

The Tradition

Parma Senior High Alumni Newsletter



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The President's Corner

by Nancy Fedak '66

Dear Alumni,

Well, here it is the "spring ahead" time, so that means that the weather will be getting warmer - Hooray! However, it has been a rough winter. We lost three former staff members. Mr. Wirth, faculty manager from the 50's and 60's; Mr. Sitek, math teacher and track coach from the 50's thru the 80's; and Mr. Cordisco, teacher, coach and principal from the 40's thru the 70's. A memorial has been setup for Mr. Cordisco and donations can be sent to the alumni association @ 6285 W.54th, Parma, 44129.

Some of you have already noticed and made comment about the Sports' Hall of Fame appearing on our web site. The school system's web site was rebuilt and there was a possibility that the Sports' Hall of Fame would disappear. So, our new web master, Char, was able to bridge it to our site to save it. They are not officially part of us, but unofficially, they are. Tony DeMarco and Mike Jaszczak are in the process of doing the same for our Hall of Fame. Keep looking for it!!! Our data base presently is not available. When it is, we will let you all know.

Your alumni Board is ALWAYS looking for alums to help with committees, on the board or just plain projects. If you are interested in helping, PLEASE contact us either by phone--440-855-3700, mail--6285 W.54th, Parma, 44129, email--pshalum@pshalumni.org or on facebook.

Gardening, helping with the Hall of Fame, Homecoming, serving on the Board, are just a few of the many projects we have. Let us know what you would like to do.

Our Golf Scholarship outing is Wednesday, June 26th, @ Ridgewood GC. Get a foursome together and come play---hey girls--we only have one women's 4some every year, so they ALWAYS win!!! They need some competition...

Reunion chairs, as usual, are doing great jobs. Without all of you, we could not survive---Something new is the GOLDEN RED-MEN reunion. Look for details either in the newsletter or on-line. That's about it for now---Happy Easter to all!!!

From the Editors Desk

by Tony DeMarco '62

The Tradition – its history and its future

When George Rees, Lee Bailey, and William Bassett started the Parma Alumni Association in 1941 there was no requirement about communicating with its members as there is today. Parma High

School was only 20 years old and they had an Association of less than 2000 graduates. Communication at that time consisted of word of mouth, articles in the local newspaper, class reunion committees and the Home Coming event each year. The high school newspaper, *The High Spot*, had an Alumni news column that was distributed at the Homecoming game and younger brothers and sisters attending the high school would give the editions to older brothers and sisters to read.

The annual Springvale Alumni Dance became popular after WWII and served as the main fundraiser for the Alumni Association and the general membership meeting for the year. It lasted into the late 1960s.

It wasn't until September of 1993 that Bill Peck'66, Darlene Wendel DeMarco'63 and I produced, for the PSH Alumni Association, the first official newsletter *The Tradition*.

It was mailed at Alumni expense to over 20,000 Alumni that we had current addresses from 1922 to 1993. The fall editions were free, but we asked Alumni to buy a subscription for the other 2 or 3 editions to help defray the cost of producing all the newsletters for the year. We received over 1500 subscriptions and thus began the 20 year history of *the Tradition* newsletter.

With the advent of the PSH webpage, we displayed the fall newsletter on line and sent only additional yearly issues by subscription only. Today we have only 230 hardcopy subscriptions and today all subscriptions are free on line.

Times are changing and with the addition of Facebook, twitter, and texting, more and more information is being distributed on a daily basis. *The Tradition* is now just one of many ways to communicate with our membership.

So what does this mean for *The Tradition* newsletter? *The Tradition* will remain as one of our two official news outlets. The other is the website. The fall, winter and spring issues will be free on the web page and we will have a link to *The Tradition* on the Facebook page. We will continue to send out, by subscription only, hard copies of *The Tradition*. As long as we have more than 200 subscriptions, we will mail *The Tradition* at the bulk mailing rate. Once we drop below that number, we will have to mail the subscriptions at the 1st class rate. Communications is rapidly changing and sadly we must change with it. So if you want to keep hard copies of *The Tradition*, send in a subscription. We will continue to produce a hard copy as long as we can. I foresee a time when all our communications will be on computers, tablets and our cell phones. One thing is clear though, we will continue to keep you informed on the activities of your PSH Alumni Associations by whatever form of communications we have available to us.

Reunions News

2013 Reunion Information

The classes featured below will be having their class reunions upcoming. If you have not been contacted or know of friends who have not received information, please have them contact the reunion chairperson or email us at pshalum@pshalumni.org we will print only the contact person(s) information and the date if we have one. For more information, contact the reunion Chairperson

1953 – 60th Reunion Contact Marilyn Marquette Coleman colemarq@sbcglobal.net

1958 – 55th Reunion Contact Judy Roskovich Mackulin Chairperson jmackulin@sbcglobal.net - No plans as of now.

1963 – 50th Reunion Contact Darlene Wendel DeMarco at shoelady45@yahoo.com or by phone at 1-440-864-3124 Reunion planned for August 9 and 10, 2013 (a combined reunion with the 1963 VF Class

1968 – 45th Reunion Contact Barbara Snowden Smallwood Contact 1-330-483-6113 davidsmallwood@eaton.com

1973-- 40th Reunion Contact Barbara Bendler Gannon at 1-440-826-0929 or Jennifer Libassi Preising September 6-7, 2013. Attending the Parma-North Ridgeville FB game on Friday, Sept 6th @ 7:05pm Mixer @ Ridgewood Golf Course afterwards. Saturday, golf @ Ridgewood GC; Dinner @ Strongsville Holiday Inn.

1978 - 35th Reunion Contact Gail Gielink Demczuk psh78reunion@verizon.net

1983 – 30th Reunion Contact Thomas and Bonnie Newbould 440-572-3715 tsbould@ameritech.net

1988 – 25th Reunion Contact Tammy Crowley O'Neill at 440-846-8346

1993 – 20th Reunion Contact Janine Goodwin at 216-308-0469 or j9goodwin@yahoo.com

1998 – 15th Reunion Robyn Dorocak Mack No Information at this time. Contact rdorocak@yahoo.com

2003 – 10th Reunion Dave and Busters in December 2013 Contact Leigh Goughnour, Lgoughnour@gmail.com 440-382-2932, Judy Kawczynski judy.kawczynski@gmail.com Send us your updated addresses.

Class Reunions without committee chairs

The PSH Alumni Association is looking for a new chairperson or co-chairs for the

following classes: 1967 and 1970. If you are interested in the position, you must be a grad from that class and should have worked on a reunion committee before or had some work in organizing a wedding or other event planning. Contact Nancy Fedak at basketmom1@aol.com

Monthly Reunions

1943 Monthly lunches that is planned.

Contact Rosemary Kuenzer Williams @ 440-842-4237 or Parmaleft@aol.com

1945 Contact Mel Burkey 1-440-885-4995 or mburkey@hotmail.com

1948 Monthly for dinner contact: Carole Basile King at 440-572-1708 or Dave Kane at 216-941-7572.

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 for lunch 1st Friday of every month at Katherine's Restaurant Contact Joan Kalat 440-843-9122

1955 Katherine's Restaurant Pearl Rd. 9 AM, April 24, July 31, Contact Bob Funk 440- 472-6662

1956 The Parma Senior High Class of '56 is once again holding its Quarterly Breakfast from 9:00 to 11:30 AM party room at Home Town Buffet, 1930 Snow Rd. (at Broadview)contact www.psh56.com

1959 The class of 1959 women meet the third Wednesday of each month. Contact Carol Rahe 440-234-4894 or Anita Koeth 440-526-1141 for more information Men meet 1st Wednesday of every month of every month.

1960 & 1961 Dinner every month Contact Judy Love Girard @ 440-888-4911

Help Needed

The Archival committee is in need of clothing manikins for Archival displays in our show cases. We can use hanging flat wall manikins, full size free standing manikins, and showcase tabletop torso manikins in reasonable condition. We have sports sweaters, jerseys, band uniforms, hats, cheerleader outfits, drum major and majorette outfits, and so much more that we would like to display. So if you have a lead on these items, call us at 1-440-885-3700, email us at pshalum@pshalumni.org and let us know. Free would be best, but we do have a very small amount of donation money that we could use for purchases. Speaking of which, we are always accepting donations to the Archival Committee fund.

Letters to the Editor

This was sent to me about Jerry Dolcini, a former English teacher at PSH, and a 1983 PSH grad Sue McBean. You may or may not have seen Jack Marshall's article in Thursdays Sun- Post. He describes the work and life of Sue McBean, PSHS class of 1983. She is presently the Supt. of Grandfather Mountain State Park in Boone, N.C. She mentions Jerry as one of the leaders of the Outdoors Club at PSH. She also names Jerry as one of her best teachers while at PSHS. Jerry said this is one of the tiny rewards for a retired teacher.

Congratulations to both Sue McBean and Jerry Dolcini. You both make PSH Alumni and Teachers proud.

Ernest and Chris Schwartz

A big thank you to all the people who make this PSH newsletter (The Tradition) happen. We enjoy reading each and every one.

From the Tradition Team, thank you.

Where are they now Swing Dancers! Big Band Lovers!

Dance to the sounds of The Dan Zola 19 Piece Orchestra, featuring vocalist, Dianne Palmer. Yes Dan Zola, class of '59 is still swinging with his Big Band sound all over the Cleveland area. He appeared this past weekend at the Annual St. Patty's Day Swing Dance at the Lakewood Masonic Auditorium in Lakewood Ohio. If you like Big Bands, look for him in your area.

PSH School News PSH ATHLETIC Hall Of Fame

Ryan Madison, Athletic Director Parma Senior High School and members of the PSH Alumni Assoc. will be starting the process of inducting a new class of deserving individuals into the P.S.H. Athletic H.O.F. Ryan chairs this committee.

Interested in advertising in the Tradition or on the PSH Alumni website?

We reach 30,000 alumni in north eastern Ohio and beyond. Contact Tony DeMarco at 440-864-3120 or demarco31@sbcglobal.net for details.

16th Annual Scholarship Golf Outing

Wednesday, June 26, 2013

Ridgewood Golf Course - 4 Man Scramble

18 Hole Golf Package includes-Continental Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner-\$85.00/golfer
Dinner Only - \$25.00/person

Check In Time: 8:15 am
Shot Gun Start: 9:00 am

Attendee # 1 _____ Golf Package or Dinner Only
Attendee # 2 _____ Golf Package or Dinner Only
Attendee # 3 _____ Golf Package or Dinner Only
Attendee # 4 _____ Golf Package or Dinner Only

Sponsor a hole (hole signage, program listing & recognition in fall *Tradition*) \$100.00
total Enclosed \$_____

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

Send to: PSHAA c/o Lou Bentzen
2578 Crestview Drive
Hinckley, Ohio 44233

Reservations must be received by Wednesday, June 19, 2013
No refunds after Wednesday, June 19, 2013



Phone: L. Bentzen (330) 225.5091
Webpage: www.pshalumni.org



Donations

If you want to make a donation to the PSH Alumni Assoc. please indicate, if you have a preference, what you would like that donation to go towards. Include Name (maiden), address, class year, and a phone number or email address you can be reached at. Donations over \$20 are tax deductible. Yearbooks are valued at \$40 and up.

2013 PSHAA SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAISER AND GOLF OUTING

Your Alumni Association will hold the 2013 Scholarship Outing on June 26, 2013 at Ridgewood Golf Club. Check-in time will start at 8:15 am with a shotgun start at 9:00 am. As always the format is a 4 man scramble with skill shots during the round. A continental breakfast, brown bag lunch and dinner are included in the \$85.00 package price. As is always the case, we welcome donations of prizes, hole sponsorships or event support in the form of lunch or dinner sponsors.

SEE YOU ON JUNE 26, 2013!

Reunion Luncheon

The 2013 Parma High Florida Reunion Luncheon was held Thursday February 7Th at the Sandy Hook Fish and Rib House at 11:00 A.M.

A great crowd of around 65 PSH grads attended this annual event put on by Bruno and Karla (Cookie) Tomasini '59. Class-mates from a number of classes attend the Florida event again this year. Those attending included "snow birds", vacationers, and full time Florida residents. The food was great and the conversation was even better. If you would like to attend next year, check the website www.fairfaxmedia.com/psh after Christmas of next year for details. Thank you Bruno and Cookie for a great time.

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Florida Reunion



Florida reunion at Sandy Hook Fish and Rib House.

PSH Alumni Scholarships

The PSH Alumni Association Scholarships winners will be announced at the Winners Circle on April 25, 2013 in the PSH little theater. Scholarship winners will receive their scholarship checks at either the PTA Scholarship Dinner on Wednesday, May 15, 2013 or the Sr. Recognition Assembly TBA.

This year we have The Red Rees and Lee Bailey PSH Alumni Founders \$1000 Scholarship, PSH Alumni Veterans Memorial \$1000 Scholarship, The Career Prep \$500 Scholarship, two PSH Class of 1962 \$1000 Scholarships, The PSH Class of 1962 Pam Curry Pitcher Music Scholarship for \$500,

The \$1000 PSH Lee and Helen Bailey Visual Arts Scholarship. A total of 8 Scholarships will be given. If you are interested in giving a scholarship in your name or to honor a loved one, contact Nancy Fedak or Tony DeMarco at the PSH Alumni office or by email at psh-alum@psgalumni.org for information.

Hall of Fame

Deadline for submissions will be April 30, 2013. The Alumni Hall of Fame Committee selections will be final. Send your submissions to:

Parma Senior High School Alumni Assoc.
Attention: 2013 Hall of Fame Committee
6285 W54Th St Parma, 44129
or pshalum@pshalumni.org

In Memoriam

1942	Kenneth H. Long	
1946	Anne Roeper	Vozar
1952	Janet Kort	Braun
1956	Lyndon Leffler	
1957	Donna Kauntz	Cline
1958	Alonzo Leon Torrado	
1959	Richard Kennat	
1959	Larry Chiles	
1961	Alex Vensky	
1962	Mary Lou Sculley	Vulpio
1963	Dorothy Leggett	Enslin
1963	Michael Dagata	
1963	Dale Jalovec	
1963	Lenore Krawczyk	Shapel
1963	Louis Neff	
1963	Patricia Lallo	Celima
1965	Lynn Brown	Sadivnychy
1963	Linda Gasior	Erdman
1963	Pamela Purdy	D'Angello
1963	Nicholas Calco	
1963	Richard Zwyk	
1963	Marie Rybacki Johns	Clemmer
1965	Paul A. Hoiriis	
1966	James Craig	
1968	Debbie Lemke	Wolf
1970	Keith Scott	
1971	Richard Kojak	
1971	Thomas L. Krencisz	
1972	Jim Higgenbotham	
1972	Kathleen Ronan	Pester
1972	Phyllis Farone	Sedlacek
1972	Debbie Ziaja	Glaser
1972	Marcia Grubb	Lee
1973	Richard Arnst	
1973	Robert Ryba	
1973	Teresa Byrd	Hodson
1974	Gary Cole	
1975	Dale A. Zanercik	
1975	Daniel J. Maciejewski	
1975	William Schultz	
1976	Thomas Brown	
1977	Betsy Opperman	Seppeler
1981	Gary Johnson	
1982	Jerry Belter	
1985	Pauline Roubekas	Moore
1986	Richard Petras	
1989	Deanne M. Martin	
1989	Tom Roubekas	
1993	Adam Carver	

Parma High School Teachers

Pat Cordisco Parma High School Teacher, Principal, Coach

Mr. Cordisco passed away at age 96 on Feb. 9, 2013. He served in the Europe during WWII. He began his teaching career at Parma Schaaf in 1939. He was a counselor, Dean of Boys at Parma Sr. High before becoming the first Principal of Greenbrier Jr. High School. In 1966 he became principal of Parma Sr. High School until 1974 when he retired. He coached Basketball at Schaaf High School and in 1950 led the team to their league championship. In 1956, he led the PSHS team to their first ever Lake Erie League Basketball Championship. He was the first president of the Parma Education Association and long time member and president of the Parma Kiwanis Club.

Richard Sitek PSH Math Teacher and Cross Country Coach.

Mr. Sitek passed away at 84 on Feb. 14th, 2013. Richard was one of our best math teachers at PSH and will be remembered for his kindness and wonderful teaching style. He was the coach of the PSH cross country team for many years and led the 1959 Redmen to the Ohio High School State Championship.

Robert Wirth PSH Science Teacher

Mr. Wirth passed away at 86 on Feb. 2nd, 2013. He served in the Navy on the U.S.S. Randolph in WWII. Robert was a science teacher at Parma Schaaf High and then at PSH. He taught the first class in Aeronautics ever taught at in the Parma System. He was a Parma Schaaf graduate in 1944 and Ohio State graduate. He was an active alumni and Chairperson of his 1944 Reunion Committee. He was a board member of the PSE Credit Union Board and served a number of terms as its Chairman.

The Golden Redmen Project

by Tony DeMarco

The Golden Redmen committee met March 16th to discuss the plans for the 1st all class reunion for anyone who has had their 50th class reunion. After going over all the possible alternatives and the positive and negative aspects of each, they determined that the first choice we started off with was the best choice at this time. Parma Sr. High School was selected. The tentative date selected was Saturday August 24th. The time will be from 10A.M. to 4P.M. Non alcoholic beverages and snacks will be provided or sold. (alcohol is not permitted on the school premises) We will not charge at the door but we will ask for donations to keep the Golden Redmen Reunion going for the future. The Reunion will be in the cafeteria, the Alumni court yard, and a tour of the building.

The Archival Project

by Anthony DeMarco, Chairperson

The Archival Committee has almost completed the data collection and cataloging of thousands of items in our collection. All this information was inputted to computer files. A computer program now makes it possible to find historical information with the push of a button. I can not tell you how much respect we have for the hard work of this committee. They would come in and begin systematically cataloging various portions of our collection. From total disarray to a place for everything and everything in it's place. The committee is now on the final leg of their journey. They are now working on a massive amount of photographs without dates or names. They look at a photo, look at the dress and hair style, and then begin to go through yearbooks to make a match. This is a tedious and laborious task. I want to thank Beth O'Keefe Bouw, Rita Stemler Comko, Chris Laska Calabrese, Karen Blower Charek, Anne Georgalis Thanos, Julie Kovalchik Demo, Peggy Bertone Maritz and Nancy Fedak for their dedication and commitment to this project. They make up a great committee.

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 the Gift Shop link on the menu.

Order by sending a check or
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6285 W. 54th St., Parma, OH

44129. State size of shirt. Allow 4 weeks for
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All profits go to the Scholarship Fund.



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 Associa-
 tion General 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.

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 2005 to the present will
 cost \$60 + \$5 shipping

1953--12	1965--1	1983--10	2000--11
1954--2	1966--1	1989-10	2001--9
1955--4	1968--2	1991--20	2002--18
1960--1	1969--3	1992--1	2003--4
1961--1	1976--1	1995--7	2005--14
1962--1	1978--14	1996--5	2006--18
1963--2	1980--19	1998--3	2007--7
1964--1	1982--1	1999--2	