

The Tradition

Parma Senior High Alumni Newsletter



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From The Presidents Desk

by Anthony DeMarco

Historical Landmark - Parma High School at Ridge Road School

The PSH Alumni Association is working on a project to place an Ohio Historical marker in front of the building that was the first Parma High School – Ridge Road School. Lee Bailey began the project shortly before his death 2 years ago. Lee was a graduate of Parma High Ridge Rd. School in 1929. The Building was opened in 1922 and replaced 2 wooden buildings at the corner of Ridge and Bean Road (Ridgewood Drive). The building served as the High School, a junior high, an elementary school and the Parma City Schools Board Office. A new committee has been formed to continue Lee's work to help the PSH Alumni Association make the building site a historical landmark. The committee is composed of Ed Sarian 58 as chair, Bob Funk 55, Tony DeMarco 62, Anna Jean Slater of the Parma Historical Society and historian Kenneth J Lavelle. The plaque, which is provided through the State of Ohio, will cost about \$1700.00 and the paperwork will bring the total to about \$2500. The Alumni Association will contribute, but we will need some assistance. We are asking anyone who attended the building as a High School, Elementary, or Jr. High or anyone interested in preserving our history, to contribute what they can to help with the cost of the project.

Send checks to the PSH Alumni Assoc attn. Historical Plaque. Donations will be noted.

A Message from the Superintendent of Schools to PSH Alumni

Dr. Sarah C Zatik

CHILDREN SUFFER WHEN SCHOOLS LACK FUNDS

Funding public education in Ohio continues to be a struggle, and it is a battle we are fully engaged in. Over the past months, we have lost revenue from non-payment of property taxes and reductions in state and federal funding.

I know there has been a lot of talk about stimulus money for education, but so far it is just promises and proposals. We have yet to see any real "new" dollars coming to the schools from Columbus or Washington, which means we still must depend on our local property owners to help us provide quality education to our nearly 13,000 students.

Over the past year, we have been forced to make a number of serious reductions that include both personnel and programs. Transportation is now at the 2-mile state mandated limit, rather than

our usual 1.5 mile limits. In addition, we have gone to self-funding for all sports and extra-curricular activities. For some young people involved in two sports, or a sport and a club, it could mean spending an additional \$1000 a year to participate.

We have reduced the number of music, art and foreign language courses, and we know that not all courses will be scheduled because of the need to meet certain class sizes. Many of our students will be adversely impacted by these reductions. It is unfortunate for our students, who are depending on us to provide them with the education they need to compete in this global economy, that right now our financial status will not allow them that opportunity.

I firmly believe public education remains the best investment a community can make to keep home values up and keep a city desirable to young families. Hopefully, we will be fortunate enough to be able to achieve the funding necessary to provide our young people with the choices and opportunities they need to succeed.

The Spectrum Yearbook needs your Help

The Parma High Spectrum has been published each year since 1927. It has chronicled the classes for 82 years and shown who we were and how we have changed over the years. These are tough times, but even during the deep depression, the book was printed. Today, the yearbook is facing the possibility that it will not be published next year. We can not let this happen. Mike Jaszczak, the teacher who has been the yearbook advisor for the last 10 years, needs to raise over \$4500 to assure the production of the coming year's edition. Mike has cut down the size to save money. They are selling yearbook ad space to small businesses, large companies, groups, classes, and individuals. You can help by buying an ad to be placed in the 2010 book. These ads and patron ads will live forever, just like Ridgewood Pharmacy from the 1929 yearbook. The ad rates are as follows Patron ad listing \$20 per line of type example – Tony'62 & Darlene 63'DeMarco.

Ads are in increments of 1/18 of a page which is approx 2-1/4 wide x 1-1/2 height

All ads are in full color

1 block - \$40 6 blocks - \$220

2 blocks - \$80 9 blocks - \$300

3 blocks - \$120 Full page - \$550

4 blocks - \$150 It is time for action – don't let the tradition die!

Send checks to PSH Spectrum attn. Mike Jaszczak In care of the PSH Alumni. Attach ads, art work, block size. Patron ads 2.1/4 in. wide line of type.

Reunion News 2009

Class of 1937—Contact Ruth Harlow Johnson
No meetings that we are aware of.

Class of 1938—meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month @ Katherine's Restaurant on Pearl Rd. Lunch @ noon. Contact Lily Kalat Steinbrenner ('51) @ 440-888-6912 for further information.

Class of 1939—Contact Janice Henninger Sheets at 440-884-8620 or jhsheets1@aol.com. For meeting information

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

Class of 1944—Contact Raymond Simmerer @ rsimmerer@sbcglobal.net or Robert Wirth @ 440-843-7304.

Class of 1945—Dinner on July 29, 2009 @ Piper's III @ 4pm. Contact Mel Burkey @ 440-885-4995.

Class of 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.

Class of 1949—The 2nd Thursday of the month – 11:30 AM at Alfonso's Restaurant at W130th & Sprague. Contact Elaine Quint @ 440-843-3872

Class of 1950—Dinner on July 17th @ 4pm @ Dimitri's @ Midtown. Contact Jean Peterka Sobek @ 440-238-6086 or JMS50@Ameritech.net.

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

Class of 1953—September 24th, 2009. The event will be held at the Lakewood Country Club in Westlake, Ohio. For further information contact Marilyn Marquette Coleman at cole-marq@sbcglobal.net or 216-524-2111

Class of 1954—September 12th weekend Contact Carol Lisy Bartel @ 440-237-5755 or Bill Tucheck @ 330-725-5662.

Class of 1955—Breakfast Club meets at Katherine's Restaurant @ 9am on April 29th, July 29th and October 28, 2009.

Class of 1956—A picnic and golf outing June 29th. For further information contact Carol Baldessari at 216-676-4046

Class of 1959—50th reunion @ Sawmill Creek Resort. Contact Bruno Tommasini @ 440-842-6073 or www.fairfaxmedia.com/psh/

Class of 1960—June 11th & 12th, 2010 @ Crown Plaza on Engle Road. Contact Fran Caso Turk @ 330-225-9285 or turk6173@roadrunner.com.

Class of 1960 & 1961—Dinner every month. Contact Judy Love Girard @ 440-888-4911.

Class of 1964—Labor Day weekend Sunday Sept 6th at Harry's Steak House 5664 Brecksville Rd Independence Ohio. 5PM social- 6-8 PM food stations – music & dancing until 10. Contact Charles Sanfilippo at Sanfilippo_charles@yahoo.com

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

Class of 1974—Contact Brenna Babb Roth @ 440-238-8442 or captn222@sbcglobal.net

Class of 1979—Contact Pamela Basta Wiseman at 440-572-9351. No Information at this time .

Class of 1984—25th reunion August 8th 2009 at Dave and Busters. Contact Sharon Whitescarver @ 330-882-5170 or psh84.25reunion@sbcglobal.net. For more information.

Class of 1989—At the Bomb Group on Brookpark Rd. across from the airport August 6th 2009 Contact Judy Donofrio Nightingale-PSH '89 treasurer - judynightingale@zoominternet.net or Lori Zygmunt McQuade-PSH '89 secretary - flan@rtceexpress.net

Class of 1994—Contact Kelly Coates Cheetam @ 17678 Eastbrook Trail, Chagrin Falls, 44023.

Class of 1999—Contact Myra Burkhardt at mburkhardt13@aol.com or Denise Sikar Castanzo at 216-287-0705 Planning for Thanksgiving Weekend Saturday November 28th 2009 at a TBA. Tour of the building on Saturday morning from 9 AM to noon.

PLEASE check the website--www.pshalum@pshalumni.org for latest updates

Class of 1934—by Elizabeth Rode Horn - Please be advised that I am no longer the Reunion Committee Chair. I do not know if there is a committee or who would be its chair. Considering our age (93), I do not believe

there are many of our class mates remaining. Sincerely Elizabeth Horn

Class of 1983 by Tom Newbould

The class of 1983 held their 25th reunion this past October. The reunion was held at the St. Sava Picnic pavilion on West Ridgewood- and featured a pig roast. About 100 classmates gathered and reminisced. It was great to see some old friends and meet up with folks that have not been seen in many years. The party did not end when the pavilion closed; the majority of the classmates took the party to a local bar continued to very early the next morning. I need to thank Maria (Daniels) Lang for all the hard work that she put in to the reunion. Maria and Todd own Lang's Meat Market, and did a wonderful job with the Pig Roast and catering the entire evening.

Class of 1998 by Robyn Dorocak Mack – More than 100 classmates, spouses, friends and significant others took part in the Class of 1998's 10 year reunion on November 28, 2008, at the Corner Alley in downtown Cleveland. The restaurant and bar atmosphere highlighted by its full lanes offered an opportunity for class members to take a break from their jobs, studies, families (if they were home for the Thanksgiving holiday), parenting, and a variety of other "that's life" activities that keep these twenty-something's on the go. The event offered a buffet dinner, drinks, bowling, pool, and door-prize drawing. But the biggest event of the night had to be the chit-chatting and networking happening among the attendees. Reunion goers shared laughs throughout a night filled with food, fun, and memories.

PSH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Parma, OH 44129

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E-mail: pshalum@pshalumni.org
Office phone: 440-885-3700

Make a TRADITION donation of \$1

For each year that you have been a graduate of PSH please feel free to donate \$1. This is a great way to keep the Tradition of PSH alive.

In Memoriam

The PSH Alumni Association attempts to verify each deceased classmate that we receive.

We use the online directory and the yearbooks to verify if a student went to Parma High.

If a student did not graduate for whatever reason but went to his/her junior year, we will publish their names in the *Tradition* as a courtesy. You must give us the correct year they would have graduated their maiden name if applicable, who is providing the information, a name and number of someone we can confirm the information with or with printed information we can find. We know that during WWII a number of students left school to serve their Country and got their GED in the service.

1928- Luella Liston Toomey

1938- Betty Hirschert Nowlin (The winter Tradition said that Betty graduated in 1939)

1956- Schreiber, Patricia- 2008
Steiner, Jack L- 2009
Hollenbeck, Nancy- 2009 (Nancy was the co-chairperson/contact and computer person for the 1956 **reunion committee.**)

1963- Ronald Houska- 2004

1965- Phillip E. Thomas-2008 Phil Thomas was on the Board of Directors for the PSH Alumni Association. He was a chair person of the committee that did the 1st revision of the Alumni Association's

constitution and by-laws. Donations may be sent to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network website at www.pancan.org.

1972- David VonBenken

35	Suter	William	
36	Balsom	Ruth	Kotasek
37	Millie	Henry	
37	Seastead	Carol	Hanson
37	Zagwodzki	Walter	
38	Miller	Harold	
40	Balsom	Ray	
43	Bendick	Frank	
43	Lahut	Russell	
43	Malek	George	
43	Rohaley	Eleanor	Weisner
43	Turek	Robert	
43	Young	Lily	Bender
54	Hoose	Marcia	Barlow
55	Flahan	Jean	Bloniak
56	Hollenbeck	Nancy	Bower
56	Steiner	Jack	
56	Ronk	Barbara	Nist
56	Schreiber	Patricia	Slavik
58	Martinis	John	
60	Coffey	Shirley	
60	Erhardt	David	
61	Adam	David	
63	Houska	Ron	
65	Holub	Merry Ellen	Zammerelli
65	Rodosky	Daniel	
69	Beinecke	Richard	
72	Von Benken	David	
76	Uhr	Russell	
78	Swedyk	John	
85	Wisniewski	Angela	

State Road Elementary PTA Story

Continued from the winter Tradition

Mrs. Ralph Curtis was our President in 1937-38. She writes that they purchased a movie camera, projector, and a mimeograph machine. It took several years to accumulate enough money to buy large items. They put on a play called "An Old Ladies Home". The play was such a success that they played it many times. It was played in Pilgrim Church and Parma Evangelical United Brethren Church. Mrs. Claud Arman Brown, education teacher, directed the play. The friendship they gained meant more to them than the money they received.

About that time the kitchen was remodeled. The PTA added 2 sinks and an electric mixer. Mrs. Riley was our cook at the time and for many years.

Mrs. Ernest Heavilon served as President in 1938-39. At this time the ungraded class was moved from Broadview School to State Road School with Mrs. Olson and Mrs. Saylor as instructors. Mrs. Saylor is now our Parma Visual Aid Director. She says she attended the School House Annex.

While Mrs. Franklyn Guscott was President, the PTA held a circus which was a great success, and had to be given a second night. Mrs. Guscott, our 20th President finished Mrs. Heavillon's term and served 2 years, 1940 and '41. It was her suggestion that the Christmas Pot Luck luncheons were started. They were a great success and were held for many years.

Mrs. Harold Cramer served as President in 1942 and was also our kindergarten teacher at a later date. About this time a Tom Thumb play was given which netted \$115.

In 1945 Mrs. Robert Horton was President. That was the year Parma Council held a Founders Day Program at the Parma Evangelical United Brethren Church. Mrs. Mildred Steffen acted as chairman for Red Cross benefit and recruited blood donors.

To be continued in the Summer newsletter.

2009 PSH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The PSH Alumni Association Annual meeting will be held in August next year at a time and location to be announced. Check the web site for updates.

THE ANNUAL DAN SCHNOOR MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

The annual Dan Schnoor Memorial Golf Outing will take place July 3rd at Ridgewood Golf Course. It is a 4 man scramble format shotgun start at 9am. This is for the Dan Schnoor Memorial Scholarship. Dan was a 2006 PSH grad and an outstanding athlete. He passed away unexpectedly while attending Baldwin Wallace College. For more information contact Dave & Brenda Stakolich at 440-884-8282 or at danschnoormemorial.com.

School Sports

PSH's boy's basketball team has had a great year. Going 15 and 7 for the regular season, Parma lost the championship of the league to North Royalton. Parma won 2 games against Rhodes and Midview and will play this week for the district Championship against St. Edwards at Brecksville High. Go Redmen!!

School News

Winter Dance King Queen and Court
Queen Andrea Stojisavljevic
Court Ashley Palasics, Chelsea Thorpe, Ashley Hinkle and Jennifer Kassay
King Jose Castillo
Court Kevin Kruse, Taylor James, Fouad Yared, and Matt Burns

AREA CRAFTSMAN RETIRES

Jim Mazurkewicz, a 1962 graduate of PSH, retired from Potter and Mellen, Cleveland's renowned jewelry studio. His legacy stretches far and wide, in the hundreds of rings, brooches, necklaces and other works he's crafted, from a \$10,000 gold and diamond sunburst pendant purchased by Abu Dhabi royalty to an \$80,000 piece featuring a 167-carat aquamarine gemstone. Mazurkewicz might be the last of Cleveland's hand-crafting master goldsmiths.

Horace Potter opened the Potter Shop in 1899. There, he showcased his elegant jewelry and silver and brass work, created with detailed design and world-class craftsmanship. Today, his pieces are handled with white gloves by museum curators across the country.

In 1989, Potter and Mellen was purchased by Ellen Stirn Mavec. Soon after, she met Mazurkewicz, who was ready to make a change after 20 years of teaching metalsmithing at the Cleveland Institute of Art. Not only did Mazurkewicz offer Mavec – and her customers – a link back to the old-world craftsmanship of Horace Potter, his artwork was “spectacular,” she says. “He was quite frankly, a gift from heaven,” says Mavec.

Now that he's retiring, he plans to travel and dabble in watercolors. He's also going to catalog the hundreds of pieces he's created. We wish him luck.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor

I enjoy reading the Newsletter. I am from the 1942 graduating class and my husband graduated in 1945.

Sincerely

Rita Bernard Taddie

Editor

It's always great to get the newsletter. Thanks for all your efforts. Happy New Year.

Alice Scigulinsky Vargo '60

Editor

Please renew my PSH Newsletter for 1 year. I enjoy reading it so much. Thank you for all your

continued efforts in making this letter possible.

Sincerely,

Ginny Lahut Swift '48

DONATIONS

Thanks for the hard work and great PSH Paper. Happy Holidays.

Claire Justice Eckles '55

Randy Halen '61

Betty Bierer -1944 Yearbook

Book donation- “Supply Management”

Richard Pinkerton '51 – Author

Don't Forget Parma Schaaf High!

Here is a \$100.00 donation. Thank you.

Anonymous

*Thank you and we will never forget
Parma Schaaf High!!*

\$1.00 a year donations

I so enjoy receiving the Alumni Association letter, and wish to send my contribution.

Lorraine Slezak '46

Philip J Arula '79

Nancy Marushin Klue '71

THE HALL OF FAME NEW LOCATION

The PSH Alumni Association has been given the opportunity to use the main hallway lobby to place the expanding PSH Alumni Hall of Fame. We will be placing the 46 plaques along with memorabilia displays in a centralized single location.

We hope to have the display in place by the next induction ceremony next November.

We continue to make the presence of PSH Alumni and their accomplishment known to today's students as well as the PSH Alumni as a whole.

We are also attempting to get a seldom used area across from the Archival Room for a new display showcase. We will build the showcase into the former attendance counter. We will keep you informed.



POEM

Poem by Frances E Suter Bibbs '40 in Honor of Lee Bailey '29

My father always said to me,
To you all kin are born.
Your friends are chosen carefully,
Their welcome won't get worn.

You hear me now, away cross town,
In my old neighborhood.
The streets, the shops, the schools and grounds,
You're there where I once stood.

To tell the truth I must confide,
Before our worlds do end.
To share the past of both our lives,
Does make our friendship blend.

PSH SPRING PLAY

**Calling all former thespians,
actors, actresses, stage crew,
pit crew, and orchestra crew---**

Parma Senior High is presenting *Beauty and the Beast* as their Spring play production.

The Parma Senior High Alumni is having an alumni reception before the Sunday matinee, April 26, 2009. Tickets are \$8.00 for presale and \$10 at the door. The reception will be in the Little Theatre lobby from noon until 1:20pm. Curtain time is 1:30pm. You can contact Sharon Risko--Artistic Director at 440-885-8637 or the Alumni Office at 440-885-3700 for more information. See you all there and Break a Leg!!!!

RSVP to the Alumni Office so we have an idea as to how many are attending.

HISTORICAL UPDATE WHO WAS THE FIRST UN- DEFEATED FOOTBALL TEAM?

Last week two gentlemen dropped off a 1947 tattered Parma Hi – Spot. They wanted to let me and all Parma High School grads know that the first undefeated, untied football team was not the 1957 season LEL Champion Redmen, but the 1947 season version.

The Independent Champions, had Alan Burkhart as captain and Hall of Fame member Carmen Cozza. The team had a 7 win - 0 loss season scoring 198 points and giving up only 26. The coaches were head coach Ken Weber, assistants Pat Cordisco and Gilbert Pilska. This is just another factoid from the Parma High School Archival Room.

13th Annual

SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2009

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

2009 PSH Directory and Newsletter Order Forms

Name _____ Graduation Year _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Email _____ Grad Name _____

On-lineDirectory__ \$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, Indian logo Mouse Pads

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 \$30 (M, L, XL, XXL) Cat's Meow \$25 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

1935-1	1943-5	1950-6	1968-1	1991-19	2001-8
1937-1	1944-7	1951-8	1969-2	1992-1	2002-10
1938-11	1945-6	1952-13	1976-1	1995-9	2003-4
1939-3	1946-10	1953-9	1978-14	1996-6	2004-ANN.-30
1940-2	1947-10	1954-1	1980-21	1998-3	@\$15/each
1941-2	1948-15	1955-1	1983-10	1999-2	2004-BIG-6
1942-8	1949-5	1956-1	1989-10	2000-12	2005-14
					2006-15

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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 Allow 3 weeks for Delivery

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