

# The Tradition

Parma Senior High Alumni Newsletter



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## President's Message

by Nancy Fedak 1966

Dear alumni,

Hard to believe that we are nearing the end of 2011---I am still getting used to writing 2011 ---and 2012 is just around the corner... It has been a very busy year so far for the alumni association. We met with the new principal--Dr. Coffman and he is a very GREAT supporter of us... His mother-in-law is a 1953 Parma Schaaf graduate, so he does have ties to us. Carol and Jim Bartel and the rest of the board did an awesome job of organizing Homecoming for the alums at the game and at the dance (check article on court). Marilyn Coleman and her committee did an outstanding job on Hall of Fame this year and should be congratulated for it. Everything went off without a hitch. Gil Fritzsche's scholarship committee met and picked the recipient of the teacher grant---it is going to Jennifer Skladany @ State Road Elementary for science materials to address Fourth Grade indicators on the Ohio standardized tests. Our golf outing, headed by Lou Bentzen will be held again @ Ridgewood Golf Course--- watch for more information. Gene Filipow's garden committee has been busy winterizing our courtyard and CLEANING the Superintendent's garden. Scholarship awarding and end of the year wrap-up will be upon us before we know it.

Which brings me to my main point of this message. We do many things for the alumni and the school. We make sure that class reunions go off without much ado and we help in anyway we can. It does take manpower and we are reaching a point that we need more help... If you are interested in helping, please either call the office---440-885-3700 or call me @ home---440-888-6278. We are always looking for people to help with the gardens, inventorying our memorabilia, helping Marcia Sendrey with fundraising, helping Lou Bentzen with the golf outing, and many more projects. So, please if you have time, we would love to have you help.

Here's hoping that all of you have great and blessed holidays and that 2012 is a good year.

## From the Editor's Desk

by Anthony DeMarco 1962

### *Wishing all Parma High School Alumni a joyous Holiday Season*

This is our winter edition and on behalf of the entire Parma Senior High Alumni Association Board of Directors, I want to wish all Parma High School Alumni a Joyous Holiday Season. Have a Merry

Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, and a Happy New Year. May you and yours enjoy health, family, and friendships, the most important gifts you could receive at this or any time of the year.

### **Seasonal Traditions**

If you are reading this newsletter, you are a loyal PSH Alumni. You are a member of the Alumni who had an enjoyable time during your 3 or 4 years at Parma High. Whether you attended Parma Ridge Road High, Parma Schaaf High, or Parma Sr. High School, you remember the good times, the friends, and the whole high school experience you had. The Holiday Traditions at Parma High are an important part of the High School experience you had. The Parma Christmas Concert is one such experience. From the choral groups caroling through the halls during the last day of school before vacation, to the Christmas Concert in the PSH Auditorium, it was obvious how they made the Holiday season more meaningful. I remember student assemblies where the choir performed the traditional candle light processional singing "I Heard the Bells" as they marched into the Auditorium. I remember going with my wife and children to the public Christmas concert, and feeling lucky that my family could see and hear something that helped to make the season special. If you are in the area, you can still enjoy the Christmas Concert on Monday December 19TH at 7:30 P.M. at the PSH Auditorium.

### **Keep Traditions alive in your life.**

Other school Traditions – The Christmas tree decorating competition – The class Christmas window decorating competition – The art students' stained glass painting on the business windows in the community. If you remember other traditions from school, please send them in.

## Parma's National Merit Scholars

PSH had two National Merit Commended Students. Keven Smith and Keven Rominger were in the top 5% of 1.5 million students who took the test. Naomi Virnelson is a National Merit Semi Finalist and will compete for the National Merit Scholarship in March.

## 2013 Hall of Fame applications

If you have someone you would like to nominate for the PSH Alumni Association Hall of Fame, please send in a one page letter describing why this person should be considered for induction to the:  
PSH Alumni Association Hall of Fame  
Attn. Marilyn Colman  
6285 W54TH St.  
Parma, Oh 44129

# Reunions

**1959-ALL CLASSES REUNION** Thursday, February 9, 2012 in Matlasha, FL (Ft. Meyers' area). Contact Bruno Tomasini@fairfaxmedia.com/psh/ for more info OR 440-842-6073 OR 440-221-7458.

**1961 Face Book page** The Class of 1961 has formed a group on Facebook, "Parma Senior High School Class of 1961". We currently have over 50 members' exchanging thoughts, photos and memories, but we would like to have more. If you are a 1961 graduate or attended PSH with us, please join us on Face Book.

Thanks for your help.

Patty Fritz

## **\*Monthly and quarterly breakfast or lunch meetings**

**1938** Parma Schaaf meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at Katherine's Restaurant on Pearl near Bagley. Lunch is at noon. Contact Lily Kalat Steinbrenner @ 440-888-6912 for further information

**1939** Contact Janice Henninger Sheets at 440-884-8620 or jhsheets1@aol.com for meeting information.

**1942** Last Wednesday of month@ Piper's III. Contact Rita Kemmer D'Alssandro.

**1943** There are no further reunions planned; however, there are monthly lunches that are planned. Contact Rosemary Kuenzer Williams @ 440-842-4237 or Parmaleft@aol.com

**1945** Contact Mel Burkey 1-440-885-4995 or mburkey@hotmail.com

**1948** The reunion committee does meet monthly for dinner at various local restaurants. We would welcome any of our classmates at these dinners. For time and place, contact: Carole Basile King at 440-572-1708 or Dave Kane at 216-941-7572.

**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 every month (if a holiday-then the 2nd Friday) -11:30 AM—Marcal's Restaurant—Pearl Road at W 130th St in Middleburg Hts. Contact Joan Kalat 440-843-9122

**1955** Class Breakfast club will meet at Katherine's restaurant on Pearl Rd on Jan 25, April 25, July 25, at 9AM

**1956 REMINDER!** Our Class of '56 Quarterly Breakfast 9:00 to 11:30 AM at

Home Town Buffet, 1930 Snow Rd. (at Broadview) Midtown Shopping Center. (The 3rd Saturday of every third month - easy to remember), June 18th, September 17th and December 17th, 2011. For news, updates and lots of pictures, visit our great class web site at www.psh56.com (216) 661-8830

**1959** -The class of 1959 women meet the third Wednesday of each month, contact Carol Rahe 440-234-4894 or Anita Koeth 440-526-1141 for time and place

**1960 & 1961** Dinner every month. Contact Judy Love Girard @ 440-888-4911 for time and place.

## **THIS YEAR'S CLASS REUNIONS**

\*Check the PSH Alumni web page for all TBA's listed. This year's reunions are 2's and 7's

**1952** 60th Class reunion TBA contact person Marian Gedeon Smith onebird552@cs.com

**1957** 55th Reunion TBA contact person Nick Arena The reunion has been scheduled for August 10 and August 11, 2012 at the Al Koran Banquet Center in Broadview Hts. Please send new email addresses to nickfarena@aol.com.

**1962** 50th Reunion Contact Tony DeMarco 440-864-3120 or demarco31@sbcglobal.net or pshalum@pshalumni.org. There will be a cocktail party on Friday September 7, 2012 and dinner and dancing on Saturday September 8, 2012. It will be held at the Holiday Inn in Strongsville. Dick Brandt's band, The High Cleffs will again play a few sets for the event as they did at last reunion. We also would like some volunteers to help us try to find the unable to locate members of our class.

**1967** 45th Reunion TBA Contact person Dominic Scabilia-- No information

**1972** 40th Reunion first meeting on November 21st Contact person Greg Sawchak gsawchak@yahoo.com or Michele Stein Gottschall mjgottschall@ameritech.net. Our group Facebook page is Parma High Class of 1972

**1977** 35th Reunion--The class of 1977's 35th reunion is in the planning stages. Please email your updated information to Marie Bonadio Stutzman at parma-77reunion@yahoo.com . More information will follow in the Spring of 2012.

**1982** Class of 1982 Reunion No information to date. Tom Weinreich, Chairperson Please contact the PSH Alumni Assoc. ASAP

**1987** Class of 1987 25 year reunion Week-

end of Homecoming 2012--Date to be determined. Homecoming game Friday Place/time to be determined for Sat. Please contact Kim Nickle Borzyn 440-554-0663

**1992** Class of 1992 20TH Reunion Contact person Anthony Moraco. No Information. Please contact the PSH Alumni Assoc.

**1997** Class of 1997 15th reunion No information Please contact the PSH Alumni Assoc.

**2002** 10th Class Reunion TBA Contact person Ashley Tyna- atyna@kent.edu or Logan Persons lpersons@gmail.com No info

## **In Memoriam**

44 Folk	Johanna	Dee
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51 Belt	Donald	
51 Daveduk	Frederick	
51 Dunchack	Herbert	
51 Jorgensen	Lawrence	
51 Koz	Russell	
51 Krueger	Marilyn	Mccullough
51 Miller	Virginia	
51 Nester	Arlene	Reed
51 Perek	George	
51 Poticny	John	
51 Santamary	Leon	
51 Thompson	James	
56 Majcher	James	
57 Luecht	Norma	Doane
61 Warren	Jack	
62 Valenti	Rozann	Vannello
64 Brakeman	Leslie	
69 Smee	Nicholas	
71 Hendy	Mark	
71 Von Benken	Joseph	
72 Panzarella	Rich	
73 Brakeman	Judith	
76 Mallinak	David	
81 Pinch	John	
81 Hollowell	Kathleen	
81 Garsed	Daniel	
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# Letters to the Editor

## Class of 1986

Hi Tony: Our 25th reunion was a big success! We had approximately 130 people attend. We surpassed our 20th attendance, which is great considering we started the planning so late.

I'm compiling everything to send back to the Alumni Association, including a check to go back into our class fund. Please let me know who the check should be made out to and the address to send to.

Maria Vovos Courtney

*Thanks for a well run reunion and we hope to see your committee running the next 1986 reunion.*

Hi friends! Just had the fun of attending my husband Joe's (PHS '71) 40th reunion. We had fun but it's a little like the twilight zone seeing people that you haven't in 40 years. A fun portion of the weekend was having a tour of the school on Saturday morning. Yes, there are changes but so much is JUST THE SAME. Maybe the class of 72 would enjoy a tour?

## Class of 1961 50TH Reunion this past August

The Class of '61 celebrated their 50th reunion at the Holiday Inn in Strongsville Ohio – August 19th and 20th 2011.

Our class was the largest class to graduate from PSH with 1058 classmates.

From what I understand, we had the largest turnout from any past reunions!

We had a casual cocktail party on Friday night where in 220 classmates attended and Saturday night, we had a buffet dinner, music and dancing to 50's music provided by Larry Krumheuer and "Larry's Music Machine" with 305 folks in attendance!

The committee has received numerous emails and cards stating:

"What a wonderful weekend – my best memory by far."

"Truly was a wonderful event!"

"I had a great time renewing old friendships and remembering all the good and bad times in high school".

"It was the best ever".

"This was the first reunion I attended and did not really know what to expect. I was thoroughly impressed with the whole operation! Nicely done".

"The only problem was that it was too short!"

Everyone had a great time and are looking forward to the 55th in 2016!

On behalf of the Class of '61, we wish to donate \$2000 to PSH Scholarships.

Patty Fritz – Committee Chair

*Thank you for the recap of the event and great job on a successful reunion. Thank you also for the most generous donation of \$2000 to the PSH Alumni Association scholarship fund in the name of the Class of 1961!*

*Editor*

## Visitors to the PSH Alumni Archive and Museum Room

by A. DeMarco

On Fridays of each week, the Alumni Archival and Museum Room is open to students and visitors to come and see the history of Parma High with memorabilia dating back to the first Parma High in 1921. We have photographs, band uniforms, cheerleading outfits, plaques, proclamations and even 33 record albums (how we used to listen to recorded music) performed by PSH Orchestras from years gone by. We play them on our old Stereo!

Recently, we had Al Cole from the class of 1960 drop by with his friend, Sam Buemi, class of 1961. Al came to drop off some memorabilia he was donating from his days at PSH and to look at the room. As with all the Alumni who visit, Al related some of his days at PSH. He recalled that he took Russian classes and micro chemistry at PSH. Al went on to become a successful pharmacist. He talked about the great teachers he had for most of his classes and how the classes at PSH placed him far ahead of most of his classmates in college. One such Teacher was Natale Maniaci. Al had Mr. Maniaci for his chemistry class. After a brief tour of the school, Al thanked me and said what a great thing it was that the PSH Alumni Association was keeping Parma High's history alive.

If you would like to stop by for a visit the Archive Room, please give us a call at 1-440-885-3700 and leave a message that you are stopping by so we can make sure that Nancy Fedak or I (Tony DeMarco) will be there to be your guide.

# Donations

Clayton Hassel class of 1961: Pennant from 1961 PSH

Al Cole class of 1960: Memorabilia from 1960

Class of 2011 Donation to the school. Donated \$600 for the athletic department for help with trophy cases and trophy repair, \$600 for the courtyard and the Hall of Fame lobby and \$400 to the Drama club.

Thanks for the generous donation by the class of 2011 to PSH for the benefit of future classes and the school.

## PSH Homecoming September 30 2011

Parma High School had its 85th Homecoming on September 30, 2011 at Byers Field at Bob Bolton Stadium. It was one of the worst evenings, weather wise, that we have ever had for homecoming. The rain, at times, was coming sideways. The parade was canceled and the floats were displayed under the east grandstands for judging. The junior class won the float competition. Fortunately at halftime there was a lull in the weather and the Queen and her court were honored and the queen, Ashley Divincenzo was crowned. The Alumni Band and the PSH marching band played before the game and at halftime. Thanks to the hearty alumni band members and alumni for showing up for this year's Homecoming. You are truly "loyal PSH Alumni". Parma High won the game against Stow-Munroe Falls HS in a really good game despite the weather. The bad weather returned after halftime.

On Saturday, in the PSH cafeteria before 600 students, the Homecoming King, Austin Deutsch, was crowned by Carol Lisy Bartel '54 during the Homecoming Dance.

### The members of the courts

#### Girls:

Kristin Mynes  
Brittany Bruening  
Allison Graham  
Minela Zupljanin  
Ashley Divincenzo-Queen

#### Boys:

Jeff Romano  
Joe Glover  
Renjell Amatorio  
Paul Grekian  
Austin Deutsch-King

## 2011 Hall of Fame Winners

The 2011 PSH Hall of Fame Inductions were held on Friday November 4th. The morning program began with a Senior/Junior Assembly in the PSH Auditorium where the 3 new inductees spoke to the students. The evening inductions were held in the George "Red" Rees room at PSH at 6:30 P.M. where a dinner was served before the inductions. The Hall of Fame Committee selected 3 individuals to be inducted into the PSH Alumni Association Hall of Fame for 2011. Thanks to Gil Fritzsche and Marilyn Coleman, committee chairpersons, along with Marsha Sendrey, Nancy Fedak, Barb Filipow, Sharon Jones, Christine Sobolewski, Dianna Kall, Carol Bartel, and the rest of the Alumni Association Board.

**Dr. James Campi, Class of 1959**, participated in football and wrestling at PSH, playing on Parma's first Lake Erie



League championship football team. His classmates voted him "Mr. Parma High". Dr. Campi practiced dentistry in the Army (1967-69) and private practice in Indiana from 1969 through 1996. He is renowned for his missionary and humanitarian work, which involved the establishment of a dental clinic in Tegucigalpa, Honduras in 2004. The clinic is self-funded through donations and is staffed by a rotating array of dentists and assistants from throughout the U.S. who give freely of their time and talents.

**Darlene Wendel DeMarco, Class of 1963**, worked for the Parma School Employees Credit Union for twenty-five years, most notably as a loan supervisor and manager of the four locations in the county. Darlene is on PSE's Board of Directors where she was past Chair. She



has devoted countless hours to community service in affiliation with Parma Community Hospital as a volunteer and board member of the Auxiliary., (CBS) Community, Business, Schools Committee, (Charter Member), the School Banking Savings Project for elementary students, just to name a few. She was also a member and served on the Board of the American Business Women's Association. Darlene has given of her time and energy for more than twenty-five years to the Parma High School Alumni Association Board of Directors.

**Edward Vittardi, Class of 1980**, is held in high regard as a school administrator and supporter of community organiza-



tions. As a teacher, counselor, building administrator and superintendent, Edward has championed the cause of education in several communities and across the state of Ohio. His participation and leadership in professional organizations, community service, and his church is extensive. He has been recognized as Ohio Middle School Association Educator of the Year, Ohio Middle School Administrator of the Year, and National Middle School Association Distinguished Educator. Edward presently serves as Superintendent of North Royalton School District.

## Parma Fall Sports

The Parma Redmen football season. The team was 4 and 6, with a win over Normandy and a loss to VF.

## The Perfect Alumni Gift

PSH Alumni Travel Mug only \$11 + shipping. All profits go to the scholarship fund.

## Coming Events for 2012

**Spring** - PSH/Parma Area Fine Arts Council "Medly of the Arts Show" at the Donna Smallwood Senior Center in May. Look for more details on the PSH web page. Local PSH Alumni Artist are welcome to enter this juried one day show. Contact Tony DeMarco for more detail at pshalum@pshalumni.org

**May** - PSH Alumni Scholarships awarded. Planning a fundraiser bus trip.

**Summer** - PSH Alumni Golf Outing in late June at Ridgewood Golf Course in Parma. This is the fund raiser for scholarships. Look for further updates on the date and time.

## PSH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Office phone: 440-885-3700





Breakfast for HOF inductees with family and friends



2011 Homecoming Court



Alumni Band performs with the marching band



2011 Homecoming float winners the Junior class representative with trophy



Hall of Fame inductees new and previous ones

## 2012 PSH Directory and Newsletter Order Forms

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Send to: PSH Alumni, 6285 West 54th St. Parma, OH 44129

## PSH FUNDRAISERS

Sweats, Golf shirts, Caps, Tee Shirts, Hoodies, and mugs

New Caps \$15 Golf Shirt \$30 (L, XL)

T-Shirt \$25 (M, L, XL, XXL) Sweatshirt \$30 (M, L, XL, XXL)

Hoodies (pullover) \$35 (M,L, XL, XXL).

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Football Lapel pin \$5.00 Travel Mug \$11

Order on line through Paypal at

www.pshalumni.org and go to the Gift Shop link on the menu.

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.

All profits go to the Scholarship Fund.



## 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.

### YEARBOOKS FOR SALE

#### ORDER FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Yearbook Year \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00 Postage included

Make checks payable to: PSH Alumni Association

6285 W 54th Street

Parma, OH 44129

Allow 3 weeks for Delivery

The yearbooks from 2005 to the present will cost \$60 + \$5 shipping

1953--12	1976--1	1995--7	2005--14
1954--2	1978--14	1996--5	2006--18
1955--4	1980--19	1998--3	2007--7
1963--2	1982--1	1999--2	
1965--1	1983--10	2000--11	
1966--1	1989-10	2001--9	
1968--2	1991--20	2002--18	
1969--3	1992--1	2003--4	