

The Tradition

Parma Senior High Alumni Newsletter



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President's Message

Dianna Kall, 1978

On Monday, June 6th, 329 seniors graduated from Parma Senior High in the auditorium.

Some of us had almost that many students in their homeroom! (Realistically, no, but we did have fairly large class sizes for many years!)

Of those students, 66 had one or both parents who graduated from PSH. What a high percentage, and what a tribute that alumni continue to live in Parma and see their children walk the same halls, sit in the same classrooms and create their own high school memories.

Do you remember your commencement? Was it at PSH or Public Hall in downtown Cleveland? As you think back about your senior high or your prom or commencement consider connecting more with your classmates. Read up on the news and events on our website (www.pshalumni.org) or volunteer to help out with a committee. We continue to make a presence known in the school district as well as the community with our participation in local events.

Help us strengthen our legacy by making financial donations to the scholarship fund or other service projects of your Association. We continue to receive rare finds we have added in our Museum and several display cases at the high school. We were fortunate to sponsor five scholarships to graduating seniors, plus offer five others through the generosity of graduates who want to see academic successes continue at PSH.

Parma Senior High has a strong alumni base who achieve greatness....share your resources with us.

From the Editors Desk

Anthony DeMarco, 1962

"Paying it forward"

This year we had 3 individuals Neil Hamadey '63, Jon Bailey '56, Mike Jaszczak '80 and the 1960 Reunion Class that donated money for student scholarships at PSH. I will be featuring these individuals and class in future issues of the Tradition this coming year.

This Issue features Neil Hamadey from the Class of 1963. Neil is a graduate of The Ohio State University and a Vietnam Veteran. After leaving the service Neil became a successful businessman in southern California. At his 45th reunion Neil and I talked about the need for financial help for Parma High seniors planning to further their education. A short time later I received a phone call from Neil saying that

he had decided to help and donate \$10,000 for 5 \$2000 scholarships. These scholarships were to be given to students who meet the qualifications set for the scholarships. Neil was able to help in the selection process and this year he gave two PSHS Alumni Neil Hamadey Scholarships to two students attending The Ohio State University. This most generous donation by Neil Hamadey exemplifies the "pay it forward" spirit of so many PSHS Alumni. Neil's wish and challenge is to get more PSH Alumni business owners to donate scholarships in their name, a family members name or to a specific type of scholarship (like the medical, educational, or business field). There are so many PSH students who need financial assistance to achieve their goals of attending college or to get technical training.

The group being featured in this issue is the 1960 Reunion Committee. The donation of \$1000 from the Class reunion of 1960 was presented by Francis Caso Turk, Chairperson, and Bob LaRosa at this year's Recognition Assembly. This is another example of the "paying it forward" spirit of so many of our past classes at their class reunions. It has now almost become a tradition for classes celebrating their 50TH Reunion to donate some sort of Scholarship to a PSHS senior graduating the year after their reunion. We welcome other groups like past school clubs (art, math, yearbook, newspaper) sports teams, PSH band members, and others to come together with group donations.

Over 39,000 students have graduated from Parma High since its first graduating class of 6 seniors in 1922 to this year's class of 329. Think about the years you spent at Parma High. How valuable were those years to you? Anything you can afford to give will be greatly appreciated and may change a life forever.

(Parma Senior High School Alumni Association is a 501c3 tax exempt non profit educational/charitable organization. Donations are 100% tax deductible. For more information on donating to or setting up a scholarship, call Anthony DeMarco at 1-440-864-3120 or email at pshalum@pshalumni.org) attention Anthony DeMarco.

Mrs. Cassandra Johnson Accepts New position

A. Demarco

Mrs. Cassandra Johnson, former Principal of Parma Sr. High (2005-2011), has taken the position of Human Resources Director at the Parma City Schools Board of Education. For the past 8 years, Cassandra has been a strong and effective leader of PSHS. She implemented a number of new programs for the success of PSHS students.

See Cassandra Johnson on page 3

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

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 for further information

1939 Contact Janice Henninger Sheets at 440-884-8620 or jhsheets1@aol.com for meeting information.

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

1943 There are no further reunions planned; however, there are monthly lunches that are planned. Contact Rosemary Kuenzer Williams @ 440-842-4237 or Parmalefty@aol.com

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

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

1948 The reunion committee does meet monthly for dinner at various local restaurants. 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.

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 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

1956 REMINDER! Our Class of '56 Quarterly Breakfast 9:00 to 11:30 AM at Home Town Buffet, 1930 Snow Rd. (at Broadview) Midtown Shopping Center. (The 3rd Saturday of every third month - easy to remember), June 18th, September 17th and December 17th, 2011. For news, updates and lots of pictures, visit our great class web site at www.psh56.com (216) 661-8830

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 time and place

1960 & 1961 Dinner every month. Con-

tact Judy Love Girard @ 440-888-4911 for time and place.

This Year's Class Reunions

1951 60th reunion September 16-18 Friday, Sept. 16th--Nautica Queen River Tour Hospitality room--Holiday Inn Bagley Road. Saturday, Sept. 17th--noon lunch @ Belarusian American--1102 Webster Rd evening Hospitality Room--Holiday Inn--Bagley Rd. Sunday, Sept. 18th--Brunch--Jupiter Room--Holiday Inn--Bagley Contact--Nancy Saumers Bowman@32745 Fall Haven Circle, N. Ridgeville,44039 or cbowman@oh.rr.com

1956 Our 55th Class Reunion has been scheduled for the weekend of September 23-25, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza in Middleburg Heights! Be sure to circle these dates on your calendar. Watch our class website at www.psh56.com, your e-mails and your mailbox for more details! KEEP US POSTED! If you change your e-mail address or are planning to move, please call, or send us an e-mail or a quick note. It'll just take a minute. It's such a big job keeping track of everyone and we need your help! Questions? Contact Carol at (216) 676-4046, carolb6450@aol.com or Judy at (440) 237-0020, jmar2@att.net

1961 50TH REUNION Contact Person Patricia Fritz Class of '61 is celebrating their "50th Reunion" at the Holiday Inn - Route 82 & Route 71 -Strongsville. August 19-20th 2011. Friday: Cocktails 7PM - 1 AM; Saturday: Dinner/Music at 6 PM - 1 AM. Make sure you RSVP no later than July 31st 2011. Looking forward to seeing all of you! Anyone interested in playing golf an Friday - August 18th or Saturday - August 19th (Ridgewood Golf Course), prior to reunion event, please contact Armand Grossman at 561-702-8952 or Bill Boppel at 504-738-2223. Please respond to Armand or Bill by July 30th!! The registration form was sent out in April. You may contact patriciafritz@sbcglobal.net for further information or questions.

***1969** - The 60TH Birthday party for June 11, 2011 has been rescheduled for: Friday, September 16th, 2011 at 6PM Yorktown Lanes Party Center BYOB--- Beer, Wash, Appetizers & Music provided \$26 per person--Up to 6 Additional Guests can come, but MUST Prepay!!!! Mail Check to: Christine Deidrick--4483 W.144th, Cleveland, OH 44135 Deadline to send Money is 9/8/11 Any

Questions, please email Christine at CJ-DEIDRICK@SBCGLOBAL.NET

1971 40TH CLASS REUNIONWHEN: Saturday, September 10, 2011 – Remember: 9-10-11 WHERE: Edgewater Yacht Club on the Shores of Lake Erie TIME: 7:00 p.m. – Midnight - DRESS: Very Casual Please email any photos of our high school years of people, places, and things to Char Eastin-Rossi at jcrossi@cox.net. Class Reunion Committee: Joan Kocka;jakocka@netzero.com; 216-398-8795 Char Eastin Rossi: jcrossi@cox.net; 216-226-4884 we are also now on Facebook -"Parma High Class of 1971 group"

1981 30th Reunion Oct. 1 2011 at the German Central Farm 5PM to 11 PM. Please contact Carla Bankovich-Houdek (440-238-4281 & Hearts5@roadrunner.com) or Pier Vetrano-Mastrey (Pier14@aol.com) for further information.

1986 25th Reunion Contact Karen Steele Hoehn at khoehn@ashland.edu 1-419-289- 4142 or Joe and Lynn Paval Ondo. In the planning stage for this August 6, 2011. Location and more information to come.

1991 20th Reunion When: Saturday 8/13/2011 Where: The Goodtime III 825 East Ninth St Pier North Coast Harbor Cleveland, OH 44114 Time: 6:30 - 11:30 Class of 1991 Family Picnic Sunday, August 14th Location: TBD. We have set up a blog to help us get information out to our classmates. The address is: <http://parmaseniorhighclassof1991reunion.blogspot.com/> there is also a Facebook page here: Parma Senior High Class of 1991 Facebook Page Please send me an email with your home address and phone # so I can start creating a database. Please send it to danielwbrass@gmail.com

1996 15th Class Reunion The reunion will be Saturday October 1, 2011 at House of Blues. Laura Pontau is the new chairperson taking over for Steve Higginbotham.

There is a group page on facebook, for anyone who has not been added yet, they can be added by anyone one who is a member of the group that they are friends with or send a friend request to me and I will see they are added. The contacts : Laura Pontau, cell 216 659 6630, email : Lfayep@hotmail.com, or on facebook under Laura Pontau.

There is also Meghann Kerr Preseren who can be found on facebook as well under Meghann Kerr Preseren. Renee Pontau Stepanik is acting treasurer so any check donations or ticket purchases being made by check should be made out to her.

2001 10th Class Reunion contact Daren Cox planning for a 2011 reunion in Cleveland Further information to come. Go to the PSH Alumni web page www.pshalumni.org

Next Year's Reunions

2's and 7's will be in the fall newsletter and on the web page. Those who have contacted us with information are: 1962

Cassandra Johnson from page 1

She has also been a very strong supporter and advocate of the PSHS Alumni Association. Without her significant support of so many projects these past 8 years, we would not have been able to complete them. Mrs. Johnson will be greatly missed. We thank her and wish her continued success. She will always be an Honorary PSHS Alumnus.

Parma's First High School Ohio Historical Marker Dedicated

On June 30th at 3:30 PM, in front of the former location, an Ohio Historical Marker



commemorating the site of the first Parma High School was dedicated. Attending the Dedication, on a beautiful sunny day, were more than 50 guests. It had taken over 6 years to complete the project that Lee Bailey '29 had started. Ed Sarian '58, Anthony DeMarco '62 and the PSHS Alumni Assoc. were, with the help of so many, able to get the Marker in place. The Marker committee included Chairman Ed Sarian '58, Anthony DeMarco '62, Ken Lavelle, Richard Sarian, Nancy Fedak '66, Darlene Wendel DeMarco '63, Bob Funk '55, and Anna Jean



Gil Fritzsche, Jeffery Graham, Cassandra Johnson, and Pat Cordisco

Slater. Donations were given by Rebecca Wiesler, Ed '58 and Irene '60 Sarian, Anthony '62 and Darlene '63 DeMarco, Lee Bailey '29, PSH Class of '58, PSH Class of '62, Donna Sindelar Androsky '61, Richard Pinkerton '51, Rita Stemler Comko '55, Sean Brennan, Elliot Hunter, Parma Sr. High Alumni Assoc., President Dianna Pavisich Kall '78. PSHS former Principals Pat Cor-

disco 1966-72, Gil Fritzsche '65 1997-2005 and Cassandra Johnson 2005-2011 were in attendance. Guest Speakers were Tim DeGetter -Ohio House District 15 Representative, Dr. Jeffery Graham- Superintendent of the Parma City Schools, and Sean Brennan -President of Parma City Council, Andy Verhoff -Ohio Historical Society, and Dean DePiero -Mayor of the City of Parma. Special Guest included Parma Councilmen

Ken Ramser, Thomas Regas, and Marty Vittardi Parma recreation director and Mickey Vittardi Parma Clerk of Courts. Others included Kathleen Petro -Parma Board of Education member, Jon Bailey the son of Lee Bailey, and Ed Sarian Jr. son of Ed Sarian. PSHS Alumni Board members attending included Carol Lisy Bartel '54 and her husband Jim, Marsha Vose Sendrey '59, Nancy Fedak '66, Darlene Wendel DeMarco '63, Gil Fritzsche '65, Dianna Pavisich Kall '78. Special thanks to all the Alumni volunteers who helped make this day possible.

The Marker is spectacular as markers go. The real historical significance of that marker is to show how this building changed the course of Parma and the people who lived there. They now had their own High School for their children to graduate from. Until 1921, students who wanted a High School diploma had to spend their senior year at North Royalton or Lincoln High in Cleveland. The township of Parma could now show that it was truly a town that was growing. Finally it shows that this building was now the proud focal point of that growing community.

Donations

Anna Jean Slater -2 PSHS yearbooks
John Nimitz -1 yearbook.
Spencer A Meloun 1960

Tradition Staff

Editor: Tony DeMarco '62
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In Memoriam

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56	Rees	Donna	Smallwood
57	Kilburg	Edward	
60	Whitehouse	Jahcolyn	Vajnar
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61	Pinski	Kenneth	
61	Bobowicz	Nathalie	Parish
61	Genzen	Albert	
62	Todia	John	
62	Rosenow	Kenneth	
66	Bailey	James	
66	Cook	Gene	
66	Lajewski	Virginia	Triana
67	Petroc	Kristina	
67	Powell	Nancy	Veverka
68	Wilson	Charles	
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71	Kostura	Terri	
71	Wolanin	George	
72	Schwark	Earle	
76	Conrad	Judith	Alava
82	Morgan	Deborah	
83	Zielinski	Anthony	

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Scholarship winners for 2011

These are the winners of PSH Alumni Scholarships for 2011.



Photograph Front Row: L-R:

Ryan Haddad – PSH Alumni Special Needs Scholarship attending Ohio Wesleyan University
 Tara Kovalik – PSH Alumni Josephine Jaszczak Memorial Scholarship for the Visual Arts
 Donated by Michael Jaszczak (1980) attending Massachusetts College of Arts and Design
 Lindsey Welch – PSH Class of 1960 Alumni Scholarship Donated by the Class of 1960 Re-
 union and Presented by Bob LaRosa and Frances Caso Turk, attending Edinboro University
 Rachel Merrill - PSHAA Career Prep Scholarship

Back Row: L-R

Dianna Kall, President PSHAA

Kelsey Petras – PSH Neil Hamadey Alumni Scholarship Donated by Neil Hamadey (1963),
 and PSHAA George “Red” Rees Memorial Scholarship attending The Ohio State University
 Ashley O’Brien – PSH Neil Hamadey Alumni Scholarship Donated by Neil Hamadey (1963)
 attending The Ohio State University

Stephanie Kubasky - PSHAA Veterans Memorial Scholarship attending Edinboro University

Kristen Kapottas - PSHAA Alumni Memorial

Matthew Brawn (not pictured) PSH Lee and Helen Bailey Memorial Scholarship for the Vi-
 sual Arts Donated by Jon Bailey (1956) attending The Columbus College of Arts and Design
 Gil Fritzsche, PSHAA Board Member, Scholarship Chairman

Photo: Donated by Tom Miller Photography

PSH Alumni Assoc Teacher Grant Awarded to: The Health and Physical Education Depart-
 ment of Parma Sr. High School for cardio watches and batteries, stop watches, and pedom-
 eters.



The 1960 scholarship winner presented by
 Fran Caso Turk '60 and Bob LaRosa '60 to
 Linda Welsh



Josephine Jaszczak Scholarship presents by
 Mike Jaszczak '80 to Tara Kovalik



Lee and Helen Bailey Scholarship presented
 by Jon Bailey '56 to Mathew Braun



The Neil Hamandy '63 Scholarship
 Presented to Ashley O'Brien (above) and
 Kelsey Petras (below)



Teacher, Staff and Special Memorials

Naomi M Snyder Passed away June 9 2011
- She was a science and biology teacher, a counselor and Dean of Girls at PSH. She taught in the Parma System from 1954 to 1981. She was a state and national leader in guidance and school counselors for women.

Jean Durborow Passed away a number of years ago (no date found) Miss Durborow She was a counselor at PSH and at other buildings in the Parma School system for many years.

Donna Rees Smallwood 1956 Donna passed away June 20TH at Parma Hospital after suffering a heart attack on June 18th. Donna was recognized as one of Parma's most ardent supporters. Donna started the senior center which was eventually named for her as the Donna Smallwood Activity Center for senior citizens. Donna was President of the Proud of Parma, led the Miss Parma Pageant for scholarships, the Parma Chamber of Commerce, a trustee of the Parma Fine Arts Council, Ridgewood YMCA, and many other groups. Donna was a PSHS Hall of Fame Inductee. She is a fine example of "loyalty eternally".

Anthony Zielinski 1983 Anthony was the Treasurer of the City of Parma. He was a Parma activist who worked for so many community activities. He was a strong supporter of the PSHS Alumni Assoc. and helped promote our projects whenever he could. He will be missed by his family, friends, and the community he served.

PSHS School News

The Parma School levy passed in May 50.4% to 49.6%.

Spring Drama "West Side Story" performed in May.

Parma High student plays a major roll in "Annie".

Ryan Haddad, a senior at PSHS played the part of Oliver Warbucks in the Cassidy Theater production of Annie. Director Kate Leigh Michalski allowed Ryan's acting ability to shape the part, not the walker he must use because of his cerebral palsy. Ryan was also one of our PSH Alumni Assoc. scholarship winners this year. Congratulations Ryan.

PSH Alumni Assoc. Ice Cream Social in the finished Courtyard

Marcia (Voss) Sendrey '59

On May 20th, 2011 The Parma Sr. High Alumni Association sponsored an Ice Cream Social in the Courtyard at the high school. It was a beautiful afternoon to enjoy the courtyard and see all the trees that have been planted and dedicated to past staff and administrators. Tours of the building were given and enjoyed by all. The museum room was also opened to view the variety of Parma Senior High memorabilia from yearbooks to uniforms to the favorite; photographs.

We had well over 100 people in attendance from graduates in classes 1948- 2009



Marcia Voss Sendrey'59 greets guests at the ice cream social.



Alumni and guest at the ice cream social.



Dianna Pavisich Kall '78 Alumni Pres. and Tim DeGeeter next Mayor of Parma

to current students and staff. The class of 1959-1960 had the most in attendance. My sincere thanks for all those who attended and hats off to the Alumni Board who made this afternoon all take place.

Parma Fact

Did you know that Parma's oldest cemetery, York Street Cemetery on West Pleasant Valley Rd., contains the grave of Isaac Burnham the only Revolutionary War veteran buried in the City of Parma.

2011 PSH Directory and Newsletter Order Forms

Name _____ Graduation Year _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Grad Name _____

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Directory ___\$10-1 year (must have email address for directory)

Hardcopy Newsletter ___\$7-1 year ___\$13-2 year ___\$17-3 year

CHECK ONE

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, 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) Hoodies \$35 (M,

L, XL, XXL) Indian logo Mouse

Pads \$7.50.

Zip Hoodies \$40 sizes S-XXXL

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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. 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 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

ORDER FORM

Name _____ Class of _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Yearbook Year _____ \$50.00 Postage included

Make checks payable to: PSH Alumni Association

6285 W 54th Street

Parma, OH 44129

Allow 3 weeks for Delivery

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

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