

# BEAUMONT DIGEST

SUMMER 2014 EDITION- OUR 60<sup>th</sup> YEAR

**BEAUMONT CLASSES OF JANUARY and JUNE 1954  
SIXTIETH CLASS REUNION  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, SATURDAY, AUGUST 9 & SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2014**

Welcome fellow Beaumont High School Graduates of 1954 and guests. How can it possibly be sixty years since we graduated? What ever happened to Prom Magazine, Public School Stadium, the Arena, Sportsman's Park, the Browns, the Admiral, the Highlands, Chain of Rocks, the Parkmoor, Melrose Pizza, Sam the Watermelon Man, Famous-Barr, Stix, Poodle Skirts, Saddle Shoes with Bobby Socks, Boyd's, Threadneedle Shoes, Mr. B. Shirts, Levine Hats ("Like Hell It's Yours"), Studebaker's, Hudson's, and Packard's? How fortunate we are to have grown up during the time we did and graduated from Beaumont, the finest high school in the state of Missouri. And how blessed we are now to be able to come together again to celebrate that occasion and those times, renew old acquaintances and reminisce. Our reunion would not be complete without you. On behalf of our Reunion Committee we welcome you, and look forward to celebrating with you this weekend.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Friday 8/8/14** – The **Men of Beaumont** (MOB) and the **Ladies of Beaumont** (BG's), **all years** will have a combined Luncheon at Lombardo's (near the Airport). Beginning at 11:30 am, this event should be well attended by various years of Beaumont classes. The cost is \$13 (paid at the door) for Lunch and should be over by around 2:00 pm., but you can stay later. We will have a guest speaker, KMOX's Charlie Brennan who will talk about his book "Amazing St. Louis". 2014 is St. Louis' 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday so this should be an interesting look back. We will have Attendance Prizes. Thanks to all who donated & especially Jim & Joyce Greco for the paintings.

**Lombardo's Address** - 10488 Natural Bridge Rd., St. Louis, MO 314-429-5151

**Saturday 8/9/14** – Afternoon Get-together beginning at Noon for a Social hour, Sit Down Luncheon at 1:00 pm and Socializing until 4:00 pm. This will be held at the same place as our 55<sup>th</sup> (Spazio's ).

Cash Bar

Lunch Menu - Garden Salad w/choice of House Italian or Ranch dressing, Chicken Spedini or Cranberry Apple Pork Loin, Parmesan Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert, Ice Tea, Coffee & Water.

**Spazio's Address** - 12031 Lackland Rd. Creve Coeur, MO 63146 314-576-0400

**Sunday 8/10/14**– Informal gathering at the home of Don & Joan Hoelscher, beginning at 1:00 pm. You will have a chance to continue to reminisce and talk about our school days. You will also be able to see a large collection of Antique Cars, Trains, Pedal Cars, Models & a lot of other collectibles. Snacks will be provided.

**Hoelscher's Address** - 52 Waynesboro Ct., Weldon Spring, MO 63304, 636-939-9667

If you have any questions or information about any of our lost classmates please let us know, you may contact Don Hoelscher 636-939-9667, email [dhoelsch@mail.win.org](mailto:dhoelsch@mail.win.org) or visit our BHS 1954 web site at <http://bhs1954.tripod.com> The Men of Beaumont (MOB) also has a website, <http://mob61.tripod.com> and the Beaumont Girls (BG's) also have a website, <http://bgsmo.tripod.com/>

Welcome to the following Classmates who join us to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our graduation.

### January Classmates

Jerry Bess  
Joe Cardinale  
Alyce Clark Quillman  
Carol Dean Demsky  
Jerry Easterwood  
Bette Feeney Constantin  
Charline Gilliland Moeller  
JoAnn Jansing Thomas \*  
Michael Kenski  
Joyce Kleine Coughlin  
Brock Lutz  
Carol McCullen Kahrhoff  
Eleanor McAdams Preston  
Carolyn Mohrman Wencher \*  
Kathleen O'Neil Schwartz  
Anthony Pentino  
Norma Jean Swope Downey  
Peggy Vaal Oberts \*  
Wilma Whipple Sitzer

### June Classmates

Nadine Adams Oestereich  
Barbara Askins O'Halloran  
Violet (Vi) Baker Hennen  
Barbara Bell Pearce \*  
Carolee Binder Hermann \*  
Beverly Briegleb Perez  
Mary Jean Burgette Schwabauer  
Gwen (Pat) Burggrabe Werner  
Jane Burke Fagus  
Vincent Calamia  
Virginia Callis Elm  
Barbara Copeland Hood/Wolf  
Gary Dammer  
Charles (Pete) Davis  
Elaine Dawson Lochman  
John (Jack) Eichacker  
Edward Ellerbrake  
Karl Erselius \*

\* 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion Committee

### June Classmates continued

Donald Fuhrig  
Donald Hansard M.D.  
Kenneth W. Herbold  
Donald Hoelscher \*  
Kenneth Hohl  
Shirley Kelle Goerss  
Norma Kuebler  
Viola Lorberg Bohn  
Joan McDonald Kiso  
Scott L. Scholle \*  
Ronald Schrader  
Roberta Schulte Britton  
Joyce Soellner Wiley  
Ed Steenbergen's wife Kathy  
Alan Stricker  
Mary Ann Syberg  
Richard O. Thompson  
Florence Turnbough Botkin  
Robert Vogler  
Archie Wayne

### Other Classmates

Judy Anderson Ricks ('55)  
Charlotte Faerber McAdams ('49)  
Ray Furlong ('56)  
Laverne Herbold Brand ('58)  
Mathew Hermann ('55)  
Joan Beiter Hoelscher ('55)  
Harriette Lee Wayne ('55)  
Marvin McAdams ('54)  
George Neff ('55)  
Russ Oestereich ('55)  
Midge Rathert Bueltmann ('55)  
Phyllis Smith Fuhrig ('56)  
Carl Wencker ('49)  
Warren Werner ('53)

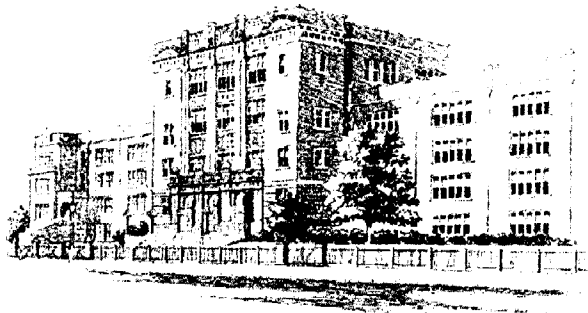
With the last class graduating this year, 2014, the Men of Beaumont would be remiss if we did not pause a moment to Toast the many thousands of Alumni that once graced the halls of the best high school in the city of St. Louis. From that first class in 1926 to the last class in 2014 we salute each and every one of you, for you are the great legacy of Beaumont High School.

So to all the young men and women who attended the greatest school in the city of St. Louis from the Men of Beaumont we offer this Toast to you.

To the memories of years past to the students, athletes, and friends you were. Everything that happened at Beaumont played its part in shaping you, Remember the youth you once were. Honor those who taught and encouraged you. Remember old friends those with you still, and those who are no longer. Fellow BLUE JACKET, a toast to your younger selves – their activities, their plans, and their promise. Always remember with gratitude their part in making you who you are today." And always remember once a "BLUE JACKET" always a "BLUE JACKET"

Written by Jim Greco - Class of 1953

BEAUMONT HIGH SCHOOL



Beaumont Buzzings  
By Helen Wilson & Harold Duke

Gads!! Here it is, the whole job left up to us now that Pat Doty and Brock Lutz have left. We know the Beaumont crowd is wishing success to Pat at Harris Teachers College and the same to Brock at Missouri U. . . . We know something of what has been going on at B.H.S. but we don't think all of you do, so we'll try to clue you in. . . . Francine Coffey was recently elected queen of the Blue and Gold Prom. Congratulations, Fran. . . . Congrats are also in order for the new officers of the Student Council. They are president, Ron Toth; vice-president, Janet Cooper; secretary, Barbara Killoren, and treasurer, Art Muegler. . . . A few more "wheels" who should be mentioned about now are the mighty "8's" class officers who are president, John Gillham; vice-president, Rose Ann Titz; secretary, Judy Brunkhorst; treasurer, Bill Woodard; Caduceus correspondent, Carolee Binder, and Digest correspondent, Ray Bryant. . . . Latest sports flashes include the recent D.A. tournament in which Beaumont placed second, losing only to C.B.C. in the final championship game, 50-57. At the end of this tournament Coach Stanton's team held a 14-5 all-season record. The crazy mixed-up ball handlers of this year's squad are: Don Costello, Ron Flood, Rich Rogers, Art Muegler, Tom Hendricks, Don Sullivan, Fred Henger, Brian Spooner, Rich Krueger, Larry Goudy, Leroy Thomas, Frank Bueltmann, Bob Leonard, Bob Gehner, Leo Devere, and Jim Nicholson. Those who graduated in January were Tom Davis and Bob Prince. . . . Well, we guess it's time to close our first article. So until next month at the same time, these are your new Prom reporters signing off. . . . SNIPS\*: Marilyn Stanley, Erlaine Brewer, Lois Kassing, Judy Jacobsmeyer, Ken Kotteman, Bill Wecker.

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By Helen Wilson & Harold Duke

In case you are one of the few who didn't attend the recent Cinder-Rama Dance and are wondering who the Track Queen is, we would like to congratulate her now. She is Queen Janet Cooper, a seventh term and the prominent veep of the Student Council. Carol Fick, Charlotte Gee, Nancy Phillips, and Annette Northcutt were the other candidates. The cool music for this Student Council shindig was presented by our own Melody Makers under the direction of Mr. Young. Congrats to them for a job well done. . . . Jackie Eddington had the members of the sevens' class at her home recently for a small get-together. Those attending included Sid Hendricks, Sue Austin, George Harris, Charlotte Gee, Ken Davis, Carol Nemeth, Bruce Yoder, Judy Anderson, John Schwiete, Carol Sallman, Jack Cothran, Connie Palermo, and Phyllis Whites. . . . Seems the senior's grades are all in now, so they can breathe a lot easier—when they have time to breathe. A final whirlwind of activities was started May 21, by the Cactus Carnival. In the midst of recuperating from the square dancing and popcorn balls, came the Faculty Tea, May 28. . . . Ouch! Hey! Watch my sunburn! These are the remarks usually heard after a picnic, and everyone's waiting to hear what the seniors have to say after June 9. Next in line will come the prom, June 11, at Norwood Hills Country Club. Hmmm! Wonder who will be the prom Queen? Soon following, those beautiful caps and gowns will be worn for the first time on Class Day, June 14. The Class Day exercises will be followed by a luncheon and a party. Then at long last, the goals of many will be filled by Graduation, which will be held in the Beaumont auditorium. Here's wishing good luck to all you grads in whatever you do. Well that about wraps things up for this Prom issue so, 'bye now. See you in July's edition of Prom.

Beaumont Buzzings  
By Helen Wilson & Harold Duke

Greetings and salutations to all you wonderful readers. Here we are again to spread the recent B.H.S. gossip. . . . Word has it that our highly-rated basketball team won the Regional Tournament held at Washington U. by defeating a strong Sumner team in the finals, 62-55, and thus earned a place in the State tournament. At State, we drew Cape Central in the first game, and they proved to be the toughest opponents because they edged us out, 49-44, and went on to become the 1954 State champs. . . . Under the direction of Mr. John Young, the school band and orchestra gave a very fine concert on March 19. Congrats to everyone participating for making it such a big success. . . . Should needy but brilliant students be educated at public expense? This is the question to be debated April 29, on the KKOK Junior Town Meeting of the Air by affirmative speakers Susan Sarkisan and Robert Fabian, and negative speakers Marie Tjoflat and Warren Hoffman. . . . The Pepperettes are busily planning their annual Mother and Daughter party to be held April 23. Here's wishing them another big success. . . . Another party to be noted at this time is the Senior party, which was held April 2. Fun was had by all who attended. . . . League baseball opened April 5 when the Jackets met Soldan-Blewett. The track season will be highlighted this month by the team's participation in the Maplewood Relays April 24. . . . Well, gang, that's about all for now, so good-bye till next issue. Be good. . . . SNIPS\*: Nancy Ayo, Betty Huntington, Bunny Sparks and Donald Conroy.



Our following Classmates are no longer with us. The relationships and influence they had on us will always be remembered and cherished.

**January Classmates**

**January Classmates cont.**

**June Classmates cont.**

Vito Bono  
Roland Bueneman  
Maxine Burnett  
Lois Clark  
Jo Ann Coose Davis  
Gwen Cross  
Dorothy Daniels  
Robert Deposki  
Sandra Deuser  
Patricia Ann Doty Reynolds  
Donald E. Fister  
Richard Follis ('53)  
Elmer (Al) Griner  
Lois Hartman Boutin  
James Hayes  
Oliver Heuer  
Velda Hollenbaugh Cater  
Phillip Indermark  
Mary Kochbeck Tohtz  
James Korman  
Margaret Lochmann  
Catherine McGinnity  
Fred Meyer  
Fred Muth  
Margeret Orton  
Mary Palerlmo  
Richard Pelton  
Joseph Rathert  
John (Jack) Ricks  
John Saputo  
Bob Schneider  
Shirley Schnider Schneider  
Mary Schwab Morovitz  
Donald Siewing  
Beverly Suedemeyer  
Edwarda Thomure Calvin

Bob Thompson  
Barbara Tischer Barr  
Clifford Tohtz

**June Classmates**

Donald Adams  
Bob Atkinson  
Shirley Austin  
Fred Bauer  
Marjorie Birk Adams  
Jane Bloss Lynch  
Joann Bohn Prince  
Roger Bohn  
Lois Bolbecher  
Don Briscoe  
Ethel Bruch Merry  
Ray Bryant  
Rose Byerly Rabbitt  
Joyce Comer  
Jack Crawford  
Jack Doran  
William Dueing  
Robert Fabian  
Margaret Fenton  
Shirley Fischer  
Frances Freesmeier  
Nothslie  
Wayne Froeschner  
Dolly Furlong Dunn  
Jack Gleuck  
Marie Grupe McGaven  
David Hagen  
Ronald Harrison  
Forrest Hartley ('53)  
Lorraine Hartman Hanebrink  
Donald Hollowell  
Carol Hopkins Massarand  
Carol Huddleston Wood

Shirley Hutton Knight  
Harold Johnson  
Robert Joslin  
Lois Kassing Lawrence  
Sharon Kelly  
Jack Kennebeck  
Betty Lafser Meyer  
Beverly Lange Rinehart  
Mary Allene Moloney Sullivan  
Paul Martin  
Bruce McClain  
John Mullen  
Jeanne Ochsenknect  
Callahan  
Delores Ofstein Rubenstein  
Marilyn Peach Collett  
Anthony Perrone  
Mary Petrises Labis  
Loretta Pokorney Gallaher  
Nick Potsos  
Bob Prince  
Leonard Rieker  
William Riley  
Norman Rosenkoetter  
Doreen Sarar Adelmann  
Ethel Schneider Kreuztrager  
Lynn Siekman Weber  
Arline Skelly Flacke  
Edward Steenbergen  
Anthony Vaccaro  
Clarence Warhoover  
Shirley Weissenborn Sneed  
Tom Wiber  
Mary Wilson Orr  
Pat Woods Heald  
Ray Wright  
Yvonne P. Ziegler Nuzzo

Unfortunately we have been unable to contact the following Classmates. If you know of their whereabouts please let one of the members of your Reunion Committee know.

**January Classmates**

Bell, Norman  
Binford, Shirley  
Boucher, Sandra  
Bynum, Charlyne  
Caldewe, Joan  
Canada, William  
Clark, Lois  
Corn, Virginia  
Cross, Gwen  
Dace, Juanita  
Ellegood, Harold  
Follis, Richard  
Frank, Robert  
Gerecht, Harold  
Grossman, Ely  
Heller, August  
Hickman, Jean  
Hicks, Dale  
Hightower, Ronald  
Hite, William  
Howell, Joyce  
King, Virginia  
Klockenbrink, Jo Ann  
Koenen, Carol  
Leverton, Jackie  
Long, Darrell  
McCarthy, Ray  
McChesney, Helen  
Moore, Miriam  
Murphy, Sharon  
Nicholas, Gary  
Oakes, Joyce  
Sewell, Bob  
Shaw, Marilyn Marie  
Spradling, Lee Roy  
Thompson, John  
Toorigan, Ed  
Topping, William  
Warden, Douglas  
Warmbold, Charlanne  
Weise, John

**June Classmates**

Anderson, Etta  
Arnold, Harold  
Babinsky, Joan (Bell)  
Beck, Dorothy  
Boswell, Patricia  
Bumpus, Jerry  
Caen, Kenneth

**June Classmates cont.....**

Candila, Mary  
Collins, Bonnie (Ozdil)  
Collins, John  
Combs, Vernon  
Connors, Florence  
Corder, Troy  
Crandall, Patricia (Opfer)  
Crafton, Jerrold  
Davis, Donald  
Davis, Juanita  
DeVine, Norma Jean  
Diedrich, Margaret  
Eads, Norma (Malone)  
Edwards, Joan  
Erbe, Sharon  
Fanning, James  
Fehr, Thelma  
Fischer, William  
Fletcher, June  
Garver, Barbara  
George, John  
Gola, Louis  
Greenberg, Marvin  
Hagler, Peggy Ann (Hightower)  
Hall, David  
Hart, Patsy  
Hartmann, Robert F.  
Haworth, James  
Haworth, Jean  
Hicks, David  
Hock, Wesley  
Hoffman, Harriet Pat  
Humes, Ronald  
Jones, Treasure Ann  
Keller, Richard H.  
Kelly, Billy Lee  
Killoren, Barbara (Concannon)  
King, Shirley  
Klasener, James  
Klein, Joan (Craighead)  
Kraft, Carl  
Langraf, Nancy  
Lankford, Lora  
Laney, Lucille  
Little, Peggy  
Locke, Joan  
Marshall, James R.

**June Classmates cont....**

Moeller, Jerry  
Moloney, Mary Allene  
Nauert, Lois  
OBrien, Dixie  
OLaughlin, Elizabeth  
Outland, Ronald  
Purcell, Carolyn  
Purdie, Lois  
Ragusa, Rose  
Rankin, Vivian  
Redstone, Jane (Smith)  
Reed, Mary Lou  
Rieker, Leonard  
Ross, Emily  
Sander, Prudence  
Schaefer, Wanda (Hellmann)  
Schacklin, Margaret  
Scheurer, LaVerne (Waldorff)  
Schneiderheinz, Paul  
Schuette, Patricia  
Seago, Robert  
Sheehan, Francis  
Shotwell, Richard  
Siemeister, Carol Ann (Heberer)  
Sims, Shirley  
Stanley, Marilyn (Schultheis)  
Stillman, Mildred  
Stukenbrock, William  
Swigart, Ted  
Thompson, Richard W.  
Tjoflat, Marie  
Turrentine, Geraldine  
Wallis, Dale  
Waltman, Bobby  
Weible, James  
White, Joan  
Whitewell, Dale  
Wibbing, Barbara  
Wills, Dorothy (Beaty)  
Wilson, Helen  
Wilson, Joan  
Woodard, Bill  
Woods, Shirley

Historical and Interesting Events for Year 1954, do you remember?

- Rose & Cotton Bowl are 1st sport colorcasts
- Elvis Presley pays \$4 to a Memphis studio & records his 1st two songs, "Casual Love" & "I'll Never Stand in Your Way"
- Jacques Cousteau's 1st network telecast airs on "Omnibus" (CBS)
- 1st gas turbine automobile exhibited (NYC)
- USS Nautilus, the first nuclear-powered submarine, launched on the Thames, Connecticut.
- BPAA All-Star Tournament won by Don Carter
- Ground breaking begins on Disneyland
- Pres Eisenhower reports detonation of 1st H-bomb (done in 1952)
- Eisenhower warns against US intervention in Vietnam
- 6th Emmy Awards: I Love Lucy, Donald O'Connor & Eve Arden win
- In spring training, baseballer Ted Williams breaks his collarbone
- Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts, announces the first successful kidney transplant
- 1st newspaper vending machine used (Columbia Pennsylvania)
- 1st shopping mall opened in Southfield, Mich
- 26th Academy Awards - "From Here to Eternity" best film, William Holden & Audrey Hepburn best actor/actress
- RCA manufactures 1st color TV set (12½" screen at \$1,000)
- 18th Golf Masters Championship: Sam Snead wins, shooting a 289
- Bill Haley & Comets records "Rock Around Clock"
- Milwaukee Braves' Hank Aaron's plays his 1st game
- Stanley Cup: Detroit Red Wings beat Montreal Canadiens, 4 games to 3
- Bell labs announces 1st solar battery (NYC)
- 80th Kentucky Derby: Raymond York aboard Determine wins in 2:03
- 80th Preakness: Johnny Adams aboard Hasty Road wins in 1:57.4
- 86th Belmont: Eric Guerin aboard High Gun wins in 2:30.8
- Stan Musial hits 5 HRs in a doubleheader
- Roger Bannister of Britain breaks 4 minute mile (3:59:4)
- Indianapolis 500: Bill Vukovich wins in 3:49:17.261 (210.567 km/h)
- 1st microbiology laboratory dedicated (New Brunswick NJ)
- Pres Eisenhower signs order adding words "under God" to the Pledge
- Rocky Marciano beats Ezzard Charles in 15 for heavyweight boxing title
- Cards' Joe Cunningham hits 2 HRs for record 3 HRs in his 1st 2 days
- B-52A bomber made its maiden flight
- KMOX (now KMOV) TV channel 4 in Saint Louis, MO (CBS) 1st broadcast
- Pres Eisenhower put forward a plan for an interstate highway system
- Patty Berg wins LPGA World Golf Championship
- "Sports Illustrated" magazine begins publishing
- KETC TV channel 9 in Saint Louis, MO (PBS) begins broadcasting
- 1st nuclear submarine, USS Nautilus, commissioned under Commander Eugene P. Wilkinson
- Steve Allen's "Tonight Show" premieres on NBC
- "Star is Born" starring Judy Garland & James Mason premieres
- Dwight D. Eisenhower pledges United States support to South Vietnam
- Walt Disney's 1st television program, "Disneyland," premieres on ABC
- Nobel prize for literature awarded to Ernest Hemingway
- Philadelphia A's move to Kansas City
- Air Force One, 1st US Presidential airplane, christened
- The first Burger King is opened in Miami, Florida
- "The Shadow," airs for last time on radio
- Average Prices in 1954
  - Car: \$1,950
  - House: \$17,500
  - Gas: \$0.29
  - Bread: \$0.17
  - Gallon of Milk: \$0.92
  - Stamp: 3 cents