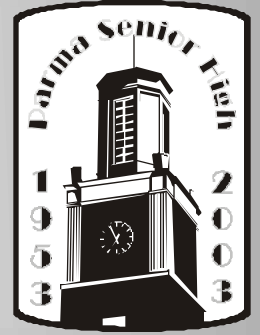


The Tradition

Parma Senior High Alumni Newsletter



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From the President's Desk

Anthony DeMarco

A wish for the most joyous of Holidays

The officers and the board members of the Parma Sr. High School Alumni Association want to extend our heartfelt wishes for a most joyous of holiday seasons. We hope that your holiday will be filled with the happiness that comes from being with family and friends.

As is our tradition, we urge you to contact a fellow alumni or teacher from your years at PSH and wish them a happy holiday. Renewing old friendships through a phone call, e-mail, or a letter can make this holiday season more meaningful for not only the person(s) you contact, but also for your self. Give the gift of friendship and keep the tradition alive.

A fall to remember

The events celebrating the 50th Anniversary of PSH have been most memorable. Starting with the All Decades Teams of the 50's through the 90's, we had great turnouts (over 100 out of the 190 selected) and a positive response from those who received certificates of recognition. The list of those selected will appear in later editions and on the web.

Our second event was Homecoming on Oct. 11th. We passed out over 150 mums to alumni and honored 300 tickets given free in the fall newsletter (thanks to Bob Bolton '57 and the Parma School System). The game was fun even though we lost. The get together that followed at the PSH cafeteria was great. Over 100 people attended representing classes from 1951 to 2002 (not bad for our first attempt). Refreshments were served and tours of the building took place.

The next event was the Hall of Fame inductions that took place on Nov. 7th at the PSH Auditorium and a dinner that evening in the cafeteria. Read all about it in this issue.

Our last event took place on Nov. 11th. The PSH Alumni Association dedicated a bronze plaque to the soldiers from Parma Schaaf High School who gave their lives in WWII. The plaque with 37 names was installed in the Auditorium Lobby next to the Korean /Vietnam memorial plaque.

We still have a number of activities ahead including an open house at PSH on Sunday April 25th from 1PM to 4 PM. We also will dedicate two additional plaques for the Hall of Fame inductees and alumni donations.

We have also made donations to the new gazebo in the courtyard, the renovation of the alumni gardens, contribution to the Anniversary Yearbook and plans for the Alumni Archive museum.

Parma Senior inducts four into the Alumni Hall of Fame

The Parma Sr. High School Alumni Association inducted four new members into the Hall of Fame.

Curt H. Liebert from the class of 1944. Curt was a NASA aerospace researcher who held patents for inventing thermal barrier castings, which are used to protect the space shuttle engines parts. He enjoyed playing the trombone in the Parma Symphony Orchestra as well as the Medina Community Band. His wife Martha and three daughters survive Liebert. His wife attended the ceremony and accepted the award on his behalf. She commented that her husband's love for the trombone was inspired by his father, a music teacher, and by the Parma Schaaf High music teacher.

Barbara Kitchen Siegfried class of 1955. Barbara taught English and Spanish in Indiana for 44 years, which earned her the Delta Kappa Gamma's International Honor Society for outstanding Women

Educator award and the outstanding Hoosier Educator award. She was selected three times for "Who's Who



Mrs Liebert (accepting for her husband Curt Liebert 1944 deceased)W. Mason 1977, B. Kitchen 1955 , W. Lynk 1975

Among America's Teachers." Her enthusiasm in the classroom stemmed from her Spanish teacher at Parma High asking her to help out in the class and telling her to make the best of each day.

William M Lynk class of 1975. William has been a music teacher in Ohio and Michigan for more than 24 years. His love of music and his determination to bring something new to his intercity students of Detroit earned him the "Teacher of the Year" award in 1997 from his peers in Michigan. He is the author of 2 books relating to locksmithing, one of his many other interests. He also has a number of music CD's as a solo artist as well as with his school orchestras.

William D Mason class of 1977. William began his political career as a councilman in Parma. He then became the prosecutor and law director of Parma before becoming the current Cuyahoga County prosecutor. He has dedicated hours of community service in various organizations. Mason attributed his life lessons to his

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Reunion News

1944 60th Reunion At this Point we do not have a person in charge of the Committee nor do we have any information on the reunion.

1949 55th Reunion July 30th, 31st, and Aug. 1, 2004 No location as of this date. Contact persons are George Nemeth, co-chairperson, 440-842-2077 and Mary Greco Elchesen, co-chairperson 440-845-8475.

1954 50th Reunion September 17, 18, 19, at the Radisson Hotel in Middleburg Hts., on Engle Rd. Contact Dr William Tucheck at 330-725-5662 or billtucheck@aol.com

1959 45th No Information This class is not a class in good standing because the reunion committee has not deposited its reunion funds in trust with the Alumni Association where it is protected and tax exempt.

1964 40th Reunion Contact Person is Chuck Germana 440-842-8420 or email cmg@fourstarinsurance.com There will be a reunion this year. Chuck is working on it and needs help from classmates. Details will follow.

1969 35th Reunion Contact person George Mihal The last known phone number was 440-582-1591. We do not have any

information on this reunion and we would like either George to contact us or someone else to take over the reunion committee.

1974 30th Reunion Contact person Debra Babb Roth 440-238-8442 no information at this date.

1979 25th Reunion Contact person Pamela Basta Wiseman 440-572-9351 no information to date.

1984 20th Reunion Contact persons Ann Vinson Vaughan 440-543-8345, Bonnie Hartwig Newbould 440-572-3715, Tina Minns 330-273-3683, and Terri Jacobs. Set for June 18th 2004 at Deluca's Party center in Elyria Ohio. First mailing being sent in Dec.

1989 15th Reunion Contact person Mark Fortuna no information to date.

1994 10th Reunion. Contact persons Jennifer Aring Nemitz Secretary, Sheila Clogg President, Kelly Coates V.P. and Wendi O'Hara Treasurer .No information or contact with any of the officers except Jennifer who lives out of state and cannot run the reunion. We are looking for a Chairperson if none of the officers contact us by December, 31 2003.

1938 The class of '38 continues to meet once a month for lunch at Kathryn's Restaurant on 7533 Pearl Rd. in Middleburg

Hts. Classes from the 40's and 30's are welcome. Contact Lily Kalat Steinbrenner 440-888-6912

Class of 1943 Reunion: Congratulations to Rosemary Williams for her great work on the 60th reunion. 78 attended the event and 33 attended the breakfast. This will be the last formal reunion for the class of 1943, but monthly lunches will continue. Contact Rosemary for details.

Class of 1963 Reunion: Congratulations to Darlene DeMarco and her committee for a fine job. Although the turn out was not as large as expected, all who attended remarked on what a good time they all had. The consensus was to have a 45th. So all the 1963 graduates look for the news in 2008.

Class of 1971 Birthday Party: Congratulations to Charlene Eastin Rossi. "Just wanted to let you know how fantastic our gathering was. Perfect weather, perfect sunset overlooking Lake Erie. Could not have ordered up a better one.. Al Siebert (Class advisor for 1971) was in attendance and looks great.

In Memoriam

1959: Lawrence Larry Zipsir, Jr.

Passed away November 14, 2002. Taught at Jupiter High School in Florida. Is survived by wife, Marla, of Morehead City, NC and 2 daughters, Cassandra and Caren and 3 grandchildren.

1963: Thomas Acklin

Died October 24, 2003 at the age of 59. Survived by his wife Chris Slate, sons, Scott, Thomas, Thomas J, Roger and Derrick, a grandchild and 2 sisters. He was a metallurgical consultant and owned Acklin Metallurgical Consulting. He was a past president of the Amateur Trapshooting Association.

1952: Glenn Kramer

Passed away November 1, 2003- Daughter Karen Kramer

1936: Janice Singfield Rockwell

Passed away May 18, 2002, Lawton, OK. "She always spoke with great affection of her days at Parma Schaaf High and had wished she could attend reunions." Daughter-Sarah Wheatley.

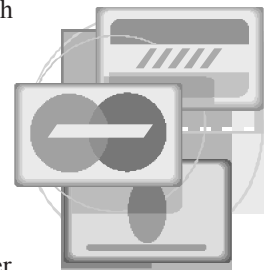
**** Teacher: Agnes Drummer,** 83 of Clay Street, Bowling Green, died Saturday, June 7, 2003 at Heritage Inn. She was a teacher and retired from Parma Schaaf Junior High School in 1976 after 33 years of teaching.

1953 Frank Gergat
Anne Gillitzer Kirlough
Ronald Gittner
Marilyn Gottdiner
Betty Groves
Richard Hallman
Robert Homer
James Johnston
John Joplin
Charles Kolb
John Kozlowski
Joyce Kulow
James Leinweber
Ronald Michalak
Claton Miller
Paul Molchan
Donald Pletka
Cynthia Prickett
Alan Stebner

1943 Genevieve Stec Doherty
11/11/03

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mother and as a wrestler in high school. He has just co-authored a book "Dr. Sam Sheppard on Trial" with Jack DeSario. William donated two of the books to Parma Sr. High.

The new inductees joined other former inductees of the Hall of Fame at a dinner in their honor on Friday. A total of 37 alumni are now in the Hall of Fame.

Thanks to Cheryl Kienast Chairperson, Dianna Kall, Nancy Fedak, Darlene DeMarco, Gil Fritzsche, Tony DeMarco and the other volunteers who worked so hard on this induction.

History of Parma Senior High School Part II

By Ken Lavelle

The school age population kept growing in Parma Township and another larger high school building had to be built. The third Parma High School building at 5983 West 54th Street was built in 1928. It was named for H.J. Schaaf, who had been a member of the Parma Board of Education from 1905 to 1927. An addition was built in 1951 due to the increasing student population there while a new Parma high school was built down the street.

Parma Schaaf High School was in existence from 1928 to 1953, when the fourth and present Parma Senior High School was opened. The third Parma High School became Parma Schaaf Junior High School. It was later closed in 1982. For several years a portion of the closed school building served as a local church and Christian School. In May, 1995, the former school was purchased by the City of Parma for use as a Community Center building. It became a recreational center and multi-purpose facility for sports, local meetings, events, and former classrooms were rented to various organizations.

The fourth and current Parma High School is called "Parma Senior High". The construction of the school began on March 8, 1951. The R.S. Ursprung Company was the General Contractor. The cornerstone was laid in a special ceremony on May 26, 1952. The high school was a symbol of just how far the American Dream for its search for excellence in education had come in only 150 years in the State of Ohio. Mr. Carl C. Byers, the Superintendent, revealed this idea that day. He said, "We believe the new Parma Senior High will be a well integrated building, functional in every aspect. A community can be justly proud at this aesthetically

beautiful edifice. It lights the way toward better educational opportunities and facilities for its fine young people". It was called the "Queen of High Schools" when it was opened in September 1953.

History of Parma Schools System Part III

By Ken Lavelle

On November 22, 1853 there was a vote taken for the construction of a local High School. Only 16 men voted for it and it was not built. Thus, for many years students who attended high school to continue their education, traveled into Cleveland with the township school board paying for their continuing education.

Over time the importance of the sub-district numbers was replaced by local names given by local residents. For example, sub-district Number 8 was called "Center School" or "Town Hall School" and Number 1 was "Maple Grove."

With the passage of the "Workmen Law" in 1892, the sub-district school elected members began to lose local control of the schoolhouse. Each schoolhouse was considered a "District school" in the township with an assigned district number. In 1900, the sub-districts were abolished and they had no influence in school board decisions by 1904. This was one of the root causes that led to the establishment of Parma Heights Village Board of Education in 1912. It existed only until 1917 and students in Parma Heights Village returned to the Parma Rural School District. Students in Seven Hills Village began to attend classes in the Parma Schools in 1928. Parma became a City in 1931; the name was changed to the Parma City Schools.

In 1919, a special election was held and approved to issue bonds to build three consolidated schools to replace the nine individual schoolhouses. The old schools were sold. Old sub-district number 8 became the Parma Village Hall until a new building was built in 1925 across the street. In 1921, the three new consolidated schools were opened on Pearl, Ridge, and State Roads. The school age population kept growing and more buildings had to be built, with that trend continuing to the present day. The Parma Schools are one of the few districts to have built six high schools: No. 8, Ridge, Schaaf, Parma Sr, Valley Forge and Normandy.

This final segment was omitted in the summer edition of the Tradition

Letters to the Editor

My name is Christian J. Seyerle Jr; from 1947 to 1960 I lived at 5296 West 49th Street in Parma. I attended Thoreau Park Elementary, Schaaf Jr. High and Parma Senior High. In 1960 I transferred to a school system in central New York and lost touch with all the kids I grew up with in Parma. In 1959 I was a member of the Parma Senior Patrol with Marty Fader. I was in choir all through Jr. High with Polly Minezen at Schaaf and in choir at the Senior High. Five of us had a band called The Firelords, Terry Veal, Bob White, Ed Flory, Dennis Landburg and myself. Some of the neighbor kids I hung out with on 49th Street were Phillip Eberwein, Dave Neison, Larry Reese, Anthony Ardella, Ken Tyler, Barbra Biasco, Bob and Rick Miller, Butch and Carol Verly, Jim Demo, Dennis Mertise, Gary and Roger Repp.

I am now semi-retired and living in a small town between Syracuse and Binghamton, NY called Marathon, NY. I can be reached by e-mail at wizlight@aol.com and look forward to making contact with any of my old school mates. Thank you for your time.

Dear Tony,

Rosemarie Benya, Ph.D (class of 1960), was one of four faculty members recently designated as an Adolph Linscheid Distinguished Teaching Professor by East Central University in Ada, OK

Dear Editor

I would appreciate receiving a 1950 yearbook and thank you for making them available. The murder of Miss Foote and Miss Wolfe was unknown to me until your "History Article" and never solved. What a travesty!! Any more clues? Do keep up your interesting features such as this.

Marge Kunart Steiner

Dear Editor

Thank you for the complimentary Alumni Newsletter this spring. Some of it brings back many good memories.

Elaine Rennert Beeson '51

Dear Editor

Brandon Ocilka, class of 1999 has been serving in Iraq for the last 7 months.

Thanks to Dennis Mertise class of 1960 for the donation of two large trophies to the music department for marching band member of the year and the music department award.

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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.

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