

# TOTEM TALES



A PUBLICATION OF THE NORTH SIDE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## Four New Distinguished Alumni Inducted



*Anthony Didler, Walter Helmke, Fred Toenges, and Kenneth Lee*

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On September 12<sup>th</sup> Walter Helmke and Fred Toenges, both from the class of 1946; Kenneth Lee, 1961 graduate; and Anthony (Richards) Didler, class of 1978 were added to the growing list of Distinguished Alumni. The Distinguished Alumni Award program dates back to 2007. Including these four accomplished graduates, there are now 42 North Side High School alumni whose pictures grace the Distinguished Alumni Wall in the Commons Area of the high school.

This wall is a constant reminder to students past and present of the foundation, education, and skills that North Side has and will provide. It is the hope of the Alumni Association that this reminder will help today's students to maximize the opportunities that they have in the time that they attend North Side and how those opportunities can translate to success in their own lives.

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**Kenneth A. Lee**  
**Class of 1961**

Ken Lee, a 1961 graduate, was active in several organizations during his high school years including the Student Council, Math Club (President), F.T.A., and intramural basketball.

Although, he planned to become a math teacher after graduating from Purdue University with a major in math and a minor in Russian language, he earned a four-year Navy ROTC scholarship. His math teacher plans turned into a 23 year Navy career and ten years in business development with Russian former defense enterprises.

Ken's Navy duties were all in the submarine service. He served three years each on four nuclear-powered submarines, including three years as Commanding Officer of the nuclear attack sub USS GATO (SSN 615). His homeport times were evenly split between Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; New London, Connecticut and Washington, DC.

Upon retirement from active duty in 1988, Ken continued work in his undersea technologies specialty as a Senior Program Manager for Lockheed Martin Corporation in Riviera Beach, Florida. Beginning in 1992, after the Cold War, he put

his four years of Russian language study at Purdue to good use and initiated successful joint projects for Lockheed Martin with his former Soviet submarine adversaries. He travelled to Russia over a dozen times and spent two months living with a Russian family in an immersion language "brush up."

Having formed friendships with several former Soviet submarine commanding officers, Captain Lee was inducted in 1999 as Member No. 807 into the Submariners and Seamen's Club of St Petersburg, Russia. Captain Lee remains current with his Russian contacts and visits and consults for Lockheed Martin Corporation in both Russian and undersea technology areas.

In 2004 Ken was the first in his Purdue Navy ROTC class to be inducted into the Purdue University ROTC Hall of Fame.

Most recently Ken has served three terms as the President of the Palm Beach Council of the Navy League of the United States, a civilian service organization supporting all the sea services – Navy, Coast Guard, Marines and Merchant Marines. In this capacity he has created community support that has provided over 200 performance awards and thousands of dollars in cash honoraria to the sea service personnel in the Palm Beach area and to the NJROTC, Sea Cadets and Young Marines organizations.

Ken has also been the Military Committee Chair and Emcee for two Navy SEAL fund-raising events in Palm Beach that provided over \$1.3 million dollars to the National SEAL Foundation and SEAL Museum and Memorial for the support of

Navy SEALs and their families. He sits on the Advisory Board for the National UDT-SEAL Museum and Memorial Foundation in Fort Pierce, Florida.

Ken not only served his country during his stellar military career, but continues to serve his community through his dedication to raising support for and awareness of career related organizations. He has also maintained his support of North



**Tony (Richards) Didier**  
**Class of 1978**

Tony gave up baseball for radio at age 13. Today, he is Vice-President of Federated Media and Owner/President of Kensington Digital Media, LLC.

Tony Didier (better known as Tony Richards) can remember the exact date that radio would be his career calling. His plans were to be a Major League Baseball player until that day.

"It was August 23, 1973, I was 13 years old, playing baseball in the front yard and a guy rode by on a bicycle that one of the guys knew. He stopped, we talked, and he had some 45s in his hand. I asked him where he was going and he said, 'I'm going to my radio station.' I followed him a

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couple of blocks, and I saw they put in a little pirate station in this guy's house. I thought that was about the coolest thing in the world, so from that day forward that's what I did."

While at North Side, Didier was active in many organizations and sports including Intramurals, Key Club, Radio Club, baseball and worked on the Northerner, He attended IPFW in Fort Wayne, Ivy Tech; National Association of Broadcasters Executive Business Program, and the Executive Integral Leadership Programs at the University of Notre Dame. He is also a trainer in Situational Leadership for the Center for Leadership Studies in California.

His first paying job was as a part-time disc jockey in 1976 at WXKE/ Fort Wayne working nights.

He joined Federated Media in 1978 part time; in 2000 he became the COO of Federated Media that operates 17 radio stations in Fort Wayne, South Bend, and Northern Indiana; and was named President of the Indiana Broadcasters Association in 2008. In 2013, Tony created Federated Entertainment, an event marketing company that produces over 20 events per year in the Fort Wayne, South Bend, and Warsaw markets.

Some of his professional affiliations and volunteer boards include:

- Board of Directors, National Association of Broadcasters
- President, Association of Independent Metropolitan Stations
- Board of Directors, St. Francis College Athletic Committee
- Board of Directors, Lifetime Sports Academy
- Member, Invent Tomorrow Committee

Tony was inducted into the Fort Wayne MSBL Hall of Fame in 2012. He enjoys staying active in the community, working, playing baseball, golf, and hockey. He is married to wife, Leann, and has four children. Tony is the Alumini Association's newest Lifetime Member.



**Walter P. Helmke**  
**Class of 1946**

If you take a look at Walter Helmke's school activities during his high school years, one would wonder how he had time for school work! From 1943 to 1946, Helmke was listed in the Legends as a member of the track team, president of the freshman class, member of Student Council, Letterman's Club, War Council, Quill and Scroll, National Honor Society, and editor of the 1946 Legend.

Walter received his BA in 1950 from Indiana University. He went on to get his JD from Valparaiso University in 1952. Over the years he was awarded honorary degrees from Purdue (Doctor of Laws, 1992) and Indiana Tech (Doctor of Laws, 1989).

Mr. Helmke practiced law in Fort Wayne, Indiana for over 60 years with the same firm, including 23 years with his father, Walter E. Helmke, and 18 years with his son, Paul Helmke before retiring on October 1, 2014.

According to his son, Paul, his father represented all sorts of diverse clients during his law career. Groups such as Union Baptist Church and St. Paul's Lutheran, Indiana-Purdue Foundation, the Foellinger Foundation, Fremont Community Schools, and local manufacturing businesses have all benefited from his legal advice and representation.

Helmke ran for public office and served eight years as part-time Allen County Prosecutor (1962-1970, four years as State Senator (1970-1974), and GOP nominee for U.S. Congress (1974). All demonstrated his willingness and commitment to serve the public.

Some highlights of his accomplishments and civic activities include:

- Liaison to Indiana Legislature for Gov. Otis Bowen (1975-1976)
- Board Chair of many local civic groups including the Fort Wayne Chamber, Allen County Bar Association, Parkview, and Leadership Fort Wayne.
- Ralph E. Broyles Medal recipient from IPFW.
- Lifetime Achievement Award recipient from the Allen County Bar Association, September, 2013.

Paul writes that his dad, his role as an attorney, as being a "counselor at law" who works to resolve differences, help people get along, and serve justice.

Walter married a North Side classmate, Rowene Crabill and were parents to three NSHS graduates, Paul in 1966, Mark in 1970, and Marsha in 1972 and grandparents to two NSHS graduates, Laura in 1995 and Kathryn in 1999.

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### Fred W. Toenges Class of 1946

Fred Toenges at a very early age learned all about work ethic. When he was in his first year at North Side, he worked in his family shoe store business after school and weekends. He did find time while in high school to participate in the Lettermen's Club, Pan-American Club, and Student Council.

Although he planned to play football at North Side, while in intramurals, the track coach, Rolla Chambers, saw his running talent and Toenges soon found himself participating in Track and Field and Cross Country. During his senior year, he and his teammates continued their undefeated winning streak of 62 victories, winning the Northern Indiana Title which is comparable to today's IHSAA State Finals. According to Chuck DeFord, past principal of North Side, "Mr. Toenges still has fond memories of running the indoor track around the upper level gymnasium (16 laps per mile) as well as other running neighborhood routes of the North Side area."

After high school, he went on to serve his country in Korea (1952-53) where he performed duties as a Combat Engineer and as a Supply Clerk. He has been a life-long learner, taking course work at Indiana University, Purdue University, Ball State University, Northwestern School of Medicine and Temple University. During the 2004 Olympics in Greece, Mr. Toenges had the opportunity to work with Olympic athletes, using his background as a pedorthist and assisting athletes with their foot wear.

Today, Mr. Toenges continues to work in the family business, Toenges Shoes, which has become a household name in Fort Wayne and the surrounding area for its quality service and customer friendly staff. In addition, he helped to found the Pedorthic Footwear Association and the Board of Certified Pedorthics and served as president of both organizations.

Locally, Fred has served as a consultant at Lutheran Hospital for Children and at the Diabetic Foot Clinic at St. Joseph Hospital. He is also a charter member and founder of McMillen Park Lions Club and served as president, and he maintains his membership in the North Side High School Alumni Association.

Fred Toenges, a member of "the greatest generation", credits his family and his experiences at North Side High School as major influences in his life's success. His philosophy is, "If you want to be successful, be the best at what you do!"

## Redskin Ramblings

### 1940's

#### Betty DeWitt (aka Mary Shaw) Dallas, Texas, 1940

Doing well at 93. Thinking about my classmates from the class of 1940 as well as those from the decade of the 40's. Still in touch with Lou Ella (Nelson) King in Indianapolis. Would love to hear from other classmates far and near. Send in your updates to let us know how you are. Would love to hear from you.

#### Bob Cowan, 1941

Bob Cowan was represented by his son Bill when he was inducted into the North Side High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Bob Cowan was a true three sport athlete earning 4 letters in basketball and track and 3 in football. He went on to play both football and basketball at Indiana University and followed that with four years in the NFL with Cleveland and Baltimore. Bob Cowan went on to serve in administrative duties including Personnel Director for Fort Wayne Community Schools. He has the lone distinction of being the only North Side grad to be inducted into the Indiana Hall of Fame in three sports: basketball, football, and track.

#### H. Ashley Hawk, 1944

Ashley was inducted into the North Side Athletic Hall of Fame and was represented by his daughter. He was the state champion in the mile run in 1941, 1942, and 1944. His only loss at the state level came when he finished second in 1943. He also won state championships in cross country in 1942, 1943, and 1944. After his college years, he went on to establish his own company - Hawk Construction Company.

#### Margaret Imler Gompf, 1946

Margaret would like for someone to take over the planning for the 70<sup>th</sup> reunion.

### 1950's

#### William Armstrong, 1955

He makes sure to attend at least one football game and one basketball game each year at North Side. "Once a Redskin; always a Redskin!"

#### Henry "Hank" Chapman, 1955

Hank was named to the inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame at North Side. He retired after 31 years at Navistar International. Hank was an outstanding athlete at North in cross country, basketball, and track.

#### Charles "Chuck" Lyons, 1955

Chuck was represented at the Athletic Hall of Fame awards ceremony by his assistant coach at East Tech High School in Cleveland, Ohio. Charles Lyons was twice named all-state in basketball. He was an important part of the 1955 team that was conference, sectional, and regional champs. In 1955 he also was a member of the track team that achieved championships in the city sectionals, and regionals. He played at Purdue University and earned a bachelor's of science degree.

#### Dick Hickox, 1956

Dick Hickox was an important member of the 1954 and 1955 North Side High School basketball teams. Both were sectional and regional champions and the 1955 team was a state finalist. Dick was the second leading scorer in 1956. He was named to the Indiana High School Basketball Hall of Fame in 2011. He went on to play basketball for the University of Miami and lead the team to a top 10 ranking. Personally, he was named third team All American in 1960. Dick was also inducted into the University of Miami Hall of Fame in 1974. He went on to be a teacher and coach in Florida.

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Dick was inducted into the North Side Athletic Hall of Fame as well.

#### Sandra Gehring Skrabanek, 1957

Sandra retired from teaching after 37 years. Twelve years were in Indiana, and four of those years were in Fort Wayne. Currently, she is in the school board for Faith Lutheran School in Marietta, Georgia.

#### Franklin Geist, 1957

Franklin has had years of success as a coach especially in the years he has taught in Saxtons River, Vermont. He is also an inaugural inductee to the North Side Athletic Hall of Fame. He was recognized for his achievements in cross country and track.

### 1960's

#### David Moser, 1965

David was inducted to the North Side High School Hall of Fame for his successes in basketball and golf. Currently he is an insurance agent in North Carolina.

#### Mark Henry, 1966

Mark was a star athlete in football and basketball in his years at North Side. For those accomplishments he was inducted to the Athletic Hall of Fame. After graduation from college, he went on to own and operate his own wholesale plant nursery. He now resides in Hawaii and teaches geometry.

#### Nicholas Johnson, 1966

Nick retired from teaching after 38 years in Fort Wayne Community Schools. Most of those years were at Harris Elementary School. He has fond memories of his fourth graders camping overnight at the Old Fort, doing Reading Overnights in the library, and sailing paddle boats in a

swimming pool in the classroom while teaching reading, science, and math. He is very proud of his niece, Amber Logan who sings in North Side's show choir and will graduate from North 50 years after Nick did.

#### Howard Doughty, 1967

During his time at North Side Howard held many school, state, and national records in hurdles. As a result, he was one of the inaugural inductees to the North Side Athletic Hall of Fame. He currently lives in Ohio where he works as an architectural photographer. He also has written an award winning novel about northeast Indiana.

### 1970's

#### Beth Fremion Wolf, 1972

Beth was the captain of the first cheerleading squad in North Side to win a national championship. She was recognized for this as an inductee to the North Side Athletic Hall of Fame. She is currently a registered physical therapist and has developed a program that is used in health care systems across the country.

#### Katherine Fischer Geist, 1976

Katherine's three children are doing quite well. Benjamin has been with the US Army. Matthew works at Knot Just Decks. While daughter Elizabeth is a paramedic with Seals, Anderson, Ingalls Fire Department. She also reports one granddaughter - Ava.

#### Frank Thomas, 1976

Frank was inducted into the North Side High School Athletic Hall of Fame. He was a three sport star athlete in his three years at North. Currently, he is executive vice president at Our Sunday Visitor. He has been married to Tammy Moreland (North side grad) for 34 years. They have

# Redskin Ramblings Cont.

four children Brea, Chris, Paige, Kyle. All four children played basketball in high school. Son Chris won 2 state Basketball championships at Pike High school in Indianapolis and was Mr. Basketball in 2001. Chris had great career at Notre Dame and overseas in Europe. Their daughter Paige won a state Basketball championship at Brebeuf High school in Indianapolis. Frank played against Larry Bird in 1979 when they were National runner-up to Michigan State and Magic Johnson.

## 1980's

### Alice Modic, 1981

Alice was one of the first female three sport athletes. She excelled in volleyball, basketball and track. As a result, she was named to the North Side High School Athletic Hall of Fame. She went on to star in volleyball at the University of Georgia. Recently, she has been an elementary school teacher and nanny.

### Sim Nelson, III, 1981

Sim was inducted into the North Side High School Athletic Hall of Fame posthumously. He was represented by his mother, daughter, and brother. Sim was a star athlete in football, basketball, and baseball. He went on to be one of the University of Michigan's top receivers ever.

### Michele "Missy" Didier Welkin, 1984

Due to her prowess in gymnastics from 1981 to 1984, Missy was inducted to the North Side Athletic Hall of Fame. The gymnastics team in those years won three SAC championships and went to state once. Currently, she teaches at Maplewood Elementary School and was awarded the Excellence in Education Award from Channel 21 this past month.

### Johnny Sewell, 1985

In all four years at North Johnny competed on the varsity level in three sports: football, wrestling, and track. He excelled in all and was named to the North Side High School Athletic Hall of Fame. From North Side he went on to compete at Miami of Ohio where he was a part of the Mid American championship team in 1986. He has worked at Dana for the last twenty years.

### Bob Shank, 1987

Bob Shank was an integral part of three teams in his four years at North: football, wrestling, and track. His real claim to fame were his accomplishments in track, specifically - pole vault. For his accomplishments in track he was named to the Athletic Hall of Fame. Bob was also inducted into the Indiana Track and Cross Country Hall of Fame. Since graduation from college, Bob has been the track coach and athletic director at Northrop High School.

## 1990's

### Irene Studler Marshall, 1990

Irene Studler had the most wins of any gymnast at North Side from 1987 through 1988. In fact, she was a state champion both years. From North Irene went on to study education at Purdue. Currently, she teaches overseas in Hong Kong. She was inducted as an inaugural member of the Athletic Hall of Fame and was represented by her high school friend - Elizabeth Adams Hagerman.

### Rico Talamantes, 1992

Rico is the owner of Rico's Barber-shop. Corey Hurse, also a North Side alum works there. Rico was one of the inaugural inductees to the North Side Athletic Hall of Fame for his accom-

plishments in football, wrestling, and track. He was a state champion in track. His wife Karen is also a North Side grad.

### Vernard Hollins, 1999

Vernard was an inaugural inductee to the North Side Athletic Hall of Fame. Vernard is the second all-time leading scorer in the SAC. Twice, he was named to the All State team. He was also named to the Indiana team of all stars that played against the Kentucky team. From high school he went on to play at Wright State University. When he returned to Fort Wayne, Vernard created and is the CEO of Always 100 and has sent 48 young people to college since 2011.

## 2000's

### Dusti Siefer Grimes, 2000

Dusti and her husband Brad have four children: 2 boys and 2 girls. Their ages are 15, 13, 11, and 1. Dusti is a master stylist at Eolve Spa owned by her sister Misty Siefer Hernandez class of 1996. Her husband works at Precision Fabrication in Accounts Receivable.

### Whittney Stuart Harvey, 2001

Whittney was a part of the successful volleyball program for four years, three years in basketball, one in swimming, and four years in track. In track she garnered multiple sectional and regional championships in the 100 and 200 meter dashes. In 2001 Whittney was the Indiana State Champion in the 200 meter dash. She went on to the University of Missouri where she was named All Big 12 Student Athlete and won on many levels in both outdoor and indoor meets. She is currently a financial advisor and was named to the North Side Athletic Hall of Fame.

### Aundrea Brown, 2005

Aundrea's biggest accomplishment that year was twice finishing first at the state level in long jump. She was a part of the 4x100 relay that made it to state in her junior year. For her accomplishments in track she was recognized as an inaugural inductee to the North Side High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

## Staff

### Glen Bickel

Glen came to the realization that it took him 38 years to get out of high school. Four of his own, another four in college, and the rest in teaching.

### Rolla Chambers

Rolla Chambers was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame posthumously and was represented by his son Donald a North Side grad in 1955. Rolla achieved records in cross country and track as a coach that may never be surpassed. As a cross country coach, his teams won 94% of the meets in which they participated. The teams from 1937-1945 compiled a streak of 68 straight wins. Rolla's track teams accumulated 26 sectional wins and won all but four of the regionals. This resulted in state track championships in 1941, 1942, 1956, 1957, and 1963. His final record as a coach was 206 wins and only 10 losses. From 1942 to 1963 he also served as the school's athletic director.

### By Hey

By Hey is one of the winningest coaches in Indiana basketball history with a 550- 325 record. From 1958 through 1988 his teams won 10 sectionals and seven regionals. The 1965 team made it all the way to the state finals, finishing the season as the runner-ups to the state title. Many of his former players went on to play college basketball and others even made it to professional leagues. He was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 1997. In 2004 the new North Side gym was dedicated as the "By Hey Arena." He is also one of the first inductees to the North Side High

## A Change is Coming!

For the last few years, the North Side High School Alumni Association had been under the very capable leadership of 1973 grad Robin Fish Holley as board president. This October she is completing her term. Those who know Robin well, know that she is extremely dedicated to North Side High School and our Alumni Association. Although we will miss her leadership, she will remain as a member of the board and an active participant in all of our events. Thank you, Robin for all that you have done!

Of course, we then need to bring in a new president. The name that was brought to the membership at the annual meeting was Ray Beights, class of 1962. That name is familiar to many of you who were in the music program at North Side. Ray's father taught music at North before he became a doctor. The North Side graduate Ray Beights was a long time administrator in Fort Wayne Community Schools,

## First Alumni Golf Outing

On September 12, the Alumni Association hosted the first of what will be an Annual Golf Outing. Twelve teams of grads, former staff members, and friends joined together for an afternoon of golf culminating in a dinner catered by 2001 grad David McLaughlin of Blue Stack Smokehouse.

At the end of the day, 1965 North Side alum Larry Wells captained the winning team. His team consisted of his friends Ron Dawson, Randy Welch, and 1964 grad Dan Muldoon. Larry also won both of the closest to the pin competitions. Winning both of the longest drives was longtime staff member Ry Taliaferro. The second place team were all graduates of the North Side: AJ Bruner, 2006; Adam Gibson, 2002; Brandon Brenner, 2002; and Tierni Brenner, 2001.

Thanks goes out to Zak Eyman, class of 2005 and Alumni Board member, for organizing this event. For those of you who would like to participate next year, the plan is to have the outing in late July or early August. Check the next Totem Tales, Facebook, or our webpage nsalumni.org for updates.



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## Athletic Hall of Fame Induction

The weekend of August 28 and 29 was quite busy at North Side. Friday night, the North Side High School Alumni Association introduced the first inductees to the Athletic Hall of Fame. Before the game each of the new Hall of Fame members or their representatives was introduced to the crowd. These proud athletes represented all of the decades from Harry Leeper in 1931 to Aundrea Brown in 2005.

The next morning we held a breakfast and program for the inductees, their friends, and families. In all, 263 attended the event in North Side's new cafeteria. Each of the recipients received a Hall of Fame medallion and certificate. The plaque that contains their names is now on the wall in By Hey Arena.

## North Side's First Star Athlete

Because there are very few alumni who could represent the early years of North Side, the Hall of Fame committee needed to research the early years of the school and who might be included as a nominee from those years. An easy selection was long time cross country and track coach Rolla Chambers. There was no denying his credentials over the forty-three year span of years as a Redskin coach.

It was a little more difficult to find which of the athletes should be honored. After all, North Side's teams in those years won championship after championship and there were a number of young men who stood out (women were not officially competing in athletic events at the time). But, there was one name that was kept showing up – Harry Leeper. He graduated in 1931 after being a star in football, basketball, track, and golf.

In 1930 he was a member of the track team that was North Side's first championship team. Then, in 1931 he was the top scorer on the basketball team that also won the championship. He led the football team in touchdowns each of the years he played. He was an all-conference player in all of the sports in which he competed. Harry became the first North Side athlete to win the King Award which was given to the athlete who was the best athlete in the school.

After high school, Harry went on to play football at Northwestern University where he was named All American in 1934. His son, Larry, provided the picture of Harry with his All American sweater, which the family has donated to the North Side history room. He also was named to the East West All Star game. He went on to play professional football for two years in the league that eventually became the National Football League.



## In Memoriam

The following classmates have completed their tenure on earth.

Name	Grad. Class	Date of Death	City
John M. Harper.....	1948	7/3/15	Pampano Beach, FL
Donald J. Witte .....	1945	7/8/15	Ft. Wayne, IN
Doris L. (Gressley) Cameron .....	1946	7/8/15	Ft. Wayne, IN
Ruth M. (Bolyard) Hatch.....	1942	7/13/15	Rome City, IN
Alan L. Simerman.....	1969	7/15/15	Ft. Wayne, IN
Dennis A. Leininger.....	1965	7/20/15	Ft. Wayne, IN
Robert E. Busche .....	1941	7/22/15	Ft. Wayne, IN
Dolores M. (Perry) Peters .....	1946	7/23/15	Ft. Wayne, IN
Richard L. Phillips.....	1943	7/26/15	Ft. Wayne, IN
Edward L. Sutorius.....	1971	7/27/15	Portland, OR
Max P. Shambaugh .....	1940	8/2/15	Ft. Wayne, IN
Gale L. Fansler .....	1969	8/5/15	Ft. Wayne, IN
Paul D. Simerman .....	1952	8/8/15	Ft. Wayne, IN
Charles T. Stucky.....	1955	8/8/15	Ft. Wayne, IN
Robert R. Hawkins .....	1966	8/10/15	Lakeland, FL
Homer E. Jackson .....	1940	8/12/15	Madison, AL
Donna K. (Baumgartner) Koehl.....	1956	8/16/15	Ft. Wayne, IN
Morris D. Cecil .....	1948	8/18/15	Olton, TX
Robert P. Kinney .....	1964	8/19/15	Greenville, SC
Bertha A. (Bennett) Christie .....	1937	8/20/15	Ft. Wayne, IN
Douglas R. Miller .....	1955	8/21/15	Ft. Wayne, IN
James E. Comment .....	1969	8/27/15	Bermud Dunes, CA
Beverly J. (Crabill) Corpron .....	1950	8/28/15	Ann Arbor, MI
Dave Spake .....	1962	8/29/15	Ft. Wayne, IN
Ronald L. Kurtz.....	1958	8/30/15	Bronson, MI
Mark W. Lee.....	1967	9/2/15	Ft. Wayne, IN
Stephen J. Novitsky .....	1957	9/3/15	Ft. Wayne, IN
Constance K Timma .....	1964	9/3/15	Estero, FL
Richard Y. Ning.....	1955	9/3/15	Indianapolis, IN
Richard H. Bohde.....	1947	9/5/15	Coldwater, MI
Steven M. Null .....	1978	9/7/15	
James Barfell .....	1952	9/8/15	Ft. Wayne, IN
Dale C. Raypole.....	1966	9/10/15	Ft. Wayne, IN
Richard Ummel.....	1969	9/10/15	New Port Richey, FL
Helen V. (Johnston) Henry .....	1932	9/11/15	Angola, IN
Yvonne (Behnke)Neusbaum .....	1948	9/12/15	Ft. Wayne, IN
Gene R. Madden.....	1956	9/12/15	Ft. Wayne, IN
Norma J. (Busche) Partridge.....	1951	9/18/15	Ft. Wayne, IN

## 2015-2016 Alumni Association Board Members

R. Linda (Meyer) Garfield	1966
Carl Geist	1964
Helen Grimes	1972
Keith Hanson	1961
Misty (Siefer) Hernandez	1996
Robin (Fish) Holley	1973
Mike Kamphues	1996
Barb (Bedwell) McKee	1973
Sue (Poplett) Owen	1958
Darlene (Geisler) Yarnelle	1972
Ray Beights	1862
Chris Didier	1980
Zak Eyman	2005
Marcus Farr	1996
Sandy Getts	1964
Bonnie Knuth	2009
Marisol Sharpe	2009
Michael Morris, Alumni Director	NSHS
Chad Hisson, Principal	NSHS

## Alumni Night 2016

We encourage all North Side graduates, their families, and friends to join us for our February 19 Alumni Night. Our boys' basketball team will take on Carroll that night and the Alumni Association will honor two teams from our history. Last year we honored the 1975 girls' tennis team and the 1995 boys' basketball team. This year we will feature the 1991 wrestling team that won Regionals and had two individual state champions. The other team will be the 1981 girls' gymnastics team. That team won the SAC conference championship, Sectionals, Regionals, and placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the state.

In addition to honoring these teams, we will have a hospitality area staffed by the Alumni Association board. Here you can register for door prizes, renew your membership, buy spirit wear, and socialize with other grads. This promises to be a great evening. Hope to see you there!

## Did You Know?

You can increase the value of your contribution to the North Side High School Alumni Association through your company's matching gift program. Prior to making a donation to the NSHSAA check with your company first. Through matching gift programs alumni can have their gifts matched 1:1. NSHSAA is a 501-c3 not-for-profit organization and we may qualify for donations matched by your employer. The more we partner, the greater our impact.





**NORTH SIDE HIGH SCHOOL  
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME  
NOMINATION FORM**

- Deadline for nominations is March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Selection of new Hall of Fame members will take place during the month of May. Alumni Association members will vote for the new members.
- Announcement of new Hall of Fame members will take place at the beginning of the new school year.

Candidate's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation School & Year: High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ (years at NSHS)  
College: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check if Candidate is Deceased:  D Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

- Category of Nomination: (Please check one)
- Former Athlete** An athlete must have been a student at North Side High School and been out of school a minimum of ten years prior to nomination.
  - Former Coach** Three years must elapse after completion of their tenure as a coach at North Side.
  - Other** Any individual who has made an outstanding contribution to athletic program or has had a significant impact on the athletic program at North Side High School.

Outstanding athletic accomplishments while at, or beyond NSHS:  
\_\_\_\_\_



**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**Yes! I want to join the North Side High School Alumni Association. Membership dues support the ongoing operations of the organization in maintaining the alumni data base for mailings and support for class reunion planning. The Scholarship Fund supports graduating seniors for their future education. The Grant Fund provides support for North Side faculty and staff in educational program needs.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **New Member** \_\_\_\_\_ **Renewal**

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$15.00 Member** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$25.00 Sustainer** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$50.00 Benefactor** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$100.00 Patron**

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$1,000.00 Life Membership (Can be paid at \$250.00/year for 4 yrs)**

\* \_\_\_\_\_ **In addition to my membership dues, I wish to contribute an additional amount to the Scholarship Fund \$\_\_\_\_\_.**

\* \_\_\_\_\_ **In addition to my membership dues, I wish to contribute an additional amount to the Grants Program \$\_\_\_\_\_.**

**PLEASE FILL IN COMPLETELY EVEN IF NO CHANGES – Thank you!**

Name (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (Maiden) \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ Grad Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Married \_\_\_\_\_ Widowed \_\_\_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Is spouse North Side graduate? Y / N (circle one)

Spouse's grad year: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Maiden/School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**PRIMARY ADDRESS:**  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell PH# (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Work PH# (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Retired? \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**HAVE SEASONAL ADDRESS? Y / N (please circle one)**  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Months you will be at seasonal address: \_\_\_\_\_ thru \_\_\_\_\_  
\* needed to receive mail. Our mail is not forwardable.

Please list any noteworthy news for the Talon Talk newsletter (You may use second sheet if you need additional space)

**Credit Cards Accepted:** Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 3 Digit Code \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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