

# The Tradition

Parma Senior High Alumni Newsletter



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## From the Editor's desk

by Tony DeMarco

This will be the last fall edition of the Tradition to be sent as a hard copy by the US postal service to the 27,500 PSH Alumni. The cost made it impossible for us to continue that practice. The cost of the printing and postage, even at the bulk rate, was over \$7000 for the fall issue alone.

Starting in 2009, we will post the fall Tradition on our web page so everyone can read and download to their computer or print their own hard copy on their home printer.

We will continue to offer subscriptions of all the issues for each year (fall, winter, spring and any special editions) to anyone who subscribes for the Tradition in a hard copy form. Those subscriptions will be sent by US mail to every subscriber. The price of the subscriptions will remain the same – 1 year \$6, 2 years \$11, 3 years \$15.

## The Archive Room

The Archive Room has been open during the last month on Tuesdays and Fridays from 2:00PM to 4:00PM. A volunteer is there to answer your questions and help you find the information you are looking for. The room has copies of every yearbook back to the first edition in 1927. We have displays of photographs, letter sweaters, band and sports uniforms, trophies and historic memorabilia on display in the room and in our brand new display showcase just outside the room.

We have a new stained glass window over the doorway of the Archival Room. The window, provided by PSH art teacher Mike Jaszczak (1979 grad), is inspired by a John Remington painting and depicts a lone American Indian on horseback looking across the open plain. Mike donated his time and talent to do the window. I had done research on why we were named the Parma Redmen (loosely derived from the Choctaw word "Oklahoma" meaning red people) and I had written the following for the students to read as they passed by the Archive Room. "In 1926 the alumni and students decided to change the name from the Greyhounds to the Parma Redmen. The students and Alumni wanted an image that exemplified nobility, loyalty and courage.

The American Indian represented these characteristics. Those questions of honesty; their word was their bond; their loyalty was to their family and tribe. They showed their courage despite the overwhelming challenges they faced. They never gave up. Not only did they honor their elders for the wisdom and knowledge that they received from them; but also they respected the earth for what it gave them to survive. The Redmen was named for honor. Mike's stained glass window is a perfect illustration of the story. Come see what we are doing. We are open 2P.M. to 4P.M. Tuesday and Friday.

## From the President's Desk

Anthony DeMarco 62'

It has been 4 years since I was your Alumni President. During that time Nancy Fedak, as Alumni Pres., has done an outstanding job of moving this organization forward. I am thankful that Nancy, will continue as Vice President, and the rest of the PSH Alumni Board members will continue to work together for the continued success of the PSH Alumni Assoc. I look forward to serving you this year.

### The Relay for Life "Alumni Together" team update

The Parma Alumni Association was part of a "Relay for Life" team (Alumni Together) with the other 2 Parma Schools Alumni Associations (Normandy and Valley Forge). The money raised was donated to the American Cancer Society for cancer research. The Relay took place at the Tri C West oval at Pleasant Valley and York Road on July 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. The real winner of this event was the American Cancer Society. We had a steak dinner put on by the Outback Restaurant in Parma. Tickets were \$20 and a total of 150 were sold. The Outback in Parma donated the total money made to Team Alumni Together and we were able to raise \$3000. PSH sold over 100 of the tickets. We sold hotdogs and had a raffle of Corn Hole Games, made by Gil Fritzsche,

See *President's Desk* on page 3

## Dear Alumni

Nancy Fedak, Past President

It is hard to realize that four years have transpired since I took over as president of the Parma Alumni Association. And, what a growing period this has been for us. I thank each and every one of you for your patience and understanding as we, voluntarily, continue to serve you, our constituents. Through the Board's diligence, we have grown and expanded our services to you and to Parma Senior High. Through your generous donations and great support of the Annual Golf Outing, the Scholarship Committee, headed by Chris Panek Sobolewski, has been able to award more scholarships to graduating seniors who also have a parent or guardian that is and alum. Lou Bentzen, head of the Golf Scholarship Committee, has continued to make this an enjoyable event for alums and friends alike.

Our website has grown and continues to improve with information on upcoming events, and reunions and information on the alumni and high school.. A BIG thanks to TJ and Anne Speck for their concerted time and work on this site. If you haven't checked out the website, you need to do that. Homecoming, headed by Carol and Jim Bartel, continues to grow with the number of you that use the free coupon in the Fall Traditions. Please join us on Friday, October 10, at the Alumni Tent outside the stadium on the Day Drive side.

# Reunion News

If you have not been contacted or know of friends who have not received information, please have them contact the reunion chairperson.

- 1938**-Parma Schaaf meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at Katherine's Restaurant on Pearl near Bagley. Lunch is at noon. Contact Lily Kalat Steinbrenner @ 440-888-6912.
- 1939**-Contact Janice Henniger Sheets 5500 Laurent Dr.#D529 Parma, 44129 - 440-884-8620
- 1943**-In the planning stage. Contact Rosemary Kuenzer Williams @ 440-842-4239 or Parmalefty@aol.com.
- 1945**-Reunion June 21, 2008 at Piper's III at 4:00PM. Contact Dorothy Miller Rumes @ 330-225-7346; Mel Burkey @ 440-885-4995.
- 1948**-No Reunion. Dinner per month-Contact David Kane 216-941-7572 or Carol Basele King 440-572-1708
- 1949**-the 2nd Thursday of the month-11:30AM at Alfonso's Restaurant at W 130th & Sprague. Contact Elaine Quint @ 440-843-3872.
- 1951**-Parma Schaaf meets the 1st Friday of the month at 11:30 AM at Marcal's Restaurant in Middleburg Hts.
- 1953**-55th Reunion-Contact Joe & Marilyn Marquette Coleman @ 216-524-2111 or colejoe@sbcglobal.net or Ken Jordan @ 440-885-5467 or Kj\_com@ATT.net. October 3rd—6:00PM cocktails at Quality Inn in Richfield; October 4th—7:00PM dinner at Quality Inn in Richfield; October

- 5th—10:00AM brunch at Quality Inn.
- 1954** – 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion –September 12<sup>th</sup> weekend, 2009. Contact Dr. Bill Tuchek@ 330-725-5662 or Billtuchek@aol.com
- 1955**-Breakfast Club meets at 9:00AM at Katherine's Restaurant, 7533 Pearl Road, Middleburg Hts., OH –July 30, 2008 and October 29, 2008.
- 1956**-70th Birthday Party June 21st at Valleaire Golf Course 6969 Boston Rd. Hinckley OH. Picnic is \$22.00; Golf is \$42.50. Contact Jean Tomasello @ 440-582-2730 for tee times; Carol Baldasari @ 216-676-4046 for picnic.
- 1958**-50th Reunion-October 3—Mixer at All Saints Episcopal—6:30PM, October 4-tour of Parma High-9:30AM-meet in cafeteria-Dinner at Carrie Cerino's-6:00PM—October 5-Breakfast—More info contact Ed Sarian @ 440-886-6706 or eis128z@sbcglobal.net. CLASS OF '57 AND '59 ARE INVITTED TO ATTEND.
- 1959**-50th Reunion will be held at Sawmill Creek Resort on September 4-6 2009. Contact Bruno Tommasini @ 440-842-6073 or www.fairfaxmedia.com/psh/
- 1960 & 1961**-Dinner every month. Contact Judy Love Girard @ 440-888-4911.
- 1963**-45th Reunion will be held jointly with VF 1963 grads on October 24 and 25, 2008. Parma/VF football game at Byers Field on Friday the 24th and dinner/dance on Saturday, October 25 at Belarusan Party Center in Strongsville. Contact Darlene Wendel DeMarco @ 440-572-2375 or shoelady45@yahoo.com.
- 1964**- Chuck Germana – 8501 Evergreen Dr.

- Parma, 44129 – 440 – 842-8240 cmg@fourstarinsurance.com
- 1968**-40th Reunion-September 27, 2008-Cost is \$30.00/person. 7:30-11:30PM at Thirsty Parrot-E 9th St and Progressive Field Contact Barb Snowden Smallwood @ 330-483-6113.
- 1969** – Susan Reiman Barbour – 5819 Robert Dr. Brook Park, 44142 – thebour11@sbcglobal.net
- 1974** - Brenna Babb Roth - 440-238-8442 captm22@sbcglobal.net
- 1978**-30th Reunion – September 6th, 2008 at BW3 in Strongsville. Contact Gail Gielink Demeczuk at 440-263-8401 or psh78reunion@hotmail.com.
- 1979** – Pamela Basta Wiseman – 21514 Brookfield Place Strongsville Oh, 44149 440-572 9351
- 1983**-Contact Thomas Newbould @ 440-572-3715.
- 1984** – Bonnie Hartwig Newbould – 19108 Blue Spruce Dr. – Strongsville, Oh 44149 – 440-572-5595 tsbould@ameritech.net
- 1988**-Contact Tammy Crowley 440-846-8346.
- 1989**–Contact Mark Fortuna–5217 W16th Parma, Oh 44134 – 440-226-5595
- 1993**-Looking for a chairperson. Contact Nancy Fedak @ 440-888-6278 ASAP.
- 1994** – Kelly Coates Cheetam – 17678 Eastbrook Trail – Chagrin Falls, Oh 44023 1998-10th Reunion November 28th at theCorner Alley in Cleveland. Contact Robyn Dorocak 216-749-6296
- 1999** – Myra Burkhardt – 5102 Albertly Dr. Parma, OH 44134

## In Memoriam

32	Koeblitz	Pearl	Roub	44	Schwark	Robert	66	Ezinski	Linda	Zezena
35	Thompson	Charles		45	Peterka	Richard	67	Szlembariski	David	
36	Balsom	Ruth	Kotasek	48	Rutti	Patricia	70	Ramstad	Robert	
36	Panek	Eleanore	Mizek	51	Vercos	Anthony	72	Hidey	Mark	
36	Theis	Emily	Cantlon	52	Parker	Joseph	73	Popelmayer	John	
36	Milligan	Calvin		53	May	Nancy	75	Roth	Lorraine	
42	Rosenbaum	Donald		53	Pulling	Scott	77	Schindler	Max	
42	Reinert	Robert		55	Schindler	Max	78	White	Tyrone	
43	Kohler	Beatrice	Gombos	56	Collier	Saundra	79	Zavartkay	Ann Marie	Clemens
43	Besida	Chester		56	Pestak	Dolores	80	Goodreau	Barbara	Clements
43	Schmidt	Beverly	O Malley	56	Shaw	Robert A				
43	Manning	Richard		58	Harhay	Raymond				
43	Boey	Audrey	Clardy	58	Hinkle	William				
43	King	Jacqueline	Berry	61	Conrad	Richard				
43	Mackay	Richard		62	Baker	Ronald				
43	Berg	Edith	Geib	62	Leone	Barb				
44	Brugge	Robert		63	Walter	Joyce	Febel			
44	Naumann	Doris		63	Hoehn	Alfred				

### Teachers

David Straight - Business  
 Paul Ulmer – History  
 Robert Brugge – HPE  
 Dick Galleher, coach and teacher in the 50, 60, 70s  
 Steve Rudo , coach and teacher at Parma and Valley Forge

*President's Desk* from page 1 on the night of the event. The total raised by Alumni Together was \$4080.00. Thanks to the following PSH Alumni Board members and friends for their help; Bob Vasil, Tony and Darlene DeMarco, Carol and Jim Bartel, Gil Fritzsche, Joyce and Lou Bentzen, Pat Schwark,

## Alumni Scholarships

The PSH Alumni Association once again gave scholarships to 4 deserving Seniors who had at least one parent or guardian who was a graduate of PSH. This years winners of a \$1200 each are Kyle Rush, Alex Cole, Angela Wetula and Julianne Wetula. Thanks to Chris Panek Sobolewski '62 and her committee for their hard work and time going through the 25 applications.

All donations are 100% tax deductible. For deductions of \$500 or more that are to be presented in a person's name, please call us or email us at 1440-8853700 or pshalum@pshalumni.org. <mailto:pshalum@pshalumni.org> We will make arrangements for your donation..

## School News Graduating Seniors

The class of 2008 will have about 320 members this year. This marks an increase over the previous year. The class sizes have shown a steady increase over the last few years.

The Parma Blackheart Rugby Team took 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Ohio State Rugby Championship last weekend. This is the seventh season of the Parma Rugby Team and the first time we have been in the State Finals.

## Elections

The new board was selected : Nancy Fedak, Anthony Demarco, Darlene Wendel DeMarco, Gene Filipow Carol Lisy Bartel, Dianna Pavisich Kall, Lou Bentzen, Marilyn Marquette Coleman, Ed Sarian, Gil Fritzsche, Chris Panek Sobolewski Bob Vasil. The new officers were elected. They are Anthony DeMarco 62' President, Nancy Fedak 66' Vice President, Carol Lisy Bartel 54' Recording Secretary, Darlene Wendel DeMarco 63' Corresponding Secretary, and Gene Filipow 57' Treasurer.

### PSH Alumni Association

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Web site [www.pshalumni.org](http://www.pshalumni.org)  
Email [pshalum@pshalumni.org](mailto:pshalum@pshalumni.org)  
Office phone : 440-885-3700

## Alumni Courtyard

Flower beds, and benches and picnic tables have been put in by Gene Filipow and Gil Fritzsche for all to use. The tables were donated by the Classes of 2007 and 1962; trees were donated in honor of Coach and Principal Pat Cordisco and in memory of Coach Brugge. We are always accepting donations for these areas. If you happen to be near the high school at noon, 2:47pm or 6pm, you will hear the BAILEY BELL TOWER chime the Fight Song or Alma Mater. The Hall of Fame now holds inductions on a regular basis—odd years—due to Marilyn Coleman and Gil Fritzsche diligence.

## School Hall of Fame Inductees For 2007

The Parma Sr. High Alumni Association had its' bi-annual induction on November 9<sup>th</sup> 2007 of 5 new members to the Parma High School Alumni Association Hall of Fame. The new members included Robert Bolton '57, Robert Brugge '44, Karen Spillner Dendorpher '57, Norman W Shibley '39, and Dave Smallwood '68. These Alumni were nominated by fellow classmates and selected by a committee co-chaired by Marilyn Marquette Coleman '53 and Gil Fritzsche '65 If you are interested in nominating a PSH classmate to the PSH Hall of Fame for the fall of 2009, please contact Marilyn Marquette Colman at 6258 W 54<sup>th</sup> St Parma, Oh 44129.

## Homecoming

The game will be October 10 against Twinsburg at 7:30 P.M. Come join us for free. Use the ticket (below) to get in free.

**PARMA SR. HIGH SCHOOL  
HOMECOMING  
FOOTBALL GAME**  
October 10, 2008 7:30  
ADMIT ONE FREE  
Compliments of the PSHS  
Alumni Association

## Annual Meeting

This year it was on Monday, July 7, 2008, in the Renaissance Room at 6pm at Parma Senior High. At this meeting, we passed out the reunion information to those classes planning their reunions for the coming year. We, as a Board, gave our yearly reports on ALL activities that have transpired and what we have planned for the coming year. Next year's annual meeting will be in August.

## Alumni Golf Outing

This year's Golf Scholarship Outing was held on Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at Ridgewood Golf Course. Many alumni and friends turned out for this event with lots of networking and socializing. Monies were again raised for scholarships and teacher grants. A big thank you to the following for sponsoring holes: In Memory of Gary Mates--1956; Parma Senior High Alumni Association; Gene & Barb Filipow; Tim Dobeck, Law Director City of Parma; Trammell-O'Donnell & Assoc.--Century 21; Mayor Dean DePiero; PSE Credit Union; Bill Mason--Cuyahoga County Prosecutor; Parma Education Association; Parma Car Care Specialists; Lou & Joyce Bentzen/ Nancy Fedak; Mars Trucking; Abend Family--Dick '39, Rick '62, Janet, '65, Barbara '73, Sandi '76; Jim & Carol Bartel; Winar #1 Sales, Lynn Lehman, Jim Francek--Suburban Haircutting; Chuck Germana--Four Star Insurance; Ecke's Towing--Downtown/Flats; Zabor Funeral Home, Inc.; Anthony Zielinski--Treasurer, City of Parma; Cassandra Johnson--Principal-PSH; Tim DeGeeter-- OHIO STATE Rep.; Fergie's Bar & Grill; DelMonico's Restaurant.

Men's Team: Gary Pesta, Ken Hotchkiss, Dan Urban, Bill Pawlowski; Women's Team: Debbie Funk, Holly Justice, Cassie Zabor, Diane McCellam; Mixed Team: Bill & Karen Winar, Ron & Chris Linard; and, Team of the Decade (name on trophy and bragging rights): Dennis Reese, Tim Wright, Dan Zola and Larry Chiles. A good time was had by all!!!!!!!

## PSH Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees Charter Class of 2007

The Parma Senior High School Athletic Hall of Fame inducted its Charter Members this past winter. The Parma Senior High Alumni Association is proud to be a part of this and future inductions. Congratulations to all inductees and their families. The following are those alumni who were inducted as the Charter class of 2007. Lee Bailey '29 Robert Brugge '44 Arnold Chonko '61 David Condon '59 David Cooper '94 Carmen Cozza '48 Pat Eaton '71 Erwin Grabisna '84 Kim Hill '61 Lee Horvath '38 Harry Houska '60 Bob Jarus '56 Ernie Lees '55 Laura Lindak-Murray '89 Jim Linx '58 Gennaro"Jim" Manocchio '83 Bob Mason '68 Ron Mottl '52 Michael Ozdowski '73 Ron Quercioli '91 Mark Raiff '82 Rich Rollins '56 Kevin Senich '68 Mike Senich '68 Bruce Trammell '67

## 2009 PSH Directory and Newsletter Order Forms

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Grad Name \_\_\_\_\_

On-line Directory \_\_\_ \$10 (must have e-mail address for directory)

Newsletter 1 year \_\_\_ \$6 2 years \_\_\_ \$11

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

Make checks (no cash) payable to: P SH Alumni Association.

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

## PSH FUNDRAISERS

*Sweats, Golf shirts, Caps, Tee Shirts, Cat's Meow, Hoodies, and mugs*

*Here are some items for any occasion.*

New Caps \$15 Golf Shirt \$30  
(L, XL) Mug \$7.50 T-Shirt \$25  
(M, L, XL, XXL) Sweatshirt \$35  
(M, L, XL, XXL) Cat's Meow  
\$25 Hoodies \$35 (M, L, XL,  
XXL) License plate frames no  
longer available.



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.

## 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, 440-885-3700. Thanks to all those who donated.

### YEARBOOKS FOR SALE

1938-10	1947-9	1956- 2	1974-1	1989-11	2001-9
1940-2	1948-15	1959-1	1976-2	1991-19	2002-10
1941-8	1949-6	1961-1	1978-14	1992-1	2003-4
1942-8	1950-7	1963-2	1979-1	1995-9	2004-ANN.-59
1943-5	1951-7	1964-1	1980-22	1996-6	@\$15/each
1944-6	1952-12	1967-1	1983-12	1998-4	2004-BIG-6
1945-6	1953-7	1968-2	1984-2	1999-2	2005-13
1946-9	1954-2	1969-3	1987-1	2000-12	2006-15

### ORDER FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Yearbook Year \_\_\_\_\_ \$45.00 Postage 5.00

Make checks payable to: PSH Alumni Association

6285 W 54<sup>th</sup> Street

Parma, OH 44129

Allow 3 weeks for Delivery