# DHS Alumni News 2023



The Copeland Building in the 1940s

This photo shows the Copeland Building, a 1936 addition to the Dexter Union School constructed in 1887. The addition was named in honor of former Dexter mayor and school board member Roscoe P. Copeland. (Photo courtesy of the Dexter Area Historical Society)

## The Copeland Family

**Roscoe P. Copeland** was born on March 6, 1836, in Dexter, Maine. In 1848, he came to Dexter, Michigan with his parents. In 1858, he led a caravan of oxen, cows, horses and eleven wagons to Colorado, where gold had been discovered. He returned to Michigan and married Frances J. Holmes of Dexter. Roscoe served as the village president for thirty-five years and was also on the school board. He died on Feb. 14, 1933, at the age of 96.

**Frances J. Holmes** was born on December 1, 1843, in Dexter, Michigan. She married Roscoe P. Copeland in 1861. Roscoe and Frances raised three children – Cornelia, Harry and Royal – on their farm in Dexter. Frances died on August 16, 1925, at the age of 82.

**Royal S. Copeland** was born on November 7, 1868, in Dexter, Michigan. He graduated from Dexter High School in 1885 and received his M.D. degree from the University of Michigan in 1889. After practicing medicine in Bay City, he became a professor in the Homeopathic Medical College at U of M.

In 1908, Copeland became the dean of Flower Hospital Medical College in New York City. He was appointed the city's Public Health Commissioner in 1918. Copeland was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1922 and again in 1928 and 1934. He died on June 17, 1938 while still serving as a U.S. Senator.

## The Copeland Building

Royal S. Copeland graduated from the first Dexter Union School, which had been constructed in 1857. By 1887, a handsome new school had replaced the former building. The Dexter High School Alumni Association was formed in April 1905. Copeland was the toastmaster at the first Alumni Banquet held that June at the Dexter Opera House.

By the early 1930s, overcrowding at the school was threatening its U of M accreditation. In 1935, Senator Copeland returned to Dexter to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of his graduation and deliver the commencement address. He was dismayed by the school's situation and encouraged the community to take action.

An addition to the Union School was completed in 1936. The following year Senator Copeland gave an address at the dedication of the Roscoe P. Copeland Auditorium, named for his father.

(See more information on the Copeland Building on pages 6 and 7.)

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# DHS Alumni News

A Dexter High School Alumni Association Publication

## Hello, Alumni!

Welcome to the latest issue of the DHS Alumni News. We are excited to be planning our first Alumni Banquet since 2019 and are looking forward to seeing classmates and friends. If you missed celebrating a graduation anniversary in the past few years, please join us at the banquet this June and help us restart a treasured tradition.

In order to have a successful banquet this year, we need volunteers to help set up tables and chairs on Friday and more help taking them down after the banquet on Saturday. We also need volunteers for other duties on Saturday. If you can help, please check one or more of the boxes on the Registration Form or contact us via email or phone.

In this issue, we are pleased to recognize the students who were awarded Alumni Scholarships over the past four years. They represent the quality of Dexter's schools as well as your generous support of our Scholarship Program. Throughout the newsletter, we've also included photos from the last banquet in 2019.

Our list of alumni who recently passed is longer than normal, as it has been four years since we published an update. Thank you to the families and classmates who shared their information with us.

Please read the President's Letter on page 3. It has an important message about the future of the Alumni Association.

## Dexter High School Alumni Association Established in 1905

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Dexter High School Alumni Association

# DHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 2023 BANQUET

Saturday - June 17, 2023 - 4:00 pm

#### **Creekside Intermediate School**

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## Hall of Fame Members at 2019 Banquet

Front Row:
Jay Hopkins
Robert Stacy
Louie Ceriani
Carol Mast Jones

Back Row:
Jack Clark
Keith Hafner
Duane Devlin
Richard Grannis
Alan Mosher



## We Remember Paul Cousins

Paul, a 20-year Dexter teacher of Environmental Science and Biology, passed away in December 2022.





Class of 1949 - 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Joyce Frank Clevenger, F. David Potts



Class of 1964 - 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tom Bell

## President's Letter: Where Do We Go From Here?

Dear Alumni,

The DHS Alumni Association has faced significant challenges in the last four years. In the summer of 2019, President Keith Hafner and several others stepped down from their director positions. Since then, the Association has had a three-member board.

Due to the COVID pandemic, the Alumni Banquet was canceled in 2020 and 2021 and postponed in 2022. The banquet that was rescheduled for October 2022 also had to be canceled when the mailing vendor printed incorrect address labels on most of the newsletters.

During the same time, we've seen a significant decline in the number of member updates from both individuals and class reunion committees. Maintaining accurate contact information is essential to the operation of the Association.

#### Where do we go from here?

Our immediate focus is to:

- Hold a successful Alumni Banquet on June 17, 2023. We will need your help with set-up on the Friday before and also with a variety of jobs on the day of the banquet.
- Reestablish contact with alumni through the newsletter, email, website and Facebook.
   Please encourage your classmates and family members to update their contact information with the Association (www.dexteralumni.org).
- Select the recipients of the 2023 Alumni Association scholarships. We're now reviewing the applications and we need your help to keep the program strong. Your donation can make a real difference for a new DHS graduate.

After the banquet, the Association will be facing some major questions.

• Can the DHS Alumni Association continue as an independent organization?

That will require a new group of alumni to serve on the Board of Directors. How do we recruit younger members plus members with the necessary skills (e.g., database management, newsletter production, website development)?

It will also require a higher level of membership records that have up-to-date contact information. As classes grew in size, the percentage of known addresses (both actual and email) went down. How can the trend be reversed?

 If the Association can't survive independently, what are the options? Can we share the operation with the Dexter Community Schools? Can the Schools take over the Association? Or does the Association cease operation altogether?

I encourage you to attend the banquet, pay your dues, support the Scholarship Program and stay in touch. If you can give a few hours in June to help make the banquet a success, please email me at <a href="mailto:jdsmith@dexteralumni.org">jdsmith@dexteralumni.org</a> or leave a message at 734-426-8885.

This summer we will be deciding the future of the Alumni Association. Please discuss the situation with your classmates and watch for an announcement of planning sessions, both virtual and in person. Questions and suggestions are always welcome. You are a DHS graduate and your opinion counts, now more than ever.

Sincerely, Jim Smith, '66

## DHS History and Memorabilia Preservation

The foundation of our organization is its history and the memories held by our Alumni. The annual vearbooks are a vital part of that history. But so are the photographs, letters, news clippings, jackets, uniforms, certificates, diplomas, newsletters, movies, pennants, announcements and anything else related to our time at Dexter High School. Personal recollections of DHS memories are invaluable.

Thank you to those who have sent photos, old school newspapers, Dexter Leaders and even a few yearbooks. Your support of our efforts to preserve DHS history is greatly appreciated.

If you wish to donate or loan memorabilia to the Association, please contact us via email or mail.

## **DHS Yearbook Collection Project**

We continue to collect borrowed and donated yearbooks to get ready for a project creating a digital archive of these key pieces of DHS history. As part of our memorabilia collection, donated yearbooks will be retained as a physical archive after digital copies are created.

We need the following yearbooks for our project: any year before 1947, 1988, 2002–2006.

## **Privacy Standards for Alumni Data**

We maintain contact information for alumni in order to distribute news about Association projects and events. We also want to be a resource for classes that are planning reunions.

The contact information collected by the DHS Alumni Association is not shared with individuals or outside organizations. Contact information for members of a specific class may be shared with an official Class Reunion Committee or designated Class Representatives.

## 2024 Planning

The tentative date for next year's Alumni Banquet is Saturday, June 15, 2024, pending coordination with the School System's calendar. Honored Classes for the 2024 Banquet will be 1949, 1954, 1959. 1964, 1969, 1974, 1984, 1994 and 1999.



**Emma Chevillet** Michigan State University

**Laney Curry** University of Toledo



**Donovan Higgins** Embry-Riddle Aero. University



**Jason Milkey** Washtenaw Comm. College



Seth Ockerman **Grand Valley State** University



**Class of 1959 – 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** *Front Row:* Sonie Briggson McKillen, Gloria Wheeler Shore, Carrie Burzan, Rosemary Clague Baumgartner, Nancy Parsons Smith, Bonnie Blue DeRouchie, Barbara Dotts Soffredine, Marilyn Hascale Boer, Mary Jo Milligan Helgren; *Back Row:* Leroy Krull, Jim Socks, Jeff McKillen, Duane Hicks, Pat Farrell, Jim Turner

## **DHS Alumni Association Board of Directors**

President: Jim Smith, 1966

Vice-President: Nell Mannlein Naylor, 1960 Secretary/Treasurer: Sandra Smith Matsco, 1962



**Aiden Angus** Virginia Polytech Inst./State Univ.

Elizabeth Merz Calvin University

**A. Ryan Trinkle** Washtenaw Comm. College

**Claire Vaughn**Cornell
University

**Victoria Ward** Loyola University Chicago



View of second Dexter Union School from Ann Arbor Street

## **History of The Copeland Building**

(Photos courtesy of Dexter Area Historical Society)

In 1958, the last group of seniors to finish classes at the school on "Piety Hill" held their graduation ceremony at the new high school on Baker Road. The school on the hill was a combination of the second Dexter Union School, built in 1887, and the Copeland Building, added in 1936.

In honor of the Class of 1958's sixty-fifth anniversary, we are pleased to share an excerpt from an article written by Doug Marrin with help from the Dexter Area Historical Society. "Then and Now: The Wonderful Life of Dexter's Historic Copeland Building" appeared in the Sun Times News on September 9, 2021.

The first Dexter Union School was constructed in 1857, on Piety Hill at the corner of Hudson and Ann Arbor streets. Unfortunately, a large crack in the structure brought an early end to its service. The school was torn down, and the second Dexter Union School was constructed in 1887.

In the early 1930s, the school was overcrowded. In 1935, Senator Royal S. Copeland visited Dexter and was appalled at the conditions he found in his alma mater. The Senator began an initiative to build an addition that would remedy the overcrowding and

provide a gymnasium. The cost for the expansion was \$94,000, of which \$50,000 came by way of a grant from the Public Works Administration.

The Copeland addition was completed in late 1936 and included a new gymnasium/auditorium, home economics classroom, office, additional classrooms, and a new ventilation system. The new building was named for Senator Copeland's father, Roscoe Copeland, who served as Village President for 35 years, as well as a number of terms on the school board.

The school experienced an influx of students in the early 1950s when the surrounding country schools closed. Space was again an issue. In 1957, a new high school was built on Baker Road, and the second Dexter Union School was closed. In 1961, the old structure was torn down, but the Copeland Building was renovated into an early elementary school.

The next six decades saw more renovations. Copeland housed classrooms and later administrative offices. The auditorium continued to be used by both school and community groups. In 2019, after the offices were moved to the former Bates Elementary School on Baker Road, the school district made plans to sell the Copeland Building.

The property was purchased by The Encore Musical Theatre Company in 2020, thus ensuring that the historic Copeland Building will continue to play an important role in Dexter's community life and history.

Please see the inside front cover for information on the Copeland family.



**Construction of Copeland Addition in 1936** 



**Class of 1969 – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** *Front Row:* Nellann Dunavin Grannis, Jane Boullion Boyce, Barbara Samuelson Locks, Terri Elliott Reilly, Candy Raiford Klapperich, Beverly Mynning Schumann, Mary Ann Dettling Fielder, Denise Versehaeve Clark; *Back Row:* Bruce Thiel, Roger Boyce, Barry Stone, Al Scott, Richard Grannis



## Class of 1974 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Front Row:
MaryAnne Kaercher Jaeger
Paul White
Mims Van Aken White
Keith Hafner
Sandra Waite Darr
Ron Darr

Back Row:
Al Hosler
Sherie Stacey
Ken Haight
Nancy Wolf Gross
Randy Gregory
Mark Ayers

### 1930-1939

Nelson Altenbernt, '38, November 2019

**Dorothy Gross Leverett, '38,** March 2018

Robert Mast, '38, November 2022

Jeannette Bates Turner, '39, January 2020

#### 1940-1949

**Richard Berner, '46,** February 2018

**Joyce Hashley Boyce, '43,** December 2018

James Bradbury, '46, August 2021

Marilyn Widmayer Britt, '46, October 2018

Duane Devlin,'47, July 2021

**Leola Savery Ernst, '43,** February 2018

Alta Darling Frey, '48, July 2021

Mary Ann Mannlein Johnston, '49, November 2020

**Dolores Mathews, '48,** March 2019

Gladys Smith Mulholland, '41, October 2021

Betty M. Mast Parmer Denton, '47, Jananuary 2020

Lorraine Heatley Roulo, '40, January 2020

Robert M. Schultz, '48, November 2019

Shirley Edwards Sentgerath, '46, October 2020

**Barbara Bradbury Wing, '45,** January 2019

## In Memoriam

#### 1950-1959

Lawrence Baker, '53, March 2023

Robert Breuninger, '51, September 2021

Milton Campbell, '53, January 2020

Dewey A. Clawson, '56, July 2018

Helen Thurston Clow, '52, January 2019

Thomas Coy, '57, June 2019

Glen Lee Curtis, '50, March 2020

James L. DeLanois, '58, November 2019

Laura Ward Devlin, '56, April 2018

David Ehnis, '56, March 2019

F. Patrick Farrell, '59, July 2021

Raymond Fialkowski, '55, February 2022

**Donna Murphy Gregory, '53,** March 2018

Barbara Ehnis Haines, '59, June 2019

Duane Edwin Hicks, '59, September 2022

Robert Hoatlin, '57, January 2023

Gary Kolander, '56, July 2018

Robert Knickerbocker, '55,

September 2022 Dale Krull, '53,

June 2019

Patrick McLeod, '51, February 2023

Robert McNeil, '56, July 2018 David W. Miles, '55, December 2021

Stanley J. Parker, '58, October 2021

**Darlene Murphy Rose, '56,** September 2018

Sandra Sherrod Ross, '56, September 2018

**Gordon Savery, '55,** February 2018

**Joyce Gregory Stacey, '51,** April 2022

**Brian Urquhart, '59,** May 2022

Virginia Hoatlin Weber, '54, May 2018

#### 1960-1969

Betsey Stander Brewer, '61, July 2018

Thomas Jay "TJ" Blue, '60, July 2020

Charles Coy, '65, February 2020

Paul Crew, '68, February 2018

Jon M. Crocker, '66, May 2022

Thomas Crocker, '62, August 2018

James Curts, '66, August 2018

Jack Davidson, '66, October 2019

Joseph Dell'Anno, Jr., '69, November 2018

James L. Devine, '60, June 2018

LaVonne Goosman Devlin, '66, August 2018

Joyce Hanselman Girbach, '63, Nov. 2021

Elaine Arbour Hartman, '67, October 2019

#### 1960-1969 continued

James M. Heller, '65, March 2022

John P. Henshaw, '67, April 2023

Katherine Covert Hillman, '66, May 2019

Donald Keiser, '60, October 2021

Karen Knapp, '62, July 2018

Sandra Campbell Knickerbocker, '61, September 2019

David N. Knope, '69, December 2022

Barbara Yeakel Koski, '62, October 2020

James M. Litzinger, '69, February 2022

**George McAllister, '60,** February 2020

William McFarland, '66, December 2018

Dianna L. Coval Miller, '66, January 2022

William Miller, '64, July 2022

Dennis Mull, '60, December 2019

Robert Schuyler, '69, September 2021

Carol Kolander Staples, '62, November 2021

Steven H. Trinkle, '63, December 2022

James Wheeler, '64, November 2022

**Dallas Winkle, '68,** November 2021

Jack W. Wiseley, '63, May 2019

1970-1979

**Joey M. Asbury, '72,** June 2021

Thomas Bernhardt, '74, August 2022

Anna Marie Bobo, '75, March 2022

Sandra Silcox Carter, '73, April 2018

Charles E. Egeler, '70, November 2021

David Goodwin, '76, October 2021

**Jean Fisher Gordon, '75,** February 2023

Jon Hochrein, '74, February 2021

**Donna June Holiday, '75,** January 2021

Leo P. Hollenbeck, '70, July 2022

**Dorene Whitley Johnson, '71,** August 2018

**Keith J. Klapperich, '74,** January 2023

James Edward Lobdell, '70, May 2021

Kelly Love, '76, March 2020

**Deborah Murdock Luckhardt, '71,** February 2018

Joseph K. Maloney, '76, August 2020

William Peltcs, '70, April 2019

Charles Leo Raymor, '72, April 2021

Ronald Raiford, '78, May 2022

Mark Charles Ritchie, '74, August 2022

William Schempp, '78, October 2021

Jill Snider-Meyer, '79, May 2018

Susan Dettling Sylvain, '73, February 2023

Richard Wines, '76, July 2022

#### 1980-1989

Kathleen Craig, '89, October 2021

Richard (Rick) L. Kaiser, '83, April 2022

Renee Lynn Krull, '80, June 2018

**Edward Mynning, '82,** December 2019

Timothy Selby, '87, January 2018

Darroll C. Trinkle, '81, February 2019

**Dale Tupper, '80,** September 2019

#### 1990-1999

John "Ryan" Dunkley, '96, January 2022

Michael C. Eckout, '99, June 2022

Scott R. Lippert, '96, December 2020

Beth Mosher Wymer, '94, May 2022

#### 2000-2022

Jordan Keen, '09, April 2018

Maximus Keywell, '21, June 2022

Matthew Thomas McCormick, '06, June 2021

**Gage Atticus Pulford, '22,** June 2022

**Kyle Vasicek, '09,** November 2018

Information for this list came from family members, class contacts and published obituaries. Any omissions are unintentional.

Amanda LaRoe Northwest Iowa Comm. College



**Matthew Remington** Western Michigan University



Gwenevere Tatara University of Michigan



Lauren Witte University of Maine

### **ATTENTION: Class Reunion Committees**

Contact Information – Please share your class members' contact information with the Alumni Association. The Association will share the information it has with your committee.

Reunion Planning - When planning your reunion, make communication easy. The Association can provide the reunion committee with email addresses for internal committee email and for incoming mail from their classmates.

Reunion Items – If you create a reunion program, booklet or other special item, we would appreciate a copy for our memorabilia collection.

**Reunion Promotion** – For upcoming reunions, let us help promote your event by posting information on our website and Facebook page.

Post Reunion - To make your reunion a part of Alumni Association history, please write up a report and include some photos.

Congratulations to the Class of 2023 on your graduation. We welcome you as members of the DHS Alumni Association.

## Class of 2022 Alumni Scholarship Awards



**Hannah Berenson** Adrian College



**Nicholas Berenson** University of Michigan



**Eden Gibson** Western Michigan University



Lydia Hall Syracuse University



**Ethan Martz** Michigan Tech. University

## 2023 Alumni Banquet

Saturday – June 17, 2023

Doors Open: 3:00 pm - Entry on Left Side of Building

Meeting: 4:00 pm Dinner: 5:00 pm

## **Creekside Intermediate School**

2615 Baker Road Dexter Michigan 48130

#### **Directions and Parking**

- Enter the Creekside parking lot using the driveway to the left of the building. It can also be entered from the Baker Road/Dan Hoey Road roundabout.
- Limited handicap parking is available, located on the right when entering the parking lot from the driveway off Baker Road.

#### 2023 Honored Classes

1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1983, 1993 and 1997

#### Please note:

Seating will be reserved for members of the Honored Classes based on the number of registrations received. Members of these classes should arrive in time to be seated prior to the 4 pm start of the meeting. Otherwise, they may need to wait in the lobby for an appropriate time to enter the banquet room. Class photos will be taken at the end of the banquet.

## **Banquet Menu**

- Roast Turkey
- Baked Ham
- Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
- Homemade Stuffing
- Green Bean Casserole
- Waldorf Salad
- 7-Layer Salad
- Rolls and Butter
- Coffee, Lemonade, Water
- Dessert

Catered by Gene Davis & Sons

## **Banquet Fee**

\$20 per person

## Registration Deadline

June 8, 2023

Additional registration forms may be printed from our website at www.dexteralumni.org.

## **Alumni Scholarship Donations**

Our alumni have a long tradition of helping new DHS graduates at the start of their college careers. You can make a donation to the Scholarship Program by using the form on the following page or the PayPal link on our website at <a href="https://www.dexteralumni.org">www.dexteralumni.org</a>.

## 2023 Alumni Banquet Registration/Dues/Donation Form

	Banquet Date: June 17, 2023 Registration Due Date: June 8, 2023	
\$	Banquet Fee (\$20 per person) Number of people attending	
\$	Dues (\$10 per alumnus, \$15 per alumni couple) (Annual dues cover the costs of alumni events, database management, emails, newsletters, office supplies, postage and the website.)	
\$	Scholarship Donation	
\$	Total Amount Enclosed	
Name	DHS Class Year	
Spouse	/Guest DHS Class Year (if applicable)	
Address	S Apartment/Lot	
City	State Zip	
Phone	Email	
	BANQUET VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	
	Please check here if you can help set up tables and chairs on Friday, June 16.	
	Please check here if you can help with final room set-up, greeting and check-in, name tags and seating, or the after-banquet photos on Saturday, June 17.	
	Please check here if you can help fold up and stack tables and chairs at the end of the banquet.	

**ALUMNI CONNECTIONS:** Do you have family members (grandparents, parents, siblings, children, or grandchildren) who are also DHS graduates? Please update their contact information by providing the following information on a separate sheet: Name, Maiden Name (if applicable), Class Year, Address, City, State, Zip, Email, and Phone.

The contact information collected by the Alumni Association is not shared with individuals or outside organizations. It is only shared with an official DHS Class Reunion Committee.

Make checks payable to: DHS Alumni Association

Mail this form to: DEXTER HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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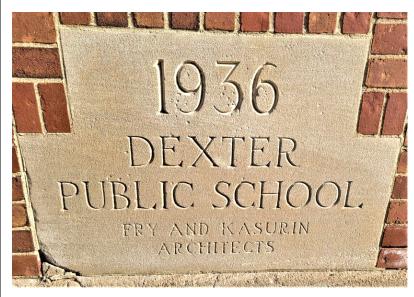
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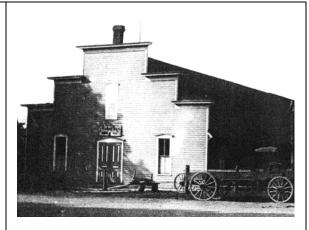
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**Copeland Building Keystone** 



Dexter Opera House
Site of the first Alumni Banquet
June 10, 1905