

# TOPEKA HIGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## News from the THSHS Paul Fink Room

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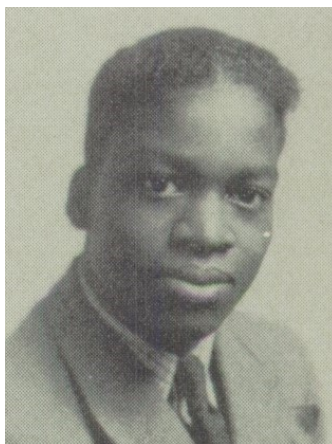
## Trojan Profiles: Ruth Fairbank and Ira Hutchison



**Ruth Fairbank ('37)** - Topeka High's Babe Didrikson! (for those who don't know, Babe Didrikson Zaharias was in the mid 20th century considered America's greatest woman athlete, proficient in many sports). When Miss Fairbank attended THS, the 1930s, girl sports were lim-

ited just to the phys. ed. Department (in the early 1900s there was girls' basketball competition between area schools, but not by 1937). Thus, Ruth Fairbank could only participate in high school as a Trojanette pep club member and with the Girls Athletic Association (G.A.A.) of which she was secretary. A three sport all-star, her first love was baseball (later softball) with a Chesney Park team in 1932 (shortstop). Her local team won a state championship in 1936, and Fairbank continued in the sport with women's teams for the various firms she worked for including the Santa Fe's Freight Claim Dept. But if she weren't out in the field, one could find her on the tennis court or the basketball court (in a national A.A.U. basketball tournament in 1944 she was ranked nationally as the 4th best forward). In later years she took up bowling. When the Topeka *Capital-Journal* sports dept. compiled a list of the 100 top athletes from Shawnee County, Miss Fairbank was No. 39. She regretted that in her high school days, in basketball, the girls could only play half court, the girls' gym being small. Nevertheless, Ruth Fairbank can be seen as a pioneer for woman's athletics at Topeka High; she passed away in 2017.

In the mid-1940s some activities were still segregated, at THS, notably basketball. Thus, **Ira James Hutchison ('44)** played not for the Black & Gold Trojans (all-white) but instead for the Red & White Ramblers (all-black). After graduation



and with WWII still raging, Hutchison joined the Navy. Upon discharge he entered Kansas State College (Manhattan) graduating in 1950 with a degree in physical education and recreation. Shortly thereafter he obtained a position at the Topeka State Hospital, incorporating recreation in therapy work. Spending 13

years at Topeka State, Hutchison became its recreation director in 1954. In 1965 the Trojan received his Master's degree in therapeutic recreation from Columbia University working in the field in New York City for several years. Next, Hutchison joined the National Park Service (in recreation) becoming its first African-American Deputy Director in 1977. After retirement (1986) he founded the Roundtable Associates, fellow African-Americans in the recreation and conservation fields, to promote more opportunities for minorities. Hutchison saw recreational activities as a vital assistance for those persons recovering from substance abuse. Earning the Interior Department's Distinguished Award, Mr. Hutchison passed away in Silver Spring, MD, in 2011.

**We're making plans to celebrate 150 years of THS during Homecoming weekend in October 2021. We're looking for graduates and supporters who want to join the planning fun. Contact co-chairmen Shayla Babb Kincade '95 and Nikki Ramirez-Jennings '95 via the THSHS office.**

## THSHS President's Letter



There are many opportunities for all THS alumni to reconnect with your school this spring! By joining us for one or more of the activities I know you'll experience feelings of pride for our beautiful and historic high school.

Our fundraising activities in the last quarter of 2016 accomplished our goal of balancing the operations budget and gave us funds to supplement the Tower Society Fund so we can proceed with preservation projects. Thank you to those of you that continue to support the Topeka High

School Historical Society.

You can expect renewed energy for membership recruitment, early plans for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Topeka High School, and on May 1 we'll celebrate completion of three preservation projects at the school---the renovation of chandeliers in the debate and English rooms, dedication of a sundial on the east plaza which is a gift from the THS Class of 1966, a memorial plaque for C.J. McKee (former THS faculty) and we'll unveil the original THS Crest now beautifully restored and mounted in the main

hall foyer. Our donors and other alumni are welcome to join us mid-day on Monday, May 1 for that celebration! Watch your email newsletters for specifics.

We're also working on plans for a renewed plaza area on the Western Avenue side of the building, thanks to the Barrett family that boasts nine THS grads over the years! The Tower Stairs are still a high priority as are other enhancements to the building.

We're also welcoming new board members David Heit, Topeka architect; Steve Holloman, (THS '70) recently retired band instructor; Dr. Linda Wiley, recently retired principal; Tina Williams (THS '88) and David Corley (THS '66). All these individuals bring expertise to our board that will be beneficial for projects to come. We also extend a huge thank you to retiring board members Dick Thornburg, Gary Krohe and Jan Leuenberger who have shared special skills with the board through their fundraising and technical ideas; and by-law updates.

I'm looking forward to serving as your 2017 board chair and I would welcome your participation on our committees that are doing such tremendous work in planning for preservation projects, events and curating our historical memorabilia. We're always looking for volunteers to help with our projects...let us know what you'd like to help with!

Marsha Martin Sheahan (1967, 2017 THSHS President)

### Where are these THSHS members?

We need complete mailing addresses for these people. Please send their information to the THSHS office.

Allen Anderson '52, Charles Brallier '43, Mike Butler '63, Linda Davis '66, Katherine Clare Eddy '42, Pricilla Ep-pinger, Emma Espinoza, Joe Flack '48, Ruth Leech Foster '43, Toni Simpson Hampton '63, Dorothy Simons Harrison '49, Barbara Henley Hecht '49, Jean McNeely Henry '43, R. Louise Anderson Juergens '42, Christopher Knoxah 2004, David Kopp 2003, Larry Lindemuth '46, Richard Marshall, Marian Meyers Martin '49, Charles McCarthy '45, Don & Jane Chalmers McClain, Katie McLean 2002, Tucker Landeene Meyer '53, Alanna Schenkosky Niles '49, Maxine Gossett Noller '47, Larry & Joyce Taylor Oldham '59, Dorlores Miller Pagel '53, Jack Phillips '40, Jeanne Pickett, Ollun Sadler Richards '39, Merla Rettig Rogers '46, Ann Colvin Rolley '52, Norma Bledsoe Scharf-schwerdt '49, Joanna Couch Schoono-ver-Deyton '41, Jean Puffer Scott '50, Joe Shoemaker, Derald Spicer, Anita Reid Tannuzzo '43, Patricia Rozema Taylor '57, Patricia Watridge '77, Linda Webster '68, Earl Wheeler, Jr '61, John Wilson '65, Hervey W. Wright, Jr '45

### Complete our Mandala Collection

The THS Literary publication, *Mandala*, was first published in 1973. From 1918 to the 1940s it was called *The Scrib-bler*. To complete our collec-tion for the THS Archives we are needing these issues: 1973 - 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 2004, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2012 and 2013. If you have one of the missing issues, please send it to THSHS, 800 SW 10th, Topeka, KS 66612

**Topeka High Needs You!**  
The THSHS is looking for part-ners to help with projects, both one-time and ongoing. Whether you have a little time or a lot, it's easy to be involved in help-ing to keep our legacy strong. Volunteer opportunities in-clude: 150th Anniversary Plan-ning Group, Tour guide, Muse-um and Archives, Building Pro-jects, Special Events Assistance. Go to: [thsweb.org/alumni2](http://thsweb.org/alumni2) for the complete list. Send it to us: at: [thshs2001@yahoo.com](mailto:thshs2001@yahoo.com).

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THS Class of 1948  
THS Class of 1950  
THS Class of 1953  
THS Class of 1954 (THS Crest)  
THS Class of 1955  
THS Class of 1957 (statue bench)  
THS Class of 1959 (statue bench)  
THS Class of 1961 (Trojan Plaza)  
THS Class of 1962 (statue bench)  
THS Class of 1964 (statue bench)  
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THS Class of 1969  
THS Class of 2001

In honor of the Class of 1956 (THS Library)

**Senior Level, \$750-\$999**

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Richard Gassdorf '59, in memory of Glenda M. Brunswick Gassdorf '60  
Jack Hawn '55  
Charles Hummert '55  
Jeff McGhehey '82  
James Payne '62  
James Barton Phelps '34  
Robert Rhodes '45, in memory of Kenneth Rhodes  
Emery Robertson '42  
Miriam 'Mimi' Davis Reid '58, in memory of Martha Dumars Davis  
Jim and Carol Lyon Vogel '63

**Junior Level, \$500-\$749**

## TROY TODAY

- ♦ **Peter Sandquist 2018, son of Art (former THS science teacher) and Carolyn Metzenthin '75.** Peter was the Strings Division Winner of the 2016-2017 Topeka Symphony's Young Artist Competition. Peter is an Eagle Scout, a THS Thespian and THS Scholars Bowl participant.
- ♦ **Mikayla Keeling 2017,** in Topeka High School's AVID program, was named the 2017 Boys & Girls Clubs of Topeka "Youth of the Year."
- ♦ **Kalese Warfield 2017** was nominated and won a position on the Kansas Young Democrats board for a two year appointment.
- ♦ **Jamiko Mitchell 2018** won second place in an essay writing contest in honor of Black History Month through a local sorority.
- ♦ **The 2016-2017 THS Dance Team** had a clean sweep at the Baldwin Dance Festival. The whole group and small group ensembles received 1 ratings - the highest awarded.
- ♦ **Adam Cole 2017** has qualified for the State Journalism Contest in sports writing.

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**Be our guest on Monday, May 1 for lunch and dedication of our recent Topeka High Projects: refurbishing chandeliers in Rooms 103 and 306, display case for the THS Coat of Arms, Class of 1966 Sundial, C.J. McKee plaque. Reservations to thshs2001@yahoo.com no later than April 3.**

## Black and Gold Report Graduates in the News

- ♦ **Nathan Ham '78,** of Nathan Ham Photography, recently won Kansas Photographer of the Year and the State Elite Award by the American Society of Photographers at the KPPA Winter Shutter Expo held in Manhattan.
- ♦ **Elizabeth Fink Farnsworth '61** & THS Hall of Fame, filmmaker, foreign correspondent and former chief correspondent and principal substitute anchor of PBS's NewsHour with Jim Lehrer, recently published the book *A Train Through Time: A Life, Real and Imagined*. Go to [www.elizabeth-farnsworth.com](http://www.elizabeth-farnsworth.com) for details.
- ♦ **Kim Moke '70,** Artistic Director, Lecturer, Consultant-Owner Stage Consult International spoke to a class of Topeka High vocal student last September. Ms. Moke's home base is Hamburg, Germany.
- ♦ **Mike Worswick '64,** co-owner of Wolfe's Camera and president of PRO, the Photographic Research Organization; and **DeWitt Harkness '67,** co-owner and president of Wolfe's Camera were honored by the Junior Achievement in the Business Hall of Fame.
- ♦ **Jayne Houdyshell '71** and THS Hall of Fame, first Kansas native to win a Tony Award was honored by the Topeka Capital-Journal as the 2016 Kansan of the Year.
- ♦ **Cooper Self 2013,** qualified for the NAIA Wrestling Nationals. He is a senior at Midland University in Fremont, Nebraska. His coach is THS alumnae **Beau Vest '95.**
- ♦ Attorney, **Linda Jeffrey '70** was recently named the 2017 ABWA Career Chapter Woman of Distinction.

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**Our fundraising activities in the last quarter of 2016 accomplished our goal of balancing the operations budget. Tower Society contributors are listed on page 3. We thank the following supporters for their contributions that were designated for operational expenses.**

Keith Adams, Bill and Joan Barker, Norton Belknap, Keith Billings, Joleen and Charles Billington, Bill Bunten, Sue Parker Burgdorf, Courtney Canfield, Craig Case, Michael and Marcia Nelson Cassidy, Eldon Clark, Judi Anderson Classen, Michael and Pam Carlson Clutter, Joyce Dryden Damron, Virginia Nolder Easton, Joe Edwards, Jett Carkhuff Elmer, Dennis and Debra Reynolds Eskie, Letty Staebler Evans, John Finger, William and Marlen Disney Funk, Gilbert Galle, Casey Halsey, Barbara Howard Harland, Ted and Anne Heim, Fred and Jan Bracken Heinz, Josephine Davis Hodison, Pamela G. Hollie, Scott Holloman, Warren and Bonnie Crocker Howard, Duke Jones, III, Jack and Betty Carmean Jury, Nancy Landon Kassebaum, Robert Keeshan, Douglass Kieswetter, Dr. Charles Kirkpatrick, Verna Klaus Shirley, Christine Bottom Kramer, Jim Lawson, Marvin Lawton, Frank Logan, David McComb, Ted and Judy crane Elliott McCoy, Kathleen Haskell Olweiler, Philip Palmer, Carol Anne Patzkowsky, James Barton Phelps, Lori Roenbaugh, Robert Saderstrom, Mary Hutton Sawyer, Mark and Nancy Edds Saylor, Rob and Cindy Tantillo Schendel, Alice Errett Peele Schmid, Libby Fly Schoeni, Richard Schroder, Bill and Marsha Martin Sheahan, David Supon, Walter Taylor, Mary Jean Mellinger Thorp, Fred Tonsing, Charles Vausbinder, Janice Osburn Williams, Barbara Ossian Williamson, Darlene Copp Wyrsh and David Zeferjohn

## IN MEMORY

Dorothy Nussbeck Stranberg '33  
 Wilma Turner Bright '37  
 Ruth Fairbank '37  
 Charles W. Wright, Jr '37  
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 William L. Burt '39  
 Richard D. Ellison '42  
 Bonna Wilson Lincoln '43  
 Norma Collins Sikes '45  
 Merla Rettig Rogers '46  
 Dean R. Campbell '46  
 Evelyn Koch Hall '46  
 Geraldine Dyer Rinker '46  
 Frank Ross '47  
 Donald F. Redmon '47  
 Barbara Coker May '47  
 Richard Taylor '47  
 Orval L. Kline Sr. '48  
 Roena Oldham Collins '48

Homer B. Reppart '48  
 Rita Smail Fitzgerald '49  
 Elvin D. Keltner '49  
 Yvonne Nelson Corn '49  
 Janet Euwer Goodrich '49  
 June McClenny White '49  
 Richard Whelan '49  
 Robert E. McCullough '50  
 James Bennett '51  
 Anneva Johanson Anderson '51  
 Grace Henson White '52  
 Constance Glenn Finden '53  
 Robert A. Harvey '54  
 Pam Churchill Higgs '55  
 Robert Bohannon '56  
 Linda Hankinson Terrill '57  
 Patricia Rozema Taylor '57  
 Sybyl Riekenberg Kerr '57  
 Marsha Legg Chelson '57

Michael L. Ballard '57  
 Patti Elbert Karnes '58  
 Thomas R. Magerkurth '61  
 Jerry Marlatt '62  
 Cherryl Blankenship Deghand '62  
 Chester A. Kyser '64  
 Richard W. Downing '64  
 Roger D. Rake '64  
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### ~ 2017 TROJAN CLASS REUNIONS ~ THS Homecoming - September 22 vs Manhattan

<u>Class</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>For More Information</u>
Class of 1957	October 20-21	NPett4@aol.com
Class of 1962	October 6-7	oldeski@hotmail.com
Class of 1967	September 22-23	mmsheahan@cox.net
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Class of 1997	TBA	dwoods1@tulane.edu

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#### **DIGITAL THS SUNFLOWERS**

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#### **THSHS NEWSLETTER ONLINE**

Let us know if you are interested in receiving the THSHS newsletter online. This might be a good option for you if you travel or leave your primary address part of the year.



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 Barry R. Boyer '81  
 Jacquie Timmons Brewer '43, in memory of  
 Captain Lewis H. Cameron '43, USMC, MIA, N.  
 Korea 1952  
 Sue Parker Burgdorf '52  
 Mike Butler '63  
 Craig Case '74  
 David S. Christy '81  
 Lawrence Daeschner '59  
 Patrick Dittamo 2009  
 Christopher Edmonds '82  
 James E. Foster '43  
 Ruben Fox '53  
 Rick Friedstrom '69  
 John H. Gray, in honor of Frances Hadley Gray  
 '44 and Robert T. Gray (Math Teacher 1948-51)  
 Stuart Hamilton '38, in honor of Chester and Fay  
 Wallace Hamilton '40  
 Barbara Howard Harlan '57, in honor of the THS  
 Class of 1957  
 James Hurd '63, in memory of Elbert Fly  
 Kepler Johnson '48  
 Helen Badenoch Kanatzar '63  
 David Kensinger '89  
 Doug Keiswetter '59  
 Jane Badders Klefstad '39  
 Jacque Alvis McKibbin '55  
 Mary Kay Paige McPhee '45  
 Grant Niven '48, Sandie Niven James '69, David  
 Niven '71, Daniel Niven '77 in memory of Eliza-  
 beth Niven Doores '43  
 Randy O'Boyle '75  
 Susan Moore Palmer '76  
 Gordon Toedman '79  
 Richard Vernon '57  
 Robert Webb '63  
 Barbara Weigand '39  
 Stanley N. Wellborn '62  
 THS Class of 1944  
 THS Class of 1975 (Tower Stairs)  
 THS Class of 1980 (THS Library)  
 THS Class of 2002

**Sophomore Level, \$350-\$499**

Betty Skoog Bomar '46  
 Sandra McPherson Braunsdorf '59  
 Peggy Godbey Broxterman '48  
 James Carlin '69  
 Callan Cohen '60  
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 Mary Laughlin Dibble '39  
 Debra Reynolds-Eskie '72 &  
 Dennis Eskie '62  
 Charlotte Ellis '38, in memory of Miss  
 Gertrude Wheeler  
 Hilda Erickson Enewold '61, in honor of John  
 Erickson '56  
 Charles '56 & Elizabeth Fink '61 Farnsworth, in  
 memory of H. Bernerd Fink '27  
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Willa Jean Coffman Gades '37  
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 Annabel Pringle and English Teacher Berenice  
 Fuller  
 Elizabeth Heaton '39  
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 Dennis C. Payne  
 Julie Nicolay Larrivee '75  
 Jean Pantle Litchfield '49  
 Mark Lowes '73  
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 C. Williamson  
 Gene Olander '50, in memory of Frank C.  
 Olander '64  
 Stephen R. Phelps '40  
 Pauline Pruyser '68  
 Malcolm Robinson '66  
 James P. Scott '59  
 Janice Osburn Williams '57

**Freshman Level, \$200-\$349**

Charlotte Gaither Adair '65  
 Carolyn Jackson Akins '80  
 Charles & Sherril Murrow '60 Anderson, in  
 memory of Ella Marie Williamson Fisher '38  
 Nancy Granger Appelhanz '66, in memory of  
 Warren E. Granger '43  
 Gene Baker '58  
 Jim Bass '51, in memory of Jean Bass  
 Daniels Benfer '84  
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 Robert D. Brooks '51  
 Steve A. Brown '63  
 Polly Palmer Brunkhardt '60  
 Sandy & Tucker Burrow '65  
 Margaret Moore Cabbage '49  
 Courtney Canfield '71  
 Daniel Carlson '59  
 Richard & Frances Blum Carman '63  
 Eldon Clark '49  
 Richard Coke '63, in memory of Jack R. Heath  
 Sheri Karst Curran '78, in memory of Henry  
 'Butch' Hendrix, Jr '78  
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 Mary Janet Douglass '47  
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 & Dolores Benning  
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### **THSHS members are the best!**

The THSHS appreciates our dues paying members. As a recipient of this newsletter you are a paid member of the THSHS. Members have made possible our many accomplishments for Topeka High over the past 31 years. Membership dues pay for the operating expenses for the THSHS office.

**We welcome these new members:** Rick Backer '77, Scott Berridge '69, David L. Carpenter '53, Barbara Scoville Clark '45, Ronald Deweese '60, Melvin Fuqua '71, Paula Clemons Gibson '65, Keith and Kelli Liston Greiner '87, Marjorie Henton '50, Bill '73 and Sara Fink '74 Houston, Shaun Jackson '81, Harry and Leslie Roach Jolly '57, Karl '66 and Debbie Merrifield '69 Landis, Janet Constable Leech '62, Leona Lewis '56, Jeff McGhehey '82, Robert Nystrom '57, Philip Peterson '48, Allen Purvis '64, Madge Mankle Simonson '39, Prilla Stewart Stroman '63, Tom Woodward '56, Kay Hills Goldstein '67, Toni Simpson Hampton '63, Sharon Payne Kester '64, Barbara Merrick Larson '56, Robert Paul Lee '62, Virginia Shimer Reinking Martin '44, Carrie Rutherford Johnson '72, Betty King Smoot '53, Elliot and Mary Kathryn Staley Woodhull '39, Christopher Edmonds '82, Vivian Fueyo '66, Loren Hale '53, Carolyn Houseworth Jones '61, Jason and Natasha Karlin '66, Veronica Gomez Padilla '69, Kenton and Robin Smith Ruse, Gary and Martha Neu Smith '77 and Richard Stearns '71.

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