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Scholarship Winners Honored and the Future of Brickie Bowl Discussed at Annual Meeting



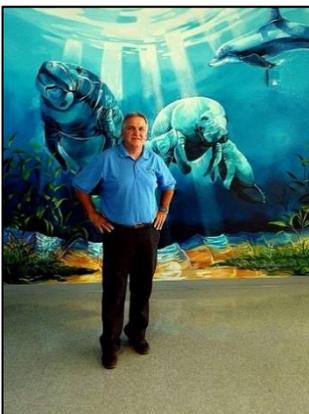
Hobart High School seniors David Kostbade and Annabella Melvin (left) were announced as the HHS Alumni Association scholarship winners for 2016 at the HHSAA Annual Dinner Meeting, held on May 13. Both David and Annabella read from the essay they had submitted with their applications, "What it Means to Be a Brickie".

Tom Kerr spoke about the history of Brickie Bowl, and included the remarks that Paul Throne had prepared (Paul was unable to attend), mentioning three people who were crucial to the building of the Hobart football program: Frank Kurth, Russ Deal and Don Howell. Then, Lino Maggio talked about "Bringing Back Brickie Bowl",

the project to clean up and renovate the classic Brickie Bowl, which will become a centerpiece for the revival of downtown Hobart.

The Alumni Association is excited to announce that BrickieFest 2016 will be the first major event held in the renovated stadium, during Homecoming Weekend on Saturday, October 8. This is an all-class picnic, free of charge, and the HHS Alumni Association will provide hot dogs, brats and bottled water. BrickieFest 2016 will be held from 12noon to 3:00 pm.

Our website has the latest information, at www.hobartalumni.org.



Alumni Spotlight

Pete Cortese, Alumnus and Muralist

If you purchased the Hobart football history book, "Once a Brickie, Always a Brickie", you probably noticed the mural drawing on the cover depicting Frank Kurth, Russell Deal and Don Howell. That mural was painted by Hobart High School alumnus Pete Cortese, Class of 1974.

Pete is the subject of our *Alumni Spotlight* feature this month.

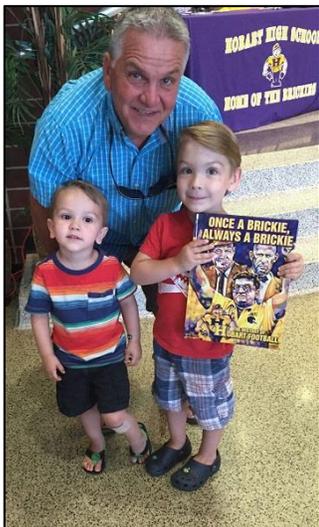
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Alumni Spotlight (continued)



A mural painted by Pete Cortese of Mike Ditka, George Halas, and Chicago Bears players Walter Peyton (34) and Dick Butkus (51). It hangs in the End Zone Bar in Hobart.

I was raised and still reside in Hobart, Indiana. I am a Hobart High School graduate and earned my art degree from the American Academy of Arts in Chicago, Illinois. My interest in art started at an early age and my talents were encouraged by my art teachers and my mother who signed me up for my first oil painting class in my teens.



Pete Cortese with his grandsons Henry and Gavin.

My passion has morphed over the years from oils to watercolors to acrylic mural work. I am challenged creating on a grand scale, telling a story through my painting, and possibly leaving an imprint on those who view it.

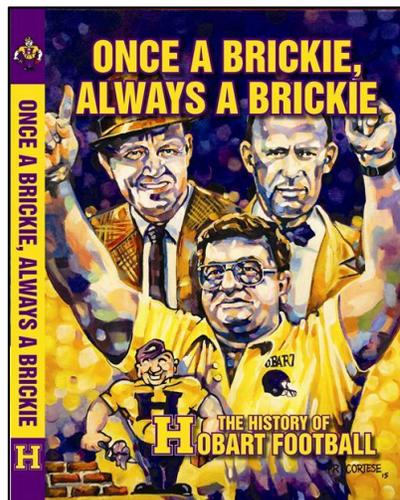
My murals at schools, hospitals, restaurants, museums, and the space center are especially



Pete Cortese's mural of whales and manatees, which hangs in the Gulf Quest Museum in Mobile, Alabama.

rewarding because of seeing the reaction and interest encouraged in children. I love answering their questions and a frequent one would be "What is your favorite thing to paint?" My response is that it would have to be underwater sea life and wildlife. I hope to inspire them to chase their own dreams. My advice to students would be that practice makes perfect and to develop a good work ethic.

I have always enjoyed painting portrait canvases with more intricate detail especially when combined with my love of sports. One of my latest projects has been working on a full-sized mural for "Once a Brickie, Always a Brickie", a football



The reduced mural cover of the Hobart Football History book.

history book, which was then reduced for the cover. I am currently in the process of creating another sports book cover for an upcoming book to be released this year.

Welcome, Class of 2016!

We welcome 97 graduating seniors into the Hobart High School Alumni Association! Seniors are offered a free year of membership in the HHSAA upon graduation. We hope you will stay!

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](#). These are listed in order of occurrence.

Class of 1976, 40th Year Reunion (July 2, 2016)

The HHS Class of 1976 will hold its 40 Year Reunion on Saturday, July 2, 2016, from 6pm to 11pm at the River Pointe Country Club, 6700 Country Club Road in Hobart. Cocktails at 6pm, dinner at 7pm. Cost is \$40/person cash bar, \$60/person open bar. Please RSVP with payment by May 1, 2016. Also invited are the HHS classes of 1975 and 1977. Spread the word!

Make your check payable to: Lisa Cannon/HHS 1976, and send to: Glen Mock, 2499 E. 9th Pl., Hobart, IN 46342. Phone 219-670-1393, or email glenmock@comcast.net.

Also, there is a golf outing July 1 at River Pointe Country Club. Let Glen know if you are interested.

Class of 2006, 10th Year Reunion (July 8, 2016)

The Hobart Brickies Class of 2006 is hosting its 10 year class reunion this summer, on Friday, July 8th from 6:00 pm to 12:00 midnight at Fiesta Palace in Merrillville. Event and ticket information can be found at <http://bit.ly/HHS2006ReunionTix>. It's a perfect excuse to let loose and have a fun night celebrating your roots with dinner, dancing, and an open bar! Please share with any friend or family member connected to the Class of 2006.

Class of 1971, 45th Year Reunion (August 6, 2016)

To members of the Hobart High School Class of 1971: The reunion will be on August 6, 2016, at the Ambassador Hall. Cost will be \$20 for a single, and \$35 for a couple, and there will be a cash bar. Please save the date! For more information, contact Patty Brown Helminski at Tricia.Helminski@gmail.com.

Class of 1986, 30th Year Reunion (August 20, 2016)

SAVE THE DATE! Our 30-year reunion will be on August 20, 2016, from 6-12 pm at the Hobart Elks Lodge in Hobart. More dates and times and event information to come in the next few months. We will be having a meet and greet on Friday night at Hobart's Lakefront Festival, a golf outing on Saturday morning, and a dinner/dance/party at the Elks that Saturday evening. Ticket prices and times and hotel details will be posted soon. We would like to get all of you to help us with reaching some of our classmates who are not on Facebook. If you know of anyone from our class NOT on FB, please email Janis their name and address (if you have it) at: ppd106@aol.com. Check out the Hobart Class of '86 Reunion page for more information.

Class of 1956, 60th Year Reunion (August 20, 2016)

There will be a 2016 class reunion organized again with Terry and Pat Shaw, on August 20, 2016 at the Innsbruck Country Club in Merrillville (not the Hilton Garden Inn in Hobart). Further plans are being made at this time.

Class of 1981, 35th Year Reunion (October 7-8, 2016)

The reunion committee headed by Betsey (Schroeder) Kimpan wanted to give everyone some details so we could all plan ahead :) We are also asking for updated addresses and to PLEASE get the word out! The plan is to attend the football game on Friday, October 7 which will be a home game, a school tour of "our" high school (now Hobart Middle School), a golf outing (weather permitting) and our dinner/dance will be held Saturday October 8, 2016. Contact Betsey at bkimpan1@yahoo.com.

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Class of 1966, 50th Year Reunion (October 8, 2016)

The Hobart High School Class of 1966 Reunion has been set for October 8, 2016. Place: Innsbrook Country Club, Merrillville, IN. We are still in the planning stage, but we (the committee) can tell you that the event will be on the same weekend as the Hobart High Homecoming game and the All-Class Alumni Homecoming Picnic, so there will be plenty to do that weekend. Contact Sharon Palmeri at sharon_palmeri@comcast.net.

BrickieFest All-Class Reunion Picnic (October 8, 2016)

BrickieFest is back at Brickie Bowl! This all-class reunion will be held from 12 noon to 3:00 pm on the Saturday of Homecoming Weekend, October 8. Free hot dogs and brats will be served, courtesy of the Hobart High School Alumni Association. Come to Hobart for the Friday night football game (at the Brickyard at the new high school), and stay in town for BrickieFest on Saturday!

Class of 1961, 55th Year Reunion (October 22, 2016)

Ron Smith has posted that the Class of 1961 55th reunion will be held October 22, 2016, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Merrillville. A block of rooms is being held at the Hilton Garden Inn under "Hobart High School Class of 1961." To be sure you are on the mailing list, please email Ron at hhsclass61@yahoo.com.

HHS Alumni Association Board, 2016-2017

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

OFFICERS

Holli Smith Kostbade, Class of 1998.....*President*
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Lynn Hasza-Heintz, Class of 1967 *Recording Secretary*
Tracy Estabrook McCullough, Class of 1978*Corresponding Secretary*

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Tracy Brumley, Class of 1991, *Dean of Students, Hobart High School*
Lynn Sheets Kostbade, Class of 1966
Jane Woodruff McDaniel, Class of 1969

STUDENT MEMBERS

Meredith Corteau, Class of 2017
Angelo Banero, Class of 2017
Danielle Hill, Class of 2018

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.

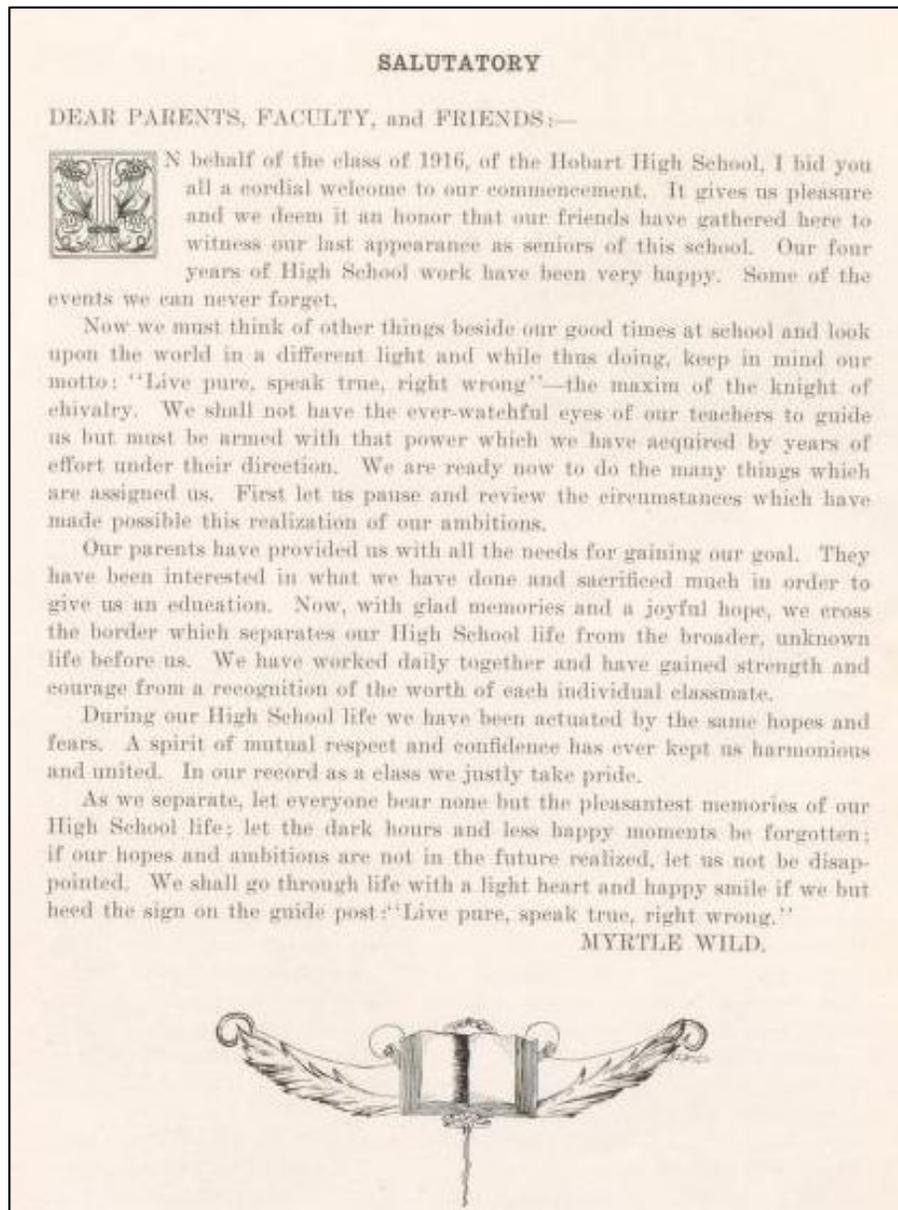
OUR GOALS

- 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

100 Years Ago: Class of 1916 Salutatory

The following address was written by Myrtle Wild, the Salutatorian of the 1916 graduating class of Hobart High School. The words are as appropriate now as they were a century ago. "Live pure, speak true, right wrong."

This appears in the 1916 *Aurora* yearbook, which is available online from the Lake County Public Library at: <https://archive.org/details/HOHS1916Images>.



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Recent Obituaries

(since our April 2016 newsletter;
in PDF form these are links to the obituaries on the HHSAA website)

MAY 2016:

[Stacy Juanita Murdock, Class of 1990](#)
[Joan Niksch Henderson, Class of 1944](#)
[John Earl "Jack" Reid, Class of 1954](#)
[Karlie Jean Murdock Ramos, Class of 2001](#)
[Kaye Campbell Johnston, Class of 1955](#)
[Roger Mergl, Class of 1950](#)
[Leonard "Lenny" Yarsh, Class of 1958](#)
[Lillian Pojani Husek \(Staff\)](#)
[Lois Hughes Detterline, Class of 1949](#)
[Nick Sweigart \(Staff\)](#)
[Jerry Shettles, Class of 1969](#)
[James Fahey, Class of 1951](#)
[Jack Teer, Class of 1957](#)

APRIL 2016:

[Linda Granzow Wilcox, Class of 1959](#)
[Alan Vedope, Class of 1966](#)
[Richard Sturtridge, Class of 1994](#)
[Martha \(Joyce\) Rhoda \(Teacher\)](#)
[Pete Timpe, Class of 1976](#)
[Dennis Coates, Class of 1960](#)
[Sid Wilson, Class of 1979](#)
[Steve Shiyan, Class of 1955](#)
[Phyllis "Phoebe" Dale Lewandowski \(Staff\)](#)
[Richard Abel \(Staff\)](#)
[Mary Killigrew, Class of 1946](#)

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The HHS Alumni Association is a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) corporation, and our entire financial support comes from membership dues and contributions. We recognize our supporters by listing the names (not the amounts) of those who have contributed to HHSAA, including memorials, donations, and new and renewed members. Membership in the HHS Alumni Association is \$10 per year, and life memberships are \$100.

NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS (since our April 2016 newsletter)

NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS:

Stewart McMillan, Class of 1972 (Lifetime)
James Briney, Class of 1947 (Lifetime)

ANNUAL MEMBERS:

Alfred Spriester (Teacher)
Deanna Maxwell Kwasny, Class of 1959
Marcia Peck Speer, Class of 1952
Phillip Speer, Class of 1952

Over 1700 alumni have registered on our website, www.hobartalumni.org. It's free! Click Classmate Profiles, find your name and create your profile, and learn what your classmates are up to. If you don't find your name, click the Contact Us button, give us your name and class year, and we will put your name onto your class roster.



Membership Application and Renewal Form Hobart High School Alumni Association, Inc.

Check one: New member ____ Renewal ____

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

Additional donation for scholarships _____

First Name _____

Last Name (in high school) _____

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Your class graduating year at HHS _____

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Thank you for your support!

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