



Columbus Public Schools Alumni News



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The continuing role of CPS Alumni

Jessica Kuehler
Executive Director for CPS Foundation

Columbus children deserve high quality education and facilities. Unfortunately, schools alone cannot fund the additional support schools require. **That is where you come in.** The School District of Columbus Foundation, as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, serves as the best vehicle for donors to make gifts to endow programs in our schools.

Philanthropy is a personal expression of compassion and gratitude for the things people care about most. Being a part of the Columbus Public Schools extends far beyond the years one spent in the classroom. Alumni are involved in all aspects of CPS as parents, staff, volunteers, donors, and community members. The School District of Columbus Foundation is committed to offering opportunities for alumni to connect with one another, their alma mater, and CPS students and staff.



As the new Executive Director for the School District of Columbus Foundation, I am excited to begin promoting the organization in the community and with alumni. The CPS Foundation is in a unique position to enhance student learning through supplementing district funding for new or additional programs or opportunities. In the past, the foundation has acted primarily as an entity through which scholarships have been created. While this continues to be an important role of the Foundation, the future holds much promise for growth.

Our vision for the foundation includes many goals. With proper funding, we will establish grants for students, teachers, and

staff for innovation and enrichment activities; sponsor additional and supplement current after-school programs; provide alternative educational opportunities; and offer teacher, staff, and student recognition ceremonies. Other long-term goals include providing additional support for student needs, assisting educators in further advancing their curriculum, and developing an early childhood development facility for the district.

To facilitate these distributions, regular fundraising events will be in order; an annual sponsorship campaign, phone-a-thon, or sporting tournament are just some of the ideas that have been mentioned. We would also like to make online contributions possible through our website, available at www.columbuspublicschools.org.

In addition, promotion of the foundation will ensure successful expansion in our resources and abilities. A regular newsletter announcing the monies that the foundation has contributed to CPS and the events or activities we have made possible will highlight our organization's progress. In addition, a stronger presence in both the school and community will aid in raising awareness of the foundation. This includes having a table available at Parent-Teacher Conferences; participating in local parades, class reunions, and other community activities; and developing close ties with key stakeholders in the community, including post-secondary educational institution personnel, business and industry partners, and trustees of other charitable organizations within the community.

If you have any questions about ways in which you can become involved, please contact me at (402) 563-7000, extension 1103 or email Jessica.Kuehler@cps-ne.org. **Please join us in inspiring and optimizing the future of all Discoverers by making your gift today!**

Quality of Life Centers

K.C. Belitz
Class of 1986

Columbus Public Schools has been a leading partner in a community-wide effort that has come to be known as the "Quality of Life Centers" project.

In 2008, many Columbus organizations were investigating the possibility of undertaking fundraising campaigns to address facility needs. These organizations all came together

at the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce planning session and decided to investigate the possibilities of working together instead of competing with each other. This Columbus partnership conducted an initial feasibility study in 2009, through the contributions of 15 different entities, to investigate what could be done to build needed new facilities in our community. Those organizations still actively engaged in the discussion of

building these facilities include: Columbus Public Library, Columbus Senior Center, Columbus Area Arts Council, Platte Valley Literacy Association, YMCA, East-Central District Health Department, Columbus Public Schools, City of Columbus, Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce, and Columbus Area Community Foundation.

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The Eickhoffs

Bruce Eickhoff

1. Graduating Year?

1964

2. Favorite Class/Teacher?

Geometry – Mr. Clarence Bower who exuded great enthusiasm for his subject.

3. CPS teacher that influenced you the most?

Kenneth Johnson, our bandleader who taught us to strive for excellence.

4. Your most memorable high school experience?

Being part of the 1963 State Champion two-mile relay team in track.

5. What would you change if you had high school to do over?

Learn algebra

6. Where do you live now?

Springfield, Virginia

7. What are you doing now?

Director for Government Business Development for Rockwell Collins. Wife, Tina and two children, Mark and Julie. Two grandchildren, Dylan and Julia. Served in the Air Force as a pilot and retired as a Lt. Col. in 1989. Working in the aerospace industry for a second career. Received a BS in Chemistry from UNL in 1968, a MS from the University of Arkansas in 1976 and a MBA from Marymount University in 1989.

Ralph Eickhoff Jr.

1. Graduating Year?

1967

2. Favorite Class/Teacher?

Bernie Clark – Junior English and Speech and Debate Class – for teaching me writing and public speaking/debating.

3. CPS teacher that influenced you the most?

Clarence Bower – best teacher in influencing critical/logical thinking (geometry) and character education.

4. Your most memorable high school experience?

Boys' State and Boys' Nation

5. What would you change if you had high school to do over?

Would have gone to more school dances.

6. Where do you live now?

Delaplaine, Virginia - About 50 miles due west of Washington DC.

7. What are you doing now?

Currently teach AP Macroeconomics and US Government at Forest Park High School in Prince William County Virginia. Previously worked as an International Trade Economist with the Labor and Commerce Department (1971-1985), and practiced law as a partner in a small firm in Northern Virginia (1985-2000). Married to Jane Cameron, who is an environmental consultant. Have two girls, Tamsen, who is an Editorial Assistant at an investment company and Erica who is a junior at the University of Virginia. Received a BA in Political Science from UNL in 1971, a MA from John Hopkins University in 1973, a JD from George Washington University in 1982, and a M.Ed from George Mason University in 2002.

JoAnn Eickhoff-Shemek Ph.D.

1. Graduating Year?

1970

2. Favorite Class/Teacher?

Dorothy Courtier, our wonderful physical education teacher, who provided us with a high quality “daily” physical education program that focused on the importance of lifetime physical activity – something that is needed in our public schools now days, given the obesity epidemic that exists among today’s youth.

3. CPS teacher that influenced you the most?

Kenneth Johnson who taught us, by example, many principles of success such as self-discipline, perseverance and hard work.

4. Your most memorable high school experience?

Too many to name just one, but here are a few: 1. Band trip to Winnipeg, Canada 2. Being a PE teaching assistant my senior

year 3. Wearing the great “D” sweater as a Matie 4. Filly football competition (we won!) and 5. Math IV taught by Judith Owens that gave me the mathematical background to help me through all my graduate level statistics courses.

5. What would you change if you had high school to do over?

All was great, but I wish I had taken chemistry and studied more.

6. Where do you live now?

Parrish, FL – about 30 miles south of Tampa on the Florida Gulf side.

7. What are you doing now?

I am a Professor and the Coordinator of the Exercise Science academic program at the University of Florida in Tampa. Prior to that, I was the Coordinator of the Master’s degree program in Health and Fitness Management at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Before becoming an academician in 1994, I worked in various clinical exercise and community health/fitness programs in Lincoln and Omaha Nebraska. Currently developing my own business in the area of fitness safety law and risk management education. I am married to Patrick Shemek from Omaha, Nebraska. We recently celebrated our 18th anniversary. He is an advertising executive for a newspaper in Bradenton, FL. No children but we have six wonderful nephews and nieces. Received a BS in Physical Education in 1974, a MPE in 1981 and a Ph.D. in 1995 all from UNL.

Larry Eickhoff

1. Graduating Year?

1971

2. Favorite Class/Teacher?

Roy Jeffers. He was great at allowing debates on current events. I enjoyed his class the most

3. CPS teacher that influenced you the most?

Ronald Callan. He showed me how intensity and concentration are the keys to success. The few times in my life I applied those principles, I succeeded.

4. Your most memorable high school experience?

After two years of the swim team always finishing last, we one won the Apollo Conference Championship.

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The Eickhoffs

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5. What would you change if you had high school to do over?

Tried harder at everything.

6. Where do you live now?

My wife, Jeanne, and I and our son Aaron live in Yorktown, VA. My daughter lives in Washington DC with her husband, David.

7. What are you doing now?

I graduated from UNL in 1975 and was commissioned into the Air Force. I served as a B-52 and B-1B Pilot for 20 years. I retired and started flying for FEDEX and am now an international airline pilot flying the MD-11. Received a BS in zoology in 1975 and an MBA in 1977 both from UNL.

Ralph Eickhoff Sr.

Ralph Eickhoff Sr. began teaching at CHS in 1953 and continued teaching there for 27 years. He taught vocational agriculture and served as the Future Farmers of America advisor. He was most proud of his students who received many national and state awards (National Farmer and State Farmer) for their outstanding leadership in the FFA.

After the Vocational Agriculture program was moved to Lakeview High School, he taught aerospace (utilizing his experience as a pilot in the U.S. Navy during World War II and in the Navy Reserve Unit in Lincoln NE), Ecology and in the Diversified Occupations program. He received his BS degree and Master's degree from UNL in 1950 and 1970 respectively.

He and his wife, Hilda, who have been married 66 years, still live in Columbus. Over the years, they have served in many volunteer leadership roles for various community organizations such as Lions International, Boys Scouts of America, Columbus Area Retired School Personnel and Immanuel Lutheran Church. Along with their four children they have six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

2nd all-school reunion planned for 2011 Columbus Days

It's been 5 years since the first Columbus All-School Reunion...and it's back! On August 20, four great acts with Columbus ties will be on-stage while the Columbus BBQ Classic is happening all under the big tent in downtown Columbus!!

We start the evening with Kyle Asche, jazz guitarist from Chicago and Columbus High School graduate. "Freedom Road," a popular local rock band, is next. "Smoke Ring," a ten-piece brass rock band, will then take the stage. Smoke Ring has been the opening act for the band "Chicago" and has been inducted into the Nebraska Music Hall of Fame. The evening will close out with "Thudwinker."

Are you planning your class reunion for this summer, or just planning to come back for a visit? Consider planning your trip around Columbus Days! Dates for this year's city festival are August 19-21. And if you haven't been to Columbus Days for a while, you won't recognize it.

Columbus Days has become a music festival, combined with the ever-popular "BBQ Classic." A variety of bands are booked for the weekend. We start with the country-rock band "Side Step" on Friday night. Saturday we have music & activities for all ages during the day. On Saturday night, plan on joining us for the reunion bands. During the Columbus Sesquicentennial an all-city reunion was planned. The event was such a huge success we decided it was time to try it again. We have excellent entertainment booked for you as you meet up with old classmates.

Start making your plans now. For more details on Columbus Days events, go to the Chamber of Commerce website, www.thecolumbuspage.com. As you will see, most of the events are free! A fun weekend will be had by all as we fulfill our theme: Discover the Music, the Food, the Fun!

What's Happening

Wayne Schild '48 – His wife and he have continued making overseas trips. They went to Thailand from February 25 through March 9, 2009. A highlight of this trip was seeing the famous River Kwai Bridge that was built by forced POW labor during WWII. The original bridge was destroyed by Allies and had to be rebuilt. From October 27 through November 22, 2009, they made a 24-day river boat trip from the Black Sea to Amsterdam. This was the equivalent of two trips combined into one. A highlight of this trip was going through 68 locks on the Main-Danube Canal that joins the Danube and the Main/Rhine rivers. They had 21 ports of call, visiting river towns in Romania, Bulgaria, Serbia, Croatia, Hungary, Austria, Germany and the Netherlands. Wayne has now visited 202 countries and island groups.

Susan Watson '84 – Has four beautiful, intelligent children (Tyler, Paige, Treyton and Kennedy) that would make any parent proud. Two have graduated with two to go.

Tania S. Mihulka '92 – Went to Central Community College-Columbus Campus for two and a half years and got a degree in medical transcription. She works in health benefits at Nebraska Book Company, where she has worked for nine years.



What's Happening

Jessica Henggeler '01 – Received her Nebraska agents license to sell health and life insurance.

Liz Creighton McKelvey '04 – Received her BSN from Bryan LGH College of Health Science in 2008. She is a NICU Nurse at Children's Hospital in Denver.

Morgan Birchem Poliska '07 – Works at Golden Living Center in Fullerton. She is a certified nurse's aide and a medication aide.

Marjorie Pribyl Welch '41 – Just turned 89 in June. She has one daughter, six grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren. She reads books, many magazines and the newspaper.

Ronald & Virginia (Ginger) Walter Fairbairn '41 and '43 – Old Kramer High School sweethearts were married on Dec. 7, 2009. Ron left Columbus and moved to California.

Lester Gertsch '42 – Cancer survivor.

Bob Ridenour '44 – On January 27, 2010, he and his wife, Anna Mae, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Lillian Schroeder '45 – Been to five continents and hopes to get to the other two before she dies.

Joyce Klug Keith '47 – Celebrated her 80th birthday in September. She went to Romania in May on a Medical Mission trip.

Peggy Rachtel Walsh '49 – Retired but working in ballroom dancing.

Gordon Ernst '52 – Enjoying seven grandchildren, ages five month to 15 years old (four boys and three girls).

Wayne Finley '57 – Retired contractor.

Janet Peterson '59 – Recently retired after 28 years at Fremont Area Medical Center as a medical transcriptionist.

Larry & Patricia Stonebraker Ball '61 and '60 – Larry retired from the Nebraska State Patrol & Lincoln Airport Police. Patricia retired as the church secretary and from home sales.

Kurt Leininger '61 – Turned 200K miles on my car for the first time ('91 Subaru SW); must be getting old.

Columbus Alumni Association

Let's Keep in Touch

Please use this form for address corrections or changes, what's new information, or if you wish to pay dues.

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Class of _____
(Please include maiden if applicable.)

Spouse _____ Last Name _____ Class of _____

Address _____ City, State Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

What's New (job, degrees, comments, suggestions etc.) _____

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Fall sports round-up

Softball – Coach Paul Braun

All in all, the softball team enjoyed a very successful season on the field as well as in the classroom. The Discoverers Softball Team broke the record for wins in a season by going 24 and 10. The old mark, set in 2007, was 21 wins. Some of the success can be attributed to a strong stance at home with a record of 9-1. The Discoverers broke through to win the GNAC Conference Tourney by beating Hastings (8 to 0), McCook (11 to 10) and Scottsbluff (7 to 1). Columbus traveled to Millard West for districts, going 2 and 2 to finish as district runner-up. The Discoverers would miss the Wild Card bid to Grand Island by .28 points. Columbus also became a ranked team in mid-September and finished the season ranked 10 by the Lincoln Journal Star and 9 by the Omaha World Herald. Post Season Awards went to the following players: All-Conference Jena Andelt, Paige Delancey, Kayla Ritzdorf, and Lindsey Ritzdorf; All-State Honorable Mention Melani Braun, Kayla Ritzdorf, Lindsey Ritzdorf, and Heather Sabata -- Academic All-State Melani Braun, Kayla Ritzdorf; Academic All-Conference Paige Delancey, Kayla Ritzdorf, Lindsey Ritzdorf, Alyssa Weiser, Melani Braun, Kyla Szelag, Kelsey Wallick, Kortney Wallick, Stephani Jarecke, Morgan Jakubowski and Shelby Brooks.

Volleyball – Coach Heidi Sobota

What's Happening

Jean Groteluschen Schmidt '62 –

Recipient of the 2010 National Volunteer Leadership Award for the Arthritis Foundation. She led the Southeast Region Arthritis Foundation and served as the first chair of the board. She served on the 10-member national council for the reorganization of the Arthritis Foundation. She also received the Tennessee Society for Human Resources top award of HR management excellent.

Donna Bridgmon Legenza '63 –

Still president of Aglow International and is also Emergency Preparedness Coordinator of the Southwest Coastal Region of Aglow International (San Francisco Peninsula Area).

Our season was somewhat up and down, but I think the girls enjoyed working hard and learning the game of volleyball. We played some very competitive teams, and we held our own. The girls worked incredibly hard during the offseason in the weight room and during open gyms to try and get better. Our seven seniors played a large role in helping show the younger girls how much work is necessary to get better. They tasted some success in the conference tournament when they defeated Scottsbluff and then lost a very close match to Hastings in the semifinal. Other highlights from the season would be our five set wins over Fremont and Hastings. They were big in building our intensity going into the end of the season. We are going to work hard in this offseason and next summer to take more steps toward becoming the team that we all expect from Columbus High. A special thanks go out to all the parents that helped with the little things throughout the season. Without them, we would not have been able to accomplish all that we did this year.

Cross Country – Coach Dave Licari

CHS cross-country team had a great season once again. This year's team was the biggest ever! There were 37 boys and 23 girls. The girls qualified for the state meet by placing third at the district meet. At the state meet, they placed 8th. Both teams have many runners returning next year and hope to build on what was accomplished this year.

Football – Coach Craig Williams

Columbus football team finished 7-4 in their return to class A. The season was highlighted by a playoff victory at Bellevue West in round one and an upset of then unbeaten and #2 ranked Lincoln Southeast. The team finished in the top ten in the state in both total offense and total defense and running back Dillon Loschen finished second in the state in rushing. The final rankings had Columbus at #9. Dillon Loschen was selected as a super all-state running back, Columbus' first in over 10 years. He also set a state record for carries in a game with his 55 against Lincoln Northeast. The 357 yards Loschen gained in the same game was a school record.

Girls Golf - Coach Anne Robertson

Ten girls proudly represented CHS during the 2010 girls' golf season. The team scored its lowest team score of the season at the district tournament, to finish second and qualify for state where the girls finished in ninth place. Individually, senior Morgan Smejkal had an outstanding final year. Morgan won four of six invites, finished second at conference and district tournaments. She placed fourth at state, and earned her third state medal. Morgan finished her high school career with the school records for 18 hole score at a visitor course (72) and second in all time scoring average of 77.0. Morgan will continue her playing career at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln this fall after signing a letter of intent in November.

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CHS Alumni Basketball 2010



Class of 1995 - White Division champions



Class of 2007 - Maroon Division champions

Bob Markham Class of 1976

There were 20 teams and nearly 170 alumni that participated in the 14th CHS Alumni Basketball Tournament held November 25-27. Organizers Bob Markham '76 and Luke Larsen '82 were very pleased with the turnout for this year's gathering. The tournament raised nearly \$2,000 for the CHS basketball programs. CHS boys coach Dave Hiebner and Girls Coach Dave Licari along with various coaches and players assisted with the officiating, taking tickets etc. Their assistance helped the tournament run a lot smoother.

Winning the Legends Division (The Old Guys) was the Class of '74 - '76. Team members included: Tom Miller, Dave McWilliams, Dave McNair, Todd Trofholz, Todd Lyon, Jamie Ferguson, Bob Markham and Brian Oppliger '77.

The White Division (1988-2001) champions were the Class of 1995, which consisted of Chad Kobus, Jeff Waller, Jeremy Langer, Justin Frazier, Justin Snyder, Josh Korus, Ryan Bradley and Jeremy Frazier '98.

The Maroon Division (2002-2010) was won by the Class of 2007. Team members included: Brent Jarosz, Jared Thomas, Jason Schlautman, Tanner Bock, Dan Kramer, Taylor Moore, Dwight Coulter, Paul Hansen and Mark Snitily.

There were a couple of social gatherings during the tournament. Alumni gathered at Glur's Tavern to watch the UNL versus Colorado football game after the first round of games on



Classes of 1974-76 - Legends Division champions

Friday, and a post tournament gathering was well attended at the Elks Country Club on Saturday night.

The committee thanks the staff at Columbus High School for all their help in putting the tournament together. Plans are underway for the next tournament over Thanksgiving of 2012. Mark your calendars now. If there are any alumni that would like to be apart of the alumni basketball committee, please feel free to contact Bob Markham '76 or Luke Larsen '82.

Johansen celebrates 100th B-day

Lorena Blaser Johansen celebrated her 100th birthday on October 24, 2010. She celebrated with an open house, which was a huge success that was attended by many friends and relatives.

Lorena graduated from Kramer High School in 1927, which was the second class to graduate from that facility.

After graduation, she taught country school for six years. On June 1, 1933, she married Kenneth Johansen. They had two

children, Charles and Faye.

They farmed for several years and moved to Columbus in 1949. Lorena worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture for 25 years before retiring in 1973. After retiring, she started golfing and has been doing so for 20 years.

Through the years, she has done a lot of camping, fishing and traveling. In 1984, her husband died. She currently is living in Prairie Village Retirement Center and loving every minute of it.

Quality of Life Centers

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Coming out of the 2009 study was a vision for this project that includes two centers that maximize the investments made by sharing infrastructure, parking, and facility usage. This results in greater usage and a better facility, certainly, but also is the most fiscally responsible way to build such facilities. This entire process has been driven by pressing needs in our community: facility constraints of the Columbus Middle School; outgrowing East-Central District Health Dept. facility; a cramped library facility that houses three entities competing for space; a Senior Center that is terribly outdated; an outdated YMCA facility that no longer meets the organization's needs for space or programming.

With completion of the initial vision and presentation to the community in December 2009, a steering committee was formed in early 2010 as a task force of Columbus citizens came together to meet this challenge. Since then the "QOL Centers" project moved on to more detailed architectural and engineering plans to bring it another step closer to reality. While this work continues, the committee is also investigating possible funding sources to bring a project of this magnitude to reality.

The current vision for these centers includes a downtown facility that would incorporate a library, arts council, literacy services, and services to the community's seniors (either in the facility or nearby). On the north side of town, a proposed "Education & Wellness Campus" has been under development.

The project took a big step forward with the acquisition of land by the Columbus Public Schools in 2010 that could be used for the Education and Wellness Campus. This parcel is directly east of the Columbus Community Hospital and would be home to a campus

that includes a new Columbus Middle School and YMCA in a shared facility, and East-Central District Health Department in a stand-alone facility on the same campus. Other land is available for private development in the same area.

The Library/Arts Center work is continuing in the conceptual stage. Decisions will have to be made about relocating existing city facilities, in addition to making plans for the library facility itself.

During spring and summer of 2011 the QOL Centers Steering Committee will be conducting a fundraising feasibility study with a professional firm. They will investigate the potential for private funds to be raised in support of the QOL Centers, both inside Columbus and outside the region. The result of this study will give the Committee a significant amount of guidance in if and when this project will become reality. A bond issue, grants, foundations, and other financing options are all on the table as the QOL Centers Committee considers how to fund some of the most significant projects ever undertaken in Columbus.

The QOL Center "movement" is critical in bringing community amenities to Columbus that are increasingly important in recruiting and retaining both families and employers. The partnerships that have been formed in this effort have been valuable, and as a result, many believe this project really does have a strong chance of becoming reality. Public information is being distributed through presentations to service clubs and through other avenues, so hopefully you will have the chance to learn more about the QOL Centers vision in the near future. For information, contact the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce at 402-564-2769.

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**Yes I wish to support the schools with a tax deductible gift to the Foundation.
Here is my donation in the amount of \$_____**

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Class of _____

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If you would like someone to contact you about including the CPS Foundation in estate planning, please call Jessica Kuehler at 402-563-7000 Ext. 1103 to set up an appointment. The Foundation provides money for Columbus Public Schools programs that cannot be funded from tax dollars. The organization sponsors scholarships, guest speakers and various other activities.

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Columbus Alumni Reunion Plans for 2011 & Beyond

1935 - Local class members meet every 4 months for lunch (Oct., Feb., Jun.). All '35 grads welcome.

1937 - Meets 1st Wed., every 4 months (March, July, Nov.).

1945 - For more information, contact Lillian Schroeder at 564-2285. Meets the last Monday of the month at Picket Fence at noon.

1946 - '46 locals meet the first Friday of each month for lunch. All classmates welcome. Contact: Regina Giersdorf Gondringer, 402-564-7000 or Laura Eller Stuefer, 402-564-2057.

1949 - Locals meet the first Monday of the month for breakfast at Picket Fence Cafe. All classmates welcome. Contact: Rosella (Blaser) Norris for info. 402-564-7498.

1956 - Meets at 10 a.m. the first Wed. of every month at Stack & Steak for morning coffee. All classmates welcome.

1956 - 55th Reunion - August 19, 2011 at VFW. For more information, contact Jolanie Loseke Nielsen.

1958 - Class lunch the first Wednesday of every month at noon at Maximus. All classmates and spouses welcome.

1958 - Meets the second Thursday quarterly (January, April, July and October) at Stack n' Steak at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and conversation. Classmates and spouses are welcome.

1959 - Meets the second Thursday quarterly (January, April, July and October) at Stack n' Steak at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and conversation. Classmates and spouses are welcome.

1962 - Meets the first Friday every month at Stack n' Steak at 8:30 a.m.

1966 - 45th Reunion - September 2-3, 2011. For more information, contact Bev Kudron at 402-564-7627.

1971 - Anyone interested in setting up a 40th year reunion, contact

Michelle Cruise at 402-563-7000 Ext. 1102 or email michelle.cruise@cps-ne.org and she will assist you with a list of names, addresses and any additional information you may need.

1981 - 30th Reunion - July 2, 2011 at Camp Pawnee at 6 p.m. Contacts: Brenda Glur at bkg6381@gmail.com; Tom Goc at gocphoto@megavision.com; and Steve Zaura at szaura@neb.rr.com.

1991 - 20th Reunion - July 15 & 16, 2011. For more information, contact Susan Uhl at susanuhl@frontiernet.net.

2006 - 5 year reunion July 30, 2011. More information to follow. Contact - Nathan Wagner 402-910-8533.

Let us help you plan your reunion!

What we can do for you:

- Class list and mailing labels
- Nonprofit Bulk rate for qualifying mailings
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 - Tips for planning reunions

Contact Michelle Cruise: PO Box 947, Columbus NE 68602-0947; Phone: 402-563-7000 Ext. 1102; E-mail: michelle.cruise@cps-ne.org.