

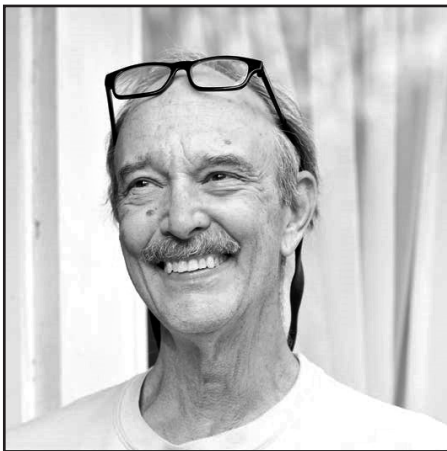


# VIKING ALERT

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## Two Hoover Grads Find Lost Class Ring 53 Years Later

Partially inspired to once again search after reading our article "Do You Know Where Yours Is" in the Viking Alert Newsletter from the 2nd Quarter of 2018, two former Hoover High graduates turn up GOLD!!!



**John Schick, Hoover Class of 1967**

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NORTH CANTON - Everything and nothing in John Schick's life has changed since he graduated high school in 1967.

Just after, he lost his Hoover High class ring while washing a car at his house on Pineview Avenue SE.

A number of classmates died in Vietnam. He met and married his wife, Barbara. He worked several different jobs, including 23 years at Republic Steel in Canton.

"I looked for the ring, but couldn't find it," Schick recalled.

He was 17 years old at the time.

No big deal; the ring wasn't too important then.

But Schick is now 70 years old. He's a grandpa. And years ago, he'd moved into a home right back in

his same childhood neighborhood, just two doors down on Pineview.

It's funny, how as we grow older, our priorities sometimes change. Maybe it's just plain sentimentality. Perhaps, it's understanding our own mortality. But that ring he'd carelessly lost 53 years ago just happened to have been a gift from his mom.

"I was an only child and I was spoiled," Schick said

Every now and then, Schick would think about that missing ring. About a year ago, Schick came across a Facebook post from a guy named Scott Brown, whose hobby is metal detecting. Turns out, Brown is a Hoover High alumnus. Brown had graduated four years after Schick, so the two were as good as strangers.

Schick contacted him about the lost ring.

Brown, a retired Wayne County math teacher, searches for buried history, mostly within an hour's drive of his Doylestown home, a few times a week. He's found everything from coins, keys and jewelry to hem weights once used on women's dresses.

Unlike many treasure hunters, Brown gives the property owners first dibs to keep everything he unearths. It's an added bonus, if he finds an item that was lost.



**Scott Brown, Hoover Class of 1971**

"That's the fun of the hobby," said Brown.

With permission in hand from the new Pineview homeowner, Schick and Brown met at Schick's childhood home on Nov. 9. Brown came equipped with a Minelab Equinox 800 -- a marvelous metal detector that retails for close to \$1,000 -- and the hunt began.

"I knew I'd pulled the vehicle in the yard ... between two big trees to get shade," Schick said of the car-washing that day in June 1967.

Scanning the ground, they found nothing but dead ends.

After about 90 minutes, Schick was ready to give up. In fact, he was talking with a relative of a friend at the site by then, not even paying attention to what Brown



was doing.

"I'd moved the search a little closer to the house," Brown recalled.

His Equinox 800 had located something. The item was two inches deep.

"The signature I got on it, I knew it was going to be junk aluminum or gold," Brown said, in describing the tone his metal detector was emitting to alert him to dig.

He dug.

"As soon as I saw a little glimmer of gold, I knew," Brown said.

He scooped up the black and gold ring, encased in a clump of wet dirt, which hid the telltale "1967" and "J.S" engravings. He scurried over to Schick, grasping the dirty ring in his left hand, while holding his right hand in the air for a high-five.

"I started to tear up," Schick recalled.

Once cleaned, the ring looked new, except for a small bend in it. As new as the day he once gave it to a high school girlfriend to signify they were going steady. As new as the day he got it back after they'd broken up. As new as the day he'd lost it 53 years ago.



**The ring isn't too bad looking after being buried for 53 years!**

## ***Endowment Fund***

We recently created an organization endowment fund at Stark Community Foundation as a way to ensure a permanent source of income for our organization. The North Canton Alumni Association Endowment Fund welcomes gifts of all kinds, including cash, bequests, real estate, life insurance, and retirement assets. Gifts can be made online at [www.starkcf.org](http://www.starkcf.org) or by calling 330-454-3426.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Alumni Association wants to find better opportunities for investments, especially for yearly returns. This new endowment fund satisfies this so that we can carry out our mission forever. Additionally, the endowment fund makes it easier for our donors who wish to make non-cash gifts.

Donations are as easy as contacting Stark Community Foundation and specifying North Canton Alumni Association Endowment Fund.

Our goal is to build the principal in the endowment fund so that our scholarships are fully funded from the interest, and provide for growth in the scholarship amounts that we award.

Questions? Please send any inquiries to:  
NorthCantonAlumni@gmail.com.

## ***Annual Dues!***

It's that time again! Time to re-new your annual Alumni Association Membership! Annual dues are \$15 and can be mailed to our post office box. Your dues entitle you to our mailed newsletter and help us with scholarships and other Alumni Association expenses. Please consider upgrading to a Lifetime Membership for \$100! Make your check out and mail to: **North Canton Alumni Association, P. O. Box 2534, North Canton, Ohio 44720**

## ***Hall of Distinction***

Each year we honor graduates, educators, and distinguished North Cantonians at our annual awards program, highlighted by inducting new members into the Hall of Distinction. Now is the time for YOU to nominate your fellow classmates based upon their achievements and community activities.

Please consider completing and submitting a nomination form for your deserving classmates. Forms can be mailed to our P.O. Box, or e-mailed to NorthCantonAlumni@gmail.com. Forms are due March 15 to be considered for this year's ceremony.

While one nomination form is good, nominations from several people show different sides of a nominee.

We encourage you to refrain from contacting the nominee directly, as that can cause disappointment when the nominee is not selected. We find that spouses and siblings are a good source of information on all the little things a nominee does.

***<http://www.northcantonalumni.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/NCAumni-HOD-Nomination-Form>***



## **William A. DeGregorio Memorial Scholarship**

Do you know of any North Canton Hoover graduating seniors with plans to major in journalism or communications? Have them apply for this scholarship!

William DeGregorio was a 1964 graduate of Hoover High School. He attended Marquette University and majored in history and politics. He worked as a freelance writer and editor and authored "The Complete Book of U. S. Presidents". Bill died at a relatively young age. His family made a contribution to the North Canton

Alumni Association to create a scholarship in his memory to be awarded to a graduating senior who plans to major in **journalism or communications**.

Applications for this one-time scholarship can be found here. <http://www.northcantonalumni.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Scholarship-DeGregorio-APPLICATION.pdf>

## **G. Kenneth Oberlin Eagle Scout Scholarship**

Do you know of any North Canton Hoover graduating seniors who are Eagle Scouts? Have them apply for this scholarship!

G. Kenneth Oberlin was an integral part of the local Boy Scout movement for many years, serving as Scoutmaster for 38 years, and seeing many young men reach the Eagle Scout rank. His sons, Kenneth Ray and Richard, both earned the rank of Eagle. This scholarship is awarded to one graduating senior who has earned the Eagle rank.

Applications for this scholarship can be found here. <http://www.northcantonalumni.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Scholarship-GKO-Eagle-FINAL.pdf>

## **Upcoming Class Reunions for 2020/2021!!!**

### **Class of 1960 - 60th Year Reunion**

**Friday Night Mixer:** July 23rd at 7 p.m. Walther's Twin Tavern, Applegrove Rd.  
**Saturday Night Reunion:** July 24th (Social Hour 5-6, Dinner at 6 p.m.) in the Grill Room at Arrowhead Golf Course. **Contact Paul Paparone at 330-966-7820 or [ppaparone@neo.rr.com](mailto:ppaparone@neo.rr.com)**

### **Class of 1965 - 55th Year Reunion**

**Friday Night Meet & Greet:** Sept. 10th at Mulligan's Pub, Belden Village St.  
**Saturday Reunion:** Sept. 11th at Gervasi Vinyard, 55th Street. **Contact Carol Selinsky at 330-837-6773 or [ttselinsky@sssnet.com](mailto:ttselinsky@sssnet.com)**

### **Class of 1970 - 50th Year Reunion**

**Friday Night Ice Breaker:** July 16th at Walther's Twin Tavern, Applegrove Rd.  
**Saturday Reunion:** July 17th at the North Canton Civic Center, West Maple Street. **Please send your updated contact information to [nchoover-reunion70@yahoo.com](mailto:nchoover-reunion70@yahoo.com).** We can then send you detailed information. **Hope to see you there!**

### **Class of 1971 - 50th Year Reunion**

**Friday Night Social:** Sept. 10th at 7 p.m. Walther's Twin Tavern, Applegrove Rd.  
**Saturday Night Reunion:** Sept. 11th at 6 p.m. at Arrowhead Golf Course. **For more information see our Facebook page Hoover Class of 1971 50th Class Reunion. Contact Kathy Weida at [kweida@att.net](mailto:kweida@att.net) for any additional information. Hope to see you there!**

### **Class of 1975-45th Year Reunion**

**No date has been set yet. See our Facebook page, North Canton Hoover Class of '75 for more information.**

### **Class of 1976-45th Year Reunion**

**The Class of 1976 will celebrate their 45th year Reunion on July 17, 2021 at the Holiday Inn, Canton.**

### **Class of 1980 - 40th Year Reunion**

**No date has been set yet. See our Facebook page "Hoover High School Class of 1980" 40 Year Reunion" for additional information.**

### **Class of 2000 - 20th Year Reunion**

The class of 2000 will hold their 20th Class Reunion on Saturday, July 24th, 2021. Anyone wanting to be added to our list can email [hooverclass-2000reunion@gmail.com](mailto:hooverclass-2000reunion@gmail.com) or join our Facebook group "Hoover Class 2000 - 20 yr reunion".

**Does your North Canton High School Class have a Reunion coming soon? Send us your information and we will be more than happy to post it for you in our next edition for FREE!**

## **Recent Deaths**

- Class of 1936 - Betty Catcott*  
*Class of 1939 - Ruth Halter*  
*Class of 1943 - Patty Menegay Stayer*  
*(graduated from Greentown High School)*  
*Class of 1948 - Barbara Miller Hoddinott*  
*Richard "Skip" Marquardt*  
*Neva Greenho Shocksnyder*  
*Class of 1950 - Yonda Hoovler Boron*  
*Jim Hummel*  
*Class of 1951 - Nancy Powell LePage Rice*  
*Joan Lamb Willaman*  
*Max Willaman*  
*Class of 1952 - Arden Gill*  
*Nancy Bahler Reed*  
*Class of 1959 - Patricia J. Perkins Ditch*  
*Class of 1961 - Nancy Dively*  
*Class of 1967 - Dan Slusser*  
*Class of 1969 - Bruce Cain*  
*Class of 1969 - Bruce Conrad*  
*David W. Green*  
*Class of 1972 -David W. Kling*  
*Class of 1974 -Gregg McCreery*  
*Class of 1975 - Dave Mayle*  
*Lourie Jean Staib*  
*Class of 1976 - Cathy Willaman Shriver*  
*Class of 1977 - Alex Chuchanis*  
*Class of 1977 - Marla Shreckengost Grable*  
*Patty Menegay Stayer*  
*Class of 1986 - Robert Miller*  
*Class of 1995 - William Dovicsak*  
*Class of 2004 - Dereck Van Sickle*  
*Suzanne Burnett - Former High School English Teacher*  
*Judy Dovicsak - Teacher Aide at Hoover High School*  
*Ruth M. McVann - Guidance Counselor at Northwood,*  
*Greentown, and North Canton*  
*Middle School*  
*Carole Negulici - Former High School Art Teacher*

Do YOU have a newsworthy 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).

