NHS ALUMNI MEETING  
October 25, 2007   7:00 P.M.

The meeting took place in the Council’s Chambers at the City of Newark Municipal Building.

**Attendance:** Nancy Mahanna, Jay Mahanna, Julie Mee, Sue Lamblack, Gail Russell, Gail Chickersky, Kay Lutz, Pat Walker Mroz, Harvey Maclary, Brad Lane, Jim Cox, Mary Lou McDowell, Kathy Keogh
In addition, we had **proxies** from Sally Krapf, Ann Hutchison, Patricia Dawson, Peggy Morrissey, Robert Russell, and Jean Toman

**Proof of Quorum:** Based on attendance and proxies listed above, quorum was achieved

**Secretary’s Report:** Emailed minutes from the last meeting were approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:** In addition to reading off the treasury report below, Nancy read off the list of apparel inventory. Each in various sizes, we have 21 baseball shirts, 16 T-shirts, 9 Hoodies, 10 Polo shirts, 3 sweatshirts and “at least 575” pins. Nancy also reported that the Class of ’97 collected $57 at their reunion for our alumni association. Treasurer’s report was accepted by all.

**Beginning Cash Balance**  $5,339.94

**Income:**

- Dance  $1,564.80
- Clothing  446.00
- Raffle at dance  44.00
- Pins  91.00
- Ads  700.00
- Bricks  400.00
- Postage  27.55
- Munyan Scholarship  1,000.00
- License Plates  200.00
- Miscellaneous Donations  197.45

**Total Income**  7,436.20

**Expenses:**

- Dance-2006  1,185.03
- Dance-2007  500.00
- Website  107.40
- Yearbooks  110.00
- Ad in NHS Yearbook  50.00
- Newark Nite  25.00
- Bricks  159.00
- Postage & Box Rental  112.55
- License Plates  40.00
Scholarships-Munyan 500.00
Scholarships-Alumni Assn. 1,000.00
Scholarships-Lloyd Ross 500.00

Total Expenses 4,288.98

Ending Bank Balance $8,487.16

$1000 of this is the Lloyd Ross Scholarship money
$2200 of this is the Ann Maclary Munyan Scholarship money
$2765.40 of this is the Classes of 1966,67 & 68 Scholarship money

This leaves us with a balance of $2,521.76.

Committee Reports (as emailed out prior to meeting):

**Honeycomb**

We are always on the lookout for interesting tidbits about NHS Alum. Feel free to send pictures and stories. Don't worry about the writing style; we will take care of that. The important thing is the information along with phone numbers and e-mails for follow-up questions. Self promotion is not a bad thing either. If you've had some major success or received an award, let us know! We are here to share information from one class to the next about the happenings in our lives.

Please e-mail me at jean411@msn.com. I look forward to your story!

Sincerely,
Jean M. Toman
NHS Class of 78
Honeycomb Editor

**Walk of Fame**

To date the Walk of Fame contains 198 bricks. There are orders for 3 more to be installed during the Spring/Summer of 2008 which will bring our total to 201.

There was maintenance performed on The Walk including: filling where The Walk had sunk, removing and replacing the inside and outside (top and bottom) circles of inscribed bricks for better viewing and replacing damaged bricks.

Discussion surrounding this fundraiser should include whether we should raise prices again or even whether we should continue. Perhaps changes in the installation schedule could be investigated to mitigate the overall cost.

Charges for bricks are currently $75 and $100 (2 and 3 lines respectively). Billing for the recently completed work will be evaluated when received to determine price structure or installation frequency adjustments.

Respectfully submitted, Sally Krapf, NHS 1969

**Class collections**
I will have the first collection to turn in to the Alumni Association for safe keeping until the Class of 2007 has their first reunion. Because the collection started at the beginning of the class’s Junior Year, we have less assembled than we’ll have in future years.

Items included in this collection:
2006 and 2007 Krawen
11 NHS PTA Newsletters
2 Christina School District Communicator newsletters
The 2006-07 Code of Conduct
A Driver’s Ed packet
The 05-06 Parent-Student Handbook
4 Play/Chorus/Band/Orchestra programs
DVD NHS 114th Commencement June 6, 2007

I am happy to report that the parent of a current senior has promised to touch base with me after the holidays to provide various photos and video he has compiled for the band / chorus / drama dept. over the years. Performances will include excerpts from concerts, plays, and marching band at various competitions, performances, and football games. If he is not able to make copies for each class, I’ll be sure to make copies for each class box.

Parents are collecting for all current classes and parents are in place to collect through the class of 2012.

~ Mary Lou Thomas McDowell  NHS 1980

NHS License Plates

This year’s activity was the sale of five additional plates and the reassignment of NHS1 to Curt Bedford, the new principal. Income for the five sales was $225 and costs to complete the DMV registration was $60 for a net profit of $165.

I’m happy to report that the turn around time for new orders is less than two months and dealing with Delaware Motor Vehicle has gone smoothly. Additionally the increase in Motor Vehicle fees for 2007 did not affect our pricing structure.

Currently 36 total tags are on the road and profit to date for this project is $1990.65. There’s obviously good availability of numbers remaining so please forward any inquiries!
Gail Maclary Chickersky – NHS 1967

Reunion Assistance

We were contacted by several different classes for posting on the website. One class had us setup a table with shirts, hats, etc. Three classes borrowed materials from the collection that lives in my basement. The reunion planning guideline was sent out to three classes.

All contact requests were fulfilled  Gail Maclary Chickersky – NHS 1967

Data Base

Insofar as the data files are concerned, currently I’ve been working with about ten people or so in getting their files updated, either from recent events they’ve sponsored, or from ongoing data collection they’ve been doing for future events. In a couple of cases,
people have asked me for our BASELINE data file to get them started on their data collection upgrades. I'm sorry to say that several classes do NOT have any contact persons assigned...I wish we could find somebody to at least get their initial cleanup started. Some of our files have few, if any, addresses listed...some years have few names at all. It's a tedious task, needless to say.

I have been working with old graduation bulletins to fill in the blanks for some groups, but I need graduation bulletins for some of the years in between 1970 and roughly 2000.

Other updating is routinely occurring with notifications from Alumni Committee members, other classmates or class contacts, and, sadly enough, from local newspaper obits.

At the current time I have two computers, each with alumni data files on them. Now that my own class reunion is over, I can devote more time to merging these two data sets and will get a better idea about what I REALLY have on file. Everyone has been most cooperative and helpful!

I would like to get to a place where I can email each class contact THEIR specific data file to see what matches. We cannot pretend to have updated email addresses for each class, and to send out an email address incorrectly, although it doesn't cost MONEY, is certainly embarrassing to say the least!! It would be nice if each class contact could be responsible for sending out email for their own class...this would be the goal for us! Another helpful process would be for people to really USE the web page for news bulletins about their specific class, and have all their classmates know about this page in the first place!! I guess the first step would be to actually have a class contact for EACH class on file!! That would be a start! I'll make any calls I can to persons identified as possible resources, and I will be happy to help any contact, new or former, work with their data files using Excel. It really is an easy process and several people have been working with me over the past two to three years. It's a very rewarding feeling to me to have people understand what they're doing and people who are feeling successful with their own work!! Great!!

Bottom line...I'm having such fun!!! I just hope people will take advantage of our work!!

Kay Lindell, NHS 1957

**Scholarship**

The 2008 process will start with the delivery of the application forms to the Guidance Office and the updating of the scholarship website in early January. Last year, the responsibility for scholarship guidance was fragmented, resulting in less applicants and communication gaps, so we hope it is re-centralized.

The terms and awards for the existing two scholarships will remain the same. $1000 for the Alumni Scholarship and $1500 for the Anne Richards Maclary Munyan Scholarship. The classes of '66-'68 are working on criteria for a scholarship funded by their recent successful reunion.

The committee continues to be Gail Hutchison Russell ('70), Nancy Maclary Raihall ('70), Jacqui Meyer Christman ('65) and Robert McAlpine ('55). Anyone interested in joining the committee should contact Gail via ghrde@aol.com.

Gail Russell NHS 1970

**Website Report**
1) Pretty much status quo - not much new content.
- Ideas for write-ups on "interesting alumni", etc
- Some classes have asked for their own page - they maintain their page (http://www.nhsalumni.org/1978/).
- Anyone has ideas, or content, please send to webmaster@nhsalumni.org

2) Website renewal due on December 14th. $107.40 for the year.

**Old Business:**

**Newark Nite** – Jay discussed Newark Nite, and how we didn’t get much traffic, which mostly likely had something to do with the fact that we were moved from the spot we had in the past. He also mentioned that the table was near the food vendors and that their generators were noisy, making it very hard to have conversations at the table.

**Scholarship** – Mary Lou informed us that she’d been to a Scholarship workshop at the Newark Library and that our NHS Alumni scholarships, other than the Lloyd Ross one, were listed on the hand-outs.

**New Business:**

**“Dance”** – Gail and Kathy reported their ideas for this year’s Alumni Dance, which is going to be held on Thursday, December 27th. One of the first things that was suggested was that instead of a dance, we just have a cocktail hour(s) from 5-8 or 9. The location has been picked – Newark Country Club. They will charge us $30 a person, which includes hors d’oeuvres, carving station, pasta station, dessert table, and CASH bar. We will need to charge $35/person to make a profit. There is no room charge and if we have enough people, they’ll let us take over the bar area too.

We discussed the idea of having a jukebox for $300 if we had enough attendance but later Harvey offered to pick up the tab on the jukebox as a donation so we don’t have to worry about getting it only if we have a certain number of attendees.

As far as marketing goes, someone brought up the fact that Kay Lindell has good class lists and could blast out emails to advertise. Jay will try to get a picture of a bee with a Santa hat for use in our marketing materials. Jean Toman suggested we take the Bee Wreath to the party and have someone take digital pictures, for a small fee, as an extra money maker.

In addition to that, Michael Dutton told Gail that we could use the credit card machine for advanced orders (he used for Class of 67-68 pre-sales).

**Junior Achievement** – Mary Lou was anxious to discuss her new job working with Junior Achievement, specifically the Junior Achievement Skills project. They will teach classes on resume writing, job seeking, etc. After 4 classes the students will do a 4-hour job shadowing stint. After their classes, they take a test to see what area they’re inclined to succeed at and then once they collect all of the results, they determine the different businesses are needed for the job shadowing.

Mary Lou brought this up as perhaps an activity we could partake in instead of, or in addition to, the former lunch time mentoring.

Gail then reviewed the former lunch time mentoring program for those who were with us for the first time. She mentioned that Curt Bedford wants to come to a meeting to discuss it with us to perhaps rejuvenate it. Harvey reported that it was hard, b/c the
faculty often didn’t “buy into it” except for if/when there was a person coming to speak about a profession that really meshed w/ their class.

Along the same lines, we also talked about needing to help with college admissions. We have numerous alumnae with connections to colleges around the country – we need to put together a college network/contact list.

**Next Year’s Officers** – Officers were approved as slated!

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Next Meeting will be held at the Blackstone's Pub on Wednesday, November 14\textsuperscript{th} at 7pm