

EHS Missing Link '56

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Ironically, I was going over our 20th reunion booklet looking at some of the achievements our classmates had made and looking for ideas for the next newsletter. The mail came and there were two letters from Lyle Simpson and some issues were addressed that he had not known about concerning our scholarship. He had been in touch with Carol Graney DeChant and he commented on her working in marketing and credited her with making Crayola brand famous. My Apollo 11 article and he brought up more interesting data about our friend and '55 grad, Jack Hartung and his tribulation of having to drive to East each day from the south of Grand. I had to walk four blocks to the bus line on SW 9th, take three buses to get to East and take four to get home and walk back. He mentioned some of Jack's contribution to the space project (which were many) and the fact he was a world expert on microcraters in Moon rocks (I once mooned somebody). He went on to commend Harold Olsen and the work he had done as a school counselor and our Alumni Association Scholarship... "he never left East." Harold and I grew up next door to each other and it's possible that the reason he never left East is because there were too many doors to go out. He had a front door and a back at his house and he was always confused as to which one to use. I poke fun because they were friends and I'm proud to have known them. Lyle's letters are on our web site and it would be a good thing for you to read and be proud.

I've had all good comments on the format change in the *link* so I will continue trying to inform and amuse, even though the new news will be old.

The Otts', Diane (Ballinger) and Jerry, came in from Nora Springs to join us for our September luncheon. They drove over 123 miles just to be with us. Here's the list of the rest of us who were there:

Janet (Bales)/Glenn Douglas
Chico/Kay Alcantar
Barbara Brown
Jim Roberts
Bill Foster
Shirley Selover
Don/Jo Ellen Sullivan
Steve Larson
John Carr
John/Florita Sullivan
Doyle/Sharon Ables
Johnnie Johnson
Carol Adams
John Jones
Jerry/Carole Hall
JoAnn O'Boyle Shelley
Bette Lou Neal
Janeene (Miller) Carlisle

Everyone seemed to have a really good time...they didn't even quiet down while they were eating.

The next EHS Class of 56 Lunch will be Monday, April 6th at Montana Mike's Steakhouse 5030 NE 14th Street in DSM.

September 4th was National News-carriers Day; I bought mine a card and threw it in the bushes at his house.

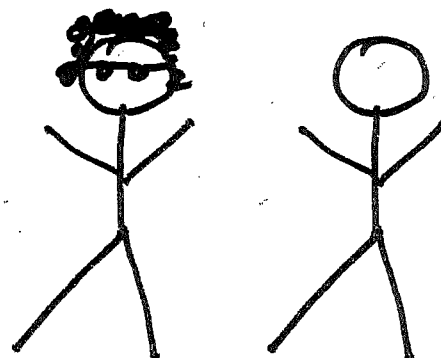
We are still short on funds for printing and mailing, so if you can help we would appreciate it.

Thanks for contributing
Micki (Wright) Rehard
Mevelyn (Wooderson) Richardson
Tom Lettington
Kay (Edwards) Alcantar
James Johnson
Norma (Treanor) Burk
Janice (Holman) Green

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Keeping current with our class information is Tom Lettington's little niche in our library of memories. If you have any materials you would like to add, his address is 17055 Oculito Court, San Diego, CA 92127; his email is tlettington@san.rr.com.



"How do you do that? My glasses keep falling off."

We lost classmates in the last few months:

Conrad Rehard 3-19

Mary (Graeve) Ross 6-19

Rea Jean (Johnson) Hawxby 9-19

JoNita Ann (Rizer) Fisher 10-19

Larry Lane

Hi Bob,

I just received my "EHS Missing Link" and it brought back memories. I do remember the "49" matching Chevy's. Remember the bright yellow grill on Conrad in March after many years together. I also want to thank all of you that make the letter possible for all of us. It is so appreciated! Sincerely, Miki Wright Rehard

If you don't get notification from East High, a reminder, the EHS All School Alumni Celebration is Friday, May 8th at 6:00m at the Hy Vee Hall Convention Center

Got a note from Tom Lettington and he commented on the 41 restaurants that will be missed. I'm surprised Latin King didn't make the list. It must still be open. It is, but under new ownership. Millie's Drive-In was my favorite for Pork Tenderloins – much better than Porky's. Kay and I always go to "Jim's Coney Island on SW 9th when we are in town. They have great chili dogs and pretty darn good Pork Tenderloin sandwiches. Noah's Ark was our favorite Pizza place when in High School. Kay didn't care much for their pizza and always had a great ham sandwich. We have a Shakey's or two in San Diego. When our kids were young that was one of their favorite places to go.

Tom is also posting the link on our website and I am sending new photos to him from Mevelyn, who was the Rosie between two thorns in our photo guess last newsletter.

This is an excerpt from the Des Moines Register, May 12th, 1993, entitled "Beginning of public school in D.M."

The first East High School was housed on the top floor of Bryant School at East Ninth St. and Grand Avenue. Its first graduating class had one member, Elizabeth Mathews.

The school then moved to the top floor of Webster School at East 12th and Lyon streets before it finally gained its own building in 1891 at East 12th St. and Court Avenue. It was replaced by the current East High building in 1910-12 at East 13th and Walker streets (my mother helped carry books, etc. during the move.)

That building was considered the most elaborate high school in the state, being the only building entirely faced with limestone. The entrance and steps leading to the school were modeled after an ancient Greek temple.

By 1910-11, public school enrollment in Des Moines was at 17,123, the second-largest in the nation after Salt Lake City among cities of less than 100,000 population.

As East High graduates we have a lot to be proud of in our own right. (I'm sending the entire article to Tom Lettington, so it will be on file to see.)

There is a new fad amongst seniors, coloring books; they can be fun but also possibly dangerous. One man colored so much that his skin started changing colors, green, red, blue, orange...he went to the doctor, it turned out he had Crayola virus.

I thought I saw my eye doctor on an Alaskan island but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.

She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.

Hi!

I just received the "link" in the mail and and I have fun WALKING DOWN MEMORY LANE!

(This note was written inside a card with a drawing of a man at a table with a giant bowl of fruit in front of him.) This card reminded me of reviewing the restaurants listed. I think "Millie's tenderloin was my favorite. I didn't see Ls Pizza House...so YUMMY! ... Right when pizza was just getting popular.

I vowed to send in a small donation immediately before time gets away from me. I know with postage alone, the cost is humunguss.

THANKS to ALL YOU WHO WORK for our class's benefit. I know I speak for many when I say: "WE APPRECIATE YOU!"

Mevelyn Wooderson Richardson
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