



# VIKING ALERT

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## Do You Know Where Yours Is?

*The Story of Three Lost Hoover Class Rings and  
Past Strange Mating Rituals of the North American Teenager*



Ring #1 - Class Ring from 2001.



Ring #2 - Class Ring from 2006.



Ring #3 - Class Ring from 2009.

Ahhh yes, that expensive little trinket that said you had finally arrived in high school, the Class Ring. It was one of two items that made you 'official', the second being your Class Jacket.

Let's face it; for most guys, other than a wristwatch, it was your first real piece of jewelry.

For girls, well yeah it was a real piece of jewelry that you most likely owned, and you dutifully added it to your blossoming collection of other not-quite-so-important rings for your fingers, bracelets for your wrists, necklaces, and earrings.

And if you were of the female sex, it was another mark of your having grown in stature and having moved "UP" in the lofty positions of high school society, such as it was, if you managed to score A SPECIAL GUY'S RING. A mark of Going Steady with your special someone, a relationship which you just knew would last forever (and

please don't even get me started on some of the horror stories I saw of people breaking up with each other in high school and the accompanying pain, heartache, and sometimes public embarrassment that went along with it).

Some of us actually did continue with those wonderful relationships into later stages of our lives. Others, (most of us), not so much.

Back then, girls would usually wrap their special guy's ring with fuzzy, soft angora wool and lovingly wear it around their neck for all to see. (I recall some young ladies rewrapping their guy's ring in a different color of yarn on what seemed to be a daily basis, a most sensible use of time during your teenage years). It proudly, and depending on the yarn color, sometimes loudly proclaimed that she was most definitely, at least for that moment, taken by someone of the opposite sex and "off-the-market",

a sign to all other possible suitors to back off. This proved to be a very wise way for other guys to save themselves some excruciating pain (especially if the girl's steady happened to be a member of the school football team!).

The rings themselves were usually highly ornate, sporting a primary, large gem stone, the color of your choosing. They were usually made of yellow gold, silver or white gold with your graduating class year marked on it somewhere, as well as the "institution's" name

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**Visit The Alumni Association  
At Our Booth At The  
North Canton  
Main Street Festival,  
August 18th and 19th, 2018!  
We Hope to See You There!!!**



## 2018 Hall of Distinction Banquet

The North Canton Alumni Association announces its 2018 Hall of Distinction Induction Banquet to be held on Wednesday, September 26, 2018, at Hoover High School. Tickets are available from the North Canton City Schools District Office or by calling Lisa Warburton-Gregory at (330) 305-0779.

This year's inductees include community leaders Glenn and Ardis DeHoff; 1975 graduate Ron Hartman who excels at community fundraising and philanthropy; 1976 graduate Christina Lauria who has been honored in business and volunteer work; 1995 graduate Ryan Meinerding whose work at Marvel Comics has been seen worldwide; and 1978 graduate Scott Warburton who sits on many boards and is the president of the North Canton Y.

The Alumni Association will also honor two volunteers for their many years of service to the association: Raymond "Bud" Swope and Susie (Hertler) VanVranken.

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that had the *honor* of having you as a student/prisoner. Somewhere also your initials or name appeared. And in recent years there have been all kinds of new developments for them, such as including a symbol of your favorite sport, club, social activity or musical instrument that you play, depicted in raised low bas relief on the ring, your school's mascot name (Vikings!) and additional stones (read real diamonds here!).

All of which brings us to our main story this quarter, the tale of

the three lost class rings.

A few months ago, North Canton Alumni Association President Jim Strauch was contacted by the High School and told that three errant rings had been recently found and turned into the High School office. The High School in turn contacted the Alumni Association and asked if we would attempt to reunite the rings with their original rightful owners. All three rings belonged to males as was quickly determined by observing their size and shape, and eventually verified by scanning yearbooks and matching up initials and names with those depicted on each ring.

Had a relationship during a "Going Steady" episode as mentioned above gone wrong with these three rings? **OR** had they somehow been separated from their owners by more conventional means?

Jim Strauch's first priority was to identify the owners. Easily accomplished since as we all know Class Rings have the year of your graduation prominently embellished on them somewhere, as well as your initials or name. And the Alumni Committee luckily has access to all of North Canton's Yearbooks dating from 1925 to the present.

The former owners' graduation years we were searching for were the classes of 2001, 2006 and 2009, none of the years stemming from very long ago. And respectively, the initials the Committee had to go by were K.R., D.G. and A.D.

A quick scan of the Class Yearbooks from those years revealed the following matching names; Kyle Rinehart for the Class of '01, Donny Grimm for the Class of '06,

and Anthony D'Antonio for the Class of '09.

Kyle Rinehart informed us, "That ring has been missing for over ten years. I don't remember having it my senior year of college. I graduated from Kent State in 2005, moved to North Carolina that same year, then moved to Florida in 2007. With my college ring in hand, I had counted the high school ring as a loss, and forgotten about it. I don't know exactly how it was lost, I just remember not having it."

We were a bit worried about Donny Grimm's safety after seeing his ring, and hoped he wasn't wearing it when it was crushed, otherwise he might be missing a finger! (see Ring #2 photo on page 1). But a quick glance at his profile photo on Facebook assured us that he still has all of his digits attached.

And we were unable to directly contact Anthony D'Antonio, but did get his ring back to his parents to forward to him.

So there's the story of the three rings. All three have been returned to their rightful owners families, allowing them to be returned to their owners.

No drama. No irate girlfriends. No strangulation death by Angora. And nobody called to the scene of a homicide due to a romantic break-up. And here all along I was hoping for a here-to-for unknown juicy romantic story of tragedy to unfold. Sorry folks. If anything, it simply proves that I've just gotta' stop watching chick-flicks on the couch with my wife on slow weekends.

Which brings us all the way back to the question at the top of this article-*do you know where yours is?*



## **Upcoming Class Reunions!!!**

### **Class of 2013 - 5th Year Reunion** **Saturday Night Reunion-**

**Date:** Saturday, July 28th, 5-9 p.m.

**Venue:** Walther's Twin Tavern

440 Applegrove Rd., N.W.  
North Canton, OH

**Details:** Food, Games, Music and a cash bar. With Venmo, advance payments can be made to HHS Class Reunion Fund @HHS-2013. Please visit our Facebook Event Page for additional information or contact Nick Hazen by e-mail at nbh15@case.edu

### **Class of 1988 - 30th Year Reunion** **Friday Night Gathering**

**Date:** Friday, July 20th - please visit our web site (address below)

#### **Saturday Night Reunion-**

**Date:** Saturday, July 21st, 7-12

**Venue:** LaPizzaria Restaurant  
3656 Dressler Rd. N.W.  
Canton, OH 44718

**Details:** Visit our web site regarding the Reunion and the other 8 (count them, EIGHT!) events all planned for our class at class events at hoover88reunion.com

### **Class of 1973 - 45th Year Reunion** **Friday Night Gathering -**

**Date:** Friday, August 24th, 6-10 p.m.

**Venue:** Walther's Twin Tavern

440 Applegrove Rd., N.W.  
North Canton, OH

**Details:** Open to ALL Hoover Alumni!

#### **Saturday Night Reunion -**

**Date:** Saturday, August 25th, 5:30-11 p.m.

**Venue:** Arrowhead Banquet Center  
1500 Rogwin Circle N.W.  
North Canton, OH

**Details:** Please contact Debbie Theirl at 330-323-4430 or Susan Cahill Smith 330-479-0552.

### **Class of 1968 - 50th Year Reunion** **Saturday Night Reunion**

**Date:** Saturday, August 11th, 7-? p.m.

**Venue:** Arrowhead Country Club  
1500 Rogwin Circle N.W.  
North Canton, OH

**Details:** This will be a Splash Party around the pool. There will be food stations, cash bar, and music. Gary Johns and Suzanne Herdlicka are co-chairs. Contact Suzanne at 917-291-1401 for more details.

### **Class of 1958 - 60th Year Reunion**

**Date:** Saturday, September 15th

**Venue:** Arrowhead Banquet Center  
1500 Rogwin Circle, N.W.  
North Canton, OH

**Details:** Please contact Carol Fisher Young at 330/499-5731 or at cayoung940@gmail.com



Both photos by Greg 'Pudge' Hammen, Class of '72.



### **Iconic Police Booth On** **North Canton's Square Moved/** **Preserved**

With the development of the former Hoover World Headquarters and Manufacturing facility into the new, multi-use Hoover District, the new owners/developers, IRG Realty, have made numerous changes to the facility, not the least of which was the removal of the police booth from the northeast corner of the city's square.

The small hexagonal-shaped booth at the corner of Maple and Main streets dates to the 1950s. It succeeded two prior booths built at approximately the same location, the first which dated back to the 1930s.

The Hoover Company built the first booth, allowing a police officer to operate equipment to change the traffic signals. This allowed school children attending the former Portage Elementary School and the former Hoover High School, along with Hoover employees during shift changes to cross the then busy five-point intersection. The booth was a key landmark on the routes to school for generations of North Canton school children. The development of automated traffic signals eliminated the need for a human operator. By 1978 the police department was no longer using the booth. Since then, it has served as a shelter for the crossing guards who help school children safely cross the intersection.

IRG Realty sent a letter to the city committing to donate the booth to North Canton – providing the city provide all of the moving and relocation costs. Luckily, local preservationist Steve Coon donated the use of a crane to place the booth directly across the street on the square's northwest corner between Huntington Bank (the former FirstMerit and Citizens Savings building) and North Canton City Hall. It took about six to seven hours to move.

In January 2018, The North Canton Heritage Society unveiled the refurbished community police booth exhibit on the brick plaza next to City Hall. The windows of the small, hexagon-shaped booth now display photographs from the society's extensive collection. "It's a good place for people to learn the history of North Canton," said Executive Director M. Carmella

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### **Recent Donations to the North Canton Alumni Association**

*Class of 1950 - \$25.00*

*Class of 1958 - \$1,000*

*Class of 1975-Donation #1 - \$75.00*

*Class of 1975-Donation #2 - \$1,000*

### **Recent Deaths**

*Class of '40 - Gifford Rohrer*

*Class of '48 - Blair Zimmerman  
- Amy Humbert*

*Class of '51 - Stephen Wilkins*

*Class of '58 - Elaine Zimmer Rudd*

*Class of '60 - Leonard "Lenny" Arnold*

*Class of '65 - Mark Cady*

*Class of '73 - Larry Clark*

*Class of '74 - Craig Foughty*

*Class of '77 - Diana Kenney*

*Class of '83 - Julie Rebellino Pansari*

*Class of '91 - Chadd Leath*

*Class of '01 - Sarah K. Hill*

Do YOU have a news-worthy article or piece of interest that you would like to share with your fellow classmates in our newsletter? If so, please drop us a line at: North Canton Alumni Association, P.O. Box 2534, North Canton, OH 44720 **OR** contact us at [www.northcantalumni.org](http://www.northcantalumni.org) **OR** contact us by email: [northcantalumni@gmail.com](mailto:northcantalumni@gmail.com).