



Plattsmouth Alumni Association

Linking the Past with the Future

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Matthew Glup, a 1987 graduate of Plattsmouth High School, currently serves the City of Omaha as a firefighter. Matt has been a first responder for sixteen years. He followed in his father, Carl's footsteps, a retired, twenty-nine year veteran of the Omaha Fire Department. Matt currently holds the title of Fire Apparatus Engineer. He drives and operates the fire truck and is an EMT. Matt, along with all other firefighters, work under the guidelines of LIP, Life Safety of others as well as themselves, Incident Stabilization (putting out the fire or accomplishing the rescue), and Property Conservation (removal of burnt debris and protection of property).

Matt spent his childhood in Plattsmouth. He is the son of Carl^{'66} and Linda Bowman Glup^{'66}, he has a brother Aaron^{'91} and sister Niki Glup Campin^{'95}. He grew up surrounded by his loving grandparents, Doran^{'35} and Dorthy Bowman and Carl and Delphine Glup. The Bowman's and Glup's had family businesses in Plattsmouth. Matt remembers being at

Central School and meeting his Grandpa Doran every Wednesday after school at his insurance company, Farmer's Insurance. He also recalls being a little boy when his grandparents, Carl and Delphine owned and operated Cardel and Sons Meat Processing in Plattsmouth.

Matt entered Army Basic Training in 1989. His unit, the 172nd Transportation Company out of Omaha was called up to active duty in September of 1990. Matt served as a Diesel Mechanic and Equipment Operator. He spent nine months in Saudi Arabia serving in Operation Desert Shield/Storm. Matt's uncle, Lanny Glup^{'77} served in the same unit.

Matt makes his home in Plattsmouth with his wife Megan and their four children: Danielle, Jack, Joe, and Emma. Matt uses his experiences acquired from his years as a firefighter to give back to his hometown community. Matt will begin his 8th year on the Plattsmouth School Board in January. Matt also volunteers at local schools in the district to teach area students about fire safety. Matt exclaimed, "Serving the public and helping people in need are two factors that have inspired me to be a dedicated husband, father, and citizen of my hometown."

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Do you need another 2011 Tax Deduction?

Remember the Plattsmouth Alumni Association

The Plattsmouth Alumni Association through its affiliation with the POPS Foundation can provide an opportunity for those last minute charitable contributions for 2011. The POPS Foundation an organization designed to "Provide Opportunities for Plattsmouth Schools" is recognized by the State of Nebraska as a 501c3 Corporation. This status allows all charitable donations to be fully tax deductible to the individual donor. It is through the relationship with the POPS Foundation that the donations given to the Plattsmouth Alumni Association are also tax deductible.



“CREATE A PARTY” LUNCHEON



On October 1, 2011, Plattsburgh Alumni and friends gathered in the Plattsburgh Middle School Gymnasium for the Annual “Create a Party” Luncheon. The guests were treated to a wonderful salad luncheon while dining at self decorated theme tables. The groups were entertained with ballroom dancing performed by local residents. Many local businesses and individuals donated raffle items which everyone enjoyed. All funds raised during this event are designated to the Alumni Scholarship Fund.



Table Theme: Pearls, Purses & Pizazz
Front: Martha McQuin, Mary McQuin; Back: Kristin Pohlmeier, Jeannie Brookhouser, Patty Lambert, Wanda Hudson, Kathy Manley

Table Theme: McKnight Family Dental “Happy Birthday Celebration”
L to R Janet Seyler, Kim Blanton, Donna Wilson, Lori Burggraff, Cathy Smith, RaeLynn Nolan



Table Theme: United We Stand
L to R: Eldonna Forrest, Dorothy Meisinger, Edith McCaw, Alyce Green, Blanche Highfield, Joann Moore

Table Theme: Red Hatters Salute Plattsburgh Alumni
L to R: Sherry Condit, Shirley Stipe, Arlene Anderson, Margaret Ann Blackwell, Cathy Day, Vicki Snyder



“CREATE A PARTY” Continued



Table Theme: Remember our Troops
Front: Betty Watt, Janice Palmer, Carol Wehrbein
Back: Linda Galloway, Kathy Gorton, Linda Glup



Table Theme: Sister Chicks; Sisters by Heart
Seated: Maxine Hild, Janet Snell
Standing: Anne Colley, Sherill Konfrst, Gladys Jones, Ruth Snell



Table Theme: PHS Alumni, Nebraska Cornhuskers, USA & Cass County Food Pantry
L to R: Minnie Etta Toplif, June Wagner, Roger Wehrbein, Brenda Todd, Jeanene Wehrbein, Bill Todd



Table Theme: Our Heritage (Traveling Trophy Winner)
Seated: Michael and Nancy Dennis
Standing L to R: Randy Ruppert, Nancy O'Connor, Tom & Evelyn McKnight, Debbie & Don McCord

Not Pictured but in attendance: Table Theme: Shades of Pink – Lila McKnight, Sophia Vinduska, Gale Lilly, Dee Gall, Norma Patterson, Marcy Boyer, Carol Gray, Charlene Meisinger.
Table Theme: 60th Birthday Celebration – Shari Thompson, Barb Molck, Mary Prince, JoAnn Murtha



Defender of Freedom inducted into PHS Hall of Fame

Ronald A. Hicks Jr.

In September of 2011 Ronald A. Hicks Jr., class of 1989, was inducted into the Plattsmouth Hall of Fame. Our August Alumni Newsletter article about Ronald had quite an impressive, lengthy list of his military accomplishments and awards during his 18 years of active duty in the United States Army. Ronald is now stationed at Fort Hood in Texas. His military occupational specialty is 19D or Calvary Scout on an M3A3 Bradley Fighting Vehicle. His positions have included: Scout crew member, driver, gunner, vehicle commander, section leader and platoon sergeant. He is currently responsible for human resources for more than 900 personnel. We would like to introduce you to the man behind those medals and ribbons.

Ronald's parents, Ronald and Helene Hicks are both from New Hampshire. Ronald Sr. was in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War. As a military dependent Ronald and his family traveled and resided in numerous places that include, Florida, New Hampshire, Indiana, Philippines, California, and finally Nebraska. The assignment at Offutt AFB brought the Hicks family to Plattsmouth in 1984. Ronald's two younger brothers are also PHS graduates, Thomas '94 of Plattsmouth and Bryon '96 of Papillion. While in high school Ronald participated in football and basketball until he decided maintaining his car by way of a part-time job made it difficult to continue in athletics. He worked at the Plattsmouth Manor in the Dietary Department for almost four years. Ronald started his military career early by doing Basic Training during the summer between his junior and senior years of high school and went into the U.S. Army Reserves upon graduation. He worked at a printing company in Ralston for four years before enlisting in the U. S. Army in 1993. Ronald has been stationed and deployed to many different locations over the years including, Texas, Korea, Kentucky, Georgia, Florida, Bosnia, Kuwait, and Iraq.

Ronald and his wife Pamela Petersen of Georgetown, Kentucky reside in Killeen, Texas with his daughter Cassandra and stepson Tyler Benard. Besides keeping up with family activities, Ronald enjoys video gaming (1st person shooters and sports games) and target practice with his personal weapons. He intends to retire from the Army in December of 2012 in Texas and possibly relocate back to Kentucky when job opportunities arise.

It was evident that the Hicks family is very supportive of their military hero at the induction events in September. Ronald and wife Pam, along with children Cassie and Tyler made the trip from Texas. Ronald's parents Ronald Sr. and Helene came from Kentucky. They were joined by Tom (brother) and Stacey Hicks and nephews T.J. ¹¹ and Austin of

Plattsmouth and Byron (brother) and nephews Tristan and Tyler Hicks of Papillion. They all enjoyed time together at the induction ceremony where Ronald addressed the student body in a convocation and that evening they were served dinner and a Blue Devil victory at the football game!

In his address to the students he expressed that he was extremely honored to be a member of the PHS Hall of Fame. His message to the students was, "You can be whatever you want to be as long as you assert yourself".

A standing ovation from the students, staff, and friends present was a small but deserving THANK YOU for the sacrifices SFC Ronald A. Hicks has made to keep all of us safe and free.



Photo: L to R: Tom Hicks, Plattsmouth; Ron Hicks Sr, Kentucky; Ron Hicks Jr, Texas; Byron Hicks, Papillion

PHS Hall of Fame

Nomination Information

“Honoring the Past to Challenge the Future”

Eligibility Requirement: A prospective inductee will become eligible for admission 15 years after graduation. Administrators, coaches, and community members are eligible at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

We need:

1. Name and contact information of candidate
2. A narrative about why you think this person is a good candidate
3. Your name and contact information
4. We will contact the candidate, explaining that he/she has been nominated and will be considered for induction if he/she so wishes and provides us with necessary information.

Send information by April 1, 2012 to:

Hall of Fame, Sandra Allgeier, 1416 So 15th St., Plattsmouth, NE 68048,
sallgeier@windstream.net

Class Notices

CLASS OF 1972--40th reunion --Save the date of June 30, 2012 for our 40th reunion-watch your mail for more details

CLASS OF 1962--'We plan to gather to have dinner at Fairways Restaurant in Murray, NE., on Friday, May 25th, and also to attend the Alumni Banquet on Saturday. There will be additional information sent out early-2012. For questions, contact: Linda (Brittain) Todd, 402-935-4450, or:
LTodd2244@aol.com

CLASS OF 1952--It may seem only yesterday but it is 60 years since we left PHS. Let's gather for a 60th reunion. Who will take charge? Call a classmate. Make plans!



Plattsmouth Alumni Association

All Alumni Newsletters are posted on the Plattsmouth Community Schools Website. In order to access the newsletters visit www.pcsd.org . On the main page click on "Foundation/Alumni" then click on "Alumni Newsletters", click on the newsletter you wish to view. A list of current and past Alumni Newsletters will be available for viewing

Plattsmouth Community Schools Happenings... “Destination ImagiNation”

By Wanda Wiemer
High Ability Learner Facilitator
Plattsmouth Community Schools

It is widely recognized that creativity, innovation, and the ability to manage change are essential competencies for today's students who live in, and are preparing to enter the workplace in, a world of rapid and accelerating change. A survey of more than 400 employers found their biggest concerns were that youth lacked 21st-century skills that will make them competitive in the job market. Three-fourths of those employers viewed creativity and innovation to be among the top-five skills most important in the current climate (eSchool News, October 2006).

Since 1989, Plattsmouth students have had the opportunity to hone their 21st-century skills by participating in Odyssey of the Mind and, in later years, Destination ImagiNation (DI). Both programs still exist today. However, after litigation in 1999, Destination ImagiNation was formed as a non-profit organization.

Destination ImagiNation is an educational program in which student teams solve open-ended Challenges and present their solutions at Tournaments. Teams are tested to think on their feet, work together and devise original solutions that satisfy the requirements of the Challenges. The Challenges change each year and they range from highly technical to highly theatrical. This allows students with different talents to take advantage of the program. Participants gain more than just basic knowledge and skills—they learn to unleash their imaginations and take unique approaches to problem solving.

As each school year rolls around, all Plattsmouth middle and high school students are invited to form a team of up to 7 members and take on one of the new DI Challenges. This year's challenges range from creating a movie trailer to building a structure that weighs less than 50 grams but is able to hold up to 1200 pounds. The team members are expected to show responsibility by keeping their grades up, completing homework assignments on time, and by being excellent role models for their peers.

Through the years, Plattsmouth students have developed a strong tradition of excelling in the Destination ImagiNation program. The students have made it to the state finals every year since 1990. Those teams that win at the state level earn the opportunity to compete at Global Finals. At Global Finals, teams from around the world come together in Knoxville, Tennessee to perform their Challenge solutions.

In 1993, Plattsmouth sent its first state champion to the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals in Ames, Iowa. Since 1999, Plattsmouth has been successful in sending one or more teams to the Global Finals every year. The teams have also consistently placed in the top 10 at these global competitions. In 2006 and 2007, one of our high school teams had back-to-back 3rd place finishes at Globals.



L to R: Jayme Harmelink, Mattie Cox, Abbie Hall, Katie Lusch, Katie Hall, and coach Ashley Classen

The Photo is a DI team from 2011, below is an example of a task they had to complete for competition.

They were fairies in their skit that had the following requirements: Design and build a Structure made only of Aluminum Foil, Wood and Glue, Test how much weight the Structure will hold, Present a Story about a character that is Foiled and Integrate team-written Verse and published Verse into your Story

Throughout the school year, the teams must also work on raising funds to cover expenses for the state and global competitions. (The Global Finals trip costs approximately \$1000 per team member.) The teams have worked concessions, sold candy bars and coupon books, held dances, and waited tables at the alumni luncheon to help offset their costs. Many of you have probably purchased some of these items or made donations to the program and for that the DI teams thank you!

The Destination ImagiNation regional competition will be held at Plattsmouth High School on March 31, 2011. So, mark your calendar and stop by to check out how the teams from eastern Nebraska solve this year's challenges. If you would like to know more about the program, or if you are interested in being a judge for one of the challenges, contact Wanda Wiemer at Plattsmouth Community Middle School.

The Alumni Association would like to ASK you to consider contributing to the Plattsmouth DI team efforts. If you are able to help, you can contact Wanda Wiemer at Plattsmouth Community Middle School directly OR you can also send a donation to the Alumni Association at P. O. Box 283 in Plattsmouth, we will get it to the right place. Make it out to the POPS Foundation, Designate it to the DI team in the memo space. You will receive a receipt from the non-profit education foundation for your taxes.

**THE PLATTSMOUTH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IS
SEEKING INDIVIDUALS
TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE HIGH
DISTINCTION OF 'ALUM OF THE YEAR'**

If you know of someone who is a PHS Alum and has made significant contributions to the betterment of their community, please nominate them for this honor.

The nominator should submit a biographical statement of the nominee, to include a brief family history and accomplishments the individual has made during their life since graduation (please state year of graduation). The nominator must submit a brief statement explaining why they have nominated this individual.

Nominations may be sent to
Plattsmouth Alumni Association
c/o Alum of the Year Committee
P.O. Box 283
Plattsmouth, NE 68048



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All School Banquet**

**May 26, 2012
Watch the for reservations in the
March 2013 Newsletter.**

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_____ Enclosed is my **annual membership fee of \$5.00 per person** for the Plattsmouth Alumni Association.

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