

The Tradition

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From the President's Desk

by Anthony DeMarco '62

PSH Alumni Association's future presents challenges and change.

Your Alumni Association faces new challenges for the future. We find ourselves dealing with the same financial problems that most non-profit organizations face. We want to be an active association. We want to continue grow, but we know our limitations based on our current and projected income.

We have worthwhile services we provide to alumni, such as reunion support, updated information service, this newsletter, and our webpage. We have activities that include Homecoming, tours of the building, and the golf outing that alumni can attend. We are responsible for the PSH Hall of Fame Inductions. We provide college scholarships (5 \$1200 scholarships) to Parma High seniors who have at least 1 parent who was a PSH graduate. We will provide donations this year to the school newspaper without which they would not exist, to the music department, the drama club for plays, and this years Yearbook to make sure one is produced. We have had a yearbook every year since 1928. We are active with the community and provide donations to the Parma Area Fine Arts Council, The Parma Historical Society, The Proud of Parma Committee, and The Parma Hospital Auxiliary.

We fund these activities through class donations, fund raisers like the golf outing and the sales of alumni merchandise, subscriptions to the newsletter and the web site, and the generosity of our 30,000 + alumni and their donations. We will continue to provide these services as long as it is economically sustainable. We will make changes when it becomes necessary and we will continue to strive to provide a top notch alumni association that all our alumni can be proud of. We are an all volunteer organization and we look for your support.

Give us your input; we are always looking for suggestions and new ideas from alumni.

Dear Alumni

*In the newsletter you will find a number of requests for donations to a variety of causes. We regret to keep asking for those donations, but as economic times get tougher we must ask for more contributions for so many more worthwhile causes. We know you cannot give to everyone of the requests, so if you see one that you feel strongly about, please consider "paying it forward."

*This marks our first Fall Tradition that is not being sent to ever alumnus that we have a current address for. Due to the rising costs, we have been forced to put the Fall edition on-line. If you're reading this on-line, please let any alums you know that the fall newsletter is free

on-line. For those of you who are receiving your printed subscription, thank you, and please let every alum know, that this subscription option is available and that the fall edition is free on-line.

From the Editors desk

by Anthony DeMarco '62

A good deed: #1

We have just had a perfect example of a Good Samaritan. A gentleman from Belle Chasse, LA sent an email to the web site to let us know that he had a 1953 Parma Schaaf High School woman's ring. As a young boy with a metal detector, Ted Griffin was in a park in Hudson Ohio in the early 1970's when he located the ring. Tim was originally from Northfield, Ohio. Recently, Tim rediscovered the ring and went about trying to find the owner. Tim looked us up on the internet and contacted me with his search. He gave me the initials PAC on the inside of the ring. I went through the 1953 class on our data page and found the match. Jim sent us the ring and we are still trying to contact the owner by phone to give her ring back after 35 years.

A good deed: #2

Donna Lois Dieball was to have received the \$1200 Lee Bailey Memorial Scholarship this year. She is an outstanding student at PSH and is planning to go to Cleveland State in the fall. Just before the scholarship dinner in May, She learned that she had been awarded a full scholarship to Cleveland State. She could have kept the Lee Bailey Scholarship, but instead Donna donated the money back to the Alumni Association for another PSH student next year. We will give the additional Lee Bailey Scholarship in her name next year. I am sure that Lee would be proud of her unselfish gesture. All PSH Alumni are proud to welcome Donna into our ranks as a Parma Sr. High Alumni.

The PSH Alumni Association Scholarship Outing

Nancy Fedak '66

The Parma Senior High Alumni Association would like to thank the following for helping to make the annual Golf Scholarship outing such a success this year. Without the help and donations of all these people, we would not be able to award as many scholarships and teacher grants that we do. A BIG thanks to Howard Murphy, general manager of Ridgewood Golf Course, and his staff for all their assistance and help. The outing ran very smoothly and even the weather cooperated. Thanks to the following volunteers for their assistance the day of the outing: Carol and Jim Bartel, Bob Vasil, Gil Fritzsche, Dar and Tony DeMarco, Chris Sobolewski, Jan Smith, Lou and Joyce Bentzen and

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Planned Reunions

1953-September 24, 2009. The event will be held at the Lakewood Country Club in Westlake, OH. Contact Marilyn Marquette Coleman @216-524-2111-cole-marq@sbcglobal.net

1954-September 12, 2009 weekend-Contact Carol Lisy Bartel @440-237-5755 or Bill Tuchek @330-725-5662.

1969-40th Reunion-Saturday September 19, 2009 at Crown Plaza in Middleburg Hts, OH from 5:00 PM to Midnight. Saturday morning tour of PSH from 9:00 AM to noon. Contact Sue Reiman Barbour @thebour11@sbcglobal.net

1999-10th Reunion-Planning for Thanksgiving weekend, Saturday November 28, 2009 at the Thirsty Parrot. Tour of PSH on Saturday morning from 9:00 AM to noon. Contact Denise Sikar Castanzo @denroot@aol.com. Scheduled Periodic Reunions

1938-Meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month @ Katherine's Restaurant on Pearl Road in Middleburg Hts.-lunch @noon-Contact Lily Kalat Steinbrenner ('51) @440-888-6912 for further information.

1942-Last Wednesday of month @ Piper's III. Contact Rita Kemmer D'Alssandro.

1948-No new reunion planning is underway. The reunion committee, however, does meet monthly for dinner at various local restaurants. In addition to the 8 or so committee members, there are always guests. We would welcome any of our classmates at these dinners. For time and place, contact: Carole Basile King at 440-572-1708 or Dave Kane at 216-941-7572.

1949-The 2nd Thursday of the month—11:30 AM at Alfonso's Restaurant at West 130th & Sprague. Contact Elaine Quint @440-843-3872.

1951-Parma Schaaf meets the 1st Friday of every month (if a holiday-then the 2nd Friday)—11:30 AM at Marcal's Restaurant, Pearl and West 130th St in Middleburg Hts, OH Contact Joan Kalat @440-843-9122.

1955-Breakfast Club meets at Katherine's Restaurant @9:00AM on October 28, 2009.

1960 & 61-Dinner every month-Contact Judy Love Girard @440-888-4911.

Upcoming Reunions

1940-70th Reunion-No information at this time-Contact Betty Miller Kircher@440-572-8485-bettykircher@ameritech.net

1945-65th Reunion-Planning for June or

July, 2010-Contact Mel Burkey@440-885-4995-mburkey@hotmail.com

1950-60th Reunion-No information at this time-Contact Shirley Tomko Merlino@440-845-4768

1955-55th Reunion-No information at this time-Contact Robert Funk@440-886-3375

1960-50th Reunion-June 11 & 12, 2010 @ Crown Plaza on Engle Rd. Contact Fran Caso Turk @330-225-9285-turk6173@roadrunner.com

1965-45th Reunion-No information at this time-Contact Tim and Melanie Brown @330-769-2985-timb@applebybrown.com

1970-40th Reunion-No information at this time-Contact Shiela Barnett Wolf

1975-35th Reunion-No information at this time-Contact Sue Massari Walick @440-572-2472-walsu@aol.com

1980-30th Reunion-No information at this time-Contact Marty Pytel @330-725-2915-mpytel@zoominternet.net

1985-25th Reunion-No information at this time-Contact Cynthia Daniels Sejka @330-723-6999-cynthias1967@yahoo.com

1990-20th Reunion-No information at this time-Contact Marc Blubaugh@614-895-0857-mblubaugh@bfca.com

1995-15th Reunion-No information at this time-Contact Amy Taylor @440-243-0552-amytayl@parma.k12.oh.us

2000-10th Reunion-No information at this time-Contact John Paul Knauss 23 Grove St #2 Westborough, MA 01581

2009 Reunion Reports

1984 Sharon Whitescarver, Chair

Thanks so much.

The Reunion was a blast by the way. Thanks to the Alumni Association for providing the Alumni items. I was lucky enough to get the Anniversary Yearbook. I am on our pages 4 times; I was pretty excited about that. I let my brothers and Aunt and Uncle look through it, they had a blast too.

Through Facebook, we continue to find more and more classmates. We are trying to have small informal get togethers a few times a year. Our first one is scheduled for next Friday, at Babes Sports Bar and Grill. We had a pretty good turnout there the night before the

reunion as well.

Thanks Again, Sharon

1989 Mark Fortuna

The class of 1989 had their 20th reunion this past summer at the Bomber Squadron. Mark Fortuna reported that the reunion went well and all had a great time.

1945 Mel Burkey

The class of 1945 held a dinner meeting Saturday July 25 at Pipers III. There were 29 classmates in attendance. As we sat down to eat, each of us found 3 gifts on our plate: A CD of all the old time songs of the 40's sent to us by Armand Sanvido from his home in Alabama, a bag of potato chips courtesy from Don Noss who was in attendance and a small prayer book "Jabez" from Bill Koptis who also was in attendance. Many thanks to all for the gifts. After we ate, Larry Taddie, our MC who again did a super job, gave a report on our classmates. Again we had 10 or 15 invitations returned as undeliverable and asked all to help us find these classmates. Dick Lukes passed away, Wally English has moved to Florida and and is ill, The Gunters-Faye broke her leg, Bob also not well. Then we had pictures taken both individual and group which are to be sent to all who attended. It was decided that we will have our 65th reunion next year in June or July, probably our last. If you would like to help plan this reunion, we meet at 12:00 for lunch on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at Pipers III.

1956 Carol Baldasarri

The class of 1956 held a picnic this past summer. Carol Baldasarri reported that the picnic was a real success. They are planning for their 55th reunion in 2011.

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In Memoriam For the past year September, 2008 to August 4, 2009

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| 35 William Suter | 56 Barbara Ronk Nist | 63 Ron Houska |
| 36 Ruth Balsom Kotasek | 56 Kenneth Sokol | 65 Phillip Thomas |
| 37 Betty Swartwood Lenio | 57 Phyllis Rauch Nicol | 65 Richard Smithers |
| 37 Henry Millie | 58 John Martinis | 65 Daniel Rodosky |
| 37 Carol Seastead Hanson | 60 Thomas Becka | 65 Merry Ellen Holub Zammerelli |
| 37 Walter Zagwodzki | 60 Robert Brady | 65 John Sommer |
| 38 Harold Miller | 60 Linda Ehlert Ruben | 66 Donald Hujer |
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| 55 Chester Wnek | 61 Ronald Coppolino | 88 Ronald Csokmay |
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| 55 Jean Flahan Bloniak | 61 David Adam | 89 Joseph Januszewski |
| 56 Thomas Keberle | 62 John Duke Hasselbach | 93 Raymond Murray |
| 56 Nancy Hollenbeck Bower | 63 Darlene Busko Janos | 98 Tricia Stem |
| 56 Patricia Schreiber Slavik | 63 Paula Fragnowski | |
| 56 Jack Steiner | 63 Joan Dominick Bezak | |

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Nancy Fedak. The following people and/or business donated prizes: Boston Mills/ Brandywine Ski Resorts; Fox and Hound English Pub and Grill; Hometown Buffet; Eat N' Park; Dianna Kall; Dar and Tony DeMarco; Julie Zlaket Trent; Gloria Boloca Haak; DelMonico's Steakhouse; Lou Bentzen; Ecke's Towing; Ridgewood Golf Course; Suburban Hair Salon; Antonio's Restaurant; Class of 1959; Parma Community General Hospital; Joe and Marilyn Coleman; Print-A-Copy; Chris Sobolewski; Conrad's-Midtown; Olive Garden Restaurant--Day Drive; Outback Restaurant-Ridge Road. Also to the following people and/or business for sponsoring a hole: Mayor Dean DePiero; Parma Education Association; In memory of Gary J. Mates, class of 1956; State Representative Timothy DeGeeter; Lynn Lehman; Parma Car Care Specialists; Lou Bentzen, '60/ Joyce Robinson Bentzen, '62/ Nancy Fedak, '66; Jim and Carol Lisy Bartel; Gene Filipow and Barbara Tomc Filipow; In memory of Sam Zlaket, class of 1954; Bill Mason, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor, class of 1977; Bill Winar-Winar #1 Sales; Ecke's Towing, Inc.; Timothy

G. Dobeck, Law Director, City of Parma; Lawn Renew, Inc.; Bob Funk, class of 1955; Four Star Insurance--Chuck Germana, class of 1964; Trammell-O'Donnell Century 21; Chris Jayjack, Normandy Principal, class of 1969; Anthony Zielinski, Treasurer--City of Parma; Mary Vittardi--Clerk of Courts--Parma; Antonio's Restaurant; PSE Credit Union; Century Bank--Jeff Calabrese, president, class of 1969; Cassandra Johnson, Principal, Parma Senior High; Dr. Sarah Zatik, Superintendent, Parma City Schools; Tom and Rosemary Gullick; John Michael Photography--John-'72, Alexander, '08; Tom Regas, Parma Councilman, ward 5.

Prizes were given out for the following skills shots: longest drive, longest putt and closest to the pin. The team of Terri Krish Weideling and Marilyn won the Women's division; Bill and Karen Winar and Ron and Chris Linard won the Mixed Doubles Division AND the team of Howard Murphy, Doug Schmidt, Ken Hotchkiss and Gary Pesta won the Men's Division. Team of the Decade--the 60's-- was George Oleksiw, Leo Samokieszyn, Borys Korduba and Larry Garuccio--they have bragging right

and names on the trophy.

A good time was had by all.

Lou Bentzen, 1960

Joyce Robinson Bentzen, 1962

Nancy Fedak, 1966

2009 Golf Committee

EDITORIAL

TRADITIONS tra-dit-ion n : belief or custom passed from generation to generation.

Your Alumni Association continues to carry on past traditions, rekindle old ones and establish new ones for students to remember. From the Bailey Bells, which plays the Alma Mater to start the day and the Fight song to end it, to the Homecoming activities we sponsor each year, we believe traditions will give students positive memories about their high school years. Carry on your own traditions with your family and friends.

TRADITION—carry on past ones, rekindle old ones or start new ones.

The Parma Senior High School Alumni Association Hall of Fame 2009 Selections

The PSH Alumni Association Hall of Fame Selection Committee has made its selections for the 2009 induction ceremonies scheduled for November 6. The following 8 individuals were selected for their accomplishments in their career, their community, and society in general. We will feature a biography of each new inductee in successive issues this year.

- Sharen Bezik Althoff – 1965-Speech & Debate coach, Wooster High School
- Timothy P. Gilligan—1975-Attorney, Parma Municipal Court Judge
- Ronald Hutchings—1952 Parma Schaaf-Parma Hts, Fire Chief
- Michal Jaszczak—1980-Artist, PSHS Art Teacher
- Laurretta Jones—1970-Artist, Freelance Illustrator, Graphic Designer, Teacher
- Michael Vittardi—1978-Parma Recreation Director
- John Walter—1965-Newspaper Editor, Publisher, USA Today
- Phyllis Martin Williams—1948 Parma Schaaf-Preventative Medicine, Teacher, Insurance Agent, Stock Broker

Alumni Courtyard project: Nancy Fedak '66, Gill Fritzche '64, Gene Filipow '58, Tony DeMarco '62

We poured the first area of concrete in the Alumni Courtyard. The sidewalk from the main entrance will eventually make a circuit connecting 4 large concrete pads for wheelchair accessible picnic tables. We will also have 4 or



5 park benches along the sidewalk circuit. The courtyard will be used for a quiet study area for students as a reward for good grades. It will also be available to teachers for classes and open to alumni for meetings and social events. The class of 2008, 1963, 1962, 1961, and now 2009 has donated to this Alumni Project. The Bob Hanak's Labor and Construction class put the forms in and did the concrete work for the Alumni Association. Future plans, in conjunction with the science department, for the courtyard include, a solar shingled (new) roof for the gazebo, old fashioned styled solar powered street lights and a small solar powered fountain. A memorial brick and sculpture area, in conjunction with the art department, will also be included in future plans. This project, in addition to the Archival collection and room, will be a lasting tribute to all Parma Alumni.

Yard work for the Alumni Courtyard Nancy Fedak '66

Weeding and pruning on trees and bushes was completed at end of June. Mulch purchased from Normandy's track and cross country teams was spread the weekend of June 12-14. (this is a fund raiser for the teams to help with the defraying of costs for Pay-to-Play throughout the school system...) The gazebo needs painting, eventually dirt will need to be hauled in to level out areas that are hilly, the sign that the class of 1954 donated for the front of the building will be put back up inside the courtyard. Come and take a look as the climbing roses are in bloom.....

New Inductee to the PSH Alumni Assoc. Hall of Fame

Laurretta Jones Class of 1970

After graduation from PHS in 1970, I went to Cleveland Institute of Art. I totally credit the art faculty at PSH, including William Harper, Tony DeMarco and Mr. Rewalt for preparing me to get accepted at CIA. Especially important was the support we had in crafting our portfolios and in entering the Scholastic Art Awards, introducing us as gently as possible to the notion of competition in art. In fact, I still have a book of linoleum cuts that received a Gold Key and was sent to New York as a finalist. I'd also like to say how vital Robert Backston was in my life as an artist. He was my art teacher in 7th and 9th grade at Schaaf Junior High School and when I complained to him that my parents wanted me to go to college, he told me

about CIA. I didn't even know there was such a thing as an art college, and that conversation truly changed my life.

At CIA, I majored in Graphic Design not because I loved it, but because I knew I had to support myself. While in college, I created illustrations for a Case Western Reserve newsletter, the Museum of Natural History and Stouffer's. After graduation in 1975, I became an art director at a printing firm. What I really loved, however, was crafts, and I had a number of works accepted into the May Show at the Cleveland Museum of Art, including an embroidered soft sculptured aerial map of the Cuyahoga Valley. It won honorable mention and was the first work I sold.

In 1979, I moved to Manhattan, a place of great competition and great opportunity existing side by side. I worked at a small ad agency before buying an Apple II computer in 1981 and starting on a new path as a freelance illustrator. My clients included many computer magazines and educational companies such as Scholastic. I even did a project for MAD Magazine, my childhood favorite! It was exciting being one of the few artists pioneering the use of the computer as a serious tool—I was interviewed by magazines and local cable television as well as by the BBC. My fellow computer artists and I were certain that computer art tools would develop as they have, but in the early days we faced a lot of skepticism and even ridicule. I recall several presentations I made with the Graphic Artists Guild where on the same stage, design luminaries such as Milton Glaser and Tibor Kalman (of M&Co.) were less than positive about the computer's potential role in the arts. Nonetheless, speaking in public to artists led me to teaching at the School of Visual Arts (SVA) and eventually to becoming the director of the Computer Art Department at SVA in 1988.

At about the same time, I designed the interfaces for two interactive computer systems commissioned by IBM for a show at their Gallery of Science and Art. This led me to join IBM Research in 1990 to work on a project for the world's fair, EXPO'92 in Seville, Spain. My colleagues and I created a huge and groundbreaking touch-screen system for which we won several awards.

I had planned on leaving IBM Research when the world's fair project ended. But it was a fascinating place where everyone was busy designing for an imagined future, so I stayed on. I was the first graphic designer/artist to join IBM Research and I helped the scientists explore the importance of visual design on the usability of computer interfaces. I also got to meet other high-profile designers, including the

legendary Paul Rand. After a while, I became a manager and led a number of projects including my favorite, an educational computer system with the Museum of Modern Art.

Shortly after that, I began doing a lot more managing than designing, and felt the pangs that many artists do to return to what they love. I also had had my fill of computers speeding up every corner of my life. So I moved to a part-time schedule at IBM and began painting and drawing my favorite things—plants—with good old graphite, colored pencil and nice, slow watercolor. As you know, one cannot rush watercolor, and so I began to reconnect with the rhythms of the natural world.

I have been teaching botanical art at the New York Botanical Garden (NYBG) since 2000. My botanical art has been accepted into many group shows, I have had a few solo shows, and am represented in the prestigious collection of the Hunt Institute of Botanical Documentation at Carnegie Melon. Last year, I took an early retirement from IBM, which was many years in the planning. Since then, I have been very busy teaching at NYBG, the Greenwich Art Society, and in my studio; working in my garden; volunteering for my local land trust, and serving on my town's open space committee. I help in the stewardship of the new 645-acre Angle Fly Preserve in Somers, NY, where we have uncovered the remains of a 1920's walled garden that I hope to restore. I look forward to taking some of my students out of the classroom and into the field and forest and spending more time on my own work. The pressure to work commercially is off at last, and so for the first time since school, I will let my art explorations take me wherever they lead.

All my best,
Lauretta Jones

Dear Alumni

Dear Alumni,

Dennis Fernelius-1959 \$1000 for a scholarship in his brother's name, Gary Fernelius 1957, (Deceased) and a \$500 Scholarship for the 50 years since Dennis graduated.

Our condolences and Thank you for your most generous gift.

Dear Alumni,

I am writing to advise you that my father, Clifford Burk Class of 1937 Schaaf, died of cancer on 6-18-09 in Novi Michigan. Among his final instructions was a note to update you and a newsletter from spring of 2000. Among his memoirs were many fine stories of school and school friends, especially Bill Zenk. Please find enclosed \$72 for the Alumni Association

(1937 – 2009 = 72 years

Best wishes Clifford Burk Jr. Bloomington, IN.

Our condolences and thank you for the donation.

Dear Alumni,

An excellent endeavor to recognize the building's history! Attended 7th and 8th grade at Ridge Road School.

Rita Stemler Comko '55

Thank you

Dear Alumni,

Here is a \$100 donation to be used for the Historical Marker for Ridge Road School.

Edward Sarian '58

Thank you

New Tradition Offer

The new offer is a subscription of the Tradition sent as an attachment directly to your email address for only \$5, \$11, \$15—the same prices as the 1, 2, 3, year paper subscription. We have been working with the new webmaster to set this up and we now will be able to do this.

Donations:

Thanks to all that are donating to the ONE DOLLAR FOREACH YEAR GRADUATED. The donations are 100% tax deductible as you receive no goods for the donation. We use the donations for operating the association, scholarships, or to help with school events, clubs and school projects. You can specify where you want the donation placed. Thank you for all of your donations.

1969 Richard Wichmann

Thank You

1956 Gretchen Schwartz Mates

Thank you Gretchen for your donation and also for your donation toward the Historical Marker. Gretchen attended junior high at Ridge Road.

Joyce Szekelyi 1965

Donated 2 yearbooks 1964/ 1965

Thank You

Rosemary Kuenzer Williams 1943

Donated 3 yearbooks 1940,41,42,

Thank you

Damrong "John" Attaprechakul 1969

This is a donation for the fine year I had at PSH as an exchange student from Bangkok Thailand.

Thank you for your donation

The Parma Historical Marker Project

Here is what will be written, along with a 1921 dedication photograph, on the historical marker when the project is completed.

*Parma High School at Ridge Road
Historical Marker
Dedicated 2010*

Parma High School at the Ridge Road School was dedicated in October of 1921. The building was located on Ridge Road south of the former Bean Road (Ridgewood Drive). The building was one of 3 buildings designed by Charles W Bates in 1918 for the Parma Rural School District from a bond issue passed by Parma and Parma Heights Township. The board of education was made up of President, H. J. Schaaf, Clerk, L. H. Geiss, board members, C. H. Miller, Carl Uhink, C. C. Crouch and H. C. Hoag.

The senior class consisted of 6 students, 2 boys and 4 girls. Parma High School at Ridge Road remained a high school until 1936 when it became a Junior High School. In the 1950's, the school became an elementary school and then in the 1960's it became the Board of Education for the school district until 2006.

In the summer of 1928, an orchard behind the high school was cleared by the football team and became the first Parma High School football field.



This Year's PSH Alumni Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to all of this year's winners.

PSH Alumni Veterans Memorial Scholarship \$1200

Karyn Jacquiline Lally- Bowling Green - Exercise Science

PSH Alumni Board of Trustees Scholarship \$1200

Ashley Nicole Hinkle- Hiram College - Accounting

PSH Alumni Memorial Scholarship \$1200

Jessica Alice Matushevski- Akron University - Biomedical Engineering

PSH Alumni Red Rees Memorial Scholarship \$1200

Traci Hrenko- Findley University - Pharmacy

PSH Alumni Class of 1958 Scholarship \$1000

Michael Robert Melnyk- U of Toledo - Pharmacy

PSH Alumni Class of 1968 Scholarship \$750

Jenna Perry- Baldwin Wallace College - Political Science

Two Teacher Grants

Kim Fry- \$300- Thoreau Park
The Teachers at Shiloh Middle School \$300

Letters

Dear Alumni/Tony and Darlene DeMarco

Thank you for your help setting up the Proud of Parma Tent at the Rib N Rock event. You are a good friend to Parma.

Monica

Proud Of Parma President

Dear Parma Schaaf High School Alumni Association

About 6 years ago I moved and lost touch you all. I don't know if any of my subscription is left, but I would like to pay and get on the mailing list again. Enclosed find a postage paid envelope to get me the information.

Thank you in advance of your response.

Sincerely

Margaret Kozelula Crowell Class of 1950

Thank you and you are on the list.

PSH Alumni Association

Thank you for keeping us well informed. Really look forward to receiving my newsletter.

Jean Tomasello Meserine '56

Dear Alumni

Thank you for choosing me as your recipient for your scholarship!

Sincerely

Karyn Lally

Dear Anthony DeMarco and the Alumni Association

Thank you for awarding me the Parma Senior High School Alumni Association Memorial Scholarship. I am extremely grateful for this scholarship and I plan to apply this money to help pay my tuition. It was extremely generous of you to award me this to help me afford college. Once again, thank you so much

Sincerely,

Jessie Matushevski

PSH Alumni Association

Thank you for my scholarship very much! I really appreciate it. This will help me further my education at Hiram College. This means a lot to me.

Thanks again,

Ashley Hinkle

Dear Class of 1958

I wanted to thank you, The Parma High Alumni Class of 1958, for selecting me as the recipient of the \$1000 scholarship. This gift is certainly appreciated as I approach my education at the University of Toledo, pursuing a Doctorate in Pharmacy.

Thank you once again for awarding me this scholarship.

Sincerely

Michael Melnyk '09

PSH Alumni Association

I greatly appreciate being chosen for the "Red" Rees Memorial Scholarship. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Traci Hrenko

Sports Programs in Jeopardy by Athletic Director Ryan Madison

Due to the third straight new money levy defeat, the Parma Board of Education has instituted the self-funding of our sports programs. That means that no general fund money will be available to be used to support extra-curricular activities. Therefore, each sport program must

raise the funds necessary to operate their team. If the total funds are not raised by the participants, the sport will be discontinued. This past spring season, we were unable to field both boys and girls track, and boys tennis due to lack of funding. The following is a list of the cost for each Parma Senior High team:

9/JV/Varsity Football-\$61,500 (est. \$750 per player)

9/JV/Varsity Volleyball-\$21,525 (est. \$600 per player)

JV/Varsity B/G Soccer-\$14,025 each (est. \$500 per player)

Varsity B/G Cross-Country-\$6,800 each (est. \$500 per player)

Varsity Golf-\$6,800 (est. \$750 per player)

Varsity B/G Tennis-\$7,100 each (est. \$500 per player)

JV/Varsity Cheerleading-\$12,275 (est. \$500 per player)

9/JV/Varsity B/G Basketball-\$29,850 (est. \$650 per player)

9/JV/Varsity Wrestling-\$20,430 (est. \$650 per player)

Varsity B/G Track-\$23,050 (est. \$500 per player)

JV/Varsity Baseball-\$14,925 (est. \$550 per player)

JV/Varsity Softball-\$14,925 (est. \$550 per player)

If you would like to help support the student-athletes of Parma High by making a donation towards their participation fee, please send your donation to: Parma Sr. High School, C/O Athletic Director Ryan Madison, 6285 W. 54th Street, Parma, Ohio, 44130. If you would like your donation to be used towards a specific team, please state that with your donation. Thank you in advance for supporting Parma High Athletics!

WHAT ARE THEY DOING NOW

Damrong "John" Attaprechakul Class of 1969

John was a foreign exchange student in 1969 who came to PSH from Bangkok Thailand. After 40 years, John returned on his way back to Thailand to get a guided tour of PSH this past August. John is an Associate Professor at the Language Institute, Thammasat University in Bangkok. John said he wished he could have stayed for his 40th reunion on September 19th, but he had to return to Thailand for his teaching duties.

A Message from the Superintendent

Hello to all....

I know that Parma High graduates are all over the globe, but I want you to know that you are always close at heart! Looking ahead to the coming school year, I want to update you on some significant issues.

If you are in the local area you are probably aware that there has been an investigation regarding local county official, one of which is a former Board member. This investigation has centered around business conducted outside vendors. What you may not know is that while these activities occurred, the district's Business Department was not under the direction of the Superintendent. In January 2009, the Board voted to place the department under my direction and I have made changes to improve accountability and provide the necessary checks and balances. The position of Business Manager has been eliminated at a cost saving of \$90,000 per year, with each of the associated areas such as Food Service, Transportation and Maintenance reporting directly to myself.

Earlier this year I encouraged the formation of a Business Advisory Group and a Financial Advisory Group, each made up of business and financial community members. This will give the district the opportunity to be introduced to new ideas. It will also assure the community that we are following best business practices.

The district is also organizing a Strategic Planning Committee. This committee, comprised of many residents, parents and business leaders, will review the strengths and weaknesses of the district and provide leadership to the Board of Education regarding both short and long-term goals for the district.

Financially we continue to act fiscally responsible. This year we will open with two less elementary buildings as a result of our consolidation efforts. This will save 1.3 mil-

lion dollars annually. We have cut several administrative positions, reduced our teaching and support staff by over 75 employees, and made many other cuts, which total over 8 million dollars.

Despite our responsible approach, our district is still facing a very troubled financial future. Following the failure of the levy proposal in May 2009, we cut 60 classes and over 30 teachers at the high school level and made all extracurricular activities available on a full pay-to-participate basis. High school graduation requirements were lowered to 20 credits from 21, and busing boundaries were moved from 1.5 miles to 2 miles for K-8 students. We also face a deficit of 4.5 million dollars in tax collections for the year due to the poor economy.

While I realize that the update I have provided is indeed of a serious nature, I want to also tell you how proud I am of the continuing tradition of success in the Parma City Schools. Academically we are still ranked as one of the top-performing districts statewide among those our size. We look forward to our new State Report Card scores. Our students earn many scholarships and recognitions. Members of our staff are often selected for awards of significance. The district has won awards for fiscal responsibility, educational leadership, school/business partnerships and character education. The community continues to offer a wonderful place to work, live and raise a family.

In closing, I want to thank you for your continued support of Parma Senior High School and the Parma City School District. We hope you visit us often and we look forward to seeing you at school and community events.

Best Wishes,
Sarah C Zatik, Ed.D.
Superintendent

2010 PSH Alumni Association Annual Meeting

The PSH Alumni Association Annual meeting will be held on Tuesday August 10, 2010 at 6:30 PM. It will be held at Parma Senior High School in the Renaissance Room or the New Courtyard.

Bob Boulton Honored

Robert Boulton, Class of 1957 was honored for 44 years of service to the Parma City Schools and to Byers Field. Byers Field was renamed "Byers Field at Robert M Boulton Stadium." The re-naming took place at Byers Field on August 26th at 6:30 PM with his family and in front of 200 friends, teachers, former coaches, members of the Byers Field Foundation, and City and School Officials.

Congratulations, Bob! You deserve this honor.

The Third annual Parma Community Hospital Arts at the Center Nov. 20-21 2009.

The juried arts and crafts show is for supporting the development of health and community wellness programs. It will be held at St. Michael's Woodside 5025 E. Mill Rd. Broadview Hts., Oh 44147 Friday 6:30-9:30 PM Evening Reception- \$50 per Ticket

Saturday 9AM to 4:00 PM Free Admission. Contact Andrea Sack 1-440-743-2371 for more information.

HOME COMING-October 9, 2009

The PSH homecoming will take place on Friday October 9th at Byers Field against Normandy High School. Look for your free ticket in this issue. We will have 2 tents set up with refreshments and Alumni concessions.

PSH BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE- 2009—2010

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| Friday, August 28 | Midpark High School @ Finnie Stadium | 7:30PM |
| Friday, September 4 | Padua High School @ Byers Field | 7:30PM |
| Friday, September 11 | Berea High School @ Finnie Stadium | 7:30PM |
| Thurs, September 17 | Solon High School @Solon High School | 7:00PM |
| Thurs, September 24 | Elyria High School @ Byers Field | 7:00PM |
| Friday, October 2 | Brush High School @ Korb Field-Brush | 7:30PM |
| Friday, October 9 | HOME COMING-Normandy @Byers Field | 7:30PM |
| Thurs, October 15 | Garfield Hts. High School @Byers Field | 7:00PM |
| Friday, October 23 | North Royalton High School @Byers Field | 7:30PM |
| Friday, October 30 | Valley Forge High School @Byers Field | 7:30PM |

PARMA SR. HIGH SCHOOL HOME COMING FOOTBALL GAME

Parma vs. Normandy
October 9, 2009 7:30
ADMIT ONE FREE
Compliments of the PSHS Alumni Association

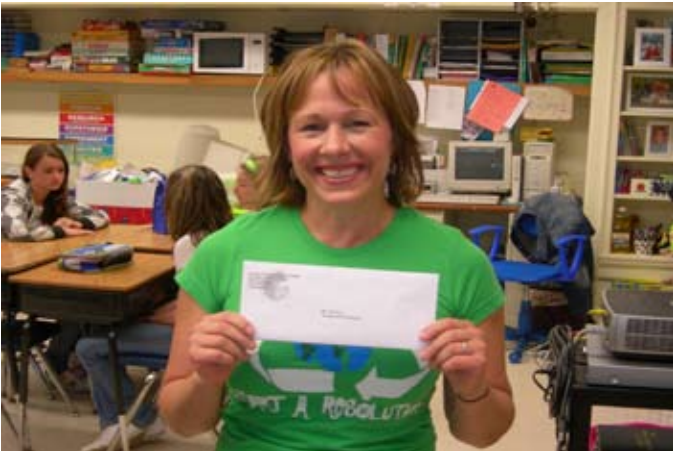
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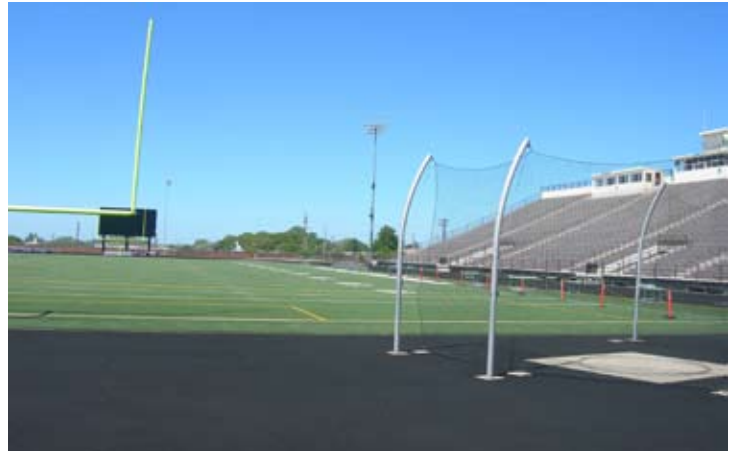
Teacher Grant the Shiloh Middle School Teachers for \$300



Bob Boulton re-naming of Byers Field at recognition ceremony August 26 2009.



Teacher Grant given to Kim Fry at Thoreau Park - \$300



Byers Field at Robert M Boulton Stadium



PSH Alumni scholarship winners.



Alumni Scholarship Golf outing at Ridgewood Golf Course June 24.



Alumni Archival Room at PSH.



Alumni Archival Room at PSH.



2009 Alumni Assoc Annual meeting-August 4

Prom Dress donation

The PSH Alumni Association and the PSH Student council will be collecting used prom dresses and bridesmaid dresses for students who can not afford a dress for this years prom. We will take all sizes in good condition. Send your donation or drop it off at the PSH Front office or send it to Parma Senior High School 6285 West 54Th ST. Parma, Oh 44129 Attn PSH Alumni Assoc Prom Dresses. Thank You

2010 PSH Directory and Newsletter Order Forms

Name _____ Graduation Year _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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CHECK ONE

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, Indian logo Mouse Pads

New Caps \$15 Golf Shirt \$30 (L, XL) Mug \$7.50 T-Shirt \$25 (M, L, XL, XXL) Sweatshirt \$30 (M, L, XL, XXL) Hoodies \$35 (M, L, XL, XXL) Indian logo Mouse Pads \$7.50.

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

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| 1932 | 2 | 1943 | 5 | 1951 | 8 | 1969 | 1 | 1996 | 6 | 2005 | 14 |
| 1933 | 2 | 1944 | 7 | 1952 | 13 | 1976 | 1 | 1998 | 3 | 2006 | 15 |
| 1937 | 1 | 1945 | 6 | 1953 | 10 | 1978 | 14 | 1999 | 2 | 2007 | 9 |
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ORDER FORM

Name _____ Class of _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Yearbook Year _____ \$50.00 Postage included

Make checks payable to: PSH Alumni Association

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Parma, OH 44129

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