



MEMORIES



Hoffman Estates  
High School

*Presents*

*THE*

*HAWKADEMY AWARDS*

The Seville

Thursday, May 7, 2009

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

# Hoffman Estates High School

## Memories

Memories are a special house  
We build inside ourselves  
Where love and laughter linger,  
Where all our past life dwells.  
On special days like retirements  
We can draw upon the store,  
Reliving happy times  
And feeling all that warmth once more.  
Wherever we may travel,  
This house is always there  
To help to blend the old and new,  
To build on...grow...and share.  
This house can never get too full,  
Just grow from floor to floor,  
Because the joy of memories  
Is always making more.



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6:00 - 10:00 p.m.....Cash Bar  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.....Buffet  
7:30 - 10:00 p.m.....Sweet Table  
8:00 p.m.....Program/Presentations

MENU

Egg Rolls  
Cocktail Meatballs  
Fried Shrimp  
Quiche De Jour  
Bacon Wrapped Water Chestnuts  
Fried Zucchini  
Cold Canapés  
Assorted Cheese with Crackers  
Carving Station: Turkey/Ham  
Sweet Table  
Coffee

HONOREES:

Ginny Boydston

Alan Cottrell

Catherine Daglas

Tom Kendall

Claire Kopfman

Mary Ann Laforet

Denise Mack

Ken Wernert



**Ginny Boydston**

**HEHS Staff Member 1975-2008**



**MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT HEHS?**

The Turkey Awards, it was not the way you know it today. We had to dress in costume for the turkey shoot and go out to the field with bow and arrow in hand and hit the bullseye. I won a 25 lb. turkey. I did not have a car that day and had to walk home with a cold turkey.

**WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST?**

I will miss my friends and students.

**MISS THE LEAST?**

Getting up when it's still dark out and cold and snowy to go to work.

**WORDS OF WISDOM?**

When the tough get going, duck.

**MOST LIKELY TO BE REMEMBERED FOR AT HEHS?**

My charming personality.

**PLANS FOR RETIREMENT?**

Just enjoying the home life for now.



**Alan Cottrell**

**HEHS Staff Member from 1985-2009**



**MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT HEHS?**

I saw a past employee, Marty Shields, talking to the skeletons in the science prep hallway.

**WHAT I WILL MISS THE MOST?**

The people I've met, past and present.

**MISS THE LEAST?**

Working second shift (since 1985). Now I'll be able to have dinner and after school activities with my family.

**WORDS OF WISDOM?**

"Stick with it!"

**MOST LIKELY TO BE REMEMBERED FOR AT HEHS?**

Once I started a job I always finished it.

**PLANS FOR RETIREMENT?**

Retire, Retire, Retire. Garden, paint, complete odd jobs, fish, boat, golf, play tennis and be with my family.



**Catherine Douglas**

## **HEHS Faculty 1975-2009**



**MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT HEHS?** My first year I was a biology teacher and remember showing a movie one afternoon. Back in 1975, there were no computers in classrooms and no projectors mounted to the ceiling as we have today complete with remote controls. And there were certainly no DVDs. Instead, we had the old movie projector that you had to request in advance and have delivered to your classroom, and movies were on reels. I remember threading the movie through the projector that day and turning it on. Part way through the movie, a few students in the back appeared to be amused by something, but when I would look over in their direction, they would settle down. Upon the completion of the movie, I walked over only to see all of the film on the floor and not on the uptake reel.

**WHAT I WILL MISS THE MOST?** My buddy, the Claire Bear! We have had our offices next to one another for the last 15 years. We have shared stories about our families and counseled one another about raising teens and working with teens. I have so many wonderful stories about students and how they have grown and matured during their time in high school. I will miss sharing in their excitement as they approach graduation and move on to college and the rest of their lives

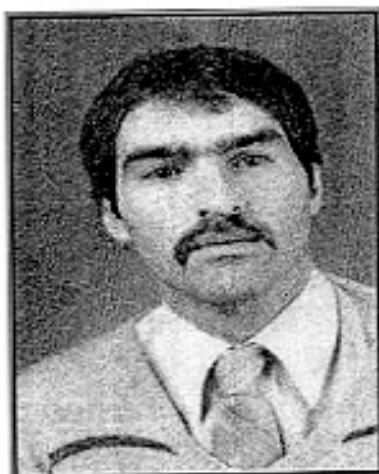
**MISS THE LEAST?** That's easy, getting up at 5 a.m.! I plan to sleep in until 7. And, of course, writing college recommendations!!!

**WORDS OF WISDOM?** Everything important in life, at work and at home always boils down to one thing, relationships. You will spend more hours with your colleagues than you will with your family and hopefully you will develop some of the wonderful friendships as I have. Also, the relationships you develop with your students are the most important part of the counseling experience. Students know immediately if you are genuinely concerned about them and if so you can tell them anything and they will listen.

### **MOST LIKELY TO BE REMEMBERED FOR AT HEHS?**

Mr. Dennis Garber, former principal of Hoffman, gave me the Golden Hawk, the Principal's Award of Excellence. He wrote this in a letter that accompanied the award: *Mrs. Douglas works tirelessly for her students. She has always done whatever was necessary to ensure that her students were being provided with the education and services they need to be successful. She has been willing to stick her neck out for a student who she felt needed that extra support. However, she has also been willing to apply tough love when that was in the student's best interest.*

**PLANS FOR RETIREMENT?** I am looking forward to doing the things that I have not had time to do such as go to the health club first thing every morning, travel during the school year, have time to prepare delicious dinners, read good books all day in front of the fireplace on a snowy day, out in the sun in the spring and under a tree in the colorful fall. What fun just to do whatever I want!



**Tom Kendall**

## **HEHS Faculty from 1985-2009**



### **MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT HEHS?**

In 1985, I coached here while teaching at SHS. Everyone here was helpful and friendly, and we beat the Saxons when we played them.

### **WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST?**

The camaraderie amongst the staff over several generations.

### **MISS THE LEAST?**

Commuting in the winter at 5:30a.m.

### **WORDS OF WISDOM?**

Be yourself; make sure to laugh lots (at least once a day).

### **MOST LIKELY TO BE REMEMBERED FOR AT HEHS?**

Being dependable, encouraging thought from students and staff.

### **PLANS FOR RETIREMENT?**

Continue to coach college basketball. Eventually move to property in Arizona.





**Claire Kopfman**

**HEHS Faculty 1984-2009**



#### **MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT HEHS?**

In October of my first year I was getting married on Sunday and I had to get the license on Friday before the courthouse closed. I just remember the English teachers yelling in unison, "Will you get out of here!" Twenty-five years later I'm hearing the same thing from my friends in maintenance. Darn that work ethic. Thanks mom and dad, I think.

#### **WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST?**

My students and my colleagues- -There is someone in just about every department that I will miss. I appreciate my friends in English who have kept me in the loop even after I left that department. I'm hopeful those friendships will continue, but most of all I will miss the guidance of Mrs. D. She is truly one of the wisest women I've ever known. She is the best counselor HEHS has ever had, and she taught me everything I know about counseling. The daily problem solving, sharing and laughter made the job so enjoyable that my students benefited in the end.

#### **MISS THE LEAST?**

I will not miss the snowy, icy mornings that I have had to take my life in my hands to get here. The fear of those white knuckle drives will stay with me forever. I will never understand why we didn't have late starts on those mornings. Oh, one more thing- the ringing of the five a.m. alarm.

#### **WORDS OF WISDOM?**

Motivate each other to do what's best for kids. I will never forget the infectious atmosphere when the group of us developed the Student Intervention Team. We did so much in those years, but it was because we were motivated by each other. Form supportive relationships with your colleagues because they are the ones who will help you enjoy your job.

#### **MOST LIKELY TO BE REMEMBERED FOR AT HEHS?**

Whether I was in the classroom or in guidance, I hope I made a difference in at least a couple of the lives of my students. I always tried to do what was best for my students.

#### **PLANS FOR RETIREMENT?**

To find a job. My daughter is off to college. Poor planning, huh?





**Mary Ann Laforet**

## **HEHS Faculty from 1975-2009**



### **MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT HEHS?**

I was hired the first year Hoffman High had seniors. I was interviewed by Mr. Tom Hillesheim, the principal, and then told to follow a young man wearing a bright red polyester polka-dotted shirt to the English office. I thought he was a senior; it turned out to be Gary Anderson, my future boss!

### **WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST?**

I will miss the amazing people in my department and throughout the school. They have been supportive and encouraging as I have progressed from a young teacher in 1975 to being the teacher with the most seniority on staff here at Hoffman. I will also miss working one-on-one with students to help them understand difficult material, craft college essays, and share their application of knowledge from our studies.

### **MISS THE LEAST?**

I will not miss grading papers, difficult students, negative parent phone calls, and meetings.

### **WORDS OF WISDOM?**

Enjoy each day for what it is. Some days are amazing, and others, even after thirty-four years of teaching, are totally draining and discouraging. There are more good days than bad days. Do not worry- for tomorrow will have enough worries for itself. Be organized; be early; be friendly; be open to new ideas; be part of a terrific department; be not afraid to go beyond your own comfort zone; be all you can be.

### **MOST LIKELY TO BE REMEMBERED FOR AT HEHS?**

I hope I am thought of as a teacher with high expectations, who pushed her students to be responsible adults, who helped students realize a connection between her classroom and the real world. I also hope my roles as one-time Facilitator of Staff Development, as founder of Esprit de Hawk, as co-planner of HEHS's 25<sup>th</sup> All School Birthday Party, as Forensic Coach with multiple state qualifiers in Original Comedy, as Comedy Troup Advisor for the Variety Show, as the Spirit Goddess who planned the annual Holiday Cart Parade and encouraged others to don the blue and orange every Friday, and as a good friend and colleague of many here at HEHS.

### **RETIREMENT PLANS?**

The Tuesday after school's out, I am having my second knee replacement. After that, I hope to travel, clean the basement, and do subbing to earn my much needed Medicare Quarters. So ask for me as your sub next Fall.



**Denise Mack**

**HEHS Faculty from 1978-2009**



**MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT HEHS?**

I was often stopped by hall monitors and asked for a pass.

**WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST?**

The camaraderie of colleagues, great class discussions, the enthusiasm of students

**MISS THE LEAST?**

Grading papers and the hours of planning.

**WORDS OF WISDOM?**

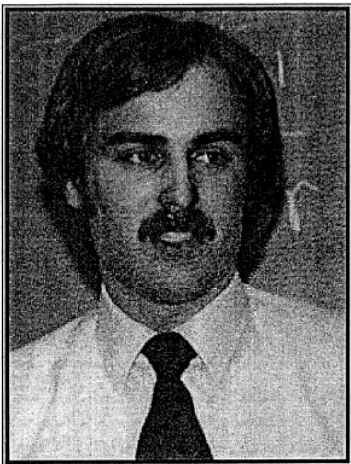
Bloom where you're planted!

**MOST LIKELY TO BE REMEMBERED FOR AT HEHS?**

Hopefully, being able to make a difference.

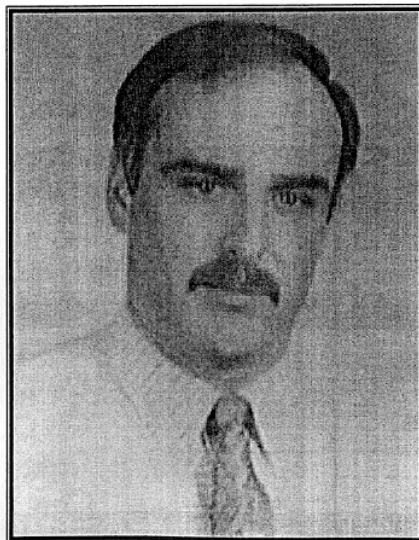
**PLANS FOR RETIREMENT?**

I'll be "rewiring", not retiring.



**Ken Wernert**

**HEHS Faculty from 1979-2009**



**MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT HEHS?**

I often wrote with pieces of chalk that were so small that students couldn't pay attention to what I was teaching because it looked like I was scraping my finger nails on the board. I honestly don't remember anything else.

**WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST?**

The students who care.

**MISS THE LEAST?**

The students who don't care.

**WORDS OF WISDOM?**

You have to be willing to admit when you make a mistake or don't understand something. It took me 15 years to admit those things, and sometimes it made me look ridiculous.

**MOST LIKELY TO BE REMEMBERED FOR AT HEHS?**

"He was a funny guy."

**PLANS FOR RETIREMENT?**

I plan to get a big motor home and drive around the country seeing stuff that I haven't seen.