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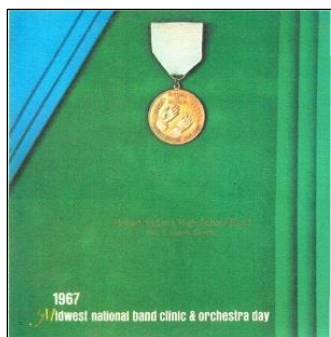
BrickieFest Picnic on Saturday, September 23

All Hobart High School alumni are invited to Brickie Bowl on Saturday, September 23 for our annual BrickieFest Picnic, which will be held from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm. Hot dogs, brats, chips and bottled water will be provided by the HHS Alumni Association, and there is no admission charge.

The BrickieFest Picnic is being held the weekend of the Class of 1967's 50th year reunion. You can find out about that and other reunions on our website, <http://www.hobartalumni.org/>, by clicking Class Reunions.

There is a home football game on Friday evening, September 22, against Kankakee Valley at 7:00. Please note that this is not Homecoming weekend. If you have any questions about the BrickieFest Picnic, please email us at picnic@hobartalumni.org. Thanks!

Alumni Band Concert for Midwest's 50th Anniversary on Homecoming Saturday, October 7



Hobart High School band alumni: You are invited to Hobart for Homecoming weekend to participate in the Alumni Band Concert on Saturday, October 7. The concert will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the

band's performance at the Midwest Band Clinic in Chicago in December, 1967. Band members from the classes of 1968, 1969 and 1970 performed in that concert, and are especially invited.

The concert will be at 7:30 on Saturday evening in the HHS Auditorium, with a morning rehearsal from 9:00 am to 12 noon, and another pre-concert rehearsal at 5:30 pm. The band will play a few selections from the Midwest concert (including "Third Suite" and "Proclamation") as well as some lighter numbers. Music will be sent out a month ahead of time, to give you plenty of time to practice the music and get your lips in shape!

Instrumental sections not fully represented by band alumni will be filled by current Hobart High School band members.

The Homecoming football game will be on Friday evening at 7:00 against Munster. Come and make a weekend of it! We'll choose a lunch place for Saturday between rehearsals, if you don't have other plans. Plans are being made for a reception after the concert.

All band alumni are asked to RSVP by email to band@hobartalumni.org, and reply with your name, class year, and instrument, and one of the following: 1) definitely planning to play, 2) may play and will confirm later, or 3) probably/definitely will not play.

All HHS alumni are invited to attend the concert, but we'd like all of you who played in the band to RSVP, so we know you are aware of the concert, and so we can get you on the mailing list for the music if you are considering playing.

This event is being coordinated by Paul Addison (Class of 1970), Brian Grenier (HHS Band Director), and the HHS Alumni Association.



Ellen as an usher at the MGM Grand Arena in Las Vegas in 2004.

Ellen Campos Schenk (aka Sylvia E. Schenk): Musician, Vegas Hotel Arena Manager, Flight Attendant, and More

Ellen Campos Schenk (aka Sylvia E. Schenk) graduated from Hobart High School in 1947, and from there has traveled through many states, countries and careers. She played cornet at Hobart High School under Band Director Fred Ebbs. Ellen came back to Hobart to attend the HHSAA Annual Meeting in April of this year. Her story begins here.

What are you doing these days? That is, how do you spend most of your time now?

One day while I was working at the Riviera Hotel, the Administrative Assistant to the President of the Hotel inquired if I might be interested in working a couple of evenings a month as an Usher in the MGM Grand Garden Arena. America West Airlines maintained a City Ticket Office at the hotel. I was the Ticket Agent at this location and wrote tickets for the hotel administrators and was the customer service representative handling the America West Vacations customers as well as any customers who preferred not to go to the airport to obtain their future travel arrangements.

The couple of evenings grew into 21 years. After six months at the Arena I was asked to apply for Assistant Supervisor in charge of the usher checkin, which meant keeping records of the hours of the ushers for each event in the arena. .

Within those 21 years the MGM changed arena managers 6 times. One has no idea just how much administrators and management changes in the Las Vegas Entertainment world. With each new hotel CEO there were new managers and new everything else.

At one time there was a Temp Pool for the hotel. When management realized that the usher pool of 350 employees who were previously professionals retired from businesses of their own and retired teachers/administrators. The Temp Pool was dropped and ushers were hired to fill in in many temp jobs except for Union held positions. The usher staff ages were from 55 to 65+ yrs. Soon I was working in many different positions in the hotel from employee events,

such as picnics, surveys, lost & found sales and many other company enterprises too numerous to list. Some of us also helped in customer events such as greeters at the airport, VIP services slot tournaments, Super Bowl parties, New Year's Eve, and anything else the Hotel Events managed to book.

Also some of us were trained in other departments such as Race & Sports Book to help out during some of the busiest betting times. You know that's what it's all about sometimes in Las Vegas – betting. Yes, we were busy. For me, fortunately, I did a lot of things and I HAD A Lot Of Fun. Not the biggest paychecks but the greatest time in my working life being retired.

Then – another new administration at the MGM. The Entertainment Department built T-Mobile. The decision to hire a contract company to usher the arena changed everything.

There was one problem. The Race & Sports Book manager would lose his temp help (there were 10 of us) during heavy betting periods. What luck! It was decided that the ten temps would be transferred to the R&SB department as part-time oncall personnel.

So that is what I am doing now. Other than that I am a volunteer at my church, a participant of American Airlines Vanguards (an America West, USAir and American Airlines Retiree). My husband passed away in 2015. Going back to knitting, crocheting, reading and finding as many concerts and PBS events to attend as affordable.

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

Alumni Spotlight (continued)



Like any student who pursued the College Prep Academic Schedule I wanted to go to college. Goal – Home Economics teacher. Fred Ebbs told me I was eligible for a music scholarship and I should apply immediately. When I told my

parents the good news, the message was "boys go to college, girls get married." Realize that both parents were immigrants and were just pleased I finished high school.

My first job was first trumpet with William Kryl Women's Symphony Orchestra in Chicago which was touring the Midwest beginning in September till the end of the year. Thanks to Fred Ebbs. My first encounter with bus transportation and hotels and numerous concerts in cities in several states was fascinating. We followed Tex Beneke's band in most of the cities. That was an experience and my first encounter with the entertainment industry. I declined the position for the following year.

Having no skills, I finally convinced my mother to allow me to enroll in Elkhart Business School. That is where I met my future husband. The next job was Whitehall Pharmaceutical as a mail clerk. In two months' time I was promoted as assistant to the secretary/administrative assistant to the Vice President.

Then an emergency at home. My mother needed surgery. Immediately, my husband found work in US Steel and we moved back to Hobart.

Three children later, a neighbor and my best friend asked me to attend Indiana University, Gary Extension with her. Little did I realize what would follow. Having completed all the classes available at the extension and was offered a scholarship to Indiana University, Bloomington. With three children, my husband not pleased, I declined the scholarship. Later that month I received a letter from the scholarship committee offering me \$1000 to attend a university of my choice. Valparaiso University was chosen. It wasn't

easy. Out of school twelve years with all those 10-percenter students! What an education! Now I had to learn how-to-study if I wanted to pass.

[I received a] BA in French/English with History/Geography in Education.

Graduation and my first teaching position. The recruiter from the Gary Public Schools remembered me from our school days at Froebel School and he also was my neighbor in Hobart. Remember this was 1965. Blacks were bussed to white schools and now white teachers were going to be sent to all black schools. Guess who was one of three white teachers elected to be employed at Pulaski Junior High School? It was only for one year while the French teacher was on sabbatical. One day I accidentally met Wallace Aylesworth, the principal of HHS when I was in high school. It so happened that there was an opening at the Portage Township Schools where he was Superintendent. There I taught both Junior High and High School.

During the summers, I pursued my Master's at Ball State University graduating with an MLS in Library Science with French/English.

Meanwhile my mother decided to go into the travel agency business. I retired from teaching to help her.

During my PHS teaching days, with the help of my foreign language colleagues, we formed excursions to France, Spain, Germany and Mexico. I was fortunate to have a representative from American Airlines demonstrate step-by-step travel procedures.

When my mother decided to open a travel agency, I suggested she enroll in a Travel Agency School in Chicago. The instructor allowed me to accompany my mother and sit-in on the classes with her. Full-time teaching and evenings and weekends in her travel agency was too demanding, so I retired from teaching and helped her in the agency. With the help of the AA Rep I enrolled in classes at various airlines to enhance my knowledge of travel such as reservations, ticketing and accounting. The lesson I learned from all this – I was not the business type.

Meanwhile my son, Wayne, had settled in Las Vegas, NV, and opened his own business, which was flourishing. He persuaded his father and me to retire there. At that time in 1983 Las Vegas was a nice, not too populated town. While my husband was selling our home and completing the move I was in Las Vegas looking for our new home. It took 7 years to complete the move, the economy had slowed everything. Temporarily, I secured a position as a professional babysitter with a company that sent me to casinos/hotel as well as wealthy homes. Not my thing.

Alumni Spotlight (continued)

Some of the casinos/hotels had travel agencies within them. Worked in several of them. One of my coworkers told me about a new airline, America West Airlines just starting with a base at McCarran Airport that was accepting applications for a limited amount of time. As a lark I applied. The interview was a group interview with 100 applicants. Never saw anything like it. Well, I was the oldest one there with no airline experience. The first announcement made was that only 10 percent of the group would be hired. My heart sank. Within 5 days I received a phone call with an invitation for a second interview. I couldn't believe I had the job, but there was a condition. I was overweight. That was when there were rules regarding certain requirements. I had to lose at least 1-2 pounds per week before the beginning of the new hire class.

Also, I was 57 years old.

What were some of your most memorable experiences playing in the Hobart High School band under Fred Ebbs?

There were two teachers at Hobart High that were memorable in my high school life. Lola Stewart and Fred Ebbs. Ms. Stewart was my Home Room teacher for ALL 4 years of high school. The class of '47 changed home room teachers every year except me. I was assigned there every year. Just before I graduated she explained why I was kept there. So I shall explain why, too.

If you notice, I am in the Alumni Register as Sylvia Ellen Andrews Campos Schenk. This is what happened. My mother left my biological father when I was 6 years old due to spousal abuse. We moved from Chicago to Gary to live temporarily with her sister and husband. About a couple of years later my mother married Serafin Campos, whose wife deserted him and left two sons. When my brother and I entered school in Gary, no one needed a birth certificate or proof of birth. Just one's word was accepted. My real name was Sophia Ellen Andrews, Sophia (after my Greek grandmother). Back in those days many immigrant family names were Anglicized because they were too long, could not be pronounced nor spelled properly. Hence the name became Andrews. Because mother and my new father wanted to make sure we were a family I became Ellen Campos. Mother and I both did not like the name Sophia and just used my middle name.

I needed my birth certificate when I applied for a marriage certificate. Since we had to send to the state of Illinois, mom and I decided to change my first name to Sylvia and see if it comes back the way we sent it. To our luck it did. My parents changed my brother Richard's last name in court because he was a boy. Not



Ellen with Charles Erwin and Buford Bunnell. Their trio won 2nd prize at the Amateur Hour in Chicago in 1947.

me, though because I probably will change it after I'm married. Which I did.

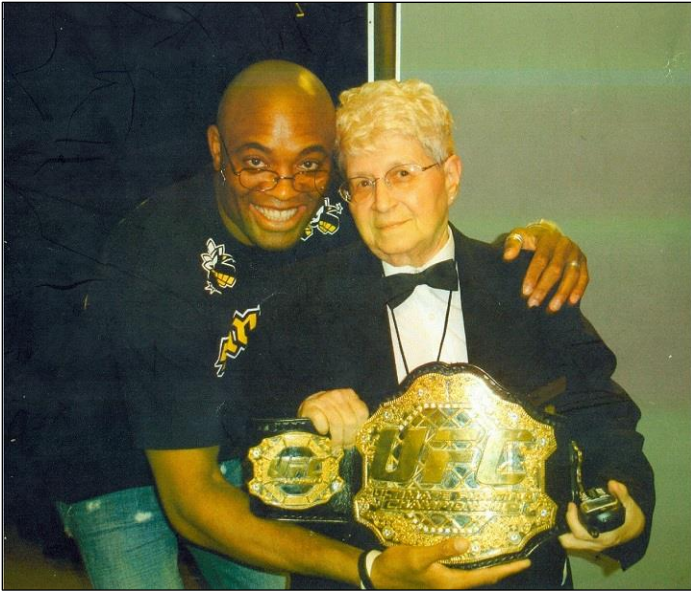
My two new stepbrothers were wild and very undisciplined. The Juvenile Department in Gary threatened to place them in a detention facility, so we moved to Hobart away from the city.

To me it was a culture shock. Industrialized Gary to farm town Hobart. Never heard of any dysfunctional families in Hobart. No blacks nor immigrants. From coveralls and cotton dresses (which I sewed myself) to boy slacks, girl pleated skirts and sweaters. And brownbag lunches with adorable little sandwiches.

My brothers were placed in the band, Joe at trumpet and Chuck at saxophone. Both quit within a couple of months – too much discipline. They were not too much better in the classroom either.

As for me, I was fascinated with the band portable and just stood around there every day. Finally one day Mr. Ebbs noticed me. He told me, "Either you play an instrument or leave the premises." I explained that I was told I was tone deaf with no musical ability. "Nonsense" was his answer. "What do you want to play?" was his question. "Flute," I answered back. "Got enough flutes, how about cornet?" he responded. Speechless, not a bit like me. I just shook my head. Next thing I knew, I was scheduled for one period a day and was blowing on a mouthpiece with two other persons in the portable. I was already a freshman. By the end of the year I was in the Senior Band, but had to play in the Junior Band too for the contest. I also had to play a solo. I loved every minute of it. One hour practice before school and during my lunch hour. Sectional rehearsals after school. Sure, I was tone deaf. I was the only cornet player who couldn't tell when I

Alumni Spotlight (continued)



Anderson Silva (UFC middleweight champion nicknamed "The Spider"), with Ellen at the MGM Grand in 2007.

was out of tune. But that did not stop me from playing. I did notice that the boys in the section were not too pleased when I beat them out of their chair and moved up. I don't remember when I got to third chair but no one took it away from me.

I gave Buford Bunnell some problems at times for his second chair. Couldn't beat Chuck Erwin though.

Fred Ebbs did what no other teacher could. I never studied in high school. Yet I graduated in the upper ten percent of the class. Ebbs pushed my potential. Discipline and hard work along with praise when I needed it. My shining hour came when he featured a trumpet trio which included Chuck Erwin, Buford Bunnell and me when we went on the New York tour in 1947 and played for Edwin Franko Goldman.

There were times when Fred Ebbs would take me into his office to have a chat about my music accomplishments and my behavior, which didn't always mesh. I was very immature. He commented on my intelligence, often having me tutor students who were not doing well in classes I excelled in such as foreign language and English. We could not go on tour if our grades were not to his satisfaction. He was a marvelous teacher. I used many of his tactics when I was a teacher.

Lola Stewart, on the other hand, spoke to me just before graduation. I don't even remember what she taught. I just remember she was always well-dressed, neat, well-coiffed and always asked me how everything was going. She always seemed interested in what I was doing. She then told me that she had been requested to

monitor me because I was considered a troublemaker. Only, she said, I was no trouble at all. I was glad to hear that.

What was it like being a flight attendant at American Airlines?

What was it like to work for the airline? In the beginning HP (America West Airlines) trained the employees to be cross-utilized. That is, not every employee started out as a flight attendant. One had to apply for the many positions and departments. At first, we were offered Commissary and Gates. I started out at Commissary. We cleaned out and loaded the bins for the different aircraft and took out the garbage – the dirtiest job ever. Every three months we could bid on jobs according to seniority. If you changed departments one had to reapply (like a new job) and be interviewed when there was an opening. Last thing I ever dreamed would be that I could be a flight attendant. My expertise was ticketing from my experience as a travel agent, utilizing all the training as a travel agent and studying all the memos sent to the airline from FAA. Anyway, I applied and interviewed for every position in every department except flight attendant. I was convinced I was too old! Then two male ex-flight attendants from PanAm who were working as ticket agents urged me to apply for FA. In fact, they bet (\$50) me that if I applied, I would be approved for training. I laughed. I was 61 years old, I would never be approved. Not only was I approved, I made it through.

Then the airline went bankrupt. Fortunately, with my seniority when the airline was back in business I made the cutoff for employment with the ability to keep my FA status. Being a FA was as exciting and as interesting as I expected it. Then the Regional Sales Department needed a Secretary substitute while she was on maternity leave. With all my previous experience airline and travel agency was selected to replace her as well as open two City Ticket Offices at the Frontier and Riviera Hotels. What a privilege!

While at the Riviera Hotel I was interviewed for the MGM Grand Arena.

How did you decide to attend the HHS Alumni Association dinner in April? Did you enjoy the experience?

I had planned to attend the Picnic that was planned in the summer. Unfortunately I fell and fractured my right kneecap. After I was healed I then made plans to visit my relatives in Indiana and Michigan. Then I noticed there was Ho Hi Alumni Meeting during the same week. So I just put the date on my calendar. My son, Wayne, was with me and was pleased to see a couple of his classmates there too.

Alumni Spotlight (continued)

Do you have any suggestions for high school students today for choosing a career?

Probably any suggestions I could give to students has been said over and over again from generation to generation from parents, educators and other alumni. Do your very best during your school days. One cannot stop or save time for later or do it over. First take as many courses as you can possibly fit into your schedule whether you think you can use the material or not. Join as many activities and organizations as you can. Be active. I have overheard many students complain they will probably never use a particular subject, so why bother. Wonder where they got their crystal ball. I never had one.

College is not for everyone. One definitely needs it for certifications in careers such as doctors, lawyers, etc. What one does not get in high school are trades such as plumbing, carpentry, electricity. Maybe that's for you. If you can't decide after graduation like me, I suggest taking (after H.S.) courses like time management, budgeting and finance, business law and taxes. Keep on expanding your education. Look for community colleges for some courses that are affordable. Some insurance companies provide health programs such as diet and food preparation and exercise classes. I took a free course at H&R Block and they gave me a job opportunity (which I took for a couple of years) and I



Ellen (right) with Kathy and Joe, her America West flight crew in 1991.

was introduced to someone who introduced me to Sam's Club doing product demos (had lots of fun doing that). Be active in community organizations such as scouting, sports and church.

In fact I never thought I would live past 65 and here I am 87 (July '17) and still working.

The biggest problems I see today for teens are drug and cellphone addictions. God gave each of us a body, a mind and a spirit. Take care of them. Nurture them. That's all. The rewards are great and life is wonderful!



The Hobart High School Band marching downtown at 3rd and Main Streets, in 1945.



Ellen subbing with the Portage High School pep band in 1969, under Martin Sensenbaugh.

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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 1977 40th REUNION (July 9, 2017)

Hobart Class of 1977 we need your addresses. We will not be doing a mail out, only social media. So if you know of a class member who is not on social media please let them know what is going on and they can get a hold of me. Reunion is 7/9/2017. Thanks, Eleanor Ensign, el3an0r1st@hotmail.com.

COMBINED REUNION FOR THE CLASSES OF 1987, 1988 and 1989 (July 21-22, 2017)



The poster for the Hobart High School Class of 1987 30 Year Class Reunion features a cartoon character of a man in a yellow shirt and purple pants. The text on the poster includes:

HOBART HIGH SCHOOL
Class of 1987
30 YEAR CLASS REUNION

Golf Outing
Friday, July 21, 2017, 9AM
\$35/per person
Dusk Creek Golf Course
638 N 700 W, Hobart, IN 46342
Golf Package includes 18 holes of golf, a six pack of beer and a hotdog and chips at the turn.
Participation is not limited to '87 classmates
FREE SK Run/Walk - Saturday, July 22 at 8AM - Meet at HMS Theatre doors

Casual Dinner / Concert in the Park
Saturday, July 22, 2017, 5PM
\$55/per person
Hobart Community Center
111 East Old Ridge Road, Hobart
Private concert by The Crawlpuddles with Mike Curtis at 8PM in Festival Park
Ticket includes dinner, concert, beer & water

Purchase tickets at www.Eventbrite.com
search for **Hobart High School Class of 1987**

OR.... Complete the order form below and mail along with a check payable to "HHS Class of '87" to: Lorie Sassman-Leonard, 51 N Michigan Avenue, Hobart, IN 46342

Name: _____

Attending Golf Outing _____ X \$35 = Total \$ _____

Attending Dinner / Concert _____ X \$55 = Total \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

SK Run / Walk _____ X FREE = Total # Participants _____

These events will also include the HHS classes of '88 & '89

The HHS Class of 1987 will have its 30-year class reunion on July 21 and 22, 2017. Golf outing on Friday, July 21, and a casual dinner plus a concert in the park on Saturday, July 22. You can purchase tickets at Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hobart-high-school-class-of-1987-30-year-class-reunion-tickets-34163560128?aff=eac2>.

See the poster at the left for more information, or contact Lorie Sassman-Leonard at lorleonard@msn.com.

The HHS Class of 1989 Website has been updated with the full itinerary and registration link for our Combined Class Reunion with the Classes of 1987, 1988 and 1989! Class of 1989 - please register as soon as you can, we are looking for headcounts by June 30!

All three classes: visit <http://www.brickies1989.com/>. On this page, there are separate RSVP links for the classes of 1987, 1988 and 1989.

CLASS OF 1997 20th REUNION (September 8, 2017)

The Hobart High School Class of 1997 would like to announce that they will be celebrating their 20 year reunion on Friday, September 8, 2017, at the Hobart Community Center located at 111 E. Old Ridge Road in Hobart, Indiana. You can get more information on our Facebook page by searching @hobartclassof1997 on Facebook or follow this link to our event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/301297820254394/?ti=as>. You may also contact April Peek (Barbera) by email at abarbera@uss.com. Hope to see everyone in September!!

CLASS OF 1962 55th REUNION (September 9, 2017)

The HHS Class of 1962 is celebrating our 55th year class reunion. It will be held September 9, 2017 at Innsbrook Country Club, 6701 Taft St., Merrillville, IN 46410 from 6:00 P.M. - 12:00 P.M. If anyone has any questions, please contact Bonnie Kittredge Adams at email: badams9783@gmail.com or cell: 734-775-7562!

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CLASS OF 1967 50th REUNION (September 23, 2017)

The HHS Class of 1967 has set the date and venue for their 50th Class Reunion. The date of the "Main Event" is Saturday, September 23, 2017. The venue is: Innsbrook Country Club, 6701 Taft Street Merrillville, IN. More details regarding the full weekend celebration are forthcoming. '67 Classmates: Please join the "official and closed" website hobartindianabrickies67.com. Questions? Contact the '67 Reunion Crew at: hobartbrickies1967@gmail.com.

REGULAR CLASS GET-TOGETHERS:

CLASS OF 1956: We meet on the last Saturday of every even-numbered month at the Paragon Restaurant. Contact Mary Jo Hopkins at mjhoppy@comcast.net.

CLASS OF 1958: We have a luncheon on the 3rd Saturday of every month at the Lake Park Restaurant on Old Ridge Road in Hobart at 1:00 PM. Hope to see more HHS1958 alumni there. Contact Larry Koziol at lkoziol@ameritech.net.

CLASS OF 1960: We have a luncheon on the 2nd Saturday of every month at the Lake Park Restaurant on Old Ridge Road in Hobart at 1:00PM. Hope to see more HHS1960 alumni join us. Contact Linda Quinlan Koziol at lkoziol@ameritech.net.

CLASS OF 1964: We have a breakfast brunch on the second Saturday of every month at the Lake Park Restaurant, 7 E. Old Ridge Road in Hobart, from 11am to 1pm. Hope to see more 1964 alumni there. Contact Marsha Longacre Shabi at marbi22@juno.com.

Recent Obituaries (since our April 2017 newsletter; in PDF form, these are links to each classmate's In Memory page)

JUNE 2017:

[Larry Rosenbaum, Class of 1960](#)
[Carol Melnyk Eberhardt, Class of 1958](#)
[Rita Hughes Michaels, Class of 1942](#)
[Jack Treadway, Class of 1946](#)
[Clifford Fackler \(Teacher\)](#)
[Henry "Hank" Buczek, Class of 1947](#)

MAY 2017:

[James Crouch, Class of 1966](#)
[Ella Kannowski Frum, Class of 1971](#)
[Barbara Chirila Ortiz, Class of 1956](#)
[Cecil "Bud" Hamilton, Class of 1943](#)
[Donald Govert, Class of 1949](#)
[Cathie Jacobs Billhardt, Teacher](#)
[Sarah Rivera Gedda, Class of 2008](#)
[JoAnne Greener Schinella, Class of 1976](#)
[Margaret Watts, Staff](#)

APRIL 2017:

[Marjorie Smallwood Shepley, Class of 1951](#)
[Ronald \(Ron\) King, Class of 1965](#)
[Michael Cary, Class of 1964](#)
[James Ewigelben, Class of 1951](#)
[David Zeller, Class of 1962](#)
[Roberta "Bobbi" Reha Knouff, Class of 1963](#)
[Dorothy Cox Woodruff, Class of 1962](#)
[Jean Darling Humbert, Class of 1958](#)
[William \(Bill\) Horst, Class of 1954](#)
[Laura \(Laurie\) Larson Hudson, Class of 1975](#)
[James Henderson, Class of 1943](#)

(OLDER OBITUARIES RECENTLY RECEIVED)

FEBRUARY 2017:

[Ronald Lovall, Class of 1962](#)

JANUARY 2017:

[Brad Smith, Class of 1962](#)

NOVEMBER 2016:

[Rosemary Koselke Fasel, Class of 1946](#)

SEPTEMBER 2015:

[Kathy Noble Loser, Class of 1963](#)

APRIL 2015:

[Arlene Tarchala Schuler, Class of 1955](#)

JANUARY 2015:

[Rose Lee Ewigleben Williams, Class of 1956](#)

DECEMBER 2014:

[Donna Vasil Akin, Class of 1963](#)

SEPTEMBER 2014:

[Sharon Hrapcak Schroeder, Class of 1963](#)

AUGUST 2014:

[Donald Treadway, Class of 1945](#)

MAY 2014:

[Ken Ruel, Class of 1963](#)

APRIL 2014:

[Marie Koritko King, Class of 1963](#)

JANUARY 2014:

[Charles \(Chuck\) Springman, Class of 1963](#)

APRIL 2012:

[Ed Broda, Class of 1963](#)

SEPTEMBER 2011:

[Dorothy Treadway Whelan, Class of 1948](#)

JANUARY 2011:

[William \(Bill\) Teer, Class of 1963](#)

JUNE 2010:

[Betty Bolton Bingham, Class of 1963](#)

APRIL 2010:

[Peggy Trail Hill, Class of 1963](#)

JANUARY 2010:

[Wayne Hall, Class of 1963](#)

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 April 2017 newsletter)

LIFETIME MEMBERS

Richard Gross (1957)
 Gorjean Quarles Quick (1963)
 Don Rogers (Coach)
 Jackie Rogers (Teacher)

ANNUAL MEMBERS

Antoinette Banaski Hood (1963)
 Ronald Smith (1961)

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

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Paul Addison, Class of 1970..... *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

Tracy Brumley, *Dean of Students, Hobart High School*
Lynn Sheets Kostbade, Class of 1966

STUDENT MEMBERS

Danielle Hill, Class of 2018

From the 1947 HHS *Memories* Yearbook, 70 Years Ago

Our *Alumni Spotlight* subject, Ellen Campos Schenk, graduated in 1947, and played in the HHS band under Fred Ebbs. And on October 7 during Homecoming weekend, all Hobart band alumni are invited to play a special concert commemorating the 50th anniversary of the HHS band's appearance at the Midwest Band Clinic in Chicago (at which Fred Ebbs was a guest conductor). So, we thought it would be fitting to include a two-page spread of the Hobart High School Band from the 1947 yearbook. Ellen can be seen standing at the left of the back row in both the Band Officers picture, and in the picture of the Cornet section.

FREDERICK C. EBBS
Director

THE HOBART HIGH

The school year of 1946-47 will probably remain in our memories for some time to come as the most colorful in the history of the Hobart High School Concert Band. From the first day of school it was apparent that this would be the year of big events. Climaxing a brilliant marching season were performances for Big Nine football games at Ann Arbor, Michigan and Bloomington, Indiana. Over 100,000 people witnessed these games and cheered the band for its thrilling routines on melodies by Victor Herbert.

Two weeks after the football season ended, the fall "pop" concert was given, and a few days later the band journeyed to Fort Wayne for a joint concert and clinic with the famous Fort Wayne North Side High School A Capella choir. Finishing the old year with a Christmas convocation and starting the new year with a concert at Ross Township, the organization turned to intensive work in preparation for its winter concert and the visit of the great Dr. Edwin Franko Goldman.

New adventure for the Hobart band followed with an eastern tour in April. The climax of a number of thrilling appearances was that in the Juilliard School of Music in New York City at which Dr. Goldman again lauded the band for its achievements. Although it had appeared many times throughout the West and Middle-west, this marked the band's first appearance east of Ohio. Returning home on April 20 the band immediately entered contest competition, and shortly after closed the school year with a spring concert.

Yes, the school year of 1947 has kept the Hobart band very busy, but through it all has been the privilege of representing a fine school, a fine community, and a great field of endeavor—music endeavor.

(Pictures to right)

SCHOOL CONCERT BAND

CLARINETS—1st row: J. DeMers, P. Bunnell, M. Richmond, L. Kaplan, R. Galovic, and C. A. Krulik. 2nd row: P. Watkins, J. Mitchell, J. A. Geddes, N. Pyatt, T. Stewart, J. Wright, and J. Dignin. 3rd row: D. Harrison, J. Baumer, E. Callaway, J. Schwachow, D. Stanley, F. Zajec, and G. Hamilton.

DRUMS—P. Koenig, A. Abel, W. Greene, J. Rusek, and P. Darling.

CORNETS—Seated: W. Bloom, M. Erickson, M. Schenck, M. Ehlers, and A. Larson. Standing: E. Campos, J. Belkove, J. Rice, C. Erwin, B. Bunnell, and S. McGlin.

BAND OFFICERS

Seated: T. Bishop, N. Pyatt, C. Erwin, A. Abel, J. Shurr, S. Schoon, and V. Matovich. Standing: E. Campos, T. Stewart, W. Stonebraker, E. Callaway, R. Goodwin, B. Bunnell, R. Miller, A. Talbot, and J. Tiffany.



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