



The Brick & Mortar Board

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Alumni Homecoming Picnic: Saturday, October 11!

This year's BrickieFest Homecoming Picnic will be held on Saturday, October 11, at Veterans Memorial Park on 73rd Street, from 12 noon to 3:00 pm.

The event is free of charge. The HHS Alumni Association will provide hot dogs, brats and bottled water. You are welcome to bring a salad, side or a dessert to share, but it is not required.

The Homecoming football game is the night before, on Friday, October 10 at the Brickyard, as the Brickies take on Hammond Morton. Also, for band alumni, there is a Band Reunion on Friday evening at the Hobart Elks on 61st Avenue from 6:00 to 8:30.

So, make a weekend of it: come to Hobart for the Homecoming game or the Band Reunion on Friday, and stay through Saturday for the Homecoming Picnic! Information about this event and class reunions being held that weekend are on our website, www.hobartalumni.org, or see our Reunion Roundup on Page 4.

Alumni Spotlight

Lisa Young, President of Hobart Education Foundation

Our Alumni Spotlight feature this month is with Lisa (Mattingly) Young, Hobart High School graduate (1983) and President of the Hobart Education Foundation, which is sponsoring "A Taste of Autumn" on October 23.

What is your current occupation, and what do you do?

I am a registered nurse completing my Master of Science (MSN) degree with an emphasis on education. Currently I am employed by the University of St. Francis in Crown Point as an adjunct faculty instructor in the simulation lab. We have a state-of-the-art lab with two high-fidelity manikins that allow nursing students to practice the patient care skills they learn in the classroom. The computerized manikins have heart rates, heart rhythms, blood pressure readings, respiration rates, heart and lung sounds, and palpable pulses that we can manipulate to mimic actual patient care scenarios. The students can assess the manikin and ask questions and the manikin replies appropriately. This allows the students to assess and treat them like they would an actual patient, and they learn how to perfect their clinical skills in a safe, non-threatening environment. The simulation lab is very cool and very progressive, and the simulation lab at University of St. Francis is among the best in the region.



Lisa with some of her nursing students during a disaster drill at University of St. Francis in Crown Point.

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Alumni Spotlight (continued)

Could you describe your life and career path from Hobart High School until now?

I am a simple Hobart girl, born and raised, and my family and I now live two blocks from the house I grew up in. I graduated from HHS in 1983, graduated from IUN in 1987 with a baccalaureate nursing degree (BSN), and promptly began my nursing career at St. Mary Medical Center in the Intensive Care Unit. Later, I worked at the old Porter Memorial Hospital for eleven years in the Cardiac Rehabilitation, Nursing Management, and Community Education departments. I went back to St. Mary's in 2005 and worked in the Cardiac Rehabilitation and Education departments until last year when I made the decision to expedite the completion of my MSN.

Tell us about your family.

My mother, Betty (nee Frett) and my father, Norbert Mattingly, have both passed. They instilled in me the value of hard work, education, and perseverance. I am the youngest of four and have a brother Greg (HHS class of '73), and two sisters, Karen (HHS class of '75) and Chris (HHS class of '77). I met my husband Bob in 1992. It was pretty much love at first sight and some were shocked when we flew to Las Vegas and were married about a month after we met. We started our family with Adam in 1993 and Lauren came along in 1997. Adam has been a 'computer geek' since he was three years old, back when the internet was in its infancy. When he was at HHS, he participated in the Cisco courses offered there, and after graduation, he attended Purdue North Central (PNC). Recently, he was hired full-time as a computer technician for the Hobart school system. Lauren has a gift for working with animals and considers veterinary medicine her passion. Last year she participated in HHS's internship program with Hobart Animal Clinic, and this semester she is interning with Julie Burk, St. Mary's nurse practitioner at the high school. This allows her the opportunity to appreciate two different careers that focus on the biological sciences. She will be pursuing further studies in biology after high school. Bob is currently an area manager for General Electric's lighting division and every day he utilizes what he learned from his degrees in electrical engineering technology and business information systems. We



The new Yohan "mascot" for the Hobart Education Foundation.

support animal rescue organizations and local humane societies, and love our two adopted mixed-breed dogs. We also enjoy boating whenever the weather allows (with or without the dogs).

What does the Hobart Education Foundation do?

I became acquainted with the Hobart Education Foundation (HEF) in 2008 when I was asked to represent St. Mary Medical Center as a member, and was amazed at how generously the organization supported educational endeavors for the schools. HEF is a non-profit corporation founded in 1998, and we have 27 member positions. We solicit funds and provide financial support for scholarships, classroom grants, and special projects that further educational opportunities, and our purpose is to bring the resources of the community to the schools.

Every year, we award thousands of dollars to support scholarships and innovative projects which enhance learning in School City of Hobart classrooms at all grade levels. To date we have provided approximately \$250,000 in classroom grants, over \$156,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors, and over \$75,000 towards district-based projects. Grants we have funded in the past have included program topics from reading, math, science, and music to manners, positive behavior, and community service. HEF is a major contributor to the "Building Brickies" Program (previously Parents as Teachers). We fund "Every 15 Minutes", an extensive interactive program presented to HHS students to reinforce the importance of making good decisions at prom and graduation time. The Foundation also serves as liaison with the HHS Guidance Department for

awarding other local scholarships. Earlier this year, I had the privilege to be named president of the organization.

Tell us about your upcoming event "A Taste of Autumn".

Taste of Autumn is our main annual fundraiser, and this year marks its 16th year. It is a silent auction event that includes substantial appetizers as well as wine-tasting. We always have an incredibly wide variety of items in the auction! In the past, auction items have ranged from tickets to major sporting events and museums, to various gift baskets and gift certificates to local restaurants, and everything in between. There is always something in every price range for attendees with widely different interests to bid on. This year's event is on Thursday, October 23, from 6-8 PM at the Avalon, and tickets are \$30. To purchase tickets, call the School City of Hobart Administration Building at 942-8885, option 1. We'd love to see HHS alumni there! Of course, we also welcome cash donations as well as the donation of items appropriate for the silent auction to help make the event successful.

Are there any other ways that our readers can support Hobart Education Foundation?

Yes! Anyone can support HEF when they shop online at Amazon.com by accessing their account through smile.amazon.com. Search for and select "School City of Hobart Educational Foundation Inc" as the designated charity, and all items marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" will generate a 0.5% donation to the Foundation. Also, if you select the Indiana education license plate and specify School City of Hobart when you plate your vehicle with the BMV, there is a \$40 fee and \$25 goes directly to the Foundation. You can also visit us at <http://hobarteducationfoundation.com/> to learn more about us.

Were there any people, places or incidents in Hobart that had a special influence on your life and career?

When I was a 15-year-old sophomore in high school, I met Ruth Throne when I was hired at the Candle Glow Shoppe in Hobart. Through Ruth I met her

husband Paul, and their daughters, Cathy and Nancy. We have remained close friends over the years, and we talk and visit frequently. The Throne family exemplifies the truest definition of unconditional love, acceptance, and support that I have ever experienced in my life. I have often referred to Ruth and Paul as my children's 'surrogate grandparents', and on one occasion Ruth even introduced me to an acquaintance as her 'other daughter' because it was less complicated than relating the extent of our friendship. The world would be such a better place if more people were like the Throne family! I feel truly blessed that we are part of each other's extended families.

What advice would you give to Hobart High School students about planning for life after high school and choosing a career?

Remain open-minded and don't give up! It's hard to imagine how your life will evolve over the next five, 10, or 20 years, and you want to have options. Remain on good terms with those you work with, because you will likely cross paths with those people in the future even though you may not expect to do so. I firmly believe that obtaining a solid educational foundation will provide you with freedom that you will appreciate later in your life. You might start out small in the beginning and build on that foundation later. Don't allow yourself to feel overwhelmed! Just remain flexible and persistent in moving towards your goal. Many accredited online universities exist today that were not available just a few years ago.

College is not for everyone, and there are also many career-training opportunities available for learners of all ages. Some individuals are naturally talented and prepared to pursue careers in the trades. The goal is the same, and that is to have a realistic plan for life after high school. As difficult as it may be, listen to your parents and other adults important to you when they make suggestions regarding your future because they can appreciate where you are and can share life experiences that may help you.

(NOTE: Please visit the Hobart Educational Foundation's website at:
www.hobarteducationfoundation.com.*)*

"A Taste of Autumn" on October 23



The Hobart Education Foundation has given over \$250,000 to the School City of Hobart. "A Taste of Autumn" is a fundraiser for the Foundation, featuring live and silent auction items, as well as delicious hors d'oeuvres and fine wines, and will be held on Thursday, October 23. The ticket price is \$30.

For more information, contact publicity chair Phyllis Jones Graham, pjg912@hotmail.com, or president Lisa Young, breadlady_2000@yahoo.com. More information can be found on the Hobart Educational Foundation website.

Reunion Roundup

Here is the current list of upcoming class and all-class reunions. If your class is having a reunion, send the information to us at info@hobartalumni.org, and we will publicize it on our website and in our newsletter! More information on all these reunions can be found on the HHS Alumni Association website.

Class of 1959: Friday, October 3 and Saturday, October 4

Hilton Garden Inn, 7775 Mississippi Street, Merrillville. Friday is a pizza party at 6:00 pm. Saturday is the class reunion, with a social hour at 6:00 pm and dinner at 7:00 pm. Contact Gloria (Suarez) Cavanaugh at littlefox1@frontier.com or 219-781-4946.

All-Class Band Reunion: Friday, October 10

Hobart Elks Club, 61st Street in Hobart, 6:00 to 8:30. Cash bar and kitchen open for orders. Call Pam Ketchem Caldwell at 219-947-2455, or send a TEXT to Jeff Robertson at 219-771-1219.

All-Class BrickieFest Homecoming Picnic: Saturday, October 11

Veterans Memorial Park, 73rd Avenue in Merrillville, 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm. Admission is free, and free hot dogs, brats and cold bottled water will be provided by the HHS Alumni Association.

Class of 1974: Saturday, October 11

Hobart Elks Club, 61st Street in Hobart. Contact Theresa Galovic-Smith at smithgto38@gmail.com.

Class of 1954: Saturday, October 18 and Sunday, October 19

Luncheon at the Ambassador Banquet at 12:00 noon Saturday, and a "get-away" brunch at the Paragon Restaurant Sunday morning at 10:00 am. Call Dee Shinneman (Chairman) at 219-942-3282, or Sharon Johnston (Reservations) at 219-942-1278.

Class of 2004: Saturday, November 29

Starting time is 6:00 pm. Price is \$35 per person. You can send checks, made out to **Hobart High School Class of 2004**, and mail it to Katie Galka Rinas, 523 Pheasant Run Dr., Hobart, IN 46342. For more information, contact Katie at teacher.rinas@gmail.com, or visit the Class of 2004 Facebook page.

Class of 1965: Friday, September 25 and Saturday, September 26, 2015 (next year)

Social night on Friday. Reunion Banquet on Saturday at the Elks Club, 61st Street in Hobart. Contact Barb Phillips Rowley at mnbrowley@msn.com.

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Reunion News

Class of 1989

The Class of 1989 held its 25th year reunion from Friday, August 15 to Sunday, August 17, at County Line Orchard. The reunion was coordinated by Gloria Irwin. Here are a few pictures from the weekend.



(Note: If your class has had a reunion recently, and you'd like to report it here, please email the information, with pictures, to info@hobartalumni.org, and we will publish it in the next issue of this newsletter.)

Recent Obituaries

SEPTEMBER 2014:

Ruth Balitz Ebbs, Class of 1944

James ("Kozy") Koselke, Class of 1948

Joseph Lane "Joe" Sandilla, Class of 1965

AUGUST 2014:

Diane Fulton Klassen, Class of 1974

Herbert "Herb" Jones, Class of 1942

Ben Hasza, Class of 1941

Jenna Christine Carlisle, Class of 2010

HHS Alumni Association Board

The Hobart High School Alumni Association was officially incorporated on July 17, 2010. The current members of the Board of Directors are:

OFFICERS

Paul Addison, Class of 1970 *President*
Holli Smith Kostbade, Class of 1998 *Vice-President*
Debra Broker Opolski, Class of 1970 *Treasurer*
Lynn Hasza-Heintz, Class of 1967 *Recording Secretary*
Tracy Estabrook McCullough, Class of 1978 *Corresponding Secretary*

AT-LARGE MEMBERS

Brent Martinson, *Principal, Hobart High School*
Lynn Sheets Kostbade, Class of 1966
Dawn Briney Krull, Class of 1968
Michael Trammel, Class of 1967
Sherry Oswald Peterson, Class of 1965

STUDENT MEMBERS

David Kostbade, Class of 2016
McKayla DeLeon, Class of 2016

Mission Statement

The mission of the Hobart High School Alumni Association is to develop and maintain a close relationship between Hobart High School, its constituents, and its alumni for their mutual benefit. The Association is committed to, and involved in the support and well-being of Hobart High School and its alumni.

OUR GOALS

- To assist Hobart High School in communication with its alumni
- To convey to Hobart High School the views, attitudes, and needs of the alumni in seeking to preserve, advocate, and promote alumni interests
- To strengthen alumni activities and programs
- To support educational programs through teacher grants and student scholarships

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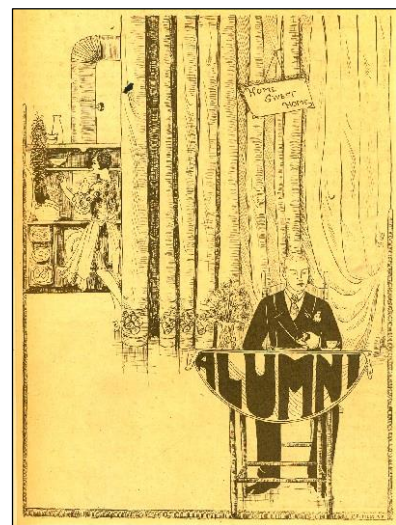
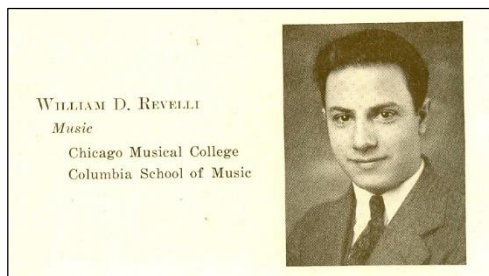
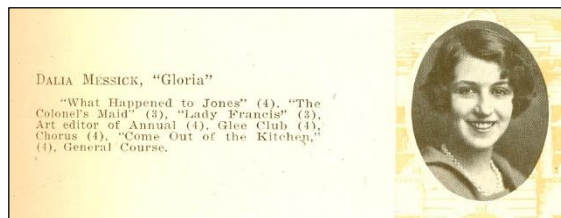
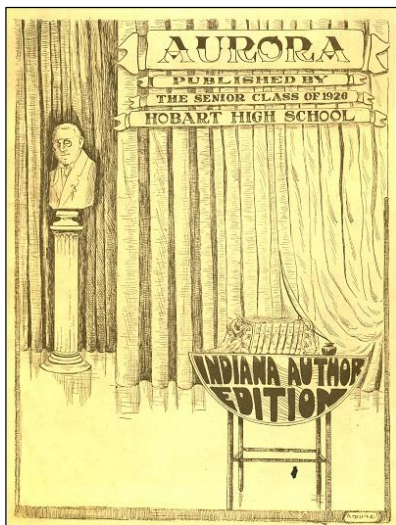
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NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS (since August 2014 newsletter)

Paul Aleman (1958)
James Briney (1947)
Lynn Eikenbary (1963)
Rebecca Eastwood Demo (1969)

Bob Kostbade (1966)
Lynn Sheets Kostbade (1966)
Phillip McDowell (1965)

1926 Aurora Yearbook: Future Stars



The artwork for the 1926 Hobart High School yearbook, The Aurora, was drawn by senior Dalia Messick, who would later take the pseudonym Dale Messick and create the world-famous Brenda Starr comic strip. The strip debuted in 1940 and ran in 250 newspapers in its prime. Dalia retired as artist in 1980, but the strip continued until 2011. Dalia died in 2005, just short of her 99th birthday.

Also in the 1926 Aurora was first-year band director William Revelli, who spent 10 years at Hobart High School and would go on to the University of Michigan and become one of the most famous school band directors of all time.



Membership Application Hobart High School Alumni Association, Inc.

Check one: New member ____ Renewal ____

Check one: 1-year membership (\$10) ____ Lifetime membership (\$100) ____

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Last Name (in high school) _____

Married Last Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Your class graduating year at HHS _____

"Once a Brickie, Always a Brickie!"

Thank you for your support!

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