



# The Brick & Mortar Board

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## Don't Miss the BrickieFest Homecoming Picnic! Saturday, October 2, from 12 noon to 3 pm

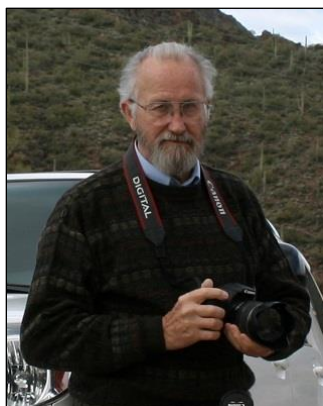
The BrickieFest Homecoming Picnic will be held at the Hobart VFW, 540 S. Indiana Street, on Saturday, October 2, from 12 noon to 3 pm. All Hobart High School alumni and their families are invited. Hot dogs and brats, chips, and bottled water will be served courtesy of the Hobart High School Alumni Association, and you are welcome (but not required) to bring salads, snacks, and desserts. Come and join us!

## Congratulations to Our 2021 HHSAA Scholarship Winners!

Hobart High School seniors Calle Hairston and Adam Barney are the winners of the 2021 HHS Alumni Association scholarships. Calle will be attending Wheaton College this fall and majoring in History. Adam will attend Butler University and is planning to major in Anthropology and Psychology. The winners and their families were taken out to the Paragon for a celebration dinner on May 13. Congratulations!



*Pictured above at left: Paul Addison, Calle Hairston, Nanelle Hairston, James Hairston  
Pictured above at right: Shannon Barney, Adam Barney, Paul Addison*



*Dave Pangburn in Arizona, photographing wildflowers.*

### Alumni Spotlight

## Dave Pangburn, Computer Programmer, World Traveler, and Bicyclist

Our spotlight this issue is on David Pangburn, Class of 1958. Here is his story.

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

I live in Lake Oswego, Oregon. I retired in 2004. My last job was as an IT Disaster Recovery Coordinator.

Alumni Spotlight (cont.)

Would you describe the path that took you from Hobart High School to where you are now?



*Dave starting the 1957 school year at Lew Wallace High School.*

That was a long journey. First, I must start at the very beginning. My parents moved to Glen Park in the summer of 1957. That placed me in the Gary School district and I could not attend my senior year at Hobart High School. The Gary school district required about 6 more credits than did

the Hobart system. As a result, I was placed back in the junior class. As you can imagine, that upset me very much! As a result, plus the fact that I got into trouble, I had to drop out of school and forego the Fall session of 1957.

Earning a High School Diploma was important to me. Fortunately, I negotiated a deal with HHS Principal Harold Moody. He said that if I completed the credits for graduation---even though I was not a student at HHS, he would grant me a diploma. So, starting in the spring of 1958, I took a required Gary School System class each morning, and drove a delivery truck for a local florist during the day, and then took night school classes at Emerson High School in Gary. I finished all the night school classes in the spring of 1959. True to his word, he granted me a Hobart High School diploma. However, it shows that I graduated in 1959. I never was part of the Class of 1959 at HHS. I have always felt part of the class of 1958. I guess you'd call me a 'hybrid' member of that class.

I was working at the Gary Bus Terminal in the early 1960s and realized that it was a dead-end job, but with only a high school education, there was nowhere to go. Through a classmate, Gary Krischano (now deceased), I got interested in computers. Gary was a tab operator in the Accounting Dept. at US Steel and was sent to the IBM Training Center in Chicago. He was being

trained to be a programmer on the new IBM 1401 computer being installed at US Steel. I cannot honestly say if it was the curiosity of the thing called a computer, or the fact that his salary was twice that of mine. I think it was that steered my desire to get into what is now termed Information Technology. This desire started another major obstacle.

Although I applied at many companies in the Region, none would accept me because I had no background training. I figured that, like Gary Krischano, I would be trained by the employer. Eventually, I enrolled in an IBM 1401 programming class in Hammond. Again I applied for a job in data processing, as it was called back then, and never received an offer. Still, this didn't deter me. Just as I persevered in getting a high school diploma, I continued my pursuit of getting a job as a programmer. Finally, in December 1963, I was offered a job as a tab operator and an operator of the 1401 computer at USS Sheet and Tin Mill. The thinking of the personnel department employee was that if I could program the IBM 1401 computer, I could operate it. Wrongful thinking, but at least I had an entry into computers.



*Dave Pangburn operating MIT's powerful IBM 7094 computer.*

My goal was still to be a programmer, so I learned to operate conventional tabulating equipment, and I operated the IBM 1401 computer. After my 30-day probational period at Sheet and Tin, I transferred into USS' Regional Data Center in Chicago. It turned out to be more of the same except on a larger scale. Even though I took a programming class in Chicago on programming the IBM 7074 which was the data center's crown jewel, management at the center barred me from the IBM 7074 computer room. A few months later

*Alumni Spotlight (cont.)*

my marriage fell apart, so I quit USS and moved to Phoenix, AZ. This is where my new life began and my aspirations were realized. In Phoenix, I got a job at General Electric as an operator on a computer system that GE was manufacturing to compete with IBM (the reason for this is best told in another essay). GE offered in-plant training and programming, which I quickly took advantage of. A year after starting as an operator, I was promoted to the position of programmer. This was the Genesis of my career.

Over the ensuing years, I transferred to our office in Denmark, then to Tehran, Iran before returning to Phoenix four years later. During these overseas assignments, I traveled extensively, another goal that I had set for myself when I was a teenager, not really realizing that I would ever get to do that. Other non-work-related travels after returning to Phoenix include Vietnam, Mexico, and Australia. I am currently scheduled to go to Tahiti in September, to fulfill a dream as a teenager.

Another goal that I wanted to achieve was getting a degree. Over the next 21 years, I earned a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master's degree. You may note that the reason for my success can be summed up like this: determination and perseverance. This also applies to when I earned a Black Belt in Tai Kwon Do at age 75 – following a quadruple bypass!

*When did you first get interested in biking?*

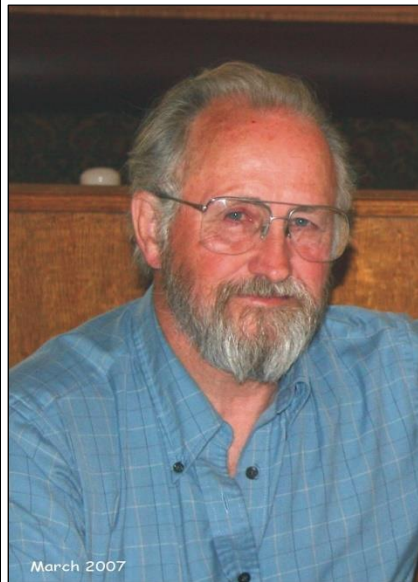
I became interested in biking while living in Denmark. When I returned to the U.S., I continued biking all over various parts of the country. My biggest biking adventure was when I went to Vietnam in 1994 and rode 1200 miles from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City. I haven't done any serious biking since.

*Tell us about the long-term writing class you are taking.*

I started taking a memoir writing class in 2013 and am still doing it. Memoirs are not an autobiographic style. We write about memorable events in our lives. To date, I have written about 150 such memoir segments that I am planning to consolidate in a book titled: Yes Dear. It is All About Me. I have also written some essays and am currently working on a couple novels, Also, I have written several short stories. One of my essays was published and so too was one of my memoirs. I write as a hobby so getting published is not a concern at this time.

*Were there any teachers or coaches at Hobart High School who had a particular influence on your life?*

Mr. Black, my Latin teacher, was the most influential teacher in high school.



*Dave Pangburn at a Class of 1958 luncheon hosted by Larry Koziol.*

*Do you have any suggestions or advice for high school students today who are interested in traveling the world?*

I would suggest a career in travel, either in a travel agency, or working for a major airline. The military is an option, but you never know where you will be posted. That's really my best idea of travel.

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## **Your Brickie Stories: What Do You Remember?**

We want to hear your stories about your time at Hobart High School. If you remember any of these things, or if you have your own stories to share, send them to me (Paul Addison) at [paul@hobartalumni.org](mailto:paul@hobartalumni.org), and we'll add your story to the conversation!

### **DO YOU REMEMBER? The Dust Bowl**

Football players and others: What do you remember about the Dust Bowl, east of Brickie Bowl where many warmups, scrimmages, and practices took place? Send your stories to [paul@hobartalumni.org](mailto:paul@hobartalumni.org).

### **REPLY TO: DO YOU REMEMBER? Hobart High School Band**

**From Greg Heuer** (Class of 1965): As you can imagine I have many fond memories of my days with the band. I started in junior high school with Mr. Webb, learning to play the clarinet in a class of clarinet players. I had many fine rehearsals with Mister Spriester in the old Roosevelt gym band room.

When going to high school, at grade 10 in our case, we learned a lot about the Hobart High School Band traditions. I not only participated actively in the band as a clarinet player, but because of my training in junior high and further training in high school was honored to be the drum major of the marching band.

Because of the long tradition of Dr. Revelli in the Hobart High School Band, I only applied to the University of Michigan. I was accepted and enjoyed a wonderful four years in the band program in Ann Arbor. Those of us who attended school at the University of Michigan in the final years of the 1960s were privileged to have as his teachers the pre-eminent professors at the end of the golden era at Michigan.

I have always known that I wanted to teach, and I taught high school band for four years after graduating from the University of Michigan. Linda and I then went to Reno, Nevada to work with the Harrah family in producing musicals and training young performers. Now, 50 some years later, I am honored to be the conductor of the Airstream International Band.



### **REPLY TO: DO YOU REMEMBER? 1956 Hobart City Directory**

**From Jeffrey Young** (Class of 1968): Party line 1988m phone number 1955.

### **REPLY TO: DO YOU REMEMBER? Roller Rinks**

**From Dianne Wilson Moore** (Class of 1963): I used to go to both rinks when I was in my late teens. One of my girlfriends and myself tried to go as often as we could. I had bought my own skates and case and away we went. During this time I met lots of interesting people and learned lots of different turns in skating. Last but not least, I met the love of my life while skating. I dated this young man for five years before we finally got married. To top it all off, this young man was from Canada and now I live in Canada. He was there on a six month visa working at the steel plant in Gary but after six months he returned to Ontario but came often to Hobart to see me.

# 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 (as of July 1, 2021) are:

## OFFICERS

Paul Addison, Class of 1970 .....*President*  
Lynn Sheets Kostbade, Class of 1966 .....*Vice-President*  
Debra Broker Opolski, Class of 1970 .....*Treasurer*  
Tracy Estabrook McCullough, Class of 1978..... *Secretary*

## AT-LARGE MEMBERS

Craig Osika, *Dean of Students, Hobart High School*, Class of 1998  
Beth Scott Barney, Class of 1970  
Debbie Scharbach Vega, Class of 1971



## 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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## Our Supporters

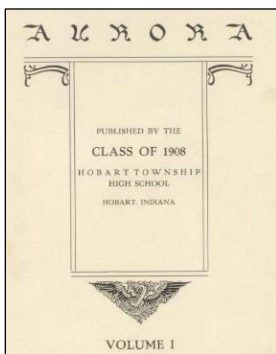
### NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS (since our April newsletter):

Janis Palmer Vonderhaar (1957)

| Pam McClanahan Rossell (1972)

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### 100 Years Ago



## From “Aurora” to “Memories”

Please visit our [HHS Yearbooks page](#) on the HHSAA website. All the yearbooks that have been digitized by the Lake County Public Library are there.



Volume I of “The Aurora” was published in 1908. The yearbook continued to go by the name “The Aurora”, except for the year 1921, when they named the book “Memories”, and then went back to “The Aurora” the following year. The yearbook appears to have suspended publication after 1931 due to the Depression, but the library has digitized the

copies of the school newspaper, “Ho-Hi Life” for the years 1937 through 1942. The 1943 and 1944 yearbooks were still called “The Aurora”, but in 1946, the yearbook appeared as “Memories of 1946”, and the book has retained the name “Memories” ever since. The most recent yearbook digitized by the library was in 2015.

## Class Reunion Roundup

Here is the current list of upcoming class and all-class reunions, listed in order of occurrence. 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 can be found on the [HHS Alumni Association website](#).

### **CLASS OF 1965 55th REUNION** (August 6-7, 2021)

Barb Phillips Rowley of the HHS Class of 1965 has informed us that their reunion has been rescheduled for August 6-7, 2021. This is a change from the previous announcement. Contact Barb at [mnbrowley@msn.com](mailto:mnbrowley@msn.com).

### **CLASS OF 1970 50th REUNION** (September 25, 2021)

The HHS Class of 1970 will hold its 50<sup>th</sup> (now 51<sup>st</sup>) on Saturday, September 25, 2021, at St. Mary Orthodox Center, 8600 Grand Blvd., Merrillville, IN 46410. Ticket cost is \$45 per person, \$80 per couple. Contact Beth Barney at: [bethbarney1103@gmail.com](mailto:bethbarney1103@gmail.com) for more information.

### **CLASS OF 1971 50th REUNION** (October 9, 2021)

The Hobart High School class of 1971 will host our 50-year reunion on October 9, 2021 at Gino's Banquets, 1967 E. 37th Ave., Hobart, IN. Registration begins at 5 p.m., social hour at 5:30 and a family style dinner at 6:30. Tickets are \$40 for single or \$75/couple. Make check payable to HHS Class of 1971 and mail to: Sheila Ellis 2694 Walnut St., Portage, IN, 46368.

*From Debbie Vega, Class of 1971:* As a member of the Hobart High School class reunion committee, we need your help in locating 19 members of our class prior to our 50th reunion party scheduled for October 9, 2021. Please look over the list of names – if you recognize anyone – reach out and ask them to respond to the "Hobart Senior High Class of 1971" web page or p.m. Debbie Vega (Facebook): Marcia Barker, Rich Barringer, Terri Coberly, Sharon Dant, Judy Elea, Debra Ewigleben, Steve Frailey, Don Glasford, Melody Howell, Cynthia Jones, Arlene Long, Kevin Moore, Valerie Morris, Barbara Nowak-Smith, Sherry Shrock, Howard Shults, Sherry Wiederhold, Patricia Wray, Luc Windy. PLEASE SHARE THIS POST TO YOUR FB FRIENDS AND FAMILIES--THE MORE THAT THIS IS SHARED--THE MORE PEOPLE WILL SEE IT!!!! And – Thank-you!!!!

### **CLASS OF 1972 50th REUNION** (August 6, 2022)

The Class of 1972 will hold its 50<sup>th</sup> year reunion on Saturday, August 6, 2022, at Gino's Banquet Hall in Hobart. For more information, contact: Celeste Wiseman Ux at [celestegrubbs@hotmail.com](mailto:celestegrubbs@hotmail.com).

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

If your class is meeting regularly these days, please email [info@hobartalumni.org](mailto:info@hobartalumni.org) with the details. Email [paul@hobartalumni.org](mailto:paul@hobartalumni.org) with the details.

**Class of 1970:** The Class of 1970 is meeting for breakfast at 10:00 am on the third Saturday of the month at the Paragon Restaurant.

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## Recent Obituaries

(since our April 2021 newsletter;  
in PDF form, these are links to each classmate's In Memory page)

### JUNE 2021:

[Robert "Bergie" Bergeson, Class of 1960](#)

[William \(Bill\) Enslin, Class of 1963](#)

[Joyce Webb Hiestand, Class of 1969](#)

[Paula Robinson St. Germain, Class of 1964](#)

[Steven \(Steve\) Brown, Class of 1972](#)

[Sharon Chaney Vode, Class of 1965](#)

[Ann Gleason Bly, Class of 1965](#)

[Jane Woodruff McDaniel, Class of 1969](#)

### MAY 2021:

[James Swartzell, Class of 1955](#)

[John La Bounty \(Substitute Teacher\)](#)

[Douglas Dunning, Class of 1968](#)

[Marcella \(Marcie\) Dallas, Class of 1993](#)

[Francis \(Frank\) Pardus, Class of 1959](#)

[Richard "Dick" Gilbertson, Teacher](#)

[Myrtle Fritz Novak, Class of 1942](#)

[Debra "Debbie" Wheeler Garcia, Class of 1974](#)

### APRIL 2021:

[Rhonda Scharbach, Class of 1972](#)

[Latisha "Tish" Cox Hailey, Class of 1995](#)

[Carlene Thien Cochran, Class of 1970](#)

[Barbara \(Barb\) Potter Yaros, Class of 1965](#)

[Dylan Wedel, Class of 2016](#)

[Sylvia Gilbert Krafft, Class of 1945](#)

### OLDER OBITUARIES RECENTLY RECEIVED

#### MARCH 2021:

[Candace \(Candy\) Kranz Solomon, Class of 1984](#)

#### FEBRUARY 2021:

[Dexter Knapp, Class of 1971](#)

#### JANUARY 2021:

[Michael Hall, Class of 1992](#)

[Sharon Wojtysiak Ward, Class of 1962](#)

#### DECEMBER 2020:

[Janice Seberger Loving, Class of 1959](#)

#### APRIL 2020:

[Margaret "Peggy" MacLeod, Class of 1962](#)

#### FEBRUARY 2020:

[Kathy \("Katie"\) DeFrance Baum, Class of 1962](#)

#### NOVEMBER 2019:

[William Morris, Class of 1965](#)

#### SEPTEMBER 2019:

[Pedro "Pete" Rios, Class of 1962](#)

#### APRIL 2019:

[Maurice "Dick" Stump, Class of 1959](#)

#### JUNE 2017:

[Carol Seagraves Hancock, Class of 1962](#)

#### AUGUST 2015:

[Christine Carpenter Ketchum, Class of 1991](#)

#### MAY 2011:

[Cynthia Carpenter Henson, Class of 1991](#)



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

Membership is \$10 per year per person, or \$100 per person for a Life Membership  
(proceeds go towards student scholarships and teacher grants)

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 \_\_\_\_\_

*(Renewing members only need to fill out the following if anything has changed)*

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Work phone \_\_\_\_\_

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