New Smyrna Beach Community and Alumni Providing Scholarships

Summer 2010 Newsletter

"STRENGTHENING OUR YOUTH THROUGH EDUCATION."

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New Smyrna Beach High School (1925-1963)

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Opening in 1925, this three-story stucco building served students in grades one through twelve and was known both as Live Oak Street School and New Smyrna Beach High School. It featured three glossy, wooden floors, sash windows and steam heat. All Caucasian high school students from New Smyrna Beach, Oak Hill and Samsula attended this school. In 1957 this building no longer housed elementary students and strictly served as a junior/senior high school until 1963 when a new senior high school opened on Barracuda Blvd., just off the North Causeway in New Smyrna Beach.

Principals

1925-1931	**R. L. Goulding, *Supervising Principal***
1926-1935	**A. E. Harding**
1935-1936	**E. J. Bugg**
1936-1937	**R. L. Bullard**
1937-1938	**J. W. Cox**
1938-1956	**H. A. Schubiger, *Supervising Principal***
1947-1963	**J. William Cowan**

Message from your Chairman

Thank you alumni, businesses and charitably minded friends for helping us help our young people.

We are so thankful for our dues paying membership who, by in large, fund our mission of granting scholarships to NSBHS graduating seniors each year. We are also grateful to our Gold Sponsors who, with their substantial pledges to the spaghetti dinner in January, pay for the event before we even put it on so that every dollar earned goes to scholarships. NSB CAPS is one of three major recipients of the annual Holiday Charity Ball held in November each year. A lot of hard working citizens, including members of CAPS, make that event a success. Students benefit from all of the above.

But did you know that there are those in our community who donate in a way that also furthers our mission, but you may not know about? Let me tell you about just two of them.

Skip Diegel at WSBB generously plugs our spaghetti dinner with spots about the event. For the last two years he also interviewed on air the outstanding alumni recipients of the 'Cuda Achievement Award. Skip considers this a service to the students of this community and never charges us a dime for the advertisement.

After awards night in May when the scholarship recipients are known, the Knights of Columbus treat them, along with their parents and the CAPS officers and board, to dinner. They furnish, prepare and serve the food. It's an evening not to be forgotten and we are very grateful.

Thank you alumni, businesses and charitably minded friends for helping us help our young people. I am so proud to be one of you.

Best wishes,

George Kennedy ('88)
Chairman, NSB CAPS

Calendar of Events

September 15
CAPS General Meeting
6 pm
Diamond Head Condominium Clubhouse
501 North Causeway

November 20
Holiday Charity Ball

January 22
Cuda Achiever's Awards
10:30 am
New Smyrna Beach High School

12th Annual Spaghetti Dinner
12 pm - 6 pm
New Smyrna Beach High School
1015 Tenth Street

Holidays
September 6 labor day
November 2 election day

Dr. Kelley Retires From NSBHS

Dr. Carol Anne Kelley ('64) has been the principal of her alma mater, New Smyrna Beach High School, since 1996. On July 1, 2010 she retired from her post and has become the principal of a brand new charter school in Lake Helen, the Ivy Hawn Charter School of the Arts. Housing 200-300 kindergarteners through 8th grade, Ivy Hawn's proclaimed mission is to "bring together a diverse population of student learners who will be provided with a well-rounded education – placing the National Standards for Arts Education at the center of a rigorous academic program." It will emphasize visual arts, dance, music and drama in addition to academics.

Dr. Kelley has been a much loved and respected leader of our alma mater. She has also been a staunch supporter of NSB CAPS and, as an organization, we have chosen to honor her with an annual scholarship in her name to be given to a qualifying graduating senior. This endeavor was launched in June by colleagues and friends attending her surprise retirement party.

We wish her much love and continued success in leading a new generation of students.

Reunion Corner

By the time your NSB CAPS newsletter reaches your mailbox, two reunions will have been held this summer.

The class of 2000 held its 10 year reunion on Saturday, July 3 at Hidden Lakes Country Club in New Smyrna Beach.

The class of 1960 held its 50th year celebration the weekend of July 30 & 31. On Friday they reminisced with an old fashioned sock hop at the gym where graduation was held 50 years ago. On Saturday evening, they celebrated with music, dancing and dinner at the SNPJ Lodge in Samsula. For those who were in town before and after the main events, old friends gathered at Clancy's Cantina on Thursday evening, and again for Sunday brunch at Riverview Charlie's for "Dutch-treat" affairs.

(Editor's note: If you have class reunion information – either before or after the event – we will be happy to publicize it for you. We publish 3 times a year and the deadlines for submitting that information are March 1, July 1 and November 1. Mail either to NSB CAPS, PO Box 1808, NSB 32170, or email salron@ucnsb.net.)

New & Improved CAPS Website

Have you been to the new and improved NSBCAPS.com website lately? It has been completely revamped and we promise to keep it current monthly with upcoming reunion events and other exciting news about your alma mater. Be sure to let us know if you would like something relevant posted on the website by contacting Susan Sappington at sapping_fs@firn.edu.

CAPS Meeting

The next meeting of NSB CAPS will be Wednesday, September 15, 2010. We will be considering some changes to the CAPS By-Laws that will affect the election and term limits of officers and board of directors. All interested CAPS members in good standing are invited to attend – 6:00pm, Diamond Head Condominium Club House, 501 N. Causeway, New Smyrna Beach, FL.

Our New Look

We hope you like the new look of CAPS News. The redesign comes courtesy of *Ron Sayyah ('92)* of Hendricks Printing Co. in Edgewater.

South of the Mouth With Donna Mckee Athearn

Returning to her waterfront café for the 18th summer, ***Donna McKee Athearn ('76)*** dropped anchor in April, 2010 beside Chicken Island in New Smyrna Beach to serve hot dogs, meatball subs, chicken sandwiches, ice cream, and sodas to passing boaters on weekends. "Even though many people are on a tight budget", she says, "they enjoy getting out on the water and the convenience of being able to pull up to a floating café for a hot dog, sandwich and a drink."

Over the years, Donna has written several stories about the people she meets on the water. Her first book, *"Stories off the Menu @ South of the Mouth Café"*, was published in 2001. The second book is at the editing stage and should be in print by the end of the summer. Testimonies of her book say her stories range from funny to hilarious.

So the next summer Saturday or Sunday, from 8am-6pm (weather permitting), you're out on the Intracoastal Waterway near marker 35 in New Smyrna Beach, pull over to the South of the Mouth Cafe and give Donna a shout. She can satisfy your hunger pangs with good ole' southern food and friendly hometown chatter.

2010 CAPS Scholarship Winners

Olivia Burrit • Stephanie Conklin • Shawn Custer • Zakia Frederick • Dustin Giamo, *The Margie Sheldon Memorial Scholarship*
Kelsie Gilbert • Kayla Hall • Kelly Hardy, *The Lane Family Scholarship* **• Emily Hart • Kayala Ingram • Sean Jones**
Alexander Lamee • Jamie Moylan • Nicholas Muldoon • Clayton Pawlak, *The Vernon & Mary Lee Altman Scholarship*
Rebecca Prucnal, *The Fannie Cleland Scholarship* **• Kayla Quinn • Liza Southerton • Kari Tomarelli,** *The NSB CAPS Founders Scholarship*
Kelsey Weiss

The above 22 graduates of New Smyrna Beach High School received a substantial hand up to furthering their education this year. NSB CAPS' policy is to give an amount equal to one year's tuition at a Florida university, using Daytona State College as a guideline. This year it was $2200. We also honor our Valedictorian and Salutatorian with a congratulatory award. Two of the scholarships were sponsored by persons who chose to contribute a full scholarship, and three are perpetual for exceptional service to our mission. If you would like to sponsor a scholarship for 2011, please contact our scholarship committee chairman, Tom Walter, at 386 427-7840 or email him at: tomandagnes6@gmail.com.

In Passing

Shirley McCray Clark ('38) died January 27, 2010. A graduate of Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, she served as a 2nd Lt. in WWII in the nurse's corps. She also was a past director of nurses in Halifax Hospital in Daytona Beach. She is survived by her husband Thomas, three sons, a daughter, and a sister, Nell McCray Lee who reported her passing.

Deborah Anderson Conner ('67) died April 15, 2010 in Indiana. A former U.S. Air Force Telecommunications Specialist, Mrs. Conner leaves her husband of 27 years, Frederick, and one brother, Sam Anderson of New Smyrna Beach.

Word has been received of the death of ***Gary Van Sackett Day ('57)*** in April 2009 in Rib Lake, Wisconsin. After working as a DCT student at Settle-Wilder Funeral Home in his senior year of NSBHS, Gary enlisted in the US Navy where he was a court reporter, retiring with the rank of CPO. Survivors include his wife, Pat; one son, David; and a daughter, Teresa.

Mike Erickson ('79) died May 10, 2010 in Goodyear, Arizona. A native of New Smyrna Beach, Mike served in the U.S. Air Force as an aircraft mechanic relocating to Arizona in 1998. He is survived by his wife Rizza; daughter Stephenie Vela; son, Michael Erickson Jr.; and one grandchild.

Joan Wilson Friel ('50) died March 20, 2010. A graduate of Carson Newman College in Tennessee, she was a research chemist for Goodyear Tire Company in Akron, Ohio, where she received a patent for her research and recognition for fifty years of service with the American Chemical Society. Having contracted M.S. at an early age, Mrs. Friel was a resident of Ocean View Nursing Home in NSB for a number of years before her passing.

Robert Lee Jones ('63) died April 14, 2010. Born in West Palm Beach, but raised in New Smyrna Beach, he earned his masters degree in business administration from USF and taught for many years at both Citrus and Hernando High Schools. Surviving Robert is a daughter, Jennifer Jones Pineau, and two brothers, Bill and John.

Linda Yelvington Ochoa ('59) died March 27, 2010 in McCandless, Pennsylvania. She traveled far and accomplished much, leaving behind her husband, Ricardo and children, Kelly O'Rourke, Ricardo Ochoa Jr., Karen Laughrey, Ryan Ochoa and several grandchildren.

Martha Flowers Peterson ('71) died June 25, 2010 from the early onset disease of Alzheimers. Reported by her sister Karen Kelley Marshall, Mrs. Peterson is survived by her husband, Erie; daughters Mary and Michelle; one son, Tommy; 3 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Lewis A. "Lewie" Preyer ('35) died June 2, 2010. Born in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, Lewie came with his family to New Smyrna Beach in 1924 where he lived on the beachside for the rest of his 93 years. A well known and favorite man around town, he began a series of firsts: He owned and operated the first beach stand in Volusia County where he became a favorite of NSB's young people; he operated the beach side's first dump truck collecting trash; and then started the city's first marina, Preyer's Boat Mart, and became a haven for all the city's boat and fishing enthusiasts. He is survived by his daughter, Cindy Preyer Spence and granddaughter, Kaley.

Ellsworth C. Russell ('41) died June 20, 2010. Mr. Russell was a Navy veteran of WWII and served on 6 different ships for a period of 6 years, one being the USS Quincy which was sunk in Iron Bottom Sound during the battle of Savo Island and Guadalcanal. After the war, he worked as a fireman for FEC Railroad and spent many years doing upholstery with his wife, Delia. Survivors include one daughter, Ellen, and two granddaughters.

Nate Sexton ('93) died April 11, 2010 after battling cancer since the age of 11. Born in Dayton Ohio, Nate moved with his family to New Smyrna Beach in 1985 and fell in love with the ocean. He is survived by his parents, Doug and Kathy Sexton, brothers Jeff and Brandon, and sister Trish Sexton Crawford.

Blake Griffin Shiles ('80) died May 25, 2010. An artist and hairstylist, Blake was born in New Smyrna Beach and is survived by his mother, Sally Jo Cribbs; two brothers, Bill and Bob; and one sister, Becki.

Dorothy Louise Hutchinson Vann ('45) died May 4, 2010. Born in Punta Gorda, Florida, she was a retired Volusia County School lunchroom aide and "knew everyone in Oak Hill" where she had resided for many years. Survivors include her husband Curtis, two sons, Michael Vann and Dale Sherrod; one daughter, Abbie Naff; 3 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.

William T. Warren ('54) died March 19, 2010 in Melbourne, Florida. A native of New Smyrna Beach, he served in the U.S. Army before working for the Florida Highway Patrol. Survivors include his wife, Anna; one son, Tommy; one daughter, Cynthia; and his sister, Sue Warren of Edgewater.

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If you have not yet contributed to your alumni association in 2010, now's the time.

Remember CAPS in your will.

Volunteers Needed for Silent Auction

The 12th annual CAPS Spaghetti Dinner will be January 22, 2011, and we are searching for some volunteers early on to help us with our Silent Auction. In the past, this portion of the Spaghetti Dinner alone has been able to raise $2000+ towards scholarship monies for graduating NSB High Seniors.

If you are not interested in working in this portion of our event but would like to volunteer in other areas, just let me know that too. I can be reached at 386- 527-2318. Thank you for your consideration... ***Jodi Roe Desoto***

Cudas UnHooked

Strange name you say? Perhaps, but this program, the brainchild of New Smyrna Beach High School's Linda Froman, was founded in October 2009 and is gaining more and more local support every day. Essentially, the group was formed to assist students who, for a myriad of reasons, have no home, are more focused on survival rather than on academic success, and are considered to be at risk of not graduating. In its first year, 15 of the 16 seniors assisted graduated. Help came first from localite, Kaye Walker, who provided the rented dwelling at a bargain basement price. But since that initial offering, many needs are being met through community members, churches and businesses. There have been Bar-B-Ques and other fund raisers. But sometimes just plain elbow grease is needed, the latest being a team from Home Depot who went to the home to spruce up the yard for the incoming students sure to arrive during the 2010-2011 school year.

Cudas UnHooked president, ***Shawn Lane ('88)*** – NSB CAPS board member and past chairman – explained the requirements to live in the house, and what the program offers to students. "First and foremost, to live in the house, the students must agree immediately to three things. "One, they must be drug free. Two, they must be alcohol and tobacco free. And three, they must refrain from sexual activity." Each "UnHooked Senior" is promised all of the things which go along with basic needs of any student – housing, furnishings, food and clothing.

Currently, they are looking for an adult who will live in the house with the teens; a mentor, a guide, a person to lend stability to this environment. If you can help in this regard, please contact Lane at (386) 690-1355 or email him at Shawn_Lane@stercomm.com.

Hot Off the Press!

As we go to press, the 2011 5th annual 'Cuda Achievers' Awards selection has just been made. They are ***Earl Anderson ('41), Jonathan Kennedy ('88), Damon Settle ('51), Loretta Visconti ('75), T. C. Wilder ('48)***, and ***Lillian Frances Wilson ('50)***. This outstanding group of 'Cuda grads was chosen, from nominations you submitted, by the following committee: ***Jim Humphrey ('52)*** - chairman, ***George Benedict ('62), Steve Dennis ('63), William E. Hall ('63), Dr. Carol Wright Kelley ('64), Ken Phillips ('55), Susan Sappington ('77), Dana Baldwin Thompson ('65),*** and ***Tom Walter***. More, in depth, information on these accomplished graduates will be featured in the winter newsletter.

Legacy Walk Order Form

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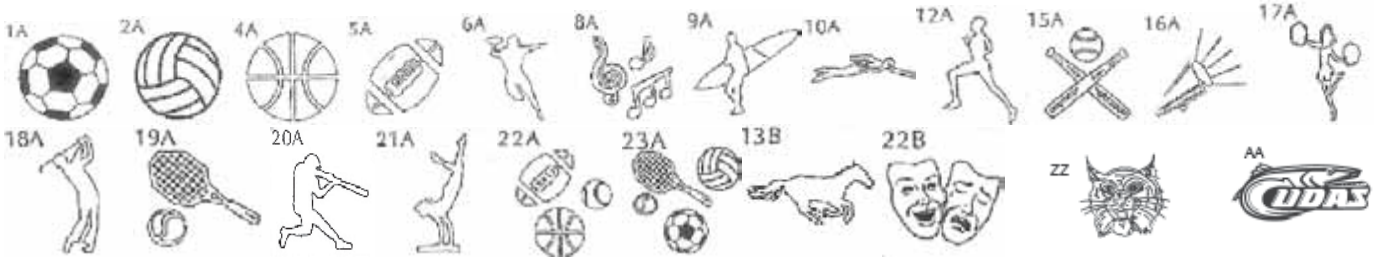

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❒ I am enclosing my tax deductible check made payable to NSB CAPS.

Comments and information about you are truly valued and appreciated: _____

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