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From: The President's Desk

PSH Alumni Directory Online!

By Tony DeMarco

The PSH Alumni Directory is now online. Those who subscribed and gave us their e-mail address should be receiving their password via e-mail this week. Those who did not give us their e-mail address will receive their password by US mail.

The site, designed by Anne Speck, contains over 34,000 names from the class 1922 to the class of 1999. The most recent class, 2000, must be given a chance in the fall to request that their address be left off the list (we do not receive their class roster until January of the following year.)

It also contains a trivia page, a photography page and starting next fall, current issues of the newsletter online. All of this for only a \$10.00 donation. To date we have about 275 subscriptions and more come in each day.

All profits after expenses will go to support our Scholarship Trust Fund and our "Tradition" production.

Once again, this is an online service by subscription only; and it is accessed through our regular web page at PSHALUMNI.ORG.

The unique feature of this directory allows you to find classmates by graduation date, by last name and by state. You may find out that a neighbor or a friend is a fellow alumnus.

We hope that you will enjoy our newest addition to the many benefits your Alumni Association offers.

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So, You Want to be a Millionaire?



Recently a Parma High Alum made his TV debut on the popular TV game show, The Millionaire.

Gary Gambino, a 1988 grad was lucky enough to get on the show and then to win the fastest finger to get a chance at a million dollars. I sent him an e-mail and he was kind enough to send me a reply for or newsletter and here it is:

Graduated from Parma (2nd in class) in 1988. Attended Cleveland State University and earned a Bachelor's degree in chemical Engineering in 1993.

I have been trying to get on Millionaire since November 1999. Basically, there are two telephone rounds to get through. The first round is available once per day, about 2 weeks each month, and consists of 3 fast-finger type questions where you put 4 items in correct order using your phone keypad. If you get the 3 questions right, you are entered into a random drawing from which 40 people per show are chosen each day to compete in a second round telephone playoff. (The second round is similar in format to the first round, except that there are 5 questions. They then choose the 10 best scores from the second round, and these are the 10 people you see on TV at the start of the show.) I made it to the second round 4 times in the year and a half I have been trying. On the 4th try (February 13th), I answered all the questions correctly and got a callback from the show 2 hours later telling me I made it on the show. They flew me to New York for taping on February 20th, and the rest is history.

While at CSU, I worked for BP as part of the co-op program. Joined BP full-time on graduating in 1993. Worked 2 years in refining technology group in Warrensville Hts., then transferred to chemicals in 1995 (also in Warrensville Hts.), where I got the opportunity to travel to several international locations including china, Taiwan, Australia, UK, Germany, and Italy to provide technical service to BP's catalyst and licensing customers.

Moved out of the Cleveland area in 1997 to work at a BP chemical plant in Victoria, TX. In 1999, moved back north to Naperville, IL (30 miles west of Chicago) where I am now a Business Analyst for BP. I began my MBA degree in the part-time program at the University of Chicago in 1999 and have one year left. I am single (never married) with no kids.

Congratulations to Gary on his TV success!

Just A Reminder

The "All Alumni Dance" will be on Saturday, March 31, 2001 at 8:00 PM in the cafeteria at Schaaf Community Center on West 54th Street. Tickets are \$10 at the door. This is a BYOB with wash, chips and ice provided. We will have a DJ and some door prizes. Bring an hors d'oeuvre!

Spring

REMEMBER?

The Friday Night Basement Party

by Tony DeMarco

In the late 1950's and early 60's, students at Parma Senior High School would spend many Friday nights in numerous basements throughout Parma, Seven Hills and Parma Hts.

From about 8:00 PM to midnight, these Friday night basement parties brought together groups of 10 to 20 kinds for dancing and fun. Everyone would chip in for Pepsi, coke, chips and pretzels. Everyone would bring their favorite 45RPM records with their names or initials written with nail polish and the part would begin!

Songs like "Why Do Fools Fall in Love?", Honky Tonk", "That'll Be the Day", "I Wonder Why", "Blue Moon" and "Runaround Sue" were great records for fast dancing. Guys who could fast dance were special and since there were so few of them, many of the girls had to dance with each other.

About 10:00 PM the guys would start putting great slow dance songs on the record player. Songs like "Tears on my Pillow", "I Can't Stop Loving You", "Blue Velvet", "I'm Sorry", "Are you Lonesome Tonight?", "Chances Are", "Just a Dream", "Puppy Love", and "Love Me Tender" were great slow songs to dance the last hour or two before the girls; dads came to pick them up.

The parents of the kid who had the party would usually keep an eye on the crowd, but about 11:00 PM, they would allow the lights to be dimmed. Then all too soon the call from up the stairs would come for each of the girls, one by one, that a parent was there to pick them up.

When the party was over, some guys would drive to places like the Whip, Manners, or Beardens; or some guys would just walk home together and talk about the great girl they just met. For many, the girls or guys they met at these parties would later become their husbands or wives.

Those are fond memories of a simpler time when a dance and good night kiss made you feel this could be "the one" until the next basement party-remember?

Spring - UPCOMING REUNIONS

1941 60th Reunion contact person Roy Cappallo 727-736-1340 or Esther K Kitzel Slack 440-842-0396

1946 55th Reunion Contact person Julius K Nemeth Jr. 440-842-0360 no information to date

1951 50th Reunion August 11 2001 at Schaaf Community Center. (Golf, Lolly the Trolley, Night at the Races, Sunday Brunch) Contact persons Nancy Sawmers Bowman 3274 Fallhaven Cr. N. Ridgeville, Oh 44039 1-440-748-6623 or Dale Dommin at ddommin@aol.com

1956 August 31-September 2, 2001 at Radisson Hotel Cleveland South at I-71 and Bagley Rd. Contact person: Carol Baldassari 6450 Michael Drive, Brookpark, OH 44142 (216) 676-4046.

1961 40th Reunion the Reunion committee for the class of 1961 has postponed their reunion till furthers notices. For further information please call Pat Wysocki Nicolosi 440-237-0076

1966 35th Reunion The reunion committee for the class of 1966 will not have their next reunion till 2006. Due to conflicts, the 30th was not celebrated. Instead, it was celebrated at 32 ½ years called the 30 something Reunion. The committee decided to wait for the 40th. We do not want our classmates to think they were overlooked. Thank you Kathy Yovorsky Dogger Class of 1966 dogger@worldnet.att.net

1971 30th reunion Contact person Edward Borsuk 330-678-2224 no information at this time.

1976 Contact person: Patricia Tucker 3291 Ala Dr. Seven Hills, OH 44131. Phone: 216- 524-9433. No further information at this time.

1981 20th Reunion June 23 2001 at Windows on the River Contact person Carla Bankovich- Houdek 440-238-4281 or pier14@aol.com

1986 15th Reunion Contact person Tony Prusak Tonyp417@aol.com or Bill Klein at vivabolo@aol.com No other info to date

1991 September 29, 2001. Hillside Party Center 4617 E. 71st St. Cuyahoga Hts, OH Contact person Ed Pinc 440-885-5914.

COMPLETED REUNIONS

Class of 1940 Class of 1945 Class of 1950 Class of 1955

Class of 1960 Class of 1970 Class of 1975 Class of 1985

Class of 1990

In Memoriam – Since 11/25/00

1935

Arthur Spatz

1951

Frieda Barton Schaffer

Joseph J Brenner

Richard Caramella

Harry H Fernback

Norman O Hoyt

Paul M Kulla

Ronald P Romanak

James Russell

Donald K Syroski

1952

Richard Basar

Donald Bonem

Erma Cole Fetterman

Emilio D'Amico

Jack Drake

Ellwood "Eel" Evans

George Gundel

Evelyn M Janos Robison

Robert Kotalik

Donald Kuhn

William Lange

Barbara McIntyre Lange

Bonnie J Musick Farmer

Lois A Schloss Lantzer

1955

Donald J Ralph

Walter Sorufka

William Zinzow

1957

Nancy Musick Russell

1962

Gary C Gray

1966

Perry Stancato

Christina Wielicki - died from Lou Gehrig's disease in 1999. She is survived by 1 daughter, April and 1 son, Adam

1970

Bernard M Osterling

Dennis D Perog

Charles B Spittal

Dennis A Szabo

1981

Richard S Meckel

1931

Edward Kozelka,

A retired Cleveland Police

Lieutenant. Also a

graduate of Baldwin

Wallace College

Conservatory of Music,

taught music, played

piano at Greater

Cleveland dance halls,

was past president of the

North Olmsted Kiwanis,

and composed music,

including the music for his funeral.

Special Note: Even though we try to verify every report of classmates who have been reported as deceased, we sometimes get misinformation. We rely on individual verification from family and friends and also from class memory books.

Bert Beck, class of 1958 is alive and well. Our apologies to Bert.

Spring Letters to the Editor

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Parma Entertainers next concert, June 3, 2001 at Tri-C West—Time 3:30 PM. It's a Sunday. See you there!

Ann T Manila Bauer

Class of 1948



Hi, Just received my PSHAA letter and even though I didn't graduate from Parma, my husband, John Hemeyer did in 1938. I attended the Parma Schools until I moved. I enjoy reading about some of my long ago friends. My class was 1938.

Janet Walker Hemeyer



Hi, I'm a 1961 graduate and received my PSH alumni sweatshirt from my husband (a Berea Hi Grad) as part of my birthday present. It made a great gift, and I ordered one for my sister (Judie Farkas Mullins). Although it's been 40 years (hard to believe) I still have very fond memories about my high school years, academics and the great football team.

Sincerely,

Ronnie Farkas Black

On behalf of the senior class I would like to thank you for your generous donation toward our winter formal. Your kindness will not only be enjoyed by the class of 2001, but for many classes to come. I would also like to thank you for supplying us with the crown and trophies for the dance. You're the Best!

Class of 2001

Jessie Dynia, Secretary



Norman w Shibley, (class of 38) was the author of the Parma High School Alma Mater. He wrote the lyrics and the adapted music. A contest was conducted at the time to select the Parma-Schaaf Senior High Alma Mater. Norman won the contest. I feel it only appropriate that he be credited in the printed lyric on the Parma Sr. High web page. Respectfully

Roy Cappallo

Class of 1941

(We will pass this on to the school principal)



Do you have any football films from the class of 1974? I think it would be great fun to share these game films with friends and family.

Paul Rausch Class of 1974

(Sorry we can not find any of these films around – we will

I am sorry about the mix-up with my name. At the time I was known as "Mickey" Meyer or Anne Meyer. The Mickey changed to Mike and I married Mr. White to become Mike White.

Mike White

Mike (Anne) White Class of 1935

(Mike Anne White has donated over \$2000 to the building fund and we wanted her classmates to know of her school pride and generosity)



Dear Tony,

The class of 1960 Memorial, which appeared in the Tradition, caused me to question if any record has been compiled about graduates who were killed in past conflicts?

If there is no record, it may still be possible to put out the word to survivors and relatives. A list of those by class year and conflict, i.e. Frank Nemeth, Class of 1938, Pacific Theater (Iwo Jima). Frank was a friend and my wife and I attended his funeral in 1946 when his body was returned for burial.

Sincerely,

Clifford Burk

(This is a very good idea. The PSH Alumni And Parma High have some memorial plaques, but we have no permanent records. We ask that if you have records of PSH Alumni killed in the service of their country, please send us that information and documentation so we can begin a permanent record. Thank you for your letter.)



keep our eyes open for them)



Spring - Parma High Events

Winter Dance

The Senior Class had its winter “Candy Land Dance”. A king and queen and a court were selected. The Alumni Association donated all the trophies and crowns for the event. We also made a donation to the class to purchase a snow-making machine for future classes to use.

Spring - PSH Alumni Events

Scholarship to be Awarded

The PSH Alumni Association will award a \$1000 and a \$750 scholarship to 2 deserving Parma High students whose parent(s) are PSH alumni. These scholarships will be given in May at the annual scholarship dinner.



5th Annual Parma Senior High School Alumni Golf Outing

Friday, June 22, 2001
Ridgewood Golf Course

2-man Scramble
9:00 am Shotgun Start
\$85 Per Person

Includes Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner, Golf and Cart

Door Prizes, Raffle Prizes

Contact Tony DeMarco at 440-572-2375 for tee times or registration forms.

The Building Fund

Since 11/25/00

1955—Claire Justice Eckles

Class of 1950 \$100.00

Recipes from the PSH Cafeteria

Spanish Noodles for 50

Ground beef 10 lbs

Wide Noodles 4 lbs.

Chile peppers

chopped 6

Onion, chopped 3 lbs

Tomato juice 2 No. 10 cans

Salt 3 Tbls

Pepper 2 tsp

Brown beef in large heavy Saucepan or kettle. Spread noodles in layer over meat. Add remaining ingredients. Do not stir. Cover and cook with flame turned high. When steam comes from cover, turn to simmer and cook 35 Minutes. Stir and serve.

1 portion provides 2 oz protein-rich food

Your Alumni Association Board

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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

For anyone who thought they would receive a CD, we changed to an on-line service after investigating cost, production problems as well as privacy problems. We made that change in the winter of 2000 and put that information in our spring, summer, and fall newsletters. If you wanted a CD we will refund your subscription donation. Send us your name, address and graduating class and check number if possible to PSH Alumni Directory at 6285 West 54th Street, Parma, OH 44129. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.