



# Ames High School Alumni Newsletter

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## Stange Award for Meritorious Service

The Stange Award for Meritorious Service in Veterinary Medicine is the highest award presented to distinguished alumni by Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine. The award is presented annually for outstanding professional achievement in the area of education, government, industry, practice, or other professional endeavors in veterinary medicine. It was established in 1970 by the Veterinary Medical Alumni Association at Iowa State University and named for Dr. Charles H. Stange who was dean of the college from 1906 to 1936. Two Ames High graduates, **Dr. Vincent Meador, '73** and **Dr. Michael Conzemius, '83** are 2016 recipients of this award which is co-sponsored by the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine and the Veterinary Medical Alumni Association.

**Dr. Vincent Meador**, owner of Pacific Tox Path, LLC, and affiliate professor at the University of Washington, is an expert in toxicologic pathology, contributing to the technology transfer of research information and international control programs for preclinical drug safety. His unique skill set that combines expertise in anatomic, clinical and ultra-structural pathology with clinical practice has given Dr. Meador a deep insight into integrating and interpreting data throughout the pharmaceutical drug development process. Recently, he has been instrumental in building and staffing a toxicology laboratory in Shanghai, China, and leading evaluation teams in several toxicology facilities in China.

Prior to founding his own company, Dr. Meador was vice-president and global head of pathology at Covance/LabCorp, a global contract research organization that is the world's most comprehensive development company. He also was the executive director of comparative biology and safety assessment at Amgen for three years, and director of toxicology and pathology at Eli Lilly and Company for twelve years. His early career included pathology positions in government and industry. He was a private veterinary practitioner for two years. Dr. Meador is board-certified in both anatomic and clinical pathology by the American College of Veterinary Pathologists. Throughout his career, Dr. Meador has trained and educated some of the best veterinary pathologists. One of the mentoring programs bearing his handprint, which speaks to his character, was his initiating employment of disadvantaged persons while he worked at Eli Lilly. In this program, individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities were employed doing necessary jobs commensurate with their abilities--such as labeling test tubes, delivering mail, and stocking supplies. Congratulations, Dr. Meador.

**Dr. Michael Conzemius**, Tata Group Endowed Professor of Surgery and Director of the Clinical Investigation Center at the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine, is an internationally recognized researcher in orthopedic biomechanics and joint injury and treatment. Dr. Conzemius is a board-certified veterinary surgeon who is an expert in osteoarthritis, fracture osteomyelitis, biomechanics of osteonecrosis, and stem cell therapy for cartilage injury and repair. Most impressive are the translational aspects of his research efforts, which have advanced the knowledge of the similarities of joint injury between animals and humans. As director of the Clinical Investigation Center, his group is focused on clinical trial studies in veterinary and human medicine.

He has been honored by the American College of Veterinary Surgeons, the Veterinary Orthopedic Society, the American Society of Biomechanics, and is the recipient of the Pfizer Award for Research Excellence. He was also elected by his students as the faculty representative for the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine's 2015 White Coat Ceremony. In addition to his honors and awards he holds several patents, including two for canine total elbow implant. Active in organized veterinary medicine, Dr. Conzemius serves as a resident and graduate student mentor, grant reviewer, and scientific editor for international and national publications. Prior to joining the faculty at the University of Minnesota in 2006, he was an associate professor at Iowa State University and an assistant professor at the University of Pennsylvania, where he completed his surgical residency program. Congratulations, Dr. Conzemius.

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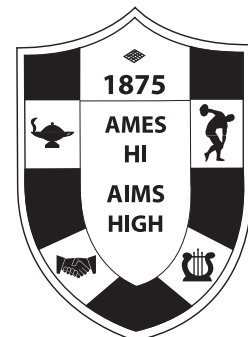
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# Remembering World War II in Ames, Iowa

by Betty Gulliver Johnson, '48 Minnetonka, MN (Courtesy of the Ames Historical Society)

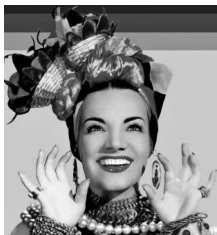
(This article "sets the mood" for the WWII exhibit that will open in January at the Ames History Center titled *WW II – Ames Doing Its Part*. It commemorates the 75th anniversary of the start of World War II and will feature stories about day-to-day life in Ames for those who stayed at home and supported the war effort in countless ways. The exhibit will be on view through September 30. A series of WW II-themed History Talks are planned. Betty's story is one of many in the "Your Stories" section of the Ames Historical Society's website, [www.ameshistory.org](http://www.ameshistory.org). Look under "Archives & Collections/Your Stories.")

When I was growing up in Ames during the Great Depression and World War II and their aftermath, I was Betty Lou Gulliver or Elizabeth or Betty Gulliver, depending on how old I was and who was teaching my class in school. My parents, Henry and Hildred Gulliver, moved to Ames from Wayne, Nebraska, in 1931 when I was 6 months old. The family grew with the addition of four siblings born from 1933 to 1940. My father had a radio repair and sound systems business, adding TV after the war. (Some may remember Gulliver's TV.) When World War II began, I was a ten-year-old in 5th grade at Whittier School at Lincoln Way and Hazel. I realize that the war touched my life as a child in a much different



way than if I had been even a few years older. The only close relative in the service was my uncle, who was in the Air Force Meteorological Corps in England. My parents wanted our lives to be as normal as possible under the circumstances of rationing and other restrictions, and probably shielded us somewhat from the awfulness of the war in Europe and the Pacific. Not having TV to show everything instantaneously was significant. Most of what I now know about World War II came in the years after it was over. The things I remember were the things that affected me directly.

A Good Neighbor Policy had been proclaimed toward all countries south of the border. Reinforcing that were some of what we saw at the movie theater, for instance, Disney's animated movie, *Three Caballeros*, and movies starring Xavier Cugat and Carmen Miranda dancing those exotic Latin numbers and singing in English that was heavily Spanish-accented.



Latin dances were popular, especially the Conga line, even in the 8th grade dance class my parents made me take, though mostly we learned more sedate dances like the fox-trot and waltz and two-step. WOI radio broadcast Spanish language lessons regularly and the whole family sat around the radio to listen and learn.

I remember going out into the country and collecting milkweed pods for the kapok which supposedly was used to make life jackets buoyant. (We wondered if it really worked.) There was a can on the back of the stove to collect fat from cooking; when it was full my mom took it somewhere for recycling. We, like everyone we knew, had a Victory Garden, which we were expected to help plant, hoe and harvest. Canning the excess was a big job that the whole family participated in, including my retired grandparents who lived with us during the warmer months.

One summer my father (an incurable owner of new-fangled things and an inventor himself) brought home a contraption that would seal tin cans, and those were added to the glass jars on the cellar shelves; occasionally a bulging lid would betray a poor seal & a can would be thrown out, usually before it exploded on the



shelf with very messy results. Mom and Dad were Red Cross first aid instructors, leading classes in the evenings, so our hired girl, Carrie Ann, would come and baby sit. Mom and Dad taught us many Red Cross skills.

I remember convoys of rumbling planes going over like migrating flocks of geese; small flags in house windows

with one or more blue or gold stars on them; taking 10 cents to school once a week to buy a savings stamp to paste in a small booklet which, when full, would be exchanged for a war savings bond. They were cashed in after the war to help pay for our college expenses.

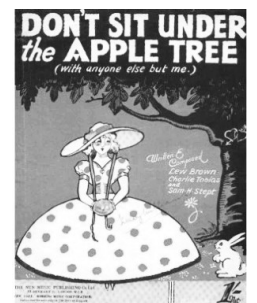


My 8th grade (1943-44) music class on the second floor of Central Junior High School on Clark was taught by a young woman who thought the usual songs we were supposed to learn were neither interesting nor relevant, so we sang patriotic music and the theme songs of every branch of the armed forces, usually more than one verse: *The Caissons Go Rolling Along* (Army), *Off we Go Into the Wild Blue*



*Yonder* (Air Force), *From the Halls of Montezuma* (Marines) and *Anchors Aweigh* (Navy). We also learned songs like *Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition*, *Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree with Anyone Else But Me*, *Mairzy Doats*, *Remember Pearl Harbor*, *Accentuate the Positive*,

and *a-Tisket, a-Tasket*. We listened to the Top 40 Hits on the radio and the tabletop juke boxes at Moore's Dairy and loved the Andrews Sisters, Bing Crosby, Kate Smith (*God Bless America*). When we went to the movies at the Collegian Theater (10 cents until I turned 12 years old), the newsreels and *March of Time* documentary films preceding the film were visual reminders of the war going on far away. The movies that resonated most with this romantic, impressionable teenager were those about finding love, then being separated by the war, sometimes forever. The songs from those years (mostly from the movies) still take me back: *As Time Goes By*, *I'll Walk Alone*, *I'll be Seeing You*, *It's Been a Long Long Time*, *On Blueberry Hill*.





## Other News About our Graduates

**Mary Pascale Peterson, '66** created "Auld Lang Loyalty" for the "Creativity Expo" that took place during the AHS Class of '66 50th Reunion. It blends the traditional song, "Auld Lang Syne" with the Ames High Loyalty Song, and it ends with a flourish from the CIC song that we sang 50 years ago! Mary is a professional musician and teacher who played in the Des Moines Symphony for many years. The MP3 file of this original flute composition is attached to the Class of 1966 website---[www.ahs66.org](http://www.ahs66.org) . (Katherine A. Svec '66)

**Diana Oppedal Russell, '63** is one of two deserving citizens to receive the distinguished honor of the *2016 Oak Point Citizen of the Year Award*. She has lived in Oak Point, Texas since 2006. Diana served in the U. S. Army after becoming the first woman honor graduate from Drill Instructor School in a class of six women and forty-two men. For her accomplishments, Diana was presented a sword that is displayed in the Army Women's Museum in Fort Lee, Virginia. Diana also served in the Alabama National Guard and later was commissioned as a Chief Warrant Officer in the Adjutant General Corps. Diana

retired from the military in 2005. While serving part-time in the military, Diana also worked for the State of Alabama where she retired in 1998. Diana has a long history of volunteering her time serving the American Legion Post 182 as part of their Honor Guard at funerals for veterans. Diana also serves as the Secretary for the Little Elm Friends of the Library, the Vice-President of the Little Elm Lions Club and previously served in the Peace Corps and was a volunteer secretary and English teacher in Kathmandu, Nepal for two and one-half years. Diana volunteers approximately 150 hours per month to the Little Elm Adult Literacy Program, a program that she was instrumental in developing. The program has grown from an initial start up of 4 students to the 50 students currently enrolled. Diana graduated with of Bachelor of Arts from Troy University in Alabama with a degree in Resource Management which has played a key role in her volunteer services. Diana said, "There are just no words to express how very much this honor means to me." Congratulations, Diana!

Many entrepreneurs dream of leading a successful company. But launching a startup is only the first step. By using more than three decades of experience as an entrepreneur and turnaround experience, **Dr. Joseph Picken, '61** of the *Naveen Jindal School of Management* lays out a road map for the founding entrepreneur who seeks to retain the CEO position as a company gains market traction and begins a period of rapid growth. Picken, a clinical professor of *Organizations, Strategy and International Management* and the founder of the *Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship* at the University of Texas in Dallas teaches entrepreneurship and leadership. This study was published in the January-February issue of *Business Horizons*.

Picken said most of the examples and stories in the study come from his personal experience as a CEO or senior manager in entrepreneurial firms, or as a consultant helping CEOs as they struggled through the process of transition. (Courtesy of the U. of Texas, Dallas, News Center)

## We Get Letters...

Like most alumni, I also enjoy the Alumni Newsletter. This is in response to the December 2016 issue and Delores Oates' mention of the Maid-Rite shops. They had the best sandwiches at the time I recall. I live just outside of Washington, D.C. and take the Washington Post newspaper. They recently highlighted loose meat sandwiches around the country. Lo and behold, there was a recipe for the Maid-Rite. I made them for Super Bowl Day and just wanted to pass on this information. I am curious if the recipe is the same as back then. I remember going to the shop near Munn Lumber Company in the early 1950's. When I visited Ames in the fall of 2005, my friend and I found a Maid-Rite at the mall off Grand. It's hard to believe I have lived in this area for over 61 years, and I miss not being able to visit Ames as much as I have in the past. (PS: Today's issue of the Parade Magazine had the Maid-Rite as Iowa's Comfort Food.)

**Shirley Burnham Kubiskey, '51**

Thanks for the dues reminder. I really look forward to the newsletter. My old Ames contacts are dwindling, but I treasure all my memories of AHS. Our winters in Ithaca seem milder than in Ames. Good thing, too--for all us older citizens. Thanks for keeping me up to date!

**Casey Schwarte Sirois, '53**

A new scholarship honoring long-time Ames High icon, Bill Ripp, has been established by the 50th Reunion Committee of the Class of 1966. This class gift, together with donations from the family, will support the aspirations of an Ames High second-generation graduate who intends to pursue a degree in education or healthcare at an Iowa institution of higher learning. At this writing, Class of 1966 gifts to the Ripp Family Scholarship total \$19,725--and we would love to see that total tip the \$20,000 mark--and go beyond. Anyone from any class can donate to this scholarship, and we invite readers to join our fund drive that honors the incredible contribution he has made to so many generations of Ames High students. Send your donation to the Ames Education Foundation, 1921 Ames High Drive, PO Box 1125, Ames, Iowa 50010. For more information go to <http://www.ahs66.org> . **"Ames Hi, Aims High!"**  
**Katherine A. Svec, Class of '66, 50th Reunion Committee**

I've made up stories inside my head since childhood, but a 2015 "break-out-of-my-comfort zone" self-challenge included the high hurdle of actually moving creative writing into real life to share with others. (My prior fiction audience was captive: my children and now my grandchildren listening to the continuing exploits of Toddly, an enviably wildly disobedient child we imagine



Mary Tonne Schaefer, '62

together.) To venture outside my career area which completely comprised nonfiction writing, I found WOW! classes and began sharing, encouraged by teachers and virtual class mates.

My own early teaching was language arts in the Midwest where I grew up and studied English, journalism and school library (Iowa State University and Purdue). From then on, instructional and technical writing was my only focus. When we moved to the East coast where we now live, my Apple Ile and I telecommuted for over a dozen years, editing a monthly digest, *Information Retrieval & Library Automation*. Later, I created and managed research libraries/web-based training centers for four DC-area high tech companies, including an outreach that designed modules teaching classroom teachers to use social media in education. Now, I'm excited to explore further into fiction and also to corral my life experiences in a memoir form.

**Mary Tonne Schaefer, '62**

# My Return to Ames

By Tracey Stoll, '74

Many people have wondered why I moved back to my native town of Ames last March, after 42 years of living in other states. They have wondered if I moved back to pursue a former romantic relationship. They have wondered if I was just running away from Claremont. They have even wondered if I'm crazy. (The latter being mostly people who live in Ames and don't know me, but wonder why I left southern Cal.) Several factors and experiences led to my surprising decision to move to Ames. I realized in 2014 that I was ready for a new life adventure. Earlier in my life I had twice moved to large cities (Chicago and Los Angeles) without a job, and had networked with people in my chosen profession to find the jobs I took. I was ready for such a move after 28 years in southern Cal. In 2015, after leaving my position of nearly 18 years as Vice President of Marketing & Community Relations at Mt. San Antonio Gardens (retirement community), I was ready to sell my house and make the big move. I was planning to move to Flagstaff, Arizona – a university town with a beautiful, sunny, dry climate and reasonable real estate prices. I scoped out Flagstaff in the summer of 2015 and again in January 2016 after I sold my house. I had ideas and was hopeful for what I might be able to do there professionally. After four days there in January, I left with a commitment to return and rent an apartment – although I also felt a distinct sense of unease about moving to a place where I had no pre-existing relationships.

From Flagstaff, I traveled eastward and north to visit family and friends. One of my stops was in my hometown of Ames, Iowa, in mid-February. I was born in Ames and grew up there; eventually leaving at age 18 when I matriculated at the University of Wyoming. I had a wonderful time last winter during my visit

in Ames. I reconnected with old friends, both high school classmates and a lot of family friends of my mom's generation and some from mine. As fate would have it, I happened to be there when I could attend memorial services of two dear people from my parents' generation, whom I had known most of my life. Seeing so many lifelong friends at those events had a powerful effect on me. I seem to appreciate those early connections more as I age. While visiting in Ames, I joined a walking group comprised mostly of my high school classmates. They have a walk every afternoon. I loved it! Then unexpectedly, my stay in Ames changed from six days to twelve when my car door was hit by another car. Wilson Toyota had to order parts and put the left side of my Prius back together. During the extended time, I had a sudden, unpremeditated epiphany. "I could live here!" were the words that came out of my mouth. I couldn't believe that these words had escaped my lips! I had for years proclaimed that I would NEVER move back to Ames! It took me three days of serious contemplation to discern whether this was really what I was meant to do. I think the deciding factor was that I had many pre-existing relationships here, with people my age as well as older. An added bonus was that I knew the area – yet there are also many new developments to explore. My childhood town of 25,000 has grown substantially due to a nearly doubled student enrollment at Iowa State University. What tipped the balance for me is the people. There are other compelling aspects of this beautiful Midwestern state and town, but the rock-solid reason I love being here is the people. Not just those whom I knew growing up, but those whom I meet each week as I settle into my new town.

## From the Archives 50 Years ago. . .

The Little Cyclones opened their first season in the new football stadium impressively against Des Moines Tech, leading at half-time 19-0. However, the Engineers came back in the second half, and Ames had to fight for a 19-14 win. In the game against Boone High, there was no scoring in the first half, but Ames put together two sustained drives in the second half for a 14-0 win. The exuberant team lifted the coaches on their shoulders and retrieved the cherished victory bell from the Boone cheerleaders. No coaches were injured.

The Little Cyclones 1966-67 basketball season gave the fans much more excitement than their 12-6 record indicated. The Orange and Black finally found a permanent home. After having played their "home" games at Central Junior High and at the Iowa State

University Armory for several years, beginning second semester the Little Cyclones finished out the season in the newly completed AHS gymnasium. They went on to win all their district and sub-state games. In state tournament play, the Little Cyclones won their first two games against Jefferson and Des Moines North. They faced undefeated Cedar Rapids, the number one ranked team in the state, in the finals. The Little Cyclones completely outran Cedar Rapids in the first half and were leading by 12 points at intermission. The score was tied at 65-65 at the end of regulation time. In the first overtime game in an Iowa state basketball championship, the Little Cyclones lost 72-71.

The Ames swimmers completed a highly successful season for their second year in competition. Coach Lyle Fitzgerald's first

year at Ames High and the team's first year in the new pool resulted in a dual record of eight wins and three losses and a conference championship. The diving Buck brothers, Lindy and Stew, finished first and second in the conference meet and both competed in the state meet. Ed Oslund was one of six sophomores who qualified for the state meet, and he accounted for 25 ½ of Ames' 26 ½ points.

Mr. Harlan Milliken took over as track coach this year following Mr. Hi Covey's retirement. Greg Dengler placed sixth and Dave Powell placed eighth to lead Ames to a second place finish in the state cross country meet.

## Other News Here and There

by Loof Lirpa, Hon. Alum.

### Leap Year takes a great leap forward – to June

After two years of global calculation and intense deliberation, Leap Year has been deleted from the February calendar. It is being repositioned as June 31, beginning in 2020.

This “giant-leap” bombshell was announced at a press conference at the United Nations jointly attended by scientists, astrologers and astronomers whose job it is to track time for planet Earth. *They are: the International Earth Rotation and Reference Systems Service (IERS), the International Astronomical Union (IAU), the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) and the United States Naval Observatory (USNO).*

Although the decision was described as “rational and long-overdue” and based on astronomical and interstellar evidence, it remains to be seen how the public will respond.

Early reactions are mixed. People who were born or married on February 29 are generally outraged by their disappearance from the calendar. “It’s as if we have been obliterated,” said Marshmallow Wewillsee (’55) who was born on February 29 (but was reluctant to cite the year).

Echoing this view were winter sports enthusiasts and those who profit from misery perpetrated by bad weather are also concerned about loss of trade. Ames school administrators were cautiously reticent while acknowledging that heating costs would be reduced. On the other hand, coaches of winter sports are taking a “wait and see” approach to having one less day for scheduling events. Not surprisingly Ames High School students were ecstatic as they contemplated one less day of school (even if only every fourth year). They especially cheered the extra day of summer vacation.

## Board debates Double Daylight Savings for students!

The Ames School Board remains embroiled in a heated argument over a proposal to invoke double daylight savings time (DDST) during the entire school year. First proposed in 2010, the issue remains as contentious today as it did when mooted by the administration on April 1, 2011.

The plan is simple: Beginning with the start of the Iowa high school start date, all students, parents and guardians would be issued a DDST clock that showed the time to be two hours later than Central Standard Time. For example, 6 a.m. in September would be 7 a.m. on normal Daylight time, so the DDST clock would read 8 a.m. When DST ends (first Sunday in November), students would automatically be moved AHEAD one more hour instead of falling back an hour. Under DDST, it will be 8 a.m. when it would be 6 a.m. for non-students in Ames.

Proponents say the earlier start would provide students, teachers and administrations more daylight to enjoy the year round. Opponents include Board Member Marvin Mentour, who argues that making students get up at an estimated 5 a.m. would cost them sleep and cause them to skip breakfast. Mentour further warns that students would become ill and start gulping aspirin (or worse) and this would then make them susceptible to the “siren song of communism and other enemies of the Ames High way.” The debate continues.

## Gender Distinctions Spark WEB Action

The on-line Ames High Web has launched an all-out attack to emasculate words that are not absolutely bi-sexual. Interim media adviser Cuthbert Gleep said student staff members were adamant about eliminating use of such male-dominated words as: mailman, fireman, policeman, councilman, spokesman, chairman. That simply involves substituting “man” with “person.”

Even more dramatic is the Web staff’s decision to eliminate personal pronouns (he, she, him, her and his and hers) and to substitute gender-neutral plurals where possible. The Web staff also plans to use the letter combination Z-IT for any words that denote gender or lack thereof. The Web staff deferred until next year a resolution to find substitutes for words that begin with the letters MAN. Stronger targets, according to interim adviser Gleep, include such words as manhunt, manslaughter, manikin, manacle, mandible and mandatory, as well as management and manifest. “The list grows like Topsy every time the staff meets,” Gleep says. “Just now the problem is working out appropriate substitutes and what to do with AHS staff who have “man” in their names.”

Resistance to change has been encountered by Web sports staff members, who still insist on distinguishing between boys and girls sports in their stories. As Gleep observed, not many parents favor having their sporting children described as Z-ITs. “At least ‘Little Cyclones’ seems safe for now.” Gleep thinks.

## States to be allowed to issue their own \$ 20.00 bills.

The Federal Mint—citing the success of the 50-state quarters—has decided to permit each state to design the reverse side of the new \$20. The front side, replacing Andrew Jackson, is Harriet Tubman, a 19th century civil rights activist.

Jim Hacker, Iowa’s head of the Ministry of administrative Affairs, confirmed that the project was well underway toward having an “Iowa 20” in print by the end of 2017. “We have been beavering away for at least six weeks,” he said, “and have generated a list of five famous Iowans whom we consider worthy of this honor.” The finalists are: Marion Morrison (Winterset), James Van Allen (Mount Pleasant), Herbert Hoover (West Branch though raised in Oregon), Herky the Hawk (Iowa City) and Henry A. Wallace (Orient). The public will decide the outcome with their ballots (deadline is July 4).

## From the desk of the editor:

As we begin our 28th year (1989-2017) as an alumni association, I again want to thank all you loyal supporters for your memberships as well as your general and memorial contributions. I especially want to acknowledge five pre-World War II graduates for their recent membership renewals: Mildred Johnson Bower, ‘34, Anna Nosback Peterson, ‘35, John Howard Hug, ‘38, Joe Oliver Elliot, ‘40 and Iveta Halberg Zeliadt, ‘40. I strongly believe that their optimism has contributed to their longevity. I know that we still have many graduates from 1941-1945 who have been just as loyal and, there were too many of your classmates and relatives who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Requiescant in pace! (WCR)



## Ames High School Madrigal debuts new boar's head!

One of the most famous props to appear at the Ames High School Madrigal dinner each year is the boar's head. The boar is lauded in song and passed down the head table to receive a kiss from each Madrigal singer. He is practically a member of the cast. For decades, an actual pig's head has been used for the prop. The head has been kept frozen, then thawed for performances, then refrozen for the next years event.

"The head has been replaced occasionally over the years, but it's pretty gross," said David Cheney, a 1998 grad who was in Madrigal all four years of high school. Now a bio-illustrator at the Mayo Clinic, Cheney has put his talents to use for the AHS Madrigal. He's created a new boar's head. "Jeannette Greene, one of the Madrigal coordinators, contacted me just kind of out of the blue, hoping to find a different option to the real boar's head," Cheney said.

Cheney is a medical illustrator, creating two-dimensional art for medical books and surgical atlases. In his spare time, he does three-dimensional art, such as an anatomical sculpture he created for Gorilla Doctors, a group of medical professionals that donates veterinary care to African gorillas. He created the art for two of Ames' Cy sculptures: "Anatomy of a Cyclone," which shows the musculature of Cy on half his body, and "MetalliCy," the sculpture of Cy in shining armor. And now Cheney has created a boar's head.

The project began about a year ago. He sketched the design and then created a rough carving of the pig's head out of Styrofoam.

He covered that with "monster clay," a substance used by special effects artists. Cheney then made a silicone mold of the boar's head and backed it with a resin shell. The final boar's head is made from high-density, flexible urethane foam, and the tusks were cast separately in resin.

Cheney and his wife Elizabeth, also a graduate of the AHS Class of 1998, loaded the boar's head into their car, along with their five children, and made the trip to Ames from Rochester, Minnesota for Thanksgiving. Cheney said the whole process was made possible thanks to the generosity of Madrigal supporters who contributed to a GoFundMe page he made to offset the costs of the materials. His wife, Elizabeth, had the idea for the GoFundMe. "In less than 24 hours from the time we posted it, we raised \$500.00 from former classmates, alumni, students, former and current cast members--some people I didn't even know."

Cheney said he auditioned for Madrigal his freshman year, but it was kind of a joke. One day, he and one of his teammates had finished football practice and happened to walk down the vocal music wing. They thought it would be funny to try out while wearing their football stuff. "It started as a joke, but I fell in love with it," Cheney said. "I especially loved when we performed at rest homes. That was really fun. Steve Linn, the director, was one of my favorite teachers ever. I loved the entire experience, and it tipped the scales for me to become involved in choirs and musical theater at ISU."

*(Courtesy of the Ames Tribune, Ronna Lawless, Staff Writer.)*



## Ames High Class of 1966 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion



## Ames High Class of 1956 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion

The Ames High School Class of 1956 reunion was held September 18-20, 2016. Sunday, September 18th, was a picnic at Moore Memorial Park; Monday, September 19th, was a brunch at Scheman in the morning and a dinner/banquet in the evening at Gateway. Tuesday morning, September 20th, there was a nice gathering at Ada Hayden Park before everyone headed home. A great time was had by all. We had a total of 44 from the class attending one or more events. (Marlys Johnson Seibert, AHS '56)



AHS Class of 1956 60th reunion Mon Sep 19 2016 Ames Iowa

Row 1: Mary Chase Geiger, Maryn Searls Rogge, Marie Daniels Fellows, Ann Fox Stensland, Jean Talcott Boomershine, Judy Broadwell Kochel, Gordon Hertz and Don Ostermann. Row 2: Loren Larson, Larry Spear, Bev Ellingson Canon, Leon Wardle, Zoya Sobelov Walker, Ken Marks, Ann Gulden Harbin and Marlys Johnson Seibert. Row 3: Paul McClennan, Bob Michaud, Jerry Soesbe, Max Stover, John Talbert, Gretchen Wilhelm, Kent Woodworth and Dean Houck. Row 4: Jim Balloun, Jim Carr, Leland Perry, Jim Gammell, Steve Walsh, Carl Schach, Don Geiger, Don Mathre, Lee Hanson, George Nielsen, Jim Lester, Dave Hensing and Gary Bailey.

## Class of 1966 High Trestle Trail Bike Ride

Fourteen attendees at the AHS Class of 1966 50th Reunion went on a bike outing. What trail could be more exciting in Central Iowa than the High Trestle Trail which is built on a former railroad bed, previously owned by the Union Pacific Railroad. The trail includes a half-mile, 13-story high bridge across the Des Moines River valley between Madrid and Woodward. It is one of the largest trail bridges in the world.



Picture (l-r): Ed Workman, Bruce & Delores Baker Bear, Gary Orngard, Sybil Hendrickson & Larry Riblet, Bill Armstrong, Bill Schoenenberger, Deb & Chuck Eldridge, Janet & Steve Olson, Sally & Alan Bornmueller.



## 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](http://www.ahsalum.org).**

<u>Class</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>City, State</u>				
1933	Long, Mary Jane (Bossert)	d. 1-9-2017	Lake Forest, Ill.	1954	Thompson, Nancy Irene (Freel)	d. 1-10-2017	Story City, Iowa
1935	Haseltine, Aletha Louise (Buttolph)	d. 12-29-2015	Jacksonville, Fla.	1956	Paulson, William T.	d. 9-15-2016	Puyallup, Wash.
1936	Plagge, Barbara Ruth (Fritsch)	d. 1-7-2017	Albuquerque, N. Mex.	1957	Cochran, Betty Gail (Rude)	d. 11-13-2016	Denver, Colo.
1939	Adams, Edna May (Pantenburg)	d. 12-31-2016	Ames, Iowa	1957	Nelson, Debra Ann (Coe)	d. 6-14-2015	Springfield, Mo.
1940	Bailey, Herman Tracy	d. 12-31-2016	Clive, Iowa	1957	Teig, Roger Glen	d. 3-27-2015	Minden, Nev.
1941	Whattoff, Murl LeRoy	d. 2-16-2017	Ames, Iowa	1958	Copenhaver, Eveline (Litchfield)	d. 3-3-2015	Shelby, Mont.
1944	Paine, Frank Robert	d. 11-25-2016	Medford, Ore.	1959	Yocom, Milford Max	d. 1-15-2014	Llewellyn, Neb.
1945	Neeper, Marjorie Ann (Amme)	d. 7-8-2016	Lafayette, La.	1960	Piper, James Perry	d. 2-11-2007	Grand Rapids, Mich.
1945	Nowlin, Robert S.	d. 1-13-2017	Ames, Iowa	1961	Nickey, Michael Allen	d. 2-23-2017	Auburn, Calif.
1945	Pickett, Eleanor Ann (Genaux)	d. 12-25-2016	Mount Vernon, Wash.	1967	Bonanante, Giovanni	d. 10-12-2012	Biella, Italy
1946	Morris, Walter L.	d. 1-19-2017	Houghton, Mich.	1964	Oshel, Robert Keith	d. 12-24-2016	North Mankato, Minn.
1946	Robbins, Herbert D.	d. 3-17-2016	Bettendorf, Iowa	1967	Larson, David Alan	d. 2-15-2017	Marshalltown, Iowa
1946	Sinnott, Betty Jane (Morrison)	d. 7-10-2016	Escondido, Calif.	1967	Morden, Jayne Ethel (Ostrem)	d. 6-12-2015	Des Moines, Iowa
1946	Ullestad, Donald L.	d. 9-6-2016	Palm Harbor, Fla.	1969	Anderson, Donald Ray	d. 11-9-2016	San Jose, Calif.
1947	Cleary, Richard Edward	d. 11-18-2014	Dade City, Fla.	1969	Anderson, Stephen Ray	d. 4-10-2001	Chesapeake Beach, Md.
1947	Litchfield, Commodore Tunney	d. 2-6-2017	Ames, Iowa	1971	Mills, Janet Jean	d. 1-31-2013	Ames, Iowa
1947	Polhemus, John Thomas	d. 5-21-2013	Englewood, Colo.	1972	Hathaway, Margaret Ellen (Homer)	d. 5-15-2013	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
1947	Smith, William Charles	d. 12-14-2016	Madrid, Iowa	1972	MacLeod, Debra Marie (Pohm)	d. 2-25-2017	New Brighton, Minn.
1948	Abbott, Marilyn Joyce (Beckley)	d. 6-18-2013	Boone, Iowa	1975	Deist, Jennifer Lynn (Kestel)	d. 2-13-2017	Eddyville, Ky.
1948	Baker, Cordell	d. 4-21-2016	Walla Walla, Wash.	1978	Stark, Ann Elizabeth (Trenkle)	d. 1-6-2017	Greene, Iowa
1948	Clark, Nancy Ann (Neff)	d. 1-31-2017	Ames, Iowa	1986	Welder, Brenda Lee	d. 9-7-2010	Madrid, Iowa
1948	Danielson, Joan Lavonne (Bappe)	d. 7-22-2015	Rock Island, Ill.	2001	Lodermeier, Lucas Michael	d. 7-11-2016	Hardin County, Iowa
1951	Callahan, Bonny Kay (Bruce)	d. 1-19-2017	Ames, Iowa	2002	Henriksen, Tyler Scott	d. 2-9-2017	Ames, Iowa
1951	Godbaaur, Janet Lee (Shrake)	d. 7-23-2015	Ames, Iowa	2005	White, Heather Michelle (Anderson)	d. 2-18-2017	Ames, Iowa
1952	Crouch, Hubert Branch	d. 2-22-2004	Saint Petersburg, Fla.	2016	Andreotti, Daniel	d. 1-23-2017	New York, N. Y.
1953	Miller, Wilfred Jay	d. 1-31-2017	Ames, Iowa	Staff	Engelhardt, Douglas Gustav	d. 12-3-2016	Paducah, Ky.
1954	Coleman, Eleanor Mae (Litchfield)	d. 6-7-2016	Des Moines, Iowa	Staff	Helmkamp, Brent Lee	d. 4-27-2014	Ankeny, Iowa
				Staff	Springer, Kathryn Marie	d. 6-25-2015	Sioux Falls, S. D.

## Memorials

In memory of: **Janet Nicolle Johannes, '68**  
By: Carolyn Nicolle Dyke, '66

In memory of: **Dreston D. Thiel, '46**  
By: Richard L. Berhow, '46

In memory of: **Mary Louise Dorchester Patton, '40**  
By: Veronica L. Lim Lynch, '62

In memory of: **Louis M. Thompson, '56**  
By: Diana Rex Gammell, '56

In memory of: **Donald L. Ullestad, '46**  
By: Doris Ullestad, Spouse

In memory of: **Ann Genaux Pickett, '45**  
By: Lorna Wilhelm Livingston, '44

In memory of: **Richard O. Erickson, '38**  
By: Steven P. Erickson, '60

In memory of: **Howard, Harris, Dave, Keith,  
& Karl--All '44**  
By: Mark Rothacker, '47

In memory of: **Dale M. Hiedeman, Staff**  
By: Ted W. Hiedeman, '77

In memory of: **Betty Rude Cochran, '57**  
By: Nancy G. Thompson, '57

In memory of: **David P. Coe, '60**  
**James L. Merrick, '61**

In memory of: **Wilfred J. "Bill" Miller, '53**  
By: J. Ben, '53 & Sarah Buck

In memory of: **David A. Hagge, '54**  
**John K. Hagge, '61**  
**James E. Ketelsen, '65**  
By: Randy, '63 & Mary Hagge Ketelsen, '65

In memory of: **Karl B. Clark, '42**  
**Deborah G. Clark, '67**  
By: George F. Clark, '65

In memory of: **Nancy Neff Clark, '48**  
By: Janet A. Hoff, '48

In memory of: **Janice Maxwell Olson, '55**  
By: AHS Class of 1955

In memory of: **Deceased 1957 Classmates**  
By: Virginia Wright Lewis, '57

In memory of: **Wilfred J. "Bill" Miller, '53**  
**Nancy Neff Clark, '48**  
By: Carole Sue Triplett

In memory of: **Sandy Thorgerson Powell, '63**  
By: Peggy Powell Drain, '63

In memory of: **Paul W. Arrasmith, '49**  
By: Beverly Arrasmith, Spouse

In memory of: **Mark E. Pedersen, '65**  
By: Ronald J. Pedersen, '70

In memory of: **David P. Coe, '60**  
By: Richard D. Allen, '60

In memory of: **Mark L. Stenson, '61**  
By: Mrs. Cheron L. Stenson, Spouse



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Pictured: Tonja Goodwin and Joe Doolittle, Ames Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Literacy Teachers. They were glad for the funds, as well as the recognition for their work!

These Ames Middle School teachers received one of the High-Impact Mini-Grant awards this year. They received funds from Ames Education Foundation to attend an educational performance that supports the literacy and American studies curriculums for all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. The performance, "Ellis: Island of Dreams", will portray struggles and triumphs of immigrants who entered the US from 1892-1954. The goal is for students to gain new knowledge and perspectives of this topic.

### *Updates:*

**March ON** – Thank You for band uniform donations! We have met 95% of our goal, uniforms are on order. AHS Marching Band will have new uniforms in the fall.

**Attire The Choir** – Thank You for the choir robe donations! We were able to successfully raise \$60k for new robes, and this year they were attired with choir robes that match school colors. The next choir concert will be May 1, 2017.

### **Donate (Checks can be made payable to: Ames Education Foundation)**

If you would like to donate to our programs, you may donate online at [ameseducationfoundation.org](http://ameseducationfoundation.org).

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## AHSAA Calendar

**2017 AHSAA Monthly Meetings:**

April 18th	AHSAA Monthly Meeting
May 16th	AHSAA Monthly Meeting
June 20th	AHSAA Monthly Meeting
July 18th	AHSAA Monthly Meeting
August 15th	AHSAA Monthly Meeting

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Reunions:**

July 21-23	Class of 1972 45th Reunion
July 22-23	Class of 1962 55th Reunion
Aug. 11-12	Class of 1967 50th Reunion
Aug. 16-17	Class of 1952 65th Reunion
Sept. 14-16	Class of 1957 60th Reunion
Sept. 22-24	Class of 1977 40th Reunion

**Other Events:**

- October 12th - 2017 Distinguished Alum and AHS Athletic Hall of Fame Recognition
- December 29th - All-Classes Holiday Celebration

**Membership Notice:**

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**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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