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## From: The President's Desk

### “The Good Old Days”

-by Tony DeMarco

#### Welcome to the PSH Alumni Association Fall Edition of the Tradition.

We are the connection to the “good old days”- the years you spent in high school. We bring back the memories of youth, both happy and sad. We remind you of old friends, first loves and a simpler time.

We keep those days alive with articles about old classmates, high school events and reunion updates. We hope that in some way we can bring some happy memories of a time and a place when we were all just kids at Parma High. This is the goal of the “Tradition”.

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## HALL OF FAME

Four Parma Senior High School graduates were inducted into the Parma Schools Hall of Fame.



Since 1922, Parma Senior High School has graduated over 35,000 young men and women. The four inducted today have demonstrated qualities, which have brought honor to them and to Parma Senior High School. They have distinguished themselves through service to their community, Parma Senior High School, and society

## Hall of Fame cont.

He has been a baseball coach for 21 years, with 11 of those as head varsity coach at Parma Senior High. Four of his players have been named all state and 35 have been all LEL. Tim is most proud of the fact that 5 of his players have been named to the All Ohio All Academic team. Tim is currently on the Board of Greater Cleveland Coaches Association and the Cleveland Baseball Federation. Tim continues to coach baseball for young children and teach at coaches’ clinics. .

Our fourth inductee was **Mr. John Yurkiw**, class of 1972. John currently owns John Michael Photography Studio. John’s first job was with the Cuyahoga County Clerk of Courts, Gerald Fuerst. He worked with victims of crime for Cuyahoga County. He has been the official photographer for the Parma High Schools yearbooks. He has provided senior pictures and over the years he has provided pictures for families unable to pay. He has worked on levy campaigns and was selected as the Back the Schools Citizen of the Year in 1985. In 1997, John was honored with the Cox Cable Spotlight Award as a local businessman who contributes back to the community.

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## TAKING THE BALLOON BUSINESS TO A NEW HIGH

Two Parma Sr. High School Alumni, Bob (75) and Dave(74) Scherba, have taken their company, Inflatable Images, from a small garage to the



in general.

They join 24 other Parma Senior High School Hall of Fame members who have represented their Alma Mater well in their personal and professional lives.

The first inductee is **Marilyn Marquette Coleman**, a 1953 graduate. Mrs. Coleman has served her community over the years by being an officer in the PTA at the school and the council level she served as President. She is a long-time Parma School Board member as well as past president. She is one of the founding members of the Byers Field Renovation Committee.

Our second inductee was **Mr. Charles Germana**, class of 1964. Charles has served his community as President of City Council for the City of Parma, past president of the Parma Jaycees and past president of the Parma Area Chamber of Commerce. Charles was a founder and trustee of the Proud of Parma committee, Friends of Parma libraries and has chaired the Rib and Rock event for the Chamber of Commerce. He has served on the Parma Hospital Health Care Foundation, scoutmaster for Troops 358 and 263 and has been active at St. Bridget's Parish..

Our third inductee was **Mr. Tim Tomc**, class of 1971. Tim has taught in the Parma School system for 26 years and most of that time at John Muir Elementary School.

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## DIRECTORY ON LINE

Userids and passwords have been sent to all the subscribers of the online directory. Subscriber have access to all of the features on the PSH Alumni web site. In addition to the directory of alumni names and addresses, subscribers get access to the current and past issues of the "Tradition", photos, trivia and other alumni facts.

We now have over 400 subscribers for the directory and that number keeps growing every week.

Olympics and the Super bowl. Their inflatable-giant cold air balloons in the shape of almost everything, have appeared everywhere in the world. The company has produced work for every professional football, basketball and baseball team. In addition, they have produced items for huge corporations like Disney and made decoy vehicles for the Army during Desert Storm.

On August 24th the Scherba brothers donated, to their alma mater, an inflatable tunnel and teepee to introduce the football players. The two pieces are valued at \$10,000 and are just like the ones at professional football stadiums, like Browns Stadium.

Parma Sr. High principal Gil Fritzsche and Tony DeMarco, Alumni Association President, honored Dave and Bob for their generous donation. Mr. Fritzsche stated, "we are so honored that Dave and Bob remembered their roots and I believe it will bring sprit and big league support to our local players." Mr. DeMarco stated, "we are very proud of Bob and Dave for their accomplishments and their true alumni sprit. They are just two of the thousands of successful graduates of Parma Sr. High School ". Bob Scherba said, "he is and always has been proud of his alma mater and he is just happy he can give something back to Parma High".

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### Directory Online cont

Currently we have over 35,000 names on our database and with two new volunteers, we are on our way to finding the 6100 people listed as unable to locate.

**Subscription forms** can be found in this issue. If you **do not** wish to have your name and address published in the secured, online directory, be certain to complete the "**Update Your Information**" online form on the main PSH Home Page and indicate your desire to not publish the information.

# UPCOMING REUNIONS

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**If you would like to hold your reunion at the Schaaf Community Center,  
contact Ray Zemec at 440-885-8144**

**1946-55<sup>th</sup>** Reunion September 28, 29, 2001 at the Radisson Hotel, Engle Rd and Bagley Rd, Middleburg Hts. Contact person Dick Simmerer, Sr. 440-835-0059.

**1952-50<sup>th</sup>** Reunion beginning to organize. Contact persons: Jean Mohnacky Walters or Mary Ann Schmidt 1-330-963-0662, e-mail [onebird552@cs.com](mailto:onebird552@cs.com).

Tentative dates: Sep 13, 14, 15, 2002 or Sep 21, 22, 2002.

**1961-40<sup>th</sup>** Reunion. The reunion committee for the class of 1961 has postponed their reunion until further notice.

**1962-40<sup>th</sup>** Reunion. Beginning to organize. Contact person is Tony DeMarco, 440-572-2375 or e-mail [pshalum@en.com](mailto:pshalum@en.com).

Tentative dates-Jun 2002 or Sep. All 62 grads let us know your preference.

**1966-35<sup>th</sup>** Reunion. Contact person Cathy Dogger, 330-225-1031. The class of 1966 reunion committee has decided to have their next reunion in 2006. Because the previous reunion took place at 32 ½ years, the committee felt they would have a 40<sup>th</sup> reunion.

**1971-30<sup>th</sup>** Reunion. Contact person Edward Borsuk, 330-678-2224. The class of '71 will have a reunion on September 22, 2001 at Northfield Park from 6:00 PM to 12:00 AM. Price is \$21.00. Deadline for reservations is September 6, 2001. Send with a SAE to Ed Borsuk, 2537 Fox Circle, Stow, OH 44224.

**1972-30<sup>th</sup>** Reunion is planning for the summer of 2002. Contact person Greg Sawchak, 440-356-6155 or [gsawchak@compuserve.com](mailto:gsawchak@compuserve.com).

**1976-25<sup>th</sup>** Reunion. We do not have a chairperson for this committee on our records. If you are interested please contact the PSH Alumni Association at [pshalum@en.com](mailto:pshalum@en.com). Kris Romanow Snider is interested in starting a committee [snydo@core.com](mailto:snydo@core.com).

**1986-15<sup>th</sup>** Reunion. Contact person Tony [Prusak-Tonyp417@aol.com](mailto:Prusak-Tonyp417@aol.com) or Bill Klein at [vivabolo@aol.com](mailto:vivabolo@aol.com). No other information to date.

**1991-10<sup>th</sup>** Reunion is planned for September 29, 2001 at the Hillside Party Center, East 71<sup>st</sup> Street, Cuyahoga Hts., OH. Contact person Ed Pine 440-886-5914 or Dan Brass at [d.brass@worldnet.att.net](mailto:d.brass@worldnet.att.net), 440-891-4152.

## Completed Reunions:

### CLASS OF 51

The class of 1951 held their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001. What made this reunion noteworthy was that it was held in the Old Schaaf High Building, which is now the Parma

City Community Center.

The event drew 50% of the members of the class and was a planned weekend event. The program included a race at Northfield Park called "The Parma Schaaf High Class of 1951 Classic"

Stancatos catered the dinner on Saturday evening. There was a short presentation given by three classmates- Carl Steffen, retired operations manager for AT&T in Chicago, Professor Ellsworth Holden of Ohio University (Ellsworth was the class Salutatorian) and Professor Richard Pinkerton of California State University each spoke for a brief time. Capping off the weekend was a Sunday morning brunch at the Clarion Hotel

Co-chairing the event were Jane Elewski Werner and Dale Dommin.

# In Memoriam

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**1954**

*Robert E Gladura  
Sandra R Gustin Mihoci  
Ronald J Hovorka  
Marlene Kaunt  
Donald Kendziora  
Ted M Lanza  
Gerald G Mackulin  
James H Meister  
Donna R Patterson  
Roberta C Rindfleisch  
Barbara Rohde  
Thomas A Burke*

**1956**

*Donald M Burke William  
Dedo Mary Jo Young  
Hulka*

**1975**

*Robert L Blick Kathleen A  
Ciocca  
Aldo Francescangeli  
Thomas J Krawczyk*

# Letters to the Editor

On behalf of Pentland Press, Inc., I'm pleased to announce the upcoming release of *The Roll-Call Vote*, a book by **Richard Trackler**. Richard Trackler, M.D. graduated from Parma Schaaf High School in 1953. He was the editor of the yearbook, 1953 Spectrum; and one of the commencement speakers.

*Lori Garber*  
*Marketing Assistant*  
*Pentland Press, Inc.*



I am currently work for a publishing company as a customer relation's director. I got married in Aug. of 2000 at which time we purchased our first home in N Royalton.

*Melanie Timura Mansour class of 1994.*



I went to class of '92 as an exchange student. I would like to get information about the reunion when it is time for us.

*Lotta Rorick*  
*Sweden*  
[lotta.rorick@home.se](mailto:lotta.rorick@home.se)



The tour of PSH this weekend at the High School as an activity of our 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion was very enjoyable! (9/1/01) Yes, it took us back....down memory lane! It was nice to have a knowledgeable tour guide..Thank you Tony for spending the time with us.

*Alice Shepherd Gallatin*



# Parma High Events

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## PARMA FOOTBALL 2001

Coach Ron Skelley has only one wish this year and that is for his team to stay healthy. Parma finished 4 and 6 last year and lost 7 players to injury. Parma has some veteran talent returning on offence. Jake Normile is a 5'9", 218 lb. tailback. Skelley said that Jake is a hard runner and he gained 700 yards last year as a junior." We are going to count on him a great deal".

The other returning starters are: tight end Tim Friel (6', 257 lb), tackle Jeff Ozimek (6'3",215 lb.), and guards Justin Beets and Mike Finelli. Parma's problem area early could be defense. Parma has not one starter back on defense. Skelley said " we have some talent on defense, but we are just not sure how that talent will mesh as of yet".



### 2001 Football Schedule

Aug. 24 <sup>th</sup>	VF	L
Aug. 31	Southview	L
Sept. 7	N Royalton	W
Sept 14	Admiral King	
Sept. 21	Shaw	
Sept. 28	Maple Hts.	
Oct. 6	Bedford	
Oct. 12	Garfield Hts.	Homecoming
Oct. 19	Warrensville	
Oct. 26	Normandy	

# PSH Alumni Events

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## ALUMNI DANCE

The All Alumni Dance took place on March 31, 2001 at Schaaf Community Center. A small but happy group of Alumni had a good time dancing and talking to former classmates. Alumni from the 1940's to 1990's showed up for the evening.

Door prizes were given out to 9 lucky winners. Clayton Hassel, class of '61, Chris Sobolewski, class of '62, Audrey Fedak, class of '66 Lee Bailey, class of '29, William Smith, class of '62, Mary Winar, Jim Bartel, class of '51 all won PSH Alumni sweatshirts. Bob Sovchik, class of '63 won a beautiful woman's watch, valued at \$150.

Mimi and Nick Marchiano, class of '62 won an original oil painting painted and donated by Jon Bailey of Wooster, Ohio. The work valued at over \$400 was a painting of a bald eagle.

Next years event will be an All Alumni Reunion "Get Together" in May, 2002. Suggestions from the dance attendees felt that a get together rather than a dance would draw more alumni. We hope to see you there.

## ALUMNI BUSINESSES

We are now making a list of graduate owned businesses so we can publish a guide in future Traditions. No charge will be made for the service and we will publish them on a first come first serve basis. We would also like to be able to print the names of businesses outside of the Northeastern Ohio area to give grads an idea of the number of Parma High Grads who own their own businesses.

If you are interested send us a brief description of your business along with your name and graduation year to PSH Alumni Business Owners, 6285 W 54<sup>th</sup> St, Parma, OH 44129.

## *2001 PSH Alumni On-Line Directory Order Form*

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 Donation

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