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## Annual A.H.S. Alumni Draws Hundreds to School’s Auditorium



Bill Miller (with emcee Holly (Hornung) Remund), received the Arnold Alumni Association Recognition of Honor for Influencing the Lives of Students award at Saturday night’s A.H.S. Alumni Program. Bill, who missed his own out of town class reunion to receive the award, had great stories to tell (including starting up the girls’ basketball program) while at the podium. (Jessica Tickle photo)

By Darlene Rimpley

Each year I am privileged to write “The Alumni Story.” I try to think up a new way to begin the story, so as to catch your attention. It has to be interesting, something you really want to read further, and most of all, to really give you the feeling of a true Arnold High Alumni gathering.

The story would actually have to start with all of the board meetings, which begin shortly after the current banquet, and the agreeing - and disagreeing - to come up with the plans for the next Alumni gathering. But, since persons tell us they don’t want to serve on the board - and especially an office - you would be bored if I told you about those meetings.

And then I would have to tell you that, finally, for honored classes there comes the get-togethers which are full of fun and laughter and catching up on all of the years that have gone by, the dreams achieved, the families that have been, or are being, raised, and the reminiscing as they talk about their

favorite, or “unfavorite” teacher.

Would you want to read about the BIG day that has finally arrived? Well, let me tell you! Alumni and guests started drifting in before the 5:00 hour of serving. They mingle in the hallways, greet each other in the auditorium, buy their tickets and view the remodeling that occurred when the band room floor was raised enough to make it even with the other floors, walls were taken down, and it became the new lunch room.

Let me tell you about the meal now. Everyone likes to talk about food. Due to the remodeling, serving tables were set up in the auditorium. The meal was catered, partly because of the remodeling, and because as 2nd vice president, no one wants to take on the job of all that cooking. So, do like Josh Magill did this year and get a caterer. Many thanks to the Magill family and friends for helping with the serving this year, and several others who also helped. The dessert table,

with delicious desserts furnished by alumni and friends, was manned by Andrew and April Tickle.

Do you want to read about me eating my meal? I sat down across from Bill and Cyd Miller. Woops - “Mr. Miller” - who was the honored teacher for 2018. I hardly got to visit with them, as former students kept stopping by to say hello. Kent DeLosh sat down by me, and I thought, “Finally! Someone to visit with.” No, that didn’t work either, because he and Mr. Miller started talking. The best thing was that I learned Kent threw Mr. Miller out of class one day. You have to talk to them to hear the rest of the story.

Okay, so now I’ll tell you about moving out to the chairs into the middle of the gymnasium. What fun to watch people greet each other. Some of them dashing every which way and to every corner. I saw the Fitzgerald twins, Kathy Fuller, Patty Watson and Della Weinman (all maiden names)...I could go on and on!

Finally! President Beverly

Harding Engleman called us to order, which was really hard to do because everyone was so busy visiting. She extended the welcome, and we gave the Pledge of Allegiance. Gary Halstead led us in the memorial time, as he read the names of alumni who had passed away - or we just heard of their death - in the past year and gave the invocation.

Then I would have to tell you about the business that has to be mentioned. Josh Magill gave a report on the Alumni Board and again put out a plea for a person to be 2nd vice-president (in charge of the meal). Good news came forth from the Arnold School Foundation, when it was reported that the late Donzel Erikson, Class of ‘41, left \$25,000.00 to the Foundation. Not to be outdone by his classmate, and the only remaining member of that class, Bobbie Smith also gave \$25,000.00 to the Foundation in memory of his wife, Gloria, and his daughter, Karen.

And now for the “funner” part of telling you the story of an alumni banquet and program. No, it’s all been fun, but I digress. President Engleman introduced the mistress of ceremonies, Holey Jo. Sorry, that stuck in my mind. Holly Jo Hornung Remund, Class of ‘88. Holly (we can be informal, can’t we?) gave an encouraging speech about the good life in Arnold, and the great school.

The honored teacher, Mr. Bill Miller, was then called forward

to receive his award, and related some incidents in his 29-plus year teaching career at A.H.S.

The “funnest” part of the evening came with the annual parade of the honored classes. The Class of 1938 was well represented by “all” remaining class members. Doris Shields Lynch Bowers is the only surviving member of that class, and was present on the occasion of her 80th class reunion.

The Class of ‘48 had four members present out of the 11 surviving members: Earl Dailey, Don Swanson, Lavern Leach and Bob Forrester. One of the members, Norvin Pearce of Kearney, had made big plans to be present, and then just the day before the reunion, he was in the hospital receiving a stint. What a bummer!

The Class of ‘58 (which organizer Karla Olson Nansel thought probably only two or three would be present) had eight out of the 17 surviving members present.

Half of the Class of ‘68’s members were present to enjoy the time, but with four deceased, that means the average for attendance was the highest for attendance awards. One of them, Marvin Larsen, would take top honors for coming the shortest distance as he lives on the school playground (Holly’s words, but almost true as his home is right next to the school).

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The joy of meeting up with dear, old friends was evident in the hallways of Arnold Public School, Saturday evening during the Alumni reunion.



## Honoring Our Fallen

Arnold American Legion and V.F.W. members and a crowd of residents stand, as John Phillips gives the welcome at Memorial Day Services held Monday morning at the Baptist Church. Heavy rains moved the ceremony from the Arnold Cemetery to the church, where Ret. US Army Colonel Sen. Tom Brewer spoke. (Debbie Connely photo)