

NewsLink

June 2010



ANOTHER GREAT DINNER TURNOUT

We had our spring dinner get-together at Hilltop Pizza & Restaurant again. We had a great turnout, (46) in all, with a lot of new faces, mostly steady reliables, and some ol reliables were missing. If we ever all start showing up at the same time we will probably have to find new quarters. There was as always a lot of great conversation. Bill Foster brought up about contributing towards a plaque for the Memorial Wall of the Coach Savage Alumni Plaza. Within minutes we had donations for three quarters of the cost for a plaque. Donations were received from: Bill Foster & Shirley Selover-Sonny & Yvonne (Miller) Nauman- Marlene (Roberts) & Dale Wheeler – Janice Webber – Don & Arlene Spaw – Nancy Belluchi – Bob & Connie Trotter. The committee voted to take an additional \$55.00 from our account to have the following plaque put on the memorial wall: **“CLASS OF 1956”**

**DEDICATED TO
“ HUMANITY”**

Those in attendance at this dinner were: Glen & Janet (Bales) Douglas-Don & Arlene Spaw-Larry & Margaret Fogelson-Phil & Barbara (Lowe) Penn-Larry & Jackie Soloman-Dale & Marlene(Roberts) Wheeler-Mary Kay (Peacock) Sampson-Sonny & Yvonne (Miller) Nauman-Johnnie & Shirley Johnson-Tom Norris-JoAnn (Brady) Willson- Bill Foster & Shirley Selover-Norma (Treanor) & Bill Burke-Larry Hockersmith-Larry & Janeene (Miller) Carlisle-JoAnn (O’Boyle) Shelley-Jerry & Carole Hall-Kay (Edwards) & Chico Alcantar-Tom & Linda (White) Towers-Nancy (Lund) Belluchi-Jan Webber-Jean Allsteadt-Denny Ross-Lois (Bengston)Thompson-Janet (Griffiths) Harmon-Steve Larson-Bob & Barbara (Johnson) Brown.- Tom & Roberta Abbott- LaVae (Konz) & Larry Willson

The gathering voted to hold the next dinner at:

Where: **The Noodle Zoo**
2785 N. Ankeny Blvd.
Ankeny
965-2099

When: **Monday at 6:30**
October 4th, 2010

(On E. 14th go North heading out of Ankeny from 1st street until you come to the Dahl’s store, then look for the Bank on the east side of the road and turn East)

This is the restaurant owned and run by **Mary (Crum) and Don Moses** and their daughter Kim Rushing. They are normally closed on Monday night, but will be open just for us.

PICTURES FROM DINNER



Barbara (Lowe) Penn-JoAnn (O’Boyle) Shelley-Denny Ross (looking over shoulder) Mary Kay (Peacock) Sampson- Glen Douglas-Phil Penn-Back of Arlene Spaw

1. What two years did the East High Football team go undefeated?
2. In what year was the East High Band chosen to welcome President Ford to Des Moines?
3. What 1957 Student Council President and Athlete is Dean of Law at Yale?



Larry Soloman-Dale Wheeler-Marlene (Roberts) Wheeler-JoAnn (Brady) Willson



Larry & Janeene (Miller) Carlisle-Janice Webber-Steve Larson Back of Tom & Linda (White) Towers-Nancy (Lund) Belluchi



Jerry Hall-Carol Hall-Janet (Griffiths) Harmon



Bill Foster & Shirley Selover-LaVae (Konz) & Larry Willson



Lois (Bengston) Thompson-Bob Brown-Barbara (Johnson) Brown-Kay (Edwards) Alcantar-(Back of Jackie Soloman)



Yvonne (Miller) & Sonny Nauman (Yvonne has been through 3 knee replacements, and is in a wheelchair. But she is one of the loyalist Chass of 56 grads ever. Her spirit might bend but it never breaks)



Shirley & Johnnie Johnson-Tom Norris

In Memoriam to our Deceased Classmates

William (Bill) Hutton	March 12th 2010
Rae (Atkinson) Leto	April 17th 2010
Sharon (Bebout) Sellers	December 21st 2009

They answer to a higher roll-call now. They will not be forgotten.

THINGS WILL COME ALIVE FOR 55

A PROUD NEW GREAT GRANDMA

Etha (Penenger) Whitten writes that her only Granddaughter presented her with her first great grandchild, a healthy baby boy. They reside in Canada. Etha is very proud of her new great grandchild

Etha also had 3 Grandsons, unfortunately one passed away in 2008.

THANKFUL FOR NEWSLINK

Thank you all for the NewsLink! I love it. We are doing well, my Husband Ron has lung cancer, but is in remission now. Keep up the good work; it brings back lots of memories.

Janet (Griffiths) Harmon

Your Committee is certainly doing an outstanding job of representing all of the rest of us, and keeping us all informed. Thank you for your efforts

Lyle Simpson

YOU JUST CAN'T GO HOME AGAIN

We so enjoy the dinner get-togethers as well as the reunion dinners, and are thankful we are able to attend.

I especially enjoy getting down to Des Moines with "trips down memory lane". I love Des Moines, and often long to live there again. (although that is very unlikely!)

There is a house on Thompson close to my childhood 12th street address that I've always wanted to live in. Its current occupant is also an EHS grad.

That gives me some comfort! NOT!!!!

With a thankful heart.

Diane (Ballinger) Ott

4. What coach gave EHS "9" outdoor championships and "4" indoor championships in track?
5. What 1971 graduate and EHS teacher won many awards in wrestling?
6. In what year did EHS win the Girls State Softball Championships?

WHERE WILL YOU BE AT 55 ?

THE DIRTY 1/3 DOZEN



Ron (Moe) Maigaard - John Moody - John Cisna - Greg Cisna

Tom Pierick snapped this photo of some very unsavory "Scarlet Athletes" at a Christmas party at John Moody's home. John also provided us all with these very appropriate tee shirts.

IF YOU CAN'T LICK EM – JOIN EM

Dear **Janeene Carlisle**, and the Class of 1956. First of all I would like to say "Thank You" for the kind expression of sympathy to me for the loss of my wife **Rae (Atkinson) Leto**.

I have attended a few of your reunions with my wife Rae. I can truly say "I enjoyed your hospitality".

In my days at Dowling High we played East a lot in football. For some reason the Scarlets always came out on top. But, we always gave them a hell of a good fight.

Ray Leto

(Janeene (Miller) Carlisle sends a sympathy card to the spouse of all Class of 56 grads who pass away, and signs it from "The Class of 1956". Thank You so much Janeene from the whole class of 1956)

BIOLOGY 101

Does anyone recall the dead cats that were issued in Biology. I think they came in plastic bags and were dipped in some liquid preservative. Were they kept refrigerated at school? Did we have rubber gloves? Were we issued a dissecting tool? Was the cats anatomy close enough to a humans, that we were to learn something from them?

I recall taking mine home from school, laid my homework on the car in the garage; it must have been in the winter.

My mother discovered it when she went to drive to the grocery store. Enough said.

Carol (Graney) DeChant

OF ME ? HOW EMBARRASSING



Dr Sandra Parsons sent this picture of me from the Kiddy Senior party. She said she has lots more she could share. I'm not sure Sandra, unless they are of other people.

Sandra planned on being in Arizona after Christmas. She hopped Margaret and I were enjoying the snowy, cold weather. (Well Sandra, the wife and I now spend winters in Mesa, AZ.. so we enjoyed the Iowa winter very much - from afar)

A MESA, AZ. DINNER GET-TOGETHER



Rear: Chico & Kay (Edwards) Alcantar – Margaret Fogelson
Front: Martha & George Clark – Tom & Roberta Abbott
Enjoying a dinner get-together in sunny Arizona,

CHECKING THE RIVER RISING



Jackie and Larry Soloman check the water flowing across the road from Apache Lake at Tortilla Flats, Az. This water starts at Roosevelt Lake and Dam, and then flows on down to Apache Lake, then on to Canyon Lake, then finally to Saguaro Lake.

A REAL ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH

When **Doris (Steffenson) Harrington** received the news that **Nancy Bishop** passed away from breast cancer, she was so sad. Nancy was cremated and her ashes were spread over the mountains near Denver CO. where she lived for many years. Doris has so many good memories of all the fun they had together in school. Doris hopes that many of our classmates remember that Nancy attended the 50th reunion.

WILL YOU BE ENJOYING 55?

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEWSLINK

The NewsLink continues to perpetuate because of donations from classmates. The following are the latest classmates to make contributions:

Nancy (Lund) Belluchi – Robert Duvall – Mary (Katzmann) Goodman – Janet (Griffiths) Harmon – Lyle Norman – Ronald Olson – Tom Pierick – Mary Kay (Peacock) Sampson – Lyle Simpson – Lois (Bengston) Thompson **Thank You One and All!**

7. What sports organization of EHS won first in “Big “6”

Conference for “16” consecutive years?

8. What EHS coach and early 40’s graduate was a Professional baseball player for the Giants?



This is the January EHS Graduating Class of 1956. I was not sent any names. (looks awful cold & snowy, Brrr) Enjoy!

HOW MUCH WILL I GET BACK?

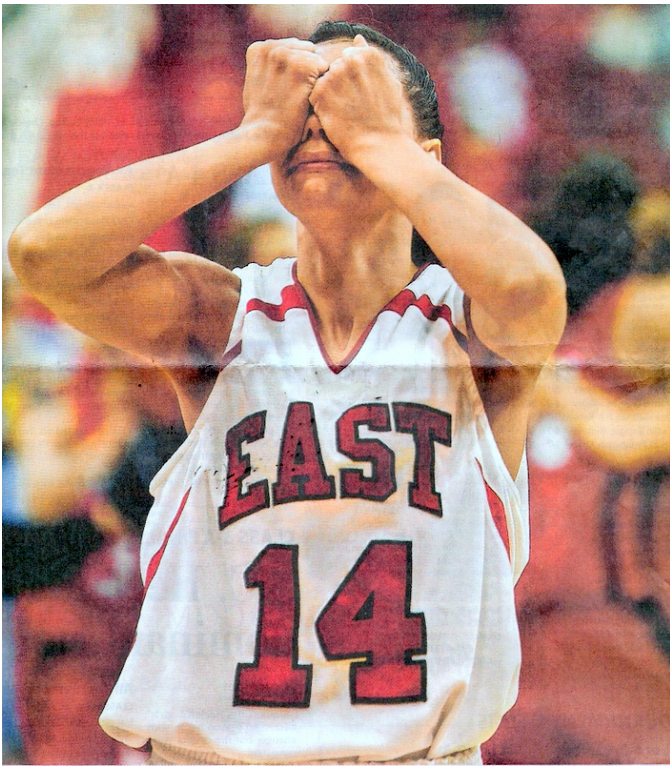


Jerry Smith gets help at a Senior Center with his Income tax filing. (Maybe Jerry will get a big Stimulus check and pay for the next dinner get-together)

9. In what year did the EHS cheerleaders receive “Grand National Champion” award at cheerleading camp?

10. What 1969 graduate is the athletic director of Graceland College?

THE AGONY OF DEFEAT



A EHS girls basketball player displays her emotions after a close loss for the Class 4-A state championship.

ADMINISTRATION; SCHOOL HISTORY

East High was established in 1861 on the top floor of Bryant School at E. 9th and Grand. In 1877 it was moved to the top floor of Webster School at E. 12th and Grand. In 1891 a new building was built with laboratories, an auditorium and a cafeteria at E. 12th and Grand. The school continued to grow until a new building was built in 1911 at E. 13th & Walker. This building stood as built until additions were made in 1955, 1966, and 1973 due to a growing population. In 2002 a multi-million dollar renovation began which included a new connector building, cafeteria and community center, and in the fall of 2008 added the 9th Academy located across E.14th along Walker Street.

EHS has the largest alumni association in the country. In 2010 the association held its 133rd Alumni reunion.

In June the Polk County Board of Supervisors voted unanimous approval for a \$150,000 grant to the EHS Alumni association to help in the construction of the Bob Savage Alumni Plaza and Williams Stadium Renovation.

WILLYOU JOIN US FOR 55?

Your reunion committee is currently working on plans for the 55th reunion. Mark your calendar now for Friday September 2nd and Saturday September 3rd in 2011.

There will be additional information in the December NewsLetter.

OUR 55TH REUNION IN 2011

Please don't say "I'll wait until the 60th". Life is to short, to uncertain, so plan now for the 55th. The 60th will just be an added bonus.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

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See the NewsLink in color on Tom Lettingtons Website at www.ehs56.org Great job Tom!

ALL DONATIONS TO TREASURER

Robert Trotter
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Answers to Quiz

1. 1920 & 1951
2. 1975
3. James A. Thomas
4. Mike Augustine
5. Gary Rourke
6. 1981
7. Track
8. Marty Carlson
9. 1985
10. Tom Powell

Fall Dinner Get-together

When: October 4, 2010

Time: 6:30 PM

**Location: The Noodle Zoo
2785 N. Ankeny Blvd.
Ankeny**

**Remember: At the Noodle Zoo they do
not add**

**the gratuity to the bill.
So please leave the gratuity in
addition to the bill.**

See ya'll in the fall!

*Since we are in the planning stage for
the 55th reunion, it would be nice to
know approximately how many
people might attend. This makes a big
difference in our plans. Please,
Please, let us know so we know how
to proceed..... Thank You!*