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(Above) **The 1962 Planning Committee** from left: Bobbie Baxter Reeves, Barbara Morrow Bement, Carol Earl Ommert, Kathy Gorman Veith, Ralph Braker, Bill Betschman, Ron Winkle, Ralph Hedrick.

"The class of '62 planning committee did a superb job. Since we traveled from Phoenix, we appreciated the concept of a three day event. The casual Friday evening gave Joan and I an opportunity to renew old friendships which made the Saturday night dinner even more enjoyable. It was fun sharing old stories and recalling memories. We are looking forward to another one in five years."

Doug White, '62, Arizona

Kathy (Gorman) Veith, '62, Norwalk. "Our 50th class reunion was a pleasure to work on and to attend. All of us on the planning committee enjoyed working to bring the class of 1962 together for a memorable 50th Reunion. It was wonderful seeing and renewing old friendships."



Class of '62 celebrates their 50th!

- (Above) **Row #1 from left:** Cathye Beard Stout, Nancy Dankmeyer Burns, Janet McPherson, Patsy Ward Mank, Kathy Gorman Veith, Judy Skinn Eckler, Douglas White, Tom Penfield, Linda Morehouse Stecovich, Barbara Morrow Bement, Roger Harmon
- Row #2:** Ralph Hedrick, Camie Felter Waxman, Ronald Winkle, Bob Komarek, Carol Earl Ommert, Lee Cook Davis, Sue Price Blake, Jim Cole, Ralph Bishop, Larry Coe, Bobbie Baxter Reeves, Brunie Wireman, Jack Tossel, Ralph Braker
- Row #3:** Robert Factor, Elaine Silcox Lickfelt, Raymond Smythe, Walter Pleasnick, Joe Jozsef Szadvari, Karen Gettles Thimmes, Sue Alleshouse Richards
- Row #4:** Bill Landenberg, Larry Ommert, Richard Ward, Dennis Tucker, Rick Brown, Alex Koslow, Josephine Hannel Weber, Bill Betschman, Dallas Newton, Bill Paplinski, Pat Taylor

Jim Cole, '62, Norwalk "I really enjoyed the weekend. I reconnected with a lot of people, some of whom I had not seen in 50 Years."



Class of '62 Reunion Dinner

From left: Dennis and Ellen Tucker, Bill and Debbie Landenberg, Joe and Mary Szadvari

(R) *The Norwalk Athletic Boosters provided each player and cheerleader of the '60 and '62 basketball championship teams with beautiful blue and gold lettered shirts.*



Robert Factor, Walter Pleasnick and Douglas White.





Mike Gross '69 was the Master of Ceremonies for honoring the championship basketball teams of '60, '62, and 2012. Mike definitely has strong Norwalk Public School connections. He spent his school years at League Street Elementary and his class was the first to move into the new junior high school on Christie Ave. Mike played basketball and baseball at NHS.

After high school Mike enrolled at Graceland College in Lamoni, Iowa, where he played basketball. Upon graduating in 1973, he returned to Norwalk and began a 30 year teaching and coaching career. He also served as Athletic Director for 14 years during that time.

In 2004 he became a member of the Norwalk Board of Education where he served for eight years; three of those as President. Mike credits the '60 and '62 basketball teams as inspiring him to be a basketball player. "It was an honor to be the Master of Ceremony for those players," Mike said.

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Special Assistance available from the parking lot. Chris Berry '88 will again provide transportation to and from the parking lot courtesy of the Norwalk Athletic Boosters.

Wheelchairs Available
 Kaiser-Wells will have wheelchairs available to be used from the school entrance to the gym and back.



Janet Brinker Schaeffer '60 and Linda McLaughlin Camp '60, NPSAA Board members work at the sign-in tables.



Ron McCreery '59 former NPSAA Board member registers an Alum spouse.

(R) Dor Braker Landoll '56 NPSAA Board member sells 50/50 tickets to a guest.



***Jeff O'Donnell, '72, Norwalk,**
 "I like this All-Class Reunion. You can just drop in. You don't have to commit yourself to a day. It's great to see people you know and also nice to meet new people, too."*

Robert Factor, '62, Florida, "Although we graduated into the darkness (lights went out at our graduation ceremony), we have also experienced many highlights. The biggest highlights come from learning about the life adventures of classmates after graduation. That was combined with great memories from high school, and an opportunity for some good natured ribbing of classmates. I highly recommend that schoolmates take advantage of their reunion and associated activities, as well as the all-classes reunion."

ALL-CLASSES REUNION DISTINGUISHED ATTENDEES

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| Mary Laming Stewart '34 Earline Reilly '36 James Elmer '41 Annabelle Berner Hespeler '41 Lewis Schild '43 Peggy Page Albright '44 Marge Miller Barr '44 Frances Hawk Chenoweth '44 Ester Antrim Edwards '44 Winnie Auble Kuhlman '44 | Dorothy Wells Patrick '44 J. Tom Lendrum '45 Howard Chustel '46 Tom Cruse '46 Gordon Schauterle '46 Lousie Nevin Bergreen '47 Betty J. Cady '47 Marjorie Bell Wallace '47 Betty Witter Griffith '47 Yvonne Currier Scalero '47 | Don Sweet '47 Robert Breternity '48 Herb Brown '48 Richard Cunningham '48 Carl Laface '48 Elaine Mellatt '48 Jim Stark '48 Barbara Hawley Weltlin '48 John Ahmendenjen '49 Elaine McCoy Daugherty '49 |
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Jim Stark, '48, Norwalk, "I enjoy it very much. Very well done. Saw many people I knew. I plan to continue going. My daughter Linda Stark Keefer '67 was a volunteer at the registration table."

Louise Nevin Bergreen, '47, Cuyahoga Falls, "I like the All-Classes Reunion being in the afternoon. I try to come every year. I think the reunions are just great."

Winnie Auble Kuhlman, '44, Norwalk, "I look forward to the All-Classes Reunion every year. I wish more local people would attend. It's a chance to see people from other classes, too. The band is the highlight. I was a majorette in the band."



Earline Wolfe Linder '34 and Mary Laning Stewart '34



Celebrating Their 65th Reunion Class of 1947

Marjorie Bell Wallace, Betty Sellinger Cady, Tom Cruse, Don Sweet, Yvonne Currier Scalero



Class of '44

Dorothy Wells Patrick, Peggy Page Albright, Winnie Auble Kuhlman, Frances Hawk Rang-Chenoweth, Margie Miller, Esther Antrim Edwards.

Betty Cady, '47, Medina, "I enjoy the Reunion immensely. Always fun to see not only my classmates, but meet others from different classes."

Frances Hawk Chenoweth, '44, Mesa, AZ, "I was a foster child who came to Norwalk at age 13 and that really was the beginning of my life. Three of the women in my wedding are in the picture with me! I don't miss coming to this Reunion for anything!"

Esther Antrim Edwards, '44, Norwalk, "I love the All-Classes Reunion. I especially enjoy the memorabilia. I gave my husband's track awards from '41 to your archives. We beat Bellevue that year and that was a big deal. I gave my Reserves ring also to your Archives. Seeing the older uniforms and yearbooks is fun.

It's a thrill to hear the Fight Song which was our Alma Mater. My nieces came from CT and FL and one said she ran out of time...the Reunion ended too soon for her! Last year I saw a friend from my early neighborhood that I had not seen in 70 years. We had a lot to talk about!"



(L) '30's and '40's Table.
Pictured are a few of the '40's who attended.





(L) Wes Douglas '79 teacher and coach at NHS is handed a program by NPSAA volunteer Matt Wadsworth '86.



Joyce Dendinger Lombardo '49, Norwalk, watches over the Archives which are on display at every All-Classes Reunion. Consider donating your memorabilia to the NPSAA Archives; yearbooks, school newspapers, awards, uniforms and other items that help tell the story of the history of Norwalk Public Schools.



CLASS OF '51 - 60th REUNION
Eagle Creek Golf Club—August 20, 2011

- First Row:** Jean Geer Richards, Regina Hipp Schild, Natalie White Smetzer, Janet Hendrickson Bush, Gayleen McCoy Geer
Second Row: Nancy Tomei LaFace, Nancy Ernsberger Simcox, Shirley Chandler Berry
Third Row: John Churchill, Janet Twaddle Herner, Felicia Bauer Stand, Mary Knoll Nicholson
Fourth Row: Donald Knight, Jane Stark Hoffman, Clyna Fauser Behnke, Regina Lierenz Braden, Donna Schaecterle Tyson
Fifth Row: Phillip Brutsche, Douglas Colvin, Ted Lang, Gretchen Glick Faulknor



CLASS OF '52 - 60th REUNION

- First Row:** Fred Stanford, Mary Ann Bane Schild
Second Row: Wilma Gilhausen Nickoli, Sally Morton Twitchell, Alice Lawrence Linn, Alice Goodrich Baughman, Yvonne Butch Bower.
Alice Lawrence Linn, '52, Norwalk, "Everyone does a fantastic job arranging for this Reunion. I like that it's for all the classes. I've only missed one or two."

Ted Lang, '51, Norwalk, "This was my first time to the All-Classes Reunion. Very worthwhile, brings back memories. I liked the Gallery pictures. I saw my mother's graduation picture. She told me her class was the first to graduate from the Cole building. I liked the band. I played the sax and baritone horn and played in the German band."



CLASS OF '54

- First row:** Sandra Tutchings Schoenegge, Shirley Boepple Lee, Mary Francis Marett Stoll, Jim Spettle
Second Row: Bob Wilkinson, Barbara Wilkinson, Richard Wetzel, and Pat Cross Wetzel, '55.
Mary Marett Stoll, '54, Norwalk, "Great to see everyone. I thought it was the best one yet and I've been to all of them. I liked seeing those in other grades that I had known in band, orchestra and choir. There was more seating and taking pictures of class groups was nice."
Shirley Boepple Lee, '54, Norwalk, "I had a great time! Did not want to leave. It's a chance to see classmates and also upper and lower classmen. I especially enjoyed the band."

ATTENTION 2014 REUNION CLASSES

In 2014, the classes of '49, '54, '59, '64, '69, '74, '79, '84, '89, '94, '99, 2004, and, 2009 will be celebrating reunions. Make your reunion weekend complete by attending the **All-Classes Reunion on Sunday, August 17, 2014** at NHS.



The All-Classes Reunion is ALWAYS the 3rd Sunday in August.
2:00-5:00 at NHS
Free & Casual



(L) '67 CLASSMATES AT ALL-CLASSES REUNION
From left: Francine Factor Murray, Phyllis Barnett Hales, Mary Schauss Wilkinson, Louise Martinez, Karen Libbee Austin, Pat Gorman.

Nora Woods Downing '61, Norwalk, "I always set aside the 3rd Sunday in August."

Karen Libbee Austin '67, Milan.
"This was my first All-Classes Reunion. I'll attend again if I don't have conflicts. If anyone is interested in a reunion for 2017 contact me: KSA5202@hotmail.com or Phyllis Barnett at phyllisdean@yahoo.com."



Class of '57 gathered for a 55th get-together at Berry's Restaurant the evening before the All-Classes Reunion.



First row from left: Corky Penfield, Bob Ward, Darlene Perkins Bradley, Jackie Hessel DeLuca, Nancy Hixon Lempke, Bob Mitchell. **Second row:** Grant Walls Jr., Len Kettle, George Diehl, Mary Shutts Ott, Ed Goodrich, Joan Lawrence Carrasco, Loretta Dann Steedly, Joanne Earl Doughty, Mary Anne Schied Engle, Marge Fox, Bill Ommert, Mary Timmon Lippert, Ned Hoelzer



Class of '60: Doris Kanwischer Bauer, Joyce Conner Link, Linda McLaughlin Camp, Chuck Carpenter, Marilyn Finch Ferrell. Nineteen classmates from the Class of '60 attended the reunion.

Len Kettle '57, Huron, "It's enjoyable talking to former classmates but sad remembering those who will never attend again. I'm very thankful for every year I'm able to attend."

Loretta Dann Steedly, '57, South Carolina, "Our reunion Saturday evening at Berry's Restaurant and the All-Classes Reunion on Sunday were absolutely worth the 11 hour drive from S.C. Both venues were great as well was the food. Most of all, the opportunity to reconnect with my classmates was wonderful. It was fun resurrecting memories of our days at NHS and catching up on everyone's life. Y'all come see me in South Carolina, yuh hear? Bless your hearts."

Lois Wilkinson Banick '60, Michigan, "I came to Norwalk that weekend to visit my family. My sister, Margaret, '63, and I said 'Let's go to the All -Classes Reunion.' Margaret and my brothers Bob '54 and Roger '66 all got to one of these Reunions together a year or two ago."

Joyce Conner Link, '60, New York, "I was amazed at the number of alumni who turned out for the reunion. And it would be nice to see more of the younger generations also participating."



'56 Classmates

From left: Molly Crossen March, Ken Miller, Don Ratliff, and Beverly Widman Riegel

Ken Miller, '56, North Olmsted, "I appreciate the excellent opportunity to see not only my classmates but people from other years. It's fun. I would love to see the name tags in marker for these old eyes!"

APPRECIATIVE ALUMNI AND GUESTS WATCH THE **BLUE PRIDE MARCHING BAND** PERFORMANCE AT THE ALL-CLASSES REUNION



THE **BLUE PRIDE MARCHING BAND** is always a big hit at the All-Classes Reunion. Special thanks to **Band Director Mr. Will Kish** for his cooperation.



BLUE PRIDE



The new suspended flag in the main gym is a gift from the **Classes of 2005, 2006, and 2007, and the Athletic Boosters**. If your class is interested in giving a gift to Norwalk High School, please call Mr. Cooley, HS Principal, at 419-660-6500, or email him at: cooleyb@norwalktruckers.net

(R) Over **400** gather for the 2012 All-Classes Reunion



(L) **Regina Reed '92** came to see her daughter **Rachel Carroll 2016** play in the band. Mom played the clarinet as does her daughter.

Ed Goodrich, '57, Norwalk. "The Norwalk High School All Classes Reunions have been a wonderful way to renew friendships with former classmates. It's been fun to reminisce about the good times we had. Through these reunions, I have been able to keep in touch regularly with a few of my classmates. Thanks to the volunteers who have done a terrific job putting this together."



Stanley Borgia '72
Distinguished Citizen



Jerry Emmons '59
Academic



Dr. Wayne Babcanec
Academic



David Rehnberg
Athletic



John Derrer
Athletic



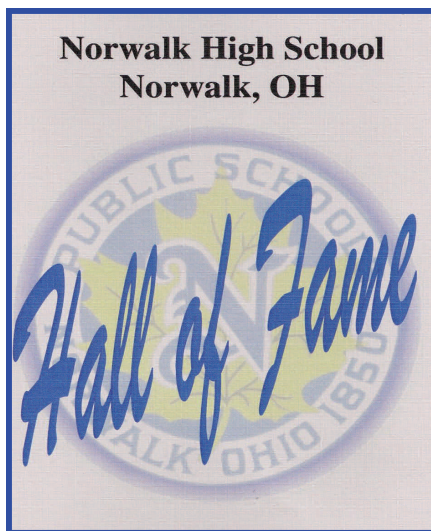
Robert Geer '47
Distinguished Citizen



Grace Hutchinson
Athletic



Wendell Rakosky '74
Athletic



Robert Knoll '64
Athletic



Diane Tengowski Connolly '78
Athletic



James Spettle '54
Athletic



John Tossell '62
Academic



Richard Alleshouse '59
Academic



Russell Antrim '47
Distinguished Citizen

November 18, 2012
3:00 PM

WHO IN YOUR CLASS SHOULD BE NOMINATED FOR THE NHS HALL OF FAME?

- Richard Alleshouse '59, Sylvania.** "It is a distinct honor to be chosen as the arts representative of my class of 1959."
- Grace Hutchinson, Norwalk.** "This honor is a reflection of so many people besides myself. The growth and success of the Norwalk volleyball program is something that the community of Norwalk has been a part of from the very beginning. Their support during my tenure has always been appreciated. And I am thrilled to see the Norwalk Pride carry over to the 2012 team and coach Angie Kalizewski."
- Judy Poole Emmons '63 wife of Jerry Emmons '59, Norwalk.** "Jerry saw his grandchildren born but they never had a chance to know him. This honor provides another opportunity for his grandchildren to understand the impact his life had on others."
- Stanley Borgia '72, Alexandria, Virginia.** "Growing up in Norwalk taught me values I have drawn upon throughout my professional life. I credit those values for my achievements both personally and professionally."
- James Spettel '54, Norwalk.** "I credit my elementary coach, Mr. Aiellio, jr. high coach Mr. Shadle, and Mr. Walls, my high school coach, for any success I had in basketball."
- Wendell Rakosky '74, Ellicott City, Maryland.** "Athletics gave me self-confidence and self-esteem which provided a foundation as I went through my career. My coach taught me it was OK to cry."
- Kathy Geer Root '71, Norwalk.** "My father never sought recognition, honor or glory for what he did (as an Army Ranger). In tough situations and desperate circumstances we all, like he did, are capable of much more than we believe we can."

The purpose of the Norwalk Hall-of-Fame is to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions toward the betterment of our schools and have gone on to make significant contributions to society, or performed meritorious service to our country. The Hall-of-Fame serves as a living example of accomplishment and excellence for our community and current students in the Norwalk City School.



Academic, Athletic, Distinguished Citizen

Hall of Fame Nomination Forms can be found on the District's website: www.norwalktruckers.net High School >> Hall of Fame

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NHS VOLLEYBALL—OH WHAT A YEAR!



What a great year for Trucker Volleyball —**Coach Grace Hutchinson** was inducted into the Hall of Fame and her successor, **Angie Kalizewski**, lead the team to a State Runner-Up finish. Coach Kalizewski is in her third year as head coach and has won three NOL titles.

COACH ANGIE KALIZEWSKI, *“This season was the dream season. These are great kids who love the sport of volleyball and want to play every day. I could not be more blessed to work with these girls and their families. The team worked towards every one of our goals and to achieve that final goal of going to the state tournament was something they’ll never forget.”*

2012 Division II State Runner-Up



Samantha Obringer 2013— “Our experience at State was a once in a lifetime chance. Not only did we make it to State, we made it to the finals. Our theme this year was “Bringin’ Heat to the Court.” Every game we played, we played like it was our last; with intensity, fire, and a drive to demolish teams. I could not have asked for a better season with these amazing girls.”

Kellie Weinenger 2013 — “When Coach Kalizewski told us that they had to request another school bus to bring students to State, I was in shock. Then walking on to the court and seeing approximately 150 students was amazing. I was honored to have my whole school supporting me. We found out later that we had the largest number of fans at our games even though Norwalk is small compared to the cities where our competitors came from. A big thanks to all those who supported us then and throughout the entire season.”



Oakley Shane 2013— “It would be an understatement to say that our team was close. We were more than close. We girls shared a bond that will never be broken or forgotten. We all had a love for the game of volleyball and a desire to win. Most importantly, we had each other’s backs and were the best of friends. All of us 13 girls got along on and off the volleyball court. We helped each other with problems and picked one another up. We got to be state runner-ups for the fact that we all believed in each other. We could all trust that the six girls on the court would do what they needed to do to win.”

McKenzie Hall 2013— “I have never seen a community support a team like the Norwalk area has done for us. Their enthusiasm, along with my wonderful teammates who I consider family, made this trip to State a dream come true. I don’t think people realize how much of an impact they had on us just by showing up to a game or wearing a Trucker volleyball shirt. I am so thankful for this experience and it is one I will never forget.”

Arlene Slate Cahill '76, Dublin. "I had a great time at the All-Classes Reunion. I had never seen the new high school. Very pleasant day. I loved the Archives. Fun to have something to look at. I talked to a few in my class and actually met a friend from Connecticut here".

Darlene Searls Tiers '77, Missouri. "My nephew was married a week before the All-Classes Reunion. I stayed longer. I couldn't go to my 35th reunion. This was my first time here. My dad, Dale '56, attended too. I wish more of the 70's would attend".



Front row, from left: Debbie Cox, Lori Gunn, Ruth Carrasco Pigman, Diane Kuhlman Laser, Ann Lombardo Schaffer, Susie Downer Nardecchia, Jacki Young, Rhonda Schild Doughty, Vera Clayton Smith, Rob Ekert. **Second row:** Vicki Ehresman, Joyce Huntley Finch, Nancy Ensminger Higgins, Sandy Smetzer, Linda Chesanow, Sandy Reisig Nickoli, Laurie Weltlin, Carrie Eberly Widman, Duane Graffice, Darryl More, David Doughty. **Third row:** Pam Rehark Simek, Annette Horner Graham, Julie Rafie Bertsch, Debbie Tengowski Clifton, Dawn Colvin Ward, Mark Smith, Claudia Showalter Simon, Erin Gfell Lendrum, Jessica Harger Hunter, Barb Corrigan Graffice, Julie Millhouse, Steve Shultz, Teresa Burkett Robinson. **Fourth Row:** Jeff Wyatt, Mark Pigman, Bob Andrews, Duane Cannon, Jim Loughton, Mark Pigman, Mike Sisson, Sue Sipple, Sharon Brooks Brown, Pat Brown.

Sandy Reisig Nickoli '77, Huron. "Back in the 70's the girls from our class did not have the opportunities at sports as these young ladies today. Between our eighth grade and freshman years TITLE IX became a reality. As freshman the girls' track team was the first varsity sport organized. They were coached by Bill Ream. The following year five girls would go on to compete at the state track meet. As juniors, the girls won NHS's first NOL title in the history of girls' sports."



(L) Former Truckerettes Still Have IT!
From left: Rhonda Schild Doughty, Susie Downer Nardecchia, Diane Kuhlman Laser, Jackie Young, Sandy Reisig Nickoli, Annette Horner Graham, Claudia Showalter Simon, Julie Rafie Bertsch, Erin Gfell Lendrum.

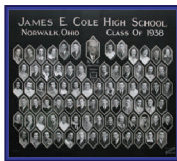
(R) PAINTING THE ROCK

Lori Gunn, Erin Gfell Lendrum, Jessica Harger Hunter, Ruth Carrasco Pigman, Mark Pigman, Linda Chesanow, Rhonda Schild Doughty, Mark Doughty, Annette Horner Graham, Sandy Reisig Nickoli, Claudia Showalter Simon, Susie Downer Nardecchia.



Help your Alumni Assoc. underwrite future reunions!

Class Composites: By the time reunion rolls around Sunday August 18, 2013, we will be displaying class composite photographs for classes ranging from 1910 through 1968 with very few exceptions —the class of 1919, because this was the first class to publish a yearbook or "annual" as it was called in those days and the class of 1943 due to wartime printing restrictions.



NPSAA offers these for sale. The vast majority of the years are priced at \$20 each while a few, because of the larger class size, are priced at \$25.00. Delivery to residents of Huron and Erie County is free. Outside of these counties or out-of-state, composites will be mailed at prevailing USPS prices plus \$4.00 for a heavy duty mailing tube.

These make great gifts for parents, grandparents and other family members. All proceeds benefit NPSAA and help to underwrite future reunions. If you can't attend the August Reunion and would like one or more composites, please contact Steve Bowen, NPSAA Secretary, 817 Crescent Drive, Huron, OH 44839, or call him at [419.433.4132](tel:419.433.4132) or e-mail at snbigoil@yahoo.com.

Trucker Line costs: The cost for the *Trucker Line* to 4,700 alumni is over \$1500.00. Volunteers spend hundreds of hours working on all phases of the newsletter making sure you receive it. In order to continue to send the newsletter we must increase our revenue. We can't mail it next year with our current funds. We have received so many positive comments on the *Trucker Line* that we believe it is worthwhile to continue doing. PLEASE, if you could donate to our project, make your checks out to: Norwalk Public Schools Alumni Association (NPSAA). **Mail to: Norwalk Public Schools, 134 Benedict Ave., Norwalk, OH 44857. Attention: Alumni.**

Any contribution, large or small will be greatly appreciated.

(R) 2002 Alumni celebrate at an NHS football game Front from left: Mellissa Grande, Melissa Hite. Back left to right: Patrick Ball, Nikki Hainline, Alison Simmons, Tyler Pigman, Alex Beres, Ryan Koebel, Patrick Ball.

Tyler Pigman '02, Norwalk. "Our class reunion that took place over Labor Day Weekend was an outstanding experience. From the Truckers winning on Friday night, our class picnic, to our get together at the Office Bar, it was a great time had by all. Nikki Hainline and our class president Alex Beres did a good job putting it all together with exclusively using Facebook."

20 YEARS FOR THE CLASS OF '92

(Below) Mike McFadden, Shelley Wilson Moore, Tracy Valentine Teel, Wally Richie, Stephanie Slate Koehn, and Brian Magyar.

(R) Class of 2002 continued the fun... Back row: Alex Beres, Adam Weeks, Patrick Stewart, Clint Braddock, Ryan Houghtlen. Third Row: Nathan Valentine, Ryan Koebel, Beth Shumm, Mellissa Grande. Second Row: Patrick Ball, Tyler Pigman, Melissa Hite, Ashley Seger, Laura Manning. First Row: Nikki Hainline, Tori Bedell, Dainelle Hart, Angela Enderle.

Tracy Valentine Teel '92, Norwalk. "We had a great turnout for the class of '92. We had classmates all the way from Washington state. I would like to thank all the classmates who made this happen. It was a great night to catch up with old friends. We had a wonderful time."



(Below) 2007 PLANNING FOR THEIR 10th REUNION Aaron Miller, Alex Howe, Jordan Maddocks, Carrie Kinder, Angie Weltlin, Sam Whiteside, and Charlene Hopkins.



Robyn Ringle Rospert '82, Trudy Strait Anderson '82 and Sue Souter Copper-smith '82.



Send us your photos, with names, for next year's Trucker Line

Trudy Strait Anderson '82, Norwalk. "Anyone interested in having a reunion for 2017 let's start contacting each other: My email is TAnderson4@neo.rr.com."



Alumnus **Dustin Leber**, class of 2012, is heading up a **Relay For Life** team "Trucker Football" for Norwalk's July 12th event.

He'd love to see YOU there!

If you'd like more information, call him at 419-681-3548.



From the Class of '72: Sorry...we'll catch you in five years! We were not able to publish any of your 40th Reunion pictures. Apparently they were taken at dusk at Eagle Creek and did not turn out.



The Class of 1997 Met at Rupp's Place for their 15 year reunion . . . Looking forward to the 20 year reunion: Brian Rupp, Samantha Lanham Eastman, Sania Contreas, Erik Phillips, Kim Kluding Phillips, Erin Groff, Kelly Harris, Nick Choma, Isaac Burger, Libby Nolan Ware, Chris Wenzel, Melissa Jackson Kuhlman, Robin Hudall, Jason Kuhlman, and Audrey Kirby Easterday



Skip Wilde '74, Bruce Kirk '74, Howard Wilde '74 and Jim Thill '73.

Skip Wilde '74, Norwalk.

“This is really great. No matter whether you live here (Norwalk) or not, you still don't get to see local people. Our class has regular reunions, also.”

Lynn Casper '61, Norwalk.

“I moved back from California last spring where I'd been for 22 years so this is the first All-Classes Reunion I've attended. I could not even attend my own class reunions. I love all the inclusion of classes. It was wonderful. We all had friends in classes above and below us. My sister Leslie and my brother Dale attended the Reunion with me and even though they moved away, they have an attachment to Nor-



Leslie Casper and Lynn Casper '61

DID YOU KNOW?

Alumni came from 18 states to attend the All-Classes Reunion August '12 — Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Illinois, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, New York, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

GROUP PICTURES WANTED!

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Ed Goodrich, '57, Norwalk.

“The Norwalk High School All Classes Reunions have been a wonderful way to renew friendships with former classmates. It's been fun to reminisce about the good times we had. I even convinced my sister, Alice, to attend a couple of times. She thought there would be no one from her class in attendance and was surprised to meet up with several. Through these reunions, I have been able to keep in touch regularly with a few of my classmates. Thanks to the volunteers who have done a terrific job putting this together.”

ENROLLMENT FOR REUNION YEARS' GRADUATING CLASSES

'47- 86; '52-72; '57-89; '62-132; '67-134; '72-254; '77-249; '82-219; '87-193; '92-172; '02-158; '07-174; '12-191.

2013 REUNIONS

(Information received so far—Check www.norwalktruckers.net for updated info)

1948—65th Reunion will be at the All-Classes Reunion at NHS, on Sunday, August 18th, 2-5 p.m.

1953—60th Reunion will be at the All-Classes Reunion at NHS, on Sunday, August 18th, 2-5 p.m. Class members will then meet at Berry's Restaurant at 5:30 p.m. for a class dinner. We also meet once a month—3rd Wed. of month, various locations.

1958—55th Reunion will be at the All-Classes Reunion at NHS, on Sunday, August 18th, 2-5 p.m. Class members will then meet at Berry's Restaurant banquet room at 5:30 p.m. for a class dinner.

1963—Will celebrate its 50th reunion over three days with a Friday night get-together August 16 at Dick Pohl's; Saturday evening the 17th at the Elks; and the All-Classes Reunion at NHS, on Sunday, August 18th, 2-5 p.m. Notices have been sent!

1978—35th Reunion will be held on Saturday, July 20 at Sortino's Little Italy Ristorante-Sandusky Ohio

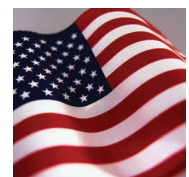
2003—10th Reunion will be held Saturday, August 24, 7 p.m. at Bluto's Sports Bar & Grill, Norwalk. Facebook Group: *Norwalk High School Class of 2003*. No admission charge, but attendees are responsible for their food/drinks. Please RSVP no later than July 19th: NorwalkClassOf2003@gmail.com and let us know if you (and a guest) will be coming!

NORWALK ALUMNI DEATHS 2012

- Peggy J. Austin '50.** dod January 23. She was a lifelong resident of Norwalk. She served as a president of the Eagles Auxiliary and was a member of a number of other organizations.
- Melvin Leighton (Mike) Battles '53.** dod February 18. Mike was a lifelong resident of Norwalk. He graduated in 1957 from Dartmouth College and was the owner of Battles Insurance Company.
- Phyllis (Fifi) B. Bolman '52.** dod September 18. Fifi received her degrees from Ohio Wesleyan University and University of Pittsburgh. She was a public health nurse and a founder of Stein Hospice. She was very active in community affairs.
- Sara Martin Boos '60.** dod December 9. Sara worked for Huron Public Schools for 22 years and taught Jr. High Math. She was a member of the Huron Fire and Rescue Squad for 22 years, was an accomplished seamstress and avid quilter. She lived in Huron with husband Dave.
- Scott A. Brinker, age 49.** dod September 1. He attended Norwalk Schools and lived in Charlotte, North Carolina. He moved to Honolulu, Hawaii six years ago.
- Thomas A. Carey '69.** dod April 30. He was a lifelong area resident. Thomas retired from New Departure in 2006.
- Marilyn Collier '48.** dod March. She taught school and then worked at the Huron County Health Dept. as Registrar of Vital Statistics.
- Michael J. Conry '75.** dod June 13. He worked at Lake Erie Construction for many years and retired in 2010.
- Joanne Earl Doughty '57.** dod October 17. Joanne was a lifelong resident of Norwalk. She was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church. She enjoyed sports, both high school and her grandchildren's sports activities and the activities of her church.
- Kent Douglas Foreman, Sr. '81.** dod September 5. Kent attended Capital University. He worked in the restaurant business most of his life. He was a resident of Spring Harbor, Michigan.
- Richard (Dick) A. Gfell '53.** dod July 12. Dick was a veteran of the Korean conflict and a longtime barber. He loved the outdoors.
- Shirley J. Oberg Heckelman '47.** dod March 11. Shirley served in the U.S. Air Force. Married Ted Heckelman '47. She was a professional roller skater.
- Robert (Bob) E. Heyl III '52.** dod March 5. Veteran of the U.S. Army and a lifelong Norwalk resident. A very multitalented fellow who could do anything.
- Margaret Krieg Jensen '88,** dod December 24. She was a member of Mothers of Preschoolers, an active volunteer of the Piggy Back Foundation, and a native of Norwalk.
- Martha Leadbetter Joslin '60.** dod January 22. She was a foster parent to many children.
- Virginia L. Nabring Lawrence '48.** dod May 27. She was Superintendent of the Huron County Fair - Home Arts for over 20 years. Lifelong area resident.
- Ernie Lohman '49.** dod December 14. Veteran of the Korean War, graduate of OSU, 1966. He was a retired professor of education of Keene State College.
- Jan Mann '75.** dod May 6. Jan was born in New York City but lived in Norwalk.
- Phil May '57.** dod September 20. Phil moved to Jensen Beach in 1974 where he started several businesses. He was an avid fisherman.
- Russell S. Morley '47.** dod July 27. Russell was a veteran of the U.S. Marines, "the chosen few". He served in Korea and was married to Marilyn Black '47.
- Tyler A. Myers, age 19.** dod September 20 due to an auto accident. Attended NHS and received his GED diploma. Tyler was an employee of Janesville Acoustic.
- Virginia Brooks Olcott '36.** dod August 15. She was born the day after WWI peace was declared. She moved to Norwalk at age two and was a lifelong area resident.
- Virginia Ruth Bracy O'Neal '44.** dod May 22. She spent her early years in Norwalk before becoming a resident of Valdosta, Georgia in 1967.
- Douglas Peabody.** dod August 12. He was a classmate of NHS class of 1977 and graduated from Culver Academy, then attended Ohio State University studying landscape construction. He most recently lived in Columbus, Ohio.
- Frances Schauss Pearson '60.** dod September 20. She lived in Santa Barbara, California. She was a graduate of Baldwin Wallace College. She is survived by a sister Mary (Roger) Wilkinson '67. Fran was supportive and worked with her husband, Don, as he established his sound system business that later provided services for the Grateful Dead and Jefferson Starship.
- Jeanne Peckham Pickett '57.** dod April 21. Jeanne lived in Akron. She was a very independent woman who had two beautiful daughters whom she loved very much.
- James E. Seitz Sr. '52.** dod April 1. Jim was a local contractor and very active in community affairs.
- Tim Sheldon.** dod September 6. Attended NHS and later received his GED. Tim Retired from ODOT as a maintenance worker. He was a member of the Marine League of Norwalk and was the organizer of "Toys for Tots" in Willard.
- Ron Shipley '60.** dod September 28. He managed a dry cleaning business and was later a foreman at the Lorain Ford Assembly plant. In the 70's, Ron won thousands of dollars for suggesting ideas for Ford.
- Wanda J. Silcox '34.** dod August 13. She worked at Citizen's Banking Co. in Norwalk. Wanda most recently lived in Mc Cormick, South Carolina.
- Jean Gregory Spangler '39.** dod March 8. Jean was a lifelong resident of Norwalk.
- Victoria A. Kosel Swabley '73.** dod September 12. She was a victim of brain cancer. Victoria graduated from EHOVE. She had many interests and with her family enjoyed motor-homing.
- Robert "Bob" Karl Wagner '38.** dod October 21. He was a WWI veteran. Bob was an upholsterer at the former Norwalk Furniture and also a self-employed upholsterer.



Deceased veterans were remembered last December 15 by the placement of seven wreaths representing all branches of the service including POW-MIA's at the Huron County Veterans Memorial at 250 Shady Lane. This was part of the "Wreaths Across America" program.





Calling All Trucker Alumni:

As you may have heard, there are big things happening for NHS athletics these days. The Truckers won their first ever NOL All Sports Trophy, two consecutive winning football seasons, an exciting run to the State Finals for volleyball, two consecutive NOL championships for baseball and a third consecutive NOL championship for boys' basketball. Norwalk's student-athletes have been experiencing tremendous success, and there has never been a better time to give back and continue to help them build their minds, bodies and competitive spirits.

This is an exciting time to be a Trucker. Hard work and hours of sweat are mandatory for success, but with every school working harder than ever, the athletes and teams who are gaining an edge on the field, pitch or court are those with state-of-the-art facilities that can not only accommodate large numbers of athletes from multiple sports, but provide space for tailor-made fitness programs specific to each sport. At this time we do not have the space or facility to train all of our athletes. We have over 400 student athletes each year at the high school level. We have outgrown our off-season workout facility.

This is a call to ***all Trucker Alumni*** to help make this type of facility a possibility for our own Trucker student-athletes. As with any project of this size, the building committee needs all the help they can get, and as fellow Alumni, we are calling on you to help give these young student-athletes the opportunity carry on the tradition of hard work, commitment, and excellence as they work toward championships in the NOL and on the state level. There are many ways we can help make this facility a reality, but the most crucial thing we can do is ***support it***. Spread the word, encourage friends and family to get involved, and if we can, donate. If you have the opportunity to donate to the project, below are 3 levels of the incentives that the committee is offering for donors to the project; as the size of the donation increases, so do the size of the incentives.

Blue/Gold Level: \$250 - \$999 donation
\$250 (Blue Level) Name plate on donor board
\$500 (Gold Level) Name plate on donor board
Project sticker
Recognition in the football/basketball program for one year

Varsity Level: \$1000 - \$2499 donation
Name plate on donor board
Pass for 1 to all Norwalk home events – 1 year
Project sticker
Recognition in the football/basketball program for one year

NOL Champion Level: \$2500 - \$4999 donation
Logo Plate on donor board
Pass for 2 to all Norwalk home events – 1 year
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The young Truckers need our help. We can be a major force in helping them build on the traditions that alumni like us laid the foundation for in our own times. With our help, and the help of the rest of the community, the Norwalk Truckers can continue their quest for academic excellence and athletic championships. Let's do our part to help *all* the teams fill the gym walls with NOL and State banners.

Yours in Trucker Pride,

Mike Grose, Class of 1969 &

Wes Douglas, Class of 1979

All-Sports Complex Committee

More information: ww.norwalktruckers.net>>Athletic Boosters



- ***Norwalk Public Schools Alumni Association***
- ***Norwalk City Schools***
- ***NHS All-Sports Complex***