

# EHS Missing Link '56

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Well, we had two historic events happen in 2016. The Chicago Cubs won the World Series in baseball, and the East High Class of 1956 had our 60<sup>th</sup> class reunion!

And in my exuberance to get the last newsletter out with the photo of those who attended the reunion, I didn't look at the headline above the photo and made an error in which reunion it was, so I guess I sent you "fake news" for which I now apologize.

On the off-set, some of you may be interested in the news that **The Complete Centerfolds Book** is coming out. Every single centerfold of Playboy is coming out for sale. From 1953-2016 – that's 734, for those counting – in one book. I merely mention that as a time-frame prospective in relation to our lives from high school to now.

Mevelyn texted me the Jay Mitchell passed away (July 9)...age 80. He married Janice Livengood in 1960. He was Ron Larson's neighbor and friend since childhood. Received an E-mail from Tom Lettington, he and Jay were fraternity brothers at ISU. Go to Tom's web site for more information

Mevelyn went to Germany in June this year but she won't tell me about it, apparently she learned some German but only knows how to say "nein".

## Out-of-Towners:

Small update for those who no longer reside in the Des Moines area: On May 24<sup>th</sup>, Terry Branstad resigned as Governor of Iowa to take the office as U.S. Ambassador to China.

On July 21<sup>st</sup>, Sir Paul McCartney made a stop at Wells Fargo Arena. He performed 39 songs and was on stage over three hours.

Lance Armstrong peddled his way across Iowa and dipped his tires in the Mississippi at the 44<sup>th</sup> turning of the wheels during this year's RAGBRAI.

In July, 2009, the Italian-American Heritage Festival of Iowa moved from the south side to Western Gateway Park (July 28, 29).

The National Balloon Classic, which began in Indianola in 1989, ran from July 28 – August 5, featured a Mass Ascension Balloon Flight, a Dawn Patrol Flight, and a Nite-Glow Extravaganza.

John Mellencamp R.O.C.K (ed) in the Iowa Stat Fair.

Grand View College is now Grand View University and Drake University turned 136 years old. Details should be available on line.

I read where a new energy source has been discovered in the Andes Mountain range that could rival oil and coal industries...just my luck; I bought stock in the Amos.

Going through the Scroll (February 25, 1954), I find East's alternate cheerleaders were: Sally Buford, Sally Peterson, Durene Schroeder, and Mary Lou Weisbrod.

Remember the noon movies? Dorothy Crouthamel chose them from a list of available movies. These were some from 1954. "Somebody Loves Me," "Just For You," "Houdini," "The Merry Widow," "Above and Beyond," "Jeopardy," "Ivanhoe," "Small Town Girl," "Off Limits," "Pony Express" and "Stalag 17". Do you catch any of them?

How many of you hung around Alice's Place?

**Special Note:** At our dinner last spring, it was discussed and agreed to try a luncheon this fall.

We now have a reserved room at Montana Mike's (5030 NE 14<sup>th</sup>) on Monday, September 11 at 11:30. This should give you plenty of time to make the necessary plans to attend.

Bob Trotter tried it and he liked it. Hope to see you there!

Don't forget you can send notices and contributions to: Bob Trotter, 5625 Lakepoint Cir, Johnston, IA 50131. Stories to me: John Carr 2317 E. 11<sup>th</sup>, DSM, IA 50316. Tom Lettington info in mast head.

Big thanks for the contributions to the *link* from:

Kay (Edwards) Alcantar  
Don Spaw  
Mevelyn (Wooderson) Richardson  
Norma (Treanor) Burke  
Harold Olsen  
Loretta (Woods) Ware  
LeRoy Law  
Don Rehms  
Tom Fjelde  
Lyle Simpson  
Ken Viggers  
Ron Larson  
Dennis Parker  
Ray Treadway  
Roy Treadway  
Carol DeChant  
Georgia (Varges) Larson

And some kind notes came along with the contributions:

Bob, I am enclosing a check to help on the postage for updates about our class. I thank each member of the board for all their efforts.

I have moved into the Deerfield Retirement home and have met 2 ladies from the '57 class. Judy Brandow, and Pat Campfield. I guess I shouldn't be surprised a lot of East High graduates are still around town.

Well, thank you again for you part in keeping us connected.

Loretta (Woods) Ware

Dear Bob, Enclosed please find a check to help with the cost of our newsletter.

I appreciate all of your hard work. (April 17<sup>th</sup>) Lyle L. Simpson

Hi Bob Trotter, Just received my copy of *missins links* '56. Brought back a lot of memories. I don't get back to Des Moines very often, but wanted to send a donation and maybe help to keep the newsletter going. Thanks to all who put it together and keep it running. Best regards, Don Rehms.

Hi Robert,  
Hi Bob, (Never knew you as Robert.)

Thought I better send something in so John will have something to do and help keep him out of trouble. I see John at the Senior Center. He does a lot for the Center and does a good job with the *missins link*. I'll have to ask John if we're all three years younger now that he has us as being in the "Class of '59. (Above the picture in last issue.)

LeRoy (Lew)

Thanks for the *link*. It's greaaaat!!  
Mevelyn (smiley face) from Texas.

Robert & John,  
Hope this helps. Keep 'em coming.  
Thanks, Ron Larson (4-22-17)

Dear Bob,  
Here is a contribution to help support the printing and mailing of the EHS Class of '56 news *link*.  
Many thanks, Roy C. Treadway

Dear Bob,  
Thanks for heading up our 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion last year and for you continuing work oh behalf of the Class of 1956. Use the attached to help with the '56 news link expenses.  
Warmest regards, Ken Viggers

Bob,  
Thanks for all you do.  
My permanent address now is:  
Carol DeChant  
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Sarasota, FL 34236

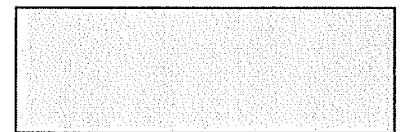
I want to thank all of you for the added notes along with the contributions.  
I would still like some little bits of information that we can put in the newsletter as to how you are doing or what you have done. I need some fodder, and some of you mothers can write in too.

John Adamson gets his hair cut at the same place Harold Olson does.

Breaking news from November 18, 1954... Use of the slide rule will be demonstrated by a 30-minute film and a four foot model of a rule at the Science Club meeting, Room 113 after school. All students are invited, according to Roy Treadway president of the club. Tom Fjelde, chairman of the program committee. Other officers are Jim Frederickson and Barbara Evans. Earlier on the 12<sup>th</sup>, the first All-School Party was held in the gym. Students in charge were Marilyn Berry, Barbara Evans, Bob Duvall and Janet Hoffman. Army Liddell and his band provided music. It was 25 cents in advance and 30 cents at the door.

On November 11<sup>th</sup>, East High's trophy case contained 351 trophies, footballs, and plaques and that the wrestling squad ran around the basement corridor 24 times or two miles every night after school. There were 1393 students enrolled at East High at that time and 737 were girls and 656 were boys, leaving 1.23 girls to every boy. All I know is that while somebody took time to figure that out on that giant slide rule, someone else may have danced with 1.27 girls last week.

And speaking of dancing, Bette Lou has carried on the tradition of Leonard's Dance Studio (through the Adult Education Program) and her merry little band of dancers have performed 17 straight years at the Iowa State Fair.



Above is a group shot of our classmates at our last "Hilltop" dinner; unfortunately Janeene took the picture just as the food arrived.