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The North Canton Alumni Association has awarded six \$ 500 scholarships to members of the Hoover High Class of 2015. Two are awarded in memory of William DeGregorio, a history buff and author. These scholarships are awarded to students who plan to major in journalism or communications in college. This year's winners are Abigail Grisez and Alexandra Miller.

Three Alumni scholarships recognize good citizenship. This year's recipients are Ben Christ, James Feller and Armando Ventosa. These winners were nominated by Hoover High Staff members.

The sixth scholarship is in memory of Fred and Barbra Stevens who were active school and community supporters and recognizes an outstanding student/athlete. The winner this year is Tony Iero.



Abigail Grisez



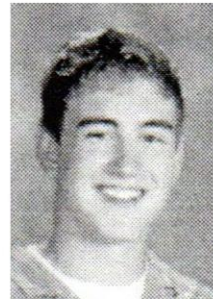
Alexandra Miller



Ben Christ



James Feller



Armando Ventosa



Tony Iero

This newsletter will also serve as our annual fund-raiser. Please consider renewing your membership or joining as a life member. Donations are also appreciated. Thanks again for your continued support.

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Annual (\$ 15 per year) Lifetime membership (\$ 100).

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We also accept donations in memory of deceased classmates or friends, etc. and those donations will be acknowledged in future newsletters. Please make membership checks out to the North Canton Alumni Association, P.O. Box 2534, North Canton, OH 44720.

In this issue we would like to feature a sister and brother who both graduated from Hoover High School and who have both remained in the area. They are Marcy and Dave King.

Marcy graduated from Hoover in 1971. During high school she was an active member of the Girls Athletic Association (GAA). Marcy was Vice President as a junior and President as a senior. She was also in Choir all four years. She was selected as the Repository Teen of the Month in April, 1971. She always wanted a career in nursing until taking Latin her freshman year. Then she switched to secretarial and clerical classes which led to a lifetime career of working for the Federal Government. After graduation, she left North Canton to take a civilian position with the Department of Defense, United States Marine Corps in Washington D.C. She spent 14 months in D.C. and was so homesick she returned to Canton to attend Kent State University majoring in education. After a year of college, she ran out of money and had to return to work. Since she had worked for the Federal Government, she reapplied to the Social Security Administration and was hired in June, 1973. That led to a 40 year career as a public servant. She was honored by the Chicago Regional Commissioner for outstanding service.

During her free time, Marcy was a catcher for the North Canton Buffalo Hills softball team which played in the Ohio-Michigan Womens' Fast Pitch league. They usually played 4 games each weekend. She was selected as the league's All-Star catcher in 1978. Marcy was also very active in bowling. She bowled in league play for 42 years. She was active in the Canton Women's Bowling Association and was selected into their Hall of Fame in 2002. She has bowled in 26 National Tournament all over the U.S.

Marcy retired in 2011 and spends her winters in Cypress Lake Retirement Community in Lakeland, Florida. She enjoys her time in Florida but is always thrilled to come back home to North Canton.

Dave King graduated in 1976. He and his wife Linda were married in 1980 and continue to reside and raise their children in North Canton. They are the parents of Amanda (2001), Amy (2005) and Andrew (2010).

Dave attended college at Kent State and Ohio U. before returning to North Canton to work for the Timken Company. He attended Walsh College and entered a continuing education program with Timken. He graduated in 1985 with a dual degree in Finance and Management. Dave then left Timken and joined the Hoover Company from 1987 to 1992. He then left Hoover to become Director of Credit and Cash Management for the Genie Company in Alliance. The job at Genie lasted until 1997 when Dave joined Associated Materials. He spent 10 years in Finance and the last 8 in sales administration. He is now Senior Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer.

Dave feels fortunate to have grown up in North Canton. He feels blessed to have been employed in the area and been able to maintain his ties with the North Canton Schools and community.



Left- Marcy King,

Right- Dave King.



This is the 15th in a series of articles by local historian Jim Holl.

Donald Ray Hertler, Sr. (Don) Born: May 9, 1928 Bridgeport, OH

Died: Sept. 25, 2013 Canton, OH

Although his much acclaimed Hoover High School football coaching accomplishments are widely recognized, Don Hertler's first love arguably was baseball. As a youngster, he played all sports at Bridgeport High School and summer semi-pro baseball with town teams in Bridgeport and Wheeling, WV. After an 18-month stint with the U.S. Army's 21st Infantry Regiment in Japan, he went on the G.I. Bill to Wittenberg University where he concentrated on baseball and football. He coached the Hoover High School baseball team for 17 years, actually winning more baseball games (220) than football games. He even found time to play baseball one year (1954) with the Hoover Company City Class "A" League team.

After graduating from Wittenberg in 1951 with a B.A. in Health and Physical Education, Hertler spent two years teaching and coaching at State Street Junior High School in Marion, OH. He arrived in North Canton as an assistant football coach under Mike Skuban in 1953- a year the Vikings failed to win a game! Between 1953 and 1959, he coached baseball, wrestling, football and carried a full teaching load.

Hertler's 21 years as head football coach at Hoover have been well covered- 163 wins, 43 losses, 3 ties, a .788 winning percentage. He had no losing seasons and two undefeated teams. During his tenure, the Vikings won 7 Federal League titles. He was named Federal League Coach of the Year 7 times and Stark County Coach of the Year twice and coached in all-star games at the county, state and inter-state levels.

Numerous awards and honors have been given to Hertler since his retirement from teaching. He also continued for many years to take an active role in school and community affairs, serving as Director of the OHSAA district meets in baseball, track, softball and basketball, North Canton City Recreation Director and board member and working with the city youth football and summer baseball programs.

Hertler is in the Ohio Football Coaches Hall of Fame (1987), Stark County Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame (1991) and Stark County High School Football Hall of Fame (2003). In 2011, he finally made the Bridgeport High School Hall of Fame and had the field at Memorial Stadium named "Don Hertler Sr. Field". 2011 was very good year for Don Hertler.

Your Alumni Association is proposing a new scholarship, again in the amount of \$ 500 to be awarded to an Eagle Scout. The scholarship would be awarded in the name of long- time leader Kenny Oberlin. Anyone wishing to contribute to this award can contact our president Jim Strauch.

The Hoover High Class of 1965 will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary on Sept. 18 and 19, 2015. Please contact Carol Brogdan Selinsky @ 330-837-6773 or tcselinsky@sssnet.com to give us your correct address if you have not yet received your invitation. You may also contact Cathie Woods Pepper @ 330-497-7373, or Greg Beavers @ greg@dylangroups.com or Rick Fisher @ rick2475@sbcglobal.net. Please try to come. Faculty welcome too !

The Hoover High Class of 1958 will be having an reunion on Fri., Aug. 14 and Sat., Aug. 15. The Fri. activity will be a Pizza Party at Carol (nee Fisher) Young's house at 505 Rose Lane. There will be golf on Sat. morning at Prestwick. The dinner will also be at Prestwick on Sat. night. For info call Carol Young at (330) 499-5731.

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Recent Deaths- Eric Anderson (67), John Baxter (41), Margery Jean Bennett (67), John Bertsch (59), Linda Bower (65), William Boyce (58), Thomas Diuk (80), Cassandra Eales (03), Jeff Ellsworth (74), John Fultz (95), Eleanor (Lesh) Getz (41), Joseph "Bernie" Gill (40), William Gurganus (72), Jessica Stayer Heath (06), Rita Anne Iero (55), Glenda Jordan (64), Charles "Sam" King (41), Donald Knorzer Jr. (44), James "Skip" McDowell (69), John Morgan (58), Judy Morgan (58), Ralph Mortimer (33), Rodney Murphy (51), John Parker (73), Jinnie Peters (39), Fred Reikowsky (43), Rod Seccombe (74), Diane McClintock Vaprin (67), Gene Willaman (47), Dick Wilson (55), Former Business Manager Mike Sumser, Former secretary Louise DeBerardinis. Recent student Brandi Morgan.

Recent Donation- From "Chihuahua Club" members of the Class of 1951.

Please mark Weds., Sept. 23 on your calendar. That is the date for the Hall of Distinction Induction Banquet. This year's inductees are; Dr. John Andrea, Bob McCaman, Bob McCleaster, Mary McManaway and Tom Shoup.

Also please mark Sat., Sept. 26. Your Alumni Association is planning an All-Class Reunion to be held at the North Canton K of C. The cost will be \$ 20 each with food provided. It will be a bring your own adult beverage affair. More details will be forthcoming.

We'd also like to announce that the 2nd Class of Inductees into the North Canton Athletic Hall of Fame will be on Sat. night, Sept. 19 at Arrowhead Golf Club. Social hour at 6:00 with the dinner and program starting at 7:00. For tickets and information, contact Marsha Peters at (330) 949-6438.

Your Alumni Association wants to thank Jim Strauch and Jeremy Watts who have setup a website for the North Canton Alumni Association. To search it out, go to NorthCantonAlumni.org. And to update your e-mail information, please send to NorthCantonAlumni@gmail.com.