

# The Tradition

Parma Senior High Alumni Newsletter



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Nancy Fedak

Hi! My name is Nancy Fedak, Class of 1966. I will be serving as your alumni president this coming school year. I am very excited about what we are planning for this year!

Homecoming is Friday, September 24, 2004, at 7:00 PM at Byers Field. Your Alumni Association is hosting a pre-game non-alcoholic tailgate party under a big white tent outside the stadium. We will be on a grassy knoll on the Day Drive entrance. We will be giving mums to the first 150 alums that come. Also, tickets to the NEW loges will be given to the first 100 alums. The loges are located next to the press box. We will have them catered for that night.

The tailgate party is a great time to reacquaint with old friends and make some new ones. It will also be a time to find out what you can do for your alumni Association..

You will find a ticket for a free admission in this edition of the *Tradition*. You will need to bring that with you on the 24<sup>th</sup> to get in. Otherwise, it is \$5.00. Hope to see you all there..... Nancy Fedak, President

## THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF PARMA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

This has been a most exciting year for the Parma Senior High Alumni Association. The celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Parma High provided a number of opportunities to participate in great projects. From the All Decades Football Team Awards, Hall of Fame inductees, homecoming open house in the fall, to the dedication of 3 bronze plaques donated to Parma Senior High School, and finally the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House this past April, we have been an integral part of the celebration. We continued the upgrade of the Alumni Gardens and continued our fundraisers for scholarships to PSH seniors. The entire board of the Alumni Association worked very hard to make this year a success. We are all very proud of Parma Senior High School and its alumni. Thanks to all of you who attended the Parma Senior High School 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House on April 25. The Sunday open house featured an all-nations food fair, tours of the school, games, sales of merchandise and a one-hour program in the auditorium. There were Proclamations, commendations, and resolutions presented by board president, Kevin Kelly, a representative of Parma City Council, Parma Mayor, Dean DePiero, Tim DeGeeter, District 15 State Rep, and Lynn Vittardi, representing US Re, Dennis Kucinich.

Gil Fritzsche, principal, gave opening and closing remarks and Tony DeMarco spoke representing the PSH Alumni Association.

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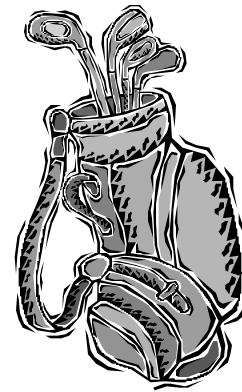
## THE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING GOLF OUTING

**JULY 14, 2004 AT RIDGEWOOD GOLF COURSE.**

This was our 8<sup>th</sup> annual golf fundraiser. All profits from this fundraiser go to scholarships for PSHS seniors who have at least one parent or guardian who graduated from Parma Senior high. This was a great way to see some old friends and meet new ones.

Thanks to all our Hole Sponsors: Bailey/Bergold, Century 21-Trammell/O'Donnell, Dean DePiero-Mayor, Dowd,Zanoudakis and Mensetti-Drs. of Optometry, Four Star Insurance-Chuck Germana, Jim and Carol Bartel, John Michael Photography, Marty Vittardi, Parma Car Care Specialists-Fred Cerny, Parma Education Association, Parma Senior High School, PSE Credit Union, Tim Dobeck, Tim Degeeter, Tom Romeo, William Mason, Winar #1 Sales.

Thanks also to those who donated the Door Prizes: Antonio's Pizza, Blue Point Grill, Brew Kettle,



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## ALUMNI ANNUAL MEETING-JULY 6, 2004

The Parma Senior High Alumni Association had its annual meeting on Tuesday, July 6, 2004 at Schaaf Community Center at 5:00PM. All Parma High, Schaaf High and Ridge Road High School graduates were invited to attend.

We invited all class reunion committee chairs to attend to represent their classes. We covered reunion information for the coming year and the new Constitution and By-laws (which we have been in the process of changing since 1998). A presentation was given on the function of reunion committees, the financial structure of the Association including how we raise funds were they are kept, and how they are spent. The election of Board Members took place. The new officers for the 2004-2005 year are: Nancy Fedak '66-President, Dianna Kall '78-Vice President, Carol Bartel '54-Recording Secretary, Lee Bailey '29-Treasurer, and Anthony DeMarco '62-Corresponding Secretary. After serving for years as president of the Association, Anthony DeMarco announced he was stepping down from that position. He will continue his 35 years of service on the board. This meeting is open to all Alumni members and will be held next year at the same location at 6:00PM on July 11, 2005.

## Reunion News

**1974-30<sup>th</sup> Reunion**-November 26, 2004- Contact Brenna Babb Roth, 440-238-8442 or captn222@aol.com or Nancy Sawchak Kartali, 440-777-3080.

**1979-25<sup>th</sup> Reunion**-November 27, 2004 at the Clarion Hotel on Rockside Road. Homecoming event get together on September 24 at 7:00 PM at Byers Field with a gathering after the game at Quotes II on Ridge and Day Plaza-Contact Cathy Smith Kornaker at 1-330-666-6574.

**1994-10<sup>th</sup> Reunion**-Saturday November 27, 2004 at 6:00PM at Brennans Party Center in Lakewood-Contact Kelly Coates Cheetham at 1-330-730-5935 or kcoatesy@aol.com. 2005 Reunion News:

**1945**-Contact Lois Overbeck Dychko, 654 Reynosa Ct, Berea, OH 44017, 440-243-0998 No info to date.

**1950**-Contact Shirley Tomko Merlino, 3105 Bowman Dr, Parma, OH 44134, 440-845-4768-No info to date.

**1955**-Contact Bob Funk, 8636 Scarlet Dr, Parma, OH 44130, 440-886-3375 or Florence DeLuca Izzo, 440-885-4081 or

Donnetta Hepp Klubnik, 440-237-4705-No info to date.

**1960**- Contact Janice Hornak Hartman, 414 E Washington St, Medina, OH, 44256, 330-723-8829, jhartman@grossbuilders.com.

**1965**-Contact Lorinda Graham Stofcheck, 28331 W Oviatt Rd, Bay Village, OH 44140, 440-871-8255 or Bill Mitchner, 216-328-0633 or Roy Brandt, 4749 Dibble Rd, Ashtabula, OH 44004

**1970**- Contact Diane Kaminski Madigan, 3360 E Wallings Rd, Broadview Hts., OH 44147, 440-526-2947. No info to date.

**1975**- Contact Susan Massari Walik, 13441 Tradewinds Dr., Strongsville, OH 44136, 440-572-2472. No info to date.

**1980**- Contact Marty Pytel, 2013 Oaklawn Dr, Parma, OH 44134, 440-743-4225. November, 2005 Reunion in the planning stages-update your info for the 1<sup>st</sup> mailing.

**1985**- Contact Cynthia Daniels Sejka, 735 Westwood Dr, Medina, OH 44256, 330-723-6999.

**1990**- Contact Mark Blubaugh, 6833 Willoughby, Westerville, OH 43082, 614-895-0857

**1995**- Contact- the class officers have not updated there current address so we have

no way of contacting them. We need one officer in the Cleveland area to chair the committee. Class officers: Michael Birkas, Ryan Lozar (New York), Christine Mahaney, Jennifer Sellman (Columbus, OH) Sellman5@osu.edu, Amy Taylor.

**1964**: VF Class of 1964 invites the PSH class of 1964 to an informal get together on Friday, October 1, 2004 at the Fox and Hound in Parma, on Day Drive. Contact Lydia Bosman at 330-836-7298.

## CLASS UPDATES

**1944**-The class of 1944 withdrew its' remaining \$300 from the PSH Alumni Association. The check for \$300 was sent to Treasurer, Esther Varga at her request. The class is no longer an active class as per our Constitution and By-laws.

**1946**-The class of 1946 withdrew its remaining \$500 from the PSH Alumni Association in July. The check for \$500 was sent to Treasurer, Melvin Reckling of N. Royalton at the request of Treasurer, Melvin Reckling, Lois Katzbach, and Dr. Herman Schaub. The class is no longer an active class as per our Constitution and By-laws.

## IN MEMORIAM

**1936**-Bea Krush (Fox) March 27, 2004. Built and Managed Hinckley golf course.

**1954**-Jerry Jurik

**1956**-Darlene B Mertes (Priester)

**1956**-Bert Beck - September 2, 2003

**\*\*Principal**-Betty Eschuk- Passed away July, 2004 1st female PSH Principal

Previous memorials:

**1929**-James Louis Kolgrove-2/15/03

**1932**-Ethel Hoelter Schnacke-6/03

**1934**-Nancy Pratt Moore-4/03

**1936**-Janice Singfield Rockwell 5/18/02

**1938**-Emilie Diemling Pison-12/17/03

Howard J Dearborn- 6/4/01

**1943**-Genevieve Stec Doherty 11/11/03

**1944**-Thelma Swift Hunt ¼

**1944**-James Vail-3/26/01

**1946**-Richard Martin- 8/2/03

**1951**-Marilyn I Willmann- 3/20/04

**1952**-Art Fink-8/13/03

Ken Rogers-11/23/02

Joe Vlcek-2/3/03

Nick Rosenbaum-11/25/02

Marilyn Zabor Tibbitts-9/2/99

Glenn Kramer-11/1/03

William Essen-3/18/04

Richard Romaneszyn-1/9/04

James Wilson-3/9/04

**1953**-Frank Gergat

Anne Gilitzer Kirlough

Ronald Gittner

Marilyn Gottdiner

Betty Groves

Richard Hallman

Robert Homer

James Johnston

John Joplin

Charles Kolb

John Kozlowski

Joyce Kulow

James Leinweber

Ronald Michalak

Claton Miller

Paul Molchan

Donald Pletka

Cynthia Prickett

Alan Stebner

**1955**-Thomas Musgrove-4/5/04

**1956**-Eugene Bittner-2002

**1959**-Lawrence (Larry) Zipsir, Jr.-11/14/02

**1962**-Jim Mitchell-1/04

Wally Jarvis-11/03

**1963**-Daniel Haller-3/15/04

Robert Masa-4/28/04

Edward Anthony Varga-2002

Thomas Acklin-10/24/03

Dennis Kopanicky-10/02

**1965**-Joan Evans Biebel-12/19/04

Margaret Hlinka-1/27/04

**1972**-Robert Varga-1982

**1979**-Barbara Jaroszewicz Groves 2/04

## Teachers:

Agnes Drummer-6/7/03

Robert Dzama-12/03

\*We attempt to place notices in the Tradition in a timely manner and in the order we receive them. We must also work with the space available in the issue. We apologize for any delays or errors. In order to prevent misinformation from being printed, we ask you to not phone in information on deceased classmates. Please mail all information to the Alumni Association and if possible, enclose the obituary. Thank you for your help.

## ALUMNI ADDRESSES

Check web page for all reunion news

**WebPage:** www.pshalumni.org

**e-mail:** pshalum@pshalumni.org

**snail mail:** PSH Alumni Assoc.

6285 W 54th St.

Parma, OH 44129

**Phone:** 440-885-3700

## Anniversary from page 1

The PSH Orchestra, Concert Choir and the Wind Ensemble performed. Dr. William Tucheck, representing Charles Cline, spoke for the class of 1954, Kelly Kish spoke for the class of 2004, and Bruce Sabin, class of 1988, spoke for the faculty.

At the end of the presentation, Lee Bailey, the oldest Alumnus in the area (class of '29) and the youngest alumnus, a freshman, cut the Anniversary Cake. We all stood and sang the Alma Mater. Do you remember the words? You all should be proud of your Alumni Association for its service to PSH, the reunion committees and all the alumni. Make sure you check the reunion news in this issue as well as the PSH alumni web page for the latest information.

## Golf Outing from page 1

Corleone's Restaurant, Giant Eagle, Holiday Inn-Strongsville, Mr. Hero-Bob Funk, PSH alumni Association, Quotes II, Suburban Hair Cutting, Sarah Zatik-Parma Schools Superintendent, Topps-Parmatown, Promote-U-Graphics

Breakfast was donated by Eat'N'Park-Lunch by Mr. Hero-Bob Funk-Dinner was provided by Rock Bottom Brewery.

The winners of the decades team Trophy were Bill and Karen Winar and Ron and Chris Linard representing the 1960's. Low team score winner were the team of Damon Demarco, Brian Veverka, Neil Brashear, and Jeff Powell.

This event raised about \$3000 for our scholarship fund. This past year we gave 5 \$1000 scholarships to 5 deserving Parma High Seniors. We hope to be able to give 5 more \$1000 scholarships this coming spring. Thanks to all participants and all volunteers who helped make this a successful event for the past 8 years. Instead of having the golf outing next year, we are looking at an alternative to raise funds for our scholarships.

## NOTICE

If you do not want your name in the web directory, please send a letter to the PSH ALUMNI ASSOC. stating your preference by Dec. 31st 2004.

PARMA SR. HIGH SCHOOL  
HOMECOMING  
FOOTBALL GAME  
SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2004  
ADMIT ONE

COMPLEMENTS OF THE PSHS ALUMNI

## 2004 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

This year's 5 \$1000 scholarship recipients are Red Rees Scholarship- Diana Prodan, Memorial Scholarship- Kevin Pangrace, Lee Bailey Scholarship- Jessica Brugemeier, Council Scholarship- Ashley Dobrovich, Ann "Mike" White Scholarship- Kristen Shega.

Congratulations also to Dina McSweeney of Thoreau Park Elementary. She received our \$300.00 teacher grant.



These scholarships are given to Parma High Seniors who have at least one parent or guardian that graduated from Parma High.

## HALL OF FAME NOVEMBER OF 2005

The Parma Senior High Alumni Association Hall of Fame will once again be accepting nominations to the PSH alumni Hall of Fame. If you would like to nominate a fellow Alumnus, please send in a 1-page description of why you believe this alumnus deserves to be in the Hall of Fame. Include accomplishments in relation to business, family, or community. Include the person's graduation year, first name, graduation name, and last name if different from graduation name. Also include your name and graduation year. Nominations must be received before March 31, 2005. Send all nominations to: Parma Senior High Alumni Hall of Fame, 6285 W 54<sup>th</sup> Street, Parma, OH 44129-Attn: Nancy Fedak.

## HISTORICAL ANNIVERSARY YEARBOOK NOW AVAILABLE

A 128 page hardbound historical version of the Anniversary Yearbook is now available. It contains only the alumni historical section that was part of the 2004 Student Yearbook. It is available for \$40 plus \$5 for shipping. Only 100 of these were printed. See page 4 for the order form.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

*Thanks to Nancy Latino for the donation of a 1932 yearbook.*

Dear Editor

I am writing to thank you for the recognition to the 1950's all decades team. Our team in the 59-football season went undefeated. I played 1<sup>st</sup> team O.T. Thanks for all your efforts. PS-Is Jim Fritzsche related to Principal Gil Fritzsche? John (Jack) Woods'60, San Diego, CA  
Answer: Jim is not related to Gil. Thanks for the letter.

Dear Editor

I was honored to make the 1950's all decades football team. Good memories from a long time ago. My congratulations to all the others that made their respective decades teams. By the way, my cousins and I met last September in Cleveland and stayed downtown. We hadn't been in Cleveland in 30+ years and we all were impressed. I have already suggested to Nick Arena that we have our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion in '07 downtown. I suggest other classes do the same. Those of us who have left the Cleveland area and don't get back very often, I know would appreciate how much the town has changed.  
Answer: Sounds like a good idea. Thanks for the letter.

You can send letters to the editor-we would love to hear from you on what's new or memories of PSH

Editor-Anthony DeMarco  
Co-editor-Darlene Wendel DeMarco  
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## ALUMNI ARCHIVAL ROOM BEGINS TO TAKE SHAPE

The Archival room of PSH Alumni memorabilia is being painted and bookcases and display showcases are being placed in the room. Although smaller than we wanted, the room will provide alumni and current students a chance to look at the history of PSH through newspapers, books, photos and objects donated by alumni. If you are interested in donating objects, photos, or historical memorabilia to the Archival room, send them to the high school. Attn: Tony DeMarco, Alumni Association

## 2004 PSH Directory and Newsletter

### Order Forms

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3 years\_\_\$15 CHECK ONE (must have email for directory)

Make checks (**no cash**) payable to: *PSH Alumni Association.*

*Send to: PSH Alumni, 6285 West 54th St. Parma, OH 44129*

### PSH FUNDRAISERS

SWEATS, GOLFSHIRTS, LICENSE PLATEFRAME, CAPS, ANDMUGS

Here are some items for any occasion.

Order by sending a check or money order to PSH Alumni Assoc. 6285 W. 54th St., Parma, OH 44129. State size of shirt. Allow 4 weeks for delivery.



**PSHS Alumni gifts**

Caps \$15 Golf Shirt \$25 (L, XL) Mug \$7.50 T-Shirt \$20 (M, L, XL, XXL) Sweatshirt \$30 (M, L, XL, XXL) License Plate Frame \$6.00

## Yearbooks for sale

Parma Senior High Alumni Association has acquired yearbooks from various sources and we are selling to support the college scholarship program.

If you have yearbooks you no longer want, perhaps you will consider donating to this project. We are missing from the permanent collection 1934, 1937, 1938. Yearbooks are sold, as is, most are in "healthy" condition, some might have a few pages loose, or the spines split.

1942	5	1952	2	1978	15	1996	2
1943	2	1953	2	1980	21	1998	106
1944	4	1956	3	1983	12	2000	6
1945	4	1961	2	1988	2	2001	3
1948	6	1963	3	1989	9	2004	93 Annerversary
1949	2	1964	3	1991	89	Special hardbound	128
1950	4	1969	5	1995	10	page 50th edition	

## Yearbook Order Form

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