



DHS Alumni News

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Dear Alumni —

It was so nice to see so many of you at our June 16th Alumni Banquet! It was one of the best attended events of recent years. A brief report...

The class of 1973 was well represented by **Mary Ann (Dutzer) Byrnes, Mark and Peggy (Klapperich) Bobo, Ron Klumpp, Sue (Dettling) Sylvain, Molly (Wolford) Hubenschmidt, Julie (Fyfe) Frost, Sally Hurst-Wolf, and Kurt Wing.**

The Alumni Board recognized the contributions of former faculty members **Tim Frederick** and **Lee Knapp** -- both of whom were in attendance.

Hall of Fame Members **Jay Hopkins, '46; Duane Devlin, '47; Louie Ceriani, '48; Arthur 'Biff' Hills, '48; Bob Stacey, '48; Jack Clark, '51; Leonard Devlin, '57; Rosemary (Winkle) Devlin, '58; Carol (Mast) Jones, '64; and Keith Hafner, '74,** were recognized.

The slate of candidates for the Alumni Board was approved. Serving for July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019 will be **Ron Klumpp, '73; Molly (Wolford) Hubenschmidt, '73; James Smith, '66; Mark Ayers, '74; Courtney Fiegel, '16; and Keith Hafner, '74.**

Scholarship Report: thanks to your generous support, your Alumni Association awarded \$1,000 scholarships to: **Jessica Stout, Kayla Pulley, Blake DesRosiers, Joseph Brooks, Andrew Smith, Ryleigh Bavineau, and Katy McWilliams!**

As always, the Board recognized 'anniversary classes.' This year, honored classes were '73 (45 years), '68 (50 years), '63 (55 years), '58 (60 years), '53 (65 years), '48 (70 years) and '38 (80 years).

Speaking of anniversaries...a big round of applause was given to **Robert and Joyce Stacey**, who were celebrating their 67th wedding anniversary!

Additionally, the Board recognized several alumni

for their contribution to both the community and DHS alumni: **Carl Lesser, Robert Mast, Donna (Gendron) Fisher, and Julie (Fyfe) Frost.**

It's always so nice to see old friends reconnecting...in many cases, people who haven't seen each other in decades.

But my favorite part? During a pause in the program, I looked across the room and saw, sitting within a few feet of each other, our Scholarship winners, **Jessica, Blake, Andrew, Kayla, and Ryleigh...and Mr. Bob Mast**, class of '38. I thought of all the football games, the report cards, the first dates, the homecoming floats, the victories and defeats, the joys and disappointments, the teachers, the parties, the dances...all existing between these 'bookends' from the class of 1938 and the class of 2018.

We are truly blessed, Alumni. Thanks for being part of the team...

Your friend,
Keith Hafner

Alumni Association President



CONGRATULATIONS **to our** **Scholarship** **Recipients!**



Ryleigh Bavineau



Joseph Brooks



Blake DeRosiers



Katy McWilliams



Kayla Pulley



Andrew Smith



Jessica Stout



DEXTER DREADNAUGHTS



CLASS OF 1938: Bob Mast



CLASS OF 1948: Row 1 – Alta Sherwin Frey, Robert Stacey, Dorene Kenny Bauer, Paul Denton; Row 2 – Arthur "Biff" Hills, Louie Ceriani, Robert M Schultz



CLASS OF 1953: Row 1 – Shirley Parker Trinkle, Margaret Feuerbacher Cosgray, Virginia Shephard Bosch; Row 2 – Bruce Forshee



CLASS OF 1958: Row 1 – Rosemarie Winkle Devlin, Beverly Ellsworth Miles, Joyce Birchmeier Carpenter, Val Rae Sulkowski Schmidt, Sharon Doletzky Abrass, Marilyn Flick Reames; Row 2 – Daniel Hoey, Michael McKillen, Stanley Parker, Richard Doletzky, Roy Miles



CLASS OF 1963: Eileen McCormick Wheeler, William Birchmeier



CLASS OF 1968: Row 1 – Rose Gordenier Stevens, Leslie Litke Birchmeier, Sharon Rice Lobdell, Vickie Palmer Skop, Patricia Palmer Chambers; Row 2 – Ed Birchmeier, Larry Stalker, Jon Chaffee, Peter Birchmeier



CLASS OF 1973: Row 1 – Susan Dettling Sylvain, MaryAnn Dutzer Byrnes, Sally Hurst-Wolf, Peggy Klapperich Bobo, Molly Wolford Hubenschmidt, Julie Fyfe Frost; Row 2 – Mark Bobo, Ron Klumpp, Kurt Wing



OUR TEACHERS: Tim Fredrick & Lee Knapp



HALL OF FAME: Row 1 – Robert Stacey, Louie Ceriani, Carol Mast Jones, Jay Hopkins, Keith Hafner; Row 2 – Arthur “Biff” Hills, Duane Devlin, Leonard Devlin, Rosemarie Winkle Devlin, Jack Clark

Remembering Those Who Have Passed...

These lists reflect notifications we have received from family members, class contacts or through published obituaries. Any omissions are unintentional.

2018

1943 Leola Savery Ernst 2/18
1946 Richard Berner 2/18
1953 Donna Murphy Gregory 3/18
1954 Virginia Hoatlin Weber 5/18
1955 Gordon Savery 2/18
1960 James Devine 6/18
1962 Karen Knapp 6/11
1968 Paul Crews 2/18
1971 Deborah Murdock Luckhardt 2/18
1972 Jackie Jackson Elliot 6/15
1973 Sandra Silcox Braun/Carter 4/18
1979 Jill Meyer Snider 5/18
1980 Renee Lynn Krull 6/18
1987 Timothy Selby 1/18
2009 Jordan Keen 4/18

2017

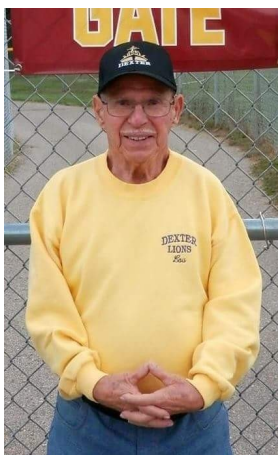
1942 William Bates 7/17
1942 Margaret Merkel Mynning 9/17

1945 Anna Livermore LaRosa 11/7
1948 Arthur Stoll 7/17
1950 Donald Kramer 5/17
1951 Mary Curtis Allmendinger 5/17
1954 William Nixon 9/17
1957 Alice Esch Hadley 8/17
1957 Charles (Chuck) Naylor 3/17
1961 Judy Andrew Gregory 7/17
1962 Nelson (Butch) Clark 4/17
1965 Alice Bristle 9/17
1965 Roseanne Eggleton Ernst 9/17
1965 Paul Scherdt 1/17
1967 Michael Baker 7/17
1970 Martin Palmer 11/17
1977 Allen Gregory 2/17
1998 Amanda Wilkinson 8/17
2008 Jessica Reeves 7/17
2015 Christopher Duncan 1/17

2016

1936 Arthur Klumpp 5/16
1938 Myrtle Heim Smith 2/16
1948 Joanne Bell Bailey 1/16
1952 Jerome (Jerry) Klein 5/16

1954 Frances Pidd Alber 9/16
1959 Bonnie Stevens Bavuer 8/16
1962 William Gilbert 12/16
1962 David Rossbach 10/16
1963 Thomas Stevens 12/16
1964 Glenn Norman Wheeler 9/16
1965 Barbara Gruschow 10/16
1966 Barbara Heller Marr 5/16
1966 John Miller 2/16
1968 Daniel Tomshany 1/16
1971 Karen McKeachie 8/16
1973 Michael Devine 1/16
1973 Kevin Stone 5/16
1982 Jeffrey Savery 5/16
1983 Margaret Lovell 9/16
1986 Richard Bauer 5/16
1995 Syam Saputo 8/16
2003 Ashley Doletzky Taylor 2/16



My name is Louie Ceriani.

I was in the Class of 1948, and I have lived in Dexter for 90 years. I came to Dexter in 1928. Yes, I am now 91 years old.

The story you're about to read is true (to the best of my knowledge!).

Ninety-one years ago, I was born not far from here in a two-room house without electricity or running water. The last of six children, I was born with crippled arms and legs.

This was during the Depression and jobs were scarce. My father, born in Italy, struggled to support his young wife and family. Unable to care for a handicapped child, they placed me in foster care.

My new home was on a farm in Dexter. Under the care of my foster parents, I began to undergo surgeries to correct my condition, finally learning to walk at age six.

Because of my many surgeries, I fell behind in school. Adding to the many hardships I experienced, my foster mother died when I was sixteen.

In school, I was much more interested in sports than school work. When coach **Don Wilbur** made me manager of the teams, I finally had a reason to stay in school, managing the famous 1946 Dexter Football team, who were undefeated and un-scored upon, with star players like **Duane Devlin, Carl Johnson, Bill Devlin, George Kielwasser, Tom Bennett, Dean Coy, Francis DeLaTorre, Big Ed DeLaTorre, Dale Bailey, Bob Schultz, Robert Schultz, and Roger Williams.**

There was a lot of excitement in school (and the whole community!) on game day. First, there would be the pep rally in the gym with the players, the cheerleaders, and pep talks from the coaching staff. After school, there would be pep

rallies on Main Street downtown. And later, the whole town would be empty because everyone was at the game.

The most memorable game was against Pinckney. Dexter was ahead 24 to nothing. It was fourth down with one yard to go, and Pinckney was determined to score.

Pinckney's best running back was no match for **Big Ed DeLaTorre**, who came busting through the line and stopped their running back short of the goal line. End of game. I'll never forget that as long as I live.

Dexter became league champions and were considered Class C state champions, too. I was manager all four years and earned my letter.

One especially great moment was at the football banquet during **Don Wilbur's** last year as coach. The banquet was in the school gym, which was packed with football moms and dads and the town's people who had come to celebrate.

Coach Wilbur had invited three University of Michigan players: quarterback **Pete Elliott**, running back **Bob Nussbaumer**, and **Bob Ufer**. Now I was really excited. Just seeing those Michigan players – wow!

The time came for **Coach Wilbur** to give his speech. He began to tell about one member of the team who meant so much to the team all year long. He went on to tell stories about this team member, finally saying that the team member was...me!

This made me so happy. All of the University of Michigan players came over to shake my hand. And why? Why did the coach recognize me? After all, I had never carried the ball or scored a touchdown. He did it for one reason only: to keep me in school.

I did graduate at the age of twenty-one. And now you know the rest of the story.

Got a story to share? Your fellow alumni would enjoy hearing from you!
Submit to khafner@dexteralumni.org

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DHS Fun Facts

Did you know?

The first Dexter school was constructed in 1830, on Broad Street. The cost was \$400. It was used until 1843, when a bigger facility became necessary.

Did you know?

In 1927, Dexter had the honor of sending to the University of Michigan the youngest student in attendance...John Ernest Willoughby, age 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest G. Willoughby.



Save the Date!

2019 Annual Banquet: Saturday, June 8th
or Saturday, June 15th!