

The Tradition

Parma Senior High Alumni Newsletter



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A MESSAGE TO ALUMNI

FROM SUPERINTENDENT ZATIK, Ed. D.

Last year, Parma Senior High School celebrated its 50th anniversary at its present location on West 54th Street. This year "Queen of High Schools" welcomes Cassandra Johnson as the school's new principal. Cassandra served as an assistant principal last year and with the retirement of Gil Fritzsche, was chosen to be the buildings new principal. Cassandra will continue the fine tradition of education at PSH.

As a proud alumnus of PSH, I know that some of you, who still live locally, may have helped us with our levy effort. I hope that you will be interested in being a part of our "community outreach" this coming year. I urge you to watch the local newspapers and mailings from the district as we unveil our plans to make everyone in our three communities a part of our schools.

The President's Message

Nancy Fedak '66

Dear Alumni,

Hard to believe that another year is behind us! And, what a year it was... We welcomed 20 new teachers and administrators this past year. Everyone received an alumni mug from the association. Approximately 150 alums showing up at our tent outside the main gates of Byers Field to celebrate homecoming. Each received a mum, pop and chips. We also had rented the loges for the first 100 that showed and they were treated to pizza and wings and pop. The queen and her court were recognized at half-time as were the float winners. At the dance the following evening, the Queen and King were crowned and the entire courts were given their plaques and trophies. We also were present at Open House to sell alumni memorabilia. The Alumni Association also sponsored the Winter Dance and the Queen and King and court were crowned and received their plaques and trophies.

Our golf Outing the previous summer was a success and Ann "Mike" White was again very benevolent so that we were able to award 6 \$1000 scholarships to deserving graduating seniors. And, what a great group they are!!! (Any of you that are looking to leave a legacy, we would be more than happy to award a scholarship in your name!!)

Our annual Meeting was well attended. The following classes were represented: 1937, '39, '40, '43, '45, '53, '55, '56, '58, '59, '61, '62, '63, '65, '66, '85, '02. We explained what we do with

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FROM THE EDITORS DESK

Anthony DeMarco '62

Welcome to the Fall Tradition newsletter. This year we are working on changes for the Tradition's production and format. We will have 3 issues for the year with the Winter and Spring issues containing 6 to 8 pages. The 3rd edition in the Fall of the year will continue to be 4 pages because it is sent to all 27,000 alumni we have addresses for. We will attempt to include more historic photos and more information on graduates in each issue.

Our goals with the Tradition newsletter have always been to provide a quality publication that is self-supporting. We have always subsidized the fall edition. We hope you will help keep this publication going with your subscriptions to this years Tradition.

Once again we will have a free ticket enclosed for HOME-COMING, OCTOBER 21, 2005 in this issue of the Tradition. We will have a tent set up with soft drinks and snacks along with a free mum for the ladies. Come join in the fun and see a good high school football game. Last year we had close to 300 Alumni who celebrated the event.

NOTICE: If you do not want your name in the web directory, please send a letter stating that preference to the PSH Alumni Association by December 31, 2005.

The Annual meeting will be held the 1st week in July of 2006.

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CLASS OF 1945 REUNION

Mel Burkey

Our reunion was held at the Holiday Inn in Strongsville on Saturday June 18th. We had 52 in attendance with Kathy Bernardi Trow from California traveling the farthest. The afternoon started in the hospitality room as we met and talked about old times. We looked through the memorabilia that had been set up for us.

Wally English opened dinner with a prayer. We then feasted on chicken and beef (which was very good). After dinner Bernie Fritsche, who we owe a debt of gratitude for getting the reunion started, made opening remarks. We then went around the room and reintroduced ourselves and gave a brief synopsis of how life had treated us the last 60 years. In memory of the 86 classmates that have passed on, Wally English read their names. We could not help but think as each name was read how our lives had touched so many years ago.

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REUNION NEWS

Classes ending in 1 or 6

The names we have included as contact persons for class reunions are generated from the class chairpersons of record from the last class reunion. Any changes to those listed below have not been forwarded to us as of this printing.

1941-9/9/05 Pipers'III contact Esther Kitzel Slack 440-884-8620

1951-55th Reunion-Contact person-Jane Elewski Werner, jwerner@webtv.net 440-743-7601

1956-50th Reunion-Contact persons-Carol Baldassari Kuchar, 440-676-4046 and Joyce Thomson, 440-886-1970. Scheduled for September 8th, 9th, 10th, 2006 at the Quality Inn, Middleburg Hts., OH

1961-45th Reunion-Contact person-Pat

Fritz, 440-349-8657. In the planning stage. No info to date.

1966-40th Reunion-June 2006 Contact person-Anna Georgalis Thanos annagth@cox.net. 216-328-0389

1971-35th Reunion-Contact person-Edward Borsuk, Stow, OH 440-678-2224. No info to date.

1976-35th Reunion-Contact person-Patricia Tucker, 216-524-9433, ptucker@danly.com. No info to date.

1981-25th Reunion-Contact person-Carla Bankovich Houdek, 440-238-4281. Thanksgiving, 2006.

1986-20th Reunion-Contact person-Tony Prusak, 216-621-3359. In planning stage

1991-15th Reunion-No contact person or new chairperson. We need a class officer to contact us with either a new chairperson or someone who can chair the committee.

1996-10th Reunion-Contact person-Steve Higgenbotham, 440-221-0718, thebigyellowbird@aol.com. In the planning stage for the fall or Thanksgiving, 2006.

1970-Irene Kugler has stepped down as chair of the 1970 reunion committee. We are looking for a new chairperson. Please contact Nancy Fedak at 440-885-3700 if you are interested.

Alumni Addresses:

Check our web page for all reunion news

Web Page: www.pshalumni.org

e-mail: pshalum@pshalumni.org

snail mail: **PSH Alumni Association**

6285 W 54th St

Parma, OH 44129

Phone: **440-885-3700**

In Memoriam

33 Roger Martha (Esterwood)
 35 Vickers Paul
 Ruppender William
 39 Holeva Eleanor
 Krentz Walter
 Lampe Melvin
 Lindsey Janet
 Moser Fred
 Noss Elmer
 Reshetalo Wallace
 Steffen Louise
 Tussey Virgil
 Malusky Jack
 40 Widowski Donald
 44 Mc Intosh Margaret (Mac Donald)
 46 Parschen Ralph
 50 Hurst Julianne (Turner)
 50 Novak Betty (Royal)
 50 Withers Bruce
 51 Narrows Shirley (Ohm)
 52 Detweiler Robert
 55 Woycitzky Robert
 55 Haberkorn Darlene
 55 Flowers Irene
 55 Johnston Laura (Fulkerson)
 55 Lanzo Arlene
 55 Perrill Donald
 55 Gardner Myrna (Rusnell)
 55 Ballou Barbara (Kurek)
 55 Reinel Patricia (Simko)
 55 Seiwert Roger
 55 Filipow Olga
 55 Miller Carl
 55 Kunsch Marlene

55 Long John
 55 Tucky Ted
 57 Zelenka Ralph
 58 Hamblin Donald
 61 Logie Douglas
 Szarka Tim
 62 Morrison Eugene
 63 Beleske Gerilynn (Adams)
 64 Fechko John
 65 Dean Edward
 Juracko Bernard
 Profancik Gerald
 Sinclair Timothy
 Roth Elaine
 Thomas Jean (Leygraff)
 66 Morris Cheryl (Dierker)
 68 Kuenzer Robert
 69 Likowski Christine (Straka)
 Pieri Rudi
 72 Mills Lloyd
 73 Schmutzok Gwen (Johnson)
 Gebo Celia
 79 Krauss Peter
 Petras David
 Schrader Jean
 Yambor Jonathan
 Cesa Susan
 Zastudil Stephen
 Cummings Dave
 91 Imars Dawn

1966-Cheryl Morris Dierker-June 16, 2005. Her high school sweetheart husband, Richard Dierker of 36 years and children, Jeff and Alisa, survives her. She will be surely missed.

1973-Celia Gebo Makowski-May 15, 2005. She is survived by husband, Jim of 23 years and a brother, Wayne (Class of 1974). She struggled with diabetes for 2 years and then passed away due to complications from surgery.

1949-Dorothy McFadden-August 3, 2005. Sister of Marcine McFadden Szucs (53), Aunt of Lori Szucs Harvey (77) and Diane Szucs Colon (79).

1932-Ethel Schnacke Hoelter-October 2, 2002. She had worked as a school secretary for Dave Smith at Pleasant Valley, Hillside and Valley Forge. She had 2 younger brothers, Robert and Melvin Schnacke, who graduated from Schaaf.

1950-Dr. Robert Mares, D.O.-March of 2005-lived in Strongsville

1938-Erika Maschman Hirsch-November 2003-My dear friend, Erika Hirsch, who I have known since 1927 when we were in Miss Moyer's 2nd grade class at Thoreau park School, which was 1 year old at the time. Erika and I graduated from Parma Schaaf High in June, 1938; the last class to graduate from the school Auditorium.

1949-McFadden, Dorthy-Aug. 3, 2005. Sister of Marcine McFadden Szucs, class of 1953, aunt of Lori Szucs Harvey ('77) and Diane Szucs Colon ('79)

Sincerely, Alma Kuebler Kaneski

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Please send me one of the "Cats Meow" plaques featured in the spring newsletter. Also I would like to let you know how much I enjoy reading the history articles in the Tradition. Lots that I never knew about all those many years ago. Thanks Barbara (Fossman) Vrtachnik "67

Award Winner Ms Ellie King "Class of 1953" Parma Schaaf High School

The 2005 Spring Flower Show held at the Cleveland Botanical Gardens with a theme of "The Garden as Art". The judges in the jewelry division awarded Ellie King a 1st Place, a 2nd Place and an Honorable mention in the 3 categories of that division.

CONGRATULATIONS Ellie
Marilyn Coleman

Parma Senior High School Alumni Association 2005 Scholarship Winners

Lee Bailey Scholarship-\$1000

Raeven Renee Rush attending Ohio Wesleyan University, Major, Biology-Pre-Med

"Red" Rees Memorial Scholarship-\$1000

Amanda Jane Kachmarik attending The University of Cincinnati, Major, Interior Design

Parma Senior High Alumni Association Memorial Scholarship-\$1000

Carol Marie Dieball-attending Bowling Green State University, Major, Music Performance

Parma Senior High Alumni Association Board Scholarship-\$1000

Sara Marie Cole-attending The Ohio State University, Major, Nursing

Ann "Mike" White Scholarship#1-\$1000

Heidi Nicole Seff-attending Ashland University, Major, Special Education

Ann "Mike" White Scholarship#2-\$1000

Valerie Therese Szepiwdyycz-attending Kent State University.

PARMA SR. HIGH SCHOOL

**HOMECOMING
FOOTBALL GAME**

OCTOBER 21, 2005

ADMIT ONE FREE

Compliments of the PSHS
Alumni Association

President from page 1

the funds we hold, how a class goes about securing their funds, what we as a board do—organizations we donate to: music, drama, yearbook to name a few. This year we also collected data and published a special edition of the Tradition, since there was no newspaper (The Chieftan) this year. Hence no record of what happened this year. Each class officer, class advisor and the principal were asked to write an article of the year in review. These were then passed out at senior checkout.

The new board was elected and they are: Nancy Fedak, President, Tony DeMarco, Vice President, Carol Lisy Bartel, Recording Secretary, Dianna Pavisich Kall, Corresponding Secretary, Gene Filipow, Treasurer. Board members: Rita Stemler Comko, Marilyn Marquette Coleman, Lou Bentzen, Darlene Wendel DeMarco, Christine Panek Sobolewski, Tom Speck, Gil Fritzsche, Bob Vasil, Lee Bailey. We also saw the retiring of the 6th principal and alumnus—Gil Fritzsche, Class of 1965. Cassandra Johnson succeeded him. Good Luck, Gil!!

Thanks again for all the support everyone has given and patience... Hope to see you at your reunions!!

Nancy Fedak, President

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We as a class meet the third Wed. of each month for lunch at 12: PM at Dimitri's in the Midtown Plaza at the corner of Snow and Broadview Rd.

We would like to thank Dorothy Miller Rumas for her work in sending out the invitations and all the bookwork. We would also like to thank the PSH Alumni Assoc. and especially Nancy Fedak for their help.

PSH GOLF OUTING

A good time was had by all—The following were winners: Women: Debbie Funk, Holly Justice and Cheryl Vogel. Mixed doubles: Anne and TJ Speck and Tony and Darlene DeMarco. Men: Bill Mason, Dave Savron, Jeff Jinks and Mike Murawski. Winning the Decades Trophy and a round of golf at Ridgewood were: Carl Vondrasek, Doug Stefanik and John Jasin.

Their names will be engraved on the perpetual trophy that is on display in the Hall of Fame Showcase.

All proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund. Many thanks to all that worked on the committee: Nancy Fedak, Chris Sobolewski, Marilyn Coleman, Lou and Joyce Bentzen, Tony and Darlene DeMarco, Damon DeMarco, TJ Speck, Jan and Charlotte Smith.

Special thanks to our hole sponsors and donors. Please try to patronize these sponsors:

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Donations and door prizes were provided by the following: Antonio's, Del Monico's Steak House, Promote-U-Graphics, Corleones Italian Restaurant, Giant Eagle-Parmatown, Solon Memorial Granite, Parma High Alumni Association, Quotes II, Glory's Hair Fashion, Print-A-Copy, Tops-Parmatown. Breakfast was provided by: EAT n Park-Lunch: Ridgewood Golf

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Check the web page or the spring edition of the Tradition for exact date, time and location. Reunion chairs and all Alumni are invited to attend.

The PSH Alumni Association Hall of Fame semi-annual inductions will take place this November at PSH. Selections will be completed soon and exact date, time, location, and the names of the new inductees will appear on the PSH Alumni web page and in local newspapers. A dinner in their honor will be given. For more information and cost of this dinner contact Marilyn Coleman at 1-216-524-2111.

2006 PSH Directory and Newsletter Order Forms

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SWEATS, GOLF SHIRTS, CAPS, Tee Shirts, Cat's Meow,
AND MUGS

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.



New Caps \$15 Golf Shirt \$25 (L, XL) Mug \$7.50 T-Shirt \$20 (M, L, XL, XXL) Sweatshirt \$30 (M, L, XL, XXL) Cat's Meow \$30

Yearbook Donations and Order Form

PSH Yearbooks donated to the Alumni Association will be put up for sale and all proceeds will go toward the PSH Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. Donations may be dropped off or sent to Parma Senior High School, Attention: Alumni Association or call us and we will pick them up, 440-885-3800. Thanks to all those who donated.

Clairise Gardner of Parma donated 7 yearbooks to the Association. **AB Larson** of New Jersey donated 3 yearbooks to the PSH Alumni Association-1952, 1953, and 1954.

Miss Emily Wilson, former Parma Sr High English Department Chair, donated her collection of PSH yearbooks to the Association. Thank you

Miss Ruth Felt, deceased and former physical education teacher donated her entire collection of yearbooks to the Association shortly before her death.

YEARBOOKS FOR SALE

1940	1	1949	2	1973	1	1988	2	2000	6
1942	5	1950	3	1976	1	1989	9	2001	3
1944	4	1951	4	1977	1	1991	89	2004	1
1945	3	1952	11	1978	1	1995	10	*2004	93
1946	2	1953	4	1980	22	1996	7	50th Anni-	
1947	2	1969	3	1983	12	1997	1	versary	
1948	8	1972	2	1985	1	1998	106	Edition	

Name _____ Class of _____

Address _____ City _____

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