



**HASTINGS HIGH SCHOOL  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**RONALD WILSON LINDEMANN ATHLETIC  
HALL OF FAME**

**8th ANNUAL INDUCTION CEREMONY**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2008**





# RONALD WILSON LINDEMANN

## HHS ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

### *How it all began...*

The Ronald Wilson Lindemann Athletic Hall of Fame was established and dedicated on October 21, 2000, with the induction of 17 Hastings High School athletes.

The organization was the vision of Bernie O'Brien, class of 1950, as a living tribute to memorialize a man that touched his life and the lives of so many Hastings students during the 40s and 50s — former coach and athletic director Ronald W. Lindemann.

A work in progress for many years, Bernie's aspiration was to create a vehicle to honor former athletes and coaches, and he worked tirelessly and selflessly to do this. This year, his dream, now a reality, continues as we mark our eighth induction ceremony of the Hall of Fame, which has grown to 127 members with the addition of this year's inductees.

Bernie's plan did not end with the Hall of Fame. In fact, it was twofold. He resurrected a failed attempt to establish an alumni association and succeeded in creating the first official Hastings High School Alumni Association. It was formed to give back something to the school he dearly loved by presenting two year-end scholarships to outstanding, graduating athletes and students. Those two scholarships have now blossomed into four scholarships totaling \$10,000. The Association, ever growing and expanding, is currently in the process of creating an alternative level of honor in addition to sports, which will recognize those students who were outstanding in arts, literature, music and the sciences. Hastings High School has the distinct honor of having two Pulitzer Prize winners as graduates.

After many years at the helm, Bernie stepped down as director in 2006 and turned the reigns over to other capable and willing members. As a Hall of Fame member himself, Bernie now enjoys the fruits of his labor. Although he has sidelined himself, Bernie will always be the "go-to man," and his predecessors will continue to build on his dream.

We want to take this opportunity to say "thank you, Bernie" for bringing us all together tonight and for allowing us to be part of your vision and this wonderful organization. When we think of Bernie, we think of the motto he believes in so profoundly...

*"A School Without a Past Has No History".*

**Bernie O'Brien – Class of '50**



WELCOME  
to the  
**RONALD WILSON LINDEMANN  
HHS ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**

8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL INDUCTION CEREMONY & DINNER  
Saturday, October 11, 2008

The Riverview  
Hastings-on-Hudson, New York 10706  
6:00pm – 11:00pm

**PROGRAM**

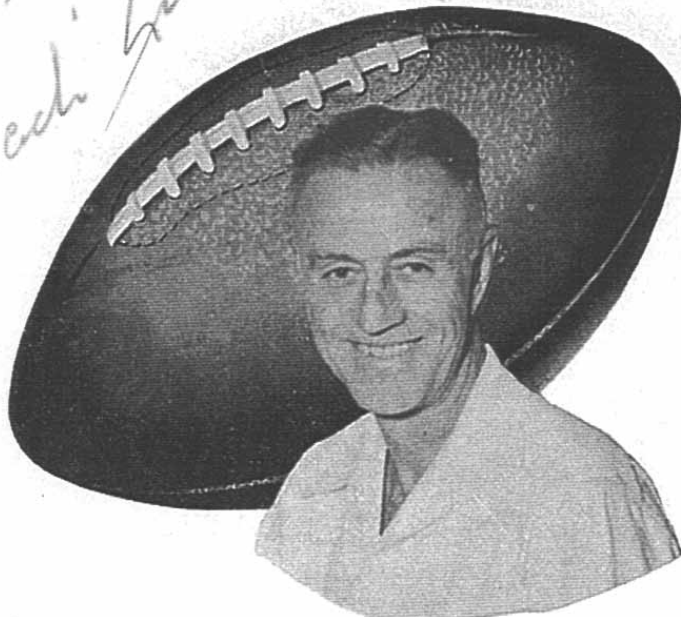
WELCOME  
INTRODUCTIONS  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE  
INVOCATION  
DINNER  
CLASS REPRESENTATIVES  
PRESENTATION OF 2008 INDUCTEES  
CLOSING REMARKS

Tonight we are extremely happy to be honoring eight former Hastings High School athletes and two former coaches by their induction to the athletic hall of fame.

Also in attendance this evening are alumni from the classes of 1952 and 1958 and a very, special guest of honor, Steve Macknowski, 1948 Olympic gold medalist and teammate of one of the inductees, Stephen Lysak '31.

Welcome honorees, hall of fame members, alumni, families and friends – we are delighted you are with us to celebrate this very special event.

My best  
Coach Lindeman



# RONALD WILSON LINDEMANN

## “COACH LINDY”

Born – May 12, 1901

Died – June 21, 1970

Physical Education Teacher/Coach/Administrator  
1929 – 1960

HHS Football Coach: 1944 – 1957

61 Wins

29 Losses

8 Ties

3 Undefeated/ Un-Tied Teams  
1944 – 1946 – 1949

Coach of the Year  
1949

### *The Hastings High School Alumni Association*

in grateful appreciation for your outstanding leadership and dedication, your devotion, sincerity, integrity and cheerful personality that was an inspiration to all who were privileged to have known you, we honor you with the Ronald W. Lindemann Athletic Hall of Fame - which will serve as your legacy. As a teacher, coach and friend, your inspiration and willingness to give of yourself was such a positive influence, not only to the athletes you coached, but to all students that you came in contact with. Although there were many outstanding faculty members who in their own way gave tremendous direction, guidance and knowledge during the 40'S and 50'S, "Coach Lindy" was involved with all students in the high school.



Honored Members of the  
Hastings High School

**RONALD WILSON LINDEMANN**  
Athletic Hall of Fame from 1931 - 2008

- |                                   |                                 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1931- Steven Lysak*               | 1949- Paul Cardaci*             |
| 1932- John Antku                  | 1949- William "Sonny" Kohl*     |
| 1937- John Lysak                  | 1949- William Pardy             |
| 1938- Stan Trypuc*                | 1949- Ivy Molloy*               |
| 1939- Paul (Red) Angelovich       | 1949- Raymond "Red" Miller      |
| 1939- George Rusnack *            | 1949- Don Jacobsen              |
| 1940- Bill Lancaster              | 1949- Manuel "Manny" Riberio    |
| 1941- Harold Titus                | 1949- Robert Breckles*          |
| 1942- Armond Carvalhov*           | 1950- Jack "Gondie" Carvalho*   |
| 1942- John MacCallum              | 1950- Steve "Terror" Ravinsky   |
| 1942- Dave Warner                 | 1950- John "Housie" Courtney*   |
| 1943- Jimmy "Jada" Slavin*        | 1950- Sue (Lindemann) Staropoli |
| 1943- Clarence Carney             | 1950- Bernie "O'B" O'Brien      |
| 1944- Julius Chemka               | 1951- Ann (Scully) Liebers      |
| 1944- Tony Ravinsky               | 1952- Tom Charton               |
| 1944- Gertha (Schlichter) Stelzl  | 1952- Margaret (Seman) Kopchik  |
| 1945- Lou Santora                 | 1952- Ann (Seman) O'Leary       |
| 1945- John Platenyk*              | 1952- Robert Marsh              |
| 1945- Jesse Lee (Pickett) Casey   | 1952- Constance (Edgar) Davis   |
| 1945- Doris Lee (Fiedler) Gilbert | 1953- Carol (Lindemann) Studley |
| 1945- Catherine (Farmer) Hosmer   | 1953- Joe "Bud" Wenzel          |
| 1945- George "Dee" DiChiara       | 1953- Betty Eckels              |
| 1946- Philip Klipp*               | 1954- Edward "Ed" Usher         |
| 1946- Erling Anderson             | 1954- John "Russ" Poli*         |
| 1946- Coral (Jander) Brown        | 1955- Eugene Mignogna           |
| 1947- Nelson MacCallum            | 1955- Regina (Rehack) Lockwood  |
| 1947- Pete DiChiara               | 1956- Tim Barnes                |
| 1948- Louis Rapolli*              | 1957- William Neely             |
| 1948- Jeanne (Fisher) Henry       | 1957- Wayne Landry              |
| 1948- Paul "Pinkey" Velez         | 1958- Richard Roman             |
| 1948- Anne (Zelonka) McLoughlin   | 1958- Carlton Einsel            |
| 1948- Ronnie Seetoo               | 1958- Eric "Tank" Kantor        |



1959- Mike Haugh  
1959- Lucien Reeburg\*  
1959- Werner Kleeman  
1959- Karl J. Wiehe  
1959- Joe Scaturro  
1960- Bern Richards  
1961- Arthur Fisher  
1961- Valerie (Frye) Harmon  
1961- Margery (Jenkins) Fisher  
1963- Richard Wiehe  
1963- Brian Davis  
1964- Lance Johnson  
1964- Steve Benchat  
1964- John Adams  
1964- Kenneth Aluisio  
1965- Joseph Kennedy  
1965- Beverly (Rohlehr) Colby  
1965- Donald W. Russell  
1965- William Cook  
1967- Andrea (Porucznik) Cleary  
1967- William Skibitsky  
1968- John Timmeny  
1969- Patrick "Patt" Burke  
1969- Stephen Cuppek, Jr.  
1969- Angelo Questo  
1970- Linda Forshaw  
1970- Ted Crawford  
1972- George Capuano  
1972- Nancy Maleska  
1974- Walter Brickowski  
1975- Charles "Chuck" Fleming\*  
1975- Karen (Koblosh) Flaherty  
1975- Kim (Koblosh) Thornton  
1975- Patricia "Pat" Sinatra  
1976- Mark Bingham  
1979- Catherine Cardaci  
1980- Tom Fleming  
1980- Bronwyn (Eaton) Wyrsh  
1980- Gina (Drumm) Frate  
1981- Mary Hurrell

1983- Eleanor Frankel  
1983- Christine (Vaccaro) Teel  
1983- Mary Pat (Lindner) Baily  
1986- Stefanie Parrott  
1987- Lee R. Kaiser  
1987- Thomas Guglielmo  
1988- James Kennedy  
1992- Melissa Paretti  
1993- Kate (Maggiotto) Mehok  
1993- Kelly (Moroch) Duffy  
1994- Jennifer Ryan  
1994- Jordan Wolff  
1996- Kathryn Dekas  
1997- Denise Harrington

#### Coaches

Richard "Dick" Bub  
John Costello  
Ida Menne\*  
Leroy Cochran\*  
John Dane\*  
Timothy Doyle\*  
Ronald Feaster  
Patricia Hicks  
Rosemary Eaton

\*Known Deceased

# **HHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

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**SELECTION COMMITTEE**  
**2008**

Richard "Dick" Bub – AD/Coach

John Costello – AD/Coach

Bruce Crandall – Coach

Mike Eckelman – Coach

Ronald Feaster – Coach

Peter Westrell – Coach

Elizabeth "Ibby" Rutherford – Coach

# RONALD WILSON LINDEMANN

## HHS Athletic Hall of Fame

### Inductee Presentations

October 11, 2008

On behalf of all the alumni, teachers and coaches, past and present, we commend each of you on your tremendous athletic accomplishments during your years at Hastings High School.

It is a combination of your commitment, hard work and outstanding athletic ability that affirms your induction to the Hall of Fame and allows you to join a prominent list of past inductees in this noteworthy association.

#### INDUCTEE

Thomas Guglielmo '87

Kim (Koblosh) Thornton '75

Nancy Maleska '72

Andrea (Porucznik) Cleary '67

Kenneth Aluisio '64

Gertha (Schlichter) Stelzl '44

Mrs. Rosemary Eaton – Coach

Mrs. Patricia Hicks – Coach

John Lysak '37

Stephen Lysak\* '31

#### PRESENTER

Mike Eckelman - Coach

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Peter Westrell - Coach

Stephen Cuppek, Jr. '69

John Costello - Coach

Anne McLoughlin - '48

Richard Bub - Coach

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Steve Macknowski

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## ***THOMAS GUGLIELMO - Class of 1987***



After graduating from HHS in 1987, Tom got his B.A. at Tufts University and his PH.D at the University of Michigan. While at Tufts, he played soccer and ran track and in 1991 he was a Division-III All American in the 400 meter hurdles.

Tom is presently an Associate Professor of American Studies at George Washington University. He writes and teaches about the history of race and immigration in the United States.

He still plays organized soccer and softball in Washington, D.C. where he lives and enjoys golf, hiking and backpacking.

Varsity Soccer – 3 years  
\*All League 1985  
\*All County 1986

Track & Field – 3 years  
\*All League 1986  
\*All County 1987  
HHS record holder for 400 meter intermediate hurdles – 55.7 sec

Track & Field @ Tufts University  
\*All American (Division-III), 1991  
\*All New England (Division I, II, III) 1988-1991



## ***KIM KOBLOSH THORNTON - Class of 1975***



Kim graduated from St. Bonaventure University in 1979 with a degree in physical education. She played 4 years of volleyball, which was in its first year as an organized sport in her freshman year, and she captained the team in her senior year. She also played 3 years of basketball for St. Bonaventure, earning Athlete of the Week as a sophomore. In 1976, the first year that St. Bonaventure gave out scholarships to a woman's team, Kim was chosen as a recipient.

Kim earned her masters degree from College of New Rochelle in Special Education in 1981 and a Certificate in Health Education in 2008.

She has taught physical education and coached varsity, junior varsity and modified levels for over 16 years at private, catholic and public schools. She is presently teaching at Dobbs Ferry HS/MS and coaching modified volleyball, basketball and softball.

While working in recreation at the Andrus Children's Home in Yonkers, Kim met her husband Deryl. They have been married for 26 years and have 5 children – Travis, Kyle, Brad, Luke and Lance. Kim says that "all of the children have followed in their athletic parents footsteps".

Varsity Field Hockey – 3 years  
Co-Captain – Jr & Sr Years

Varsity Volleyball – 4 years  
\*All County – '74  
\*All League – '74  
Co-Captain – Sr Year

Varsity Basketball – 4 years  
\*All County – '75  
\*All League – '75  
Co-Captain – Jr & Sr Years

Girls Track – '73 & 74

Co-Ed Volleyball – '74 & '75

Winged Foot Award – '75



## ***NANCY MALESKA - Class of 1972***



After graduation in 1972 and then another summer working at the Butch Chemka Pool, Nancy attended Dean Junior College in Franklin, Mass., as a physical education major. She received her Associate of Science degree in '74 and transferred to Manhattan College in Riverdale, NY. The "all-boys" college had just begun accepting women and two years later she became the first female to graduate with a Bachelor of Science in physical education. While attending Manhattan College, Nancy was inducted into Phi Epsilon Kappa, the physical education Honor Fraternity, and ran in the Penn Relays with the Manhattan College track team.

During college, Nancy worked at the newly opened Bloomingdales store in White Plains, and as a result, that was "the end of her desire to become a physical education teacher." She subsequently left Bloomingdales to work in the office/showroom of a high-end men's tailored clothing company in New York City. She continued working for a number of men's clothing companies before landing her job at Hickey Freeman & Bobby Jones, where she has been for the past 12 years.

Nancy "keeps in touch" with athletics through her job at Hickey Freeman, as they dressed the announcers of the YES network for 2 years. She attends The Masters Tournament every April to help sell the company's Bobby Jones men's & women's apparel for Augusta National Golf Club. She also takes a pilates class two or three times a week and gets lots of exercise walking her golden retriever. She was very active in her church, St. Stanislaus Kostka, until it closed.

Nancy is still living in the house that she grew up in, in Hastings, and states that "now the guy that she had a crush on when she was in 9th grade lives there with her."

Varsity Field Hockey – 4 years

Varsity Volleyball – 4 years

Track & Field – 4 years

\*Harlowe Memorial Award – 1969

\*NY State Assoc of Health, Physical Education & Recreation Fitness  
Leader Award.





## ***ANDREA PORUCZNIK CLEARY - Class of 1967***



After graduation from HHS in 1967, Andrea matriculated to Lehman College to study physical education. She played varsity sports in tennis, field hockey and fencing.

During the summer of 1971, she found love on the tennis court when she met Tom Cleary and they were married shortly thereafter. Andrea switched careers, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree from Ramapo College of NJ, in marketing and went on to earn her Masters of Business Administration degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Andrea has been employed by Verizon for the last 20 years. She and Tom have three children- Mara, Carrie and Una; and sports have always been a central focus for all of them. During the summer they enjoy sailing on Long Island Sound, she and her husband play tennis on a mixed doubles team and in the winter they take every opportunity to cross country ski. Andrea says that she "can't wait to get home every day to her family and sports."

Honors & First Team Field Hockey – 4 years

Honors & First Team Basketball – 4 years

Honors & First Team Volleyball – 4 years

Track & Field – '65, '66, '67

Winged Foot Award – 1966 & 1967



## ***KENNETH “Kenny” ALUISIO - Class of 1964***



Kenny graduated from HHS in 1964 and attended Ithaca College. During his senior year at Ithaca, he was captain of the track team.

After graduation, Kenny taught physical education in Riverhead, Long Island and also in Sag Harbor, where he met his future wife, Elaine.

Kenny left teaching to run the family owned and operated business, Hastings Electric and Hardware, in downtown Hastings. Kenny has two sons; his older son, Kenny, Jr. has joined him in the family business and his younger son, Jay, attends Hastings High School.

When not at the store, Kenny keeps himself busy playing racquetball and biking.

Varsity Basketball – 3 years  
\*Honorable Mention All County – 1964  
Captain – Sr. Year

Cross Country – 1961  
\*Letter

Varsity Track & Field – 3 years  
\*Letter  
Captain – Sr. Year



## ***GERTHA SCHLICHTER STELZL - Class of 1944***



After graduation, Gertha attended New York University. She received her degree in occupational therapy in January of 1949 and worked as an occupational therapist for over 20 years.

She retired when she was 63 years old and now is somewhat of a globetrotter, spending her winters in Naples, Florida, her summers in Lake Peekskill, NY and the remainder of the time in her home in Hastings.

Gertha has four children – Joyce, Sharon, Ken and Karen. Ever active, her favorite activities are line dancing, ballroom dancing, sailing, swimming and gardening.

Varsity Basketball – 4 years

Varsity Archery – 4 years

Varsity Field Hockey – 4 years

Tennis – 4 years



## ***PATRICIA “PAT” HICKS***

### ***HHS Physical Education Teacher/Coach: 1962-1984***



Pat Hicks taught physical education at HHS for 22 years. She coached both girls varsity volleyball and girls junior varsity volleyball. Under her direction and guidance, the varsity volleyball squad went undefeated from 1977 to the final game of the 1980 season. In each of those years, winning many league trophies and advancing to sectionals.

In addition to girl's sports, Pat began co-ed volleyball at HHS. This involved several weeks of intense practice after the regular volleyball season commenced and culminated in a huge tournament where many teams competed on one evening at the Westchester County Center or Horace Greenly High School. Under Pat's headship, Hastings High School won this tournament several times and came in 2<sup>nd</sup> in other years.

Pat retired from teaching in 1984. She lives in Southbury, Connecticut with her cat, Willie. Her days are well spent playing cards and bingo.



## **MRS. ROSEMARY EATON**

### ***HHS Physical Education Teacher/Coach: 1967-1987***



Rosemary Eaton began her tenure as a physical education teacher in 1967 and was the chairperson of the Physical Education Department. She coached girls varsity basketball and girls varsity track. Her basketball coaching record was stellar and year after year, under her supervision, her teams became league champions and almost always went to sectionals. In 1982, she guided her squad to an incredible record of 20 wins, 2 losses.

In the early 1980's, girls athletics were changing very quickly and Rosemary not only adapted to the times but revolutionized the girls spring track program at HHS. This initiative gave women the chance to compete interscholastically with the same equal opportunities as men. Under her direction, the track program grew and thrived; one year fielding over 60 team members. Her coaching efforts resulted in HHS taking many ribbons and trophies, and setting league records in the 440 relays and 2-mile runs. In fact, due to her and her colleagues' efforts, Hastings High School offered nearly equal opportunity to girls as boys, before the passing of Title IX was even a concept.

Rosemary retired from teaching in 1987 and presently resides in Santa Cruz, California. She enjoys her daughters, Hilary and Bronwyn, both HHS grads, and their families, including her four grandchildren Alexandra, Caroline, Joe and R.J. She has always been an avid jogger, loves tennis and skiing.



## ***JOHN LYSAK - Class of 1937***



Shortly after World War I, John Lysak, his brother Stephen, and their two sisters, Anne and Mary, arrived in Hastings-on-Hudson. They were sent to live at The Graham School after their mother died of influenza and their father was unable to care for them. While living at Graham School, John attended Hastings High School.

But it was John's canoeing adventures on the Hudson River as a teenager and his remarkable ability and passion for the sport that would be the beginning of an Olympic dream and extraordinary Olympic memories. On August 22, 1936, in the summer between his junior and senior year at HHS, John, the younger of the two Lysak brothers, sailed for Germany with his teammate to compete in the 1936 Olympic Berlin games. He saw Adolph Hitler, heard the roar of 110,000 spectators, and rubbed shoulders with Jessie Owens. Although John did not medal, he did place 7<sup>th</sup> in the 10,000 meter, 2-man canoe race.

John remained at The Graham School during his senior year. He graduated from HHS in 1937 and went to Springfield College. When he graduated from Springfield, he returned for a year to Graham and supervised work crews doing painting and other maintenance work. He had hoped to compete again in 1940 Olympics, but those dreams were lost with the outbreak of the war in the Pacific.

John Lysak lives with his two sons, Michael and Keith, in Fremont, CA. He and his sons have 7 boats and have spent much time canoeing, kayaking, sailing and fishing in the bay, the Pacific, and the rivers of northern California.

1936 Olympics – 7<sup>th</sup> Place 10,000 Meter Canoe Race



## ***STEPHEN LYSAK - Class of 1931***



Stephen Lysak's love of canoeing and his innate talents with boat design and building techniques catapulted this Hastings High School graduate to a remarkable Olympic victory and a place in sports history.

Stephen and his three siblings grew up on the campus of The Graham School. He attended HHS for 4 years; was vice president of his senior class and excelled in all subjects. After graduation in 1931, he attended Pratt Institute, where he studied cartography, design and drawing.

Even before they were teenagers, Stephen and his brother, John, spent their spare time canoeing on the Hudson River. It was here that Steve honed his extraordinary canoeing ability and dreamed of competing in the 1940 Olympics in Tokyo. However, those games would never be held due to war in the Pacific. He instead joined the Marines and spent the last years of the war on a command ship overseeing the invasion of Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

When the war ended, Stephen returned to Hastings and having never lost sight of his Olympic dream was more determined than ever to compete at the 1948 Olympics in the 1,000 meter and 10,000 meter, paired canoe races. He and his buddy, Steve Mackowski, began an earnest training regimen in the spring of '48 and on June 7<sup>th</sup> that same year, the pair arrived at Lake Sebago for the two-man 1,000 meter Olympic trials. After scoring an upset victory against the favored, national championship team from Philadelphia, the two "Steves" were chosen to represent the United States at the 14<sup>th</sup> Olympiad. In a racing canoe, designed and built from scratch by the ingenious Stephen Lysak, the teammates won two medals at the 1948 London games, gold and silver. It was the first Olympic canoe race in history won by the USA.

After their Olympic victory, Stephen Lysak and Steve Mackowski, began a scholastic canoe program for high school students. One canoeing publication referred to Lysak's greatest pleasure as "helping other people." Stephen continued to paddle well into his 80's and was a member of the Hastings Historical Society. He died on July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2002, a few weeks short of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. He and his wife Ruth had no children. He once remarked that "the years spent at Graham School and in Hastings were the most formative years of his life."

OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST – 1948  
OLYMPIC SILVER MEDALIST – 1948



## *In closing....*

The HHS Alumni Association along with the Ronald Wilson Lindemann Athletic Hall of Fame are two of the easiest ways to remain connected with your high school alma mater. Your annual membership dues and generous donations enable us to continue our tradition of recognizing the athletic successes of HHS students and honoring the teachers and coaches who inspired us.

For the last several months, Bob Gersky '53, has been working diligently to find class representatives for each graduating year as well as each decade – to make it as easy as possible for you to stay in touch with your organization. More good news... we are in the beginning stages of developing a new and improved website which will serve as a means of connecting all classes to each other, provide an easy way to communicate with the association, learn about HHS and HOF happenings and lastly, as a conduit to connect you with your fellow classmates. We will keep you up to date on our progress as the website takes shape and let you know when it is up and running for your use.

For this organization – your organization, to continue to grow and flourish, we really need your support. Please join the alumni association if you are not already a member. The annual dues are small - but go a *long* way.

Thank you for being a part of our celebration tonight and thank you for your patronage.

*The Board of Directors*

