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Great Turnout and Weather for Homecoming Picnic



This year's BrickieFest Homecoming Picnic was held on Saturday, September 26, during Hobart's Homecoming weekend. The all-class reunion was held from 12 noon to 3:00 pm, at Festival Park on Old West Ridge Road. Hot dogs, brats and bottled water were served, plus lots of salads and desserts brought by alumni who attended. The event was free of charge.

An estimated 120 people attended the Homecoming Picnic, including alumni from the classes of 1965 and 1970, who were having their own class reunions that weekend. Thanks to all who came!

HHS Alumni T-shirts and Hoodies now available by mail order! (See page 5)

Alumni Spotlight



Keith Addison: Pilot, Jack-of-all-Trades

This month, we feature Keith Addison, Class of 1970. Keith earned his pilot's license while in high school, and is also an information technology consultant and musician, among other things. Keith and his wife Pam (Pam Larson, Class of 1971) live in Hebron, Illinois.

What are you up to these days? How do you spend your time?

I live in Hebron Illinois (not to be confused with Hebron, Indiana) a small town with a population of about 1200 on the Illinois/Wisconsin border. Pam (Larson class of '71) and I live on a five acre hobby farm. We grow vegetables and spices

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in our garden along with strawberries, raspberries and weeds of course. We also have apple and pear trees. Most of our time at home in the summer is spent outside gardening, pruning, mowing, taking care of a few chickens and keeping everything running.

I have an ultralight airplane that I keep in my barn and fly from my lot. There are a lot of powered parachutes and other ultralights in the area as we're surrounded by farm fields some gravel mining operations and a number of beautiful lakes. I sing in a very good music ensemble at church and play tuba three or four times a year in a special events orchestra. I never thought I'd still be playing but I have a tuba (which of course is a prerequisite) that I acquired and having the tuba is like having a ticket to the event.

I'm currently doing consulting. I'm an officer in the local District Toastmasters (public speaking and leadership) organization which takes three or four Saturdays a month of my time.

I also enjoy equity and derivatives trading which had been an interest of mine since college.

I love driving anything with a motor including my Segway, hovercraft and motorcycle and travelling or doing different things.

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

When I was in High School, I was involved in more clubs and activities than I think anyone was. I received the HHS Senior activities award. Now the reason I mentioned this is that my life and career path since then follows along the same lines. To use a cliché, I'm probably a jack of all trades and master of none. I know about a lot of different things and am open to try different experiences all the time.

After attending two different undergraduate Colleges and changing my major four times, I graduated from Purdue in six years (like kids today) and have almost enough credits to have three minors.

My career path started at the Steel Mill in Gary where I worked in Regional Systems (their IT group) after a couple of summers in Metallurgical.



From there I traded in my hardhat and metatarsal shoes for a three piece suit as I took a role at the Northern Trust Bank in downtown Chicago as a Systems Analyst supporting their Bond Portfolio System. A short time after that, I was hired by one of my college professors (who had just left Purdue and was heading investment research at a company in Chicago) to start their computer department from scratch. It's hard to believe but when I got there, they used Monroe rotary calculators and were one of the most respected investment research firms in the country.

While working downtown, I was one of the first people involved with putting a full screen business application online (timesharing as it was called then). This was the early 80's, the time of CompuServe and the Apple IIe. The application today would be very much like a browser accessing yahoo finance. It was ahead of its time.

After this company went through a buyout, I took a role at G.D. Searle, a research based pharmaceutical company in Skokie, Illinois. It was time to move to Illinois. It was great time in my career. I had national exposure in Computer World (the leading IT magazine at the time) for some pioneering work I did in email and system integration. At the time, we were actually promoting the use of email in business. I met Vinton Cert (the father of the internet and now a VP at Google) several times in meetings. I also interviewed all the potential College interns for summer jobs in Searle's IT. One student I liked and hired for my team was from Northwestern University. That student, Darryl Morey, is now the General Manager of the Houston Rockets.

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Searle was acquired by Monsanto and I left and worked at a private sterile pharmaceutical manufacturer in Woodstock, IL. I was head of IT there when it was acquired by Cardinal Health, a Fortune 20 company. I had several unusual roles at Cardinal with “one of a kind” titles. I was good at keeping teams together and integrating technical business functions of other newly acquired companies. After several years, all the Cardinal acquisitions were merged to make a \$2 billion company that was ultimately divested and so were most of my colleagues. I did business consulting for a couple of years at several different companies and got swallowed into the 2008 recession. After some time off, I worked all the logistics of government elections at the 5th largest county in Illinois. It was interesting, but not difficult. Now I’m working on my next chapter.

You obtained a pilot’s license when you were a teenager. Can you tell us when you became interested in flying, some of the interesting experiences you’ve had, and what kind of flying you do now?

As most of my friends in High School knew, I earned my Private Pilot’s License while I was a Senior in High School. I had worked at the Hobart Airport every Saturday for three years nine hours a day prior to that for a dollar and hour. I would taxi rental airplanes to the gas pumps, drive big mowers, wash and wax airplanes, sweep the hangar and do just about anything that needed to be done. I became an expert at starting planes in all conditions (especially winter). Airplanes, even up to those made in the last 15 years for the most part, were started procedurally. It’s a bit of an art (touch and feel) and a science (temperature of outside, temperature of engine, primer, fuel pump, etc.).

I’ve owned several airplanes including an ultralight (single seat less than 250 pounds) and a twin-engine (5 place, 170 mph). I’ve earned ratings to fly single and multiengine airplanes and seaplanes. I’ve flown as far west as Palm Springs, CA, North to Winnipeg, Canada, East to Atlantic City, NJ and south to Florida. My flying experiences could fill the pages of this article. The main thing though, is that flying represented freedom to me. At college I could rent an airplane at the local airport, take off with some friends, and go where I wanted, but I couldn’t rent a car because I wasn’t old enough. Looking out of the window of the plane, I saw the world very differently. Whether it’s the mosaic colors of trees in the fall, the organized patterns of streets and buildings, beautiful mountains, stars against a black sky, cotton clouds, rain or snow, the world looked amazing.

One quick High School story: In order to take my written exam for my pilot’s license, I had to take a half day off of school as the test was only offered during the day. I planned ahead with teachers and the office to let them know of the day and time I needed off. I attended school in the morning, left to take the test and returned in the afternoon. Do you know that Dorothy Thompson wouldn’t give me a perfect attendance award for the year? I know it sounds trite, but I had had perfect attendance every year from the third grade on and this broke the trend.

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

Growing up in Hobart was a great experience. Considering the time many of us spent in the band (concert, jazz, marching) it’s no surprise that the Hobart Band Directors had an influence on me. Do you know, if you look at all the band directors that the Class of ‘70 went through from 7th to 12th grade, you’d find that we had more directors than any class before us and we had the most that moved on to College jobs. There was Bondi, Rogers, Matlock, McConnell and our guest directors who were former Hobart Directors, Ebbs and Revelli. The band influence led to me receiving several music scholarships. Unfortunately, this didn’t lead to a career but the quality music experience still is a major influence in my life.

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Frey's Dairy Queen was a place that influenced me. First it provided a staple in my diet. I lived a few blocks from there so it was convenient to get my favorite (chocolate malt) at least one time every week of the season. It was also like Facebook, a great place to hang out and catch up with others. Also, it was a good place to observe a good work ethic and customer service.

As far as incidents, there are probably a lot more than I care to remember, but here are a couple. I had a lot of fun in chemistry class with my lab partner (who I won't mention). Our experiments always worked. It probably had nothing to do with the fact that we didn't dilute acids that had already been diluted and that we seemed to have extra items in our lab drawer that my partner seemed to get his hands on for experiments. One time in chemistry class, a whole roll of manganese burned in our sink. It lit up the classroom like the sun. I, of course, have no idea how that happened.

The second incident was humbling. I remember the time I found out that a person I knew who had recently graduated and was about my age was not coming back alive from the Viet Nam war. The three highest years of casualties occurred in 1967 – 1969. There were almost 40,000 killed. I'm sure all of us know at least one person who died or that came back with a life changing injury. It was a life changing experience for me.

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



First of all, remember that small decisions have long term consequences. As a young adult, you'll want to experiment with life as all of us have done when we were young. Take a second and think about the potential consequences of

your action before you do what you do. Most people think to look both ways before crossing a street and it's rare they get hit by a vehicle. Yet they won't take the same amount of time to consider the consequences of taking the short drive home after having a few drinks.

Secondly, keep learning and this doesn't mean just college. Not everyone will find a college diploma necessary. Henry Ford didn't attend college. Walt Disney quit school at age 14. There's a very high probability that you will work in an area that is not the same as what you're degreed in. If you go to college, finish. Whatever you do, keep learning.

Thirdly, look at the stars on a clear night from a dark field and realize how insignificant you are. From that perspective, take responsibility for your actions, show respect to others, and go change the world.

Class 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 1956, 60th REUNION (August 20, 2016)

There will be a 2016 class reunion organized again with Terry and Pat Shaw, on August 20, 2016 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Hobart. Further plans are being made at this time.

CLASS OF 1971, 45th REUNION (October 8, 2016)

To members of the Hobart High School Class of 1971: The reunion will be on October 8, 2016. It will be held at the Hobart Community Center. Please save the date!

T-Shirts and Hoodies Available by Mail Order!

Shortly before Homecoming, we offered HHS Alumni Association t-shirts and hoodies for sale, if you could pick them up on Homecoming weekend. During Homecoming weekend, we took orders for t-shirts and hoodies, and shipped them to you when they arrived.

We are happy to announce that we are now offering these regularly! The arrangement is that the printer will fill an order whenever we have 12 or more items ordered, and we will ship them when they are ready, within 10-14 days.

T-shirt prices: S, M, L, XL (\$15). XXL (\$17), 3XL (\$18), 4XL (\$19), 5XL (\$20)
 Hoodie prices: S, M, L, XL (\$30), XXL (\$32), 3XL (\$33), 4XL (\$34), 5XL (\$35)
 ADD \$10 shipping per order.

Here's how to order:

- 1) Email us at info@hobartalumni.org, telling us how many of each item you want, with the size. Include your name and shipping address. We will reply within 24 hours with the total amount, although you should be able to figure it out, right?
- 2) Send your check by regular mail, for the total amount (including \$10 shipping). Make the check out to **HHS Alumni Association** and mail it to: HHSAA, PO Box 68, Hobart, IN 46342.

Here's HHSAA President Paul Addison sporting the HHSAA hoodie. The t-shirt has the same design on the front and back.

Support the HHS Alumni Association, and show your Brickie pride by getting a t-shirt or hoodie for yourself and your loved ones. They will make great holiday presents!

So order yours today! The store will fill an order every time we have 12 or more items ordered. (So the best way to guarantee a quick delivery is to order 12 or more yourself!)



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Recent Obituaries

(since our July 2015 newsletter;
in PDF form these are links to the obituaries on the HHSAA website)

OCTOBER 2015:

[Juan Lamar III, Class of 2015](#)

[Betty E. Johnson, Class of 1938](#)

[Frances Kobylanski Mitro, Class of 1953](#)

[Lawrence "Larry" Fowble, Class of 1963](#)

[Kelly Rae Sadelak Schulz, Class of 1980](#)

SEPTEMBER 2015:

[Doris Blaha Mancilla, Class of 1943](#)

[Kenneth R. Coates, Class of 1962](#)

[Andy Fabian, Class of 1975](#)

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[Gordon Hamilton, Class of 1952](#)

[Richard "Tiger" Bennett, Class of 1972](#)

[Steve Salisbury, Class of 1969](#)

[James "Jimmy" Vanderplough, Class of 1980](#)

AUGUST 2015:

[Hugh Brown, Class of 1950](#)

[Marty Ferman, Class of 1952](#)

[Lila Spoor Seelen, Class of 1946](#)

JULY 2015:

[Helen Sol Bracich, Class of 1947](#)

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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NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS (since our July 2015 newsletter)

Joyce Kerr Wackett (Lifetime Member, 1955)

Beth Scott Barney (1970)

Lynn Eikenbary (1963)

Andrea (Andi) Beluschak Fressle (1966)

Judy Hood (1960)

Bob Kostbade (1966)

Lynn Sheets Kostbade (1966)

Paula Freeville Luedtke (1970)

Henry Osika (1969)

Nancy Hardesty Osika (1969)

Margaret Mikolics Shery (1951)

Karla Knutson Thibeault (1970)

Patricia O'Hara Walls (1973)



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