

# **ALUMNI NEWPORTIAN NEWS**

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## **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

### **THANKS TO ALL OF YOU**

Belonging to three different organizations in Hamilton County Ohio with over 90 per cent of their members being from Ohio, I have been told that our high school alumni group is "One of the best if not the best, in the greater Cincinnati area." In Northern Kentucky, I have been told, "What wonderful things we are doing for the students of Newport High School." Then I explain to them that we also are working with the Middle School.

The above comments would not have been made without the hard work of the officers, committee chairpersons and their committee members. Many of the committee members have put in long hours to fulfil their accepted responsibilities, especially when preparing the mailings. Their hearts are unselfishly dedicated to all the students. To them I say, as humble as I can muster, a true, meaningful "**THANK YOU**" from the bottom of my heart.

However, the comments, the hard working officers and committee members would not be there with their talents, without two groups of people that also care about the students. They are the members and the patrons. Without their unselfish giving, the alumni would not exist. To these caring and faithful donors I also say a humble "**THANK YOU.**"

The new officer candidates for the coming years graciously accepted their nominations without hesitation. Our longest business meeting of last year lasted for only an hour and thirty-six minutes. Old faces are returning. But, we will miss the face of Esther Ballard, who, with her timely one-liners, made our meetings more enjoyable. My time is becoming short, so this will be my last message as president. But I can not leave the office without again thanking everyone who has had a hand in making this alumni association the organization that it is receiving and the recognition that is occurring all over the greater Cincinnati area. God Bless All Of You.

George Gore, President

**ALL CLASS REUNION DINNER DANCE & INSTALLATION  
NEWPORT SYNDICATE  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2005  
5:00 PM**

**RESERVE THIS DATE NOW AND JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN**

### OUR NEXT MEETING

The All Class Reunion Dinner Dance and Installation will be held at the Newport Syndicate Restaurant in Newport, September 18, 2005 at 5:00. We try to provide a nice evening out at a minimum cost.

### PATRONS 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. We hope to raise enough to meet our budget of \$15,500.00. For as little as \$10.00 or more, your name will be placed in our program as a "PATRON" of our class. The PATRONS ad raises much of this fund for the scholarships and incentives. This is a non-profit charitable organization and your contribution is tax deductible. Make your check payable to Newport High School Alumni & Associates, Inc. and forward to NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI & ASSOCIATES, C/O MARY LOU SCHMIDT, 114 SUMMIT AVENUE, FT. THOMAS, KY 41075.

### ALUMNI AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE CLASS OF 2005

Newport High School held its Senior Awards Night on May 18, 2005 at the Coconut Grove. Members of the Alumni Association who attended this event experienced a memorable evening as we witnessed these graduating seniors being rewarded for these accomplishments. During this evening of festivities, the Alumni Association presented scholarships to the following students:

\$1,000 Louella Schroeder Scholarship (in memory of Lou Schroeder, one of our founders)

Nathan Gregory, son of Willis and Sheila Gregory

\$800 Charlotte Kernan Scholarship (in memory of former teacher, Charlotte Kernan) and \$2,000 Jenkins Scholarship (\$500 each year, given by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jenkins)

Dawn Baldwin, daughter of James and Mary Baldwin

\$750 Capt. Jerry L. Ready Scholarship (given in memory of Capt. Ready by his widow)

Heather Herald, daughter of Myrtle Harmon

\$700 Scholarships

Micha Finnie, daughter of Michael Finnie and Joyce Paden

John Kerley, son of Jack and Elaine Kerley

\$600 Scholarships

Nicole Bird, daughter of Oin and Marcey Bird

Jon Curl, son of Tim and Regina Curl

Clarissa Maxwell, daughter of James and Angela Maxwell

David Schoo, son of Jeffrey and Kum Sun Schoo

\$500 Scholarships

Nathan Alford, son of Michael and Lisa Alford

Rachael Bond, daughter of Richard Bond and Evalee Turner

Tiffany Crank, daughter of Robert and Mary Crank

Shawnasia James, daughter of Wayne Brunson and Angela James

Carrie Norris, daughter of John and Sharon Norris

Alvin Pate II, son of Alvin Pate and Julie McKenzie

\$500 Exceptional Student Awards were presented to:

Desirae Prewitt and Tiffany Hines

Newport High School Alumni and Associates wish to extend their very best wishes for future success to these students and all the members of the 2005 graduating class.

In addition to the above scholarships and awards, the Alumni Association also allotted \$1,500 to the Middle School and \$4,500 to the High School for student incentives. That is a total of \$18,350 in Scholarships, Awards, and Student Incentives that the Alumni have given to help the students in the Newport School System this past year.

**A million thanks to all the alumni, their families and friends, who with their generous donations have made this possible!**

### MEMBERSHIP

Please consider becoming a member of the Newport Alumni & Associates, Inc. We currently have 1,197 members, our highest membership ever. Mary Lou Schmidt is currently soliciting members for this fiscal year, October 1, 2005-September 30, 2006. Your five dollars is a small amount to ask. Lifetime membership is \$150.00. You may want to consider this. As a member you will receive four newsletters with information regarding the association and your particular class. Also consider becoming a volunteer; we are in need of help and would appreciate any time you may have to donate to help our students. Ask any member who has donated their time, what a pleasure it is to see how much the young people appreciate our efforts. **OUR THANKS GOES OUT TO KATHRYN AULICK SCHMIDT FOR MAKING THOSE MANY PHONE CALLS FOR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE. WITH HER HELP WE WERE ABLE TO INCREASE OUR MEMBERSHIP TO 1,197 THIS YEAR. THANKS AGAIN KAY.**

### CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

We are in need of class representatives for the following years. 1952, 1952, 1971, 1973, 1981, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1996, and 2002. If you know of anyone who graduated in any of the above year, please encourage them to call Mary Lou Schmidt at 859-441-1530 and volunteer to be a class representative. This is an excellent way to keep track 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.

### 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 their 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 often see. Shut-ins 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 Stella Bowen, 18 Arbor Drive, Highland Heights, KY 41076 or phone 859-781-5424. My e-mail address is SBowen0018@aol.com

### NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES

The Newport High School Alumni & Associates, Inc. has elected to store its collection of Newport High School yearbooks, photos and other memorabilia at the Campbell County Historical Society in the Courthouse in Alexandria KY, with the understanding that the collection may be removed for our annual installation dinner. 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, PO Box 75129, Ft. Thomas KY 41075.

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.

### **CLASSES OF THE 50'S COMBINED REUNION**

Initial planning for our next combined reunion has started! Tentative dates are August 4, 5, and 6, 2006. Some thoughts are On Friday August 4<sup>th</sup> - golfing in the morning or afternoon, evening at Moonlight Gardens, bring back memories? We are planning on having shuttle buses from the hotel. On Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> - maybe a tour of the old and new high schools or maybe something at Newport on the Levee, evening dinner-dance (with DJ) at the hotel. We are checking out prices and available banquet facilities at the Drawbridge and three other hotels in Covington. We will again have a hospitality room. On Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> - a luncheon cruise on the Ohio River was discussed. We would like your input. Please send your ideas, suggestions to Jorine Peaslack Combs "56, 126 Van Voast Avenue, Bellevue KY 41073 or e-mail to Pat Harris "55 [atpshooky@fuse.net](mailto:atpshooky@fuse.net).

### **CLASS OF 1960 – 45<sup>TH</sup> REUNION**

The 45<sup>th</sup> reunion is scheduled for August 12, 13 & 14, 2005. On Friday we will have a social get together at the Captain's Cove located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at 5<sup>th</sup> & Monmouth, Newport starting at 8 PM, cost \$10.00 per person, includes snacks and other finger food a cash bar is available. On Saturday night we will board the B&B Riverboat for a cruise on the Ohio, includes a full buffet dinner, cash bar available, cost \$45.00 per person. On Sunday August 14 those interested are encouraged to meet at the Inland Seafood Festival located on the Festival area at Newport on the Levee. The cost will be up to the individual. For additional information contact Ken Riffe at 859-781-1407 or email at [kriffe@fuse.net](mailto:kriffe@fuse.net).

In addition, they are missing several class members: Bonnie Crawford Hammons, Carolyn Reinfelder, Larry Brown, William Barr, Victor Balthis, Leslie Berry Lightfoot, Joseph Bohlinger, James Bybee, Annis Case, Arnethia Burden, Laverne Hall, Lizzie Johnson Turner, Fay Landers, Jack Knock, Lamont McClain, Ruth Martin, Margo Petry, Leroy Schoo, Barbara Scott, Louis Sharp, Mary Simms, Martha Smith, Carolyn Sprague, Wanda Stowers, Bill Turner. If you know the whereabouts of any of the above, please contact Ken Riffe at 859-781-1407 or email at [kriffe@fus.net](mailto:kriffe@fus.net).

### **CLASS OF 1965 – 40<sup>TH</sup> REUNION**

The Class of 1965 is having its 40<sup>th</sup> class reunion on August 12, 13 and 14, 2005. They have several class members that have dropped from any known mailing lists. Missing are: James Berot, Robert Carper, David Combs, Barbara (Fryman) Howard, Sharon (Frost) Downs, Sherry Giordano, Diana Hamilton, Judy (Kite) Price, Regina (Knox) Neff, Daniel Martin, Sandi Merkle, Linda (Pack) Ramsey, James Reed, Linda (Ryles) Coonradt, Carol (Ross) Sturgel, Bob Schwartz, Vicki Seilacher, Lucy (Shettler) Crosby, Judith Sprague, Linda (Spaw) Elsteen, Sandra Stowers, Rick Theis, Kenneth Tucker, Daniel Van Dyke and Linda (Yeager) Jones. If you have any information to help the Class of 1965 with their reunion, please send that information to: James Cawood [JACawood@netzero.net](mailto:JACawood@netzero.net).

### **CLASS OF 1970**

The class of 1970 will hold our 35<sup>th</sup> reunion July 16<sup>th</sup> of this year at the Newport Elks in Cold Spring from 7PM to midnight. More details to come soon.

### **CLASS OF 1956 – 50<sup>TH</sup> REUNION**

The class of 1956 will hold its 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion the weekend of May 19-21, 2006. A full weekend of activities is being considered, such as a golf outing, an afternoon at River Downs, a baseball game, a trip to an Indiana gambling boat, touring Newport on the Levee, Friday and Saturday night dinners, and a Sunday Brunch on the river. For more information, please call Roberta (Caudill) Jones at 859-586-9280. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND JOIN US FOR ALL THE FUN AND ACTIVITIES.

### **JERRY STRICKER ELECTED COVINGTON CITY COMMISSIONER**

Jerry Stricker was elected a Covington City Commissioner on November 2, 2004. Jerry graduated from Newport High School in 1954. He received a BS degree in accounting from the University of Kentucky College of Business and Economics. Our congratulations to Jerry.

### **SIX NEWPORT SOPHOMORES EXCEL ON LANGUAGE EXAM**

This was the first year that Newport High School participated in a national Spanish exam. Allison Rigger was No. 1 and five of her sophomore classmates ranked in the top 10. They were Brittany Adams, Phillip Leslie, Elizabeth Marshall, Desiree Nichols, and Michael Riley. Our congratulations to you for your hard work.

### **STUDENTS EXCEL AT SKILLS, LEADERSHIP COMPETITION**

The 2005 Skills USA-Kentucky Leadership Conference and Skills Championship held April 5-8 in Louisville consisted of events in skill, leadership and occupational areas. Newport High School winners and their competition categories are Chapter Display, third place: Tosha Noe and William Huston; Graphic Communications, First place: Ryan Doyle; Preschool Teaching Assistant, First place, Rachel Bond; Television Production, Second place: Kenny Sprinkle and Benjamin Hacker. In addition to student winners, Steve Stubbs, graphic communications instructor at Newport High School was named Skills USA Kentucky High School Advisor of the Year. Congratulations to all our winners.

### **NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL'S WELLNESS CENTER**

This spring Newport High School opened a health and wellness center. First lady of Kentucky Glenna Fletcher was on hand to dedicate the new facility. The new center consists of 70 pieces of equipment in three locations and is available to all high school students and staff members throughout the district. In addition to exercise, the center offers nutritional programs. The center hopes to offer aerobics, yoga and other fitness classes, which may include summer classes. The facility was dedicated in memory of Kenneth Fields, a longtime Newport School Board member who died last year. A big Thank You to Superintendent Michael Brandt and Principal Scott Draud for their leadership role in providing this state-of-the-art facility.

### **ATTENTION**

The year 2006 is coming fast! This means that some big reunions for 1956 – 50 years; 1961 – 45 years; 1966 – 40 years; 1971 – 35 years; 1976 – 30 years. If any of you are planning a reunion, please let us know and we'll be glad to promote your event.

### **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 Representative may have a copy of their respective classes. The Association does not authorize anyone to solicit class membership lists from other persons. If you choose to register your e-mail address with Jerry King, this is encouraged and Jerry is doing a fine job maintaining the directory. No web site is authorized to use the name "Newport High School Alumni & Associates, Inc." except our own web site. This is the name incorporated in the State of Kentucky and recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a non-profit, charitable organization with a 501(c)(3) status

## CLASS NOTES

### CLASS OF 1933 – 1933 ½

Earl Smith passed away; he was one of our oldest members. Our condolences to family and friends.

June Kreiger Knapp died June 1, 2005. Survivors include a son, Fred “Fritz” Knapp; a brother, William Krieger and two grandchildren. Our condolences to family and friends.

### CLASS OF 1934 – 1934 ½

### CLASS OF 1935 – 1935 ½

Howard E. Storn died February 17, 2005 at St. Luke Hospital. Survivors include his wife, Cathy Storn, one son, Craig Storn, two daughters, Jayne and Suzie Storn, Two sisters, Julie Knight and Sue Sinkuler; two brothers, Brad and Ron Storn; and one granddaughter.

### CLASS OF 1939

Virginia “Bobby” Macke died March 19, 2005. Bobby was active in youth-groups, ardent environmentalist, poll work, a school volunteer and family archivist. Survivors include two daughters, Janice Macke Zwolshen and Jennifer Macke; sister, Wilma Herrick and four grandchildren. Our sincere condolences to the family and friends.

### CLASS OF 1941

Harvey Morgan passed away December 10, 2004 from pneumonia, which was a result of pulmonary fibrosis and pulmonary hypertension. Harvey was proud of his service in the Coast Guard and was in the first wave to land on Iwo Jima. He was buried with full military honors. Harvey was a corporate Safety Manager for Monsanto and an active member of his church. Survivors include his wife, Janetta Morgan, three daughters and six grandchildren. Our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

### CLASS OF 1943

Esther Ballard passed away; she was very devoted to the Newport High School Alumni & Associates, Inc. She served on the Telephone and Sunshine Committees and was a lifetime member. Our deepest sympathy is extended to her two daughters, Lisa and Laurie; sisters, Wanda Castor Smith “48 and Dottie Castor Lanthorn “52.

Arthur Arnold died March 2, 2005 at St. Luke Hospital. Mr. Arnold was a former major with the Alexandria Fire Department and a former district commander with Lawler-Hanlon VFW Post. No. 5662, Newport. He was former city councilman, volunteer firefighter and Navy veteran. Survivors include sons, Michael, Larry and Jeffrey, daughters, Nancy Kehoe and Amy Verst; a brother, Richard; a sister, Emilie Clements and 12 grandchildren. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family and friends.

### CLASS OF 1945

Shirley Peters Hesch passed away. She leaves one daughter and four sons. She was retired from St. Luke Hospital. Our condolences to the family and friends.

### CLASS OF 1948

Eugene Franzen passed away May 4, 2005. Survivors include his wife, Pat; two sons Steven and Mark; three daughters, Margie Springelmeyer, Jeanne Handelsman and Christie Smith and twenty grandchildren. Our condolences to his family and friends.

### CLASS OF 1950

Ralph Ferring passed away, condolences to his family and friends.

### CLASS OF 1953

Nancy Jean Johnson Kelly passed away March 24, at Florence Park Care Center. She was a retired Admitting Registrar at St. Luke Hospital. Survivors include sons, Vincent and James; a daughter Terri Kelly; sisters Muriel Johnson and Doris Hettel and six grandchildren. Our deepest sympathy to her family and friends.

**CLASS OF 1955**

I am sure everyone is getting excited about our 50th Year Class Reunion on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Letters have been mailed and plans are being made. We need help in finding the following persons: James Baldwin, Pat Drees, Bill Ewing, Pat Kearns, Bonnie Knox, Cynthia McGill, Loretha Monroe, Frieda Murphy, Robert Smith, Robert O'Brien, Rosalie Wiethorn, Harmon Whitley. We would greatly appreciate any information you can give us.

**CLASS OF 1956**

Marlene Gerding '56 needs help to plan the 1956 50<sup>th</sup> CLASS REUNION on MAY 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006. Please reserve these dates.

**CLASS OF 1958**

Francis Huffman Supe passed away Wednesday, March 23, 2005. Complications following surgery took her life. Deepest Sympathy is extended to family and friends.

**CLASS OF 1975**

Rick Cummings and Patti Wiggins Walton are working on a 30-year class reunion this year. Our classmates will have time to plan to attend.

**DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES IN NEXT NEWSLETTER**

**THE DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 30, 2005**