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**PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

Dear Members and Friends,

Due to popular requests, we are planning a Sunday afternoon General Membership meeting on February 18th, 2007, at the Newport Branch of the Campbell County Library Conference Room at 1:30 PM. The library is across the street from the school. Our speaker will be a representative from Gateway Community and Technical College. Many of our members are snowbirds whom fly south this month so call your classmates and plan to attend! Homemade desserts and beverages will be served at the meeting. Continuation of our General Membership meetings is dependent upon your participation. Our active membership is being diminished by attrition and your involvement is essential to the future success of our ongoing programs. We are blessed with substantial financial assets, however your Alumni Association requires minimal active support from the membership. We have been very diligent with awarding scholarships and incentives to our Newport High students who are making positive contributions in college and trade schools. Your efforts do make a difference in the futures of our students. Our members are invited to attend the annual Senior Awards Night at the Syndicate in May 2007, when scholarships are presented. Our students are making outstanding efforts in their academic pursuits and they deserve our encouragement and support. It is an impressive event to witness with our proud Newport families. Again, this spring we will need volunteers to assist with the Ice Cream Bar at the After Prom Party. This is another very gratifying experience with our appreciative students.

As in past years, we annually offer \$1,500.00 in incentives to our students at the Newport Middle School to be used for academic endeavors. Your President conferred with Principal Upchurch, who will act as the contact person for the project, and he has proposed a new school wide program that will possibly be entitled the Four A's:

1. Academics
2. Attendance
3. Activities

#### **4. Attitudes**

The program will be enacted in January 2007 through the school year. Students will be recognized and rewarded through our incentive contribution. There will be a catered luncheon in the cafeteria or an individual opportunity to have lunch in an upscale community restaurant or tickets to a community event. A variety of other forms of recognition are being explored to encourage our students to excel their efforts to achieve through education. Again, your efforts are far reaching.

Mike Kehoe, Trust Officer at Citizens Bank of Northern Kentucky has agreed to visit our General Membership Meeting in May to enlighten the membership about the pros and cons of Trust Funds for non-profit organizations.

“Education is an ornament in prosperity and a refuge in adversity.” Aristotle

Sincerely,

Marlene Wilmot Gerding, 56'  
President

#### **VIDEO**

There is a videotape located in the Kentucky Room of the Campbell County Library. It contains pictures from the 1950's yearbooks, along with video of the band marching and some of the football games. Some of you might find it worth checking out. We owe a big thanks to Pauline Venneman, Class of 1955, for this information.

#### **OTTO M. BUDIG**

The alumni wish to extend our congratulations to Otto Budig on receiving the Carl H. Lindner Award for Entrepreneurial and Civic Spirit.

## MEMBERSHIP

If you have not paid your dues or wonder if you have, check your address label. On the right you will see a date, this represents the date you dues are due. Make your check payable to NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI & ASSOCIATES, INC. and mail to  
NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI, PO BOX 75129, FORT THOMAS,  
KENTUCKY, 41075.

## JACK KERLEY

Jack Kerley, author and graduate of Newport High School, was our speaker at the November meeting. He spoke of his childhood and always wanting to be a writer. His latest novels are being published in Japan, China, England, etc. The following are few of his books: The Hundredth Man, The Death Collectors, The Broken Souls and Garden of Vipers.

Those who missed the November Alumni Meeting sure missed a wonderful speaker.

## ATTENTION

The Class of 1959 wishes to find the whereabouts of the following:

Barbara Baker Hurd  
Marjorie Ruth Hagood  
Joan Caylor  
Phillis Gadd  
Charles Lovell  
Mary Jehle  
Marie Hancock  
Mary Reis Gibson

Please call Mary Lou Schmidt at 441-1530 if you have any information.

## CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

We are in need of class representatives for the following years: 1931, 1937, 1938, 1973, 1975, 1984, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2004, 2005 and 2006. Please think about becoming a volunteer for your class. Keeping in touch with your former classmates can be quite rewarding. To become a class rep., please contact Mary Lou Schmidt at 859-441-1530.

## 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.

#### CLASS OF 1929-1/2

Gerald Losey passed away on October 15, 2006, at Carmel Manor in Fort Thomas. He was the first mayor of Silver Grove and the owner of Losey's Oil Company. His wife, Gladys Murphy Losey, died in 1989. Survivors include sons, Gerald of Florida, James of Bellevue and Douglas of Wilder; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Our condolences to his family and friends.

#### ANNUALS

This is a report of the annuals that the Campbell County Historical Society does not have. They are annuals for the years: 1926-1/2, 1946, 1948, 1949, 1969, 1971, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1986 through 1995, 2001, 2002 and 2006.

The Newport High School Library is also trying to assemble a complete set for the school library. Annuals missing from the high school are for the years 1910-1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1927, 1932, 1937, 1943, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1976 through 1988, 1995, 2000, 2004 and 2006.

The annual for the year 2006 should have been received by the high school from the publisher by the time this newsletter has been received.

Alumni wishing to donate their annuals may do so by calling George Gore at 859-441-9050 or mailing them to the Alumni Post Office Box addressed as follows: NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI & ASSOCIATES, INC., PO BOX 75129, FORT THOMAS, KENTUCKY 41075.

We wish to thank all of you who have forwarded your annuals which have been placed by the Alumni with the Campbell County Historical Society for reference and review purposes.

Sincerely,

George Gore, Archive Committee Chair

## NHS ALUMNI'S WEB SITE

The editor has received the following information from our Web Master, Jerry King, Class of 1953:

Charles Waite, NHS 1942, contributed a recollection about Chili that has been added to the site. Use the web site to navigate there or use <http://www.tinyurl.com/yajh8h>.

Gracie (Howard) Muldoon, NHS 1975, recently sent Jerry the following message about her web site radio station. What a kick! Her URL is <http://www.worldwidebluegrass.com/home/>

Thanks Jerry!

Would love to invite all the nhs alumni to our web site – we spin bluegrass – country & acoustic music at The WWB  
<http://www.worldwidebluegrass.com//>

I'm the station manager and now, as of this week, the new station owner. We provide a 24/7 stream of bluegrass, country and acoustic music – as well as LIVE shows broadcasted via our site from 20 different volunteer dj's all over the US and Canada

All online – 24/7

Also be sure to turn on my show “Muldoon in the Afternoon” on Mondays, Tuesdays & Fridays 1 – 3 eastern

God bless the ‘Cats  
Gracie

PS: we're looking for sponsorships at different levels: corporate, small business, events, and private individuals.

Jerry has added about two dozen new alumni to the web site changed e-mail or snail mail information on about ten and had to drop eight because their e-mail no longer works. He sent requests for failed e-mail information to the relevant classes. Following is a listing of the Class years that have been modified: 1936, 1938, 1942, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1950, 1952, 1954, 1955, 1958, 1959, 1961, 1963, 1965, 1970, 1971, 1988 and NHS Associates. A direct jump to the listing of Class years is <http://tinyurl.com/yzce3o>.

**A BIG THANK YOU TO JERRY FOR ALL HIS HARD WORK.**

**DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES IN NEXT NEWSLETTER IS**  
**APRIL 1, 2007**