



PHHS FOUNDATION

The past and the present coming together for the future.

September 2019

President's Message

Many of us remember when we first entered the hallowed halls of Patrick Henry Junior or Senior High School. We came from a variety of schools on the north side, some public and some private. Open enrollment was not available to us. Some entered as seventh graders from our local elementary school. Others entered as ninth graders from local private schools, or from neighborhood junior highs. Most of us entered feeling a little afraid and lonely. We may have worried about whether or not anyone would talk to us, if we would make new friends, if we were dressed correctly, if we had anything in common with all these other people, and if we would pass our classes to graduate.

One thing we had in common were the hopes and dreams of our parents who wanted us to get the best education possible from the best teachers. Parents who supported our extracurricular activities so we could experience the many opportunities that were not available when they were in school. The choice of classes and activities were left mainly up to us with some help from our counselors.

Little did we know at the time, those choices would be so important for our future. The students who selected the same classes and shared the same teachers for the next three to six years - depending on when they entered Henry - would be our lifelong friends. Many influenced our future career choices, the neighborhoods we would live in, and whose kids would become the future friends of our children.

Today's student body does not have the opportunity to enter Henry at seventh grade, but they do have the option of attending Henry from across the metro area through open enrollment. Some select our school even though they live outside the district. They, too, often enter with the same concerns we had about classes, friends and teachers. Course selection has grown by leaps and bounds since many of us attended. For example, we selected our language course from German, French or Spanish. Now they select from Chinese, French, Japanese, Spanish and possibly Hmong. Language offerings reflect a much larger world than many of us knew when we attended Henry. Every area of the curriculum has grown to reflect our changing world.

The current student body shares the hopes and dreams of their parents: they still want the best education possible from the best teachers. Patrick Henry High School is prepared to offer and embrace those same hopes and dreams.

As this school year begins, let us, the proud alumni and community, support the current students, teachers, administrators and staff in their endeavors to provide the best for these future alumni. Although the demographics at Henry have changed over the years, the people inside this institution are still very much the same.

Cathy Roehl Peterson, Class of '65
PHHS Foundation President

The PHHS Foundation exists to enhance the learning environment at Patrick Henry and expand educational opportunities for students.

Interested in volunteering on the PHHS Foundation Board?

Attend one of our monthly meetings to find out more.

Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month, 5:30 PM at Henry. We do not meet in June, July, or December.

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2019 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

On October 16, 2019, Patrick Henry will induct two alumni into the Hall of Fame at the all-class luncheon. Luncheon information can be found on the last page of this newsletter. This years' inductees are Dan Ganley and Fue Lee.

This year's Hall of Fame inductees are true Northsiders. One of our inductees, Dan Ganley, proudly shares that he came from a family of seven and his family has been residents of the north side for over 100 years. The other inductee, Fue Lee, arrived in Minneapolis as a toddler from Thailand and still resides on the north side as the representative for District 59A in the Minnesota House of Representatives.



Ganley graduated in 1965. He was a wrestler, student council and Spanish club member. Ganley was a sports "junkie" attending many athletic events. He graduated from the University of Minnesota with a BA in Anthropology. After graduation, he started work at the Minneapolis Star and Tribune joining his brothers Frank and Tom. His volunteer activities were numerous including taking on the role of Big Brother to a fatherless boy, visiting the elderly, serving as a park commissioner and youth soccer coach, as well as overseeing several neighborhood re-development projects. He took on many roles in his local union including the office of vice president. He is a bit of a history buff and works hard at keeping history alive, helping us to remember the many important rolls that Minneapolis and many of our local heroes were a part of, such as building the Veteran's Memorial in St. Anthony and many more who served our city, state and country. He was a historical researcher for the film "Who Built our Capitol?" which honors the unsung heroes such as carpenters, bricklayers and janitors who were involved with constructing the Minnesota Capitol building.

Dan is a true Patriot who believes "Northsiders have been steeped in a tradition of caring and giving back to the community that gave us so much."

Lee is also a true Patriot who graduated in 2009. He was a three-sport athlete in football, golf and baseball. As a member of the National Honor Society, he was co-president his senior year and was the communications coordinator his senior year for the Minnesota Association of Honor Societies. During the day, he was a Link Crew leader and after school he worked at the Cookie Cart. Lee graduated from Carlton College with a degree in Political Science and International Relations. Before being elected as a representative, Lee worked at the House of Representatives. He now serves on the Environment and Natural Resources Finance Operation Committee and as Vice Chair of the Capitol Investment Committee. Rep. Lee is a founding member of both the people of Color and Indigenous Caucus (POCI) and the Minnesota Asian Pacific Caucus (MAP).



Both of these newly elected Patrick Henry Hall of Fame inductees are fine examples of Henry Patriots who give back extensively to our communities.

Congratulations to both Dan Ganley and Representative Fue Lee!!

Hall of Fame applications are currently being accepted for 2020 nominees. Please visit our website at phsfoundation.org for more information and to view or download a nomination form.

DONATIONS—WISH LIST—EVENTS

\$500 - \$999

12 women

In support of From the Heart Scholarship

\$250 - \$499

Janis L. Hartley (daughter)

In memory of Dolores (Mitera) Hartley
Jan. '42

Gloria (Mitera) Kiffe June '42

Loretta (Mitera) Yackel '43

Gary Kociemba - Former Principal

Dave Lindblom '54

\$100 - \$249

Peter Borman '85

In honor of Class of 1985

Gary Ehn (aka Sunrise) '66

In memory of Lars Kindem

Arnold Hanson '61

In memory of Patrick Donahue

Todd & Mary (Lunzer) Jacobson '64

Joseph Kraska '67

In memory of Harry Brown (coach)
In honor of Patrick Henry Hockey team
members '65-67

Diane (Pederson) Longerbone '65

In memory of Jay Longerbone '75

Linda Lonn

Richard Lund '62

Guy Milliren '71

Elaine (Teige) Zimmer '61

\$50 - \$99

Dan Ganley '65

Lorraine Hanach '53

In honor our Armed Forces

Scott Jacobson '79

In memory of Susan Pearl Hable '79

R K Jones

Janet Kappel '55

In honor of Class of 1955

Daniel Knudsen '64

In memory of Tom Berg '64

Lavonne Massey '55

Jon Mattson '51

Richard Nelson '57

In memory of Dave Miller '52

Lloyd & Colleen (Klatke) Olson '52

Olstad Estate

In memory of Cathy (Roach) Olstad '60

Jean (Johnson) Picard '70

Larry Raffensparger '57

In memory of Patrick Henry

John & Jacquelyn (Goodin) Stock '59

In memory of Don & Barb Swanson
(coach & wife)

Up to \$49

Steven Anderson '68

In support of Theater Program

Susan Breedlove

In honor of Tim & Carolyn Buzza
In support of Pop-Gospel Choir

Up to \$49 (cont.)

Susan (Skjold) Froslee '56

In memory of Tony Skjold '58

Al Gulden '60

Deborah Hoppe

In memory of Sharon Olga (Carlson)
Peterson

Barbara A Jordan '56

Joan (Eastman) Lampert '57

Michael Skavnak '56

In memory of Deceased Staff of 1956

Steve Skjold '56

In memory of Anthony C. Skjold

Marlys (Sturman) Wolff '50

In memory of William Herington '50
& Ronald Larson '50

2019 - 2020 School Year

Wish List

The Foundation is supporting the purchase of PHHS t-shirts for the entire student body this fall (~1,100 students). The purpose of the t-shirts is to promote school spirit and engagement within their school community. For many students, this may be their only opportunity to own PHHS spirit wear. We



are seeking donations to help offset the cost of the t-shirts. (Picture of t-shirt design at left.)

In addition, each year the Foundation funds

many staff requests because school budgets provide less each year. For example, last spring we provided funding for new jerseys for the baseball team (pictured below) and support for the Herobotics team to attend the FIRST Robotics competition in Detroit, MI.



If you want to designate your donation to a particular activity or class, please note that on your donation. Donations can be made by mail or electronically in PayPal from our web site: <http://phhsfoundation.org>.

PHHS teachers, staff, students and Foundation Board are grateful for your support. Please be generous!

Upcoming 2019-2020 Events

Class of 1961 Annual Reunion

Mon, Sept 16, 2019,
"Mingle & Munch" 1-4 PM
1900 Old Highway 8
New Brighton MN 55112
RSVP by Sept 9 to Tom Teresi
at tomteresi@gmail.com or
612-275-1330

Class of 1979 40th Reunion

Fri, Sept 27, 2019 at
Crystal VFW
Organized by Mary Hurd
(Marciniak), Kelly Goski and
Darla Thalini; Adjacent classes
welcome; \$20 in advance;
RSVP to Mary Hurd (Marciniak)
Maryrhurd@yahoo.com

Patrick Henry High School Homecoming

Fri, Oct 4, 2019:

- **Parade/Northside Peace March from Loring Elementary School to Patrick Henry HS (alumni welcome to participate), 5 PM**
- **Football game, 7 PM**

PHHS Foundation All Class Fall Luncheon

Wed, Oct 16, 2019
Social 11 AM (cash bar)
Lunch 12 PM
Edinburgh Golf Course
Contact Cathy Peterson at
763-425-3362 or
tcpeterson1@comcast.net

Class of 1975 45th Reunion

Save the date: Oct 3, 2020 at
Elsie's. More information to
come.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Constance (Connie) Marie Beckers, Class of 1973

What career did you choose after graduation?

Straight from graduation, I went to work in a small insurance claims office as arranged by Mrs. Schroeder, our office teacher. I typed transcripts from verbal dictation tapes at about 150 words per minute. Seeking growth and more experience, I was hired on at Hennepin County in 1976 and progressed through the ranks there still as clerical, but also involved in union organizing, and planning during- and after-work activities for my co-workers. I promoted into The Courts in 1982 and left Hennepin County altogether in 1992 after blowing the whistle on judges who were "fixing" their own parking tickets.

My clerical skills led me to the secretary position at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, where I grew up and was confirmed. I lead the youth and family ministry program until 1998. Looking for a change, I became the manager of our local coffee house while I pursued a career as a stained-glass artist. I had just taken my first class at age 40 and was excited to find a way to make a living at it.

Fast forward to 2019, I've owned a retail gift shop for nine years now....in North Minneapolis. I represent about 100 local artisans and we have over 20 different art making experiences to choose from. We've been named "Favorite Place for a Class" by the MN Women's Press for three years in a row and just received "Favorite Local Independent Gift Shop" this year for the first time.

Who was your favorite teacher and why?

I think Mr. Oakvik, the band teacher, for helping develop enough self-confidence to earn a state title for a French horn solo in 1973. I also connected with Ms. Blom for her down-to-earth relational teaching style, and appreciated Mrs. Schroeder for encouraging my office skills.

Which high school class or activity benefited you most in your career or life?

I think most of them were hugely instrumental in getting me where I am today; mostly, my clerical skills gained from Mrs. Schroeder's classes and the confidence from marching band with Mr. Oakvik.

Rob Antony, Class of 1983

What career did you choose after graduation?

I graduated from the University of Minnesota with a BA in Speech Communications and had every intention of going into broadcasting. I got an internship with KARE 11 in their sports department in 1986 which led to another opportunity as an intern with the Minnesota Twins in the Media Relations department in 1987. Upon graduation from the U of M, I was offered the job of Asst. Director of Media Relations with the Twins. I moved up to Director in 1991 and then in 1995 was promoted to Director of Baseball Operations. I was in that role for 12 years and was responsible for helping run our minor league, amateur scouting and international scouting departments, as well as negotiating major league contracts. In 2007, I was promoted to Assistant General Manager and have been in that role since. I have never had any other full-time job other than with the Twins for the past 31 years.

Who was your favorite teacher and why?

My favorite teacher at Patrick Henry was Mrs. Savage. I had her for English and humanities. She challenged me to be creative, and I believe I worked harder in her classes out of respect and not wanting to disappoint her. I was fortunate to be part of the National Honor Society that went to her cabin in the Ozarks as well as other attractions along the way. It was one of the most memorable experiences of my high school life.

Which high school class or activity benefited you most in your career or life?

I think being a part of the cross country, baseball and hockey teams were the most beneficial experience. We had successful teams as well as teams that did not do so well, but I learned how important it is to work as a team and be supportive of the coaches and teammates. I had some coaches that I truly liked and respected and others, not so much. But that is life and I learned something from every one of them.

Thanks, and forever proud to be a PHHS alum.

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ANNUAL FALL LUNCHEON

The highlight of our annual event is the induction of our Hall of Fame recipients. Join the fun with graduates from all classes, staff, and members of the community. A sit-down lunch will be served. We hope that you will join us.

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Social 11:00 am (cash bar)

Lunch 12:00 noon

Edinburgh Golf Course

8700 Edinbrook Crossing

Brooklyn Park, MN 55443

\$25.00 per person due by Monday 10/7/2019*

*Unfortunately we will not be able to accommodate walk-ins or late reservations as this is a plated lunch.

Please select one:

Sautéed Chicken

Balsamic Glazed Short Ribs

Please contact Cathy Peterson with any questions or vegetarian meal requests at 763-425-3362 or tcpeterson1@comcast.net.

Please **PRINT** clearly.

Name

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Grad Year

Maiden Name (if different than above)

E-mail

Only needed if it has changed.

Phone Number

Please make checks payable to: **PHHS Foundation.**

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