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**PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

Dear Friends:

We continue to be blessed with a group of volunteers with great work ethics and creative thinking. Our February meeting saw several faces from the past and we were treated to spending time with our football coach, John Schlarman and gaining much informative information about our students. We have been favored with a generous bequest from the estate of Jean Youtsey, Class of '34, to enhance our scholarship and incentives giving.

The computer systems are being updated and secured for future projects that will further enable information sharing for all class representatives. Plans for the annual September Dinner and Installation of Officers are underway. We regret having to move the event from the Syndicate but we are planning a gala, glamorous evening for all to enjoy with entertainment and celebration. We are seeking a safe and accessible site to attract as many alumni as can be imagined. While we continue our theme of "Getting to Know You", we are planning a menu of tried and true good food, creative focus on students, engaging musical entertainment, and diverse opportunities. Please engage as many friends as possible, plan to support the Patrons' Fund, and attend this event to celebrate all of our successes that you all so faithfully contributed to over the years. We Newportians are a proud and mighty force. Together in harmony, let's look back to our sweet youth and focus on the future of our Newport High School students. The near \$20,000.00 in scholarships and \$4,000.00 plus in incentives is being distribute to our Newport High School students. One again, you have responded to their academic needs.

God Bless and Thank you!  
Marlene Wilmot Gerding, President

### OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next Board meeting is May 11, 2006 in the teacher's lounge of the Newport High School. All members are welcome. Come get involved.

Our next Membership Dinner Meeting is May 18, 2006 at the Newport High School Library at 6:00 PM. Make your reservations now the form is enclosed. Come join the best Alumni in the Greater Cincinnati Area.

### SEEKING NHS MEMORABILIA FOR PROPOSED DISPLAY AT OLD SCHOOL

Newport Independent School Board of Education is considering a project to enhance the Eighth Street entry area of the Newport Middle School. This was known to former graduates as the First Floor Main entrance to the Old NHS. The area now houses the Welcome Center, etc. Superintendent Brandt is seeking to renovate the hall area where the auditorium doors were formerly located. This wall is intended to contain a section to honor veterans and to display Newport School memorabilia. The NHSA&A are assisting the project by seeking any memorabilia that alumni may have and wish to donate to the display. Contact Marlene Wilmot Gerding, Class of 1956 (859) 442-9990 for further details.

### NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The Nomination Committee will be meeting soon. We are in need of voluntaries to hold an office or assist existing officers in their duties. If you or someone you know is interested please contact our President, Marlene Wilmot Gerding at 859-442-9990.

### MEMBERSHIP

Have you paid your 2006 dues? Checking the mailing label on the Newsletter will tell you if you are paid up. If your dues are not paid this will be your last Newsletter. For only \$5.00 you can keep up with your classmates as well as other school activities. Make your check payable to NHSA&A INC. and mail to NHSA&A, Inc. PO Box 75129, Ft. Thomas, Kentucky 41075.

### PATRONS FUND

Just a reminder letters will be sent out in June requesting donations to the Patrons Fund. If you would prefer to send your donation sooner, please make check payable to NHSA&A, Inc. and mail to Jorine Combs, 126 Van Voast Avenue, Bellevue, KY 41073.

### **CLASS REPRESENTATIVES**

We are in need of class representatives for the following years: 1934, 1973, 1975, 1981, 1984, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2004, and 2005. Please think about becoming a volunteer for your class. Keep in touch with your former classmates can be quite rewarding.

### **HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOKS NEEDED**

The Campbell County Historical Society is looking for yearbooks from all Campbell County Schools. If you have any yearbooks to donate, please call the Campbell County Historical Society at 859-635-6407.

### **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) classification.

### **ANNETTE KEIL**

Annette was the class representative for the class of 1929. She is now blind at age 95 and lives at the Chestnut Hill Nursing Home in Columbus, Ohio near her daughter, Karen. Her address and telephone number are: Annette Kiel, Chestnut Hill Nursing Home, 5055 Thompson Road, #303, Columbus, Ohio 45230, telephone number 614-939-0380.

### **BILL AND STELLA BRINKMANN HONORED**

St. Luke Hospital honored Bill and Stella Brinkmann for their many hours of volunteer work at the hospital. In addition to the hospital the Brinkmann's also are active in the Village Players, Fort Thomas Men and Women Club, Newport High School Alumni & Associates, Inc. and Northern Kentucky Travelers. Congratulations to Bill and Stella.

### NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI & ASSOCIATES, INC.

Newport High School Alumni & Associates, Inc. gratefully acknowledges the generous bequest from the estate of Jean R. Youtsey. Jean graduated in the class of 1934. She was a long-time supporter of NHSA&A and contributed to the Patrons Fund every year since its inception. Jean passed away on March 12, 2005 and will be missed by all the members of the Alumni Association. The legacy she has left to our organization will benefit the students of Newport High School with scholarships and student incentives for many years to come.

Newport High School Alumni & Associates, Inc. is a non-profit, charitable organization with a section 501(C) (3) classification from the Internal Revenue Service, and all gifts, donations, and bequests may be fully deducted for federal tax purposes. We encourage all Alumni to consider a bequest to our organization when planning your estate.

### CLASSES OF THE 50'S COMBINED REUNION

We have sent out letters with complete details, prices and a reservation form for the combined reunion. Looking forward to seeing you on August 4, 5 and 6, 2006. The combined reunions in the past have been great get-togethers and with your attendance, this one will be the best!!

### MARGARET SMITH BURKE

*The Newport High School Alumni & Associates, Inc. mourns the death of Margaret Smith Burke, class of 1925. Marge died Monday, March 20, 2006 at the Baptist Convalescent Center in Newport. She was one of the founders of our organization. Her husband, Paul M. Burke, Sr. and a daughter, Maureen Perry, died previously. Survivors include a son, Paul M. Burke, Jr.; daughters, Patricia Rohrer, Elaine Smith and Mary Margaret Taylor; a sister Lillian Hunter; fifteen grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren. Our sincerely condolences to all her family and friends.*

### WELCOME MIKE TO THE CLASS OF 1954

The following letter was received from C. "Mike" Teal:

I dropped out of senior class at NHS in January 1954 to enlist in USMC and was in Korea June 1954 – March 1955. Then I went on to complete a career in the USMC and USAF. Served in Nam from February 1968 – February 1969 but always missed getting my HS diploma.

I did finish HS GED while in Korea and graduated from University of Nebraska at Omaha in 1970 and NKU in 1984 with BS.

Finally I graduated from NHS in June 2004 (took me 50 years, slow learner). Now I really feel a member of the CLASS OF 1954.

**NEW WEB SITE FOR THE CLASS OF 1948.**

Hi Everyone,

Most of you are probably aware of the reunion websites, [www.classmates.com](http://www.classmates.com) and [www.reunion.com](http://www.reunion.com). You also no doubt know that you are able to register on both of these websites, but to obtain any information you are required to pay a membership fee. I have become aware of another reunion website that does not require a fee in order to register, to view or to obtain information. I have set up a site for the Class of 1948 on [www.classreport.com](http://www.classreport.com). This Class-Based Alumni Website does not require a fee, but is funded by voluntary contributions from the members of each class. Contributions are not required to keep class sites online and functional. Classreport.com provides non-commercial, self-funded class reunion websites for every graduating class of every high school and extends full access to all class members without regard to financial ability. All classes during their first 5 five years following graduation or once they have passed 50 years following graduation are funded by the contributions of others.

This Alumni Website features dynamic changing content daily. Stop in to view current Class News. Exchange opinions and stay up to date with the Message Board. View the Featured Alumni biography of the day. Got a great photo you want to share, a Personal or a Business Website, post them in your Personal Profile. Did you just return from a great vacation? Tell your classmates about it! Proud of how many children or grandchildren you have? Let your friends know their names. Send a birthday greeting to a class member listed in the Upcoming Birthdays panel. Book and Movie Reviews, Favorite Recipes and Featured Links will also keep one checking in regularly to see what is new.

A site is already in place for the class of almost every high school. A class member may log onto the site for his class at any time. However, the site will be more active and interesting if one or two members from each class volunteer to be the Class Administrator. Visit the Class of 1948 site at: <http://classreport.com/usa/ky/newport/nhs/1948> to see how our class site is set up. Also to view an active site that has been online for 2 years visit: <http://classreport.com/usa/ca/fairfield/vhs/1973>, which is my son's class at Vanden High School in Fairfield, California. This site was a great help to his class in 2004 with the reunion they had for the classes of 1970 thru 1975. To visit your class site use the address for the class of 1948, but insert the year you graduated instead of the 1948. To view the sites of other NHS classes, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the year that you want to visit.

Once you are on your class site, to enter your contact information click on "First Visit Here – Click to Register." Follow the on screen instruction to sign in. When entering or looking for a name be sure to use your last name when you were a student at Newport High. You will need to create a password. Once signed in please enter your email address, mailing address and phone number and fill out the other fields of information. Your street address and phone number will be kept confidential and is not accessible by other users of the site (just the site administrator.) This information is needed in order to communicate with you regarding reunions, etc. The site is very helpful for reunion committees when at least one committee member is the site administrator.

This Alumni Website is hosted by classreport.com and is a refreshing change from the large commercial alumni directories. Classreport.com has no advertising, no pop-ups, no spam and no registration fees. Classreport.com pledges to never sell names and addresses to third parties and to let the website be administered exclusively by Newport High School Alumni. If anyone has questions or problems, they can contact me for help at [gimwcm@aol.com](mailto:gimwcm@aol.com) or [gimwcm@earthlink.net](mailto:gimwcm@earthlink.net). Also for the classes before 1948, please contact me.

GO WILDCATS to [www.classreport.com](http://www.classreport.com)

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Class of 1948

