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PHS ALUMNI LION'S PRIDE

Fall 2015 Newsletter

Letter From The President

Greetings fellow Lions! The Board of Directors of the Peoria High School Alumni Association (PHSAA) looks forward to another year of serving the alumni and students of the nation's oldest continual high school west of the Allegheny Mountains.

I am so honored to serve as Board President of the PHSAA and provide an annual letter. In that capacity, I find that this year's President's Letter takes on more of a personal flavor. Honestly, it has been a difficult year. This past January, I lost both my dear mother-in-law, Corrine Schureman (Aurora High School, Aurora IN – Class of 1949) and my amazing father, Charles Richard Neumiller (Peoria High School – Class of 1949). In addition, the PHS Class of '49 suffered another loss in June with the passing of my friend and fellow PHSAA Board Member, Dr. George Kottemann.

The loss of my father has led to much reflection and contemplation, and more than once, Peoria High School has been part of that reflection. As the fifteenth member of my family to attend Peoria High School, all but three family members in the "new" (current) building, I think about the many times that we walked the same hallways. I remember the many high school stories Dad told me including his experience of being editor of *The Opinion*, and publishing the first April Fools' issue. I reflect on the many things he taught me about life including character, service, and humor. I am sad that I no longer have a standing father-daughter "date" for the annual PHSAA Gold Lion Lunch.

Overall, it continues to amaze me how much our lives are shaped by our high school years. The PHSAA mission is to, "Maintain the tradition of Peoria High School by providing support, recognition, and leadership to the school, its students and its alumni." We work hard to deliver our mission on behalf of both the current, as well as the future alumni of Peoria High School.

The PHSAA helps underwrite student scholarships through our Scholarship Program and helps meet the needs of current students via the Future Alumni Fund. The Future Alumni Fund functions to help meet small needs of our current students to help them stay in school. For example, helping with the costs for a college entrance exam, or purchasing toothbrushes for a health class. It could be helping a family buy groceries due to the layoff of a parent. The PHSAA Board works closely with Principal Brett Elliott in regard to understanding current student body needs.

I invite you to take part in helping meet the mission of the Alumni Association. We ask that you recognize your high school experience by sending a gift to the Alumni Association that equals one dollar for every year that you have been an alumnus. I especially encourage such a gift especially if you are part of a reunion class this year. For example, a \$35 gift for scholarships is a wonderful way to celebrate your 35th Reunion.

Please let us know whether you would like your gift to help fund scholarships or the Future Alumni Fund.

Also, the Alumni Association can help with the reunion planning by making alumni mailing lists available, to serve as a speaker at a reunion, and offer tours of the school building. Contact LaVerne Wilson for more information at 309-682-4854 or email at pshalumni@yahoo.com.

It is an honor to serve all of you, as well as this wonderful association! Go Lions!

CLASS NOTES . . .

Ralph Lawler '56 was inducted into the Greater Peoria Sports Hall of Fame in January, 2015. He was inducted into the PHS Hall of Fame in 2009. Lawler is in his 36th season as the broadcast voice of the Los Angeles Clippers. He joins a storied list of hall of fame broadcasters who launched their careers from Peoria, including Jack Brickhouse and Chick Hearn. Lawler will also be inducted into the 2016 Class of the Hollywood Walk of Fame. The selection was from hundreds of nominations from motion picture, radio, television, recording, and live theatre performance. (Excerpts Journal Star by Kirk Wessler)

Jerold Horn '59 Peoria attorney has been selected as the "Trusts and Estates Lawyer of the Year" for metropolitan Illinois outside of Chicago by the Best Lawyers in America publication. The American Bar Association recently released the fifth edition of Horn's book "Flexible Trusts and Estates for Uncertain Times." The 861 page book is considered a one-of-a-kind guide on the use of various trusts. Horn graduated from Princeton University and received his law degree from Yale Law School. He is a fellow and past president of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. (Excerpts Journal Star)

Jay McCormick '60 and Diane Rouleau celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family trip to the Dominican Republic in June, 2014. They were married in 1964 at Riverside Presbyterian Church in Riverside, IL. They have two children, Mic (and Kathy) McCormick of Metamora, and Mary (and Scott) Mayer of Coral Gables, FL and two grandchildren. Jay retired as principal of Richwoods High School, with 30 years of service in Peoria Public Schools District 150. Diane was also in teaching at District 150. (Excerpts Journal Star)

Alex "Sandy" Brazier '69 attended Belleville Area Junior College for flight training until 1972 when he entered the US Military and advanced thru the ranks of enlisted officer and retired in August 2008 as a Major. After leaving the military, he started his own aviation business listed as www.PegasusPilotServices.com which delivers aircraft and training flight crews all over the free world.

The Comeback Kid from PHS wins NBA Championship on Golden State Warriors Team

Shaun Livingston '04 has traveled many miles and survived physical pain to prove faith, stamina, and perseverance does indeed pay off. He's paid his dues and now has been rewarded. Many of you have heard and read the story many times about Shaun's horrific injury back in 2007 playing for the Clippers. He had dislocated his knee, and was told by doctors he may have to have his leg amputated. He had passed up a scholarship to play for Duke right out of PHS to sign on with the NBA, and then comes the injury.

Once he was touted as a 6-foot-7 version of Magic Johnson, with a sky's the limit career, now where was he going to go from here? When he started is rehab, they told him his injured knee had the range of motion of a 90 year old man. After rehab, he played for nine teams in seven seasons, playing several games and then released. He had a nice run with the Brooklyn Nets last season, then signed with the Warriors, and was put in their rotation. No small feat making it with the best team in the NBA regular season. Now, here he was, saving Golden State's bacon in a game it had to have. Livingston scored 16 points in the first half and 18 in the game.



That Thursday night, Golden State won again for a 2-0 lead in the series. Livingston made all four of his shots and also had four rebounds. Shaun Livingston has comeback! Keep an eye on number 34 next season with the Golden State Warriors. I can't wait so stay tuned! Thanks Shaun for making us all proud and beaming back at PHS. (Excerpts Los Angeles Times, Bill Dwyre)

Jerry Sweet '69 and Shaun Livingston '04 are enjoying the NBA Championship Trophy from the Golden State Warriors. Shaun brought back the trophy to Peoria to share for a few days with PHS Community, Alumni, family, and friends.

PDC/Peoria Disposal Company Lead by Royal Coulter '65

PDC has been a family business since 1928 when John Coulter started hauling trash with a single truck. The business continued to be run by Melvin, Royal's Uncle and Elmer, his father, who passed on this year at the age of 83. Royal took the helm as President in 1983. His Uncle Melvin's experience in the trenches of the competitive waste industry proved invaluable as the company blossomed in the 1990s, noting that PDC is now ranked as the 26th largest waste disposal company in the country. PDC still remains a family business which includes Royals' three sons, Chris, Jeff, and Matt, and Melvin's two sons, Kevin and Todd also work for the company. Royal feels they are also blessed with great employees for whom he has now added a training and exercise room to the companies offices on Sterling. The company encourages a fitness and wellness program for their staff. The business handles garbage collection for Peoria and 39 other communities. (Excerpts Journal Star, Steve Tarter)

Peoria High Announcements

Mentoring of Students/Alumni Opportunity

We have had a few inquiries from some of our professional alumni offering to mentor our PHS Students by coming to talk with them in the classroom environment. They would discuss how they got started in their careers, and answer questions students may have about getting started in careers or vocational choices in general.

Please call the alumni office at 309-682-4854 to offer your services and we will schedule this wonderful opportunity for the students with our teaching staff.

Future Alumni Fund established by PHSAA in 2010

The Future Alumni Fund has been invaluable to PHS. These funds have been used for a variety of needs designated by our Principal, Brett Elliott, to include ACT testing fees, ACT tutoring, college application fees, college visits, food and clothing for kids in need, sports physical fees, and support for students with children to prevent drop out.

Today's PHS students have more critical needs and challenges than ever and it is a reminder that our PHSAA needs to redirect some of our energy and financial resources to help the students so they can be successful during their high school years at PHS. Please consider giving an additional amount this year to help support this worthwhile fund.

PHS Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees for 2015

In May, 2015 the PHSAA inducted the following teams and individuals into our PHS Athletic Hall of Fame. A catered luncheon was held in their honor at our PHS Foyer.

- 2003/2004 Boys Basketball Team
- Loretta Carroll '99
- Dave Holden '64
- Kelly Hubert '87
- Doug Ivers '63
- Shaun Livingston '04
- Jack Lulay '55
- Bill Morton '79
- Daniel Ruffin '03
- Barbara Rula, Coach
- Ron Sell, Coach
- 1987 Track Team 800 Meter Relay
- 2002 4 X 100 Track Team

Jim Shadid '75 our U.S. District Court Chief Judge connects with sixth grade students who are part of the Horizons Club, a career and education program from D150 at Glen Oak Community Learning Center. This is a career and education program about making the kind of choices that will make them successful and achieve their goals in life. The program is offered at Calvin Coolidge, Rolling Acres, Von Steuben, Thomas Jefferson and Glen Oak which encompasses grades kindergarten to sixth grade. About 150 students in sixth-to eighth grades meet once a week during their lunch hour and listen to speakers ranging from engineers, architects, cosmetologists and graphic designers. They also learn study skills, goal setting and actions they need to take to achieve their goals. Shadid told them about his dream of becoming a professional baseball player and how dreams sometimes have to change course. He became serious and said making the right choices and decisions in life are very important as you don't want to end up in front of a judge someday making those decisions for you. (Excerpts Journal Star by Pam Adams)

Sung Jin Hong '93 had a sold out performance of "Breaking Bad-Ozymandias" (2014). One World Symphony's new season of Operasodes has garnered international press again. UK's The Guardian interviewed Sung Jin Hong and broke the story with a feature. Some of the press include publications from Iran, Israel, Indonesia, Turkey, Hungary, Greece, Portugal, France, and The New York Times. Operasodes explores how New Girls have been making a splash in opera for more than two centuries.

A.J. Guyton '96 was inducted into the University of Indiana's Athletics Hall of Fame in November of 2014. Guyton was the team's MVP all four of the years he played at IU (1997-2000). Guyton was named Big Ten player of the year after his senior year. Guyton was a two-time all-state player at Central. He averaged 19.7 points his senior season at IU and amassed 2100 for his career there. Guyton is still the school's all-time leader in 3-pointers with 283. He was drafted by the Chicago Bulls in the second round of the NBA Draft, and played two season for the Bulls. (Exerpts Journal Star 2014)

Harry Whitaker is a Retired PHS Coach and Principal and District 150 Superintendent for the last 14 years of his career. He was honored at a Peoria City Council meeting in September, 2014, by unofficially re-designating a section of North St. from Main St. to Richmond Ave. as "Supt. Harry F. Whitaker Way" where he spent much of his 30 year career with Dist 150 as a teacher, coach, and administrator. At 87, Harry was humbled, but had to insert his sense of humor by commenting that they should not award such an honor like this before someone passes away stating, "If I run off with a little blonde or something, I'd embarrass all of you." Whitaker has often been noted as the last, best superintendent the district has had during his term from 1974 to 1988. He was noted as a no-nonsense boss, a disciplinarian's disciplinarian, and his emphasis on reading, writing, and arithmetic led to high student achievement. District finances were sound. (Excerpts Journal Star 2014)

Veldez Joshua '07 graduated from Indiana University in Bloomington IN in 2011 with a BSc degree in Informatics. He earned his MSc in May, 2015 from IU as well. With an informatics degree, you can become an IT Analyst, Consultant, or Software Developer. Upon graduating from IU in 2011, he earned a job with the U.S. Department of Defense in the Washington DC Metropolitan area. He worked there for two years before taking an Educational Leave of Absence to pursue his Masters in Security Informatics, commonly referred to as Cybersecurity. He plans to use his degree in security information to ultimately develop computer science summer camps and scholarships for underrepresented communities. In order to accomplish his goals, Veldez plans to return to the Washington D.C. area to work for the United States government. He says the rigor of the Master's program has given him a good grasp of computer security regarding issues policies, and programming, and advises any potential students to be open to various teaching styles because they can all provide valuable perspectives.

Foil for Dribbling Wizard

By Dave Reynolds of the Journal Star:

As a 19-year-old Tulsa University student, Peorian Jay McCormick '60 got a chance to play Harlem Magicians.

In March of 1962, McCormick joined a makeshift team of college kids for a two-game series in Oklahoma against the Harlem Magicians, led by the incomparable Marques Haynes, who recently passed away at the age of 89. "At first, I thought, "How could a guy pass this up?" said McCormick, 73, a retired District 150 Administrator. "But when we walked into the gym at Sand Springs, I was scared to death. I was thinking, I'm going out on the court against Marques Haynes. What am I doing here?"

McCormick's organized basketball career consisted of playing for Dawdy Hawkins at PHS and a brief walk-on stint as a Tulsa freshman. He had played only intramurals since then. McCormick and his teammates, dubbed the Washington Presidents, donned their green uniforms with knee-high green socks and got a surprise pregame visit from the man himself. "Marques comes into our locker room and thanks everybody for playing," McCormick said. "He goes to each guy and shakes our hand and introduces himself. I'm so dry-mouthed, I can't even talk."

When Haynes launched into his famous dribbling act during the game-in which he dribbles the ball while on his knees, lying on his back and assorted other positions-McCormick could only stand and gawk. "I was in awe," he said. As the game proceeded the Presidents played the Magicians nearly even in the first half. Haynes began his dribbling shtick in the third quarter.

This time, McCormick guarded him tightly and went after the ball. "Lo and behold, I knocked the ball away," he said. "He got it back and threw it to their 7-foot center, who dunked it. Later, I walk off the court and I feel this arm around my waist. It's Marques and I'm thinking I'm in deep trouble for messing up his routine. "But he says, 'Kid, that was really good.' He looks up at the crowd and says, 'That's what they came to see.' So I thought I'd get chewed out and instead got a pat on the back."

The Magicians pulled away and won the game by 12 and Haynes paid another visit to the opponent's locker room afterward. "He told me, 'Kid you really did a great job tonight. Keep up the good work,'" McCormick said. "When he walked out the door, I never saw him again, but I've kept my game program with all their signatures 50 years later."

"It was a great experience for me, to say the least. And a lot of it goes back to Dawdy Hawkins teaching me the fundamentals of defense." Hawkins probably never imagined one of his players not only guarding the famous Marques Haynes, but disrupting his dribbling act by tipping the ball away. "I just got lucky," McCormick said. "But what a neat opportunity for a 19-year old kid."

2015 CLASS REUNION DATES

1955	60TH	October 9 & 10, 2015
1960	55th	October 9 & 10, 2015
1965	50th	June 26 & 27, 2015
1975	40th	June 5 & 6, 2015
1985	30th	October 9 & 10, 2015
1990	25th	October 16 & 17, 2015
1995	20th	September 18 & 19, 2015
1966	50th	June 17 & 18, 2016

Class of 1964 Reunion Photos



- Mike Lawless '64 leads his class on a tour in the new atrium while celebrating their 50th Class Reunion in 2014.



- Mike Lawless talks to his 1964 Class during a PHS Reunion Tour



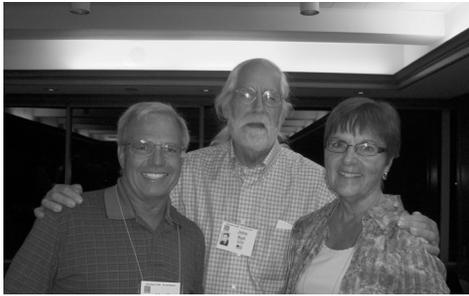
- (L to R) Tom Brubaker, Joe Medvesky, Jan Russel Medvesky and Chuck Neumann celebrating at their 1964 50th Class Reunion



- Class of 1964 celebrating at 50th Reunion weekend singing the PHS Loyalty Song

Shaun Livingston '04 represents the city of Peoria well many times over. He has returned to Peoria to donate his time and money for many endeavors like the PHS Alumni Lions Pride Golf Event, sponsoring numerous basketball camps at PHS, and more recently along with Target donated \$6500 in Target Gift cards for Washington families affected by the November tornado. He spoke this past winter at the Packard Plaza to a group of 200 people at a fundraiser for the Shaun Livingston Foundation and Peoria Area Elite Basketball. His vision for the future of his foundation would be to establish an actual sports academy located in Peoria where teachers teach basketball, baseball, or football. Livingston stated, "This is a great way for me to come back and give to the kids. I just want to be able to inspire our youth and to set a good example." Shaun will be playing for the Golden State Warriors for a three-year contract. He stated on Twitter "Thank you Brooklyn for embracing me.....and Golden State, excited to be part of the movement!!!!" (Excerpts Journal Star 2014)

Christopher D. Howard '04 received a Doctor of Philosophy in neurobiology from Illinois State University in 2014. He graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree from Illinois State University in 2008. He has accepted a post-doctoral position at the Salk Institute in La Jolla, California.



- Moe Trail, John Bell and Jean Hamner Trail - 1963 50th Class Reunion



- Gloria Skeen Cornell, Steve Cornell '59, Phyllis Gibson Jacchi and husband at 1963 50th Class Reunion



- Terry Waldo, Joanne Pflieger Barnwell, and Donna Britton Winkler 1963 50th Class Reunion



- Sunday Brunch at Weaver Ridge Class of 1963 - (L to R back row Nez Shubert Gross, Christy Roth Norvell, Marsha Van Osdol Swardenski, Judie Weisser Greeman and Linda Frasco Osika



- (L to R) Judie Weisser Greenman Lee Swardenski '62, Pat Dragoo Agnoletto, and Marsha Van Osdol Swardenski 1963 50th Class Reunion



- Harry Whittaker and Arlene 1963 Class Reunion



- Vince Ackerman and Ken Pope 1963 50th Class Reunion



- Rick Ashton, Charlotte Madden, Bill Madden, Denny Tilly, Mary Brown ('64) Ackerman, and Vince Ackerman.



- Ana Hays McCracken (center) at 1979 30th Class Reunion



- Franklin Kids: (Back Row) Mary Meisinger Burling, Debbie Schmidt Parrott, John Carrigan and Marty Shulewitz. (Front Row) Gary Bruce, Carole Short Rodgers, Jeanne Beasimer Wineland, Laura Clark Jones, Ron Hayes and Terry Newman.



GO LIONS!



• LaVerne Wilson, PHSAA Administrator, Center of 5 student recipients of PHSAA Kinhofer Scholarship at Spring 2015 PHS Honors Day



• (L to R) Justin Jowers, LaVerne Wilson, PHSAA Administrator, Shaynah Woody and Matthew Dippel attending the 2014 ICC Scholarship dinner honoring the students achievements and their donors.



• Our distinguished alum for 2014 (L to R) Lorin "Dick" Whittaker, Jr. '55, Allison Hanson, accepting for her brother Phillip P. Hoffman '70, and Judge James Shadid '75



• The Ashton boys at a recent Brothers reunion, picture taken at Little Grand Canyon State Park near Carbondale Illinois. L to R: Dr. Jonathan Ashton '72 (anesthesiologist, Carbondale, IL, still practicing); Richard Ashton, 1963 (lawyer, Salt Lake City, UT, retired); David Ashton, 1960 (Chief Pilot, DEA, USA, Dallas TX, retired); Clive Ashton, 1956 (accountant, WABCO, Peoria, IL, retired, now residing in Ogden, UT.

How Two Events Changed My Perspective on Life

By Ana (Hays) McCracken

When my mother dropped my brother and I off for our first day of school at the Werk Schule Merz in Stuttgart, Germany in 1971, I was already able to recite the ABCs and to count from one to 10 in German. It seems I had an aptitude for the language, and within a year spoke it with a flawless Schwäbisch accent. (Stuttgart is located in southern Germany, Schwabenland.) Mom wasn't pleased. High German was better. But Schwäbisch allowed me to slur over the genders die, der, "und" das, and to assimilate into school and the village of Vaihingen-Rohr where we lived.

In 1973, my family moved to Peoria, IL. I was 13, and in the middle of a growth spurt. I felt ugly as a 5'11" 7th grader, with my butt-length hair with winged bangs, braces and glasses. At Thomas Jefferson (TJ) elementary school, the boys delighted in calling me Olive Oil. At Peoria High School (Central), they called me, Tree. At TJ, some of the girls teased me about books I read, and at Central about the clothes I wore. How could I explain that extra money in our house was spent on art and books, not new fall school clothes for me?

Before Peoria, I'd never been teased or witnessed bullying in the two schools I previously attended. Feeling unpopular, and being made the butt of jokes made me sad, and caused me to withdraw, and probably kept me from trying out for things like leads in plays or maybe evening homecoming queen. I wondered if popular guys didn't ask me to school dances because I was tall.

As soon as I was of legal age to work, I applied for my first job at Wendy's. I wanted to buy my own clothes and have my hair styled by someone other than my mother. While I made life-long friends at school, when I graduated from Central and went off to Iowa State I was relieved. I viewed my entire 7th through 12th grade experience in Peoria as a bust. Then later in life, two events changed my mind.

In the early 90's at a party in Chicago where I lived, I ran into one of the girl's who'd teased me. She spotted me across the room and approached. Drinks in hand, backs against a wall we talked for hours about life since graduation, guys, and books. She'd recently moved to Chicago and I hoped we might be friends. During a lull in conversation, bolstered by alcohol, I asked, "Why were you all so mean to me in school?" Without blinking she said, "Because we were jealous. You were worldly, you spoke another language, and you weren't from Peoria." She shrugged. We laughed and started talking about the book, *The Fountainhead*.

As the 30th reunion loomed, Lori and Dave Miller coaxed me to "come back." My experience at the 20th reunion made me swear I'd never attend another. I was certain the 30th was too soon to see the classmate from TJ who'd made my life miserable. Ten years earlier he'd sought me out and regaled me, for what seemed like hours, about his wonderful marriage. He then asked me with a smirk, "So Ana, why aren't you married, yet?" I didn't realize at the time that maybe I hadn't heard his question the way he'd intended.

I assumed he was being cruel because at the time he asked, I didn't know why I wasn't married "yet." I didn't have the self-awareness to realize that I "hadn't wanted to be married yet." Still carrying around my hurt from grade school and high school, I assumed the worst of him.

When, despite my skepticism, I decided to attend the 30th, I vowed to come to the party open minded, and to have fun. It helped I was happy in my career as director of marketing for a hospice, and that I was more comfortable with my life choices, including my marital status. And the reunion had a Facebook page. It created pre-party enthusiasm; gave classmates a glimpse into each other's lives.

When I tell people about the 30th reunion, I tell them it was magical; life altering. The ballroom at the Pere Marquette was electric with laughter, people hugging, everybody mingling. As I felt my preconceived notions about people fall away, I flitted around the room talking to classmates, people I thought I'd never speak to again—even the guy from TJ.

Following the official party in a bar across the street from the Marquette, I found myself talking to four guys from my German classes. "You know," said one of them, "we used to copy off of you during tests. You always got A's. We had so much fun together making fun of Edna (our German teacher)." Suddenly memories of laughing and joking with them in class came back to me. School hadn't been so bad, I realized.

As we said our goodbyes, another said, "You know why I came to the reunion, Ana?" I shook my head. "Because I wanted to know how everyone turned out; that everyone is alright." In a million years, in English or German, I couldn't have said it better. Visit Ana at www.anamccracken.com or [@ananahaysmcc](https://www.instagram.com/ananahaysmcc).

In Memoriam

YEAR	FIRST	LAST	MARRIED	DATE
1924	Rose	Ketay	Berger	2014
1927	Leo	Propp		2014
1929	James	Cramer		2015
1930	Faun	Swaby	Green	2014
1932	Eugene	Herwig		2015
1933	Mary	Crawshaw	Wellbrock	2014
1933	Virginia	Kinsey	Mago	2015
1935	Phyllis	Blair	Marshall	2014
1935	Mabel	Cooper	Elliott	2014
1935	Betty	Fox	Kannapel	2014
1935	Phillip	Kellstedt		2015
1935	Marie	Troth	Poland	2015
1936	Robby	Anderson	Stubbs	2014
1937	Minnie	Pabst	Mertens	2014
1938	Pauline	Becker	Osman	2014
1938	Carl	Snyder		2014
1938	Betty	Taylor	Rapp	2014
1938	John	Verkler		2015
1938	Jean	Jacob	Welch	2015
1939	Dorothy	Cowperthwaite		2014
1939	Kenneth	Legg		2014
1939	Daniel	Knaub		2015
1939	Margaret	Kamp	Orth	2015
1940	William	Evans		2015
1941	Anne	Pattison	Chinuge	2015
1942	Michael	Heller		2014
1942	William	Young		2014
1942	Robert	Edwards		2014
1942	Virginia	Garber	Weaver	2015
1943	Nanette	McCaddon	Meals	2014
1943	Kurt	Griminger		2014
1944	Owen	West		2014
1945	Jack	Cloyd		2014
1945	Donna	Gingerich	Jacobus	2014
1946	Ray	Livasy		2014
1947	Carol	Brandon	McRoberts	2014
1947	Nancy	Millikan	Phillips	2015
1947	Randy	McKinney		2014
1947	Nancy	Millikan	Phillips	2015
1948	Doris	Bechtel	Roberg	2014
1948	Nancy	Cloyd	Perryman	2014
1948	Mary Jo	Hatfield	Howells	2015
1949	Robert	Foutch		2014
1949	Clarice	Levine	Flynt	2014
1949	Richard	Neumiller		2015
1949	Joan	Dittmer	Threw	2015
1949	George	Kottemann		2015
1950	Mary	Gorman	Lawler	2014
1950	Stephen	Cohen		2014
1950	Marty	Neumiller	Koch	2015

YEAR	FIRST	LAST	MARRIED	DATE
1951	Wayne	Fields		2015
1952	Elmer	Turow		2014
1952	John	Houghton		2014
1952	Patricia	Shawgo	Powers	2015
1953	Howard	Gerdes		2014
1953	Jean	Rodgers	Murphy	2014
1953	Alan	Turow		2014
1953	William	Trager		2014
1953	Tom	Barnes		2015
1954	Walter	Winget		2014
1954	Robert	Hillyer		2014
1955	Judith	Landis	Petzing	2014
1955	Barb	Derby	Baylor	2014
1955	Walter	Rosenthal		2014
1955	Robert	McCready		2014
1955	John	Martin		2015
1955	Fred	Fisher		2015
1955	Paul	Roffol		2015
1956	Judith	Shubert	Smith	2014
1956	John	Melvin		2014
1956	John	Toms		2014
1957	Arthur	Hermann		2014
1957	Joyce	Pears	McDaniel	2014
1958	Patrick	McElwee		2015
1959	Phillip	Schmidt		2014
1959	Norman	Bruett		2014
1959	Patrick	McElwee		2015
1960	Alex	Fries		2014
1960	Cindy	Kuecker	Strand	2015
1961	Nancy	Crum	Starecky	2014
1961	Marty	Whitmore	Morrison	2014
1961	Nancy	Hysel	Lowery	2015
1961	Ron	Specken		2015
1962	Shirley	Osborne	Coker	2014
1963	Jack	Hall		2014
1963	Paula	Shafer	Claude	2014
1963	Sheryl	Carlson	Blunier	2015
1964	David	Johns		2014
1964	Claudia	Carter	Bailey	2015
1964	Linda	Allenspach	Revere	2015
1965	Jeanette	Diveley	Sell	2014
1966	Linda	Connett	Prescott	2014
1967	Michael	Bown		2014
1968	Mary	Dennis		2014
1968	Randi	Mueller	Capps	2014
1968	Ron	Evans		2014
1968	Daryl	Littlefield		2015
1968	Fred	Graf		2015
1969	Thomas	Marliere		2014
1970	Thomas	Stonebock		2014

YEAR	FIRST	LAST	MARRIED	DATE
1970	Ronald	Johnston		2015
1972	Debra	Rose	Kitts	2015
1973	William	Hofreiter		2014
1973	Joan	Williamson	Scriven	2015
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1977	Russell	Harris		2015
1979	Vernice	Berry		2014
1979	Robert	Herman		2014
1979	Kent	Kunkel		2014
1979	Roger	Lane		2014
1979	Sandy	Lohrman	Semlow	2014
1979	Eric	Meyer		2014
1979	Donna	Nicholas	Vale	2014
1979	Kenneth	Lee		2014
1980	Mary Ann	Vogel	Venardi	2015
1982	Phillip	Goin		2014
1983	Brenda	Williams	Davis	2014
1985	Christine	Granderson	Stinson	2011
1985	Kimberly	Lee	Williams	2011
1986	Kimberly	Hawkins	Hobin	2014
1986	Gregory	Eads		2015
1988	Henry	Hollingsworth II		2014
1990	William	Hawley		2014
1990	Marlon	Johnson		2014
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Notable Obituaries

Richard “Dick” Neumiller ‘49 passed away at 83 on January 2, 2015. Dick was a former mayor and city councilman who participated in the historic vote to fund the Peoria Civic Center by establishing the hotel, restaurant, and amusement tax. The facility opened in 1982. Those who worked with Neumiller in public and private capacities remembered him as fair minded, with a good sense of humor and the will to do what was right. Neumiller worked for CILCO for 25 years and retired as director of legislative affairs for the utility company which later became Ameren.

He was elected to represent the District on the Peoria City Council in 1973 and served for a total of 12 years. He was appointed Mayor when Dick Carver resigned, but did not seek a full term following his service from 1984 to 1985. Roberta Parks commented that he was recognized as “a nuts-and-bolts good government guy.”

He enjoyed the political process, but he enjoyed it because of the results that could be achieved, not for the process itself. He respected the talents and opinions of the staff but did not feel bound by their recommendations if he saw the issue differently. He simply wanted to make Peoria a better place for all of us. Dick was also a longtime photographer; specializing in railroads. His photographs have been published in numerous books and publications and are available for research. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Coolidge of 54 years and 3 children, Jane, Roger and Kate. (Excerpts Journal Star)

George Kottemann ‘49 passed away on June 1, 2015 at 83. George practiced orthodontics in Peoria for 34 years and was active in many local and national professional organizations. He held leadership roles in a number of Peoria civic groups, including the Peoria Art Guild and Easter Seals. With Norma, he helped to establish the Kottemann Gallery of Dentistry at the University of Illinois-Chicago Dental School and the sculpture studio at Bradley University’s Heuser Hall. George was also chairman of the PHS Alumni Association Scholarship committee.

He was instrumental in fundraising and planning for the sculpture “Portal,” recently erected on Washington Street in Peoria. Following his retirement from orthodontic practice, he had a second professional career in forensic dentistry and served with DMORT to identify disaster victims, including several weeks in New York after 9/11. He is survived by his wife, Norma Rodems, of 63 years, and their two children Kathy and Karl. (Excerpts Journal Star)

John W. Melvin ‘56 passed away on July 17, 2014 at 76. He received his B.S., M.S. and Ph.D degrees

in Theoretical and Applied Mechanics from the University of Illinois. Dr. Melvin was a research Scientist at the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute from 1968 to 1985 and an Associate Professor in the Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics Dept. at the University of Michigan from 1978 to 1986.

His major research interest was the biomechanics of impact injury and its application to the protection of vehicle occupants in crashes. His passions for auto racing and car safety came together professionally at General Motors as a Senior Staff Research Engineer at their research laboratories. He conducted research on head and neck injury and racing car crashes for the purpose of improving both racing car and advanced passenger car crash protection. He was instrumental in developing the black box for racecars in 1991 as part of the GM Racing Safety Program.

As a result, his efforts reduced leg injuries and fatalities in the motor sports world. In 2001, Dr. Melvin became a safety consultant for NASCAR. The president of NASCAR, Mike Helton, stated “Nascar and the entire motorsports industry lost a giant on Thursday with the passing of Dr. John Melvin. He was a pioneer in the field of driver safety, particularly in the area of driver restraint systems.” He is survived by his wife, Doris Vandagriff of 55 years and his two daughters, Julie and Pamela. (Excerpts Journal Star)

Thomas Kirkpatrick, Jr. ‘60 passed away August 14, 2014 at 71. After graduating from PHS, he earned bachelors and law degrees attending University of Illinois in Champaign. He later went to Northwestern University School of Law for an advanced degree. In the mid 1970’s, Mr. Kirkpatrick was director of the Illinois Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse where he supported the establishment of substance abuse treatment programs as alternatives to incarceration for people involved in drug-related non-violent crime. During the mid 1980s, he was head of the Five Hospital Homebound Elderly Program which provided in-home health and support services to older people who might otherwise have been in nursing homes.

As director of the Chicago Crime Commission from the mid-1990s, he oversaw that organization’s ongoing efforts to improve Chicago’s criminal justice system and educate people about public safety. Andy Shaw, now president and CEO of the Better Government Assoc. in Chicago, knew Kirk well. He stated, “Kirk was a personal friend and professional colleague who was among the smartest, funniest, best-informed dudes in whatever room he occupied....Kirk was one of those unique ‘characters’ whose passing leaves us with one less interesting individual to brighten up an increasingly generic world.” He is survived by his wife Kay, and a daughter, Carlisle, and a son, Easton. (Excerpts Chicago Tribune, Business Section 2014)

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