



# The Brick & Mortar Board

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## The HHSAA Dinner Meeting is Back!

The HHS Alumni Association Dinner Meeting is back! For the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic, we are inviting all members of the HHS Alumni Association to join us for our membership meeting. It will be held on **Monday, May 19** at 6:00 pm at the Paragon Restaurant in Hobart, and the cost is \$15 per person. Come and meet our 2025 scholarship winners!

The family-style menu includes: roast chicken, roast beef, mashed potatoes, rice, green beans, salad, vanilla ice cream, coffee, tea, and soft drinks.

You can RSVP by cutting off the slip at the bottom of this page and sending your check (\$15 per person) to: **HHS Alumni Association, PO Box 68, Hobart, IN 46342**. Be sure to include the number and names of people attending (including yourself). Reservations are due by Monday, May 12.

You can also reply by email to: [dinner@hobartalumni.org](mailto:dinner@hobartalumni.org), also with the number and names of people attending, and you can pay at the door. However, if you do not cancel (also by email) and you do not show up, we will still expect you to pay \$15 per person. This is a meal reservation. Thanks for understanding.

## HHSAA Announces a Lifetime Membership Bonus Pack

Looking for a special gift for your Brickie relatives? The HHS Alumni Association is offering a special bonus pack with each new Lifetime Membership that includes a T-shirt, sticker, and window cling, for a total of \$125. Of course, the Lifetime Membership without the bonus pack is still \$100. T-shirts are available in sizes M thru 2XL.



Use the form on the last page of this newsletter to order a Lifetime Membership, with or without the bonus pack!

## HHSAA Dinner Meeting Reservation Form

Your name \_\_\_\_\_ Total # of people attending (including yourself) \_\_\_\_\_

Your class year \_\_\_\_\_ Your email address \_\_\_\_\_

Names of other people attending \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed (\$15 per person) \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **HHS Alumni Association**, and mail to: **HHSAA, PO Box 68, Hobart, IN 46342**

# The Hobart High School Band Program Celebrates 100 Years!

The Hobart High School Band program was started in 1925 by William Revelli. Within just a few years, it was winning national championships.

Hobart Bands will celebrate its 100th anniversary on Thursday, May 15, with a concert. Band alumni are invited to a reception at 5:30 pm in the Great Hall. The concert will follow at 6:30 in the Auditorium. Alumni, please RSVP for the reception by emailing [hobarthsbands@gmail.com](mailto:hobarthsbands@gmail.com). And if you have pictures to share, please email them when you RSVP.

See our feature “Your Brickie Stories” (below) and let us know about your memories of the Hobart band program and Hobart band directors.



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## Your Brickie Stories: What Do You Remember?

### The HHS Band Program: What Memories Do You Have?

To celebrate the HHS Band Program's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we are asking you to recall some of your favorite stories about the band. Who were your favorite directors? What were your most memorable concerts? Did you enjoy marching at the football games? Maybe you could even share a picture or two. *(Send your replies to [paul@hobartalumni.org](mailto:paul@hobartalumni.org).)*

### Were You in Any High School Plays?

Hobart High School puts on a number of plays and musicals every year. Were you in any of them? What were your favorites? Pictures are welcome! *(Send your replies to [paul@hobartalumni.org](mailto:paul@hobartalumni.org).)*

### More Stories About Pinsetters:

**From Lyle Hatten, Class of 1958:** Through the 1950's, pin-setters received monetary tips in different ways, mostly by the men and women's league competitions. After free warm-ups, team captains would collect tips from their team players. The coins would be loose or put in an envelope, sack, or wrapped up in dollar bills. Then the team captain would walk half-way down the bowling alley and throw the tips down into the pit area for the pin setters to collect. Sometimes the team captain would walk the tips out around the alley and hand deliver the tips. Other times, the captain gave the tips to the owner's desk to deliver.

This story took place in the early summer of 1955, while setting pins for Coach Russ Deal, his wife Eleanor, and son Mike, who was about 7 or 8 years old. Mike used a child's size bowling ball, weighing about 6 or 8 pounds. He would throw the ball down the alley at a slow walk or even standing still. I remember his ball moved slowly back and forth from one side of the alley to the other before striking the pins. Mike also threw many gutter balls. When the Deals completed their bowling and left the bowling alley, they left an envelope for the pin setter at the business desk. Russ Deal somehow knew who his pin setter was and put a piece of paper in the envelope that said, "Thank you, Lyle, for setting our pins," and enclosed a dollar tip. I kept this dollar at home as a memento for the next 7 or 8 years until after high school graduation and Marine Corps service. When I returned home from the service, I discovered that my mother had spent my dollar tip. In the following years, several times I thanked Coach Deal for his pin-setting tip.

In ending, Mike, if you read this, "Do You Remember?" bowling with your Mom and Dad in the summer of '55?

# Class Reunion Roundup

Please send reunion information to us at [info@hobartalumni.org](mailto: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.



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## UPCOMING CLASS REUNIONS:

### CLASS OF 1980 45th YEAR REUNION:

The HHS Class of 1980 will hold its 45th Reunion on **Saturday, June 21, 2025** from 6pm to 11pm at Gino's Banquets, 1967 E 37th Ave., Hobart, IN 46342.

- Meal/Open Bar/DJ
- \$60 per person attending/ Payments must be received by June 1, 2025

Check or money order payable to: HHS Class of 1980

Send to:

Valerie Breezley, 2560 Pryor Rd., Portage IN 46368

Tracy Pavese Robinson, 326 N. Ohio St., Hobart, IN 46342, email: [tracypavese@comcast.net](mailto:tracypavese@comcast.net)

Laura Bull, 120 N. Illinois St., Hobart IN 46342

Jeff Galovic is planning a golf outing for Friday, June 20th

Classmates, please join our Facebook group Hobart High School Class of 1980!

### CLASS OF 1965 MEET-AND-GREET:

Classmates from 1965, mark your calendars for **Friday and Saturday, September 26 and 27, 2025**, for a meet and greet to mark the 60th anniversary of the Class of 1965's graduation. More details when they become available.

### CLASS OF 1975 50th YEAR REUNION:

The Hobart Class of 1975 will celebrate their 50th reunion on **Saturday October 4, 2025** at Gino's Banquets. Please look for information to come in the Facebook group Class of 1975 HHS or contact Donna Rebeck at [donnarebeck@sbcglobal.net](mailto:donnarebeck@sbcglobal.net).

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 December 2024 newsletter; in PDF form, these are links to each classmate's In Memory page)

### APRIL 2025:

[Tina Kietzman, Class of 1973](#)  
[Pamela \(Pam\) Paige Trcka, Class of 1978](#)  
[Linda Wozniak Young, Class of 1974](#)  
[John Webdell, Class of 1949](#)

### MARCH 2025:

[Rosemary Gibson Mansur, Class of 1959](#)  
[Sandra \(Sandy\) Ramsey Ledyard, Class of 1958](#)  
[Joann \(JoJo\) Clemens Brickman, Class of 1958](#)  
[Nathaniel \(Nate\) Betz, Class of 2018](#)  
[Margaret Hennings Howe, Class of 1960](#)  
[Ronald Albert, Class of 1953](#)  
[William Kavarie, Sr., Class of 1968](#)  
[Paul Luedtke, Class of 1970](#)  
[Debbra \(Debbie\) Best Black Class of 1972](#)  
[Philip \(Phil\) Heller, Class of 1967](#)  
[Loretta Beldon Hoevenor, Teacher](#)  
[Robert Andrew, Class of 1966](#)

### FEBRUARY 2025:

[John Johnson, Class of 1959](#)  
[Susan Greener Graves, Class of 1959](#)  
[Mary Lour Thiede Erwin, Class of 1948](#)  
[Terrence \(Terry\) Luedtke, Class of 1972](#)  
[Norma Lovall Longmore, Class of 1959](#)  
[Barbara Gilbert Chesnut, Class of 1958](#)  
[Michael \(Mike\) Bailey, Class of 1980](#)  
[William \(Bill\) Berry, Class of 1976](#)  
[Joanne Zytka Fedorchak-Kloth, Class of 1951](#)  
[Cynthia Grabb, Class of 1966](#)  
[Norman Govert, Class of 1959](#)  
[Beth Garretty Bonebrake, Class of 1959](#)  
[Isabel OConnell, Teacher](#)  
[Kim Ginter Howe, Class of 1983](#)  
[Linda Ehrhardt Stinnett, Class of 1982](#)  
[Lynda Claxton Tuzinski, Class of 1968](#)  
[Randy Murray, Class of 1968](#)  
[Ted Wozniak, Class of 1978](#)  
[Fred Roach, Class of 1952](#)  
[Phillip Speer, Class of 1952](#)  
[Deanne \(Dee\) Summers, Class of 1965](#)

### JANUARY 2025:

[Shirley Thompson Carpenter, Class of 1966](#)

[Kim Pevar Hayden, Class of 1977](#)  
[Nelson Lemon, Class of 1959](#)  
[Emma Shroyer, Class of 1973](#)  
[Vidal Lopez, Class of 1958](#)  
[Eleanor Overdeck, Class of 1955](#)  
[Mary Billeaux Hoffman, Class of 1946](#)  
[Debra \(Debi\) Rodich Zoumis, Class of 1980](#)  
[Heather Hackett Swan, Class of 1995](#)  
[Carol Potts, Class of 1959](#)  
[Laura Franko Hausch, Class of 1978](#)  
[Michael \(Mike\) Devine, Class of 1969](#)  
[Christopher \(Chris\) Johnson, Class of 1988](#)  
[Julia \(Judy\) Tanner Pruitt, Class of 1970](#)  
[Robert \(Bob\) Stephenson, Class of 1971](#)  
[Mary Lemon Broda, Class of 1957](#)  
[Randy Griffith, Jr., Teacher](#)  
[Raymond Cloyd, Class of 1969](#)  
[Daniel "Danny" Harkins, Class of 1968](#)  
[Myron "Buddy" Hanes, Staff](#)  
[Carol Skudlark Hess, Class of 1955](#)  
[Dorythe Blaney Earl, Class of 1956](#)  
[Dennis Donaldson, Class of 1965](#)  
[Lisa Pope Duda, Class of 1978](#)

### DECEMBER 2024:

[Kim Swisher Pall, Class of 1987](#)  
[Marilyn Mattix Maguire, Class of 1951](#)  
[Wendy Anderson Kegebein, Class of 1977](#)  
[Jeffery \(Jeff\) Diaz, Class of 1974](#)  
[Keith Stowell, Class of 1967](#)  
[Dorothy \(Dot, Dottie\) Saynak Deboy, Class of 1958](#)

### OLDER OBITUARIES RECENTLY RECEIVED:

#### NOVEMBER 2024:

[Roger Carpenter, Class of 1971](#)  
[Judy Sinks McKinney, Class of 1961](#)  
[Roberta Gayle Thomasino Giorgi, Class of 1980](#)

#### OCTOBER 2024:

[Gloria Knocke Carr, Class of 1964](#)

#### SEPTEMBER 2024:

[Nancy Kaszycki Boyd, Class of 1966](#)

#### AUGUST 2024:

[Jennie Speer Metz, Class of 1958](#)

**MAY 2024:**

[Ray Kanzler, Class of 1951](#)

[Tom Chelle, Class of 1987](#)

**APRIL 2024:**

[Terry Nasby Blaschke, Class of 1969](#)

**JANUARY 2024:**

[George "Sonny" Wulitich, Jr., Class of 1951](#)

**SEPTEMBER 2023:**

[Kenneth Melvin, Class of 1980](#)

**JUNE 2023:**

[Rosemary Banks Bonner, Class of 1950](#)

[Kathy Egbrt Kukulski, Class of 1975](#)

**DECEMBER 2021:**

[Jacquelyn \(Jackie\) Stech Balitz, Class of 1943](#)

**SEPTEMBER 2021:**

[Michael \(Mike\) Craft, Class of 1980](#)

**AUGUST 2021:**

[Barry Steinbrenner, Class of 1971](#)

**JULY 2021:**

[Randy Dziurdzy, Class of 1976](#)

**FEBRUARY 2020:**

[MaryAnn McCollough McCormack, Class of 1965](#)

**JANUARY 2020:**

[Melanie McNeish, Class of 2006](#)

**NOVEMBER 2019:**

[Cody Cox, Class of 2013](#)

**JANUARY 2019:**

[William \(Bill\) Shroyer, Class of 1982](#)

**JULY 2018:**

[Joan Sandala Engel, Class of 1950](#)

**FEBRUARY 2017:**

[Keith Talmadge, Class of 1951](#)

**JANUARY 2016:**

[John Novak, Class of 1980](#)

**DECEMBER 2015:**

[Kimberly \(Kim\) Beres Crawford, Class of 1988](#)

**SEPTEMBER 2015:**

[Sophie Laskowski Hielscher, Class of 1926](#)

**JULY 2015:**

[Jennie Laskowski Kemling, Class of 1946](#)

**DECEMBER 2014:**

[Kale Slager, Class of 2012](#)

**AUGUST 2014:**

[Patricia Collins Dixon, Class of 1950](#)

[Barbara Rappe Meyers, Class of 1949](#)

**DECEMBER 2013:**

[Lois Nuzum Veonet, Class of 1950](#)

**SEPTEMBER 2013:**

[Dean Coy Auxier, Class of 1950](#)

**JANUARY 2013:**

[Carol Krulik Forney, Class of 1950](#)

**MARCH 2012:**

[Ted Subartowicz, Class of 1951](#)

**OCTOBER 2011:**

[Donn Glasford, Class of 1971](#)

**FEBRUARY 2011:**

[Cecil Reese, Class of 1950](#)

**JANUARY 2010:**

[Nancy Baumann Goodspeed, Class of 1950](#)

## 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:

### OFFICERS

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

### AT LARGE MEMBERS

Shaun Zoladz, *Dean of Students*, Class of 2006  
 Beth Scott Barney, Class of 1970

Debbie Scharbach Vega, Class of 1971  
 Amanda Loy Stillwell, Class of 2000

## Our Newest Supporters (since December 2024)

### NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS:

Bill Clingan (1963)  
Jeffrey Eaton (1972)  
C. Jeffrey Frame (1966)  
Debbie Reynolds (1971)

### NEW AND RENEWED ANNUAL MEMBERS:

Linda Jackson Bakos (1967)  
Allen Blanchard (1954)  
Terry Fasel (1965)  
Lorelei Callaway Flood (1954)  
Richard Govert (1987)  
Elizabeth Govert (2017)  
Alan Govert (2019)  
Millie Glusac Hovanec (1959)  
Mary Ellen Routes Hutnick (1966)  
Larry Joliff (1958)  
Donald "Rik" Kapica (1978)  
Tom Kerr (1957)

Bob Kostbade (1966)  
Lynn E. Sheets Kostbade (1966)  
Larry Koziol (1958)  
Linda Quinlan Koziol (1960)  
Aaron McCullough (2011)  
Ashley McCullough Koble (2002)  
Adam McCullough (2004)  
Andrew McCullough (2009)  
Katherine Karageorge Miller (1959)  
Hubert Olis (1965)  
Sherry Oswald Peterson (1965)  
Michael Petkovich (1981)  
Sam Preissler (1953)  
Henry Sanak (1953)  
Leslie Schulz Kapica (1977)  
Reneé Shannon (1961)  
Vicki Small (1961)  
Ronald Smith (1961)  
Janis Palmer Vonderhaar (1957)

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## BrickieFest Homecoming Picnic is September 27



The 2025 BrickieFest Homecoming Picnic will be held on Saturday, September 27, at the VFW in Hobart, from 12 noon until 3:00 pm. All Hobart High School alumni are invited, and that includes former students, teachers, staff, and their families. Hot dogs, brats, chips, and bottled water will be provided by the HHS Alumni Association.

The Homecoming football game will be on Friday, September 26, the night before the picnic, against Lowell at 7:00.

We suggest that if your class can make a weekend of it by coming to the football game on Friday night, attending the picnic on Saturday, and getting together on your own after the picnic or in the evening.

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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 \_\_\_\_ Scholarship donation only \_\_\_\_

If membership, check one: 1-year membership (\$10) \_\_\_\_ Lifetime membership (\$100) \_\_\_\_

\*Lifetime membership with bonus pack (\$125) \_\_\_\_ T-shirt size \_\_\_\_M \_\_\_\_L \_\_\_\_XL \_\_\_\_2XL

(Your name, if you are giving this as a gift membership) \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Main phone \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

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