



East High "Class of '56"

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GREAT TIME AT THE ZOO

About 30 classmates assembled at the Noodle Zoo in Ankeny on Monday April 27th, 2009. The Noodle Zoo is owned by one of our classmates **Mary (Crum) Moses** and husband Don along with their daughter Kim Rushing.

We had a great time, the food was great, and the service was great. The Restaurant was closed to everyone except the "Class of 56". Lots of great conversation, bragging, and I am sure a little white lie or two took place.

Several of the attendee's brought up the question as to having a "55" reunion. Those in attendance voted in the affirmative to have one. So, it would appear that the Reunion Committee will be gathering once again to plan a reunion for 2011. Get your thinking caps on, **and send us some ideas.**

Those in attendance were: *Mary (Crum) & Don Moses - Larry & Margaret Fogelson - Dale & Marlene (Roberts) Wheeler - Jo-Ann (Brady) Wilson - Bill Foster and Shirley Selover - LaVae (Konz) & Larry Willson - Larry & Jackie Solomon - Larry & Janeene (Miller) Carlisle - Nancy (Lund) Belluchi - Bud Robinette - Larry Hockersmith - Tom & Linda (White) Towers - Bob & Connie Trotter - Chico & Kay (Edwards) Alcantar - Jerry & Diane (Ballinger) Ott - Jerry & Carole Hall - Denny & Mary Ross. - Bill McGriff.*

The next dinner get-together will be:

When: **Monday September 28th, 2009**

Where: **Hilltop Pizza & Restaurant
2820 Hubbell Ave**

At: **6:30 PM**

OUR RELIABLE CALL COMMITTEE

All too often our call committee's work go's unnoticed. If these reliable volunteers did not do their job we would not have respectable turnouts for these dinner get-togethers. They also called for the past couple of years on the Picnics.

The next time they call, please say "thank you" to them, for they are the glue that keeps us together.

They are:

Ruth (Cook) Haag

LaVae (Konz) Willson

Don Spaw (mostly his lovely wife Arlene)

Jerry Smith

And now Linda (White) Towers

Linda replaced **Norma (Treanor) Burke** who has been one of the call committee members since they were formed. We all owe Norma a debt of gratitude for all her past volunteering. Hopefully, we will still see your smiling face at our get-togethers. And thank you Linda for stepping in.

Janeene (Miller) Carlisle also deserves our praise as she has graciously been coordinating the call committee. A big **THANK YOU** to one and all.

Another big **THANK YOU** and **HUGS** to the widows and widowers who have been attending our get-togethers. We feel blessed that they continue to share with us, and allow us to be a part of their life. Please know that we treasure and welcome you.

REUNION COMMITTEE SUFFERS

Last fall the Reunion Committee suffered the loss of **Pat (Rounds) Hockersmith**. Though Pat was declared legally blind, she was a go to person who always knew what was going on. I could always call her for the latest information on many things. She always had the best to say about everybody.



In January of 2009, our “Class of 56” was given another blow by the loss of our Treasurer, **Shirley (Grant) Robinette**. Shirley was like a right arm to me, and to the committee. There was nothing she wouldn't or couldn't do. She always had such a positive and upbeat take on everything. On the very rare occasion when something did not go right, she would smile and say “Fire me” Knowing full well that no one could have even come close to doing the things that she did, even though she was battling cancer.

My heart is heavy for the two of them. I, and the class will feel the impact of this loss for a long time to come.



Though they are gone, they will never be forgotten!

Bob Trotter had been the co-treasurer with Shirley. Bob has graciously consented to become our Treasurer. All future monies and donations should go to:

Bob Trotter
5625 Lakepoint Circle
Johnston, IA 50131

Shirley had done an outstanding job as our Treasurer; she was frugal and demanding in the accountability of our monies. Consequently, we are in good financial condition.

I feel equally as confident that Bob will continue Shirley's tradition as the guardian of our accounts.

Thank You Bob, for stepping forward!

1. *Who wrote the East High School Song?*
2. *What East High graduate is the “Retired” Bankers Life (now Principal) president?*

IT'S HEAVENLY TO BE SEVENTY



Nancy Belluchi

Happy Birthday to a wonderful woman who has given us her all!
We love you!

Robert, Steve, Doug, Carol, David, Brenda, Jean, Jane, our spouses, all the grandkids and great-grandkids.

Nothing greater then to be remembered and loved. You are a lucky person Nancy.

3. *For whom is Williams Stadium named and what connection is that person to EHS?*
4. *In 1909 the East High School Football team played several college teams, name them?*
5. *Where was the East Senior High located that was built in 1891?*
6. *What junior High School was named after the EHS principle of 1901-1918?*

WANDERLUST

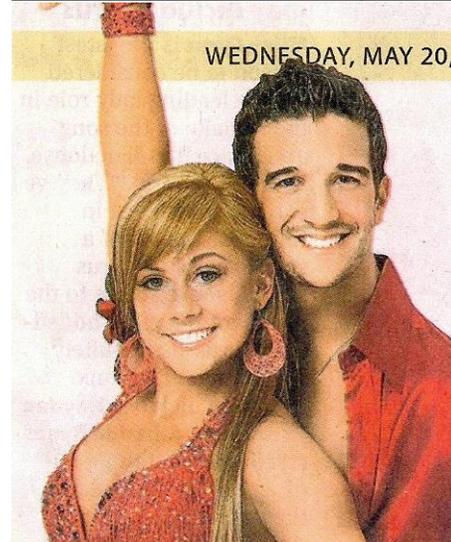
My husband Dale and I celebrated our 50th Anniversary in January with dinner with all of our families, plus a trip to Hawaii.

We have always enjoyed traveling, and since retiring in 1998, we have traveled the USA and Canada, plus Ireland, Nova Scotia, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Switzerland, and Italy. We enjoyed Hawaii three times, and drove the Alaskan Highway.

I always look forward to the NewsLink and catching up on our class mates. Thanks again to Larry and Margaret, and all who do so much to keep us in touch.

Marlene (Roberts) Wheeler

NOT A LEETOWNER, BUTTTT!



Shawn Johnson & dancing partner Mark

Shawn is a 17 year old student who attends Valley High in West Des Moines. Recently she and her dance partner won 1st place in the Dancing with the Stars competition. Previous to that, when she was 16, she won 4 Silver medals, and 1 Gold medal at the National Olympics in Gymnastics.. Not a Lee Towner, but definitely an Iowa Golden Girl.

REVISITED: WALLACE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PICTURE FROM 1948-1949



We had three primary players trying to guess the names in the above picture. They were Carol (Granny) DeChant, Tom Lettington, and Steve Larson. Steve volunteered the most. Their conclusions were:
Back: Larry Kampley-Roy Treadway-Ray Treadway-Sam Carmichael-Charles Sexton-Judy Damon-Billy Zacher-?-Larry Gilleland-Janice Crain-Tom Fjelde-Sandra Parsons -Middle: Danny Adams-Riles Birch-Bill Fleming-Linda Neely-?-Yvonne Miller-Sarah Nass-Donna Rinard- Front: JoAnn Woods-Emma Kay Larson-Diane Ballinger-Larry Rummans-Bing Kinny-Sally Peterson-Donna Aspengren-Sandra Condon-?-Karen Peterson-Nancy Nesbitt

ENCORE FOR THE DYMANIC DUO

Sally (Burford) Shirley was in town in early October for a Grandview College Reunion. She was only here for a couple of days. She said she was so happy that she got to see the “Dymanic Duo” again. That would be **Jerry Hall**, and **Jerry Schartner**. She apologized for not having time to see more people, but her time here was extremely limited.

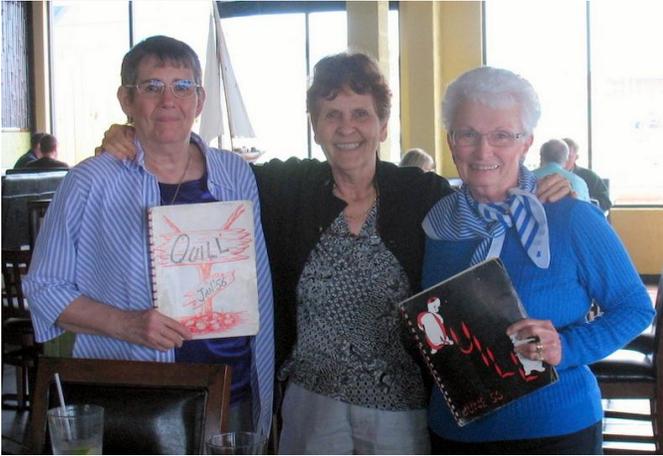
Sally said she taught for a time in Las Vegas. Her husband was a Kansas

University Jock with a teaching degree. However he went into farming after his dad had a stroke, and then decided to stay with the farming.

Their three children did go into teaching.

7. Who lead the “grand march” in 1912 carrying books from the old East High to the current building?
8. What 1877 EHS grad conceived the idea of the Alumni Association and helped organize it?

A TRIO OF TROUBLE



Donna (Mumford) Eide-Mevelyn (Wooderson) Richardson-
Janeene (Miller) Carlisle

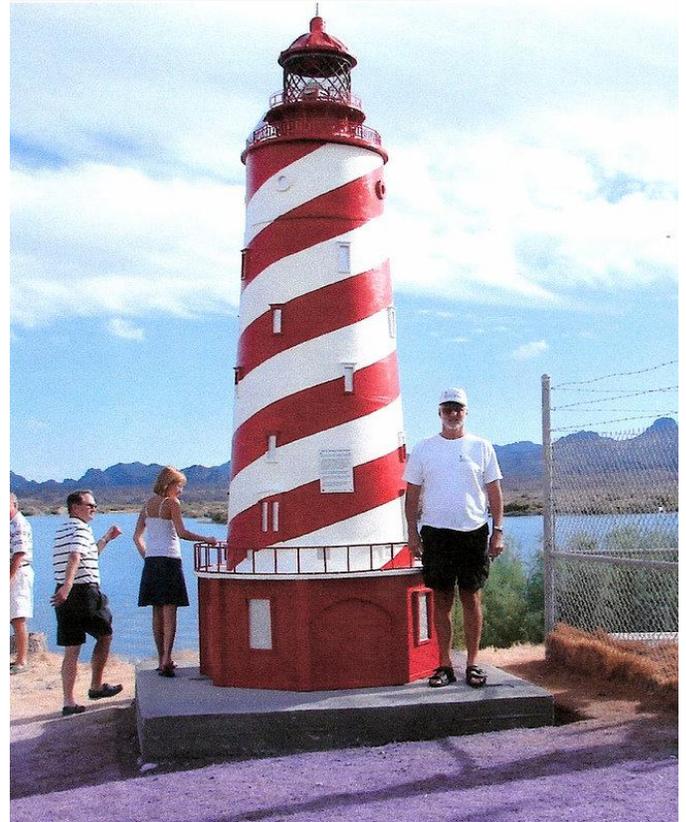
This trio met up at South Padre Island, had lunch, spent the day together chatting and reminiscing. Apparently Mevelyn brought the two above Quills, and it was suggested that maybe some of our ears should be ringing.

QUEEN KATHLEEN REIGNS



Kathleen (Graney) Finkenauer was chosen Queen at the Senior Prom at McAuley Terrace in Johnston. Above she shares a dance with King Joe Unverferth.

A BEACON IN THE DARK



Pat Hensley emailed me to let his classmates know that **Jack Hensley** is alive and well. He is in the Marine Corps league, and for the past two years has been Junior Vice Commandant. He has been honored as Marine of the year for 2008-2009 for his detachment.

He has also been busy making lighthouses for the Colorado River. He built the White Shoals Lighthouse of Michigan which sits atop a hill between Lake Havasu and Parker, AZ. It is a full functional lighthouse and is a great replica of the original. That's all the bragging she wanted to do.

9. *What is the Motto inscribed over the front entrance of East High?*
10. *The Ivy covering the bricks of East High was donated in 1915 by what University?*
11. *Name the year and editor of the first Quill publication?*

EAST HIGH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

It was reported that Scholarship donations were down for the past two years. I heard this years scholarship grants was going to be greatly reduced. **Ray (Bud) Robinette** gave a donation to the Scholarship Fund in **Shirley (Grant) Robinette's** memory that allowed the scholarship committee to award grants equal to three years ago. What a great gesture, and a super memorial to Shirley. Way to go Bud;. Shirley was truly a Lee Township girl through and through.

If you want to donate towards a scholarship, please identify your contribution by your name or "Class of 56" and mail to:
East High Alumni Foundation
PO Box 3070
Des Moines, IA 50316

(I think it would be great to give a minimum \$1,000 donation to the scholarship fund in the 'Class of 56' name for our 55th reunion)

ANOTHER PASSING OF A CLASSMATE

Lois (Bengston) Thompson emailed me to let me know of the passing of her dear friend **Delores (Carson) Guyer** last June. Lois said that she and Delores were friends since the age of 4 and attended Stowe Elementary, then Woodrow Wilson and East High. I will have many precious memories to live on.

Lois also wants to know if anyone would have a January, 1953 picture from Woodrow, and a January, 1956 picture from East?

In Memoriam to our Deceased Classmates

Delores (Carson) Guyer June 2008
Shirley (Grant) Robinette Jan 2009

Gone, but not forgotten

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Sally (Bufford) Shirley

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Quiz Answers

1. Sonya Bingaman
2. Bob Houser
3. Duke Williams, former coach and principal
4. Nebraska, Iowa State, Des Moines College & Grinnell College
5. E. 12th & Court
6. May Goodrell Junior High
7. May Goodrell
8. May Goodrell
9. For the Service of Humanity (surely no one missed this one)
10. Harvard University
11. Mr. Kenneth Stratton in 1930

See The NewsLink in Color

Go to Tom Lettingtons website at:
www.ehs56.org also, you can list your email on there. Just follow Tom's instructions.

Yvonne (Miller) Nauman is still laid up after her 3rd knee operation. Please send her a Get Well or Thinking of you Card. I am sure it will perk her up.
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