

The Tradition

Parma Senior High Alumni Newsletter



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Tony DeMarco, '62

The 50th Anniversary of Parma Senior High School on West 54th Street is fast approaching. As we ready the man celebrations and events for the upcoming year, I am reminded of one of the Alumni Associations most important responsibilities—**preserving the history of the school**. Living in today's throw-away society, the norm is to throw away anything old. The Alumni Association, on the contrary, strives to collect and archive pieces of history about Parma Senior High School. With scraps of written history and collectables, we try to assemble a graphic picture of what it was like to be a student at PSHS 20, 40, 60 and yes, 80 years ago. These brief snapshots of life at PSHS provide today's students with the tradition they will soon become a part of. These archives also allow PSH grads a chance to remember some of the most memorable times of their lives.

To those ends we ask you to help us preserve and protect the times of your lives by sending in the things you believe belong in our archives. We are in the process of obtaining space where these memories and collectables can be displayed. Thanks for the memories in advance.

The Annual Meeting of the Parma Senior High School Alumni Association will be held Monday, July 7, 2003 at 5:00 PM at Schaaf Community Center on W 54th Street in Parma.

5 \$1000 PSH Alumni Scholarships Awarded

At the May 2, 2003 Winners Circle, 5 lucky Parma Senior High seniors were awarded \$1000 each toward their college education. This years scholarships included the "Red Rees Memorial Scholarship" and the "Lee Bailey Alumni Scholarship". Additionally we had 3 new scholarships we were able to award and they were: The Anne "Mike" White Scholarship, the "PSH Memorial Scholarship" and the "Board of Directors Scholarship." Congratulations to the 5 winners: **Cassandra Maslanko, Pat Dobrolowski, Calista Regas, Christina Guy, and Robert Haddad.**

WWII Memorial Plaque

The bronze plaque honoring PSH Alumni killed in WWII will be dedicated at an assembly on November 11, 2003. Since only a paper copy could be found from Parma Schaaf High, the Alumni Association commissioned and paid for a permanent Bronze Plaque to be displayed in the Auditorium lobby.

The State of your Parma Senior High School Alumni Association

Newsletter Status

The "Tradition" marked its 10th year of distribution with a fall mailing of 27,000 and a subscription role of just over 600 for the year. As newsletter editor, I want to personally thank the 600 plus of you for your loyalty and support. We are down by almost 150 subscribers since last year. We were looking to boost subscriptions of the "Tradition" and the Web directory to 1000 for this year and we fell short by 300 subscriptions. Our goal is to make these features self-supporting. We will re-evaluate our goals at the annual meeting in July.

Web Page and Online Directory

The Web Page is very successful with average daily hits for April were 741 and total hits for the month was 17,049. The new

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*Our Major Fundraiser –

ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING

The PSH Alumni Association 7th Annual Golf Outing will be held Wednesday June 25, 2003 at 9:00 AM at Ridgewood Golf Course in Parma. We are still accepting entry forms for this fun event. Since this is our major fundraising event, we are hoping to get at least 100 golfers and 25 hole sponsors. The cost of the outing is only \$85.00 per person, which includes golf, a cart, breakfast, lunch, dinner and door prizes. If you can't attend, please consider the donation of a door prize or a cash donation. Every donation is completely tax deductible. This event funds our scholarships and other alumni activities.

Homecoming: October 10, 2003

In honor of the 50th Anniversary of Parma Senior High School, all alumni will receive a free ticket to the Homecoming game. This ticket will be printed in the fall issue of the "Tradition". We will also include a new life membership card to the Alumni Association for admittance to a get together at the PSH cafeteria after the game. Plan on attending an old fashioned Homecoming and get back to your roots.

REUNION NEWS

1943- 60th 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 or contact Louise Morton Bedford-440-238-6129

1948- 55th 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

1953-50th 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- 50th Reunion is set for September, 2004. Bill Tuchek at 330-725-5662 or billtuchek@aol.com. Reunion will be held September 17, 18, & 19, 2004 at the Radisson Hotel in Middleburg Hts.

1955 Special Reunion -Contact Bob

Funk for more information. 440-886-3375.

1958-45th 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.

1963-40th 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

1968-35th Reunion will not have a reunion this year.

1971 50th Birthday Party-August 23, 2003-6:00PN till—at Edgewater Yacht Club in Cleveland, Ohio. Contact Charlene Rossi, 1577 Chesterland Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio 44107—216-226-4884 or jcrossi@core.com

1973-30th 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 or Barb Bendler Gannon at 440-891-1410 or bagesyann@aol.com

1978 25th Reunion CHANGE: The new committee chair is Gail Demczak at 330-225-1934. The new tentative date is November of 2003 at a location to be named.

1983- 20th 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.

1988- 15th Reunion will not have a reunion this year.

1993-10th 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 or 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.

In Memoriam

1953- Patricia Hoffman Yonkers-Died April 10, 2003. Survived by husband, Fred, 4 children and 5 grandchildren

1963- Susanne Bell Bly- Died September 29, 2002

1963- Michael Kasperak-Died April 30, 2000. Survived by wife, Theresa, 3 children and 5 grandchildren

1964- Al Halko, Jr. - Was in the Marine Corps and a Veteran of Vietnam. Survived by wife Carol (nee Cotor), son, Thomas and daughter, Susan.

1983- Glenn M Albrecht-Age 37 passed away March 8, 2003. Beloved husband of Lori, father of Elisa and Kevin.

*The following are notification we have received since the fall edition of the *Tradition*:

1928- Bert Koeblitz

1929- Louis Kilgrove

1932- Ethel Schnacke Hoelter - Chairperson, 1932 Reunion

1934- Mary McLaughlin Kobasuk

1935- Albert Christ

1936- John Hapker

1936- Janice Singfield

1937- Robert Arndt

1937- Richard Ashmus

1937- Elaine Demboske Barenfeld

1937- Donald Chatham

1937- Mildred Kanieski Drensky

1937- Nicholas Esper

1937- Donald Graf

1937- June Kilgore Heffner

1937- Elmer Holtz

1937- Edward Kovar

1937- Nick Seichko

1937- Margaret Schultz Sternad

1937- John Toth

1937- William Zenk

1938- Theodore Widowski

1939- William Bozett

1940- Clifford Horn

1941- Albert Hehmeyer

1943- Arthur Abram

1943- Leslie Adair

1943- Richard Brown

1943- Mary Gural Budrick

1943- Betty Christ

1943- William Craig

1943- Thomas Cusick

1943- Hazel Darringer

1943- Russell Davison

1943- Jane Esperson

1943- Luella Geiger

1943- Theodore Goodson

1943- Al Hudec

1943- Wilbur Hunt

1943- John Jeremiah

1943- Leon Kastanis

1943- Charles Kercher

1943- John Kobasuk

1943- Bette Koptis

1943- Therese Malone

1943- Robert Meder

1943- Ruth Minch

1943- William Moller

1943- Nellie Ramsy

1943- Florence Reshetalo

1943- Irene Rich

1943- Alice Roberts

1943- Donald Schnacke

1943- Lilian Setteur

1943- Mae Voga

1943- Dorothy Vogt

1943- Ann Lenore West

1943- Betty Young

YOUR 2003 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

President and Newsletter Editor: Tony DeMarco '62

Vice President: Dianna Pavisich Kall '78

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Board Members: Chris Panek Sobolewski '62, Lou Bentzen '60, Nancy Fedak '66, Marilyn Marquette Coleman '53, Don Smerk '77, Kathy Collins '55

Web Master: Anne Speck

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offerings for the most part have been well received. Many alumni are going to the web for alumni reunion news and e-mail addresses. We also have a good response for updating addresses. The guest book and the message board are not being utilized and we will need to re-evaluate their status.

Directory

The most ambitious and costly feature on the Web site was the directory of 25,000 addresses and 37,000 names. With the addition of the online *Tradition* and the many features provided, we felt the directory would be more attractive. Our subscriptions have fallen partly because people do not know they have an expired password, and partly because we over estimated the interest in directory information. The attractiveness of instant updating of addresses and the cost effectiveness of \$10.00 versus \$60.00 + for a directory book that is out dated the minute it is published, lead us to believe we would have a better response.

New Feature on the Web Page--"SHOPPING CART"

We are initiating an on-line shopping cart for fundraising items, such as sweatshirts, T-shirts, mugs, etc. We will not have on-line purchases at first, just a mail in order form print out. Eventually we would like to use "Pay Pal" as a direct pay alternative. Please let us know your preference.

Financial Status

The economy has hit the Alumni Association like the rest of America. Our income from the interest on CD's has fallen to an all time low. Since our constitution prohibits our Trust Fund monies to be invested into anything that could lose any of the principal, we rely on CD's and money markets from banks and credit unions for the interest to operate on. We are still in sound financial shape, but we may have to tighten our belt a little for next year. We continue to operate in a sound financial manner and continue to protect all monies held in trust.

ALUMNI ADDRESSES

Web page: www.pshalumni.org
E-mail: pshalum@pshalumni.org
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6285 W 54th St
Parma, OH 44129
Attn: Tony DeMarco
Phone No: 440-572-8505

Letters to the Editor

Gail Johnson (class of 1962) passed away on Easter Day, March 31, 2002, losing her battle with cancer. Gail was born in Cleveland, Ohio on November 8, 1943. She was the only child of Harley J. Johnson and Katherine M. Johnson. While attending Parma Senior High, Gail was very actively involved in numerous school functions and extra curricular activities. After graduation, she went to Ohio State University and obtained certification as a dental hygienist and earned a Bachelor of Science degree. Gail's next move took her to California as a practicing dental hygienist. Although she made several attempts to become a model and an actress, it was not her destiny. Her unique sense of humor brought an air of levity to the dental office. Gail had a strong interest in science. She continued her education after OSU and became a practitioner of hypnotherapy and sound therapy in addition to continuing as a dental hygienist. Gail never married, but she leaves behind many friends and relatives that will dearly miss her and will never forget her contagious laugh and sparkling eyes. Her final resting place is alongside her parents at the Sunset Memorial Park in North Olmsted, Ohio.

Sent by Tom Kornowski

1992 graduate, **Craig Borkowski**, was awarded the President's Award by Ablestik Corp. at its annual Management Meeting. Craig is currently a project supervisor of engineering and acting manager of their Process Engineering Group. Craig also worked on 5 different building projects in 2002 for Habitat for Humanity on personal time.

Sent by Mr. & Mrs. Borkowski

Just love to read the Newsletter you put out each quarter. You are doing a great job and George "Red" Rees would be very proud. I have enclosed a check for the 50th year Anniversary Yearbook for 2004. Where has the time gone? Our class of 1937 has a semi annual luncheon. A lot of our class has gone on but the ones left get together and enjoy. Thank you-Eleanor McClintock Ashton-'37

Patriots-Invaders-Redmen Alumni Band Website: <http://hometown.aol.com/darryltinay/myhomepage/schoolpride.html>

**Please send in our letters to the editor. We will try to print all we receive.*

Parma High Alumni in Iraq or Afghanistan

This is a list of PSH Alumni men and women serving in our armed forces in Iraq or Afghanistan at this time: Mike Vlk, Chris Cotleur, Diana Vinicky, Phil Oriti, Michael Gruse, Jim Curtain, Diane Hurt, and Brian Borkowski. Brian is a 1st Lieutenant Platoon Leader with the 11th Combat Engineer Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division in Iraq. We wish them all a safe return to their family and friends.

PSH Hall of Fame

Eleven semi-finalists have been notified and asked to complete a comprehensive questionnaire. Of these 11 Alumni, a committee will select the finalists based on the questionnaire. Those finalists will be notified for the induction and reception next fall.

INFO BITS

- Parma Senior High's graduation class will be 301 this year.
- 40 years ago the PSH class of 1963 was split in its senior year and half of the class went to Valley Forge- Editorial note: a dumb move.
- In 1958 the cost of a gallon of gas at the Sunoco station on State Road and Lincoln Avenue was 19 cents (full serve)
- "Anger is a condition in which the tongue works faster that the mind" (unknown)
- William Peck, art teacher at PSH, retired June of 2002. He is painting landscapes and enjoying his free time.
- Looking for outstanding athletes in wrestling, baseball, tennis, track and football from the 30's and 40's. Nominations for sports Hall of Fame at PSHS. (Parma Senior High, Parma Schaaf Senior High, and Parma Senior -Ridge Road School)

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.*

Send to: PSH Alumni Directory, 6285 West 54th St. Parma, OH 44129

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		

YEARBOOK ORDER FORM

Name _____ Class of _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Yearbook Year _____ \$40.00

Postage 5.00

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Parma, OH 44129

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