren't completed in time and they had to make a quick decision on changing the venue. The Hall in West Des Moines was selected and it turned out to be a perfect place to mingle and get caught up with everyone!



The **Class of 2003** hosted an informal summer reunion for **Classes 2001-2005** in Downtown Des Moines in late June. First, alumni and their families toured Lincoln High School in the morning before meeting up for a noon game at the Iowa Cubs stadium. After the game, the day finished with Gusto Pizza and beautiful views of downtown at 300 Rooftop. About 75 people attended the event which was a huge hit for the other classes who weren't able to have reunions before. ■

## BUILD LINCOLN HIGHER BOOSTER CLUB, INC.

### JASON LEVANG, TREASURER

The BLH Club held its annual Chicken Bowl on August 16th and it was a success! We sold 375 chicken dinners. All the fall sports teams were recognized.

The Chili Cookoff is going to be held on November 16th during the Winter Sports Kickoff, and we are looking to grow it from last year. Our goal is to use the entire track of the Bowen Round House, filled with tables of chili for tasting. We will also be introducing the winter sports teams at this event.

The Pancake Breakfast will be January 26, 2019. This event will be held in the Student Commons at Lincoln High School from 7 AM until 12 noon. Admission price will once again be \$5.00. We are looking for the usual big turnout!

We are in the process of possibly holding a Spring Cookout to introduce the spring and summer sports. Not locked in at this time but will post it on the school calendar if the event gets put together.

We have quite a few new designs in the Rail Shop so please stop by if you're at a game and check them out. Proceeds from the Rail Shop and concession stand are used to help student activity groups pay for things the school cannot fund. ■

Go Rails!  
*Jason*



## INVITE THE ALUMNI FOUNDATION TO YOUR CLASS REUNION

Invite the ALHS Alumni Foundation to your next reunion! We can provide people to handle registration at your event, allowing members of your graduating class to join in the festivities instead of working at the registration table. We can also offer some opportunities for your classmates to show their school pride by purchasing a commemorative brick, driveway emblem, garden stone, or a window sticker. Membership apps for the ALHS Alumni Association are also available. We can help arrange for a school tour.

If you are interested in knowing more about how we can assist you at your reunion, email **Becky Dewey** at [dewrbth@outlook.com](mailto:dewrbth@outlook.com). ■

## FUNDRAISING

BY LISA WHITMARSH PETERSON '75 AND JOHN THIELKE '80

### 5TH ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION NOVEMBER 16, 2018

The Alumni Foundation holds fundraising events throughout the year to raise money to support our mission. Our next event is the 5th Annual Silent Auction during the Winter Sports Kick-off. Mark your calendar for Friday, November 16, 2018, at the Bowen Round House. There is something for every age and taste -- fabulous donations from ALHS Alumni, Friends of ALHS and local businesses -- including designer-quality themed gift baskets, gift cards and certificates, and unique giftable items. The proceeds of the Silent Auction support our Annual Alumni Dinner Celebration held each May when we award scholarships to seniors and induct new members into the ALHS Alumni Hall of Fame.

#### Interest piqued? How can you help?

- Create a Gift Basket yourself (or with friends!)
- Donate New Items, Gift Certificates or Gift Cards
- Spread the Word on Social Media to Support the ALHS Alumni Foundation
- Volunteer to help the Silent Auction Task Force
- **ATTEND THE ALHS WINTER SPORTS KICK-OFF** and bid on our baskets!

### SHOW YOUR SCHOOL PRIDE!

#### Commemorative Bricks and Driveway Emblems

In 1999 Abraham Lincoln High School celebrated its 75th anniversary and the ALHS Alumni Foundation 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, to honor a recent graduate or family of graduates.

#### Driveway Emblems

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!

#### Garden Stones

We are offering Garden Stones. These stones are molded from concrete by our friends at **One of a Kind Creations**. They are available in sealed natural for \$32, or hand-painted for \$42. A truly mobile and long-lasting keepsake.

If you are interested in showing your Lincoln Pride with one of these fundraisers, order forms are available on our Website: [www.alhsalumni.com](http://www.alhsalumni.com).



Before you do your Holiday shopping, come check out our Silent Auction! **Donations are tax deductible, and a Gift Statement will be provided to all donors.**

*Need Basket Design Assistance—contact Amy (Whisler) Hutchen '83 at [hutch1963@msn.com](mailto:hutch1963@msn.com)*

*To volunteer — Contact Fundraising Committee Co-Chairs: Lisa Whitmarsh Peterson '75 at [lefty-lizard@juno.com](mailto:lefty-lizard@juno.com) or John Thielke '80 at [johnthielke.jt@gmail.com](mailto:johnthielke.jt@gmail.com) ■*

#### Last Chance! ALHS Auditorium Seat Endcaps

The original Auditorium seats were removed and replaced with new seats, and we were given a few of these seats, along with several row marker end caps. These end caps have the ALHS monogram and a letter to designate the row. While the actual seats have all been sold, we still have a limited supply of the end caps. Not all letters of the alphabet are available, but we have most. When they are gone, they're gone. End caps will be available for purchase at \$20. All proceeds go to the Alumni Foundation to fund scholarships.

If you are interested in getting one of these pieces of ALHS history, you will need to act fast. Contact [johnthielke.jt@gmail.com](mailto:johnthielke.jt@gmail.com) for availability and to place your order.

#### AmazonSmile Foundation

Don't forget to bookmark <http://www.smile.amazon.com/ch/42-1392969>. When you shop Amazon, the **AmazonSmile Foundation** will donate 0.5% of your purchase price to the ALHS Alumni Foundation. You're shopping anyway—what an easy way to help our Foundation endowment grow! ■



## TRIBUTES

The following is a list of deceased ALHS Alumni, by graduating class, reported to us since our last newsletter went to print. If you would like to report the death of a classmate or loved one to the Alumni Foundation, please contact **Becky Dewey** at [dewrbth@outlook.com](mailto:dewrbth@outlook.com)

Class	Lincoln Alumni	Class	Lincoln Alumni
1936	Caroline Hemming Stover Darlington	1959	Janet Kellogg Noble
1939	Arnold Dwight Brown, Sr.	1963	Lowell "Mike" Dunham John "Doc" Reppert Gloria Roeder Nick Scavo
1942	Betty Wallace Cheatham Frances Jean Campopiano Reeser Tillinghast Jerry Charles Miller Robert "Dick" Reynolds	1965	Jim Boston Tom Simon
1943	Wanda Van Note Turchi Mary Wilson	1967	James "Jim" Morris
1945	Marjorie Ballard Beals Virginia "Ginny" Clark Boyd-West Corrine Comito Graziano Mary Rose (Davis) Wyckoff	1968	Christine Ann Martin
1948	Joseph Villirillo Maurice Doane	1975	Ricky Thomas
1948	Violet Struth Sterrett	1978	GySgt Louis Michael Castellano Kelly Anderson McCormack
1951	Lynn Darrah Shoot	1980	Ricky Seibert
1953	Cornelius Joseph "Jim" Sullivan, Jr. Norman Robert Abbott	1981	Judy Ann Lunn
1954	Arthur Hammond	1983	Kimberly Kay Kesselring Beltrame Jan Fraser
1955	Donald D. Doane Judith Moffitt Forbes Evelyn Baldwin	1984	Pamela Countryman
1957	Carl Loffredo Keith W. Adamson	1986	Michael Frank Richards Anthony James Beck
1958	Karen Knutson King	1991	Jennifer Nessen
		1993	Jason Stites
		1999	Garrett C. Wilson





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## REUNION NEWS

- **Classes of January and June 1957** meet for lunch the second Thursday of every month, 11:30 AM at Hilltop Restaurant, 29th and Hubbell. Contact **Jackie Thompson Tinker** at (515) 967-6232 or TINK967@ao.com
- **Classes of 1959** are planning a **60th Class Reunion** to take place the weekend of June 21-23, 2019. A Facebook page has been set up for Class of 1959: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1169772793159210/> A yearbook will be compiled. If you have not yet given updated information, please call or send your e-mail, address and phone contact information to **Ande/Edna Custer Glaese** at (509) 765-3984 or ergrogwa@nctv.com
- **Classes of 1959** meet for breakfast the first Tuesday of the month, 8:15 AM, at Prairie Meadows. Anyone is welcome to join the group!
- **Class of 1961 Lunch Bunch** will meet at 11:30 AM on October 13th at Bravo's Cucina Italiana, 120 S. Jordan Creek Pkwy in West DM. Contact **Dixie Jeffries** at djeff1943@gmail.com or (515) 243-5700.
- **Classes of January and June 1963** will hold their annual gathering June 21-22, 2019. Plans include informal gathering on Friday night at the Eagles Lodge, breakfast on Saturday morning at the Village Inn on Army Post Road, golf, and a pot luck Saturday evening at MacRae Park. Send your email address to williamsanna@netzero.net to receive information on activities and classmates.
- **Class of 1990** meets at Easter lake shelter 2 every year the Saturday after the Fair. Next year will be our 29th, then our Big 30, so spread the news! Contact: **Tammy Polson Monaghan** at tammon71@gmail.com or Facebook group class of 1990.

*Report Reunion news to **Becky Dewey** at (515) 280-5386 or dewrbth@outlook.com. If you would like the Alumni Foundation to assist you at your class reunion (registration table, etc.) give Becky a call!*

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