

SPECIAL INVITATION



Congratulations to the class of 2000 and WELCOME to membership in the Cedar Rapids Alumni Association. We are sending you this complimentary copy of the Alumni News, and extend a cordial invitation to each of you to join us at the Alumni gathering on Saturday, August 5, 2000, at St. Anthony's Parish Center. We hope to see you there!

Rebecca Bennett
 Brandon Braun
 Kyle Buchter
 Nena Buettner
 Shannon Drummond
 Lee Fowler
 Mike Hohn
 Marc Kolar
 Kara Legate
 Mark Novacek

Mike Pugh
 Brian Schuele
 Amanda Swerczek
 T.J. Tomlinson
 Andrew Tomnies
 Ann VanDeWalle
 Kassie Voboril
 Jennifer Walrath
 Jon Wozny
 David Zentner

ALUMNI

Cedar Rapids Alumni

Number 40

Cedar Rapids, Nebraska 68627

August 5, 2000

**WELCOME ALUMNI
 TO THE 2000 REUNION**

CLASSES TO BE HONORED ARE:
 1920 ~ 1925 ~ 1930 ~ 1935 ~ 1940 ~ 1945 ~ 1950
 1955 ~ 1960 ~ 1970 ~ 1975 ~ 1980 ~ 1990
 AND THE NEW GRADUATES OF 2000

**PLAN TO ATTEND
 SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2000**
 Cedar Rapids Alumni
 Program of Events



Individual Class Reunions Saturday afternoon
 Happy Hour 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Parish Center
 Registration 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Parish Center
 Banquet 6:00 p.m. at Parish Center
 Program Following Banquet at Parish Center
 Dance 9:00 p.m. to 1 a.m. at City Park

Tours of the school will be open from 3-5 p.m. Alumni Saturday. People can stay after the banquet and visit in the east room of the Parish Center.

EARLY RESERVATIONS

Please get your reservations in by the deadline. Any late reservations will be subject to a late fee and we will not guarantee that you will have a place at the banquet.

ALUMNI BANQUET MENU

Baked Steak ~ Mashed Potatoes ~ Gravy
 Cole Slaw ~ Green Beans ~ Rolls & Butter
 Cherry Cheesecake ~ Coffee ~ Tea



PHOTOS TO BE TAKEN AT REUNION

Photos will be taken at the 2000 Alumni Banquet. Orders for alumni pictures will be taken that night. Bring your money so you can order. A table will be set up where brown envelopes will be placed. If you wish to order any photos, please address the envelope to yourself just as if you were ready to mail it. Under the flap of the envelope please mark or name the photo or photos that you would like to order. If you would like help, an Alumni officer will be available to assist you. Please turn in your envelope with the payment to one of the officers. Thank you.

1999 ~ 2000 ALUMNI OFFICERS

President Larry Krings, 1970
 Vice President Larry Swerczek, 1971
 Secretary Shelley Orshek Towey, 1972
 Treasurer Kay Ahlers Swerczek, 1978
 Publicity Mary Jane DeMuth, 1969



1925-33

1st row: Dorothy Carlson Cox, 1928, Cedar Rapids; Alice Cain Jacobsen, 1928, St. Paul, NE; Frances Theewen Mahoney, 1925, Cedar Rapids; Grace Fenton Patterson, 1929, Albion, NE; Vida Gibb Hedrick, 1931, Wayne, NE. 2nd row: Jim Gordon, 1931, Cedar Rapids; Ray Gordon, 1933, Cedar Rapids

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Alumni Officers for the 2000-2001 year will be elected by ballot during the registration. Offices to be filled include: vice president, treasurer and publicity. The vice president will automatically become the president the following year.

DANCE



Music for the Alumni Dance will be provided by Ultra Sound and Lights of St. Edward. Admission for the dance is \$3.00 for a single and \$5.00 for couples. Park lights will be shut off at 3:00 a.m.



NAMES NEEDED OF THOSE RECEIVING A G.E.D. DIPLOMA

The Alumni Association includes with their class those who did not graduate with their class but received the G.E.D. diploma at a later time. Please notify the Alumni Association if you or a classmate have received the General Education Development diploma as the high school does not have a record of this.

ALUMNI DUES ARE IMPORTANT

Due to the raise in the cost of the food, we are raising the Alumni dues to \$4. We hope that you all understand our reasoning and the need for this adjustment.

ALL Alumni should send their \$4 dues whether they are able to attend the reunion or not. This is your membership to the Alumni Association. The dues are VERY IMPORTANT in keeping the CRHS Alumni Association functioning. Only paid members receive the Alumni News. If a couple (both CRHS Alumni) want only one paper, please note this for the officers.

The officers would also like to inform the alumni that only year of dues will be accepted. Any amount over the \$4 dues will automatically be put into the Scholarship Fund.

All Alumni attending the banquet and program will pay \$11.00. This includes the dues and the meal.



20 year Class -1979

Jim Burda, Neptune Beach, FL; Janet Langan Leifeld, Albion, NE; Karen Arnold, Cedar Rapids; Sharon Kennedy Gustafson, Lincoln, NE; Dixie Ostrander Franzen, Sidney, NE; Becky Bishop Eckert, Columbus; Sharon Dobson Spencer, O'Neill, NE, 2nd row: Rich Liekhus, Wakefield, NE; Jane Bethscheider, Lincoln, NE; Gary Braun, Minden, NE; Mark Volenec, Omaha, NE; Bill Davlin, Belgrade, NE; Steve VanDeWalle, Cedar Rapids



30 year class -1969

1st row: Audry Farmer Martinsen, Belgrade, NE; Jane Ostrander Swartz, Fullerton, NE; Linda Woepfel Primus, Cedar Rapids; Gladys Swerczek Choyeski, Cedar Rapids; Jim Braun, Cedar Rapids, 2nd row: Mary Jane DeMuth, Cedar Rapids; Jodi McIntyre Pooley, Bennington, NE; Vicki Afrank Baxter, Omaha; Wayne Carlson, Lakewood, CO; Russ Boyd, Cedar Rapids, NE; Emma Wlaschin Loeffler, Grand Island, NE

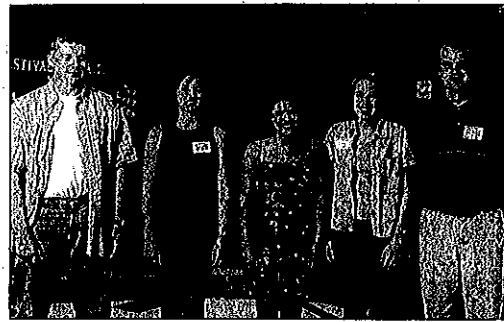


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40 year class -1959

Janice Krings Rutten, Omaha, NE; Sylvester Rutten, Omaha, NE; Joann Roan Kassmeier, Columbus, NE



1999

The newest alumni class, and the colleges they plan to attend, included Jordan Hellbusch, Central Community College -Hastings; Megan Heany, Nebr. Wesleyan -Lincoln. Brandi Christensen, Andi VanDeWalle, and Adam Bethscheider all will study at the University of Nebraska -Lincoln.

HOW IT GOT STARTED

In 1959, four classes held a reunion in Cedar Rapids, and it was such a success that they wished to start a whole school alumni.

Those classes were 1939 to and including 1942. One dollar each person was contributed to a fund for the purpose of starting the Alumni Association and Dillard Farmer was voted to be the "ramrod."

Dillard put a notice in the paper for all those interested to be at a meeting at CRHS study hall. That was about November.

About 50 people turned out, and it was decided to have an alumni for all those who graduated from Cedar Rapids High School. That included Cedar Rapids High School (1890-1960) and St. Anthony High School (1918-1933).

At this meeting, the four officers were elected and it was decided to select those who were to see that the names and addresses of all the alumni were turned over to the Secretary by the middle of December. Several people were put on this job, most asked someone living around Cedar Rapids to get the names and addresses of their classmates.

Another meeting was held in December with nearly one hundred attending. At this meeting, it was decided to have a dinner and to invite the spouses to it also. Committees were named then by the President and things got rolling.

Several committee-head meetings were held before it came off, but everyone was satisfied with the cooperation and success of this initial reunion.

REMINDER

If you want to see your class reunion article in the Alumni News you either get it into the Cedar Rapids Press or to the Publicity person before the first of May, or it won't appear in the Alumni paper.



70 year class

Grace Fenton Patterson, 1929, Albion, NE

CLASS OF 1969 REUNION

The 30 year alumni class held their social gathering at Grandpa Pic's place in Belgrade on Saturday afternoon, prior to the Alumni banquet held at the Parish Center in Cedar Rapids. Those in attendance from the class were: Audrey (Farmer) Martinsen of Belgrade; Jane (Ostrander) Swartz of Fullerton; Larry Greek of Wolbach; Jim Braun of Cedar Rapids; Wayne Carlson of Lakewood, CO; Emma (Wlaschin) Loeffler of Grand Island; Vicki (Afrank) Baxter of Omaha; Jody (McIntyre) Pooley of Bennington; Deb (Primrose) Dickey of Cedar Rapids and Russell Boyd of Cedar Rapids. Joining the class at the banquet were: Mary Jane DeMuth, Gladys (Swerczek) Choyeski, and Linda (Woepfel) Primus, all of Cedar Rapids.

AWARDS NIGHT AT CEDAR RAPIDS HIGH SCHOOL

Awards Night continues to serve as the highlight of the year's activities in academics, athletics, drama, music, and other programs. The evening began with the pot-luck supper in the multi-purpose room. The video highlights of the year, compiled by the Computer 2 class, were viewed during the meal. Following the program, the classes came forward to receive envelopes containing the awards earned during the year.

Outstanding awards were given to students who excelled in various areas: Cheerleaders announced for 2000-01 were Shayna Buettner, Tina Buettner, and D'Nae VanLeer. Jennifer Walrath was recognized as cheering for four years.

The entire cast of the Spanish play that competed at the Wayne State Foreign Language Day received medals for their fine translation.

Music awards were presented to Amanda Swerczek, vocal, and to Ann VanDeWalle, instrumental.

Volleyball awards, presented by Coach Shelli Swerczek, went to: Nicki Kennedy, most improved; Jennifer Walrath, total points and total server; Amanda Swerczek, setting; Kara Legate, spiking and blocks; Nena Buettner, top passer, serve receive, and kills.

Coach Ryan Theobald presented football awards to: Brian Schuele, special teams; Jon Wozny, most improved; Brandon Braun, Hustle & Defensive MVP; David Zentner, offensive MVP.

Basketball honors, presented by Coach Allen Duerksen, went to Mike Pugh, sportsmanship; Brandon Braun, Mr. Hustle; Brian Schuele, best defender; Steven Meier, most improved, and David Zentner, leading scorer, top rebounder, and most valuable.

Coach Robin Ostrander presented basketball awards to: Nena Buettner, player of the year; Trisha Ostrander, hustle; Shayna Buettner, offense; Tina Buettner, most improved; Michelle Kolm, defense; and Audra Moseman, newcomer.

Brandon Braun set a new school record in the 400 m dash at 52.2. Other awards given by Coach Duerksen were sportsmanship to Will Zoucha and Nicki Kennedy;

most improved to Steven Meier and Lacey Ring; Hustle to Adina Choat and Kenton McPhillips; and MVP to Nena Buettner and Eric Braun.

Athletic Director Dan Foster announced the athletes of the year were Nena Buettner and David Zentner.

Academic all-conference medals were given to Jennifer Walrath and Brian Schuele. A certificate was presented to Andrew Tonnies.

The Bausch-Lomb Science award was presented to Shane Haschke. Scholar Athletes announced were Brian Schuele and Jennifer Walrath.

Counselor Lou Mittan announced that the new National Honor Society members were Nicki Kennedy, Ryan Walrath, Michaela Langan, and Trisha Ostrander.



SELECTED FOR GIRLS STATE

The Sam Kinnier Unit 347 American Legion Auxiliary of Primrose, has selected Chrystal Mittan to represent Primrose at this year's Nebraska Girls State in Lincoln from June 4 to June 10.

Chrystal is the daughter of Annette and Joe Carraher of Primrose. She is a junior at Cedar Rapids High School where she has participated in FFA for three years, cheerleader for two years, volleyball four years, basketball for two years, and track for one year. She has been a member of the Jolly Ranchers 4-H Club for nine years and has held the offices of vice-president, news reporter, and treasurer. She has also been a member of the Boone County Jr. Leaders for three years.

Chrystal is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Primrose where she is an Altar Server and she attends CCD in Cedar Rapids. She also works at the Wolf Memorial Good Samaritan Home in Albion as a certified nursing assistant.



60 year class: 1939

Jack DeWulf, Atlantic, IA; Mary Emily Nebel Batenhorst, Cedar Rapids; Marjorie Konert Bode, Raeville, NE; Robert Batenhorst, Muscatine, IA; Eugene Cline, Omaha, NE, Memories of this class included holding the first prom, and being the first class to wear caps and gowns. The class members are very proud to have started the scholarship fund.

OSTRANDER GIRLS' STATE DELEGATE

Trisha Ostrander, daughter of Robin and Renee Ostrander, of Belgrade, has been selected as delegate for the Rathbun-Fehrs Unit 99-American Legion-Auxiliary of Belgrade to attend Cornhusker Girl's State in Lincoln.

Trisha is a junior at Cedar Rapids High School where she is Junior Class President, FFA treasurer, has served on Student Council for 5 years, was in the Jr./Sr. Class play and has been involved in basketball and volleyball for three years.

She is a member of Peace Lutheran Church of rural Belgrade and is involved in Lutheran Youth Fellowship.

WELCOME TO THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT

The Cedar Rapids Board of Education is pleased to announce that Mr. Kenneth Beeman has been selected to serve as Superintendent of Schools for the 2000-2001 school year. The contract will be formally offered and accepted at the May board meeting.

Mr. Beeman comes to our community from Hyannis Public School where he has served as Superintendent of schools for the past year. He has been in administration for twenty years and has 31 years in education. He received his education at the University of Nebraska.

The Board of Education received a large number of applications to review and six were finally selected. This group of applicants produced four candidates which were interviewed by a committee of board members and a committee of teachers and employees. The committees then selected two candidates to interview a second time with the entire Board of Education. Mr. Beeman was the candidate which was offered a contract and he accepted the position of Friday, April 14.

Mr. Beeman is very excited and eager to make Cedar Rapids Public School his home for the 2000-01 school year. The Board of Education, the school employees and the community welcome Mr. Beeman to Tiger Country and look forward to a long and enjoyable relationship.

CLASS OF 1934 65 YEARS

The Class of 1934 met at the home of Thelma Dobson, on the afternoon of Saturday, August 7, 1999. The afternoon was spent reminiscing about old times and classmates. Then they attended the banquet at the Parish Center.

Those attending were: Ruby Jennings Cox of Palmer, NE; Leona VanDeWalle Duhon and Paul Hunt, both of Cedar Rapids, NE; and Gretrude Henry Harnapp of Spalding, NE.

After the banquet some of them went over to Leona Duhon's to see how she was, because she had become ill just before the banquet. She was feeling better.

2000 REUNION. SATURDAY, AUGUST 5TH.

CLASS OF 1944

The Class of 1944 met at the home of Russell and Donna (Cox) Bennett. The afternoon was spent visiting and catching up on things happening in our lives.

Those attending were: Norman Smith and wife of Ericson, Sally (Zarek) Farley and husband of Omaha, Carolyn (Fitzsimmons) Casper of Albion, Richard McPhillips and wife, Fritz Batenhorst and wife, Richard Jackson all of Cedar Rapids. Leonard Torson and wife of Friend joined the group for the banquet.

We hope to have a few more for our 60 year reunion.



Alumni visiting before the banquet



45 year class -1954

1st row: Martha VanDeWalle Janda, Lago Vista, TX; Mary Alice McPhillips Raitt, Columbus, NE; Jerry Scronce, Lakewood, CO, 2nd row: Kenneth Smiley, Cedar Rapids; Lois Townley Baggese, Arvada, CO; Mary Jane Fitzsimmons DeMuth, Cedar Rapids; Jerome Cox, Lincoln, NE; Richard Bourn, St. Louis, MO



55 year class -1944

1st row: Sally Wzorek Farley, Omaha & AZ; Carolyn Fitzsimmons Casper, Albion, NE; Donna Mae Cox Bennett, Cedar Rapids, 2nd row: Richard McPhillips, Cedar Rapids, NE; Leonard Torson, Friend, NE; Norm Smith, Ericson, NE; Fritz Batenhorst, Cedar Rapids; Richard Jackson, Cedar Rapids

GRADUATION

The school colors of maroon and gold were chosen by the class of 2000 for their graduation gowns. The class marched into the gymnasium with the piano melody of Pomp and Circumstance played by Bonnie Zoucha. Leading the class in were juniors Lacey Ring and Will Zoucha. Serving as ushers were juniors Jacob Jarosz, Trisha Ostrander, Carri Tomlinson, and Dan Towey. After the class was seated, the senior video was played, featuring the seniors in highlights from childhood.

Vicar Art Helbig, St. John Lutheran & Peace Lutheran, prayed the invocation. Daniel Foster, principal, welcomed the gathered friends and family of the honored class, and introduced Brian Schuele as the class

salutatorian. Following Brian's speech, Jennifer Walrath was introduced as the class valedictorian and gave her address to the crowd.

The scholarships and awards were announced by Mr. Foster. Other presenters included Charles Sweet, Crescent Masonic Lodge, and Mark Zentner, Knights of Columbus. (Scholarships are listed elsewhere.) Members of the top quarter of the class were draped with gold honor cords: Rebecca Bennett, Brian Schuele, Jennifer Walrath, and Ann VanDeWalle.

School Board President addressed the Class of 2000 prior to presenting the diplomas, announced by Superintendent Paul Heller.

The class flower, the white rose tipped with maroon, was presented by the graduates to their parents during the playing of the song *I Turn to You*, recorded by Christina Aguilera. Following the

benediction by Vicar Helbig, the class walked out to the strains of *Don't Stop Thinking About Tomorrow*, recorded by Fleetwood Mac.

Members of the class include:
 * Rebecca Lee Bennett; Melissa Marie Bittner; Brandon Scott Braun; Kyle Joseph Buechter; Nena Marie Buettner; Shannon Marie Drummond; Michael Wayne Hohn; Marc Glenn Kolar; Kara Lea Legate; Mark Edward Novacek; Michael George Pugh; * Brian Thomas Schuele; Amanda Lynn Swerczek; Timothy James Tomlinson; Andrew Marshall Tonnies; * Ann Teresa VanDeWalle; * Jennifer Marie Walrath; Jonathon Richard Wozny; David John Zentner. *National Honor Society.



IN MEMORY OF...

The Alumni who have passed away in the last year. May they rest in peace.

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

- a time to be born, and a time to die;
- a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
- a time to kill, and a time to heal;
- a time to break down, and a time to build up;
- a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
- a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
- a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
- a time to embrace, and time to refrain from embracing;
- a time to seek, and a time to lose;
- a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
- a time to read, and a time to sew;
- a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

a time to love, and a time to hate;
 a time for war, and a time for peace.

(Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)

These are the deceased alumni members during the past year that we are aware of. If anyone knows of others, please let us know.

Class of 1926 ~ Rachel Elizabeth (King) Coulter.

Class of 1929 ~ Kathleen (Gordon) Langan.

Class of 1933 ~ Leona (Schmid) Gordon.

Class of 1937 ~ George "Shorty" Schmitz.

Class of 1939 ~ Veronica "Ronnie" (VanDeWalle) P. Kennedy and Joseph John Wlaschin, Jr..

Class of 1941 ~ Marjorie (Nearhood) Frey.

Class of 1949 ~ Leonard Rutten.

Class of 1951 ~ Carroll Moore.
 Class of 1955 ~ Jerry Langan.

Park Dance Pavilion

The summer of 1929 the Cedar Rapids Community Club sponsored dances every week at the park. Was this the year that the pavilion was first put in? No records can be found for when it was actually built.

June 27, 1935 - The Cedar Rapids out-door pavilion has been leased for the summer by Sam Auten Jr. He expects to put on a dance each Wednesday evening. The dance floor will undergo further improvement, and no doubt the popularity of dances on this floor will be greater than ever before. Mr. Auten expects to run a good clean dance and secure high class orchestras.

In 1944 weekly dances were held at the park pavilion. Can this be something that can be done again? Would people take advantage of the entertainment and socializing? Can we make things slow down enough to enjoy community dances again?

Last fall the Community Club and the Alumni Association spoke to the Village Board about the dance pavilion at the City Park. It is in very poor shape. Many people are afraid to dance on it because of the large cracks. Bands are hesitant to plug into the electricity or stand on the old rotten stage area. The fence is falling down. The benches that once adorned the outside edge for people to sit on are now either gone or rotten. The Community Club rents a large tent for the Community Picnic to house the beer garden area, and the music in case of inclement weather. The Alumni doesn't have that luxury, their dance would just be rained out.

The three groups decided that the best approach would be to tear out the old pavilion and replace it with a larger covered area - much like a large picnic shelter. This would have room to host a dance, beer garden, and seating for the BBQ. Plans are for restrooms to be placed at one end of the shelter. The other park restrooms are located across the park in the concession



stand building.

The Village applied for a Game and Parks Grant, but were not fortunate enough to receive it. The next step is to raise the funds locally to proceed with the pavilion. The cement, poles, roof and restroom walls will cost in the area of \$30,000 with more funds needed for the electrical and plumbing fixtures. Plans are to have outlets on the main poles so that the shelter can also be used for family gatherings or other events in the park.

The Alumni Association officers have graciously offered to help with labor where possible, and they plan to make an initial donation of \$300 for the fund-raising. The Village has \$7000 available for the project. The Community Club plans to add another \$3000 plus hold fund-raises. Fund-raises are in the planning stages with the first one being held on March 17. Ideas are welcome for these events.

Donations can be made at the bank by giving them to the "Cedar Rapids Foundation" and earmarking them for the dance pavilion or by mailing them to Cedar Rapids Community Club, P. O. Box 122, Cedar Rapids, NE 68627.

Let's all pull together and make this project a reality by June 1, 2000 so that it can be enjoyed several times this summer, and for many years to come.



PAST ALUMNI SECRETARIES

1960-Ardith (McPhillips) Massman
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 1962-Majorie (Robinson) Cox
 1963-Catherine (Siemek) Massman
 1964-Mary (Krings) Primrose
 1965-Carolyn (Fitzsimmons) Casper
 1966-Myrtle (Bourn) Koeppen
 1967-Margaret (Cox) Zaruba
 1968-Joan (DeWulf) Kayton
 1969-Eileen Matya
 1970-Donna (Cox) Bennett
 1971-Anita (Hert) Carlson
 1972-Ardith (McPhillips) Massman
 1973-Linda Woeppel
 1974-Mary Jane (Fitzsimmons) DeMuth
 1975-Shelley (Orshek) Towey
 1976-Sue (Bethscheider) Cox
 1977-Sue (Primrose) McIntyre
 1978-Mary Jane (Langan) Gilroy
 1979-Mary Ellen (Buechter) Hutchinson
 1980-Liz (VanDeWalle) Carder
 1981-Sharmond (Afrank) Loeffler
 1982-Gloria (Bennett) Zoucha
 1983-Jan (Vanderloop) Pugh
 1984-Cathy Sauser
 1985-JoAnn (Langan) Miller
 1986-Mary Jane (Fitzsimmons) DeMuth
 1987-Gerri (Faust) Watts
 1988-Eileen (Matya) Batenhorst
 1989-Shelley (Orshek) Towey
 1990-Bonnie (Ewers) Rutten
 1991-Julie Zentner
 1992-Kim Miller
 1993-Kim Miller
 1994-Alberta (Franzen) McBride
 1995-Peg (Langan) Reeder
 1996-Alberta (Franzen) McBride
 1997-Alberta (Franzen) McBride
 1998-Alberta (Franzen) McBride
 Shelley (Orshek) Towey
 1999-Shelley (Orshek) Towey

MICHAELA LANGAN CHOSEN AS GIRL STATER

Michaela Langan, daughter of Mike and Kathy Langan, has been selected as the delegate to the 2000 Cornhusker Girl State program. She will be the official representative of the sponsoring Cedar Rapids American Legion Auxiliary Post #44.

Michaela will join nearly 500 young women from across Nebraska who will spend one week in June in Lincoln learning about state and national government.

As a junior at Cedar Rapids High School, Michaela is involved in a number of organizations and leadership roles. She is vice president of her junior class, a

reporter for the local FFA chapter and secretary of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapter. She also participated in the HOBY Leadership Camp in Milford last year. To qualify, applicants must be selected based on a written essay. One sophomore is selected to attend from each participating school.

This is the 59th year for Cornhusker Girls State, a major program of the American Legion Auxiliary. It seeks to bring to women of Nebraska a knowledge of the fundamental principles of American government through actual practice.



Officers

1st row: Mary Kay Holys Bykerk, President; Mary Jane DeMuth, Publicity; Shelley Orshek Towey, Secretary. 2nd row: Kay Ahlers Swerczek, Treasurer; Larry Krings, Vice President



Alumni traveling the farthest distances

Jim Burda, 1979, Pensacola, FL; Kristine Orshek Ryalls, 1974, Charlottesville, VA; Rita Batenhorst Zabka, 1942, LaHabra, CA; Bernard Cline, 1937; Sally Wzorek Farley, 1944, AZ

CLASS OF 49 50 YEAR REUNION

The Class of 1949 met at the Senior Center Saturday, August 7th for their 50 Year Reunion.

The class had 24 members. Six are deceased, but of the 18 remaining there were 16 in attendance. All who attended thought this to be a very good turnout and enjoyed the afternoon and evening reminiscing and checking out old photos. They also enjoyed a tour of the renovated school, especially trying to figure out what they did with "Our" old gym (Yes, we did find it).

We all left promising to "Keep In Touch" and to "See You in 2004."

Those attending were: Charles Orshek, Desoto TX; Irene (McPhillips) Goodyear, Aurora CO; Katie (Buechter) Mahoney, Excelsior MN; Sr. Joan Monica McGuire, Chicago, IL; Joan (Kennedy) Batenhorst, Joanne (DeWulf) Kayton, and Alfred Schuele, all of Omaha; Ves and Anna Marie (Lemke) Miller, Papillion; Theresa (Mahoney) Chapman, Fremont; Joe Langan, Atkinson; Bill Homan, Columbus; Ila Mae (Tschudin) Bulow, Grand Island; Robert Zoucha, Petersburg; Harry Rutten, St. Edward; and Leonard Rutten, Cedar Rapids.



Oldest Alumni present

74 year class; Frances Theewen Mahoney, 1925, Cedar Rapids, NE. Frances, 90 years old, has only missed one alumni celebration since the banquets began.



SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS TO SEVEN GRADUATES

The Alumni Association Scholarship Funds will provide a \$300 scholarship for each of the following graduates: Rebecca Bennett, Nena Buettner, Kara Legate, Mark Novacek, Amanda Swerczek, Ann VanDeWalle, and David Zentner.

Congratulations to these seven graduates and we wish them the best in the years ahead of you.



50 year class -1949

1st row: Irene McPhillips Goodyear, Aurora, CO; Katie Buechter Mahoney, Excelsior, MN; Leonard Rutten, Cedar Rapids, 2nd year: Joan Kennedy Batenhorst, Omaha, NE; Ila Mae Tschudin Bulow, Grand Island, NE; Anna Marie Lemke Miller, Papillion, NE; Sr. Joan Monica McGuire, Chicago, IL, 3rd row: Ves Miller, Papillion, NE; Joan Kayton, Omaha, NE; Theresa Mahoney Chapman, Fremont, NE; Alfred Schuele, Omaha, NE, 4th row: Charles Orshek, DeSoto, TX; Bob Zoucha, Petersburg, NE

CONGRATULATIONS ST. ANTHONY'S

The Village Board would like to congratulate the St. Anthony's Catholic Church Parish for the official listing on the National Register of Historic Places of the Church Building and the Social Building.

This is a great asset to the church and the community.



25 year class: 1974.

1st row: Desi Douthit Augstums, Lincoln, NE; Jerry Zoucha, Kenesaw, NE; Donna Kennedy Marvin, Lincoln, NE, 2nd row: Ed Swerczek, Cedar Rapids; Jane Shickel Loeffler, Cedar Rapids; Kristine Orshek Ryalls, Charlottesville, VA; Eileen Sauser Casper, Albion, NE; Paul Haschke, Cedar Rapids

**2000 REUNION
SATURDAY,
AUGUST 5TH
SEE YOU THERE!**



Alumni ordering photos

**CEDAR RAPIDS
STUDENTS SELECTED**

Two Cedar Rapids High School students are among 156 musicians selected to participate in the High School Honor Band and Chorus Festival Nov. 28-29 at Central Community College-Platte Campus.

The honor band member is Jennifer Walrath, who will play clarinet. The honor chorus member is Amanda Swerczek, who will sing soprano II. Their high school band and choral director is Gene Springer.

The high school musicians will arrive in Columbus the evening of Nov. 28 to register and audition for seats. They will spend the next day, Nov. 29, rehearsing for an Honor Concert that evening. The concert, which is open to the public for a \$1 admission fee, will begin at 7 p.m. in the Platte Campus Fine Arts Theater.

Guest conductors will be John Gates of Sheboygan, WI, for the honor band and Tom Patrick of Tucson, AZ., for the honor chorus. Chairman of the event are Platte Campus music instructors Rex Hash and John Putman.

WHEN SENDING DUES

When sending in your money for dues/dinner or scholarship donations, would you please make out two checks (one for dinner/dues, another for scholarship donations). It would make the Treasurer's job a little easier.

**BRIAN SCHUELE IS
NOMINATED TO
COMPETE IN
NATIONAL AWARD
PROGRAM**

Brian Schuele, a Senior at Cedar Rapids High School, has been nominated to compete in the National Principal's Leadership Award scholarship program, sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP). Herif Jones, Inc., funds the Principal's Leadership Award Program.

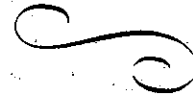
Dan Foster, Principal, Cedar Rapids High School, announced the nomination, which places Schuele in the National competition. One hundred fifty national PLA winners will be chosen this spring to receive \$1,000 college scholarship.



**BRAUN GOES TO
BOYS STATE**

The Cedar Rapids American Legion Post 44 has selected Eric Braun to represent Cedar Rapids at this year's Boys State to be held in June. He is the son of Ed and Linda Braun. The alternate chosen was Shane Haschke, the son of Paul and Carol Haschke. They are Juniors at Cedar Rapids High School.


Eric has participated in basketball 3 years, track 3 years, cross country 2 years, football one year, and PFA 3 years. He is a member of Quiz Bowl team and a member of Winter Academic All State Team. He has participated in the Bill Barrett Symposium, and was a cast member of the Junior/Senior class play. He is a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church and attends CCD.



DONATIONS

If you want to give a donation to the new park pavilion, you can give them to the "Cedar Rapids Foundation" and earmark them for the dance pavilion.





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CLASS OF '54 - 45 YEAR REUNION

The class of '54 met at the Country Inn August 7th in the afternoon and all later attended the banquet at the Parish Center.

There were 8 of us who were able to attend. They were: Dick Bourn, St. Louis, MO; Martha (VanDeWalle) Janda, Logo Vista, TX; Jerry Sronce, Lakewood, CO; Lois (Tounley) Baggesse, Arvada,

CO; Mary Alice (McPhillips) Raitt, Columbus, NE; Jerome Cox, Lincoln, NE; Kenneth Smiley and Mary Jane (Fitzsimmons) DeMuth, both of Cedar Rapids.

We tried to tour the school but couldn't get in. The afternoon was spent looking at photos, visiting and reading the letters Mary Jane received from those unable to attend.

There are four classmates

whose addresses are not updated. They are Jackie (Koeppen) Leimer; John Nebel; Bill Yilk and George Zoucha. Hope someone can send me the correct addresses of these people for further Alumni meetings.

The class total was 23 graduating with just one deceased, Jeanne (Reeder) Brown. We are looking forward to our 50th with 100% attendance. See you in 2004.

PRE-REGISTRATION

When alumni send in their pre-registration there are a few things that you can do that will make it easier for the treasurer, the secretary and those at the registration tables. Those things really won't take a lot of extra time for you, BUT it will make a lot of difference to those who are getting things organized.

1. Ladies who are alumni. PLEASE put your maiden name as well as your married name (for name tags and records).
2. PLEASE include the year you graduated. . . . Class of _____ (makes it easier to identify with correct class).
3. PLEASE include the first name of your spouse (need this information for name tags).
4. Write or print your name and address so it is legible.
5. Please include your full mailing address. (Cedar Rapids, Belgrade, and Primrose alumni, also, PLEASE.)

THANK YOU. This will help the officers so very much. The officers often do not know the names of alumni spouses, and sometimes names and addresses are a bit difficult to figure out. We do want to get it correct.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT Cedar Rapids Alumni - 1999

Date	Description	Memo	Amount
	BALANCE 3/30/99		1,439.77
7/1/99	Postmaster	Postage/Box Rent	-154.25
7/2/99	Alumni Dinner & Dues		48.00
7/12/99	Alumni Dinner & Dues		22.00
7/12/99	Alumni Dinner & Dues		30.00
7/12/99	Alumni Dinner & Dues		129.00
7/12/99	Alumni Dinner & Dues		132.00
7/12/99	Alumni Dinner & Dues		184.00
7/14/99	Alumni Dinner & Dues		29.00
7/14/99	Alumni Dinner & Dues		18.00
7/15/99	Alumni Dinner & Dues		118.00
7/16/99	Alumni Dinner & Dues		102.00
7/19/99	Alumni Dinner & Dues		139.00
7/19/99	Alumni Dinner & Dues		22.00
7/19/99	Alumni Dinner & Dues		51.00
7/20/99	Alumni Dinner & Dues		179.00
7/22/99	Alumni Dinner & Dues		62.00
7/22/99	Alumni Dinner & Dues		4.00
7/22/99	Alumni Dinner & Dues		55.00
7/23/99	Albion Nat'l Ins. Agency	Rain Ins. for Alumni	121.00
7/28/99	Alumni Dinner & Dues		-118.00
7/28/99	Cedar Rapids Press		78.00
7/30/99	Service Charge	6-30-99/7-30-99	-410.00
8/2/99	Alumni Dinner & Dues		-0.20
8/2/99	Alumni Dinner & Dues		114.00
8/2/99	Alumni Dinner & Dues		92.00
8/3/99	Nebraska Wesleyan	Meagan Heary	238.00
8/6/99	Cedar Rapids State Bank	change-\$200, \$25 picture	-325.00
8/7/99	Cedar Rapids Stop	Supplies	-250.00
8/13/99	Alumni Dance		-21.75
8/13/99	Pictures		630.00
8/20/99	Alumni Dinner & Dues		224.00
8/20/99	Alumni Dinner & Dues		70.00
8/20/99	Alumni Dinner & Dues		104.00
8/20/99	Alumni Dinner & Dues		24.00
8/20/99	Alumni Dinner & Dues		12.00
8/20/99	Alumni Dinner & Dues		55.00
8/26/99	Stop Payment Fee On Ck.#817		82.00
8/25/99	VanDeVegt Music Productions	Reissue of ck. #817	-10.00
8/30/99	Service Charge	7-30-99/8-31-99	-165.00
9/3/99	St. Anthony Altar Soc.		-0.50
9/16/99	University Of Nebraska	Tom Jarosz	-1,400.00
9/16/99	Central Community College Hastings	Jordan Hellbush	-325.00
9/30/99	Service Charge	8-31-99/9-30-99	-325.00
1/8/00	Richard Jackson	\$25-fee/\$13 supplies	-0.30
1/8/00	Bethschelder's		-38.00
1/31/00	Service Charge	12-31-99/1-31-00	-45.24
3/3/00	Alumni Dues		-0.20
3/5/00	Mary DeMuth	1999's	8.00
3/5/00	Larry Krings	1999's	-35.00
3/5/00	Mary Kay Bykerk	1999's	-35.00
3/5/00	Kay Swarczek	1999's	-35.00
3/5/00	Shelly Towey	1999's	-35.00
3/9/00	Transfer From Savings	1999's	-10.56
3/9/00	North East Comm. College	Mark Ziemba	1,300.00
3/11/00	Ultra Sound & Lights	Dep. for 2000	-325.00
3/17/00	Cedar Valley Foundation	Donation for building	-50.00
			-300.00
	BALANCE 3/30/00		1,481.77
3/31/00	Service Charge	2/29/00-3/31/00	-0.80
	TOTAL 3/31/00 - 3/31/00		-0.80
	BALANCE 3/31/00		1,480.97
			41.20
	TOTAL INFLOWS		4,456.00
	TOTAL OUTFLOWS		-4,414.80
	NET TOTAL		41.20

REGISTRATION DEADLINE JULY 17, 2000

CLIP & MAIL

Please fill out the form below and mail to:

Cedar Rapids High School Alumni Association
PO Box 4
Cedar Rapids, NE 68627-0004

ALUMNI (graduates of Cedar Rapids Schools) please send \$11.00 (dinner and dues) and \$7.00 for your spouse (IF he/she is NOT a graduate of CRHS). An extra charge of \$2.00 will be made for those attending the banquet without reservations, IF ANY EXTRA MEALS ARE AVAILABLE.

CHECK and CIRCLE ACCORDINGLY:

- Yes, I/we plan to come and attend the Alumni Banquet.
- Dinner reservation and dues for ALL ALUMNI - \$11.00.
- Dinner reservation for non-graduate spouse - \$7.00.
- My address is correct as you have it.

Name: _____ Class of _____
(please include maiden name.)

Name of non-graduate spouse _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____
 Sorry, I/we cannot attend this year, BUT enclosed is my/our Alumni Association Dues (\$4.00) (\$8.00)

Donation to the Scholarship Fund \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Alumni Association Scholarship Fund

At the 1984 reunion plans were announced for a Cedar Rapids High School Alumni Scholarship Trust Fund. These funds would be placed in an interest bearing trust fund. Interest from the fund would be used to provide a scholarship each year to one or more of the graduating seniors. Scholarship money would be paid to the university, college or technical school the recipient would be attending.

Now the Scholarship Fund and scholarships to Cedar Rapids High School graduates is a reality.

We invite all alumni to make a contribution to this fund. Below is a form that you may fill out and mail with your contribution.

CEDAR RAPIDS SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Amount \$ _____

Donor _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Presented in Memory of _____

Class of _____

Make checks payable to:
Cedar Rapids High School's (C.R.H.S.) Alumni Scholarship Fund

Mail to:
Treasurer
PO Box 4
Cedar Rapids, NE 68627-0004

(You may make a contribution to the fund whether it is a memorial or not.)

A Night Of Reminiscing



ANNUAL ALUMNI FEE & GENERAL INFORMATION

Here is a listing of the alumni members who spent Saturday night reminiscing at the banquet.

1925-Frances Theewen Mahoney, Cedar Rapids.

1928-Dorothy Carlson Cox, Cedar Rapids and Alice Cain Jacobsen, St. Paul, NE.

1929-Maxine Ward McIntyre, Arcadia, CA and Grace Fenton Patterson, Albion, NE.

1930-Ruby Hale Carlson, Cedar Rapids and Theresa Homan Guering, Cedar Rapids.

1931-Vida Gibb Hedrick, Wayne, NE.

1932-James Gordon, Cedar Rapids.

1933-Raymond Gordon, Cedar Rapids and Helen Homan Wlaschin, Cedar Rapids.

1934-Ruby Jennings Cox, Palmer, NE, Thelma Theewen Dobson, Cedar Rapids, Leona VanDeWalle Duhon, Cedar Rapids and Gertrude Henry Harnapp, Spalding, NE.

1935-Dave Forman, Ft. Dodge, KS, Mary Homan Primrose, Cedar Rapids and Francis (Bud) Towey, Cedar Rapids.

1936-Margaret Cox Zaruba, Cedar Rapids.

1937-Bernard Cline, East Carbon, UT and Marjorie Robinson Cox, Cedar Rapids.

1938-Beatrice Ryan Gordon, Cedar Rapids.

1939-Mary Emily Nebel Batenhorst, Cedar Rapids, Robert Batenhorst, Muscatine, IA, Marjorie Konert Bode, Raville, NE, Eugene

Cline, Omaha, NE and Jack DeWulf, Atlantic, IA.

1940-Arlow Tschudin, Cedar Rapids and Pauline McGuire Braun, Cedar Rapids.

1942-Evelyn Tschudin Farmer, Cedar Rapids, Rosemary Cruise Jeffries, Columbus, NE, Mary Ann Ritzdorf Micek, Columbus, NE, Paul Robert Smith, Cedar Rapids, Bernard Torson, Columbus, NE and Rita Batenhorst Zabka, LaHabra, CA.

1943-Robert McGuire, Cedar Rapids.

1944-Fritz Batenhorst, Cedar Rapids, Donna Mae Cox Bennett, Cedar Rapids, Carolyn Fitzsimmons Casper, Albion, NE, Sally Worzek Farley, Omaha, NE, Richard Jackson, Cedar Rapids, Richard McPhillips, Cedar Rapids and Leonard Torson, Friend, NE.

1945-Dick Batenhorst, Omaha, NE, Uarda Cline Damkroger, Lincoln, NE and Mary Ellen Buechter Hutchison, Cedar Rapids, NE.

1946-Gwen Orshek Batenhorst, Muscatine, IA.

1947-Edward Mahoney, Excelsior, MN.

1948-Joann Kayton, Omaha, NE.

1949-Joan Kennedy Batenhorst, Omaha, NE, Ha Mae Tschudin Bulow, Grand Island, NE, Theresa Mahoney Chapman, Fremont, NE, Irene McPhillips Goodyear, Aurora, CO, William Homan, Columbus, NE, Joan Kayton, Omaha, NE, Joe Langan, Atkinson, NE, Katie Buechter Mahoney, Excelsior, MN, Sr. Joan Monica McGuire, Chicago, IL, Anna Marie Lemke Miller, Papillion, NE, Ves Miller, Papillion, NE, Charles Orshek, Desoto, TX, Harry Ruten, St. Edward, NE, Leonard Ruten, Cedar Rapids, Alfred Schuele, Jr., Omaha, NE and Robert Zoucha, Petersburg, NE.

1952-Thomas Mahoney, Cedar Rapids, NE.

1954-Lois Townley Baggese, Arvada, CO, Richard Bourn, St. Louis, MO, Jerome Cox, Lincoln, NE, Mary Jane Fitzsimmons DeMuth, Cedar Rapids, Martha VanDeWalle Janda, Lago Scronce, Lakewood, CO and Richard Homan, Grand Island, NE.

1955-Bonnie Ewers Ruten, Cedar Rapids.

1958-Noreen Lowe Bourn, St. Louis, MO.

1959-Joann Roan Kassmeier, Hooper, NE, Janice Krings Ruten, Omaha, NE and Sylvester Ruten, Omaha, NE.

1960-Mary Langan Gilroy, Cedar Rapids.

1962-Mary Kay Holys Bykerk, Albion, NE.

1964-Donald Primrose, Huntsville, AL, Edward Wlaschin, Spalding, NE and Tony Zoucha, York, NE.

1965-Leo VanDeWalle, Cedar Rapids.

1966-Robert Casper, Albion, NE, Doug Gordon, Grand Island, NE and William Loeffler, Grand Island, NE.

1969-Vicki Afrank Baxter, Omaha, NE, Russell Boyd, Cedar Rapids, James Braun, Cedar Rapids,

Wayne Carlson, Lakewood, CO, Gladys Swerczek Choyeski, Cedar Rapids, Emma Wlaschin Loeffler, Grand Island, NE, Audrey Farmer Martinson, Belgrade, NE, Jodeen McIntyre Poole, Bennington, NE, Linda Woepel Primus, Cedar Rapids and Jane Ostrander Swartz, Fullerton.

1970-Larry Krings, Albion, NE.

1971-Ed Loeffler, Cedar Rapids and Jim Towey, Cedar Rapids.

1972-Cathy Rasmussen Krings, Albion and Shelley Orshek Towey, Cedar Rapids.

1974-Desj Douthit Augstums, Lincoln, NE, Bob Batenhorst, Madison, NE, Eileen Sauser Casper, Albion, NE, Paul Haschke, Cedar Rapids, Jim Langan, Cedar Rapids, Jane Shickel Loeffler, Cedar Rapids, Donna Kennedy Marvin, Lincoln, NE, Kristine Orshek Ryalls, Charlottesville, VA, Edward Swerczek, Cedar Rapids and Jerry Zoucha, Kenesaw, NE.

1977-Carol Kraus Haschke, Cedar Rapids.

1978-Joe Swerczek, Belgrade, NE and Kay Ahlers Swerczek, Belgrade, NE.

1979-Karen Arnold, Cedar Rapids, Jane Bethscheider, Lincoln, NE, Jim Burda, Neptune Beach, FL, Dan Choat, St. Edward, NE, William Davlin, Belgrade, Becky Bishop Eckert, Columbus, NE, Dixie Ostrander Franzen, Sidney, NE, Rich Liekhus, Wakefield, NE, Sharon Kennedy Gustafson, Lincoln, NE, Janet Langan Leifeld, Albion, NE, Dennis McGuire, West Des Moines, IA, Steven VanDeWalle, Cedar Rapids, NE and Mark Volenec, Omaha, NE.

1980-Monica Robinson Swerczek, Cedar Rapids.

1990-Cassandra Bethscheider, Cedar Rapids.

1999-Adam Bethscheider, Cedar Rapids, Megan Heany, Cedar Rapids, Jordan Hellbusch, Cedar Rapids and Andi VanDeWalle, Belgrade, NE.

A Lot of water has passed under the bridge since 1940. I feel as if I need to introduce myself. The year 2000 will be the 60th year since the Graduating Class of 1940. We feel quite humble to realize that we have not kept in touch in some way. My Cousin Lois (Schoolcraft) Crum has kept in touch so we have some information about people graduating during that time period.

It is time we set some dialogue in motion. We are enclosing our \$ 4.00 Alumni Fee together with a \$25.00 check for the Scholarship Fund. We are planning to attend the 60th Anniversary of our 1940 Class next year. Information about the Reunion will be appreciated as it becomes available.

It would be a great advantage if we could have some history about the Class of 1940. And we should probably send you some history about me and my family. We have had a truly wonderful and rewarding life. The LORD has certainly been good to us. Briefly:

I enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1940 and was in the Philippines on December 7, 1941. Our Submarine Fleet made it to Western Australia early in 1942.

Lillian M. Killick of Albany, Western Australia and I were Married in 1944. We have three children, two daughters and one son. I am a retired Civil Engineer. We live in Corvallis, Oregon, where we have spent most of the past 33 years. We have spent 13 years of our married lives in Australia on four different occasions and as many reasons. We are in reasonable good health and our children are well situated in their respective lives. There is so very much more we could say. Maybe later?

Please enroll us in the Cedar Rapids Alumni Association. We look forward to Your Reunion in 2000.

Very Sincerely,
Leonard D. & Lillian M. Schoolcraft

Registration Deadline: July 17, 2000

After 5 days return to:
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PO Box 4
Cedar Rapids, NE 68627-0004
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65 year class -1934

Thelma Theewen Dobson, Cedar Rapids; Gertrude Henry Harnapp, Spalding, NE; Ruby Jennings Cox, Palmer, NE