



TCHS Alumni Association Newsletter—

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Homecoming
Honoring the
Class of 1960

Looking for our next Hall of Fame Inductees.....

The Alumni Assn. is always open for applications into the Hall of Fame. Please see our website: www.tuscola.k12.il.us, Alumni, then Hall of Fame nomination form. Send your suggestion in soon!

Special Activity at TCHS

An idea was sparked during a video about the Hubble Space Telescope in a physics class. Seniors Liz Bosch and Miriam Romine led the charge. Together they decided to design a T-shirt based on the Hubble Telescope. Liz said, "We thought it would be a fun thing for us to do." The idea spread like wild fire in the class and eventually spread throughout the school.

A total of forty shirts were sold to both students and faculty. The shirts were black and the front simply read "Save the Hubble" and on the back "1990 to infinity and beyond" along with a picture of the telescope. The shirts were passed out on Wednesday, December 9th. Thursday, December 10th was "Save the Hubble Day" with students and faculty wearing their shirts to school. This was a fun activity everyone enjoyed. (from 12/11/09)

Alumni Donate Gifts to TCHS

Mike Hausmann—Class of '57—donated a brand new table stop-saw to the IA department last fall. He issued a challenge to fellow alumni to "give back" to their alma mater. Two sewing machines were then donated to Mrs. Schweighart's classes by Shirley Rodmaker and Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Owen. Philip Morris—Class of 1960—also donated money for a new sewing machine. Feel the need to give? Please, send an inquiry to kran-som@tuscola.k12.il.us to see what the TCHS classes' and clubs' needs are.



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Look at these Homecoming Royalty from 1960. We'll be honoring this class as they come together with all alumni from TCHS in October. The gals feature: Christine Moore, Adele Dotson, Donna Hausmann, Pattie Powell and Carolyn Jackson. The Lettermen are: Steve Allison, Mike Lemna, Jim Perry, Bob Vukelich and Curt Turner. Now, can you recall who was crowned King & Queen?

Donna & Jim

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Community Involvement

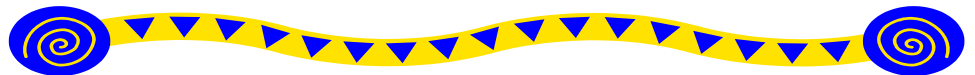
On November 24 . . .

The Tuscola girl's basketball team worked together with Arthur's girls' basketball team to dedicate the evening to the veterans around the area. The girls' basketball team and coaches sold yellow t-shirts that displayed the words, "Land of the Free Because of the Brave." A total of 257 shirts were sold. Tickets were also sold for a raffle basket which contained items from local businesses such as: Tim Mooney Dealership, Candy Kitchen, Pizza Hut, Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory, and 24 balloons from the Paper Factory. Seventh and eighth grade students were also asked to participate in this event. Students wrote poems/essays about what soldiers meant to them. Thanks to Aja Kohlbecker for coordinating the event. The girls' basketball team was able to successfully reach their goal of at least \$1500.00. Part of the profit went to John Wright and his family and part of it went to other veteran needs. Paul Wisovaty was the lucky winner of the raffle basket. Junior girls' basketball player Olivia Morris stated, "There was a good turnout, and it was a nice way to honor those who serve for our country. Preparations for the evening were a lot of fun." (from 12/4/09)

CLICKERS

Totally new to Tuscola High School is OTSD - Operation Teen Safe Driving, and this organization has two missions: to save lives and to "make teens aware of safety on the roadways." The program was brought to the school by the local driver's education and health teacher, Kathy Frye (TCHS alum), and Judy Weber-Jones (also TCHS alum and teacher at GCMS High). When asked how the program got started, Mrs. Frye said "there was a need for reinforcing better teen driving skills after the initial driver's license test." Mrs. Frye was able to achieve a grant of two thousand dollars when she agreed to take on the program. One thousand of that money is provided by the Department of Transportation Services, while the other thousand was given by the Allstate Foundation and Ford Motors. This money will be used to spread the message of the importance of safe driving to the students of TCHS and other citizens in the community. Although the word 'teen' is in the name, the program is asking for community wide involvement.

Senior Anna Frye is president of the group, with senior Jessica Bosch as secretary, sophomore David Frye as treasurer, and sophomore Alexis Rogers as historian. The group has already been brainstorming several ideas, and the newly named 'Clickers - Striving for Better Driving' launched their program on the 4th of January. The categories that will be covered over a period of 8 weeks are: seatbelt safety, driving under the influence, distracted driving, and speeding. The group divided among themselves into these four categories to focus on so that everyone could have equal chances of participation. Each group will come up with ways to educate students and citizens on their area, and we want the outcome to be better drivers. So keep your eyes open around town for our new program, and do your part to drive safely! (from 12/11/09)



Alum Benefits

TCHS Lifesavers Club sold candy canes during lunch for \$1 each. Students could purchase them for themselves or for a friend. These festive candies were passed out on Friday, December 18.

After the sales, the club made \$125. "The money went to John Wright and his family to help with whatever they may need for the holidays," said club member Chloe Kerns. John Wright graduated from Tuscola High School in 1989. He was a soldier and sadly got injured. He is now undergoing therapy in Colorado. "His therapy is skiing. How cool is that?" said club president Sydney Bickers.

"We sell candy canes every year for Christmas. We felt like it was a good cause, and since Jon Wright is local we felt that he was very deserving of the money," stated club member Becky Hemmer. The club would like to send out their thanks to everyone who pitched in to help make their candy cane sale a success. The club would also like to thank everyone who purchased a yellow ribbon in November. That money adds at least another \$100 to give to the Wright family. (from 12/18/09)

Some articles are highlights from the "Around the Hall" article published in the Tuscola Journal by the Print and Visual Media Class during the last couple months of first semester. ~Mrs.

Need a memorial for a classmate?

Make a donation to the TCHS Alumni Association. Just send your check to the TCHS Office, Alumni Association, 500 S. Prairie, Tuscola, IL 61953.

