

## FIVE OUTSTANDING ALUMNI INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME

Five outstanding alumni will be inducted into the **2013 Omaha South High Magnet School Hall of Fame** at a 10:30 a.m. brunch on 9-28-13 at the Livestock Exchange Building. They are **Leo J. Dulacki-1936, A. J. Wichita-1947, Joe Cabral-1955, Leo Kennedy-1961 and Duncan Murphy-1970**. The **2013 Community Hall of Fame Award** winner is **Latino Center of the Midlands**.

**1936-Leo J. Dulacki**, USMC Lt. General, retired in 1974 after 32 years of active service. He is a war hero and an outstanding leader of the troops as attested by his many promotions, assignments, medals and awards. His schooling includes a BS from Creighton University in Omaha, MS from George Washington University, Russian language course completion in California, Senior Course at Marine Corps Schools in Quantico, VA, Strategic Intelligence School in Washington, DC, and graduation with distinction from the Naval War College; he was also an instructor at the Marine Corps Schools. His assignments included top leadership command posts in recruiting, personnel, manpower and many other key areas including commanding battalions and divisions. He served as Naval Attaché at the American Embassies in Helsinki, Finland and in Moscow, USSR. He served in leadership positions in Korea, Vietnam, and many locations throughout the USA. Upon returning to the USA in 1961, he served with the Joint Chiefs of Staff and then with the Defense Intelligence Agency. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the USMC through Creighton's Army ROTC program upon graduation, and he immediately attended basic training in Philadelphia for active duty in the USMC. During WWII he was assigned aboard the USS Hornet during the "Doolittle" bombing raid on Tokyo, Japan and the Battle of Midway. When

his ship was sunk during the Battle of Santa Cruz, he was rescued by another ship and returned to the USA. In 1943, he became Commanding Officer of the Marine detachment aboard the USS Belleau Wood until the ship was severely damaged in 1945 and he returned to the USA. He was promoted to Lt. Colonel in 1951. Dulacki served as Commanding Officer of the 1st battalion, 7th Marine Regiment during the Korean War and subsequently was a staff officer at the Korean truce negotiations until hostilities ended in 1953. He was promoted to Brigadier General in 1967, and he commanded the 5th Marine Division. He served as Chief of Staff of the III Marine Amphibious Force in Vietnam. He was promoted to Major General in 1970 and commanded the 4th Marine Division. In 1973, Dulacki returned to the US Marine Corps Headquarters where he was promoted to Lieutenant General and designated Deputy Commandant of the Marine Corps for Manpower. His awards include Distinguished Service Medal (2 times); Legion of Merit (4 times); Bronze Star (2 times); Joint Service Commendation Medal; Navy Commendation Medal; Purple Heart; Order of the Lion of Finland; Chung-Mu Medal, Korean President Unit Citation, Republic of Korea; National Order of Vietnam, Cross of Gallantry, President Unit Citation, Navy Unit Commendation, Republic of Vietnam; Navy Unit Commendation; and the Alumni Merit Award from Creighton University in 1974. He has never forgotten his Polish roots and served on the Board of Trustees of the Kosciuszko Foundation and is an honorary trustee of the San Diego Paderewski Society. He also fondly remembers his Packer days and has donated funds for scholarships for SHS youth. He said his time at SHS was his source of inspiration. He resides in Arizona and is 95 years young.

**1947-A. J. Wichita** at the age of 17 responded to the U.S. Government's call for volunteers to join the Merchant Marine. He volunteered for service with the United States Navy during the Korean War. While serving in the maritime industry A. J. continued his education in marine engineering tailored for that industry. He has led WWII Merchant Marine veterans in battle with Congress for veteran benefits for more than 10 years. After volunteering for service in the Merchant Marine, he pursued studies in marine engineering schools. While in active service he upgraded his career by passing six Coast Guard engineer examinations. During his Navy career he passed the examination for a Chief Engineer's license to operate any size commercial ship of any horsepower. He served in the Navy as the Engineering Officer during the Korean War on the USS Whitehurst and received ten awards for his volunteer service in both wars. When he returned home, jobs were scarce and he explored marketing possibilities, settling on petroleum products which he supplied to several countries. At age 85 he sold the company and is now employed as a consultant. The US Secretary of Commerce appointed him to the Texas District Export Council to assist small businesses in exporting products. His company received a "Small Business Exporter of the Year" award and an "International Business Achievement" award in 1998. He has twice been elected President of the American Merchant Marine Veterans and was recognized for his efforts to secure benefits for Mariners similar to those received by the Armed Service Veterans of WWII. He has written more than 30 articles about merchant marine wartime episodes, the American Revolution, the War of 1812, World War II and the Congressional neglect of WWII Merchant Marine volunteers who suffered

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heavier casualties in ratio to any other service. Mariners risked their lives serving their country bringing battle supplies to our troops and yet were denied combat benefits. If a mariner lived through the sinking of a vessel and was rescued several days later, his pay had stopped the day his ship went down. His articles have been published in two national veterans' magazines and the TOOTER has reprinted two of them urging interested parties to contact their representatives about this unfair treatment. He said his years at SHS encouraged him to pursue an engineering career in the maritime industry and that experience developed into a rewarding career in marketing petroleum products. He also said during the school year of 1943/1944 that a football star named Cappell Curtis was instrumental in showing him how to be an entrepreneur and make a profit on small business ventures while attending school.

**1955-Joe Cabral** retired after 37 years as a Facilities Engineer for the Omaha District, US Postal Service. He attended many career-related industrial training courses over the years. After retirement, he was employed as a project manager for an architectural firm to make post offices handicap accessible in Nebraska, Iowa and Kansas. He has been very involved with the GI Forum in South Omaha, including chairing the building expansion, adding the pavilion, and starting a golf outing to raise scholarship funds for area high schools. He served on the Omaha Softball Hall of Fame Board in 1986 and is a member of the Knights of Columbus where he participates in fundraisers every year. He has also served on the Omaha Entertainment and Arts Award Board. In 2006, Joe received the Governor's Heritage Award for civic contributions in the field of Hispanic music and culture and other awards from the Hispanic community as well as Postal service awards. Joe was inducted into the Mexican American Athletic Association Hall of Fame in 1987. When Coach Collin told Joe he was too small for football, he advised him to join the band instead. Joe did and went on to play first chair trumpet in the All-City Band in his senior year. Music has been a big part of his life for over 40 years, beginning with the Don Juans who played well into the 90s and continuing with the Mariachi San Juan band he started (which plays without charge for charity events). He played basketball for several years and played shortstop for the Omaha Royals softball team. He loved the game and went on to coach the Omaha Diablos softball team for many seasons.

He started golfing in the 1990s, and he is an avid golfer. Joe said graduating from SHS

was the best time of his life as that is where he met his future wife, **Mary Fahey-1955**. The teachers gave him the education and music skills to continue on his life's path. Many classmates are still life-long friends who gather for a monthly reunion the second Tuesday of every month at the GI Forum. He is proud and pleased with the improvements at SHS, both the building and the sports facilities. He said the old song comes to mind, "South High will shine tonight, South High will shine!"

**1961-Leo Kennedy** is the founder and owner of several high tech companies and served as a consultant for companies including Sony, Iomega, Sunward Technology, Stanford Technology and Data Magnetic. He has been invited to speak at universities and high tech companies internationally. Leo established manufacturing facilities around the world and established a partnership with a European company. He originally worked for large companies where he acquired technical skill for setting up high tech manufacturing facilities. He built the first composite glass bonded recording heads, developed a 3 micron diamond wheel, and developed the first VCR magnetic recorder. He also developed the process to build transducers for military application. He invented and patented ceramic cutting edges. Leo was part of a team that invented the video microscope, and the burnish and glide heads. He worked with material manufacturers to design materials for advanced applications. He has served as a volunteer coach in soccer, baseball and football. He set up the first under 10 competitive soccer team in Colorado Springs. He also supported reading awards for Sister Mary Evangeline and her work with youth at the Madonna Center in Omaha. Leo's achievements at SHS gave him the tools to compete in the world market. His belief is "adversity is a gift and the passion is the solution." Every SHS teacher left a strong impression on him and helped to build his self-image and passion to achieve. Leo especially remembers Sally Fellows, Bob Keister, Cletus Fisher and Cornie Collin. He said, "I can't end without remembering Duane N., Jim H., Bill V., Jimmy S. to name a few. Thank you everyone for helping me during the formative years."

**1970-Duncan Murphy** enjoyed playing football and golf for four years at SHS, two years of basketball and one year wrestling. Active in Student Council he was elected President of the OPS Intercity Council. He became an Eagle Scout and won the "God and Country Award." After graduation, he obtained his degree from Princeton

University where he played football one year and golf four years. He continues as an active member of his high school reunion committee. He was employed by Beebe and Runyan Furniture for ten years before joining Riekes Equipment Co. in 1984. In 1986, he became president and part-owner of the company, increasing the number of employees from 30 to 110. Branches were doubled from three to six and revenue increased ten-fold. A devastating fire burned the office to the ground 20 years ago, but they came back stronger than ever and later purchased Bublitz Material Handling in Kansas City. That company has doubled in size to 65 employees. Duncan is a member of the Yale Materials Handling Dealer Advisory Board and has served as president three times. He is also a member of the national trade association Materials Handling Equipment Distributors Association, serving on the MHEDA board of directors from 2004 to 2012. He served as president in 2009. Riekes won the coveted Yale Dealer of Excellence award 14 times since 1995 and is a MHEDA MVP. He is a Board Member of both the Rotary Club of Omaha and Mid-America Council BSA. He was chairman of the "New York Says Thank You" and BSA team that gathered 1,000 volunteers to build a memorial at Little Sioux Scout camp devastated by a tornado. He is a member of the Small Business Task Force of United Way of the Midlands, President of the Missouri Valley Princeton Alumni Association, and contributor to the Omaha Community Foundation. Duncan won the Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver Award and was named American Business Women's Associations' Associate of the Year. Duncan says he received a broad foundation in South Omaha and from SHS which is critical to his achievements. The work ethic was ingrained and the opportunities and choices available were enjoyed as were the friendships made for a lifetime. He thanks SHS, its staff and students for preparing him for life.

**The Latino Center of the Midlands** has been selected to receive the South High Magnet School's **2013 Community Hall of Fame Service Award**. The Center has evolved into the premier social service agency providing cultural transition, education, social and health services to the growing Latino population in Nebraska. They provide a Spanish General Education Development (GED) Program, Spanish GED Math Tutoring, pre-GED skills development in reading, writing and math. Programs in Spanish Literacy, Computer Information Technology at the training center, and English as a Second Language are offered. The Executive Director, Carolina Quezada, will accept the award.

# CONGRATULATIONS PACKER SPORTS GREATS 2013 INDUCTEES!

Inductees into the **2013 Packer Sports Greats Hall of Fame** on 10-23-13 at Anthony's Restaurant will be **Athletes 1985-Mike Bugay, 1953-Robert Dostal** (deceased), **1933-Paul Gerjevic** (deceased), **1960-Jim Hardick** (deceased), **1964-Tim Hendricks, 1960-Bob Swanberg** and **1961-Maurice Wade**. Achievement of Merit winners are **1965-Phyllis Jirka, 1945-Westin Danny Hill** and **1943-Joe Cupich**. Team honoree is the **1976 gymnastic team** – the first SHS team to win the state gymnastics championship. Current SHS Soccer Coach Joe Maass, Jr. is also being honored.

**1985-Mike Bugay** earned two letters in baseball. He was team captain in 1985, and he won the MVP award that year. He played Legion ball in 1984 and 1985, winning the Jeff Hebenstreit award in 1985. Mike attended Bellevue College from 1986 through 1989, and he was selected All-Conference player all three years. He was team captain in 1989 and won MVP, the Hustle award, District Player of the Year, and honorable mention All-American. He led the nation in hit by pitches in 1989, and the 1989 team was the first to win the district playoffs and advance to the area tournament. Mike was elected to the Bellevue University Baseball Hall of Fame in spring 2010. While in college he participated in the area schools child seat belt safety program. Mike has coached his son's baseball team for the past four years, and is a PTO volunteer at Chandler Elementary School. He has been employed by Coca-Cola for the past 22 years.

**1953-Bob Dostal** earned two letters in baseball and two in football. He won the *Omaha World-Herald's* Star of the Week Award on 9-30-52. He played Legion ball on the Metz team in 1952 and was selected All-City as a pitcher. Bob received *Omaha World-Herald's* Sportsmen's Corner honors. In 1953 SHS won the baseball City title, and Bob was named to Omaha's All-Star team as pitcher along with Bob Gibson of Tech High School. South beat Tech 8-2 in that All-Star game handing Tech its first loss. In the 1953 spring game, Benson beat South 3-2, but Coach Collin said that Dostal's hit in the seventh inning was the longest he had ever seen at Brown Park. The ball cleared the parked cars at the back of the left field, hit a car on "U" Street and

bounced back onto the playing field holding Dostal to a triple. Bob was honored by the Kiwanis Club of Omaha. When he attended Buena Vista College in 1955, his team won the Iowa State Conference championship. His pitching record was 6-0. He attended Omaha University (now UNO) in 1959 and 1960 and that team won the NAIA league championship. He finished nationals with an extremely sore right elbow, which never healed properly. In 1960 spring baseball at OU, Bob played second base the majority of the time while trying to recover from his sore elbow. At the NAIA tournament in June 1959, Bob suffered the first loss of his career to Sam Houston 4-1. After that season he was offered a chance to play pro ball with the Dodgers, but he felt his arm would never be the same so he turned down the offer. He played slow- and fast-pitch on Darby's softball team, and he bowled on the Darby's team for 30 years. He coached youth baseball starting with his nephews and grand-nephews and was involved in Gross High School's little league's baseball program. After a stint as a commercial painter, he worked at the 55th Wing of the US Air Force at Offutt Air Base for 17 years. Bob received awards for outstanding service and devotion such as the National Emergency Airborne Command Post B award and Devoted Service Award from the US Air Force General Power Commander 55th Wing. He retired in December 2000 and died in September 2012.

**1933-Paul Gerjevic** was an All-City and All-State wrestler, winning State three times, at 114, 130 and 135 lbs. He never lost a match and would have won State four times if freshmen had been allowed to participate. He ran five miles every day to maintain his conditioning. After graduation he tried out for the Olympics, but he lost his final match 0-1. Paul won many trophies after that for motorcycle racing, and he usually gave those trophies to South Omaha kids. He was inducted into the Nebraska Scholastic Wrestling Coaches' Association Hall of Fame in 1993, and was named one of the top 12 Nebraska wrestlers of all time. A plaque honoring the top 12 includes Paul wrestling at 130 lbs. Paul volunteered for the Army during WWII as a mechanic in Europe where he received a Purple Heart. He was honorably discharged in 1945. After his service, he purchased surplus motorcycles and bicycles from the

government at Offutt, beginning a 62-year career of selling, repairing and trading all types of bikes in metro Omaha. He owned Paul's Motorcycle Shop on South 13th Street, and on Broadway in Council Bluffs, which at one time boasted the largest parts inventory in America. Early in his career, he sold Harleys, and later sold Yamahas from his Paul's West Broadway dealership in the Bluffs. Paul became the top motorcycle dealer in the Midwest at that time.

**1960-James L. Hardick** earned three letters in football and four in baseball. He suited up for varsity football his freshman year and played in three games. He was elected Team Captain and received All-City Honorable Mention for football his senior year. South took State in football in 1958 and 1959. Jim was selected to play football in the 1960 Shrine Bowl. He received Honorable Mention for baseball his junior year and was selected for the All-City team his senior year. He won the state batting title in 1960 with a batting average of .500 and he won the Stockyards City Batting title with an average of .440. After graduation, he attended Omaha University (now the University of Nebraska at Omaha) for one year where he played third base on the varsity baseball team. He transferred to Peru State College where he lettered in football and baseball for two years. He led the baseball team in home runs and runs batted in while at Peru. He then started his career at Western Electric and retired from Lucent Technologies after 38 years. Jim was active in the union Local 1974 as the Chief Union Steward and the Recording Secretary. He worked for United Way as a Loaned Executive and was active in Ak-Sar-Ben membership drives. Jim died 7-4-12.

**1964-Tim W. Hendricks** earned seven letters, three in cross country and four in track. In 1962, he was Inter-city cross country individual champion, and in 1963, he was All-State Class A cross country individual champion. The team won the Class A State championship that year. Tim graduated from Peru State College in 1969 with a BS in P.E. and Biology, and earned his Masters degree in 1987 in Exercise Physiology at UNO. Tim spent two years in the Navy from 1969 through 1971. He worked at Boys Town from 1978 through 1984. He competed in track after graduation with his team finishing third

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at the NAIA National championships in 1965. In 1966, Tim won the Conference champion Individual NCC and the Junior National champion Individual Marathon. His teams won the Team championships in NCC in 1966, 1967 and 1968. He placed fifth in the Senior National championships Marathon in 1970, and was a member of the United States Cross Country Team which competed for the World Cross Country championship in Vichy, France and finished fifth. The team also competed in Germany, Belgium, England, Austria and Denmark. In 1972, Tim qualified and competed in the 1976 U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials. He finished second in the 1976 Marathon at the US Track and Field championships. In 1987, Tim became the head coach for the women's track and cross-country teams at UNO. He held that position until retiring in 2006. During his career the teams won National championships five times, 129 were named All-Americans and one was named 2005 Female Athlete of the Year. He was named Conference Coach of the

Year in 1985, 1996, 2001, 2003 and 2004, and received the Distinguished Service Award in 2001. He was elected to the Omaha Running Club Hall of Fame in 2006 and inducted into the Peru State College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2007. Tim coached 14 of the top 20 teams for indoor track and field, with eight finishing in the top 20 for outdoor track and field. His teams broke all indoor and outdoor school records during his tenure.

**1960-Bob Swanberg** earned five letters, four in wrestling and one in football. In wrestling, Bob won the North High Invitational and was the All-City and State champion in 1960. He also won the Golden Gloves City and Midwest championship in 1961. Bob served in the United States Marine Corps from 1962 through 1966. In 1966, he entered law enforcement, joining the California Highway Patrol (CHP) in 1968. He enrolled in California State University at Long Beach, graduating in

1976. Bob retired as an Assistant Chief of the CHP after 32 years of service.

**1961-Maurice Wade** earned six letters in track and basketball at SHS. He was a member of the undefeated 1960 basketball team that won State. That team was recently inducted into the Nebraska Sports Hall of Fame. In 1961, Maurice was the leading scorer in the Inter-City (Omaha/Council Bluffs) All-Star team and was a member of the All-State basketball team. He was a member of the track team that won Inter-City and Conference championships, and that team was runner-up for State in 1958 and 1959. After graduation, he was the second leading basketball scorer in the nation with 30.5 points per game average while attending Luther College. His team won the Conference championship, District championship and reached quarter-finals in the National Tournament. He received Honorable Mention on the All-American Team. Maurice worked at Ralston Public Schools and Encore and is now retired.

## ACHIEVEMENT OF MERIT AWARDS

**1955-Phyllis (Radik) Jirka** excelled in the sport of trapshooting. While attending SHS, she learned to trapshoot after school, on weekends and on team squad shooting. She was State Ladies Singles champion for five years. Phyllis spent 20 years as a team member of the Nebraska All-State Trapshooting Team; serving as Captain for four years, and one year as a team member of the ATA Women's All-American team. She was inducted into the Nebraska Trapshooting Hall of Fame in 2002 and named All American by the National Trapshooting Association. She earned numerous awards and titles and has received many certificates of recognition and merit, trophies and award patches throughout her lifetime.

**1943-Joe Cupich** died 7-7-12 at age 86 and on that day the local baseball community lost one of its pioneers. He devoted his life to kids and baseball and was known as "Mr. Baseball." Cupich served for 20 years on the Nebraska American Legion Athletic Commission, including four times as chairman. Cupich, a life-long bachelor, graduated from Omaha University (now UNO). He served in the US Navy during World War II and was later active in several Catholic organizations, including filling in for altar boys at Sts. Peter & Paul's Church during his daily Mass routine. He succeeded Charlie Mancuso as the director of the Omaha Parks and Recreation Department

in 1959 and took over for Chip Bowley as the city's American Legion baseball commissioner in 1963. Cupich and Legion Post No. 1 were awarded the prestigious Commissioner's Award in 1983 by the then Major League Commissioner Bowie Kuhn for having the best American Legion baseball program in the nation. His official role with the American Legion began in 1962, but his ties to Legion baseball dated to 1940. That's when he played for the SHS team that won the Legion State championship. In 1973, he was instrumental in launching the Collin-Orcutt All-Star Game – an event for high school seniors that marked the unofficial start of the American Legion summer baseball season. He also helped create the multiple-team Legion tournaments that coincide with the College World Series, events that lure hundreds of players and coaches to Omaha during the summer. He was the driving force behind the creation of Seymour Smith Park, which has been home to baseball and softball teams for many years. Cupich also had an impact on the national high school baseball scene. After seeing an Omaha team lose a coin flip that would have guaranteed a bye into the championship game of the double-elimination tournament, Cupich campaigned for the last remaining unbeaten team at the tourney to automatically receive the bye. In addition to his strong baseball background, Cupich was a long-time youth wrestling director and hockey commissioner.

**1945-Westin "Danny" Hill** is being recognized for his achievements in fast pitch softball after graduating from SHS. He won two Class B championships at the historic Falstaff Park at the age of 15, and he struck out 15 batters in the final championship game. While serving in the US Army Air Force at Lowry Field in Denver in 1946, he compiled a record of 20-2 in the fastest class league in Denver. He played softball overseas in Osaka, Japan in 1947 with the Air Force. Danny pitched for the Corn States Serum and won the American League championship in the 1948-1949 seasons. He also played for City and State championships. He made the roster as a starting pitcher with the Iowa City Cardinals, a professional fast pitch league in 1949. When he was informed that if he pitched one game with the pro team he would never be allowed to play amateur softball again, he changed his mind and came back to Omaha, never pitching for the Cardinals. Over the next 18 years, he played in Omaha's best league at Falstaff Park - the Greater Omaha League. He was one of the outstanding pitchers and his teams won many City championships and competed in many National championship tournaments. Danny played in 24 Class "A" tournaments, six State Class "A" tournaments and four Class "A" Regional tournaments. Dan was honored by the Amateur Softball Association of America Hall of Fame in 1972 for his

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contributions to softball and was inducted into the Omaha Softball Hall of Fame in 1996.

## TEAM AWARD

### 1976 State championship Boys

**Gymnastics Team** was very successful, achieving all of its goals for the season including maintaining an undefeated record in dual meets and placing first in all gymnastic tournaments including Metro and State. This “start of a dynasty” team won SHS’s first state gymnastics championship, and won eight medals at the state meet. The team members also broke numerous records throughout the season. They won the Art Harris Invitational and the Millard Invitational, as well as the Prep and District tournaments. SHS teams took State championships five out of the next six years. Members of the team included **Robert Buglewicz, Ed Buglewicz, Bob Faulk, John Hartung, Jim Hartung, Jesus (Chu Cho) Vasquez, Randy Contreras, Chuck Chmelka, and Rex Vlcek**. Their coach was **Richard Beran**.

## COACH

**Joe Maass** has been the soccer coach at SHS from 1999 to the present. He graduated from Bryan High School in 1992, and then he attended Midland College in 1992-93 on a football scholarship. Following that, he completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Nebraska Lincoln in 1998 with

a BS in Education. Joe earned his MS in Education from Peru State College in 2004. He has been with OPS from 1999 to present. He taught at Norris Middle School for his first six years, and then followed in his dad’s and uncle’s footsteps to SHS for the last eight years. He began his coaching career in 1998 at Park Hill South High School in Parkville, Missouri, as an assistant football coach. In 1999, he was an assistant football coach at Burke High School and became the Head Soccer Coach at SHS. From 2000-2002, he coached the Norris Middle School soccer team. Joe also was an assistant football coach at SHS from 2000 to 2005. He also coached club soccer from 2000 to the present, working with Viva Futbol Club, Leones Negroes Futbol Club, South Omaha League and Nebraska Futbol Club as well as a few others in the surrounding community. Joe was selected Assistant Coach in 2001 of the Shrine Soccer Classic and as Head Coach in 2010. After many wins and coming close to being State Champs, his latest team made the dream come true. The 2013 team not only is the Nebraska Class A State champion Soccer Team, but it is also rated as the #1 soccer team in the nation. South beat nationally rated Creighton Prep three times this year, once for the Metro championship, again on the road and finally for the Nebraska State championship. The team defeated Prep 1-0 in

another epic battle between state soccer powers. The game played at Creighton University’s Morrison Stadium was witnessed by more than 8,200 fans – the largest attendance ever recorded to watch any high school sport in Nebraska. The team went on to an undefeated season posting a 23-0 record and setting a state record 134 goals scored in a season. They earned 20 shutouts and had only three goals scored against them all season. The athletes must maintain academic standards to participate in sports and five of the 2013 soccer team senior class members have received full-ride academic scholarships to continue their education in college. Eleven of the thirteen graduating seniors will attend college. Currently, under the leadership of Coach Maass, SHS’s soccer program flourishes with four teams per year, providing opportunities for more than 150 kids. In the summer, Joe can be seen coaching youth soccer around the area parks taking a look at future soccer players. At the end of the day, hopefully the buzz created by Joe Maass and his teams will lead other student athletes at SHS to dream big, win championships, graduate from college and more importantly be successful in life.



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# BOARD REPORT

by Judi Koubsky  
Secretary



Your Board of Directors has met twice since our last **TOOTER**. We adopted revised SHSAA bylaws, and we are preparing for board officer and member elections in October 2013. We awarded \$25,000 in scholarships to SHS seniors and \$10,225 in teacher grants. We held a successful **Spaghetti Dinner** (perfect weather helped), **Bowling Tournament, Poker Run, and Golf Tournament**. We will honor the **2013 Hall of Fame** winners and the **2013 Packer Sports Greats** honorees. We scheduled all of these events again in 2014 by popular demand. Please volunteer for any of these events and attend them! Not only will you have a great time, but you'll help raise scholarship funds for SHS students. The need is great.

It has been suggested that we consider an Alumni Softball/Baseball, Basketball or Soccer event. Is there any interest in participating in such an event from our fellow Packers?

Homecoming on **September 20th, 2013** is against Central High. Hope to see you there. Your free ticket is in this issue.

If you want to rent the bay adjacent to the office for parties, please call early. It's a great place for a party of about 50.

If you have any time to help us prepare the **TOOTER** for mailing to our 20,000 plus alumni, please call the office to leave your name and address and you will be contacted when mailings are underway. Also, please contact the office to establish scholarship memorials for your classmates, buy memorial bricks or ads to help us fund scholarships, teacher grants, or provide other financial assistance needed by your school. Most of all send in your membership dues! We are so grateful for every dollar as are the students and teachers of SHS.

Drop us a note with information we can share with your classmates and friends in our AlumNotes section. Send us items for our Sports Corner also. Please share your suggestions and encouragement with your Alumni Association. We need your help and dedication to continue serving your school.

Respectfully submitted,

*Judi (Clark) Koubsky*  
Secretary



## SHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MISSION STATEMENT

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**1936-Clifford "Tip" and Lorraine Kirkner** were featured in the *OW-H How We Met* series on 2-9-13. Their story was exciting since they witnessed a robbery on their first date. The robbers forced the employees into the walk-in cooler and forced Tip and Lorraine and another couple into the restaurant office at gunpoint. They made off with \$1,000 and no one was harmed. The experience bonded them together and they finished their meal after the robbers left! They married in 1953. Tip was a WWII Veteran and an active member of American Legion Post 331. He ran Kirkner Jewelry for more than 50 years, retiring in 2001. He died in 2009 at age 90.

**1938-Eleanor (Reynolds) Leach** of Portland, OR wrote: "I always enjoy my **TOOTER**. Thank you for making it available to me. I just moved to Portland to be near my daughter. It is wet here, but pretty weather." *Glad you enjoy reading the news and best of luck in your new home.*

**1940-Marie R. Galda** of Omaha celebrated her 90th birthday on 5-14-13. Marie graduated from Omaha Municipal University (now UNO). She was a glue chemist at Cudahy Packing Co., and later performed metabolic research for Creighton University at St Joseph's Hospital until she retired. Marie speaks and reads Czech and corresponds with cousins in the Czech Republic. Marie now resides at the Bloomfield Forum, 9804 Nicholas St. Apt #116, Omaha, NE 68114-2169. *Happy belated birthday!*

**1941-Evelyn M. (Jaros) Fornoff** sent this message: Thank you and the Alumni Association for all the good work! *Thank you for your nice comment!*

**1942-John Gomez, Sr.** was 90 on 3-11-13, and he celebrated the day before with his wife, **Loretta (Fucinaro) Gomez-1942** and their five sons and their families. *Congratulations, John!*

**1942-Raymond E. "Red" Nauslar** celebrated his 90th birthday on 2-17-13 at the Pla Mor Ballroom in Lincoln, NE. He had requested no gifts, but he asked his guests to consider volunteering at a favorite charity for at least 90 minutes during the week. *What a great idea, and a very happy belated birthday to you!*

**1943-Fred and Ruth (Bradley) Kudym** were featured in the *OW-H How We Met* series on 5-28-13. Fred was recruited by the Navy as an aviator from his job at the Cudahy plant while attending high school, so the couple decided to marry before he left. He was 17 and she was a year older when they slipped away the afternoon of their prom and were married by a justice of the peace in Papillion. They brought a friendly ROTC instructor from school and his wife as witnesses. They went to prom and then to their own homes, not telling anyone they were married. A few weeks later, they broke the news and Fred moved into Ruth's home with her parents until he went on active duty. When the war ended, he returned home, worked again at Cudahy while attending Omaha University (now UNO) to obtain his degree. After graduation, he began a career in insurance lasting 40 years. The couple lived at 46th and Mason from 1951 on, traveling to Arizona for the winter for the past 19 years. Ruth died in March and Fred is now in assisted living and receiving dialysis three times a week. He said he misses his home and his Mrs. and that the 70 years they were together were not enough for him.

**1945-Stan Safley** and his wife Lillian celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on 7-30-13. They met at a USO dance in Maine when he was in the US Navy and his ship was anchored awaiting further orders. Later Lil traveled to Omaha and they were married at St. John's Catholic Church on the Creighton University campus, with a small reception at Shirley (Safley) Nocita's house after the ceremony. They raised seven children in their little house on 21st and U Streets, and **Melissa-1967, Laurel-1971,**

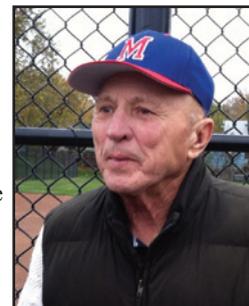
**Stan-1974, Carole-1976, Barb-1978, Steve-1980 and Joe-1983** carried on the tradition by attending SHS. Stan and Lil recently sold their South Omaha home and moved to an assisted living apartment in Bellevue. They have settled in quite well, and have become friends with Janet Heinrich (widow of SHS Music Teacher Roland Heinrich).

**1947-A.J. Wichita** of Richardson, TX sent a copy of a beautifully ornate color WWI service certificate sent by President Woodrow Wilson to his father, Arnold J. Wichita for serving in the Aviation Corps when he joined the military on 12-12-17. He also sent a copy of WWII "Willie & Joe" cartoons by Bill Mauldin and a copy of movie star pinup girls (in case the service guys didn't have a girlfriend) and that page included "Sad Sack" cartoons by Sgt. George Baker. Check our website to see these treasures – and we hope they stir your memories. *Thank you so much, A. J., for adding these items to our archive collection!*

**1949-Joyce (Mosites) Higgins** and her husband Don celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on 4-20-13 at St. Bernadette's Catholic Church in Bellevue. Their five children hosted the event. The family includes 17 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. *Congratulations to all!*

**1949-Steve and Rose (Walasek) Vrbanac-1950** celebrated their 60th anniversary on 6-6-13 with a private family dinner at Gorat's Restaurant. They were married in 1953 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Omaha. Their children hosted the dinner. They have 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Steve is a retired captain of the Omaha Fire Department. *Congratulations!*

**1950-Steve Cavlovic** was featured in the *New Horizon's* July 2013 issue following his presentation at the Corrigan Senior Center regarding Catholic Youth Organization and American Legion baseball during the



1940s and 1950s in Omaha. He recalled that baseball drew crowds of 1,500 to 4,000 at Brown Park and Fontenelle Park. In addition to his baseball stories, he displayed baseballs signed by some of the all-time greats and other memorabilia for the seniors to enjoy. *Congratulations on providing an entertaining walk down memory lane for your audience!*

**1950-Diana (Lushinsky) Eiler** and her husband Dick celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on 4-5-13. They were married in Ralston and have lived in Omaha most of their lives. They have two children, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. They live at 5056 S. 150th Plaza, Omaha, NE 68137. *Congratulations to both of you!*

**1950-Joan (Farris) Ellis** of Omaha celebrated her 80th birthday. In the past she shared her love of SHS with her relatives, **Thomas J. Farris-1919** and **Richard Farris-1948**. She would like to say "Thanks for everything." *Happy birthday!*

**1951-Ann (Lukowski) Kinsella** celebrated her 80th birthday on 6-16-13. *Happy birthday!*

**1951-Judy (Reinig) Wages** of San Antonio, TX wrote; "I enjoy reading the TOOTER, especially about the class of 1951. My years at SHS were memorable ones, and friends that I made during that time are still my friends today." *How wonderful - thank you for the note!*

**1952-Noland** and **Darlene McIntosh** celebrated their 60th anniversary on 6-6-13. *Congratulations!*

**1952-Ron Nadherney** was inducted into the Sokol Omaha Polka Hall of Fame in 1981, and into the Milligan, NE Music Hall of Fame in 2012. His latest honor was receiving the "Frankie Award" (named for legendary polka musician Frankie Yankovic). Ron was featured in the June 2013 issue of *New Horizons*. He played trumpet in the Packer's marching band, and while still in school embarked on a paid musical career. He played trumpet in the First Calvary Band while in the Army in Korea and later was the drum major for a combo he formed to perform in the officers' clubs. *Congratulations!*

**1953-Mary Ann (Fuerst) Chausse** from Paso Robles, CA was in Omaha for her 60th class reunion held at Piccolo's on

7-1-13. She stopped by the Alumni office and donated memorabilia from her brother **Edward F. Fuerst-1948** of Lee Summit, MO. *Thank you for adding to our archives!*

**1953- John Stella**, Brown Park Legion baseball coach, led a rededication ceremony and program at Brown Park on 7-7-13 of the WWII Plaque honoring 40 Omaha amateur baseball players and veterans killed in the war. The program was part of the weekend-long Dave Van Metre wooden bat American Legion baseball tournament. The plaque was originally placed in Municipal Stadium and later Rosenblatt.

**1954-Sally (Novak) Carlson** sent a memorial gift in honor of her deceased husband, **Roger D. Carlson-1953**. She asked that her gift be directed to the art department since Roger was a wonderful wood carver. She also sent a gift for the Spaghetti Dinner silent auction! *Thank you for your kindness in helping SHS students through your generous gifts!*

**1956 Class Reunion Committee**, represented by **Jim Kozak**, donated two \$1,500 scholarships for the SHS class of 2013 students. *Thank you for helping these students attend college!*

**1956-Bob Campos** has spearheaded several local education-based initiatives, including the Hispanic Leadership Institute and Robert Campos Training, a foundation focused on providing hands-on training to Spanish-speaking workers, with the goal of improving safety in the workplace. *Thank you for helping youth succeed!*

**1957-Michael** and **Patricia (Pabian) Warsocki -1960** were married on 4-25-63 in Omaha. They celebrated their 50th anniversary with family members including: son **James-1982**; daughter **Brenda-1983** and son-in-law **Robert Rider-1983** and granddaughter **Kaitlyn-2012**; daughter Linda and son-in-law **Jeff Pochop-1986**; daughter Barb and son-in-law **Jeff Zorn-1989** and daughter Carrie; son-in-law Daren Schrat and grandson Mikey; and son **John-1997**. *Congratulations!*

**1958-Richard** and **Barbara Skalla** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 6-8-13. *Congratulations!*

**1958-Linda (Strnad) Jensen** has written a second book, but this one is about the dog showing world. *DOG DAZE: Don't Forget*

*the Liver* contains entertaining anecdotes she gained through nearly 25 years of showing and breeding conformation and obedience Shetland sheepdogs. In addition, she includes great stories and advice from over 70 all-breed dog handlers, judges and veterinarians. To learn more about the book, which should please all dog enthusiasts, go to [www.mydogdaze.net](http://www.mydogdaze.net) or [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). Jensen, a retired high school journalism teacher, previously wrote a memoir, *The Bow Wow Chronicles*, about growing up in Omaha. *Good luck on the sale of your latest book, Linda!*

**1959-Paul** and **Maridee Gibbons** celebrated their 50th Anniversary on 6-8-13. *Congratulations!*

**1959-Charlotte (Krepel)** and **Harvey Coufal** were married 6-8-63 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Omaha. They celebrated their 50th anniversary with a family dinner at the Olive Garden and a trip to Las Vegas. Their family includes their three children and eight grandchildren. *Congratulations!*

**1960-Jean (Johnson) Mills** is the current President of the Bellevue Chapter of Altrusa Club which is a charitable organization helping citizens in their community in a myriad of ways. She was pictured on the front page of the Bellevue Leader on 1-20-13 under the headline "2012 Bellevue People of the Year." They were honored for their outstanding contributions to the community. *Congratulations Jean as President and to all the Altrusa members!*

**1960-Jackie (Julian) Hendrix** and her husband Lynn celebrated their 50th anniversary on 6-8-13. *Congratulations!*

**1960-Michael T.** and **Roseanne Kielian** marked their 50th wedding anniversary on 6-6-13. They celebrated the beginning of their fifth decade together by ringing in the New Year on Tortola, British Virgin Islands, with their children and grandchildren. *Congratulations!*

**1960-Judy (Sebron) Yacio** of Arlington, TX wrote: "Enclosed is a check for you to use for refreshments for the Alumni TOOTER crew preparing the spring mailing. The other check is to pay for the TOOTER for an alumnus unable to contribute. *Thank you, Judy, for your kindness. Our alumni supporters and volunteers are the heart and soul of our existence.*

**1960-Frank Vondra** and his wife Linda (Gaines) celebrated their 50th anniversary on 10-13-12 with family and friends. The couple met at Leisure Lanes while bowling in a junior league. They dated and then went their separate ways. They met again later at Hastings College and rekindled their relationship. Linda taught for OPS for 23 years until moving in 1993 with Frank to Texas when he was promoted to National Sales Manager for Williamson Dickies Mfg. Company. They have lived in Arlington, TX and also have a condo in Rockport, TX. *Congratulations!*

**1960-Frank Vondra** shared news that his son, Dalton, graduated from Kennedale High School in Kennedale, TX last May. He was named unanimous first team All District, All Area, All-State and Academic All State in football. He received numerous Division I offers and decided to accept appointment to the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO. *Congratulations to Dalton, and thanks for sharing the good news, Frank!*

**1961-Ginny (Bohaty) Vomacka** shared news about her daughter Kelli's wedding this May. (See the **2001-Kelli Vomacka** AlumNote.) Ginny said that Kelli was a SHS varsity cheerleader and lettered in varsity girls' basketball and soccer. Kelli was Miss Nebraska Homecoming Queen, as well as Homecoming Queen for both SHS and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Both Kelli and Ginny were members of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority at UNO and both have teaching degrees. *Thanks, Ginny, for updating us!*

**1961-Judi (Clark) Koubsky** was made an Admiral in the Nebraska Navy when she turned 70 this year. First Lady **Sally Ganem-1966** is shown presenting the plaque to Judi during the celebration of family and friends.



*Congratulations!*

**1961-Joan (Novak) Welsh** and her husband, Ron, babysat their grandchildren in Oregon in April while their daughter recuperated from surgery. On the way home they stopped in Reno, NV to bowl in the USBC Open Tournament.

**1961 Gerald and Donna (Siciunas) Castro-1963** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 6-8-13. *Congratulations!*



**1961-Gloria (Sedlak) House** sent a five-generation photo taken in 2010 for our readers to enjoy. They are (left to right) Helen Sedlak (age 86) great-great grandmother; Gloria (66) great grandmother; Roy C. House, Jr. (46) son of Gloria; Steve Fulton House (24) a twin - son of Roy, Jr.; Damien Fulton House (5 months) son of Steve. Gloria said all are still doing well, and she has good memories of SHS and friends. She extends a big hello and best wishes to all of her 1961 classmates. *Thanks, Gloria, for the picture and the memories!*

**1961-Margaret Sova** and her husband Bob Kreitner are highpointers whose goal is to hike to the highest point in each state. This year they crossed a record eight more highpoints off their lists after their visits to Georgia, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, Oklahoma and Texas! Margaret said they have climbed 23 highpoints and have 27 more to go! *We wish you the best of luck and congratulate you for setting such "high" goals!*

**1961-Julie (Vomacka) Dunn** celebrated her 70th birthday in May with her sisters **Rita (Vomacka) Bonde-1962**



from California and **Arlene (Vomacka) Davis-1965** from Arizona. The sisters had a great week of fun in Omaha, including a birthday luncheon with friends and family. The sisters are pictured from left Rita, Arlene and Julie. *Happy belated birthday, Julie!*

**1963 Class** celebrated their successful and fun 50th reunion on 6-7 at the Red Eye Saloon and on 6-8-13 at the Doubletree Hotel. They generously donated \$1,000 toward a scholarship for next year and purchased a brick to honor the class. *Congratulations on a successful reunion and thank you for your generosity.*

**1963-JoAn (Dvorak) Ferguson** retired in 2000 from Federal Civil Service after 26 years with the Air Force in the Pentagon and returned to Nebraska and "the good life." She said she marvels at the contributions that SHS graduates have made not only within the Omaha community but also in their professions throughout the USA. She's proud to say she's a SHS graduate and is grateful to the teachers at SHS for the fine education they have provided to so many people throughout the years. She also said that she "enjoys reading the TOOTER. What a lot of time and effort you must put in to make it such a professional publication." *Thank you for the update and kind remark, JoAn!*

**1963-Tony Novak** of Omaha, NE was inducted into the Midwest Golden Gloves Hall of Fame on 4-6-13. In 1962, Tony beat John Gatus and advanced to the National Golden Gloves in Chicago, IL. *Congratulations, Tony!*

**1964-Gerry Gernandt**, Omaha City Councilman for South Omaha, was re-elected to office at the May election. *Congratulations, Gerry!*



**1964-Mary (DeWitt) West** and her husband Gary were featured in an *OW-H* 3-16-13 two-page article about their philanthropy. They reside in Southern California and have donated more than \$400 million to their main causes – senior citizen wellness and reducing the nation's health care costs. Their foundation also supports youth employment training and training of service dogs to help seniors and veterans. The Wests also maintain a home in Regency in Omaha and have helped many local organizations in the past. *We commend them for their dedication and success in helping others, and are proud that Mary is a Packer!*

**1966-Darrell "Butch" and Chris (Aranza) Piatt-1969** celebrated their 40th Anniversary 4-14-13. *Congratulations!*

**1966--Sally Ganem**, Nebraska's First Lady, was honored in February 2013 for her support for national service. Sally was the honorary chair since 2008 of ServeNebraska, the state's Volunteer Service Commission. She has focused on the committee's mission by heading local service opportunities, spreading the importance of service in

public addresses, and identifying ways to expand service opportunities to address some of Nebraska's challenges. She received the honor for her leadership and innovation in leveraging national service to meet state needs. National services provide funds to support education and health care initiatives, coordinate disaster relief and prevention efforts, and enable independence for senior citizens. As a former school principal, the First Lady has a special passion for improving the quality of life for children and families. *Sincere congratulations for this honor!*

Sally also hosted the 2013 First Lady's Outstanding Community Service Awards in Kearney on 4-12-13 which honored ten individuals or groups for helping their communities. *Congratulations for recognizing outstanding service.*



**1967-Diane Battiato**, currently Douglas County Registrar of Deeds, was awarded her Assessor Certification in Nebraska. The certification is required for elected officials

who manage or plan to manage an Assessor's office. Diane plans to run for the combined Douglas County office of Registrar of Deeds and Assessor in November 2014. She was inducted into the SHS Hall of Fame in 2011. *Best of luck in the upcoming election, Diane!*

**1970-Jim Young** was inducted into the Omaha Chamber of Commerce 2013 Business Hall of Fame on 4-22-13 at the Holland Center. Jim is Board Chairman of Union Pacific Railroad, but he has been on medical leave since last year battling pancreatic cancer. After his acceptance

speech, he received a standing ovation from the crowd of 700 attendees celebrating the honorees. He told of his work ethic at age 9 delivering newspapers for \$2.27 a week as the oldest of six siblings. He rose to the top executive spot at U.P. in 2005 where he emphasized building trust with customers and co-workers. He was noted for leading a shift from an internally focused company to one stressing safety and customer service. Jim and his wife, **Shirley (Samples) Young-1972**, helped Heritage Services raise funds for building Collin Stadium. Shirley accompanied him to this outstanding event. *Sincere congratulations from the entire Packer Community, Jim!*

**1971-George Dare**, Las Vegas entertainer, singer and songwriter, has so many wonderful websites you may want to visit -- [www.Firefightersong.com](http://www.Firefightersong.com) (which is being played on television and radios as a tribute to the firefighters lost in Yarnell, AZ). Also visit [www.Policethemesong.com](http://www.Policethemesong.com). He has also written and recorded a theme song for Humane Society events and dog lovers everywhere -- "I Love My Dog." *Check them out -- they will make your day!*

**1973-Norm Cratty** obtained his degree in Communications: Broadcast Production from UNO in 1978. He is a freelance agent for Matt Alber, a Los Angeles based singer/songwriter. He promoted Alber's Chicago performance in 2011 and the release of his second CD "Counting Crows" in 2012. Norm was involved in the new independent film "Scrooge & Marley" late in 2012, and Matt performed the soundtrack which was composed by Barbra Streisand's



writing team. Norm sings professionally with Chicago's Windy City Performing Arts throughout the year, as well as in the annual production of "Too Hot to Handel" at the Auditorium Theatre in honor and celebration of the legacy of Martin Luther King. Norm said "think Handel's Messiah on steroids and you get a sense of the high energy intensity of the performance. It's a jazz/gospel version of Handel's Messiah." He said he enjoys performing most of all. He attended the 50-year reunion concert of the Ambassadors in Omaha in April 2012, and he hopes to attend his 2013 class reunion. He resides in Chicago. *Thanks for the update, Norm and best of luck in the future!*

**1989-Rich Gonzalez**, Omaha Police Captain and commander of the special operations section of the Criminal Investigations Bureau, announced on 5-1-13 that the gang unit will be expanded. Classes for the unit will focus on gang identification, tactical training, and narcotics investigations. Community outreach is also part of the unit's efforts. They will stop at community events, coach police athletic league soccer teams, and attend citizen meetings.

**2001-Kelli Vomacka** was married to John Paul (JP) Hicks on 5-25-13 at the J & M Tuggle's Estate Ranch in Austin, Texas, where they enjoyed a true Texas barbecue reception. JP is working towards his MBA at Concordia University in Austin while employed in sales at 360 Press Solutions Co. Kelli received her Masters degree in Higher Education University and College Student Affairs from the University of Nebraska Lincoln. She is presently a paralegal at Reid Collins & Tsai LLP Law Firm in Austin. *Congratulations to both of you!*

## CLAYTON ANDERSON, NEBRASKA'S ONLY ASTRONAUT

Many will recall NASA astronaut Clayton Anderson's visit to Omaha in 2010 to meet with SHS students to describe the life of an astronaut in space. That same evening he was the keynote speaker for the SHSAA fundraising dinner called "Jewels & Tools" at UNO Thompson Center. He was excited about his trip to Omaha and helping SHS since his deceased mother, **Alice (Joaness) Anderson** graduated in **1947** from SHS. Clayton is returning to the Omaha area and recently visited UNO to promote education in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). We look forward to hearing him speak at local events and will report back to our readers about his activities. He is a friend to youth and believes that the power of education makes dreams come true.

## Fall 2013 Memorial Given to the South High Alumni Association

*Memorials were given in honor and memory of the following:*

**1935-Emil Gember** from the Nebraska/Western Iowa Old Timers Baseball Association.

**1938-Ruth (Church) Gulizia** given by **Paul-1961** and **Sharon Kracher, Dennis and Judi (Clark) Koubsky-1961, Bette E. Swanson-1946** and **Carol and Dave Van Metre**.

**1941-Rose (Dvorak) Glasshoff**, one of the Dvorak twins, from **Gary and Joyce (Ogden) Mortensen-1967** and family.

**1938-Josephine Schmidt** from **Frank D. Vondra-1960** and his wife **Linda** in memory of her aunt.

**1941-Thurma (Daly) Sobczyk** from **Dennis and Judi (Clark) Koubsky-1961**.

**1942-Harriet (Hoffman) Blessie** from **Dennis and Judi (Clark) Koubsky-1961**.

**1944-Andy Marinkovich** from **Judith and Randy Haug**.

**1949-John "Jack" Stanesic, DDS** from **Margie Sobotka, Sue and Dave Wardell, Virginia (Jaros) Elsasser-1945,** and **Evelyn (Jaros) Fornoff-1941**.

**1949-Rilla (Voss) Clauson** from **Joan (Farris) Ellis-1950**.

**1950-Gilbert G. McDonell** from **Joan (Farris) Ellis-1950** and **Ed 1965** and **Julie 1966 Diehm**.

**1953-Roger D. Carlson** from his wife **Sally (Novak) Carlson-1954**.

**1956-Kenneth W. Tefft** from **The Riha Family**.

**1957-James R. Yelnek** from **Beverly Claussen and Shari (Claussen) Palmer**.

**1960- Michael D. Haneline** from **Frank D. Vondra-1960**.

**1961-Jim Becher** from **Dennis and Judi (Clark) Koubsky-1961**.

**1966-Mickie (Pelisiak) Mason** from **Julie (Riha) Diehm-1966**.

**1974-David R. Bedrosky** from **Michael Krance-1978**.

**1978-James F. Wisniski** from **Michael Krance-1978**.

**Roland Hinrichs** retired South High School Director of Vocal Music from **Curtis-1944** and **Karen Siemers,** and **Jim Eisenhardt-1967**.

**Correction:** Our last issue reported that "1953-Duane Placzek of Clackamas, OR died in 2012." Duane's son Barry informed us that the correct spelling is **Placek** and that Duane lived in Omaha. We apologize for the error and thank Barry for contacting us. Barry provided additional information about Duane in the following corrected listing.

## In Memoriam Memorial Prayer

*One by one, they go before us*

*They are fading like the dew*

*I know they are waiting for us*

*All the old gang and you.*

**1931-Marie A. (Vlcek) Grimm** formerly of Valley, NE died 7-4-13.

**1933-Helen (Fiala) Hayduska** of Omaha died 5-17-12. Helen always liked to tell EVERYONE she was so smart because she went to SHS, according to her daughter **Ruth (Hayduska) Cirian-1961**. She was active until her last year in her own home and was still driving.

**1933-Alvina A. (Fransiscus) Paup** of Omaha died 5-30-13.

**1933-Agnes M. (Kruntorad) Sekyra** of Omaha died 2-19-13.

**1934-Blanche F. (Pavelka) Kratky** of Bellevue, NE died 10-22-10.

**1935-Marjorie (Rynaski) Powers** of Omaha died 2-21-13. When she obtained a journalism degree from Creighton University in 1940, she met her future husband, John in a class. When her children were grown, she obtained her teaching certificate and substituted at OPS schools for several years. She was hired full-time and taught English and journalism at the now closed Technical High School. Marjorie was surrounded by lawyers – widow of a lawyer, mother of six lawyers, and grandmother of two lawyers. She died at age 85 from complications after breaking her hip. She donated her body to the Creighton University School of Medicine.

**1936-Earl Kaplan** of Metuchen, NJ died 3-3-13. His son, Richard Kaplan shared the following information about his deceased father: "After a short stint as a chemist making TNT for Dupont at their Kankakee, IL plant, he worked for American Cyanamid at Bound Brook, NJ, making dyestuffs for smoke and marker grenades. He then insisted on joining the armed forces to fight the Nazis. After being mortared while serving as a combat medic, he resumed his chemist profession at American Cyanamid and later switched to the rubber chemicals division. He retired after the Bound Brook plant was closed."

**1936-Clifford Kirkner** of Omaha died 4-6-09.

**1936-Walter Pettit** of Omaha died 6-3-12.

**1937-Clifford Linn Baldwin, Sr.** of Omaha died 4-13-13. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Betty Mae (Church) Baldwin-1940**.

**1937-Ruth E. (Hamernik) Jakopovic** of Bellevue died 2-6-13. At her funeral, her son **Paul** played her two favorite songs on his accordion, "At the Well" and "Blue Spanish Eyes." Ruth worked for Armour & Company in the Livestock Exchange Building. The following members of her family also graduated from SHS: her sons **Paul-1974** and **Sylvester-1976**, daughter-in-law **Carol (Swoboda) Jakopovic-1975**, Ruth's sister, **Josephine Suchy (Dvorak) Brady-1929**, nieces **Jean (Dvorak) Fritsch-1960, JoAn (Dvorak) Ferguson-1963** and **Barbara (Novotny) Humphrey-1963**.

**1937-Anton Kolar** of Omaha died 2-27-13.

**1937-John Joseph Kulczewski** of Omaha died 7-6-13.

**1937-Louise R. (Marino) Garofolo** of Omaha died 1-29-13.

**1937-Peggy M. (Mitchell) Lee** of Omaha died 5-30-13.

**1937-Marian (Novotny) Valentic** of Papillion, NE died 3-11-13.

**1937-Clara F. (Reeh) Montag** of Omaha died 3-16-13.

**1937-Ethel M. (Sullivan) Wall** of Omaha died 4-9-13. She was the first female to lead an exercise class on television in the Omaha area. She starred in 1950 in a 15-minute segment on WOW-TV. Ethel was hired by

KETV for a 30-minute show which included exercising, interviewing guests, and cooking. She later conducted interviews for the station. When networks provided daytime programming, the show ended. In retirement, Ethel invented slacks with detachable legs to create shorts. She died at age 93 after a brief illness.

**1938-Helen Agnes (Alukonis) Oster** of Las Vegas, NV died 1-23-13.

**1938-Harold F. Boettcher** of Omaha died 3-19-13.

**1938-Ruth (Church) Gulizia** died 5-24-13 after a long illness. She is survived by sons, **Ted-1960; Dick-1961, Jim-1964;** and daughters, **Mary Beth Peters, Kathie Ramirez-1974 and Karen Mueller-1974;** 17 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren, and one great great-grandchild. She was one of our earliest volunteers to help prepare the **TOOTER** for mailing. She will be missed by many.

**1938-Elsie (Mach) Krecek** of West Yarmouth, MA died 2-28-13 at home with her husband, Jim, daughter Katherine and son Alan at her side. She was 92.

**1938-Mary E. (Tynski) Zezulka** of Omaha died 1-28-13.

**1938-Josephine (Zelany) Schmidt** of Omaha died 2-27-12 at age 92. Her son, **Howard Schmidt-1964** lives in Suwanee, GA.

**1939-Roberta (Bailey) Eby Clark** of Plattsmouth, NE died 2-12-13.

**1939-Elaine B. (Dienstbier) Eddy** of Grand Junction, CO died 1-16-13.

**1939-Boris Georgeff** of Franklin, TN died 11-23-12. His son, Ron, said that Boris served as editor of the SHS newspaper his senior year. After graduation he spent 28 years in the Army and traveled all over the world. He worked for 12 years for the Department of Health in Tennessee. His wife Marie died in 1982. He is survived by two children and a great-granddaughter.

**1939-Anton A. "Tony" Popek** of Omaha died 3-19-13.

**1939-Marie M. (Swircinski) Madsen** of Elkhorn, NE died 4-15-13.

**1939-Dorothy Jean (Toman) Stiner** of Haxtun, CO died 2-2-13.

**1940-Arleen (Henderson) Proksel** of Blair died 10-27-12.

**1940-John Obal** of Omaha died 5-25-13.

**1940-Stella M. (Rukas) Becker** of Omaha died 4-27-13.

**1941-Thurma A. (Daly) Sobczyk** of Omaha died 4-9-13. She is survived by her daughter, **Kathy (Sobczyk) Thrush-1961,** two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**1941-Rose (Dvorak) Glasshoff** of Murdock, NE died 3-16-13.

**1941-Marion A. (Kinsella) Bullock** of Onalaska, WI died 2-15-13.

**1941-Joseph E. Kocsis** of Omaha died 2-9-13.

**1941-Minnie M. (Mixan) Strazdas** of Omaha died 1-21-13.

**1941-Frank J. Palleck** of Omaha died 5-24-13.

**1941-Lucille M. "Ush" (Simoens) DuPree** of Omaha died 3-6-13.

**1941-Dorothy M. (Vankat) Luksa** of Omaha died 2-10-13.

**1941-Norman Harold Zevitz** of Omaha died 3-25-13.

**1942-Robert R. "Bob" Baber** of Omaha died 3-23-13.

**1942-Harriet M. (Hoffman) Blessie** of Omaha, NE died 4-9-13. She is survived by sons Ron, **Steve-1966,** Thomas and **Kenneth-1974;** daughters **Janet Pane -1961, Lorraine Castro-1967, Patricia Nadrchal-1969, Kathie Strnad-1972** and Christine Blessie; 36 grandchildren and 48 great-grandchildren.

**1942-Eleanor (Mason) Heikes** of Omaha died 2-24-13.

**1942-Mary (Mayhan) Cupich** of Omaha died 1-28-13.

**1942-Ruth M. Stadtwald** of Papillion, NE died 4-11-13.

**1943-Ruth (Bradley) Kudym** of Omaha died 3-17-13. After deteriorating health, she fractured her leg in January before her death.

**1943-Donald D. Campbell, MD** of Sunriver, OR died 2-26-13.

**1943-Loretta (Kocol) Wesley** of Omaha died 11-19-11.

**1944-Donna M. (Kostal) Loftus** of Omaha died 5-12-13.

**1944-Ann R. (Lesac) Armstrong** of Omaha died 3-24-13.

**1944-Andrew Marinkovich** of Omaha died 2-27-13.

**1944-Raymond W. "Ray" Tillwick** of Omaha died 3-22-13.

**1944-Arlene (Towle) Shors** of Los Lunas, NM died February 2012.

**1945-Darlene M. (Curtis) Burns** of Pender, NE died 7-1-13.

**1945-Anne C. (Glogowski) Bednarz** of Omaha died 4-15-13.

**1945-Florence K. "Katie" (Miller) Jetter** of Omaha died 3-3-13.

**1945-Ernest Schlundt** of Council Bluffs, IA died 1-19-13.

**1945-Verna Jane (Will) Kilgarin** of Omaha died 4-27-13.

**1945-Leo S. Zemula** of Omaha died 5-25-13.

**1946-Leona M. (Davis) Lang** of Keller, TX died 4-24-13.

**1946-Robert R. Foran** of Jacksonville, NC died 6-17-11.

**1946-Michael J. Gliwa** of Omaha died 3-26-13.

**1946-Mariann (Urban) Elsasser** of Omaha died.

**1946-Robert R. Warren** of Papillion, NE died 4-14-13.

**1946-Robert "Bob" W. West** of Omaha died 4-17-13.

**1947-June Estelle (Brust) Moderegger** of Bella Vista, AR died 3-22-13.

**1947-Alicia May (Hagenbuch) Brown** of Omaha died.

**1947-Francis G. "Frank" Kripal** of Omaha died 1-30-13.

**1947-George R. Newell** of Omaha died 3-13-13.

**1947-Juliet "Julie" (Novotny) Karasek** of Omaha died 2-18-13.

**1947-Richard J. Swift** of Omaha died 4-2-13.

**1948-Richard A. Barta** of Omaha died 2-23-13.

**1948-Robert F. Bidroski** of Omaha died 1-29-13.

**1948-Dolores M. (Ficenec) Sobczyk** of Omaha died 5-4-13. She sang in the Omaha Symphonic Chorus. She held many positions for the Catholic Order of Foresters and the Nebraska Fraternal Congress. Dee held many accounting positions, ending her career at Lutheran Family Services when she retired in 2000.

**1948-Richard E. Koneck** of Omaha died 5-25-13.

**1948-Vernon J. Nosal** of Omaha died 6-1-13.

**1948-Joe Salzbrenner** of Omaha died Dec. 2001.

**1948-Eugene J. Valasek, Sr.** of Omaha died 5-11-13.

**1949-Robert D. Agee** of Omaha died 3-30-13.

**1949-Andrew P. "Andy" Chizek** of Omaha, SGM, U.S. Army (Ret.) died 5-6-13.

**1949-Mary (Fucinaro) Couch** of Omaha died 9-11-12.

**1949-Richard J. Gradowski** of Blair, NE died 5-4-13. He was a founding member of the Harmony Boys, a local polka band. He retired from the Air Force after serving in Korea. After working at Kellogg's for 32 years, he retired and was an avid waterfowl hunter, trapshooter and camper. He died after a five-year battle with prostate cancer.

**1949-Laddie J. Kozeny, Jr.** of Omaha died 3-30-13. He was Sarpy County's first administrator, retiring in 1992 after 13 years. Prior to that position he worked for the Nebraska Department of Revenue and in the Douglas County Assessor's Office. He is survived by his wife Johanna, two children, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

**1949-Virginia C. (Luczyniski) Borecyk** of Omaha died 3-19-13.

**1949-John R. "Jack" Stanesic, DDS** practiced dentistry and lived in Junction City, KS. He died 2-21-13. John is survived by his wife Joenne, his sister and brother-in-law **Mary Lou (Stanesic)-1951 and Steve Cavlovic-1951** of Omaha, NE, four children, 14 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. He was extremely talented, creating beautiful stained glass, jewelry and silversmith work.

**1950-Robert L. Costello** of Omaha died 4-17-13.

**1950-Rogene Y. (Coulter) Snide** of Portland, OR died 3-17-13.

**1950-William L. Falt** of Bellevue died 1-22-13 from heart disease. As a boy living in the Brown Park area, he worked cleaning

fish for Tess Tavern at 24th and U Streets. He eventually bought the bar from the widow of Joe Tess and renamed it Joe Tess Place. He turned it into a popular family restaurant which was featured on the Food Network's "Diners, Drive Ins and Dives." When the Kennedy Expressway started, the Nebraska Department of Roads needed the Tavern site so he moved across the street to his present location. He moved his fish packaging business (Falt Fisheries) to Bellevue. He grew up playing softball and baseball at Social Settlement and for the Metz League. He served in the Army from 1953-55. When his children were older, they said his favorite activity with them was fishing.

**1950-Lyle A. Falk** of Omaha died.

**1950-Edith (Frank) Comisar** of Omaha died 3-7-13.

**1950-Jerry E. Frodyma** of San Jose, CA died.

**1950-Virginia R. (Halgard) Paulk** of Colorado Springs, CO died November 2012.

**1950-Willis Luginbill** of Council Bluffs, IA died.

**1950-Rilla (Voss) Clauson** of Plantation, FL died 4-15-13.

**1950-Irma (Walpus) Wooten** of Omaha died.

**1951-Norma (Chance) Doyle** of Kerby, OR died 2-1-13.

**1951-Janet K. (Hladek) Cisar** of Omaha died 3-22-13.

**1951-Betty Jean (Lage) Mactier** of Omaha died 3-25-13.

**1952-Larry G. Anderson** of La Vista, NE died 3-8-13.

**1952-Delores J. "Dee" (Nielsen) Luellman** of Bellevue, NE died 7-2-13.

**1952-Stanley Otto Schaetzle** of Sumter, SC died 2-8-13. Stan was inducted in both the SHS Hall of Fame and the Sports Greats Hall of Fame.

**1953-Phyllis A. (Birch) Janousek** of Bellevue, NE died 3-7-13.

**1953-Robert Byron Chipman** of Omaha died 2-9-13.

**1953-Thomas C. Doerr** of Bellevue, NE died 5-7-13.

**1953-Jon Dressler** of Laveme, CA died 1-20-13.

**1953-William "Bill" Hartman, Jr.** of Waterloo, NE died 2-27-13.

**1953-Duane Placek** of Omaha, NE died in 2012. His son Barry said that he worked for Jim Earp Chrysler Plymouth for 33 years and for that company's predecessor prior to that as a mechanic. He had a passion for cars and displayed many in parades. Duane volunteered for the Boy Scouts and coached one of their softball teams for many years. He traveled extensively all over the USA, including Alaska, as well as in Canada. He was preceded in death by his wife **Carol Jean (Kralicek)-1955**, and is survived by sons **Mark-1976** and **Barry-1985** and five grandchildren.

**1953-David B. Powell** of Omaha died 3-10-13. He was the owner of Omaha Paper Company and helped his sons found the Independent Printing Paper Merchants, a

forum for information exchange and as a purchasing network. He had Alzheimer's disease.

**1953-William "Bill" Thomas Reynek** of Omaha died 2-24-13.

**1954-Walter "Bud" Lemm** of Verona, MO died 6-26-13.

**1954-Patricia L. (Ricks) Welch** of Omaha died 6-24-13.

**1956-Joseph J. Bahun** of Omaha died 6-23-13

**1956-Ross Brecci** of Omaha died 6-21-13.

**1956-Alona G. (Christensen) Tangeman** of Omaha died 2-12-13.

**1956-Philip Terry Holst** of Valley, NE died 6-9-13.

**1956-Dennis D. Sullivan** of Omaha died 1-25-13.

**1956-Kenneth W. Tefft** of Omaha died 3-22-13.

**1957-Douglas A. Day** of Omaha died 3-22-13.

**1957-Donald E. O'Connor** of Omaha died 12-29-12.

**1957-Donald "Waco" Whitmarsh** of Omaha died 2-2-13.

**1959-Daniel Eugene Driscoll, Sr.** of Las Vegas, NV died 7-6-13.

**1959-Edward T. Gruidel** of Boulder, CO died 2-4-13.

**1959-Carol "Carrie" (Jakub) Krajicek** of Papillion died 3-5-13.

**1960-Jack Benedick** of Denver, CO died 3-19-13. He was a Vietnam veteran who lost his legs in the war. Jack took up skiing as part of his rehabilitation and actively supported disabled sports events and won national acclaim for his leadership in these endeavors. He was inducted into several Halls of Fame including both the SHS Hall of Fame and the SHS Packer Greats Hall of Fame. Jack won a silver medal as a member of the U.S. Handicap Ski team in Austria in 1984.

**1960-Frank S. Gelecki** of Omaha died 4-15-13. He was a retired Omaha Firefighter with more than 33 years of service. He was a member of the West Omaha Cosmopolitan Club which supports diabetes research and education.

**1960-Mike Haneline** of Fremont, NE died 5-24-13.

**1960-Kathryn E. (Hull) Dean** of Omaha died 3-24-13.

**1960-Georgina "Pinky" (Kaiser) Thomas** died 6-3-13.

**1960-Jackie "Jack" Kesting** of Omaha died 3-18-13.

**1960-Merle Luick** of Omaha died 10-7-12.

**1960-Calvin Whitehill** of Omaha died 3-6-13.

**1961-James L. Becher** of Omaha died 5-31-13. He was the owner of Omaha Graphics and he and his staff provided graphics layout and printed the TOOTER for many years until his retirement.

**1962-Thomas S. Mathews** of Bellevue died 4-4-13.

**1963-James D. Baker, Jr.** of Omaha died 4-30-13.

**1963-David Lee Barrington** of Riverton, UT died 4-17-13. Dave and his family left Omaha in 1980, when he started a career with Chevron USA as a Maintenance Supervisor—Electrical and Instrumentation. He retired from the Salt Lake City refinery. Dave is survived by his wife Jean, four children, nine grandchildren, one great grandchild and his brother **Jim Barrington-1966**.

**1963-Angeline Yvonne Emmi** of Bellevue, NE died 3-19-13.

**1963-Gary L. Furnas, Sr.** of Elkhorn died 2-24-13.

**1963-Julie A. (Stimmel) Carlson** of Omaha died 1-29-13.

**1965-Ronald Eggers** of Missoula, MT died 11-11-12.

**1965-Tom H. Menard** of Omaha died 3-24-13.

**1965-Linda L. (Underwood) O'Bryan** died November 2006.

**1966-Joanne (Mucha) Sherrets** of Omaha died 3-19-13.

**1966-Michaeline M. "Mickie" (Pelisiak) Mason** of Omaha died 3-5-13.

**1966-Donna R. (Rose) Temple** of Omaha died 5-17-13.

**1967-Suzanne (Koziol) Whelan** of Omaha died 5-5-13.

**1967-James Monrow Lewis** of Bellevue, NE died 3-21-13.

**1972-Cheryl (Barton) Smith** of Springdale, AR died 2-5-13.

**1972-Ermelinda "Linda" (Becerra) Huffaker** of Omaha died 7-1-13.

**1972-Richard R. "Rick" Konwinski** of Omaha died 1-28-13.

**1972-Elaine (Lehn) Patach** of Omaha died 2-7-13.

**1972-Lynn (Lybarger) Gilson** of Omaha died 1-27-13.

**1973-Earl Lee Schmitt, Jr.** of Omaha died 2-15-13 in an accident at his business, Schmitt Trucking, Inc., of Bartlett, Iowa while he was working on a car. His wife said he loved working on cars since his early teens. He also loved stock car racing, and raced his first car, a 1957 Chevy at Playland Speedway in Council Bluffs. His earlier years included working at the packing houses and managing rental property he owned.

**1974-Oscar N. Becerra** of Omaha died 2-24-13.

**1974-Ronnie L. Faust, Sr.** of Omaha died 2-9-13.

**1977-Anna M. Martinez** of Omaha died 5-12-13. She was a paraprofessional for Omaha Public Schools at Highland Elementary School.

**1979-John Cisar, Jr.** of Adele, IA died 9-9-12.

**1982-Troy Bass** of Omaha died 2-16-13.

**1989-Terry L. Francis** of Omaha died 2-16-13.

**1994-Christopher Robert Bednarz** of Omaha died 3-28-13.

**2005-Ren'ee Alyce Spears** of Omaha died 7-6-13.

# Sports *Corner*

**1958-John Edmonds** was inducted into the Nebraska Black Sports Hall of Fame on 8-1-13. He played football and was on the track team as a Packer. After graduation he played with the semi-pro Omaha Mustangs football team and made the Professional Football League of America All-Star team in 1967. *Congratulations!*

**1960-Lad Nemecek** threw out the fist pitch in this year's Collin-Orcutt All-Star baseball game on 5-27. It was the 41<sup>st</sup> year for this All-Star game. The game featured the top seniors from the Omaha area and marks the start of the American Legion season. *Congratulations!*

**1961-Denny Koubsky** bowled 300 games on 2-15 and 3-19 this year in the Mockingbird Bowling Lanes Senior League. *He now has a total of eight 300 games. Congratulations!*



specialist **Captain Richard Gonzalez-1986** who first conceived of a sports complex to help SO youth. To date, approximately 600 kids are involved in the soccer program.



**Bob Campos-1956** was lauded for his efforts in raising the money for the complex, and for his hard work clearing trees and working on the grounds to develop a first-class venue for the kids.

Other dignitaries included City Councilman **Gerry Gernandt-1964**, Douglas County Commissioner Mike Boyle, OPS Athletic Supervisor Bob Danenhauer, movie and television actor Tony Plana from New York (from "Ugly Betty" television series and current



movie "Pain & Gain") and many family members and friends. The weather was wonderful with the sun shining for a perfect day. The event ended with a reception for the attendees on the field.

*We congratulate Bob and Barb Campos for providing a place for the SO kids to play soccer.*

## BOB CAMPOS SOCCER COMPLEX

South Omaha kids have another great soccer complex on 33<sup>rd</sup> Street one block north of Q Street. The complex was dedicated on Friday, 4-26-13 at 1:30 p.m. by dignitaries including Omaha Assistant Parks Director Brook Bench, Mayor Jim Suttle (with an official proclamation naming the field), Police Chief Schmaderer, Latino Peace Officers Association representatives including Assistant Chief of Police **Greg Gonzalez-1989**, and gang



# 2013 SPAGHETTI DINNER – A GRAND TIME BY ALL

We congratulate Jackie Dower, spaghetti dinner chair, and her able team of workers for another successful spaghetti dinner to raise scholarship funds for SHS students. We served over 750 delicious dinners and sold many donated items through the raffle and silent auction. Scott and Sandie Knudsen led the raffle on stage while many volunteers circulated throughout the area selling tickets. Special thanks to the following groups who were responsible for another well organized and fun alumni event:

Ticket takers and sellers: Rudy Tesar, John Krayneski, Chris and Wayne Woodard. Raffle Ticket Sellers: Jen Kracher, Sharon Kracher, Sue Collin, Jeanne Patrick, Carol Cleaver, Jeannie and Jerry Porterfield. Silent Auction Chair Judy Tesar, assisted by Marge Collin, Bev Riha and Jackie (Schultz) Casper. Clothing Sales: Carole Safley, Gail (Renner) Granger, Judy (Renner) Storm and Mary (Renner) Urkevich. Salads: Diane Atkins and Zach Sanko. Drinks: Mitzi (Fahey) O'Donnell, Karen (Fahey) Wilson and Candy (Fahey) Rezac. Desserts: Shirley (DeGeorge) Benak, Nancy



(Vanderstoep) Shelton and Nellie (Sudavicius) MacCallum. Kitchen help and servers: Jim Leonard, Vic Riha, Bob Lubsen, Dean Rezac, Dean Winther; Gary Kastrick; Al Rezac and Jodi Winther. Take Out Orders: Mike and Debbi Contreras. Other volunteers include Ruth Kordel, Michael H. Roehr, Kay Ivey, Gail Granger, Ron Tierman, Sellve Tuvac, Yunemele Olva, Diane Battiato; SHS student helpers Julie Anderson; Edgar Diaz, Enrique Marion, Allen Smith, Jacob Roeder, Genesis Diaz Greenis, and Dalton Bartlett.



Auction items were donated by, Evelyn and Dean Winther, Julie and Ed Diehm, Judy and Rudy Tesar, Mary and John Salcedo, E & J Drywall, Carpet Express, Carol Safley, Dean and Candy Rezac, Carl and Carol Schroeder, Paul and Sharon Kracher, John and Bev Krayneski, Jeanne and Jerry Porterfield, Jackie Dower, Judy (Renner) Storm, Tara (Miller) Donohue, Donohue's Pub, Cookie Brazda, All About Dogs, Nancy Shelton, Woody Woodward, Mary Urkevich, Coke Company Omaha, Werner Park-Woody Woodward, Janice Palmer, and House of Sausage. Meal donors: Orsi Bakery, Sons of Italy, HyVee Grocery, Burger King on South 24th Street, and Roberts Dairy. Baskets and auction item assemblers: Candy Rezac, Mary Salcedo, Evelyn Winther, Judy Tesar, SueEllen Collin, Hilda Gurwell, and Julie Diehm raffle chair.



## A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL AT THE 2013 BOWLING TOURNAMENT

By Denny Koubsky-1961



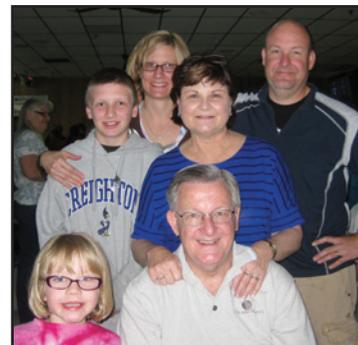
The annual alumni and friends bowling tournament drew 67 bowlers to Mockingbird Lanes on 4-13-13. 36 games of 200 or more were recorded with two series over 700. The women were led by **Diane Atkins** who had high scores in games 1 of 188, 2 of 230, and series of 581. **Joan (Novak) Welsh-1961** had game 3 high of 213.

Men's game winners were **Kevin Turner** with 231 for game 1; **Rick Frank** with 258 for game 2, **Denny Koubsky-1961** had 278 for game 3, and **T. J. Atkins** was series high scorer with 714.

In the raffle, bowling balls were won by **Andy Nathan** and **Jeff Urkevich**. The balls were donated by **The Bowlers Choice** and **Tom Kelley's Pro Shop**. Gift certificates were donated by **Millard Roadhouse** and **The Bowling Store**. The **SHS Alumni Association** donated clothing items; **Ron and Joan Welsh** and

other alumni also donated raffle prizes. These donors and raffles helped raise scholarships funds for SHS!

Thanks to all the donors, bowlers who participated, and volunteers who helped run the tournament. Hope to see you all next year!



## POKER RUN FUN – 2013

Sixty-seven poker run participants, seven stops and one great committee made our **9th Annual Poker Run** on 5-18-13 a whole lot of fun! Again this year, **Darby's Tavern** hosted our registration stop and **Banana Joe's** was happy to be our final stop. On their 160 mile trip, riders were welcomed into five hometown bars including **Firehouse Grille** in Murray, NE; **Wagon Wheel Bar** in Nebraska City, NE; **Depot Lounge** in Shenandoah, IA; **Red Oak Tap** in Red Oak, IA; and **The Rose Lounge** in Treynor, IA.

Our first place poker hand winner, **Rich Mangiameli** won \$200; 2nd place and \$100 went to **Danny Spidell**; and **Dona Moody Braniff-1981** won \$50 for her 3<sup>rd</sup> place hand. **Robb DeGeorge-1988** won the raffle prize and **Mark Borato** won Split-the-Pot leaving with \$100. Thanks to all our poker run volunteers: **Dean & Candi Rezac**, **Paul & Sharon Kracher**, **Mike & Deb Contreras**, **Evelyn & Dean Winther**, **Jen Kracher** and **Nellie MacCallum**. Mark your calendars for next year's run – **May 17, 2014**. See you then!



# 2013 GOLF OUTING A HOT-HOT-HOT EVENT

By Carole Safley, Golf Committee Chair

Another successful Packer Greats Golf Outing was held on Sunday 7-21-13 at the Tregaron Golf Course. The day started with a 7:30 a.m. shotgun start, but the teams were ready to go after receiving their “goodie bags” and buying their mulligans. A BIG thank you to all the golfers, hole sponsors, and raffle prize donors. Special thanks to the tournament volunteers: **Mary Urkevich, Judy Storm, Gail Granger, Evelyn and Dean Winther, Deb Contreras, Sandie and Scott Knudsen, Scott Zanko and Joe Safley** for creating a very successful outing. We had 27 teams participating this year; helping the Alumni Association raise dollars for scholarships to deserving SHS seniors. Organizers added a “Hole-in-One” competition for a \$10,000 prize on the 12<sup>th</sup> hole par-3. No winner this year, but the water hazard was a little too inviting for some and golf balls took a swim!!!

Winners for **Flight One** were: 1<sup>st</sup> place – Al Miller, Casey Hunter, Andy Hunter, and Shawn Poulicek with a score of 56. 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Anthony Venditte, Scott Parks, Tony Venditte Jr., and Jason Helkenn with a score of 59.

**Flight Two** winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> place – Jerry Arellano, Mark Schmidt, Steve Erhardt and Mike Church with a score of 65. 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Mike Powers, Ted Topolski, Joe Mlotek and Randy Fitzgerald with a score of 67. **Winners of Pin Prizes** were: #1-Ladies only for longest putt to Maya Northcutt; #3-Closest 2<sup>nd</sup> shot to Jerry Malfait; #6-Longest Putt to Dennis Kinsella; #7-Longest Drive in Fairway to Sean Poulicek; #9-Closest to Pin 2<sup>nd</sup> Shot to Sam Tomaszkiwicz; #10-Longest Putt to Don Mickeliunas; #11-Closest 2<sup>nd</sup> Shot to Tony Venditte Jr.; #13-Ladies Only Closest 2<sup>nd</sup> Shot to Connie Vlach; #14-Longest Drive In Fairway to Sue Krayneski; #15-Closest to Pin 1<sup>st</sup> Shot – Ken Kalasky; #16-Longest Putt to Mike Venditte; #18-Closest 2<sup>nd</sup> Shot to Mike York. Next year’s golf outing is set for Sunday 7-20-14 at Tregaron. Keep the date open. Carole and her crew will start working on next year’s event. Hope to see you then.



## AIR AMERICA PERSONNEL DESERVE BENEFITS

We have covered the shameful lack of benefits owed to the **Merchant Mariners** from time to time from information which fellow Packer **A. J. Wichita-1947** sent us. The government still has not rectified this situation.

We also want to bring another such injustice to your attention—the fact that federal benefits have also been withheld from **Air America** personnel as shared with us by **John Wiren-1948**. An article in the *Tampa Bay Times* dated 6-13-13 stated: “From 1950 to 1976, Air America was a federal corporation owned and operated by the CIA. It supported U.S. missions during the Cold War. Often under enemy fire and using outdated equipment without artillery, the organization flew cargo to countries such as Cambodia, Korea, Laos and Vietnam. While operating bases in these countries, it carried out covert and humanitarian missions in Thailand, Taiwan, Japan, Burma and China. It also transported, over many parts of Asia, U.S. diplomats, civilians, refugees, spies, sabotage teams, commandos, combat casualties, doctors and drug enforcement

agents; personnel from USAID, the Defense Department and State Department; and VIPs such as President Richard Nixon. U.S. Service personnel were recruited from military ranks for Air America and they were sworn to secrecy regarding the CIA’s role in the company. President Reagan sent a message to Air America personnel as follows: “Unsung and unrecognized, each of you confronted danger and endured terrible hardships. ... Free people everywhere owe you more than we can hope to repay.” And President George Bush wrote: “The magnitude of Air America’s service in Southeast Asia will never diminish, and the gratitude all Americans owe to those who took part in the countless important and dangerous missions should remain just as constant. ... All Americans owe them a lasting debt of gratitude.”



There are 350 Air America personnel still living and it is shameful they are denied benefits due them.

*We hope the Packer Family will take the time to write to their representatives to ask them to push through benefits for these patriotic men and women who have devoted their lives to serving our nation and keeping it secure.*

# School *News*

## 2013 CLASS CONVOCATION

Scholarships were awarded to 171 students at the 5-8-13 Honors and Awards night in the school theater. Your Alumni Association awarded the following scholarships:

**\$1,500 Margie Krakowski Speck Scholarships** to Alexis Tapia-Vargas, Katherine Thompson, and Alexis Perea; **\$1,500 Shane Kielion Memorial Scholarship** to Jacob Bruckner; **\$1,000 Mudra Family Scholarship** to Rachael Lapacek; **\$1,000 Seiderwicz Family Scholarship** to Eva Kammerer; **\$1,000 Jerry Rodriguez Scholarship** to Oliver Ramirez-Gutierrez; **\$1,000 Centennial Scholarships** to Mauricio Davila and Thomas Burke; **\$1,000 SHS Alumni Association Scholarships** to Priscilla Rodriguez, Zaida Torres, Kyle Miles, Jhone White-Lucas, Julie Wilcox, and Xandria Gregory; **\$1,000 Lt. General Leo J. Dulacki Scholarships** to Berenice Tavizon, Anita Jaimes, and Agrario Rangel. **\$1,000 Judy Hengglor Spohr Scholarships** to Jennifer Cifuentes. and Laura Herrera. **\$1,500 Class of 1956 Scholarships/Jim Kozak** to Maria Maldonado, and Robert Floyd Gilbert.

## THANK YOU LETTERS RECEIVED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

**Katherine Thompson** will study music education at UNO and very much appreciated the Speck scholarship award.

**Alexis Perea** will major in business administration at UNO with an emphasis in economics to become a financial advisor and the Speck scholarship means so much and is appreciated.

**Eva Kammerer** will study business administration and marketing at UNO, and hopes to open a restaurant in Omaha. She is extremely grateful for the Seiderwicz Family Scholarship.



**Principal Cara Riggs** was the guest speaker at the Metropolitan Reading Council meeting in Papillion on 4-23-13. She discussed her lifelong passion for teaching (since third grade), her career path leading to her role as principal, and how she came to write her book “*Life in an Urban School—A Love Story.*”

**First Lady Sally Ganem-1968**, who is a member of the Council, also shared her education background and career with the group and thanked the teachers present for being the key to educating our youth and imparting the love of reading to them. She said that she and the Governor have read books to nearby schools and it is one of the most fun activities they share.

*It was a fine day for SHS with these two outstanding ladies sharing the limelight!*

**Oliver Ramirez-Gutierrez** will major in biology and Spanish at UNL and pursue a career in the medical field, eventually becoming a doctor. He appreciates the generous financial support from receiving the Jerry Rodriguez Scholarship.

**Mauricio Davila** will major in Business and after receiving a Master's degree at UNO plans to become a Certified Public Accountant. He was ecstatic and appreciative to learn he was to receive the Centennial Scholarship.

**Thomas Burke** will major in Theater and Music Technology at Iowa Western Community College, and he appreciated the generous financial support from the Centennial Scholarship.

**Priscilla Rodriguez** will attend UNL to obtain her bachelors degree, and will then seek advanced degrees in Veterinary Medicine. She has utmost appreciation and gratitude for receiving the SHS Alumni Association Scholarship.

**Zaida Torres** will attend UNO for a double major in Business and Pre-law, with the goal of becoming an immigration or corporate lawyer. She is so thankful she was selected to receive the SHS Alumni Association Scholarship.

**Jhone White-Lucas** will attend Creighton University to study English Literature. She is thankful for receiving the SHS Alumni Association Scholarship.

**Julie Wilcox** will attend Hastings College to study Sports Medicine and she plans to join the marching band. She is very thankful for the financial tuition assistance provided by the SHS Alumni Association Scholarship.

**Xandria Gregory** will attend Northeast Community College in Norfolk and study Audio Arts and Music Technology. She is thankful for the SHS Alumni Association Scholarship and plans to join the Alumni Association right after graduation.

**Berenice Tavizon** will attend UNL, majoring in International Business and hopes to attend law school to become a corporate attorney. She is very grateful for being a recipient of a Lt. General Leo J. Dulacki Scholarship.

**Jennifer Cifuentes** will attend UNL to receive a Bilingual/Multilingual education and is very thankful for receiving a Judy Hengglor Spohr Scholarship.

**Laura Herrera** will attend UNO and is majoring in Speech Pathology. She is thankful to receive financial support from the Judy Hengglor Spohr Scholarship fund.

**Robert Floyd Gilbert's** field of study will be Education and he will attend Peru State College. He thanked **Jim Kozak** and the **Class of 1956** for the investment in his future, and the belief that he will be a good ambassador for this scholarship.

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## FAREWELL TO RETIRING TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS

A retirement reception at school was held on 5-21-13 to honor and thank the following for their dedicated service to SHS: **Jael N. Adams, Karen Clark, Barb Cotton, Susan Kalina, Micaela Moriarty, Kenetta Phillips** and **Helen Sliwa**. *A sincere thank you for jobs well done and best wishes in the future!*

## SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS

**Rosio Granados** won a D.J.'s Hero Award as reported in the *OW-H* on 5-4-13. Her category was "A Confident Hero Caring for Others." Because of parental disability, Rosio helped raise six younger siblings by working housekeeping and fast food jobs to keep her family together. During that time she served as a community volunteer and completed the academically challenging University of Nebraska Medical Center High School Alliance and graduated sixth in her class at SHS. *Congratulations!*

**Jorge Ayon** was honored as one of Ten Outstanding Young Omaha (TOYO) Teens at the annual Omaha Jaycees TOYO ceremony. In addition to the award, he received \$100. His volunteer efforts at the Boys & Girls Clubs have included packing toys, picking up trash at Timberlake Outreach Center and taking charge at Keystone in the Kitchen. He was named State Boys & Girls Clubs "Youth of the Year" because of his hard work and dedication. *Congratulations!*

## DEATHS

**2016-Jazmyn Dupree**, age 14, lost her battle on 4-26-13 against a rare soft tissue cancer called rhabdomyosarcoma. She attended SHS until she was too ill to continue. Her family said she made the cheer squad but was unable to participate as she was very weak. She liked fashion and design, cheering and spending time with her family. Jazmyn was very smart, kind-hearted and funny. A memorial fund was established to help the family pay expenses.

**Football Coach Merle Applebee's** wife **Betty** suffered a stroke about a year ago, and died 2-4-13. She was cremated and interred at Pt. Loma with Merle. Merle coached at SHS in the late 50s and 60s.

## SHS STUDENT CHANGES HIS LIFE

**Klahil Westbrook Grant** is a 17-year-old basketball player for the Packers. He was featured in an *OW-H* article on 7-11-13 where he is described as a good kid who works hard, is focused and plans to attend college. He credits Paul Bryant, his mother and grandfather for his second chance in life after an earlier angry pattern of getting in trouble and starting fights. He was recruited by Bryant in 2005 for the Wesley House Leadership Program where the kids had a dress code and met every other Saturday at UNO to prepare for the future and play basketball. Klahil is now excited about his future. *We congratulate him for his hard work and wish him success!*

## SHS STUDENT KILLER CONVICTED

We reported in our last issue that 16 year-old SHS basketball player **Montrell Wiseman** was killed by a gang member in a drive-by shooting for wearing Packer/Husker red as he ushered girls into the house after a car slowly drove past the house they were visiting. The killer was convicted of first-degree murder after a four-day trial in June, 2013.

### HORATIO ALGER ASSOCIATION OF DISTINGUISHED AMERICANS PRESENTS AWARDS TO FOUR SHS COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS

**Magdalena Cazarez, Kalynn L. Hamlin, David Nevarez, and Oliver Ramirez-Gutierrez** all received Horatio Alger Scholarship Awards as announced in the *OW-H* on 6-8-13. These students were chosen based upon their demonstrated commitment to education, dedication to community service and strength of character in overcoming personal obstacles to achieve academic excellence. Each student received \$6,000 from the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben Foundation to be used for college expenses.

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# SportsNews

## PACKERS ARE STATE SOCCER CHAMPIONS!

A group of kids who played soccer together since they were four or five years old achieved their dream of being Nebraska State Champs when they defeated Creighton Prep at Creighton University's Morrison Stadium on Monday, 5-13-13 before a record crowd of about 8,200. This was the largest number ever to watch a soccer match in Nebraska. There were no seats available for many of the fans, but the match was so exciting, the time flew. Late in the game, **Jose Marquez** shot a left footer just over the head of the Prep goalkeeper to win the game. Goalkeeper **Sayeg Moreno** preserved the Packer shutout in the final five minutes by deflecting a Prep score with a left hand acrobatic swipe.

The top-ranked and unbeaten Packers were picked as favorites since they netted 133 goals and 20 shutouts (both state records) this season. They came to the game with a total win record of 22-0 and the confidence of already beating Prep two times during the season, including the battle for the Metro championship in April. For the Metro game, Packer **Favian Herrera** scored in overtime to beat Creighton 1-0 and goalkeeper **Sayeg Moreno** was credited for foiling Prep's scoring.

Coach Joe Maass said he is just as thrilled that five of his players will receive full-ride academic scholarships, as he is about winning the championships.

## SOCCER TEAM INVITED TO GOVERNOR'S MANSION

The boys' state soccer champions were invited to the Governor's Mansion on 5-28-13 for lunch. The First Lady, **Sally Ganem-1968** gave a grand tour of their home to the team.

## PACKERS SELECTED FOR OMAHA WORLD-HERALD ALL-NEBRASKA SOCCER TEAM

**Michael Jaime** was chosen as captain of the boys All-Nebraska squad. **Abel**



**Alvarado** and **Sayeg Moreno** were first team picks for the All-Nebraska team while **Charlie Trautman**, **Emiliano Jacinto**, and **Luis Rodriguez** were second team picks. **Jaime**, **Alvarado**, **Moreno** and **Jacinto** were chosen first team Metro and **Trautman**, **Jose Marquez**, **Favian Herrera** and **Rodriquez** were chosen second team Metro. *Congratulations for receiving these fine honors!*

## PACKERS HAVE GREAT BASKETBALL SEASON

They faced the defending state champions, Central on 2-1-13 and beat them 65-59 on SHS's home court with a record crowd of more than 2,100 watching. Several hundred fans were turned away when the gym was full to overflowing.

Unfortunately, Papillion-LaVista defeated the Packers 49 to 55 on 3-8-13 in Lincoln at the Devaney Center and Central prevailed as State champs.

## GIRLS TRACK TEAM UP AND COMING



The track team qualified a girls' relay for the first time since 1999 in District track. This happened in spite of an injury to their fastest runner, which kept her out of the race. The relay was a 4x800m and SHS

hasn't qualified in that event since the early 1990s. The Packer girls finished fourth in this event, but they

were second overall in districts. At State, with no team experience, four girls qualified and three of them ran their best 800m to date. All of the girls are returning next year and have set their sights on breaking the school relay record of 10.02 (they ran 10.20). Both freshman mid-distance girls will run cross-country next fall to improve their endurance. They are willing to stretch themselves so they will be a record-breaking relay team. The Packer fortitude is strong at SHS!

John Tripp, Head Cross Country Coach and Assistant Track Coach, said that "the addition of Lindsay Anderson as a mid-distance coach has also greatly affected the girls' performance. Her collegiate running experience makes her a great role-model for our young women. Our head girls' coach, Melissa Peterson, did an outstanding job helping us. She even made a special breakfast for the girls the day of State. We have a good thing going here and are looking towards the future. Thank you, Alumni, for your support and allowing us to spoil our kids when the occasion warrants it."

## BASEBALL

Senior **Eric Mulligan, Sr.** was selected from the city's best high school baseball players for the Collin team in the All-Star Collin-Orcutt game on 5-27-13.

## FOOTBALL

Note the opening game will be on 8-30-13 at 7 p.m. against neighborhood rival Bryan High. Come cheer the team on!

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## SOUTH OMAHA PACKERS AIR TEAM (SOPAT) YOUTH WRESTLING CLUB PACKED WITH FORMER PACKERS

Last year, SOPAT was fortunate to have two alumni at its helm, **Dave** and **Dan Loftus**. While the Loftus' are no longer affiliated with SOPAT, we thank them for their help. SOPAT is a youth wrestling program in South Omaha run for over 20 years by Greg Wilcox. While Coach Wilcox will still be an integral part of the program, SOPAT will have a new coaching staff for folkstyle headed by **Chris Sidzyik-1993**, a SHS alumnus and former wrestler and coach for UNO under Coach Mike Denney. Chris also is the Head Freshman Football Coach and an assistant coach of wrestling at SHS, as well as the head wrestling coach at Marrs. Also breathing new life into the program will be assistant coaches with extensive wrestling and coaching experience including **Bob Sidzyik-1998**, **Nick Sidzyik-1997**, **Dan Torres**, **Johnny Palermo, Jr.**, **Jason Sheard-1999**, **Shane Minardi**, and **Chris Menardi**, a current assistant coach at SHS. The mission of the team is to get South Omaha youth on the mat wrestling, building physical and mental shrewdness as well as teamwork and respect. The team's hope is that these young men will form some wrestling roots and stay firmly planted in the community. SOPAT wants your wrestlers and donations to help make this program a South Omaha success. More details can be found at [www.sopat.org](http://www.sopat.org). Go Pack!



### PLEASANT HILL GRADE SCHOOL REUNION

The class of 1963 held a reunion on 6-6-13 and sent this photo. A good time was had by all.

## CLASS REUNIONS

### 2013

**1978-** The class will have their 35<sup>th</sup> reunion in the fall. Look in Facebook and the **TOOTER** for details. Contact **Connie Monastero** at 402/344-0636.

**1993** class will attend the Friday, 9-27-13 SHS vs. Millard South football game at Collin Field to start their 20<sup>th</sup> class reunion celebration (tickets are \$6). Pre-game tailgate at the G.I. Forum from 5:30 to 7:00. Park at 22nd and "N" Street adjacent to the Field. Cash bar. Continue the night at McFly's Tavern - 4503 Center Street after the game. Cash bar. On Saturday, 9-28-13 bowling at Mockingbird Lanes - 96<sup>th</sup> south of "L" Streets from 7 p.m. to close. (Cost varies depending on your activities/food/drink.) Class contacts are **Bobby Palermo** at 402/968-1977 or [bobbpalermo@cox.net](mailto:bobbpalermo@cox.net) and **Tanya Haley** at 402/812-3485 or [tanya.haley@marykay.com](mailto:tanya.haley@marykay.com).

### 2014

**1954**-class reunion will be a casual, no-host gathering at Brewsky's Food & Spirits in Ralston, NE on Saturday, 8-16-14. No reservations - just show up and have some fun. More details in the Spring 2014 **TOOTER**. Class contacts: **Dolores (Kucirek) Semin** at 402/681-8216; **Janet (Mirasky) Haney** at 402/397-3671 or [ghaney36@cox.net](mailto:ghaney36@cox.net); **Marlene (Wesolowski) Brandt** at 402-331-6035 or [billandmarbrandt@cox.net](mailto:billandmarbrandt@cox.net).

**1964** class has begun preparations for their 50th reunion. Mark your calendars for Friday, 6-6-14 and Saturday, 6-7-14. Contact **Betty (Parish) Stern** at [blstern2@msn.com](mailto:blstern2@msn.com)

**1974** class is planning their 40th reunion. Details will follow. Check the OmahaSouthAlumni.com website for details. Class contacts are **Dottie (Olbertz) Krimmel**, 402/677 6348 or [edkimmel74@yahoo.com](mailto:edkimmel74@yahoo.com) and **Denise (Ariza) Muck**, 402/680 5208 or [dpmuck@cox.net](mailto:dpmuck@cox.net). Other committee members are **Judy (Renner) Storm** and **JoAnne (Janousek) Bednarz**.

**1984** reunion committee will mail a "Save the Date" notice this fall for the reunion to be held in the summer of 2014. More information will be in the Spring **TOOTER**. Class contact is **Kelly (Urkevich) Sanko** at 402/733-4062.

*If anyone has information on pending reunions, please call the office at 402/738-9493 with contact information.*

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# 2013-14 Calendar of Events

## 2013

- 8-13 SHS – Classes resume.
- Sept. **Fall 2013 TOOTER**
- 9-16 **Lottery Tickets** – Start 9-16. Winner’s drawn on 12-14.
- 9-20 **SHS Homecoming Football Game**, Omaha SHS vs. Omaha Central.
- 9-21 **SHS Homecoming dance.**
- 9-28 **Hall of Fame Brunch** – 10 a.m. Livestock Exchange Bldg.; \$25 per ticket. All alumni and friends are invited to attend.
- 10-12 **Alumni Board of Directors Meeting** – 9:30 a.m. Alumni Association Office.
- 10-23 **2013 Packer Sports Greats Hall of Fame** – Anthony’s Restaurant.
- 12-14 **Lottery Drawing.**

## 2014

- Jan. SHS – Classes resume.
- 1-11 **Alumni Board of Directors Meeting** – 9:30 a.m. Alumni Association Office.
- Mar. **Spring 2014 TOOTER**
- 3-29 **TENTATIVE DATE for Spaghetti Dinner** - Sokol South Omaha 4 to 7:30 p.m.
- 4-5 **TENTATIVE DATE for Bowling Tournament** - Mockingbird Lanes Noon.
- 4-12 **Alumni Board of Directors Meeting** – 9:30 a.m. Alumni Association Office.
- 4-26 **SHS Prom** at the Kroc Center.

- May **SHS Senior Honors & Award Night.** Honors Convocation.
- 5-17 **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Poker Run.**
- 5-18 **SHS Graduation Class of 2014** – 2 p.m. at the Civic Center.
- 7-12 **Alumni Board of Directors Meeting** – Pot luck Board Meeting.
- 7-20 **Packer Greats Golf Tournament** at Tregaron on Sunday.
- Aug. **First day of school** for 2014/2015 school year.
- Sept. **Fall 2014 TOOTER**

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

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