

# ALUMNI NEWPORTIAN NEWS

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Archivist	Bob Hartman
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Audit	to be appointed
Legal Adviser	Lambert Hehl
Nominating	
Parliamentarian	Lambert Hehl
Patron Fund	Mary Lou Schmidt
Pot of Gold	Jim Hesch
School Liaison	Scott Draud

## **MEMBERSHIP DINNER MEETING**

**MAY 19, 2005**

**NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**

**6:30 PM**

**MEMBERSHIP & BOARD MEETINGS**

BOARD MEETING MAY 12, 2005  
MEMBERSHIP DINNER MEETING MAY 19, 2005

**REUNIONS IN 2005**

CLASS DATE	FOR INFORMATION CALL	PHONE
1959 planning	Ted Dansbury	859-442-7740
1970 planning	Charlie Frye	513-200-8799
1975 planning	Deeann Bonar Boswell	859-441-3039

NOTE: Please list your reunions with the Alumni.

**ONLY THE BEGINNING**

Dr. Michael Brandt came to the Newport Independent School System from Cincinnati upon the retirement of Dr. Sullivan. Dr. Brandt's desire is to build a better school for the students and bring the community into an awareness that each one depends upon the other to succeed in improving the future for both. Only a few of the items are mentioned here, and they are positive in both thought and action.

SCHOOLMATCH, a national consulting firm reported on the strengths and weaknesses of the school district financed by a grant from the Heinz Foundation. The report praised the system for low teacher absence, well-maintained schools, caring staff, strong financial management, respect for student diversity and ACT scores which were better than systems with similar demographics.

To get the community involved he has held sessions with the Mayor and the city council. He has held community meetings where his intent has been explained and community members continued with a question and answer period. He has provided for a new exercise room and fitness facility at the high school. He has provided ways to improve the health of the students, and the list goes on.....

We in the alumni help the students with incentive programs and scholarships. We can also help by supporting Dr. Brandt in his positive direction for "our" school system. Working together is the answer.

George Gore

### **OUR NEXT MEETING**

Our next Board meeting is MAY 12, 2005 in the teachers lounge of the Newport High School. All members are welcome. Come get involved with the organization. Join in with the fun.

Our next Membership dinner meeting is MAY 19, 2005 at the Newport High School Library at 6:30 PM. At this meeting we will have nomination of officers for the offices of PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT A PROGEAM DIRECTOR. Bill Shamblin and Mr. Upchurch, principal Newport Middle School will have a few words. We need younger persons to join in the activities; the organization needs your help. It is very pleasurable to see what your efforts can do.

### **ALL CLASS REUNION DINNER DANCE & INSTALLATION**

The All Class Reunion Dinner Dance and Installation will be held September 18, 2005 at the Coconut Grove Restraint We try to provide a nice evening out at a minimum cost. Some we not happy about the food, but the Coconut Grove has promised to do better the next time. Remember the date, September 18, 2005.

### **PATRON FUND**

This is a way you can show your appreciation for the education you received from Newport High School. Your contribution adds to the majority of funds raised for scholarships given each year. We can help others not as fortunate as us to help their dreams come true. Many thanks to all. The Patrons ad raises much of this fund for the scholarships and incentives. WE hope to raise enough to meet our budget of \$15,500.00 for scholarships and incentives. Many thanks also to Mary Lou Schmidt for all her hard work to raise these funds for scholarships.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED**

The Scholarship Committee led by Lois Gore and the Executive Committee are working on the scholarship forms to be distributed at the school. Selection for scholarships to be presented in May 2005.

### **2004-2005 BUDGET APPROVED**

At the last membership meeting held November 18, 2004, the budget for 2004-2005 was submitted and approved. The operating expenses are projected to be \$4375.00 and the Scholarships / Incentives fund is \$15,500.00. The operating expenses include all printing and mailing cost of the Newsletter.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers to serve on committees. We need you to make the organization prosper and grow. This is a good way to see what the membership is doing for the students of Newport High and see how the students appreciate what we are doing. Ask anyone who has helped serve Ice cream at the school or worked collating a newsletter and installing mailing labels. Mary Lou can always use help getting out the Patron Ad mailing.

### **CLASS REPRESENTATIVES**

Did you graduate in any of the following classes? We are missing representatives for the classes of 1971,1973, 1981, 1984, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1996,1998,1999, and 2001, 2002, If one of the above classes include your graduating class, please consider calling Mary Lou Schmidt to volunteer to serve 859-441-1530. This is a good way to keep informed of your classmates.

### **INQUIRIES FOR CLASS REUNIONS**

At times graduates try to find out if the class is going to have a reunion. Sometimes they call the High School or the Board of Education. These calls are usually referred to the Alumni. If you do not keep us informed of your plans, we can not help the individuals. We are trying to post reunions and get-togethers in the Newsletter. Just let us know and we will list your reunion or get-together in the section with all the other reunions or get-togethers planned.

### **MEMBERSHIP OCTOBER 1, 2004-SEPTEMBER 30, 2005**

Mary Lou is soliciting membership for this fiscal year. Your Five dollars is a small amount to ask. Life time membership is \$150.00. You may want to consider this. Don't forget the Endowment and Scholarship funds.

### **AFTER PROM AT NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL**

Many thanks to Bill Brinkmann Chairman for the Ice Cream Booth for the After Prom Party. He and his committee did a great job and his daughter, Nancy Bay has consented to return again next year as chairperson. If you would like to help, call 859-781-1441.

### **YOUR CLASS REPS NEED TO REPORT**

To provide the information our readers want to know, our Class Reps need to provide the information to the editor. Many people inquire why they have no news from your class. The only answer I can give , "If you give me news, I will try to include it in the Newsletter." Most grads not only want to be informed of deceased classmates, but also would like to hear from classmates including information of people they do not see often. Shut-in's would appreciate hearing of your health problems, travel, or other items of interest. Send a card or phone call while they are recuperating. If you have any information you would like to share with your class or friends, contact me direct at Bob Hesch, 21 Audubon Place, Ft. Thomas, KY 41075 or phone 859-441-0695. My E- mail address is RLHESCH@FUSE.NET.

### **NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES**

The Newport High School Alumni has elected to store it's collection of Newport High School yearbooks, photos and other memorabilia at the Campbell County Historical Society in the Courthouse at, Alexandria KY.. with the understanding that the collection may be removed for our annual installation meeting. This is a great resource for anyone looking for information on family members that attended Newport High School. Yearbooks start in 1911 and contain tons of great photos you will want to see. This is available to you. Check times the Historical Society is open.

Anyone wanting to add to this collection may do so by contacting the Newport High School Alumni Association, P O Box 75129, Ft. Thomas KY 41075 or Phone 859-441-0695.

The following years are missing and we would like to have a complete set if possible. We need the following years: 1920, 1974,1975, 1977 through 1979, and 1987 through 1995.

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### **NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB**

The mission of the Newport High School Boosters Club otherwise known as Newport Pep Team (NPT) shall be to encourage, maintain, and further the participation of parents, teachers, alumni, and other adults of the community in the support of Newport High School. NPT's purpose is to promote sports, clubs, and school sprit at Newport High School. We are committed to promoting the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play. We support the high standards of good citizenship and propriety, along with regard for the rights of others.

To join, you must be 18 years of age and not attending Newport High School. For information phone 859-442-9897 Membership is \$5.00 per yr. The mailing address is PO Box 1803, Newport KY 41072-1803.

This a separate organization with no connection with the Newport High School Alumni and Associates, Inc. We do think it is an organization with a purpose and good for the students. Many of the Alumni have joined.

### **SKILLS U S A**

Newport High School Skills USA club participated in the Regional/District competition February 12, 2005 with over 300 contestants. The top two qualify for State Competition. Newport sent 16 students in eight categories and received nine first place and five second place finishes.

#### **ADVERTISING DEIGN**

Josh Abplanalp first place Jennifer Bothwell second place

#### **CHAPTER DISPLAY TEAM**

Bill Huston and Tosha Noe first place team

#### **GRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Michelle Guffy first place Ryan Doyle second place

#### **PROMOTIONAL BULLTIN BOARD**

Ryan Dole and Amber Baker first place team

Felicia Abrams and Angie Tucker second place team

#### **PRESCHOL TEACHER ASSISTANT**

Rachel Bond first place Megan Reinhart second place

#### **TELEVISION PRODUCTION TEAM**

Kenny Sprinkle and Ben Hacker first place team

#### **OTHER PARTICIPANTS WHO COMPLETED WER**

RELATED TECHNICAL MATH Christna Meyer -4<sup>th</sup>

GRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS Angie Tucker-3<sup>rd</sup> Tosha Noe 4<sup>th</sup>

CARPENTRY Ricky Lang and Bryan Schnitzler

Congratulations to all the contestants for a job well done.

### **A LETTER FROM JUNE FELGAR RYAN**

June lives in Central Florida on Crooked Lake Shore. Had severe damage 8/13/04 from Hurricane Charley. Had a new roof installed 8/24/04 and the house burned down 8/27/04, a total loss. Her son is an interior designer and works with an architect and deigned a new house on same lot. All three hurricanes crossed Crooked Lake. So we are survivors!!1 June Ryan

### **LEROY HOFFMAN CLASS OF 1938**

The man considered by many, as a pillar of knowledge of the City of Newport and its history has died January 26, 2005. Anytime someone wanted to know something about the city; they'd go to him. He was a part of the reform group Committee of 500. He was especially appreciated after his work on the Newport bicentennial celebration in 1995. Leroy is survived by his wife, Wilma Lape Hoffman; daughters Carol Lee Damron and Shirley Ann Turner; seven grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. Leroy has taken a world of knowledge with him and he will be missed by all who knew him. Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends.

### **NAMES ON FILE WITH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

All names and addresses on file are for Alumni Association use only, except Class Reunion Chairpersons and / or Designated Class Representatives may have a copy of their respective class. The Association does not authorize anyone to solicit Class membership list from other persons. If you chose to register your E- mail name with Jerry King, that is encouraged to be done and Jerry is doing a fine job maintaining his directory. No web site is authorized to use the name Newport High School Alumni and Associates, Inc. This is the name incorporated in the State of Kentucky and recognized by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service as a Non- Profit 501-C-3 organization

### **NEWPORT HIGH OPENS FITNESS CENTER**

The health and wellness center will be available to all high school students and staff members throughout the district. The facility consists of 70 pieces of equipment in three locations, will offer nutrition and fitness programs to boost student health and reduce the members of overweight students. The Wildcat mascot graces one end of the fitness center.

### **ROBERT MILLER SR.**

Bob Miller died March 20, 2005. He was a former head coach and athletic coordinator with Newport High School, head football coach, teacher and athletic director for Campbell County School. He was a former assistant football coach at the University of Cincinnati, and was a basketball official in Northern Kentucky. Our deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

### **DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES IN NEXT NEWSLETTER**

**THE DEADLINE IS MAY 2, 2005**