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2013 Hall of Distinction Induction Banquet

This year's Induction Banquet had one of the largest crowds in recent years.

Edward Beck Jr. was represented by his sister Sharon Malady. He grew up near Arrowhead Golf Club and became a member of the Hoover High Golf Team. He graduated from Hoover High in 1968. After graduation, Ed joined the marines. He was deployed to Denang Harbor, Vietnam where he became missing in action in 1969. Ed gave his life while serving his country.

Myron Draper was presented by friend Bob Berrodin. Myron had a successful athletic career at both Hoover High and Wittenberg University. His 40 year employment at Merrill-Lynch has enabled him to be very philanthropic to Hoover High School and many Stark County causes.

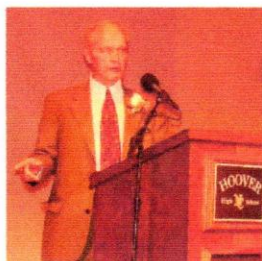
John Evans came to North Canton to work at the Hoover tannery. He was a man of strong morals and avoided all the vices. He and "Boss" Hoover saw to it that there were no saloons in New Berlin. A quote from John, "A successful life is possible I think to all of you but don't measure success by dollars and worldly pleasures but rather by the development of your heart in sympathetic feelings for your fellows in your spirit of loving service to the needs of others. Then, O blessed thought, come what may, it will be well, you shall rest from your labors, and your works shall follow." John was represented by Carol Carr.

Sister Susanne Gill was a 1948 graduate of NOCA High. She earned a Bachelor's degree from St. John College and Masters from Purdue University. She was a 15 year teacher, was a 12 year Principal and has served 19 years in religious education at Nativity Church in Springfield. She continues to be a good servant to her community. Sister Gill said "they can tear down the Charlotte School but they can't take away the memories".

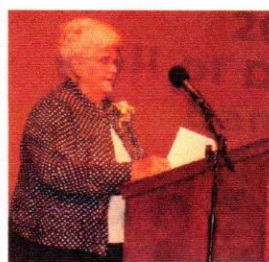
The Lions Club of North Canton was represented by Bennett Kann, their president. They meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at Chicken Manor. They continue to aid the blind and visually impaired. They also sponsor the Memorial Day parade and each year they present a dogwood to all 5th graders to plant in the "Dogwood City" North Canton. They ring the bell each holiday for the Salvation Army and present a yearly scholarship at Hoover High School. They also contribute to many worthy causes in the city and county.



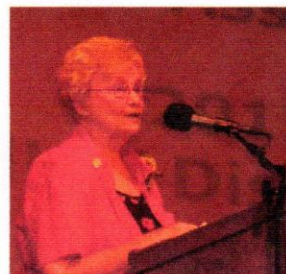
Sharon Malady
for Ed Beck.



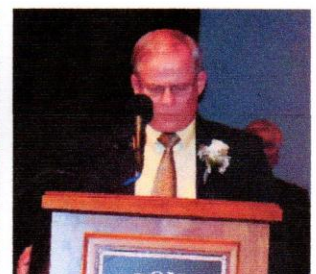
Myron Draper.



Carol Carr
for John Evans.



Sister Susanne
Gill.



Bennett Kann-
President- N.C.
Lions.

In this issue of the newsletter, we would like to feature two former Hoover Viking swimmers who are brother and sister.

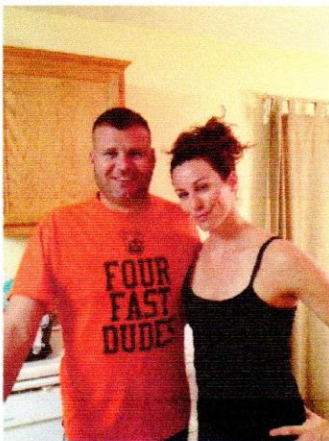
Matt Johnsen was a 1996 Hoover graduate. While at Hoover High School, he was a leadership coordinator, state qualifier in swimming all four years, ran cross country for three years, and played his favorite sport, baseball, 3 years.

Matt moved on to Bowling Green State University. He was a Mid-American Conference Champion in swimming. He graduated with a degree in English. Matt's first job was in Sugarland, Texas where he taught English and coached swimming. When Rick Morrison retired, Matt had the opportunity to fulfill his dream of teaching and coaching swimming at Hoover High School. Matt is now in his 12th year of teaching English and coaching swimming. We believe Matt's teams have won 11 Federal League Boys' swimming championships and the girls have won 6. The boys also won two while Matt was a student.

Matt and his wife, Andrea, have two daughters, Leah, age 4 and Lauren, age 2. Matt spends his summers managing the Dogwood pool, being a good dad and also enjoys playing fumbleball.

Susie Johnsen-Celek graduated from Hoover in 1999. At Hoover, Susie was active in student council, leadership council, and was a class officer as both a junior and senior. Susie was also a state qualifier in swimming. She also excelled in volleyball and track. She enjoyed being on the homecoming court as a freshman and was homecoming queen as a senior. She also was on the Pro Football Hall of Fame Queen Court in 1999.

After graduation Susie attended Akron University and then transferred to the University of Cincinnati where she was on the crew team all four years. She graduated with a degree in communications. She has coached swimming at Cincinnati St. Xavier while living and working in the Cincinnati area. Susie worked in sales for a couple of years before moving to Philadelphia. Susie Johnsen-Celek started a small business, Skin Palette, with her friend Julie Dorenbos. She is presently living in Rittenhouse with her dog, Bruiser.



Matt & Susie

Your Alumni Association recently initiated a program to help build our endowment so that we can offer more scholarships and potentially increase the amount of some of our awards. The program encourages Alumni to make donations in memory of friends, relatives, classmates etc. We received \$ 2500 initially. Thank You to all who supported this cause. Donations have tapered off recently. Our top 6 classes since we initiated this program are listed below:

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| #1 Class of 1959 - \$ 2000 | # 4 Class of 1965 - \$ 603 |
| #2 Class of 1975 - \$ 1200 | # 5 Class of 1966 - \$ 525 |
| #3 Class of 1951 - \$ 620 | # 6 Class of 1971 - \$ 300 |

Mary Elizabeth Dahler (Mary), Born- June 24, 1928, North Canton, OH.

Resides- Lake Township/North Canton, Ohio

Mary grew up in North Canton in the 1940's when organized girls' team sports were non-existent at the high school level. Athletics was an exclusive male domain. Girls had to be content with physical education classes and intramural games under the loosely held title of Girls Athletic Association. For a fortunate few, golf tennis and swimming were available at local courses like Orchard Hill and Edgewood and the community pool. But hard working middle class families like the Dahlers with ten kids were about as far removed from the country club set as you could get.

So Mary turned to bowling. It was one of the few team sports available to women at the time. Softball was another option and she played shortstop with the Yale Clothes softball team in the 1950's before job demands forced her to give up the sport. But, when she went to work at the Hoover Company, bowling became her sport of choice. Starting with a Hoover league in 1948 and having the Richards' sisters Hazel and Anabel as role models, she quickly became one of the top bowlers in the area.

Haunting the old Community Building and North Canton Recreation lanes, she competed in leagues three nights a week and practiced whenever and wherever she could. At her peak she carried a full year average of 204 (twice), bowled a 700 series six times with a highest single game of 297. She won all events in the Canton Women's Bowling Association tournament five times and first place scratch team in WBA tournament five times.

She competed in numerous local, state and national WBA tournaments for more than 30 years and was named both Women's Bowler of the Year (more than once) and Stark County Sportsman of the Year. In 1986, she was elected to the Greater Stark County Women's Bowling Hall of Fame.

Dahler's competitive bowling career spanned 60 years, before arm and shoulder miseries forced her into semi-retirement in 2008. Today she still bowls and plays golf in senior women's leagues. She is a true "pioneer" in blazing the path for women's sports in North Canton.



Bruce Sanford is a 1960 graduate of Hoover High School. He has authored a book entitled "Children's Prayers". Bruce is currently employed as a full time faculty member of the City University of New York.

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Recent Donations– Jim Strauch (75),

Recent Deaths– Celeste (nee Berger) Corbett (68), Wilma Jauman Cox (53), Richard Green (56), Evelyn "Evie" Hubler (72), Bill Lerch (48), Helen Salinas (48), Paul Sluss (47), Paul Michael Uplinger (69), Carolyn A. Willaman Warstler (50), Charles B. Youtz (37), Ruth A. Zengler (41). Former teachers Mary Bowen, Claire Fernandez and Don Hertler, Sr. Also former secretary Donna Horner Sylvester.

Upcoming Reunions– Class of 1993– Sat., Nov. 30 starting at 6:00 at the Fairways. Casual gathering Fri., Nov. 29 at 8:00 at the Geisen Haus. For info contact Darcy Friel at www.DarcyFriel.com.



Our school and community lost a tremendous coach and teacher. Don Hertler had a positive influence on many Hoover Alumni.

The next Alumni Association Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 6:00 in the Portage Building. We will be nominating officers for the upcoming year. We would appreciate anyone to step forward to become an officer or to help us with our data base and newsletter.