



### Lifetime Achievement Awards Presented

About 60 fellow alumni and friends gathered May 21 to honor the first inductees to the Alumni Association's Lifetime Achievement Hall of Fame. Each year former graduates of NBHS will be chosen who have distinguished themselves by achievement in their field of work or study, their significant contributions in service to community and society as a whole, and their personal excellence and dedication to lifelong learning.

Pictured are Dan Forschler, Association President; Jay Bergstralh, accepting for his father, Thor Bergstralh ('32); John Holum ('46); Galen Britz ('57); and Steve Blomquist, Association Board member. In addition to the commemorative plaques presented to the inductees, permanent plaques are on display at the Lifetime Achievement Hall of Fame, near the Athletic Hall of Fame at the Senior High School. See more on page 4.



American Legion Ambassador candidates, girls from the class of 2015, helped with the presentation evening and delighted in finding photos of their parents in an old Redite.

### Alumni Association Board

Dan Forschler ('64) - President  
Mike Nelson ('65) - Vice President  
Gail Anderson VandeKamp ('67) - Secretary  
Candi Holt Hals ('69) - Treasurer

Additional Board members:

Holly Bistodeau Fairbanks ('77)  
Steve Blomquist ('65)  
Bonnie Lawrence Conati ('60)  
Maile Peers Fahrion ('43)  
Becky Karsky Forschler ('65) - Newsletter  
Max Malmquist ('58)  
Sharalyn Blomquist Olson ('58)  
Kathy Swanson Olson ('64)  
Cory Parsons ('94) - Website Manager  
Karen Olson Swanson ('61)

# Let us hear from you

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[www.facebook.com/northbranchhighschoolalumniassociation](http://www.facebook.com/northbranchhighschoolalumniassociation) will bring you to our Facebook page.

[northbranchalumni.org](http://northbranchalumni.org) is our Website. Here you'll see lots of Association information and NB memorabilia, and back issues of the newsletter. **Beware:** searching for "NB Alumni" will bring up several commercial sites seeking to gather your names and sell you items. These have nothing to do with our local Association. Be sure you go into our correct site.

[nbalumni@yahoo.com](mailto:nbalumni@yahoo.com) is our email address. Send photos, reunion reports and ideas for newsletter articles. And of course, notify us of changes in your address.

Our regular mailing address is North Branch Alumni Association, Box 613, North Branch, MN 55056.

# Want to be involved?

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The NBHS Alumni Association is a vibrant, growing organization. Perhaps you'd like to be part of the team by helping in one of these areas:

- Be an ambassador, attending class reunions throughout the year, taking a photo and promoting the Association
- Help assemble the annual newsletter, a weekday in early September
- Scan photos from our collection, emailing them to our website master
- Serve on a selection committee for annual Scholarships or Lifetime Achievement Awards
- Help maintain and display our archives of yearbooks, photos and memorabilia
- Type and layout annual newsletter; currently using Apple Pages, but could be done with any publishing program

# Alumni Association honors Teacher of the Year



Each year the North Branch Education Association choose a "Teacher of the Year" from the school system.

Our Alumni Association seeks to promote a bridge between alumni and current students, and so donated \$300 to the middle school in honor of the 2012-13 choice, Lisa Moeller.

Pictured are Middle School Principal Todd Tetzlaff, Lisa Moeller, and Association Board Members Dan Forschler and Steve Blomquist.

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**Association Scholarships** are awarded through the general application completed by graduating seniors at NBHS.

The LaVerne Magnison/Connor Scholarship for Continuing Education is awarded to a former NBHS graduate who wishes to further their education, going back to school or pursuing a new degree. To apply for this special scholarship, send a letter of request to the Alumni Association at Box 613, North Branch, MN 55056, or at [NBalumni@yahoo.com](mailto:NBalumni@yahoo.com). If you are a Past Scholarship winner, please consider sharing your story with other alumni through this newsletter.

# Scholarships

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Association President Dan Forschler with 13 graduating seniors, each receiving a \$500 scholarship from the Alumni Association and its members.

## Thor Bergstrahl Scholarship

**Cassidy White**, who will be doing Environmental Studies at the University of Montana. Cassidy is the daughter of John and Dawn White.

## Class of '69 Steve Bistodeau Scholarship

**Mitchell Beckwith**, who will study Machining at Pine Technical College. Mitchell is the son of Doug and Kelly Beckwith.

## Bonnie Conati Scholarship

**Kelly Porath** will enter the Elementary Education program at Winona State. She is the daughter of Gary and Jill Porath.

## Carolyn Dahl Scholarship

**Tatiana Mabin** plans to study in the Nursing/Medical program and in Music at Anoka Ramsey. She is the daughter of Stephan and Darlene Mabin.

## Gene and Donna Pierce Scholarships

**Danielle Noreen** will study Business at Century College. She is the daughter of Amy Bershten and Mark Noreen.

**Grace Rollins** will take up Business Marketing and Psychology at Minnesota State University, Mankato. She is the daughter of Ron and Diane Rollin

## Duane Samuelson and Patsy Edblad Forrest Scholarship

**Kora Amunrud** will study Biochemistry at the University of St. Thomas. She is the daughter of Gary and Kate Amunrud.

## Max Malmquist Scholarships

**Reid Johnson** will study Biology with concentration in Biomedical Sciences at UW LaCrosse. He is the son of Jason and Debra Johnson.

**Marissa Morgenstern** plans her studies in Biology with an emphasis in Pre-Medicine at the U of M Morris. She is the daughter of Guy and Deborah Grover.

## Association Scholarships

**Emma Gustafson** will study Cosmetology at the Aveda Institute in Minneapolis. She is the daughter of Eric Gustafson.

**Carrie Hischer** will study in Social Work at Century College. She is the daughter of Lane and Suzanne Hischer.

**Chelsea Monk** will attend the U of M Duluth in Writing Studies and Creative Writing. She is the daughter of Robert and Joni Monk.

**Jessica Petrik** will take up Elementary Education at St. Cloud State University. She is the daughter of Corey and Lorie Petrik.

# Lifetime Achievement Hall of Fame

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## Inaugural Awards



**Thor A. Bergstralh** was NBHS Valedictorian in 1932. He served in the Civilian Conservation Corps, was awarded a scholarship at Carleton College, graduating with a BS in Physics in 1940, and receiving a MS in Nuclear Physics from the U of M in 1943, then serving in the US Navy.

His career included working with the Manhattan Project in atomic bomb development, the MIT Naval Research Lab, the V-2 Rocket Technology Research Team. He was first to use camera equipment on the V-2 rocket, producing the first photographs from space showing the curvature of the earth. He later worked for Ford Aeronutronics, developing the Moon Ranger Hard Lander, Navistar navigation satellites and solar flare protection.

As speaker at the NBHS Commencement in 1958, among other topics he spoke about nuclear power ending a reliance on non-renewable fuels.



**John Holum** was NBHS Valedictorian in 1946. He graduated from St. Olaf, and received a PhD in Organic Chemistry from the U of M, then served in the US Army Chemical Corps. He taught at several colleges, and began professorship at Augsburg in 1959, where he has received numerous tributes from students and fellow teachers about strength and inspiration of his teaching.

He was prolific in publishing chemistry related papers, reference works and textbooks. Delivered talks to the American Chemical Society, and led numerous discussions outside the field of chemistry related to and influenced by his deep Christian beliefs. His book "Test Tubes to Testaments: Thoughts for Youth on Science and the Christian Faith", tied the sciences to Creation.

He served as President of the Association of Lutheran College Faculties, and was Associate Professor of Chemistry at the National Science Foundation.



**Galen Britz** was our Salutatorian in 1958 (he quipped that an A- from Miss Zion put him in number two!) He is proud of his scouting activities in school, being troop 141's first Eagle Scout. He received a BS in Chemical Engineering at the U of M, and MS and PhD degrees from Iowa State. He served in the US Army Reserve.

He enjoyed a long career with 3M, serving with the American Institute of Chemical Engineers and the American Society for Quality. He was co-author of Statistical Thinking for Engineers.

He is a 35 year member of Lions Club International, serving three terms as president. He served on several Lutheran Church Councils, Congregational President and Global Mission Team. His membership with the Friends of Africa led him to be a board member and then president. With his leadership, over \$1 million has been raised for classrooms, education facilities and tuition support in the Tanzania and Kenya regions of Africa. He has made five personal trips to the continent.

The Alumni Association welcomes your participation in nominating outstanding NBHS graduates from at least 25 years ago for this award.

Nominations must be received by March 1, 2015, and include the following:

- Completed nomination form (found on the website, or contact us by mail, Box 613, North Branch MN 55056)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Photo and resume of the nominee

# The Redite, a record of ourselves

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Our thanks to Anna Schmidt Gilkerson ('76) for the donation of several missing books, and to folks at the High School for scouring their storage areas to fill in even more blanks.

The very first class annuals were called "Classbooks" These were scrapbooks kept by class members, containing memorabilia, information and photos about the class. A very special book was kept by Edith Johnson, class of 1917. Her hand written "Salutary Oratory" begins with comments about the world at war.

Edith never married. She became a teacher at North Branch Schools, and many of us will remember her as grade school principal during the 50s and 60s.

We also have classbooks from Judith Carlson, 1920, and Clarice Ryden, 1923, the later being a huge collection detailing every aspect of student life from that year.



The earliest bound annual we have is from 1929, titled "the Branch". We have a gap then, until 1939, when the red cover and the name "Redite" appears.

David Moberg ('39) reports to us that his class had a contest for naming the yearbook, which was won by Kenneth Norquist who submitted the name.

It seems that the annual was then produced bi-annually, in the odd numbered years until 1960. After that we can read about school adventures every year.

We are missing just a few years in our Alumni archives, and we find ourselves with extra copies of many years. We are depositing some at the East Central Library in North Branch, seeking to complete their collection. You'll find them in the history section. These will be for reference only, not to be checked out. The precious Classbooks will be retained in our Alumni Association collection for the present, but will find their place at the library in the future for all to appreciate.

With other extra copies, we will seek to attend the appropriate class reunions as they come up, and offer the annuals to class members. (We also have old school trophies that the high school no longer wanted to store,

we hope to find a home for them among the reunion classes)

And we have more plans! Along with the annuals, we have become the recipients of many photos, programs and memorabilia from all years past. We are in the process of sorting and organizing, and will share much with you through the newsletter and at your class reunions. The long term plan would be to establish a photo file at the Public Library, making these items available to all. Like to help? We'd love to have you.

Redites we're still looking for, to complete our collection and the shelf at the library:

1931-38	1980	2002
1955	1981	2008
1969	1995	2012
1971	1996	
1976	1999	

## A Lesson in Arithmetic

He's teaching her arithmetic  
Because that's his mission;  
He kissed her once, he kissed her twice  
And said, "Now that's addition!"  
And as he added smack by smack  
In silent satisfaction,  
She sweetly gave his kisses back  
And said, "Now, that's subtraction."  
Then he kissed her and she kissed him  
Without any explanation;  
They both together smiled and said,  
"Now that's multiplication."  
But Dad appeared on the scene,  
And made a quick decision;  
He kicked the lad three blocks away  
And said, "Now, that's division."

from the classbook of  
Clarice Ryden 1923

## Hi-Lights from our anniversary years

1954

- District 25 Golf Tournament was held at North Branch. Max Malmquist was our team's low scorer at 82. Other members of the team were Galen Britz, Duane Samuelson and Gerald Erickson.



Photo from 1957:  
D. Samuelson, D. Abell, M. Malmquist,  
P. Edblad, M. Alvin, G. Britz



1964

- Viking football team had a 4-4 record. Mike Wilcox, Jim Nelson and Jon Dresel were the captains. Nelson, Wilcox and Jim Fairbanks were selected to the All-Conference team.
- Jim Nelson was also AC in basketball and set the individual game scoring record with 42 points.
- Viking wrestlers were Tom Lofboom, 2nd at Region, Jim Olson, Dist Champ and 2nd at region; Gail Meyer Dist. Champ; Gordy Giller, Dist. Champ and 2nd at Region.
- Track team finished 1st place at District in the mile relay, run by Jim Nelson, Leland Johnson, Dan Forschler and Dave Brooker with a time of 3 minutes 45.5 seconds.

1974

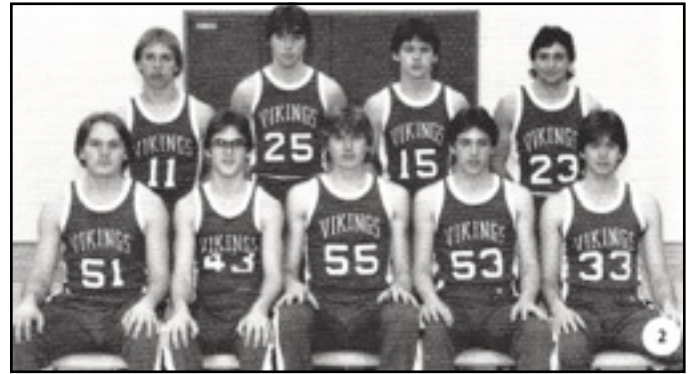
- Football team, coached by Dick Bruns, had a 2-7 record, but did get Greg Wheeler and George Tri honorable mention at all-conference.
- New coach Pete Toews' Basketball team had a 13-5 record, Greg Lindblom and Dave Boots named to AC team. Dave went on to play at Augsburg, where he also was an AC performer and later head coach; he then moved on to the University of SD and won several conference titles, becoming the winningest coach in school history.
- Track team was also successful, Marlin Olson, Loren Pierce, LaReau Anderson and George Tri all set school and conference records.



By 1974, girls had joined in the athletic action

1984

- Jay Chambers and Andy Harrington were all-conference players in Football
- Volleyball, coached by Becky Leuer finished 7-3, third place in the conference
- It was the year for boys' basketball, 10-3 conference and 11-6 overall. Regional champs, and their first state tournament. Seniors were Ken Lehman, Kevin Williamson, Rich Beaver, Jerry Stan, Carl Kopp, John Bandemer, Steve Duncan, Joe Bazey and Chris Voligny.
- Jay Chambers and Dan Chouinard qualified for the State wrestling meet, chambers also AC. 25 new records were set by the wrestling team.



1994

- Cross Country girls place 3rd in Conference, and had a memorable run with blizzard conditions in Hibbing
- Football team was "in" almost all games, but just ran out of time!
- Volleyball girls beat Hibbing to win Regional, and then played at the Met in the State Tourney, taking 3rd place (pictured: Nikki Higley and Kris Kozlovsky)
- Basketball team fought hard, but lacked wins
- Girls Basketball made a sweep of the Rum River Conference with a 19-2 record. They beat Duluth East and St. Francis to advance to the State Tournament.

2004

- Football went 7-3 on the season and ended up losing in the sectional finals to Chisago Lakes 27-7. Britt Bauman went on to college at MN Duluth where he was the place kicker for 4 years.
- Volleyball girls had a 16-9-2 records and also lost to Chisago in the Sectional.
- Boys basketball had an excellent 24-4 record, losing to Spring Lake Park in the playoffs. leaders were Jake Anderson, Britt Bauman and Matt Fletcher.
- Girls basketball had a good year, 18-9, losing in the section quarter-finals to Totino Grace 35-38. Leaders on this team were Jenny Anderson and Gabrielle Olson.
- Jenny Anderson, Sheena Devine, Mike Dahlke and Phil Olson were participants at the State Track and Field meet.



Cross Country invite, where the boys took 1st place

# Name the year

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Can you guess in which year these cheerleading squads were rooting for the Vikings?



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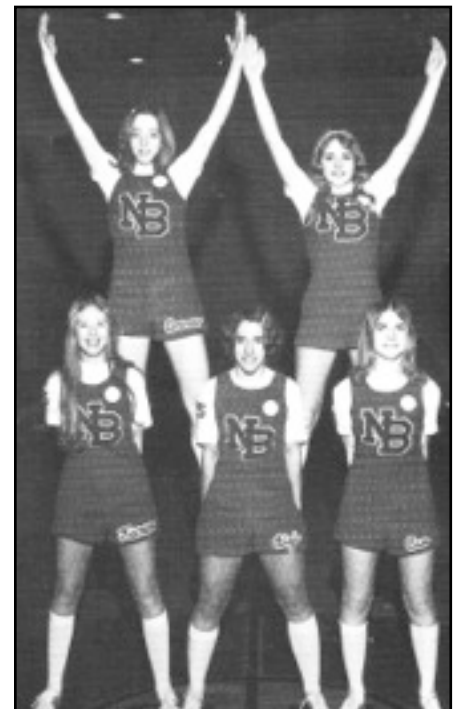
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# Alumni member updates

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- 1933**  
**Ruth Landin Gustafson** lives in her own apartment in Leesburg, FL
- 1935**  
**Lillian E. Rendahl** lives in Roseville
- 1937**  
**Emeline Johnson Almquist** lives in South Mpls, proud to be a NBHS graduate!  
**Hazel Lindholm Carlson** lives in Eau Claire WI. Am living in my own home with help from children and Mayo Home Care Program.
- 1938**  
**Howard F. Johnson** lives in Chisago City. Still playing golf!  
**Rev. Kermit Nordeen** and spouse Gladys live in Stillwater where he volunteers at Good Samaritan, teaching and visiting.
- 1939**  
**David Moberg** lives in Milwaukee, where he is Sociology Professor Emeritus at Marquette University.  
**Kenneth Norquist** lives with spouse Elizabeth in Isanti
- 1940**  
**Jenny Johnson Cook** lives in Auburn CA Would like to see a contest to see who can sign up the most Alumni As members!  
**Helen Gould Herman** lives in Olympia WA feeling "fit as a fiddle!"  
**Arline Hammerstrom Broten** lives in New Brighton  
**Helen Ledin Meier** lives in Midland MI with spouse Dale. [DJmeier@chartermi.net](mailto:DJmeier@chartermi.net)  
**Edith Bye Mark** is doing well in Sandy, UT  
**Luella Sellman Johnson** lives in Minnetonka
- 1941**  
**Ellwood Norquist** lives in Tucson, AZ. Busy writing my third book.  
[philosowood@yahoo.com](mailto:philosowood@yahoo.com)  
**Archie Peers**  
**Alice B. Grey Porath** lives in Anoka, and is the last survivor of the Grey family, who were all NB alumni in these early years.
- 1942**  
**Jeanette Gustafson Emmons** lives with spouse Leonard in Cambridge. "I truly enjoy your newsletter"  
**Eugene L. Hasselquist** lives in Red Wing. Am still active with vacation supply preaching. Have winter home in TX, bring clothing and bicycles for the district, serve churches in the Rio Grande Valley.  
[psrgene@q.com](mailto:psrgene@q.com)  
**Florence Johnson LaPlante** lives in Hudson WI
- Ruth E. Moberg** lives in Milwaukee
- 1943**  
**Connie Boyce Johnson** lives in North Branch  
**Howard N. Ledin** lives with wife Leone in Pine City. [hledin@msn.com](mailto:hledin@msn.com)  
**Dick Peterson** and spouse Janet live in Plymouth  
**Bernette Johnson Wikelius** lives in Chisago City "Thanks for the newsletter!"  
**Maile Peers Fahrion** lives in North Branch. She is a member of the Alumni Association Board.  
**Glen Swanson** lives in Watertown MN with spouse Elizabeth. "The 70 year reunion was great!"
- 1944**  
**Anna Mae Gustafson Berglund** lives in Lindstrom, 257-4358  
**Russ Dahlman** lives in Prior Lake
- 1945**  
**James O. Johnson** lives in wife Yvonne in North Branch.
- 1946**  
**Orrin Asklund** and Wife Jean live in North Branch. 651-583-2796  
**John A. Cedergren** and wife Betty live In Cambridge. [jacedar@yahoo.com](mailto:jacedar@yahoo.com)  
**Harriet Johnson Ryberg** lives in Lindstrom [hrr1946hs@gmail.com](mailto:hrr1946hs@gmail.com)  
**Willard Moline** lives at the farm, west of Harris.  
**John P. Peterson** and spouse Sharon Conger Peterson ('56) live in North Branch.  
**John M. Rystrom** and wife Betty live in Anoka. 763-434-5902  
**Irene Widell Lindholm** and husband Venzel live in Chisago City.
- 1947**  
**Venus Beavens Alvin** lives in Forest Lake. [valvin@midco.net](mailto:valvin@midco.net)  
**Glenn H. Nordin** lives with spouse Judith in Alexandria VA  
**Marjorie Ogren Jamieson** lives with spouse Richard in Edina. [marjorie@jamieson.com](mailto:marjorie@jamieson.com) Enjoy visiting our family farm on Fish Lake which now belongs to our children.  
**Lowell Palmquist** lives in Greenwood CO with spouse Mona.  
**Carroll Peterson** and spouse Maxine live in Durango, CO. [cmpete@frontier.net](mailto:cmpete@frontier.net)  
**Elmer Stroquist** and spouse Joyce live in Red Wing.
- 1948**  
**Dona Anderson Hiltunen** lives in Edina  
**Merle Lundeen** and spouse Lorrie live in Largo, FL
- 1949**  
**Harry Gould** and spouse Connie live in Louisville KY. "Thanks to all of you who work hard to keep the association going!"  
**Harley Lundeen** lives in New Berlin WI  
**Irma Magnison Ekstrom** lives in North Branch  
**Phyllis Spletstoeszer Olson** lives in Isanti. She volunteers at the medical center, enjoys family, reading, crochet, and the newsletter!  
**Jack Stock** lives in Mahnonen with spouse Doris
- 1950**  
**William E. Beavers** lives in North Branch  
**Elton Benson** lives in North Branch with spouse Jeannette Dalhquist Bensen ('57)  
**Jerry Bewson** lives with wife Anita in Gainesville, GA. Spend time in MN in summer, winter in Ft. Meyers FL 770-532-1715  
**Duane Fisk** and spouse Eileen Blomquist Fisk ('53) live in North Branch.  
[defisk53@me.com](mailto:defisk53@me.com)  
**Dale Noyed** lives with spouse Nancy in Arden Hills.
- 1951**  
**Ray Jones** and spouse Eleanor Schmidt Jones ('53) live in Bloomington [erj2514@comcast.net](mailto:erj2514@comcast.net). We winter in Ft. Meyers FL  
**Willis Peterson** lives in Harris, on Goose Lake. Traveled to Sweden and Norway this year. [billpeterson1933@hotmail.com](mailto:billpeterson1933@hotmail.com)
- 1952**  
**Roger Jacobson** and spouse Oeun live in Ft. Pierce FL. [fjacob339@aol.com](mailto:fjacob339@aol.com)  
**Douglas A Johnson** lives in Port Lucie FL with spouse Rosalind. [rozndoug@aol.com](mailto:rozndoug@aol.com)  
**Harriet Spletstoeszer Buelow** lives in Bloomington with spouse Jerry.  
[Buelow559@aol.com](mailto:Buelow559@aol.com)
- 1953**  
**Eileen Bloomquist Fisk** lives with spouse Duane ('50) in North Branch  
**Harold Bursaw** lives with spouse Carol in Sun Prairie WI [buzz115@frontier.com](mailto:buzz115@frontier.com)  
**Audrey Brown Johnson** lives with spouse Richard in Maple Grove. "Especially enjoyed stories of past scholarship winners & the Name the Year page."
- Eugene Egelkraut** lives with spouse, **Barbara Josephson Egelkraut** ('54) in North Branch [kraut1935@hotmail.com](mailto:kraut1935@hotmail.com)

**Duane and Barbara Larson Damm** live in Chisago City [barbiedamm@frontier.com](mailto:barbiedamm@frontier.com)

**Eleanor Schmidt Jones** lives with spouse Jones ('51) in Bloomington.

**Lyle R. Nelson** lives in Sun Valley AZ with spouse Judy. [zonaljr@aol.com](mailto:zonaljr@aol.com)

**Delores Olson** lives in Harris

#### 1954

**Bruce Burda** lives in Harris

**Rose Cheeney Harris** lives in Tallahassee FL.

**Joan Johnson Eichsa** lives in Webster WI on a farm where she enjoys wildlife and her animals.

**Virginia (Mary) Egelkraut Olson** lives in Stacy

**James Fenner** lives with spouse Luella in Isanti

**Joyce Fischer Hischer** lives with spouse DeWaine in North Branch

**Barbara Josephson Egelkraut** lives with spouse **Eugene Egelkraut ('53)** in North Branch

**Russell Swanson** lives in Elk River with spouse Lois Carlson Swanson ('55)

#### 1955

**Quentin N. Anderson** lives with wife Mary in Golden Valley. Work part time at Mpls VA, winter in AZ. [quentinandmary@aol.com](mailto:quentinandmary@aol.com)

**Lois Carlson Swanson** lives in Elk River with spouse Russell

**John Klund** lives with spouse Sue in Ramsey

**Carol Lindstrom Cantwell** lives in North Branch

**Dave Scherer** live with spouse Kaye in North Branch. [dandka@q.com](mailto:dandka@q.com)

#### 1956

**Darlene Abell Baughman** lives in Shakopee. [dfbaughman38@yahoo.com](mailto:dfbaughman38@yahoo.com)

**Jerry Blomquist and spouse Bette Richie Blomquist** live in Vacaville CA and cheer for the San Francisco 49ers!

**Leon Ekstrom** lives in North Branch

**Clarice L. Johnson** lives in Mpls. [claricelj@gmail.com](mailto:claricelj@gmail.com)

**Harriet Paulson Johnson** lives in Chandler AZ with spouse Jerry

**Jerol Olson** lives with spouse **Karen in Morthville MI.** [kajeols@aol.com](mailto:kajeols@aol.com)

**Sharon Conger Peterson** and spouse John live in North Branch.

**Roger Ryberg** and wife Carol live in Cambridge, still working part time. [paulr098@aol.com](mailto:paulr098@aol.com)

**Gerald Thoren** lives in Center City

#### 1957

**Jeannette Dahlquist Benson** lives in North Branch with spouse Elton.

**Patsy Edblad Forrest**

#### 1958

**Sharalyn Blomquist Olson** and spouse Butch ('59) live in North Branch. She is a board member of the Alumni Association.

**Delmer Fairbanks and spouse Jean Petersen Fairbanks** live in North Branch

**Dan Johnson and spouse Sandra Hals Johnson** live in North Branch. [dsjohn40@gmail.com](mailto:dsjohn40@gmail.com)

**Gene Pierce** and spouse Donna Stepp Pierce ('62) live in North Branch

**Marlene Erickson Stone** and spouse Jerry live in Ham Lake, but summer at Mille Lacs and winter in Florida. [Bonitaruth@aol.com](mailto:Bonitaruth@aol.com)

**Max Malmquist** lives in North Branch [sarirdrascal@q.com](mailto:sarirdrascal@q.com) "still play in three gold leagues and deer hunt; give historical presentations and sell my North Branch area history books." Max is a member of the Alumni Association Board.

**Ken Norberg** lives with spouse Sarah in Smithville GA [knsen61@gmail.com](mailto:knsen61@gmail.com)

**Tarnard (Terry) Olson** lives in Harris

**Duane Samuelson** lives with spouse JoAnn in San Diego. Hi to all you Vikings from So. Cal. [dsamuelson@san.rr.com](mailto:dsamuelson@san.rr.com)

**Judy Dickhausen Weiss** and spouse Vern live in North Branch. [vernorthbranch@aol.com](mailto:vernorthbranch@aol.com)

#### 1959

**Butch Olson** and spouse Sharalyn Blomquist Olson live in North Branch

**Gene (Bud) Boyce** and wife Nancy Kay Anderson Boyce ('65) live in Cumberland WV

**Phyllis Swanson Mead** and spouse Scott live in Duluth. [spmead@frontier.net.net](mailto:spmead@frontier.net.net)

**Carolyn Miller Lammers** lives in Virginia Beach VA with spouse Richard. Had a great trip to China, fall of 2013. [celamers@verizon.net](mailto:celamers@verizon.net)

**Clair Voshell** and wife Sandra live in Waseca

#### 1960

**Karen Benson** lives in Bloomington.

**Sharon Hasselquist Ellis** lives with spouse Gary in Ham Lake

**Bonnie Lawrence Conati** lives in North Branch. [jnbconati@msn.com](mailto:jnbconati@msn.com) Bonnie is a member of the Alumni Association Board.

**Gary Nelson** and spouse Bonnie Carlson ('61) live in North Branch [gnelson60@cox.net](mailto:gnelson60@cox.net) Spend winters in AZ

**Judy Pierce Fagan** lives in Lindstrom with spouse Travis. [judyfagan2ymail.com](mailto:judyfagan2ymail.com)

**Janice Schubert Scott** lives in Cambridge

**Kathy Sirknen Muson** Lives in Mpls.

**Sharon Swanson Self** lives with husband Ed in Muncie IN. 765-759-5507

#### 1961

**Clennan Anderson** lives with spouse Judy Bocklund Anderson ('63) in EauClaire WI. [jcanderson3605@yahoo.com](mailto:jcanderson3605@yahoo.com)

**Bonnie Carlson Nelson** and spouse Gary ('60) live in North Branch and winter in AZ

**Shirley Erickson Fisk** lives in North Branch

**Sheldon Gustafson** lives with spouse Ruth in Livingston TX, spend summers in Forest Lake.

**Anita Huenecke Mohr** lives in Harris. [anitamohr@juno.com](mailto:anitamohr@juno.com)

**Daryl Johnson** lives in San Antonio TX with spouse [djohnsonks@prodigy.net](mailto:djohnsonks@prodigy.net)

**Delmore Johnson** and spouse Mary Peterson Johnson ('62) live in North Branch. [delmary@q.com](mailto:delmary@q.com)

**John Olund** sends his membership.

**Karen Johnson Rayapati** lives with spouse Jacob in Moline IL

**Warren Sands** lives in Maplewood.

**Michael Stephens** and spouse Genny live in Rosemount. [mgstephens@charter.net](mailto:mgstephens@charter.net) "Sorry to see golf season come to an end. Hello to all classmates."

**Karen Olson Swanson** and spouse Don live in North Branch Karen serves on the Alumni Board

#### 1962

**Roger Anderson** and spouse Clarice live in Long Beach CA. "We enjoyed our visit to Sweden, and look forward to a visit to India in 2014" [oceanmoment@verizon.net](mailto:oceanmoment@verizon.net)

**Carolyn Dahl** lives in Houston, TX

**Rita Olson Doble** and spouse Douglas split their time between Florida and MN.

**Jean Elmstrand Egelkraut** and spouse Henry live in Florida. [flegehj1@hotmail.com](mailto:flegehj1@hotmail.com)

**Mary E. Peterson Johnson** and spouse Delmore Johnson ('61) live in North Branch

**Janice Lofboom** and spouse Jim Saari live in Harris, on Fish Lake. [jolofboom@gmail.com](mailto:jolofboom@gmail.com)

**Rosemary Collin Petty** lives with husband Dick in Wayzata. Retired after 35 years of teaching. 952-404-2996

**Ordean Pierce** lives with spouse Sally ('67) live in Remer. [pierce@means.net](mailto:pierce@means.net)

**Donna Stepp Pierce** lives with spouse Gene ('58) in North Branch.

**Bradley Whipps** and wife Eunice Miller Whipps ('63) live in North Branch. loves cabin family time, hunting, oil painting, his movie camera. [ebwhipps@yahoo.com](mailto:ebwhipps@yahoo.com)

1963

**Judy Bocklund Anderson** lives with husband Clennan Anderson ('61) in Eau Claire WI

**Rick Hals** lives with spouse Kathy in North Branch

**Edwin Krueger** and spouse Karen live in Clovis, CA, where he is still active as a Lutheran Minister. [edinclovis@me.com](mailto:edinclovis@me.com)

**Harold Thoreen** and spouse Erlinda live in Lindstrom. [tork5@frontier.com](mailto:tork5@frontier.com)

**Eunice Miller Whipps** and husband Bradley ('62) live in North Branch. working at school District office, enjoys hockey, soccer, and musical concerts.

1964

**Jim Carr** and spouse Linda Parson Carr ('65) live in Sauk Rapids. [jlcarr3@charter.net](mailto:jlcarr3@charter.net)

**Jon Dresel** lives with spouse Cathy in Hot Spring AR

**Dan Forschler** and spouse Becky Karsky Forschler (65) live in Stacy. Dan is President of the Alumni Association. [forschlerd@gmail.com](mailto:forschlerd@gmail.com)

**Cheryl Hesse Bistodeau** lives in North Branch Still working part time at Trinity Lutheran.

**Jim and Donna Lynn Nelson** live in North Branch, love townhouse living and wintering in Texas. 651-674-5425

**Jim Olson and Kathy Swanson Olson** live in Harris. Kathy is a Board Member of the Alumni Association. [kathyolson55@msn.com](mailto:kathyolson55@msn.com)

**Lorna Olson** is loving retirement in St. Paul

**Shanon Wilcox Olson** lives in Stanchfield with spouse Dallas. Winters in AZ [huspabaken@aol.com](mailto:huspabaken@aol.com)

1965

**Nancy Kay Anderson Boyce** and husband Gene live in Cumberland WV. [boyce21@verizon.net](mailto:boyce21@verizon.net)

**Marge Bartusch Alden** lives in Shafer with spouse Scott Nyborg. Winters in FL, enjoys theatre, traveling, kaycking

**Char Brooker** lives with husband Gene Memmenga in Maplewood. She was honored this year with the Izaak Walton League's Hall of Fame Award for her work with the organization. Her advocacy to our Minnesota environmental issues is well known. [brook051@umn.edu](mailto:brook051@umn.edu)

**Linda Carr** and spouse Jim ('64) live in Sauk Rapids. [jlcarr3@charter.net](mailto:jlcarr3@charter.net)

**Kathleen Fahrion** lives in Duluth and still teaches school.

**Becky Karsky Forschler** and husband Dan ('64) live in Stacy. She is a member of the Alumni Association Board. [forschlerb@gmail.com](mailto:forschlerb@gmail.com)

**Mike Nelson** lives with wife Barb in North Branch. Enjoy golfing, church activities,

travel, American Swedish Institute and family. Mike is a member of the Alumni Association Board. [mnelson47@midco.net](mailto:mnelson47@midco.net)

**Steve and Laura Olson Newton** live in Cambridge, where Steve is Pastor of Lakeside Christian Church. Laura is a retired RN, formerly with Fairview Lakes Home Caring & Hospice. [lccpastorsteve@gmail.com](mailto:lccpastorsteve@gmail.com)

**Karen Nelson Palmer** and husband Rick live in Maple Grove. [palmer.karen@dorsey.com](mailto:palmer.karen@dorsey.com)

1966

**Joan Dresel** lives in North Branch. [dreseljm@gmail.com](mailto:dreseljm@gmail.com)

**Donald Karsky** and spouse Julie live in St. Croix Falls. [2karsky@centurytel.net](mailto:2karsky@centurytel.net)

**Rick Lofboom** and wife Debbie Harris Lofboom ('69) live in Harris. [rlfboom@gmail.com](mailto:rlfboom@gmail.com)

**Doug Nelson** lives with spouse Jenny in Edina [dnelson@theminikahdaclub.com](mailto:dnelson@theminikahdaclub.com)

1967

**Gary and Gail Anderson VandeKamp** live in North Branch. Gail is a member of the Alumni Association board. [gg67@izoom.net](mailto:gg67@izoom.net)

**Jim Byers** lives with spouse Molly Halls Beyers ('70) in Grantsburg WI

**Tom Hals** and spouse Candi Holt ('69) Live in North Branch. He runs his own sewer and water construction company, Hydrocon, begun in 1983. Enjoys and Gopher hockey. the Twins and Vikings.

**Laurie Calander Hansen** lives in Webster WI with spouse Paul. she works as a security dispatch at St Croix Casino. [lauriejh2013@yahoo.com](mailto:lauriejh2013@yahoo.com)

**Darlene Frans DuBois** lives in Stacy

**Marlene (Missy) Leland Gertz** lives in Savage with Spouse Bob. She is adjunct consultant with Personnel Decisions Intl. in Mpls. [missy.gertz@live.com](mailto:missy.gertz@live.com)

1968

**Kevan Swenson** and spouse Sharon Aho Swenson ('71) live in North Branch.

1969

**Candi Holt Hals** lives with spouse Tom Hals ('67) in North Branch. Retired from interior design. Enjoys the class of '69 lunches, everyone from the class is invited to attend! Loves the Twins and the Gophers. Candi is a member of the Alumni Association board. [clhals@msn.com](mailto:clhals@msn.com)

**Gloria Krueger Karsky** lives in North Branch with husband Jerry McFarlane. [gkarsky@gmail.com](mailto:gkarsky@gmail.com)

**Debbie Harris Lofboom** and spouse Rick ('66) live in Harris.

**Grace Olson Merritt** lives in Roberts WI with spouse Joel. [gracem5050@frontier.com](mailto:gracem5050@frontier.com)

**John Pohl** lives with spouse Judy in North Branch

1970

**Marlene (Molly) Halls Byers** lives in Grantsburg WI with husband Jim

**John Goranson** lives in Golden Valley with spouse Pam. [parknic@comcast.net](mailto:parknic@comcast.net)

1971

**Sharon Aho Swenson** lives in North Branch with spouse Kevan.

**David Karsky** lives in Wyoming with spouse Barb. "Love travel, coin collecting and amateur prospecting."

**Tom Leland** and spouse Marcy live in Afton, MN. [tomleland@yahoo.com](mailto:tomleland@yahoo.com)

**Pam Smith Goranson** lives in Golden Valley with spouse John ('70)

1972

**Sheryl Mellgren** lives in Chisago City She is Building Inspector for the city of Oakdale. [sherylmellgren@yahoo.com](mailto:sherylmellgren@yahoo.com)

**Glenn Pierce** lives with spouse Sherri in North Branch. He is currently gaming manager and Adjutant for American Legion Post #85. [glenn@glennpierce.com](mailto:glenn@glennpierce.com)

**Michelle Still** lives with husband Jim Still ('76) in North Branch

**Eric Strom** and spouse Deb live in Eden Prairie. [crusheroat53@gmail.com](mailto:crusheroat53@gmail.com)

1973

**Barbara Hesse Hensch** lives in North Branch with spouse Dennis.

**Connie Sellman**

1974

**Barbara Johnson Anderson** Lives in North Branch with spouse David; works at Isanti County Family Services.

**Debbie Zillmer Hoppe** and spouse Bruce ('76) live in Stacy. [debbiehoppe@hotmail.com](mailto:debbiehoppe@hotmail.com)

1975

**Denise Grissman Fossen** lives in Black Duck MN with spouse Kevin. [dfossen001@luthersem.edu](mailto:dfossen001@luthersem.edu)

**DaVonna "Davy" Larson Uecker** lives with spouse Jerry in Mitchell SD

1976

**Sandy Behringer Nadeau** lives with spouse Ron in Kittredge CO. She just got her first book published: *Red Gold*, an inspirational mystery set in Colorado. [rsnadeau@msn.com](mailto:rsnadeau@msn.com)

**Julie Butler Praus** lives in Zumbrota with spouse Tom. works as residential designer & building inspector. [cornerstonedesign@frontier.com](mailto:cornerstonedesign@frontier.com)

**Scott Grams** lives in Ramsey MN. Hobbies include MN Vikings, riding the Harley, bicycling, officiating high school football and basketball. [sgrams84@comcast.net](mailto:sgrams84@comcast.net)

**Bruce Hoppe** and spouse Debbie ('74) live in Stacy. [hoppe17@hotmail.com](mailto:hoppe17@hotmail.com)

**Scott Jochum** lives in Mohtomedi. [kau58@hotmail.com](mailto:kau58@hotmail.com)

**Anna Schmidt Gilkerson** lives with spouse Ward in North Branch.

**Jim Still** lives with spouse Michelle ('72) in North Branch

**James Totten** and spouse Claire live in Tallahassee FL. [jtmdclt@aol.com](mailto:jtmdclt@aol.com)

**1977**

**Tammy Benson Orgel** lives with spouse Mark in Eau Claire WI.

**Timothy Faribanks and spouse Holly Bistodeau Fairbanks** live in North Branch. Holly is a member of the Alumni Association Board. [HFairbanck77@yahoo.com](mailto:HFairbanck77@yahoo.com)

**Diane Nelson** lives in St. Paul, an RN at St. Paul Children's Hospital. Volunteers at American Swedish Institute. 651-699-8418

**1980**

**Ronald Rollins** lives in North Branch with spouse Diane. Ron is running for Chisago County Sheriff this year. [rollins0925@gmail.com](mailto:rollins0925@gmail.com)

**Peggy Stone Chambers** lives in Chisago City.

**1981**

**Thomas A. Dorin** lives with spouse Katy in Superior WI. works for Canadian National Railroad. [tomkat1098@aol.com](mailto:tomkat1098@aol.com)

**David Meyers** and spouse Ruth live in Brooklyn Park

**Chris Ruddy** and spouse Jackie live in Stacy. [chris-jackieforever@msn.com](mailto:chris-jackieforever@msn.com)

**1982**

**Dean Anderson** lives in Des Moines IA, working 30 years at Wells Fargo. 515-229-4335

**1983**

**Rachel Karsky Hurd** lives in Centerville with spouse Wayne. She is a hair stylist. [rachel4h@aol.com](mailto:rachel4h@aol.com)

**Denise Kultala Neisz** lives in Coon Rapids with spouse Hans.

**Ed Seeman** lives in Inver Grove Heights. [thunderbirdsflysc@yahoo.com](mailto:thunderbirdsflysc@yahoo.com)

**Paul St. Aoro** and wife Tina live in Blaine, 763-767-0697

**Doris Zacho** and husband Zachary live in Chisago City. [dzacho@ci.chisago.mn.us](mailto:dzacho@ci.chisago.mn.us)

**1984**

**Roy Ramberg** and spouse Kelly Peterson Ramberg ('86) live in North Branch. [randk@q.com](mailto:randk@q.com)

**Debbie Crabtree Sorgaard** lives in St. Croix Falls with spouse Richard. Loves farming, fishing and gardening. [debbie837@juno.com](mailto:debbie837@juno.com)

**Keith Peterson** lives in Kokomo IN with spouse Angela. employed by HP as project manager. [keith.peterson@comcast.net](mailto:keith.peterson@comcast.net)

**1985**

**Brett Crow** lives in Esko MN with spouse **Jill Schaefer Crow**.

**1986**

**Kelly Peterson Ramberg** and spouse Roy live in North Branch. [randk@q.com](mailto:randk@q.com)

**1987**

**JoAnn Nelson Dolezalek** lives in Stacy with spouse Chuck, manages Nelson Auto Sales in North Branch. [nelsonauto@juno.com](mailto:nelsonauto@juno.com)

**Carene Kreft Johnson** lives in North Branch with spouse Joel.

**Troy W. Maassen** lives in North Branch. [troymaassen@hotmail.com](mailto:troymaassen@hotmail.com)

**Lisa Rudolph Walton** lives in Olivia MN with spouse Aaron Walton ('93)

**1990**

**Ann Nelson Mell** and spouse **Branden Mell** live in Rush City. [brandenandann@hotmail.com](mailto:brandenandann@hotmail.com)

**1993**

**Jason Anderson** lives in St. Paul.

**Adam Donahue** lives in North Branch and works for Lakes Region EMS. He is pursuing

an Organizational Leadership BA at Bethel University.

**Aaron Walton** lives in Olivia MN with spouse Lisa Rudolph Walton ('87). Aaron is an attorney, Lisa a homeschooling mom.

**1994**

**Trista Johnson Matheny** lives in Harris

**Cory Parsons** and wife Christina live in North Branch. Cory is a member of the Alumni Association Board. [coryparsons@livingbranch.org](mailto:coryparsons@livingbranch.org)

**1995**

**Sara Nelson Prosen** lives in Esko MN with spouse Tim.

**1997**

**Beth Karsky Haglin** lives in Howard Lake with spouse Dan. Teaches at Maple Lake Elementary.

**1998**

**Pete Benolken** lives in Mendota Heights with spouse Jennifer

**Corey Whipps** lives in St. Paul

**1999**

**Stephanie Balfanz Deiss** lives in Bloomington with spouse Thomas

**Karl Swenson** and spouse Shannon live in North Branch. Karl farms in Kost with brother, Kurt.

**2001**

**Kurt Swenson** and spouse **Michelle Hammer** farm in Kost.

**2002**

**Christine R. Scaramell Larson** lives with husband Mathew in North Branch. She is President of the North Branch Beautification Association, Director at the area Chamber of Commerce, owner of Empire Insurance Group. [clarson@aibme.com](mailto:clarson@aibme.com)

**2003**

**Katherine Swenson** lives in North Branch and works at Claire's in the NB Outlet.

## ur teachers

A note from Carroll Peterson ('47) of Colorado asks if anyone remembers **Marian Bye**, music teacher in the 40s, "You may have heard that after she left NBHS, her group, the Honeydreamers, sang on Kay Kyser's program on TV, as well as on Ed Sullivan and many other shows. I found that I could still buy a CD from Amazon.com called 'An Evening with the Honeydreamers'. I ordered it, and there she is on the label, looking just as I remember her, and sounding like we tried to sound in 1945-46."

Many former students gathered in January to remember **Walter P. Aho**, shop teacher during the 50s, 60s and 70s. Many alumni echoed the feelings that Wally taught many life lessons in his classes along with wood and construction.

And in March, former NBHS Administrator **Grant White** passed away. He retired in 1992.

**Tony Aho**, teacher in our system for over 20 years, died in June of this year. He was also head wrestling coach.

Long Time English and Media teacher **Ron Proux**, passed away in July of this year. He is especially remembered by his first class, the students of 1965. He attended their class reunions and kept in touch personally with so many.

# Special Donations for Scholarships and Newsletter expenses

The Alumni Association extends a special "Thank You" to these generous donors who provided full \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors this year:

(2) Gene Pierce ('58) and Donna Stepp Pierce ('62)  
Bonnie Lawrence Conati ('60)  
(2) Max Malmquist ('58)  
Carolyn Dahl ('62)  
Duane Samuelson ('58) and Patsy Edblad Forrest ('57)  
Class of 1969 in memory of Steve Bistodeau

For information on becoming a full scholarship donor, contact us by email: [nbalumni@yahoo.com](mailto:nbalumni@yahoo.com)

And thank you to the following Alumni Association members who made contributions beyond their membership fees, to be used towards scholarships and Association expenses.

Howard F. Johnson ('38)	Eugene Egelkraut ('53) and	Rosemary Collins Petty ('62)
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Luella Sellman Johnson ('40)	Bruce Burda ('54)	Rita Olson Doble ('62)
Helen Ledin Meier ('40)	James Fenner ('54)	Edwin Krueger ('63)
Helen Gould Herman ('40)	Rose Cheeney Harris ('54)	Dan Forschler ('64) and
Jenny Johnson Cook ('40)	Russell Swanson ('54) and	Becky Karsky Forschler ('65)
Ellwood W. Norquist ('41)	Lois Carlson Swanson ('55)	Jim Nelson ('64) and
Florence Johnson LaPlante ('42)	Dave Scherer ('55)	Donna Lynn Nelson ('64)
Bernette Johnson Wikelius ('43)	Jerry Blomquist and	Lorna Olson ('64)
Harriet Johnson Ryberg ('46)	Bette Richie Blomquist ('56)	Char Brooker ('65)
Willard Moline ('46)	Gerald Thoreen ('56)	Karen Nelson Palmer ('65)
Marjorie Ogren Jamieson ('47)	Harriet Paulson Johnson ('56)	Jim Byers ('67) and
Glenn H. Nordin ('47)	Class of 1957	Molly Halls Byers ('70)
Merle Lundeen ('48)	Marlene Erickson Stone ('58)	Grace Olson Merritt ('69)
Phyllis Spletstoeszer Olson ('49)	Dan & Sandra Hals Johnson ('58)	John Goranson ('70) and
Jack Stock ('49)	Ken Norberg ('58)	Pamela Smith Goranson ('71)
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Jerry Bewson ('50)	Phyllis Swanson Mead ('59)	Bruce Hoppe ('76) and
Elton Bensen ('50) and	Clair Voshell ('59)	Debbie Zillmer Hoppe ('74)
Jeannette Dahlquist Benson ('57)	Karen Benson ('60)	Scott Grams ('76)
Willia Peterson ('51)	Clennan Anderson ('61) and	Diane Nelson ('77)
Harriet Spletstoeszer Buelow ('52)	Judy Bocklund ('63) Anderson	Tammy Benson Orgel ('77)
Duane Damm ('52)	Michael Stephens ('61)	Beth Karsky Haglin ('97)
and Barbara Larson Damm ('52)	Delmore Johnson ('61) and	Richard Baertsch
Class of 1953	Mary Peterson Johnson ('62)	

# Departed From Us

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1931 - Ethel Grey Andrews	1942 - Gladys Swanson Jepsen (2010)	1956 - Jack Sybrant
1935 - Lorraine Peterson Olson	Dean R. Goebe	David Swenson
Gordon W. Gustafson	1943 - Marjorie Erickson Brown	Carol Johnson Hanson
Ruth Dietrich Mills	1944 - Vernetta Lillian Bloomquist	Jerry Blomquist
Rena Burda Osborn	Harold A. Nelson	Carol Ann Tromsness
Norman F. Collins	Carol Paulson Sandberg	1957 - Marvin G. "Swede" Nelson
1936 - Gertrude Johnson Lindo	1946 - Geneva Bostow Rose	Emillie G. Elmstrand Stenberg
1938 - Phyllis Hamerstrom Lindberg	Wally Trulson	1958 - Wayne Phillips
1939 - Russel Anderson	1947 - Isabel Swanson Williams	1968 - Glenn Parsons
1940 - Laurel Grey Reed	Marion Paulson Stinchfield	1970 - James Roy Swenson
1941 - Ethel Dorothy Maaske Boettcher	1948 - Gayle Adair Bullis	1975 - Ray Splittstoser
Warren G. Nelson	Coletta Talbot Sayre	1977 - MaryJane Pittman Hanson
Violet Hawkinson Olson	1949 - Jeanette (Teeny) Swanson Jones	1995 - Jeremy L. Nelson
Ethelyn Carlson Phenow	1952 - Jerald Anderson	2009 - Krista Rae Humphreys
	1953 - Bruce Lindstrom	

## A Special Tribute

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by Sharalyn Blomquist Olson '58, Pete Lindberg '64

Phyllis Lindberg of North Branch passed away on February 28, 2014 at age 93. Phyllis was the driving force behind creation of the NBHS Alumni Association in September of 1992.

Born in 1920 in North Branch, Phyllis graduated with the NBHS class of 1938. She attended St. Cloud State Teachers College for 2 years, which was the requirement for a teaching degree in those days. Her first teaching assignment at age 20 in 1940 was the Stark school. In 1941 she moved on to the Victoria school district west of the Twin Cities, where she taught throughout World War II. She married Carl Lindberg on his return from the war, and raised a family, putting her teaching career on the back burner. But she never stopped being involved with North Branch schools. She played a role in creating a kindergarten program in 1957, and bringing a "Bookmobile" program to the city in the 60s. Phyllis ultimately earned a Masters Degree in Special Education. She taught in North Branch until 1986.



Her accomplishments on behalf of the Alumni Association include:

- Organized an all school reunion in 1990
- the first NBHS Alumni Association membership meeting was in 1992. It was organized to establish scholarships, facilitate communication between alumni through newsletters, create pride and develop continuity from student to alumnus.
- Organized the publication of the "Memories Book 1909-1990"
- Phyllis wrote the newsletter content by hand each year, beginning in 1992.
- She kept the spirit of the association alive by acting as historian and writer.
- Phyllis tirelessly sought out alumni for updated addresses to build a database of all classes dating back to the earliest years of NBHS

To Phyllis Lindberg, the school and local churches were what binds our small community together. Annual graduations were right up there with Memorial Day and 4th of July holidays. She truly loved the people of this community and saw the school as a conduit that binds us all together.

# Memorials

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Special Contributions were made to the Alumni Association  
in memory of the following:

In memory of Lorraine Peterson Olson ('35)  
by Friends and Family,  
by Steve and Laura Newton ('65)  
by Maile Fahrion ('43)  
by the "Gals of '65": Marge A., Char B., Dawn C.,  
Becky F., Bev M., Kathy P., Karen S.

In memory of deceased classmates of the class of '41  
by Archie Peers ('41)

In memory of relatives, classmates and friends, to be  
used for the continuing publication of the Alumni News,  
by John Peterson ('46) & Sharon Conger Peterson ('56)

In memory of Jeanette Swanson Jones ('49)  
by Irma Magnison Ekstrom ('49)  
by Beverly Schmidt Anderson Otterness ('51)  
by Ray Jones ('51) and Eleanor Schmidt Jones ('53)

In memory of Dorothy Nelson  
by Mike Nelson ('65)

In memory of Glen Anderson ('37) and Alta Anderson  
Paul ('35)  
by Gary and Gail Anderson Vande Kamp ('67)

In memory of Corky Strom ('46)  
by Eric & Deb Strom ('72)

In memory of Dorothy Karsky, for raising six North  
Branch graduates ('65-'83)  
by Dawn ('65) and Dick ('59) Carlson

In memory of Warren Nelson ('41)  
by Mike Nelson ('65)

In memory of Wally Aho  
by Beverly Schmidt Anderson Otterness ('51)

In memory of Jerald Anderson ('52)  
by Beverly Schmidt Anderson Otterness ('51)

In memory of sisters Carol Paulson Sandberg ('44) and  
Marion Paulson Stinchfield ('47)  
by Harriet Paulson Johnson ('56)

In memory of deceased classmates of 1956  
by Harriet Paulson Johnson

In memory of Vergie Olson ('39)  
by Phyllis Lindberg ('38)

In memory of Byron Leland  
by Missy Leland ('67)

In memory of brothers Steve Bistodeau ('64) and John  
Bistodeau ('74)  
by Timothy and Holly Bistodeau Fairbanks ('77)

In memory of Phyllis Lindberg ('38)  
by Peter ('64), Paul ('67), Carla ('70), Perry ('72)  
and Clark ('76)  
by Connie Boyce Johnson ('42)  
by Brad ('74) & Julie Wilcox  
by Jeff ('65) & Gloria Wilcox  
by Delmore ('61) & Mary ('62) Johnson  
by Arline Hammerstrom Broten ('40)  
by Irma Magnison Ekstrom  
by Cheryl Hesse Bistodeau ('64)  
by Nicholas Lindberg  
by Maile Fahrion ('43)

In memory of Dean Goebel  
by Connie Boyce Johnson ('42)

In memory of Barbara Olson Stone ('49)  
by Jerol Olson ('56)

In memory of Jerome Blomquist ('56)  
by Mike ('65) & Barb Nelson  
by the Class of 1956

In memory of brother, Bruce Johnson ('62) and sister  
Lorna Johnson Kinney ('64)  
by Karen Johnson Rayapati ('61)

In memory of Grant White  
by Dan & Sandy Johnson ('58)  
by Bev Schmidt Anderson Otterness ('51)

In memory of Mary Jane Pittman Hanson ('77)  
by Bev Schmidt Anderson Otterness ('51)

In memory of Swede Nelson ('57)  
by Maile Fahrion ('43)

In memory of Ron Proulx  
by Dan ('64) & Becky ('65) Forschler  
by Mike ('65) & Barb Nelson

# 50th Anniversary Class: 1964

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# Class Reunions

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## Class of 1953 60th year Reunion

*Diane Turner, Audrey Brown  
Johnson, Melvin White,  
Bonita Benson Davis,  
Marlene Rystrom Egelkraut,  
Eugene Egelkraut, Marilyn  
Jarchow Humble, Roger  
Humber, Lavonne Gustafson  
Rystrom, Bill Colwell*

*Eleanor Schmidt Jones,  
Janet Peterson Erickson,  
Eileen Blomquist Fisk, Wilma  
Szymanski Thunstrom,  
Annette Sedlund*



**Class of 1957  
57 year Reunion as the  
classmates turn 75**

**A Memorial Service celebrating  
the life of teacher Ron Proulx**  
gathers members of the class of  
1965, and teachers Bruce Walker,  
Bev Roth Proulx and Ron Hult.



Class of 1989  
25 Year Reunion



Class of 2004  
10 Year Reunion

Please let us know of your upcoming class reunion. We'll post it on the website, and would be glad to stop in at your gathering with some interesting memorabilia from your years in school. Submit your reunion photo to our email, and we'll put you in the next Alumni Newsletter.

#### Name the Year answers

1. 1988 - Wrestling: T. Walker, T. Olund, M. Hinkl, I. Oquist, A. Noyes
2. 1939 - Marjorie Youngquist, Luella Sellman, Frederick Lindquist, Lucille Sellman, Ardys Peterson
3. 1958 - Carolyn Miller, Corrine Kokanson, Sharon Swanson, Karen Johnson, Karen Olson
4. 1947 - Ethel Tunberg, Joyce Poole, Mae Brown, Jeanette Swanson
5. 1972 - "B" squad: W. Whitman, L. Steele, K. Streater, G. Pepin, S. Elmstrand.

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