

The Tradition

Parma Senior High Alumni Newsletter



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The President's Message

By Nancy Fedak 1966

Hi, and hope you all had a happy holiday. It is amazing how fast the school year is going. Homecoming was a great success. We had about 120 alums stop at the tent for mums and snacks. It was nice to see everyone! A big thanks to Frank Samerigo and his committee of class float judges: Dan Fedak, Norma Chabek, Kathi Cook Kavouras, Jan Darchuk Smith and Freddie Shima. Congrats to the Senior Class of 2005 on being the winning float. Congratulations to the Homecoming King and Queen and her court. Thanks to all the members of the Alumni Board who helped make this year's Homecoming such a success.

Reunions are still being planned and held. It is very exciting to see everyone having a good time when Alumni board members attend reunions as guest or to sell merchandise. I would like to thank all of you for your patience with me, as this has been a big learning experience. If I forgot to answer a phone call, an email or a letter, please send them again and I will get to all of them. Most everyone I have interacted with has been fun to talk to and I can tell you still carry your Parma Pride, even though you may be gone from us. Keep in touch — GO REDMAN!!

From the Editor's Desk

Tony DeMarco 1962

- For all of you who missed the PSH Homecoming festivities this fall, you missed a great time. About 300 alumni used the free tickets in the fall newsletter to go to the game. We gave away 70 free passes to the two loges to the first 70 alumni who came to the tailgate tent. All Alumni who came to the tent or the loges were treated to pizza, pop and chips. The game was a special treat for long time PSH fans. After being down at halftime, Parma came back to tie the game with only seconds left to play. In the first overtime period, Parma went on to win! All in all it was a great night for a PSH Homecoming. The crowning of the Homecoming Queen **Allison Pallini** took place at half time. The King, **Mike Musarra**, was crowned at the dance on Saturday night. A crowd of about 700 attended.
- We are looking for PSH Alumni to send us updates on what they are doing now. We would also like letters about special time and events you remember from your days at Parma High. We will use them for upcoming newsletters and we will post them on the bulletin board in the new Archival Room for current students and alumni who drop in.
- **Lee Bailey** class of 1929 and our treasurer, has been a little under the weather for the last month and is now recuperating at his sons home in Wooster, Ohio. I talked to Lee just before Christmas and he sounded really good. I know he would love to hear from old friends and any PSH Alumni who might like to send a get-well greeting. Send your cards or letters to Lee Bailey 3390 Aspen Rd. Wooster, Ohio 44691
- Best wishes go out to **Marilyn Marquette Coleman**, class of 1953 and a current member of the Alumni Board, for a speedy recovery.
- The Parma High School administrators served a Christmas breakfast for current and retired staff before school closed for the holidays. The 7AM breakfast had some familiar retired teachers show up. **Betty Davis Tiaple** (math) looked as if she had not aged a bit. **Jerry Dolcini** (English) is now a gentleman farmer raising miniature goats. **Bob Vasil** (administrator), **Ken Noetzel** (business) and **John Monacky** (science), looked like they were enjoying retirement. At a previous breakfast, I meet with **Leonard Gunsch** (English) and he still has that razor sharp wit.
- The PSH Alumni Association lost a clear friend this last September. **Robert Sovchik**, Class of 1963, died of a massive heart attack. Bob was a Professor Emeritus at Akron University and an avid photographer with his works showing in the Akron area. Dr. Bob, as he was affectionately called, was a loyal PSH Alumnus and helped on numerous fundraisers and on all of the Golf Outings. Bob never forgot his days at PSH—he never forgot his friends from those days either. At his wake, a large number of those friends came from all over to pay their respects. Dr. Bob—He Will Be Missed.
- **Bill Mason**, Class of 1977. was elected to four more years as Cuyahoga County Prosecutor. Bill received 79.8% of the vote. Bill was also selected as one of the Top 100 wrestlers of all time at PSH along with his brother, Bob. Another recognition that Bill received recently, was his induction into the PSH Hall of Fame.
- **Steve Nash**, Class of 1962 was recently named curator of the Nasher Museum in Dallas, TX. The Nasher Museum is the largest privately owned sculptural museum in the United States.
- **John R Fechko**, class of 1964 passed away Sunday, December 12, 2004. John was a USMC Veteran of Vietnam; a Police Officer for 35 years and the Seven Hills, Ohio Chief of Police for the last 21 years. He taught at the Cleveland Policy Academy for 31 years.
- **George Schindler** and **Kay Ameen**, Class of 1973, opened their 4th restaurant in the Cleveland area this past November. Delmonico's, located on I-77 and Rockside joins 3 other fine dining restaurants owned by the duo. The others are, The Cabin Club in Westlake, Sam N Dave's in Fairview, and The Blue Point

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Reunion News

1939-Class of 1939 is having a get together January 14, 2005 at Pipers III Restaurant at 12:15 – Call Jan Henninger Sheets for any further info, 440-884-8620

1945- Contact Lois Overbeck Dychko- 654 Reynosa Ct, Berea, OH 44017, 440-243-0998. No info to date.

1950- Contact Shirley Tomko Merlino- 3105 Bowman Dr, Parma, OH 44134, 440-845-4768. In the planning stage.

1955- The Class of 1955 will hold their 50th reunion at the Quality Inns and Suites, Bagley and Engle roads, Middleburg Hts, OH on June 10, 11, and 12, 2005. Contact Bob Funk-8636 Scarlet Dr, Parma, OH 44130, 440-886-3375 or Rita Comko- rcomko@neo.rr.com

The 2005 breakfast schedule for the Class of 1955 is January 26, April 27, July 27 and October 26 at 9:00AM at Katherine's Restaurant, 7533 Pearl Road.

1960- Contact Janice Hornak Hartman-414 E Washington St, Medina, OH 44256, 330-723-8829, jhartman@grossbuilders.com. No info to date

1965- Contact Tim and Melanie Froehlich Brown-7384 Ballash Dr, Medina, OH 44256, 330-769-2985

1970- Contact Diane Kaminski Madigan- 3360 E Wallings Rd, Broadview Hts., OH 44147, 440-526-2947. No info to date

1975- Contact Susan Massari Walik, 13441 Tradewinds Dr, Strongsville, OH

44136, 440-572-2472. No info to date
1980- Contact Marty Pytel at mpytel@zoominternet.net or 330-725-2915. In the early planning stages and tentatively scheduled for Thanksgiving weekend 2005.

1985- Contact Cynthia Daniels Sejka- 735 Westwood Dr, Medina, OH 44256, 330-723-6999. In the planning stages.

1990- Contact Mark Blubaugh-6833 Willoughby, Westerville, OH 43082, 614-895-0857. No info to date

1995- Contact Amy Taylor-20437 Williamsburg Ct, Middelburg Hts, OH 44130, 440-243-0552. Committee is planning for an event on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, 2005.

In Memoriam

1933 Martha Roger Eastwood 1989
1935 Paul Vickers 01/13/03
1935 William Suter 11/04- Survived by his sister Frances Bibb 1940
1939 Anna Danylko Murphy 2004
Jean Eschbacher Lampe 2004
Eleanor Holeva Sattler 2004
Elmer Noss 2004
Grace Schuster Roche 2004
1940 William J. Ruppender 12/3/97
1944 Margaret McIntosh MacDonald 08/10/03
1950 Betty Novak Royal 07/23/04
1950 Julianne Hurst Turner 04/18/04
1951 Shirley Narrows Ohm 05/08/04
1952 Cecil Buckner 11/13/03
1952 Robert Detwiller 04/17/04
1951 Richard Gerisch 7/14/04
1955 Robert Wojcitzky 2004
1955 Darlene Haberkorn 2003
1958 Donald Charles Hamblin, Sr. 07/27/004 Survived by his wife Nancee, children Kimberly, Stacy, Scott, Brian and 6 grandchildren. Don was an avid horseman and motorcycle enthusiast.
1961 Douglas Logie 11/04/02 Survived by his wife Barbara
1962 Eugene Morrison 06/10/04 Survived by his wife Diana, 5 children and 11 grandchildren. Eugene worked at the Cleveland Illuminating Co. for 33 years.

1962 Richard Carrick 04/20/04 Survived by daughters Tamara and Michelle, brothers Steven and David.
1963 Robert John Sovchik 09/16/04 PhD, Professor Emeritus of Education at Akron University. He is survived by his father, John and dear friend Diana Lueptow
1963 Gerylyn Beleske Adams 04/12/04
1964 Bernice Partyka 11/01/04
1964 John R Fechko 12/12/04 He is survived by his wife Suzanne, son Craig and a sister. John was the Seven Hills Ohio Police Chief for the last 21 years. Vietnam Veteran.
1969 Christine Likowski Straka 02/15/02
1972 Lloyd T. Mills 05/14/04 Survived by his wife Noreen, daughter Kimberly and son Darryl

*We attempt to place notices in the Tradition in a timely manner and in the order we receive them. We must also work with the space available in the issue. We apologize for any delays or errors. In order to prevent misinformation from being printed, we ask you to not phone in information on deceased classmates. Please mail all information to the alumni

Thoughts for the Day

Valentines Day

“There are no age limits for art, music, — LOVE”.

By Frances Bibb class of 1940

School Days

“I like to learn, but I don't like to be taught”
By Winston

Churchill

Your Alumni Association

The reason we exist is to serve the alumni of Parma Sr., Schaaf, and Ridge Rd. High Schools. Our goal is to provide information about classes, your fellow alumni, and to keep the TRADITION ALIVE. Help us do that!

Notice

If you do not want your name in the web directory, please send a letter to the PSH ALUMNI ASSOC. stating your preference by Feb 28th 2005.

Alumni Addresses:

Check our web page for all reunion news
Web Page: www.pshalumni.org
e-mail: pshalum@pshalumni.org
snail mail: PSH Alumni Association
6285 W 54th St
Parma, OH 44129
Phone: 440-885-3700

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at the corner of West 6th in the warehouse district in downtown Cleveland. All of these restaurants are already considered some of the finest dining establishments in all of Northeast Ohio.

- **Kevin Marks**, Class of 1984, is credited with doing the set designs for the laboratory in "Van Helsing" the movie.

If you are interested in letting your classmates know what you are doing now or what you have been doing since graduation, please send a brief email or letter to "Letters to the Editor" Attn. Anthony DeMarco. We will try to print as many as we can in each edition.

The Archival Room - Progress

The Archival Room has been moving along at a steady pace. To date, we have painted the room and brought in some furniture. We still have a long way to go before we can open to the student body, but we are making progress. One of the hardest things to do is sort through all the material that has been left to the Alumni Association. Much of the material was never labeled with dates or where it came from, so it is very difficult to say what era it came from. We are still looking for more donations to add to the collection. We ask that when you send materials like photographs, which is our greatest need, you give us the date, the place, the names of the people in the picture, and the event if any. So far we have a band uniform with tall fur hat, a number of graduation and prom keepsakes, bronze plaques, class photographs, girls leaders scrape books, books of every kind and hundreds of identified and unidentified photographs. We may try to identify some of the pictures we have by asking alumni to identify pictures we place on line. Our first task is to give some order to our collection and then do our first display. The Archival Room will always be a work in progress so we will have more information in each issue.

Did You Know?

Next to Ohio, Florida has the most Parma High graduates living in the state. I bring that fact up because I was asked at the Class of 1979 class reunion where most of the grads from PSH are living. The on line directory has listed by state all of the grads living there no matter when they graduated.

The state he was interested in was Arizona. Arizona has 230 PSH grads living there. Six of those grads are from the class of '79. So if your interested in finding some old high school friends or just interested in knowing how many PSH alumni live in your area, it is only \$10 for a years subscription to the on line directory. Order forms are on page 4.

Parma Schools

The Parma Schools are once again in financial trouble. Because of failed levys, the Parma schools are making drastic cuts in art and music and increasing the cost of the pay-to-play program. It will now cost from \$300 to \$1050 to play a sport depending on the sport and the number of players. The marching band will also have to pay to play at football games and almost every extra curricular activity will come with a cost to the students. The media center will lose most of its' full time staff and transportation will be cut. A total of 53 teachers and 2 administrators were reduced at the end of the last school year. The teachers and the administration are in negotiations for a new contract. The old contract has expired.

Alumni Donation

The Alumni Association will donate, as we have in the past, to school activities like the newspaper, the music club, the yearbook, student council, boosters clubs, and the after-prom committee. We will also donate to the media center for the purchase of educational books and magazines for this year.

Alumni Reunion Report

A total of 7 reunion committees requested class funds for reunions this past year. We gave 2 tours of the building and had representatives at 3 of the reunions. Reunions took place at hotels, restaurants, halls and lounges. The class of '94 had to cancel the Saturday event because of a small turnout. The class of '79 had a hot hors'd'oeuvre instead of a sit down or buffet. A class had a problem with a DJ company (check with us on the name) and warns get a quote in writing!. Suggestions were made for an all decades reunion for the 30's, 40's, and 50's at Schaaf or PSHS on a Sunday. Let us know.

Hall of Fame Inductions for 2005

The Hall of Fame Committee is once again conducting a search for new inductees for the Parma Sr. High School Alumni Hall of Fame. We are accepting nominations from all Alumni from Parma Sr. High, Schaaf Sr. High, and Ridge Road High School. If you would like to nominate a fellow alumnus, please send in a 1- page description of why you believe this alumnus deserves to be in the Hall of Fame. Include accomplishments in relation to career, family, or community service. Include the person's graduation year, first name, graduation name, and last name if different from graduation name. Please include your name and graduation year. Nominations must be received no later than April 30th, 2005. Send all nominations to: Parma Sr. High School Alumni Assoc. Hall of Fame, 6285 W 54th Street, Parma, Ohio 44129

Scholarship Donation

We want to thank Ann "Mike" White Class of 1939 for her generous donation to our scholarship fund. Two scholarships will be given in her name this year to two deserving PSHS seniors. The class of 1939 donated the \$100 it had in their reunion account to the scholarship fund. We are very happy to say that this year we will be able to give a total of six student scholarships and one teacher grant.

Parma High News

We welcomed twelve new members to our staff this year, including a new assistant principal. Cassandra Johnson fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Robert Vasil who retired after thirty-eight years of service as a social studies teacher, owe staff, and administrator. Bob was a 1962 graduate of PSH and personified the expression "once a Redman, always a Redman". Bob understood the importance of maintaining a safe and secure environment for learning and he held students to a standard of behavior that assured.... class. by Gil Fritzsche '65

The "Cat's Meow Village" by FJ

Look for the PSH Cat's Meow offer in our next issue of the Tradition. We think you will really want to get one of these!

2004 PSH Directory and Newsletter Order Forms

Name _____ Graduation Year _____

Address _____

Email _____ Grad Name _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

On-lineDirectory__\$10 Newsletter 1 year__\$6 2 years__\$11

3 years__\$15 CHECK ONE (must have email for directory)

Make checks (**no cash**) payable to: *PSH Alumni Association.*
Send to: PSH Alumni, 6285 West 54th St. Parma, OH 44129

PSH FUNDRAISERS

SWEATS, GOLFSHIRTS, LICENSE PLATEFRAME, CAPS, ANDMUGS

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.



PSHS Alumni gifts

Caps \$15 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 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	1952	2	1978	15	1996	2
1943	2	1953	2	1980	21	1998	106
1944	4	1956	3	1983	12	2000	6
1945	4	1961	2	1988	2	2001	3
1948	6	1963	3	1989	9	2004	93 Anneversary
1949	2	1964	3	1991	89	Special hardbound	128
1950	4	1969	5	1995	10	page 50th edition	

Yearbook Order Form

Name _____ Class of _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Yearbook Year _____ \$40.00

Postage 5.00

Make checks payable to:

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 Parma, OH 44129

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