



DENFELD ALUMNI NEWS

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Denfeld Alumni Association Hall of Fame Induction 2009

On a sunny Saturday, August 1st last summer, several of the most respected and accomplished Hunters were inducted into the Denfeld Hall of Fame. Each person in the auditorium that day will tell you they witnessed history. Generations of families with a common bond were reunited. From the opening remarks to the conclusion in singing our school songs, it was all a simply fantastic & memorable afternoon.

Representatives from the Denfeld and Hunting families were, for the first time in Denfeld High School history, on stage at the same time in our beloved auditorium. An unprecedented handshake symbolizing our identity as *Denfeld Hunters* occurred as a surprise.

The Denfeld Alumni Association hosted the events marking the 100th anniversary of its first graduating class and included an All-Class Dance in the evening. The day was a huge success.

It took several months of planning by dozens of individuals & organizations to coordinate such a meaningful event. Your support of the Denfeld Alumni Association made it possible.

In an effort to continue this tradition, we seek your ongoing financial support. Our goal is to recognize the excellence among us for years to come.

Within this issue are several ways in which you can contribute. Select a piece of history in a DHS brick, a DVD of the Hall of Fame induction or make a financial donation.

Every contribution is welcomed.

Mayor Ness Proclamation

Duluth Mayor Don Ness (a fourth generation graduate of Central High School) declared August 1, 2009 Robert Denfeld and Walt Hunting Day during the ceremony. Having him present during a difficult time for our school and community was appreciated by all. His comments were received with energy & applause as he honored our heritage.

Hall of Fame DVD

Order a copy of the 2009 Denfeld Hall of Fame ceremony and you will help support the activity of your Denfeld Alumni Association. Our hope is to continue working on projects within the West Duluth community as well as add new members to the Hall of Fame. Order copies while they last.

DVDs are priced at \$12 each, shipping included. This is a low cost way to capture the most recent induction ceremony along with the historic handshake between two families. Over the course of a few hours we watched history unfold. Mayor proclamations, welcoming of guests, military honors – it is all collected onto one disc that you and your family can treasure for years.

Pictured in photographs above (left to right) – Mike Colalillo, Denfeld and Hunting families & Duluth Mayor Don Ness.

For more photos from the event,
please visit:
www.denfeldalumni.com

Mission & Vision

Our mission is to sustain alumni relations and celebrate the spirit of Denfeld High School & Western Duluth.

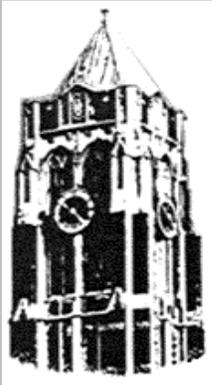
The ongoing vision is to foster and sustain interest, support and involvement in school and community affairs by coordinating projects and events that celebrate Denfeld High School's rich history.

Current Projects

Duluth Heritage Project
Brick Recovery & Preparation
Trophy Recovery & Catalog
Updating Mailing List
Denfeld Hall of Fame
Community Relations

Getting Involved

In addition to financial support, the Denfeld Alumni Association seeks input through active participation, community efforts and through partnership interests to enhance our traditions. Contact us with any interest.



Class Reunions

2000

The class of 2000 will hold its 10-year reunion events July 30-31, 2010.
 July 30 at Mr. D's in West Duluth
 July 31 Moonlight Vista Cruise
 For more information, visit:
www.denfeld2000.com
 or contact Allison Ruhnke at
denfeldclassof2000@yahoo.com

1990

The class of 1990 will hold its 20-year reunion activities August 7, 2010 at the Dry Dock in Midway Township.
 For more information, visit
www.denfeld1990reunion.com
 or contact Missy Meierhoff (Cuillierrier) at
mkuhlmey_1990@yahoo.com
 or Carlie Anderson (Leeman) at
chattygal@clearwire.net

1985

The class of 1985 will hold its 25 year reunion at the Gopher Lounge on August 14, 2010 at 6:00pm
 Contact Dan Klaas at 218-260-9013
 or Jeff Johnson at 218-391-8042
 for further details.

1963

The Denfeld class of 1963 will hold its 47-year reunion picnic on Saturday, July 31 at 2 p.m. at 3739 S. Lake Ave
 See www.Denfled63.com
 Denfeld Class of 63 on Facebook,
 or contact Marcia Hales (Nyquist) at (218) 727-4527.

Denfeld Alumni Association Partners with Duluth Heritage & Sports Center

A partnership to promote individual missions of the DAA and the Duluth Heritage & Sports Center has emerged. The DAA has joined forces to build interest around a permanent visual display of the Denfeld 'brand' within the facility.

The Denfeld Alumni Association will lead the way in a city-wide campaign to raise a portion of the remaining funds needed to meet targets at the Heritage Center. In a philanthropic effort, we hope to motivate the visitor and remind all of our rich experiences and history.

We are in the development stages of producing sample pieces. From there, we stir interest in possibilities. Our hope is to assist the Heritage Sports Center and the Boys and Girls Club of America in continuing to provide the children of Western Duluth positive activities for their growth and development.

By partnering with our alumni network we hope to raise enough awareness through ideas, planning and financial support to see a final product on display for generations. For more information, please email:
andy@denfeldalumni.com
 For their website:
www.duluthheritagesportscenter.com

Class of '60 Collects Spirit Valley Days Honors

The DHS Class of 1960 took over the 2009 Spirit Valley Days parade and took 1st Place for their float. Seeking ways to remember their youth the guys took to their football uniforms and the ladies wore pink poodle skirts with black blouses. Several classes and other Hunters participate in the annual parade. The event is a big piece of the annual West Duluth summer festival weekend. The 2010 Spirit Valley Days are scheduled for August 3-8. The parade is Thursday, August 5th at 6:30pm. Bring a chair and prepare to smile. You never know what or who you will see.

Mailing Lists

Keeping all alumni informed is our goal yet keeping accurate and complete mail lists has proven to be a great challenge. If you need or wish to be added to our database, please provide your information with the card in this newsletter or update on our website.

Own Denfeld History

The Denfeld Alumni Association is offering limited edition bricks retrieved during construction debris removal at Denfeld. The bricks would have originally been located on the north end of the school, near the chimney. Proceeds from the sales will go towards future Alumni Association activities including future Hall of Fame inductions and community projects.

Bricks are offered with the traditional English "D", an inscription of **Denfeld High School** (as seen below) and may also be customized with additional words (class) or names for a small fee.



Pricing:

Brick only (as seen above) - \$15
 Inscription (50 character max) - \$5
 Shipping (per brick) - \$5

DVD (includes shipping) - \$12

Please mail orders to:

Mandy Roman-LeGarde
 c/o Denfeld Alumni Association
 3580 Getchell Rd
 Hermantown, MN 55811

Save a stamp along with 5% on your next order, by visiting the Denfeld Alumni Association website at:
www.denfeldalumni.com
 This service is provided through PayPal. PayPal accepts major credit cards and is a convenient and secure way to make electronic payments.

Hunters in the News

The Denfeld classes of 1955, 1956 and 1959 have donated over \$50,000 to the Greater Denfeld Foundation for grants to be used by staff at the school. This year, the interest on the endowment allowed for \$3,500 in grants to be awarded. The recipients are:

Bob Fox - \$250 to purchase proper goggles for physical science classrooms. **(Class of 1956)**

Hamilton Smith - \$500 to build liquid nitrogen experiment apparatuses. **(Class of 1959)**

Keith Mesedahl - \$500 for the purchase of books for the media center. **(Class of 1955)**

Jill Lofald - \$1,000 for speech team scholarships and/or national competition. **(Class of 1955)**

Carolyn Heistad - \$500 for the purchase of burets and weighing scales. **(Class of 1955)**

Jean Priest - \$500 for graphic novels for alt English classes of low reading ability. **(Class of 1955)**

Alan Harbison - \$250 for the purchase of multicultural text for grades 10 and 11. **(Class of 1955)**

Laura Bellamy (2009)

Harvard University ECAC

Laura played 18 games between the pipes for the Crimson and boasted a 10-5-2 record with three shutouts. Stands 10th in the nation with a 1.68 goals-against average and 18th in save percentage at .921.

Jeremy Polson (1996) Polson had to run around a parked police car en route to defending his men's title at the 2010 Duluth Fitzer's 5-k in April. He covered the 3.1 miles in 15 minutes, 35 seconds. The 21st running of the event had a record 1,582 people registered. Jeremy also finished the annual Garry Bjorklund Half-Marathon in 20th place. The event was held June 19 in Duluth during Grandma's Marathon weekend. He completed the 13.1 mile course in 1 hour, 9 minutes and 55 seconds.

Denfeld Graduation was held in the refurbished auditorium before a full house on Thursday, **June 10, 2010**. Principal Ed Crawford presented the class of 213 seniors to Keith Dixon, district Superintendent. Student speakers were Madison Pertler with speech entitled "Daring Confidence" and Elaina Hintsala speaking on "Putting the Class Back in Classes". Hintsala was the class valedictorian with a 4.0 grade point average.

Guest speaker **Fred Friedman (1965)** the current Chief Public Defender of NE Minnesota and Associate Professor at UMD challenged students to remember where they came from and thank the people who helped along the way; to look to the future and be able to compete in a global market; take care of the underdogs and those less fortunate than you are.

Seven retiring staff were honored:
Colleen Bryant - Business Education
Sandra Carlson - Special Education
Gene Grembowski - Science
Kim Jam - Special Education
Charles Leppala - Work Experience
Richard Swanson - Social Studies
Patrick Phillips - Social Studies
These seven contributed over 240 years of service to Denfeld High School. From all of us, Thank you!

The combined Denfeld Concert Choir and Faculty Chorus directed by Mark Overland sang three numbers: "Omnia Sol" by Z. Randall Stroope, "Its Time for Movin' On" by Basig and finished the celebration with the alma mater, "Halls of Denfeld" with all Denfeld grads past and present standing.

To add information to **Hunters in the News**, send an informational email to: andy@denfeldalumni.com

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Class Reunions

1960

The class of 1960 is holding its 50-year reunion on August 20, 21 & 22, 2010.

For more information, contact Karin (Henson) Swor at karinswor@hotmail.com or 218-348-5843.

1957

The Denfeld class of 1957 will hold a Class Party on September 25, 5:30pm Elk's Club in Duluth

1956

Mark your calendars! The class of 1956 will hold its 55-year reunion on September 14 & 15, 2011. More details will become available soon.

For more class reunion details and information about other alumni events, visit www.denfeldalumni.com and click on the "events" link.

Each one of us holds distinct and fond memories of the years we spent at Denfeld High School. Among the greatest moments for all of us were the times we were performing, cheering for our teams or being recognized for our hard work in that special auditorium of ours. Please continue to support your Denfeld Alumni Association so they can continue to honor the enormous achievements of the best among us, in that special auditorium.

Thank you,
Denfeld Alumni Association

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Board Members:

Marilyn & Rudy Monson (1946/'47)

Adrienne Thureen (Bergquist, 1957)

Karin Swor (Henson, 1960)

Linda Paulick (Seger, 1963)

Richard Swanson (1966)

Joe Vukelich (1977)

Anna Montgomery (Jimenez, 1979)

Tim LeGarde (1988)

Mandy Roman-LeGarde (1988)

Andy Ensign (1991)

The Denfeld Alumni Association is a Minnesota nonprofit public charity under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Help support the Denfeld Alumni Association!

Use this form to confirm your contact information and continue receiving the *Denfeld Alumni News*. If you are sending a check to support the alumni association and would like your gift to fund a specific project, please include a note specifying your wishes.

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