

# ALUMNI TOOTER

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO SOUTH HIGH ALUMNI 2010 HALL OF FAME

South High Magnet School and South High Alumni Association will honor five outstanding alumni at the fall 2010 Hall of Fame Brunch. All alumni and friends of SHS are invited to attend. The 2010 inductees are **Mary Ellen (Samuelson) Drickey**, retired businesswoman and member of the Omaha Public School Board; **Garry Gernandt**, retired military and retired Omaha Police Department Sergeant and current President of the Omaha City Council; **Robin Gullie**, retired Offutt Air Force Base Fire Chief; **Wally Hopkins**, retired military, attorney-at-law; and **Dr. Carl F. Vondra**, Retired U.S. Army Reserves, Distinguished Geology Professor Emeritus at Iowa State University. **Joyce (Vacek) Pribyl** will receive the 2010 Community Hall of Fame Award for her exceptional volunteer support of school activities.

The brunch will be held at the **Livestock Exchange Building Ballroom**, 30<sup>th</sup> and L Streets on **Saturday, September 18** starting at **10 a.m.** For reservations, contact the Alumni office at 738-9493 by September 10. Cost per person is \$25.

### Mary Ellen (Samuelson) Drickey-1941

has been an Omaha Public School Board member for 13 years and is currently a YMCA Board member. She attended the University of Nebraska at Omaha for Psychology and Political Science course work and has attended numerous training classes. She retired as Chief of Operations/Civilian Payroll Office from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers where she received many honors and awards. She also earned a letter sweater from the Trailer Club (a 75-mile hiking group), and was a community activist for Women's Equality. A major achievement in this capacity was suing the Nebraska University system to ensure women athletes received scholarships in accordance with the



then new Title 9 laws. Her actions resulted in scholarship awards for female athletes at UNO, UNL and Kearney State. She was Past Chair of the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women, and a political activist. She served as the Nebraska Women's Political Caucus Chair, Women's Federal Program Chair, and Douglas County and State of Nebraska Democratic Central Committee member. Ms. Drickey planned and convened Douglas County Democratic luncheons once a month for 10 years.

### Garry Gernandt-1964

received his bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in Criminal Justice/Political Science. He was decorated for military service in the U.S. Marine Corps and was a 31-year award-winning Omaha Police Department Officer/Sergeant. He was named Omaha Coalition of Citizen Patrols Volunteer of the Year in both 2004 and 2009. He was also named Deer Park Neighborhood Association Outstanding Member for several years, South Omaha Neighborhood Alliance Member of the Year in 2009, and won the Marine Corps League Service Award in 2009. His charitable activities include his church as well as numerous other organizations. He is currently President of the Omaha City Council.



### Robin Gullie-1969

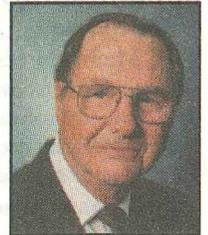
received his certification as a Department of Defense Fire Chief from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He was appointed the first black Fire Chief at Offutt Air Force Base where he spearheaded the building of new facilities and received numerous awards for outstanding and exemplary service. He was awarded American flags



which were flown over the U.S. Capitol in his honor. Mr. Gullie also was the leading force in numerous activities such as Haunted Houses benefiting various charities in the Offutt area; providing assistance to families of deployed service personnel; initiating Adopt-A-Family Christmas assistance program; and arranging fire hydrant block parties. He has been an active member of his church and of numerous professional organizations. Many printed articles have chronicled his career and his awards.

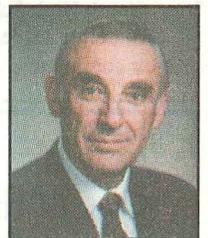
### Wally Hopkins-1943

received his bachelor's degree and Juris Doctorate from Creighton University. He is an attorney-at-law and was a founding member of Marks, Clare, Hopkins & Rauth law firm. His military career included decorations from the Army Air Corps, Air Force Reserves and Nebraska Air National Guard. He is a past member of the Omaha Planning Board, and served as Chairman for two years. He has been an active member of the Cosmopolitan Club, an organization which fights diabetes, for more than 55 years and was an International Judge Advocate for six years.



### Dr. Carl F. Vondra-1952

received his bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees in Geology from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. He was a Captain in the U. S. Army Reserves, Corps of Engineers. During his career as a geology professor at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, he received numerous honors, Chairs, Fellowships, Distinguished Service Awards and designations and Advisory Council memberships. In 2007 the ISU Geology Field Station in Shell, Wyoming was renamed the **Carl F. Vondra**



**Geology Field Station.** Dr. Vondra is a volunteer lecturer and instructor, and led several safaris for the ISU Alumni Association. He also led many international geology student excursions. His community service includes Kiwanis Club, and the Order of the Knoll Campanile Society. He established the Georgia and Carl Vondra Fellowship at ISU in 2000. He received a Distinguished Alumnus Award from UNL and an Honorary Alumnus Award from ISU. He has held numerous offices in various professional societies and has been widely published. He has taught several hundred undergraduate students, directed education and research of 55 MS and PhD students,

and carried out research in the United States, Africa, Europe and Asia. Dr. Vondra is a Distinguished Emeritus Professor of Geology in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at ISU.

#### 2010 Community Hall of Fame Award to Joyce (Vacek) Pribyl.

Joyce was employed by the Omaha Public Schools for 30 years, and was a SHS Business and Marketing Teacher from 1984 through 2002 when she retired. During



her tenure she also was the Senior Class sponsor, the DECA sponsor and an Athletic Aide. She continues to substitute at SHS as needed. Most of her energy is devoted to running the tailgate parties and concessions, and cooking vast quantities of delicious food items to help raise money for the various clubs and activities at the school. Her response to requests for help are met with, "I'll do anything to help SHS!" She is married to Charles Pribyl-1963, and they have three children and four grandchildren. She is the daughter of Henry-1936 and Marie (Nemecek) Vacek-1939.

Take a moment to nominate a candidate for the Hall of Fame.

## SHS HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

### Nominee Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_  
 Maiden Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

I nominate the above individual because: (Include educational background, professional background, professional accomplishments and honors, civic involvement, civic honors, other significant accomplishments and any other information you deem relevant. Include a statement of significant contributions to SHS and note if they are a member of the Alumni Association.) Use additional sheets as needed.

### Nominator's Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please return completed form by June 1, 2011 to: **Hall of Fame Committee**  
**South High Alumni Association - 5082 SOUTH 107 STREET - OMAHA, NE 68127**

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## CLASS OF 1950 60<sup>TH</sup> REUNION

Our 60th anniversary reunion will be held on Friday, October 15, 2010 at  
 Anthony's Steakhouse - 7220 "F" St.

Please reserve the date for yourselves and your guests. Members of other class years are welcome. Reminiscing from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., with an early Buffet Dinner around 4:15 p.m. You will receive only one reservation mailing with details. Contact a classmate below for questions or comments.

**Arnie Kriegler**, 972-377-0552, amkriegler@sbcglobal.net  
**Rose Walasek Vrbanac**, 402-556-5815, rosevrbanac@netzero.net  
**Millie Svagera Marne**, 402-333-0229

# PACKER SPORTS GREATS TO BE HONORED

The following outstanding athletes will be inducted into the **2010 Packer Sports Greats Hall of Fame** at a banquet to be held October 27, 2010 at Anthony's Steakhouse, 72<sup>nd</sup> and F Streets at 6 p.m. Cash bar. Ticket price is \$35. Contact the office soon at 738-9493 for tickets to this event as it is usually a sell-out.

**Charles Martinez-1949, Lloyd Brazda-1951, Jerry Korisko-1952; Robert J. Van Outry-1960, Don Loftus-1963, Walter Gullie, Jr.-1964 and Mike Mancuso-1976.** Also the **1962 State Wrestling Championship team** will be honored. *Congratulations!*

### CORRECTION TO 2010 SPRING TOOTER

The 1958 Intercity golf championship team was honored at the 2009 Packer Greats Sports Banquet and we apologize that Gene Kros was not listed. He was the sixth person from the left in the photo on Page 2. Congratulations Gene!



### SHS SPORTS GREATS BANQUET INVITATION

Join us for a fun-filled evening on October 27, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. for a wonderful dinner and program honoring the 2010 Sports Greats Inductees. Cost \$35 - Check Payable to South High School Alumni Association

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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 E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

SHS Class Year (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 You may also use your credit card for banquet tickets.  
 I wish to be seated with \_\_\_\_\_

Please return completed form by October 10, 2010 to: **Sports Greats Committee % South High School Alumni Association**  
 5082 South 107 Street - Omaha, NE 68127. Questions, call 402/738-9493.

Nominate a worthy candidate or team for next year by returning the form below to Steve Cavlovic.

### SHS SPORTS GREATS NOMINATION FORM



#### Nominee Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Years Attended SHS \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

I nominate the above individual who earned \_\_\_\_\_ Letters while at SHS in the following sports \_\_\_\_\_

Sports Honors – such as All City, All State, Team Captain, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

College or Professional Information \_\_\_\_\_

Business Achievements \_\_\_\_\_

Civic Involvement or youth coaching or any other information about the impact this individual made on fellow citizens or country. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Nominator's Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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# BOARD REPORT

by Judi Koubsky  
*Secretary*



Your Board of Directors has met twice since our last TOOTER. We welcomed two new Board Members – **Carol (Jones) Cleaver-1975** and **Christina (Tynski) Zorko-1997**. More information about our new Board Members is in this issue.

Congratulations to the inductees in the **2010 Hall of Fame** and the **Packer Sports Greats Hall of Fame** this fall. Nomination forms are in this issue so you can nominate your heroes for these honors in the future.

The **Packer Power for Education scholarship fundraiser "Jewels & Tools, Etc."** will be held **October 22, 2010**. If you have items to donate for this event or will donate funds to underwrite the expenses, please contact the office. We would appreciate your attendance at this fundraiser. See more information in this issue.

We were pleased to honor our friends and benefactors, **Dave and Carol Van Metre** at a surprise celebration on May 30 at Collin Field. More than 225 attendees enjoyed the program and luncheon.

Another exciting event is planned for 2011 – our first **All Alumni Dance!** Five years ago we held a 60s Decades Dance and it sold out immediately with a long waiting list. We hope the same thing happens this time, so I urge you to reserve your spot as soon as you can. It will be held on **Friday, July 22, 2011** at the **Holiday Inn Ballroom** on 72<sup>nd</sup> and Grover. See more information on the flyer in this issue.

If you have time to volunteer for any of the annual events (**spaghetti dinner, bowling tournament, golf tournament, etc.**), or want to buy tickets or sign up to participate, please let us know. We need workers for every event and, more importantly, we need you to attend and have fun

Many of you have rented our additional **office bay** for showers, family reunions, card parties, birthday parties, and other fun events. Call the office to book your party early. Stop in to see the space when you are in the neighborhood, but call first to be sure the office is open.

We also need help in mailing **TOOTERS** to our 20,000 plus alumni list. Please call the office to offer any time you can spare. Please contact the office if you would like to establish scholarship memorials for your classmates, help us with teacher grants, or provide other financial assistance needed by your school. Most of all send in your membership dues! We are very thankful for your help, as are the students and teachers of SHS.

A committee prepares **teacher bags** each year which are full of useful items and delicious goodies to help start the school year off right. If you have items to include or would like to help with this project, please contact the office.

Please drop us a line or two with information we can share with your classmates and friends about you and your family so we can publish your news. Also, please send us items for our **Sports Corner**. Please continue to share your suggestions and encouragement with your Alumni Association. We need your continuing outstanding support and appreciate all you do to help your school.

Respectfully submitted,

Judi Clark Koubsky, Secretary



## SHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MISSION STATEMENT

**Our mission** is to:

- Organize, develop and build a dynamic group of Alumni.
- Promote the success of SHS, its students and faculty through a variety of events, projects and scholarships.

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**WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

**Jackie (Mengler) Dower-1961** is the Manager of food service in the Treetop Restaurant at Henry Doorly Zoo, a position she has held for 12 years. She is currently on a medical leave of absence. Jackie lived in the Livestock Exchange Building while attending SHS and remembers the trucks lined up L Street as far as the eye could see. She has three children, nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, all of whom live in Texas. Jackie returned from Texas in 1991 to help care for her mother and father, and has stayed because of her work at the zoo and to be near her friends. Texas' loss is Omaha's gain! She served as Chair of the 2009 Spaghetti Dinner, and is serving on the **Packer Power for Education 2010** scholarship fundraiser entitled "**Jewels & Tools, Etc.**" She has also served on her class reunion committee since returning to Omaha.



**Carol (Jones) Cleaver-1975.** Her mother, **Esther (Aguilera) Nowlin** and father, **William E. Jones, Sr.** both graduated from SHS in 1956. As a student, Carol was actively involved in instrumental music, sports, and stage crew. She has many Packer memories including school dances, football games, post-game celebrations at Big Joe's and Shakey's Pizza Parlor, and more personally, JM and the "Smackie Brothers." Her favorite teachers include the late Albert "Red" Travis and Rich Berens. Inspired by friends at her 25th reunion, Carol enrolled as a full-time college student in 2000. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in 2002, summa cum laude, and completed 24 graduate hours before she was admitted to Creighton University School of Law in 2003. Carol earned her law degree in 2006, receiving Creighton's distinguished award for outstanding service to the law school. After graduation, she worked as an associate attorney for a law firm in Kansas City, Missouri and taught paralegal courses at Rockhurst University and Penn Valley College in Kansas City. Carol was actively involved in mentoring and public education in the Kansas City area until she returned to Omaha in 2009. She is admitted to the bar

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to practice law in Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas. In her southwest Omaha law office she counsels clients in business, family, and estate planning matter and is frequently appointed to serve as counsel and Guardian ad Litem for juvenile court cases. In addition to her law practice, Carol is an adjunct professor at Creighton Law School and College of Saint Mary. She serves on several advisory committees, including Mayor Jim Suttle's South Omaha Advisory Committee and the Nebraska State Bar Association Minority Justice Subcommittee. Carol is also a member of many community, business, and professional organizations. She recently accepted an invitation to serve as Volunteer Coordinator for Justice For Our Neighbors, a non-profit immigration clinic in South Omaha. Carol has two children and seven grandchildren. Her daughter, an oncology nurse at Alegent Health, is a master's degree candidate at College of Saint Mary. Carol's son works in construction. When she isn't working, teaching, mentoring or presenting to groups, Carol shares a Millard home with three miniature dachshunds, two cats, and a lifelong friend. Carol is also serving on the **Packer Power for Education 2010** scholarship fundraiser entitled "**Jewels & Tools, Etc.**"

**Christina (Tynski) Zorko-1997.** After graduating with honors from SHS, Christina attended the University of Nebraska at Omaha and received a degree in Civil Engineering. She is employed by the Douglas County Engineers Office. She and her husband, **David-1997**, have a three-year old son named Marcus. They live in South Omaha and are interested in working with the Alumni Association to purchase and program a kiosk which would include information regarding inductees into the Hall of Fame, Sports Greats, and Buffett Awardees.



We welcome these new Board members and look forward to working with them on many projects.



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**CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2010 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**



**Fern Watanabe Business Scholarship to Matthew DaSilva**



**Fern Watanabe Fine Art Scholarship to DeAna Lara**



**Mudra Family Scholarship to Sheila R. Henson**



**Shirley Cain Memorial Scholarship to Katrina Dean**



**Shane Kielion Memorial Scholarship to Sergio Oropeza**



**South High Alumni Association Scholarships to Cynthia Thomas and Blasé LaPuzza**



**South High Alumni Class of 1954 Scholarship to Gloria Felipe-Nicolas**



**South High Centennial Scholarships to  
Alejandra Aguilar and  
Chelsea Hoschar**



**Alberto Rodriguez Memorial Scholarship  
to Clestina Ojeda**



**Ruth Churchwell Memorial Scholarships  
to Jose Flores and Miriam Jimenez**

## SCHOOL NEWS

### CONGRATULATIONS SHS BOYS SOCCER TEAM ON A SPECTACULAR SEASON

In case you weren't tuned in, this outstanding team won 20 of their 23 games this season. What a talented group of athletes! They lost the Class A boys' state championship game against Lincoln East in a heart-breaking forced overtime to break the 2-2 tie for a final 4-2 score. This May 18 game was played in front of a crowd of 5,500 which is thought to be the largest to attend a high school soccer match in the state.

The stars of the team were spotlighted by the *OW-H* in May because of their celebrity status in the South Omaha community. The winning soccer team raised morale throughout the school and gave the community a reason for high spirits as they cheered the team to victory. South High's winning tradition was brought back and the fighting spirit last kindled in the 1990 championship basketball win was evident throughout the community. With the new sports facilities, school pride and community backing, we look forward to more wins – it can be done!

### 2010 SOCCER TEAM WINS ONE FOR THE VAN METRES

The final score was SHS 5 and Westside 4 at Collin Field on 4-24-10 at the inaugural **Van Metre Soccer Classic** named after the school's benefactors. Pictured are the Van Metres with the team.

**Back Row – left to right**



#7 Jose Castro; #23 Javier Serrano, #19 Jose Marquez, #22 Jossimar Roque, #20 Eric Ventura, Carol Van Metre, #15 Hugo Alvarez, #6 Joaquin Aguilar, #22 Billy Loera, #2 Danny Estrada, Dave Van Metre, #13 Alexi Melendez, #4 Ruben Jaime

#### **Middle Row – left to right**

#18 Alexander Stillinger, #10 Manual Lira, #11 Antonio Zarazua

#### **Front Row – left to right**

#14 Juan Martinez, #21 Jose Hernandez, #12 Pedro Gomez, #9 Guillermo Ventura, #17 Agustin Ochoa, #3 Mario Delgado, Coach Joe Maass

#### **Not Pictured**

#5 Daniel Mejia Dimayuga, #8 Juan Lopez, #16 Jonatan Cruz

### “GRADS COULDN'T WAIT TO CHASE THEIR GOALS”



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Here is an article written by Sue Gouger after she attended the high spirited Championship game. It captures the excitement and pride of the community.

Three SHS soccer players in the *OW-H* photo shows them rushing from graduation to the Class A State Soccer Championship Game at Creighton University's Morrison Field. In the forefront of the picture **Billy (Guillermo) Loera** in his graduation gown is followed by his soccer teammates #10 **Manny (Manuel) Lira** and #6 **Joaquin Aguilar**.

After all the negative publicity South High has had over low achievements and test scores, seeing graduates/soccer players put academic first and athletics second sends a clear confident message that our SHS principal, coaches, teachers, admin-

istrators and South Omaha Community are doing things right. Test scores cannot begin to measure the pride, sportsmanship, heart, integrity, character, and school spirit that were witnessed in Tuesday night's championship game.

Although test scores are important and improving, the boys varsity soccer team reminded us all of a South Omaha lesson already learned. It is not about wins and losses but how the game is played.

“A big thank you to the soccer team - you have made SHS and South Omaha proud!”

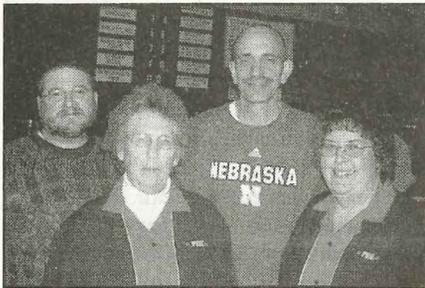
## TEACHER NEWS

**Sara Point, Robert Bacome-1987 and Kathleen (Hazard) Prusha-1977** were each named winners of the Alice Buffett Outstanding Teacher Award on 5-7-10. The award, which includes an engraved silver medal, a \$10,000 cash prize plus \$500 in McDonald's gift certificates, has been presented since 1988. The Award is named for Warren Buffett's aunt who taught high school home economics. The Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation sponsors the awards. Besides winning the Buffett Award, these dedicated teachers also have a SHS connection in common. **Sara Point** is a Science teacher at SHS and has been a part of the Omaha Public School teaching system for five years. One of her students writes, “She was the first teacher that told me I am very bright and that I just needed to have confidence in myself. Ever since she told me that, I began to have that confidence. The outcome was amazing.” **Robert Bacome-1987** is a SHS graduate. He has taught for 17 years for OPS and is currently the Art teacher at SHS. A student wrote, “He didn't just teach me art, but he also taught me many life lessons that I took to heart...His kind heart and humor have led me to believe that he deserves this award and much more.” **Kathleen (Hazard) Prusha-1977** is also a SHS graduate and has been teaching for OPS for 28 years. She is currently at Chandler View Elementary School. A parent writes, “From the first time I walked into my daughter's classroom and met the first teacher of her life, all my apprehensions of leaving my daughter in someone else's care immediately left me.”

*Congratulations for receiving this outstanding honor, and thank you for your many contributions!*

**Ms. Caren Killen's** piano class was featured in the *OW-H* on 4-26-10 with the headline proclaiming that the keyboard class is a top elective at the Performing Arts Magnet School. The school offers five classes to the 90 students participating. They anticipate offering six classes next year to 130 students. A grant will allow the school to purchase another 28 pianos and 17 practice keyboards.

**Joanne (Placek) Sokalsky** donated the 2009 High School Sports Hall of Fame 16th Annual Induction Ceremony Program along with a picture of the Nebraska Class "A" State champions 1960 Basketball Team from SHS. *Thank you!*



**Photo left to right: John Young-SHS Science Dept. Head, Barbara Rider, Tom Jodlowski-SHS Special Education teacher, Helen Sliwa-SHS Treasurer.**

### **BARBARA (KRUPSKI) RIDER**

By Judy (Sebron) Yacio

Older alum celebrating more than 50 years as Packers will remember Barbara as Miss Krupski when she joined the office staff in 1953. To subsequent SHS students, she was known as Barbara Rider and has been married to her husband Ed for 48 years.

Dr. Richard Krebs was principal for her first years at South, and she remembers that "he was very good to his office staff." In all she worked with four other principals. Over the years she also helped the main secretary obtain and assign substitute teachers. Barbara trained at least two main secretaries since she had been in the office so many years.

In her 40-year career in South's office, she went from typewriters to computers. She remembers her early days when she and other office staff prepared 3,000 schedules by hand and then typed them. She and others in the office had the task of making sure

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that nobody had two consecutive study halls and that all classes had almost the same number of students.

Her desk was located outside the principal's office as she needed to be close. Her responsibilities included making sure athletes were eligible to compete. She also processed student activity cards. When students applied to college or transferred to another school, she was responsible for sending transcripts to the receiving schools. She said she worked very closely with the counselors and knew a lot of student names but not the faces that went with those names.

Although Barbara graduated from St. Mary's High School in Omaha with an enrollment of 400, she quickly adjusted to South's much larger population. She and Betty Croft started working at the campus on the same day and have continued to exchange the same anniversary card over the years.

Barbara recalls that her main responsibility was making and maintaining the permanent records of all students. If a student came from another state or country, she would evaluate the transcript and make a permanent record for that individual. She said that when computers became a mainstay in the office, she would build a student's academic history on the computer. She often had to ask students from other countries what months their schools were in session and sometimes what subjects they took.

Another of her responsibilities was having seniors sign their names for their diplomas. When the diplomas arrived, she had to examine them all carefully to be sure names were spelled correctly and then arrange them in order for the ceremony. "In later years when special education students participated in graduation, I made sure they had a certificate of attendance in the same type of folder as the regular students so audience members could not tell the difference in the kinds of diplomas," she added. She typed the sequence for the graduation march and had to clear seniors for graduation to be sure they did not have any fines before receiving their caps and gowns.

Barbara often served as resident mechanic when it came to fixing copy machines. She kept her typewriter, even with the introduction of computers, "because I needed to type the subjects and grades for permanent records of new students." She adds that office procedures have changed consider-

ably as there are no longer hard copies and everything is put into the computer system.

One of the more unpleasant duties in her position was answering the phone with irate callers on the other end. She recalls these people vented their anger at her before she could transfer them to an administrator.

She said that one thing she enjoyed the least was spending six weeks working in the attendance office. While there, she said she did get to know faces that went with names and had one very humorous incident. "During those six weeks, our nephew had his friend call in acting as the nephew's father and saying the student was sick. I knew the father never called in. Our nephew should have known better, especially with his aunt working in the office," she laughingly recalled.

After retiring in 1996, she and husband Ed have taken bus tours and visited all but two of the 50 states, Idaho and Oregon. They both bowl with senior citizens, and Barbara also bowls with SHS staff. She bowls with the Polish Bowlers Association which is a 12-week league that earns money for scholarships. Bowling is "fun" and she relates that quite a few teachers return to bowl. The photo above shows her with three of her fellow bowlers. While it is "good to see them, they seem so young to me," she commented. As the years passed, Barbara said she started feeling comfortable calling administrators and teachers by their first names because "I was older than they were."

She and Ed have two sons. Edward, Jr. handles public relations for an Omaha hospital and his wife Terri has a degree in interior design and works for an Omaha bank. They have two children, a 15-year-old daughter who attends Mercy and a 10-year-old son who attends Jefferson Elementary, one of Grandma Barbara's alma maters. Barbara and Ed's second son Robert is a printer who is married to Brenda, and they have a SHS sophomore daughter. The Riders are kept busy attending athletic competition for their grandchildren.

Alum readily accept Barbara as "one of us" because of her 40-year tenure. She laughs that while she worked at SHS all those years, she never did have her own parking space.

**Norman Zinn** of Omaha died 2-7-10. Along with being a cherished husband, father and friend, he was a school teacher and administrator in the Omaha Public School system until he retired. He taught French at SHS in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

Condolences to **Coach Beau** and wife **Barbara Haizlip** on the loss of their son, **Steven Reid Haizlip** on 7-9-10.

**MORE RECIPES FROM SHS KITCHEN**

**Cinnamon Rolls**

- 2 cups sugar      4-1/2 tablespoons salt
- 1 lb. butter      9 eggs
- 1 cup dry milk    8 ounces yeast
- 1 quart water    27 cups (6-3/4 lbs.) flour

Soften yeast in 4 cups of lukewarm water. Combine and mix sugar, butter, dry milk and salt. Add eggs. Add to yeast mix. Add flour. Let rise until double in size (2 hours) then punch down and let rise again (1 hour).

**Syrup**

- 2 cups Brown Sugar      2 cups honey
- 2 lbs. butter

Melt and boil ingredients together. Pour into the bottom of the baking pan.

**Cinnamon Mix**

- 4 cups Sugar      2 tablespoons cinnamon

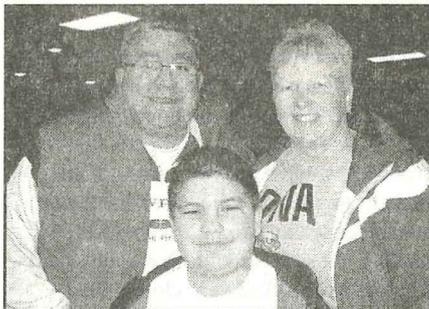
Roll dough to 1/2" thickness, spread with melted butter and sprinkle with cinnamon mix.

Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes.

**ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SPAGHETTI DINNER**

On behalf of the Alumni Association, we would like to thank **Julie Anderson-Harr, Family and Consumer Science Teacher**, along with the **Culinary Art students at South High School** for their time, support, cookies and cake that were donated to our Alumni Spaghetti Dinner. The cookies were delicious and received many compliments and the fabulous cake was raffled for \$20. *Our Spaghetti Dinner was a success because of people like Julie and the SHS students, volunteers and attendees who supported our event. Congratulations to Chair Jackie Dower-1961 and her outstanding*

**South High School ALUMNI TOOTER** crew of workers. The photos below were taken at this event.



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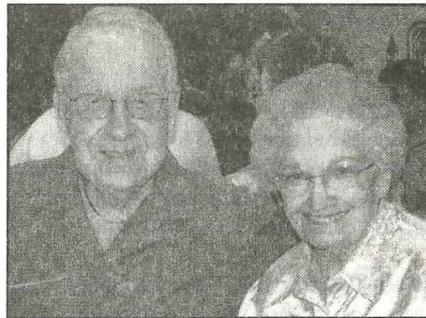
Please send us name, address and telephone number changes, as well as names and addresses of friends, family and classmates, who are not currently receiving the Alumni TOOTER. Be sure to include class year and maiden name where applicable. We need this information to keep our database updated. It costs us \$.83 for a new address change when we are not notified in advance.

Also, please send ALL information updates, clothing orders, membership payments, donations, archival contributions, inquiries and all other correspondence to:

**Dr. Richard Gulizia - SHS Alumni Association Office - 5082 S. 107 Street - Omaha, NE 68127 Or Call 402-738-9493**

**1938-Eleanor (Reynolds) Leach** writes, "It is always a pleasure to receive the TOOTER. My husband, Robert, and I were so pleased to read the article about Roland Hinrichs. He's a good friend and deserves all the accolades in the article. It was interesting to read all that he has done for our great South High. Keep up the good work."

**1941-Betty (Palmtag) Bentley-** After graduation from SHS, Betty continued her education and received her BS degree from UNL. She did some teaching at SHS and later graduated from Creighton University School of Nursing.



**1942-John R. and Loretta B. (Fucinaro) Gomez** will celebrate their 68<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on 11-16-10. They were married at Holy Ghost Catholic Church and the dinner reception was at Loretta's parent's home, with another reception at the church parlor. They have five sons, Johnny Ray, Larry, Jerry, Tom and Dan, plus many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. John worked at Swift and Company in the boning department, and served in the military in WWII. Later he was active in

**CORRECTION TO ALUMNOTES IN OUR SPRING 2010 TOOTER**

We are so sorry that a printing error moved the wedding photo accompanying the **1945-Tom and 1947-Joan (Baughman) Buras** note to the next AlumNote about 1950-Angie (Buda) Jagger. We sincerely apologize for this error. This is how it should have appeared:



**1945-Tom and 1947-Joan (Baughman) Buras** celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on 10-8-09. They met while serving on Student Council at SHS. Tom retired from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Joan retired from Qwest Communications. They have five children, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. *Congratulations on 60 years of marriage!*

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the community, serving on the Governor's race relations committee and the Draft Board. He is Vice Commander of the GI Forum, Babe Gomez Chapter, which is a Veterans Group providing financial support for graduating seniors. John and Lorry are members of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. *Congratulations on your upcoming anniversary and thanks for the update!*



**1942 and 1943—SOB (South Omaha Bunch) Luncheon.** Pictured at the 5-10-10 SOB luncheon at Grandmother's Restaurant are (left to right) Back row: Dick Connell, Fred Hanak, Subby Zarbano, John Gomez, Bob Veneck, Francis Swircinski, Ken Herman. Front row: Marge Connell, Dorothy Hanak, Louise Zarbano, Lorry Gomez, Jean Veneck, Ethel Schmidt, Margaret Herman. These 1942 and 1943 SHS graduates have been meeting monthly in various area restaurants since 2003! *What a great way to keep in touch and maintain lasting friendships!*

**1943—Ardis Butler James** uses quilts, not books, to teach the world about the social history of America. For her, quilting as an art medium provides an essential way to connect the past to the present and future, while allowing others to understand humanity in the broadest and most diverse sense. In 1997, she and her husband, Robert, donated their collection of 1,000 quilts from all over the world to the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and endowed the International Quilt Study Center. In 2008, the center opened in Lincoln, furthering its mission to collect, preserve, study, interpret, promote discovery, and exhibit quilts from all times and all cultures. Today, the collection has grown to over 2,500 quilts. Her passion for quilts is equaled by her passion for philanthropy. Ardis also has promoted scholarships and received an honorary degree from Doane College in May 2010.

**1944—Wallace Merriam** won a raffled basket at the South High Alumni Association Spaghetti Dinner on March 20th and was kind enough to donate it back for next year's Spaghetti Dinner event. *Thank you, Wallace, for your generosity!*

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**1947—Delphine Glup** was the \$2,000 grand prize 2009 lottery winner. She writes, "Thank you, thank you so much for my good luck to win the big prize from the Alumni Association 2009 Lottery. I couldn't have been more surprised and pleased. It made my day and year!" *Come on everyone, turn in those lottery tickets coming out in October - the next big winner could be you!!*

**1950—Jim Keil** writes, "I just want to let you know how much I appreciate the great job you all do on the **TOOTER** and all the work you do for all the past classmates. Keep up the good work." *Thank you for your kind words!*

**1950—Darrell and Zola (Boggs) Johnson** donated a 1951 yearbook and several very old **TOOTERS** ranging from 1915-1922 for our archive collection. *Thank you.*

**1951—Ray Sena** thank you for the donated **TOOTER** Mailing Card dated September, 1943. Ray's daughter found the card and Ray brought it into the Alumni Office.



**1951—Lucille (Wolfe) Gregg** sent us this picture of her with her brother **Charles-1957**, who drowned in Homan's Lake one month later. *Sympathy for your loss and thanks for sharing this photo.*

**1953—Peter Zarp** donated **The TOOTER of SOHS - 1905** published by the students of South Omaha High School (SOHS). *Thank you, Peter. The book will be placed in our archives for viewing.*

**1956—Richard Maly** - the Alumni Association is happy to have you involved in our Poker Run Scholarship Fund Raiser. Thank you!



**1957—Dave and Sally (Mertlik) Norman** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary in Kauai, Hawaii and took their family with them to celebrate the holidays. *Congratulations!*

**1957—David Maass** donated a SHS picture postcard with a one-cent stamp on the back that he purchased in an antique store in Atlanta, GA. *Thank you for the piece of memorabilia for the Alumni Archives.*

**1957—Maria Sanchez** was featured in the July *Neighborhood News*. Maria and her husband own and run Maria's Mexican Restaurant in the heart of Ralston. *Congratulations!*

**1958—Linda (Strnad) Jensen**, a former Omaha-area high school journalism teacher, has written a book about growing up in Omaha during the 1940s and 1950s. Her memoir is titled *The Bow Wow Chronicles* and is available by contacting her at [linda-jensen2@verizon.net](mailto:linda-jensen2@verizon.net). *Congratulations!*

**1958—Lannie Weak** and Sharon (Round) Weak celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on 4-23-10. A family celebration and dinner were held in June. *Congratulations!*

**1959—Steve Divin, Jr.** retired from the Omaha Fire Department, where he achieved the rank of Captain. He now lives in Persia, IA with his wife of almost 50 years, **Janice (Stewart) Divin-1959** and is involved in the construction business.

**1959—Wayne Woodard** was on the editorial staff for the *South High TOOTER* and was kind enough to donate **TOOTER** newspapers from 1958-1959. *Thank you, Wayne, for the historical newspapers for our Alumni Archives.*

**1959—Jim Conley** donated a 1926 and 1927

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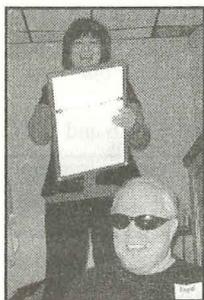
**TOOTER.** Thank you for remembering the Alumni Association.

**1959-Ron and Sharon (Barry) Eissler-1960** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on 8-27-10. *Congratulations!*

**1959-Bev (Maliszewski) Sladnovik** increased her grandchild count by three last October when triplets were added named Darby Jean, Sutton Stanley and Harley John. *Congratulations Bev and family!*

**1961-Billie Jo Beyette** moved into an apartment in a Senior Complex with friends and family members as neighbors in Dallas, Texas and is really enjoying herself. She was elected President of the Social Club, resulting in many fun parties and activities. She also said that her mother died in 2008, and that her older sister, **Tommie (Beyette) Swertzic-1958**, still lives in Omaha. Her oldest sister, **Gloria June (Beyette) Matchett -1956**, moved to Terrell, TX, brother **Don Beyette-1963** lives in Humble, TX and her youngest sister, Donna moved to San Antonio, TX, and Lois (Olsen) Buller lives in Bellevue. *Condolences on the loss of your mother and thank you for the update on you and your family!*

**1961-Ron Calek** shared a note with us about a favorite South Omaha memory – going crowdadding! Ron's dad Fritz Calek and Steve Divin, Sr. were the adults in charge. The workers were Ron, **Jack Philby, Jr.-1957**, **Paul Kracher-1961** and **Steve Divin, Jr.-1959**. The crowdads were caught by the gunnysack full and taken home, cleaned and boiled for a delicious meal like no other. This was entertainment for the "kids" unlike today's Sega, X-Box, DS games, etc., distractions. Ah, the good old days were the best! *Thanks Ron for sharing this walk down memory lane with us."*



Treasurer **Col. Jerry Porterfield** saluting the Admiral. *Congratulations, Admiral Gulizia!*

**1961-Dick Gulizia**, Executive Director of our Alumni Association, is shown at the Spaghetti Dinner receiving his surprise Admiralship in the Nebraska Navy from **First Lady Sally Ganem-1966**. The other photo shows our Alumni Association

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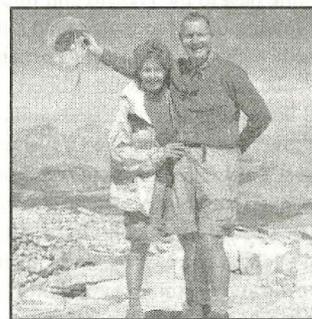
**1961- Janet (Crofford) Katz and Margaret Sova** traveled in the Golden Triangle in India last April. Janet said "We saw the Taj Mahal by moonlight--an awesome sight. We also visited many ancient temples, mosques and forts, traveled to a tiger preserve and rode an elephant. An Indian friend invited us to spend a few days with her family at their fabulous home and, in appreciation for her hospitality we purchased two manual sewing machines so she could help women in the village develop skills, since there is no work for them. Wherever we went, we were treated like movie stars since people rarely see "West-erners." Indian travelers from the South asked to take pictures with us or "slyly" tried to take our picture. Other times, children, men and women, all asked us to take pictures of them---not for money, but just to look into our digital cameras afterward. It was surprising to realize how few Americans visit India. Traffic was amazing, especially in Delhi--cows, bikes, oxen, cars, busses, and carts all fight for their part of the road, and ignore traffic rules. Electricity was random--everyone has back-up generators. Temperatures usually ran at about 110 degrees. Thank goodness the airport had back-up because the lights went out!! We have lots of stories---ask us about the 12-year old girl wearing a "wedding" belt; ask us about the clown outfits we had to wear at the Mosque; ask us about the man who insisted that Margaret write a love letter to a woman in England. Traveling is full of surprises!"



**1961-Judi (Clark) Koubsky** wrote a letter to the *Omaha World-Herald Public Pulse* on 4-19-10 titled "Quick thinking limits fire injury." "The jingle 'Stop, drop and roll,' in case of fire, was written by **George Dare, Jr.-1971**, who grew up in South Omaha. We are proud he is an Omaha SHS alumnus and were reminded by a 4-14-10 news story of his outstanding contribution to helping others. When an 8-year-old playing with fire with his neighborhood friends was badly burned, he said he remembered to 'stop, drop and roll.' This may have saved his life and certainly kept his injuries from being much worse. We salute and thank George Dare for his creative way to tell children and others what to do if they are on fire."



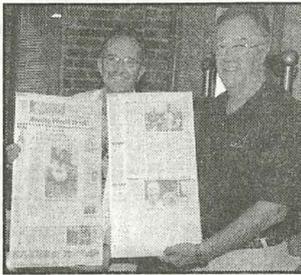
**1961-Vic Riha and Bev (Forman) Riha-1964** were named Polka Prince and Princess of the Polka Lovers Klub of America dance club on 5-2-10 at the Starlight Ballroom at Wahoo, NE. They will represent the PLK of A at various polka dances and festivals throughout the Midwest and will be named King and Queen next year! They are pictured with the 2010 Queen Ruth Rodel and King **Mike Roehr-1956**. *Congratulations!*



**1961-Margaret Sova** and her husband **Bob Kreitner** have been faithful scholarship donors to University of Nebraska at Omaha College of Business Administration students since 1988. They have made it possible for their 40 former scholarship recipients to participate in naming a student study area on the third floor of the new Mammel Hall CBA at the University. Margaret and Bob have set up a special fund and have challenged Kreitner-Sova scholarship recipients to participate. No matter their level of

giving, a plaque containing their names will be placed in the study area.

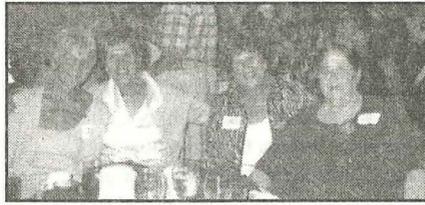
**1962-Kathy (Stelling) Aufdemberge** of Grand Island, NE writes, "After 23 years of being Hot Lunch Manager at Trinity Lutheran School in Grand Island, I am retiring at the end of this current school year. I hope to tie into several projects that have been waiting for me the last 23 years, see a little more of my eight grandchildren and, Lord willing, find some other meaningful endeavors."



**1963-Dan Dasovich** lost a dog tag while he served in Vietnam 43 years ago. Although Dan doesn't know how the tag was lost, he is very happy it was returned to him. Dan was featured in a September 2009 *OW-H* article about the lost dog tag. A U.S. military forensic scientist wrote him a letter about the military's efforts to return lost dog tags to veterans. A retired Army nurse purchased 1,444 dog tags from shops in Hue City, Vietnam and shipped them to the Joint MIA-POW Accounting Command in Hawaii. Other good Samaritans followed suit and did the same. Thus began the process of returning the tags to the rightful owners. The letter thanked Dan for his service and a job well done. Dan decided to frame the letter with the dog tag and hang it in his brother's house, where family gatherings take place. Then he changed his mind, and hung it at Louie M's Burger Lust at 17<sup>th</sup> and Vinton since he and his Marine buddies congregate there once a year. Dan and his brother **George-1960** are shown with the *OW-H* article about his lost tag. Dan started working in his father's, grandfather's and great-grandfather's bars when he was just a youngster, so this seemed a fitting resting place for this piece of history. During his military service, Dan was injured twice. After returning home he joined the Douglas County's Sheriff's Office. *Thank you for your service to our country, Dan, and we are glad your dog tag has come home.*

**1963-Robert "Bob" L. Kocourek** donated 1961 and 1963 yearbooks to the Alumni Association archives. *Thank you for thinking*

*South High School ALUMNI TOOTER of the Alumni Association. Please keep in mind, the Alumni Association welcomes any SHS memorabilia, especially yearbooks.*



**1964-Sharon (Jones) Browning** sent us some pictures of the Class of 1964's 45th Reunion as well as pictures from SHS and the Collin Stadium. *We welcome pictures and write-ups on any class reunions or special events. Thank you, Sharon.*

**1964-Susan (Peterson) Novotny** donated her SHS cheerleading cowboy hat, sweater, skirt and white buffing powder to the Alumni Association archives. *Thanks.*

**1964-Kathleen (Kennedy) Renner** writes, "I enjoy the TOOTER information, the memorials and the cafeteria recipes. Thank you for the TOOTER!"

**1965-Pat (Talmon) Shamblen** writes, "I enjoy all the mailings I receive. Fun to see old faces of yesteryear."

**1966-Edward Novotny** donated a program from the Department of Fine Arts entitled "Music and the Spoken Word" dated 12-16-62. *Thank you!*



**1979-Jeff Koterba** has had a great year. First he traveled to Florida's Kennedy Space Center with his family to witness Nebraska's own Clayton Anderson launch into space in Space Shuttle Discovery on 4-5-10. Clayton carried two of Jeff's cartoons into space with him! Then on 5-6-10 he was roasted at the Omaha Press Club as he became the 125<sup>th</sup> face of celebrities added to the barroom floor. And on 7-29-10 Jeff and his Alleycats were the featured entertainment at Jazz on the Green. Finally it was announced during the last week of July that he won first place for editorial cartooning

in the Great Plains Journalism Awards. The awards were sponsored by the Tulsa Press Club and covered eight states. *Congratulations for receiving all these honors!*

**2009-Abracadabra Dunlap** was featured in Mike Kelly's 3-9-10 column because of her unusual name. She said she intends to devote her career to helping young people. She wants to work in the African American community as a successful black woman who will show them that they can be anything they want to be. Abra attends Wayne State College on a Susan T. Buffett scholarship. *Best of luck in the future!*

**Glen Hallgren Family** - Thank you for the donated TOOTERS from 1927-1931.

Special thanks to the volunteers listed who have helped fold, tab, and label our TOOTERS so they can be mailed to you: **Bob Lubsen-1959, Wayne-1959 and Chris (Combs) Woodard-1965, Dean Winther and Evelyn (Woodard) Winther-1972, Nina Winther, Mary (Smith) Salcedo-1966, Denny and Judi (Clark) Koubsky-1961, Jerry and Mary (Renner) Urkevich-1963, Judy (Renner) Storm-1974, Dave Picking and Ruth Ann (Eatinger) Picking-1963, Shirley (De George) Benak-1963, Julie (Vomacka) Dunn-1961, Vera (Sabaliauskas) Crnkovich-1961, Janet (Crofford) Katz-1961, Sharene (Blum) Waltermire-1963, Andrea "Candy" (Fahey) Rezac-1963, Nancy (Vanderstoep) Shelton-1963, Larry and Carmela (Hembertt) Brooks-1963, Linda (Walker) Hildabrand-1963, Sue Gouger, Dick Gulizia-1961, Rich and Bonnie (Tatman) Vlcek-1956, K.T. (Tatman) Deja-1955, Frank Newell-1955, Ben-1955 and Rae (Watts) Cacioppo-1956, Bev (Maliszewski) Sladovnik-1959, Rose Ann Clark-1959. We can always use more volunteers - call the office at 738-9493 for details!**

**ALL BOW TO THE 1951 QUEENS**

**Lucille (Wolfe) Gregg** - Achievement;  
**Donna (Untiedt) Krambeck** - Popularity;  
**\*Arlene (Acamo) Godek** - Athletics  
(\*=deceased)



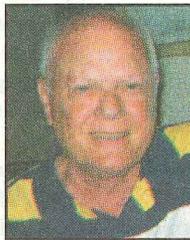
## SPORTS CORNER

*Send us your news (and pictures if possible) about your hole in one, perfect bowling game, the mountain you climbed, the race you won, etc., so we can share your success with your school alumni!*

**1948-John Wiren** worked with his younger brother, Gary Wiren, a golf educator, for the first time professionally at the Air America Association reunion in Raleigh, N.C. held June 2 through 6, 2010. John is the President of the Air America Organization and he asked his brother to give him some golf instruction at their annual Air America get-together. An *OW-H* article on 5-18-10 was titled "Wiren brothers remain proud of Omaha roots" and mentions that the boys grew up near Rosenblatt Stadium and Gary learned to golf at the Spring Lake Park course. *They are proud of their Omaha connection and we are proud of them!*

Brothers **Leroy "Butch" Kozeny-1952** and **Larry "Buzz" Kozeny-1957** were inducted in the Omaha Old-timers Baseball Association Hall of Fame on 5-3-10 at Cascio's Steakhouse. *Congratulations!*

**1961-Denny Koubsky** waited many years for his first perfect bowling score, and then had three perfect games in three months – all at Mockingbird Lanes! His first came on 2-16, then 3-19 and 4-9-10. And he also bowled an 810 series on 4-9-10 with games of 264, 300 and 246! *Congratulations!*



**1964-Walter Gullie** was enshrined in the Nebraska Black Sports Hall of Fame on 7-31-10. **Marlin Brisco-1963** said that Walter was "probably the most versatile athlete I've ever seen in any sport." Walter was a multi-sport star at SHS earning All-Nebraska honors in both basketball and football. *Congratulations!*

**2010 Bowling Tournament** winners were **Ron Welsh** for Men's High Series and Games 1 and 3 high scores; **Denny Koubsky** for Men's Game 2 high score; **Barb Eastman** for Women's High Series score; **Anne Hendricks** for Women's Games 1 and 2 high scores; and **Sarah Nommensen** for Women's Game 3 high score. Co-Chairs **Denny Koubsky** and **Chris Saklar** thank all who participated and look forward to having all of you back next year.

**2010 SHS HOME FOOTBALL SCHEDULE** - Alumni are invited to attend all SHS home football games at Collin Field on the following dates: 8-27 vs. Northwest; 9-3 vs. Lincoln High; 9-17 vs. Westside; 10-1 vs. Papillion LV (Homecoming – see free ticket in this issue); 10-8 vs. Bellevue East. **Come support the Packers!**

### DAVE AND CAROL VAN METRE APPRECIATION DAY CELEBRATION

More than 225 attendees enjoyed the program and luncheon at Collin Field on May 30, 2010 planned by committee members **Steve Cavlovic-1950**; **Judi Koubsky-1961**; **Paul Kracher-1961**; Principal **Cara Riggs** and Vice Principal and Athletic Director **Roni Huerta**. **Steve Cavlovic** served as Master of Ceremonies, First Lady **Sally Ganem-1966** inducted both into the Nebraska Navy as Admirals. Omaha City Council President **Garry Germandt-1964** read a City proclamation declaring



"Dave and Carol Van Metre Appreciation Day." The Van Metres also received keys to the city, framed for their display. A large poster was signed by attendees and presented to them along with other gifts, and a plaque honoring them was unveiled during the program. OPS Superintendent John Mackiel was also there to honor the Van Metres. They were honored for their outstanding support of OPS and especially SHS, including being catalysts for Collin Field. Dave Van Metre remembered a song called "South High Will Shine Tonight" and commented that "South is shining now!"

### LUNCHEON WITH THE FIRST LADY IN THE MANSION



The luncheon with First Lady **Sally Ganem-1966** auctioned at the **2009 Packer Power for Education Tie One On for Education** scholarship fundraiser and won by **Shirley Young** was enjoyed on July 26, 2010 by those pictured (left to right) - **Front row** - **Trudy (Ford) Darling-1968**, **Mary (Samples) Rezac-1970**, **Patty (Harrahill) Svajgl-1970**. **Back row** - **Sally Ganem-1966**, **Judi (Clark) Koubsky-1961**, **Shirley (Samples) Young-1972**, **Cheryl (Sparano) Wild-1968**, **Ellen (Conner) Leonard-1961**, **Jody (Erkman) Distefano-1973**. A complete tour of the mansion by the First Lady was fun, interesting, and full of information, and the luncheon was delicious. Thank you to **Sally Ganem** and **Shirley Young** for helping raise scholarship funds for South High Seniors.

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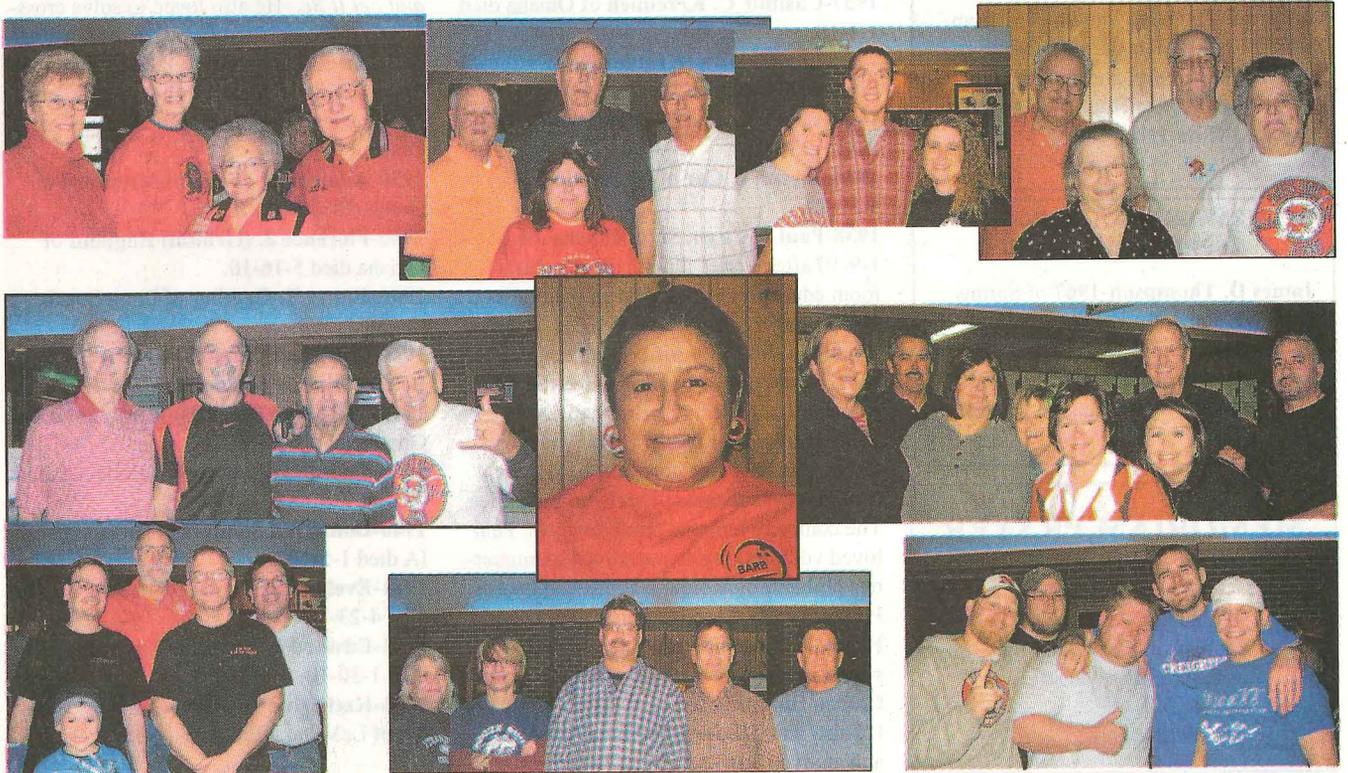
**2010 SHANE KILION MEMORIAL POKER RUN**

The Poker Run, chaired by **Scott Knudsen-1965**, was a great success and the riders had a fun time as these photos show. We thank all of the riders for supporting the scholarship fund.



**2010 BOWLING TOURNAMENT**

Prize winners are listed in **Sports Corner** in this issue, but these photos show that a great time was had by all. We appreciate the support of the bowlers for this scholarship fundraiser.



**MEMORIALS GIVEN**

Memorials were given in honor and memory of:

**Patrica (Kracher) Circo-1938** from Dorothy Capel; **Denny and Judi (Clark) Koubsky-1961**  
Norman Zinn from **Denny and Judi (Clark) Koubsky-1961**  
**Robert Orsi-1961** from **Denny and Judi (Clark) Koubsky-1961**  
Doug Van Metre from **Denny and Judi (Clark) Koubsky-1961**  
**Sam "Salvatore" Di Mauro-1937** from Charles and Cynthia Schneider; **Rosemary (Piatt) Gilmore-1963**; **Jody (Di Mauro) Lidgett-1973**; **Joseph-1950** and **Mary Stankiewicz**; **Dewey C. and Carol Brockmann**; **Joseph and Jane Fiala Stan Halski-1933** from **Gary and Joyce (Ogden) Mortensen-1967**  
**Richard A. Slizinski-1965** from his sister, **Donna (Slizinski) Bowdish-1963**  
**Donald D. Williams-1968** from his sister, **Louise (Williams) Kvasnicka-1966**  
**Richard L. Moore** from **Ron Mayer and Martha (Moore) Mayer-1952**  
**Charles J. "Shy" Deras-1948** from **John R. "Jack" Chandler-1965** and **Pauline" Polly" (Feuquay) Chandler-1965**  
**Mildred (Mortensen) Walsh-1935** from **Timothy and Frances (Walsh) Curran-1944** and **Joyce (Ogden) Mortensen-1967**  
**Robert McNutt-1943** from **Paul Kracher-1961**; **Frances (Walsh) Curran-1944**  
**Margaret (Forman) Vanek-1967** from **Frank "Ed"-1965** and **Julie (Riha) Diehm-1966**; **Denny and Judi (Clark) Koubsky-1961**; **Vic Riha-1961** and **Bev (Forman) Riha-1964**

**IN MEMORIAM CORRECTION –  
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**James D. Thompson-1967** of Springfield, NE and **John Perkins-1968** of Omaha, NE were listed as deceased. We are happy to report that they are both alive and well, and apologize for this error.

**MEMORIAM PRAYER**

Gone yet not forgotten,  
Although we are apart,  
Your spirit lives within me  
Forever in my heart.

-Author Unknown

**1931-Cecelia M. (Matyja) Bender** of LaVista died 4-27-10.

**1931-Lois (Burke) Brown** of Blair, NE died.

**1931-Roy Brown** of Blair, NE died.

**1932-Rose (Revers) Brown** of Omaha died in 2009.

**1932-Rebecca "Becky" Griffith** of Lincoln, NE died in 8-09.

**1932-Agnes T. (Yankowski) Hopkins** of Sammamish, WA died 1-14-10.

**1932-Glenn G. Marcoe** of Rapid City, SD died 8-5-09.

**1932-Helen A. (Miriovsky) Worth** of Omaha died 1-10.

**1933-Edward J. Novak** of Omaha died 1-14-10.

**1934-Alex Lipsman** of Newton, NJ died.

**1934-Marie H. (Gregor) McLane** of Omaha died 3-3-10.

**1935-John A. Kielian** of Papillion died 2-8-10.

**1935-Mildred (Mortensen) Walsh** of Omaha died 3-10.

**1935-Alice L. (Hauptman) White** of Underwood, IA died 3-1-10.

**1937-Sam "Salvatore" Di Mauro** of Omaha died 2-27-10.

**1937-Dorothy E. (Ewin) Heard** of Omaha died 4-1-10.

**1937-Eli P. Josoff** of Plattsmouth, NE died 4-2-10. Military honors by Millard American Legion Post 374 and VFW Post 8334.

**1937-Casimir C. Krzemien** of Omaha died 1-4-10.

**1938-Loretta Ann (Kraniewski) Badura** of Omaha died 2-11-10.

**1938-Virginia (Joseff) Barrett** of Bellevue died 1-25-10.

**1938-Joseph P. Car** of Omaha died 4-17-10.

**1938-Paul J. Circo, Sr.** of Omaha died 1-9-10 after a brief illness. Paul's classroom education ended after graduation as valedictorian of the Class of 1939. After serving in the Army Air Force during WWII, Paul joined Precision Bearing Company, founded by **Sebastian Circo-1936**, Paul's older brother. The younger Circo retired as vice president before the company was renamed Precision Industries. The company remains family owned. Paul loved volunteer work and served on numerous philanthropic organizations and boards. He was nearly a scratch golfer, belonged to Happy Hollow Club for 60 years and was a winter member of Bermuda Dunes Country Club in Bermuda Dunes, CA for 25 years. He also was a thoroughbred horse owner and enjoyed bowling and fishing.

**1938-Dorothy A. Kramer** of St. Augustine, FL died 4-11-10.

**1938-Irma M. (Novotny) Volcek** of Kansas City, MO died 1-12-10.

**1939-Lillian "Billie" (Bragg) Bends** of Grand Island, NE died 1-9-10.

**1939-Theodore J. Czerwinski** of Omaha died 6-10. Ted was a WWII Veteran and a Pearl Harbor Survivor.

**1939-Betty (Altic) Driscoll** of Bellevue, NE died 6-9-08.

**1939-Gretchen M. (Haas) Greenwald** of Omaha died 5-13-10.

**1939-Jean A. (Saniuk) Komar** of Omaha died 5-10. In high school, she was involved in athletics including basketball and bowling. She was a life-long member of St. Francis Assisi Parish and active in their women's group. Jean worked as a waitress at the Short Stop Restaurant at 42 & L Street for 30 years. She was beloved by her customers who often asked to be seated in her station.

**1939-Albert J. B. Lang** of Ottawa, KS died 10-16-09. He was a retired engineer for Omaha Public Power District. Albert attended Lutheran School in Omaha and after graduation from SHS, he continued his education at both Iowa State University and the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He loved music and was self-taught on the piano and organ. He recomposed and arranged a song titled *O Sacred Head Now Wounded*. Other favorite songs included, *The Lord's Prayer*, *Abide With Me* and *Take My Life and Let It Be*. He also loved to solve crossword puzzles and play word games. Albert was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Ottawa, KS and a former member of Cross Lutheran and Zion Lutheran churches of Omaha.

**1939-Adalene A. (Wilson) Mumford** of Omaha died 5-4-10.

**1940-Florence J. (Grimm) England** of Omaha died 5-16-10.

**1940-James E. Gember** of Long Beach, CA died 7-93.

**1940-Margaret (Vankat) Gember** of Long Beach, CA died 12-26-09.

**1940-Josephine (Sabutis) Lawrynovicz** of Omaha died 1-20-10.

**1940-George W. Parsons** of Bellevue died 5-6-10.

**1940-Donald A. Sanders** of Council Bluffs, IA died 1-5-10.

**1941-Evelyn C. (Hynek) Janda** of Omaha died 4-23-10.

**1941-Edward J. Karlik** of Las Vegas, NV died 1-30-10.

**1941-Katherine "Katie" (Cubrich) Povich** of LaVista, NE died 3-14-10.

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**1941-Betty (Petersen) Sempek** of Omaha died 5-8-10.

**1941-Cleland Vandeventer** of Elkhorn, NE died 6-30-10.

**1942-Doris (Hall) Curran** of Omaha died 5-22-10.

**1942-Mary Jo (Andrlik) Gasper** of Omaha died 3-27-10.

**1942-Rita (Siepman) Seaman** of Honolulu, HI died in 2010.

**1943-James Altic** of Austin, TX died 1-5-10.

**1943-Joseph F. "Prep" Balus, Sr.** of Omaha died 2-10-10.

**1943-Carl L. Elsasser** of Omaha died 4-10-10.

**1943-Lilus A. (Frahm) George** died in 2009

**1943-Donald J. Hamilton** died 1-11-10.

He worked at the Packing House after school and joined the Navy at age 17 during WWII before receiving his degree. Before he shipped out, he received his diploma with credits for military training and special courses he took on his own. He won three Air Medals and a Distinguished Flying Cross and returned a hero at age 19. He tried several jobs including "head mortician" at the University of Nebraska College of Medicine, working as a steelworker for Kiewit Construction in Guam; a lumberjack in Washington state; and then returned home to attend UNO on the G.I. Bill. He received his law degree from Creighton University, becoming a lawyer before being appointed a Municipal and then Douglas County District Court Judge. He was very proud of his South Omaha roots and was a popular judge on the bench.

**1943-Richard "Dick" A. Kravchuk** of Naperville, IL died 1-26-10. As a graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Class of 1947, he served aboard ship in three theatres during WW II. This experience as a naval officer, along with the values instilled by his faith in God and country, shaped his life. Dick's greatest joy was his family. He was a parishioner of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Lombard for 39 years and Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Naperville since 2006. His 39-year career with Swift & Company began in Omaha and culminated as the Director of Corporate Engineering. He loved engineering, be it mechanical, electrical or refrigeration. On weekends, you would often find Dick working on his car's engine or simply changing the oil. He also enjoyed fixing things in his home and those of his children and neighbors as well. Dick enjoyed maintaining his vegetable and flower gardens in Lombard. An avid golfer, he could be

found on many of the local courses with his buddies, the "Suburban Big Four." Dick was also an excellent marksman and greatly enjoyed pheasant hunting.

**1943-Robert B. McNutt** of Omaha died 5-10-10. Bob was fresh out of Omaha

University with a degree in business in 1951 when he started working in classified advertising at *The Omaha World-Herald*. Bob retired from the newspaper 37 years later in 1988, as advertising director and vice president of the company. He received the Silver medal for Lifetime Achievement from the Advertising Federation now called AAF Omaha. "Dad was so proud to be at *The Omaha World-Herald*," recalled daughter Robin McNutt of Omaha. Retired *World-Herald* publisher Harold Anderson said: "I will remember Bob as a valued friend and co-worker with a friendly, outgoing personality and a great sense of humor." He also served on a patrol boat (PT) boat during WWII, his daughter said: "He was one of those men who came back and just didn't talk about it. He received many other honors and awards, including being inducted into the SHS Hall of Fame and was active in community service. He was past president of the Better Business Bureau and the Ralston School Board, and was a long-time member of the Golden K Kiwanis Club. In his retirement, he volunteered as a tutor-reader though Golden K at Conestoga Elementary School. "It broke his heart to give up working with the third graders when he started to have some health problems in January," said Robin McNutt.

**1943-Pauline I. (Zuger) Payne** died 4-26-10.

**1943-Thomas Tarascio** of Omaha died 10-25-09.

**1944-Evelyn A. (Wheeler) Albers** of Bellevue, NE died 4-10.

**1944-Frank N. Bousha** of Omaha died 3-9-10.

**1944-William "Bill" H. Jaksich** of Omaha died 3-7-10.

**1944-Rachel (Coleman) Thomas** of Bellevue died 1-18-10. Rachel was born on a farm near Greenwood, NE. During the Great Depression, Rachel moved to South Omaha with her parents where she attended SHS and met her future husband, Ralph. Forever known as "Ralph and Rachel", they lived life's adventures, triumphs and sorrows in the South Omaha community for the rest of their lives.

**1944-Margaret Ann (Ort) Weiss** of Omaha died 5-4-10.

**1945-Arthur N. Jensen** of Omaha died 1-21-10.

**1946-Patrick E. Begley** of Omaha died

6-14-10.

**1946-Richard R. Budlin, Sr.** of Omaha died 1-10. He was a retired battalion Chief OFD and a US Army Korean War Veteran.

**1946-Bernita "Bea" A. (Zurek) Jewell** of Omaha died 4-12-10.

**1946-Mary F. (Usher) Larkin** of Omaha died 2-14-10.

**1946-Theodore "Ted" W. MacRander** of Bellevue died 3-22-10.

**1946-Howard E. "Gene" Sowl** of Omaha died 6-12-10 after a long and courageous battle with prostate cancer. After graduation, he enlisted in the US Coast Guard and served two years restricted duty at a Long Range Navigation Station on Pribilof Islands, Alaska. Then he joined US West and retired after 35 years of employment. Gene was the president and a volunteer at the Bohemian Cemetery and donated 50 pints of blood to the Red Cross. He was a master mason and a 32nd degree Shriner. He is survived by his wife Dorothy (Wild) Sowl of 59 years and children and grandchildren.

**1946-Delores (Jodlowski) Votrobek** of Windsor, CO died 3-31-10.

**1947-Ardell (Buck) Boden** died 11-13-09.

**1947-Antoinette (Holly) Erno** of Beltsville, MD died 5-19-09.

**1947-Everett L. "Pete" Landon** of Omaha died 1-3-10.

**1947-Ramona F. (Finnberg) Little** of Omaha died 5-15-10.

**1947-Elmer L. Weaver** of Omaha died 1-25-10.

**1948-Robert L. Astleford** of Omaha died 5-10-10. Bob started playing golf with his father's left-handed, hickory-shafted clubs at Spring Lake Golf Course, four houses away from the family's South Omaha home. The boy later scraped together 50 cents during the Great Depression to buy right-handed clubs and went on to become one of the greatest amateur golfers in Nebraska history. Bob served in the Army in the late 1940s. Even while serving Uncle Sam, he swung a mean club. He played well enough there to advance to the All-Service Tournament. Back in Omaha, Bob won a record number of Nebraska state men's amateur titles. In the August 2005 issue of *Golf Digest*, the magazine chose its "best all time golfers" in each state. Astleford was an honorable mention pick behind Omahan Johnny Goodman, who won the 1933 U.S. Open as an amateur.

**1948-Patricia E. (Kracher) Circo** of Omaha died 1-15-10.

**1948-Louise A. (Welchert) Pelnar** of Omaha died 3-13-10.

**1948-Virginia (Kumph) Welsh** of Montgomery, AL died.

**1948-John A. Willert** of Greenwood, IN died 8-7-09.

**1949-Delores "Dolly" (Benak) Novak** died 11-3-09.

**1949-Richard W. Rhyno** of Fernley, NV died 2-10. He graduated from the Armed Forces Information School in Carlisle Barracks, PA where he met and married Fran. The couple was married there 3-31-51. Dick served more than 30 years in the US Military, including 15 years in the US Air Force rising to Master Sergeant. He was the first public information specialist assigned to the US Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine at Randolph AFB, TX serving in the development of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. He was the author of numerous articles on the subject of manned space flight research. During assignments in France and Germany during the cold war period, Dick was an Air force reporter, feature writer and cartoonist covering stories in Germany, France, Italy and Greece. He was also a radio newscaster in San Antonio and a general assignment reporter with the *Las Vegas Sun*. Dick received numerous medals during his service in the military. Following his military career, Dick founded the Veterans Hospital Inc. and the Spouse House in 1991. The Spouse House facility, next door to the VA Medical Center, provides low or no cost temporary lodging to families of veterans being served at the Reno VA Hospital.

**1950-Virginia L. (Grasso) Cushing** of Omaha died 5-9-10.

**1950-Edward N. Dasovic** of Omaha died 3-13-10. He was a US Army veteran and retired Captain from the Omaha Fire Department.

**1950-James K. Franks** of Papillion died 9-08.

**1950-Tomas J. Kinsella** of Omaha died 5-7-10.

**1950-Helen M. (Lindley) Michelson** died 1-25-10.

**1950-Helen A. (Dame) Ribick** of Omaha died 5-8-10.

**1950-Shirley A. Tempest** died 2-3-10.

**1950-Robert L. Yelinek** of Indianapolis, IN died 8-18-08. He retired from Eli Lilly as an accountant in 1989 after 36 years of service and was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church.

**1950-Raymond F. Yost** died 6-09.

**1951-JoAnn C. (Blazing) Criss** of Omaha died 12-29-09.

**1951-Marie L. (Yost) Hellbusch** formerly of Ralston, NE died 4-14-10. She taught school in Portland, OR.

**1951-Jayne (Nanna) Recic** of Elkhorn died 2-3-10.

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**1952- Marian (Odom) Elsasser** died several years ago.

**1952-Shirley J. (Trotter) Riha** of Omaha died 1-18-10.

**1952-Jack C. Seidenglanz** of Arizona City, AZ formerly of Omaha died February 2010. He was a retired Omaha Police Officer, a member of the Moose Lodge and a lifetime member of the VFW.

**1952-Jean M. (Bednar) Skinner** of Naples, FL died 3-17-10. She was a graduate of UNO and had been a resident of Naples for 20 years. She was a volunteer in many community and national organizations.

**1953-Loren R. "Dick" Cooper** of Council Bluffs, IA died 2-25-10. He was a self-employed carpenter for 20 years retiring in 1990. He was a member of Community Christ (RLDS) Church; former member of the Eagles Club; former Cub Master of Pack #15 and Webelos Den Leader; and former baseball coach for the RLDS church team.

**1953-Patricia J. (Holderness) Weston** of Omaha died 6-15-10.

**1954-Eunice J. (Casey) McCormick** of Omaha died 3-21-10.

**1954-Sally (Grosky) Soll** of Andover, MN died 2-6-10.

**1954-Frederick "Fritz" Stelling** of Anacortes, WA died 7-09 at the age of 73. Fritz had suffered with Parkinson's disease for several years. He worked for the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers in Anchorage, AK for many years, and retired in 1990.

**1955-Richard M. Barrett** of Omaha died 2-20-10.

**1955-Joseph L. Cerra** of Omaha died 3-5-10.

**1955-Gerald E. "Gerry" Hansen** of Milford, PA died 6-1-10. Gerry's successful career included presidency of Movado Time Corporation, Girard Perreguax, and the Jewelers Industry Council. For the past 25 years, Gerry was an influential leader in the Milford area. Through his ownership/restoration of the historic Dimmick Inn and his commitment to community service, he was recognized as a community leader.

**1956-Joyce (Hineline) Nalchow** of Elkhorn died.

**1956-James A. Prusha** of Omaha died 1-16-10.

**1957-Wayne Gau** of Bella Vista, AR died 10-07.

**1957-Donna (Bagley) Shearer** of Carter Lake, IA died in 2008.

**1957-Richard E. Workman** died 5-7-10. He served 20 years in the military.

**1958-Jeanette M. (Dropinski) Liss** of Omaha died 6-24-10.

**1958-Darrell Elya** of LaVista, NE died 10-1-09.

**1958-John C. Horan** of Shawnee, GA died 10-21-09 of heart problems. He retired in 1998 from AVCO Financial Services where he began working in Omaha in 1962. He and **Sandy (Belitz) Horan-1961** were married for 47 years and lived in the Atlanta area for the past 30 years. Their family includes three children and eight grandchildren, all of Georgia.

**1958-Robert J. Jourdan** of Omaha died 1-23-10.

**1958-Sharon D. (Jaeger) Wilson** of Ashland, NE died 3-27-10.

**1959-Patricia (Foutch) Ciechowski** of Corning, IA died 4-6-09 of kidney failure.

**1959-Kenneth Gruidel** of Omaha died 1-19-10.

**1959-Linda (Shearman) McIntyre** of LaVista died 12-6-09.

**1959-Thomas C. Pirrone, Sr.** of Omaha died 4-10-10.

**1959-Margaret A. (Underwood) Rathgeber** of Livonia, MI died 5-8-10 of unknown causes. She had been sick for almost three years and no one could determine what was wrong with her. The doctors said the strain of the illness finally made her heart give out. Margaret was a registered nurse specializing in Obstetrics. She is survived by her husband, Don, children and grandchildren.

**1959-Ronald L. Taylor** of Omaha died 2-24-10.

**1960-Vino E. Ecker** of Clearmont, MO died 4-19-10. He was employed by Western Electric as a production worker and a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

**1960-William E. Grutell** died 7-26-09. He was a member of ROTC in high school and later worked at Burlington Railroad.

**1960-Jean S. Kohrell** of Omaha died 4-2-10.

**1960-James E. Lopez, Sr.** of Omaha died 6-12-10.

**1960-Patricia B. (Novotny) Lowe** of Omaha died 5-1-10.

**1960-Robert "Bobby" Orsi** of Omaha died 2-2-10. Bobby was an Omaha classic. He grew up working in his Italian immigrant grandfather's bakery, Orsi Italian Bakery at 7<sup>th</sup> and Pacific Streets. He bowled at Chop's Bowl and Sokol Hall and spent many an afternoon watching the ponies race at Ak-Sar-Ben. Orsi eventually took over the bakery, working there for more than six decades in total, until this year when the cancer that struck him five years ago returned and made him too sick to continue. Bobby coached youth sports for St. Frances Cabrini Parish, Sons of Italy teams and volunteered in the Santa Lucia Organization. Pursuing a dream

of his youth, he bowled professionally on the Professional Bowlers Association senior circuit in the 1990s. Orsi was a youngster when he started working at Orsi's Italian Bakery. His grandfather, Alfonso Orsi, founded the bakery in 1919 in Omaha's Little Italy neighborhood, south of downtown. Bobby went into the family business after graduating. Bobby donated bread for funeral lunches and spaghetti dinners at St. Frances Cabrini, for fundraisers for people hurt in accidents, for South High athletics and for many charity events. In later years, the neighborhood had opportunities to return the love to Bobby Orsi and his family. After the bakery burned down in 1997, neighbors and friends helped clean up after the fire. Nearby bakeries volunteered space for Orsi to bake as the family rebuilt at the original location. "In Little Italy, he was legendary" Rev. Jim Clifton, Pastor of St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, said. "You cannot be part of the neighborhood and not know Bobby."

**1960-Thomas W. Ricks** of Council Bluffs, IA died 3-1-10.

**1960-Irvin A. Risley** of Arnold, MO died 3-18-10.

**1960- Jacqueline "Jackie" (Beecher) Secord** of Elkhorn died 3-8-10.

**1962-Richard L. Grimshaw** of Alcester, SD died 9-10-09 at the VA Hospital in South Dakota. After graduation from SHS, Dick attended college and then served in the U.S. Army from 1963-1987. After retiring

from the Army, he worked in the post office until 1995. Dick was a member of the VFW. He was an avid "ham" since grade school and Morse Code was a second language. Dick also enjoyed stamp collecting and fixing anything and everything.

**1962-Mary S. (Ham) Guthrie** of Bellevue died 5-10-10.

**1963-Stanley D. Balaban** of Omaha died 2-6-10.

**1963-David L. Wiggins, Sr.** of Plattsmouth, NE died 4-13-10.

**1964-Ralph R. Godoy** of Happy Valley, OR died 1-10.

**1964-Arben Howe** of Omaha died 9-15-08.

**1965-Shirley Ann (Kudrna) Christensen** of Bellevue died 5-3-10.

**1965-Sтивен F. Korinek** died in Las Vegas, NV 5-28-10. He served in the Army in Korea and lived in Las Vegas for 29 years.

**1965-Dennis Myers** of Omaha died 6-14-09. Dennis was one of four students in his class that were members of the National Honor Society all four years of high school. The stewardship of the environment was very important to Dennis during his civil engineering career.

**1965-Arnold Overgaard** of Minneapolis, MN died.

**1965-Bonnie J. (Baier) Shuput** of Bellevue died 3-10-10.

**1965-Linda (Pelto) Tomasello** of Omaha died 12-5-09.

**1966-Rodney K. Rose, Sr.** of Omaha died 11-09.

**1966-Richard D. Sklenar** of Carter Lake, IA died.

**1966-Anthony "Tony" A. Spompinato** of Omaha died 5-29-10.

**1967-Margaret "Jeanne" (Gann) Nokes** of Bellevue died 1-29-10.

**1967-Marge (Forman) Vanek** of Bellevue died 6-4-10.

**1967-David Wiese** of Omaha died 5-29-09.

**1968-Linda J. (Clark) Hass** of Omaha died 9-21-09.

**1968-Valerie A. Lukowski** of Omaha died 1-1-10 after a long, courageous battle with cervical cancer.

**1968-Donald D. Williams** of Omaha died 4-30-09.

**1972-Maryann K. (Simon) Gulliver** of Katy, TX died 4-10-10 of ovarian cancer. She was a dedicated employee of Enron for 20 years. She moved to Katy, TX in 1986, where she met her husband, Joel Gulliver, in 1989. They were married on 9-29-90 and have two daughters, Danielle and Amanda.

**1980-Johnnie D. Garrett** of Omaha died 6-7-10.

**1980-Janet (Thomas) Yates** of Phoenix, AZ died 2-22-10. She battled cancer since 2006.

**1985-Allen D. Gay** of Omaha died 1-19-10.

**1985-Stephanie M. Martinez** of Omaha died peacefully at home on 2-2-10.

**1995-Jason T. Hunt** of Council Bluffs, IA died 7-06.

## 2010/2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 8-16-10 **South High School** – School starts.
- 9-18-10 **Hall of Fame Brunch** at the Livestock Exchange at 10 a.m. Tickets are \$25 and must be purchased through the Alumni Office, call 738-9493.
- 9-19-10 **South High Alumni Association Lottery** begins.
- 10-1-10 **Homecoming Football Game** at Collin Field at 7 p.m. South High vs Papillion LaVista. Complimentary ticket located in this **TOOTER**.
- 10-9-10 **Board of Directors Meeting** – 9:30 a.m. at the Alumni Association Office.
- 10-22-10 **Jewels & Tools, Etc.** – Packer Power for Education 2<sup>nd</sup> annual scholarship fundraiser - see reservation form in this **TOOTER** for silent auction and dinner at The Thompson Center, UNO Alumni House located at 67<sup>th</sup> & Dodge Street.
- 10-27-10 **Packer Greats Sports Hall of Fame** – at Anthony's Steak House at 72<sup>nd</sup> & F St. Complete details in this **TOOTER**.
- 11-13-10 **7th Annual SHS Craft Show** – 9 a.m until 3 p.m. at South High School.
- 12-10-10 **South High Alumni Association Lottery** – Last day to receive lottery tickets.

- 12-17-10 **South High Alumni Association Lottery Drawing.**
- 3-26-11 **Sixteenth Annual SHSAA Spaghetti Dinner** at Sokol Hall South Omaha. More information in Spring 2011 **TOOTER**.
- 3-26-11 **Sixteenth Annual SHSAA Bowling Tournament** at Mockingbird Lanes – 97<sup>th</sup> and Mockingbird Drive. Check in noon. Start at 1:00. Sign up form in Spring 2011 **TOOTER**.
- 7-22-11 **South High School All Alumni Dance** – More information in this **TOOTER**.

ALL ALUMNI ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND ANY AND ALL OF THESE ACTIVITIES. PLEASE NOTE SOME OF THE EVENTS REQUIRE TICKETS AND/OR RESERVATIONS IN ADVANCE. PLEASE CALL THE ALUMNI OFFICE AT (402) 738-9493 IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND A BOARD MEETING OR IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT ANY OF THESE EVENTS.

Please Join Us for the  
**South High Magnet School**

23rd Annual Hall of Fame Induction

At the Livestock Exchange Building Ballroom, 30<sup>th</sup> and L Street

**Saturday, September 18, 2010**

Doors open at 9:30 a.m. • Brunch served at 10 a.m. with Program to Follow

Cost \$25 per person, RSVP by September 10, 2010

2010 Hall of Fame Inductees

**Mary Ellen (Samuelson) Drickey**

**Garry Gernandt**

**Robin Gullie**

**Wallace Hopkins**

**Dr. Carl Vondra**

2010 Community Hall of Fame Award

**Joyce (Vacek) Pribyl**

For Reservations call SHSAA 402/738-9493



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**OMAHA SOUTH HIGH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CLOTHING****CAPS: EMBROIDERED WITH EITHER SOB / SOUTH OMAHA BOY**

_____ All <b>RED</b> CAP with <b>WHITE</b> SOB and <b>BLACK</b> SOUTH OMAHA BOY	<b>\$15.00 Ea.</b>	\$ _____
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_____ All <b>BLACK</b> CAP with <b>RED</b> Embroidered "S" Mesh panel sides (Velcro strap for size adjustment)	<b>\$15.00 Ea.</b>	\$ _____
_____ All <b>RED</b> CAP with Omaha South Alumni w/bull Logo) (NEW)	<b>\$15.00 Ea.</b>	\$ _____
_____ All <b>STONE</b> CAP with Omaha South Alumni w/bull Logo (NEW)	<b>\$15.00 Ea.</b>	\$ _____

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_____ All <b>RED</b> Cotton short sleeved T-shirts w/SOB printed in White (South Omaha Boy printed in black lettering)	<b>\$10.00 Ea.</b>	\$ _____
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_____ <b>MEDIUM</b> ALL <b>BLACK/RED</b> Embroidered Crewneck Sweatshirt	<b>\$35.00 Ea.</b>	\$ _____
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_____ <b>X-LARGE</b> ALL <b>BLACK</b> Embroidered Crewneck Sweatshirt	<b>\$35.00 Ea.</b>	\$ _____
_____ <b>XX-LARGE</b> ALL <b>BLACK</b> Embroidered Crewneck Sweatshirt	<b>\$35.00 Ea.</b>	\$ _____

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**RED STADIUM BLANKET (New Items)**

_____ <b>RED</b> Fleece Blanket Embroidered w/South Omaha Packer & Bull Logo	<b>\$18.00 Ea.</b>	\$ _____
_____ <b>BLACK</b> Plastic Mug with Red South High Alumni Logo Imprinted	<b>\$5.00 Ea.</b>	\$ _____

\_\_\_\_\_ **RED** Foam Koozie with a White South High Alumni Logo Imprint **\$2.00 Ea.** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **WHITE** Lined Note Pad (3 1/12 x 8 1/2) with Bull Logo Imprint **\$1.00 Ea.** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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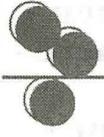
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**Price - \$20 each**

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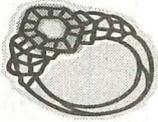
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**Friday, October 1, 2010 – 7 p.m.**

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