Glenbard Class of 1959 – Favorite Teachers 5<sup>th</sup> edn

(5.5) Eleanor Dowling, English Dept., Future Teachers of America Advisor

1. Teun Schoolwerth

## **Eleanor Dowling**

2. Carol Becker

## Mrs. Dowling

She was so centered and peaceful and pleasant.

3. Joni (Joanna Fuchs)

## **MISS DOWLING**

4. Kate Strasburg (Katie Knowles Strasburg)

# Dowling

I 'd like to add **Yaeger** to my list of one. I never had him for a class but being a stage crew geek for 4 years, I had a free period with him daily where we worked on scenery construction if necessary as he was the faculty advisor to theater crews.

Trivia factoid: He did summer stock with Paul Newman and Paul's future wife, Joanne Woodward

5. Mike Menard

# Miss Dowling

I have two teachers that have been with me since high school (wouldn't they be surprised)...Miss Dowling for English Composition and **Mr. Wiltsie** for History. Interestingly, I still love to write and still love history, both current and the American Revolution. In researching the King family genealogy, I discovered that one of my great grandfathers, Alexander McDougall, was a Major General under George Washington. There is a street in New York city named after him.

Tom – "It would be helpful if you could pick a first place but they will both be mentioned when I add your vote in."

Karen -- "I guess I would have to pick Miss Dowling because I remember her best. but..."

# 6. Karen King

(4) Eleanor Arlen, Physical Education, G.A.A. Assistant Advisor, Cheerleading Advisor, Girl Scout Advisor

Mrs. Arlen, PE teacher who loved us so much she came to one of our reunions!

1. Becky Bulleit Gelhaar

#### Eleanor Arlen

Tom, the only teachers I recognized were the Latin Teacher and Ms. Arlen, the PE teacher. I felt sorry for the Latin teacher as we were all rude to her, so I guess Ms. Arden wins my vote.

2. Helen Moran Lemal

## **Eleanor Arlen**

THANKS SO MUCH FOR SENDING OUR TEACHERS PICTURES! MY FAVORITE WAS ELEANOR ARLEN FOR P.E. AND CHEERLEADING ADVISOR! OF COURSE, I ALWAYS LIKED **MISS SNOW**, FOR MY FRENCH CLASS, AND **MR. STEVENSON** FOR SOCIAL STUDIES! I HOPE TO LEARN HOW TO ZOOM AND SEE OUR CLASSMATES THAT ZOOM ALSO.

3. KAY HALL KONOPKA

#### Mrs. A.

My favorite academic teacher was **Mr. Wiltsie**, my history teacher. He made history interesting and he allowed me to student-teach for him when we had those opportunities.

However I must say beyond a doubt - hands down- my P.E. teacher Mrs. A was my very favorite. Loved just hanging out with her in addition to being in class. If I only get one choice it would be Mrs. A.

4. Kirkie Morrissey 😊 (Arlene Kirkendall Morrissey)

## (3 1/3) Raymond Carr, Music Dept. Chairman

We had so many great teachers at Glenbard and there were several that I was fond of. But, because I had them for four years and the music department was my happy place, I choose Mr. and **Mrs. Carr**. Hard to pick just one of them because the really were a team.

1. Diane Heideger

#### Mr. Carr

There were two teachers who were my finalists. Mr. Carr wins based on my lifelong appreciation of music, especially classical music. Hardly a day goes by without beautiful music as part of life for me.

The "stranded in a one room schoolhouse on an island in Lake Michigan" (or anywhere) test is not relevant here. Mr. C an exceptional teacher, an excellent musician, a caring mentor, but NOT even in the top ten or Lake Michigan island companionship. In fact, possibly no teacher ever meets that criterion.

My #2 fave teacher is **Senorita Shuck**. A caring, understanding lady. As a college student, when assigned to interview a teacher for an Education class, I chose the Senorita, not Mr Carr.

I agree with your response to Arthur Jensen obituary. Too bad we don't get do-overs.

On another note, Sox just turned a 3-0 8th inning lead into a 5-3 loss. I've been a Sox fan for 75+ years- never seen a more frustrating year than 2024.

2. Neal Whitecotton

## **Raymond Carr**

3. Wendy John

## Carr

Hello Tom, my selection is he/she Patterson Pieper Carr :)

The two P's for instilling a love of language that has informed my life, and the last for creating a love of music and choirs that is with me still.

1/3. Sheila Clarke (Sande Rockwell)

ps- If any clarification is necessary, the Patterson refers to the doyenne of all things Latin , **Delpha Patterson** - loved that class!

ps- I was totally hopeless at multiple choice questions- There were *always* reasons to select at least two :)

Tom: How did you do with multiple choice questions with only two answers to choose from?

Sheila: meltdown :)

Tom: I am doing the summary and would appreciate another shot at clarification. I will definitely include all three, but everyone else mentioning more than one has picked one for first. Right now none of them would be recognized with a first. Can you try to overcome your phobia of multiple choice again. If not, I will give them each 1/3 of first.

Sheila: I like your compromise :)

Tom: You are consistent and tough to sway, and I knew that would be your answer but sent it anyway as we may need a tie-breaker. At least I can thank you for a quick reply.

# (3) Helen McConnell, English Dept., GLENBARD Advisor

With many good teachers at Glenbard while we were there, it is difficult to choose just one. Given that is the requirement, however, I will list Miss Helen McConnell. While I never had a class with her (she was on sabbatical the year I took Journalism), I learned a great deal senior year as Editor of the Glen Bard newspaper and her as our faculty advisor. Miss McConnell was a stickler on proper grammar and punctuation, good writing style, worthy news, photos that told a story, proofreading, and meeting deadlines. Even now when writing something I often think "now does this meet Miss McConnell's standards."

Since you mentioned coaches, in that category I would list Mr. **George Dekan**, longtime Track and Field coach. I served as a student Manager for his teams for three years and also worked with him as he developed a timing device more accurate than a stopwatch. It received a patent and eventually was sold commercially including to some NFL teams.

After our 50th Reunion, I learned that **Mr. Dekan** was alive and living in Florida at the time. It would have been great to have him join us had we known that, as he was in good health and still sharp then. He died in 2014.

His obituary from the Chicago Tribune can be found here: <u>George J Dekan, 1920-2014</u> <u>– Chicago Tribune</u>

This all may be more detail than you want to include in your posting, so please feel free to edit/cut as you wish.

1. Cliff Argue

# Helen McConnell

In attempting to zero in on my favorite teacher, I paged through the '59 Pinnacle faculty. **Firley, Dowling, Kronsagen (Mrs.), Yaeger**. I always looked forward to their classes and added to my (now waning) knowledge bank.

Then I realized my favorite teacher was a faculty member whose class I never attended because she was on leave (to take care of her mother) my junior year when students took journalism. (I don't even remember the name of the person who "taught" me journalism that year.) Miss McConnell actually taught me journalism my senior year when she sat beside me (and other staff members of the GLEN BARD, our newspaper) nearly every day. I remember how meticulous she was, going over every sentence with me and gently making corrections when necessary.

I have been a writer by profession and avocation. My first job was as a reporter for The Times-Picayune in New Orleans.

2. Janet Whittaker Rink

# **Helen McConnell**

- 3. Judy Smith Noren
- (3) Eugene DeClark, Mathematics Dept., Movie Crew Advisor

Thinking back, I'd say my favorite teacher was Mr. DeClark in the math department. He really encouraged my interest in math at a time when girls were more likely to be interested in the social aspects of high school or at least not science and math. Sometimes there weren't many girls in the math classes but he thought girls could do math well. That was important to me and led me to studying math at Stanford. I met my husband there in a math class sophomore year - there were 2 girls in the class and the other wore a wedding ring so he asked me out.

1. Cathy (Ayers) Allen

# Eugene DeClark

My favorite teacher was Eugene DeClark the math teacher. He inspired me and encouraged me to such a degree that it influenced my college career. I remember when he administered the University of Illinois math test and told me that I had the highest score at Glenbard and that it exceeded most of scores of the students at the university of Illinois who took it.

Because of his influence I added mathematics as a second major in college and graduated with a double major in mathematics and physics. In college and by special arrangement with the departmental chair I was allowed to take math classes with the PhD students and got the highest grades in the class. None of that would've happened if I had not had Mr. DeClark for mathematics at Glenbard.

I will always be grateful to Mr. DeClark for changing a significant portion of my life by giving me a deep love for mathematics.

2. Dave Petersen

# Eugene DeClark

I liked Mr. DeClark's class because Dave McCollum was in it. You were too, weren't you? You can use this. Dave will be embarrassed.

3. Margie Shaw Stoll

# (2 1/3) Delpha Patterson, Language Dept. Chairman, Usher Chairman, Latin Club Advisor

1. Hardy Wieting

Then in answer to my question about teachers' ages, Hardy replied: Actually, one of the things I liked about Delpha was that she was old. Wonder whether she was ever

married. He then answered himself. I did some searching on the web: Monmouth College, died 1921. You can find her obituary under Memories of Faculty.

## Delpha Patterson,

I would not say I "liked" her, but she was the most influential, both because she demanded hard work and because 4 years of Latin were a powerful language base for my careers as a professor and a writer.

2. Kent Shifferd

P.S. After my question Kent replied with "Good to hear from you. I have a Ph.D. in modern European history with minors in ancient and medieval. However, in 1972 we added a whole new emphasis to our curriculum, namely, environmental studies. We had a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to develop courses and I began to teach environmental history and environmental ethics, resulting eventually in my book, The Planetary Emergency. In the middle '80s we responded to the threat of nuclear war (as did many colleges) and I developed a major in the study of peace, which eventually resulted in the books, From War to Peace, and A Global Security System (the last, co-authored). So, you can see I have been and am a generalist. Right now, I am finishing up a new book, Betraying Jesus, the Tragic History Of Christian Violence.

I bet that's a lot more than you wanted to know."

1/3. my selection is he/she Patterson Pieper Carr :)

- 1. Sheila Clarke (Sande Rockwell)
- (2) C.A.R. Johnson, Science Dept., Cross Country Coack, Hi-C Advisor
  - 1. Jim Lewis

# C.A.R. Johnson

My favorite teacher was definitely C.A.R. Johnson. Not only was he an excellent Biology teacher, he was also an excellent person, and an excellent Cross-Country Coach. One of his funny statements that I always remember, was when he said, when one of our cross-country teammates didn't show up for practice, he'd jokingly ask,"if that team member was out walking the dog?"

2. Roger Griffith

(2) Roy Chenoweth, Social Studies Dept., Hi-Y Advisor

With regard to my favorite teacher, one that has stuck with me over the years was Roy Chenoweth. He was one of the history teachers who stimulated my interest in history. I

think I was interested in this before his class and certainly that interest has stayed with me until today. He also got me interested in Southern Ilinois University where I ended up going. Actually I went there along with Forrest Adolpson and Bill Bert, two of our other classmates.

1. John Windeguth

## Mr. Chenoweth

Although I had many great teachers, a favorite teacher was Mr. Chenoweth. Social Studies. He made history so exciting and learning fun.

**Gladys Kronsagen** was probably my best teacher. She taught English like non other. I ended up minoring in English in college. We called her "happy bottom"! 😂 😂 Please don't include that in any list. 📀

Actually Tom! DO include it! That would be great! 😂

2. Nancy Fricke Johnson

(2) Paul Yaeger, English Dept., Dramatics Advisor, Thespians Advisor, Stage-Light Crew Advisor, Junior and Senior Play Director

Paul Yaeger came to mind immediately for encouraging me to think for myself. He gave me confidence. I must mention **C. A. R. Johnson, Eleanor Dowling, and Eleanor Alexander** also.

1. Mary Hanson Hirsch

# Paul Yeager

My favorite Glenbard teachers? **Leo Hutt**, algebra. He encouraged excellence. **Paul Yeager,** Drama + Jr. & Sr. Plays, who supported my getting to the National HS Speech Summer program at Northwestern. And **Delpha Patterson**, 2nd year

Latin, after the scary (but good) **Ms. Alexander**, she made the subject fun--*Caesar's Gallic Wars* helped. A trio of dedicated teachers and good people. Tom, I'd pick Paul Yeager. After 1st year of college, several of us went to Beloit to see Yeager's summer stock play, Carousel. Very well done. I'd pick him because he was always taking on a new project. My work in management consulting was like that. Something new and different.

2. Bob Perkins

# (2) Charlotte Schwartz, Spanish

My favorite teacher was Charlotte Schwartz. I took Spanish as a freshman and she was an enthusiastic and outstanding teacher who made learning a foreign language understandable and fun. Living in Texas for 50+ years with Spanish the predominant language behind English, I still remember the basics to understand some of what is spoken and to speak "a little" mainly to patient people just for fun.

1. Diane Meinert Harrell.

## Mrs. Schwartz

I have gotten way past my memory of Glenbard classes and teachers but Mrs. Schwartz--Spanish teacher probably made the most impact on my life since I went on to minor in Spanish and teach it for many years!! Also **Mrs. Arlen** for phys ed since I also taught that.

2 Judy Wood Talley

# (1) Gladys Kronsagen, English Dept., Masque and Gavel Advisor

I had to pull out our senior yearbook to remember the names and faces of our teachers. I remembered several I admired for different reasons—**Ms. Patterson** for her extreme patience teaching Latin, Mrs. Kronsagen for all the vocabulary, language and literature skills we learned, **Mr. Becwar** for introducing me to the world of biology, and **Ms. Faust** for making geometry an understandable challenge. I guess my favorite was Ms. Kronsagen. She wasn't really fun or someone I would hang out with but someone I respected for how much she demanded of us.

We were fortunate to be blessed with so many great teachers. I've got to believe they were very much responsible for our future educational and professional successes.

- 1. Eileen Dowiatt Quinn
- (1) Clara Diers, Social Studies Dept.

My favorite teacher was Miss Diers. She taught history that I seemed to remember long after I'd forgotten so many other subjects. I remembered things she said when I traveled many years later.

1. Janet Kelley Halvorsen

# (1) George Dekan

My choice is George Dekan. I enjoyed him as a teacher and coach. I thought of him many times over the years as I applied something I learned from him in shop class. He'd also be handy to have on a deserted island.

1. John Staedke

(1) Liz Astroth, Physical Education, Head Football Coach, Head Baseball Coach

I know you and others remember Liz Astroth, Coach and teacher. He was at Glenbard from 1953-1958 and ended up as IHSA President. He was a great mentor and always

encouraged me to work hard, stay focused and be a good teammate. He also coached our Presbyterian church league team in his "spare time "! As I look back, his spirit, always positive attitude and his southern Illinois *way of "splainin things ", had a great impact on me then, and even now. Thanks Coach* 

## 1. Jeff Baker

(1) Mary White, Mathematics Dept., Monitor Supervision

Mrs. White, Algebra. She was kind and patient. I liked my biology teacher but I can't remember his name. I had him for two years. **Mr. Johnson**?

Pinnacles burned in a fire.

1. Patti Galligan Witt

## (1) Faye Homrighous, English Dept., Kits and Skitts Co-Advisor

Hi Tom; my first choice is Ms. Homrighaus. Except for a few memorable moments, I barely remember going to high school. My family moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa in the summer of '58, so I spent my senior year in high school there. Also, all of my high school and college yearbooks vanished 4 or 5 moves ago.

Those are my excuses for possibly spelling the name incorrectly and misstating some of the following details. Ms. Homrighaus's memorable moment came when I told her I didn't like historical fiction, and she said that was OK. In my young mind, for a teacher of Sophomore English to yield so easily to a 15 year-old's opinion without any condescension or argument, was very nice and considerate; I was amazed by her response.

1. Bruce Nelson

# (1) Frank Galbraith, Physics

Sadly, I don't remember classes I took no less who taught them. So, as I think back to teachers I remember, it was for random reasons. I must mention my Spanish teacher (**Don Patterson**) whose manner was tolerant, patient, forgiving, kind, accepting but most of all because we didn't get detentions for coming late to class if we entered with a plaintive and genuine sounding "mas vale tarde que nunca" (better late than never) which has never been forgotten. Incidentally, my dad took Greek at Dartmouth and his professor made sure the class memorized a sentence they had to repeat every day since he knew that others who found out would ask him to say something in Greek. He used it all his life.

Also exhibiting similar personal qualifications plus a good sense of humor was **C.A.R. Johnson** for whom I served as the manager of his cross country team for three years. also learned a great deal in his biology class but mostly by being Jill Buettner's lab partner.

My third option was Frank Galbraith, our physics teacher. He was one of the older ones and about to retire. His age had a consequence on his teaching, even in his appearance. I don't think he realized or cared his collar tips both pointed up, his ties were ugly, and within a few minutes he had chalk all over his suit. But what made him most memorable were his experiments which he was determined to use to demonstrate the laws of physics. One had to do with gravity. As he talked, he kept tossing a piece of chalk over his head until it disappeared into the back of his suit. He never found it so got another piece. Another was when he was showing us the properties of elasticity by bouncing and catching a big marble on the concrete floor until it didn't bounce up. He ended up on the floor looking under the counter until he found it. A third was when he wanted to show us that the water in a paper of a paper cup filled with water could be boiled without the paper burning. Sadly, he chose a paper cup that was not solid but had perpendicular folds if you remember that kind. He got the Bunson burner going under a raised metal plate and placed the paper cup filled with water on it and we all waited expectantly for the water to boil. And boil it did, but unfortunately the boiling water started to unfold the sides of the cup and before his and our very eyes, the boiling water was running over the counter in all directions.

Because Mr. Galbraith was so endearing, some of us decided to present him with a gift at the end of his class in honor of his retirement. We had a few posters scattered around the school announcing EFF GEE day with a date to raise the students' curiosity but without any other information. We asked Mike Hoy to shop for the ugliest tie he could find, and on the last day of class, he presented Mr. Galbraith with a wrapped box. I honestly believe he loved the tie and had a tear that needed to be wiped away.

My conclusion is that his teaching style led me to have a great appreciation of how and why things work and why some don't.

1. Tom Chandler

(1/2) Warren Wiltsie, Social Studies Dept., P. E., Head Frosh-Soph Football Coach,

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1. Karen King

(1) Stan Yohe, Social Studies, Student Council Advisor

I nominated Stan Yohe because I got to know him so well from being on student council. He had very high ideals that he shared with me

He definitely challenged me encouraged me. I felt like Mr. Yohe saw something in me that I did not see in myself!! he was related to Sherry Rogers and took both of us on a 10 day camping trip to a state park in Florida over spring vacation along with his wife, Beth and their eight month-old baby girl!! This trip was so much fun, and Sherry and I became forever friends!! I continued to stay in touch with Mr. Yohe and his family for many years after graduation!!! Thank you, Tom!! Writing about this sure makes me realize even more that the people I shared my life with in high school were the ones that were the most positive influence on me!!!

1. Blessings, Carole Stone Baumann 🤗

# (1/3) Caecilie Pieper, English Dept.

1/3. my selection is he/she Patterson Pieper Carr :)

1. Sheila Clarke (Sande Rockwell)

Tom, I was honored to go on a Talons Out Honor Flight on May 4th to Washington D. C. and have my oldest daughter as my guardian. I played my harmonica and placed four roses in front of panel 14E where I knew 38 faces when I was in Vietnam. Other panels I knew more but this panel includes the name of Samuel Bird. You and every one of our classmates have seen him at least once. My daughter Becky videoed me playing the harmonica and there is a quote by General Hal Moore included .This is the true meaning of Memorial Day to me.

Here is my challenge. Google, Readers Digest article "The Courage of Sam Bird " by B. T. Collins. I knew both men well. I was with Sam about 5 minutes after he was hit.

Please forward this to our classmates for me as I don't use Facebook.

Bruce Thatcher