



The Brick & Mortar Board

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RSVP for the May 22 Dinner Meeting now; Paul Condry and “Once a Brickie, Always a Brickie”

Reserve your spot now for the May 22 HHS Alumni Association Annual Dinner Meeting by emailing us at dinner@hobartalumni.org. Tell us how many people are coming, and their names, including yourself. You can pay at the door. The cost is \$12 per person.

Our meeting will feature guest speaker Paul Condry, President of Regional Radio Sports Network, and author of the book and documentary film, “Once a Brickie, Always a Brickie: The History of Hobart Football” (see the *Alumni Spotlight* feature below).

Doors will open at 5:30 pm, with dinner at 6:00 and the program beginning at 6:30. In addition to music by Wolfgang and a delicious meal, the meeting also features the election of new board members and the presentation of scholarships to high school seniors. Dinner consists of fried chicken, roast beef, green beans, mashed potatoes, salad, rolls, drinks and dessert.

Again, the cost is \$12 per person. Please RSVP by emailing us at dinner@hobartalumni.org, and let us know how many people are coming, and their names. Tickets are also available at the Hobart High School office.



Alumni Spotlight

Paul Condry, Sportswriter, Broadcaster, Author of “Once a Brickie, Always a Brickie: The History of Hobart Football”

What is your current occupation, and what do you do?

I live in Mishawaka, Indiana. I am the founder/owner of the Regional Radio Sports Network and the Indiana Football Digest. In short, I am a Sportscaster, Sportswriter, Publisher and Business owner.

Could you describe your life and career path from Hobart High School until now?

That would take forever. I graduated Hobart High School in 1974. I coached in the Hobart schools system in the early 80's, and in the mid 80's got into the media.

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Alumni Spotlight (cont.)

I have self-taught myself in nearly every aspect of my life. That is why my mentors and coaches have played a vital role in my success.

So let's try this... LINK No. 1 is our Regional Radio Sports Network web page ("About Us");
<http://www.rrsn.com/AboutUs/tabid/97/Default.aspx>.

This also may be helpful. This a link to our Wikipedia page:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Regional_Radio_Sports_Network. This is a pretty accurate account of our history.

I can tell you this: I was the first sportscaster from northwest Indiana to be inducted into the Indiana Sportswriters and Sportscasters Hall of Fame. In addition, I am the first "caster" to win the most prestigious award in sportscasting, the National Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association (NSSA) "Indiana Sportscaster of the Year". I have received the NSSA award four times and have been a finalist I think 12 or 13 times.

When you receive awards like I have that have been voted on by your peers it's pretty awesome.

Tell us about your new book, "Once a Brickie, Always a Brickie". How did you decide to write it?

"Once A Brickie, Always A Brickie: The History of Hobart Football" was something I have been working on really since I was high school. It really started to pick up steam, when I sat down with Tom Kerr, Jerry Hicks and Ryan Turley and shared my "vision" of how we could do it. After that meeting, I was fortunate to sit down with Dr. Buffington (Superintendent) Bob Glover (AD), Brent Martinson (Principal), coaches Kerr, Hicks and Turley along with my staff and we developed a game plan on how we should proceed.

After a year of planning, the School City of Hobart and HHS Football Booster Club commissioned my team to write the book. Just as an artist would be hired to paint a mural on a wall, or a sculptor to craft a statue, we have been commissioned to write a very important part of the history of HHS and the Hobart community.

I am taking NO royalties from this project whatsoever. Our company is getting paid to write it, but I felt it was important to give back to my school and community that helped influence my life in wide variety of ways.



Is there also a documentary film that goes with the book?

That is in the works; we are working on four projects simultaneously. The release of the documentary video

will be part of the overall project: "Once A Brickie, Always A Brickie: The History of Hobart Football".

Will we be able to order the book at the HHS Alumni Association dinner on May 22?

Still working out those details. I will have more info on our "Once A Brickie, Always A Brickie: The History of Hobart Football" Facebook page, and of course the Hobart football website,
<http://www.hobartbrickiefootball.com/>.

Were there any people, places or incidents in Hobart that had a special influence on your life and career?

I have been involved in sports all my life. Several HHS coaches/teachers over the years have left a profound impact on life. I would say that Tom Kerr, Tom Workman, Jim Herrick, Jim Litke, Jim Lichtenberger, Frank Kurth, Mo Rhody and Don Howell were encouraging and influential during my formative years.

In addition, Dick Gross and Stew Mattix were great influences in my life, during my time elementary school days at George Earle Elementary School.

When I went into coaching at Hobart Middle School, they were even greater of an influence. I would also say that watching guys like Steve Balash, Jerry Hicks, Don Rogers, Bill Cope, John Carlson, Doug James, Bob Glover over the years have shaped me as coach and as a leader from the Hobart community.

I also have been heavily influenced by other coaches and business owners from many other communities.

What advice would you give to Hobart High School students about sports broadcasting and writing?

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Alumni Spotlight (cont.)

First and foremost, if you're lazy and take shortcuts, find another profession. It takes a tremendous amount of time, energy and commitment to be a good sportscaster and sportswriter. If you want to be GREAT at this profession, you have to be thick-skinned and you must be able to take constructive criticism from your peers, fans, coaches etc. In the beginning the pay is not very good either! LOL!

Secondly, I look at my profession not as job, but as an artist looks at his canvas. You have to develop your "craft" to be successful.

In addition, you also have a tremendous responsibility to tell the truth. That is the problem we have today with our main-stream media. I could write a book on how BAD the mainstream has abused its place in the world today. It has unfortunately, crept over into sports journalism as well.

All-Class Alumni Homecoming Picnic September 26

This year's BrickieFest Homecoming Picnic will be held on Saturday, September 26, during Hobart's Homecoming weekend. This all-class reunion will be held from 12 noon to 3:00 pm, at Festival Park on Old West Ridge Road. Hot dogs, hamburgers, brats and bottled water will be served, and the event is free of charge.

We invite you to make a weekend of it: come to Hobart for the Homecoming game on Friday, and stay through Saturday for the Homecoming Picnic! Is your class having a reunion that weekend? Then stay Saturday night, too!

Class Reunion Roundup

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

Class of 1975: Saturday, August 22, 2015

40th Reunion Saturday, August 22, 2015, 6-12 pm at the Elks Lodge on 61st Street. Come see your old friends and make some new ones! The classes of '74 and '76 are invited too! A home football game is the night before on August 21 at 8 pm and the Reunion is August 22 from 6 pm to midnight. More details to come. RSVP as soon as possible to carolretz@sbcglobal.net with your mailing address. Also, visit our Facebook event page "Hobart High School Class of 1975".

Class of 1965: Friday, September 25 and Saturday, September 26, 2015

Social night on Friday that will work around the HHS homecoming football game. Reunion Banquet on Saturday at the Elks Club, 61st Street in Hobart. Please set aside this date. Contact Barb Phillips Rowley at mnbrowley@msn.com if you have changed your address, or if you have any ideas for the reunion.

Class of 1970: Saturday, September 26, 2015

The Class of 1970 will celebrate its 45th year reunion at Assumption Hall on Saturday, September 26, from 6:00 to 11:00 pm. Other weekend activities include the Homecoming football game on Friday evening, followed by a get-together, a Saturday morning tour of the new High School, the HHS Alumni Association Homecoming Picnic from 12 noon to 3:00 pm, and a Sunday morning brunch to end the weekend. Check our Facebook page, Hobart (Indiana) High School Class of 1970, for updates, or email Paul Addison at paulhaddison@gmail.com.

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Recent Obituaries

(since our March 2015 newsletter;
in PDF form these are links to the obituaries on the HHSAA website)

MAY 2015:

[Mike Blachly, Class of 1962](#)

[Jennifer Sirota, Class of 2002](#)

APRIL 2015:

[C. Wayne "Bucky" Snider, Class of 1998](#)

[Linda Brown Madison, Class of 1969](#)

[Raymond \(Ray\) Lowe, Class of 1982](#)

[James \(Jim\) "Red" Mason, Class of 1958](#)

[Douglas "Coach" James, Class of 1961](#)

[Sandra \(Sandy\) Simmons Daniels, Class of 1968](#)

[Lawrence \(Larry\) Bentley, Class of 1967](#)

MARCH 2015:

[Marilyn Jordan Mundell, Class of 1950](#)

[Steven Fessler, Class of 1963](#)

[William \(Bill\) Wuenn, Class of 1975](#)

[Carol Crawley Brown, Class of 1960](#)

[Terrance \(Terry\) Nibbe, Class of 1962](#)

[Max Milo Roscoe, Class of 1967](#)

FEBRUARY 2015:

[Bruce Unland, Class of 1960](#)

JANUARY 2015:

[Joyce Kellen Tromble, Class of 1962](#)

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 are:

OFFICERS

Paul Addison, Class of 1970.....*President*
Holli Smith Kostbade, Class of 1998..... *Vice-President*
Debra Broker Opolski, Class of 1970*Treasurer*
Lynn Hasza-Heintz, Class of 1967 *Recording Secretary*
Tracy Estabrook McCullough, Class of 1978*Corresponding Secretary*

AT-LARGE MEMBERS

Brent Martinson, *Principal, Hobart High School*
Lynn Sheets Kostbade, Class of 1966
Dawn Briney Krull, Class of 1968
Michael Trammel, Class of 1967
Sherry Oswald Peterson, Class of 1965

STUDENT MEMBERS

David Kostbade, Class of 2016
McKayla DeLeon, Class of 2016

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 life memberships are \$100.

NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS (since our March 2015 newsletter)

Sheryll Trager Bennett (1967)

Raymond Boudreau (1963)

Sandra Scott Casperson (1953)

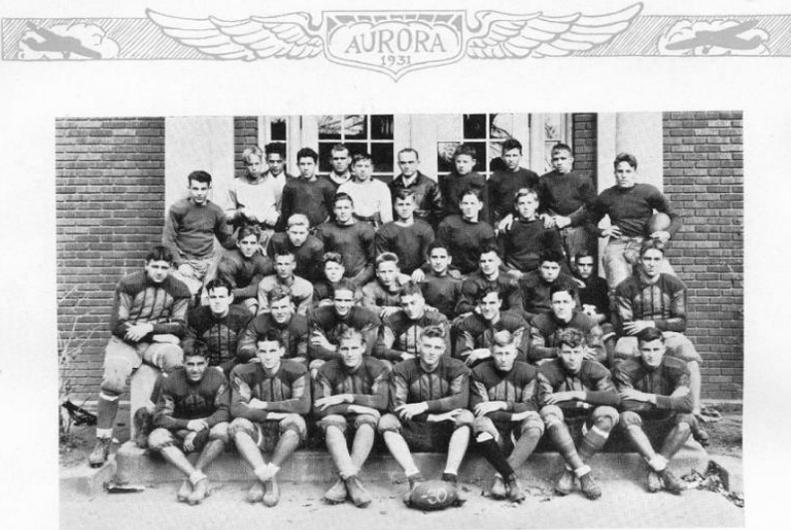
Mary Jarosz (1970)

Carol Edmonds Trethewey (1967)

Margaret Blanchard Lindsey (1956)

David Vinzant (1975)

Blast from the Past: The 1930 HHS Football Team



Fifth Row: Sanford Flood, Harvey Shults, Stanley Koziol, Frank Kraft, John Mellon, Coach Call, Dwight Smith, Harold Perry, William Armstrong.

Fourth Row: Franklin Rhoades, John Gant, Arnim Whisler, Edward Scroggins, Kenneth Seigesmund, James Wanamaker, John Pratt, Grover Hofmann.

Third Row: Frank Keever, Robert Griffiths, Joe Bartos, William Weigus, Douglas Fleming, Dale Wright, Gene Leffler.

Second Row: Herbert Niksch, Lee Wanamaker, Steve Koziol, Robert Scholler, Albert Rose, Charles McManus, Wilson Tolle, Mike Grasa.

First Row: Walter Jackson, Lester Lestikow, Phillip Keilman, Lawrence Gresser, Calvin Shearer, Robert Lee, Stewart Mattix.

FOOTBALL SQUAD

The 1930 Football Squad has played through what is, perhaps, Hobart's most successful football season. Although our team did not win the conference title, the opposition was much stiffer, and it was met by the team in better fashion than ever before.

Graduation will take eleven members of the squad, but enough others are coming up to build a team of championship rating.

The Hobart High School football team of 1930 was coached by Merner B. Call. The team had a record of 5-2-2 that season, including a 72-0 win over Morocco. Future teacher and principal Stewart Mattix was a junior that year.

(from the 1931 Aurora yearbook)



Membership Application and Renewal Form Hobart High School Alumni Association, Inc.

Check one: New member ____ Renewal ____

Check one: 1-year membership (\$10) ____ Lifetime membership (\$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!

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

Make your check out to: HHS Alumni Association

Mail to: HHSAA, P.O. Box 68, Hobart, IN 46342

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