



The Brick & Mortar Board

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HHSAA Dinner Meeting is Friday, April 19

Get your tickets now for the Hobart High School Alumni Association's second Annual Meeting, which is set for Friday, April 19, in the Grand Hall at the high school. Doors open at 6:00, and dinner will be served at 6:30. HHSAA members and non-members are invited. The cost is \$12 per person, or \$20 for a couple. Dinner consists of an entrée, salad, dessert and beverage.

Wolfgang, the HHS choral group, will provide entertainment. College scholarships will be awarded to two high school seniors at the meeting. New Board members for 2013-2014 will also be elected.

Tickets are available now at the Hobart High School office. We will also hold your tickets for you if your payment is received by Wednesday, April 17. **Send your check, made out to HHS Alumni Association, and mail it to: HHSAA Annual Meeting, PO Box 68, Hobart, IN 46342.**

We need to know how many people will be attending, so no new tickets will be sold at the door. Again, tickets are \$12 per person, or \$20 for a couple. Join us for a fun evening and support Hobart High School!

BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED!

Are you interested in serving on the Board of Directors of the Hobart High School Alumni Association? We are accepting applications for openings on the Board. Send an email to President Paul Addison, Board President, at paddison@alumni.indiana.edu, if you are interested in serving a 2-year term on our Board.

We meet once a month (except December), to plan events and discuss ways to support Hobart High School and its alumni.

Alumni Spotlight

HHS Alumnus Rick Mummey, Still in the Band

Rick Mummey, HHS Class of 1973, played trumpet with the Hobart Bands, and 40 years later, fronts a band of his own in Lafayette, Indiana. He also helps the homeless and at-risk. Rick agreed to share his story with us.

What are you up to these days? What's your current occupation, and what do you do?

Currently I am a case manager for Lafayette Transitional Housing, a non-profit org that assists homeless and at-risk people in Tippecanoe County (Indiana).

I have been with LTHC for near 5 years, after 25 years in Lafayette radio. I have a daughter Sara, who is the executive director of the Lafayette Symphony, and a stepdaughter Taylor, who is a student. My wife, Janet, is an administrator for a



company that provides group homes and assisted living for mentally-challenged adults.

Could you describe your educational and career path from Hobart High School to the present day?

Path? More of a maze, really. After HHS, I went to college as a Music Ed major for a couple years. I ended up (long story short) in Lafayette, where my brother, Kevin, had attended school. I worked in retail, in daycare, and in a hospital before procuring a job in radio, really by accident. My name was drawn for a radio contest, and I got to play whatever I wanted for an hour on a local Classic Rock radio station (including some Zappa, and a tune from a Sesame Street record). Classic Rock, when we were in high school, was just Rock. Landed a job working overnight, then evenings, then mid-days, and the last 15 years or more were mornings. 3 or 4 stations and 25 years after starting, the last station I worked for was sold to a satellite dish. At that time, I was hosting LTHC's Bingo fundraiser, and voila! They had a job for me. It's very challenging, and you don't get rich from social work, but the rewards are many.

How did the Hobart school system shape your experiences and influence your choices?

Coming from a musical family and having a passion for music, I was lucky that the music program in Hobart was so good. It reinforced the love for music I inherited. And outside of music, I had an idyllic upbringing in Hobart compared to the childhood stories of some of the people I've met in my work.

Were there any special teachers or administrators in the

Hobart school system (from grade school up) who made an impact on you, or inspired you?

Yes! Raymond Grivetti and Herman Matlock were my band directors, and some of the best educators I've ever been around, before or since high school. They put me in the HS jazz band when I was in junior high, took us to Europe, helped me get actual paying gigs, and I'm happy to say they're both Facebook friends of mine.

Stellar people. My first grade teacher at Foreman Elementary was Mrs. James, who was the sweetest lady ever. I volunteered to stay behind and help her with the next class (which was how she described the kids who were being held back). She told me the 2nd grade needed me. There were also a couple teachers whose names I won't mention, whom I hope got some help eventually.

Do you have any advice for young students who might be interested in social work?

I would encourage kids who want to be social workers to absolutely pursue that field. It's not a lucrative field, so I'd suggest getting a degree in Human Services, Psychology, etc., become a Licensed Clinical social worker, and basically raise your profile. They can also have an effect on the future of social work, even while still in high school, by educating themselves about the issues surrounding homelessness, poverty, mental health, and more. And by educating yourself, kids, I mean be sure to separate facts from opinions. You'll be surprised at the amazing gap between those two things.



Rick Mummey's band, Dr. Fine, plays in and around the Lafayette area.

“Dancin’ Thru the Decades” is a Big Hit!



Hobart High School alumni raised over \$400 for scholarships on March 23, at “Dancin’ Thru the Decades”, a dance for alumni and their guests. The dance was held at Rosser Hall on 37th Avenue. Alumni had sloppy joes, chips and one (or more) beverages. Music played from 8 to 11, provided by Travis Stojanovich and FireFly Music. Thanks to all who came!

Life Memberships Now Available!

We now have lifetime memberships available for the Hobart High School Association for \$100. Regular yearly memberships are \$10 a year. Join or renew as a life member, and you won’t have to pay dues again! The HHSAA raises money for scholarships and teacher grants,

Remember that registering on our website is free. Visit our website at www.hobartalumni.org, and register by finding your name and creating a profile with your email address and contact information. If you don’t find your name, click Contact Us, and send us a message, asking to be added to the roster. Be sure to include your class year.

HHS Alumni Association Board

The Hobart High School Alumni Association was officially incorporated on July 17, 2010. The members of the Board of Directors whose terms end in July 2014 are:

OFFICERS

Paul Addison, Class of 1970.....*President*
 Lynn Hasza-Heintz, Class of 1967 *Recording Secretary*
 Barbara Phillips Rowley, Class of 1965*Corresponding Secretary*
 Debra Broker Opolski, Class of 1970*Treasurer*

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 Holli Smith Kostbade, Class of 1998

Lynn Sheets Kostbade, Class of 1966
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 Tracy Estabrook McCullough, Class of 1978
 Sherry Oswald Peterson, Class of 1965

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 your dues are tax-deductible. Your membership is extended until December 2013. Lifetime memberships are also available for \$100 per person.

NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS

Jim Addison (1965)
Marcy Carlson Beatty (1971)
Sandra Yover Haas (1974)
Rita Carlson McBride (1964)
Marsha Longacre Shabi (1964)

Features on our Website

You don't have to log into our website, www.hobartalumni.org, to see most of the features. Most of them are available by visiting the website, without having to log in, including:

- Finding classmates' names and years
- Class Reunion information
- Class Website links
- HHSAA Newsletters
- Recent Obituaries (the current month plus the last three full months)
- In Memory pages (obituaries and tributes for all deceased HHS alumni)
- What Was Playing? (links to five songs from every year going back to 1900!)
- An FAQ page, a Contact Us page, and a link to the Home Page

The only thing you need to login for, with your primary email address and your password, is to view contact information (email addresses, home addresses, phone numbers, etc.) of HHS classmates.

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Membership Application Hobart High School Alumni Association, Inc.

Check one: New member ____ Renewal ____

Check one: One-year (\$10) ____ Lifetime (\$100)

First Name _____

Last Name (in high school) _____

Married Last Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address _____

Home phone _____

Cell phone _____

Work phone _____

Your class graduating year at HHS _____

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

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