



ROUGH RIDER

Recall

Spring 2008

From the President

It is amazing how fast time flies. It seems as if it was just a short time ago that I was writing an article for the "Recall" welcoming a new principal and looking forward to the new school year. Now the end of a school year is in sight and our principal, Kathie Danielson, is a seasoned Roughrider.

The fall R-Party was a huge success, thanks to the countless hours of many volunteers, especially the entire Stetson family who organized and chaired the event. I encourage you to attend future R-Parties, as they are a wonderful celebration of Roosevelt High School.

anonymous donor. Although there is nothing that can replace lost loved ones, it is nice to know that they will not be forgotten.

I would also be remiss if I did not thank the many Roosevelt alumni and friends who give of their time, their talent, knowledge and, yes, their money for the continued growth of Roosevelt. Roosevelt is and will continue to be one of the premier high schools in our nation.

Marcia Freese ('69), President

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We are looking forward to recognizing and welcoming new members into the Roosevelt Hall of Fame in April and to the fun Rider Cup Golf Outing in May. The scholarship committee has been actively raising money for Dollars for Scholars scholarships as well as continuing to increase the number of scholarships awarded by the foundation.

On a sad note, we lost several young Roosevelt alums this past year. It is particularly hard when we lose young people who had so much to contribute to life and loved ones. Meggie Malm was one such person. In her name, two memorials have been created. One memorial is with the Capital Campaign and donations are going to the athletic commons area. The other memorial is the Meggie Malm Memorial Scholarship established by an

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Principal's Letter

Dear Roosevelt Friends,

It has only taken me a semester to catch the Roughrider spirit and extol the benefits of receiving a Roosevelt High School education. As I visit classrooms; attend sports banquets and R Parties; meet with the PTA, SBC, Foundation Board, Band and Music Booster Clubs; view the fall musical, winter orchestra, band and vocal music concerts; watch football, track, basketball, volleyball, swimming, wrestling and work with committed staff, enthusiastic students and loyal parents, I am proud to be the principal of this great school!

This grand 1922 structure still looks magnificent from Polk Boulevard; however, I am grateful that renovation will begin in the summer of 2009 so we can provide a 21st century education to future graduates. It is not just about fresh paint, new windows and air conditioning. It's about wiring an 86 year old building and teaching students the technological skills they will need as workers and citizens in tomorrow's global economy. It's also about updating structures, schedules and practices that will complement the physical changes taking place. I have no doubt that with the support of this hard-working staff the community can make the meaningful changes that will meet the needs of every student.

It has not taken me long to understand the important role of the Foundation to the future of Roosevelt education. Alumni outreach, scholarships and the Hall of Fame are critical to celebrating individuals and sustaining programs. When you give to the Capital Campaign, you are contributing to Roosevelt becoming a model urban high school. Those funds will truly change the face of education in this place because they build new additions that allow us to put academics, fine arts and sports programs at a level that will give our students an edge in a very competitive world. Thank you for all you do for Roosevelt and please join us in our efforts!

Mrs. Kathie Danielson, Principal

Current Events



Left to right: David Hanson ('04) U.S. Naval Academy, Sam Lepley ('07) U.S. Naval Academy, Dan Hewins ('07) U.S. Military Academy, Caitlin Suttie ('06) U.S. Air Force Academy, Grant Hewins ('04) U.S. Military Academy, John Riemenschneider ('02) U.S. Military Academy, R.J. Rademacher ('01) U.S. Air Force Academy.

Roosevelt Grads Attend All-Academies Military Ball

by John Lepley ('68)

Seven recent Roosevelt graduates attended the 1st Annual Iowa All-Academies Military Ball on December 28, 2007, at the West Des Moines Marriott. The Military Ball was attended by 200 Iowa friends, family and service academy attendees and featured Navy Cross recipient and Iowa native Sergeant Major Bradley H. Kasal, United States Marine Corps, as the speaker.

The United States service academies are very selective and Roosevelt High School has been well represented both in the past and in recent years.

We congratulate and thank all Roosevelt graduates over the years who have served our country in the military.

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Current Events *continued from page 2***Roosevelt's own "Music Man" passes away***by Mollie Smith Cooney ('71)*

Beloved band director to hundreds of TRHS students, Robert "Bob" Bagley died October 30, 2007, in Des Moines. He was 95 years old. Like the other 'music man,' Meredith Willson, Bob also was born in Mason City, Iowa, and went on to touch the lives of countless young people with his love of band music.



Bob received a B.A. in Music Education from Ithaca College, Ithaca, New York, and a master's degree in music from Drake University. He started his career as a band director in Rochester, New York. He returned to Iowa in 1939 to teach at Waverly High School.

In 1940, he and wife Naomi moved to Des Moines where he became band director at Callanan Junior High School and Roosevelt. He served in that position until 1973 when he taught at McCombs Junior High. He retired from teaching in 1977.

While he was at Roosevelt he took two years off to serve in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1943 to 1945. He also was an instructor at Drake University and was a member of the Des Moines Municipal Band from 1947 to 1976. He served as its director from 1953 to 1976.

According to his obituary in the *Des Moines Register*, "his heart was not only in performing on his trumpet, but in teaching young students to enjoy, appreciate and perform music. After retiring in 1977, Bob continued to find daily pleasure by playing his key board and trumpet, exemplifying his philosophy of music for fun."

Current TRHS band director Treg Marcellus adds some other interesting facts about Bob's career. He says Bob was good friends with Doc Severinsen

and one of the most famous trumpet players of all time, Rafael Mendez.

"I have some recordings of Doc and Rafael with the Roosevelt concert band in concert dating back into the '60s," Treg said. "The stories I hear say he (Bob) was one of the most beloved teachers here during his time at Roosevelt. He was invited to almost every class reunion as a guest and speaker."

One of Bob's former students, Jerry Jackson TRHS ('69), has fond memories of his days playing the trumpet in the band, starting at Hubbell Elementary.

"Mr. Bagley inspired several generations of musicians in his role at TRHS," Jerry says from his home in Los Angeles. "There was an eclectic mix of playfulness and discipline in his personality that colored my whole musical experience."

"His longtime friend, Rafael Mendez (often billed as the world's greatest trumpet player), would periodically come to TRHS and play day-long workshops that drew student trumpet players and many music teachers from around the state," Jerry recalled. "As a junior at TRHS, I had a childhood dream come true—playing in a trio with Mr. Bagley and Mr. Mendez."

"I was fortunate to know him not only as a teacher, but as a friend. Many lives, including mine, were elevated and enriched by Bob Bagley's presence."

Many grads who were in the TRHS band, Riderettes or Flag Cadets remember him with his loud speaker out in the heat, the cold, the rain and the snow, trying to get us to march and play at the same time without running into each other. And we have no doubt he's already got a band together, perhaps with the 'other' music man!

Roosevelt Commemorative Cookbook is in the Works!

Plans are underway for a commemorative cookbook celebrating all things Roosevelt. The project is in the very capable hands of Roosevelt alums Kim Samuelson ('75) and Cinda Shambaugh ('67). Both Kim and Cinda have much experience with writing and editing and currently work with *Cuisine at Home* magazine here in Des Moines.

At this time we invite all Roosevelt parents, alumni, staff and community members to submit recipes for the book. We cannot print all that we receive, but would love to see your favorite recipe. Please include any stories about the recipe and how it might relate to your experiences at Roosevelt. Please include the following information along with your recipe:

- Name
- Year of graduation or connection to Roosevelt
- Phone number
- Recipe name
- History of recipe or fond memory of Roosevelt

Deadline for recipes is June 1, 2008.

You may mail your recipe to:

Roosevelt Foundation Cookbook
4419 Center Street
Des Moines, IA 50312

or email them to

trhsrecipes@gmail.com

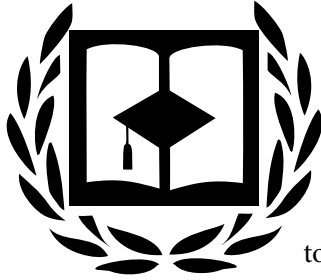
Banner Sale!

New girls' softball coach Lindsey Smith wants to dress up the field by having businesses buy banners to be placed on the fence. Interested parties can contact Cathy Mussett at catmuss@gmail.com for details.

Foundation News

Foundation Offers Two New Scholarships this Spring!

Two new named scholarships are available to Roosevelt students for the first time this spring: the Jennie Brody Memorial Scholarship and the Dr. Rodney L. Ausich Scholarship.



post-secondary instruction after a break in their education. Ruth's hope is that others who were inspired by Miss Brody's English class will also donate to this scholarship.

Roosevelt graduate Ruth Coder Fitzgerald ('62) offers a scholarship in memory of Roosevelt English teacher Jennie Brody for the many things she learned in her class at Roosevelt. One lesson learned from Miss Brody that Ruth will never forget is to carry a book wherever you go because you may have a few minutes to read. Ruth went on to the University of Missouri School of Journalism, graduating in 1966 with a B.J. The scholarship is for graduates of Roosevelt High School who are seeking

The Dr. Rodney L. Ausich Scholarship is our newest scholarship and is for a Roosevelt senior who plans to attend a four-year college/university, a two-year community college or a vocational or trade school. The applicant must have come to the United States as a refugee or have parents (or guardians) that legally immigrated as a refugee(s).

If you are interested in forming a named scholarship or donating to one that already exists, please contact Kim Purdy at (515) 279-5647.

Foundation Membership Continues to Grow!

Not quite two years ago the Roosevelt Foundation Membership and Marketing Committee launched a new membership program. Since that time more than 650 of you have provided annual membership gifts to the foundation. Your tax-deductible gifts have supported student programs and scholarships; continuing education grants for teachers; alumni and community outreach including newsletters, special events and Web site development, alumni reunion support and support for the renovation effort. Thank you to all of our new members and to those who continue to renew their memberships to the Roosevelt Foundation during the year. For more information on membership to the Roosevelt Foundation, please call Kim Purdy at (515) 279-5647 or email klpurdy@msn.com.

Is it Time to Renew Your Annual Membership?



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- \$10,000 Big Stick
- \$ 5,000 Foundation
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This gift is in honor/memory of (circle one)

Please contact me about a Named Scholarship opportunity

Please make checks payable to the Roosevelt Foundation and mail to:

Roosevelt Foundation
4419 Center Street
Des Moines, IA 50312

Thank You!

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Three Outstanding Hall of Fame Honorees to be Inducted

by Heather Soener

The Roosevelt Foundation Board of Directors recently selected the 2008 Hall of Fame Class. A celebration will be held on Thursday, April 17, 2008, to honor these distinguished alumni. Please check our Web site at www.trhsfoundation.org for future details. This year's inductees are the following:



James M. Collier

(TRHS 1956)

Upon graduating from Roosevelt in 1956, Jim attended Drake University for two years and then transferred to the University of Iowa, graduating with a bachelor's degree in English in 1960. Jim then spent three years in the Army and traveled in Europe during that time. After completing his tour

of duty, he received his teaching certificate from Drake and began teaching high school English in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1964. As Jim says, "Teaching Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar* to sophomores six times a day was easy, exciting and boring all at the same time."

Jim relocated to California where he spent the next 32 years teaching almost all grades and levels. Jim received a master's degree in education from Drake University in 1970 and pursued doctoral studies in the humanities at New York University and abroad in Paris and Japan. Jim also chaperoned high school students on month-long bicycle trips through Europe.

After retiring in 1999, Jim inherited money from his mother and stepfather and became an instant philanthropist. Jim relocated to Medford, Oregon, and has been a generous donor to organizations in Oregon, California, Kansas and especially Des Moines. In Jim's words, "This is not money that I earned, but it provides me with a wonderful opportunity to ensure that others have the types of cultural and educational opportunities that my mother made available to my brother and me."

Jim made a generous contribution to the Roosevelt marching band when their instrument trailer was stolen, and he has established a scholarship in honor of the Class of 1956. Jim is thrilled to be chosen as a Roosevelt 2008 Hall of Fame inductee.



Dr. Larry Dorr

(TRHS 1959)

Upon graduating from Roosevelt in 1959, Dr. Dorr attended Cornell College and graduated in 1963. He then attended the University of Iowa and received a pharmacology degree in 1965 and a medical degree in 1967. Since that time, Dr. Dorr has become one of the nation's top orthopedic surgeons. He is considered a world leader in hip and joint replacement surgery, an innovative researcher, a

teacher and a recognized humanitarian. Based on his research and experience performing procedures, he has helped design the artificial joints used by many doctors and hospitals. Dr. Dorr currently serves as the medical director of the Arthritis Institute at Centinela Freeman Regional Medical Center and at the Dorr Institute for Arthritis Research and Education Foundation. He also holds a clinical faculty appointment at the University of Southern California.

In 1995 Dr. Dorr founded Operation Walk, a nonprofit organization of doctors, nurses and physical therapists who volunteer to teach and perform joint replacement surgery in developing countries. In the 12 years since this organization began, Dr. Dorr and his colleagues have performed more than 350 knee and hip replacement surgeries for patients in Cuba, China, Nepal, Mexico, Peru and the Philippine Islands. Dr. Dorr received the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons' Humanitarian of the Year award in 2005.

Dr. Dorr lectures to other orthopedic surgeons several times a month about his philosophy and techniques. In his words, "Total joint replacement is tremendously effective in getting people back to being mobile, productive and not in pain." Dr. Dorr also credits his wife, Marilyn, with providing him the support necessary to pursue his career and become successful.

Myron Blank

(TRHS 1929) (Posthumous Induction)

Myron "Mike" Blank was a very involved student at Roosevelt, participating in plays, tennis, honor society and cheerleading, and he served as senior class president. Upon graduating in 1929, he attended the University of Michigan and received a degree in 1933. While at the University of Michigan, Myron met his wife Jackie, whom he married in 1935.



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Myron's father emigrated from Romania as an eight-year-old boy in 1879. He proceeded to build the Central States Theater Corporation, one of the largest movie theater businesses in the country. Myron joined the corporation in 1923 when he was 12 years old. Upon graduating from college, he worked closely with his father to develop the company. Myron is credited with the idea of serving popcorn in movie theaters. He worked to find the right oil and seed to produce a good smelling product with very few hulls. However, Myron is probably best known for his incredible philanthropic efforts in Des Moines and Iowa.

Myron and Jackie Blank have donated many millions of dollars to the Des Moines Blank Park Zoo, Blank Children's Hospital, Science Center, Des Moines Library, Youth and Shelter Services and scores of other organizations. In Myron's words, "It's a friendly community. We all appreciate what everybody does."

Myron was a humble, unassuming, abundantly generous human being who tremendously improved the quality of life for all citizens in Des Moines. He believed he should do well on behalf of others. Myron Blank will long be remembered for hard work and amazing generosity.



Left to Right: Mike Hubbell ('72), Kevin Grimm ('83), Sheryl Grimm ('84) and Debbie Hubbell



Supporters Raise \$55,000 Toward TRHS Renovation at R Party: 2nd Time Around

More than \$55,000 was raised to benefit the upcoming renovation of Roosevelt High School when more than 300 Roosevelt alums, parents, friends and neighborhood supporters came together at the Downtown Des Moines Marriott for the R Party: 2nd Time Around on Nov. 17, 2007.



Left to right: Nancy Bone ('55), Sue Reichardt ('48), Maria Elmquist ('68) and Paula Duncan ('55)

Left to right: Debbie Stetson and Shelly Cook ('77)

Proceeds from the R Party will support Roosevelt's renovation, scheduled to begin in 2009 and to be completed in 2012. The project will be funded by a combination of public and private monies. Roosevelt will receive more than \$28 million from the Des Moines Public School district for basic renovations, made possible through local option sales tax revenue. The additional private funds raised will fund desired improvements that tax dollars alone will not support.

The R Party activities included a cocktail reception and silent auction, dinner and a lively live auction, with guests vying for such packages as a great greens golf tour, Vikings football weekend, and Big Apple tour. Remarks by Dr. Larry Martindale, former Roosevelt principal; Kathie Danielson,

current principal; and Chuck Betts, Roosevelt Hall of Fame member, rounded out the evening.

The event was hosted by the Roosevelt High School Foundation and this year's co-chairs Roger, Shirley, Debbie, Shelly (Cook) and Kevin Stetson. A sincere thank you to the Stetsons for their commitment to this event over the last year.

Contributions toward the renovation and its many projects—such as improvements to the fine arts programs, athletic facilities, student commons area, media center and more—are welcomed by the school and can be made c/o the Roosevelt Foundation. To make a contribution, contact Kim Purdy, Administrative Director, Roosevelt Foundation, at klpurdy@msn.com or 515-279-5647.

Watch for details about R Party 2008!

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Ninth Annual ROUGH RIDER CUP is May 12, 2008!

Mark your calendars to join Roosevelt friends and alumni at the "home course," Waveland Golf Course, for another great year of golfing and fun.

Monday, May 12, 2008
1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start

Tickets for this four-person, best-shot event are \$135, which includes 18 holes, golf cart, tee prize and dinner. Guaranteed fun is thrown in free of charge!

Last year's golfers and sponsors raised more than \$20,000 for the Foundation and its scholarship efforts, grant programs and alumni events.

Contact Laura Leonard at leonardla@mchsi.com or Mark Craiger at mcraiger@pargondm.com for more information.

You may send your reservation and check payable to the Roosevelt Foundation to:

Rough Rider Cup
Roosevelt Foundation
4419 Center Street
Des Moines, IA 50312

Or log on: www.trhsfoundation.org
and buy your tickets on-line!

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Named Scholarships

The Roosevelt Foundation can help you establish a scholarship in your name or in memory of a family member!

For more information, please contact
Barb Godwin at
bgodwin@plymouthchurch.com



Ring! Alums and Community Members Pick-Up the Phone for Students

by Anna Nicolai, DFS Chair

For the sixth year in a row the Roosevelt community picked up the phone when Roosevelt students called during the annual Dollars for Scholars campaign!

The goal of the Dollars for Scholars program is to help defray education costs by raising scholarship funds for graduating seniors planning to continue their education. All Roosevelt seniors graduating in May of 2008 who plan to continue their education at a 4-year college, 2-year or junior college or vocational school may apply for Dollars for Scholars scholarships. A community-based Scholarship Award Committee scores the anonymous applications on a fair, non-discriminatory basis. Some of the criteria under consideration are need, merit and character.



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A big Rider thank you goes to Hy-Vee, Papa John's Pizza and to Roosevelt parents Peggy and Bart Warford, owners of the Windsor Heights Dairy Queen for their in-kind support of the phone-a-thon again this year. To all of you, who have given generously during the annual campaign, THANK YOU! For our alums not in the Des Moines area who would like to donate to Dollars for Scholars please mail your gift to the Roosevelt Foundation Dollars for Scholars, 4419 Center Street, Des Moines, IA 50312.

Teacher Profile

World Traveler Dick Treman Still Has Roots in Des Moines

by Mollie Smith Cooney ('71)

From the halls of Roosevelt to the jungles of Northern Thailand, Dick Treman has probably seen it all and lived to tell about it. He continues to prove that the world is a classroom and that learning continues well into retirement. We caught up with him in between his several 'jobs' to find out what this popular TRHS teacher has been up to since retiring in 2001.

Here is just a glimpse. He taught at Grand View College and Des Moines Area Community College. He owns and manages rental units in Des Moines and Scottsdale, AZ. He researches new investment opportunities and owns Travel Services Limited, a travel agency in downtown Des Moines.

Dick came to Roosevelt in the mid-'60s and taught economics and Asian studies.

"Teaching at Roosevelt was a privilege and a great experience," Dick says. "The quality of the students, faculty and the support of parents made my Roosevelt years most enjoyable."

He says his best years at TRHS were the decades of the '60s, '70s and '90s.

"During those years, staff and student morale was high; student achievements were high in the academics and extracurricular and there was strong administrative support," Dick says. "Through the strong leadership of Dr. Larry Martindale in the '90s, Roosevelt was able to restore the level of excellence that prevailed in earlier years."

Dr. Larry Martindale, principal of Roosevelt from 1994 to 2001 worked closely with Dick during those years.



Above: Dick Treman on a visit to Lhasa, Tibet in 2003. At left: Dick in Chiang Mai, Thailand.



He describes Dick as an excellent AP Economics teacher who cared deeply about the school and the greater

community Roosevelt serves. "One thing I really liked about Dick was his ability to cut to the chase and express himself clearly about those things he cared deeply about," Larry says. "He was always frank and honest with me and helped me a great deal during my principalship at TR. We both miss Roosevelt a lot and have fond memories of our days at TR. Dick continues to be one of the best supporters of Roosevelt within our community."

But Dick says by the time he retired, he noticed some changes in society that affected education.

"Due to the high cost of advanced

education, students were compelled to seek employment which affected academic preparation," he says. "In many cases, there was a decline in parental involvement as parents also had economic concerns."

He says students who ended their education after high school had an impact on the academic environment in many classes.

"This increased the stress level on the faculty and administration," he said. But he says even with new academic challenges, he would still recommend teaching as a career.

"It is enjoyable working with young students," Dick says. "It's rewarding to see academic progress. It stimulates teachers to advance professionally and it allows time for educators to travel and research their discipline."

Former students have high praise for Mr. Treman.

Teacher Profile *continued*

"I had him for AP Econ," says Chris Steele '99, a VP with Morgan Stanley.

"He was one of the most energetic, thorough and motivating teachers I ever had. I remember having a stock market club after school that got us as students thinking ahead about our futures. I would say he cares deeply for his students, Roosevelt and the community."

Bill Riley, Jr. ('75) still recalls and uses two of Dick's favorite sayings.

"The urge to merge, or the tendency for two companies that compete to get together to gain market control," Bill says, "and, the marginal man. The employee that stops adding to the overall profit of the company. Back in 1974 they hadn't heard of an illegal labor force!"

It's clear Dick's heart remains with TRHS. For the past year, he has been working on the Roosevelt Capital Campaign Steering Committee.

"This campaign is raising capital for the renovation of Roosevelt," Dick notes.

"Contributions for this worthy project will be greatly appreciated."

In addition to his classroom responsibilities, Dick says he enjoyed coaching the boys' tennis team for 13 years.

"I feel that tennis, worldwide, was at its peak in the '70s," Dick reflected. "For several years we have more than 1,000 fans attending the Roosevelt-Hoover match."

And for hundreds of other students, Dick will be remembered for coordinating those yearly trips to Europe.

"Our European trips visited 15 countries with a total enrollment of more than 2,500 students," Dick recalls. "We had many exciting and stressful experiences over the years, but most participants felt it was a trip of a lifetime."

"I could write a book on many of our experiences," he added. "But, I've always

said 'what goes on in Europe, stays in Europe'."

Bill Riley, Jr. says he was one of the fortunate ones to go to Europe for five weeks with the Foreign Study League.

"Dick was the driving force with that program. It was a wonderful trip that included communist Russia! Dick Treman is a good friend and was one of the most influential teachers in my life," Bill says. "I owe him a huge debt of gratitude."

Many might be interested to know Dick is working on a reunion overseas trip for former participants and family members. He says a committee has been formed which is working on an 'exciting' itinerary within the next two years. If you are interested, you can call him at 515-279-8507 or e-mail him at rdtrem@mchsi.com.

"I think its time for a reunion," Dick hints. "At least there would be no need for a curfew. Most of the group members would be in bed by 9:00 p.m.!"

Riders You Should Know**One of Roosevelt's oldest alums turns 100**

by Mollie Smith Cooney ('71)

In 1925, flagpole sitting became a national fad, Al Capone took over the Chicago bootlegging racket, Earl Wise invented the potato chip, Calvin Coolidge was President and Mary Katherine Allen graduated from Roosevelt High School!

"I just loved it," says Katie, who lives in Des Moines and celebrated her 100th birthday October 12, 2007. "It had excellent teachers!"

She now is a resident in the Health Care Center at Scottish Rite Retirement facility. She has lost her eye sight to macular degeneration but not her twinkling sense of humor and warm hospitality.

Katie was in the second graduating class

at TRHS, transferring from North High for her senior year when her parents bought a house on 47th Street.

"I made many new friends," she recalls.

But that wasn't the best part.

"My dad bought me a car for my senior year because he thought it was too far for me walk!" Katie says. "An Essex! I was an only child, you see."

After graduation, she went on to Drake University, earning a degree in history and English in 1929, and marrying fellow student John Montgomery in 1930. In fact, they met while she was still a student at North.



Katie Montgomery then and now

"There were three fellas sitting in this classroom," Katie recalls. "This one chap had on suspenders. I looked at him, and I said to my friends ...that's the man I'm going to marry!"

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After they were married, they lived with her parents for the next four years before renting and eventually owning several homes.

“John liked to move,” Katie says. They lived in Beaverville and on Cottage Grove before moving to Waterbury Road. They had two children, Johnny, TRHS class of 1953, and Julie, '56. Katie never worked outside the home but enjoys membership in various clubs including BWA (Business Women's Association) and PEO, Chapter Q, as well as Plymouth Congregational Church. Her husband had passed the bar and worked for America Fore Loyalty Insurance group.

Katie reflects on Des Moines' past and says it has changed, grown bigger and has overcome a lot of obstacles. She also remembers popular Des Moines stores that may ring a bell—Norman Cassidy's, D'Arcys, Wolf's, Davidson's Furniture, Ginsbergs and a department store Orankys's. She doesn't remember if her TRHS class ever had a reunion but she fondly remembers her friends. “They are all gone now,” Katie says sadly.

She has also lost her husband and son. Husband John died in 1999 at age 92 and son Johnny died in 2005. Daughter Julie and husband Lloyd Von Hagen live in Des Moines.

“I call Julie every morning,” Katie says. “We talk about ten minutes. Julie and Lloyd had a lovely party for my 100th birthday. We had more than 200 guests, and they all brought cards!”

She doesn't remember the last time she was in Roosevelt, but she was surprised when told there are more than a dozen different languages spoken in the halls.

“That was never in anybody's thoughts!” she says. “How can there be that many?”

She marvels at all the technological changes that have happened in her lifetime.

“Kind of overwhelming when you think about it, isn't it?” Katie says as she shakes her head.

Katie's home now is a small apartment-like room at Scottish Rite. Her daughter says her mother's health is good, but now her hearing is going, which frightens Katie because of her diminished eyesight.

She spends quite a bit of time listening to the radio and keeping up on current events. So, who does she think will win this year's election? Again, those twinkling eyes and big smile don her face.

“Ain't gonna answer!”

Happy 100th birthday, Katie Montgomery!

Alumni News

Do you Recognize?

Usually we're flooded with responses to this quiz, but maybe you were all on vacation when the Fall '07 issue came out.

Karen Cornish King was the first to correctly identify the photo of **Ann Wilson** ('77). Karen reports that she went to school with Ann's brother, **Dave Wilson**, and graduated in 1972. **Chris Irvine** was close behind with her correct response. And, finally, Kathy Dorff writes, “The young woman is Ann Wilson (Silvestrini), class of 1977. Though I didn't attend Roosevelt like my husband, **David Dorff** ('75), I attended ISU with Ann in the '80s.”

Willard Bishop's ('32) buddies must have been out on the golf course, but we did hear from his daughter-in-law, **Beth Muell Bishop** ('61) who gave us a rundown on the Bishop family. Willard's family accounts for 27 Roosevelt graduates. Here goes: The three children of Willard and his wife (Betty Jean Sargent, an East High girl, but we won't hold that against her) are **David** ('61), **William** ('65) and **Jane** ('67). Willard's brothers **Lee**, **Homer** and **Norman** are Roosevelt grads. Older brother Wendall graduated from West High, but his children **John** and **Barbara** were Rosies. Homer's grads were **Martha** and **Helen** and brother Norman's grad was daughter **Linda** ('60).

Betty Bishop's sister, Joanne Beasley, sent two sons to Roosevelt: **Byron** ('66) and **Steve** ('69), and her brother, Dick Sargent, sent three daughters: **Carole**, **Diane** and **Patty**.

Wait, there's more!

So, we know Beth graduated in 1961, but her three siblings are **Cathie** ('63), **Jim** ('65) and **Melinda** ('68). Beth's children are **Jim Reed** ('89), **Megan Reed** ('90) and **David Reed** ('96).

And, finally, Melinda's sons, **Zachary** and **Andrew Voss**, are TRHS grads, and Zachary's wife, **Sarah Voss**, is on the staff of Roosevelt.

What a great legacy! Thanks, Beth, for this Roosevelt family tree.

INTRO TO THE NEXT CONTEST:

Time to test your memory skills again and identify these two former classmates.



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Summer 2008 Reunions

1948 - 60th Class Reunion
Date: September 12-13, 2008
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1953 January and June - 55th Class Reunion
Date: June 13-15, 2008
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1958 January Class - 50th Reunion
Date: May 16-18, 2008
Contact: Paul Grout
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1958 June Class - 50th Reunion
Date: September 19-20, 2008
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1968 - 40th Class Reunion
Date: September 20, 2008
Chairs:
Mark and Ginny Haviland
(515) 225-8585
Contact: Kathy Collins Reilly
Tour of TRHS - late Sat. a.m.
Golf Outing - location and time to be determined
Possible bus tour of Des Moines area (if enough interest exists)
Evening buffet: Prairie Meadows
Cost: to be determined

Please contact Kathy Collins Reilly with your name, address, phone and email
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1969 - 40th Class Reunion
Date: July 10-11, 2009
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1973 - 35th Class Reunion
Date: August 9-10, 2008
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1978 - 30th Class Reunion
Date: August 8-9, 2008
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1983 - 25th Class Reunion
Date: Summer 2008 - Watch for more details
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1988 - 20th Class Reunion
Date: June 20-22, 2008
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1998 - 10th Class Reunion
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