

The Tradition

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From the President's Desk

Tony DeMarco

We hope that your holiday season was a happy one that was celebrated with family and friends. With the turmoil of this past year, it is comforting to know that there are others to share the happiness and joys of the season with you. We at the PSH Alumni Association hope that we have been able to provide an opportunity for you to contact old friends. If you haven't done so before, take this time to call, send a letter or e-mail an old high school friend letting them know you still remember—it means so much.

We here at the Parma Senior High School Alumni Association wish you and yours a happy and healthy 2002.

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The officers, the board of directors, and the staff of volunteers of the PSH Alumni Association wish to send out our deepest condolences to those who have lost loved ones in the tragedies of September 11th; and to those who have loved ones serving in our nation's armed forces, we send our heartfelt wishes for their safe return home.

Reunion Updates

THE CLASS OF 1951 HOLDS 50TH REUNION AT SCHAAF COMMUNITY CENTER

The class of 1951 held their 50th reunion on August 11th, 2001. What made this reunion noteworthy was that it was held in the Old Schaaf High Building, which is now the Parma City Community Center. The event drew 50% of the members of the class and was a planned weekend event. The program included a race at Northfield Park called "The Parma Schaaf High Class of 1951 Classic". Stancatos catered the dinner on Saturday evening. There was a short presentation given by 3 classmates—Carl Steffen, retired operations manager for AT&T in Chicago, Professor Ellsworth Holden of Ohio University (Ellsworth was the class Salutatorian) and Professor Richard Pinkerton of California State University—each spoke for a brief time. Capping off the weekend was a Sunday morning brunch at the Clarion Hotel. Co-chairing

the event were Jane Elewski Werner and Dale Dommin. If you would like to hold your reunion at the Schaaf Community Center, contact Ray Zemec at 440-885-8144.

CLASS OF 1956 REUNION REPORT

Hi all. I hope those of you who went to any of the 3 official events of the 45th class reunion and/or the e-mailers breakfast had as much fun as I did. Those of you who could not attend any of the events, I just want to let you know, you missed a great time. I can't wait for the 50th. Tony DeMarco (class of 1962), a retired PSH teacher and head of the PSH Alumni Association, gave a tour of the old school on Saturday morning that was very informative and brought back some old memories. The reunion was held Saturday evening at the Radisson Hotel on Bagley Road in Middleburg Hts. Our Master e-mail list received a whole bunch of new names and e-mail addresses from the reunion. Nancy Bower is presently sorting them out and putting them in a form to share with the classmates on the list. The list will not be mixed with this list I'm using. It will be a stand-alone list. The list will be distributed to only those individuals on the list. However, some of us are on both lists. If you would like to get on the master list, please let Nancy Bower know and she will add you to it. Thank you, Joe Kiraly.

CLASS OF 1976 REUNION REPORT

The reunion for the class of 1976 was held on Friday, November 23, 2001 at Ridgewood Golf Course. The committee was Tim Gorbett, Diane Dolatowski Levi, Pat Kolenz Tucker, Cindy Moore Coughlin, Chuck Vargo, Anita Vadini, Bev Bevacqua Medlik, and Patty Kinney Sopko. Over 200 people showed and had a great time.

CLASS OF 1991 REUNION REPORT

On September 29, 2001, the class of 1991 had reunited once again for their ten-year reunion. The 1991's first class reunion was held at Hillside Party Center in Cuyahoga Hts. Approximately 200 people attended the exciting event. To remember this long awaited night, all classmates received a memory book, a commemorative mug and a group picture was taken by Rodriguez Photography. Music for the night was provided by Revelations which is both a live band and a DJ. Classmates reminisced old times when reviewing the video yearbook, Redmen memorabilia, and pictures on the display table. Even though the class of 1991 had a great time, the reunion had to come to an end. The class song closed the night with classmates forming a circle on the dance floor and dancing one last time till the next reunion. Thanks PSH Alumni Association for all of your help and advice. PSH Class of 1991.

REUNION NEWS

1952 will have their 50th reunion on September 13, 14, 15, 2002 at the Clarion Hotel. Friday will be a casual get together in the hospitality room and Saturday will feature a ride on Lolly the Trolley with Saturday night being a dinner with entertainment in the Hotel Ballroom starting at 5:00 PM. On Sunday, the 15th, we will have a Sunday Brunch at Chrissy's Café located at the Clarion at 10:00 AM. The cost for the trolley ride will be approximately \$17.00 each. The dinner is \$40.00 per person/or if attending both the dinner and the brunch it is \$50.00 each/\$100.00 per couple. To attend just the brunch the cost is \$12.00 a person. If there are any questions, contact Mary Ann Gedeon Schmidt, 2816 Haggett Drive, Twinsburg, OH 44087—

Phone 330-963-0662.

1957 - 45th reunion is being planned. Contact person is Nick Arena. Please send your e-mail address and any thought about having a 45th reunion. 1-440-582-7827 or nickfarena@aol.com.

1962 will have their 40th reunion on September 20 and 21, 2002. It will be held at the Radisson Hotel on Bagley in Middleburg Hts. The first mailing will be out soon with information on cost and the questionnaire. Contact person is Tony DeMarco-440-572-2375 or e-mail pshalum@en.com.

1967 35th reunion -no information to date. Contact person Dominic Scibilia-440-526-2036.

1972 - 30th reunion will be held on July

27, 2002 at the Radisson Hotel on Bagley. Contact person is Greg Sawchad-440-356-6155 or gsawchak@compuserve.com.

1977 - 25th reunion has no information at this time. Contact person Don Smerk at pshalum@hotmail.com.

1982- 20th reunion in the planning stage. Contact person Tom Wienreich-440-884-4300.

1987 -15th reunion will NOT be having a 15 year reunion. Contact person Kimberly Nickle Ferrone - kjferrone@aol.com

1992 -10th reunion is looking for volunteers. Contact T J Moraco at 216-227-8748-tjmoraco@hotmail.com.

IN MEMORIAM

1932 Doris Hemeyer Gilbert 11/16/01 married to Fred W Gilbert for 66 years
1939 Gloria Henninger Prech Ruby Kortz Heuser Clarice Kundtz Hiemer
1954 Jim Clark 10/12/01
1955 Don Ralph 12/6/2000 married to Gwen Miller Ralph '57'
1956 Carol Sauer
1958 Gloria "Corky" Walter Newell
1962 Howard Dangler
1964 Connie Nece passed away in June of 1994
1966 Roy C. Holmberg
1967 Deborah Zac Librarian Downtown Cleveland Library

Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in assisting your Alumni assoc. and you live locally, please email at pshalum@en.com or call us at 440-572-2375. You don't have to help out all the time, just when you have the time.

Projects that need volunteers:
Homecoming float judging
Merchandise selling at events (sweatshirts etc.)
Computer research on missing classmates
Courtyard maintenance on the Alumni courtyard at PSH
Articles for *the Tradition*



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CHANGES

We are in the midst of some major changes and we ask for your patients with us. Anne Speck is the web master and she is working on the web page and the data page. This is a major undertaking and it will take some time to get everything running as smoothly as we want it to. We are also working on a number of projects for the Alumni Association and as a volunteer group, we can only do so much. We are also changing the answering machine number. The new number is 1-440-885-3700. If you have questions or comments, please go first to our web site at pshalumni.org or our email site at pshalum@en.com, or call and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Future Educators of America FEA

Parma High School will have a FEA club for students interested in becoming a teacher.

The advisor will be Mrs. Kirk-Hull.

National Honor Society Raises Funds

The National Honor Society raised \$1200.58 for the New York Relief effort through the Red Cross.

Homecoming Events October 12 and 13

"Do you Believe in Magic"

The float competition and the parade that followed were great fun. The junior class was chosen as the float contest winners by the PSH Alumni Association. Thank you to our judges: Julie Apple-'91, Jim Bartel-'51, Dianna Kall-'78, Pete Miragliotta-'99, and Mike Pavisich-'88. Before the game at Byers Field, a trophy was presented to the class of 2003 by Alumni President, Tony DeMarco-'62.

The half-time event was the crowning of the Queen and her court. The tiara and trophies were provided by the Alumni Association and presented by Tony DeMarco and Cheryl Kienst-'78 to Queen Jessie Hocesvar, Jamie Biada, Melissa Wallen, Stephanie Roberti and Laura Reifschneider. On Saturday the dance was held at PSH Cafeteria. The men's court included King Tim Friel, Logan Persons, Jeff Ozimek, Frank Oriti, and Justin Beets. Cheryl Kienst presented the crown for the Alumni Association. The dance was great and everyone had a good time.

Fall Football Redman Roundup

The Redman football team went 4 and 6 this year. In the home series, Parma lost to Valley Forge but beat Normandy. The 3 Parma teams will be leaving the LEL for the Pioneer League in 2003. The MVP's were Jake Normile, Doug Myers, and Jeff Boris

Girls Soccer

The girl's soccer team had a very successful year. Players named to the all-LEL

team were Kelly Brown and Kelly Farrell. Thirty girls are ready for next year's team.

Golf Team

The golf team had two members named to the all LEL team this year, they were Steve Erne and Kevin Mementowski. The new coach this year is Mr. Jeckel.

PSHS Choral Candle Light Concert 2001 Available on CD

The PSHS 2001 Candlelight Concert was recorded live at the PSH Auditorium and is now available for \$12 plus \$ 2 shipping and handling from Music Matters 72 Nautlius Ave. Northport, NY 11768 toll free # 866-237-2678. Proceeds will go to the Parma High School Music Department. (The PSH ALUMNI ASSOC. receives no financial remunerations from the sale of this cd)

A LITTLE PARMA HIGH HISTORY

by Lee Bailey

My son Jon Bailey a graduate of Parma Senior High School, lives in Wooster, Ohio. I visit with him and his wife Mary Ann quite frequently. I learned that two of my schoolmates lived about three miles out of Burbank Ohio about eleven miles north of Wooster. The other day I found where they lived and paid them a visit. Ben Brandt was in the class of 1930 and Mildred (Uhinck) Brandt in the class of 1929. Both of them are 91 years old. Mildred graduated with me in 1929. They live on a farm and Ben worked it until a year ago. We shared some memories of bygone days and Mildred being one of the decedents of one of the first families who settled in Parma in 1845 had many stories to tell about her family.

Mildred gave me a copy of the book of the History of Parma Written by Ernest R Kubasek and published in 1976. It is much more complete than the one I have entitled "Historic Keepsake Book Celebrating Parma's Sesquicentennial, 1826 to 1976". It contains much more information about Parma's history-much of which Ben, Mildred and I lived.



RETRACTION

We apologize for including Lawrence L Jorganson 1951 in our In Memoriam in the fall 2001 Tradition. Lawrence is alive and well. We received the information from the class reunion booklet sent to us. Although we try to verify those included in the memoriam page, we rely on class reunion information for much of our data.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Charles Liskay Class of 1936

Regarding World War II Veteran Memorial in the summer issue 2001, I am surprised that Pvt. Albert J. Christ's name is not mentioned. Was his name on it? He died of malaria in 1942 in a prison camp. I believe he was in the class of 1935.

Dale Dommin Class of 1951

We need a memorial plaque listing all the names of Parma High Alums killed or wounded in the wars we have fought since Parma became a high school.

Dear Charles and Dale

Albert Christ's name was not on the list of names we received for the summer newsletter. In our attempts to find the plaques for the veterans of PSH who were killed in WWII and the Korean War, we were unable to locate them either at Schaaf or at Parma Sr. High. There is a newly dedicated plaque to those veterans killed in the Vietnam War at PSH. The Alumni Association is working on a memorial plaque for all Parma High Graduates who died in all wars that America has fought in. We continue to look for the lost plaques and would appreciate any help that anyone could give us on the plaques or the list of those Alumni killed in previous wars. We will run your articles about Albert Christ and James Peterson in a future issue. We thank you for this information.

Bill Kovacs Class of 1968

I am happy to be reunited with the PSH Alumni Assoc. and PSHS. I consider it to be an important link to an important segment of my life, which has long since passed.

Edward Vittardi Class of 1980

The Ohio Association of Secondary School Principals has named Edward Vittardi, principal of Independence Middle School, Ohio Principal of the Year. He currently lives in N. Royalton Oh.

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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)
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Yearbooks for sale

Dianna Kall

If anyone has any yearbooks they no longer need, consider donating to the Alumni Association. Sales benefit the scholarship fund and many alumni are seeking years we no longer have for sale. Contact our email or our web page for further information.

1942 5	1951 4	1963 4	1978 16	1993 2
1943 1	1952 13	1964 5	1980 24	1995 12
1944 7	1953 6	1966 1	1983 1	1996 6
1945 5	1954 2	1969 12	1985 1	1997 3
1946 1	1955 2	1970 1	1989 7	1998 106
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