

Knights of Honor Spotlight: June Browne

What are some of your favorite memories from North Penn?

-Bi-centennial celebrations in 1976 - Inglewood made every classroom a one room schoolhouse for a day with students from K-6. Students wrote on small chalkboards, there was a Dunce cap and stool in the corner of each room, flags had 13 stars. It was a wonderful history lesson.

-Introducing children to the TV station at NPHS. We did a unit on advertising with small groups of students who wrote and produced TV commercials. The unit culminated in going to the HS to record the commercials at the TV studio. One of my students was none other than Bob (by) Gillmer. What a wonderful future he made for himself, a very endearing memory for me.

-The monthly Reading Specialist meetings. The leadership under Marge Felton, Charlie Keffer, Carol Turozci and Gail Jurikson-Rhodes was always top-notch. The discussions on pedagogy, testing, reading support opportunities, special events, etc. were lively, and filled with wisdom and insight. The meetings dealt with matters of substance. The department always made me proud.

-The social events with the district-wide staff. We used to meet occasionally at the North Wales Fire Hall with the whole district staff. We got to know staff members beyond our teaching level. The staff bowling league was also a wonderful way to meet colleagues from all levels.

What do you think the North Penn School District will be like in another 50 years?

It will be a cyber world. I hope that technology allows NPSD to provide individual, custom learning opportunities that maximize the progress of each student and the wider community.

What advice do you have for current students in the district?

-When an opportunity arises, take it. It opens up your life to so many wonderful events and people.

-Volunteer! It opens doors to people and organizations that may not be accessible otherwise.

-Take a risk. Be willing to take on a task that others may not want. It may be a little daunting in the beginning, but it usually leads to a great experience.