

The Tradition

Parma Senior High Alumni Newsletter



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From the President's Desk

By Anthony DeMarco 62'

Alumni Courtyard project

We are about to pour the first area of concrete in the Alumni Courtyard. The sidewalk from the main entrance will eventually make a circuit connecting 4 large concrete pads for wheelchair accessible picnic tables. We will also have 4 or 5 park benches along the sidewalk circuit. The courtyard will be used for a quiet study area for students as a reward for good grades. It will also be available to teachers for classes and open to alumni for meetings and social events. The class of 2008, 1963, 1962, 1961, and now 2009 has donated to this Alumni Project. The Bob Hanak's Labor and Construction class has put the forms in and will do the concrete work for the Alumni Association. Future plans, in conjunction with the science department, for the courtyard include a solar shingled (new) roof for the gazebo, old fashioned styled solar powered street lights, a small solar powered fountain, and memorial brick and sculpture area, in conjunction with the art department.



Vice President

By Nancy Fedak 66'

The Annual Scholarship Golf Outing will be held at Ridgewood Golf Course on Wednesday, June 24, 2009. We have 80 golfers that have signed up to play so far... Again it will be a shotgun start, continental breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided. Cost is just \$80 to play--- get a foursome (they don't have to be PSH grads) to play and come and have a great time networking with old friends and making new ones. See you on the links!!!!!! For more info, check website for the application.....

Yard work for the Alumni Courtyard

Weeding and pruning on trees and bushes will be done by the end of June. The mulch will be spread the weekend of June 12-14. It was purchased from Normandy's track and cross country team as a fundraiser to defray the cost for Pay-to-Play. The gazebo needs painting, eventually dirt will need to be hauled in to level out areas that are hilly, the sign that the class of 1994 donated for the front of the building will be put back up inside the courtyard. Come and take a look as the climbing roses are in bloom.....

Thanks to all that are donating to the **ONE DOLLAR FOR EACH YEAR GRADUATED**. The donations are 100% tax deductible as you receive no goods for the donation. We use the donations for operating the association, scholarships, or to help with school events, clubs and school projects. You can specify where you want the donation put.

From the Editors desk

by Anthony DeMarco

A good deed: #1

We have just had a perfect example of a Good Samaritan. A gentleman from Belle Chasse, LA sent an email to the web site to let us know that he had a 1953 Parma Schaaf High School woman's ring. As a young boy with a metal detector, Ted Griffin was in a park in Hudson Ohio in the early 1970's when he located the ring. Tim was originally from Northfield, Ohio. Recently, Tim rediscovered the ring and went about trying to find the owner. Tim looked us up on the internet and contacted me with his search. He gave me the initials PAC on the inside of the ring. I went through the 1953 class on our data page and found the match. Jim sent us the ring and we are still trying to contact the owner by phone to give her ring back after 35 years.

A good deed: #2

Donna Lois Dieball was to have received the \$1200 Lee Bailey Memorial Scholarship this year. She is an outstanding student at PSH and was planning to go to Cleveland State in the fall. Just before the scholarship dinner in May, She learned that she had been awarded a full scholarship to Cleveland State. She could have kept the Lee Bailey Scholarship, but instead Donna donated the money back to the Alumni Association for another PSH student next year. We will give the additional Lee Bailey Scholarship in her name next year. I am sure that Lee would be proud of her unselfish gesture. All PSH Alumni are proud to welcome Donna into our ranks as a Parma Sr. High Alumna.

New Tradition Offer – Subscription sent to you as an attachment on your email

As you all know by now, because of the cost, we will not be sending out a paper copy of the fall Tradition to the entire 28,000 members of the Alumni Association unless you have a subscription. We will, instead, have the fall edition displayed on line at our website www.pshalumni.org for free.

The new offer is a subscription of the Tradition sent as an attachment directly to your email address for only \$6 , \$11, \$15 – the same prices as the 1, 2, 3, year paper subscriptions. We have been working with the new webmaster to set this up and we now will be able to do this.

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 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 colemarq@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@rtexpress.net

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

Alumni Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to all of this years winners

PSH Alumni Veterans Memorial Scholarship \$1200

Karyn Jacqueline Lally Bowling Green - Exercise Science

PSH Alumni Board of Trustees Scholarship \$1200

Ashley Nicole Hinkle Hiram College - Accounting

PSH Alumni Memorial Scholarship \$1200

Jessica Alice Matushevski Akron University - Biomedical Engineering

PSH Alumni Red Rees Memorial Scholarship \$1200



Traci Hrenko Findley University - Pharmacy

PSH Alumni Class of 1958 Scholarship \$1000

Michael Robert Melnyk U of Toledo - Pharmacy

PSH Alumni Class of 1968 Scholarship \$750

Jenna Perry Baldwin Wallace College - Political Science

Two Teacher Grants

Kim Fry \$300 Thoreau Park



The Teachers at Shiloh Middle School \$300



Historical Marker Project

By Ed Sarian 58'

Thanks to all that have donated toward the historical plaque that Ed Sarian 58' and the committee of Tony DeMarco 62' Bob Funk 55' and Kenneth Levell, are working on getting erected in front of the original high school on Ridge Road(the former Board Office). To date, you have donated \$180. The PSH Alumni Association will make a donation to help with the sign. The original picture taken in front of the building at the time of dedication in 1921 will be etched into the front of the plaque. The inscription written by Tony DeMarco 62' will read:

Historical Marker

Parma High School at the Ridge Road School was dedicated in October of 1921. The building was located on

Ridge Road south of the former Bean Road (Ridgewood Drive). The building was one of 3 buildings designed by Charles W Bates in 1918 for the Parma Rural School District from a bond issue passed by Parma and Parma Heights Township. The board of education was made up of President, H. J. Schaaf, Clerk, L. H. Geiss, board members, C. H. Miller, Carl Uhink, C. C. Crouch and H. C. Hoag.

The senior class consisted of 6 students, 2 boys and 4 girls. Parma Ridge Road High School remained a high school until 1936 when it became a Junior High School. In the 1950's, the school became an elementary school and then in the 1960's it became the Board of Education for the school district until 2006.

In the summer of 1928, an orchard behind the high school was cleared by the football team and became the first Parma High School football field.



Sports Programs in Jeopardy

by Athletic Director Ryan Madison

Due to the third straight new money levy defeat, the Parma Board of Education has instituted the self-funding of our sports programs. That means that no general fund money will be available to be used to support extra-curricular activities. Therefore, each sport program must raise the funds necessary to operate their team. If the total funds are not raised by the participants, the sport will be discontinued. This past spring season, we were unable to field both boys and girls track, and boys tennis due to lack of funding. The following is a list of the cost for each Parma Senior High team:

- 9/JV/Varsity Football-\$61,500 (est. \$750 per player)
- 9/JV/Varsity Volleyball-\$21,525 (est. \$600 per player)
- JV/Varsity B/G Soccer-\$14,025 each (est. \$500 per player)
- Varsity B/G Cross-Country-\$6,800 each (est. \$500 per player)

- Varsity Golf-\$6,800 (est. \$750 per player)
- Varsity B/G Tennis-\$7,100 each (est. \$500 per player)
- JV/Varsity Cheerleading-\$12,275 (est. \$500 per player)
- 9/JV/Varsity B/G Basketball-\$29,850 (est. \$650 per player)
- 9/JV/Varsity Wrestling-\$20,430 (est. \$650 per player)
- Varsity B/G Track-\$23,050 (est. \$500 per player)
- JV/Varsity Baseball-\$14,925 (est. \$550 per player)
- JV/Varsity Softball-\$14,925 (est. \$550 per player)

If you would like to help support the student-athletes of Parma High by making a donation towards their participation fee, please send your donation to: Parma Sr. High School, C/O Athletic Director Ryan Madison, 6285 W. 54th Street, Parma, Ohio, 44129. If you would like your donation to be used towards a specific team, please state that with your donation. Thank you in advance for supporting Parma High Athletics!

In Memoriam - Since March 3rd.

43	Bendick	Frank	
43	Lahut	Russell	
43	Lechich	Robert	
43	Ritcher	Albert	
46	Reckling	Melvin	
46	Melvin	Reckling	
54	Hoose	Marcia	Barlow
57	Fernelius	Gary	
63	Houska	Ron	
65	Holub	Merry Ellen	Zammerelli
65	Sommer	John	
69	Fitzsimmons	Donald	
69	Twardzik	David	
74	Cmolik	Robert	
81	Rusnak	Kimberly	Hawkins
88	Mathew	Holocker	
89	Joseph	Januszewski	

Donations

Thank you for your help

Joyce Szekelyi 1965

Donated 2 yearbooks 1964/ 1965

Thank You

Dennis Fernelius 1959 \$1000 for a

scholarship in his brothers name Gary

Fernelius 1957 (Deceased) and a \$500

Scholarship for the 50 years since Dennis

graduated.

Thank you for your most generous gift

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2009 PSH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The PSH Alumni Association Annual meeting will be held in August 4, 2009 at 6:30 PM. It will be held at the Parma City Recreation Office at 7912 Day Drive (in the Parmatown Mall). Check the web site for updates.

2009 PSH Directory and Newsletter Order Forms

Name _____ Graduation Year _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Grad Name _____

NEW! Online Newsletter Subscription__\$6 1 year (must have email address for this subscription to be emailed as an attachment) 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, Indian logo Mouse Pads

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	1980-21	1999-1	2004-ANN.-25
1937-1	1944-7	1951-8	1983-10	2000-12	@\$15/each
1938-11	1945-6	1952-13	1989-10	2001-8	2004-BIG-6
1939-3	1946-10	1953-9	1991-19	2002-10	2005-14
1940-2	1947-10	1955-1	1995-9	2003-4	2006-15
1941-2	1948-15	1969-2	1996-6		
1942-8	1949-5	1978-14	1998-3		

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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Parma, OH 44129

Allow 3 weeks for Delivery