

LIONS' PRIDE



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PHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ESTABLISHES BRYANT BRADLEY SCHOLARSHIP AND BRYANT ACADEMICS AND FINE ARTS ENRICHMENT FUND

*Dear Mr. Simmons and
Alumni Association,*

"I would like to thank you very much for your generous donation of \$500 towards my tuition for Eastern Music Festival Summer Music Camp. Your help is much appreciated. EMF is from June 23 to July 29 on a college campus in Greensboro, NC. Here I will participate in rigorous musical training, which will increase my viola playing immensely. This is a great opportunity for me and I thank you for helping me to experience it."

*Sincerely,
Michael Reddick,
Student of Peoria High*

Some of you may remember in our 2006 Newsletter the article regarding Harriette Swanson Bryant, Class of 1935, leaving a legacy of \$110,000 to the Scholarship Fund. The PHSAA Board of Directors voted to endow a Bradley Scholarship for \$100,000 and the first one is expected to be awarded in 2008-2009 school year to a Peoria High graduate. This Peoria High graduate must be enrolling full time as an undergraduate and demonstrate financial need. "This is the first high school alumni association to establish such a scholarship at Bradley," said J. Mark Wilson, Senior Development Director-Major and Planned Gifts at Bradley. "It is a wonderful way to create a lasting tribute to Mrs. Bryant and assist many Peoria High alumni well into the future."

In addition, the Peoria High Alumni Association Board of Directors determined the balance of \$10,000 would be allocated to a "Bryant Academics and Fine Arts Enrichment Fund." Students may qualify for scholarships

for camps pertaining to Journalism, Music, Student Council, Mixed Media, Forensic, Close-Up Foundation, Science, Engineering, and other educational camps or programs approved by the Principal of Peoria High.

Joseph B. and Mrs. Bryant were longtime residents of Peoria and Mrs. Bryant worked as the office manager at Mass Mutual.

We encourage our alums to donate to this "Bryant Academics and Fine Arts Enrichment Fund" through the Peoria High Alumni Association office. We want to continue to meet the needs of our present students at Peoria High for years to come. Please see the above appreciation letter from a 2007 recipient, Michael Reddick. This says more than our words can express the importance of contributing to this fund.

*With your help,
it can grow!*

CLASS NOTES

Glenn H. Palmer, '34 is 90 years old and playing with a local "Music Makers" of Goshen IN and performing at parties and Vesper services.

Norma Wukasch Luebke, '47 writes in when sending her Lifetime Membership dues, "After sixty years – CHEERS FOR PHS!"

Spencer Bowers '58 and his wife, Deborah have written a book entitled "I Have an Educational Experience in Poland. This book was a result of their retirement years teaching at an American International School in Warsaw, Poland. Having lived in Europe and visited there several times, they thought they could handle it, but realized it was very different since very little English is spoken in Poland. The book is published by a POD firm out of Lincoln, NE....the ISBN is 978-0-595-41986-9. It also can be found on the internet either directly from the publisher (iUniversaw.com) or Amazon.

James S. Russell, '59 celebrated two inductions into the Albion College Athletic Hall of Fame in fall 2006. In addition to his individual award, the 1962-63 swimming team, of which Russell was a member, was also honored. Russell made a splash in his first year as Briton, completing the 440-yard freestyle in a record time of 5:19.4. He would go on to lower the school records in the 200 and 500-yard freestyle events and earn the team's most valuable player award for the 1961-62 seasons. Russell continued his education earning a master's degree from the University of Michigan.

Retiring Teachers for 2007

Karen Roberts:
6 years of service

Jack Roseman:
15 years of service

Carol Hudson Sleeth, '64:
24 years of service



APPOINTED TO AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Thomas Moore, Jr., '07 receives an appointment to the **Air Force Academy** on Honors Day this year at PHS. He received scholarship money to the tune of \$328,000 for room and board, books, and classes. He received a standing ovation from everyone in attendance at this year's Honors' Day celebration. A total of \$800,000 in scholarships was awarded to students that day.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME FALL LUNCHEON BANQUET

When: Saturday, October 27, 2007

Time: 12 Noon

Where: Peoria High School Foyer

What: Lunch and Program for Honorees and Guests

Costs: \$20

2007 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NEW INDUCTEES

Welcome the following inductees into the 2007 PHS Athletic Hall of Fame

Amerman, Derek.....	1991 Swimming
Buescher, Chuck.....	1979-2004 Basketball Coach
Ehrentreu, Geza.....	1973 IHSA Official; Cross Country
Gebhardt, Alvin.....	1933 Basketball Official (Deceased)
Genge PHD, Fred.....	1972-2001 Coach; Girls Track & Field & Boys Soccer
Guyton, A.J.....	1996 Basketball
Hinnen, Mike.....	1960 Swimming
Jones, Willard "Meechie".....	1993 Track (Deceased)
Kirley, Steve.....	1967 FB, Basketball, Track
Mosher, Betsy.....	1968 Girls Basketball, Softball
Reising, Bill.....	1964 FB, Basketball, & Baseball
Robertson Williams, Holly.....	1973 Swimming
Rutherford, Shalanda.....	1992 Track
Savoie, Matt.....	1998 Ice Skating Olympic Qualifier
Shadid, James.....	1975 Baseball
Smith, Beau.....	1993 Basketball
Sommerville, Marcellus.....	2001 Basketball
Stuart, Mike.....	1977-1984 Coach; Wrestling
Suffield, Joe.....	1956 Baseball Coach

Make checks payable to PHS Hall of Fame and mail to PHS Alumni Assoc., 1615 N. North St., Peoria IL 61604. No reservations taken over the phone and no tickets will be mailed. Your check will serve as your receipt. We encourage all friends of the new inductees to attend. Please call the office at 682-4854 for further questions or email at: phsalumni@yahoo.com

Name _____

Guests _____

Address _____

Telephone# _____

No. of Tickets _____ @ \$20= \$ _____

Sponsorship Donation \$ _____ (Name listed on program)

No I cannot attend

If you represent an athlete not attending, please name Honoree _____

Total enclosed \$ _____ (Honoree is the guest of the PHS Alumni Association)

"A BIT OF NOSTALGIA"

Prenda East Cook, '36 wrote as a lifetime member of PHS Alumni Association, "I enjoy reading about former classmates. Having graduated in 1936, I attended our 40th, 50th, and 60th reunions but missed this last big 150th Celebration. I teach Esperanto; the world language, and have participated in conventions in dozens of countries. My years at PHS were the best years of my life, mostly because of the OPINION and the students who worked on it. I arrived in time to work on the Opinion when the linotype, press, news desks, etc. were all jammed together in the high school basement also known as the "black hole." When Earl English, the beloved journalism teacher, arranged to have the paraphernalia moved next door to our own 2-story building with the linotype and press on the first floor and news desks and classroom above, it was cause for rejoicing. I don't think there was a better set-up for a high school newspaper in the U.S. We learned to do everything. I'm sure it helped me get a job later at the Peoria Evening/Morning Star."

Joe Krones, '83 wrote a little nostalgia regarding memories of PHS and the 150th Celebration. "Tell everyone hello for me and keep the Peoria High Halls ringing with the beautiful sounds of music. I left a lot of musical memories there and I am proud to say I started the very first Barbershop Quartet at Peoria High in 1980, and it is still a tradition there. Gets me choked up every time I think back to the first competition, but what a great time! Just a side note, unaware back in 1980 there was a girl lurking in the crowd that always came to watch us sing at every competition. She is now my wife. Now my son is singing with my barbershop chorus in Chicago that I direct and will be competing in the World Championships this summer. My daughter and wife sing together in their barbershop chorus that just won the Illinois State Competition that qualifies them to compete next year at the World Championships in Calgary. WOW!! So you can see we keep busy. Anyway, enough of that but Keep Em Singing at PHS!"

THE BIRTH OF THE LIONS

by Bob Jones '48

Isn't it funny how we sometimes take things for granted? As I was reading the last issue of "Lions Pride", it suddenly occurred to me-I wonder how many people know when Peoria High became the "Lions", or for that matter, I wonder if people know how Lions became the nickname. Did you know that for over 100 years of history, Peoria High athletic teams were known as the "Maroons?" The name of course, came from the school colors. How many of you have ever seen a Maroon? Can you imagine how difficult it was to compete with other mascots like the "Rams", "Chinks", or the "Irish", when all we had was the color maroon? Not very easy, as we felt a little left out when we saw the mascots of all our opponents, and we didn't really have one. It was 1947, and we were frustrated because we were the only ones in the entire Big 12 conference who lacked a mascot.

I remember discussing the problem with my dad, Kenny Jones, who was sports editor of the Journal Star. Dad wasn't too fond of the name "Maroons" either, and besides, it was easier to squeeze the shorter names like "Rams" or "Cubs" into sports headlines. I asked him, "What do you think of the name "Lions"? It's a short name, and we could have a lot of fun with a Lion for a mascot. Dad laughed and said, "Good idea, so why don't you make it part of your campaign for student council and get it on the ballot so all the students can vote to approve it?" Well we did, and the rest is history! With the cooperation of our principal, Howard Hunter, who agreed to let us put "Lions" on the ballot, and with the campaign help of my friends on the football team, Lions was approved by a landslide.

And so it's been ever since. I've got to tell you - I'm mighty proud of these Lions who have won so many titles and championships since then. Thank God they didn't have to win all those honors as the "Maroons."

Are You
still a
Lion?



CLASS NOTES (cont.)

Jerry Stephens, '59 donates \$5 million to OSF. Jerry Stephens had an only brother who died as a young child of spinal meningitis. This loss and the hope of sparing other families were the reasons behind the \$5 million donation by Stephens and his wife, Helen, to the Children's Hospital of Illinois for the hospital's new neonatal intensive care unit as quoted in the Journal Star. Jerry stated, "I always wondered what it would have been like to have had a brother."

Gary Matthews, '60 of EM Properties is a developer in the Peoria Tri County area and has just built the 22,500 sq. ft. Gem Terrace building in East Peoria which is also known as the glass curtain building. The Gem Terrace sits atop a bluff above the Interstate 74-Illinois Route 116 exchange. This building has the only "glass curtain wall" architecture in central Illinois with one of the best views of the Illinois River. Workers stabilized the building from erosion issues with 38 concrete caissons reaching up to 60 feet into bedrock. "The whole building is sitting on them," stated Matthews in the PJS. "If the whole bluff washed away, we'd still be here."

Jeanne Berg Abrons, '61 has been awarded her Doctor of Education degree in Curriculum and Instruction in Higher Education, with a focus on creativity and higher education. She is a retired college instructor, and has over thirty years in the creativity field.

Reverend Carole Andres, '61 has recently retired from full time ministry and moved to Freeport, IL where she is involved in pulpit supply, interim ministry, and pursuing music and theatre endeavors.

Phillip Z Horton, III, '62 joined the US Federal Government in 2006 as Program/Client Director responsible for Defense Information Systems Agency and leading the DISA Program Management Office. PZ has over 40 years experience working in Information Technology including 20 years with Hewlett Packard. His roles have included applications, design, systems management and operations. (Submitted by Mrs. Phillip Horton)



Pictured: PHS 2007 graduates who were recipients of ICC, Sorrell, Kinhofer, Greene, Peterson, and Tinthoff Scholarships totaling \$21,900 given by PHS Alumni Association.

KINHOFER SCHOLARS A Big Thank You!

Chris Goodner, '2006 wrote: "Thank you so much for naming me as the recipient of the Garma Kinhofer Scholarship for the year of 2006. This \$3,000 scholarship is really going to help me next year at Western Illinois

University while I work toward a degree in geology. I remember walking past the picture of Garma Kinhofer as a freshman and wondering if I would one day be the Kinhofer Scholar."

Timmy-Tai A. Ho, '2004 wrote: "The \$2500 that you awarded to me will be extremely beneficial to me financially. The scholarship money will be put immediately into tuition. I will be attending Bradley University and am currently majoring in Biology: Pre-Professional with emphasis on dentistry. Once again, thank you for the scholarship money; there is not anything I can do to show how appreciative I am for the assistance. The only retributions I can give you are to excel academically and represent Peoria High in the highest manner possible. Thank you from myself and on behalf of my family."

Sara Reents '2007 wrote: "I would like to begin by thanking you for donating your time and money to help seniors like myself be awarded these scholarships. I was the recipient of the Garma Kinhofer Merit Scholarship of \$1200, and I feel honored to have such a generous scholarship awarded to me. It is people like you that help many seniors pay the many expensive college fees. It is so important to me to have that kind of help and I greatly appreciate all that you have done to help me finance my future. Not only is the money important, but where it came from and why it was awarded. I was amazed and so proud to receive this scholarship and it wouldn't have been possible without the wonderful generosity of the alumni association. Again, thank you very much and I am sure I can say this for everyone and anyone who ever receives a scholarship like this, that it is forever appreciated."

Mary Gray '2007 wrote: "I can never thank you enough for the investment you've made in my future plans. The scholarship has helped my family and me so much in dealing with the financial situation that comes with college. I want to thank you first for helping my grandparents; they have done so much and I know they are grateful for this remarkable amount of money. I feel so honored to be the recipient of this scholarship; in honor of such a wonderful science teacher at Peoria High School. I think that it is so great that you still give back to Peoria High School; and in such an important way. College expenses are so overwhelming now that any amount of help makes all the difference. I think your association is doing great things for our community and I will never forget the wonderful gift you've given my family and me. I will be attending Eureka College in the fall and hope to become a nurse. Thanks to you all; I am that much closer to accomplishing all my goals. I hope one day I can give back to such a great cause."

CLASS NOTES (cont.)



Carol Hudson Sleeth, '64 has retired from District 150 and teaching English at Peoria High School for 24 years. She is pictured receiving the Mary Maxwell Award for her outstanding teaching and service to Peoria High. (Put her photo with this in Class Notes Section)

Lynn Davis Rule, '69 was named teacher of the year in 2006 by the Naperville School District 203, where she teaches first grade. Rule also was awarded a grant to explore innovative math teaching and was given a state "Those Who Excel Award."

Carl Cannon, '77 is the assistant general manager of the Peoria Park District's Riverplex Recreation Center. As a former prison guard, he does so much more in the community to help troubled youth by giving motivational talks in the community. At a recent talk at Peoria Academy with a group of school children, he gets down on his knees and pleads with the group to do what it takes to avoid the chains and handcuffs of a prison sentence.

PHS GRAPHICS ARTS PROGRAM RECEIVES GRANT

Peoria High School's dual-credit Graphic Design Program was awarded a \$1200 Illinois Arts Council Grant called "Art & Technology". Students in the PHS DC Illustration classes have completed pen and ink drawings of historic Peoria buildings and monuments in Sprindale Cemetery. Images will then be scanned into a computer using an enhanced Photoshop program and then imported into "InDesign" and used to create a billboard sized image.

The billboard, which was printed by GDS Displays in Bloomington, will be mounted on the construction fence around the new Lakeview Regional Museum site. Roseann Tomko, PHS Art Teacher, wrote the grant as a way to develop digital art and to introduce graphic design students to artists and agencies in the design industry. The grant was funded through the Community Foundation of Central Illinois

A STORY ON PERSISTENCE

Stanley Salzenstein, '43 and former owner of Schradzki's of Peoria sent us this short story which appeared in Aston Gardeners' Gazette by Lone Engelland, August, 2006

When the United States was drawn into WWII, many young men dropped everything to enlist in the fight against the Nazis and the Japanese. Stanley Salzenstein, who lives with his wife Marilyn in the Proctor Endowment Home in Peoria, was no exception. His father had served in WWI and now, he felt, it was his turn. Stan reported to the enlistment center in his hometown of Peoria, Illinois, but was turned down for an unusual reason; he was too short. At 4' 10", he lacked

2 inches of reaching the required minimum of 5 feet. Disappointed, Stan began rigorous stretching exercises at home before returning to find out if he'd reached the magic number, only to be told he'd failed again.

He decided to write a letter to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt imploring him to waive the five foot rule so that he could become a US serviceman. This inspiration came, perhaps, from the fact that his maternal great-great grandfather had written to President Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War, and had received a personal letter in reply.

Unfortunately, no letter from the White House appeared in Stan's mailbox. Undeterred, he appealed to the President a second time, and a third time, with no result. A less determined person would've given up at this point, but not Stan. Following the fourth impassioned entreaty, the longed-for news arrived that he could, indeed, become a serviceman despite his height! And at 19 years of age he joined the Army, becoming the shortest man ever to be inducted into the U.S. Military! This bit of news spread far and wide. The Chicago Times featured a cartoon on its front page showing a very short soldier struggling with a huge rifle. In the balloon above him he said, "Just think of the little foxhole I'll have to dig."

After his discharge three years later, Stan returned to Peoria and continued working in the family's store, named Schradski's, founded in 1854. As the business grew, so did his responsibilities. At one point, when he was president, there were six stores in several cities. A great celebration was held in 1954 on the 100th anniversary of the founding of Schradskis, and it was named the outstanding brand name clothing store for men women and children.

As for the reply to Captain Hart (Stan's great-great grandfather) hand-written by Lincoln, the original, after each family member got a copy, was sent to the Smithsonian in Washington, DC. In the letter, Abe thanks Hart for his thoughtfulness in enclosing a prayer for the Union Army.

The President Roosevelt reply to Stan has, unfortunately been lost or misplaced over the years. However, there are two lessons to be learned here. 1. When you desire to accomplish what you feel is worthwhile, don't give up. 2. No matter how "small" a person is, one is free to petition the highest office in the land, and hope and trust to be heard.

2007 CLASS REUNIONS

Class of '52 – 55th, September 28, 29, 30 – Contacts: Carol Borders
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Class of '57 – 50th, September 28, 29, 30 – Contacts: Georgia Sutherland
gws214@yahoo.com or Tim Swain timswain@peorialaw.com

Class of '62 – 45th, October 6 – Contacts Lee Swardenski 309-691-5285 lee@adipeoria.com
or Laraine Wilson Wessels lwessels@hughes.net

Class of '67 – 40th, June 23 – Contacts: Mike Chance 309-691-6070

Class of '77 – 30th, August 3 – Contacts: Roz McGinnis Helms roz.helms@psd150.org

Class of '82 – 25th, July 20, 21 – Contacts: Howard Blevins
phs82reunion@yahoo.com 256-759-0460

Class of '87 – 20th, August 25 – Contact: Kathleen Kelly Dotson 309-637-8733
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Class of '97 – 10th, September 8 – Contact: Heather Eakle Tharp
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CLASS NOTES (cont.)

Lisa Helfrich Jackson, '82 won an Emmy award as the Co-Executive Producer of the comedy series "Everybody Loves Raymond" in 2005. She received the Emmy when the show won Best Comedy Series. This was her second Emmy award, as she also received one when the show won the same category in 2003.

Ben Jones, '00 graduated from University of Illinois in 2006 with a major in cinema and a minor in English and rhetoric. He was nominated to represent the Honorary 100 as the graduating speaker, and his essay that nominated an Illini teacher of the year won his teacher, Tom Schleiss, that honor. Ben has finished his first year of graduate studies at the Conservatory of San Francisco, where he is an opera performance major. He is also pursuing an active Bay area theater and singing career.

Shaun Livingston, '03 of the Los Angeles Clippers is in his third year of pro status with the team, but having incurred some knee injuries is taking some time off for rehab. However, he is very optimistic and was back at Peoria High this summer from July 30-August 3 donating his time for the basketball summer camp for deserving young men. His Shaun Livingston Foundation has a rather low profile, but has been set up to help kids in need from California to Peoria.

Marie Kelley, '11 a 16 year old Peoria High freshman competed this summer in the Junior Olympics on June 25th in the 115-119 pound area of Female Boxing. Kelley was the first female boxer from the Lucky Lady Boxing Club in Peoria to advance to this level. Her record was 11-3 and eight knockouts, but she has never been knocked out herself. The Junior Olympics was held at the USA Boxing Education Center at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Michigan.

**Your Membership
is the Lifeblood
of PHSAA.**
Please keep current
when the membership
application arrives in
February, 2008 or pay
with this newsletter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PHS Crest yearbook staff is selling past yearbooks for \$20-\$30.

Email: Maryfran.wessler@psd150.org
to request a past edition.

Address Updates for

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or mail the change to:
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Volunteers are always needed to maintain updates so call LaVerne Wilson at 309-682-4854.

Contributing Writers a Big Thank You! We welcome and encourage articles of interest from the Alumni or brief information on achievements of Alumni for our Class Notes Section. This will help make our Lions Pride a paper for all alumni and more newsworthy.

NOTABLE OBITUARIES

William L. Rutherford, Sr. '32 Philanthropist, Wildlife Prairie Park, and Forrest Park Foundation founder passes on at 91, in November, 2006. Journal Star's headlines read, "We've lost a giant". Two decades ago Newsweek recognized Rutherford as "One Hundred Heroes of Our Time." He also established the Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and helped expand St Francis and Methodist's downtown campuses. In all, he and his wife Hazel Sommer Rutherford '34, established 25,000 acres of park and protected lands in central Illinois and 620,000 acres in Australia. In his final years, Rutherford challenged new leaders to emerge in the spirit of public service that inspired his works. He offered them a word of advice. "Have fun. Don't forget the woodpecker." (Excerpts from PJS November, 2006)

Robert A. McCord, '38 passes on at 86 in February, 2007. He leaves behind him a devoted family of Vicki Michel McCord '39, and son Michel McCord '62, Robin McCord Groom, and Melissa McCord Metternich. He had a major impact on the Peoria community with his involvement in many organizations and was instrumental in the construction of the Peoria Civic Center. Besides being chairman of Illinois Mutual, he participated on the boards of Peoria Symphony Orchestra, YWCA, Salvation Army, Board of Trustees of Bradley University, from which a twice-a-year lecture series was endowed with the McCord name. Chuck Stoner, a Bradley business professor, stated, "But most of all, he was a gentleman in all that he did. People saw that and respected him for it." Son Michel McCord said, "There was no halfway with my father. He was always reminding everyone to do what was right and to do what was fair." (Excerpts from PJS, February, 2007)

Carolyn Powell Blackmon, '46 passes on in November, 2006 in Chicago, IL. Carolyn was a former member of the Peoria Heights School Board, a committeewoman for the 18th Congressional District, and she helped establish the initial Lakeview Museum. After she and her husband Jack moved to Chicago, she became chair of the education department of the Field Museum of Natural History for 18 years. After retirement, she became chair of the Old Town Art Fair and was the first Old Town Triangle archivist. (Excerpts from Lakeview Museum News)

Richard Issacson of Edwards, IL was a retired PHS coach and teacher for 30 years and passed on November 4, 2006. He was a member of the Peoria Football Coaches Association, the Illinois Football Coaches Association, Peoria Federation of Teachers, the Illinois Teacher's Association, Elks Club, and Knights of Columbus. He is survived by his wife, Lynn and two children. He has been greatly missed by the Peoria High Staff.

Millie Arends '38, passes on at 87 in July, 2007. Millie started her career as a teacher at Franklin Grade School. She was best known as the city treasurer for 34 years, inheriting this position from her Mother who passed on in 1951. Arends retained the position until 1981. She then served on the Peoria County Board and was very active in the Republican Party, noting Bob Michel among her many friends. Arends also worked as a travel agent for Space Age and became co-owner of Global Tours thus retiring at 61. Arends had been a member of the Youth Farm board, the Peoria County Republican Committee, the Peoria Advertising and Selling Club's Women's Division, Peoria Historical Society, Peoria Symphony Guild, Metropolitan Opera Guild, and the Sigma Kappa Alumni Association. She also served as president of the National Municipal Treasurers Association and a long-time member of The Second Church of Christ Scientist. Millie was noted for her expression of joy with that infectious laugh of hers by her many friends and family.

BEATRICE THEOLINE CHAMNESS-BENN RETIRED PHS FACULTY PASSED ON APRIL 8, 2007

A Tribute by Phil Salzer retired PHS teacher and coach

Harry Truman said "If you want a friend in Washington, D.C., get a dog." One quickly learned if you needed a friend at Peoria High School, go to Theoline Chamness Benn. On April 8, she left this world and went to the next. She taught the physically challenged and got students so involved in activities that they forgot about their difficulties. If you faced a tough problem, your best bet in getting it solved was to take it to Theoline. She could teach it all-calculus, foreign language, physics, and English. She was the first to volunteer as a chaperone for a busload of students going to the state tournament in Champaign. As the adviser for the school Opinion Newspaper, she guided students into producing many award-winning issues. Through her creativity, she wrote numerous scripts for faculty stunts during homecoming week. Not only was she a great teacher, Theoline made everyone a better person. She is remembered dearly.

IN MEMORIAM

Year	First	Last	Date	Year	First	Last	Date
1923	Ethel	Burroughs Hartssock	2007	1941	Robert	Applebaum	
1926	Ruth	Burroughs Carroll	2006	1941	James H	Hausler	2007
1926	Virginia	Hovendon Cheatham	2006	1942	Donald	Dorward	
1930	Elizabeth	Jones Buck	2006	1942	TK	Morrow	2004
1931	Charles	Mitchell	2001	1943	Mildred	McAusland Dorithit	2005
1931	Walter	Hill	2006	1943	Kenneth	Kehl	2006
1931	Robert V	Larson	2007	1943	Norma Jean	Carlson Wessel	2005
1931	Mildred	Luthy Sills	2006	1944	J Martin	Lawless	2007
1931	Norman	Barnes	2007	1944	Ardith	Pool Wasson	2005
1932	John	Sheahan	2004	1946	Phyllis	Szold Gross	2006
1932	Violet	Bigelow Whites	2006	1946	Carolyn	Powell Blackman	2006
1932	Kenneth	Fitschen		1946	Julia	Riley Nagel	2002
1933	Mary	Weber Egger	2007	1947	Richard Wayne	Walker	2005
1933	Russell	Lulay		1947	Janet	Carpenter Heinrich	2004
1933	Lester	Lindenfelser		1948	Jacqueline	Davis Knudsen	2006
1934	Elizabeth	Roszell Essex		1948	Patricia	Dunning Richards	2006
1934	Wendell	Huber	2003	1948	Richard	Kieser	2007
1934	Ernest	Barker	2006	1949	Mae	Hageman Doubet	2006
1934	Larry	Nyberg		1949	George	Axmann	2006
1935	Richard P.	Fruehauf		1949	Cora	Beadles Bordner	
1935	Virginia	Thulin Miller	2006	1950	Ferdinand	Luthy III	2007
1935	Eugene	Gehrt	2002	1951	Eileen	Jacobson Silverman	2005
1936	Bill	Thieman	2004	1951	Robert	Bodine	2007
1936	Connie	Baker DePage	2005	1952	Genevieve	Braswell Nelson	2006
1936	J	McGrew	2006	1953	Mary	Cheatham Ringel	2007
1936	Christine	Johnson Baudino	2006	1953	Ronald	Berwick	2006
1936	Jack C.	Ellis	2006	1953	Caroline	Shinkle Watson	2006
1936	Arzelia	Burre Buchen	2007	1953	Larry	Bishop	2007
1937	James D	Roszell	2007	1954	Marilee	Stiles Cook	2006
1937	Lestal	Cooper	2006	1954	Nancy	Baer Howard	2006
1937	Ruth	Bohl Kirkhorn	2007	1956	Ruthanne	Armstrong Thompson	2006
1937	August	Steckman	2005	1956	Bonnie	Slusser Freiderich	2006
1937	Carl H	Ohl, Jr.	1974	1957	Sue	Bowen Howe	
1937	Emerson	Wilson	2007	1958	Leslie	Burlison Dobbins	
1937	Helen	Giacomelli Barrett	2004	1958	Karen	Laird Weckler	2006
1938	Dorothy	Scott Pierce	2007	1958	Virginia	Lambert Bodine	2006
1938	Ivan	Thomas	2005	1958	Jack	Eads	2007
1938	Shirley	Ball Lindenfelser		1958	Jeanne	Norton Austin	2007
1938	Curtis	Steinway	2005	1959	Helen	Miles Welch	2006
1938	Margaret	Ringness Roe	2004	1959	William E.	Harrison	2007
1938	Dallas	Rouleau	2006	1964	David	Pittman	2007
1938	Glen	Novakow	2006	1965	Douglas	Marshall	2006
1938	Robert	McCord	2007	1966	Carol	Wiley Grady	2007
1939	Robert	Ziegenhagen	2007	1966	Patricia Pinney	Szidon	2007
1939	Judith	Grimshaw Schneckenburger	2003	1970	John	Young	2006
1939	David	Siegle	2006	1972	Russell	Camp	2006
1939	Lila	Ruth Smith	2006	1973	Robert	Burke	2006
1940	Robert S	Long	2007	1988	Wendy Colvin	Sinnreich	2007
1940	Richard	Crawford	2004	2003	Allison	Riemer	2005
1940	Pat	Clucas Williams	2006				
1940	Russell	Seiler	2006				
1940	Virginia	Rawalt Dooley	2007				
1940	Roberta	Loveridge Donnelly	2007				
1940	Harry E	Hill	2005				
1940	Warrem	Leslie Smith	2007				
1941	Mary Jane	Tschaepe Endebrock	2007				

Retired Faculty

Theoline	Chamness-Benn	2007
Herb	Stoskopf	2006
Richard	Isaacson	2006

Newsletter Reminder

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If your friends or classmates didn't receive a newsletter, have them contact the alumni office. The enormous expense of this publication made this decision by the board necessary. We are sorry we are unable to continue to mail the Lions' Pride to everyone.

If you are a lifetime member, no need to worry. If you pay your dues annually, be sure to renew when you receive the membership application. You don't want to miss an issue!



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By Pam Gottschalk from PJS editorial page

At the beginning of our son's senior year of high school, his father and I were put in the position of having to transfer him from his private school experience, of the previous 11 years, to Peoria High. Originally, this decision was greeted with concern, but that was quickly dismissed due to the professionalism and concern for our son's education from the administrative staff at District 150, as well as the staff at Peoria High. Everyone we spoke with, from assistant superintendents to principals and counselors, focused on our son's strengths. Commitment to students is a core value in District 150's mission statement; this commitment was expressed at Peoria High when the math teacher volunteered to coach and therefore save the tennis team, even though he was not tennis savvy.

At the May 23 graduation ceremony, Principal Randy Simmons and Superintendent Ken Hinton addressed the graduates, focusing on the accomplishments students had achieved and the good they could yet do. In addition to the typical congratulatory handshake, I was most impressed with the personal attention, eye contact and hug every student received.

So thank you, Peoria High, for helping us nurture the good in our son and other young adults, and for being committed to giving to Peoria's children what they deserve...and an education.

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