

# The Tradition

Parma Senior High Alumni Newsletter



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## FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

Our capital improvement projects are moving along. The bronze plaque honoring the alumni killed in WWII will be completed this summer and will be dedicated Nov 11 of 2003 at an assembly. The plaque will be placed in front of the auditorium next to the Vietnam War plaque. We are still looking for information on the Korean War. We have asked if anyone has information on alumni killed in the Korean War, but to date we have had very few responses.

The project to repair the clock tower is moving along and we are getting help from the school system. The windows have been replaced and the lights on the tower are working. We are waiting to put in a sound system to play the alma mater at noon each day. We are running into some resistance to this proposal, but hope to have this straightened out soon. The clock should be up and running soon.

We are currently looking at other projects for the high school that will beautify PSHS, honor our alumni, and keep *the Tradition* alive.

The PSH ALUMNI ASSOC. Scholarship golf Outing will be held June 25th at 9 AM at Ridgewood Golf Course in Parma. It is a 4 man scramble with breakfast, lunch, and dinner + golf, a cart and prizes. All profits go to the PSH ALUMNI Scholarship fund. The cost is \$85 For more information contact Tony DeMarco at 440-572-8505.

## PSH 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration is progressing. The Hall of fame nominations are in and we are still accepting any late nominations until April 15<sup>th</sup>. Forms will be sent to finalists shortly.

The all decades team nominations are still coming in so if you have a favorite player please send in their name. Teams will be honored at all home games this fall.

The Anniversary Yearbook for 2004 is coming along and we are still looking for stories about your years at PSH. We are also looking for old photographs from all three Parma High Schools (Ridge Road, Schaaf, and Parma Sr. High) to include in the yearbook. We hope to have all class reunion chairpersons submit a one-page recollection of their class and some photos for this yearbook. Books will be available to alumni for \$40 + \$5 shipping and handling. You may order by sending your check to Parma Sr. High Alumni Assoc. Anniversary Yearbook 6285 W54th St. Parma, Oh 44129. Please include your name and address where you want the book sent to. Remember the book will not be available till May of 2004. Only 100 extra copies will be printed and it will be on a first come basis for orders. We have 2 orders so far.

## ALUMNI UPDATE

- Change in the alumni email address.  
The email address has been changed to [pshalum@pshalumni.org](mailto:pshalum@pshalumni.org) Please make a note.
- Website construction of [pshalumni.org](http://pshalumni.org)  
Our Webmaster has been working on changes to our website. We now have on our website homepage a new series of buttons which link you to pages on the site. They include a guest book where you can leave messages, check the unable to locate list, or update your information easily. If you have a subscription to the directory, you can use the message board, read the current issue of the Tradition, go through the Tradition archives for previous issues, look at the picture gallery, use the search and locate directory to look up over 35,000 names, or update your information. We also offer Business owners who are PSH Grads a page to advertise their businesses. The cost of the Directory on line subscription is only \$10 and helps to defray the Website costs. Since we changed the site and went on line the last week of January until the first week in March, our site had 20,640 hits. People are visiting our site!
- In May, we will begin to offer our line of Alumni gifts to purchase. We hope to have a shopping cart set up for on-line purchases using credit cards. Stay tuned!!

## HISTORY OF THE PARMA SCHOOLS

### Part II by Ken Lavelle

The number of sub-district schools grew with the increase of the school age population over time and more teachers were hired to teach the local children. In 1843, the following list of early teachers were working in the township: Julia A Beals, Emily T Gillett, Abigail H Andress, William Wheeler, S.W. Haladay, Charles H Babcock and Caroline Humphrey. In 1851, list of early teachers employed were: O.O. Spafford, L.R. Thorp, S.W. Chandler, Frances C Eaton, Eliza Storer, Frances Huntington, and William Taylor.

Prior to the adaptation of the new 1851 State of Ohio Constitution, each school district was independent and operated their schools to suit themselves. After the new state constitution became law, each school district had a Board of Education, consisting of clerks from each sub-district elected by the local residents.

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## REUNION NEWS

**1943- 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion** will be held on September 27, 2003 at the Radisson Hotel in Middleburg Hts. Contact Rosemary Kunzer Williams-440-842-4237 or e-mail at [parmalefty@aol.com](mailto:parmalefty@aol.com) or contact Louise Morton Bedford-440-238-6129

**1948- 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion** will be held on October 3, 4 & 5, 2003 at the Clarion Hotel in Middleburg Hts. Contact Dave Kane at 216-941-7572 or Don Stauffer-8313 Sierra Oval, Parma, OH 44130

**1953-50<sup>th</sup> Reunion** will be held on October 10, 11, 12, 2003 at the Embassy Suites at I-77 and Rockside Rd. Friday- Cocktail Party, Saturday- Dinner and Sunday Brunch. Contact Elaine Rebar Cook 1-440-333-0031. Co-chairs, Marilyn Marquette Coleman and Joe Coleman-216-524-2111.

**1954- 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion** is set for September, 2004. Contact William Turcheck 1-330-725-5662.

**1955 Special Reunion** –Contact Bob Funk for more information. 440-886-3375.

**1958-45<sup>th</sup> Reunion** will be held on October 4, 2003 at the Radisson in Middleburg Hts. Contact Ed Sarian at 440-886-6706 or 216-433-4466. E-mail [edirenesarian@aol.com](mailto:edirenesarian@aol.com).

**1963-40<sup>th</sup> Reunion** will be held August 22-23, 2003 at the Radisson Hotel in Middleburg Hts., Contact Darlene Wendel DeMarco at 440-572-2375 or [shoelady45@yahoo.com](mailto:shoelady45@yahoo.com)

**1968-35<sup>th</sup> Reunion** will not have a reunion this year.

**1973-30<sup>th</sup> Reunion** will be held August 29, 30, 31, 2003 at the Clarion Hotel on Bagley Rd in Middleburg Hts. Contact Jen LiBassi Preising at 440-238-9797 [jenski44@aol.com](mailto:jenski44@aol.com) or Barb Bendler Gannon at 440-891-1410 or [bagseyann@aol.com](mailto:bagseyann@aol.com)

**1978-25<sup>th</sup> Reunion** will have a 1-day reunion. More information will come soon. Contact Rich Jones at 6403 Fordham

Ave. Parma, OH 44129 or at 440-886-5343.

**1983- 20<sup>th</sup> Reunion** will be held August 15 & 16 2003 at the Hilton Hotel at I-77 and Rockside Rd. Contact Tom Newbould at 440-572-3715 or e-mail [tsbould@ameritech.net](mailto:tsbould@ameritech.net).

**1988- 15<sup>th</sup> Reunion** will not have a reunion this year.

**1993-10<sup>th</sup> Reunion** will be held on August 22 & 23 at the Clarion Hotel in Middleburg Hts. Contact Jennifer Blue Krupinski at 440-878-9402 or 440-845-9857 and e-mail at [dvweiser@msn.com](mailto:dvweiser@msn.com) or [toddandjenk@aol.com](mailto:toddandjenk@aol.com).

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**The class of 1938** has been getting together the second Tuesday of each month for lunch. They would like to invite other grads from the classes in the 30's and 40's to attend. Contact Jane Mueller Miller at 440-716-4095 or Betty Hirshert Nowlin at 440-572-2325 for information.

### 2003 PSH Alumni On-Line Directory Order Form

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 Donation

Make checks (no cash) payable to: **Parma Senior High Alumni Association.**

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## YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION-2003

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## ALUMNI ADDRESSES

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 6285 W 54<sup>th</sup> St  
 Parma, OH 44129  
 Attn: Tony DeMarco

**Phone No:** 440-572-8505



## In Memoriam

**1949-**Walter Prinze-passed away March 4, 2003-Contact Carol Rooney, his sister for more information at 1-734-604-1645

**1958-**Peter Balczionas-no date given

**1960-**Richard J Kobak-passed away March 3, 2003 from a heart attack. His children are Anthony, Kim and Gregory. Information submitted by Roger Steck, 1960.

**1976-**Alan Antio-no date given

• **Mr. Ed Krivda**, a former teacher and counselor, passed away November 13, 2002.

If you are sending in a name of a deceased classmate, please include the full name (maiden) graduation year, date of death, and an obit if possible. Identify yourself and relationship to the deceased. All information must be in a written form and sent by US mail or email. **We will no longer accept names given over the telephone or left on the answering machine.** Thank you for your help.

## One-room Parma School 1917. Eight Grades. Located at southwest corner of Ridge Road and Bean Road (Now Ridgewood Drive.)

This is a picture of children that attended one of the first one-room school houses in Parma and is the possession of Mildred Uhinck who gave it to me so that I could have copies made. It was located on the South West corner of Ridge and Bean Roads. Bean Road is now called Ridgewood Drive. The year is 1917 and there were 16 children attending the eight grades that were taught there by Miss Schroeder. Two of the persons that attended that school were classmates of mine and Carl and Mildred Uhinck. They graduated with me from Parma Senior High School in 1929. Ben Brandt, who is in the picture, graduated in 1930. Ben married Mildred Uhinck.

The 4 of us make up the oldest graduates of Parma Senior High School and we are all in our 90's. Carl is 93, Ben is 92, Mildred is 92 and I am the youngest at 92. Other than Carl, Mildred and Ben are just a couple of months older than I. I am most fortunate that I can still drive as Ben and Mildred live just South of the small town of Burbank, just North of Wooster, Ohio; and as my son lives in Wooster, I drive down there quite frequently so I stop and visit with the Brandts. Carl lives in Lakeside,



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|-------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Emma Baker     | 6. Floyd Romack                | 11. Harold Peterhersael    |
| 2. Schneider Girl | 7. Ed Uhinck                   | 12, 13, 14. Schneider kids |
| 3. Ray Uhinck     | 8. Annie Towman                | 15 Emma Baker's brother    |
| 4. Gordon Emsley  | 9. Mildred Uhinck born 9/28/10 | 16. Ben Brandt born 5/7/10 |
| 5. William Tesmer | 10. Carl Uhinck born 5/13/09   | 17. Miss Schroeder         |

Ohio and I talk with him quite frequently on the phone. If any of our subscribers to the Tradition recognize the names of any of

these children as members of their family, we sure would like to hear from you.

Lee Bailey '29

### History of the Parma Schools from page 1

Each sub-district one-room school had one teacher assigned to it to teach all eight grades. Each school varied in design, size, and building materials used at the time of construction. Each school was indicated on the township map. Each sub-district school was assigned a number and the land parcel was recorded as being owned by the Board of Education. Each sub-district elected three persons to be in charge of the local schoolhouse. A Clerk for a 3- year term; 2 Directors, 1 for a one-year term and another for two years. This was the time period when there was local control of the schoolhouse and they taught core curriculum.

There were 9 sub-district schoolhouses in existence in 1853. As early as 1853, parts of the school district were attached to fractional parts of other school districts such as Brooklyn, Brecksville, Independence, and North Royalton. Thus, adding confusion for later historians who read the old records. Teachers worked for low wages and in schoolhouses with limited teaching aids.

### SCHOOL NEWS

- Parma High School senior, Bobby Haddad, has been accepted into the Air Force Academy in Colorado. Bobby is a member of the varsity basketball and tennis teams. He also excels in the classroom and has the distinction of having scored a perfect score of 800 on the mathematics portion of the SAT as a sophomore.
- Junior, Amelia Rinas was featured in the "Kids Did It!" section in a recent issue of National Geographic Kids magazine according to the Plain Dealer. She also was selected to be on the first Roots & Shoots Youth Leadership Council to meet in Minnesota in March. This is an international environmental-humanitarian program for young people. Amelia was selected because of her work in helping to feed the gorillas at the Metroparks Zoo. She grows vegetable for the animals at home.
- The Phi Delta Kappa Professional Education Association recently recognized Parma Senior High School senior, Amy Humphrey, for her involvement in the Frymier Ethical Leadership Camp last

summer. Twenty-eight students from Bermuda, England and nine American states gathered at the University of Indiana Campus in Bloomington the last week of June.

• The Winter dance took place in February. **Leigh Goughnour** was crowned Winter Queen and **Brian Brocchetti** was Winter King.

• **Homecoming This Year - October 11, 2003- Dance, October 12, 2002**

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Chuck Yamek (Class of 1980) has just released "Feels So Right" an urban groove, smooth jazz cd. For a preview, go to <http://www.cdbaby.com/cd/chuckyamek>

Chuck has played with artists including Eric Clapton, 3 Dog Night, Bob Seger, the Temptations, Tiffany and the LA Orchestra, to name a few. He currently lives in Nashville and tours the world doing concerts and clinics for Gibson guitars. His website, which includes a lessons page, is [www.ChuckYamek.com](http://www.ChuckYamek.com).  
Christine Chenevey

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**FUNDRAISERS, SWEATS, ORNAMENTS, AND MUGS**

Since the PSH Alumni Association does not receive financial assistance from the Parma School System, fundraising helps to defray costs. 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.



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 1932, 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	1950	5	1963	3	1978	16	1996	7
1943	2	1951	2	1964	3	1980	23	1997	1
1944	7	1952	11	1969	9	1983	15	1998	106
1945	4	1953	5	1974	2	1988	2	2000	8
1946	1	1955	3	1976	2*	1989	9	2001	7
1947	1	1956	8	spines		1990	1		
1948	6	1957	1	split		1991	89		
1949	2	1961	2	1977	1	1995	12		

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