

# Ames High School Alumni Newsletter

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## AHS Alum gives Emory Law \$1 million



Bill and Jane Carney at their home in Atlanta, GA. Bill ('55) singled out three Ames High teachers for special praise.

Maybe you thought geometry was plain, but Carney didn't. Believe it or not: **Bill Carney** ('55) attributes a good share of his successful career teaching law to what he learned in his sophomore geometry class at Ames High. What makes this story even more remarkable is the fact that Bill and his wife Jane have just donated \$1 million to the Law School at Emory University (Atlanta, GA). University officials said the Carney gift is one of the largest ever donated by a current or retired faculty member. Bill taught law at Emory for 34 years before retiring in 2012. He is now the Charles Howard Candler Professor of Law Emeritus.

Carney's life in Ames began as a 4-year-old in 1941 when the family moved from Chicago. He attended St. Cecilia and then Central before enrolling at Ames High in 1952. That's when he first encountered geometry. Dale Hiedeman, Bill writes, "made geometry visual and intuitive." Carney said he learned much later that "this is a basic difference in how we learn. "I've written a law school corporate finance casebook that I think recognizes this difference, and the general aversion of law

students to the abstractions of algebra." Bill also credited two other AHS teachers with making a difference for him. "I have wonderful memories of how Ron Norman brought the Civil War to life and made it exciting. Mary McNally did the same for World literature."

Carney landed a scholarship at Yale University, graduating with B.A. in 1959 and a L.LB (Bachelor of Laws) in 1962. He practiced law in Denver, CO., from 1962-1970. He then moved to Aspen, CO, where he continued to practice law and met Jane, who grew up on a farm near Camp Hill, Alabama (pop. 1270). Each had three children from previous marriages. In 1973 Bill and Jane were married and moved (with five children, ages 5 to 11) to the University of Wyoming, where Carney began his teaching career in law.

Their next stop was the School of Law at Emory in 1978 where Bill specialized in corporate and securities law and authored two casebooks on corporate finance and mergers and acquisitions. He also wrote several other books and more than 50 articles and book chapters. Bill has also served as visiting professor in Belgium, Germany , Hungary and Russia, as well as New York University, and the Universities of Virginia and Michigan. Meanwhile, Jane became a mycology specialist for the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

Bill retired as Emeritus Professor of Law two years ago. Since 2013, he and Jane have been working to establish their gift solely to support the University's Center for Transactional Law and Practice – and to commit the University to generate another \$1 million for the same purpose. The Law Dean called the Carney challenge a gift that would "secure Emory's position as the preeminent law school in teaching transactional law and practice." To avoid possible misconceptions about academic salaries, Carney pointed out that most of their financial gains came from investments in an Atlanta pharmaceutical company that developed a drug to treat chronic hepatitis C.

Tom Emmerson ('55)

**50 years ago....**Drama students bid Mr. Bob Hamilton a fond farewell at a Palm Club surprise party. Mr. Hamilton wound up ten years as director of AHS plays with "Squaring the Circle."

According to the Spirit of 1955 (p.11), one of Dale Hiedeman's favorite expressions was: "Don't look at me, the answer isn't written on my forehead."

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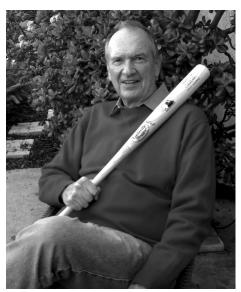
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# Gary Sutton, '60 "roots out druggies, but urges cooperation with police!"



Gary Sutton

Gary Sutton ('60) doesn't look much like McGruff, but he knows how to take a bite out of crime. Neighborhood crime, that is, but with a strong whiff of meth and other drug dealing.

Thanks to Sutton's detective work, police in La Jolla, California (pop. 32,000) managed to slam the door on a gang operating out of a residence in a neighborhood where houses sell routinely for

\$700,000 to \$1.2 million. This happened a year ago, just after Sutton had turned 71. That's important to the story because of the aggressive nature of his approach. Although he would probably deny it, Sutton behaved at times more like "Dirty Harry" than a crime dog. His weapons of choice were, not a .44 Magnum, but a baseball bat, and an authentic-looking badge he had received for donating to the La Jolla police benevolent fund, plus a strong dash of chutzpah along with the temper of someone who is three-quarters Irish. It may have been mostly bluff for Sutton. Not so with the father and son who were distributing drugs, probably cooking meth – and generally disrespecting the neighborhood.

Problems began in autumn 2013 -- shortly after a grandmother, her son and his twenty-something son from Chicago rented a house at 1609 Caminito Ascua. That was only 40 paces from the Sutton's home in a cul-de-sac containing 22 homes. Gary doesn't remember the men's names, but said the grandmother came to be known locally as 'Marijuana Marge.'

Sutton says the first thing the trio did do aggravate the neighborhood was to park a large RV in their drive so it blocked the sidewalk. This not only violated the covenants governing the property's rental, but also raised questions about what was going on in the garage. When Gary told the 20-something grandson about the parking violation, the lad threatened to "punch out" his septuagenarian adversary. If the kid was hoping to scare Sutton off, he couldn't have made a worse calculation. Gary immediately spread word of the threat to other neighbors. More important, Sutton and wife Nancy decided to challenge the druggies by gathering documentation for the La Jolla police with respect to the nefarious activities at 1609. Nancy created a list of license numbers of all the

cars and motorcycles that visited the house. Meanwhile, the Suttons counted as many as a dozen transients "crawling in and stumbling out" of Marge's house.

Tensions flared again after one of the transients sicked his pit bull on Gary. Sutton responded by buying a 30-inch 225YB Louisville Slugger baseball bat that he carried whenever he went into the street. "People thought I bought the bat to defend myself," he reflects, "but I bought it to threaten those ----." This was just the beginning of the neighborhood resistance, largely organized by the Suttons. For example, someone at 1609 bought seven cars at auction that he parked illegally on the street and refused to relocate them to a public parking area. Shortly thereafter, every vehicle sustained at least one flat tire and when the neighborhood association voted to have them towed, Sutton volunteered to take charge.

By now it was clear to almost everyone on the street that meth was being cooked and drugs were being sold out of the garage. Two major indications were, as Gary put it, the number of "vacant-eyed girls with little unexposed flesh staggering through the neighborhood and the constant opening and closing of the garage door in the early daylight hours. That's when Gary decided to raise the intimidation stakes. Besides carrying the Louisville Slugger, he began wearing cowboy boots, a black leather jacket, Stetson hat, dark glasses and -- the crème de la crème-- a "police badge" hanging from a lanyard around his neck. Only it wasn't authentic. It had been given to him for donating to San Diego law enforcement charities. But, according to Gary, it looked real enough. In full 'battle gear,' Sutton confronted the 40-something father who was standing in the garage. By now Gary knew that the man's only apparent job was playing bongo drums at a local roadhouse where he could "distribute drugs, using the girlies for mules." The father asked Sutton what he intended to do with that baseball bat. Gary recalls answering as follows: "I don't know. If you step outside your garage, I might drop it, run away and cry . . . Or maybe if you step outside and I swing it at you, your natural reaction would be to defend your head or torso with your hands. That will protect you instinctively. But I don't think you'll be playing those bongos for a few weeks. You'll have shattered hand bones." End of confrontation.

By now Gary and Nancy, along with neighbors, had provided the police with enough documentation that one or two squad cars began responding to complaints. All this contributed to a decision by La Jolla police to raid the home at the next opportunity. Then in June 2014 – nine months after Marge, father and son had moved in – police were ready for serious action. Sutton said that occurred when neighbors reported loud fighting inside the house. Police launched a full scale raid involving 14-16 officers and a police dog. They also brought in an ambulance, a fire truck and had a helicopter hovering (to track any escapees). The twenty-something grandson hid in the attic. Sutton recalls alerting cops to the attic and

## Gary Sutton, '60

continued

then borrowing a ladder for the dog from a neighbor. The German shepherd ran straight up the rungs into the attic and confronted the young man.

"The genius decided to fight a police dog," Gary recalls, "and the dog put him into the hospital." Forty-eight hours later, La Jolla police raided 1609 for a second time and, surprisingly, according to Sutton, they arrested as many addicts and pushers as they did on the first raid. Shortly thereafter, the druggies disappeared and a real family moved in. Life on Cominito Ascua today is back to normal.

Looking back over his efforts to rid the neighborhood of crime and drugs, Gary agreed that he had been deceptive in allowing the bad guys to assume his badge connected him to local police. On the other hand, he said, he never used the "P-word" to his targets. But, in retrospect, he offered these words of advice. Do not try this kind of thing. "We're not dealing with the brightest bulbs here. Criminals do not follow the rules or [have] good sense." Gary said he would never have gone to such extremes had it not been for the fact that he was "too pissed off at this intrusion into my neighborhood to have any fear." What Sutton did learn from this episode was this: 'Police are very busy and need more than a single complaint to dig into a problem. You can help them most by providing documentation and evidence." As for the Louisville Slugger, Gary said it still resides under their bed. He didn't say what he'd done with the badge.

Tom Emmerson ('55)

#### **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Gary E. Sutton('60) moved to AHS from Britt (IA) in the winter of 1957. In his 2.5 years at AHS, Physics teacher James Jones got him a job interning at the Iowa State particle accelerator due to his physics grades. Drama teacher Robert Hamilton "got me gigs doing stand up comedy." Sutton modeled clothes on WOI-TV's weekly dance program, Seventeen. Gary says he "stayed grounded" by washing dishes at the Broiler, laying sod on campus and sweeping out the Armory after concerts and sporting events. "The teachers were great but I was disruptive enough that the administration had reason to disapprove." Sutton said Principal Herb Adams told him that he was the only Merit Scholar in Iowa who ranked in the bottom of his class scholastically. If you want to know what Sutton's done as an entrepreneur, author and inventor during the next half century, go to Google. — T.E.

## Other News About Our Graduates:

Patricia "Patti" Freeman Works. '76 received the 2014 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Patti, a science teacher at Cassidy Elementary in Fayette County, Kentucky Public Schools, is among the 102 winners representing the 50 states. District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Department of Defense (DOD) schools. In her 31st year of teaching, Patti is an elementary science lab teacher, a member of the state and district Science Leadership Networks and has served as a member of the Next-Generation Science Standards Review Team. She is also a resource teacher for the Kentucky Teacher Intern Program. Patti has been a member of the School-Based Decision Making Council at two schools, served on the Kentucky State Textbook and Materials Adoption Review Committee and the Fayette County Superintendent's Advisory Council. Awardees serve as models for their colleagues, an inspiration to their communities and as leaders in the improvement of mathematics and science education. Winners receive: (1) a certificate signed by the President of the United States, (2) a paid trip for two to Washington, D.C. to attend a series of recognition events and professional development opportunities, and (3) a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation. According to a White House news release, excellent mathematics and science teachers, exemplified by these awardees, are critical to getting more students engaged in the increasingly important science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields. Patti was also the 2006 Kentucky Elementary Science Teacher of the year. Congratulations,



Sarvinder Bal Naberhaus

Sarvinder Bal Naberhaus, '79 has fulfilled a dream that's been nearly ten years in the making. After a long process where her hopes of having one of her children's books published soared and fell, her book "Boom Boom" was released last December to the public. "Boom Boom" tells the story of a group of pre-school children who experience the sights and sounds of the four seasons together. It is a 32-word poem made up of 16 words, each repeated twice. The book is illustrated by Margaret Chodos-Irvine, an award winning illustrator, who currently lives

in London. Although it may seem strange, Sarvinder said that she never had contact with Chodos-Irvine through the whole process as the illustrator was selected by her editor, Allyn Johnston of Beach Lane Books, which is division of Simon & Schuster. Chodos-Irvine described the process as a relay race. The author hands the story off to the editor, who then hands it off to the illustrator, who then hands it back to the editor, and they hand it to designer, who finally hands it to the publisher. As Naberhaus begins her journey with professional writing, she advises people of all ages--whether students or adults--to pursue their dreams. Naberhaus, who moved to Ames from Punjab, India when she was four while her father studied Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State, started writing children's books about 10 years ago while she was a stay-at-home mother. After graduating from Ames High School, Sarvinder graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in Elementary Education. Along with her writing, she is a substitute teacher in the Ames and Gilbert Community School Districts. She lives in Ames with her husband. Tom. and their children Daniel, Joel and Nikole,

## **Breaking News, by Loof Lirpa:**

### **RAGBRAI**

RAGBRAI revolution: Boring west-toeast routes ditched for good: In the face of mounting criticism that the annual bicycle ride from the Missouri to the Mississippi is "boring and predictable," RAGBRAI planners today dropped the equivalent of a nuclear bomb on cyclists. Starting in 2016, routes will begin and end anywhere in Iowa. Moreover, routes will be geometrical. That means they could be circular, square or triangular (acute, isosceles and obtuse, but most often scalene). More advanced route configurations could be pentagonal or octagonal. A Figure-Eight route might be added once planners figure out how to avoid the inevitable cross-over collisions. It will be renamed RAGBRAIBL (Register's Annual Great Ride Around Iowa's Beautiful Land) - but pronounced 'RAGBRIBLE' for short.

Ride organizers see this as a way to involve more towns, villages and farms, in the fun, pain and profit. They also urged prospective riders and vendors to start saving up plastic bags. "You never know how many you might need," enthusiast Jolene Earnestly advised. The planners are also mulling the possibility of including swimming and running in the package – and offering a major award to top finishers. "This ought to be one way to weed out the heavy drinkers and loafers," said one discontented participant.

## **Cygers**

Ames-Gilbert high school merger moving forward: The pigeons have come home to roost a half-century after the Ames School Board decided it did not want to get involved in busing. That's why the school district boundaries were drawn close to the municipality. As a result, most of the new, expensive homes being built in Ames in the past 15 years are located in the Gilbert School District. This surge in numbers of children living in north Ames has inspired the Ames School Board to propose that the two school districts merge. If both votes are positive, the district will be known either as Gilmes or Amesbert. That decision will be significantly easier than resolving the contentious question of a new athletic nickname for the merged high school. Current thinking among regulars at the Grove Café (Ames) favors Little Cyclones. Patrons at the Open Flame (Gilbert) argue that the problem was caused by Ames so Gilbert should get the call: Tigers. Another suggestion (again, following the merger theme) would be Little Cygers.

#### DOT

DOT to relocate deer crossing sites for greater safety: Citing public safety concerns on lowa's highways, the Department of Transportation has decided to re-locate deer crossing signs to more visible spots along the state's roadways Spokesperson Julian Mensonge said the DOT had received a barrage of complaints about flocks of deer being attracted to the signs and crossing roads in dangerous numbers at these sites. As a result, the DOT has decided to move deer crossing signs to flat stretches of road across from open fields. "This will make it easier for motorists to see deer as they prepare to cross the road. "If necessary," Mensonge said, "the DOT will erect night lights so the signs are more visible to both motorists and deer." The plan to re-locate deer crossings to more driver-friendly locations was first implemented in North Dakota. Minnesota is shortly expected to follow suit.

### **Elgin Marble**

AHS selected to display world famous Elgin Marble: In a goodwill gesture towards the USA, the Greek government has decided to honor Ames, Iowa, with an Elgin Marble. The Marble – described as spherical and about 3/4ths inch in diameter – was found near the base of the Parthenon in Athens. Expert Shara Pretzel estimates it is 432 years old and describes it as an Akro (agate). The marble will be prominently displayed – for one day only — on a specially designed float for the Ames High homecoming parade on Friday 11 Sept. 2015.

## We Get Letters...

To the fantastic writers, typists and editor of the Ames High School Alumni Newsletter: Enclosed please find my check which is to extend my subscription for 3 more years. You are all to be commended for your excellent work. Each edition of the newsletter which I receive is an exciting experience which invariably sets off phone calls, e-mails and letters to my classmates, AHS friends and two sisters. You must realize how special and how rare a high school alumni newsletter of the caliber of your Ames High School Alumni Newsletter is. Not one high school in a thousand can possibly match your publication, and we, who receive your work, are the fortunate recipients. There are thousands of Ames

High Alumni who are very proud of our school and continue to be inspired by "Ames Hi Aims High!" Keep up your superior work! We all appreciate it so very much. Respectfully,

John Sylwester, '57

Here is my renewal for two more years. Who knows what is ahead after 82 years? I enjoyed the article on the theaters. I worked for Joe for 4 years--first as an usher at the old Capital, then the Varsity and on to the Collegian while in high school. I finished my senior year there at the Collegian as doorman and assistant manager.

William E. Poe, '51

Hello Bill and Jack and Happy Holidays! Enclosed is a check for a three year renewal of my membership in the Alumni Association . The newsletter continues to be informative and a great way to keep up with current students and all those who have gone on to put all that learning to work.

Jerold E. "Jerry" Bowen, '65

AHSAA--Thank you for all you do. I loved my time at AHS. I have had a great life, and I appreciate the education I received at AHS. Jenna Andersen Hayes, '87

## We Get Letters...continued

My husband and I were delighted to read Max Stover's reminiscence on our friend Martin Papadoulos and see the picture of Martin, his brother Carl, and my sister Mary and my brothers Steve and Angelo. Mary, Angelo and I all graduated from Ames High in 1939. Our older brother Steve graduated two years later in 1941. For those of you who remember Frangos Restaurant where we all served you, Dad (Peter) opened the restaurant in 1940, and we all worked there for the next forty years--Mom (Eleni), Mary and I during the war years while our three brothers, Christ, Angelo and Steve, were fighting in the South Pacific. Christ was killed in action on Leyte in the Philippines, where he earned a Silver Star for bravery. After the war, Steve and Angelo joined us. When Martin and Carl's father died shortly after the war ended, Dad brought Martin and Carl and their sister to Ames. The sister lived with us on Grand Avenue. The boys lived in an apartment over the restaurant for the next 35 years. Mom died in 1953 and Dad in 1961. I left the restaurant in 1959 when I married George Englesson. When Steve died in 1980, we had to close the restaurant and Carl went to live with their sister in Des Moines. Mary died in 1988, and Carl died around the same time. Angelo passed away in 1991 and Martin last year. I am the last

Pauline Frangos Englesson, '39

I rightfully claim to be in two classes, '44 & '45 - the issue being that I was in the class of '44 until Miss Brown in second grade (Roosevelt) held me back a year as my skills in Arithmetic were not up to par. She was

probably right, although be the time I got to MIT, math was no longer much of a problem. This past summer I was invited by the ISU Theatre Department to return along with 15 alums to reprise roles they had played while at ISU. In my case, that was the Stage Manager's monologue that opens Act-III of Thornton Wilder's OUR TOWN. Frank Brandt was my homeroom teacher in 1944, our senior year, and he cast me in that role at AHS. In 1947, I had returned from the war. Brandt by then was teaching at ISU, and he cast me in the role a second time, and once more, he did that in 1998, so I have had some experience in doing it. I did have fun this time around--although without Brandt's coaching, alas! Most recently, the education division of the American Association of Publishers has honored me with a Lifetime Achievement award. That was nice, although I hardly recognize the guy they were talking about--I'd rather like to meet him myself. The dinner was nice at The Russian Tea Room on 57th Street in NYC. The crystal "award" is elegant and will collect dust. My wife, Mitzi, and I seem to be in reasonable health for our ages, 90 & 88. In 2010, I turned over the management of Curriculum Associates, our publishing company, to a younger CEO who is doing a great job. We are now just under 400 employees and growing rapidly. I am at the office most days making some contribution. Best wishes to all.

Frank Ferguson, '45

The original manuscript of Almost Pioneers by Laura Gibson Smith, AHS 1910, was discovered in her son's basement when he (Bertel Gibson Smith, AHS 1933) died

in 1987. It was given to the University of Iowa's Women's Archives where Dr. John J. Fry discovered it during research for his dissertation. Dr. Fry obtained permission to publish it with his comments and footnotes. It is now available from Amazon in paperback form, published in 2013. Years earlier, an uncle of mine was in possession of a hard cover copy of the book--the only hard cover copy he knows of, and he provided copies of that book to me and some of my cousins. He says that Dr. Fry's book is a better version, and he has sent me a copy of it. It includes interesting information about Ames High and

Carol Joy Smith, '64

Thank you as always! My regrets that I did not arrive for my 50th reunion in 2012. Unfortunately, I rolled my Toyota Corolla-Sport, plum red, two times over on Highway 151 South, so I was at the Mercy ER in Dubuque. The car was totaled, so I took a bus back to Madison. On a happier note, my mom, Betty, was a first to get a 5 degree major at ISU. Then she elected to teach those five sciences in Story City and Dike, Iowa. She didn't want to interfere with her 3 kids--Theodora (Toi), Stephen & Wesley Jane--going through the Ames Public Schools. Mom and Dad (the late Alvin Goettsch) were the best "boosters" driving cheerleaders to out-of-town games. They were ISU supporters in all sports as well-including taking the cheerleaders to an earlytime bowl game in Oklahoma.

Theodora "Toi" Goettsch Christensen, '62



## From the Editor's Desk:

Although the author, place and time of the following brief poem are unknown, the writer was most likely a reluctant scholar whose parents thought his/ her academic background would be enhanced by the study of Latin. At any rate, he/she penned the following:

Latin is a language as dead as it can be; First it killed the Romans and now it is killing me.

So, in memory of this unknown student and in honor of my many former Latin students, reluctant and otherwise, I present this famous Latin memory, hopefully pleasant, to them:

"Gallia est omnis divisa in partes tres, quarum unam incolunt Belgae, aliam Aquitani, tertiam ei qui ipsorum lingua Celtae, nostra Galli appellantur. Hi omnes lingua, moribus, legibus inter se different. Gallos ab Aquitanis Garumna flumen, a Belgis Matrona et Sequana dividit." (Julius Caesar)

(Note: Ablatively speaking, please forgive the missing macrons. My computer never studied Latin! Magister Rippus)

And, on a different note, Loof Lirpa, one of our contributing writers who was put on "unpaid leave" following the April, 2014 AHSAA Newsletter for causing some consternation within our readership, has by popular demand been returned to his/her former contributing position. He/She is a good person as well as a good writer.

## Icecapades - On the Thames In a canal boat (no less)

NOTE: Our daughter, Hilary Emmerson ('87) and her husband (Marcus Thompson) and their cat, Boo, have been nomadic for the past 20 months. They left their home in New Zealand to teach at a University in Turkey, but when their contract was not honored, unexpectedly moved to London and searched for jobs. Marcus is now an editor at Oxford University Press and Hilary is an administrative officer at the University of Oxford. On arrival, they quickly discovered that Oxford ranks as the worst place in the U.K. to rent when matched against salaries. So they took the plunge and bought a narrow boat – the kind that used to traverse Britain's canal system. It is about 80 inches wide and 42 feet long. They moved aboard the Vivien Anne with Boo on April 3, 2014.

Hilary readily admits that they knew "absolutely zero" about operating and (especially) maintaining and repairing a 30-year old boat. They also only later discovered how expensive and rare moorings around Oxford can be both on the man-made canal

and the River Thames. To save money, they sought out places outside the city where mooring was free, but amenities were not always available. That means they have to find places to take on water, dump refuse, buy bottled gas and the like. Since they are often moored 5-6 or even 8 miles from Oxford – and having no car – they either have to take intermittent city buses or else bicycle along riverside paths (not without brambles) to and from work (rain or shine). Their problems and adventures have shown us their true spirit of adventure and survival, as well as a sense of humor that defies explanation. This is why we thought you might like to read Hilary's latest e-mail about their Adventures in the Water — or, rather, ice. It should be added that they have never actually complained about their problems, but they are also planning to sell a much repaired and refurbished narrow boat and return to New Zealand this December.

(Tom Emmerson, '55) emmerson@iastate.edu

#### "Icecapades"

#### Canal boats aren't meant to be ice cutters:

(An e-mail from Hilary to Linda and Tom Emmerson, 18 Feb. 2015)



Hilary A. Emmerson, '87

Here's a brief rundown on our life on board the Vivien Anne -- otherwise known as 'the daily drama'. A couple of weekends ago, we needed to get a fresh 13Kg gas bottle (I think it's propane, but they call it 'Calor'). Usually we rely on the delivery boat 'Dusty' to come past to change our spare gas bottle, but gas is our heat & cooking and the timing was wrong, so instead of taking a risk, we decided to go shopping. As you know, we don't own a car, so we decided we'd take the Vivien Anne down to a boat yard near Oxford and buy a bottle. We're berthed a couple of hours from Oxford on the canal (averaging about 3 mph with delays for locks/lift bridges).

Anyway, as we puttered toward Oxford we went from water to crispy ice -- light, surface ice that makes a satisfying crunch as you glide through, to slightly thicker, etc, and about 15 minutes into the journey, as I was opening a lift bridge from the land side I noticed that the ice was starting to look like a block and things were moving en masse. Uh, oh. Crunches became scrapes/crashes, but still with enough intermittent free flowing, waterways to make us think we were fine...until we got to a section that was suddenly almost ice skateable thickness. Oops.

Mostly, the danger is damaging our 'blacking' paintwork which protects the boat from getting rusty/crusty/barnacle bobby, but it's also very poor form to send great sheaths of ice crashing into moored boats, so we were trying to proceed gently so as not to create such a big disturbance for others, which also means it's harder to break up the ice. As the ice was getting serious, I went to the front and started cracking/smashing/whacking it with a barge pole in an attempt to break up the bergs as we pushed through. At points the ice was 2-3 inches thick and I was quickly exhausted, so we traded places and Marcus took over whacking duties. His whacks were more whacky & fearsome than mine, but he broke both of our barge poles and a grappling hook in the effort.

At this point I called "Ridiculous" and we finally were able to pull over (we couldn't turn around since the canal is too narrow and we were out in an area that would be very difficult to commute from, so stopping wasn't ideal. Reversing was not a great choice, but it was next on the list). We were trying to figure out our best option, when Lo! we saw a hire boat barreling towards us full of half-pissed men with pub lunch on their minds and no thought to boat paintwork or etiquette. Hooray! We directed them to a canal-side pub just behind us, and on they crashed, blazing a trail that allowed us to continue through the broken ice. We got to the boat yard in time and decided to take the river junction via the Thames on the way back. The river was only on a Yellow Alert because of currents, so that was no problem, except that on our return - about 100 feet from rejoining the canal, we ended up in super thick ice again. This time we pulled over immediately, had lunch and then pre-whacked the ice as much as possible & it being a very warm, sunny day, let nature do its thing, then just bowled through the ice to the "cut" (which is another word for canal).

So, the whole experience was a bit of a surprise combined with naivety & now another lesson learned. Nicely, we were able to return to our same lovely berthing spot, which is a shortish cycle commute of 35 minutes to Oxford. I did think I might have fractured my wrist during the adrenaline fueled whacking because over the next week it got more & more painful. But eventually it got better when I seemed to fix it in another bizarre incident. More on that later. My laptop battery is about to go. To be continued...

P.S. Hilary says another, more common, problem is having no fixed postal address on the water. This can be a real stumbling block in a country where health and other public services require proof of address in their jurisdiction. "Arranging something as simple as a pizza delivery," she adds, "is almost impossible."

## Reunions



#### It happened again, another 1976 AHS mini-

**reunion,** September, 2014 at Hickory Park in Ames, lowa! Picture: (Standing surrounding Cy): Jodie (Tryon) Stokke, Lisa (Berger) Amdahl, Jane (Pearson) Beeman and Lori (Richtsmeier) Hommer. (Sitting in front row): Karen (Allen) Kerper, Martha (Lagomarcino) Gleason, Jami Simon, Norma Dowell, Marsha (Read) Olinghouse, Marilyn Schnormeier and Connie (Martin) Vaclav. Also present but not pictured: Michael Vaclav and Ken Clark and Julie (Sederberg) Clark.

## November 1, 2014 Ames H. S. Class of 1974 Tailgate:

Row 1: Ed Hendrickson, Robin (Haugland) Fletcher Row 2: Denise (Wirth) Kepley, Kim (Johnson) Marples,

Sharon (Heggen) Romsey, Lisa Ladd

Row 3: Laura Morton, John Hanson, Jim Swan

Row 4: Dan Lambert, Monte Lutz, Paul Stone, Steve

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(Not pictured: Judy (Brink) Brown, who had just left, and

Kevin McRoberts, who had not yet arrived.)





GORP, Group Of Reunited People, held their monthly luncheon at Dublin Bay in Ames on February 9, 2015. Their reason for gathering is simple--to meet, eat and talk. On occasion they have branched out and attended an activity. Although the membership is open to 1959-1962 graduates, all of the February attendees were from the class of 1962. (Back row: Ann Sande Reed, Sarah Baughman Ollila, Chuck Abbott and Julie Packer McWilliams. Front row: Mary Sue Arrasmith Brown, Judy Agard and Vicki Fitzgerald Neal.)

## Some Have Left Us Extra. . .

Most likely our oldest living AHS Alum passed away October 31, 2014. She was Lucile Foster Mork, AHS Class of 1927. Born on June 8, 1909 she was age 105 at her passing. She was the oldest of four children. Her brother, Neuman Foster ('33), lived in the tenhundred block of Grand Avenue for many years.

By using ancestry.com, the Social Security Death Index (SSDI) and Google to find obituaries, we have been able to move over 30 lost alumni to the "Some Have Left Us" list. We now have birthdates for many of our living alumni. That is a great help in our search. Also, we receive funeral notices and notes from surviving family

members. These are most helpful as well. We list over 80 names with this issue, our most ever.

R. J. "Jack" Smalling, '58

## Some Have Left US

The following alumni are known to have died in recent years. Those listed in previous newsletters are omitted here. Some information may be incomplete. If you have any more information or unreported deaths, please advise the AHSAA. A complete listing of all known deceased alumni is available at www.ahsalum.org.

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Class	Name	Date of Death	City, State	1950	Malloy, Marlene (Malloy)	d. 12-28-2014	Troy, Mich.
1925	Allen, Lyle Ambrose	d. 12-25-1978	Knoxville, Tenn.	1950	Hawthorn, Dolores Jean (Fletcher)	d. 2-5-2013	Rathdrum, Idaho
1927	Mork, Lucile (Foster)	d. 10-31-2014	Arlington, Va.	1950	Quade, Charles Edward	d. 4-2-2010	Phoenix, Ariz.
1929	Jensen, Edna May (Haigler)	d. 1-17-2004	Oroville, Calif.	1951	Bash, Marilyn Vivian (Braland)	d. 1-2-2013	Des Moines, Iowa
1930	Wagner, Cladys (Redlinger)	d. 11-11-2014	Durand, III.	1951	Walker, Frederic William	d. 11-15-2014	Ames, Iowa
1931	Galinsky, Helen E. (Duitch)	d. 1-20-2015	Des Moines, Iowa	1952	Peterson, Thomas Richard	d. 2-12-2006	North Branch, Minn.
1931	Lenhart, Harriet Rock	d. 2-27-1980	San Francisco, Calif.	1952	Weir, Mary Janet (O'Brien)	d. 2-6-2015	Corpus Christi, Texas
1933	Dillavou, Uryth Julian	d, 1-11-2015	Phoenix, Ariz.	1953	Burnett, Krystyna (Koziel)	d. 11-17-2014	Ames, Iowa
1933	Griffith, John Martien	d. 4-17-1971	Charleston, W. Va.	1953	Peterson, Kenneth E.	d. 12-7-2009	
1933	Swanson, Marion Theodore	d. 5-21-2011	Alpharetta, Ga.	1954	Andrew, Francis Merle	d. 2-3-2015	Ames, Iowa
1934	Armstrong, Elsie Louise Hupp (Fronsdahl)		Los Angeles, Calif.	1955	Larson, Joann Dee (Howell)	d. 10-28-2012	Las Vegas, Nev.
1934	Clark, Delorus Iva (Conn)	d. 10-15-1964	<b>3</b> ,	1955	Williams, Joseph Walter	d. 3-5-2015	Great Barrington, Mass.
1934	Galbraith, Kathryn Alice (Parks)	d. 12-17-1945	San Diego, Calif.	1956	Begg, Richard Gordon	d. 1-17-2015	Ames, Iowa
1934	Wilhite, Neta Vena 'Gayle) (Toney	d. 12-5-2013	Ventura, Calif.	1956	Haas, Christian Fredrick	d. 10-23-2014	Las Vegas, Nev.
1935	Dayton, Theda Elnora (Bowman)	d. 12-28-2014	Emporia, Kan.	1957	Bomberger, John Edward 'Ed'	d. 1-29-2015	Nevada, Iowa
1935	Anderson, Lawrence Rasmus	d. 7-27-2006	Huntsville, Ala.	1961	Davis-Marsh, Theodore David (Marsh)	d. 7-12-2013	Mountain Ranch, Calif.
1935	Taylor, Noel B.	d. 8-11-2013	Grinnell, Iowa	1963	Born, Eileen Angela (Walsh)	d. 2-24-2015	Des Moines, Iowa
1936	Elliott, Phyllis (Bryan)	d. 10-12-2014	Colby, Kan.	1965	Gater, Rebecca Sue (Kalsem)	d. 11-8-2014	Sarasota, Fla.
1937	Kelly, Ruth Irene (Umble)	d. 11-27-013	Greeley, Colo.	1965	Craig, Carol	d. 12-20-2014	Ames, Iowa
1937	Kahn, Josephine Grace (Wildman)	d. 3-23-2003	Las Vegas, Nev.	1967	Casey, Elaine Marie (Kilstrom)	d. 12-13-2014	Hutto, Texas
1937	McElherne, Virginia Charlotte (Starkweather)	d. 8-14-2014	La Canada, Calif.	1968	Miller, Paul Hesse	d. 1-26-2009	Federal Way, Wash.
1938	Plagge, Doris M. (Plagge)	d. 9-27-2014	Birmingham, Ala.	1968	Fawkes, Edwin Lee	d. 11-27-2014	Ames, Iowa
1939	Watkins, Mary Louise (Taff)	d. 12-20-2014	Ames, Iowa	1969	Cox, Edward Eugene, Jr.	d. 1-8-2015	Ames, Iowa
1940	McGuire, Kirk Cutler	d. 11-14-2014	Cupertino, Calif.	1969	Williams, Janet Ellsworth (Sibley)	d. 12-28-2014	Medford, Ore.
1940	Donelson, Kenneth David	d. 11-2-2014	Manhattan, Kan.	1970	Hunziker, David Alan	d. 1-4-2015	Ames, Iowa
1941	Peck, John J. 'Jack'	d. 1-31-2015	Warner Robins, Ga.	1970	Riley, Phillip Eugene	d. 11-20-2014	Monrovia, Calif.
1942	Martin, Katherine (McDonald)	d. 8-26-2014	Winter Haven, Fla.	1971	Henderson, Jamie Lee	d. 1-10-2013	
1942	Byrnes, Raymond John	d. 8-27-2014	Des Moines, Iowa	1972	McMahon, Robert Bryan	d. 10-18-2005	Des Moines, Iowa
1943	Nicholson, Thomas J.	d. 8-19-2014	Palm Harbor, Fla.	1972	Carlson, David William	d. 12-25-2014	Rigby, Idaho
1944	Brown, Dorothy Beatrice (Allen)	d. 12-4-2014	San Antonio, Texas	1973	Hobbs, Margaret Elizabeth (James)	d. 3-1-2014	Houston, Texas
1945	Schneider, William H.	d. 10-8-2011	Redding, Calif.	1974	Anderson, Kenneth Duane	d. 1-10-2015	Ames, Iowa
1945	Brown, Frances Olive (Thurmond)	d. 3-24-2009	Spokane, Wash.	1974	Squire, Terry De	d. 1-16-2015	Ames, Iowa
1945	Jefferson, Gordon Stanley	d. 7-23-1969	Rochester, Minn.	1974	Perkovich, Katherine Ann 'KP'	d. 3-1-2015	Ames, Iowa
1945	Kleese, James C.	d. 9-14-2014	Fremont, Neb.	1975	Kingsbury, Gary Dean	d. 3-5-2014	Ames, Iowa
1947	Johns, Eleanor Marie	d. 8-29-2014	Rochester, Minn.	1975	Elwood, Andrew Karl	d. 6-25-2011	Lincoln, Calif.
1948	Kelly, Thomas E.	d. 1-30-2015	Ames, Iowa	1982	Textor, Craig Lawrence	d. 12-24-2014	Ames, Iowa
1948	Miller, Dorothy Jean (Maitland)	d. 11-20-2014	Urbandale, Iowa	1984	Stephenson, David James	d.12-24-2014	Mountain View, Calif.
1948	Facto, Helen Ann (Knudson)	d. 12-12-2014	Ames, Iowa	1989	Johnson, Timothy Western	d, 1-20-2015	Rochester, Minn.
1948	Rae, Patricia Ann (Burton)	d. 8-12-2014	Aurora, III.	Staff	Bruch, Ruth	d. 1-11-2015	Bella Vista, Ark.
1949	Haas, Nissen Kurt	d. 1-2-2015	Eldora, Iowa	Staff	Jarvis, John M.	d. 10-26-2001	Des Moines, Iowa
1949	Webber, Richard Henry	d. 11-12-2014	Ames, Iowa	Staff	Bilsland, John Anthony	d. 11-18-1995	Sheldon, Iowa
1950	Tripp, Richard Buel	d. 11-14-2013	Denver, Colo.	Staff	West, Helen Hortense	d. 12-22-2014	Davenport, Iowa
1950	Johns, Robert William	d. 12-21-2014	Ames, Iowa	Staff	Engelland, Charles Wilbur 'Will'	d. 7-24-2006	Terre Haute, Ind.
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## **Memorials**

In memory of: **1959 AHS Deceased Classmates** By: Timothy M. Stine, '59

In memory of: **John Oley Erickson, '41**By: Colleen Rhodes Erickson, Spouse

In memory of: Esther Breckenridge Blackburn, '47
Charles M. Dodd, '47
By: Phyllis Eschbach Schulz, '47

In memory of: Fred W. Walker, '51

By: Roger A. Deal, '51

In memory of: **Keith A. Hoff, '70** By: Janet Alma Hoff, '48

In memory of: **Michael E. Stoops, '75**By: Carolyne L. Hart, '76

In memory of: **Dugan R. Ersland, '61** By: J. Paul Clark, '61

In memory of; William J. Duffy, '53 Donald C. Harris, "53

Thomas E. Judge, '53 By: Richard D. Green, '53

In memory of: **Rolland C. Knight, '46**By: Marie Hart, '46

In memory of: Gregg L. Gammack, '59 Patricia L. Ritland, '59 Jan P. Severson, '59

By: William R. Donels, '59

In memory of: **Jerry M. Peters, '64** By: Gary L. Bath, '64

In memory of: **Dirk W. Rozeboom, '80**By: Ken, Ted, Anita, Katy & Julie

In memory of: **AHS Class of 1950** By: Arthur F. Schanche, '50

In memory of: **Keith Soesbe, '54** By: Jerrold Soesbe, '56

In memory of: Darlene Dee Wattonville McCabe, '53

By. Richard O. Stenerson, '53

In memory of: **Marlene Davis Malloy, '50** By: JoAnn Hoffman DeVolder, '50

In memory of: Marlene Davis Malloy, '50 By: David ('50) & Norma Roelofsen Bappe, '50

In memory of: **Marlene Davis Malloy, '50**By: Margot Schmidt Volding, '50

In memory of: **Jerome E. Finnegan, '68 Donna T. Finnegan, '75**By: Kathleen Finnegan Moller, '66

In memory of: **Marlene Davis Malloy, '50**By: Roberta Gillpatrick McRoberts, '50

In memory of: **Edwin L. Fawkes, '68** By: Sandra Fawkes Charter, '82

In memory of: **1959 Deceased Classmates** By: AHS Class of 1959

In memory of: Zac ('34) & Mary Janet Dunlap By: Jody Dunlap, '76

In memory of: **Dr. Kirk C. McGuire, '60**By: Marcia L. McGuire Gilman, '52

In memory of: **Richard G. Begg, '56**By: Carole Sorenson Begg, '58

In memory of: **Thomas R. Kelly, '48** By: Sharon L. Petersma,'48

In memory of: **Dorothy J. Timmons, '58** By: John L. Timmons, '64

# Ames Education Foundation Awards Over \$10k to Teachers



Over the course of the last two weeks the Ames Education Foundation has awarded over \$10,000 in Mini-Grants to several teachers throughout the Ames School District. Annie Arbuckle, Executive Director, works with raising funds from the community to help support important classroom needs. "The classroom grants fund innovative and educational projects. The teachers in our district never cease to amaze me with their creativity and their passion for teaching, and then having it tie to appropriate curriculum," said Arbuckle. The photo is a Mini-Grant award to an instructor at Ames High School, Orchestra Director, Mary Kay Polashek. "Polashek is a leading example of why Ames schools have such depth with their teaching and their curriculum," said Arbuckle. Ames is fortunate to have teachers like Polashek. Polashek received \$500 to assist with bringing Christian Howes to Ames High School for a one day residency. Howes is an accomplished violinist and former associate professor at Berklee College of Music. Howes works with classically trained string

players. Howes did a full day residency workshop. This was a unique opportunity for some of the music students to receive instruction of this type. Polashek's award was made possible by the Ames High Alumni donations to the foundation. Other Mini-Grants were awarded to Northwood Preschool, several elementary schools, and Ames Middle School. There were a couple team grants that were unique to the middle school. These proposals represented great team work and collaboration between teachers. Other middle school awards included assistance with funding to the physical education classroom needs, and supplemental curriculum for one of the health classes. A team science grant was also awarded to elementary teachers that included science kits that could be shared between classrooms. This is a great way to utilize resources. Elementary teacher Mrs. Huston, at Fellows, received funding for Mentor Texts. Mentor Texts are used for classroom literacy lessons. Mentor texts provide lessons in reading and writing. The mission of the foundation is to provide financial support for innovative educational projects not ordinarily provided through the district's operating budget. The Ames Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, and was established in 1989. "Every dollar raised is truly a miracle towards helping the future of the students in Ames. We help over 4200 children every day of every year," Arbuckle said. The foundation thanks the community and the alumni for their donations.



25 Y E A R S

# What's Your Legacy?

Musicians Bill Ferguson, Class of '56, - trumpet, and Mary (Pascale) Peterson, Class of '66 – Flute/Piccolo, recently helped the Ames Education Foundation deliver Mini-Grant awards to elementary classrooms in Ames. Teachers in the district apply to the foundation for funding they need for their classroom. It is a foundation goal each year to fulfill 100% of the requests. (See story with the Arbuckle and Polashek photo.)

Bill and Mary put a sparkle in the day of many of the teachers. They gave them a musical serenade, while I gave them a framed certificate and a check for their classroom need. The faces of the younger school children were priceless. They enjoyed seeing their beloved teacher receive a Mini-Grant. Music encores were requested as well!!

Thank you Bill and Mary for contributing your professional talent! Thank you alumni and our community for your donations to the Ames Education Foundation. If there are other alumni with talents you'd like to share, please let me know.

If on the other hand, you would like to help with a major gift donation for education, please contact me. I would enjoy helping you with a legacy gift. I can help you match your dream to a real educational need. What's your legacy?

Annie Arbuckle, Executive Director ann@ameseducationfoundation.org 515/268-6630

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#### **AHSAA Calendar**

#### - 2015 -<u>Meetings:</u>

April 21st AHSAA Monthly Meeting
May 19th AHSAA Monthly Meeting
June 16th AHSAA Monthly Meeting
July 21st AHSAA Monthly Meeting
August 18th AHSAA Monthly Meeting

#### - 2015 -Reunions:

May 27-29 Class of 1950 65th Reunion
June 12-13 Class of 2005 10th Reunion
June 26-28 Class of 1980 35th Reunion
July 31-Aug. 1 Class of 1985 30th Reunion
August 7-8 Class of 1960 55th Reunion
Sept. 13-15 Class of 1955 60th Reunion
Sept. 17-19 Class of 1965 50th Reunion

#### **Other Events:**

December 26, 2015 - All AHS Holiday Get Together

The Ames High School Alumni Newsletter (ISSN 1055-5196) is published three times a year by the Ames High School Alumni Association (AHSAA).

Membership in the AHSAA is \$8 for 1 year, \$15 for two years, \$20 for three years (see member form for foreign pricing). Membership is open to everyone, not just Ames High School alumni.

The AHSAA meets monthly on the third Tuesday of the month. Please email or call (515-232-0230) for the exact time and location of the meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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