

The Tradition

Parma Senior High Alumni Newsletter



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President's Message

Dianna Kall '78

FORWARD MOTION

The moving force behind the alumni association is you, our fellow classmates—no matter what years you attended PSH!

Your board remains committed this year to focus efforts advising reunion committees, updating the data base, keeping everyone informed and entertained with our website, completing projects at the high school (read the Alumni Courtyard article) and preserving and archiving history with documents and artifacts.

We have increased our gift shop offerings. Now's a great time to check it out on our website and maybe shop for a present or two at www.pshalumni.org.

The golf outing has been a popular fellowship and fundraising opportunity for many. We will hold another golf outing in summer 2011. Those proceeds benefit the scholarship fund. We have been able to offer 3-6 scholarships (\$1,000-\$1200) for over 15 years now.

Our homecoming celebration was fun and brought out alumni from the 1950's to 2000's! Over 60 graduates stopped by the homecoming tent to mingle, talk about football and the great winning record PSH has.

Parma went 8 and 2 for this season and was second place in the league.

If you live locally consider helping out with various volunteer needs. Call the office at 440-885-3700 and leave a message, a board member will return your call and fill you in.

Enjoy the newsletter!

Dianna M. Kall

President

From the Editor's Desk

by Tony DeMarco '62

Traditions

I have always felt that traditions are very important. Every family has their traditions and mine was no exception. Coming from an Italian/German family background, we had many traditions, Most of those traditions revolved around food, but many related to the family. On Christmas eve, where we would have a huge spread of food and drink for family and friends to drop by all day and late into the evening. When I got married and started a family of my own, I have kept some of the tradition of my youth like the holiday open house and I have created our own. We have had a huge Memorial Day picnic for family and friends for the past 42 years. I have urged my children to

establish their own traditions for their family and friends. --- Let me know about your tradition.

I Took A Look Back at Parma High Traditions

The holiday season, with all its traditions, is upon us. I took a look back at the many traditions that took place at Parma High over the last 89 years and the stories repeated to me by past graduates. Lee Bailey told me so many it is hard to pick just one. The one he liked the most in 1928 was the sleigh ride that the students would take each year. The horse drawn sleigh would pick up the 20 or so students in front of the high school at Ridge Rd. at 6PM and they would all snuggle into the hay for the long ride to a N Royalton church near Royalton Rd. The students would sing carols all the way out to the church. When they got there, they would drink hot cocoa and have cake. They might dance or continue to sing carols. The return trip under the starry sky was much quieter and ended about 10 PM back at the school.

The traditions relayed to me about the Parma Schaaf High holidays revolved around the school music assemblies and the decorations. The choirs performed for the students at school assemblies and for the parents on Sundays. I was told that the Choral Processional, with alumni choir members, was started at Schaaf. Building decorations became a competition amongst the various classes. The decorations included classroom doors to trees in the cafeteria. Students started a tradition of collecting toys, shoes, and food for the needy during the depression.

PSHS has had many traditions over the last 57 years since it opened. They continued the ones started at Schaaf and started some new ones. The ones I remember most were the class window decorations in the main hallways. They were large elaborate ones with semi stained glass made of cellophane done by each class. Some of the designs were in 3 dimensions. I remember the candle light processions in the auditorium during the assemblies and the caroling through the hallway on the last day before vacation. The Sunday processional for the community featured the candle light processional with at least 50 alumni participating and a packed auditorium. Food drives and toy collections were an important part of the holiday giving by students.

Today things have changed a bit. There are fewer decorations and no trees. There are no longer window decorations. Students still donate food and toys for needy families. Because of the schools financial problems the holiday concerts have been limited to the school day or canceled. Some of the teachers still decorate their classroom doors. Christmas music can be heard on the morning announcements or in the band room as we get closer to the break. The holiday spirit is still there in spite of the financial difficulties – you just have to look more closely to find it.

Happy Holiday traditions to all our Alumni and families, where ever they may be.

Reunions 2010-2011

1951 In the planning stage. Contact Jim Bartel at 440- 237-5755 or Martha Reddinger Liebert at marthalielbert@hotmail.com

1956 Contact Carol Baldassari SAVE THE DATE! Our 55th Class Reunion has been scheduled for the weekend of September 23-25, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza in Middleburg Heights! Be sure to circle these dates on your calendar. Watch our class website at www.psh56.com, your e-mails and your mailbox for more details!

KEEP US POSTED! If you change your email address or are planning to move, please call, or send us an e-mail or a quicknote. It'll just take a minute. It's such a big job keeping track of everyone and we need your help! Questions? Contact Carol at (216) 676-4046, carolb6450@aol.com or Judy at (440)237-0020, jmar2@att.net

1961 50TH REUNION Holiday Inn - Strongsville 15471 Royalton Road Strongsville Ohio 44136 Friday - August 19th 2011 Saturday - August 20th 2011

A 'save the date' letter will be going out in September with more detailed information. You may contact patriciafritz@sbcglobal.net for further information or questions

1966 - 45th Reunion contact Anna Georgalis Thanos 216-328-0389 In the planning stage. Summer in 2011 - Indians game and evening at the Downtown Embassy Suites roof top. People can contact me at 330-723-6999 if they have any questions.

1971 In planning stage. Contacts: Joan Kocka - jakocka@netzero.net and Char (Eastin) Rossi - jcrossi@cox.net We are also now on Facebook - "Parma High Class of 1971

group"

1975 Planning is now underway for the Class of 1975's 35-year Reunion, Friday, November 26, 2010 (Thanksgiving Weekend at Ridgewood Golf Course). Contact Linda Bendler Beveridge at 330-425-7425 (soccermomlkb@windstream.net) or Sue Massari Walick at 440-572-2472 (walsu@aol.com) with address updates or for more information. Follow us on our Facebook page: Parma High Class of 1975 <http://www.facebook.com/inbox/?tid=1166016522429#/pages/Parma-High-Class-of-1975/123920389211?ref=sg>

1976 - 35th Reunion contact Patricia Kolenz Tucker 216-524-9433 ktucker@danly.com In the planning stage.

1981 30th Reunion in the early planning stages. Please contact Carla Bankovich-Houdek (440-238-4281 & Hearts5@roadrunner.com) or Pier Vetrano-Mastrey (Pier14@aol.com)

1985 25th Informal Reunion - Friday, November 26, 2010. Parma Tavern: All-you-can eat salad, wings, pizza; all-you-can drink domestic draft beer & house wine for 2 hours (7:30 until 9:30). Cost: \$15.00. Band "Gypsy" plays at 10:00 p.m. No payment due in advance--pay at the door. Contact Cynthia Daniels @330-723-6999 or cynthias1967@yahoo.com

1986 - 25th Reunion contact Anthony Prusak 1-216-524 -9351 anthonyprusak@msn.com In the planning process.

1991 We are in the process of planning the event right now. Below are some tentative dates: Parma Senior High Class of 1991 Reunion Saturday, August 13th, 2011 Location: TBD Cost per person: TBD Parma

Senior High Class of 1991 Family Picnic Sunday, August 14th Location: TBWe have set up a blog to help us get information out to our classmates. The address is: <http://parmaseniorhighclassof1991reunion.blogspot.com/> There is also a Facebook page here: Parma Senior High Class of 1991 Facebook Page Please send me an email with your home address and phone # so I can start creating a database. Please send it to danielwbrass@gmail.com

1996 Laura Pontau new chairperson takes over for Steve Higginbotham. Contact address to be updated.

Reunion Report: Class of 1990

The PSH Class of 1990 held its 20th Year Reunion on Saturday, August 14, 2010 at Barley House in downtown Cleveland, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. We had 106 attendees, many of whom came early and stayed late enjoying excellent heavy hors d'oeuvres and an open bar. Certain class members came from as far away as Colorado and Florida to participate. Our hosts at Barley House made all feel welcome—providing us with a designated reunion “headquarters” area but also permitting us to enjoy both the indoor and outdoor space at Barley House. Barley House also generously worked with our class to accommodate all of our specific needs. The venue was ideal for allowing everyone to enjoy the evening, catch-up, and rekindle friendships. The Reunion Committee, consisting of Marc Blubaugh and Angelee (Borowy) Richards, appreciated the numerous other class members who helped plan and execute the event.

In Memoriam

45	Zemko	Arline	Ray
51	Payer	Allan	
51	Elewski	Jane	Werner
53	Coleman	Joseph	
56	Altznauer	Milton	
59	Solarz	Conrad	
61	Nemeth	Ernest	
61	Herip	Alice	Bokovitz
61	Gehrke	Ronald	
61	Bollardi	Jean	Magee
66	Woehrman	Diane	Knerem
69	Reiss	Richard	
77	Porter	Kevin	
92	Luda	James	

PSH Teachers: Deceased

BIHARY ELMER BIHARY, 83, formerly of Parma, passed away Aug. 19, 2010 in Henderson, NV. He is survived by his wife, Joyce of 55 years; daughters, Nancy Harris (David), Brenda Hayes (David), son, Brian; six grandsons; brother, Eugene. He served with the US Marine Corp. during WWII; he was a math teacher and coach at Parma Sr. High School. A memorial service will be held in Canton, OH September 9.

Published in The Plain Dealer on August 29, 2010

MARY JOAN OFFUTT, 83 passed away on October 3, 2010 in Springfield VA.

She was an English Teacher at PSH for many years. She was married to Paul (deceased)

and is survived by her 3 children and grandchildren. The interment was in South Plain Grove Cemetery in Plain Grove PA.

Published in the Cleveland Plain Dealer October 8th, 2010

MARY MOHNACKY 85

In charge of student teachers from Bowling Green at PSH.

IN MEMORIUM Past Board Member

JOE COLEMAN 53'

He was a 1953 Parma Schaaf HIGH graduate. He went to work for The Ohio Bell phone company and was a VP. He was instrumental in getting Taleris Credit Union in Seven Hills built. He served on the Parma Senior High Alumni Board as a board mem-

In Memoriam cont.

ber. He also was Chairman of the Board for the Parma Community General Hospital for fourteen years. He served on the Seven Hills City Council as well. He was inducted into the Parma Senior High Hall of Fame in 2007. He married his high school sweetheart Marilyn Marquette and they have five children and 13 grandchildren.

Homecoming September 30th 2010

by Carol Bartel

For the first time in many years Homecoming was held on a Thursday this year. Over 300 alumni attended, with their complimentary tickets provided by the Alumni Assoc. The game between Parma Sr. and Brush High was won by Parma 27 to 17. The chairpersons of this year's Alumni Homecoming Committee were Jim '51 and Carol (Lisy) '54 Bartel. Prior to the game the floats from the Senior and Junior class were judged by the committee of Pete Kukis '50, Jack Kempf '54, Robert Bombolicki '56, Dan Fedak '59, and Tony DeMarco '62. Before the game a trophy as awarded, by Jim Bartel, to the Senior class for their float.

The half time festivities included the PSH marching band under the direction of Jim Sentz. Alumni band members once again participated. The Homecoming court was presented and senior, Courtney Plata, was crowned the 2010 Queen.

The Homecoming dance took place on Friday night at the PSH Cafeteria with over 700 students attending. The homecoming King, Yusuf Idris was crowned by Carol Bartel at the dance.



Dianna Kall, Alumni Association President, presents Homecoming Queen trophy to Courtney Plata

Courtyard at Parma High IS DONE!

By Nancy Fedak

We are done!!!! Concrete sidewalks and pads are in; trees in honor/memory of each Parma Senior High principal have been planted and solar lanterns and solar spotlights have been installed. The windows on the gazebo have been given a fresh coat of paint courtesy of Gil Fritzsche, 1965. Gene Filipow, 1957, makes sure his committee cuts the grass and weedwacks the beds on a regular basis.

A big "thanks you" goes to Bob Hanak's Construction/Trades class and Jeff Bussar's Carpentry seniors for grading, forming, and pouring the concrete for all the walkways and pads. The picnic tables have been placed on the pads and the metal benches have been sunk into the ground. At this time, November, 2010, the burning bushes are turning a nice red color, the white mums have burst into bloom and the Echinacea are still a pretty red color. Open House was held on October 13th at Parent/Teacher Conferences for all to take a stroll through the Courtyard.

To all of you that have donated money for trees, bushes, mulch, picnic tables, benches, solar lights--thank you also!!!!

It truly is a gem inside the high school; and a great place for students to retreat. Please keep watching the *Traditions* and/or the website: www.pshalum@pshalumni.org for upcoming events.

Gene Filipow, 1957, Chairperson
Gil Fritzsche, 1965, Co-chairperson
Nancy Fedak, 1966, administrative assistant



Letters to the Editor

Tony and Dar

We were sorry that we were unable to attend the Parma LEL championship teams' gathering. I hope there was a great turnout. Thank you for sending the documents from the Parma City Council. It was fun to see the names of old teammates and reminisce about our Parma days. Thank you for all you do for the Parma alumni. I'm sure it can be a thankless job, but we do enjoy hearing about our alma mater out here in the Kansas City area. We are looking forward to our 50th reunion next August. Hopefully, we can stay healthy enough to attend!

Barb and Arnie Chonko '61

Dear Tony

Sorry I could not make the festivities on the 27TH of August at Byers field (Golden Years of PSH Football). I would like to thank you for the wonderful memorabilia you sent me. After reading the material, it truly brought back the many happy moments and fond memories shared at PSH. I know it took a great deal of time and effort to organize and plan this event and I certainly appreciate you and your committee's thoughtfulness.

Gerri Cassano Salupo '61

Dear Tony

Thank you ! What a project (the Golden Years of PSH Football)! I am so glad you sent me all the information. I wish I could have been there.

Kathy Ivey Picozzi '61

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Something for the Holidays NEW Alumni Merchandise:

Zip Hoodies sizes S- XXXL only \$40 ALL orders received by December 13, 2010, will be shipped in time for the holidays.

THOSE OF YOU THAT MISSED THE "GLORY YEARS OF FOOTBALL" CELEBRATION AND WOULD STILL LIKE A LAPEL PIN----THEY ARE \$5.00. LIMITED QUANTITY



Collectible yearbook sale!!!!

All profits go to the Scholarship Fund

How would you like to have a vintage 1930 or 1939 Parma High yearbook? We have a number of rare Parma High yearbooks from 1930 to 1950 in fair to very good condition on sale for a short time only. These are limited editions from classes that were smaller. Over time, editions of these books have slowly disappeared.

Here is a chance to add something unique to your family tree collection or as a gift to a great grandchild, grandchild, son or daughter that will be a cherished memory of a family member.

If you would like a conversation piece or if you are a collector of Historical memorabilia, this is your chance to own a piece of Parma High history. We are selling these books from our yearbook inventory to help with our scholarship drive. We keep 5 sets of yearbooks for our collection of books. 1 is kept in each class memorabilia box for reunions, 3 are kept in various areas for safe keeping and 1 is kept in the Archival Room. The cost of the books will vary with the condition of the book.

Condition: very good \$60, good \$50 (book and cover in good shape), fair \$ 35 (moderate wear), poor \$25(cover in bad shape but has all

1930 - 1	1938 - 12	1946 - 10
1931 - 1	1939 - 3	1947 - 10
1932 - 2	1940 - 3	1948 - 12
1933 - 4	1941 - 4	1949 - 10
1935 - 6	1942 - 9	
1936 - 6	1943 - 4	
1937 - 6	1944 - 7	

If you would like to order a collectible yearbook please call the PSHS office at 1-440-885-3700 and give your name, class year, your telephone number and the yearbook you want. I will call you back asap and give you the remaining yearbooks available and their condition/ price. Books will only be sold to alumni or family members of alumni.

The more things change, the more they stay the same

Do you remember when you were a senior getting ready for college and all the questions you had? Counselors were there to help then

and they are here now. The students at PSH planning to attend college are given this college application time line by their counselors to help them. It is reprinted in the school newspaper at the beginning of the year so everyone will be sure to see it. PSH seniors who are serious about their future keep this taped to the inside of their locker. We wish them the best of luck on their quest to pick the right college.

Senior-Year College Application Timeline Adapted from PSH Counselors' "College Planning Timeline"

AUGUST – NOVEMBER

- o Visit college campuses and attend local college fairs
- o Meet with your counselor
- o Take or retake the SAT/ACT
- o Narrow down the list of schools you want to apply to
- o Talk to your counselor about Free Application Night on November 4th at PSH
- o Fill out applications, and be sure to let your counselor know if you are applying online
- o Be sure to complete ALL PARTS of your applications – including college essays
- o Ask your counselor to submit an official copy of your transcript to each school you apply to (\$3 per transcript)
- o Ask teachers to write and submit letters of recommendation to the colleges you apply to
- o Be aware of ALL deadlines!

NOVEMBER – JUNE

- o Go to www.pin.ed.gov to obtain your FAFSA pin number
- o Complete and submit your FAFSA (Federal Application for Student Aid) online or by mail
- o Complete and return Financial Aid Forms to colleges
- o Ask your counselor to provide you with information about scholarships
- o Apply for PTA Scholarships and others
- o Attend Financial Aid information meetings and attend College Goal Sunday in February
- o Wait for your college acceptance letters to arrive
- o Compare financial aid packages
- o Make your decision
- o Submit tuition or room/board deposit
- o Withdraw your applications at other schools
- o Ask your counselor to submit a final transcript to the college you plan to attend

Going, Going, Gone.....A Large Part of the History of Parma High School now gone

Tony DeMarco '62 PSH Alumni Assoc.

On October 20th the demolition of the first Parma High School began. First they began to tear down the most recent addition to the building added when the building was turned into the Parma City School District Board of Education. On Monday the 25th they began to tear down the original building which had stood from its dedication in October of 1921, almost 89 years to the day. By Thursday, October 28 all that remained was the rubble of a once proud educational building.



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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Grad Name _____

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6285 W. 54th St., Parma, OH

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Yearbook Donations and Order Form

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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1953--11	1978--15	1999--2	
1954--1	1980--20	2000--11	
1955--4	1982--1	2001--9	
1963--1	1983--10	2002--10	
1965--1	1989--10	2003--4	
1966--1	1991--20	2005--14	
1968--2	1992--1	2006--16	