

The Tradition

Parma Senior High Alumni Newsletter



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From the Editor's Desk

by Tony DeMarco '62

I would just like to express my thanks to all of you who have re-subscribed and all of you new subscribers to the Tradition. As your editor, it is very gratifying to see the dramatic increase in subscriptions from the fall newsletter. I do believe that you who subscribe and support the Tradition are the ones that have kept the Tradition alive since it started 13 years ago. Once again thank you for keeping the Tradition alive.

State of the Schools

The Parma Schools lost a levy campaign this past November. Changes that are forecast effecting Parma Senior High School include fewer electives, a 5 credit max per year, only 2 years of a foreign language, cuts to art and music and pay to play in all sports. Three elementary schools are due to close next year. Some teachers may lose their jobs because of the cutting of class offerings.

Homecoming

This year's homecoming was a success again. Parma played a historic game, losing in overtime 56 to 55. Parma set a single game scoring record by a Parma quarterback. We had over 300 Alumni use their free ticket to the game. We had a good crowd show up at the Alumni Tents for cider and donuts. The weather helped out with a beautiful night. The alumni band played with the varsity band under the direction of Jim Sentz. All alumni band members are welcome to play at homecoming each year.

2008 HOMECOMING COURT

Queen: Nicole DiVincenzo

Karyn Lally
Jochlyn Anderson
Kayla Coulter
Nicole Radwanski

King: Brian Swartz

Kevin Wenzl
Eric McGlothlin
Harold Martin
Luke Summers

President's Report

by Tony DeMarco '62

With the start of a new year, I have set my goals for the PSH Alumni Association for the coming year.

Reunions: Continue to provide information and the services that the class reunion committees need to put on a reunion. This year we

had 10 reunions from the 40's to 1998. We had 2 reunions cancelled because of the lack of number. The economy was the major factor in the cancellations. We think we will have 10 to 12 this year. Read the reviews from the classes of 1948, 1958 and 1963.

Scholarships: We will continue our scholarship program. We hope to give out 5 \$1200 scholarships with your help. The major fundraisers are the sale of merchandise, yearbook sales, and the golf outing in the summer. This year we have 2 additional scholarships provided by 2 classes. The class of 1958 (Ed Saran, Chairman) will give a \$1000 scholarship. The class of 1968 (Barb Snowden Smallwood and Dave Smallwood, Chairs) will provide a \$750 scholarship. We thank them for their generous support.

Archival room: Continue work in the archival room and the alumni courtyard. The archive room is now filled to capacity. We have installed a computer that will connect to our Web site. We are still open from 2:00PM to 4:00PM on Fridays, but we will open on Tuesdays by appointment only. We are changing the Alumni Association showcase 3 times a year for the students, staff and alumni. The current display is of the band and choir. See the Courtyard article by Nancy Fedak, chair of the courtyard committee.

Parma: Continue our support of school activities and community groups like the Parma Historical Society.

Alumni: Last but not least, provide you with news about PSH Alumni, historic perspective and Parma Senior High School.

I look forward to serving you this coming year.

Courtyard Update—2008

by Nancy Fedak, '66

Since This past Fall, the courtyard has had some great additions. First, Gil Fritzsche,'65, and Nancy Fedak,'66, with the help of the PSH football team, planted two Variegated Japanese Maples. One was planted in honor of Coach and Principal Pat Cordisco and the other in memory of Coach and Teacher Bob Brugge. (See attached picture) The Class of 2008 purchased two new picnic tables--both handicap accessible and one new bench to be permanently placed along the mulch path. The other bench was purchased by the Brugge Family in memory of Robert Brugge. When the tables and benches arrive, Bob Hanak's Construction/Labor class will not only put them together, but will also form and pour the concrete for the pad and path to one of the handicapped tables. Thanks to all for everything that has been donated.

The other beautification project is the sandstone planter in front of the gymnasium on the West 54th side. Dirt was hauled in, burning bushes, lilacs, lavender, mums and coreopsis were planted to make it look better. In the spring, after the tulips bloom, mulch will be laid. This project was done in conjunction with Student Council.

Reunion News

The class of 1945 had their Dinner meeting in celebration of 63 years since graduation, at Pipers III. We had 36 attendees. Larry Taddie was the MC and asked each of us to give a short resume of our lives since graduation. It was very interesting to see the different paths life had for us after they touched briefly so many years ago. The persons that traveled the farthest were Joan Stauffer Wessman, Colorado and Arvid Boyes, from Texas. Before adjourning we voted to have the 64th dinner meeting in June of 2009. We meet for lunch at 12 PM the 3rd Wednesday of the month, at Pipers III., 8158 Broadview Road, Broadview Hts., OH. All classmates are welcome. According to our records 201 graduated and 29 were in the Armed Service. We show 88 are deceased. This past year we lost Marge Holland Handel, Carol Voekle Nebesar, Richard Peterka and Don McNulty. We had Don Spies on this list; however, I received a letter from him stating he was alive and well although confined to a wheelchair.

Mel Burkey

Parma Senior High class of 1958 Celebrates 50th Reunion

PSH class of '58 enjoyed a 3 day celebration of their 50th reunion, October 3rd thru the 5th. On Friday, October 3, 125 plus classmates met at All Saints Episcopal Church for an evening of casual socializing with an abundance of refreshments, and music of the 50's and 60's playing all evening. On Saturday morning, classmates met at PSH for a tour of the school. The tour was conducted by PSH Alumni Association President, Tony DeMarco and Past President, Nancy Fedak. Of course, refreshments were again available. Some of those attending had not set foot in the school for over 50 years.

Saturday evening was a big event, with 207 people attending the dinner dance held at Carrie Cerino's Restaurant in North Royalton. Cocktails were available from 6:00 to 7:00 after which class president Robert Dakdduk gave the welcoming address, and classmate Reverend Ray Yody gave the invocation. A list of deceased classmates was read, followed by a prayer lead by classmate Reverend John Lucas. Brief comments were given by reunion chair, Ed Sarian and dinner was served at 7:30. After dinner, classmates socialized and danced to the music of the tony Marino Band. Each classmate was given a photo embossed with gold on the front cover. A panoramic photo was also taken of all classmates that attended and will be available from the photographer.

Activities continued past 11:00 PM. Many comments were heard that this was the best reunion yet. On Sunday, October 5, a farewell brunch was served, with more socializing and music. Gifts were also given out. The reunion ended at 3:30 PM. A scholarship fund was started and will continue until May 30, 2009. Contributions may be sent to PSH class of '58 scholarship fund-Ed Sarian, 12891 W Linden Ln, Parma, OH 44130.

Ed Sarian

Class of 1963 has combined reunion with Valley Forge

In January of 1962, the class of 1963 were juniors. Valley Forge was built and the class of 1200 was split with nearly half going to Forge and the rest remained at Parma High.

After 45 years, we combined efforts and celebrated our 45th reunion together. It was held on October 24 and 25. Friday night was the rival Parma/Valley Forge football game.

Even though it was very cold and rainy, about 50 attended and climbed to the top to enjoy the game in the loge at Byers Field. After the game we had a social gathering at Ridge-wood Golf Course with about 80 attendees. Everyone was invited to take the tour of Parma High on Saturday morning. Saturday's dinner dance was held at Belarusan Community Center in Strongsville where we had over 200 people to celebrate the reunion.

Jackie Gold Berkheimer read a wonderful poem about high school friends and aging.

The Highcleff's, a band formed at Parma High in the 60's, entertained us with all the oldies. Everyone is looking forward to the 50th and in favor of another combined reunion.

Darlene Wendel DeMarco

Reunions 2009

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 the month at 11:30 AM at Marcal's Restaurant in Middleburg Hts.

1954-55th Reunion-September 12th weekend, 2009. Contact Dr. Bill Tucheck @330-725-5662 or Billtucheck@aol.com

1959-50th Reunion will be held at Sawmill Creek Resort on September 4-6 2009. Contact Bruno Tommasini @ 440-842-6073 or www.fairfaxmedia.com/psh/ or Carol Rahe at 440-234-4894 - carowl@wowway.com

1960 & 1961-Dinner every month. Contact Judy Love Girard @ 440-888-4911.

1964-Contact Chuck Germana-8501 Evergreen Dr. Parma, OH 44129—440-842-8240- cmg@fourstarinsurance.com

1969- 40th Reunion at Crown Plaza Hotel in Middleburg Hts, Ohio on Saturday September 19, 2009 from 5:00 PM to midnight. Saturday morning tour of PSH from 9:00 AM to noon. Contact Susan Reiman Barbour-5819 Robert Dr., Brookpark, 44142-thebour11@sbcglobal.net

1974-Brenna Babb Roth-440-238-8442-capt222@sbcglobal.net

1979-Pamela Basta Wiseman-21514 Brookfield Place, Strongsville, OH 444149- 440-572-9351

1984- Bonnie Hartwig Newbould-19108 Blue Spruce Dr., Strongsville, OH 44149- 440-572-5595

1989-Contact Mark Fortuna-5217 W 16th St, Parma, OH 44134- 440-226-5595

1993 - New chairperson Contact Suzanne at 440-390-0269

1994-Kelly Coates Cheetam-17678 Eastbrook Trail, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023

1999-Contact Myra Burkhardt- Planning for Thanksgiving Weekend Saturday November 28TH 2009 at a place TBA. Tour of the building on Saturday morning from 9AM to Noon. Contact Myra at Mburkhardt13@aol.com or Denise Sikar Castanzo at 216-287-0705

2009 PSH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The PSH Alumni Association Annual meeting will be held in August next year at a time and location to be announced. Check the web site for updates.

PSH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

6285 W 54th Street
Parma, OH 44129

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Make a TRADITION donation of \$1

For each year that you have been a graduate of PSH please feel free to donate \$1. This is a great way to keep the Tradition of PSH alive.

IN MEMORIAM

TEACHER-ROBERT W FORSBLOM, SR, died on Aug 30, 2008 in East Lansing, MI.

After graduating from Lakewood High School and Kent State University, he taught graphic arts in Parma and worked as a printer. He was an active volunteer with the Boy Scouts and an avid stamp collector. He retired to Florida and then moved to Michigan in 2002.

1937-Betty Swartwood Lenio- 2004

1939-Betty Hirschert Nowlin- 11/30/08

1940-Glenn Brown- 10/08

1943-William Degraeve 11/08

1945-Joyce Russ Zane- 09/08

1947-Irene Tarka Madej- 05/02

1948-Patricia Rutti Kekic—2008

1951-Ronald Hutchings-08/07

1953-Charles Conner

Ruth Cheselka Reinbolt

Kenneth Deneke

David Erickson

Freddie Ewald

Robert Gergely

Walter Gering

Paul Gyorok

David Haneberg

Elizabeth Hanna Leberfeld

Richard Harrington

Dolores Jelinek Werner

Robert Kormos

Jeannine MacDonald Rinaldi

Nancy May Vance

Mary Sahley Abdallah

Joan Schoenfeld Rosell

Carol Sutter Novak

Donald Urban – 11-14-08

1955- Chet Wnek - 09-01-08

Bruce Smith- 11/06

1956-Thomas Keberle-09/08

1957-Phyllis Rauch Nicol- 1996

1961-Lee Leckler- 09/07

Ronald Coppelino

1962-John Duke Hasselbach- 06/08

1963- Darlene Busko Janos – 09-17-08

Paula Fragnowski 08/08

Joan Dominick Bezak 11/08

1966-Donald Hujer- 12/07

1967-Robert Sanka- 11/08

1969-Claudia Higgins- 03/05

Dale Durken- 2001

1970-Jeff Glagola- 07/08

1972-Glaoria Kornuc Puletti- 08/07

1987-Eric Pratt- 07/07

1988-Gary Lusk

Ronald Csokmay- 04/08

1993-Raymond Murray- 11/05

The School Counselor, Then and Now

Submitted anonymously by a current counselor

My career as a School Counselor began the first day of school in September, 1986. I was shown to my desk in the “old art room” which had been converted to the Unit 12 office and introduced to my Administrator and staff. Unit offices were divided by grade back then. I had a telephone, a pile of Senior schedules, another pile of transcripts, and a Master Schedule. I was to make sure my students had taken all their required classes and to help them in making their post secondary plans. Needed schedules changes were done on paper and sent to the Board Office for completion. Everyone in the Unit 12 Office was focused on senior issues and my job was pretty straight forward.

Through the years the role of the School Counselor has grown dramatically. We are still responsible for making sure our students are on track for graduation and beyond, but modern technology has taken over. Each counselor has their own computer and e-mail, voice mail and word processing of correspondence is done individually. We also track post secondary enrollment options, Ohio Graduation Test scores and schedule attendance interventions. Add to this parent and teacher conferences, group counseling, classroom visits, conflict mediation, individual counseling, and making referrals to outside agencies. Of most importance today, our focus is on keeping students safe in an uncertain world.

One thing has not changed throughout my career. Parma Senior High students are still enthusiastic, hopeful, and excited about their future. The homes and society they live in have changed. Their music and movies have changed, and the challenges they face financially and morally have increased. But young people are a joy to work with and the role of the School Counselor is fulfilling for the Counselor as it is for his student.

Donations

Thank you to Clifford Burk '37 for the 1937 Baseball Folder on Western Division Conference Champs with a 10-2 Record.

Thank you to Mark Erdelyi for the 1938 yearbook.

Thank you to Sue Burns Campbell, 1963 VF for donating 1935, 36, 37, 40 and 41 yearbooks from her mother, Jane Quick Burns '37.

A poem about high school friends submitted by Jackie Gold Berkheimer, Class of 1963.

This poem was read at the 45th class reunion by Jackie and got a great response.

Just Friends

I look around and I see,
Who are the elders, it is we.

The present world we helped to crown
Keeps up it's pace as we slow down.

The bubbling “Sixties” were our forming years.
We bonded then with blood sweat and tears.

We danced and we prayed, we got educated
We grew close, we felt related.

Youthful vigor began our role,
But Viet Nam took its toll.

Sitting in, turning out
EQUALITY!! Link arms and shout.

The call of college, budding families,
Diverging paths, new hills and valleys.

We spread across this great nation,
LA, New York, Columbia Station.

We took our joys and our lumps
Some grew fitter, some grew plump

We wrecked our cars, we purchased new homes.
Made money, and debt, then ignored the phone.

We married, divorced and married again
Made some great children and committed some sin.

But thru it all a faithful few
Weaved a thread and we all knew

Our hearts were linked, our differences wide
Petty arguments could be pushed aside.

And now in the dawn of our golden years,
Parent care, children, retirement fears.

CVS, Rite Aide, circle our homes
Grey hair, doctors, big number phone.

Expensive vacations, unrealized dreams,
Wiser decision, quieter screams.

God thought matured, language refined,
Morality grasped fewer mountains to climb.

Email, computers, band ATMs,
Moon colony plans Iraq and him.

The future approaches, the message it sends,
Know from the past, we're always “Just Friends”.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Friends

Many thanks for your friendly communications to me over the years since my graduation from Schaaf High School in 1939. I have never returned there since the end of World War II. I have enjoyed and appreciated the communications you have sent to me that mentioned people and places I still remember. Mentally you can compute my age to be 85 years, and luckily I have maintained reasonably good health so far. You have mentioned that you maintain a fund to help pay for current students who lack funds to enter college on their own. In an effort to help them to afford tuition you raise money for them by selling copies of the SPECTRUM to former graduate who would like to purchase copies. Her are 2 copies, one for 1938 and the other from 1939, in quite good condition, and with many autographs; they are my gifts to your cause, which is certainly a laudable one. I hope that both the purchaser(s) of the books and the recipients of the income will enjoy their acquisition. Please extend my greetings to any other members of the Class of 1939; it has been many years since I have seen any of them.

Sincerely
Walter Krumm

Thank you, Walter Krumm, 1939 for your contribution.

Parma High School Alumni Association
Please accept this donation to the Alumni Scholarship fund in memory of my mother, Janice Mary Singfield, Class of 1936.

Sincerely
Sarah Wheatley

Thank you Sarah. We have put your donation toward the PSH Alumni Scholarships for this year.

Dear Mr. DeMarco

I am writing to inform you the Phyllis Martin Williams, class of 1948 died on October 16, 2008. in Roanoke VA. Phyllis's academic credentials are impressive. She received Bachelor's Master's and a PHD in Geography from Oklahoma University. Her minor was Preventive Medicine and Public Health. From Johns Hopkins and she received an MPH and from Harvard a Master's in Epidemiology.

Her teaching career spanned the country. In the Cleveland area she taught at Cleveland Community College, and Baldwin Wallace. In the Akron area, Kent State (she was there

during the famous shooting of the students) and at the community college. For 5 years she taught in the Department of Epidemiology and Statistics at Loma Linda University in California and while there was the Field Director of the Child-Adolescent Blood Pressure Study.

Phyllis made several trips to South America assisting Seventh Day Adventist missionaries in administering inoculations to the native population. Other travel experiences took her to every continent except Antarctica and Australia. She also visited all 50 states. In retirement she tutored many students and taught Spanish to all ages in the Roanoke area.

She may very well qualify for your Hall of Fame. I am her sister, Betty Martin Bierer of the class of '44. I enjoy the newsletter and support it whole heartedly.

Sincerely, Betty Bierer

Thank you Betty. Your sister, Phyllis, sounds like she was an extraordinary person. I have forwarded your letter to the Hall of Fame committee.

Tony DeMarco

Dear Nancy,
Re: 1956 Boys' Basketball LEL Champions 52nd Anniversary 1-29-08

Thank you heartily and sincerely for the wonderful package of memorabilia regarding the captioned gathering and celebration. How kind of you to think of me with these wonderful treasures. I am so honored to be a part of this wonderful past.

Sincerely,
Jackie Demahor Hochschild

Alumni Association
Thank you so much for sending the photos and part of the original basketball floor. I did not remember the event, but this has brought back the good memory. I'm sorry I missed the 50th reunion. I hope to make it to the 75th.

Sincerely
Ed Staten

Alumni
It is fun hearing from Parma High once in awhile. My parents still live on Sunderland Drive so I still have that Parma connection. 1962 is starting to feel like a long time ago.
Thanks

Diane Rauch Martin

Diane thank you

Alumni
Seeing the gym floor brought back a lot of great memories. Thank you for

remembering the cheerleaders.
Thank you again Jean Tomasello Meserini '56

Dear Sirs

Most of us look forward to reading about class reunions. We count on the Alumni organizations to keep us abreast of Alumni activities. My concern is the alumni of the 3 high school marching bands. Have we become a lost—no one cares, group? A few weeks ago I attended the home coming game at Byers field. There in the stands sitting with the PSH marching band were some "alumni band members". Did they receive a special invitation to participate? Who can we count on, if not the Alumni Association, to bring us together? Someone sure did drop the ball. We would like to activate the 3 high schools marching band. Since Parma has the best Alumni Association, can't we count on you to handle this for us? Even placing an add in the Sun Post would be worth looking into.

PSH graduate of 1986
Past member of PSH Marching Band
Jeffrey C Tesar

Jeff

The Alumni Association has stated in the past Traditions that all Alumni band members are welcome to participate in the Homecoming band activities. The notice is also in the PSH Music Club Newsletter. We will try to place the notice in the fall Tradition along with the free ticket and the notice of the Homecoming. Call the Music Department at PSH in September for any updates about the Alumni band activities.

SCHOOL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES FOR 2009

The Parma Sr. High Alumni Association will held its' bi-annual induction in November, 2009 for 5 new members to the Parma High School Alumni Association Hall of Fame. If you are interested in nominating a PSH classmate to the PSH Hall of Fame for the fall of 2009, please contact Marilyn Marquette Coleman at 6258 W 54th St, Parma, OH 44129. Please send a 1-page type written letter as to why you feel this person deserves this honor.





THIS IS THE CLASS OF 2008

The class of 2008 graduated 360 students this past June. They are pictured in a group photo in the PSH Gym. This marks an increase over last year's class size. The class decided to donate 2 handicap accessible picnic tables and a concrete pad to the PSH Courtyard for future students and staff to use. There will be plaques placed in the classes' honor on each of the 2 tables. They also placed money with their reunion account for their 10 year reunion in 2018.

SCHOOL NEWS: SPORTS

Kevin Wenzl, QB NOC Lake Division Offensive Most Valuable Player-Led Parma to a 6-4 season and 2nd Place in the division. He set the school record, throwing for 2,268 yards this season. He set the school record for a single game with 23 completions for 468 yards and 5 touchdown passes. He rushed for 55 yards and 1 touchdown. Statistically this was the greatest single game played by a Parma quarterback in school history.

Karly Smith-Soccer, NOC Lake Division

Player of the year- In 4 division games she scored 4 goals and assisted on 4 more to lead the lady Redmen to a 9-5-2 record and a 2nd place finish.



Alumni Band

Calling all Buckeye fans

We have two NFL footballs with the signatures of Ted Ginn, Jr., Troy Smith and Anthony Gonzalas. We are raffling these off with the proceeds going to our Scholarship Fund. Tickets are \$1/each; 6 for \$5 or 12 for \$10. Ticket forms can be downloaded off our website, or send your name and money to the Alumni Office at: 6285 West 54th Street, Parma, OH 44129. The drawing will be held at the Homecoming game, 2009 TBA. You can enter as many times as you wish!!!!

Calling all PSH Thespians and people that were in or worked on plays.

The Drama Department is performing Beauty and the Beast this coming April---24th and 25th, 2009. The Alumni Association would like to have a reunion of all former members on one of those nights.... Hold that weekend and watch for more info.



Homecoming football game

Awards:

Ms. Redmen, Ellen

Boris-Volleyball

Mr. Redmen, Tim Miker-Football and Baseball

Booster Club All Sports Scholar Athlete being awarded a \$500 scholarship was

Stephanie Madercic-Cross Country and Track

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!



Pat Cordisco and Senior Class Officers. 2008 Float Competition Winners



Float Committee. Jim and Carol Bartel

PTA STATE ROAD SCHOOL FROM 1914-1953

Submitted by historian Maurine Meyer-
written in 1954
(2-part series)

The following is a paper from our archival collection. It tells the story of the State Road School PTA and their trials and tribulations over a 40 year period. We hope you are interested in seeing the way things were in Parma.

Part I

As we gather here today, we think back to the difficult times when our founders showed such enthusiasm in planning our organization; and courage in carrying out the plans. Forty years ago Parma was a community of less than 3000 people, scattered over an area of 22 square miles. State Road School was a two room building on the site of the Parma Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Many things were needed to help the school, so nine mothers formed a Mothers' Club which is now the State Road PTA. They met with Mrs. Ella Loesch in October, 1914. She was a student in the Old School House. They called it the Home and School Association. Mrs. Clayton Crouch was elected President, she has now passed on; but Mr. Crouch wrote me about the box socials they held to raise money. Miss Brown was the teacher at this time. Mrs. E Kuckle, our 2nd President lives in the same house on State Road, our 3rd President, Mrs. H. Seaford lives in Berea, Ohio, and Mrs. Ella Loesch also lives in Berea.

Mrs. Ritenour, President in 1919 writes that there was an annex in the Loesch building which housed the 6th, 7th and 8th grades in an upstairs room. The mothers collected maps for these children. The mothers worked very hard for the success of their enterprise. They washed windows and scrubbed floors. They held quilting bees and auctioned off the quilts. They gave sauerkraut suppers for which they had to carry their own oil stoves and cooking equipment, and cooked in the cloak room which was lighted by lanterns that hung from the ceiling. This was not considered very safe, so the Mothers' Club paid for electric lights to be put in the school building by Frank Loesch.

The money raised by these activities was used to drill a well. The mothers had asked the School Board to provide a well so the children would not have to drink from a dipper in the old water pail. They started a library which led to it becoming the county library and it stopped by every 2 weeks to deliver books to

the school (beginning of the mobil library). They also prepared a medicine case filled with supplies for medical aid.

The mothers considered a drilled well more sanitary than a well that was dug, so when the men were sent to dig the well, one mother protested by sitting in the excavation to prevent further digging. The board then agreed to give them the drilled well if the mothers would pay half of the expense. They soon had their drilled well.

Another problem which they conquered was their transportation. They either walked or hitched Old Dobbin to the buggy which was a bus called "the bumble bee" because most of the time you were stung and it was an aggravation rather than an accommodation. This problem was told to Peter Witt, then the Traction Commissioner in Cleveland. He came out and addressed a mass meeting where the people became interested and soon the "Dinky" was running on State Road.

Our 6th President, Mrs. George Loesch is no longer with us.

In 1922 our present building was ready to occupy. Everyone was proud and happy. Mrs. Tippet was President at the time. She wrote about a cream chicken supper served in the new building. The equipment was very inadequate; but the parents supported the event whole heartily and financially it was a great success.

Miss Jamesen suggested we hold a Penny Carnival. Everyone helped. The teachers set up the booths. The charge was 1 penny for each item at the booths. The profit went for playground equipment. It was at this time that the Mothers' Association joined the National congress of Parents and Teachers, and became the State Road PTA. Mrs. Arthur Brown served as President from 1923 to 1926.

In the early twenties, many mothers became interested in the newly organized Parma Health Center. One of its charter members was Mrs. Homer Apel.

The PTA refurnished the principal's office-even to the linoleum and a fern. They added an oil stove to the kitchen. The dads built the tables that were used in the dining room. Mrs. Brown writes that just before one meeting she invited a group of women who were in the corridor to attend the meeting. They replied that they were unable to speak much English. Later they were some of our best workers.

Our next President was Mrs. William Thompson, who finished the last part of Mrs. Brown's term and then served as President for a year. The PTA was still very active and doing much for the school. A piano was purchased and a cover was made for it. A victrola with

\$20 worth of records were bought for the purpose of teaching music appreciation. An addition to the library was song books and subscriptions to magazines. A sliding board was provided for the playground. One of the more memorable events was a picnic held in the Loesch Woods. It rained so hard and everyone was thoroughly drenched. Mrs. Nat Harmon writes that the summer round up was tried for the first time while she was president. It was such a new idea that she acted as chairman with the help of children, teachers, and parents. During Mrs. Harmon's 2nd term as President, Parma Council was organized and she served as Council President. There were 4 units. The membership grew to 9 units.

In 1927, a mother whose children were too young for school, was elected as President. She served again after her children were in school. She was Mrs. Beamish, now Mrs. Hazel Rohde. Mrs. Rohde's attended her first convention in Marietta. It was the first time she had ever been away from her family. It was her first train ride. She was called out before the 3,000 delegates to tell about the purchase of dental chairs for the Parma Schools.

The following year Mrs. Milligen was our President. A dental chair was purchased for \$310 and a dentist was hired. Eighty-nine children received dental care at a cost of \$328. Mrs. H.C. Schiering was our President and largely due to her efforts this was accomplished.

Then came the bank holiday! In 1932 enough money had been saved to buy green velour curtains. This was the year Mrs. P. SirLouis was President. The PTA paid the expense for Mrs. SirLouis to attend the 1st Parent Education Course at Western Reserve. The PTA also bought pictures to hang in the classrooms and halls, and blue Jardinières to hold ferns that were placed at each end of the 2nd floor hall.

In 1932 and '33 Mrs. George Marquis served as President. During this year a Birthday celebration was held. There were 12 tables and each one was decorated for the holiday of the month.

In 1934 Mrs. Marie Huber was President.

In 1935 Mrs. W.F. Carlson was President. She writes that the importance of visual aid was stressed. A slide projector was purchased.

The kindergarten was inaugurated

Mrs. Harpster, President of Thoreau Park Elementary conceived the idea and units operated. We canvassed our area to see if enough parents were interested in sending

their children to kindergarten, with the result that the 1st kindergarten class opened in February 1937 with 30 pupils enrolled. Tuition was 50 cent a week. The School Board furnished the room and the PTA furnished the materials. The teacher, Martha Schaedel, was paid \$15 a week.

(to be continued in Spring Edition)



The PSH basketball floor. Some of the distressed area of the floor was given to members of the 1956 LEL championship team as a memento.

ALUMNI GOLF OUTING

This year's Golf Scholarship Outing was held on Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at Ridgwood Golf Course. Many alumni and friends turned out for this event with lots of networking and socializing. Monies were again raised for scholarships and teacher grants. A big thank you to the following for sponsoring holes: In Memory of Gary Mates '56; Parma Senior High Alumni Association; Gene & Barb Filipow; Tim Dobeck, Law Director City of Parma; Trammell-O-Donnell & Assoc-Century 21; Mayor Dean DePiero; PSE Credit Union; Bill Mason-Cuyahoga County Prosecutor; Parma Education Association; Parma Car Care Specialists; Lou & Joyce Bentzen/Nancy Fedak; Mars Trucking; Abend Family- Dick '39, Rick '62, Janet '65, Barbara '73, Sandi '76; Jim & Carol Bartel; Winar#1 Sales; Lynn Lehman; Jim Francek-Suburban Haircutting; Chuck Germana-Four Star Insurance; Ecke's Towing-Downtown/Flats; Zabor Funeral Home, Inc; Anthony Zielinski-Treasurer, City of Parma; Cassandra Johnson-Principal, PSH; Tim DeGeeter-Ohio State Rep; Fergie's Bar & Grill; DelMonico's Restaurant.



MUSIC DEPARTMENT Orchestra News

Please consider joining our Music Club. This is the adult booster group for the Music Department. This group provides the tuxes, black skirts, choir robes and band uniforms for our groups. Be as active as you want, but your support is greatly appreciated. If you ever have a question or concern, please contact me at 440-885-8638 or phillipsch@parmacityschools.org
Cheryl Phillips

Notes from the Choir room

PSH's Show Choir will be heading to NYC April 2nd to the 5th for the Music Fest competition at State Island College. In connection with the Cassidy Theatre in Parma, we will be selling tickets for December 18 production of "Scrooge: the Musical." A large amount of proceeds will go directly to Sound Machine for their NYC competition. Tickets are sold at 2 levels- dress circle \$20.00; all others \$15.00. Contact me today for your tickets- 440-885-8637 or www.freewebs.com/pshchoirs.
Sharon Risko

Marching Band News

The annual Alumni band performance at the homecoming game will be in 2009. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call 440-885-8638.
Jim Sentz

Events

- Dec 14 Sun 3 PM Candlelight Concert
- Dec 15 Mon 7:30 PM Instrumental Holiday Concert
- Feb 12 Thur 7:30 PM Orchestra Festival - PSH
- March 10 Tues 7:30 PM Contest Concert
- March 26 Thur 7:30 PM Jazz Festival - Valley Forge
- May 1 Fri 7 PM Senior Recital - Parma Little Theater
- May 19 Tues 7:30 PM Instrumental Spring Concert
- May 25 Mon 9 AM Memorial Day Parade
- June 5&6 Fri&Sat 7:30 PM Choral "Live" Concert

From the Class of 1952 Newsletter

"I'm writing a biography on popular Cleveland DJ, Tommy Edwards. It's my intent to show how important Tommy and Cleveland were in the 1950's regarding the birth of Rock & roll. I was hoping those from that era would write me back with any remembrances you have about Tommy, his sock hops and, in particular, a Chuck Berry performance at PSH in 1956. Also, please let me have your remembrances of being a teenager in Cleveland at that time - Bill Randle, WERE-AM, etc. Did you ever attend an Elvis Presley show in Cleveland, and if so, what are the details?" Call Chris Kennedy -201-934-4581 or e-mail to chriskennedysart@hotmail.com.

PARMA SENIOR HIGH ALL-SPORTS BOOSTER CLUB

A NIGHT AT THE RACES

Doors open 6:00 PM
Post time 7:30 PM

Saturday, January 31, 2009
AMPOL HALL,
4737 Pearl Road, Cleveland OH
Ticket Cost \$20.00

Includes: Snacks, Hot Buffet, Beer and Wash
You can bring additional appetizer, etc.!!!
Contact Ryan Madison 440-885-8606



Lois and Scott Brugge with the tree they donated in Bob Brugge's name to the Alumni Court Yard

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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.

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