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### PETE HILL, CLASS OF 1948, NAMED 2016 ALUM OF THE YEAR



One of the highlights of the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual All School Alumni Banquet was the introduction of the 2016 Alum of the Year, John Hill.

John Edward Hill was born in Omaha, Nebraska but grew up in Plattsmouth at 624 North 11<sup>th</sup> Street. John, much better known as Pete, is a 1948 Plattsmouth High School graduate. He is the son of Robert and Sylvia (Noble) Hill. The Noble family lived in Plattsmouth for many years. His aunts, Golda Noble Wiles and Fern Noble McMaken were life long residents. His sister Sharon Hill Witt is a 1946 PHS graduate along with a host of cousins who graduated from Plattsmouth. During high school Pete participated in football, basketball, and track. He was the 1948 Class Treasurer. Pete's best friends from high school were Jimmy Alkire, John Johnson, and Gil Peterson. Pete was reluctant to repeat his favorite High School story but did share that his favorite teacher was Joe York.

Following High School graduation, Pete attended Omaha University (UNO). Pete served his country in the Nebraska National Guard. He followed his father Bob into the trucking business. Pete worked at Union Freightways, Boss Truck Lines and managed Sioux Transportation. In 1973 Pete formed Hill Transportation and together with his four sons in 1986 he began Hill Brothers Transportation. Hill Brothers Transportation has served customers across the country in an efficient family-centered operation. They provide the best service in the trucking industry through hard work, dedication and innovative truck driving technology.

Pete is quick to tell us that his greatest legacy is his family. Pete has been married to LaRue for 64 years. They have seven children, 24 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren. Which speaks to the reasons he was a longtime Little League baseball coach, volunteer for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, a Sunday School teacher and a supporter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Pete is a family man who loves children, values education and wants every child to live to their fullest potential.

Pete's love for students and education is evident in his support for the Akulua Charter School in Molokai, Hawaii. In 2003 his good high school friend Gilbert Peterson enlisted his help in setting up a scholarship fund in honor of their favorite coach and business teacher, Joe York. Pete's guidance has been invaluable at making sure a fund based strictly on donations continues to meet the goals they intended. The first scholarship was awarded in 2004 and to date 13 young PHS graduates have collectively been awarded \$8000.00 in college scholarships.

Pete loves Plattsmouth, his memories of high school, and living in this wonderful community. He told the crowd he felt very honored as he graciously accepted his award surrounded by a large number of his family.



### **CLASS NOTICES**

**1971** - Join your classmates for two days of reminiscing and reconnecting during the Plattsmouth Harvest Festival - September 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> **Friday**, September 9, 2016: meet at the Buccaneer Bay Clubhouse. (3200 Buccaneer Blvd, Plattsmouth). Social Hour and Dinner. **Saturday**, September 10, 2016: Meet at Ruback's (648 1<sup>st</sup> Ave) at 5:00 to board our float for the Harvest Festival Grand Parade! After the parade head to Lynn Vinduska's barn for more food and fun. **HOW TO HELP**, Join Facebook Class of '71 page for updates; Spread the word; Send your e-mail address to r.titshaw@gmail.com; Call 402-708-7951 with questions.

**1976** - PHS Class of 1976's 40<sup>th</sup> reunion will, "Celebrate a different kind of Homecoming!" Let's cheer on the Blue Devils in conjunction with the Alumni Association's Homecoming "Post Game Celebration" on September 30, 2016! Starting at 8:00pm or following the game, at St. John's Gym for Music, Food, Cash Bar and Reminiscing! Fill out the reservation form in this Alumni Newsletter. Check out https://www.facebook.com/groups/40thPHS1976/ for details.

**1986** - The dates for the Class of 1986  $30^{\text{th}}$  class reunion will be September 9 & 10. Save the Date postcards were mailed out in April. Join the Plattsmouth HS 1986 page on Facebook for additional information.

### 2016 HONOR CLASSES



75 YEARS CLASS OF 1941

Verona Toman Petereit



#### 50 YEARS—CLASS OF 1966

Back (L to R) Larry Arends, Joe Aschenbrener, Pam Cherry Aschenbrener, Vicky Lepert Baltensperger, Bonnie Welstead Block, Mike Bowman, Clarence Bratton, Suzi Haith Calder, Dick Church, Nancy Keil Combs, **4th Row (L to R)** Pam Endelicato Dortmunt, Darrel Draper, Linda Ballinger Erickson, Dale Fogelstrom, Cindy Greenwood Fuller, Linda Bowman Glup, Carl Glup, Linda Arends Guthrie, Gloria Dasher Harris, Debbie Kalasek Jackson, **3rd Row (L to R)** Richard Hild, Dale Johnson, Wes Jordan, Dennis Keil, Ken Meisinger, Phil Meisinger, Alice Bobenmoyer Miller **2nd Row (L to R)** Joe Shown, Connie Rylander Maberry, Dick Osterholm, Jim Peterson, MaryJo Lebens Peterson, Betty Delaney Randol, Kathy Stapp Renner, George Sachs, Rod Shropshire, Dick Spangler, Susan Evers Spangler, Don Story, **Seated (L to R)** Tye Finney, Gary Thiede, Jeri Payton Thiede, Tanis Baldwin Thornton, Marlene Buchholz Watson, Bill Wehrbein, Genene Nolte Westerhoff, Gary Wilson

# **2016 Honor Classes**



**70 YEARS—CLASS OF 1946** Alyce Roberts Green & Dee Smith Gall



**65 YEARS - CLASS OF 1951** (L to R) Liz Matney Holman, Dean Meisinger Dorothy Hild Meisinger, Art Newburn, Alvera Haase Tschirren



#### 60 YEARS CLASS OF 1956

Back (L to R) Sally Amato Barrett, Dean Biles, Beverly Sullivan Ebersole, Cecelia Forbes England, R.L. (Butch) Furse, Bill Gansemer, **Middle (L to R)** Janice Wiles Freeburg, Beverly Sprieck Hirz, Barbara Lanum Krejci, Nancy Painter, Don Parriott, RoseMary Nelson Reeves, Jeanine Newton Rhea, Shirley Eledge Shea, Nancy Siemoneit Teague, **Seated (L to R)** Brenda Ofe Todd, June Wagner, Karen Jacobs Weaver, Herman Weber, Roger Wehrbein, Phyllis Martin Williams

# **2016 Honor Classes**





55 YEARS— CLASS OF 1961

Back (L to R) Susan Petereit Dellinger, Janice O'Donnell Farris, Rose Marie Gochenour Ficklin, Herbert Gawehn, Cecil Gerdes, Carol Ann Spangler Gray, Joyce Buechler Heim Front (L to R) Sharon Lockhart Jenkins, Bonnie Roberts Keefe, Linda Ramge Lewis, Janice Morris Moore, Della Diggs Sullivan, Carl Tiekotter 40 YEARS-CLASS OF 1976

Cindy Macrander Wohlfarth Jodi McKnight Traut Sharon Dietrich Russell

### 2016 - PHS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE Dr. Rebecca Fahrlander '67

Rebecca Fahrlander is the daughter of the late Raymond & Frieda <sup>'26</sup> (Ulrich) Fahrlander of Plattsmouth. Her late sister, Judith Fahrlander was a PHS Class of 1957 alum. Following her 1967 high school graduation Rebecca graduated with a B.A., *summa cum laude* from Bellevue College in 1972, followed by an M.A. in 1976 from the University of Nebraska, Omaha and ultimately a Ph.D. from UNO in 1980. As a Social Psychologist, Dr. Fahrlander has had a long and varied career in research at the Center for Applied Urban Research at UNO and manager of a research department at Mutual of Omaha Companies. In her research and as a professor in the Psychology and Sociology Departments at UNO she has addressed issues of legislation and health care. Her own battle with cancer encouraged her to research and develop presentations and workshops on managing stress and cancer survivorship. In 2000 she was awarded The Spirit of Survivorship Award by the American Cancer Society for her courage and work in counseling, advising and encouraging cancer patients and survivors. In 2010 she received the Excellence in Teaching Award at UNO.

Dr. Rebecca Fahrlander is inducted into the Plattsmouth Hall of Fame for her dedication to the education of her students, her research, and counseling, in regard to an individual's education, their ability to overcome and survive life's challenges and her unselfish spirit of volunteerism in the community and around the world.

The public is invited to the induction ceremony on Friday, August 26, 2016 at 1:00 P.M. in the PHS Auditorium with a reception to follow. Contact Shaun Brothers at 402-296-3322 or sbrothers@pcsd.org for dinner reservations or questions.







## n the Plattsmouth Alumni Association and Friends for a Homecoming Post Game Party

Friday, September 30, 2016 8:00 PM - 11:30 PM

# St. John's School Gymnasium 500 S. 18th Street—Plattsmouth, NE

Cost: \$10.00 per person (advance ticket price) (Tickets will be \$15.00 at the Door) (price includes food and music - cash bar)

Tickets may be purchased at the Plattsmouth High School, McKnight Family Dental, Harvey Funeral Home or Headquarters 4 Hair (Meridee Gall Lucas<sup>'72</sup> - 402-296-3404 or 402-297-9620)

Don't miss this opportunity to join classmates and friends to Celebrate Plattsmouth's Homecoming!

(Registration below)

	Number Attending (\$10.00 per person) (Reservations must be received by September 26th)		
Mail to: Plattsmouth Alumni Assoc. P.O. Box 283, Plattsmouth, NE 68048 For questions call Sandy McKnight – 402-298-8513			
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Plattsmouth Alumni Association P.O. Box 283 Plattsmouth, Nebraska 68048

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## JOIN THE PLATTSMOUTH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FOR HOMECOMING 2016.

## 7:00PM - PHS VS. BLAIR BEARS BLUE DEVIL STADIUM

## 8:00 PM - ALUMNI AFTER PARTY ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL



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