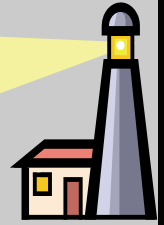


# BEACON LIGHT

NEWSLETTER FOR AND BY ALUMNI OF ISHPEMING HIGH SCHOOL

*Moving Forward, Yet Looking Back*



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## “Hematites in Harmony” Invited to Perform at Carnegie Hall

The Ishpeming High School “Hematites in Harmony” have been invited to participate in a performance of *Faure’s Requiem* in historic Carnegie Hall in March 2007. Members of the choir will join other outstanding choruses selected from throughout North America to form a festival chorus, accompanied by the New England Symphonic Ensemble.

Dr. David Thye, Conductor-in-Residence for this production states: “These excellent choruses received this invitation because of the quality and high level of musicianship demonstrated by the singers and the professional musicality of conductor, Sheila Grazulis. It is quite an honor to be invited to perform in Carnegie Hall. These wonderful performers not only represent the quality of musicianship demonstrated within each choral organization, but they also become ambassadors for the entire community. This is an event of extreme pride for everybody and deserving



Hematites in Harmony

of the community’s recognition and support. I would encourage all business owners, civic leaders, and the general public to be generous in their financial support for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.”

The singers will spend five days/four nights in New York City in preparation for their concert. Each of them will spend approximately 9-10 hours in rehearsals during their stay. The performance in Carnegie Hall is the

primary purpose for this visit; however, not all of the time is spent in rehearsal because there is so much history and culture to experience in New York City. The choir is looking forward to learning more about the history and culture of New York City.

The choir will be conducting fundraising events throughout the community over the next several months. Anyone

who would like to help contribute to sending these singers to Carnegie Hall is asked to please contact Sheila Grazulis at the Ishpeming High School.

## Something New in the Old Gym

This year our annual Open House at the IHS gym was more than a morning cup of coffee and a Danish: a second session was held in the evening, with pizza and soft drinks served, to accommodate those unable to attend the earlier session. We were also treated to a songfest presented by the “Hematites in Harmony,” and visitors could view the new addition of the Archives Room—a sparkling collection of IHS memorabilia from over the years, all showcased in a bright setting of our school colors of blue and white.

On the way, we stopped in at the High School store, called Hematites R’ Us, and purchased a t-

shirt emblazoned with a fleur-de-lis and the logo “Frenchtown”, which memorializes an area of town popularly called a “location”. The students have designed several “location tees”...Tangletown, Strawberry Hill, and others. They are in the process of creating new ones, and the student clerk told us that they are open to suggestions for Ishpeming “locations” of your choice.

While circulating around the gym looking for familiar faces, one could hear snippets of conversation relating to happy reunions, such as the surprise of two former neighbors from Cleveland Avenue, who hadn’t seen each other since the 1940’s, and this year finally

made the connection—in the old IHS gym.

Alumni could be heard making plans with each other for luncheon dates and picnics in the following days. In this way, the Open House serves as a link to a renewal of friendships, and a chance to “catch up” with former classmates. We’d like to express our gratitude to those who worked to set up the gym for the day, and a special thanks to the gals from the class of ‘86 who helped with the refreshments table...you were great. And finally, thanks and appreciation to you, the Alumni of Ishpeming High School, who make this a magical event each year!

## Life's Little Pleasures—Really Little

We all remember the events in life that have made us happy, those moments that bring waves of fulfillment, of happiness, of quiet contentment. There's that good report card we had in the seventh grade that produced such smiles on our parents' faces. And we can't forget winning the BIG GAME; graduation; that scary, mysterious venture into the job world; our first-born's first word; buying the dream-house; grandchildren—the list goes on and on.

But what about the little pleasures, those we experience every day as though they were butterflies fluttering up, touching our hands, and gliding away, hardly even noticed? They give us a fleeting surge of pleasure which is lost almost as soon as it arrives, forgotten but tucked away with the movement of the hours, making our day just a bit more fun.

And isn't it delicious to drive down the street toward a stop light and have it turn from red to green just as you approach? Or, and maybe even better, to have it turn from green to yellow as you glide under it?

We all look forward to each day's mail—catalogs, credit card applications, bills, and all those dull items each delivery spews out. But today—today there's a package!

Of course everyone knows there's nothing quite like the first sip of early morning coffee. Mmm, heaven.

Clean sheets. Aren't they crisp, cool, fresh? And though it's pretty much a thing of the past, sheets dried on the line in the sun and returned that day to the bed are an olfactory treat unmatched. (I dunno, look it up. I think it means smell.)

Don't you get a sneaky, cat-that-ate-the-canary spurt when you're the first one to sully the pristine new hand towel just out of the wash?

And pistachios. Finding a whole handful of "openable" ones gives most of us a real sense of good fortune as we pop them apart slowly and sensually one by one, with no tool but our thumbnails.

Hershey's chocolate kisses, my downfall. Replying to the piercing glance of my husband I always say with an inward smirk and an outwardly innocent smile, "I only took three." A closed fist gets you away with a multitude of sins.

When the kids yell, "Are we there yet?" isn't it just juicy when you can say, "Yes!"

And some of us remember the days before the advent of "a cell phone in every ear" when we had tall skinny phone booths with great big pay phones which would sometimes, after we'd completed our call, cough up a few undeserved coins. Didn't we always, after we'd hung up the phone, put two fingers into that little compartment and sweep the bottom, just in case? And oh, what a thrill it was to pull those fingers out with real MONEY in them as we grinned broadly with a sly gleam in our eyes!

And then, to pop our bubble, the phone booth door would stick and we couldn't get out. This, of course, does *not* qualify as one of life's little pleasures.

Best of all though, is waking up on a Saturday morning, looking at the clock, and not getting up to go to work. And if you're retired, every day is a Saturday. Who could ask for more?

These little splashes of pleasure during the realities of life are gone almost as soon as they arrive. Gone and, yes, I guess forgotten. Until the next one quickly sneaks up on us. Watch for yours!

—Joan G. Hansen '50

## Wanted!

We are interested in acquiring one of the old wool tank suits that the girls used for the pool at IHS (circa 1950's and before) for display in the Archive Room at the high school. Would anyone have one tucked away that they'd be willing to donate for the archives? (Moth-holes don't matter!)

## Readers Respond

It is always great to get positive feedback from our readers. The Alumni Association loves the response that our newsletter generates. It is evident that many IHS graduates have a special place in their hearts for their high school days.

Ellen (Norman) Aslin, a graduate

of 1942 sings the praises of Miss Bentley. Ellen was part of a group of five girls that did special vocal work under the direction of Miss Bentley. This led her to join church choirs and choral groups wherever she lived.

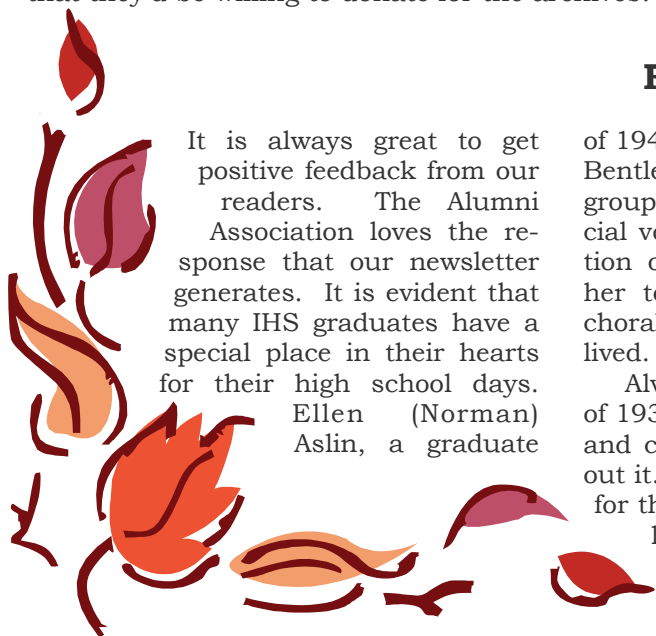
Alverna Skoog from the class of 1938 also loves the newsletter and claims she "can't live without it." There is no better praise for the *Beacon Light* than words like those!

We also have a correction to make. Bette

Tippett pointed out that the names of the first girl cheerleaders were incorrect. The actual cheerleaders were: Audrey Micklow, Bette Tippett, Suzanne Eldred, Margaret Corcoran, Marcia Bamford, and Arlene Kandelin. Thanks for keeping us on our toes!

As always, keep your comments coming! We love to hear from our alumni!

**Keep the cards, letters and donations coming!**



## Class Get-Togethers and Reunions

Please contact the Alumni Association Office if your class has a gathering that is not listed.

Class	Date	Location	Time	Contact & Other Information
1936	Second Tuesday of each month	Country Kitchen	Noon	Mary (Carlyon) Trebilcock (906) 486-4627
1939	Second Tuesday of each month	Country Kitchen	11:00 a.m.	Doreen (Amell) Brown at (906) 486-9473
1940	Second Thursday of each month	Country Kitchen	9:00 a.m.	
1941	Second Tuesday of each month	Varies	12:30 p.m.	Betty Bannon at (906) 486-6283
1947	First Friday of each month	Country Kitchen	9:30 a.m.	Barbara (Husby) Nuorala at (906) 486-9283
1948	Last Tuesday of each month	Country Kitchen	9:00 a.m.	Joanne (Belstrom) Gaboury at (906) 485-5261
1949	Second Wednesday of each month	Country Kitchen	9:00 a.m.	Jean (Stone) Johns at (906) 485-4322
1950	First Thursday of each month	Country Kitchen	8:30 a.m.	Jan (Lofaro) Boase at (906) 486-6966
1952	Third Monday of each month	Jasper Ridge	Noon	Barbara (Graham) Johnson at (906) 226-0898
1953	Second Thursday of each month	Jasper Ridge	Noon	Barbara (Medlyn) Gauthier at (906) 486-6281
1954	Fourth Thursday of each month	Jasper Ridge	11:30 a.m.	Al Chapman at (906) 486-9241
1955	First Thursday of each month	Jasper Ridge	11:30 a.m.	John Ruusi at (906) 339-2315
1958	Third Thursday of each month	Jasper Ridge	12:30 p.m.	Lynn Ketchem at (906) 486-6107
1962	Last Friday of each month	Country Kitchen	9:30 a.m.	Sandra (Greenwood) Smetana (906) 485-4845
1962	Thursday, July 5, 2007	TBA	TBA	Sandra (Greenwood) Smetana (906) 485-4845
1964	Fourth Monday of each month	Jasper Ridge Brewery	6:30 p.m.	



### “Take Me Out to The Ballgame”



“Take me out with the crowd”—and there were crowds! It wasn’t the World Series—it was the IHS annual alumni softball tournament which has been held every Fourth of July since its inception in 1979. Classmates get together and friendly rivalries are renewed. If it happens to be at six o’clock in the evening, or one in the morning, it doesn’t matter. The Ishpeming playground is jammed with spectators cheering on their special team at the most popular event of the week. Congratulations go out to the classes of 2001, 1987, and the combined efforts of the 1970-71 teams (pictured) who emerged as the winners this year.

Tim Hares, a 1979 IHS graduate, is responsible for organizing and scheduling the annual event, which is no simple task. There are eighteen teams involved, and Tim starts the scheduling in early December, with a lot of juggling and changing before it is finally completed and printed.

A special rivalry has developed between the classes of 1962 and 1966. It has become so competitive that Jim Blewett (’62) decided that a traveling trophy was necessary to put the final touch to each victory. This treasured trophy is displayed at the Congress Bar and Lounge, and is signed by the players of each team. Hopefully, this friendly competition and great camaraderie brought about by this tournament will go on for years to come. When you see Tim Hares, give him a special “Thank you” for his great efforts.

#### IHS Class of 1970 Softball Team



Front row L to R: Dave Perry, Patty Bess, Pat O'Brien, Mick Salmi  
2nd row: Rudy Boase 3rd row: Dave Nelson, Rich Moyle, Steve Nelson, MVP Jeff Baldini, Ralph Pellow, Bill Lindroos, Rick Beinlich

### Underwriting Questions Answered

Some of our alumni were intrigued by the idea of underwriting a portion of the *Beacon Light* and thought it would be helpful if we broke down publication costs. So here you are...paper: \$450, mailing labels & tabs: \$120, toner: \$2,800 and postage: \$1,100. Please contact your Alumni Association if you have any questions or if you would like more information. We appreciate your interest.

## Address Changes

Moving? Do you know of a classmate's new address? Please let us know. We want to keep our database current; however, we can only do so with your help. The addresses you provide are not only used by the association, but they are used by your classmates in planning for class gatherings.

## Stop and Smell The Roses

Ah, it was June 21, the first official day of summer, the glorious but short season we all anxiously await. Having settled in my lawn chair on the deck with a cool glass of lemonade, I was just starting to relax, when I heard our mailman coming up the drive. His next sentence ruined my whole day. "Mrs. Boase, your 2007 Sears Fall & Winter catalogue is here!" I wanted to knock him to the ground and pummel him with that two pound book! But then I realized he was just the messenger. You see, I don't care to look at flannel shirts, long underwear or winter boots when my darn petunias have just started to bloom! We had just happily hauled our winter coats, sweaters, scarves and mittens upstairs that week, and had said, "good riddance" to all of them for at least four months—and that's with a little luck.

Why is it that the advertisers and merchants try so diligently every year to hurry us through our lives, so that no one ever stops to smell the roses anymore?

When we were putting up our Fourth of July decorations, and placing the usual miniature flags in our planter, the daily paper arrived

with an ad telling all the parents to "come and stock up on school supplies while they last!" Excuse me? School supplies? The kids are just starting their summer recreation programs! Their pencils and notebooks are still on the dining room table where they dropped them two weeks ago!

When September finally rolls around, we are barraged with pumpkins, witch costumes and various Halloween candies in all the stores. Okay, I'll go along with that one—it's a month away. But are those pilgrim and turkey candles and napkins on the counter next to the Halloween candy? Of course they are! Why not just lump those two holidays together, and pretend our forefathers landed here in costumes, greeted the Indians with "Trick-or-Treat?" and shared candy corn instead of corn.

So now it's November, and I'm in the kitchen stuffing our Thanksgiving turkey, and I suddenly hear Bing Crosby in our living room singing, "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas!" I'm going to have myself a merry little breakdown if someone doesn't put a stop to this ridiculous commercialism soon,

and give us time to stop and enjoy each holiday for what it really is. Not surprisingly, the day after Christmas the sales begin for next year. I refuse to buy gifts, garlands or lights that I have to store for 364 days!

On January 1, the heart-shaped boxes of chocolates appear on the shelves for the "oh so special" Valentine you must impress in February. Before that last caramel is swallowed, the green shamrock pins that "glow-in-the-dark" are offered for St. Patty's Day on March 17. So get them early, as you can only wear them one day of the year. But don't worry, because Easter is on its way, and by next week so are the marshmallow bunnies and grass-filled baskets. We won't even mention Mother's Day, Father's Day, Grandparent's Day, or Secretary's Day, but they are neatly packaged in between so that soon, we are right back where we started.

Actually, it's time to go, because I hear the mailman outside calling, "Guess what, Mrs. Boase—your 2008 Sears Fall & Winter catalogue is here!" No time for roses!

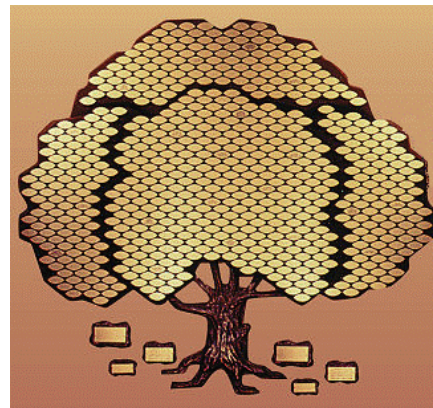
-Jan (Lofaro) Boase '50

## Tree of Life Donations

In order to recognize the donations given by alumni of IHS, the Alumni Association is purchasing a "Tree of Life" donation plaque. This tree will be displayed in the Division Street entrance of the New Gym. Starting on October 1, 2006, any donation to the Alumni Association (operating, scholarship, etc.) over \$100 will be recognized on the tree. There will be four donation levels:

- Bronze leaf for donations of \$100 to \$249
- Silver leaf for donations of \$250 to \$499
- Gold leaf for donations of \$500 to \$1,000
- Foundation Rock for donations of over \$1,000

There is also an opportunity for a donor or family to underwrite the cost of the tree for \$4,000. A plaque recognizing the donor of the tree will be purchased by the Association. Please contact your Alumni Association for more information.



## Interview with a Grad: Lieutenant Colonel James King

James King was born on November 13, 1933 in Ishpeming to James L. and Jane King. He grew up in the Lake Angeline location and graduated from Ishpeming High School in June 1952.

In April 1953, he enlisted in the United States Air Force and began his basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas. Later that year, he was commissioned a second lieutenant and was assigned to Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico as a flight engineer on the B-36 Peacemaker.

In 1958, he began pilot training and upon completion was retained in the program as a flight instructor. Captain King instructed USAF pilots and foreign nationals earning a Master Certificate in Jet instruction.

In 1966, Captain King was given a flight assignment to the F-105 Thunderchief fighter-bomber. As mission commander, he participated in combat operations against the North Vietnamese earning various awards



and citations including two Silver Stars, three Distinguished Flying Crosses, two Meritorious Service Medals, ten Air Medals, an Air Force Commendation Medal, two National Defense Service Medals and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. Upon completion of a second combat tour, he was assigned as a staff officer in the Strategic Air Command Headquarters.

Lieutenant Colonel King retired from active duty in 1979 and began a career in civil aviation. Currently (2006) he is providing flight instruction at the John D. Odegard School for Aerospace Sciences in Grand Forks, North Dakota. He is a FAA Aviation Safety Counselor and an Aviation Certification Representative. In addition, he has been recognized as a Master Flight Instructor.

Jim, who is known to his IHS classmates and friends as “Archie,” has been married to his wife Joyce for 45 years. They have raised four great sons.

“Archie” says “I had a ball at IHS” He credits the discipline he learned in the Ishpeming school system for helping him to be a better leader and man. A lot of that firm discipline came from his favorite teacher, Claude “Bull” Farrell.

His message to us all is “keep pressing on.”

## Thank you

During the spring class representative breakfast, it was brought to our attention that the high school was in need of a wheelchair. Through the generous donation of our alumni, we were able to purchase a new wheelchair, and it arrived in time for the annual Open House. The wheelchair will be available for use during any high school function, and it will be located near the entrance of the new gym. Thank You to our generous donors:

Dr. Robert DellAngelo ‘71  
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### Ishpeming High School Alumni Association Donation Form

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (please include maiden name if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Class of \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Alumni Association donation for operating expenses —suggested annual donation in the amount of \$25 or more (non-tax deductible) *Please make contribution payable to the I.H.S. Alumni Association* \_\_\_\_\_

Alumni Association donation for scholarship fund (non-tax deductible) *Please make contribution payable to the I.H.S. Alumni Association* \_\_\_\_\_

Greater Ishpeming Area Community Fund – Ishpeming Alumni Fund (tax deductible endowment fund) *Please make contribution payable to GIACF – Ishpeming Alumni Fund* \_\_\_\_\_

Mail To: Ishpeming High School Alumni Association, 319 East Division Street, Ishpeming, Michigan 49849

### Did You Know That?

- The C.L. Phelps Schools Holocaust Memorial Museum seventh grade teaching team has been designated as a “National Teaching Team of the Year” by the National Middle School Association (one of only four teams in the country—recognized at the NMSA convention in Philadelphia.)
- Ishpeming was named as an “Out Performing” district by Standard & Poors School Evaluation Service.
- District librarian Cheryl Vukelich has been named as the recipient of the Michigan Reading Association Individual Literacy State Award for promoting student reading and literacy.
- C.L. Phelps School eighth grade Boys’ Basketball team was the undefeated Champion of the Alger-Marquette County League.
- The C.L. Phelps School Quiz Bowl Team students are the Upper Peninsula Champions.
- Ishpeming High School received the MHSAA “Good Sports Are Winners” Regional Sportsmanship Award for football.



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