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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

Gerald Dolcini PSH  
 English teacher

Tony

I remembered this line from years past in the line of classroom duty. I often used it to encourage students to research the past, but I think it is very appropriate if the Alumni Association wishes to enhance the Hall of Fame and the Athletic Hall of Fame display. "Lend me the strength of the past and I will lend you the wings of the future."

Robinson Jeffers

*Thank you Gerald. It is so important for students and adults to remember the past as they look to the future.*

# Tradition



## President's Corner by Michael Jaszczak '80

Thanksgiving has come and gone and there is a chill in the air (and quite a few fifty and sixty degree days as well!) I cannot believe how quickly this school year is going. As I write this article, we are only six months away from graduating another class of Redmen.

I did want to thank all who played a role in our recent Hall of Fame induction. It was a fantastic morning assembly with our junior and senior classes. It lasted a little over an hour, and the students were quiet and attentive the entire time. They were appreciative of those alumni who were being inducted, hearing their story and their words of wisdom. It was fun watching fifty-plus students rush to the stage at the conclusion to get a selfie with Alan Ruck. The evening dinner was equally wonderful. For the first time we decided to move the venue from Parma High to St. Michael's Woodside, where the dinner catered. One of the highlights of the evening was honoring James Mayer with a Distinguished Service award.

This winter we will partner with a local company to sell PSH alumni merchandise online. This will give you the opportunity to purchase exactly the merchandise you want at a good price with free shipping. So if you want your alumni T-shirt in a (cont pg5)

## From The Editors Desk Anthony DeMarco '62

It is this time of the year that I like to remember my time at PSH and the traditions we had back then. I remember the Tree decorated in the main hall way. Each of the front windows were decorated to look like stained glass windows of the season. Classes were awarded best design awards. The thing I remember at this time was the Choir. The Candle Light concert and the processional. When the choir walked through the halls on the last day of school and sang Christmas carols the last period of the day. As things change with your school and with your Alumni Association we will be here to record and save them for future generations. From your Tradition staff we wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy (on page 4, )

## 2015 PSH Alumni Associations Hall of Fame Inductions

Seven PSH Alumni were inducted into this years PSH Hall of Fame on November 6th. The program that day involve an assembly for the seniors and juniors in the auditorium. Each Hall of Fame inductee was introduced and presented the plaque that will hang in the center Hall of Fame at PSH. Each inductee gave a short 5 minute speech on how their education at Parma Senior High influenced their lives and a teacher that made a difference. There was a breakfast after the assembly and a tour of the building. The evening presentation was before family, friends and many former Hall of Fame members at the St. Michael's Woodside Party Center at 6PM . This years inductees included Arlynn Schmidt Burton Schaff High 1938, Eugene Filipow 1957, Robert Emfield 1959, Joe Thomas Sadie 1962, Niel Hamadey 1963, Neil Giraldo 1973, Alan Ruck 1974. Photographs and a brief bio is located on page 3 and 4.

## IN MEMORIAM

1944 Esther Pfister Varga  
 1952 Wilma Jacob Feldbush  
 1952 Harvy Tom Packard  
 1952 Carol Stien Solomon  
 1955 Carol Budd Ferko  
 1956 Richard Balogh  
 1956 Richard Brej  
 1957 Carol Ann Bogar Kuntz  
 1961 Bob Francek  
 1964 William Kollar  
 1965 Thomas Phillips  
 1965 Richard Nemec  
 1961 Margaret Bruno Sidwell  
 1961 Eugene Bezula  
 1961 Paul Detwiler  
 1961 Ellen Hinz Harbar  
 1961 James Pierce  
 1961 Sue Ann Pickard Werek  
 1961 Charlotte Berg Klubnick  
 1961 Gary Melnyk  
 1961 Jacqueline Krutso Letostak  
 1961 James Prochko  
 1961 James Varveri  
 1961 Samuel Zickel  
 1961 Annette Zgrabik Zechman  
 1963 Pamela Purdy D'Angelo  
 1965 Gary Bako  
 1965 George Leggett  
 1965 Shirley Dickey Cannon  
 1965 David Banaszak  
 1965 William Becker  
 1965 Barbara Cullen Zeleznik  
 1965 Joyce Golick Dubois  
 1965 Robert Pinchot  
 1965 Sharon Kostura  
 1967 Jerry Marfizo  
 1967 Laura McKenzie Tisdall  
 1968 Terry Miles  
 1968 Gary Bako  
 1969 Bruce Guild  
 1973 Gary Kason  
 1980 Joann Mogalnicki Wolf  
 1986 Therese Hayes  
 1987 David Hendlovic  
 1988 Vanessa Harmon  
 1991 Scott Tippie  
 Teachers:  
 Barbara Rankin Csomay March-  
 ing Band Director (Cont page 4)  
 Eddie Montgomery Printing  
 Teacher  
 Jim Atkins Teacher (Cont Col 3)

## Reunion News for Monthly and Quarterly Meetings

1943 Monthly lunches that are planned. Contact Rosemary Kuenzer Williams @ 440-842-4237 or [Parmalefty@aol.com](mailto:Parmalefty@aol.com)

1945 Contact Mel Burkey 1 440-885-4995 or [mburkey@hotmail.com](mailto:mburkey@hotmail.com)

1946 Meets for lunch 3 times/year 3RD week Feb, June, Oct. Contact: Dick Simmerer-440-835-0059 Gerald Abund440-237-9672 ggpa1928@gmail.com 3rd Fri Feb, June, Oct

1948 Monthly for dinner 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 Contact Elaine Quint 440-843-3872.

1951 Parma Schaaf meets for lunch 1st Friday of every month at Katherine's Restaurant Contact Joan Kalat 440-843-9122

1955 Katherine's Restaurant Pearl Rd. 9 AM, Contact Bob Funk 440- 472-6662

1956 The Parma Senior High Class of '56 is once again holding its Quarterly Breakfast from 9:00 to 11:30 AM party room at Home Town Buffet, 1930 Snow Rd. (at Broadview) contact [www.psh56.com](http://www.psh56.com)

1958 Lunch quarterly contact John Tomko 440-799-2737 or C Gerhardstein at carol- g712@sbcglobal.net

1959 The class of 1959 women meet third Wednesday each month. Contact Carol Rahe 440-234-4894 or Anita Koeth 440-526-1141 for information. Men meet 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday every month

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

1963 3rd Thursday of the month at the Colonial on Ridge Rd. at 12 noon contact John Ziska at johnz442@att.net

## Reunion News for 2016 Classes ending 6s and 1s

It is the 25<sup>th</sup> reunion for class of 1991 and the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion for the Class of 1966

Please contact the person listed for further information [www.pshalumni.org](http://www.pshalumni.org)

**1946 70th** Contact Dick Simmerer 440-835-0059 or Gerald Abend ggpa1928@gmail.com

**1951 65th** Contact Jim Bartel at 440-237-5755

**1956 60th Contact** Carol Baldassari at car-olb6450@aol.com

**1961 55th contact** Patty Fritz at patriciafritz@sbcglobal.net

**1966 50th** Contact Anna Georgalis Thanos at an-nagth@cox.net

**1971 45th** Contact Char Eastin Ross at char-rossi@gmail.com

**1976 40th** Contact Patty Kinney Sopko at psopko06028@aol.com

**1981 35 th** Contact Carla Bankovich Houdek at

[hearts5@roadrunner.com](mailto:hearts5@roadrunner.com)

**1986 30th** Contact at Maria Vovos Courtney at 1580 Kingsway Westlake, Oh 44145 or Karen Steel Hoehn 419-651-1450

**1991 25th** Contact Daniel Brass at danielwbrass@gmail.com

**1996 20th Contact Laura Pontau at 440-8871408**

**2001 15th** Contact Jessica Dynia or Daren Cox at (no information to date)

**2006 10th** Contact William O'Gorman at (no information to date)

**PSH Golden Reunion #4**

For all classes Previous to 1966 **DATE TBA 2016 at The PSH Cafeteria from 10am to 2 pm for the registration form after April Contact Tony DeMarco at demarco31@sbcglobal.net**

## Cont Reunion News)

If you would like your class monthly meetings listed let us know .

Reunion chairs still needed for class of 1967, You must be a member of the class, Contact Nancy Fedak, 440-885-3700 or Tony DeMarco , 440-572-2375 and leave a message.

## Cont from In Memoriam

Our Sympathy goes out to all family and friends who have lost a loved one. Every effort is made to verify notifications of a deceased Alumni member. We ask that you provide some form of verification from a newspaper or other source. please resend it. Send : Webmaster at pshalum@psshalumni.org or the PSH Alumni office 6285 W. 54th St. Parma 44129.

## PSH Alumni Association

Here is how to contact us

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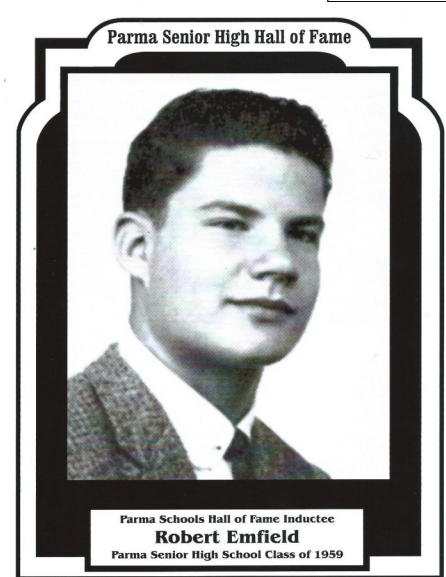




**Arlynn Schmidt Burton—1937**  
 Librarian, opened the first library in the city of Brooklyn, OH; Regional Librarian in Maple Hts.; assisted architects in designing several libraries in Parma



**Eugene Benjamin Filipow—1957**  
 Treasurer-PSHSAA, Parma City Schools Foundation, Partners in Ed, and Holy Trinity Church. Community volunteer



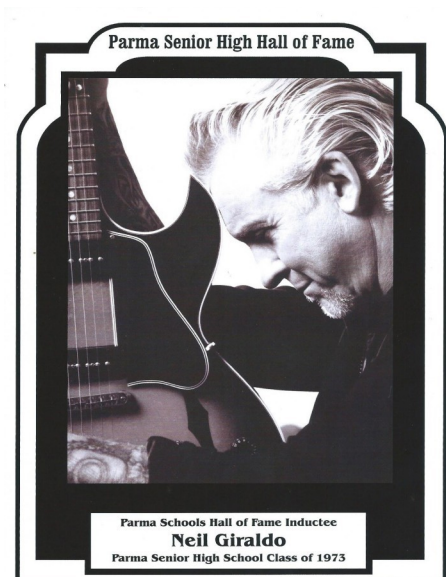
**Robert Emfield—1959**  
 Entrepreneur—founded Tommy Bahama Clothing and Restaurants, Philanthropist, Founded the Garden of Hope and Courage at the Naples, FL Health Care System



**Joseph Thomas Sadie—1962**  
 43 year distinguished career Cleveland Police Dept., Commander of 3rd District; involved in Police/Community Relations Programs



**Neil Hamadey—1963**  
 Entrepreneur, philanthropist, PSHS Scholarship sponsor, President of Capital Image Inc.; decorated Vietnam Veteran-Bronze Star, Silver Star



**Neil Giraldo (now Giraldo)—1973**  
 Professional Rock & Roll Guitarist, Performs with and married to Pat Benatar. Song writer, producer



**Alan Ruck—1974**

Renowned movie, stage, and television celebrity—"Ferris Bueller's Day Off", "Speed" over 100 films, Television programs like "Spin City".



In attendance that evening:

**Alan Ruck, Neil Hamadey, Eugene Filipow, Joseph Sadie**

she was hired and began teaching at PSH. Two years later this appeared in the newspaper. "So Parma, the largest high school in the State has a women band director the only one in the area guiding a major school band and she has shaped her 138 piece organization so masterfully that the Parma's band will be performing at the Cleveland Stadium at half time." Barbara clearly loved her time at Parma and earned the respect of her peers and most importantly, her students. In 1968 she resigned from the system. "I shall always be grateful. I would never leave Parma for another band—only for the love of my life Richard Csomay " Her marriage was in July of 1968. Her best friend at Parma was Emily Wilson.

## **PRESIDENTS Corner** Cont pg 1

color other than red, gray or white, you can have that. We currently plan to start with T-shirts, hoodies, polo shirts (with an embroidered logo) and coffee mugs.

Your association continues to look for ways to provide service to our alumni, current students and our alma mater. We will continue to provide scholarships from your generous donations. We also look forward to starting several campaigns to raise funds for improving several spaces in the building that are heavily used and in need of some TLC. Look to hear more in the next newsletter!

## **Cont. pg1 The Editors Desk**

Holidays and a Happy New Year. May this coming year bring you closer to your family and friends. Please remember to give a call, email, or snail mail an PSH classmate you have not heard from for some time and strike up an old friendship. Keep the Tradition alive.

Cont pg 2 Barbara J Rankin Csomay was born in Kanawha Iowa in 1925. She attended Upper Iowa University BS Music (46), MA Music Ed. U of Iowa 1956 . After graduation she taught at an armed forces installation in Heidelberg, Germany. On her return in 1958, she received an offer to teach at Parma Sr. High School as instrumental and marching band instructor. Four days later (cont next column)

## **The Florida Reunion Luncheon Thursday February 4th at Sandy Hook Fish and Rib House 4857 Pine Island Rd. Matlacha FL. 33993 from 11AM to 3PM.**

### **Entrees choose one**

1. GROUPER RITZ filet of grouper baked
2. CHICKEN ALFREDO sautéed chicken breast on fettuccini
3. CEASAR SALAD w/ GRILLED CHICKEN
4. DESSERT KEY LIME PIE

A salad with house dressing, warm bread with butter and a starch is included with your entrée. A fruit is included with the Caesar salad. Tea and coffee included in the price along with tax and gratuity. Cash Bar

Cost \$17.00 per person : send check with your reservation You must include your name, name of you spouse and or guest

### **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED**

All Parma High school graduates , their families and friends are invited to attend. MAKE YOU CHECK PAYABLE TO: BRUNO TOMMASINI 4417 COUNTRY CLUB BLVD. B6 CAPE CORAL FLA. 33904 QUESTIONS CALL 239 540 9084 OR email parma-cookie1@aol.com put (PSH LUNCH IN SUBJECT) \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CUT AND RETURN BEFORE 1/30/2016 WITH YOUR RESERVATION AND CHECK – PLEASE PRINT**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation year \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse and Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch choice \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or Guest Lunch choice \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address to update our files \_\_\_\_\_



### Donations 2015 and 2016

If you want to make a donation to the PSH Alumni Assoc. please indicate, if you have a preference, what you would like that donation to go towards (scholarships, courtyard, archival room, Tradition etc.). Include your name (maiden), address, class year, and a phone number or email address you can be reached at. Donations over \$25 are tax deductible.

**Remember** our \$1 for each year you have been a graduate of Parma Sr. High or Parma Schaaf High

#### **Send Donations to:**

PSH Alumni Assoc.

Attn. Donations

6285 W 54Th St

Parma, Oh 44129

#### **Donations for the \$1 a year Club**

David Evans 1963 \$\$\$

#### **Donations**

**Ron Drees '65** \$\$\$ Tree for the courtyard, scholarships, cap/gown donation

**Larry Avert '62** \$\$\$ Repair of trophies and cap/gown donation

### PSH Fall Athletics AD Ryan Madison

#### **Honorable Mention All- Conference**

Football-Jacob Bias, Anthony Granata, Nick Lord, Josh Weidus

Volleyball- McKennzie Papp, Andrea Scali

Boys Soccer- Jacob Niemojewski, Richie Pudlinski

Girls Soccer-Kaitlyn Martuch, Kirsten Mazor

Girls Tennis- Tayler Hall and Mackenzie Archibald

Boys CC-Chris Madey

#### **2nd Team-All Great Lakes Conference**

Football-Troy Dusman, Cody Reith

Volleyball- Megan Utlak

Boys Soccer-Jarod Chavez

Girls Soccer-Kirstin Hausler

Girls Tennis-Jamie Ekstrom, Youjin Lee

#### **1st Team-All-Great Lakes Conference**

Football-Sebastian Spear, John Todd

Volleyball-Erin Perry

Boys Soccer-Andrew Faykus

Girls Soccer-Emily Martuch

#### **Football**

First Team All-District-**John Todd Jr.**

Special Mention All-Ohio Division 1- John Todd Jr.

Both honors received his Junior and Senior

Seasons— Congratulations to all scholar Athletes

### **TOUR OF THE BUILDING**

This issue starts a new feature asked for by a number of alums who have not been back to Parma Sr. High in many years. So here are some photos of places you might remember.

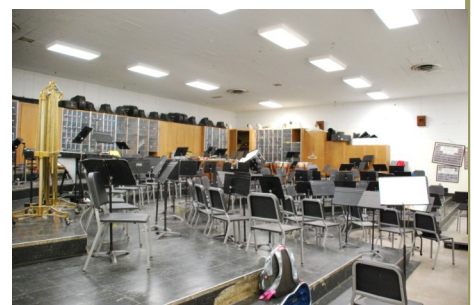
The Little Theater - This photo was taken at last May's scholarship announcements. It now has new seating and a new paint job. The stage is in good shape and could provide a good venue for local drama groups.

The Main Hallway entry - This used to be the main entry to the building, but since the addition on the front of the building it now serves as the entry to the Board of Education. This area is now the PSH Alumni Hall of Fame. Inductees photos are displayed with their bios. The terrazzo floors and steel lettering on the floor (Parma Senior High) are beautiful.

The Gym Entry and Showcase area- This area has two large showcases with all the league and individual State and League. Other trophy showcases and displays are in this hallway along with the main gym, the auxiliary gym, and the pool.

This is the Main Office - This is the location of the secretaries and mailboxes for the teachers. It is also the location where visitors come and where students are summoned from classrooms to meet with the Principal and assistant Principal. This hallway also has the clinic, psychologist, and other offices.

This is the Band Room The band room has not changed in 40 years. The instruments and chairs have been upgraded and the lighting is better. The band and the orchestra practice here and perform at Byers Field and school concerts. With declining enrollment, the band is smaller. The bands in the 50's/60's had well over 100 members.



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At the high school      Order form

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**Did You Know ?** Parma entered the Lake Erie League in 1955. The first boys to make the all Lake Erie League team were: Bob Jarus, Ed Kagels, and Jim Tutie.

In 1946 Bob Hain returned the opening kick off 87 yards for a T.D. against W.R.A. In 1947 he did the very same thing against the same opponent.