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Paul Throne to be Honored at the Football Game Friday, September 22 and the BrickieFest Picnic Saturday, September 23

Coach Paul Throne has announced that he and his wife Ruth will be moving to Florida in early October. Coach Throne, who has lived in Hobart since he and Ruth moved here in 1949, will be honored at two events during the weekend of September 22 and 23.

We will honor Paul Throne at halftime of the football game against Kankakee Valley on Friday, September 22. We plan to have a tent set up with chairs so people can come by and see Paul. There will be a section of bleachers roped off so people can visit.

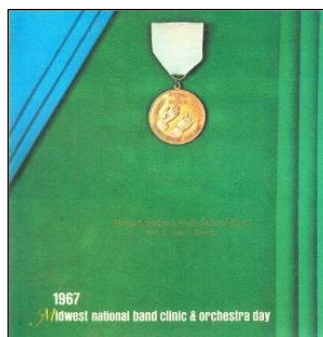
Coach Throne will also be attending the BrickieFest Picnic on Saturday, September 23 at Brickie Bowl. The Picnic runs from 12 noon to 3 pm, and Coach Throne will be there from 1:00 to 3:00.

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 by clicking Class Reunions on our website. 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!

Come and wish Coach Throne well at the football game and/or the BrickieFest Picnic, before he and Ruth leave for Florida!

New Rehearsal Times for Alumni Band Concert on Homecoming Saturday, October 7 at HMS



The Alumni Band Concert on Saturday, October 7 will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the band's performance at the Midwest Band Clinic.

The concert will be held at Hobart Middle School (formerly the high school on 8th Street) Auditorium at 7:30 pm, followed by a reception for the public, courtesy of the HHS Alumni Association.

The rehearsal times have changed from previous announcements. We will rehearse from 4:00 to 6:00 in the afternoon, followed by dinner for the band members. The concert will feature numbers that were performed at Midwest in 1967, including "Third Suite" and the "Walt Disney Overture".

There is still time for alumni band members to sign up to play in the concert, but we need to hear from you by Monday, September 11, so that we can get music to you to practice. Please RSVP by email to: band@hobartalumni.org, and reply with your name, class year, and instrument, and mailing address.

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



Alumni Spotlight

Candee Sweet Warren, Realtor and Musical Entertainer

Our Alumni Spotlight column features Candee Sweet Warren, Class of 1974, who is a realtor with McColly Real Estate, a part-time musical entertainer, and has also been a bookseller in both Indiana and Florida. Candee's story starts here:

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

Currently, I'm a full time Realtor. My training in the family business enabled me to understand client needs and have a servant's heart to assist them.



Candee playing and singing, mostly '70s songs and old standards.

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

My desire when I graduated High School was to become a large animal vet, so naturally I enrolled at Purdue University. This is where I discovered that as much as I love working "With" animals, I really didn't want to work "In" them. It was then that I decided to go to music school. I'd been singing and playing since I was 2 years old. So, I enrolled at Valparaiso University in their music program. Coming from a musical family I tested very high for natural ability but realized that there was so little I could do with a Musical degree unless I wanted to teach and teaching was not my passion.

At that time, I realized my need for Christ and felt led of God to open a Christian Bookstore. First here in Indiana then in Florida, for a total of 20 years. Our store in Florida was in a major mall and at the time

considered one of the top 100 Christian Bookstores in the country. I was elected and served on the board of the International Christian Booksellers Association. I finished my Bachelor's Degree in Business at the University of South Florida. Coming back to Indiana was something I never thought I'd do, but 19 years ago I did exactly that. We sold the Christian Bookstore and I became my mother's caregiver which was my honor until she went home to be with Jesus. Then, I dusted off my college degree and looked for a job but found that what I considered my worth was not what the market would bear. I'd always been interested in homes and real estate, so I gave myself 2 years to "give it a fair shot", and here I am over 13 years a very busy and very grateful real estate agent.

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

I'd been raised to love music, and just being able to play at a high level was my constant in the band. When I was in the Hobart Band, both the concert and marching band were still very well known around the country and it gave me a sense of pride to be associated with the program. Highlights were when I was allowed to be a "roadie" on the Europe trip (I was still at the Jr. High but they had a couple of empty



Candee and some of her Hobart High School band friends (L to R): Penny Friedlein Thomas, Candee, Tina Santacroce Meanovich, Debbie Hamilton, Pam Ketchum Caldwell, Jean Paxton



Candee at a Fleetwood Mac concert.

seats). Going to Montreaux, Switzerland to the Montreaux Jazz Festival remains one of the fondest memories of my life. The surprising thing about being in Band is that my band mates and band directors are still my friends after all these years.

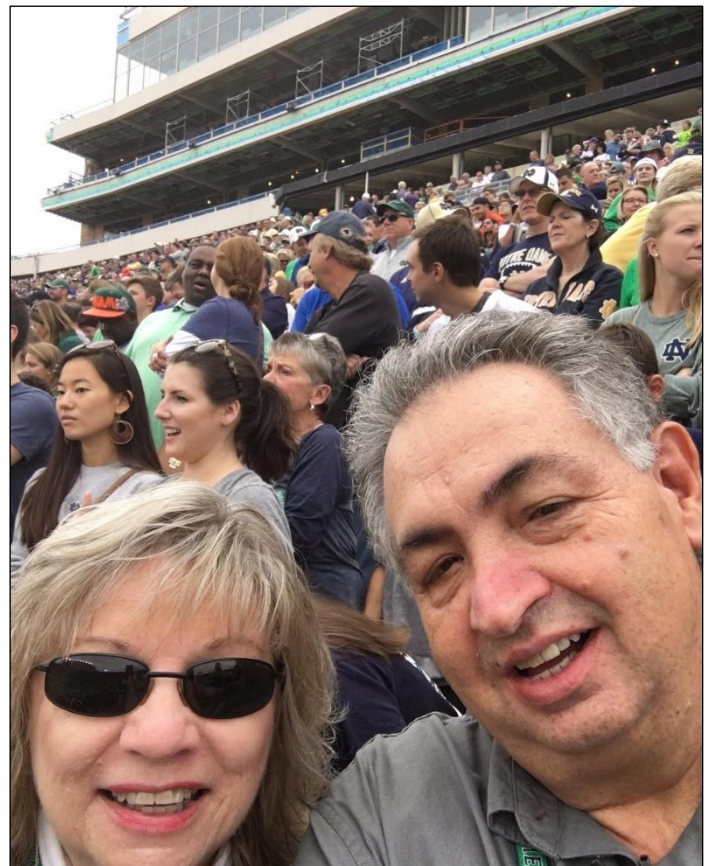
Your father owned San Remo Restaurant, right? What do you remember about it?

My father owned San Remo with a partner, Leonard Blair, who passed away in the early 60's. Then our family became the sole owners. Dad's first restaurant was in the 1930's in downtown Hobart called Al's Hamburgers. He sold it when WWII broke out to serve in the Air Force. After the war, he and Leonard (who owned the Blue Star Grocery Store in Hobart) bought a supper club in Gary on 5th Ave called Palm Grove. They bought the YMCA cafeteria in Gary, then bought the Sorrento Inn, renamed it San Remo and moved it to Griffith from Highland. As a small child, my father took Lennie and me to work with him on the weekends and taught us the restaurant business from the ground up. We stood on milk crates and chopped onions and carrots, peeled eggs and washed dishes. We both worked every weekend and sometimes during the week if someone called off. In the summers, we floated

from restaurant to restaurant to cover vacations. My father was one of the restaurant people invited to assist in the start of the Restaurant School at Purdue, so Lennie and I received that same education from him. Both Lennie and I loved working with our family in the restaurants.

I remember your brother Lennie as a musician. Did he keep playing after high school?

Our mother was a concert pianist with perfect pitch and had the talent you only read about in books. She taught us how to listen to music, compose music, sing and play every instrument from the violin to the bagpipes. It was very important to her that we carry on the musical legacy of our family. Lennie became an amazing guitar player. Not just rock'n roll but jazz and classical as well. He taught me how to sing better and harmonize. He played with many bands over the years and brought perfection to everyone he came in contact with. Fortunately for me, he liked to play and sing with me also. The last band we were in, we had the opportunity to play for the NHRA (National Hot Rod Association) national meets. It was lots of fun. Lennie passed away a few years ago.



Candee and her husband Ron at a Notre Dame football game last year.

Are you planning to play in the Alumni Band Concert during Homecoming weekend?

Not sure yet. I still play piano and sing professionally but the flute I only use occasionally. Don't think I could keep up with the rest of the band.

Do you have any suggestions for high school students today who want to go into real estate?

Real estate is one career that the only person who dictates what you earn is you. My experience is that many people think there is a lot of money to be made in real estate but lack the discipline and work ethic to make themselves work without a paycheck coming in every week. My first paycheck came 8 months after I began my career. I realized early on that putting the

needs of my clients ahead of my need for a paycheck paid off in the long run.

Also, to do real estate properly, you work 7 days a week many weeks. You need a supportive family to work the crazy real estate schedule. However, the most misunderstood thing about real estate is that it is hard work. Finding clients who want to buy and sell, marketing properties, negotiating offers, maneuvering through home inspections, satisfying lenders and appraisers, and holding the hands of the people you work for while they are buying and selling the biggest asset most of them will ever have in their life. It is an awesome responsibility and should not be taken lightly.

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 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!

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.

CLASS OF 1978 40th REUNION (September 29, 2018)

The Class of 1978 will be holding their 40th class reunion on September 29, 2018, at the Moose Lodge at 5:00. Planning meetings are under way with the next one being held at the Moose Lodge on August 23, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Classmates interested in planning the reunion are welcome to attend. Kristy Rosenbaum is the contact person for the class and questions can be emailed to her at lkcrose@comcast.net.

REGULAR CLASS GET-TOGETHERS:

CLASS OF 1956: We meet on the last Saturday of every month at 9:00 am, 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 July 2017 newsletter;
in PDF form, these are links to each classmate's In Memory page)

SEPTEMBER 2017:

[Kellylynn \(Kelly\) Caldwell Landgraf, Class of 1989](#)

AUGUST 2017:

[Gary Shear, Class of 1966](#)

[Barbie Scott, Class of 1975](#)

[Mary Duffy Collins, Teacher](#)

[Jeannine Sawyer Kupec, Class of 1951](#)

[Brian Rushing, Class of 1993](#)

[Cynthia Ballog Paitsell, Class of 1959](#)

JULY 2017:

[William Gregory \(Teacher\)](#)

[Ann Oglesby Atwell, Class of 1961](#)

[Sandy Shirk Manning, Class of 1975](#)

[Bill Bodnar, Class of 1967](#)

[Ron Thoreson, Class of 1964](#)

[Maria Kucko Cowsert, Class of 1958](#)

[Peggy Missal Whiting, Class of 1962](#)

[Natalie Murchek Pascente, Class of 1987](#)

[MaryAnn Cicillian Popp, Class of 1946](#)

[Bob Wayman, Class of 1981](#)

[Kurt Imboden, Class of 1979](#)

[Steve Piornack, Class of 1967](#)

[Jeff Erbe, Class of 1980](#)

JUNE 2017:

[Joseph \(Kelly\) Cieskiewicz, Class of 1982](#)

DECEMBER 2016:

[Rose Mary Gant Adams, Class of 1969](#)

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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 July 2017 newsletter)

ANNUAL MEMBERS

Dorothy "Dee" Ballantyne Eastwood (1958)

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:

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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
Cade Brumley, Class of 2018
Lillian Kollross, Class of 2019
James Corgan, Class of 2019

From the 1917 HHS Aurora Yearbook, 100 Years Ago

The Hobart High School Orchestra in 1917, under the direction of Helen Kolb, a 1913 graduate of Indiana University. Current HHS Band Director Brian Grenier has recently reinstated an orchestra program at Hobart. Visit the Hobart Bands and Orchestra Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/HobartBandsOrchestras/>.





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Check one: New member ____ Renewal ____

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 _____

(Renewing members only need to fill out the following if anything has changed)

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