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Happy New Year! Have You Renewed Your Membership?

Happy New Year! This newsletter goes out to everyone who has registered on our website, www.hobartalumni.org, which is free, and to paid members of the Hobart High School Alumni Association. Membership fees for the Alumni Association help sponsor scholarships for graduation Hobart High School seniors, and to sponsor events the BrickieFest Homecoming Picnic (see below).

If you are an annual member of the HHS Alumni Association, and your membership is about to expire, you will receive a renewal notice in the mail in the next week or so, with an addressed, stamped envelope. We hope you will renew your membership by January 31. We appreciate your support!

BrickieFest Homecoming Picnic Brings Brickies Together

The 2021 BrickieFest Homecoming Picnic was held at the Hobart VFW on Saturday, October 2. Hot dogs and brats, chips, and bottled water were served, courtesy of the Hobart High School Alumni Association. It was a little overcast, but we avoided the rain! About 40 people attended. Here are some pictures!



*Above Left: Birthday people: Terry Hills (husband of Janet Addison Hills) and Debbie Vega.
Center: Don and Leslie Kapica, Kane and Joe McCullough, Paul Addison, Terry and Janet Hills, and Tracy McCullough.
Right: Tracy and Joe McCullough. Joe grilled the hot dogs and brats.
Below Left: Lynn Kostbade, Andi Fressle, Barb and Marv Rowley, Char and Bob Walker.
Center: Michelle, Debbie, and Amanda Vega.
Right: Board members Tracy McCullough, Paul Addison, Debbie Vega, and Lynn Kostbade.*



Our Supporters

NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS (since our September newsletter):

Allen Blanchard (1954)
Kathy Bortolini Brewer (1968)
Don Caldwell (1974)
Andrea Beluchak Fressle (1966)
Janet Addison Hills (1972)
Donald "Rik" Kapica (1978)
Leslie Schulz Kapica (1977)
Myra Weeks Schafer (1968)
Loy Stillwell (2000)
Michelle Vega (2011)



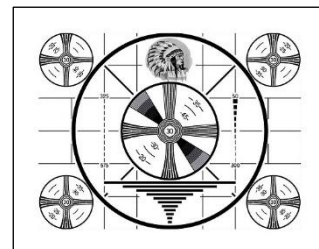
Your Brickie Stories: What Do You Remember?

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, and we'll add your story to the conversation!

REPLIES TO DO YOU REMEMBER? The Water Tower Swim Tank

From Lyle Hatten (Class of 1958): Yes, that happened many times. Bill Hess (1955) and Allen Craig (1954) asked me to swim with them in the tank. There were steel doors blocking the pool, but it was easy to get past them. However, after climbing about 25 feet up the tower, I chickened out and went back to the park to swing. The others came back after about 20 minutes, and they were all wet. Years later, I was a scuba diver in the Marines.

DO YOU REMEMBER? Early Days of TV: Who remembers when we only had three network stations (Channel 2 CBS, Channel 5 NBC, Channel 7 ABC) plus Channel 9 WGN and Channel 11 WTTW? Do you remember the stations playing the Star-Spangled Banner when they signed off, and then showing the test pattern for the rest of the night? What were your favorite TV shows when you were growing up in Hobart?



DO YOU REMEMBER? Good Times and Fun Fads: Did any of you ever roller skate to school, or at recess? Do you remember waitresses on roller skates at the root beer stand? Did you ever bring marbles to school? It seemed like the guys played for keeps, but the girls played for fun. Nobody wanted the clay marbles, but they wanted the glass marbles instead. People whose dads worked for US Steel brought "steelies". How about fake tattoos, the size of a quarter? You'd dampen your skin and transfer the tattoo. Some of the teacher liked them, some did not. And did you ever wear fake wax teeth, mustaches, or lips? What good times and fun fads do you remember?

DO YOU REMEMBER? The Taxmen: Does anyone remember when tax people would come to your home, make a list of your furnishings like TV sets, and tax you for those things? Some folks would say they didn't have a TV, or that it didn't work. When did that end?

What do YOU remember? This is meant to be a conversation, and a sharing of stories. Email me at paul@hobartalumni.org. Thanks!

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 January 1, 2022) 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

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, 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 1972 50th REUNION (August 6, 2022)

The Class of 1972 will hold its 50th year reunion on Saturday, August 6, 2022, at Gino's Banquet Hall, 1967 E. 37th Avenue in Hobart. For more information, contact: Celeste Wiseman Ux at celestegrubbs@hotmail.com.

REGULAR CLASS GET-TOGETHERS:

If your class is meeting regularly these days, please email paul@hobartalumni.org with the details.

Classes of 1952 and 1953: The Classes of 1952 and 1953 are having breakfast the second Thursday of each month at the Paragon at 8:30. Any questions, call Marlene (Baier) Krawcyk (Class of 1952) 219-942-6301, or Martha (Jordan) Nichols (Class of 1953) 219-942-3062.

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 in Hobart.



Recent Obituaries

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

JANUARY 2022:

[Patricia Thornton Lynn, Class of 1951](#)

[Betty Shafer Hummel, Class of 1939](#)

DECEMBER 2021:

[James \(Jim\) Hines, Class of 1987](#)

[Eddie Sol, Class of 1951](#)

[William \(Bill\) Aitken, Class of 1956s](#)

[James \(Jim\) Flood, Class of 1972](#)

[Ken Woodward, Class of 1960](#)

[Richard \(Dick\) Schavey, Class of 1958](#)

[Harry Hall, Class of 1960](#)

[Theresa Austin Lanie, Class of 1997](#)

[Sharon Johnson Breyfogle, Class of 1975](#)

[James \(Jim\) Fowble, Class of 1966](#)

[Larry Johnson, Class of 1973](#)

[Jane Massa \(Teacher\)](#)

[Gene Kemp, Class of 1959](#)

NOVEMBER 2021:

[Sidney \(Sid\) Walker, Class of 1963](#)

[Clara Riddle Ramer, Class of 1949](#)

[Joshua Field, Class of 2001](#)

[Megan Langbehn Cannata, Class of 1979](#)

[Henry Osika, Class of 1969](#)

[Dennis Young, Class of 1970](#)

[Kathleen \(Kathy\) Dubach, Class of 1977](#)

[Sharee Benson Funk, Class of 1968](#)

[Virginia Hughes, Class of 1971](#)

[Larry E. Brown, Class of 1961](#)

[Terry "Cricket" Foley, Class of 1966](#)

OCTOBER 2021:

[Harry Todd, Class of 1956](#)

[MaryEllen Riedel, Teacher](#)

[Elsie Shipley Tilford, Class of 1956](#)

[Lois Bemis Cortese, Class of 1952](#)

[Joan Turner Walker Smith, Class of 1946](#)

[Mark Behnke, Class of 1972](#)

[Shelley Williams, Class of 1972](#)

[Elaine Clemens Johnson, Class of 1954](#)

[Michael \(Mike\) Cover, Class of 1977](#)

[Jan Bonner, Class of 1981](#)

[Ronald \(Ron\) Tharp, Class of 1985](#)

SEPTEMBER 2021:

[Patrick \(Pat\) Kutzer, Class of 1988](#)

[Michael \(Mike\) Davis, Class of 1982](#)

[Jacqueline \(Jackie\) Rossell, Class of 1968](#)

[Joseph Csokasy, Class of 1949](#)

[Brent Thorgren, Class of 1970](#)

[David "Cal" Callaway, Class of 1965](#)

[Lillian Swallow, Class of 1969](#)

[Andrew Rearick, Class of 1994](#)

[Larry Thyen, Class of 1968](#)

[Michaeline Balboa Deering, Class of 1989](#)

[John "Jack" Erickson, Class of 1947](#)

[Stan Flick, Class of 1989](#)

[Cheryl Carpenter Koonce, Class of 1965](#)

[Daniel \(Dan\) Meulemans \(Conn\), Class of 1974](#)

[Charles \(Warren\) Arnold, Class of 1960](#)

OLDER OBITUARIES RECENTLY RECEIVED

AUGUST 2021:

[Jay Rose, Class of 1959](#)

[Diane Stubblefield Dominguez, Class of 1963](#)

[James "Red" Dinsmore, Class of 1948](#)

[Jack Meade, Class of 1959](#)

JULY 2021:

[George Harbison, Class of 1959](#)

MAY 2021:

[Kelly Kapica Silich, Class of 1984](#)

[Valerie Kiefer Millus, Class of 1955](#)

[Helen Marie Predmore, Class of 1957](#)

MARCH 2021:

[John O'Hara, Class of 1953](#)

DECEMBER 2021:

[Joan Mills Russ, Class of 1959](#)

NOVEMBER 2020:

[Thomas \(Tom\) Routes, Class of 1969](#)

[Melody Hines Gibson, Class of 1968](#)

OCTOBER 2020:

[Marie Santucci Fage, Class of 1959](#)

AUGUST 2020:

[Connie Bess Rivera, Class of 1953](#)

MARCH 2020:

[Glenda Bolen Rice, Class of 1959](#)

SEPTEMBER 2019:

[Otto Massow, Class of 1953](#)

JANUARY 2019:

[Brent Roush, Class of 1983](#)

MAY 2018:

[Claudia Quinlan Bragg, Class of 1959](#)

DECEMBER 2016:

[Thomas Menefee, Sr., Class of 1959](#)


DECEMBER 2012:

[William "Kenny" Wilson, Class of 1972](#)

(My thanks to several people who have provided obituary information, including Bill Spiller, Jennifer Eastwood Davis, Larry Koziol, and Deanna Maxwell Kwasny.)

100 Years Ago

UNCLE BILL FOREMAN



William Foreman was born in Hamburg, Germany, in 1865. At the age of seven years he came to the United States. In 1905, he came to Hobart and took the position as engineer of the school. He has remained with us ever since and it is everyone's fondest hope that he will never leave.

"Uncle Bill" tells many interesting things about the Hobart school as it was when he first came here. He says he remembers when a pump was the only means of obtaining water for the children, and when at recess, they ran out for a drink, it was only the ones who could run the fastest and who could push the others out of the way, who got a drink. The rest would have to go back to school thirsty, because the time was too limited to give them all a chance.

The school has been remodeled four times since Uncle Bill has been here. He has witnessed the coming and going of superintendents, principals, teachers and pupils. He knows the family history of almost everyone in the school.

If Uncle Bill should leave this institution, it would seem as if the school would "be no more." As far back as most of us can remember, Uncle Bill has been a very important factor in our student life.

In each and every heart, from the tiny children up to the teachers and those who have graduated from here, Uncle Bill will always be remembered.

So here's a cheer for Uncle Bill, who has always treated everyone with respect and kindness and has made friends with everyone in Hobart.

The Namesake of Foreman School

This story is from the [1922 Hobart High School yearbook, *The Aurora*](#). William Foreman was a custodian at the Hobart Schools. In 1945, Foreman Elementary School opened, named after "Uncle Bill".

Hobart High School yearbooks going back to 1908 were digitized and made available to the public by the Lake County Public Library, in cooperation with the Internet Archive. Most years, but not every single year, are available. You can see the list of available yearbooks on our website, at:

<https://www.hobartalumni.org/HHS-Yearbooks-Online.htm>.

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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 _____

Email address _____

Home phone _____

Cell phone _____

Work phone _____

"Once a Brickie, Always a Brickie!"
Thank you for your support!

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