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FIVE OUTSTANDING ALUMNI INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME

The following five outstanding alumni were inducted into the **2012 Omaha South High Magnet School Hall of Fame** at a 10 a.m. brunch on 9-8-12 at the Livestock Exchange Building.

1977-ALBERTO "BETO" GONZALES has been the outreach coordinator at Boys & Girls Clubs (B&GC) of the Midlands since 2003. The gang prevention program he leads has resulted in 52% of participants leaving gangs. He received the Ike Friedman Community & Excellence Award from Ak-Sar-Ben in 1994, and the Community Benefactor Award from Latino Girl Scouts of Norris Middle School in 2005. Beto also conducts school programs regarding gangs and received the national Street Smart Program award in 2006 and the local William Hinckley Award from B&GC of Omaha in 2007. In 2008 he was named Latino of the Year and he received the Service to Youth Award from Nebraska Juvenile Justice Association. He also was invited to the White House and was on two national television programs (*Ricki Lake Show* and *Queen Latifa Show*) to discuss the issue of gangs. Beto's goal is to never give up on the kids who are like he was when SHS supported him unconditionally.



1967-WENDY (STECKI) HIMBERGER DEANE is a self-taught artist and entrepreneur. Her art is in homes and businesses from New York City across the United States including Hawaii and three foreign countries. The television star Marg Helgenberger owns five of her paintings. She lives, creates and displays her artwork in Valley, NE at My Gallery & Loft which has been featured on the HGTV show *reZONED*. Her business was featured on KPTM Fox 42 *Secret Hot Spot* feature. She also purchased and renovated additional Valley space for two other businesses - Eclectic Gift Shop and Delicious! Pastry & Café Restaurant. Delicious was named by *USA Today Newspaper* as one of the top 10 pastry cafes



in the United States in 2001 and the restaurant and art gallery were featured in *Food & Spirits Magazine* in 2012. Her relatives now run these businesses while she concentrates on her art. Wendy said she learned her work ethic, desire to be the best that she could be, the need to try new things and to work hard from her SHS experiences.

1974-JUDY (RENNER) STORM is a retired Omaha Public Schools educator who received her BS Education degree from UNO. She retired as Special Education Department Chair at Central High School where she taught for 27 years. She was Central's Student Council and prom sponsor for 20 years. Storm received the NASC Don Darnell Award for outstanding dedication and commitment to the Student Council and leadership of youth in 2005, and the prestigious Alice Buffett Outstanding Teacher Award in 2008. She was a youth leader in her church, supervising delegations of youth on various USA mission trips. She also organized numerous activities for Student Council members and worked alongside students in the Downtown Omaha clean-up, the Red Cross Bloodmobile, American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, and numerous American Cancer Society's Make-A-Wish projects. She is a member of the SHS Alumni Association Board of Directors. Judy said that she interpreted Roland Hinrichs' challenge to students to practice self-discipline to mean they should choose their goals and believe in themselves to establish their roles as an adult. She credits SHS for the gift of this wise advice.

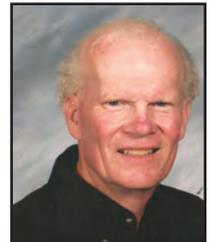


1965-BETH (MURPHY) ANDERSON has served 26 years as chair of the Math Department at Brownell Talbot School for grades K-12, while remaining in the classroom teaching. She also coached the math, volleyball and basketball teams. She sponsored the cheerleading squad, and the National Honor Society. She taught math classes at SHS for five years while



earning her masters degree. After a sabbatical to raise her two children, she returned to the classroom at Brownell Talbot. Beth received her degrees from Hastings College and UNO. She received the Cooper Foundation for Excellence in Teaching Mathematics Award in 1991; the Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching Mathematics in 1996; and the Radio Shack National Teacher Award in 2002. She also received the first Tradition of Excellence Award at Brownell Talbot in 2002. Beth was a finalist in the Nebraska Teacher of the Year competition and was awarded Nebraska Teacher of Excellence in 2008. She credits the well-rounded education she received at SHS for her love of teaching.

1962-ROBERT S. MURPHY joined Mutual of Omaha in 1973 and retired in 2003 as Senior Vice President of Group Project Development and Compliance. He then joined the staff of Christ Community Church and serves as its Director of Ministry Support which includes all operational and administrative services. He co-directs its successful fund-raising campaign that supports leadership development in Mali, China, and North Omaha. He won golf championships and awards while at SHS and at Hastings College. Bob has continued his love and dedication to the sport throughout his life, winning flights in the *OW-H* Publinks a record-tying eight times. He was a competitive marathon runner, completing nine marathons including Omaha, Lincoln, and New York City. He served as a board member of the Abide Network in North Omaha and while at Mutual of Omaha, he served on many advisory boards in the industry. He was also recognized by the Office of Personnel for eight years of dedicated service to the CIA. Bob was SHS class president and has chaired all class reunions since 1992. He received his degrees from Hastings College and Princeton Seminary and was in the Executive MBA Program at UNO. Bob values the friendships and opportunities SHS afforded him and feels they prepared him for leadership roles in his careers. He is most proud of the coaching and mentoring for the people around him in his careers and looks forward to continuing to do this as long as he can, particularly for his seven grandchildren.



BOARD REPORT

by Judi Koubsky
Secretary



The **2012 Hall of Fame** and the **Packer Sports Greats Hall of Fame** last fall were exciting first-class events planned to honor our outstanding alumni. We ask your help to nominate worthy candidates for these honors. Forms are in this issue and on our website OmahaSouthAlumni.com

We are in the process of inputting data regarding Hall of Fame and Packer Sports Greats into the Touch Wall which will make this information instantly available to users. We plan to ship the unit to SHS when the update is complete. If you are in the neighborhood, stop in the office to see it. It's pretty cool.

As we continue to update our technology we have a couple of new ways our readers can communicate with us. Log into our website at OmahaSouthAlumni.com to catch up on the latest news and upcoming events. We also hope you will **LIKE US** on Facebook using this link: <https://www.facebook.com/SouthHighAlumniAssociation> And if you prefer Twitter, follow us @OmaSouthAlumni. Send us your news and updates via e-mail oshaa@oshaa.omhcoxmail.com or use the media listed above.

Upcoming spring/summer events include our **Annual Spaghetti Dinner** at Sokol South Omaha on Saturday, April 6, and **Bowling Tournament** at Mockingbird Lanes on April 13. The **2013 Poker Run** will be held on Saturday, May 18 starting at Darby's with a party after the Run at Joe



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.

Bananas. Also, sign up for our **Golf Tournament** on Sunday, July 21. Details of these fun events are on flyers and reservation forms in this **TOOTER**.

The **Hall of Fame** brunch at the Livestock Exchange Building is September 28 at 10 a.m. and the **Packer Sports Greats Banquet** will be held at Anthony's Restaurant on October 23 in the evening. We need workers for each of these events to help with registration, set up, serving, prize awards, gathering gift certificates and other prizes, selling tickets for prizes and many other duties. If you have time to volunteer for any of these events, or want to buy tickets or sign up to participate, please let us know. We need your attendance and support and want you to enjoy these events as much as we do.

If you have any time to help write stories or send in alumni news for your classmates and friends for the **TOOTER**, we would appreciate your help. Also, please help us mail **TOOTERS** to our 20,000 plus alumni list. Volunteers tab and label each issue before mailing. Please call the office to offer any time you can spare. We really do have a good time. Also, please contact the office if you would like to establish scholarship memorials, help us fund teacher grants, or provide other financial assistance needed by your school. Most of all send in your membership dues! If each alumnus who receives the **TOOTER** sent a \$10 mailing fee each year, it would change our financial situation in amazing ways. We are very thankful for any help you can provide, as are the students and teachers of SHS.

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 in our AlumNotes section. Send us items for our Sports Corner also. Please continue to share your ideas and encouragement with us. We appreciate your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Judi (Clark) Koubsky, Secretary

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Our site is full of Alumni information including upcoming events, reunions, Hall of Fame and Packer Greats inductees and more. Add it to your Favorites now!



1961 CLASSMATES AMONG FIRST TO VISIT MYANMAR!

By Margaret Sova



In November, 2012, **Janet (Crofford) Katz** and **Margaret Sova**, traveled to Myanmar (formerly Burma), located in Southeast Asia; it was a fascinating country to visit! Until recently, the country was ruled by a military government and was mostly closed to outsiders. A parliamentary election lifted sanctions. Before it was invaded with too many tourists and western ideas, the time was right for us to visit. There were no fast-food chain restaurants, no ATMs, no Visa, MasterCard or any other charge cards were allowed. Only cash was accepted and the bills must be “crisp” and “new.” No foreign cell-phones work and the Internet is really slow. Men wear wraparound long skirts called longyi, while women wear a paste on their faces made from a tree bark. Monks carry begging bowls throughout towns seeking food. We loved everything about Myanmar. We found the people to be very friendly, gentle, kind and hospitable. It is a devout country where 90% of the people are practicing Buddhists.

We arrived in Yangon and visited major tourist sites such as the Shwedagon Pagoda, the most sacred temple in Myanmar whose golden dome is visible throughout the city. We drove by Aung San Suu Kyi’s home (Nobel Peace Prize recipient), strolled around Inya Lake, and shopped at the Bogyoke Aung San Market. All of the temples, stupas, and other religious sites throughout the country require you to not

only remove your shoes but also your socks. It is hot and humid most of the time so if visiting during the day you can burn your feet in no time. Taping the bottom of our feet to avoid burns and dirty feet was the only relief.

The next day we visited the magical place of Bagan with 4,000 pagodas, temples, and stupas dating from the 11th to 13th centuries. We tried to visit them all. It was there we purchased our own longyi skirts from the young girls selling them at the temples. We traveled about by horse-cart in what I called the “stupa” garden since there are so many they look like they are growing out of the ground. We passed through small villages, and they all have mega speakers that blare loud music. We wondered if neighbors ever complain. We had a private boat trip on the Irrawaddy River to enjoy a stunning sunset. We took a side trip to Mt. Popa to view the monastery and climbed 777 steps to the top for a spectacular view of the surrounding area. It was a religious site, so no shoes or socks of course. Our guide was from Bagan and he knew about a festival honoring children, so we attended the parade. All of the boys and girls were dressed in their most colorful, sparkly, and satiny finest, parading down the village road while sitting on horseback or in an ox-cart. After the parade, all attended a big banquet.

The only things to say about Mandalay are that it is flat, dusty and congested, and we experienced a magnitude 6.8 earthquake there. Mandalay was only 100 miles from the epicenter; and we were scared! Neither one of us had ever been in an earthquake. We were in a restaurant and ran out with everyone else. We refused to go back to our room on the 5th floor of the hotel after almost being stuck in the elevator when the first aftershock hit. Mandalay teems with monasteries and sacred temples. The Mahamyatmuni Pagoda shelters the country’s second-most sacred Buddha im-

age. A tradition is to apply thin sheets of gold to the major Buddhas, but only men can approach the Buddha. Later in the day, we visited the Mingun Pagoda, climbed to the top, looked over the edge to view the earthquake damage, climbed down, and then another aftershock occurred. Chaos was everywhere with people screaming, vendors shutting down and the religious site was closed because it was too dangerous to climb. Were we lucky or what? We were happy to leave Mandalay behind.

A unique part of our trip was the three-day hike from Kalaw to Inle Lake. We took only what we needed in our backpacks and had a guide and three porters to help us along the way. It was beautiful right from the start as we viewed unspoiled landscapes of rolling hills and colorful patch-quilt like fields being farmed by hand or using buffalo-drawn carts instead of tractors. The real delight of the hike was stopping at villages, visiting with the children at school, eating lunch in a private home, and sleeping in a monastery at night. Sleeping on the hard floor with little padding was tough on the back. An added bonus was the 4:30 a.m. chanting by the monks for a unique wake-up call.

We had no problem getting to Inle Lake which is about 13 miles long and seven miles wide. It is a beautiful body of water hemmed by mountains with villages dotted all around the lake. It is a world of floating gardens, stilted villages and crumbling stupas. The fisherman on the lake stand-up and paddle along by foot and they make it look so simple. Every day we travelled around the lake visiting villages, temples, stupas and artisan shops where everything is made by hand. The highlight here was being invited by our guide Aung to visit his family in his home. We felt so special to receive this invitation. And if you are wondering, yes we would go back!

Please support us by paying your \$25 annual dues.

CONGRATULATIONS PACKER SPORTS GREATS 2012 INDUCTEES!

These outstanding athletes and individuals pictured on the right were inducted into the 2012 Packer Sports Greats Hall of Fame on 10-24-12 at Anthony's Restaurant. Also inducted but not pictured were the 1960 Wrestling Team and 1962 Baseball Team.

Information about each inductee was published in the Fall 2012 TOOTER.



Al Randall-1937



Robert "Bob" Cherek-1941



Allen "Hackett" Philby-1950

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George "Dumpy" Wright-1957

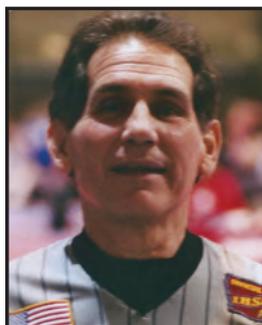


Tom Moore-1959



Charles "Chuck" Chmelka-1977

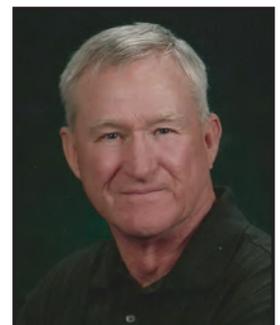
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Paul Allen Martinez-1965



Robert M. Waszgis-1988



Basketball Coach Joe Neuberger

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- Wayne Magnuson-1951,**
Omaha -\$2,000
- Patricia Darden-1955,**
San Francisco, CA -\$1,000
- Nancy Dahir,**
Chesterfield, MO-\$500
- Butch Wierzbicki-1972,**
Ralston, NE-\$500
- Donald H. Harm-1960,**
Omaha-\$500
- Stan Lang-1951,**
Omaha-\$500

Merit Award honorees are pictured below:



Jack Benedick-1960



Emil "Bud" Gember-1935



Margie Krakowski Calamia Speck-1940
received the Honorary Contributors Award.

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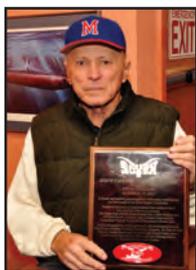
DECEASED SHS TEACHERS

Roland Hinrichs of Bellevue and retired South High Director of Vocal Music died 10-16-12. He was known as “The Music Man.” Former SHS Theater Director, **Jim Eisenhardt-1967** read memorials written by Roland’s former students, and former student **Betty Volenec-1965** traveled from New York City to sing at his memorial service held at St. Luke’s Evangelical Lutheran Church at 23rd and I Streets. There were 62 red and white roses at the altar representing the 62 years of marriage that Roland and Janet Hinrichs shared. Luncheon was served at the church fellowship hall following the service and was attended by family, friends and many alumni.

Arnie Smith served 3-1/2 years in the Coast Guard after graduation so he could

attend college on the GI Bill. He played football on the Omaha University (now UNO) team which won the Tangerine Bowl in 1955 and was named Athlete of the Year by the UNO Alumni Association in 1956. He was a football coach with Clete Fischer at SHS, and followed him to Midlands, TX as line coach. He also worked as an administrator in the Bellevue schools, retiring after 28 years. He served the last 20 years as Assistant Superintendent of Business. In retirement he was an avid golfer and hit balls on the range up to last year. He died 9-29-12 at age 82. He was suffering from Parkinson’s disease and Lewy body dementia. He was survived by his wife of 56 years, Phyllis, and their five children, 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

STEVE CAVLOVIC FIELD DEDICATION



Oh, what a night! Dignitaries galore including County Commissioner **Mike Boyle**, former Mayor **Subby Anzaldo**, and Councilman **Garry Gernandt**. Sports Greats such as **John Stella**, **Buddy Hunter**,

Ron Eissler, and **Chuck Bruno** were there. Steve’s family members included his wife, **Mary Lou (Stanesic)-1951**, their daughters **Connie-1978** and her husband **Joe Monastero**, **Cheryl** and her husband **Phil Morgan**, **Denise-1983** from Kansas and many relatives of the family. South High Magnet School attendees included **Principal Cara Riggs**, **Athletic Director Roni Huerta**, **baseball coach Bill Mulligan** and **softball coach Mario Remijio**. South High Alumni Board members present were **Paul Kracher**, **John Krayneski**, **Vic Riha**, **Mike** and **Debbie Contreras**, **Evelyn Winther** and **Judi Koubsky**. Movers and shakers such as **Dave VanMetre** as M.C.

for the evening’s ceremonies and **Joe Cabral** attended. South alumni **Ron Patton**, **Tony Palma**, **Denny Koubsky**, **Bev Riha**, **Sharon Kracher**, **Sharon Eissler**, **Danny Dasovich**, **Irv Holst**, **Joe Bahun** and **Al Miller** along with other friends of Steve and SHS including **Randy Lukasiewicz** and **Jen Kracher** were there. All gathered at 20th and M Street on Friday, 10-19-12 at 5 p.m. to dedicate the new girls’ softball field and surprise **Steve Cavlovic-1950** when the cover was lowered and his name was proudly displayed on the scoreboard. When Steve was asked if he wanted to say a few words, he humbly said he wasn’t much of a talker – which drew a hearty laugh from his crowd of admirers. He told how touched he was having the girls’ softball field named for him since he coached girls’ softball teams for many years.

After the ceremony, **Joe Cabral** invited the spectators to join the **Cavlovics** and other attendees at a party at the G.I. Forum where delicious enchiladas and liquid refreshments were enjoyed by all.

We are so pleased to acknowledge the contributions Steve has made to the City of Omaha and in particular South Omaha. He is one in a million and we are proud he is a SHS alumnus.



DAR INTRODUCED TO BROWN PARK HEROES

By Randy Lukasiewicz

The local Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met at Brown Park/Stella Field on 10-9-12 following a luncheon at Piccolo’s. The group was then entertained and informed by the stories of South Omahans, **Coach John Stella-1953**, **Steve Cavlovic-1950** and **Charlie Bruno-1960**. The forty names on the Commemorative WWII plaque honoring local fallen ballplayers were read in addition to the Prayer “Never Forgotten” by Mrs. Grove. The program concluded with the playing of Taps by Gary Miller.



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SHS ALUMNUS GUARDED THE ATOMIC BOMB EXPERIMENT

Until the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Los Alamos, NM was an unknown dot on the map. When the first bomb was detonated at Los Alamos and the Atomic Age began, interest in the area was high. One of the Military Police guards, all of whom were unaware of the project they were protecting, was a SHS fellow named **Lt. Stanley J. Skripsky-1937**

(now deceased). He is the brother of **Harold Skripsky-1940** who reported this information. Stanley said they were told the project was important beyond all imagination and all were sworn to absolute secrecy. He also said it was easy to be secretive since they had no idea what they were guarding. Their mail was censored, and no talk amongst the guards was possible, as FBI and CIC agents were numerous and unknown in their midst. Skripsky was chosen because he was in the mounted MP Replacement Training Center. Horsemanship was required because of the rugged terrain and lack of roads at Los Alamos. He was in

charge of the 100 mounted troops patrolling the base perimeter. He said security was tight and included barbed wire fences, floodlights, and machine guns in towers in the complex. Only official inspectors for the Manhattan Project were allowed entry to the base, and military and civilian personnel (including the Truman Committee) were refused admittance. Harold said Stanley never mentioned his role in ending the war until the information became public. After the bombs were dropped, Stanley shipped off to India to an obscure military location. *We thank both Stanley and Harold for their military service to our country!*

ALUMNotes

Spring 2013

Please keep the office informed of any changes to your personal information such as your name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, etc. Also if you mark your mail as "Away" at the post office, please let us know when you return home so we can update our records. This will keep our records current for future **TOOTER** mailings, reunions, etc. Thanks for your help.

1930-Dorothy (Long) Mikovec will be 101 on 5-10-13 and her niece, **Fran (Mikovec) Rhoades-1959**, wrote that a card shower would thrill her. Please send greetings to 209 S. Kentucky Avenue - Mason City, Iowa 50401. *We wish a very happy birthday to you, Dorothy!*

1932-Aliene M. Hammer of Omaha (with the help of her daughter) sent in her lottery tickets and said she remembers taking dictation from Dr. Marrs at SHS and being selected May Queen for Scholarship. She has many fond memories of SHS. *Thanks for sharing your memories!*

1933-Mignon (Altman) Tedesco from North Bend, OR writes: "I've enjoyed receiving the newsletter. In my life I have achieved and accomplished much. I have lived a long and full existence which is very much due to education, diligence, planning and even human intuition. Friends and family surround me along with books and music. I continue to look forward to the future and I do not regret anything. **Long live the class of 1933.**" *Mignon turned 97 on 10-22-12. She can be reached at 192 Norman Ave. #121, Coos Bay, OR 97420.*

1934-Elsie (Tesarek) Downs will be 96 on her next birthday. She misses her friend **Helen Strnad-1934**, who recently died.

She attended many class reunions with Helen and remembers how much fun they always had. She said she loves reading the **TOOTER** and wishes that she could attend some of the activities that the Alumni sponsors, but since she can't she will continue enjoying reading about them. *Thanks Elsie for sending in your lottery tickets.*

1940-Joseph Tesarek turned 90 on 10-2-12. He celebrated with a birthday dinner including son John and daughter-in-law Diane; daughter Janis and son-in-law Mark Wohlers of Kenner, LA; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. *Happy Belated Birthday!*

1941-Jo Godown wrote of her memory of **Frances (Stanek) Joynt-Fall-1940** who recently died. Frances was very shy, but Jo would take her to different school events. One time she remembers taking Frances to the Tech High game at Tech. After the game they walked from Tech High to Frances' home at 20th & Q. They didn't want to take the street car because there were "snake dances on the street car" and there was always trouble. Needless to say, Jo's aunt was very upset thinking the worst had happened to the two girls. Jo said Frances always stated what a wonderful education she received from SHS and that she even worked in the SHS office. Frances later worked as a secretary at Lockheed Aircraft. *Thanks for sharing your memories of your dear friend with us!*

1941-Jim and **Arline Jirsak** were featured in an *OW-H* article on 9-24-12 in a series titled "How Did You Meet?" They shared the story of Jim's sister posting his photo on a USO site and Arline deciding to write to the good-looking soldier. They exchanged

letters during WWII and after two years a romance bloomed. When he returned to Omaha they began dating and eventually married at St. John's Catholic Church in Howells, NE which was her home town. They celebrated their 63rd Anniversary last year. *Congratulations and thanks for sharing your story with us.*

1941-Louis and Bernice (Tomasiewicz) Jodlowski -1946 celebrated their 60th Anniversary 10-6-12 at a special Mass at St. Stanislaus Church in Omaha. They enjoyed a family dinner at Johnny's Café where they met. *Congratulations!*

1942-Irv Frodyma was responsible for the proper sea burial of his brother, Ed in December 2011. Mike Kelly reported on the family in his 2-13-12 *OW-H* column. Irv and his family believed Ed had received the burial at sea that he requested after his 30-year Navy career. He died in 1992 while driving from Omaha to his home in California. They were unaware that another brother had kept Ed's ashes until that brother died and the executor of his will discovered the ashes. When he asked Irv what he wanted to do with Ed's remains, Irv contacted the Navy and they arranged the proper ceremony off the California coast, 20 years after Ed's death. *All five Frodyma boys served their country during the war and we thank you for your patriotism!*

1942-John Gomez and Lorry (Fucinaro) Gomez-1942 celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary with a Mass and a family dinner. John and Lorry's five sons - Johnny Ray, Larry, Jerry, Tom and Dan and their spouses hosted their 70th anniversary celebration on 11-11-12 at the DAV social hall for all of their relatives and friends. They

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recall that on their wedding day in 1942 it was 72 degrees - a warm, sunny day when **Loretta and John** exchanged wedding vows at Holy Ghost Catholic Church. In attendance were the bride's sister, Angelina Fucinaro and the groom's brother Paul Gomez. **Kenneth Herman and Margaret Andersen-1942** were also in the wedding party, along with Joseph Cascio and Kathryn Madina. John and Lorry's love story was featured in an *OW-H* series titled "How Did You Meet?" on 10-27-12. *Congratulations, John and Lorry!*



70th Wedding Anniversary of John and Loretta "Lorry" Fucinaro Gomez with their sons, Dan, Tom, Jerry, Larry and Johnny Ray.

1942-Kenneth E. and Margaret (Andersen) Hofmeister Herman-1943 said that 1941, 1942 and 1943 classmates gather for lunch each month at various restaurants. This tradition started after the wedding of **John and Lorry Gomez-1942**. At one time there were between 22-24 attendees, but this has dwindled to about 10-12 because of illnesses, etc. *Thank you for sharing this information with our readers.*

1942-Kenneth Herman of La Vista, NE brought in memorabilia from newspaper articles about the signing of a Tire Law that was held at SHS. *Thanks so very much for thinking of us.*

1943-Frances (Bovick) Jansen said she looks forward to receiving the **TOOTER** again. She said that she lost Tom, her dear husband, two years ago after over 68 years of what she called a "storybook" marriage. She said "He often commented on what a great, first-class publication the **TOOTER** was - and I'm sure it still is." *Condolences on your loss and we hope you continue to enjoy reading the TOOTER!*

1944-Paul and Clare (Goodro) Hotovec-1946 are celebrating their 65th Anniversary with family and friends. *Congratulations!*

1945-Jesse Hofmann wrote that when his classmate **George Reid-1945** died, they lost another great one. He said he grieved that loss, and the death of Neil Armstrong, the astronaut. Jesse enlisted in the Navy pilot training program during WWII and became

an aviation cadet in 1946. The Navy revised the program and 3,000 students became "Flying Midshipmen." The guys formed the "Flying Midshipmen Association" (FMA) with 1,300 members. 160 of the 610 members still alive held their final reunion in Pensacola, FL in May 2011. Two of the latest FMA members became astronauts- Neil Armstrong (the first human to walk on the moon) and Jim Lovell and both attended! Jesse wondered if he was the only SHS Packer to shake hands with Neil Armstrong - and he said it was such an honor for him! *Thanks for sharing your memories with us, Jesse. Packers, let us know if you were also honored to shake Neil Armstrong's hand!*

1946-Shirley (Citta) Schwer and her husband Howard celebrated their 65th Anniversary with a family dinner. They have five children, 10 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. *Congratulations!*

1947-William (Bill) Citta, Jr., celebrated his 82nd birthday 8-11-12, with family and friends in Cairns, Australia enjoying days on the Great Barrier Reef. Bill retired as Fire Chief of the Manhattan Beach, CA Fire Department after serving 30 years. Upon retirement, he became an International Tour Director for 12 years traveling to Africa, the Orient, the South Pacific and extensively throughout South America. His wife Patricia died in May 2009. William resides in the seaside beach community of Manhattan Beach, CA. His e-mail address is bpcitta@verizon.net. *Happy Belated Birthday!*

1947-Arnold J. Wichita wrote "Dear Judi, the **TOOTER** arrived and one of the first pictures that caught my eye was you and Denny celebrating "at the Captain's Table." I know you both had a joyful time. You went to many of the places I would love to see. I enjoyed going through the newsletter and seeing names of the families I knew, and sure enough, ran across several of my kin and also a number of shirttail relatives. The Adam and Eve article looked very good on the slick paper you are now using. As a matter of fact the whole newsletter has an inviting quality to read and enjoy the contents. For the alumni it is a very real "family newsletter". My compliments to you and the staff. God bless you all! *Thank you for your wonderful comments. You are right; we did have a joyful time!*

1948-Marshall D. and E. Jean (Jacobsen) Grant-1950 celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on 7-27-12. *Congratulations!*

1948-George and Lucille (McKernan) Radden-1948 were united in marriage on 9-26-52 at Wheeler Memorial Church. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a family dinner which included

their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. *Congratulations!*

1949-John and Lorraine (Zukowski) Humpal-1949 celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on 9-13-12 at a Mass at St. Columbkille Church in Papillion, NE. They were married at St. Bridget's Church in Omaha and were blessed with seven children, 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. *Congratulations!*

1952-Dolores (Himmelsehr) Holubar wrote this note to the office about their class reunion this summer: "We thank you so very much for all of your help. The afternoon was very successful and we had more attendees than we expected. Thanks again." *We appreciate your nice note and are glad we could help!*

1952-Mary Ann (Kersigo) Miklas wrote "Thank you to all who put the **TOOTER** together and kept me on your mailing list. I enjoy each copy (even when my membership is late). My husband liked it more as he knew most everyone in it. He was an SOB even though he went to Cathedral. As the years went by he wasn't able to read, and he died last August." *Thank you for your nice note and catching up on your membership. Condolences on your loss. We appreciate your support!*

1952-Alice (Vodicka) Stanek reported on the 1952 Reunion: "We held our 60th reunion at Johnny's Café on 8-15-12. There were 115 guests, which included 68 classmates in attendance. They enjoyed the chicken and beef buffet luncheon. Out-of-town classmates attending included **Janice (Johnson) Morrissey**, Gahanna, OH; **Martha (Moore) Mayer**, Roswell, NM; **Nancy (Smith) Bradsky**, Rapid City, SD; **Ben Trapp**, Linn Creek, MO; **Carl Vondra**, Ames, IA; and **Bob Chalek**, Malvern, IA. Door prizes were awarded to **Shirley (Burke) Kurlmel**, **Nicoline (Buda) Welch**, **Gay DuRee**, **Dolores (Himmelsehr) Holubar**, **Frank Holecek**, **Donna (Hughes) Kuehner**, **Janice (Johnson) Morrissey**,



Don Jorgensen, Jim Ramirez, Jess Reyes, Virginia (Swertzic) Kriegler and Alice (Vodicka) Stanek. The committee thanks **Norma (Broderon) Cece** for the generous donation she gave the class for the reunion. (Just a reminder that our class still meets for lunch every month. The guys go to Piccolo's on the second Tuesday of each month and the gals go to Anthony's on the third Wednesday of the month at 11:30 am. All classmates are invited to attend.) *Thanks, Alice, for a great report!*

1954-Caryl Ann (Weber) Kotulak wrote from Las Cruces, NM where she moved permanently in 2005. She has had leading roles in several shows including *The Cemetery Club*, *Steel Magnolias*, *The Quilters*, *And Then There Were None*, and *Crazy for You*. She also had chorus parts in *Hello Dolly* and *Man of La Mancha*. She took up oil painting, especially loving portrait work. Her work can be seen on her website ArteDisplay.com. She also has started clay sculpture. Her web page says she involved herself with the art world after careers as a classroom teacher and an international flight attendant. She serves on several boards. She thanked all who have played a part in keeping SHS the really fine educational opportunity it is. *Good luck and thanks for the update!*

1955-Joe and Dee (Shelton) Bertich met at SHS as sophomores in the same class and started dating soon after. A year after graduation Joe asked Dee to marry him and she said yes. However, a few months later they had an argument and broke up. Both went their separate ways and both married others. Decades passed until Dee was diagnosed with breast cancer. When Joe heard the news, he asked to visit her in the hospital and she said yes. They reconnected immediately with Dee divorced with two children, and Joe divorced soon after. They finally married in November 1983, more than 25 years after becoming engaged. *We wish you two South Omaha kids all the happiness in the world!*

1957-JoAnn (Pospishil) Pechar wrote, "Thanks to everyone who came and celebrated our 55th reunion in September. We appreciate all your efforts to attend and make these gatherings successful. Mark your calendars for Sept 2017 and watch for details in the **TOOTER**. If you'd like to help plan the next reunion, contact me at jtpedar@cox.net."

1958-Ed "Sonny" and Elaine (Pechar) Svoboda-1961 celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on 12-29-12 at Venice Inn with family and friends. Sonny said they had the largest graduating class to date, and the best athletic program while he attended SHS. They won in football, basketball

and wrestling with coaches Cletus Fisher, Cornie Collin and Mickey Sparano. Sonny started dating Elaine the summer of 1958 after he met her at a polka dance at Sokol Park in La Platte, Nebraska. *Congratulations!*

1958-Eddie Sebron added a grandson to his growing family in Las Vegas in January. He has six grandchildren and four step grandchildren. *Congratulations!*

1959-Dick and Georgia (Cubrich) Gregg celebrated their 50th anniversary at the Belvedere Social Hall in Papillion on 9-15-12. They were married at Sts. Peter & Paul Church. Dick and Georgia met at Tiner's Drive-in on Georgia's 16th birthday. *Congratulations!*

1959-Denny and Dee (Piccolo) Graves celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 8-25-12 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Omaha, NE. They were featured in an *OW-H* article on 1-3-13 in a series titled "How Did You Meet?" Turns out Denny's mom was working at Safeway at 19th and Vinton and noticed how attractive Dee and her mother were. She told Denny about it and called him to come to the store next time they came in. Denny spied on them and agreed. He discovered her dad owned Piccolo's Restaurant so he attended the next Piccolo's teenage dance so he could dance with her. Denny said he was smitten from the start, and she thought he was very good looking. And the rest is history. *We enjoyed your wonderful story and congratulate you for celebrating 50 years together!*

1959-Judy (Henggeler) Spohr wrote, "Dear Packers at the Alumni Office-Love the new **TOOTER**. Having the recipients thanking us for the scholarships is a nice touch. Keep up the good work." *Thank you, Judy, and thank you for funding scholarships for SHS students!*

1959-Jerry and Mary Jane (Kripal) Sestak-1959 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 9-1-12 with a picnic with family and friends and a family trip to Hawaii. They were blessed with three children and five grandchildren. *Congratulations!*

1959-Beverly (Maliszewski) Sladovnik donated some wonderful memorabilia saved by her mother **Stella (Stefanski) Maliszewski-1938** to the SHSAA archives. Included was her 1938 Senior Banquet program featuring a Circus Theme and a 1937-38 ticket to either the noon dance or a movie. Also included was a KOIL Jitterbug Jamboree Contest program listing the names of the final contestants. Admission to the Omaha City Auditorium for the contest was the steep price of 25 cents. The same price got you a sack of six items from Jax Bar-

becue and Hamburger joint located at 4318 S. 24th Street, which listed a phone number of Market 0031. Another item was the Afternoon and Evening Menu from Kresge's South Omaha Fountain. It listed prices of 25 cents for club sandwiches and salads, as well as an olive butter sandwich served with cole slaw and hot chocolate. (*Readers - sorry we never heard of such a sandwich - do you remember it?*) Sodas were 15 cents, malts were 20 cents and banana splits were 25 cents! *Ah, those were the days. Thanks, Bev, for donating these treasures for the Alumni Archive Collection!*

1960-Helen (Castro) Martinez and her husband Arthur celebrated their 50th Anniversary on 11-3-12 with a dinner hosted by their children Lisa, Steven and Christine, and Michael Martinez, along with their four grandchildren. *Congratulations!*

1960-Gary Fuller was featured in Michael Kelly's *OW-H* column on 1-3-12 because he spent over 49 years carrying the US mail. Gary married his high school sweetheart, **JoAnn (Markesi)-1962** in 1965 and still lives in the Bellevue home they built 46 years ago. In recent years he drove a mail truck to deliver the mail. In retirement, he'll have knee replacement surgery, enjoy riding his Harley and continue his photography hobby. When he was younger, he attended eight elementary schools when his parents moved frequently. After one year at SHS, they moved again, but Gary decided to take the bus each day from 30th and Vane to stay at SHS through graduation. *We're glad you stayed at SHS, Gary, and wish you luck in your retirement.*

1960-Judy (Sebron) Yacio became a first-time grandmother to Madelyn Rose Yacio last November. *Congratulations!*



1960-Algis Leskys retired as Chairman/CEO of Converse Professional Group in Las Vegas. He and his wife, Aldonna, live in Henderson, NV.

1960-Andy (school name Mickevicius) Mickus retired as Senior VP and member of the Board of Directors for Miller Freeman Media, Inc., in San Francisco. He and his wife Sharon live in Novato, CA.

1960-Ed Nelsas is VP of SEREC of California and lives with his wife **Virgilia (Mockus)-1961** in Brea, CA.

1960-Renate (Schreiner) Horn and her husband Guenter were married on 9-30-61 and celebrated their anniversary dinner with their children. They began their celebration

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early in September 2012 with a cruise to Alaska followed by a land tour. *Congratulations!*

1960-Carl and Judith (Nekola) Wilfing-1961 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last year. They were married 9-22-62 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. *Congratulations!*

1961-Virginia (Drukteinis) Inglis is legal administrator for the Gaines Pansing & Hogan law firm in Omaha. Virginia and her husband Dale reside in Omaha.

1961-Judi (Clark) Koubsky traveled in November to China with her daughter and son-in-law to adopt a little girl. Their first stop was Beijing to climb the Great Wall, visit historic Tiananmen Square and enjoy a rickshaw ride through Old Town to visit the Forbidden City. They next flew to the city of Jinan to meet Josi for the first time. Then they went by train to Qingdao, a lovely seaport city which was the site of the Sailing Olympics located near their hotel. Their last stop was the city of Guanzhou to finalize the paperwork and enjoy a tour of the city's harbor by boat. They also visited Safariland where they saw, fed and petted many animals including pandas, kangaroos, and giraffes. This attraction also included a Jurassic Park feature with animated dinosaurs, etc. Judi said "It was a wonderful experience to bring home our ninth grandchild!"

1961-Paul Kracher retired from the *OW-H* after 48 years of dedicated service. The *OW-H* sponsored a standing-room-only open house to honor Paul on 12-15-12. Many SHS alumni, family and friends were on hand to congratulate Paul. *We wish you the best in the coming years and thank you for your service also to the SHS Alumni Association!*



1961-Lanie (Miratsky) Bailey is not slowing down as she approaches 70! She has been an RN for 35 years and currently is a visiting hospice nurse. And in her spare time she sings and dances in musicals, such as *South Pacific*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and *Christmas Pageant* in Harrison, Arkansas. She lived in California for 20 years, Colorado for 10 years, and in Arkansas for 5 years. And her next



big dream is to buy her own motorcycle and learn to ride it! She can be reached at laniemay7@yahoo.com and she said to especially share this with any single SOBs since they are the best!

1961-Douglas and Julie (Slepicka) Woodard-1960 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 7-7-12 at St. Stanislaus Church in Omaha. Their celebration included a Mass, rosary and brunch with family. They were blessed with three children and six grandchildren. *Congratulations!*

1962-David and Sylvia (Thrower) Mixan celebrated their 50th anniversary with a family dinner and a trip to Branson, MO last year. *Congratulations!*

1962-Bob Murphy wrote "Hi Judi, I want to thank you and the 2012 Hall of Fame Committee again—but this time not only for selecting me for this honor, but for the excellence of the event itself. Both my wife and I thought that everything about the morning was first class. I know this does not happen by chance and takes lots and lots of time and effort to come off as well as it did. I believe you were the chair person so kudos to you and to your team!" *Thanks for your nice comments, Bob, and again congratulations!*

1963-Stan Maliszewski sent a note thanking the South High Alumni office for helping keep our Packer family together for all of these years. *Thanks, Stan – part of our mission!*

1963-nellie (Sudavicius) MacCallum

was awarded the prestigious title of *Citizen of Honor* at a public ceremony on 9-12-08 by the City of Šiauliai, Lithuania - Omaha's third sister city since 1996. Since 2000, the Šiauliai City Council has bestowed this honor on only a select few individuals, typically natives or residents. nellie was honored for her exceptional service to the community, in particular her key role in the establishment of the sister-city relationship between Omaha and Šiauliai, Lithuania in 1996, as well as her distinguished record of supporting, organizing or otherwise facilitating a wide range of exchange programs and activities between the two sister-cities during these last 12 years. *Wow – congratulations nellie!* nellie is also the Marketing Director for Nebraska Shakespeare, and was shown in the 7-7-12 *OW-H* Midlands section holding a tee-shirt to award to the 400,000th person to attend the Shakespeare-on-the Green performance.



What a milestone – congratulations! (Readers –lower case "n" is nellie's trademark.)

1964-Robert M. Sheldon of Bellevue NE writes about his brother **William-1962** who died in March 2012. Bob wrote that Bill had the unique ability to be a leader in just about any group in which he became involved. He married his college sweetheart and it lasted almost 40 years. He was a very likeable, smart and intelligent man. He was Bob's "Fonzie" and will be sorely missed. Bob's memorial donation provided more information about Bill, including that he was born on 6-8-44 in Des Moines, IA and grew up in Omaha. He was in the Navy aboard the USS Theodore E. Chandler. He received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha where he was president of Delta Sigma Pi fraternity. He retired in 2004 from Mobil Oil after 36 years. After marrying Lorraine Baska in 1969 in Omaha, they resided in many areas of the country including Chicago, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., before settling in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. His interests included fishing, square dancing (he was president of the Rebel Rousers group), kayaking, traveling and attending his grandchildren's sporting events and weekly family dinner nights. He and Lorraine had two children (Todd and Kim) and three grandchildren. He volunteered at the McKinney Food Pantry and Meals on Wheels. He was a student and served on the Board of Directors with S.A.I.L. (Seniors Active in Learning) at Collin College in Plano, TX. *Bob, thank you for sharing your memories and information about your brother and please accept our condolences on your loss. Your memorial will be put to good use in his memory.*

1965-Beth (Murphy) Anderson was inducted into the 2012 SHS Hall of Fame. Beth wrote, "Thank you again for the wonderful honor of being inducted into the Hall of Fame. The morning was wonderful, awesome and more – another reminder of how great it is to be a South High Packer. A special thanks to Judi for all her help and work. *Beth, we appreciate your kind comments and again congratulate you for this fine honor!*

1965-Carol (Brandt) Daley took third place in the group quilts, bed quilt, mixed technique, commercially quilted category in the Nebraska State Fair in Grand Island, NE. *Congratulations!*

1965-Deanna (Hofmeister) Powell of Aurora, NE donated SHS Memorabilia. *Thank you, Deanna.*

Bring your friends to the Spaghetti Dinner.

1967-Marlys (Engstrom) Dickmeyer wrote, "I have retired from a total of 29 years of teaching. After graduating from Wayne State in Wayne, NE, I taught second grade in Plattsmouth, NE for three years. I married my husband Jim, who is from Battle Creek, NE, and we moved to Fort Lauderdale, FL. I taught first grade in Broward County for seven years, before taking time off to have my two children. Scott lives in Colorado with his wife, and Holly lives in Orlando, FL. After 12 years I went back to teaching in Martin County, FL where we had moved. I taught first and second grades there for 19 years, retiring on 5-31-12. Jim and I celebrated our 38th wedding anniversary this year. We celebrated both events by taking a land and sea tour of Alaska. My mother still lives in South Omaha in the house where she and my father raised seven children, all of whom went to SHS." Email-JMSH1@aol.com *Thanks for the update!*

1967-Frank W. Klusmire wrote "The web site is great! Keep up the good work!" *Thanks, Frank. We'll pass your compliment to the webmaster!"*

1970-Jim Young will be inducted into the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce Business Hall of Fame on 4-23-13 at the Holland Performing Arts Center. Jim is Chairman of the Board of Union Pacific Railroad Company and he and his wife, **Shirley (Samples)-1972** have been generous supporter of SHSAA. He was inducted into the SHSAA Hall of Fame in 2006 for his business success and outstanding civic involvement. We congratulate Jim for this well-deserved honor!

1971-George "Dahir" Dare sang on 12-1-12 for 10,000 people while dressed as Santa Clause. He said it was a fun-run for Opportunity Village, located in Las Vegas. They raise millions of dollars every year to help mentally challenged adults. He said it is such an incredible organization that he's proud to help them. He also created their theme song. Check out this entertainer's wonderful website at GeorgeDareMusic.com.



1974-Judy (Renner) Storm wrote "I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation for being named to the 2012 SHS Hall of Fame.

To be acknowledged as an outstanding alumnus is truly an honor. Your recognition of my experiences and achievements at the brunch on 9-8-12 and receiving my award was an experience I will never forget. I only hope that I will be able to continue to lend my support and give back to South High and the Alumni Association in a positive way in the years to come. Again, thank you for this wonderful experience." *Thank you for your wonderful note and again congratulations!*

1977-Alberto "Beto" Gonzales was inducted into the Hall of Fame and he wrote: "Judi, thank you so much for all you have done for all of us today. You are awesome." *Thank you for your nice comment and congratulations again on this outstanding honor!*

2004-Dennis Goodwin's wife Stephanie shared this information with us. "Dennis served in Afghanistan in 2010 in the Army. He is now in Germany serving our country and has re-enlisted for four more years. He has completed three years so far. Please say special prayers to keep him safe." Stephanie also sent a cash donation to the Alumni Association on behalf of Dennis. *Thank you for your donation, Stephanie. And thank you, Dennis, for serving our country*

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2007-Julia Manley appeared in the play *Cinderella* at SHS, was an Ambassador and took part in the Academic Decathlon. Now she's the Technical Director at Capital Repertory Theatre in Albany, NY working behind the scenes building sets for theatrical productions. Who can resist a woman who is good with power tools? *Congratulations!*

Sports Corner

1942-Carl Baratta shot his first hole-in-one using a driver on the 213 yard No. 5 hole at Spring Lake Park during Senior League play last September. He said he bowled a 300 game when he was in his 60s so it feels good to also achieve this goal. He declined to give his age to the *OW-H* reporter who inquired, as he said he didn't want to lose his girlfriends. He golfs three times a week and bowls in the senior league at Mockingbird a couple of days a week. *Congratulations and keep up the good work, Carl!*





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Memorials were given in honor and memory of the following:

Roland Hinrichs retired SHS Director of Vocal Music from **Dennis and Judi Koubsky-1961**.

Marjorie (Gran) Houser-1925 from her son Glenn D. Houser of Plano, TX.

Frances (Stanek) Joynt-1940 from **Jo Godown-1941**.

1945-Don Claussen from Steve Connelly, Steve and Kathy Bernth, Mary Torczon, Jerome A. and Susan Pieper, Theodore Sledge, James Corcoran, Howard Rudloff, Shari (Claussen) Palmer.

1948-Dolores May (Svoboda) Brinjak from Mrs. Don (Beverly) Claussen.

1953-Joan (Rosenbaugh) Miller from her family, George Miller and Bernie (Roshone) Pacha.

1953-Gene McIntyre from John and Nancy Kratky-1954.

1959-Roger Aus from The Riha Families.

1960-James L. Hardick from **Frank D. Vondra-1960**.

1961-Ron Calek from a "Pierce Street Packer," and **Dennis and Judi Koubsky-1961**.

1965-Stanley Brabec from **Ed -1965** and **Julie (Riha) Diehm-1966**.

1967-Polidoras "Bill" Pserros from **Gary and Joyce Mortensen-1967**.

*Memorial Prayer***Afterglow**

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one,

I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,

Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun of happy memories that I leave behind when day is done.

-Helen Lowrie Marshall

In Memoriam

1931-Carmella G. (Brognia) Washburn of Northfield, MN died 9-13-12.

1932-Mary C. (Liehr) Wisdom of Omaha died 10-30-12.

1933-Dorothy Johnson of Omaha died 10-27-12.

1934-Elias Dahir of Omaha died 8-28-12.

1935-Mildred A. (Bly) Johnk of Omaha died 12-8-12.

1935-Marcille (Conover) Hawk of Maryville, TN died in February 2011.

1935-Emil W. "Bud" Gember, Jr. of Omaha died 12-28-12. Bud was a six-sport athlete at SHS, a war hero, and was inducted into the SHS Sports Greats last October. He said that honor was one of the three greatest in his lifetime. Our last **TOOTER** provided more information about him, and a tribute to him follows our *In Memoriam* section.

1935-Frank J. Hrbek of Omaha died 10-27-12.

1935-Margaret L. (Lipp) Propst of Omaha died 10-22-12.

1936-Conrad R. Schlichtig of Omaha died 8-7-12. He retired from the Department of Defense after serving for 35 years. He is survived by sisters **Elsa Hangren-1938**, **Louise A. Marvin-1940** and **Helen-1944** and her husband Ben Sievers.

1937-Nellie (Green) Secora of Omaha died 8-24-11.

1937-Dorothy H. (Kaczmarek) Baker of Bellevue, NE died 12-4-12.

1937-Frances (Trummer) Morrow of Lincoln, NE died 4-20-12.

1938-Lucille (Baldwin) Coschka of Omaha, NE died.

1938-Marie R. (Nemecek) Vacek of Omaha died 8-18-12. Marie was featured in a **TOOTER** article about her long association with P& M Hardware starting following her high school graduation, which extended to 73 years. She continued working as their bookkeeper until just before her death at age 91.

1938-Edwin F. Pelecky of Bellevue, NE died 1-21-13.

1939-Margaret (Jensen) Hansen of Oshkosh, WI died 10-11-12. Margaret's son called and said how much Margaret loved Omaha and that she missed it. She always enjoyed reading about SHS in the **TOOTER**.

1939-Arthur Koterba of Omaha died 1-10-13. He retired from Union Pacific

after 20 years and was also a talented Big-Band musician who performed locally and nationally as a vocalist and drummer. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Helen, and five children, including SHS Hall of Fame member, **Jeff Koterba-1979**, 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

1939-Marie A. (Sanduski) Marino of Omaha died 8-6-12.

1939-Avis (Schulz) Stranghoener of Omaha died 12-10-12.

1940-James A. Artherton of Omaha died 10-20-12. He was an athlete his entire life and joined a senior softball team at age 62 and continued until 1999 at age 78. He won many championship rings and was named best Right Fielder on the All-World Team in 1999.

1940-Anna (Doty) McCullen of Lake Placid, FL died 12-9-08.

1940-Frances (Stanek) Joynt of Omaha died in June 2012.

1940-Emma E. (Ziccardi) Marasco of Omaha died 8-4-12.

1941-Arlene (Baldwin) DeCordova of Omaha died 6-22-10.

1941-Anisia Gawerecki of Omaha died 10-26-12.

1941-Fredrika "Freddie" (Nelson) Jensen of Omaha died 9-7-12.

1941-Josephine (Siedlik) Tworek of Omaha died 8-29-12.

1942-Joseph J. Cepuran died 8-13-12. He was born 7-19-23 in Omaha to Michael and Magdelene (Fabric) Cepuran. Joseph served in the US Army Air Corps during WWII. He worked for Bendix and then Wilcox Electric for many years. He was an amateur gemologist and Master Silversmith.

1942-Robert I. Linstrom of Nashville, TN died in May, 2012. He married Louise Ann Kravchuk and raised a family of eight children. He also had 21 grandchildren.

1942-William Donald Linstrom of Omaha died 8-23-12.

1942-Robert A. Rennolet of Omaha died 10-15-12.

1942-Joan J. (Tomcykowski) Kovar of Gretna, NE died 11-7-12.

1942-Joseph J. "Pep" Tourek of Omaha died 10-31-12.

1942-Robert H. Veneck, Sr. of Omaha died 8-27-12.

1943-Elizabeth "Betty" (Cronican) Dyer of Omaha died December 2012.

1943-Virginia L. (Halsey) Dixon of Lincoln died 10-23-12.

1943-John R. Pilus of Lincoln, NE died.

1943-Marie Polkey (Wichita) Scott of Raytown, MO died 1-17-13.

1943-Lois A. Rogert of Waterloo, NE died 11-1-12.

1943-Agnes A. (Soula) Kolar of Omaha died 8-31-12.

1944-Dorothy (Hendricks) Catalono of Omaha died 12-6-12.

1944-Dale J. Nepinsky of Omaha died 12-14-12.

1944-Werner C. Stoffel of Omaha died 8-23-12.

1944- Thor C. Strimple of Omaha died 10-19-12.

1945-Earl R. Kidder of Omaha died 12-31-12.

1945-Joseph E. Tomab, Jr. of Omaha died 12-24-12.

1946-Mary (Phillips) Michalak of Omaha died 11-11-12.

1946-Victoria (Sorich) Kucirek of Omaha died 8-12-12.

1947-Melvin Drakulich of Pacific Junction, IA died 10-26-12.

1947-Evelyn L (Griswa) Staroska of Omaha died 12-10-10.

1947-Dorothy M. (Palecek) Jaksich of Omaha died 11-2-12.

1947-Betty Mae (Pearl) Pasley of Honey Creek, IA died.

1948-Fred S. Conti of Omaha died 4-18-11.

1948-William James Driver of West Linn, OR died of ALS 3-9-12.

1948-Donald R. Janke of Ralston, NE died 8-3-12.

1948-Harry L. McIntyre of Ralston, NE died 3-7-12.

1948-Mary Ann (Shymanski) Patten of Omaha died 11-28-12.

1948-Dolores May (Svoboda) Brinjak of Golden Canyon, AZ died 10-2-12.

1949-JoAnn (Howard) Green of Grapevine, TX died 7-11-11.

1949-John Paul Jones of Omaha died 4-25-11 of prostate cancer. He was an Army veteran serving in the Germany Occupation Era. He married Suzanne Carlson after his Army service was over and they had four children. John worked for OPPD as chief clerk until his retirement.

1949-LeRoy C. Neujahr of Inver Grove Heights, MN died 9-5-12.

1949-Gloria M. (Sapienza) Rodaway of Lincoln, NE died 9-22-12.

1949- Milo Paul Vacanti of Omaha died 10-15-12.

1950-William L. Falt of Bellevue, owner of Joe Tess Place, died 1-22-13.

1950-Anthony "Tony" Piccolo, Jr. of Omaha died 12-28-12. He was a former co-owner of Piccolo's Restaurant.

1950-George F. Pochop of La Vista, NE died 10-14-12.

1950-Edward L. Vacek, Jr. of Omaha died 9-14-12 of complications from heart surgery. He was inducted into the Omaha Softball Association Hall of Fame in 1999 and was described as "one of Omaha's greatest power pitchers." He sold and delivered Falstaff to South Omaha businesses throughout his career.

1951-Patricia Ann (Rowe) Cox of Mission Hills, CA, sister of **Dale Rowe-1948**.

1951-Ethel (Gould) Eschliman of Omaha died 9-10-12.

1951-Annette (Copper) Held of Hinton, IA died 9-8-12.

1951-Darlene J. (Colburn) Robbins of Omaha died 10-25-12.

1951-Donald E. Forbes of Omaha died 12-8-12.

1952-Dawn F. Alter died 10-15-12.

1952-Howard B. "Sonny" Clapp of Omaha died 8-22-12.

1952-Richard "Moose" Marescalco of Omaha died 12-19-12. **John Stella** played baseball with Moose and said he got the nickname from Coach Collin because Coach had trouble pronouncing his last name. Although he was drafted to play for the Brooklyn Dodgers after graduation, he was drafted into the Army the same day he was to report for spring training. In England, he played for and managed a team which won the All-Army Championship. In 1955, he finally reported for spring training, but playing in the damp England climate had damaged his arm, and he was released. He sponsored a summer team for several years in the All-American League which included UNO's baseball coach, Bob Herold. Herold said Moose loved his baseball, and that he played on the team, coached it, and sponsored it. Moose owned and operated the Midland Excavating Company and was a driving force behind the Midwest Over-30 Baseball Association.

1952-Shirley (Novy) Sokolik died 1-6-13.

1953-Robert Dostal of Omaha died 9-17-12 due to cancer.

1953-Richard "Dick" Jensen of Omaha died 8-31-12.

1953-Eugene McIntyre of Omaha, NE died 11-22-12.

1953-Joan (Rosenbaugh) Miller died 8-16-12. Her family members George Miller and Bernie Roshone-Pacha wrote, "Please accept our donation in memory of our mother. This Alumni Association was very dear to her. She enjoyed reading the **TOOTER** twice a year. Our Dad, **Jerry Miller-1952** also attended SHS. Mom was active in the band and met my dad at SHS." Joan had 15 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

1953-Joyce A. Morris of Omaha died 12-9-12.

1953-Duane Placzek of Clackamas, OR died in 2012.

1953-Connie Randazzo of Omaha, NE died in 2012.

1953-Joan (Rosenbaugh) Miller of Omaha died 8-16-12.

1954-Alberta I. (Erb) Risch of Fremont, NE died 11-20-12.

1955-Robert Best of Omaha died 8-3-12.

1955-Marie (Kroupa) Honeycutt of Bellevue, NE died 3-17-12.

1956-Richard W. Aden of Omaha died 11-2-12. He was one of the owners of Hauff Sporting Goods with his brothers, **Dave-1959** and Roger. and worked there 50 years until he lost his brief battle with melanoma cancer.

1956-Joseph F. Hanel of Omaha died 10-6-12.

1956-Richard E. Pietryga, Sr. of Omaha died 8-29-12.

1957-Karen A. (Kratky) Deppe of Bellevue, NE died 9-24-12.

1957-Suzanne K. (Leonard) Davis of Omaha died 12-16-12.

1958-Joyce N. (LaMontain) Hrabik of Omaha died 9-3-12.

1958-Connie (Tomcykowski) Stoley of Omaha died 5-5-12.

1959-Roger Aus of Bellevue, NE died 10-6-12. Roger was well known in Sarpy County for hayrack rides, boarding horses on his farm, repairing Bellevue roads, driving Bellevue's senior citizens bus, and teaching horse care at Metropolitan Community College. He was involved with 4H and taught farming and farm history.

1959-Jack D. Gohr of Omaha died 12-7-12.

1960-James L. Hardick of Omaha died

7-4-12. He was a football and baseball player while at SHS. After graduation, he attended Omaha University (now the University of Nebraska at Omaha) for one year where he played baseball. He transferred to Peru State College where he played football and baseball for three years. He then started his career at Western Electric where he retired after 38 years. *Note: This is an expanded and corrected notice from our Fall 2012 TOOTER.*

1960-Patricia A. Leas of Omaha died 12-28-12.

1960-Linda Lee (Massey) Frizzell died 10-22-12.

1960-James L. Rydl of Omaha died 12-13-12.

1960-Albira "Vera" (Velez) Thoms of Yutan, NE died 6-19-12.

1960-John J. Zurek of Papillion, NE died 1-1-13.

1961-Ronald R. Calek of Omaha died 10-30-12. He was inducted into the SHS Hall of Fame in 1995 for his leadership as President of the school's Centennial Committee which has awarded over \$50,000 in scholarships since its inception in 1989, and for his outstanding business successes at Valmont Industries, Pamida Corporation, and Prairie Systems. He and his wife **Shirley (Rasmussen)-1962** were generous supporters of Alumni scholarship events.

1961-James Joseph Parys of Omaha died 12-26-12.

1961-James E Paulison of Forsyth, MO died 10-19-12.

1961-Ronald F. Sopcich of Omaha died 1-1-13.

1962-LeRoy W. Bird of North Bend, NE died 12-4-12 while hunting waterfowl by boat on the Platte River. He was a father figure to many of the youngsters he employed in his Rawhide Steak House restaurant in North Bend and was well thought of in the community.

1962-Rayen Howe of Omaha died 9-13-12.

1962-William T. Sheldon of McKinney, TX died 3-22-12.

1962-Dorothy (Whittle) Lewis of Omaha died 3-8-12.

1964-Barbara (Beebee) Combs of La Vista, NE died 10-9-12.

1965-Patrick M. Hayes of Wilmington, DE died 4-23-12.

1965-Stanley J. Brabec of Omaha died 10-9-12.

1965-Donald Richard Ortmeier of Omaha died 12-26-12.

1966-Jerome Ritonya of Fremont, NE died 11-24-12.

1967-Ed Lemm of Bellevue died 9-2-12 of a heart attack. An article in the *Bellevue Leader* about Ed said that a sign reading "Lemm's Lane" marks the deck at Ed Lemm's home in Bellevue. The sign once labeled an aisle in Omaha's Pepsi warehouse. PepsiCo named the aisle to mark Lemm's longevity on Omaha's Pepsi production line. He received the sign as a gift when he retired in 2011 after 36 years. Ed and his wife Christine lived across the street from each other in Sarpy County from seventh grade on. After graduation, Ed enlisted in the Navy, serving from 1969 to 1973. Later, he served 10 years in the Air Force Reserve. His wife said he was proud to have served his country. In his spare time he enjoyed his family and his HO scale model trains.

1967-Charles H. Nodean of La Vista died 10-30-12.

1967-Polidoros C. "Bill" Pserros of Omaha died of a heart attack on 11-19-12.

1967-Louis "Dan" Scigo of Fremont, NE died 12-3-12.

1969-Chris G. Marshall of Omaha died 9-8-12.

1969-Jean A. (Mandl) Storm of Omaha died 11-2-12.

1970-Barbara (Bivens) McVay of Missouri Valley, IA died 11-8-12.

1970-Jorge C. "Coco" Cervantes of Omaha died 9-18-12.

1971-Pamela J. (Andrews) Brown of Omaha died 8-5-12.

1972-Rick A. Anderson of Omaha died 12-20-12.

1973-Miles Bradley of Colorado died 8-12-12.

1973-Lynne (Hazuka) Ridge of Omaha died of cervical cancer on 9-6-12. An article in the *O-WH* spotlighted Lynne and her design talent as an artist. She created pottery, designed parade floats, sewed fabric art, crafted mascots for businesses, painted murals, and did wood cuts and quilted. She was most widely known, however, as an award-winning costume designer and puppet maker. She was a terrifically talented designer and artist said longtime colleague Georgiann Regan, a fellow costume designer at the Omaha Community Playhouse. She was quite creative. She tried about everything art wise, and she was very good at it, according to her husband, Sam Ridge of Lincoln. He met his future wife through art: "I hired her to make puppets for me." She made marionettes for a production of *Rumpelstiltskin* at a now-closed puppet theater in Omaha. Lynne crafted pup-

pets that people could wear at the Omaha Playhouse. She designed a two-person wearable camel puppet for the 2009-2010 production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. She also created the nun puppet for *Nunsense*. She won Theatre Arts Guild awards for costumes for *The Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* in the Omaha Playhouse's 2010-2011 season, the steampunk dragon puppet in the 2011-12 production of *The Fantasticks* and for costumes in *Shakespeare in Hollywood* in the 2007-08 season.

1973-Chester F. Johnson of Citrus Heights, CA died in June 2011.

1973-James Kelly of Omaha died 8-28-12.

1974-David R. Bedrosky of Omaha died 12-5-12.

1974-Stan M. "Skip" Safley of Omaha died 8-13-12.

1974-Lonnie F. Talmon of Omaha died 4-19-11.

1975-Michael A. Piccolo of Bennington, NE died 1-20-13.

1975-Diane Pratt of Omaha died 8-14-12.

1975-Janice (Votrobek) Ferguson of Magna, UT died 9-11-12.

1979-Gary Mueller of Omaha died.

1980-James "Jimmy" Rozmiarek of Omaha died 10-16-12.

2010-Cody Stump of Omaha died 9-3-12.

TRIBUTE TO EMIL "BUD" GEMBER

By Randy Lukasiewicz

Today, in an age of desperately needed HEROES, a great man and S.O.B. has died. Bud was absolutely remarkable, one of the sharpest guys ever and he indeed left a mark. Who could forget a fellow who always had a smile and kind word, was a six-sport athlete and a QB of the Omaha SHS 1934 football team (and who donated his helmet to SHS last Fall at the Packer Greats Sports banquet)? Who brought the house down sharing and singing at the banquet? Who was coached by the legendary Cornie Collin? Who sang daily? Who during the Korean War hauled supplies in and bodies out of Ichon? Who helped introduce the Baby Bill of 2002 regarding no baby being left behind on a doorstep? Who daily kept his eye on political actions in Washington and the latest sports happening at SHS? If this is what an SOB is, the world desperately needs more South Omaha Boys like Emil, and I want to grow up to be like him. Iowa has Nile Kinnick; Nebraska has Emil "Bud" Gember. Bless you, my friend.

Hop on your bike or in your car and join the Poker Run!

School *News*

Principal Cara Churchich-Riggs' book "Hope in the Urban Schools: Love Stories" is an honest look at the challenges and successes of many SHS students thanks to caring educators. Signed copies can be picked up for \$15.95 from the Alumni office, or unsigned from Amazon.com. *Congratulations!*

Goodie Bags Thanks

Julie Diehm, Evelyn Winther and their Goodie Bag committee members gather helpful material throughout the year to donate to South High teachers on the first day of school to warmly welcome them back. If you are wondering if this kindness is appreciated, then read on!

Thank you messages from SHS teachers

You really outdid yourself this year! Our staff was so appreciative and so grateful for our start-of-the-year goodie bags. Thank you from the bottom of our Packer hearts!
Cara Riggs

Thank you so much for the teachers' goodie bags. The staff was thrilled to get them! We're all appreciative of your support as we kick off 2012-13! **Susan Kalina.**

Thank you so much for once again providing "goodie bags" for the teachers. South is blessed to have such supportive alumni.
Stacy Stambaugh, Curriculum specialist.

Thank you, Thank You! It was cool to be able to tell one of our new teachers about how your Association does this year after year. You're the best! **Shaun Hoschar**

WOW! What a great bag of goodies to contribute to all the teachers and put us in good moods this first week! All the items are so useful and I thank you for the generous number of items and the 'green' bag to help with groceries for food labs.
Julie Anderson, Culinary teacher.

Thank you for the AWESOME goodie bags for the staff. The faculty loves receiving them and looks forward to our goodies each school year. Thanks for the great "welcome back" gift - they're great!!
Julie Johnson, Roni Huerta and Rony Ortega

Thanks so much for thinking of the South High faculty with the wonderful bags of goodies. I certainly can use everything

from the green all-purpose bag to the hand sanitizer! Of course, the cookies, crackers and other snacks are most appreciated; your thoughtfulness is the most appreciated of all. Thank you, **Karen Clark**

More Thanks

The support you have shown for our students and the Forensic Science program as well as other science programs through your generous contributions is fantastic! Again, THANK YOU, so much!
Sara Point

SHS Student Honored

Jorge Ayon Gutierrez, a student at Omaha South High School, won the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands "Youth of the Year" award. He said his mother is the one who brought him to the club after friends recommended it. When he developed an interest in cooking, volunteering in the club's kitchen is what kept him there. He dreams of someday owning his own restaurant. What a fine honor – congratulations!

SHS Student Killed

Montrell Wiseman, age 16, was wearing Husker Red at a gathering of some friends when a car slowed down. Wiseman ushered the girls inside and was about to step inside when he was shot and killed at the home located near 21st and Binney Street. He played basketball at SHS and had no gang affiliation. Police surmise he was in the wrong place at the wrong time so was targeted by gang members. The parents said they have received great support from SHS students and staff. *Sincere sympathy to Montrell's family.*

OMAHA YOUTH PEACE MOVEMENT

Following **Montrell Wiseman's** death, SHS students wanted to help stop the violence, stop the shooting, and change Omaha. A press conference which included 50 students and administrators from OPS, Papillion-La Vista, Millard and Bellevue was subsequently held at SHS on 11-23-12. Regular meetings have since been held and the students are sponsoring the sale of tee shirts and sweatshirts to wear to show solidarity against violence in their efforts throughout the city. There was also a Peace

Walk on Martin Luther King Day 1-21-13 from Central High School's parking lot to Creighton University's Harper Hall where a citywide assembly took place. *This is so inspiring to see our youth step up – congratulations to all involved.*

BIGGER AND BETTER SHS!

Omaha South High was once the smallest of the OPS high schools, but it is now the second largest and still growing. Enrollment is at 2,222, the highest in 37 years with an increase of 35% in the last five years. *Congratulations to Principal Cara Riggs and her staff!*

VINTON SCHOOL MEMORIES

Ronald Baltzer, brother of **Myrtis McCawley-1944** and **Diana Jestes-1949**, has photographs from the 1940s from Vinton School. He has offered to share these photographs and is asking for any available information from Vinton School students during this time. You can contact Ronald at 602 973 0626, or email him at rbaltzer@cox.net. *Ron, if you would share any photos or information you gather, we will keep a copy in the office for our SHS Vinton grads to enjoy!*

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Sports *News*

SHS's outstanding basketball team, currently with an 18-1 record, has been featured in the *OW-H* sports pages lately and ranked #1 for the first time since 1993. It's very entertaining, fast-paced action. (Unfortunately, the Metro tournament championship went to Central when they beat SHS 64-51.) The students, alumni and South Omaha community are geared up for the upcoming State basketball tournament to be held in Lincoln. Go Packers! *We expect many alumni to attend to support the Packers!*

Congratulations on a great season to Coach Chubbick and team! Now we're looking forward to the State tournament.

Congratulations Coach Haizlip

Retired **Coach Beau Haizlip** was inducted in the OPS Athletic Hall of Fame on

11-17-12 at the Champions Club. Several SHS alumni attended this outstanding event. *Congratulations!*

Sports Greats Banquet Thanks

We also invited several SHS faculty and students to the annual Sports Greats Banquet, and received these nice notes:

Thank you for your kind offering of our experience at this year's Packer Greats! **Cara Riggs** (Principal) and **Roni Huerta** (Athletic Director).

Joe Maass (soccer coach) and some of the soccer players were invited and thanked the Alumni for including them. **Bruce Chubbick** (basketball coach) and some of the boys' basketball team members attended. **Coach Mullin** (tennis coach) and some tennis players also attended and had a great

time. **Bennie the Bull** mascot came and everyone was excited to meet him and have their picture taken with him.

John Tripp (Track Coach) and the Cross Country Team said they had a wonderful time and appreciated being invited.

Honoree Thanks

Coach Joseph Neuberger was honored at the event and wrote: "Just a short note to let you know how much fun my family and I had at the Packer Greats dinner! The honor is greatly appreciated! Thanks to Paul and Steve and all who had anything to do with the evening! It's great to be a Packer!" *Editor's Note - Joe was a SHS teacher for 26 years from 1974 to 2000, and was head basketball coach for 23 years from 1974 to 2000.*

INTRODUCING THE NEW SOUTH OMAHA PACKERS AIR TEAM YOUTH WRESTLING CLUB (ABBREVIATED SOPAT YOUTH WRESTLING CLUB)

It has been more than 40 years since SHS has had an organized youth wrestling team. SOPATYWC was organized in 2012 by two SHS Alumni, **David Loftus-1991** and his father, **Danny Loftus-1965**. The team includes beginners as well as advanced youth wrestlers. There are currently 15 wrestlers ranging from 5 to 13 years of age.

The \$90 registration fee covers practice three nights a week for about four months, plus entry fees in three tournaments; however, SOPAT will not turn any child away due to inability to pay. If anyone wishes to sponsor a wrestler, a donation of \$200 would cover the uniform and seven tournaments.

They hosted their first tournament on 12-8-12 with 118 wrestlers from 19 teams. At the Bryan Youth Wrestling tournament on 1-6-13 the team took seven wrestlers and brought home one First Place, four Second Place and two Fourth Place wins. There were 630 wrestlers entered in that tournament! Two wrestlers also entered two other tournaments and won Third Place at both of them. Most of these kids have never wrestled before so this is amazing.

Their needs include singlets and warm-ups for the kids and seed money to start next season (about \$2,000 total) as well as fee sponsorships for wrestlers. A 501 (c) (3) account has been established at a local bank and donations can be sent to **SOPAT Youth Wrestling Club** %o David Loftus-2812 Bryan Ave.-Bellevue, NE 68005 or %o Danny Loftus-8306 S. 23 St.-Omaha, NE 68147. In addition to the Loftus boys, volunteer coach/father Joel Walahoski is involved in the program.

Practices are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6 to 8 p.m. at SHS above the gym. Bring your kids or grandkids to join the team, as there is always room for more wrestlers. For more information contact: David at 402 740 2536 or Danny at 402 733 1519. *We wish you continued success and support from alumni to continue this fine program!*



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Baseball Hats

"SOB" Hat	Baseball hat with SOB embroidered in white & 'South Omaha Boy' embroidered in black below.	One Size	Red	\$15.00	
SHSAA with Bull Hat	Baseball hat with Omaha South Alumni and the Packer Bull embroidered on it.	One Size	Red	\$15.00	

T-Shirts

"SOB", short-sleeve	Red short-sleeve screen-printed t-shirt with SOB in white & 'South Omaha Boy' in black below.	S	M	L	XL	2X	3X	Red	\$13.00	
Alumni, short-sleeve	Red short-sleeve screen-printed t-shirt with the Packer bull and Omaha South Alumni in white.	S	M	L	XL	2X	3X	Red	\$13.00	
Alumni-round logo, short-sleeve	Black or Gray (please circle) short-sleeve screen-printed t-shirt with round SHA design.	S	M	L	XL	2X	3X	Grey Black	\$13.00	
Alumni, long-sleeve	Red long-sleeve screen-printed t-shirt with the Omaha South Alumni on left chest.	M	L	XL	2X	3X		Red	\$13.00	

Sweatshirts

Zipped Hoodie	Screen-printed zipped sweatshirt with Omaha South Alumni on the left chest.	M	L					Red or Black	\$30.00	
		XL	2X	3X					\$35.00	
Crewneck Sweatshirt	Crewneck sweatshirt with 'Omaha South High Alumni' embroidered across the chest.	S	M	L	XL			Red	\$30.00	
		2X							\$35.00	
		M	L	XL				Grey	\$30.00	
		2X	3X						\$35.00	
		M	L	XL				Black	\$30.00	
		2X	3X						\$35.00	

Other Items

Golf Towel	White towel with SHSAA logo imprint.	One Size	White	\$5.00	
Koozie	Red koozie with white SHA logo.	One Size	Red	\$1.00	

Shipping

Please add \$5.00 to your order for shipping and handling	\$5.00	
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Total \$

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EDWARD ROSEWATER GRADE SCHOOL 1952 CLASS REUNION

The 1952 Edward Rosewater grade school class gathered at Cascio's Steakhouse on 4-5-12. 1956 SHS alumni attending were **Jean (Dobrovolny) Boicourt**, **Phil Fitzwater**, **Dale Hansen**, **Lee Larsen**, **Carl Schneider**, **Darlene (Snyder) Houston**, and **Jim Thompson**. Also attending were Frank Distefano and Rich Kubat. There were 32 class members in 1952, but five are deceased. Thanks for update and photo!



LITHUANIAN PACKER REUNION IN LAS VEGAS

Several Packers from the Lithuanian immigrant community of St. Anthony's parish in South Omaha gathered in Las Vegas in April 2012. **Algis** and his wife **Aldonna Leskys** hosted the group at their home the first night, and they enjoyed a Las Vegas night at the Bellagio the next evening. Attendees pictured below (left to right) were **1960-Algis Leskys**, **1960-Ed Nelsas**, **1961-Virgilia (Mockus) Nelsas**, **1961-Virginia (Drukteinis) Inglis** and **1960-Andy (school name Mickevicius) Mickus**. *Sounds like fun. Thanks for sharing and sending the photo.*



2013 REUNIONS

1958 class will hold its 55-year reunion on 6-6-13 at Brewsky's Sports Bar, 8528 Park Drive in Ralston at 6 p.m. No reservations needed, just show up and have some fun. 55 years ago on 6-6-58, our commencement and exercise were held at Technical High School, all 489 of us. See you there!

1973 class reunion is being held 7-13-13 at Knights of Columbus Hall, 4323 Washington St. Please call/contact other classmates so we can gather e-mail addresses. Please contact a committee member: **Jerry Cherek** at gfcherek@cox.net; **Patty (Calvo) McGuire** at mpamcguire@msn.com; **Sue (Brown) Navarette** at snavarrr@yahoo.com; **Linda (Kroeger) Byrd** at lindabyrd@windstream.net; or **Therese (Olechowski) Stewart** at DT-STEW@cox.net. Also find us on classmates.com.

2014 REUNIONS

1964 class is making preparations for their 50th reunion. Mark your calendars for Friday, June 6 and Saturday, June 7, 2014! Contact person: **Betty (Parish) Stern** at blstern2@msn.com.

1974 class is currently planning their 40th Reunion. Details to follow. Check the OmahaSouthAlumni.com website for details. Class Contacts: **Dottie (Olbertz) Krimmel**, 402 677 6348, edkrimmel74@yahoo.com or **Denise (Ariza) Muck**, 402 680 5208, dpmuck@cox.net.

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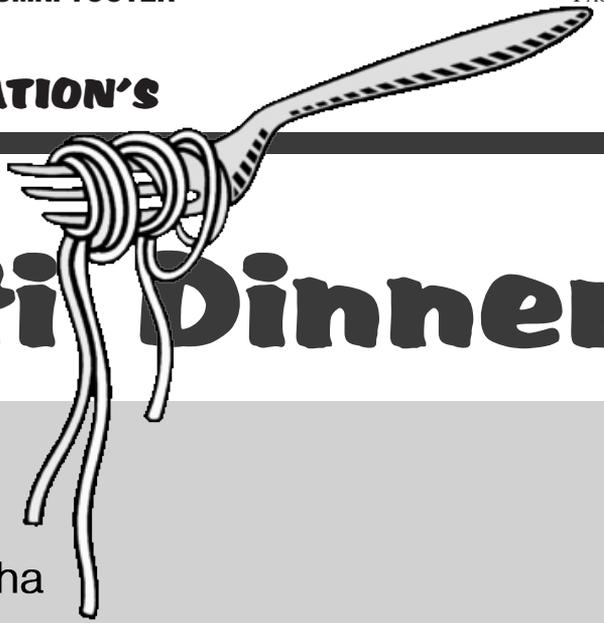
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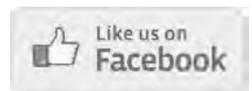
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SHS PACKER GREATS 2013 GOLF TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2013
TREGARON GOLF COURSE



Shotgun Start - 7:30 a.m. Sharp!

(please allow time for check-in and any practice prior to the start)

Entry Fee - \$75.00 per person

4-person scramble format; 18 holes of golf plus cart, beverages, flag prizes, men & women teams, raffle prizes, team prizes, lunch to follow at the course.

Entry Deadline - Monday, July 15, 2013.

*Limited to first 144 golfers. Please submit your entry early to guarantee your foursome.

Mail completed entry along with check payable to:



South High Alumni Association
5082 South 107th Street
Omaha, NE 68127

For more information call SHSAA: 402-738-9493

Your SHSAA Golf Tournament Committee: Carole Safley, Mike and Deb Contreras, Judy Storm, & Mary Urkevich

ENTRY FORM

Name: _____ Tel #: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Team Members (please print): _____

Your \$10 TOOTER fee will be appreciated.

VAN METRE WAY

A huge crowd gathered on 12-1-12 to honor **Dave** and **Carol Van Metre** when "O" Street from 20th to 22nd Street was renamed "Van Metre Way." The street naming was a fitting honor to the Van Metres who were primary donors and fundraisers for the surrounding ball fields, as well as providing sports and cardio equipment throughout OPS. The MC was **Steve Cavlovic**. Contractor **Joe Smejkal** contacted the Van Metre families and the other guests, and his wife **Vicki** decorated the tables at the American Legion Hall. Dignitaries present included **Mayor Jim Suttle**, former Mayor **Subby Anzaldo**, Councilman **Garry Germandt**, OPS Supervisor of Athletics **Bob Danenhauer**, Assistant Supervisor of Athletics **Peg Naylor** and OPS Assistant Superintendent **Jerry Bartee**. Van Metre family members, son **Dave**, wife **Robin** and children **Joe** and **Aaron** from Fort Collins, CO and son **Jim**, wife **Stacey** and children **Lindsey** and **Jimmy** from Kenilworth, IL surprised Dave and Carol by coming to



A large contingent from Benson, Central, North, Northwest, Burke and Bryan High Schools attended and a spokesperson from each group praised the Van Metres for their outstanding contributions to their schools. Many of the donors to the various projects were there as were some of the friends of the Van Metres.

Meanwhile, back at the American Legion Hall, SHS alumni **Mary Urkevich**, **Judy Storm**, **Julie Diehm** and **Bev Riha** were busy setting up the party with wonderful food; including sausages made by **Steve Cavlovic** and enchiladas made by **Joe** and **Mary Cabral**, for the celebration after the unveiling.

A great time was had by all and we really were glad the Van Metres were surprised and we were able to honor them in this special way! The entire South Omaha community has enjoyed "adopting" Dave and Carol as one of their own!



honor them also. Attendees included **SHS Principal Cara Riggs**, Athletic Director **Roni Huerta** and football coach **Kevin O'Donnell**. The Color Guard presented the flag, and a JROTC student

led the group in singing the National Anthem. **Bennie the Bull** made a special appearance to the delight of the crowd. SHS Alumni **Mary Lou Cavlovic**, **John Stella**, **Chuck Bruno**, **Candy Rezac**, **Ron Patton**, **Tony Palma**, **Denny Koubsky**, **Bob Lubsen**, **Jeannie Porterfield**, **Joe Bahun**, **Ron and Sharon Eissler**, **Danny Dasovich**, and others attended. SHS Board members present included **President Paul Kracher**, **Rudy and Judy Tesar**, **Jackie Casper**, **Jackie Dower**, **Evelyn Winther**, **Dean Rezac**, **Jerry Porterfield** and **Judi Koubsky**.

STATE HALL OF FAME HONORS

Dave Van Metre was also inducted into the Nebraska High School Hall of Fame as a Contributor on 10-7-12 at the Lied Center in Lincoln. He was recognized for providing weight training and cardio equipment for all seven OPS high schools, 11 middle schools as well as the Boys & Girls Clubs. In addition, he led fundraising efforts for three high school stadiums and a number of baseball and softball competition fields. *Sincere congratulations and thanks to **Dave** and **Carol Van Metre** for helping so many youth through their generosity, hard work and vision!*



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ALUMNI HALL OF FAME **NOMINATION FORM**

South High Magnet School Alumni Association established the Hall of Fame to honor outstanding alumni & community leaders who have made significant contributions to South High Magnet School & the surrounding community.

NOMINEE INFORMATION

(Please print or type)

Name: _____ **Years Attended SHS:** _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Please consider the following areas for your recommendation:

- One who has achieved personal excellence (business and professional).
- Individuals who nurture their community through service, stewardship, and involvement (community and social).
- Graduates may not be inducted until 20 years after graduation from SHS.
- In your nomination please include educational background, professional background, accomplishments & honors, civic involvement & honors, and other significant accomplishments.
- If applicable include a statement of significant contributions to SHS and if they are an Alumni Association member.

Describe why the individual should be considered for an alumni award below. Please include additional information or supporting materials if necessary.

NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to the Nominated: _____



Please return completed form by June 1 to:
SHSAA: Hall of Fame Committee,
5082 S. 107th St., Omaha, NE 68127
Or email to: oshaa@oshaa.omhcoxmail.com

An electronic version of this form can be found at www.OmahaSouthAlumni.com on the Packer Greats page under Best of the Best.

Have you ordered your brick to be part of South High History?

SHS PACKER SPORTS GREATS NOMINATION FORM

Nominate a worthy candidate or team to the SHS Packer Greats – Sports Hall of Fame!

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name: _____ Years Attended SHS: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

I nominate the above individual who earned _____ letters while at SHS in the following sports:

Sports Honors (i.e. All-City, All-State, Team Captain, etc.) _____

College or Professional Information: _____

Business Achievements: _____

Civic Involvement (i.e. Youth coaching or any other information about the impact the nominated made on fellow citizens or country):

NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to the Nominated: _____



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Wearing Alumni Clothing advertises your Alumni Association – thanks!

ROSENBLATT DEMOLISHED

We are sad to report that the demolition of our beloved Rosenblatt Stadium is complete. The Omaha Zoo Foundation is in charge of the demolition and plans a commemorative park named Johnny Rosenblatt Infield at the Zoo. Some parts of the stadium will be incorporated into the park which will resemble a smaller scale baseball field. The rest of the area will be used for parking for zoo visitors. Drive by when you are in the neighborhood to see how the landscape has changed.

PATTI (MOORE) VAN OUTRY-1960 SHARES ARTISTIC TALENTS

By Judy (Sebron) Yacio-1960



Many Packer alumni who frequent Facebook have become well-acquainted with **Patti (Moore) VanOutry's** artistic talents. She can be found on Facebook as

Pat Moore VanOutry Fine Art (or Pat Moore VanOutry). To connect with this talented artist, you may reach her at pvanoutry@yahoo.com.

Throughout her school years to the present, Patti said she has always created art in one medium or another. She widened her choice of mediums in her adult years to include watercolor, pastels, acrylics, colored pencil, Gouache and airbrush, but her favorite medium is oil. She mostly paints on canvas as well as bark and faux pumpkins.

Patti considers herself a representational colorist who favors painting florals but loves to paint landscapes of places they have visited, and almost any subject matter if it inspires her. She confessed she is most-

Historic South Omaha Beautification Project

Spring is coming – will you help?

Community Beautification Activist **Sue Bednarz** again requests help from SHS alumni to help develop a park-like facility for use by neighborhood residents near 32nd and K Streets, east of the church. This land is being cleaned up as a much needed green space, and plantings, park benches and other improvements are needed. This space will be dedicated to all immigrants who worked in the stockyards and packing house industry. Many items need to be purchased for this project. Help is needed to plant, weed, fund or provide fundraising ideas. If interested in helping or if you have questions, please contact Sue Bednarz at 402/731-8374.

ly self-taught when it comes to art, although she is a 1988 graduate in Commercial Art and Advanced Air Brush from Universal Technical Institute. She worked as a freelance commercial artist as a side job. She has attended a Karen Vernon Watercolor Workshop plus art seminars, workshops and classes over the years in addition to studying art and reference books. She is a past member of the Bellevue Artists' Association, Town and Country Arts, and Tuesday Travelers En Plein Art Group.

Patti has had sales and commissions for paintings in private collections in Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Washington, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois and Montana. A commission in 1983 to create the Exterior Wall Floral Mural for Floral Boutique in Missouri Valley, Iowa, was featured on the front page of the *OW-H*.

She has participated in numerous art exhibits, shows and benefits and has won several awards. She had a one-month show of her art work at The Center in Council Bluffs. Patti leased the Green Door Gallery & Studio at the Hot Shops Art Center in Omaha for five years, but currently has her studio in her home in Treynor, IA. She is represented by Black Lantern Collective in Missouri Valley, IA.

Her artistic nature kept her occupied while attending SHS as a volunteer making posters, signs and banners for any kind of activity, as well as creating floats for the

Homecoming Parade. Many of you may remember that Patti and husband Bob were our 1959 Homecoming Queen and King.

Currently Bob and Patti have been remodeling their home and are considering relocating to the Oregon Coast. In addition to their large family and traveling, Patti is interested in photography, nature, animals, art, movies, music, journaling and writing.



Patti is pictured above with one of her creations. *Best of luck in the future, Patti!*

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POKER RUN

WHEN: Saturday, May 18, 2013

WHO: Anyone! If you have a vehicle
- two, three, or four wheels you're in!

TIMES: Registration: 10 AM
Departure: Noon

COST: \$25 per bike/vehicle (one poker hand)

Register **by MAY 1st** and get a **FREE** Poker Run T-Shirt!

*Additional Rider (on same bike) is **FREE** or they can pay \$10 for their own poker hand; \$10 does not include free T-shirt. T-shirts will be available to purchase (\$10) the day of the ride.

RIDE STARTS: Darby's Tavern (6503 Sunshine Blvd.)

*Route stops will be given out at check-in.

RIDE ENDS: Joe Banana's Food & Spirits (1022 S. 10th St.)

PRIZES: 1ST, 2ND & 3RD place payouts

The more that come means more to win!

*To qualify for the poker payouts you must be checked in at Joe Banana's no later than 6 pm. Poker hand winners will be announced at 6:30 pm.

REGISTER: Register online at www.OmahaSouthAlumni.com or contact the SHSAA Office to register by calling 402-738-9493 or email oshaa@oshaa.omhcoxmail.com.

The party is open to all and you don't have to participate in the run to have fun, just show up at Joe Banana's and enjoy!

All proceeds benefit the South High Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. GO PACKERS!



Bring your friends to the Spaghetti Dinner.

18th ANNUAL

BOWLING PARTY

Alumni and friends welcome!



COST: \$15 per bowler

PRIZES: Awarded for each High Game & Series

WHERE: Mockingbird Lanes
4870 S. 96th St., Omaha, NE 68127

ADDITIONAL FORMS:
www.OmahaSouthAlumni.com

**APRIL 13
2013**

**1PM Start
(Noon Check-in)**

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Complete form below and return with check to:

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5082 S. 107th Street
Omaha, NE 68127

For additional information call either SHSAA at 402/738-9493 or Denny Koubsky at 402/331-9033 or Chris Saklar at 402/333-8348.



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ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Please include the names of your team members:

Come bowl with us for scholarships.

2013 Calendar of Events

- 1-8** South High School – School resumes.
- 1-12** Alumni Board of Directors Meeting – 9:30 am Alumni Association Office.
- Mar 2013** Spring 2013 **TOOTER**.
- 3-16** Alumni Board of Directors Meeting – 9:30 am Alumni Association Office.
- 4-6** 18th Annual SHSAA Spaghetti Dinner at Sokol Hall.
- 4-13** 18th Annual SHSAA Bowling Party at Mockingbird Lanes.
- 5-23** SHS Senior Honors & Award Night; Honors Convocation.
- 5-18** 9th Annual Poker Run starting at Darby’s ending at Joe Bananas.
- 5-23** South H S Graduation Class of 2013.
- 7-13** Board of Directors Meeting – 9:30 am Alumni Association Office.
- 7-21** Packer Greats Golf Tournament at Tregaron-Sunday.

- Aug 2013** 1st day of school for 2013/2014 school year.
- Sept 2013** Fall 2013 **TOOTER**.
- 9-16** Lottery Tickets – Winner drawn on 12-14-13.
- 9-16** Lottery begins.
- 9-20** SHS Homecoming football game.
- 9-28** Hall of Fame Brunch – 10 a.m. Livestock Exchange Bldg.; \$25 per ticket.
- 10-12** Alumni Board of Directors Meeting – 9:30 a.m. Alumni Association Office.
- 10-23** 2013 Packer Greats Sports Hall of Fame – Anthony’s Restaurant..
- 12-14** Lottery Drawing.

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 @ 402/738-9493 IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT ANY OF THESE EVENTS.

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