

The Tradition

Parma Senior High Alumni Newsletter



Winter 2003 • Vol. 10, No. 1

From The President's Desk

Anthony DeMarco

The PSH Alumni Association hopes that all of you had a happy and healthy holiday season. As we start the New Year, we hope that the Tradition can continue to bring you news and memories from Parma Senior High School. This year promises to be an exciting one for all alumni, with projects, events and activities to celebrate the 175th Anniversary of the Parma Schools and the 50th Anniversary of Parma Senior High. Here are some of them:

There is still time to get in your nominations for the Hall of Fame and the All Decades Football teams. We need your selections of the teacher who made a positive impression on you. (one page)

The Yearbook for the 2003-04 year will be a special edition with all the letters about your favorite memories and teachers of PSH included on an alumni memory section. One-hundred extra copies of this Souvenir Edition will be made available to alumni for \$45.00 on a first come first serve basis next year.

- Golf outing-June 25, 2003 at Ridgewood Golf Course
- The Homecoming game in the fall will be Friday, October 11, 2003.

As a special commemorative anniversary gift, the Alumni Association will include a free ticket to the game in the Fall edition of the Tradition. We hope to have special all-alumni reunion activities in conjunction with Homecoming.

Progress on Alumni Capital Improvement Projects

The Alumni Association is moving along with a number of capital improvement projects.

The WWII Bronze Memorial Plaque has been funded and commissioned. We will commemorate the installation next fall at the Veteran's Day Assembly.

The Korean War Bronze Memorial Plaque will be started as soon as we can get a complete listing of Parma grads who died in the Korean War. (if you know of anyone who lost their lives while serving in the Korean war, please send their name along with graduation year and if possible any verification.)

We are working with the school system on the renovation of the Bell Tower.

We are happy to welcome historian, Kenneth J. Lavelle, of North Royalton. Mr. Lavelle has agreed to provide 6 articles for the Tradition. The first 3 articles are about the past 175 years of the school district. The last 3 articles will coincide with the 50th Anniversary of the opening of Parma Senior High School. We hope you will enjoy them.

HISTORY OF THE PARMA SCHOOLS-PART 1

Ken Lavelle

Formal schools as we know them today, did not begin in Parma Township until 1826. Prior to that time, children were educated at home by their parents. The early settlers in the township came from Connecticut, New York State, Massachusetts, and Vermont to settle here in the New Connecticut "Western Reserve". The first settler in Range 13 was Benajah Fay and his family in 1816. Settlement had been slow here until 1821 and the local population grew. The area was called "Greenbriar" before Parma township was organized in 1826.

In 1825, Samuel Freeman and his wife and their 10 children arrived in Parma Township from Massachusetts. The Freeman family lived in the newly constructed barn at B. Fay's Inn while their 2-story house was built along Wooster Pike (now Pearl Road). Mr. Freeman was the first schoolteacher in Parma Township. Later, his son Lyndon became a schoolteacher in the Township also. Mr. Freeman later became the first Justice of the Peace and Postmaster in Parma Township. The first meeting of the Parma Township Trustees was held in the Freeman home in early April, 1826.

On May 26, 1826, the first elected Township Trustees established the first early school district boundaries. The first school classes were held in Mr. Freeman's house.

Later that year, a log schoolhouse was built along Wooster Pike in a Northern portion of Parma Township Cemetery (now Parma Heights Cemetery). In 1913, a metal marker was dedicated on that land parcel indicates the early school building site that stood until 1841. Inside this public Township building meetings, local elections, a singing school and religious services as well as learning took place.

Two school sub-districts were established in 1826. The first sub-district school was established at Wooster Pike and Snow Road. The second sub-district school was established on Townline Road (now Broadview Rd near Rockside Rd).

(To be continued)

REUNION NEWS

1943-60th Reunion: In planning stage- Contact person of record, Rosemary Kuenzer Williams, 7745 Royal Ridge Dr, Parma, OH 44129, 440-842-4237 or Louise Morton Bedford, 440-238-612, parmalefty@aol.com

1948-55th Reunion: In planning stage- Clarion Hotel, Middleburg Hts, October 3, 4, 5, 2003. Contact: Dave Kane, 216-941-7572 or Don Staufer, 8313 Sierra Oval, Parma, 44130

1953-50th Reunion: October 10, 11, 12, 2003 at the Embassy Suites, 77 and Rockside: Friday-cocktail party, Saturday-dinner, Sunday-brunch. Contact Elaine Rebar Cook at 440-333-0031.

Co-chairs: Joe and Marilyn (Marquette) Coleman, 216-524-2111

1954-50th Reunion: Contact Dr. William Turcheck 1-330-725-5662. In the planning stage.

1955-Special reunion: Contact Bob Funk or Florence DeLuca

1958-45th Reunion: No information at this time. Contact of Record-Lorelei Gawron Rizzo, 440-564-7394

1963-40th Reunion: In planning stage. Need volunteers. Contact Darlene Wendel DeMarco, 440-572-2375, e-mail shoelady45@yahoo.com

1968-35th Reunion: No reunion

1973-30th Reunion: August 29, 30, 31, 2003 at the Clarion Hotel on Bagley in Middleburg Hts. Contact: Jen LiBassi

Preising, 440-238-9797 or Barb Bendler Gannon, 440-891-1410, e-mails jenski44@aol.com or bageyann@aol.com

1978-25th Reunion: No information at this time. Contact: Rich Jones, 6403 Fordham, Parma, 44129, 440-886-5343

1983-20th Reunion: August 15, 16, 2003 at the Hilton Hotel at 77 and Rockside. Contact: Tom Newbould, 440-572-3715

or Maria Daniels Lang, e-mail tsbould@ameritech.net

1988-15th Reunion: No reunion

1993-10th Reunion: Set for August or September, 2003. Contact Jennifer Blue Krupinski, 440-878-9402, e-mail toddandjenk@aol.com

In Memoriam

1935 - **Nancy Pratt Moore**-June 21, 2002

1939 - **William J Bozett, Jr**-May 25, 2002

Bill was a WWII Army Vet in the European Theater, and a survivor of the Battle of the Bulge. He lived in Logan, OH

1943 - **Mary Budrick Gural**-June 7, 2000

1946 - **Jean Mank**-November 25, 2002
Jean was proud of her high school Alma Mater and had just received a sweatshirt And mug she ordered. Sister Mary Clare Man entered her order in 1948

and spent 53 years as a nun. She retired a few years ago because of health reasons.

Sent by: Sister Christina, Sister of Mt. St. Joseph at St Marks, 21800 Chardon Rd., Euclid, OH 44117

1951 - **Kenneth A Pars**-2002

1957 - **Richard G "Dick" Murphy**, Sr.-Summer, 2002

Survived by his wife Dian (Lampe) 5 children and 9 grandchildren. He worked as a product engineer and retired in 1997. He live in N. Ridgeville, OH since 1963 and was a BW graduate.

1960 - **Dianne Demuth Scheffler**-October, 2000

1961 - **Sharon Fowler Kadel**-October 15, 2002

Sharon was chairperson of the reunion committee for the Class of 1961. She will be missed.

1965 - **Sharon Mikolajski Pirosko**-December, 1996

1966 - **Donna Sefcik Bushi**-November 8, 2002

Donna was an employee of PSE Credit Union for many years

1981 - **James Pacza**-February, 1999

1999 - **Edward Kwiatkowski**-September 2002

ALUMNI ADDRESSES

Web page: www.pshalumni.org

E-mail: pshalum@en.com

Snail mail: PSH Alumni Association

6285 W 54th St
Parma, OH 44129

Attn: Tony DeMarco

Phone No: 440-572-8505



YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION-2003

President and Newsletter Editor: Tony DeMarco '62

Vice President: Dianna Pavisich Kall '78

Treasurer: Lee Bailey '29

Recording Secretary: Carol Bartel '54

Corresponding Secretary: Cheryl Korelic Kienast '77

Newsletter Publisher: Bill Peck '66

Board Member and Newsletter Committee: Darlene Wendel DeMarco '63

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

Letters to The Yearbook Memories

Barbara Kitchen Siegfried, '55

I have many fond memories of my high school years at the "Queen of High Schools." In fact, I often tell my own high school students about some of the special experiences that occurred during those years.

The activity that stands out in my mind was the chartered train trip to Toledo where the Redmen played against Toledo Libby in football. As I recall, the heat did not work on the train, especially on the return trip. With that as an excuse, several couples huddled under the blankets in the dimly lit train. Those of us who went from car to car selling concession items were a little embarrassed by the obvious coziness of some of the couples—or maybe we were a little bit jealous. At any rate, when I tell of the chartered train for 300 fans to a high school football game, weekly pre-game bonfires to fire up the team even when we lost more games than we won, and the standing room only crowds at Byers field's concrete stands, my basketball - crazy Indiana high school students are amazed.

The football players here are envious of the facilities and the enthusiasm of the fans. Of course this was in the fall of 1954, the last football season before our graduation in the spring of 1955.

PSH Memories "The noon movies" Scott Heninger '61

With regards to the "memories of Parma High" that was mentioned in the fall newsletter, I would be interested to know if the old movie projectors are still installed in the projection booth in the auditorium? (They are no longer there) It seems to me they were Simplex brand machines and were the same as used in the movie theaters in the 50's and 60's.

I was one of the noontime student projectionist and we showed fairly current movies each week to the lunchtime crowd. Since the normal length movie usually consisted of 5 reels of 35 mm film, we would show a movie a week with a twenty minute segments shown each day to four different lunch periods.

I found in my collection of memorabilia a couple of spent copper coated carbon arc rods that were used to provide the high

intensity light for the projector. I also found the leader of a film that must have broken off and was not replaced when it was returned to the distributor. That leader was from the film "23 Paces to Baker Street", which from my research was originally released in 1956. The movie starred Van Johnson, Vera Miles, And Cecil Parker. I will be sending along this material for your archives.

Thank you Scott for the memorabilia and those memories about the noontime movies at PSH. They brought back some memories I had almost forgotten about.

Letters to the Editor

Bill Aftoora Class of 1983

I have a new cookbook which I just published "Cooking in the Comfort Zone—The New Family Cookbook". The cost is \$23.45(US) and \$24.92 (Ohio). The book is filled with tried and true comfort foods to entice everyone to the dinner table. Check out my website www.cookinginthecomfortzone.com for a full listing of recipes, sample dishes and more.

Betty Hirschert Nowlin Class of 1938

Several graduates of the Parma Schaaf High School Class of 1938 have been getting together for lunch. We meet the second Tuesday of each month. We would like to invite other graduates and friends to participate in these pleasant get-togethers. Please call if you are interested in attending: Jane Mueller Miller at 440-716-4095 or Betty Hirschert Nowlin at 440-572-2325 for further information. Email Betty at bettynow@aol.com.

PSHS Fall Update

Football

The Parma Redmen football team went 1 and 9 for the season. Although the team was close in most of the games, they were only able to beat cross-town rival Normandy.

Golf

The team has had a very successful year, finishing second in the LEL. Top scores for PSH were by Steve Erne (39.4) and Nate Gilleland (40.1). Next year Parma will be in the Pioneer League in all sports.

Drama Dept.

The drama dept. lost Steve Higgenbotham to a new job this past year and Miss DeGross has been named the new director. The first play this year was the musical "Bye, Bye Birdie" on Nov. 15th and 16th.

2002 Reunion Recap

1952 Jean Mohnacky Walters Chairperson – Clarion Hotel

Parma Schaaf High School Class of 1952 had their 50th Reunion in September. Ninety-three classmates plus spouses and guest attended from all over the country. Friday night was a casual get together with 50's outfits. Saturday included a morning Lolly the Trolley ride. Saturday night featured Dee Kamis Robinson and Barb DeJan Lord presenting comical skits. Unmarked "diplomas" had everyone finding the person inside which were a reward over coming the odds and making it to the 50th Reunion. A Sunday morning brunch was the final get together of our "Golden" Reunion weekend.

1962 Anthony DeMarco Chairperson – Radisson

Parma Sr. High School Class of 1962 had their 45th Reunion in September. The event started with a combined Friday night cocktail party with the class of 1961. (Thanks to Patty Fritz for helping with the Class of 1961) Over 200 graduates, spouses and guests attended Friday. Saturday morning a breakfast and tour took place at PSH. Saturday night featured a fine meal, presentations of memorabilia and dancing to 50's and 60's music. The reunion gift for the night was a CD with all of the current and past information on the Class of 1962. Everyone who attended had a good time and said they are looking forward to the 50th in 2007.

1982 Tom Wienreich Chairperson – Terrace Club at Jacobs Field

The Class of 1982 celebrated their 20th Reunion at the Terrace Club in Cleveland. A nice turnout, a special location and a great meal helped to make this event fun. Some of the teachers who taught at PSH at that time were able to attend.

Parma High Alumni Newsletter Order Form

- Check One 1 year \$6.00
 2 years \$11.00 (save \$1.00)
 3 years \$15.00 (save \$3.00)

Please send your subscription order in ASAP so you will receive the next issue. Make checks payable to:

PSH Alumni Newsletter

c/o Parma Senior High Alumni Assoc.
 6285 W. 54th St. • Parma, OH 44129
 Donation is tax deductible

Name _____
 Maiden _____ Class Year _____
 Address _____

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

Make checks payable to:
PSH Alumni Association
6285 W 54th Street
Parma, OH 44129
 Allow 3 weeks for Delivery

Parma Senior High Alumni Association
6285 West 54th Street
Parma, OH 44129

Non Profit Org.
 U.S. Postage
PAID
 Cleveland, OH
 Permit No. 2054