



# The Brick & Mortar Board

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## BrickieFest Homecoming Picnic at the Brickyard September 15

Mark your calendars for September 15! The all-class BrickieFest Picnic will be held on Saturday of Hobart's Homecoming Football weekend, from 12 noon to 3:00 pm, and this year's picnic will be at the Brickyard (the football stadium behind Hobart High School on East 10<sup>th</sup> Street).

All alumni are invited to the picnic! Hot dogs, brats, chips and bottled water will be served free of charge by the HHS Alumni Association.

The Homecoming football game will be on Friday evening, September 14, against Andean High School. The game starts at 7:00. Come for the weekend: cheer for the Brickies on Friday night, and meet your friends at the BrickieFest picnic on Saturday!



*Last year's BrickieFest Picnic was held at Brickie Bowl.  
This year, the picnic will be at the Brickyard.*

***John Mattix Discusses the Mattix/Hobart Legacy at the HHSAA Annual Meeting (page 4)***

### Alumni Spotlight

## Greg Heuer, Clarinetist and Woodworker



*Linda at the door of hers and Greg's home on the road.*

Our *Alumni Spotlight* this issue is on Greg Heuer, Class of 1965. Greg played in the band program at Hobart High School started his career as a music educator. Then his career took a turn, and he has been the National Director at the Architectural Woodwork Institute in Washington, DC until his retirement last year.

Our interview with Greg starts here.

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*Where are you living now and what are you doing these days?*

My wife, Linda Gamble, and I live on the lea side of the Blue Ridge of central Virginia in a small rural community between Charlottesville and Lynchburg. We are both retired from formal

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*Greg Heuer directing the Hobart High School Band in his senior year.*

occupations, and still volunteer with a number of groups. Linda continues teaching selected voice and piano students, as she has done for 45 years. While we have the health and energy we are traveling everywhere we can pulling our Airstream behind us. Next year, our 50th anniversary, we will take the Queen Mary II to Europe to celebrate in Paris and London.

*What were your experiences with the Hobart bands when you were in school?*

Our class was fortunate to have some of the best Conductors. As a result we small-town kids experienced a wide range of fine music, including classics, popular, show tunes, and band standards. The most long lasting memories are those of the “bonding” between bandsmen of that era. We toured to other schools and broadened our world view as a result. Personally I was selected to serve as Drum Major for the Marching Bands, both in Jr. High and High School. I got my training at Drum Major Camp in Indiana, with over a 100 aspiring DMs from all over the midwest. Mr. Rogers appointed me student conductor of the HS Band my senior year. All of this experience as helped me over the years, and I would not have had it except for Band.

*Who are some of the classmates you remember, or have kept in touch with over the years?*

Because our family moved away from Hobart during my first year of college, I never “came home” to visit. I lost track of many of my friends and, in the era before social media, had no clever way to reconnect. Over the years both Sherman Wilcox and David Metz have been the brothers I never had, and we’ve stayed in touch.

Bill Keller, Jerry Dodgson and I were privileged to go to Philmont Scout Camp in 1961 for leadership training. Skills I learned in Scouting have shaped my life.

After 50 years apart I’ve recently reconnected with Nancy Walker and Mary (Ratliff) Higbee, one on each coast of the USA. Sharing both memories and life events with these folks makes me smile.



*Bill Keller, Jerry Dodgson, Al Heuer, and Greg prepare for camp trip to Philmont in New Mexico.*

*Could you trace your path from Hobart High School to where you are now?*



I went to the University of Michigan to study Band with William D. Revelli. How could I do otherwise, coming from Hobart, eh? Once again, I was fortunate to arrive in the glory days of the UM Band program. The faculty was made up of the musical stars from the Chicago Symphony, the best talent in America attracted by the premier music school in the Midwest.

Graduating in 1969, I was recruited by Belleville High School, between Ann Arbor and Detroit, as Conductor of Bands. Like HHS, BHS Bands were founded in the late 1920s. The director/founder was Nicholas Falcone, then the conductor of bands at the Univ. of Michigan. Dr. Revelli replaced Dr. Falcone at UM in 1936-37. I became Chairman of the Music Dept. at BHS, leaving in 1973 to join Linda in working for the Harrah family in Reno, NV. I was musical director for the Junior Light Opera and American Stage Festival in Reno for three years.



*How did you get involved with woodworking, and what are you doing with it lately?*

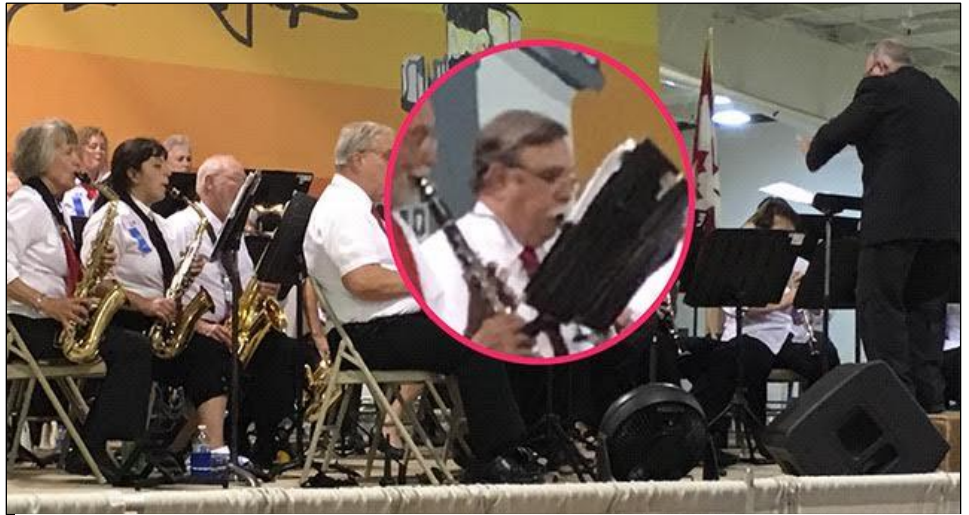
I got “back to the bench” in late 1976 when my Dad, running his woodworking shop in Arlington, IL, asked me to come back to help. I had grown up next to Dad at the workbench. His hobby had gotten out of hand as we turned it in to a full-fledged Chicagoland architectural woodwork manufacturing firm, based in Schaumburg. We joined the local Chapter of the Architectural Woodwork Institute, and I became an officer. Because I love to teach, I helped educate Chicagoland architects in the use of fine woodwork on their projects.

This brought me to the attention of the National Architectural Woodwork Institute (AWI) leadership. I was recruited to join the Washington, DC, office of the professional staff of AWI in 1987. We moved to Virginia, and I worked at AWI until retirement in 2016. As Technical Director, I travelled all over the US and Canada teaching courses in woodworking and served as editor of three books on woodwork standards over 20 years.

My small (20 x 40) shop on the lower level of our home is always buzzing with some sort of project, and smells refreshingly of cut pine and sawdust.

*What is the Airstream Band, and how did you get involved with that?*

50+ years later I’m still playing the clarinet and tenor sax, both in a small local orchestra and the Annual Airstream International Band. The Airstream Band gathers at locations all over the USA, arriving before the annual convention for “band week” during which we prepare the music for a number of performances at the convention. There will be 700+ Airstreams in Salem, Oregon, this year at the 61st annual rally. This year we’ll play an arrangement of Hollywood themes arranged by a classmate of mine at the U of M, John Higgins. We hope to perform for some good crowds.



*Greg Heuer performing with the Airstream Band.*

*Did any teachers or other people in the Hobart schools have a particular influence on your life?*

Yes, my mind races back to Jr. High with Robert Webb teaching me clarinet and Al Spriester conducting the Band. My inspiration to become a band director rests with Alvin Rogers and the longstanding traditions of excellence in the HHS Bands. From a personal development standpoint my best teacher was Mr. Scarborough. He instilled a love of history and taught me how to take notes effectively in outline form. I have used those skills every day since, in both my personal and professional life.



*Greg and Linda Heuer*

*What advice would you give to high school students today for planning their careers?*

Know the difference between a career and a job. Pursue something you love until you don’t. Don’t be afraid to work with your hands as well as your mind. Not everyone is cut out for college, explore trade schools, learn a portable craft. Make yourself indispensable until you’re 60 by asking, “How can I help? What’s next?” Then, make yourself replaceable by training the next generation to take over your career spot. Finally, treat the people you work for, the people you teach, and the people who work for you as ladies and gentlemen. Honor them and they will return the favor.

## John Mattix Discusses the Mattix/Hobart Legacy at Annual Meeting



John Mattix, Class of 1963 and Hobart High School football standout, was the guest speaker at the Hobart High School Annual Dinner Meeting on Friday, May 4, in the Great Hall at Hobart High School. Over 50 people attended the meeting. For more pictures, go to our website ([www.hobartalumni.org](http://www.hobartalumni.org)) and click on "Annual Meeting 2018 Photos".

John's talk was titled "The Mattix/Hobart Legacy". He talked about his football experience at Hobart High School, and his place in the well-known Mattix family. He talked about how he always felt "competent, not extraordinary", and yet, as Billy Joel once said, in a world of incompetence, that makes you extraordinary. He related experiences in which he and others could hear the voices of teachers and coaches telling him to be prepared, try again and try harder, and that sometimes you have to call another play.

The HHS Alumni Association announced the recipients of the 2018 scholarships, seniors Calynn Drobac and Cade Brumley. Board members for the next two years were elected: Paul Addison (President), Lynn Kostbade (Vice President), Tracy McCullough (Secretary) and Debra Opolski (Treasurer). Entertainment was provided by Dean Wolff's talented singing group Wolfgang, joined by an Elvis impersonator for the last three songs.



*The Mattix family today: Josie, Bob, John and Dave in the back row, and Lori Lencheck and Connie Mattix in front.*

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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](mailto: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](http://www.hobartalumni.org).

### **CLASS OF 1968 50th YEAR REUNION (September 6-8, 2018)**

The Class of 1968 will hold its 50th year reunion on September 8, 2018, at River Pointe Country Club in Hobart. Save the date! Here is the tentative itinerary:

Thursday, 9/6: Possible Meet and Greet Mixer

Friday, 9/7, 7:00PM, Football

East Chicago Central (East Chicago, IN) at the Brickyard

Location: Hobart High School or/after, Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 783, 143 S Hobart Rd., Hobart, IN 46342  
(219) 942-9790

Saturday, 9/8

6:00 Social Hour, 7:00 Dinner (Cash Bar)

River Pointe Country Club, 6700 Country Club Road, Hobart, Indiana, 46342, (219) 942-2747

Cost \$75

Class Reunion Roundup (cont.)

**CLASSES OF 1952 AND 1953 COMBINED REUNION (September 14-16, 2018)**

The classes of 1952 and 1953 will celebrate their 65th and 66th year on Homecoming weekend, September 14-16. Here is the brief schedule:

- Friday, 9/14: PIZZA PARTY, Krull Towers, 4:30 to 8:00 pm
- Saturday, 9/15: REUNION, Ambassador Banquet Hall, 12:00 to 6:00 pm
- Sunday, 9/16: BREAKFAST, Paragon Restaurant, 9:30 am

To see the complete schedule, including the registration form, [download this document](#), then print it out and send it in with your check or money order, as soon as possible, but by September 1 at the latest.

There is a list on the website of [classmates who have not been located](#). If you have contact information for any of these classmates (address, phone number and/or email), please call Joyce (Dommer) Coleman at 219-464-2635.

**CLASSES OF 1972 AND 1973 COMBINED REUNION (September 15, 2018)**

Save the date! The classes of 1972 and 1973 will combine their reunion this fall, during Hobart High School's Homecoming weekend. The reunion will be September 15, 2018 at Hobart American Legion Post 54, 208 S. Linda Street in Hobart. Cocktails at 6:00 with cash bar. Dinner at 7. Cost will be \$20 each person. Please contact Leigh Huminsky, 219-942-5721 or send payment to Leigh Huminsky, 106 N. Illinois St., Hobart, IN 46342.

**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](mailto:lkcrose@comcast.net).

**CLASS OF 1969 50th REUNION (September 14, 2019)**

The Class of 1969 is having their reunion on September 14, 2019 at the Old Town Banquet Center, 711 Calumet Avenue in Valparaiso. Plans are underway and we would like to get as many addresses and email addresses as we can. We have a special email account set up and it is [classof69.50th@gmail.com](mailto:classof69.50th@gmail.com). We also have a Facebook page, [Hobart H.S. Class Of 1969 50 Yr Reunion](#). People from the class are encouraged to join the group. Mark your calendars!

**REGULAR CLASS GET-TOGETHERS:**

**CLASSES OF 1952 and 1953:** These combined classes meet every 2nd Thursday of the month at 9:00 am at the Paragon Restaurant. Contact Martha Jordan Nichols at [nurse56.1@netzero.net](mailto:nurse56.1@netzero.net).

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:marbi22@juno.com).



# 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) are:

## OFFICERS

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

## AT-LARGE MEMBERS

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

## STUDENT MEMBERS

Lillian Kollross, Class of 2019  
James Corgan, Class of 2019

## 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 2018 newsletter)

### LIFETIME MEMBERS

Connie Mattix  
Marcia McCord Ruess (1979)  
Patricia O'Hara Walls (1973)

### ANNUAL MEMBERS

Andrea Beluchak Fressle (1966)  
Todd Gleason (1993)  
David Kostbade (1996)  
David Kostbade, Jr. (2016)

Holli Smith Kostbade (1998)  
Lynn Sheets Kostbade (1966)  
Robert Kostbade (1966)  
Josie Berkes Mattix (1967)  
Robert Mattix (1967)  
Pauline Moll Neighbors (1945)  
Royce Peterson (1963)  
Sherry Oswald Peterson (1965)  
Steven Simms (1966)  
Charles Southard (1945)

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# Recent Obituaries

(since our April 2018 newsletter;  
in PDF form, these are links to each classmate's In Memory page)

## JUNE 2018:

[Margaret Miko MacKenzie, Class of 1972](#)

[Robert Addison, Class of 1966](#)

[Gail Zelenka Woods, Class of 1965](#)

[Donald LaVelle, Class of 1975](#)

[Gary Krischano, Class of 1958](#)

[Ted Milenkoff, Class of 1954](#)

[Connie Goldsworthy, Class of 1993](#)

## MAY 2018:

[Marlene Anderson Shupe, Class of 1968](#)

[Robert \(Bob\) Allen Ewing, Class of 1977](#)

[Michael \(Mike\) Sopko, Class of 1964](#)

[David "Larry" Johnston, Class of 1967](#)

[Edward \(Ed\) Esping, Class of 1967](#)

[Louis "Bud" Layhew, Class of 1967](#)

[James \(Jim\) Johnson, Class of 1963](#)

[Marietta Shelby Mills, Class of 1947](#)

[Robert \(Bob\) Killens, Class of 1948](#)

[Nancy Wean Scarborough, Teacher](#)

[Karen Porter, Class of 1973](#)

## APRIL 2018:

[Cynthia "Diane" Newman Donovan, Class of 1972](#)

[Jane Schwuchow White-Rowlas, Class of 1961](#)

[Fred Groomer, Class of 1954](#)

[Barbara Oglesby Coleman, Class of 1962](#)

[Alice Stevens Cline, Class of 1941](#)

[Rob Witt, Class of 1995](#)

[Ronnie Ritter, Class of 1957](#)

## MARCH 2018:

[Arlene Graham Specht, Class of 1944](#)

## (Older Obituaries Recently Received)

### DECEMBER 2017:

[Thomas Babcock, Class of 1968](#)

[Joyce Gullic Mathias, Class of 1950](#)

### NOVEMBER 2016:

[Roberta "Robin" Keefe Mosley, Class of 1971](#)

### APRIL 2016:

[James "Jack" Mathis, Class of 1954](#)

### JULY 2015:

[Rene Distell Galli, Class of 1956](#)

### JUNE 2015:

[Charles Bellinger, Class of 1957](#)

### MARCH 2015:

[Jennifer Powers, Class of 1993](#)

### FEBRUARY 2015:

[Alicia Dearing McAllister, Class of 1957](#)

### SEPTEMBER 2014:

[Mary Walter Hockman, Class of 1948](#)

### JANUARY 2013:

[Dan Pilipovich, Class of 1981](#)

### NOVEMBER 2012:

[Judith Lee Baillargeon, Class of 1956](#)

### OCTOBER 2012:

[Kenneth "Buzz" Keller, Class of 1946](#)

### MARCH 2010:

[David \(Dave\) Mullins, Class of 1974](#)



## Membership Application 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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