

The Stanton High School reunion was organized in approximately 1954 by several couples who met and hand wrote invitations for what would become an annual event. The reunion was held every year until the 1970's when it was changed to meet every three years. Officers and committees were appointed.

In 2006, the reunion was organized differently as activities varied for the traditional banquet, program, and activities such as honoring a Distinguished Alumni and Outstanding Community Builder. The Professional Achievement award was presented to a graduate with notable career success that impacted citizens in a positive manner; and the Family Tree Award was presented to a graduate who has the highest number of one family's graduates from SHS. These awards were present to the following:

Distinguished Alumni - Morris Vogel - longtime mortician and a 1941 SHS graduate. He served in the military, was the instigator of the Elkhorn Valley Golf Course, volunteered in his church and other organizations, and contributed to the community through his personal qualities and role-model characteristics.



Professional Achievement Award - Dr. Roland Hjorth of Seattle, Washington was a 1953 graduate. He served as dean of the University of Washington Law School. He is an expert in taxation and business law. In 2001, he was designated as the Garvey Schuvert Barer Professor of Law in Seattle. Hjorth has written several books and articles on the law profession. He was born and raised in Stanton County.

Outstanding Community Builder

Honorable Robert Wenke was named the Outstanding Community Builder. The award was given in appreciation for his support and financial contributions toward several improvement projects, such as the local parks, swimming pool, school, public library, historical museum and the Congregational Church. He was not a graduate of SHS since he moved to Lincoln where his father served as the supreme judge in the judicial system.



Marlin Waechter, a former businessman, received the Outstanding Community Builder award for owning and operating the Stanton Register for 38 years. The award was given in recognition of him and his late wife, Linde, for their dedication which helped the community complete a historical account of school events including agriculture, fine arts, sports and academic honors. Coverage of these many events provided the common

thread for the community and Stanton alumni across the United States.

The Family Tree Award-

The families honored were: The Hazel (Pont) Schellpeper family with those present: Hazel's son Ronald (Class of 1950) and his sister Veryl (Schellpeper) Jackson of Winside (Class of 1946) : other members of the family present were Ronald's wife Joanne and their son Brad Schellpeper and Veryl's husband Charles.





The Erna (Gadeken) Pohlman family who was represented by her two daughters, Jeanette (Pohlman) Weatherholt (Class of 1957) and Karen (Pohlman) Phillips of Omaha (Class of 1958).

And the Katherine (Frank) Molacek family who was represented by her husband Lloyd.



All awards were presented by the Alumni President Kevin Koopman (Class of 1982).

Class pictures were offered this year as a package. A background was set up by Inez Barth and her assistant Carol Glaser. Classes, especially the honored classes of this year ending in six, could order prints as a keepsake. A new directory, compiled by Inez Barth, is made every three years and ready by banquet time to be purchased.

New officers were named at the reunion and they are: President Kevin Koopman; Vice-President Heidi (Vogel) Macklin; Secretary, Doris (Muhs) Wilson; Treasurer Nancy (Schellpepr) Morfeld and Chairman of Alumni Directory Inez Barth. The next reunion will be held June 27, 2009.

The Alumni Committee and the Stanton Community Schools Foundation are a viable part of the local school system as they provide important information from the past and for the future of the SHS Heritage. The alumni appreciate the assistance with the many names and address changes each year that is pertinent to the new booklet.



Leeland Prawitz of Aptos, California shows his excitement at the 2006 alumni re-union.