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## Mark Deal and Scholarship Winners Discuss “What it Means to be a Brickie” at the HHSAA Annual Meeting



*Mark Deal and scholarship winners Angelo Guarnero and Sydney Benton (photo by Lynn Heintz)*

Hobart Brickie football star and Class of 1975 graduate Mark Deal was the guest speaker at the HHSAA Annual Dinner Meeting on Friday, April 7 at Hobart High School. About 50 people attended the dinner meeting. The singing group Wolfgang entertained the crowd, and we sang "Happy Birthday" to Paul and Ruth Throne, both of whom turn 90 this month.

Scholarship winners for 2017 were announced. They are seniors Sydney Benton and Angelo Guarnero. Each will receive a \$500 scholarship to attend college. Sydney and Angelo read the paragraphs from their scholarship applications on "What it Means to Be a Brickie".

That was also the topic of Mark Deal's address. He recounted what it was like growing up in

Hobart, things like skating on Lake George and eating at Luigi's Pizza, but especially the thrill of the Friday night football games at Brickie Bowl, watching his father, Russ Deal, and his older brother Mike Deal. He named several coaches, players and teachers who were an inspiration to him and his family, including Frank Kurth, Tom Kerr, and Paul Throne. It was an emotional moment for all when he told of the football players carrying Don Howell's casket out of St. Bridget Church and giving Coach Howell one last Brickie salute.

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### Alumni Spotlight

## Nancy Thomason: Traveler, Protector, and Director on the Mary Kay Foundation Board

Nancy Thomason, HHS Class of 1971, is on the Board of Directors of the Mary Kay Foundation, and worked with Mary Kay Ash personally for 21 years. Nancy's story begins on the next page.

Alumni Spotlight (continued)

*Where do you live now, and what are you doing these days?*

Dallas, TX, has been home since graduating from college. Currently I manage the day to day operations and fundraising activities of The Mary Kay Foundation, a nonprofit organization.

I am on the Board of Directors for The Mary Kay Foundation and just rolled off the Board of Directors for Cancer Support Community North Texas after 8 years. I have stayed quite busy with these two organizations. As the Executive Project Specialist with Mary Kay, I also assist with the preservation and restoration of museum artifacts related to Mary Kay Ash and the company, research historical requests from sales force, staff and general public, including projects related to Mary Kay Ash.

Like most, I enjoy good food and wine. I was one of the founders of a group called Patio Princesses® which was established in 2009 as a women's social organization based in Dallas. This group met monthly at Dallas' finest and choicest restaurants and patio venues, offering culinary explorations and special events to professional women of all ages. With a mailing list of over 300, it was great fun and many lifelong friends were brought together. Due to work and travel, we suspended the organization after six years but I look forward to kicking it off again once I retire...whenever that may be.

I enjoy traveling and never met a trip I didn't like. This year's trips are San Miguel de Allende, Portugal and Cuba. In my free time, I enjoy attending plays, the symphony, jazz concerts, going to museums and getting together with friends and family. I am trying to get back into the swing of golf again after taking some years off the course.

Love getting back to Hobart to visit my brother Don (class of '67), his wife Dixie, other family and friends. You may know my brother by the name of Auto, Ralph or no telling what other name of which I am unaware! I am thrilled my niece, Katie (class of '03), and her family live in Ft. Worth,



*Mary Kay Ash and Nancy Thomason*

Texas, which enables me to see them more frequently.

*Could you trace your career path from Hobart High School to how you first became involved with Mary Kay?*

After graduating from Hobart High, I attended college at Western Kentucky University where my mother also attended college. I studied music, elementary education and outdoor recreation. Later I earned a master's degree in business and human resource management.

When I moved to Dallas after college, my first job was as a crime prevention specialist at Southern Methodist University. From there I was hired as a police officer in Plano, TX.

Mary Kay Cosmetics was looking for a female law enforcement officer to manage the personal protection program for the company and provide day to day personal protection for the company's Chairman of the Board, Mary Kay Ash. I was interviewed for the position and hired immediately.

At Mary Kay Inc. I developed and supervised the executive protection program for the Company, provided personal physical protection for Mary Kay Ash, top executives and family members. I trained and supervised the executive protection staff and managed all aspects of Mary Kay Ash's physical security systems.

Licenses included Personal Protection, Personal Protection Instructor for the State of Texas, Private Investigator, etc.

*Alumni Spotlight (continued)*



*Mary Kay and Nancy on the road*

I had the amazing opportunity to attend the crème de la crème executive protection schools in the country conducted by Secret Service and FBI agents, meeting the protectors of many national and international dignitaries.

*Please tell us about your experience with Mary Kay Ash and the company.*

I feel very fortunate to have had the privilege of providing personal protection for Mary Kay Ash, accompanying her on a daily basis in the U.S. and internationally, working closely with her for 21 years. She was such an inspirational and visionary woman who always kept her priorities in the order of God first, family second and career third. How can one not be inspired by a woman who started a company with a \$5,000 investment that is now worth \$4 billion, influencing so many lives in such a positive way?

My first traveling experiences with Mary Kay were to accompany her on an exhaustive national book tour that lasted months when she was promoting her autobiography. Years later there would be two additional book tours. Traveling in private jets and limousines was a totally new experience for me in addition to seeing and meeting many celebrities in the green rooms and makeup rooms of television studios, and staying in presidential suites at some of the most prestigious hotels in the country. (Hey, I grew up in West Hobart, 2 blocks from Gary...needless to say, I was wowed!)

I was asked to write a blog about my very first business trip with Mary Kay: [Nancy Thomason's first business trip](#)

Here is a story about living The Golden Rule while on a business trip: [The Golden Rule](#)

Here is a fun story about one of Mary Kay's inconspicuous Cadillacs: [Inconspicuous Cadillacs](#)

Here is another story...Some Like it Hot: [Some Like it Hot](#)

My position required extensive travel on protective assignments in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Europe, the Far East and the Caribbean.

From Mary Kay's stroke in 1996 to her death in 2001, I was in charge of the staff at Mary Kay's house, managing Mary Kay's care and her personal affairs.

One more:

*What is the Mary Kay Foundation, and what is your involvement with it?*

The Mary Kay Foundation is a nonprofit organization which is committed to eliminating cancers affecting women by supporting top medical scientists who are searching for a cure for breast, uterine, cervical and ovarian cancers. (Here is information on the grant selection process: [Cancer Grant Review Process](#))

The Foundation is also committed to ending the epidemic of violence against women by providing grants to women's domestic violence shelters and supporting community outreach programs. We are very proud that, to date, the Foundation has provided more than \$69 million to these two missions.

Today I am responsible for management of the Foundation, fundraising activities, financials and administration of the Foundation. I assist our team with planning, coordinating and executing company fundraising projects at special events, the Foundation's MK5K, the Mary Kay golf classic, etc.

### Alumni Spotlight (continued)

I coordinate special fundraising projects initiated by independent sales force members, helping them decide the best type of fundraiser for that person, giving guidance on how to make the event successful, and using resources available to help promote the event. Follow up is required to ensure funds are received, thank-yous sent and recognition given for their events.

I represent Mary Kay Inc. and the Foundation at sales force events both in the U.S. and internationally, at community luncheons, and act as a liaison between sales force, the Foundation, and outside organizations. I am also responsible for correspondence from the Foundation, assist with research and proof Company approvals on projects specifically related to the Foundation.

*Were there any teachers, classes or experiences in the Hobart school system that helped shape your career?*

My 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Ridge View, Marvin Thomae, influenced my life. Mr. Thomae was a brilliant elementary teacher, inspired a lifelong curiosity to learn more, achieve more and influenced my love for reading. He had recently graduated from college and this may have been his first teaching assignment. We never forget where we were when we learned President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. Many times I have thought back to how this young teacher tenderly handled our 5<sup>th</sup> grade class with all of our uncertainties and questions during those momentous times. He was stellar!

Our beloved band director, Ray Grivetti had a major influence on my life. Through his leadership and example of persistence toward excellence, I attended college on a music scholarship, playing the oboe. The friendships, band camp, solo and ensemble competitions, the jazz band, the trip to Europe playing in the jazz band, the countless hours of practicing at home, in the band room, hours practicing to march in parades, practicing formations on the football field taught me the value of team work, preparation, time management, having a sense of humor and self-esteem for a job well done.



*Nancy Thomason at the Dallas Arboretum*

*Do you have any suggestions or advice for high school students today who might be interested in law enforcement, personal protection, cosmetics, medical research, and/or social awareness?*

- Go to work for someone doing what you want to do and learn that business.
- Always treat others with care and respect.
- The reward for doing a great job is the opportunity to do EVEN MORE!
- If they teach you to drive the lawnmower, they're going to expect you to mow the lawn. This may serve you well in successfully negotiating a job responsibility discussion.
- "Fake it 'til you make it". You may know the wisdom in that later in life.
- There is a strong relationship between dreams that come true and the calluses on your hands.
- Don't limit yourself. You can go as far as your mind lets you. What you believe, you can achieve.
- Honesty is the cornerstone of all success.
- Pretend everyone you meet has a sign around his or her neck that says, "Make me feel important".
- Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.

Mark Deal speaks at HHSAA annual dinner meeting (continued from page 1)

The HHSAA financial report was given, which noted that our main source of income is from memberships, and our largest expense is for scholarships. The Hobart High School Alumni Association currently has 125 members, 61 of whom are life members. Memberships are our main source of income, and our largest expense is the scholarships we present each year to graduating seniors. Thanks to all who came!

*(Photos by Lynn Heintz)*



*Mark Deal with Paul and Ruth Throne, both of whom turn 90 this month.*



*Wolfgang entertained the attendees at the HHSAA annual dinner meeting.*



*Mark Deal with the 2017 HHS Alumni Association board.  
Front row: Mark Deal, Danielle Hill, Lynn Kostbade, Holli Kostbade, Tracy McCullough.  
Back row: Meredith Courteau, Lynn Heintz, Angelo Guarnero, Debra Opolski, Paul Addison.  
(Missing: Tracy Brumley)*

# 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](mailto: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 1982 35th REUNION (July 1, 2017)**

Class of 1982: Our 35 year reunion will be July 1st, 2017 at the River Pointe Country Club in Hobart (the old Supervisor's Club). The charge will be \$60 per person, and that includes the event on Friday night also. For more info, contact Connie Fourman, [conniefourman@yahoo.com](mailto:conniefourman@yahoo.com).

## **CLASS OF 1977 40th REUNION (July 9, 2017)**

Hobart Class of 1977 we need your addresses. We will not be doing a mail out, only social media. So if you know of a class member who is not on social media please let them know what is going on and they can get a hold of me. Reunion is 7/9/2017. Thanks, Eleanor Ensign, [el3an0r1st@hotmail.com](mailto:el3an0r1st@hotmail.com).

## **CLASS OF 1997 20th REUNION (September 8, 2017)**

The Hobart High School Class of 1997 would like to announce that they will be celebrating their 20 year reunion on Friday, September 8, 2017, at the Hobart Community Center located at 111 E. Old Ridge Road in Hobart, Indiana. You can get more information on our Facebook page by searching @hobartclassof1997 on Facebook or follow this link to our event page <https://www.facebook.com/events/301297820254394/?ti=as>. You may also contact April Peek (Barbera) by email at [abarbera@uss.com](mailto:abarbera@uss.com). Hope to see everyone in September!!

## **CLASS OF 1967 50th REUNION (September 23, 2017)**

The HHS Class of 1967 has set the date and venue for their 50th Class Reunion. The date of the "Main Event" is Saturday, September 23, 2017. The venue is: Innsbrook Country Club, 6701 Taft Street Merrillville, IN. More details regarding the full weekend celebration are forthcoming. '67 Classmates: Please join the "official and closed" website [hobartindianabrickies67.com](http://hobartindianabrickies67.com) Questions? Contact the '67 Reunion Crew at: [hobartbrickies1967@gmail.com](mailto:hobartbrickies1967@gmail.com).

## **REGULAR CLASS GET-TOGETHERS:**

**CLASS OF 1956:** We meet on the last Saturday of every even-numbered month at the Paragon Restaurant. Contact Mary Jo Hopkins at [mjhoppy@comcast.net](mailto:mjhoppy@comcast.net).

**CLASS OF 1958:** We have a luncheon on the 3rd Saturday of every month at the Lake Park Restaurant on Old Ridge Road in Hobart at 1:00 PM. Hope to see more HHS1958 alumni there. Contact Larry Koziol at [lkoziol@ameritech.net](mailto:lkoziol@ameritech.net).

**CLASS OF 1960:** We have a luncheon on the 2nd Saturday of every month at the Lake Park Restaurant on Old Ridge Road in Hobart at 1:00PM. Hope to see more HHS1960 alumni join us. Contact Linda Quinlan Koziol at [lkoziol@ameritech.net](mailto:lkoziol@ameritech.net).

**CLASS OF 1964:** We have a breakfast brunch on the second Saturday of every month at the Lake Park Restaurant, 7 E. Old Ridge Road in Hobart, from 11am to 1pm. Hope to see more 1964 alumni there. Contact Marsha Longacre Shabi at [marbi22@juno.com](mailto:marbi22@juno.com).

# Recent Obituaries

(since our February 2017 newsletter;  
in PDF form, these are links to each classmate's In Memory page)

## MARCH 2017:

[Donna Haxton Scharbach, Class of 1947](#)  
[Judy Williams Scholl, Class of 1968](#)  
[Larry \(George\) Hagle, Class of 1958](#)  
[Bobbie Hanley, Teacher](#)  
[Sharon Draves Prage, Class of 1963](#)  
[Daniel "Danny" Mitchell, Class of 1993](#)  
[Mark Malamatos, Class of 1974](#)  
[Sally Fox, Class of 1988](#)  
[Linda Kisela Blankenship, Class of 1965](#)  
[Kathleen Olsen Mack, Class of 1957](#)  
[Lillian Umlauf Cooper, Class of 1953](#)  
[Joel Remaley, Class of 1957](#)  
[Marvin Boetcher, Class of 1967](#)  
[Carol Kostbade Pavot, Class of 1947](#)  
[Robert \(Bob\) Loiacano, Class of 1962](#)  
[Carmella Calabro Aspinwall, Class of 1947](#)

## FEBRUARY 2017:

[William \(Bill\) Hess, Class of 1955](#)  
[Adam Holbrook, Class of 2008](#)  
[Wanda Wenzel Smith, Class of 1978](#)  
[Ronald Garrard, Class of 1951](#)  
[Judith Hurley Faulkner, Class of 1959](#)  
[Gloria Wichman Snedden, Class of 1946](#)

[Jack Cochran, Class of 1959](#)  
[Byron "Bud" Pio, Class of 1939](#)  
[James E. \(Jim\) Crum, Class of 1953](#)

## (RECENTLY RECEIVED)

## DECEMBER 2016:

[Robert \(Bob\) Gradle, Class of 1940](#)

## AUGUST 2016:

[Cynthia Gillis Sweetser, Class of 1963](#)  
[Jack Tapper, Class of 1956](#)

## JUNE 2016:

[Patricia Nariss Kleim, Class of 1952](#)

## APRIL 2016:

[Deanna Martin Hilty, Class of 1966](#)

## MARCH 2016:

[Gorm Jensen, Class of 1968](#)

## FEBRUARY 2015:

[Guy Fulkerson, Class of 1985](#)  
[Augustine "Augie" Aspinwall, Class of 1968](#)

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# 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

## Our Supporters

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 February 2017 newsletter)

#### LIFETIME MEMBERS

Nancy Thomason (1971)

#### ANNUAL MEMBERS

Donna Ahlgrim Benedict (1951)

David Brandenburg (1961)

Jamie Enrico Brandenburg (1966)

Sandra Scott Casperson (1953)

Sandra Erwin Edwards (1967)

Andrea Fressle (1966)

Bob Kostbade (1966)

David Kostbade (1996)

David Kostbade, Jr. (2016)

Holli Smith Kostbade (1998)

Lynn Sheets Kostbade (1966)

Larry Koziol (1958)

Linda Quinlan Koziol (1960)

Paula Freeville Luedtke (1970)

Royce Peterson (1963)

Sherry Oswald Peterson (1965)

Marcia Peck Speer (1952)

Phillip Speer (1952)

Karla Knutson Thibeault (1970)

Beverly Benson Troumouliaris (1967)

Diane Kursch Voglund (1967)

Patricia O'Hara Walls (1973)

## 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

Holli Smith Kostbade, Class of 1998..... *President*

Paul Addison, Class of 1970..... *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

Tracy Brumley, *Dean of Students, Hobart High School*

Lynn Sheets Kostbade, Class of 1966

#### STUDENT MEMBERS

Meredith Courteau, Class of 2017

Angelo Guarnero, Class of 2017

Danielle Hill, Class of 2018

# Hobart High School, 100 Years Ago

In April 1917, the United States declared war on Germany, and entered World War I, a conflict that had been raging in Europe since August of 1914. One of Hobart's most recognized landmarks is the Doughboy Monument, at 7<sup>th</sup> and Main Streets, just south of the tracks, which commemorates American soldiers who fought in World War I.

At Hobart High School, seniors were getting ready to graduate when they heard the news that the country was at war. In the 1917 yearbook, *The Aurora*, Music and English teacher Helen Kolb wrote a poem titled "To the Seniors", which is reprinted here.

You can access old copies of Hobart High School yearbooks on our website, at <http://www.hobartalumni.org/HHS-Yearbooks-Online.htm>, courtesy of the Lake County Public Library.



HELEN L. KOLB  
Music and English 1916-17  
Elkhart High School 1913  
Indiana University 1913-15

TO THE SENIORS

**S**HROUDED in rosy mists untinged as yet by fears,  
Began the long path we have trodden thru the years.  
Not always rainbow-hued has been the way;  
Dark clouds have often overspread the day.

Many a rugged rock and stony hill  
Has fretted and well-nigh over-taxed our will.  
But ever brighter shone before our eyes  
The goal we sought, the much-desired prize.  
And now it seems the journey's almost past;  
One step—the crown is ours! At last! At last!  
But even while we reach with eager hand,  
It fades. 'Tis gone! Alone we stand!  
Alone? Ah, no! A brighter, fairer prize  
Is still before us, though far off it lies.  
The journey is not ended, but begun—  
Another battle, e'er the victory's won!  
And when that's gained, perchance, the mind,  
Strengthened by struggle, a higher aim we'll find.  
Our dreams and striving were in vain,  
Did not each spur us on to try again.  
That star's but dim, whose long-sought light  
Leads not to one still greater, and more bright.

—Helen L. Kolb.

Thirty-nine



## Membership Application Hobart High School Alumni Association, Inc.

Check one: New member \_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_

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

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name (in high school) \_\_\_\_\_

Married Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your class graduating year at HHS \_\_\_\_\_

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