



# The Lion's Roar

SPRING 2024: THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE LISBON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## 2024 Alumni Banquet

May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Lion's Den  
6:00 PM  
Tickets: \$30 each  
Dinner catered by Gwen's

**2024 Honored Classes**  
**1964, 1974, 1984, 1999, 2024**

Building Tours will be offered beginning at 4:00 PM on 05/25/2024 to showcase the completed renovations and new auditorium! Meet in the Lobby by the Lion's Den. Tours will leave every 30 minutes with last tour at 5:30 PM.

Please watch our Facebook page  
<https://www.facebook.com/LisbonIowaAlumniAssociation/> for updates.

Dinner is by reservation only. Reservations are due no later than May 18th. You may pick up your reserved tickets at the door, but no tickets will be sold that evening.

Tickets may be purchased several ways:

- In-person at Lisbon Insurance Agency
- Email your request to [laa.lionsroar@gmail.com](mailto:laa.lionsroar@gmail.com)
- Contact Dean Mallie at (319) 551-2394 or Jeff Bohr at (319) 350-5849
- Mail your ticket order to Lisbon Alumni Association, PO Box 747, Lisbon, IA 52253

## 2024 Officers

### President:

Dean Mallie, '75

### Vice President:

Jeff Bohr, '79

### Support Committee

Tammy Bohr, '81

Troy Caspers, '80

### Secretary:

Maxanne Wood, '90

### Treasurer:

Sandra Lighthall, '69

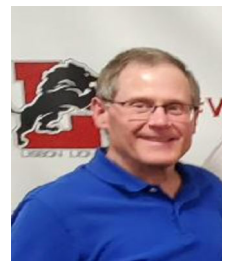
Dawn Gannon, '83

Julie Decious '75

## From the President

Welcome to the 2024 edition of The Lion's Roar. A couple of months ago, my family was faced with a medical emergency at 5:00 am on a Sunday morning. Three local medical volunteers showed up within 20 minutes of being summoned. They were wide awake, friendly, and knowledgeable.

I might even say they were glad they were the ones that had the opportunity to be there to help. Volunteers are an essential part of our society. Firemen, Sauerkraut Days, EMTs, church organizations, hospitals, youth coaches, parades, neighbors in need, and natural disasters, all rely on volunteers for successful outcomes. The Lisbon Alumni Association would not continue to be an active organization without those members that volunteer to be involved in some manner. Become a volunteer. Find enjoyment in helping others.



## Please Help the Lisbon Alumni Association Reach Its Goals

2023 was a rough year financially for the LAA. We were not able to do any organized fundraising during the year. That is why for 2024 we are asking for your help. The current active board and committee members have been involved now for the past 7 years. When your current group stepped up, the LAA was in danger of shutting down. With your help, we have once again stabilized operations. We still strive to take that next step, which is to collect enough funding to be able to offer deserving Senior Graduates an annual scholarship. We are asking all Lisbon Alumni far and wide to please consider a donation in whatever amount you can afford; every dollar counts! Also, please consider becoming active on the LAA Committee and/or consider running for one of the two officer positions up for election at the banquet. Either way, your assistance is very appreciated!

Thank you!! Jeff Bohr, '79

## 2024 Election of Officers:

Officer positions up for election in 2024 are Vice President & Treasurer for 2-yr. terms. If you would like to be on the ballot, please contact Dean Mallie at (319) 551-2394.

## In Memoriam: Deaths since the 2023 Newsletter

- Gaylord Kenneth Owens 1941
- Alberta Gaines Light 1942
- Dorothy Oler Thurston 1948
- Martin Philip Sailor 1949
- Robert "Bob" Stork 1950
- Joseph Konecny Jr. 1951
- Waneta Joan Webb Beasmore '54
- Roger Clair Dolan 1954
- Marilyn June Blood Kohl 1957
- Nancy Ortmann 1958
- Richard "Dick" Short 1959
- Dennis Beese 1960
- Larry Dennis 1960
- William "Bill" Kristan II 1964
- Carol Anne Willett Starr 1965
- Paul Joseph Kohout 1969
- Beverly "Bev" Joyce Johnson Whitmore 1970
- Cindy Bennett Snyder 1974
- Ricky Batcheller 1977
- Julie Grimm 1977
- Kevin Allsup 1980
- Jerry Sauer 1981
- Aleta Rae Ortmann Abell 1989
- Bailey C. Arwine 2018
- Mike Kortemeyer (Former H.S. Principal)
- Janice Kay Hertzler (Former Teacher aide)

Please take a moment to remember our fellow Alumni we've lost in the past few months. Thank you.

### Hall of Fame Selection Committee

A committee has been formed, independent of the Board of Directors, to make the selection of the 2024 Hall of Fame honorees. We need five volunteers to fill the committee. This would involve one meeting and the presentation event at the Homecoming football game. Contact Dean Mallie at 319-551-2394 to volunteer.

**50 years ago, in 1974**, the newly formed, local Lisbon-Mount Vernon Ambulance Service provided care for its first patient on July 26<sup>th</sup>. It was operated by volunteers that had completed certification and training during the prior 12 months.

### Patrick Strauch on Volunteering.

Hello, and Go Lions! My name is Patrick Strauch, and I am a graduate of the Class of 2004.

I was asked to write a letter describing the volunteer and community activities that I've been involved with since graduation. After graduating from high school, I attended Kirkwood Community College where I studied General Ed and Business Administration. In 2005, I pursued a position with the Dollar General Corporation. I served as a cashier and a traveling team leader for the district. Ultimately, I moved into management in multiple locations throughout our district. I was then awarded the Store Manager position, in Lisbon, where I served until 2010. After leaving Dollar General, I accepted a sales position at Yellowbook USA. That corporation is now called Hibu. I served on several different teams, including sales, customer service, special product teams, and settled into a management position where I worked until 2023. Last year, I made the decision to pivot into a different career. I am currently working for St Luke's Hospital as an Emergency Technician in the ER. I love my job, and helping people has always been my calling. Working in this field has allowed me to fulfill my dream of working in a people-oriented career where I truly make a difference. In 2022, I made a decision which led me to my career in the ER. Prior to working at St. Luke's, I decided to join the Lisbon / Mount Vernon Ambulance. While I was an active member of the service, I was completing the certification to get my EMT-B License. I still serve on the LMVAS Board, and am currently the Volunteer Council President for the service. I enjoy serving our community, and I find it incredibly rewarding to volunteer in several different capacities and roles throughout our community.

My wife, Heather, and I were married in 2012. While raising our older children, we decided to become foster parents, with the hope of ultimately becoming adoptive parents. We were foster parents from 2013-2023, and were incredibly blessed to have been given the opportunity to adopt both Yvette and Kennedy through the foster care system. They are the lights of our lives. We also proudly fostered over forty children throughout the ten years that we were serving as foster parents. Needless to say, that was extremely gratifying for our family. The foster care system, throughout our country, is in desperate need of more foster families to step up as we did. We encourage everyone to research the foster care system, and, if possible, consider becoming foster parents to very deserving children.

In my spare time, I enjoy volunteering for my kids' activities and sports. Both girls are in dance, piano, volleyball, and softball. I can't wait to see them as athletes within the Lisbon school district. I currently live in Lisbon with my wife, Heather, and our children, Yvette, and Kennedy. I also have 3 stepchildren...Ayla (Issac), Zach (Rachel), and Jesse. Together, Heather and I have two grandchildren, Oliver, and Miciah, with a third on the way at the end of May! So exciting! We enjoy spending time together, and we stay very busy with family activities. Thank you for the opportunity to highlight my education, career, and volunteer activities within our community. What a great place to live and raise a family! Go Lions! Patrick Strauch

## LISBON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME 2023 LAA Hall of Fame Inductees



The 2023 honoree induction into the Lisbon Alumni Association Hall of Fame was held prior to the Homecoming game on Friday, September 29, 2023.

Left to Right: (Front Row) Gaylord & Nola Owens; Joyce Hotz; (Back Row) Tait Stamp; Laurie Maher accepting for Dwayne & Lowell Andreas; Gary Ciha accepting for Howard Ciha; Jamie Porter Lein; Tom Bova accepting for Ben Knake; Steve Miller; and Royce Alger

**Distinguished Alumni Award.** In 2014, three alumni were given The Distinguished Alumni Award. These included Joyce Hotz – class of 1954, Betty Stoneking – class of 1956, and Terry Pasker – class of 1990. These three will have recognition plates added to the composite plaques hung in the school. Receiving a certificate of that honor is Joyce Hotz – class of 1954. Joyce spent most of her life as a missionary working mostly with translation of the Waffas language in New Guinea for one of the tribes. She had to formulate an alphabet for it. Much time and effort went into translating the Bible into their language and teaching them how to read. It was in 1976 that the New Testament was published and dedicated to the Lord's work among the Waffa people.

**LHS SERVICE AWARD** – We had three 2023 Inductees.

**A) Gaylord Owens – class of 1941, and Nola Owens – class of 1943.** Gaylord and Nola Owens are believed to be the oldest living married Lisbon Alumni couple. Gaylord is 100 years old, and Nola is two years younger. They were married as Gaylord was on his way overseas as part of the Army of Occupation in Germany. Nola spent over 40 years as a secretary at St Lukes Hospital. Gaylord retired after 50 years as a Linotype operator. Volunteering was a common theme for this couple. Nola continued to volunteer at the hospital. Community and school activities kept them young. Nola selected the clothes for both of them to wear for this evening.

**Note:** Gaylord passed away on March 7, 2024.

**B) Tait Stamp – class of 1994.** Tait Stamp was known at Lisbon School as the 1993 All-State QB and the 1993 state wrestling champ at 189 lbs. After graduation, Tait accepted a full ride scholarship to the Air Force Academy in Colorado. Following the completion of studies, he spent 20 years flying a KC10 for in-flight refueling. He completed 132 combat missions in Afghanistan. He spent time as an instructor pilot. Tait retired from the Air Force in 2018. He now flies 777's for American Airlines based out of JFK airport. Routine flights take him to Europe, South America, and the Middle East.

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### **LHS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – We had two 2023 Inductees.**

**Dwayne Andreas, LHS Class of 1934 and Lowell Andreas, LHS Class of 1939.** These awards honor brothers Lowell and Dwayne Andreas -- American business icons, leading farm industrialists of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and generous philanthropists. Dwayne, born in Minnesota in 1918, and Lowell, born in Lisbon in 1922, were raised in Lisbon. They, along with their four siblings, attended Lisbon Community Schools. Their father Reuben was a farmer, tending livestock and crops on a farm north of town. The family moved to a home on North Jackson Street in 1922 when Reuben purchased the grain elevator in town. Dwayne, Lowell, and their brothers began working at the elevator at an early age and attribute their work ethic, business acumen, and public service mentality to working for their father. Reuben served on the school board from 1922 until 1939 and was heavily involved in the planning of the 1939 school addition that included a gymnasium -- now referred to as the “old gym” -- along with several new classrooms.

Dwayne and Lowell often shared their fond memories of growing up in Lisbon, crediting their success in life to working hard on the farm and their education at Lisbon Community Schools. Individually and through the Andreas Foundation, the Andreas family has been generous in their support of the Lisbon community. Lowell often told the story of the day the Lisbon School called him to ask for money to buy folding chairs. He responded, “Why, that’s ridiculous to call me for folding chairs. You can raise money in Lisbon for that! Call me back when you have something more important.” They called back, asking for a donation for a building addition, which resulted in a \$1.3 million gift in 1991 to provide matching funds for the enhancement of the school building erected under the vision and leadership by their father in 1939.

The Andreas Foundation also contributed generously to the capital campaign for the construction of the Southeast Linn Community Center in 1987, and continues to actively supports education, hospitals, children and social services and religious organizations across the United States.

### **LHS COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD – We had two 2023 Inductees.**

**A) Steve Miller – class of 1983.** Steve Miller has made volunteer work part of his routine by assisting long-time High School Softball Head Coach Bob Bunting for the past 39 years. While Steve does not remember exactly how their relationship started, Steve has been helping Coach Bunting with the upkeep of the ballpark for the past four decades! Steve does it all, including mowing, weed eating, lining the field, and maintaining the infield that bears Bob Bunting’s name. To recognize all of Steve’s hard work and dedication to the Lisbon Softball Program and to Coach Bunting, the parents of current players and other community members raised funds to rename the diamond to Miller Ball Park at Bunting Field. Coach Bunting lauded Steve’s efforts saying “Once he got out of high school, he started helping me with softball just for something to do. Everything you see at the field, all our fencing, Steve helped me build. We dug the holes, we built everything.”

**B) Howard Ciha – class of 1944.** Howard Ciha and his wife of many years, Phyllis, never had children. However, Howard didn’t let that stop him from providing contributions and assistance to the Lisbon Community School District to help all levels of students over the years. Howard honorably served in the United States Army after graduating from Lisbon High School in 1944. Howard was a lifelong farmer who was dedicated to caring for the land and his livestock. In the early 1990’s when the Million Dollar Challenge that the Andreas Foundation had issued to Lisbon Schools was trying to raise funds, Howard stepped up in a big way, pledging a large amount towards the new Computer Lab that was to be next to the High School Library in the newly constructed Andreas Center. In recognition of Howard’s very generous donation, the Computer Lab was named after him. The lab, at that time, included cutting edge technology that helped Lisbon’s students make great strides and achievements and made Lisbon Schools a leader in education in this area. Howard quietly continued to donate funds to Lisbon Schools over his lifetime, helping all students get a top-quality education while enjoying great facilities. Howard’s generosity over several decades helped make Lisbon Schools a destination school of choice!

### **LHS ATHLETICS AWARD - This year we have three 2022 Inductees.**

**A) Royce Alger – class of 1983.** In High School, Royce was known for his three (3) State wrestling championships. He then won the Junior National Title. He also was successful in football. He still holds the record for the most rushing yards.

After graduation, Royce continued his success as an Iowa Hawkeye winning three (3) Big Ten championships, and

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two (2) National titles. He was twice named The Big Ten Outstanding Wrestler of the year. The honors and achievements did not stop there. He is a two-time World Cup Gold Medalist, the 1990 Silver Medalist, three-time U. S. Open Champion, and a two-time Pan American Gold Medalist.

**B) Jamie Porter Lein – class of 1994.** Jamie was a part of the 1994 Lisbon softball state champion team. She was selected to the All-State team twice. Jamie participated in many different sports and was awarded All-Conference status multiple times. She attended Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa where she was a two-time All-American, three time All-Region, and four time All-Conference. She had a career batting average of .430.

Twenty-five years later, she still holds that record. This included a slugging percentage of .723, had 163 hits, 24 doubles, 15 triples, 19 home runs and 15 stolen bases. She was inducted into the 2013 Wartburg College Athletic Hall of Fame.

**C) Ben Knake – class of 2012.** A newspaper article on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 stated: Lisbon senior Ben Knake keeps racking up the accolades for his athletic prowess. He was named to the Iowa Newspaper Association 3<sup>rd</sup> team all-state list for Class 1A. He was on that year's state qualifying basketball team. Ben's awards include:

Basketball: All-State 2 times, All conference MVP 2 times, All conference 1<sup>st</sup> team,

Led Lisbon to its 1<sup>st</sup> and only state basketball tournament appearance.

Football: Selected as the class A All-State Team Captain, All-state 1<sup>st</sup> team 2 times, QB of state title team, All-District 1<sup>st</sup> team 2 times.

Track: Member of the state Distance Medley title in 2012, Finished top 5 in the high jump in 2012.

Baseball: All-State one year, All-Conference one year.

**LHS FINE ARTS AWARD - Unfortunately, no nominations were received in this category for 2023. We encourage the public to download a nomination form from our website and submit it at any time for the 2024 induction.**

## Salute to Graduates

### Congratulations to our newest members; the Lisbon High School Class of 2023

Ryleigh Allgood   Blair Baltus   Alex Bock   Kaden Bohr-Caspers   Brayden Boots   Riley Boots  
 Dillion Brayton   John Broulik   Emma Bruce   Brandon Caspers   Ella Clark   Hunter Clark  
 Samarah Cooley   Luke Czarnecki   Chase Decious   Alissa Gaiser   Amelia Gray   Brendan Guyer  
 Haley Hamm   Indalecio Harbaugh   Nicole Hasselbusch   Joseph Hrabak   Cohen Kamaus  
 Grace Kern   Micah Knapp   Junior Krob   Karlee Luneckas   Lourdes Mason   Jaime McFarlane  
 Gabrielle Moehlman   Serna Moffit   Benjamin Morningstar   Kali Nelson   Brandon Paez  
 Gavin Reinken   Nathaniel Ricke   Peyton Robinson   Rubi Salazar   Wyatt Smith   Dawn Snyder  
 Christoper Soukup-Nierlin   Landon Stolte   Bree Taylor   Teagan Wahlstrom

We ask that you go to our new, updated official LAA Facebook page and "Like", "Follow" and share our page with your FB friends and former classmates at <https://www.facebook.com/LisbonIowaAlumniAssociation>. We want your updated contact information. We've added an easy to use "Contact Form" link that can be found on our Facebook page or directly at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeMS6-rnthSqhoDZZF2iucJZe-E45CeDZzqqOWT46pos26czw/viewform>.

Article provided by John Baker, Lisbon School Board Member:

**Lisbon Community School is undergoing an exciting expansion, providing opportunities related to Career Tech Education (“CTE”) and learning, athletics, and overall school improvement.**

**Project scope of work encompasses a three-phase approach:**

- Phase One, includes boiler removal, utility work, interior demolition, and prep work for the addition. Phase One work is complete.
- Phase Two, includes the following additions: Career and Technical Education (CTE) located at the NE corner of the H.S. building; weight room on the south wall of the Lion’s Den; and additional classroom space. Phase Two work is in progress.
  - The CTE addition includes shop space, tool storage and a finishing room.
  - Four new classrooms will be created with-in the CTE addition as well as an open collaboration space and Guidance office.
  - The 3,095 SF weight room addition will provide natural lighting and adequate space for weight and strength training.
  - The 1939 addition gym will be repurposed and used for activities.
- Phase Three, includes interior renovations, common space, and mechanical updates to the Lion’s Den.
  - Interior renovations include new common space and concession adjacent to the Lion’s Den.
  - Mechanical units will be installed on the roof of the new weight room addition providing air conditioning to the Lion’s Den.

**Project Costs**

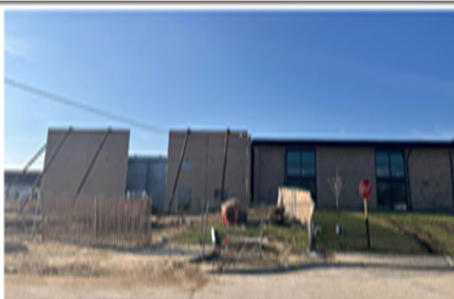
- Current construction costs are tracking on budget in amount of \$5,395,538.

**Project Funding**

- This project is funded through the local option sales tax revenue (SAVE Dollars). There are no additional costs to the local taxpayers for the Lisbon School Expansion project.

**Project Schedule**

- CTE Addition precast wall panels are currently being erected. Masonry CMU installation will begin soon in the hardened classroom area, providing bearing support for 2<sup>nd</sup> level and roof hollow core precast. The balance of Shop Area architectural precast wall panels will be erected after the hardened area structure is completed. The CTE addition is planned to be enclosed in June 2024 and then continue with interior rough ins and finishes.
- The weight room addition is planned to be enclosed in June. After the addition is enclosed, interior rough ins and finishes will continue.
- Some interior demo and prep work have occurred, but most interior work will occur over the summer when school is out.
- Current planned completion for the overall project is late Summer 2024.



## Membership & Dues Information

<p><b>REGULAR MEMBERS</b></p> <p>Includes all graduates <u>and</u> former students of Lisbon School.</p>	<p><b>SUPPORTING MEMBERS</b></p> <p>Includes members who pay dues (\$40/year). Supporting members, Receive one (1) ticket to the Alumni Banquet</p>	<p><b>HONORARY MEMBERS</b></p> <p>Includes all present and former school district employees, school board members the spouse or widowed spouse of former students and benefactors of Lisbon Community School. Honorary Members do not pay annual dues.</p>
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This form may be used to pay LAA membership dues and/or to purchase LAA Alumni Banquet tickets. It may also be used if you will not be attending the banquet but wish to donate to the LAA general fund for ongoing expenses. You may complete and send this form to Lisbon Alumni Association, PO Box 747, Lisbon, IA 52253-0747, or scan, attach and email to [laa.lionsroar@gmail.com](mailto:laa.lionsroar@gmail.com).

- Mark this box if Membership dues are included. Single ticket will be held at the Alumni Banquet in your name.
- Alumni Banquet ticket purchases. Number of tickets purchasing: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30/each.
- Please mark this box if donation only.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Graduated from Lisbon High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

(email address, address and/or phone number, necessary to confirm reservation)

Additional guest(s) attending & year graduated from Lisbon High School (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT OF PAYMENT or DONATION ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Active Members & Volunteers Wanted!

We are always looking for additional LHS Alumni to be active with our ongoing group that meets regularly throughout the year. While we have a small group of dedicated, active members, and we welcome others. Upcoming meetings information is sent through the Lisbon Daily Pride a few days in advance. During our meetings, we discuss ongoing LAA needs, including ways to improve reaching more alumni through social media and email. Due to the significant expense to print and mail the Newsletter, we will be distributing via our FB page and by email only going forward. If you are interested in being involved in our meetings, or if you want to continue to receive a printed copy of the Newsletter, please contact us. Thank you!



**Snap shots from the Lisbon Alumni Association 2023 Annual Banquet.**

## Lisbon's Third Place

By Amy White, Retired Lisbon City Librarian

Lisbon's Third Place We had just moved to Mount Vernon so my husband could start a job at Cornell College. Our son was a year old, and this was our third move since leaving our home state of Virginia. I read the Sun newspaper every week to find out about this new place where we'd landed. A few years went by, we bought an old house, and I saw a tiny ad in the paper--Wanted: Assistant Librarian at Lisbon Public Library, Saturday afternoons 2 - 5 PM. I got the job.

Mary Kettering had retired as the Saturday librarian at age ninety. I worked with Ethel Mae Kent for a year before she too retired. When I first came to the library, my tools were a dial phone, a manual typewriter, and a card catalog--out of date even for 1989. But there were passionate people on the library board and there were forward-thinking people on city council and in the community. In spite of the fact that I lived in Mount Vernon, and I was a stranger from "out East," people welcomed me. I could see that this small town was like every small town everywhere. Kids needed stuff to do, and adults needed a place to go where they didn't have to spend money. Everyone needs a "third place" --a place besides home and school or work.

We made a lot of necessary updates to the old 1875 building on East Main--the oldest commercial building in Lisbon--and also to the library inside it. In 1997 we cleared the cobwebs and old Christmas decorations out of the second floor and made it into Heritage Hall, a beautiful concert and lecture hall for people to gather like in the olden days of Lisbon. Soon afterwards we joined the twenty-first century and started using computers to check out and catalog materials electronically. We got wireless internet access when Lisbon assigned laptops and iPads to students; there were desktop computers for patrons to use. We joined a library consortium that made digital books available to download. We added movies and Halloween costumes to the collection and hired artists to decorate the walls. All along the way there were people to help move the vision of this "third place" forward: library board members, city council, city staff, library patrons, teachers and school staff, business owners, community leaders. The library began to matter to everyone.

Every year, third graders study the history of Lisbon and learn the significance of the library building and the library itself. They learn why there is a framed picture of the members of Lisbon's graduating class of 1936 on the wall--it was the class that started the public library at the suggestion of their teacher, Mrs. York. They learn that the library started with boxes of donated books and moved around from place to place until it got a permanent home when the city purchased the old grocery store on East Main Street. They can't imagine their town without a library--a safe place to stop in after school or go to story time in the summer. The value of the library is far beyond the books and computers in it. It is the value of feeling at home, inspired by beauty and art, surrounded by acceptance and love. The library belongs to all of us, as I tell the third graders, and it is our job to make sure that it remains the third place for the next generations. It connects us all.



**The class of 1973 gathered at the 2023 Banquet to celebrate 50 years since graduation.**

Pictured left to right, are: Sue Morio, Rhonda Youngblut Bohrer, Dani Schenk Chapin, Donna Hubler Nevins-Amundson, Carol Cherry Escobedo, Marilene Owens Julich, Sharon Dennis Reinken, Mike Hall, Lisa Mallie Vann, Duane "Archie" Hubler, and Don Stork.