



Columbus Public Schools Alumni News

Spring 2005



Association seeks alumni help

By K.C. Belitz
Class of 1986

Your Columbus Public Schools Alumni Association needs your help! The Board of the Association very much wants to honor all alumni of Columbus High/Kramer High as the renovated high school is completed. We have been given an avenue for this recognition through the Booster Club project of selling bricks in the new entrance on the east side of Columbus High. As reported in your last newsletter, proceeds from the sale of bricks will go to purchase a new marquee for CHS that will list events and direct visitors to the school.

The Alumni Association would like to purchase a large brick near the new entrance that would read, "Go Big C – Columbus Public Schools Alumni Association." However, this brick will cost \$1,000, which is a significant portion of our reserves. At the same time, the Association Board of Directors feel strongly that our alumni should be prominently remembered in this high-profile location of the new school.

As a result, the Alumni Association is challenging you, the alumni of Columbus Public Schools, to give additional financial support to the Association this year. The last appeal made a number of years ago resulted in an outstanding response from Discoverer alums and has carried us forward to this point. But, as we look at special projects like recognizing alumni with the brick, we will need some additional help above and beyond association dues.

As you know, your Alumni Association keeps alumni informed through semi-annual newsletters such as this one and supports selected projects in the school district. We are



GOING FOR A GOOD CAUSE — The bricks will be located in the new east entrance of the high school. The east entrance will be used by people attending games and other activities at the high school, so many people will see how proud the alumni are of their school.

taking steps to cut costs on the newsletters, but postage rates will continue to rise. Today, each of these newsletters costs the Association around \$3,200 to print and mail!

The Alumni Association wants to recognize our outstanding alums and continue to provide you with information about your alma mater. To make this possible, please consider what additional support you can offer this year. Your help is needed and will be appreciated!

If you would like to purchase a brick personally, the order form is on page 5.

Columbus to celebrate 150th B-day

Columbus will celebrate its 150th Birthday, or Sesquicentennial, in 2006.

A committee of the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce is planning community-wide celebrations to mark the occasion. Events are planned for 2006 on Memorial Day weekend, July 4th weekend, and

Columbus Days (Aug. 10-13).

The committee encourages classes planning reunions or individuals planning trips to Columbus to keep these dates in mind! Come home to celebrate in 2006, as "America Discovers Columbus" during the Sesquicentennial.

Lifetime & Annual Members

The cutoff date for this newsletter was April 14. Dues paid after that date will be printed in the fall newsletter. Dues can be paid at any time of the year. If you wish to become a member, please fill out the form in this newsletter. Thank you for paying your dues.

Lifetime Couples

1937 Charles & Jean Fricke Ashby
1939 Laird & Lois Carlson Loomis
1939/36 Robert & Eleanor VanBerg Loshbaugh
1943/44 Calvin & Pat Heynen Gloor
1943/44 Dr. Karl & Mimi Hahn Mueller
1950/49 Ronald & Roberta Nielsen Saalfeld
1951 Dr. Robert & Carole Smith Quick
1951/52 Marvin & Sandra Davis Trofholz
1952/55 Charles & MaryAnn Dietrich Johansen
1952/56 Gerald & Delores Klug Mueller
1952 Dwayne & Virginia Van Berg Smith
1953 James & Sandi Briswalter Ernst
1953/57 Gerald & Nadene Loseke Karlin
1953 Gary & Janice Potter Nantkes
1953 Harlan E. Petter
1956 Jolaine M. Loseke Nielsen
1957 James & Kathryn Ericksen Lohr
1958 David H. Kuper
1958 Jane M. Kuper
1958 John & Julie Floyd Schutz
1960/61 Richard & Mary McEnerney Goc
1962/63 Ken & Karen Rice Gigstad
1962/63 John & Kay Asche Nelson
1963 Dr. Lawrence Hake
1963/64 Dr. Gerald & Bonnie Hay Luckey
1965/74 James & Gayle Massman Oppliger
1966/67 Bruce & Sheryl Cattau Channer
1966 Bill Fleischer
1968 Larry P. & Chari Rumbaugh Nyffeler
1969 Dr. Greg C. & Judy Bock Warner
1972/73 Dr. Dana & Nancy Winkle Bailey
1972/73 Dr. Richard & Cindy Palmblade Kant
1974 Dr. Ronald & Ann Bremer Ernst
1974 Rick & Marsha Hopp Joseph
1986/88 Chris & Amy Blaser
1989 Craig & Becky Kuncel Andreasen

Lifetime Single

1928 Elmer H. (Bus) Lohr
1935 Bettie F. Sharp Egli
1938 Jean VanBerg Chase
1938 Bernice Brock Hegi
1938 Martha Boehm Kusek
1939 Vera Ellen Gertsch Weller
1940 Frances Behlen Brakel
1940 Dorothy M. Yonkie Folden
1940 Ryland R. (Rip) Nantkes
1942 Norm Loseke
1942 Bill Smith
1943 Walt Lips
1944 Walter Kiuntke
1944 Donald Smith
1945 Edward Babka
1945 Clarence Brunkhorst
1945 Nan Bernstein Klassen

1946 Tom Bernstein
1946 Delores Cattau Ebel
1946 Robert Osborn
1946 Homer Rothleitner
1947 Bob Jaeggi
1947 Jean Johannes Johnston
1947 John R. O'Neal
1948 Edward (Skip) Gass
1948 Bernice Gates Gengenbach
1948 Wayne A. Schild
1948 Rudy J. Winkelman
1949 Larry Blaser
1949 Vernon C. Feye
1949 Dorothy Held Glaser
1949 Roland W. Kluver
1950 Donna Olson Morlock
1952 Karen Norton Cook
1952 Donald Rice
1953 James Murphy
1953 Kenneth D. Peterson
1953 Robert L. Pope
1953 Donald M. Schupbach
1953 Ronald Tschauner
1953 Judd Wagner
1953 Louis Welch
1954 Jeanette Fickel Blaser
1954 Frederic Krebs
1955 Loretta L. Williams Meistrell
1955 Barbara Boyd Park
1955 Jeanie Frey Randall
1955 Edward D. Riggins
1956 Helen Korte Campbell
1956 Douglas M. Groteluschen
1956 Barbara A. Lundin Mitlyng
1956 Larry B. Novicki
1956 Ronald D. Rice
1957 Sylvia Rodehorst Hermone
1957 C. Ronald Lambert
1957 Mary Kluver Lauber
1957 Dick Whitcomb
1958 Jane Evans Douglas
1958 Larry Ray Krumland
1958 Sharon Welch Lehr
1958 Mike Liddy
1959 Deanna Osborn Augustin
1959 Howard Steve Ellenburg
1959 Leonard J. Fleischer
1959 Mary E. Coffey Frauendorfer
1959 Kay Swanson Genereux
1959 Betty K. Kaspersen Hegi
1959 Mary Ann Behlen Hruska
1959 Con Keating
1959 Richard L. (Stoney) Stone
1960 Sheila R. Nelson Backes
1960 Gayleen Oppliger Hingst
1960 James Jura
1960 David Kathka

1960 John Lohr
1960 Joe Matejka
1960 William K. McAuliff
1960 Jerry L. Norris
1960 Keith VanVelkinburgh
1960 Paula Jean Arndt Verdoorn
1961 Steve Ahl
1961 Bob Ahrens
1961 Karlyn Kuper Carson
1961 Gerald L. Whitcomb
1962 Cecil Bykerk
1962 Glenda Loseke Kleinkauf
1962 Jean C. Groteluschen Schmidt
1963 Kent W. Behlen
1963 Sandra Ottsen Davis
1963 Mathew (Bud) Fleischer
1963 Janet Kummert Hansen
1963 Kathryn Varner Overturf
1964 Joseph W. Augustine
1964 Russell Muller
1965 Mickey Brazeal
1965 Henry E. Clausen
1965 David L. Ernst
1965 Mary A. Holy Kuhlmann
1966 John Anderson
1966 Mark S. Anderson
1967 Emily Cameron Shattil
1967 Thomas L. Hagel
1967 Don Oppliger
1967 Gary D. Uphoff
1968 Steve Anderson
1968 Michael Floyd
1968 Robert C. Jones
1968 Robert Lohr
1968 Janice Groteluschen Oeltjen
1968 Donald Sieh
1968 Connie Welch Sylvester
1969 Yenni Gembol Fuglei
1969 Mary Sims
1969 Jamie Johnson Snyder
1970 Brad Berlin
1970 Michael Brown
1970 Virginia Curry
1970 Peggy Dankert
1970 Steven W. Eymann
1970 Danny Gernstein
1970 David Kincaid
1970 Greg Kluck
1970 Yvonne Mihulka
1970 Gary Osborn
1970 Thomas J. Rich
1970 Janelle K. Krumland Shepherd
1970 Ronald Walters
1971 Jennifer Allen Mills
1971 Robyn G. Gembol Ryan
1972 Susan Dixon Bowman
1972 Judy Ernst



Lifetime Single

1972 Thomas Folsom Folsom
1972 Thomas Heiser
1972 Daniel W. Miller
1972 Michael J. Robak
1972 Kelly George Shada
1974 Mary Nosal Chen
1974 John A. Curry
1974 Brian Miller
1974 Rex Porter
1975 Jane Hopp Beltz
1975 Michael J. Burrows
1976 Mark Redrow
1976 Kyla J. George Reising
1976 Ann Ewert Richards
1977 Duane Olsufka
1977 Jim Schwartzter
1978 Randy J. Eihausen
1978 Mark Jilek
1978 Kathy Curran Maca
1978 Bob Shively
1978 Alan Siemek
1979 Leslie Nielsen Hitchner
1979 Karen E. Koppel
1980 Kathi Miles Nickman
1981 Ralph Castner
1981 Dana D. Ernst
1981 Teresa Osterhoudt Filsinger
1981 Jeff Johnson
1981 Todd Robinson
1981 Bob Shepherd
1981 Steven P. Zaura
1982 Christine Nielsen Hancock
1984 Cindy Hinze Conkling
1984 Janet Arnold Keating
1984 Tom Nelson
1985 Beth Schupbach Buehler
1985 Anna Castner Wightman
1986 Kip Anderson
1986 Kerry Belitz
1986 Robert Cruise
1988 Russ Eihausen
1988 Shelly Nielsen Schmidt
1988 Donette Brase Smejkal
1989 Chad M. Johannes
1990 Brent Griffith
1991 Jim Kennedy

Annual Couple

1940 Glen & Patricia Jones Krueger
1943/46 John (Jack) Joyce Johnson Schultz
1944/48 Deryl & Jane Johannes Turner
1948/50 Fred & Genie Clark Ingold
1949/51 Gene & DeLellis Geiser Luchsinger
1949 Charles W. Walden
1952 Lee & Sharon Weisenfluh Blaser
1952/55 Fred & Liz Frederickson Geiser
1952 Richard & Goldyn Hook Liebschwager
1956/59 Steve & Jeanne Sandah Haney
1956/59 Bud & Karen Robertson Plantz
1959 Bill & Tammy Egger Henke
1960/62 Ted & Sharon Aerni Otte
1964 John S. & Bonnie Knight Kennedy
1966 Bill & Vicki Watkins Bomberger
1966/67 Scott & Gaye Groteluschen Nelson

1967/69 Shannon & Sue Sander Cole
1967/79 Connie & Cindy Jasper Reese
1968 Gene L. & Kaye George Nyffeler
1969/70 Robert & Laurie Sutton Tredway
1973 Ron & Stella Merry Medinger
1977/86 Terry & Renee Harrington Norris
1977 Jo Bartholomew Shaddy
1983 Kevin & Julie Staroscik Zuroski

Annual Single

1927 Lorena Blaser Johansen
1934 Orlethia E. Wolfe Abbott
1934 William Tallmadge
1935 Henrietta Gumm Denman
1936 Louella Jones Kropach
1936 Vicki Nelson Merha
1936 Robert Siewert
1937 Ferne Price Burmood
1937 Arthur H. Garbers
1938 Eulalia L. Engel Dahmke
1938 Cliff Elston
1938 Donald I. Johnson
1939 Homer (Hoke) Johansen J
1939 Albert A. Kupp
1940 William Aldrich
1940 Bette Schwantje Braithwait
1940 Kenneth E. Carter
1940 Julian Meyer
1940 Robert C. Mills
1940 Ronald E. Morgan
1940 Greeley Rickert
1941 Carrol O. Brunken
1942 Adele Zobel Boss
1942 Bette Alice Woods Leatherbury
1942 Phyllis N. Nelson Phillips
1943 Helen Whiting Gerber
1943 Dorian Guettler Purtzer
1943 Betty V. Van Berg Scholz
1943 Virginia Walter Sinsabaugh
1943 Clarence E. (Jack) Spitz
1944 Neal Hasselbalch
1944 Dwaine Schmit
1944 Lynn Hentges Tredway
1945 Leatrice J. Ewert Barentson
1945 Doris Fricke Corbridge
1945 Ruth Bisson Moser
1945 Lorán Schmit
1945 Sylvia A. Stevens
1946 Dorothy Lu Johnston Brinkman
1946 Clarice Blaser Everett
1946 F. Kent Luchsinger
1946 Dorothy Seybold Roeder
1946 Cletus Zwiener Swanda
1947 Robert Henke
1947 Margie Small Leslie
1947 Robert Lusche
1947 Frank H. Starkey
1947 Dick Thimgan
1948 James D. Brenneman
1948 Lorene Rosenberry Cerny
1948 Dave (Doc) Jelden
1948 Clara Ruth Miessler Loucks
1948 Frank L. Schwartzter
1948 Ethel H. Krumland Sutton
1948 Mary Ellen Brown Thurber

1949 Dorothy Behle Cattau
1949 Robert A. Johnston
1950 Wilma Schild Kilgore
1950 Ronald Lassek
1950 Nancy Smith Lesko
1950 Adrienne Ellefson Rogers
1951 Mary Jane Louis Bryant
1951 Margery J. Brown Sellers
1951 Rita Angell Spitzli
1952 Delane R. Bell
1952 Mary Reese Brown
1952 Lori-Hazel Wadsworth Eishen
1952 Gordon L. Ernst
1952 Clinton Gehring
1952 Ruth Kluck Lauer
1952 Robert L. Plantz
1953 Vernetta Behrens Bills
1953 Claudia M. Lange Blaser
1953 Shirley Mae Ewert Fischer
1953 Willa Mae Lusche Janssen
1953 Darlene Louis Mueller
1953 Janice R. Mueller Nelson
1954 Larry Brezinski
1954 Sally Schwantje Dreyer
1954 Kathleen (Teenie) Murphy Jones
1954 D'Ete Schumacher Kluck
1954 Harold Marlár
1954 Donald Potter
1954 Ardis A. Levine Sperber
1955 Peggy L. Frieze
1955 Mary Ann Speck Lehr
1955 Walter G. Murcek
1955 Norman B. Snodgrass
1955 Byron Speice
1956 Carmen Vauck Crockett
1956 Wanda Schild Eihausen
1956 Leon Janssen
1956 Betty A. Wiater McNeely
1956 Gene R. Peterson
1956 Dennis G. Schmidt
1956 Gene Van Allen
1956 Roger Watke
1957 Lowene Osten Johnson
1957 James W. Ludwig
1957 S. Kay Becher Rockwell
1957 Marjorie Clark Shriver
1958 John Cherny Brown
1958 Patty R. Egger Green
1958 Andrew Richard Wiater
1958 John C. Zimmerman
1959 Gene A. Nitz
1959 Donald Peterson
1959 Harlan Rosacker
1959 Dave Wiebold
1960 Gary J. Hoge
1960 Inara Ainars Micek
1960 Kerry D. Walden
1961 Bernard C. Hay
1961 Anita Mueller Long
1961 Carroll E. (Ed) Loseke
1961 Mary Franek Williamson
1962 Gary Burmood
1962 Don Coffey
1962 Kenneth J. Kohlmeier
1962 Pat Murphy

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Teachers bid farewell to CPS

Kim Ek
Class of 1984

Thirty-six years ago Mr. Gordon Steinbrook walked into his first U.S. History class at Columbus High School. Besides the addition of Great Plains History 20 years ago, Mr. Steinbrook's position has remained the same.

He is known for his captivating lectures. Throughout his career, he has earned numerous awards: in 1971 Columbus Jaycees Outstanding Young Educator, 1978 CEA Teacher of the Year, 1982, 1987, and 1993 NE Cooper Foundation \$1,000 award for excellence in teaching, 1991 \$1,000 ABC art grant for implementing art in the history classroom, 1992 CEA Distinguished High School Educator of the Year Award, 1997 \$6,000 Peter Kiewit Foundation NE

Teacher Achievement Award for Excellence in Classroom Teaching, 1997 UNL Teachers College Freda Battery Distinguished Educator of the Year runner up.

Mr. Steinbrook has not only been engrossed in the classroom these last 36 years he spent time writing a book, and in 1995, Allies and Mates – An American Soldier with the Australians and New Zealanders in Vietnam, 1966-67 was published by the University of Nebraska Press.

When asked what he will do with all his time during retirement, Gordon replies, "hunt... hunt... vacation... hunt... fish... vacation... hunt... vacation... at least until I get bored."

Gordon's wife, Frances, is also retiring at the end of this year.

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What's happening

Louella Jones Kropach `36 – retired after 40 years.

Ferne Price Burmood `37 – moved to Wisconsin to be by daughter, son-in-law & family.

Don Johnson `38 – retired for 30 years – spent 41 years in Wyoming as a botanist for USDA.

Catherine Branigan Horan `42 – retired after 25 years with the LA County Assessor.

Delores Cattau Ebel `46 – named to a three year term on the President's Advisory Council at Concordia Theological University Seminary in Fort Wayne Indiana. She is also on the Endowment Fund Committee at St. Louis Seminary.

Kent Luchsinger `46 – moved from California to Southern Arizona.

Wayne A. Schild `48 – doing a lot of traveling – Kazakstan, Kyrgystan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Iran, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar (Burma), Auckland, Bay of Islands, Vanuatu, Fiji, Samoa, Christmas Island, Hawaii, Midway, Marshalls, Guadalcanal, Solomons, Papua New Guinea, Guam, Saipan, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Hiroshima, Osaka (Japan), Orkney Faroe Islands (north of Scotland in the Atlantic Ocean), Iceland, Greenland, South Coast of Ireland, and Baltics. We have been on land in all 24 times zones and have visited 168 countries and seven continents.

Barbara Vaught Zeller `51 – completed our third book on our travels around the world.

Ruth Lauet `52 – awaiting her third grandchild.

Willa Mae Lusche Janssen `53 – retired and spending the winters in Mesa, AZ.

Walter Murcek `55 – retired and moving into an active adult community.

Gary Hoge `60 – founder and president of Strata Oil & Gas and Strata Investments.

Anita Mueller Long `61 – retired from teaching at Shell Creek Elementary in the Lakeview Community Schools District.

Gene Kluck `63 – traveled to Mexico and South America. Daughter graduated from University of California Davis Law School in 2004.

Jim Sibley `66 – retired.

Kathy Hadley Austin `70 – director, development and technical support at Avraham Y. Goldratt Institute.

Greg Gersib `71 – lived in Beijing China for the last 3 1/2 years working on a major oil field development. I've been working for Conoco Phillips for 25 years. We're about to move to Moscow, Russia.

Betty Moore Thompson `72 – RN, house supervisor at St. Elizabeth's Regional Medical Center in Lincoln, NE.

Deb Krumland Trabert `72 – earned her master's degree from UNK in May and moved to North Las Vegas to teach sixth grade at Language Arts Lied Middle School.

Tim Kjonggaard `80 – recently started own construction company. Previously was a mechanical engineer for 14 years.

Daniel Woerth `80 – developed leukemia in 2001, endured a successful bone marrow transplant in 2002 and is currently dealing with post-transplant recovery.

Clark Jenkinson `82 – new baby daughter, Shelby Michele, born on April 27, 2004. She joins mother Sheila and brother Caleb Alan. He is the service manager at Courtesy Ford in Norfolk.

Scott Weldon `85 – working for Edward D. Jones.

Erica Bush-Silvester `91 – working on a degree in healthcare management.

We have received a tremendous response to our comment section, so we are running a little behind. The rest will be printed in the fall newsletter. Thank you for your understanding.

Thank you

A big thank you goes out to the dedicated label volunteers who helped with the 2004 winter newsletter.

Douglas Moore `78
Mary Frauendorfer `59
Wanda Eihausen `56
Donna Murray `56
Marva Van Velkinburgh `58
Tonya Jaeggi

Bob Jaeggi `47
LaDonna Davis `51
Leon Janssen `56
Steve Anderson `68
Kim Ek `84



Annual Single

From page 3

1962 Herbert Stuthman
 1963 Nancy Greenwald Challed
 1963 Fred Greiner
 1963 Tim Kathka
 1963 Genene Kluck
 1963 Beverly J. Loseke
 1964 Bill Braithwait
 1964 Carolyn Hasek Fitzke
 1964 Lynn Bokelmann Van Vark
 1965 Vickie Ward Benyr
 1965 Stephanie A. Floyd
 1965 Sharon K. Hake Franks
 1965 Dennis C. Hirschbrunner
 1965 Jim Prentice
 1965 Larry D. Schulz
 1965 Linda J. Brooks Waugh
 1966 Joel Leininger
 1967 Kathy Drake Evans
 1967 Jeanie Ausman Marlowe
 1967 Thomas J. McCarty
 1967 Julie Johnson Thomas
 1968 Lois Meschke Espeland
 1968 Connie Szudlo Flood
 1968 Tedi Lund
 1968 Mary Sommermeyer
 1969 Patricia Legate Stejskal
 1969 Kathy Waldman
 1969 Bonita K. Michener Willets
 1970 Kathleen Hadley Austin

1970 Terri Drozd Hoesly
 1971 Mary Lou Truex Paulsen
 1972 Beverly Siemek Bomar
 1972 Betty Moore Thompson
 1973 Sue Shively Anderson
 1974 Eugene (Sonny) Bokelmann
 1974 Tom (Hoagie) Hoganson
 1975 Jamie Cumming Al-Haj
 1975 Alice Gangel Ward
 1977 Becky Willman Gragg
 1978 Barbara Kline Becker
 1980 Steve Anderson

1980 Alan Haney
 1980 Tim Kjonggaard
 1981 Brad W. Loseke
 1983 David M. Anderson
 1984 Mary B. Olsufka Bellamy
 1988 Kelly Kehlbeck Cox
 1991 Mistan D. Moser Marking
 1991 Erica Bush Silvester
 1992 Alicia Young Fults
 1993 Becky Chinn Coulter
 1994 Bryan M. Reichmuth
 1995 Allison M. Ernst

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CPS Foundation Marquee Fund- Brick Order Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Each 4 x 8 brick can be engraved with 3 lines and 13 spaces per line.
 Please print name, date, etc., as you want it to appear (1 number, letter, or space per box.)

Cost per brick is \$100. Donations are tax deductible. Make checks payable to CPS Foundation - Marquee Fund.
Mail this form to Shirley Nelson, Columbus High School, 2200 26 St., Columbus, NE 68601.



A look back at royalty

The Columbus Public Schools Alumni Association went back into the archives and found the past homecoming royalty. Wonder what they are doing now?

1949: Queen Joan Muhle Zuroski
1950: Queen Patricia Schmid
1951: Queen Gail Drahota Barnwell
1952: King Harlan Petter and Queen Sandra Briswalter Ernst
1953: King Donald Potter and Queen Patricia Luchsinger Horn
1954: King Terry Gaver and Queen Monica Wunderlich Becher
1955: King Ronald Novicki and Queen Marilyn Larsen Novicki
1956: King Robert Luchsinger & Queen Barbara Pensick Forman
1957: King Larry Greenwald and Queen Cherlyle Fox Jones
1958: King Con Keating and Queen Tamara Egger Henke
1959: King Michael Jones and Queen Alexis Schwank Schilling
1960: King Boyd Rosacker and Queen Lois Davis Rosacker
1961: King Keith Grimes and Queen Jean Groteluschen Schmidt
1962: King Lawrence Hake and Queen Raynela Juracek Karlin
1963: King Marvin Mueller and DuLaine Raboutn Carmichael
1964: King Robert Hegi and Queen Linda Abegglen Hegi
1965: King William Bomberger and Queen Victoria Watkins Bomberger
1966: King Ken Robb and Queen Deta Coover Robb
1967: King Danial Hartsel and Queen Linda Rae Bergeson
1968: King William Greene and Queen Nancy Bullock Putman
1969: King Terry Rogers and Queen Debbie Raboutn Trofholz
1970: King Neil Klutman and Queen Tammy Conyers Orona
1971: King Tom Heiser and Queen Sandy Weyer Jacobsen
1972: King Ron Ziola and Queen Kim Tigges Abegglen
1973: King Greg Bullington and Queen Ann Bremer Ernst
1974: King Steve Schumacher and Queen Sue Gates Fergeson

1975: King Larry Nitz and Queen Nikki Nelson Brown
1976: King Brian Bullington and Queen Sandi Bede Carstensen
1977: King Gary Becher and Queen Sue Selig Bullington
1978: King Al Starzec and Queen Jan Rich Sackett
1979: King Mike Rambour and Queen Maureen Lannan Hohman
1980: King Gary Podraza and Queen Heidi Sloth Coe
1981: King Bill Puckett and Queen Karen Miller Wallick
1982: King Norm Svoboda & Queen Stephanie Zehring Newton
1983: King Steve Sliva and Queen Amy Anderson Marx
1984: King Ron Blank and Queen Chrissie Penas Robbins
1985: King Shane Blaser and Queen Lisa Bonk Polcovich
1986: King Steve Barnes and Queen Jami Duranski Edgar
1987: King Bob Hausmann and Queen Nancy Czarnick
1988: King Steve Scheidegger and Queen Tara Went Goering
1989: King Cory Schlesinger and Queen Misty Siebler Mueller
1990: King Jon Barnes and Queen Janell Zedicher Mustard
1991: King J.P. Lauterbach and Queen Sherri Lang
1992: King Toby Goc and Queen Pam Jochens
1993: King Faruk Abdullah and Queen Rachel White Scott
1994: King Chad Kobus and Queen Elizabeth Fairbairn
1995: King Andy White and Queen Natalie Behlen Rieck
1996: King Jeff Brackhan and Queen Stephanie Burns
1997: King Jared Irish and Queen Kelly Randles
1998: King Dana Kuhl and Queen Jesse Bernstein
1999: King Josh Berry and Queen Kristi Kasik
2000: King Asher Thees and Katie Anderson
2001: King Eric Meek and Queen Abbi Groteluschen
2002: King Derek Zulkoski and Queen Jacque Mueller
2003: King Michael Luckey and Queen Erica Stradley
2004: King Adam Swanson and Queen Angie Zulkoski

Teachers retire from CPS

From Page 4

Mrs. Steinbrook grew up in the Beatrice area and received her Bachelor's Degree from Peru State College and her Master's Degree from UNL. She has taught in Beatrice, Oklahoma, Millard and Lincoln.

The Steinbrooks moved to Columbus in the fall of 1969 when she started teaching third grade at North Park. After staying home with her boys a few years and then running her own preschool, Mrs. Steinbrook returned to the Columbus Public Schools where she has taught kindergarten and first grade for 20 years. She has been at West Park teaching first grade for the last 18 years.

Upon retirement, Frances plans to finish some projects around the house, garden, read, golf, travel, and whatever else comes along.

It was the fall of 1962 when Kathy Senior started teaching first graders at North Park School in Columbus. Later she became a Title I Reading Teacher, a position she held for 37 years. Mrs. Senior earned the Elementary Teacher of the Year award in 2004.

When asked about her most memorable moments she responded, "I have many memorable moments but seeing the delight in students' eyes when they realize that the very thing

that has been a stumbling block in school for them, reading, has become automatic and can be used to learn never ceases to warm my heart.

"When I first started teaching, I was 20 years old and a little boy in my first grade, who had been at the restaurant my date and I were at the night before, asked me who he was? I answered a good friend of mine. He very seriously told me that I was too old for good friends."

Mrs. Senior grew up on a farm near Heartwell, NE. Heartwell is a little burg between Minden and Hastings. She attended a country school until she was in the fourth grade then moved to a "town school" located in Heartwell. After taking and passing the 8th grade exams, she attended high school at Minden, and then received her BA from Kearney State College in 1962.

Kathy has no immediate plans for retirement "but not having a firm schedule every day is sounding very good to me," she said. She plans to travel to see her son and daughter-in-law at different times of the year on the East Coast. She says making spur of the moment plans will be very enjoyable.

Information regarding the other retirees, Colman Bieber, Jerome Slusarski and Peg Roth, will appear in the fall newsletter.



Let's Keep in Touch

Please use this form for address corrections or changes, what's new information, or if you wish to pay dues.

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Class of _____
(Please include maiden if applicable.)

Spouse _____ Last Name _____ Class of _____

Address _____ City, State Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

What's New (job, degrees, comments, suggestions etc.) _____

I/we would like to become an annual member(s) for the year 2005.

_____ Annual Single \$10

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or

I/we would like to become a lifetime member(s).

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Yes I wish to support the schools with a **tax deductible** gift to the Foundation.

Here is my donation in the amount of \$ _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Class of _____

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Columbus Alumni Reunion Plans for 2005 & Beyond

1932 - Contacts: Esther Smith Campbell, 305 Beacon Pl., 564-6916; Caroline Siebler Siefken, 2880 29 Ave., 564-8223.

1935 - Local class members meet every 4 months for lunch (Oct., Feb., Jun.). All '35 grads welcome.

1937 - Meets 1st Wed., every 4 months (March, July, Nov.).

1940 - July 16, 2005 tour of Columbus Middle School at 10 a.m. followed by a tour of Columbus High School; banquet at Dusters.

1941 - Meets annually 3rd Wed. in Sept. at New World Inn. "No host" informal luncheon. Contact: Vera Kobus, 3163 26 Ave., 402-564-5837.

1944 - 61st Reunion, July 1, 2005 at Wunderlich's at 5 p.m. For more information, contact, Willie Chris at WillieChris@msn.com or call 402-721-2551.

1945 - Meets the last Monday of the month at Picket Fence at noon.

1945 - September 3, 2005, at 1 p.m. at Wunderlich's.

1946 - '46 locals meet the first Friday of each month for lunch. All classmates welcome. Contact: Regina Giersdorf Gondringer, 402-564-7000 or Laura Eller Stuefer, 402-564-2057.

1949 - Locals meet the first Monday of the month for breakfast at Picket Fence Cafe. All classmates welcome. Contact: Rosella (Blaser) Norris for info. 402-564-7498.

1950 - June 24, 2005, friendship and renewal time; June 25, 2005, evening dinner (reservations needed); June 26, 2005, breakfast buffet. All events will take place at New World Inn.

1951 - Meets the second Thursday of every month at Maximus. All classmates welcome.

1955 - 50th Reunion. August 26, 2005, Gaver cabin on the river, casual (wear something from the fifties); August 27, 2005, cocktails and dinner at Country Shadows Lounge; August 28, 2005, brunch at Dusters.

Contacts: Sandra Keating at keatings@mycidco.com or Enola Luchsinger at enolaluch@hotmail.com.

1956 - Meets at 10 a.m. the first Wed. of every month at Stack & Steak for morning coffee. All classmates welcome.

1956 - 50th Reunion, September 1 & 2, 2006.

1964 - 45th Reunion, Memorial Weekend in 2009. Details later. Contact: Suzy Viergutz Engel at 402-564-0948, Carolyn Hasek Fitzke, Gary Fouraker, Jim Hellbusch, Randy Krumland at 800-467-0244 or John and Bonnie Knight Kennedy at bonjohnken@msn.com.

1965 - July 1 & 2, 2005. Contacts: Connie Hayes Gay at 402-564-8057 or Glynn Kay Olson Hinrichs at 402-564-6080.

1970 - 35th Reunion, July 1, 2005, icebreaker at Applegate Beach; July 2, 2005, Hawaiian Luau featuring music by Freedom Road. Poolside atmosphere and casual dress with other activities being scheduled for that day. Contact Jim Schaefer, 402-564-4274 or e-mail jilschae@megavision.com or Mike Applegate at mapple@cableone.net.

1975 - 30th Reunion - July 15, 2005, Glurs Tavern Beer Garden, 7 p.m.-closing. Music by Todd Trofholz. July 16, 2005, Elks Country Club Poolside party, 7:30 p.m.-midnight. Contacts: Peg Ziola or Sue Zabawa. Anyone interested in golfing, contact Roger Iwansky at riwansky@amfam.com or John Price at jgprice@nppd.com by May 15.

1980 - 25th Reunion, August 6, 2005, 7 p.m. Poolside at the Elks Country Club. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Contact: Julie Sansoni, 402-563-0434.

1985 - July 1 and 2, 2005. Contact: Tam Moore Dworak, 402-563-8112 or e-mail tsdworak@hotmail.com.

1990 - July 16, 2005 at 7 p.m. at the Elks Country Club. Casual attire. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Contact: Abbie Alfson Tessendorf, 402-564-7100 or tessendorf@neb.rr.com.