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Five Named 2012 Distinguished Alumni

Five North Side alumni were recognized as Distinguished Alumni for 2012. They include Dr. Craig Hamilton ('67), Keith Hanson ('61), Sandra Lee Jesse ('70), Jean (Hyndman) Mendenhall ('56), and Connie Shideler ('54). This year's Distinguished Alumni Award recipients were honored at the 7th annual Distinguished Alumni Breakfast on Saturday, Sept. 14 at North Side High School. Profiles of this year's recipients will be featured in the next issue of the Totem Tales.

Dr. Craig Hamilton: Class of 1967



When it comes to the many fine Fort Wayne physicians, Dr. Craig Hamilton is among the best. This 1967 North Side High School graduate is long known for his dedica-

tion and contributions to his field, his kindness, compassion, and great sense of humor. He has dedicated his career to saving lives in his community.

During high school he was a strong student in and outside of the classroom. He was a member of the student council, a Parliamentarian, Key Club, President of Helicon, Globetrotters, JCL and a member of the Boy's Cheer Block. He went on to have a successful post-secondary career graduating from Indiana University, Bloomington (1970) and IU School of Medicine (1974). After completing his Internship and Residency

at Methodist Hospital and IU Medical Center in 1979, he returned to his hometown and joined Fort Wayne Urology. During Dr. Hamilton's more than 32-year tenure there, the practice has grown from one physician to six.

Today, Dr. Hamilton is a senior and managing partner of Fort Wayne Urology, Chairman of Urology Committee at Parkview Physicians Group and a Representative for Urology Service on the Executive Committee for PPG.

Several of Dr. Hamilton's career highlights include specializing in minimally invasive surgery, prosthetics, female urology, and cryotherapy. In 1997, he started a urology clinic at Matthew 25 which continues today. He brought cryotherapy to Northeast Indiana in 2004 which includes minimally invasive surgery for treatment of prostate and kidney cancer and is the only physician in area offering these services. He began an Interstitial Cystitis Support Group in 2010 for Allen County and Northeast Indiana and has been instrumental in bringing various laser surgery applications for treatment of urologic conditions to Fort Wayne over the past 25 years.

Dr. Hamilton has gone above and beyond routine practices and his areas of specialization. He has been a local medical pioneer and a champion of the low income patients seeking assistance and the area's specialist in cryotherapy.

Dr. Hamilton has three children all who work in the medical field. He supports the Alumni Association as a regular member.

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"In everyone's life, at some time, our inner fire goes out. It is then burst into flame by an encounter with another human being. We should all be thankful for those people who rekindle the inner spirit."
-Albert Schweitzer

Distinguished Alumni (Continued)

Keith Hanson: Class of 1961



Keith Hanson is a well-known name in Fort Wayne's service circles. This hometown entrepreneur has built a successful business while making a difference in the greater Fort Wayne area community and beyond for more than four decades.

After graduating from North Side in 1961, Keith attended Indiana University, Fort Wayne Art School and started his own business, Custom Art (1962).

The following year, he joined the Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce and became the organization's youngest member. He served in the Army Reserves for six years and was active in the Allen county Young Republicans (1965-1977). He was an Advertising Association member and an award recipient four times. In 1974, Keith was the Regional Award winner of the 3M Scotchcal Truck Decal Contest in the three-state area.

In 1975 he was the youngest president of the Fort Wayne Club of Printers-Craftsmen, and was International Print Week Chairman and United Way Graphics Chairman. In 1976, he was a Junior Achievement advisor and a JA company sponsor. Three years later, he joined the Central Lions Club where he spent the next 16 years as a member of the Board of Directors and was active at the district level. He received the International Melvin Jones Fellow Award and the State Lions W.P. Woods Fellow Award. A past president and current board member, Keith has been an active member in this organization for more than three decades.

In 2001 following the world Trade Center attacks, he designed the "IM (heartbroken) 4NY" bumper stickers and donated 14,000 stickers which raised

\$97,342 for the widows and families of fallen police officers and firefighters of New York City.

Keith was president of the Bohde Grove Neighborhood Association (2001-03). He participated in the Allen County Sheriff's Citizens Academy in 2009 and the FBI Citizens Academy in 2010. He is actively involved and is the current chairman of the Fort Wayne Area Crime Stoppers, an active participant in the Historic Wells Street corridor and has donated countless personal design services to many worthwhile causes over the years. Since graduation, he has served as co-chairman for the Class of 1961 Reunion Committee (7 times).

Keith, who has been on the NSHS Alumni Association Board of Directors for the past four years, supports the organization as volunteer and a life member.

Jean (Hyndman) Mendenhall: Class of 1956



Since graduating from North Side in 1956, Jean has worked to make a difference in her community through her humble leadership, generous gift of time, and selfless service.

After high school, Jean attended Indiana University at Fort Wayne and then entered the workforce. Her first job was a receptionist at a Doctor's office. This job can be traced back to North Side High School. The dean's office gave them her name as a reference and they called Jean. She was there from 1956 until 1960.

Jean and her husband, Bud, co-owned and operated a restaurant near Quimby Village. After selling the restaurant, Jean worked with the Boy Scouts of America, retiring in 1998. As a long-term resident of the Bloomingdale neighborhood, she has served as the Editor, President, and currently Secretary/Treasurer for the

Bloomingdale Neighborhood Association. As a citizen representative from Bloomingdale, she has devoted a great deal of her time and effort to helping not only her neighborhood, but other parts of the city.

Jean became involved in the North West Area Partnership, the Community Services Council, and took on many opportunities to help neighborhoods. She was asked to be on the City's Anti-Graffiti Task Force and stayed involved for many years with the Graffiti Network Committee. She spoke to the new Police Recruits at the Academy about neighborhoods. Attended and was involved in National Neighborhood Conferences, National Policing Conference, and Regional Neighborhood Network Conferences (RNNC). Jean was nominated for the Stella Stewart Award at the RNNC (involves 5 states) in Dayton OH in 2011, which recognizes citizens who are making exceptional contributions to improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods.

In the early 1990s, Jean became active with the North Side High School Alumni Association. She has been involved since that time working in and outside the office, assisting with a wide variety of administrative functions, including helping with the mailing of the Totem Tales, updating files, and assisting with class reunions. As a member of her class reunion committee, Jean has been involved in all the reunions.

Jean has been actively involved with the Korean War Veterans Association, because of her husband. She writes the newsletter and participates in festival parades in and around the Fort Wayne area.

Jean continues to be a strong advocate and a fine example of how one individual can make a difference for her high school, her neighborhood, and her City. Jean and Bud (her husband of more than 50 years) have 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. She supports the Alumni Association as a volunteer and a benefactor member.

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Distinguished Alumni (Continued)

Sandra Lee Jesse: Class of 1970



Sandy's achievements since graduation from North Side High School in 1970 are remarkable for both the diversity of her interests as well as her pursuit of excellence in

each of these endeavors. Sandy attended and graduated with honors from Indiana University with a bachelor's degree in journalism in 1974. She worked as a newspaper reporter for the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette prior to making a transition to politics in Washington, DC. On Capitol Hill, she spent several years as press secretary for Congressman Lee Hamilton.

Her experience in Washington led to an interest in law and a J.D. from Boston College Law School in 1982. As a partner in the Boston law firm of Choate, Hall & Stewart, she became well known for her forte in mergers and acquisitions. During this period, she completed a Master's Degree in the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School. Since 1995, Sandy has served as an Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. In this capacity, she advised the CEO and the Board of Directors on all legal matters. Sandy was also in charge of the Fraud Investigation and Prevention Unit which recovered over \$20 million for subscribers.

Recently, she was named Chief Legal Officer of Haemonetics Corporation. This is a multinational company whose specialty is worldwide blood component therapy. In addition to these superior academic and financial achievements, Sandy has been active in a variety of philanthropic activities. She serves on the Boston Harbor Island Alliance, the boards of the Longy Music School and the Landmark School. She also serves

on the board of the New England Legal Foundation, and is a past president of the Boston Bar Foundation. Further evidence of her standing in the Boston community is her appointment as one of the first Commissioners to the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women.

Those of us who were her classmates revel in all that she has accomplished. Sandra is an excellent example of someone who has taken the principles of hard work and perseverance acquired at North Side and gone on to remarkable personal and professional achievement.

Sandra is married and has two children.

Connie Shideler: Class of 1954



It seemed like Connie Shideler was destined for a career in education. After graduating from North Side, Connie attended Ball State University (formerly Ball State Teachers

College) and obtained her bachelor's degree (1958) and masters (1964) in education. While she had considered traveling to California to teach, she returned home to Fort Wayne Community Schools after being interviewed by then Superintendent Aaron Lindley at Ball State.

Connie began her career as a 4th grade teacher at the new Brentwood Elementary School. She spent the next nine years in that capacity. Her expertise and effective style of teaching advanced her career in education to what was then called "Consulting Teacher." Connie mentored new 4th grade teachers across the Fort Wayne Community School system in a period of rapid expansion. She then had the opportunity to transition from a mentor to a role model. In a notable step for women in administration at that time, she was chosen as

Principal of Abbett School. She served in that capacity for more than a quarter of a century (1972-1998). Connie helped pave the way for women in educational administration, leadership and excellence in teaching through the administrations of four different superintendents and the fluctuating educational initiatives of the day.

By the end of her 40-year career in education and administration, the changing world of educational methods had given Connie many opportunities in leadership and innovation. Connie is an exemplary example of an individual who loved what she did and can be proud that she made a difference to countless students and teachers and within the Fort Wayne Community School system itself.

In retirement, Connie gives back to the community as a member of her Condominium Board, delivers Home Bound Meals and is a driver for Cancer Services. She served on the committees for the celebration of the school's 75th birthday (2002) and volunteered at various Alumni Association-sponsored events. She has traveled widely, to Europe and Nepal, but remains dedicated to supporting NSHS and the Fort Wayne community

Connie supports the Alumni Association as a regular member.

The Distinguished Alumni Award program was developed in 2007 to honor North Side High School graduates who have demonstrated personal and/or professional achievements. Pictures of award recipients are placed on the Distinguished Alumni Wall in the Commons Area of the high school. The names and pictures of these Distinguished Alumni that adorn the wall serve to honor the recipients. It is also intended to serve as a constant reminder to students, past and present, that the foundation, education, and skills obtained as student at North Side can become the building blocks of success for any graduate. It is the hope of the Alumni Association that this reminder will help today's students maximize the many opportunities available at North Side in order to reach their potential and find success in their lives.

3rd Annual Luncheon Around the Corner

The 3rd Annual Seasoned Seniors Luncheon is set for Friday, Oct. 11 at Pine Valley Country Club from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This event is for North Side High School alumni celebrating their 61st reunion year or later (1928-1952).

Mark your calendars to attend this special class celebration hosted by members of the classes of 1948 through 1952 in cooperation with the North Side High School Alumni Association. Cost to attend is \$25. To make your reservation, call 260-471-4499. You can also download a reservation form from the North Side High School Alumni Association website at www.nsalumni.org. Reservation deadline is Sept. 27. Don't miss out on this enjoyable event to visit with classmates near and far.



The Seasoned Senior Luncheon has transformed into an anticipated annual event for North Side High School Alumni celebrating their 61st reunion year or later (1928-1952).

NSHSAA Spirit Wear for Sale

North Side High School spirit wear never goes out of fashion. The Alumni Association has an assortment of T-shirts and sweatshirts available. For more information or to place your order contact: Cheryl Gilliom at: 260-471-4499, info@nsalumni.org or www.nsalumni.org.

WANTED:

Your stories, memories and pictures (from today and yesteryear) for the Totem Tales. We love sharing the great stories about North Side and our alumni! All photos sent will be returned!

The Rabbit Hole Revisited

In the last issue of the Totem Tales, Jeanne (Doughty) Wensits, '59, recounted what life was like at North Side during her years there. Wensits is interested in hearing how other alumni remembered their high school days. Have a story or fond memory? Email her at: jwendayton@aol.com. If you would like a copy of the Totem Tales featuring the "Rabbit Hole" contact the North Side High School Alumni Association at nshsaa@gmail.com.

2013 Seasoned Seniors Luncheon

Time: 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Date: Friday, Oct. 11, 2013
Location: Pine Valley Country Club
10900 Pine Mills Road
Fort Wayne, IN
Cost: \$25/person
RSVP: 260-471-4499 by Sept. 27

Snyder Leaves Lasting Legacy



Richard W. "Dick" Snyder, 75, died July 9 at Medical City in Dallas, Texas after a short illness. Born April 12, 1938 in Kansas City, Missouri, he grew up in the

Midwest and graduated from North Side High School in Fort Wayne, Indiana in 1955, earning all-state honors as fullback and linebacker for the football team in which he also served as a captain. He began his collegiate career at Florida State University where he played football. He earned bachelor's degree from Indiana University in Bloomington in 1960 and his MBA from the University of Detroit, in finance and international marketing in 1964.

Among his many career achievements, Snyder is best known for founding SnyderGeneral Corporation in 1982. Under his leadership, SnyderGeneral became the world's largest privately-held manufacturer of heating, ventilating, air conditioning (HVAC) and filtration equipment, products and services. Besides his many corporate accomplishments, Snyder was dedicated to public service making a difference at the local, state, national and international levels including creating the Richard and Roberta Snyder Scholarship at North Side High School in which 9 students have received \$1,000 since the scholarship's inception in 2005. He was honored in 2008 as a Distinguished Alumni by the North Side High School Alumni Association. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Roberta "Bobbi" Snyder; brother, two sons, a daughter and 10 grandchildren.

The full obituary can be found at: www.legacy.com/obituaries/dallasmorningnews/obituary.aspx?n=richard-w-snyder-dick&pid=165791988.

Legendary Music Teacher Honored

North Side High School music teacher of more than four decades, Ed King II, was surprised with a special gift at North Side High School's 40th annual Evening of Jazz concert in May.

King's son, Mike, a member of the North Side High School Alumni Association, was instrumental in organizing the event and collecting donations for the new 2011 black Ford Mustang. King was successful in raising over \$22,000 for his dad's "dream car" saying some 276 people chipped in donations that ranged from \$5 to \$2,000.

"He's the kind of person that has become a true local legend and an icon," said King, who was a member of the Rat Pack, Marching Band and the Wildsiders Jazz Band during his four years at North Side. "He's not only be a great dad to me

but a father figure and mentor for a lot of kids who don't have dads. He has inspired generations of students through music, education and example."

Ed King was the first music education graduate at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne. He began his career in education at North Side High School as a student teacher in 1973, and has taught at the high school for 40 years.

King, who was named Fort Wayne Community Schools Teacher of the Year in 2012, founded and serves as the artistic director and lead trombonist for the New Millennium Jazz Orchestra, a professional big band. He also co-founded and plays with the Three Rivers Brass Ensemble and serves on the board of the Local 58, American Federation of Musicians.



Right: North Side HS Band Director Ed King II was recently honored by Quinlan and Fabish Music Company as the Outstanding Michiana Educator of the Year for the HS Division. The awards ceremony took place in July at the Swan Lake Golf Resort in Plymouth, Indiana. Photo provided.



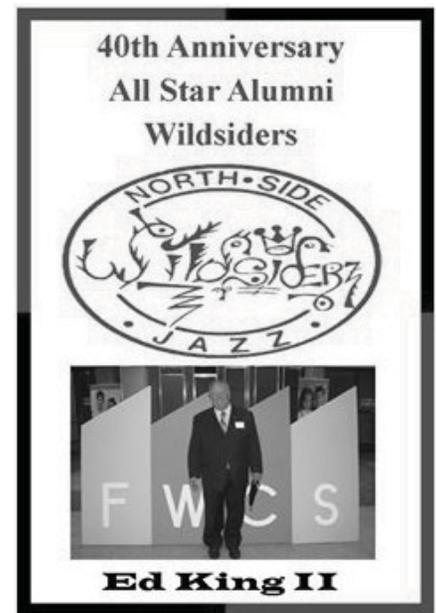
Above: Mike King, Ed King's son, was among those who paid tribute during a special Evening of Jazz Concert in May. Photo credit: Larry Kenner

Middle: North Side High School Music educator in action in this vintage photo. Photo provided.

Right: Son Aaron King designed the program for the special celebration. Image credit: Aaron King



Did You Know?
With more than four decades of service under his belt, Ed King, II is North Side High School's longest serving music educator.



A Tribute to Patty "Payne" Martone, '49 *By Ron Flickinger '62*



It's been a year since Patricia Payne Martone passed away. Her presence is missed but her spirit lives on in the many lives she touched. This article is dedicated to Patty, who is gone but not forgotten.

When did North Side student Patricia Payne actually become the Fort Wayne household name "Patty Martone" for whom countless editorials/letters have been written about the sense of loss at her passing? Actually, as the old saying goes, "a rose is a rose by any other name" so whether Payne or Martone—she always was exactly who she was. The earliest story I have of the Patty Martone of Fort Wayne fame happened in the spring of 1949. During that time at North Side, it was common practice for students to spend their lunch hour outside, often on the river bank across from the school. On this particular day, a photographer from Look Magazine was wandering around the city looking for interesting things to put into an article which Look was going to publish called "America's Happiest Town." And, he happened across the State Street bridge and saw several lovely young ladies having lunch on the riverbank, posed them, and snapped a picture that graced the cover of the magazine (Volume 13 #18 Aug. 30, 1949). These happened to be friends of Patricia Payne who almost always ate lunch with them—but where was Patty? She was in the publications room working on something for the Northerner—donating her lunch hour for the greater good—a pattern that followed

her for the rest of her life and one from which all in Fort Wayne, but particularly we who are North Side graduates, have benefited.

In the mid-1980's North Side Principal Dan Howe had an idea about a public high school alumni association and, of course, he contacted Patty Martone. She was the driving force to start this organization and in the over 25 years of its existence has helped a multitude of students, staff, and programs. It will continue to do so as long as there is a North Side High School. Patty loved her community, but we are all convinced that North Side High School held a special place in her heart. As a tribute to Patty Martone, *The Totem Tales*, which exists because of her efforts, would like to re-print her last guest editorial for the Fort Wayne News-Sentinel (she produced hundreds of them) which was actually a re-print of one of her first stories for the alumni magazine she started. This piece, of all she has written, has captured the essence of the North Side mystique.

So Patty, from all past, present, and future North Side High School Alums we simply say "Thanks" and in tribute to you we'd like to listen to you one more time:

North Side, State Street endure the years of change in my 'State of Mind'

By Patty Martone as it appeared in the Wednesday, July 11, 2012 online issue of the Fort Wayne News-Sentinel.

In 1989 when the North Side Alumni Association was in its infancy with just a two-year history, I wrote a twice-yearly magazine for the membership. The publication called the *Redskin Review* was sent to each member of the fledgling organization. Each issue listed class reunions, shared features and presented class ramblings.

The cover of the Spring 1989 issue carried a piece I wrote called "A State of Mind." I pulled a copy from my file the other day and read a line from the old cover that saddened me. "One rushes down the greatest hill in the city to jump the brook and move toward North Side." Here for your recall is that 20-plus-year-old memory with many places now gone and still another, my old hill, about to be

flattened, straightened. It is soon to lose its bounce and steep skid — a long ago hike gone.

A State of Mind

It links east and west. It skirts the Saint Joseph and runs on to Spy Run Creek. It is a thread that wanders through my life and the lives of many who have been born and reared north of Superior Street. I speak of State Street, guardian of memories, teller of stories and avenue to all that is familiar and dear.

I was born near the street's west end in an area called Bloomingdale and moved as a young wife to the neighboring addition called North Highlands. Residing in these areas, we were a blink away from the television stations, a blast away from Dana Corporation, a Coke away from a shopping center bearing the appropriate title "West State Plaza."

West State Street also houses seniors in a high-rise, furnishes books at Little Turtle Branch Library and enlarges waistlines with Charky pie. One can breakfast at Keltsch's, shop at Rogers and bank at Lincoln. Price School teaches little ones, Queen of Angels Church welcomes worshippers, and assorted doctors and dentists hang their shingles in the heart of a substantial neighborhood.

As one crosses Sherman and moves east, State Street offers something for everyone. When the Wells Street intersection looms, doughnuts beckon and chicken cries out its famous recipe. One rushes down the greatest hill in the city to jump the brook and move toward North Side.

The high school stands midst the cottonwoods observing the river. Thousands of us have passed through the pillars, gathered beneath the dome and traversed the circle. We were reverent and respectful, eager for education, dependable in the face of duty — all prescribed in the *Redskin Code*. We caught buses on State Street. We walked up and down in front of the State Hospital looking for a familiar car with a special driver. We passed the Acme and wondered at adult life filled with breaded tenderloins reputed to resemble the map of the United States.

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