

# HOFFMAN ESTATES HIGH SCHOOL



## *RETIREMENT CELEBRATION*

The Seville

Wednesday, May 2, 2012

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

# Hoffman Estates High School



## Retirement Celebration

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6:00 p.m.

Cash Bar

6:30 p.m.

Appetizers Buffet

7:30 p.m.

Sweet Table

8:00 p.m.

Program

# HONOREES:

Pat Eugene

Tom Fidler

Bonnie Gordon

Alan Hausfeld

Robert Karnick

Chris Lorentz

Linda Mayer

Tom McNamara

Janice Orłowski

Karen Portschy

Bob Scott

Larry Schwartz

Mike Wietlispach

Bill Wroblewski

Richard VanDuys

# Pat Eugene

District D211 Staff Member from 1984-2012



## **What is your most memorable moment at HEHS?**

I have had several memorable moments:

- ◆ Receiving the Principal's Golden Hawk Award
- ◆ The Those Who Excel Award
- ◆ Hoffman's 25th Anniversary celebration. The all-school birthday party that was held outside on the afternoon of October 10, 1997 was like a scene out of the movie "Grease".
- ◆ "Hawk's for Haiti" was a shining moment for Hoffman.

## **What will you miss the most after retiring?**

I will miss the teachers, students and staff that came into my life while working at Hoffman. I had the privilege of working with so many wonderful people who made a difference in my life and special friendships I made at Hoffman.

### **What will you miss the least after retiring?**

Getting up at 5:00 a.m. every morning, having to report to work in a snowstorm (even though the 10-month support staff, students and certified staff got to stay home) and deadlines, deadlines, deadlines!

### **Any words of wisdom for current and future HEHS staff?**

Enjoy each day to the fullest. Find pleasure in the small things in life and be thankful for what you have. Life is short so enjoy each and every moment!

### **What are you most likely to be remembered for at HEHS?**

That's for others to say, but hopefully as someone who did her job to the best of her ability; was hardworking, enthusiastic, friendly, always willing to help and did it with a smile. And perhaps my deviled eggs!

### **What are your plans for retirement?**

My immediate plans after retirement have changed due to the recent loss of a very special friend, but I am looking forward to spending time with my husband and enjoying the freedom retirement brings to explore new options and to just relax and enjoy the ride wherever it takes me. Trips to Las Vegas are certainly not out of the question and I hope to spend more time with family and friends.

# Tom Fidler

District 211 Faculty Member 1980-2012



**What is your most memorable moment at HEHS?**

The two divisional championships and the athletics who qualified for state.

**What will you miss the most after retiring?** The kids.

**What will you miss the least after retiring?** Paperwork.

**Any words of wisdom for current and future HEHS staff?**

Enjoy your job; there's a lot of people who would love to have your job.

**What are you most likely to be remembered for at HEHS?**

Don't know.

**What are your plans for retirement?**

My wife and I will be sailing the Leeward and Windward Islands and then the western Caribbean hopefully next year.

# Bonnie Gordon

District 211 Staff Member from 1986-2012



*(Survey replies kindly provided by Gary Gordon,  
Bonnie's husband of 44 years)*

## **What is your most memorable moment at HEHS?**

1. Getting a golden hawk award, 2) making and keeping many, many friends and 3) the challenge of working 26 years in the "Discipline Office"

**What will you miss the most after retiring?** Nothing

**What will you miss the least after retiring?** Not Sure.

**Any words of wisdom for current and future HEHS staff?** Not Sure.

## **What are you most likely to be remembered for at HEHS?**

Being a great secretary for many people and hoping that she had a part in their successful careers. Again, many, many friends

## **What are your plans for retirement?**

Her bucket list was almost completed with our trip to Europe this summer. Only 1 thing she had not done is take our family (2 sons, 2 daughter-in-laws and 2 grandchildren) on a cruise that we were to leave on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Her birthday was March 27<sup>th</sup>.

# Alan Hausfeld

District 211 Faculty Member 1975-2012



**What will you miss the most after retiring?**

I will miss the students.

**What will you miss the least after retiring?**

Long meetings.

**Any words of wisdom for current and future HEHS staff?**

One thing that I have learned is that we are not as wise as we once thought we were.

**What are you most likely to be remembered for at HEHS?**

Not sure.

**What are your plans for retirement?**

Woodworking. I plan to build and sell furniture.



# Chris Lorentz

District 211 Staff Member from 1985-2012



**What is your most memorable moment at HEHS?**

When our girls' bowling team won the state championship

**What will you miss the most after retiring?**

The people: Hoffman has some very special people working here

**What will you miss the least after retiring?**

Spring chaos; waking up to an alarm

**Any words of wisdom for current and future HEHS staff?**

Do your best; help your co-workers; support our kids in their sports & activities; help keep the Hoffman family spirit intact

**What are you most likely to be remembered for at HEHS?**

Being 4' 9"

**What are your plans for retirement?**

I plan to spend more time with my family—husband, children, grandchildren...camp whenever the urge arises...get our home in the order I want it—and keep it that way inside & out

# Linda Mayer

District 211 Staff Member from 1986-2012



## **What is your most memorable moment at HEHS?**

I have so many memorable moments at H.E.H.S. too many to list, but I think the year of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary had to be one of the greatest years. Working on that committee was the best. One day that really stands out during that year was the "All School Picnic". When I heard the plans for the picnic my first thought was how could that ever happen. Well it did, looking out over the H.E.H.S. grounds and seeing all the activities going on, the Administrators, Teachers, Students and Staff working together and enjoying it all was the best. What a day to remember!

## **What will you miss the most after retiring?**

All the staff, co-workers and the many friends I have made through the years at H.E.H.S.

### **What will you miss the least after retiring?**

Watching the weather channel forecast in the winter, wondering what it will be like driving into work in the morning or if school will be closed. Even when school was closed being support staff I still had to worry about driving in.

### **Any words of wisdom for current and future HEHS staff?**

Enjoy every day with the students, staff, and activities at school to the fullest. The time goes by so fast, before you know it, the day for you to retire will be here too. Never thought I would get so old so quick to retire.

### **What are you most likely to be remembered for at HEHS?**

I think probably I will be remembered for the food feasts we have in Faculty Service - think the best was the retirement of the Paper Shredder celebration. They have been so much fun to plan and organize, notice I did not say work because really they had been enjoyable times.

Really I hope I will be remembered for the service I tried to give to all and have the Faculty Service staff do too.

### **What are your plans for retirement?**

Spend enjoyable time with family and friends. Start doing things on my "Bucket List" instead of just making a list. Will try not to miss my H.E.H.S. family too much, you all are the best!



## **Robert Karnick**

**District 211 Staff Member from 2001-2012**



## **Tom McNamara**

**District 211 Faculty Member from 2001-2012**



# Bob Scott

District 211 Faculty Member from 1990-2012



## **What is your most memorable moment at HEHS?**

First year at HEHS...being observed by Denny Garber. I was doing a demo of using gesso. Tried to open the jar and it was sealed shut...used my brute strength...it popped open shooting the entire white gooey contents all over me...head to toe

## **What will you miss the most after retiring?**

The people...the friendships that I have developed with special people will last a lifetime. I will and still do miss coaching...the memories from sports have fulfilled me...the interactions with kids whether coaching or teaching I will miss dearly.

## **What will you miss the least after retiring?**

Bells, SIPS, Mission Statement meetings, wasted time away from teaching

**Any words of wisdom for current and future HEHS staff?**

Don't let anyone or thing deter you from the real reason you are here...KIDS. This gets lost in the midst of busywork...what's best for kids.

**What are you most likely to be remembered for at HEHS?**

That my goal was what was best for the development of kids—educationally, motivationally, socially, athletically...

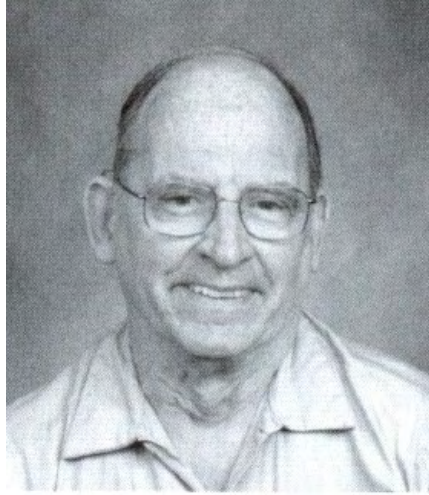
**What are your plans for retirement?**

I plan to work in real estate with my wife Connie at Remax; if not, I will be teaching somewhere somehow...



# Larry Schwartz

District 211 Staff Member from 1980-2012



## **What is your most memorable moment at HEHS?**

I was made a night foreman in charge of the building; they had a Spring Concert held @ HEHS for the grade school district and I received a letter of accommodation from the superintendent from the grade school saying what a great job I did for the concert.

Then, on the other side of the spectrum, I was put on double secret probation for 1 year; that's a "new category" that has never been used before.

## **What will you miss the most after retiring?**

Faculty & Staff—you were all like family to me

## **What will you miss the least after retiring?**

Getting up @ 4:30a.m.!!

## **Any words of wisdom for current and future HEHS staff?**

Keep a positive attitude and try to give at least one smile to someone each day.

## **What are you most likely to be remembered for at HEHS?**

Being a bit outside of the norm & my weird sense of humor

## **What are your plans for retirement?**

Working on my '58 race car & Corvettes

# Mike Wietlispach

District 211 Faculty Member from 1982-2012



## **What is your most memorable moment at HEHS?**

When we were preparing for the referendum and each school was required to raise \$10,000.00 I had a meeting in the auditorium with the faculty and asked 100 teachers to donate \$100.00 towards the cause. We raised \$12,000.00 in less than four minutes. Once again Hoffman was the leader in the district. We set the bar for the rest of the district.

## **What will you miss the most after retiring?**

I will miss the students and the staff.

## **What will you miss the least after retiring?**

I will not miss the bell schedules and having my life revolve around the school calendar.



**Any words of wisdom for current and future HEHS staff?**

Get involved with your students in activities and athletics. Don't be a 7:15 - 3:00 person.

**What are you most likely to be remembered for at HEHS?**

I hope I am remembered as a person who made a difference in the school and the student's life.

**What are your plans for retirement?**

I plan on going to Germany for three weeks in June. In October we are planning a family trip to the Cayman Islands to celebrate retirement and 30 years of marriage.



# Janice Orlowski

District 211 Staff Member from 2001-2012



# Karen Portschy

District 211 Staff Member from 1996-2012



## **Bill Wroblewski**

**District 211 Staff Member from 1998-2011**



## **Richard VanDuys**

**District 211 Staff Member from 1996-2011**



# MEMORIES

Memories are a special house

We build inside ourselves

Where love and laughter linger,

Where all our past life dwells.

On special days like retirements

We can draw upon the store,

Reliving happy times

And feeling all that warmth once more.

Wherever we may travel,

This house is always there

To help to blend the old and new,

To build on...grow...and share.

This house can never get too full,

Just grow from floor to floor,

Because the joy of memories

Is always making more.