

# Danube Historical Society Newsletter

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# Fall Festival 2019

A sunny Saturday greeted us on September 28 for our annual Fall Festival and dedication/ribbon cutting for our new building, the DHS Alumni Building, so named because of the generous gifts of the DHS alumni in response to the "class challenge" fundraiser. 13 classes met the challenge of contributing \$1000; top honors for dollars raised went to the class of 1959, with honors for most contributors to the class of 1966. Thanks to all for participating in this fundraiser. Honored guests were introduced by emcee Al Schochenmaier '65 and DHS president Rod Black '52 had the honor of cutting the ribbon. Approximately 120 were in attendance and enjoyed the brats and hot dogs (with or without sauerkraut), chips, beans, cookies and coffee, coordinated by Sandy Frank '60. Greg Lippert '73 kept us entertained with his musical talent. The new kitchen area was appreciated, as well as the "real" bathroom. The building has lots of storage space and meeting space as well. Door prizes were drawn each ½ hour, and were won by Harold Lambert (t-shirt), Pat Serbus (Danube-opoly game), Barb Woltjer (Danube-opoly), Gene Allex (Danube-opoly) and Pat Aalderks (Danube-opoly). It was a nice day and several people "hung around" and visited for a while in the park after the festivities were concluded. It is great to see everyone coming together to celebrate and reminisce about Danube's past, present and future.

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## Sweetheart Stories

We had a couple of responses to our request for stories of high school sweethearts. Here they are:

**Ruth Van Den Einde and Larry Palmer** were high school sweethearts. We began dating in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade, going steady in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade and through the 12<sup>th</sup> grade, dated after graduating (class of 59) and married in November 1960. We will be celebrating our 59<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on November 19, 2019. We have lived in a number of states over the years related to job relocation ... Willmar, Minneapolis (twice), Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Lenexa, KS, Chicago suburb and now 20 years in retirement in Chandler, AZ. We have 3 children and 4 grandchildren. Danube was a wonderful place to be raised and to be from!

**Ron Van Buren (class of 1955) wrote: Ramona Kramin** and I met as classmates in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Danube High School. We began dating in our Junior year. We continued our relationship as she went off to college and I off to join the US Navy. We were married on March 28, 1959 and celebrated our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this past March. Having lived in many locations in the United States we moved back to Minnesota in 1988 and reside in a western suburb of Minneapolis. We have been blessed with 4 children and 11 grandchildren and are in generally good health.

