

The Tradition

Parma Senior High Alumni Newsletter



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From the Editors desk

by Tony DeMarco

I would just like to express my thanks to all of you who have re-subscribed and all of you new subscribers to the Tradition. As your editor, it is very gratifying to see the dramatic increase in subscriptions from the winter newsletter. I do believe that you who subscribe and support the Tradition are the ones that have kept the Tradition alive since it started 13 years ago. For all those years, the fall edition was sent to all of the 25,750 Alumni we have current addresses for. The cost made it impossible for us to continue that practice. We will still produce the fall issue on our web site and send a hard copy to all who subscribe to the Tradition. We will include a total of 4 issues for a year's subscription. Once again thank you for keeping the Tradition alive.

The Archive Room

The Archive Room has been open during the last month on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:00AM to 2:00PM. A volunteer is there to answer your questions and help you find the information you are looking for. The room has copies of every year-book 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.



Remington painting and depicts a lone American Indian on horseback looking across the open plain (see photograph). 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

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The Presidents Message

by Nancy Fedak

The 1956 LEL Championship Basketball Team

This past January 29, 2008, the Parma Senior High Alumni Association honored our first LEL Champions-- the 1955-56 Boys' Basketball Team. Coach and former Principal Pat Cordisco flew up from Florida for the event.



Eight members of the team and cheerleaders were present for the honoring. A reception was held in the cafeteria before the basketball game against Nordonhia High. It was heartwarming to see all the former players that came especially to see Coach Cordisco. Before the varsity game, each member was introduced, given a Proclamation from Mayor Dean DePiero, a Resolution from the Parma City Council, congratulatory certificates from The Alumni Association, City Treasurer Anthony Zielinski and Law Director Tim Dobeck. Each member was also given a piece of the original gym floor with his/her name engraved on it. The following members of the team were present: Coach Pat Cordisco, Faculty Manager Bob Wirth, team captain Al Chonko, Ron Courey, Jim White, Bob Boulton, John Kovach, Thomas Sutyak and cheerleader, Jeanne Walerius Hobson.

Front Row: Bob Worth, Pat Cordisco, Jeanne Walerius Hobson, Al Chonko

2nd Row: Ron Courey, Jim White, Bob Bolton, John Kovach, Thomas Sutyak

The Alumni Courtyard

Our Courtyard has moved to the southeast courtyard in the school. This past year, we have spent time and labor beautifying the area and making it user-friendly for the alums and students. A gazebo was built about eight years ago by Keith Taylor's carpentry class. A concrete



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Reunion News

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

1937-Next reunion is the 3rd Friday of the 7th month. Contact Ruth Johnson @ 440-526-3835

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.

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; Dick Peterka @ 440-238-3408; 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.

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 INVITED 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.

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.

1973-35th Reunion- August 15th at the Blue Moose on Ridge Rd. and 16th at the Strongsville Recreation Center on route 82.-Contact Barbara Bendler Gannon @ 440-826-0929 or 440-655-2894 or bagseyann@aol.com OR Jen Libassi Preising @ 440-238-9797 or 440-829-1048.

1978-30th Reunion - September 6th, 2008 at BW3 in Strongsville. Contact Gail Gielink Demeczuk at 440-263-8401 or psh78reunion@hotmail.com.

1983-Contact Thomas Newbould @ 440-572-3715.

1988-Contact Tammy Crowley @ 440-846-8346.

1993-Looking for a chairperson. Contact Nancy Fedak @ 440-888-6278 ASAP.

1998-10th Reunion November 28th at the Corner Alley in Cleveland. Contact Robyn Dorocak 216-749-6296

Jim Fritzsche Charity Golf Outing

This Golf Outing is benefiting RELAY FOR LIFE in memory of Lyn Fritzsche. It will be held at Pine Hills County Club on Wednesday, July 16, 2008. It will be a scramble format with a shotgun start at 9:30 AM. We will have a snack type lunch and a steak dinner. The cost will be \$100 per golfer for golf, cart and dinner. Dinner only will be \$50. Come and share in a great time for a worthy cause. For reservations and more information please call BOB FUNK @ 440-886-3375 OR Jim Pacino @ 216-406-1299.

We would like to have reservations in by June 25th. All profits and or proceeds will go directly to American Cancer Society-Parma's RELAY FOR LIFE.

In Memoriam

35	Thompson	Charles
36	Milligan	Calvin
42	Rosenbaum	Donald
43	Kohler	Beatrice Gombos
44	Brugge	Robert
44	Naumann	Doris
45	Peterka	Richard
46	Little	David
46	Sheer	Willard
48	Kekic	Patricia Rutti
50	Palmer	Louise Fitzgerald
50	Titcombe	William
52	Parker	Joseph P
52	Bejeck	Joseph
52	Lutch	Shirley Brandenburg
52	Cooper	Robert
52	McGill	Helen Durica
53	Vance	Nancy May
57	MURPHY	RICHARD
58	Burnett	Delores Porter
58	Cervenka	Robert
58	Dlouhy	Lois Hunt
58	Kotalik	Richard
60	Scarpino	Marion Zaccardelli
61	Conrad	Richard

62	Noll	Thomas
63	Acklin	Thomas
63	Matteucci	Ellen Beran
63	Walter	Joyce Febel
69	Schneider	Russ
69	White	William
72	Hidey	Mark
73	Newton	Ray
75	Roth	Loraine
77	Delventhal	Thomas
78	WHITE	TYRONE
80	Atkins	Stewart Paul
80	Mottl	Joseph
80	Petras	Daniel

79 Correction David Cummings is not deceased. Reunion information given to the webpage was incorrect. We apologize for the mistake. We make every effort to make sure that the information that we report is confirmed with a death notice or buy the reunion committees report after the reunion.

Teachers—Dick Galleher, coach and teacher in the 50, 60, 70s
Steve Rudo, coach and teacher at Parma and Valley Forge

Letters to the Editor

Dear Association,

Recently attended my 50th class reunion. I was very impressed by the work in the high school that the Association has done. Congratulations. Enclosed please find my check in the amount of \$6.00 for the newsletter.

Sincerely,

Joan Young Piper

Friends,

Herewith is check for \$45.00 the years I've been out (well almost) of PSH per Tony D's editorial in the fall, 2007 Tradition. Great job!

Pat Parulis Ludwig '63

Dear Nancy

I can't begin to tell you how honored I am to be part of the Hall of Fame. PSH was and still is a very special place to me. A lifelong list of friends and memories will always be with me because of Parma High. So now to be part of a group of outstanding achievers and role models, I still feel undeserving and humbled. Please accept my sincere thanks for keeping the spirit alive and for all your work. No other award can ever be more special.

My sincere gratitude

Dave Smallwood

Dar Nancy

Thank you for the opportunity to attend the Alumni Ceremony and Dinner. What a beautiful evening you made for all of us and particularly for those selected for the Hall of Fame 2007. It was a memory maker for sure!

Best Wishes

Dr. Christina Dinklocker

Deputy Superintendent of Operations

Dear Nancy

I had looked forward to the 49th Anniversary and made plans with several of those "old timers" for lunches and reviews. I'm sorry I was not able to make the trip. Somehow 89 years is unpredictable.

Thank you

Dick Galleher

(Dick passed away shortly after)

Dear Tony

Congratulations to you and your committee. Our 45th Class Reunion was one of the best

such events I've ever attended. The PSHS football game with band performance, the social, the tour, and the splendid dinner

dance with live music by our own class of '62 dance band were all fun and memorable! Claudia and I felt right "at home" from the moment we arrived to one serendipitous breakfast with all of you before our drive home. I continue to be impressed and humbled by the many accomplishments and contributions of our classmates—in their communities and careers. I have enclosed my donation to PSHS Alumni Association. I would like \$45 to go to the general fund to support the Tradition and scholarships...and \$55 to go toward trees, plants and shrubs for Nancy Fedak's project, The Alumni Garden. As an avid gardener myself, I can't help but want to contribute to new growth!

Thank you

Jerry and Claudia Reynolds

Alumni Golf Outing for Scholarships

Don't forget the Golf outing June 11th at Ridgewood Golf Course at 9:00 am.

Contact Nancy Fedak at 1-440-885-3700.

Annual Meeting

The PSH Alumni annual meeting will be held on July 7th 2008 at the Renaissance Room at Parma Senior High at 6:30. This meeting is a must for all class reunion chairpersons. For further information please call the Alumni Association at 885-3700. Come and visit and see the Archival room and the new showcase next to the Renaissance room at the back of the school near the cafeteria.

Tradition Donations of \$1 for each year since you graduated

1961 Tom Kornowski \$47

1958 Harvey Kornowski \$50 (in memory)

Donations

Thanks to Kathy McQuerne for a \$25 donation.

Yearbooks

Thanks to Betty Bierer class of 1944 for the 1944 yearbook.

Thanks to Ray(53) and Donna(55) Prechko for the donation of yearbooks from 1950,51,52,53,54, and 55.

Memorabilia

Thank you to Clifford Burk for his donation of a folder of the 1937 PSH baseball team that was the Western Division Conference Champs. The folder included statistics and photographs.

School News

Sports

The Parma Blackheart Rugby Team is tied for first place in the Northeast Ohio High School Rugby League. Parma and St. Edwards High School had a record of 5-0. They played in the championship game and St Edwards won.

Theater

The Parma Drama Department put on the Musical "Oklahoma" for the spring play on April 25, 26, and 27. The director was Gia Dean.

The 3 day run was a great success. If you live in the area and want to support the PSH Dram Club, come and see a play during the school year. You can also donate to future plays. Your PSH Alumni Association was a proud contributor to this year's musical. Hats off to the cast and crew for their efforts.

Graduating Seniors

The class of 2008 will have 350 members this year. This marks an increase over the previous year. The class sizes have shown a steady increase over the last few years. We will probably not see the class sizes like the ones seen during the late 1950s, 1960s and 1970s, where 900 + member classes were not uncommon.

Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

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 Aronold 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 Tram-mell '67

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"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, not to desecrate. Mike's stained glass window is a perfect illustration of the story. Come see what we are doing. Summer hours will be by appointment due to the schools cleaning and work schedule. Call the office and leave a message with your name, grad year, and a phone number you can be reached. We will call with a time you can come and visit. We also do tours for class reunions. I am there every Friday to tell you more about your Parma High School.

The Relay for Life "Alumni Together" team update

The Parma Alumni Association is part of a "Relay for Life" team (Alumni Together) with the other 2 Parma Schools Alumni Associations (Normandy and Valley Forge). The money raised will be donated to the American Cancer



Society for cancer research. The Relay will take place at the Tri C West oval at Pleasant Valley and York Road on July 18th and 19th starting at 6:00PM on the 18th. Parma has been doing an outstanding job in raising more money than



Society. We started with the sale of daffodils at the Parma High lunchroom to students. We made over \$300 for this fundraiser. We then had a steak dinner put on by the Outback Restaurant in Parma. Tickets were \$20 and a total of 150 were sold. Outback donated the entire cost to Team Alumni Together and we were able to raise \$3000. PSH sold over 100 of the tickets. The total raised by Alumni Together is over \$3400 so far. We plan to sell hotdogs and have a raffle of Corn Hole Games, made by Gil Fritzsche, on the night of the event. Our goal is to donate at least \$4000 to the American Cancer Society. Thanks to the following PSH Alumni Board members and friends for their help; Bob Vasil, Darlene DeMarco, Carol Bartel, Gil Fritzsche, Joyce Bentzen, Pat Schwark, Nancy Fedak, Tony DeMarco,

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2008 Parma Senior High Scholarship winners

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walk was poured to give access to the gazebo. This past fall, Gil Fritzsche, 1965, Gene Filipow, 1957, and Nancy Fedak, 1966, rototilled beds and planted perennials in this area to make it look good. Time was spent pruning, laying mulch and cleaning up the plants that were already there. A metal sculpture from one of the art classes was moved to the area. Picnic tables donated by the classes of 1962 and 2007 were added this spring. A concrete bench was donated by the class of 1961. Donations from the Brugge family for a tree in memory of Coach Bob Brugge and a tree from Coach and former principal Pat Cordisco round out the rest of the gardens. Plans are in the works to partner with a local company and one of the science classes to "green" the courtyard.

Since the Alumni Courtyard is across the hall from the Alumni Archive Room, it makes a nice complex to visit.

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 year's 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. We had a great group of applicants and it was very difficult to select only 4. Next year we hope to give out 5 \$1200 to \$1500 scholarships. If you would like to donate to the PSH Alumni Scholarship fund, you can send your check to the PSH Alumni Associations. 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.

12th Annual

SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2008

RIDGEWOOD GOLF COURSE

4-PERSON SCRAMBLE

9AM SHOT GUN START



Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

E-mail Address _____

_____ Yes, I will attend
Number in group _____ x \$80= _____

Name 1. _____

Name 2. _____

Name 3. _____

Name 4. _____

_____ No, I cannot attend, but will donate: _____ (prizes, money to defray expenses)

_____ I would like dinner only # _____ x \$25 _____

_____ For myself

_____ For my guest(s) _____

_____ I will sponsor a hole @ \$100/hole --includes hole signage, program listing, and recognition in fall Tradition.

_____ I will sponsor lunch @ \$500--includes signage, program listing, and recognition in fall Tradition.

_____ I will be a corporate sponsor @ \$1000--includes hole signage, program listing, round of 4 golfers (free) and recognition in fall Tradition.

Company Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Fax _____

3 Lines of print if different from above--please attach form

Contact person _____ Phone _____

Totals enclosed \$ _____

Please enclose check for the full amount made out to PSH Alumni Assoc. Golf Outing.

Send to:
PSH Alumni Assoc
6285 W.54th street
Parma, OH 44129

2008 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

1928-0	1940-2	1949-6	1976-2	1991-19	2003-4
1929-3	1941-2	1950-7	1977-1	1992-1	2004-ANN.-59
1930-2	1942-8	1951-7	1978-14	1995-9	@\$30/each
1932-2	1943-5	1952-12	1980-22	1996-6	2004-BIG-6
1933-5	1944-6	1953-7	1983-12	1998-4	2005-13
1935-2	1945-6	1957-0	1984-2	1999-2	2006-15
1937-1	1946-9	1964-0	1987-1	2000-12	
1938-10	1947-9	1969-4	1988-0	2001-9	
1939-3	1948-15	1974-1	1989-11	2002-10	

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Name _____ Class of _____

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Yearbook Year _____ \$45.00 Postage 5.00

Make checks payable to: PSH Alumni Association

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Allow 3 weeks for Delivery