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From the President's Desk

"50 Year Anniversary of the Parma Senior High School Opening"

In the fall of 1953 the doors opened to the first class of students at the "Queen of High Schools," Parma Senior High School.

As we approach the fall of 2003 marking the 50th Anniversary

of the opening of Parma Senior High School, a number of events and activities are planned. The Alumni Association is working in partnership with the stu-



dents, staff, and administration on activities, which will recognize the anniversary. Alumni will be asked to participate in events, surveys and other activities from now until the end of the celebration in June of 2004.

Two Activities for the Anniversary

•A memory year book-your favorite memory of Parma Senior High School.

You are invited to submit a one page or less typed account of a favorite memory of your days at Parma Senior High School. It can be of a general nature or of a specific event. Make sure you include your class graduation year and other important dates. Your accounts will be displayed in a showcase throughout the year and hopefully put into a memory yearbook. (copies of photos of events would be appreciated, but nothing will be returned to you).

•Your favorite staff member (teacher, aides, administrator, etc.)

We are looking for your favorite staff member at Parma Senior High School. In a brief typed account give your favorite staff member's name, what they did, (cafeteria worker, counselor, teacher, administrator, custodian, aide) and why they were your all time favorite staff member. These accounts will also be displayed so students can read how these people affected the lives of former student in a positive way. Be sure to include your graduation year, the staff member's name, and any other important dates of information you may have.

Send all memories and information to The Parma Senior High Alumni Association, 6285 W 54th Street, Parma Ohio 44129. (By mailing these to us, it is understood that you are giving us permission to display these at Parma Senior High School, include them in a memory book, and display them on our web page.)

Message from the Superintendent of Schools-Dr. Kurt Stanic

For 150 years the Parma City School district has been creating traditions and graduating outstanding students. Many of those students have remained the area and built the communities of Parma, Parma Heights and Seven Hills.

As Superintendent of the school district, I am aware of the contributions alumni have made not only to the schools, but also to the greater community.

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Message from the Principal-Gil Fritchie

This promises to be another marvelous year at Parma Senior High School. Our doors opened this fall to 1649 students and a staff of 115 teachers, including 12 new faces. We are continuing with the theme "Raising Expectations" because a snowball of enthusiasm began rolling down the hill last year and momentum continues to build. We are raising expectations for our physical plant. Building renovations in progress and on the drawing board are designed to return our proud, but aging building to its original luster. Our new roof is almost completed; the pool locker rooms have been refurbished; hallways sparkle with fresh paint and polished floors; a science room is about to be transformed into a bona fide AP chemistry classroom. From January throughout Continued on page 3

2002 Scholarship Fundraiser Golf Outing

The PSH Alumni Golf Outing was held July 5, 2002 at Ridgewood Golf Course. Sixty-eight golfers and a number of volunteers enjoyed one of the nicest days of the summer. With the loss of last years corporate sponsor, the scholarship fundraisers worked very hard to get extra hole sponsors. We managed to get 22 hole sponsors and a large number of door prizes for the event. There was a tie this year for the winner of the "Class Trophy". The winners were Howard Murphy and Dave Simon-Class of '66 and Brain and Bruce Deveny-Class of '86. Thanks to our golfers and hole sponsors, we will be able to give 5 \$1000 scholarships this year. Thanks to the organizers of this year's event: Chairpersons,

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REUNION NEWS

1943-60th Reunion: In planning stage-Contact person of record, Rosemary Kuenzer Williams, 7745 Royal Ridge Dr, Parma, OH 44129, 440-842-4237 or Louise Morton Bedford, 440-238-612, parmalefty@aol.com

1948-55th Reunion: In planning stage-Clarion Hotel, Middleburg Hts, October 3, 4, 5, 2003. Contact: Dave Kane, 216-941-7572 or Don Staufer, 8313 Sierra Oval, Parma, 44130

1953-50th Reunion: October 10, 11, 12, 2003 at the Embassy Suites, 77 and Rockside: Friday-cocktail party, Saturday-dinner, Sunday-brunch. Contact Elaine Rebar Cook at 440-333-0031. Co-chairs: Joe and Marilyn

(Marquette) Coleman, 216-524-2111

1958-45th **Reunion:** No information at this time. Contact of Record-Lorelei Gawron Rizzo, 440-564-7394

1963-40th Reunion: In planning stage. Need volunteers. Contact Darlene Wendel DeMarco, 440-572-2375, e-mail shoelady45@yahoo.com

1968-35th Reunion: Contact Barb Snowden Smallwood, 7117 Anthony Ln., Parma Hts, 44130, 440-888-6945

1973-30th Reunion: August 29, 30, 31, 2003 at the Clarion Hotel on Bagley in Middleburg Hts. Contact: Jen LiBassi Preising, 440-238-9797 or Barb Bendler Gannon, 440-891-1410, e-mails jenski44@aol.com σ bagseyann @aol.com

1978-25th **Reunion:** No information at this time. Contact: Rich Jones, 6403 Fordham, Parma, 44129, 440-886-5343

1983-20th Reunion: August 15, 16, 2003 at the Hilton Hotel at 77 and Rockside. Contact: Tom Newbould, 440-572-3715 or Maria Daniels Lang, e-mail tsbould@ameritech.net

1988-15th Reunion: No information at this time. Contact Tammy L Crowley, 440-846-8346

1993-10th Reunion: Set for August or September, 2003. Contact Jennifer Blue Krupinski, 440-878-9402, e-mail toddandjenk@aol.com

1955-Special Reunion: Contact Bob Funk for information-440-886-3375

Memorial Plagues

We found a photo of the memorial plaque of WWII Veterans. We will now start to get that plaque reproduced in bronze. It will go in front of the Auditorium. We are still looking for Vets who lost their lives in the Koran War. Please contact us with any names you may have. We are also looking for any Parma High Alumni who were victims of the 9/11 attack. We are planning a memorial plaque for them as well.

In Memoriam-2002

1936 Violet Schenman
Janice Mary Singfield Rockwell
of Lawton, OK-May 18, 2002
John Millie Jr.-WWII Vet-(Europe 276th Co.) Parma High ClubRoyal Azures

1938 Theodore Widowski of Orlando, FL-April 30, 2002

1941 Albert Hehmeyer-WWII Vet Pacific Army Air Corp-January, 1986

1944 Stanley Schmidt August 2002

1961 Don Gorczyca of Kent, OH-April 30, 2002 James Dillon of Parma, OH-June 17, 2002

Ken Sadowski-1997

1962 James Schildknecht-May 23, 1999 Gary Katzan of Fox River Grove, IL-2002 Gail Johnson of California-March

31, 2002 Elaine Onacila Fry September 29,

2001 from brain aneurysm1966 Don Calabrese-Husband of Christine Laska '66-February 8, 2002

1968 Terry Lehmann-February 26, 1992 Earl Longley-May 11, 1978

YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION-2002

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ALUMNI ADDRESSES

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tion

6285 W 54th St Parma, OH 44129 Attn: Tony

DeMarco

Phone No: 440-572-8505

PSH Alumni Band

You are cordially invited to participate in our annual Alumni Band. We will be playing the usual musical selections so be ready to "strut your stuff"! Tell anyone else you are in contact with to join us and hopefully we can work on creating a massive band to really be there in the year 2003 for Parma Senior High School's 50th Anniversary. If you are interested please e-mail me at the addressed listed. I can then get needed information to you ASAP. Hope to see you soon... Pat (Jacques) Bourquin '65

PSHALBAND@juno.com



News from Parma Sr. High

PSHS Senior **Amy Kennedy** is the new Miss Parma

Forty-nine juniors and senior were inducted into the National Honor Society last fall.

Mary Assad, Melissa Lagzdins, and Logan Persons were recognized as National Merit Scholarship Commended Scholars.

Steve Fifolt, Herlynne Martin, and Nate Graf were finalists in NASA's Space Involvement Program for their proposal to study the separation of substances in micro gravity.

103 PSHS students took Advanced Placement tests this school year.

The PSHS Art Club painted a poignant mural commemorating September 11, 2001 on the stairway ceiling in the main hallway.

The Redman Hockey team qualified for the Baron Cup.

The PSHS Baseball Team was crowned Champions of the Lake Erie League Erie Division.

Doug Meyers was named LEL Erie Division Most Valuable Player and coach **Mike Ravenelli** was named Coach of the Year.

Charles Dickens' *Christmas Carol* was presented in December.

The spring musical was A Funny Thing Happened on the way to the Forum in April.

PSHS students collected and donated \$ 1200 to the American Red Cross.

PSHS students donated 1441 pounds of food to Harvest for Hunger 2002.

PSHS hosted 19 schools for the OMEA District Band Contest in March.

More than 800 students enjoyed the Homecoming Dance last October where Jessie Hocevar and Tim Friel were crowned Queen and King. Your Alumni Association for the event provided all the trophies and crowns.

The Building Fund

Over the last 7 years the Alumni Association has had a project to build a reunion hall. Although we have had numerous donations, we were only able to collect a little over \$17,000. It has become obvious to us that our plans to build a hall did not have the support of a majority of the Alumni.

We have contacted all those who contributed to the fund and offered to return the money they donated. To date all who donated have told us to keep the money and use it for a Capital Improvement Fund. The Capital Improvements Fund will provide money for projects to beautify Parma Senior High and projects for the Alumni of Parma Senior High. These include projects like restoring the bell tower and lighting having the chimes play the Alma Mater at noon each day. We will also provide plaques, trophy showcases, photos and framing, alumni garden, and other projects. We thank all who contributed to the building fund and want you to know you will be recognized in the school for your donations.

Superintendent's Message from page 1

A Parma Senior High School alumni, you are a major part of tradition and history of Parma's oldest and largest high school. Your support of Parma Senior High School keeps the legends alive and gives current students role models and traditions on which to build their futures.

Over the coming months I hope to meet many of the proud graduates of Parma Senior High School. I encourage you to say hello when you see me at a Redman Football game, a choir or play production or any of the events that continue to make Parma Senior High School the "Queen of High Schools" and the pride of West 54th Street.

Principal's Message from page 1

March, 2003, exterior windows and doors will be replaced throughout our building. Plans call for landscaping the courtyards and revitalizing the auditorium with new seats, new carpeting, and a fresh coat of paint. Seats salvaged from the auditorium will find a new home in the Little Theater. The boy's locker room is also scheduled for renovation.

Expectations are being raised for our staff and students. Our PSHS Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) calls for increased academic rigor with special attention focused on freshmen. We know from experience that the key to high school graduation is a successful first year. Patterns of truancy and/or academic frustration established early on are very difficult to overcome. An oversight committee has been convened to supervise implementation of our CIP. This accountability measure ensures that strategies outlined in the CIP will be enacted and results measured. Our staff is also focusing on encouraging students to establish worthy career aspirations and to accept the challenge of a rigorous academic schedule to address those goals.

We join this year in the anniversary celebration of one hundred fifty years of excellence for the Parma City School District. PSHS Class of 2002 valedictorian Mary Assad developed the slogan for the yearlong festivities, "Celebrating our History, Building our Future", and classmate Kelly Savoca created the logo. At the same time, we are planning to celebrate the golden anniversary of Parma Senior High School at our present location. That anniversary will be noted throughout the 2003-04 school year. Alumni will be invited to return to their alma mater to enjoy the festivities next year.

Good things are happening at Parma Senior High School. Please support us with your attendance at our events. You will be pleased to see that Redman pride and spirit are alive and will at PSHS.

Keep The Tradition Alive

This marks the 9th year we are sending out the fall *Tradition* to all 26,000 PSH Alumni that we have current addresses for. This mailing will run about \$1800 for the printing, \$700 for the mail sorting service, and \$2500 for the bulk mailing postage – about \$5000 in all. In addition, we also

have a web page and an online directory that carries all 4 of the *Traditions* and our database of all 36,000 graduates. We pay for an online service and a web master to keep it all running and up to date. This service will run about \$3000 a year.

We are trying to keep these services

self-supporting, but to make this a reality we need your support. We have a goal of 1000 subscribers this year. That is 1 out of every 26 members. Please subscribe to the *Tradition* or the **Online Data Directory** so that we can continue to offer these services to all Alumni members.

Alumni Association Scholarship Awards-2002

Lee Bailey Scholarship and the Red Rees Scholarship



On May 22, 2002, a the Avalon Event Center, the Parma Senior High Alumni Association presented two \$1000 schlarships to Valerie Lindak and Matt D Hlavacek. Valerie will attend The Ohio State University majoring in Zoology. Valierie is the daughter of James Lindak (76), deceased and Debbie Lindak. Matt will be attending Tri C and then Cleveland State University. He will be majoring in computer engineering. Matt is the son of David (75) and Teresa (77) Hlavacek.

We thank the Scholarship Committee: Chairperson, Christ Panek Sobolewski (62), Frank Sobolewski (62), and Darlene Wendel DeMarco (63) for their hard work. Next year, because of a successful Golf Outing, we will give 5 \$1000 scholarships. This is one of our major activities and we are proud to have given over \$35,000 in scholarships over the years. This is one of your Alumni Association's activities that benefit alumni and current Parma High students.

Hall of Fame Nominations for 2003

The Parma Senior High School Alumni Association will once again conduct the Hall of Fame induction for the Fall of 2003.

If you would like to nominate a Parma Senior High Alumnus for the Hall of Fame, please send for a nomination form. Send your request to PSH Alumni Hall of Fame, Attn: Cheryl Kienast, 6285 W 54th St, Parma, OH 44129. All PSHS Alumni are eligible. Nominees will be judged on their achievements in their professional and personal lives. The deadline for nominations is April 30, 2003. Finalists will be contacted in June, 2003.

Letters to the editor

Richard Abend 1939

About football. The greatest player to attend Parma Schaaf Hi School did not graduate from Parma! Leslie Horvath transferred to Rhodes High School in his senior year so he could get a better scholarship to college. He was a standout football player at Parma and he went on to The Ohio State where in 1944 he became All American and the Heisman Trophy winner on the national championship team. A great Jr. High team was the 1936 Schaaf team they posted a perfect season, going undefeated and un-scored upon.

I graduated in 1939-the only class to go 5 years in the same building (8th through 12th grade). We were also the first class to graduate from Parma Schaaf High School. Since our 50th reunion, we have our reunion every year the 2nd Friday in July at the Pipers Three. We invite any other Class to join us. Contact Jan Henninger Sheets 440-884-8620

My daughter Janet Abend Ailor taught 30 years in the Parma Schools

Nick Kentris

Hi Tony, You may not remember me but I would have graduated in 1962 if my family had stayed in Parma. I went to Thoreau Park and Schaaf Jr. High through the 9th grade and I still have fond memories of those early days. We moved to Fostoria, Oh. the summer after the ninth grade. Realizing Parma would be celebrating the 40th reunion for the class of 62, I found the Parma Alumni web page and recognized many of the names in the listings that were there. I did not find a complete listing of all the names or any pictures, which would have been nice. In any case I thought it would be fun to renew some old ties from the past. My wife, Bonnie, and I have lived in Fostoria since 1972 where I practice dentistry and Bonnie teaches 6th grade. Nick kentris, 2386 Hawthorne Dr., Fostoria Oh. 44830. (Might try to attend the reunion if I can make it)

Claton Riley 1943

My sister Lola Riley Vincent, sent me her newsletter and it was good to read about Beatrice Krebs. I was in the class of 1943. I retired 2 years ago as President of the Riley-Kirby Co (56 years) in Jacksonville, Fl. I have 6 children and 18 grandchildren. I enjoy playing golf; tennis and I do volunteer work. Keep up the good work.

Ridgewood Men's Golf Assoc. Parma Alumni

We are all sorry to see the passing of Stan Schmidt this past summer. He was a loyal Parma Schaaf High School Alumni and was the one of the oldest golfer to attend the PSHS Alumni Scholarship Golf Outing. He was a great guy with a big heart (and a great golfer). We will miss him.

Sarah Wheatly-daughter Stillwater, Ok

Janice Mary Singfield Rockwell, Parma Class of 1936, passed away on May 18, 2002 in Lawton, Ok. She always spoke with great affection of her days at Parma High and had wished she had been able to attend reunions She kept in touch with many of her classmates by mail and telephone.

Monica A Fry, Daughter

It is with great sadness that I write this letter to inform you that my mother Elaine Onacila Fry passed away on 9/29/01 from a brain aneurysm. During her 57 years she had a full life and a family who loved her dearly. Please accept this donation to your reunion fund on her behalf. I just celebrated my 10 year reunion last September. During that time, she specifically mentioned how she was looking forward to her 40th. I am sure she would have liked to be there in person to celebrate this special day with everyone.

Tony Gregory

I would like to see teachers added to the email directory.

John Maslanka 1976

Do you know of any way I can contact teachers who have long since retired or left PSHS? Who should I contact?

(Answer)

The Parma School District purges their files of teacher address and other info after three years, so they would not have any records of former PSHS teachers. The PSHS ALUMNI ASSOC. is trying to get a listing of former teachers who would be willing to give us their email addresses, but we need help to do this. If you know of any teachers and can send us their email addresses (with their permission) we will certainly print them.

Attention Alumni Football Players

The 2003-2004 school year marks the 50th Anniversary of Parma Senior High. To commemorate this event the Parma Senior

High Football Team will be announcing five Parma Senior High All-Decade Football Teams. These teams will include



players from the 1950's, 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's. If you would like to make a nomination, please send it to the Parma Alumni Office, 6285 W 54th St, Parma, OH 44129 c/o Tony DeMarco-re PSH Football All -Decade Team. You may send it in a letter form. Include statistical information, if available or state reasons why you think this person is worthy of being on the team. For example, was the person all-league, all-state, team captain, three-year starter, etc. The selection committee will consider all nominations. The All-Decade Teams will be considered by graduation year. For example, 1970 will be part of the 1970's decade. There may be exceptions made for those who suffered injuries during the course of their playing days. This is going to be an exciting year. We look forward to recognizing the new honorees. The All-Decade Teams will be announced and recognized at Parma Senior High home games during the 2002-2004 football season. This will be our inaugural season in the Pioneer Conference, which includes top area powers such as Strongsville and Brunswick. Let's have our first season in our new conference be a memorable one. We look forward to hearing from you. Go Redmen!

Golf Outing from page 1

Damon DeMarco, '89, Nancy Fedak, '66, and Lou Bentzen, '60. A big thanks also to the following people who helped make a successful outing:

- •Topps on Day Drive for providing breakfast
- •Mr. Hero at Southland owned by Bob Funk, Class of '55 who provided lunch
- •Volunteers- Lee Bailey, Bob Madden, Tony and Darlene DeMarco, Frank and Chris Sobolewski, Dianna Kall, Cheryl Kienast, Bob Sovchik, Damon and Jodi DeMarco, Brian and Sue Veverka, Kathy Collins, Rita Comko, and Jim and Carol Bartel.
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Look for the date and location of next years PSH Alumni Golf Outing in a future issue of the Tradition!



Gerald Kline '62

After graduating from college, I taught a year and a half in Strongsville and then became a member of the Normandy High School faculty where I taught Speech, Theatre, English, Art Seminar and Debate for five years. I was involved in theatrical activities, among other things, all of which are helpful to an actor in creating believable characters and their life experiences, which define them. During those years I worked two seasons as an acting apprentice at the Great Lakes Shakespeare Festival at Lakewood Civic Auditorium and three summers of graduate work/performance at the



July 5, 2002

Ridgewood Golf Course

Porthouse Theatre of Kent State University at Blossom Music Center. I was married for five years, and then moved to NYC in 1973 to pursue an acting career. I have been there ever since and have been fortunate enough to support myself doing the kind of work I guess I was destined to do. I am currently serving as an elected officer in two performing unions. I serve on the Board of Directors of the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists and on the Board of Directors of the Screen Actors Guild.

There are two things I remember most about Parma High. One being, perhaps the biggest thrill, was playing football against Massillon in the old Cleveland Municipal Stadium. I also remember playing the part of "Harlow Huskins" in the 1961 Variety Show, *WILL SUCCESS SPOIL HARLOW HUSKINS?*

2002 PSH Alumni On-Line Directory Order Form

Name		Graduation Year		
Address _	Email_			
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Since the PSH Alumni Association does not receive financial assistance from the Parma School System, fundraising helps to defray costs. Here are some items for any occaision.

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.



Golf Shirt \$25 (L, XL) Mug \$7.50 T-Shirt \$20 (M, L, XL, XXL) Sweatshirt \$30 (M, L, XL, XXL) License Plate Frame \$6.00

Yearbooks for sale

Parma Senior High Alumni Association has acquired yearbooks from various sources and we are selling to support the college scholarship program.

If you have yearbooks you no longer want, perhaps you will consider donating to this project. Yearbooks are sold, as is, most are in "healthy" condition, some might have a few pages loose, or the spines split.

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