



# Viking Alert

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The North Canton  
Alumni Association

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## 2014 Hall of Distinction Inductees

**James. A. Brown-** 1958 Hoover High graduate. President and owner of the Classic Auto group in the Mentor area. Well known for his philanthropic support in the area.

**Gary Giammarco DDS-** Has practiced dentistry in the area for 43 years. Very active in the community and has been the President of North Canton Little League baseball for 26 years.

**Henry Clay Holl-** Born in 1844. His principal education came from the "old red house school" in New Berlin. He was the primary source of New Berlin history from the Civil War to the 1900's.

**Judge John R. Hoffman-** Hoover High graduate in 1963. Received his Juris Doctor of Laws from Case Western Reserve. Served in the U. S. Army. Has practiced law in the area for many years and is now with the Stark County Common Pleas Court, Family Court Division.

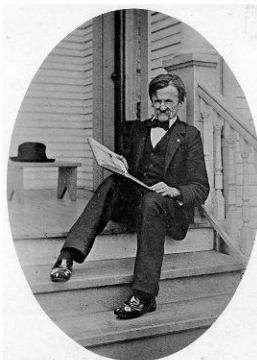
**Mary Elizabeth Jordan-** 1949 graduate of Greentown High School. Taught for 33 years with 28 years teaching 3rd grade in North Canton. Also very active in the Haven of Rest ministries in Akron and with Meals on Wheels.



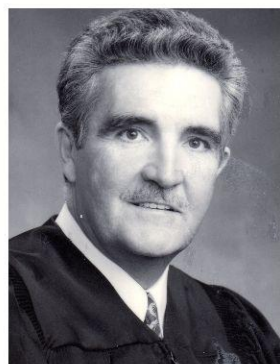
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Mary Jordan



The Hall of Distinction Induction Banquet is 6:30 Weds., Sept. 24 in the High School Commons. For tickets- Lisa Gregory -[lwg@neo.rr.com](mailto:lwg@neo.rr.com), (330) 305-0779 or Joyce Greek [muske75@sbcglobal.net](mailto:muske75@sbcglobal.net), (330) 966-7034

How about our Lady Viking softball team. This year they accomplished an amazing feat. They won their fourth consecutive state championship. What a great achievement. Congratulations girls and coaches on another wonderful season.



In this issue we'd like to feature 2 former Hoover graduates. They are Jamie Damico Smart and Bob Smart. Both are 1992 graduates.

Jamie was very active in high school. She was in NHS for 2 years, student council 4 years, Newspaper 1 year, Hi-Lo's 2 years, drama 4 years, Teen Institute 4 years, basketball 2 years and volleyball 4 years.

Jamie received her BS in Newspaper Journalism from Syracuse University in 1996. She has worked in New Jersey and Massachusetts for Advanced Internet Publications. She moved back to the Akron area and worked in online marketing and communications until 2006. Then she spent 7 years at Hitchcock, Fleming & Associates on a part time basis. She launched several client web sites and worked in project management. She's done communication consulting for North Canton City Schools since 2011 and accepted a full-time position as Director of Communications in January of 2014.

Bob was also very active in high school. He was in NHS 2 years, FCA 2 years, basketball 4 years, football 4 years and track 3 years.

Bob Smart received a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Purdue University in 1996. He has worked in Florida for Harris Company and Cincinnati Machine doing engineering and large scale machinery sales. Bob moved back to Canton to work in the family business at Superior Machine Company. Over the past 11 years he has accumulated investment property in Stark County and 2013 he left Superior Machine to manage the properties full-time and to rep for Haines and company on the side.

Bob and Jamie met up again in 2001, they knew each other in high school but ran with different crowds at the time. They married in 2002 and now have 3 active sons, Robby (10), Tommy (9) and Joey (6) plus dog, Baron. Bob & Jamie enjoy playing golf together and Bob is involved in coaching at various levels.

Jamie's mother (Joanne Damico) retired from the North Canton City Schools in 2013 after 23 years of service with much time in the Gifted/ Talented program.



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### **Leading Contributors to our Scholarship funds (by graduating Class).**

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Class of 1964 \$ 5,000 | 3. Class of 1963 \$ 1,500 | 5. Class of 1975 \$ 700 |
| 2. Class of 1959 \$ 2,000 | 4. Class of 1966 \$ 725   | 6. Class of 1965 \$ 673 |

Your continued support of these awards has made these North Canton Alumni Association Scholarships possible. Many thanks to all those who have contributed.

Evan Bitzer Schiltz (Evie)

Born: October 29, 1914, New Berlin, Ohio

Died: October 25, 2000, North Canton, Ohio

A North Canton Sun article on January 7, 1926 noted that young Schiltz won the Community Building boys' billiards tournament. It was an inkling of the versatility that marked his sports career. In high school, he was the leading scorer on the 1932 basketball team which posted a 21-7 record, won the county championship and advanced to the state tournament for the first time. In the same spring, Evie set a school pole vault record of 11 feet, 1 3/8 inches that stood for nearly 30 years. Before the summer was over, he also won the Stark County junior golf championship.

Moving on to Mount Union College, he starred in basketball, track and golf, winning All Ohio Conference honors in basketball. In 1971, Schiltz was elected to the college's athletic Hall of Fame. Later he continued to play amateur basketball with the Hoover Sweepers in the late 1930's, leading the team to the finals in the 1939 state industrial semi-pro title game.

Schiltz's lasting fame was yet to come on the golf course where he established himself as one of the areas finest over the next 30 years. He won the county district golf championship twice in 1936 and 1946, qualified for the U. S. Amateur golf championship and was a four time club champion at Brookside Country Club. He also found time to teach golf professionally at Edgewood Golf Course from 1947-57.

Schiltz was a 43 year employee of the Hoover Company. He also actively participated in numerous roles in city government and civic affairs for many years.

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We encourage you to make nominations for the Alumni Association Hall of Distinction. If you know of someone who is deserving, please send us the name & your reasons for nominating the individual or group. Send to- North Canton Alumni Association, P.O. Box 2534, North Canton, OH 44720-0534.  
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As we watched our Hoover Lady Viking Softball team win their fourth consecutive State softball championship, we marveled at what an outstanding community and student support group was in attendance. Hoover had the largest crowd and the most vocal group at the state championships. We have much to be proud of. Girls' basketball was second in the state, the boys' lacrosse team made the final four, and we had an unbelievable senior class in terms of academics.

Your Alumni Association needs your continued support if we are to carry on our mission of promoting and supporting this school system. Your continued memberships and donations to our scholarship funds enable us to assist many of our graduates as they venture into college or other advanced training. We do need your continued support and we appreciate all that you've done so far. We did award five scholarships this year and have given over \$ 49,000 over the years.

We hope to be visible at the Main Street Festival, at a tailgate party prior to the opening home football game, and other activities in the community.



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**Recent Donations-** Amy Logan Walther, Marilyn Weeks Johnston, Robert Domer, Santa Evey Morris, Adelyn Chiofolo McDonald, Paul Paparone, Joan Jefferson Pool, Howard Furbee, Laurie Bacon Langenfeld in honor of Lindsay Rouse (2014 Alumni Scholarship winner), Joanne Gross Disbrow in memory of Carolyn Warstler.

**Recent Deaths-** Florence Fay "Young" Beck (50), James H. Boettler (46), Maria Alberta Eaver Bright (33), Dennis Butts (74), Margaret Braucher Disbrow (40), Atlee Fall (28), Duane Geitgey (50), Larry Greenho (57), Sally Hamilton Blythe-Grizer (48), Annabelle Getz Fleischer (43), Marlan P. Hutt Jr. (54), James Paul Kindy (57), Deborah DeWees Kopatz (71), Arline Mercorelli (36), Harry "Chip" Rennecker (90), James David Ross (70), Arthur Schneider (45), Doug Umbenhour (75). Richard Lovett- former bus garage mechanic. Former custodian Donald Kennedy. Bill Nutt former teacher & coach.

Congratulations to Jean Masline Schiltz (42) on celebrating her 90th birthday.

Valerie Thompson (2001) and Amana Haidet Phillips (2001) are both to be congratulated on achieving their doctorates. Also congrats to Katiann Scherer for qualifying to be a member of the USA Women's Handball Team.

We have three new lifetime memberships- Dana Miller (69), Leora Kuhne Knight (76) and Claudia Jean Dornecker Farley (58).

We're always looking for news about our graduates who have made a positive influence in their various endeavors.