



The Brick & Mortar Board

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You're Invited to the 2024 BrickieFest Homecoming Picnic, Saturday, September 21

Mark your calendars now for the 2024 BrickieFest Homecoming Picnic. It will be held on Saturday, September 21, from 12 noon to 3 pm, at VFW, 540 S. Indiana Street in Hobart.

Hot dogs, brats, chips, and bottled water will be provided by the Hobart High School Alumni Association.

The picnic is free, and all alumni of Hobart schools and their families are welcome!



HHSAA Board Re-elected to 2-Year Term

The votes have been counted, and the complete slate of board members of the HHS Alumni Association has been re-elected to a 2-year term beginning today, July 1. To recap, here is the list of board members:

OFFICERS

Paul Addison, Class of 1970 (President)
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Debra Broker Opolski, Class of 1970 (Treasurer)
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AT-LARGE MEMBERS

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Alumni Spotlight

Dave Franzwa, Technical Support Engineer

Our Alumni Spotlight this issue is on Dave Franzwa, HHS Class of 1972.

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

I live in Lake Stevens, WA, a relatively small town north of Seattle about 30 minutes. My wife, Pamm, and I have lived in Lake Stevens for 8 years, but we have lived in the Seattle area since 1979.

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Alumni Spotlight (cont.)

I have been working as a Technical Support Engineer at a company in Everett called Maple Systems for the past 15 years, but looking forward to finally retiring this December.

Can you trace the path from Hobart High School to where you are now?

I graduated in 1972 and was accepted into the School of Music at Indiana University. I played in the Hobart High School concert band and jazz band (we called it stage band back then) and wanted to become a great jazz trombonist. Soon after I arrived at IU, I realized that there were a lot of musicians much more accomplished than me.



Carnival! That's me on the right, unknown reveler on the left



Angie Dettoni at Carnival

I persisted until halfway through my sophomore year, when I decided to take a trip to Brazil to visit Angela Dettoni, who was an exchange student

during my senior year at high school and with whom I had become very close.

This was going to be a quick trip during the three-week Christmas break, but I ended up staying until March so I could experience Carnival. What a fantastic three months!



Les Liess, Don Ewingleben, John Anderson, Bill Kanost (Roadie), Paul Addison, Dave Franzwa, Blair Montgomery, Sponsor Representative Mrs. Heuring

When I returned home, I decided to take some time off from school because I had become unsure about my career goals. In addition to trombone, I also played guitar in high school in a band with Don Ewingleben, Blair Montgomery, Paul Addison, Leslie Liess, and John Anderson (among others) variously called Runnin' Blue Ray, Mute Witness, and Time.

So I teamed up with my brother Rich (Class of '69) and Chuck Dingée (Class of '71) and started playing music together, hitchhiking around the country, playing for tips, and honing our skills. In Denver, we met Marianne Benham from the Bellingham, WA area, who played the flute and joined the band, and we eventually migrated to Bellingham, where we met our violin/fiddle player, Pamm Davidson. She fell in love with the bass player (me) and the rest is history.

Alumni Spotlight (cont.)

We acquired a Bluebird school bus, converted it, traveled around the country (from Bellingham to Key West) as the Obscure Travelling Band, and ended up in Gainesville, FL, stopping in Hobart along the way to play at Jan Addison and Terry Hills' wedding in 1977.



OTB on the road – Pamm and me in the upper-right

The band eventually broke up and Pamm and I moved to Seattle in 1979, hoping for better jobs than we could get in Gainesville. We packed all our belongings, a dog and a cat in a 1972 Datsun wagon and drove across the country to Seattle.

I had taken an interest in electronics and sound system design during our band days, so when we moved to Seattle, I got a job with a company that made sound system equipment called TAPCO. They offered an education reimbursement program so I started going to night school at a local community college and earned an Associate degree in Electronics Technology. I continued my education taking one or two classes at night over the next 10 years and earned a Bachelor of Science in Electronics Engineering Technology (BSEET) degree. I continued working in audio electronics as a technician, but my career path veered off into technical writing, writing owner's manuals, service manuals, technical notes, etc. and finally ending up with Maple Systems doing technical support for engineers using our operator interface terminals for industrial control systems.



Pamm and I married in 1981 and had our only child, Haley, in 1985. (The perm look didn't last long!)

Raising a daughter while working full-time and going to night school was challenging, but through teamwork and Pamm's unwavering support, we were able to work through the challenges. You would often see me at

Haley's softball games or ballet performances with textbook in hand, studying electronics while cheering her on. She studied music at the University of Washington (oboe was her principal instrument with a minor in piano), earned her Masters at Temple University, and is now the choir director at Mount Si High School in Snoqualmie, WA.

We have two grandchildren, Lilah and Calvin, and we just adore them.



*David Isaacs, Dave Franzwa, Pamm Franzwa
Haley Isaacs, Lilah and Calvin Isaacs*

What are some of the most interesting things you have done as a technical support engineer?

Besides talking to engineers and learning about the various creative ways they employ our products, I've been able to learn about serial and Ethernet communications, and various

Alumni Spotlight (cont.)

communication protocols used by a wide variety of programmable logic controllers (PLCs) with which our products communicate. I've also learned ladder-logic programming, which is a type of programming that was developed to simulate hard-wired control panels with switches, meters, and lamps, using sequential rungs to build the logic based on digital and analog inputs and outputs.

Were there any teachers at Hobart High School who have had an influence on your life and career?

First off, I would say in retrospect that I think the teachers I had throughout my years at Trinity Lutheran School, Hobart junior high and high school were exceptional. I am so grateful for the education I received in Hobart schools. I was involved in the band program throughout my junior high and high school years, which had a profound effect on my life and career. Particularly, Ray Grivetti and Herman Matlock who guided my appreciation of music and were so supportive. Those who are involved in music programs at school know that it becomes a place of community

and family, a safe place to be when school life seems overwhelming. So I owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Grivetti and Mr. Matlock for creating an atmosphere of acceptance, teamwork, working toward a common goal, and just a happy place to be.

Do you have any advice for students interested in a career as a technical support engineer?

This work requires patience, knowing that when you are talking to someone who requires your assistance, you don't know their circumstances or expertise in their position. It's your job to determine what the issue is and help the customer find a resolution. Don't be judgmental but maintain a subjective perspective on solving the problem.

Find a mentor, someone to help guide you through the process and show you the ropes. No matter how much you learn from books, I believe that on-the-job experience and learning from seasoned veterans who have become experts in their field is just as relevant and important in advancing your career.

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, 2024) are:

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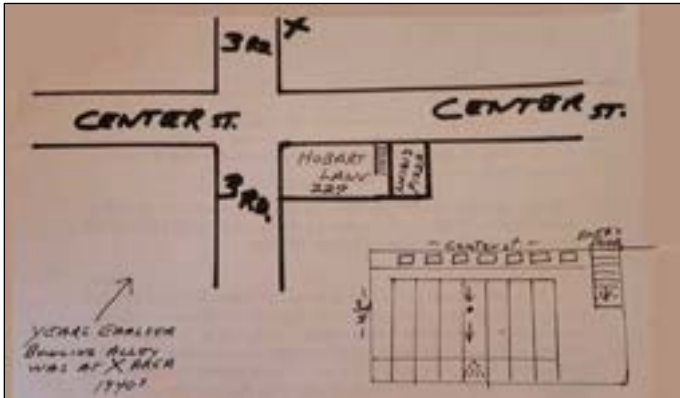
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Your Brickie Stories: What Do You Remember?

A Bowling Alley Pinsetter's Story

From Lyle Hatten, Class of 1958: In the 50's and 60's, Hobart Lanes was located at 227 Center Street, in the basement of Hobart Shoes, and consisted of about 8 bowling lanes. This building was at the NE corner of Third and Center.



A unique situation was that the bowler's and viewer's seating area was located underneath the Center Street sidewalk. Constructed into the sidewalk were several areas of about 4' by 4' tinted glass which allowed natural light to flow into the bowling area.

A pinsetter's job was to return the bowler's ball, pick up the downed pins, and reset the pins for the next bowler, all for the salary of 10 cents per game! Upon hiring, the owners would get the new employee a

Social Security card. The alley owners, Homer Beach and Elmer Hamann, were also Hobart School bus owners and drivers. Some of you readers may remember them at the wheel. Some of the older pinsetters were Bill Aitken, Ron Crawley, Jerry Haney, Lyle Hatten, Bob & Ed Stumke, Les Wesley, and Bill Woods.

Who else worked as a pinsetter? This list will be much longer when you old timers email Paul Addison (paul@hobartalumni.org) and add your name to the list.

Replies to: Do You Remember: Yohan's Hideaway

From Dave Frame, Class of 1957: Center Street is west of the old high school and the small church you're referring to was the original Trinity Lutheran church before the one built on Main Street. A final one was built on 8th & Garfield, I think, and is the current one.

The restaurant opened in about 1955/56 and was only open for a year or so. The family that opened it was from California and I did know them and their son but don't remember names.

From Sam Preissler, Class of 1953: You talk about an old church converted to a restaurant located "one block east of the High School on Center St." I think you mean south, as Center is a N/S street. One block east of the HS would be in Duck Creek...I think. I lived at 225 Center St. from 4th to 11th grades. I believe the building you refer to is the old German Lutheran church/school. The school was torn down, and the parsonage house was moved to the SW corner of 8th and State Street by the owner of a shoe store named Manteuffel. I believe this is correct.

The school/church all moved out south to where it is today on I believe, Linda St. This little church and school was part of the larger church that was on Main St. until the new church was built on Linda.

At 88, I may not have it all correct, but I believe it is close. 😊

From Lyle Hatten, Class of 1958: The new restaurant opened about 1956 or earlier. As I located its advertisement in the 1956 Hobart phone book under classified, page 9, Yohan's Snack Shop at 442 Center Street.



Class Reunion Roundup

Please send reunion information to us at info@hobartalumni.org. Updates are posted on our website, at: <https://www.hobartalumni.org/ClassReunions.htm>. These events are listed in order of their occurrence.



CLASS OF 1994:

The Class of 1994 will hold its 30th year reunion on Saturday, **September 14, 2024**, from 6-10 pm, at the Marina Shores Yacht Club, 5987 Dune Harbor Drive in Portage. Cost is \$60 per ticket. RSVP by scanning the QR code below. For more info email: hobartclassof94@gmail.com, or text 260-241-0466.

CLASS OF 1969:

We are having a 55th class reunion on Saturday, **September 21, 2024**, at the VFW in Hobart from 7 o'clock to 11 o'clock. There is also our homecoming football game Friday, September 20, 2024. Please contact Cheryl Allendorf on Facebook, so she knows how many people will be coming. Cost is \$10 per person. It is very casual. We are having dinner but nothing like our 50th! Hope to see you there!!!

CLASS OF 1968:

Location: Paragon Restaurant Route 6 in Hobart
Date: Saturday, **September 21, 2024**
Time: 6:00-9:30pm
Cost: \$30.00 per person

Payments can be made electronically by PayPal, Zelle or Venmo to Dawn Krull 219-730-4950, or:
Payment by check can be sent to:
Paula Wolfe Siminski
6333 Prophet Ave.
Portage, IN 46368.
Please RSVP by September 18th!

Menu: Salad, roast beef, roast chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, and dessert (cake and ice cream). Coffee, tea and water included. Cash bar available for alcoholic beverages. (Cost of the dinner includes tip and gratuity.)

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REGULAR CLASS GET-TOGETHERS:

CLASS OF 1960: The Class of 1960 is having their luncheon the second Saturday of each month at the Paragon Restaurant at 1:00 PM. Any questions, contact Linda (Quinlan) Koziol at larry58koziol@gmail.com.

CLASS OF 1958: The Class of 1958 is having their monthly luncheon the third Saturday of each month at the Paragon Restaurant at 1:00 PM. Any questions, contact Larry Koziol at larry58koziol@gmail.com.

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 usually meets for brunch on the third Saturday of the month. To check the latest information, go the Facebook page for the HHS Class of 1970, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/110625168719>.

Recent Obituaries (since our June 2024 newsletter; in PDF form, these are links to each classmate's In Memory page)

AUGUST 2024:

[John Rans, Class of 1961](#)
[Sheila Follmer Ellis, Class of 1971](#)
[Debra \(Debbie\) Schwager Bordelon, Class of 1978](#)
[Mary Trail, Class of 1951](#)
[Marion Turley Substitute Teacher](#)
[Daniel LeRose, Class of 1981](#)
[Ronald Richa, Class of 1982](#)
[Claude Choate, Class of 1944](#)
[William \(Bill\) Neier, Class of 1973](#)

JULY 2024:

[Jack Holeman, Class of 1947](#)
[Sue Helm, Class of 1963](#)
[Richard \(Dick\) Marconi, Class of 1952](#)
[Candi Fulkerson, Class of 1987](#)
[Gerald \(Jerry\) Puchowski, Class of 1975](#)
[Janice Haverkamp Dressler, Class of 1957](#)
[Stephanie Glegorovich Harrison, Class of 1980](#)
[Lenny Greener, Class of 1961](#)
[Joyce Ondrovich, Class of 1966](#)
[Wilma Morgan Gawthrop, Class of 1941](#)

JUNE 2024:

[Jerry Tidwell, Class of 1970](#)
[Paula Dault Hale, Class of 1982](#)
[David \(Dave\) Smith, Class of 1963](#)
[Donnie \(Don\) Covington, Class of 1966](#)
[Karen Boruff, Class of 1965](#)
[Dale Fisher, Class of 1958](#)
[Kenneth "Marty" DeYoung, Class of 2017](#)
[Judith \(Judy\) Connell, Staff](#)
[Robert Webb, Teacher](#)

OLDER OBITUARIES RECENTLY RECEIVED:

MAY 2024:

[Lisa Thompson, Class of 1981](#)

APRIL 2024:

[Jeffrey \(Jeff\) Larson, Class of 1973](#)

MARCH 2024:

[Anthony \(Tony\) Kirkpatrick, Class of 1958](#)

OCTOBER 2022:

[Laura Kinsman Wanger, Class of 1948](#)

SEPTEMBER 2022:

[Patricia Sauter Tuerff, Class of 1947](#)

AUGUST 2022:

[Victor Beauprey, Class of 1971](#)

DECEMBER 2021:

[Doris Richeson Christian, Class of 1953](#)

JUNE 2020:

[John Berdy, Class of 1971](#)

APRIL 2020:

[Alan Abel, Class of 1947](#)

JANUARY 2020:

[Patricia Doolin Kelley, Class of 1955](#)

MAY 2019:

[William \(Bill\) Anderson, Teacher](#)

APRIL 2019:

[Terry Bailey, Class of 1978](#)

DECEMBER 2018:

[Madeline Barello Hentzell Rhoda Brush, Class of 1945](#)

SEPTEMBER 2017:

[Phyllis Schroeder Parker, Class of 1939](#)

[Margaret Louise "PeggyLou" Baile Stanley, Class of 1942](#)

JUNE 2017:

[Marguerite Mason Noll, Class of 1942](#)

MAY 2017:

[Donna Johnston Stanley, Class of 1944](#)

NOVEMBER 2016:

[Olive Boudrot Shaw, Class of 1942](#)

SEPTEMBER 2016:

[Mary Watson Mock, Class of 1946](#)

AUGUST 2016:

[Robert Baile, Class of 1942](#)

JULY 2016:

[Marie Olga Klicek Kirkpatrick, Class of 1942](#)

JANUARY 2016:

[Edith Sievert Wesley, Class of 1934](#)

DECEMBER 2015:

[Mark Solomon, Class of 1975](#)

AUGUST 2015:

[Mary Guenther Janssen Brunner, Class of 1939](#)

[Marietta Peer Schopf, Class of 1943](#)

FEBRUARY 2015:

[Helen Bardash Taylor, Class of 1945](#)

NOVEMBER 2014:

[Mary Lou Baer MacAdam, Class of 1945](#)

OCTOBER 2014:

[Fred Kyle, Class of 1955](#)

AUGUST 2014:

[Frances Virginia Marler Lierman, Class of 1943](#)

JULY 2014:

[Nicholas Stucker, Class of 2004](#)

JANUARY 2014:

[Catherine "Kitty" Baile Golden, Class of 1937](#)

JULY 2013:

[Avis Thompson Truitt, Class of 1945](#)

[Theodore \(Ted\) Svetanoff Marshall, Class of 1947](#)

JUNE 2013:

[George Sauter, Class of 1937](#)

[Maxine McKee Harris, Class of 1939](#)

APRIL 2013:

[George Ray Marler, Class of 1946](#)

[Edna Rippe, Class of 1943](#)

[James \(Jim\) Nordquist, Class of 1982](#)

APRIL 2012:

[Earl Lloyd Trumbo, Class of 1943](#)

JANUARY 2012:

[Anna Rose Heyer Mailheau, Class of 1935](#)

NOVEMBER 2011:

[Mary Kinsman Cox, Class of 1937](#)

[Albina \(Albena\) Massa Anselmo, Class of 1936](#)

OCTOBER 2011:

[Shirley Mason Parry, Class of 1937](#)

AUGUST 2011:

[Nora Hofmann Hall, Class of 1935](#)

[Helen Prusinski Kustron, Class of 1945](#)

APRIL 2011:

[Charles Bridgeman, Class of 1945](#)

MARCH 2011:

[Alice Greenlee, Class of 1942](#)

[Jeanette Hamilton Flanagan Sichterman, Class of 1944](#)

JANUARY 2011:

[George Gaylord, Class of 1935](#)

DECEMBER 2010:

[Carl Zitz, Class of 1948](#)

[Adah Simpson Pflughoeft, Class of 1935](#)

NOVEMBER 2010:

[Gertrude Rippe Lewzander, Class of 1936](#)

OCTOBER 2010:

[Gary Evanoff, Class of 1971](#)

[Edith Brown Siebenthal, Class of 1931](#)

MAY 2010:

[Ruth Frank Sargent, Class of 1942](#)

[Mary Kreider Zimmerman, Class of 1967](#)

FEBRUARY 2010:

[Albert Kazlauski \(Kazwell\), Class of 1942](#)

Alan Abel, Orchestra Percussionist

Read about world-renowned percussionist Alan Abel, who went from playing with the Hobart HS Band under Fred Ebbs, to studying at the Eastman School of Music, to spending nearly 40 years with the Philadelphia Orchestra, where he developed a stand used for suspending a bass drum, used by many major orchestras today. Alan graduated from Hobart High School in 1947. His memorial page can be found on our website at:

https://www.hobartalumni.org/class_profile.cfm?member_id=7221580.





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 ____ Scholarship donation only ____

If membership, 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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