

Kenosha Bradford High School Alumni Association

NEWSLETTER

Oldest Active High School Alumni Association West Of The Alleghenies



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President's Corner

by Randy Vaccaro '73

Well, we've survived another Wisconsin winter... can hardly wait for the warmer

temps to "stick around" so we may once again be outside without multiple layers of clothing... Spring fever is here!

I would like to thank all members of the KBHSAA Board of Directors for the work they have done this year. We are currently looking to fill two to three Director positions on the Board. If you are energetic and computer savvy, we'd like to ask you to consider joining our "team." There are six meetings per year (plus committee meetings, as needed). If you are interested, kindly contact me or any Board Member.

Plans are underway for the annual Alumni Banquet on June 20, 2015 at the Kenosha Country Club. This special event will once again feature a silent auction with proceeds going to fund KBHSAA scholarships and general operations. We would like to extend an invitation to all previous Distinguished Alumni Award recipients, as well as all who attended Bradford, to join us in celebrating this year's DAA honorees and the Class of 2015 Scholarship recipients. Please see the Alumni Banquet Reservation Form on page 5.

Good health and happiness to all ... Go Red Devils!

Newsletter Deadlines

All articles to be included in the Newsletter need to reach us by March 15 for the Spring issue, and September 15 for the Fall issue. All Reunion

Committees are encouraged to send a photo or two along with a summary of their reunion activities, including any reunion announcements to:

Kenosha Bradford Alumni Association

P.O. Box 56 • Kenosha, WI 53141



KBHSAA to Honor 2015 Distinguished Alumni on June 20th



Ralph Tenuta - Class of 1950

Ralph attended the University of Wisconsin Extension and Marquette University. He has been a successful businessman as owner and operator of Tenuta's Delicatessen, Liquors & Wines, a family-owned company for three generations. Ralph and his late wife, Margaret (Landre) Tenuta, married nearly 57 years, are parents of 7 children and proud grandparents of 11.

Ralph has been instrumental to many local organizations and initiatives. He helped to guide the development of Kenosha's downtown lakefront and create the Kenosha Area Development Corp. which later became the Kenosha Area Business Alliance. He



was integral in the founding of American State Bank (ASB) in 1961. In 1979, Ralph was appointed to the Wisconsin Banking Review Board and served as its Chairman for over 20 years. When ASB was sold to Johnson Bank in 1987, Ralph was chairman of the Board and continued as a director with Johnson Bank for 17 years.

Ralph served as a Carthage College Trustee Emeritus-25 years of service and received the 2006 Carthage Flame Award.

He is a past president of the UW-Parkside Benevolent Foundation and was honored with a Parkside Lifetime Achievement Award. He is a member of the Carthage Business and Professional Association and the Italian Business and Professional Association. He was also honored as a former Rotarian-Paul Harris Fellow.

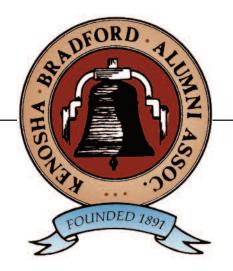
Dr. Kurt Sinclair - Class of 1983

Thirty years after his graduation, Kurt has returned to Bradford as Principal. Kurt enjoyed his high school years academically, athletically and socially. After graduation he followed a collegiate path focusing on education and administration, earning his Doctor of Education.

Working with special needs children at Bullen Middle School fueled his desire to make a difference in children's lives. Kurt's desire for higher education is not only his passion. He is extremely proud of his "north side" roots and displays his pride in giving back to the community. Kurt has served his community in the capacity



of Alderman. In addition, for more than two decades he has volunteered hundreds of hours at his church and in support of his family life he has coached and managed a variety of sporting teams. His accomplishments are many, but his lifelong dream was to return to Bradford and share his talents with the students of his alma mater. As Principal, his dream has been fulfilled and the students of Bradford are fortunate to have his leadership.



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The **NEWSLETTER** is a cooperative effort of the KBHSAA officers, board of directors and membership.

Correspondence should be sent to: **KBHSAA** Newsletter Editor P.O. Box 56 • Kenosha, WI 53141

IMPORTANT: Alumni Newsletter

The ever-increasing cost of graphics, printing and postage place the Alumni Association Newsletter budget in a state of continuous financial need. Approximately 160 out of 1800 paid alumni members requested to continue receiving the high quality, biannual printed publication delivered via USPS (vs. reading the full color, online version available at www.kenoshabradfordalumni.com). Printing and postage costs for the mailed version are just over \$5 per edition for each mailing address. Therefore, we are requesting your assistance in the form of a donation of \$5.00 or more per year to offset printing and postage costs. Please send your donation to: KBHSAA, P. O. Box 56, Kenosha, WI 53141. Thanks in advance for your continuous support.

Old Bradford High School Class Reunion Tours

Kris (Winzer) Miller, Bradford Class of '73, gives free guided tours of the old Bradford High School and will handle all permits needed. The best time for group tours is 3:30-5pm on Fridays, but Kris can adjust tour times if needed. Although tours are free, class donations made out to "North Side Stadium Project" will be gratefully accepted. Call Kris at 262-818-5351 or email her at kristinamiller@wi.rr.com.





Thank you to all who have submitted updated information in regards to passing Alumnus. We apologize for any errors-sometimes we receive handwritten notes that are hard to read.

- 39 Roma (Beaudin) Gement
- Lena N. (Savoy) Zimmerman
- Florence (Aikens) Anderson '40
- '40 Anne (Schoeffer) Bergo
- '40 Nellie (Aceto) Williams
- '41 Robert "Bob" Flatley
- '42 Charles Vignieri
- '43 Cecila Regner
- Violet (Vi) (Lodginski) Huck '44
- '47 Louis Vandermoom
- '47 Marilyn Richie
- '48 Joseph Brittelli
- '56 Robert J. "PeeWee" Herolt
- '56 Dolores (Kleist) Jespersen
- '56 Virginia Ritacca
- '57 Tom Oakland
- 71 Joann (Peltz) Huber
- '85 Tina Metallo-Gjerdset

SCAM ALERT

The Alumni wants you to know about a website that is NOT associated with our Kenosha Bradford High School. Please do not use this website.

Be aware that www.classmates.com or www.alumniclass.com have NO affiliation with our Kenosha Mary D. Bradford High School. Anyone who signed up at these sites needs to know these businesses are out-of-state and have nothing to do with Kenosha Bradford Alumni

Association or our Kenosha community. They are making a profit off of our school name. Do not give your money to these websites or buy any t-shirts from them.

Join an organization that is community-based and proudly supports our Kenosha Mary D. Bradford High School:

www.kenoshabradfordalumni.com or your individual class website (see official list on page 6).



CLASS REUNION UPDATES

1940 75th Reunion

August 1, 2015

Contact: Dorothy Mura Rochau, 262-656-0418 or

Doris Magwitz, 262-857-7013

Board Liaison: Lee Arneson, 262-657-5797

1941 74th Reunion

Annual Noon Luncheon on Sunday, June 28, 2015 Baker Street Restaurant & Pub (6028 Green Bay Rd) Contact: Betty Bruno or Elmer Schmidt 262-654-4525 Board Liaisons: Marge Hall, 262-914-5145 and Lee Arneson, 262-657-5797

1945 70th Reunion

Date pending

Contact: Audrey Keckler Casiana, 262-764-9141

1947 68th Reunion

Annual Noon Luncheon on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 Baker Street Restaurant & Pub (6028 Green Bay Rd) Contact: Mary Jane Lippert, 262-942-4131 Board Liaison: Joyce Sorensen, 262-945-3806

1950 65th Reunion

Date pending Tom & Pat (Rondeau) Lansdowne, 262-652-8824 Ralph Tenuta, Connie (Knobucher) Denig, Bernadette (Morgan) Loewen, Chuck Aiello

1955 60th Reunion

Saturday, July 11, 2015 at Maplecrest Country Club Contact: Fran Pomponi Kollmann, 262-551-8243 Judy Karrmann Descheneau, 262-697-2957 Board Liaison: Joyce Sorensen, 262-945-3806

1960 55th Reunion

Friday, September 18, 2015 Ice Breaker at Fireside Restaurant Saturday, September 19, 2015 Banquet at Kenosha Country Club. www.bradford60.com Contact: Roger Andreoli, 262-694-6339

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(randreoli@wi.rr.com)

Alumni Liaison: Marie Romano Kiser

1965 50th Reunion

Joint Reunion: Bradford/Tremper/St. Joseph's Saturday, September 12, 2015 at UW-Parkside. www.bradford65.com

Contact: Cookie Tomba Paulson, 262-697-9327

(cookiepaulsen@hotmail.com)

Alumni Liaison: Joyce Sorensen, 262-945-3806

1970 45th Reunion

Date pending

Contact: Darlene (Pitts) Gretzinger, 262-551-8706 (dagretz@yahoo.com); Rhonda Rizzo (ritzriz@prodigy.net) Jeff Schenning, 262-818-7729 (schenningj@yahoo.com)

1975 40th Reunion

Saturday, August 1, 2015 The Breakwater at Kenosha Yacht Club Visit www.bradford75.com for details & activities Rocco LaMacchia, 262-551-9892 (rocco sr@hotmail.com)

1980 35th Reunion

August 15, 2015 - SAVE THE DATE! Fireside Restaurant & Lounge - Details to Follow Visit www.bradford80.com Contact: Theresa (Cesari) Anderson 262-496-3976, or Dulcie Dissmore Schoff 262-551-8854

1985 30th Reunion

Fall 2015 -- Date & location pending
Facebook: Mary D. Bradford Class of 1985
Contact:

Committee members: Filomena Montemurro Swartz, Suanne Doerflinger Funk, Cyndi Nelson Spiegelhoff, Roberta Puntillo Jorgensen, Michelle Gorecki and Mike Mattioli

1990 25th Reunion

Visit www.bradford90.com Contact: Sue (Boscher) Kuranowicz, 262-515-6161 (Bradfordclassof1990@yahoo.com)

1995 20th Reunion

Looking for class volunteers to organize reunion.

2005 10th Reunion

Saturday, May 23, 2015 Matt's on Main (5706 6th Avenue, Kenosha) 7:00PM to Midnight, Appetizers/Cash Bar, \$10 at the door Contact: Monica Miller Baker, 262-412-2814 (monicabaker11@gmail.com)

2010 5th Reunion

Looking for class volunteers to organize reunion.



Mary D. Bradford Class of 1958

The Bradford Class of '58 will be celebrating a milestone this year. We will be three-quarters of a century. To celebrate this momentous occasion, our Class Reunion Committee is planning a party for classmates on Friday, September 25th at Casa Capri. So mark your calendars and be sure to stay logged into our website (www.bradford58.com) for further updates. Please contact classmates that may not receive this notification. Refer all questions to Donna (Volpentesta) Pontillo (262) 818-6437 or (262) 694-5312.

Hope to "See You in September," as the song goes on



1930s

Richard Gregory ('38) Seminole, FL I am enclosing a check for helping with the newsletter. I am 95 years old and have been a life member since Fall 1978. Keep up the good work! I married a Kenosha girl, Dolores Kastner, who was educated in New York. Time has slipped by – have lived in Florida for 38 years. Thank you.

1950s

Judith Mikulsky Zachar ('57)

Pawleys Island, SC Carmella (Ciotti), Mary-Anne (Smoler) and I continue to get together every year. In 2012, Mary-Anne hosted us in the Rockies near Boulder, CO. Carmella welcomed us to Lake Tahoe near her California home in 2013. It was my turn in 2014. We visited Hilton Head, SC with trips to Savannah

Donna (Volpentesta) Pontillo ('58)

and Beaufort. We're all fine.

It is with profound sadness that I inform the Class of '58 of the passing of Tom Oakland. He died at his home in Gainesville, FL on Wednesday morning, March 5, 2015. Tom was the blood of this class, never missing a class reunion and touching base with former classmates whenever he came to Kenosha. Tom took his responsibility as Class President seriously, even after graduation. Our Class was unique because of Tom's involvement and his generosity.

John Meissner ('59) Racine, WI My wife Carol and I have two children, Lori Branch, Orlando, FL and John David, New Berlin, WI and three grandchildren. I was employed 34 years, S.C. Johnson & Son, Racine. Retired in 1999. Hobbies: golfing, stock market and travel.

'59 Joyce (Gallo) McClain

420 45th St., #308, Kenosha, WI 53140 Just a note to let my classmates know my twin sister, Gail, lost her husband to an aggressive infection the first week of January 2015. They were married for 48 ears, and Tom had turned 70 in June 2014. Send her an email: busninc@charter.net. Thanks.

1980s

Jim & Georgeann Metallo (Tina '85)

To the Bradford Alumni Association: We would like to thank you for honoring Tina (Metallo-Gjerdset) with a \$1,000 Memorial Scholarship. As a proud member of the Class of 1985, she was also proud to be a member of the KBHSAA. Thank you.

Doerflinger Family (Gary John Doerflinger '89)

Gary passed away on May 20, 2013. He enjoyed being on the Bradford Football team.

Sometimes we must shorten Class Notes submissions due to space limitations.

Congratulations to MICHELLE SERPE Class of 1967

On behalf of all Bradford Alumni, KBHSAA send congrats to Michelle Serpe ('67), recipient of the 2015 Susan B. Anthony Award, presented by the Kenosha Women's Network.

The award is presented annually to a woman from Kenosha County who believes in equity and exemplifies this philosophy in her work or volunteer efforts; gives of herself that others might learn, grow, advance and succeed; and provides leadership.

Kenosha is a better place because of Michelle's many years of service as an educator, artist, activist and advocate.

We are pleased to announce Kenosha voters who turned out on April 7th said

to the KUSD \$16.7 million sports facilities referendum on the ballot.

Mary D. Bradford High School Students and Alumni will finally have a stadium and sporting facilities to call their own.

CLASS NOTES	MAIL TO: KENOSHA BHSAA • P. O. Box 56 • Kenosha, WI 53141
Name	Class of
(INCLUDE MAIDEN NAME	
Spouse	Class of
(IF ALSO FROM KENOSHA BRAD	FORD
Address	City/State/Zip
CLASS NOTE:	

Kenosha Bradford High School Alumni Association, Inc. SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED MAY 2015

\$1,000 KBHSAA, Inc. – In memory of Tina Metallo-Gjerdset, Past Alumni Association President

\$1,000 (5) Bill ('57) and Barbara Serpe Scholarships – students must attend UW school with an undergraduate degree in Business or Computer Science.

\$1,000 Valiere Anderson Petersen Memorial Scholarship ('30) – for an outstanding Piano student

\$1,000 John & Judy (Schuetz) Wavro Academic Scholarship

\$1,000 John & Judy (Schuetz) Wavro Athletic Scholarship

\$1,500 (2) Marko Lazarevic ('06) Scholarship - Business, Finance or Engineering



2015 Alumni Banquet Reservation

The 2015 Distinguished Alumni Awards will be presented at the annual banquet on Saturday, June 20, 2015 at the Kenosha Country Club. The banquet begins with cash bar at 5:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. Class of 2015 scholarship recipients will also be honored at the event. You are welcome to bring your spouse and/or guests to this event, which includes a plated dinner, program and awards to the Distinguished Alumni we will be honoring. Please fill out the reservation blank below and mail with your check payable to KBHSAA.

Name	Class of							
Address	Phone							
City	StateZip							
Number of guests attending @ \$30.00 per person								
PLEASE INDICATE HOW MANY OF EACH DINNER:								
Chicken Piccata	Cod Florentine							
Boneless chicken breast with lemon-caper sauce	Cod filet with spinach sauce							
Pasta Primavera	Roast Pork Loin							
With Alfredo sauce	With Pop-Pop demi glace							
Chicken, fish and pork entrées include potatoes and vegetable; all entrées include house salad, rolls and coffee.								
Name(s) of guest(s):								

Please return your reservations by June 9, 2015 to the Alumni Treasurer: Dulcie Dissmore Schoff • 2615 24th Street • Kenosha, WI 53140

Alumni Association Donations

The Alumni Association thanks all donors to the Operating, Distinguished Alumni Awards and Scholarship Funds. Your generosity makes it possible for the Association to perpetuate the memories - old and new - for all Bradford Alumni, and to award scholarships to deserving Bradford High School Seniors.



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'57 John & '60 Judy Schuetz Wavro Academic & Athletic Scholarships

Scholarship Fund of \$3,000: '06 Marko Lazarevic Scholarship

1930 Valiere Anderson Petersen **Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Scholarship Fund in Memory of:

'44 Violet (Vi) Lodginski Huck by Bill '57 & Marge '56 Huck Hall '56 Virginia (Virg) Ritacca by Bill '57 & Marge '56 Huck Hall

It's Official

This is a reminder that the only OFFICIAL Kenosha Bradford Alumni website is:

www.kenoshabradfordalumni.com

If you have any questions, email alumni via the website.

Sign in under your last name and year of graduation. The alumni website now has all members listed onto our secure site.



Class Websites: Here are the current listings of individual class reunion sites. These are owned by individual graduating class committees or members, not KBAA.

> www.classcreator.net/Kenosha-WI-Bradford-1954/index.cfm

> > www.bradford58.com

www.bradford60.com

www.bradford61.com

www.bradford62.com

www.bradfordclassof1963.com

www.bradford64.com

www.classcreator.net/Kenosha-WI-Bradford-1965/index.cfm

www.bradford69.com

www.bradford73.com

www.bradford75.com

www.facebook.com MaryDBradfordClassOf77

www.bradford78.com

www.bradford80.com

www.bradford81.com

www.classcreator.com/Kenosha-WI-Bradford-1983/class index.cfm

www.bradford84.com

www.bradford88.com

www.bradford89.com

www.classcreator.com Kenosha-WI-Bradford-1990

www.classcreator.com/ Kenosha-WI-Bradford-1993



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With your wonderful gifts, we are able to award scholarships to deserving seniors, print and mail newsletters, maintain our website, and recognize Distinguished Alumnus.



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Did you know?

In 1891, the first graduating class of what was then Kenosha Central High School (first free high school west of the Alleghenies), founded the Alumni Association with the help of Mary D. Bradford, the teacher for whom the high school was eventually named.

Alumni Association Purpose

- 1. To promote Bradford High School and its activities;
- 2. To give and facilitate scholarships to deserving Bradford seniors;
- 3. To recognize and honor distinguished Bradford alumni on their achievements;
- 4. To provide guidance to class reunion committees and financial assistance for all reunions, limited to once every 5 years, we will cover one-half the postage for first mailing or creation of class year's website to a maximum of \$100. (For ease of use/extensive features, we recommend http://www.classcreator.com/index.cfm?M=M1159803.)

Membership is open to all who attended or graduated from Mary D. Bradford High School. Membership dues and the

5. To produce a biannual newsletter, now available online to paid alumnus.

An invitation to join

generous donations of alumni enable the Alumni Association to provide scholarships and carry on the traditions started by that first graduating class. The Kenosha Bradford Alumni Association, Inc. is an IRS-recognized 501(c)(3) organization. We hope you will consider becoming a member. ×------**Membership Dues & Donation Form** FIRST NAME / MAIDEN NAME / LAST NAME **CLASS YEAR** SPOUSE (IF BRADFORD ALUMNI) CLASS YEAR STREET ADDRESS CITY / STATE / ZIP PHONE **EMAIL ADDRESS AMOUNT** Yes, I'd like to join the Alumni Association! Membership term selected: ☐ Life member, \$75.00 ☐ 3 Years, \$20.00 □ 1 Year, \$10.00 Yes, I am able to help support the Alumni Association's efforts with a donation earmarked for one of the following: □ General Operating Fund ■ Scholarship Fund ☐ Distinguished Alumni Award Gift Membership for fellow alumnus; select membership term & provide: ☐ Life member, \$75.00 □ 3 Years, \$20.00 □ 1 Year, \$10.00 EMAIL ADDRESS NAME CLASS YEAR Special gift:

In memory of ☐ In honor of occasion (birthday, graduation, etc.) In the name of: Send notification to: Total amount enclosed (make check payable to KBAAI) Mail to Kenosha Bradford Alumni Association, Inc., P. O. Box 56, Kenosha, WI 53141.



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\$35 each = 1900 to 1998 \$55 each = 1999 \$65 each = 2000 to present

Prices above include shipping (or friendly hand delivery if you reside in Kenosha).

Proceeds from Spy sales go to the general operating fund.

If you are interested in purchasing one of the editions listed, please contact Randy Vaccaro (262/551-0510) to reserve it, then mail your check payable to Kenosha Bradford Alumni Association, along with a note indicating year requested and your name/address/phone to: KBHSAA – Spy Sales, P. O. Box 56, Kenosha, WI 53141.

We are looking for Spy editions not listed above Donations for any years will be greatly appreciated.

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