
BBHHS ALUMNI



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WINTER NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Fall / Winter Greetings BBHHS Alumni ...

As I sit to write this portion of the Winter Newsletter, I'm once again surprised to find that Fall is upon us. Yet, as the temperatures drop, and the leaves turn color, I'm reminded just how fast the years go. We're embarking on 2024 ... weren't we just bringing in the new millennium?

Before I take a look back at the year, let me begin with a simple question ... are you a member of the BBHHS Alumni Association? If not, we encourage you to take a moment and get signed up! It's easy ... there's a form in this newsletter, in the recent Pollen Count, or you can go to our website, bbhhsalumni.org, and sign up there using CheddarUp to pay. The holidays are coming, and a membership makes a nice gift, too. While the entire alumni can see this Winter Newsletter, **only members receive the exemplary yearly edition of the Pollen Count**, which is full of news, information celebrating classes, information on upcoming reunions as well as those just past, memorabilia, community pictures/stories/history, classmates/teachers, and so much more! Now is a great time to join or renew your membership! It's still a bang for your buck at \$5/year, or enjoy 5 years for just \$20! If you're already a member, it's time to check to see if your dues need to be renewed. You can then look forward to receiving The Pollen Count in the Spring.

Your Alumni Association has kept its stride over the past couple of years which allowed us to hit 2023 with momentum and more progress. I thank the Symposium Committee chairwoman, **Brenda Fraley Kolchin '62** for her diligent leadership, and **Lisa Greb '83**, **Veta Gross Groth '66**, and **Annette Hess Mantkowski '74** for contributing to the ongoing conversation. Good things are already happening based on our time together. Be sure to keep an eye on

Important Dates

2023-2024 Alumni Association Meeting Schedule

December 12, 2023 @ 7:00 pm
March 12, 2024 @ 7:00 pm
June 11, 2024 @ 7:00 pm
September 10, 2024 @ 7:00pm
December 10, 2024 @ 7:00pm
Meetings will be held in the BBHHS Band Room
Please join us! We welcome new faces, ideas, and suggestions!

Brecksville Home Days

June 21st, 22nd and 23rd, 2024

Broadview Hts Home Days

July 12th, 13th, and 14th 2024

BBHHS Alumni Reunion Dinner

Friday, June 21st, 2024
6:00pm – 10:00pm
Sleepy Hollow Golf Course
9445 Brecksville Road,
Brecksville

Alumni Association Pancake Breakfast

June 22nd & June 23rd, 2024
8:00am-12:00pm both days
Brecksville Horticulture Building
6914 Stadium Drive, Brecksville

the website, www.bbhsalumni.org, for any new events going forward.

If you find yourself at the high school, be sure to check out the showcases done by the Alumni Association. **Veta Gross Groth '66**, stirred her creative spirit and led a group of dedicated women to complete the showcases that we were given. Informational and nostalgic, these are something to see.

We presented our third **BBH Alumni Association Scholarship of \$500** to **Avery Mowder** at the Seniors Award Ceremony in May. Avery will be pursuing a career in photography. We are pleased to be able to award a deserving Senior who meets the criteria outlined for our scholarship, and look forward to continuing this annually.

We had a great time participating in the Annual Brecksville Memorial Day Parade this Spring. Again, led by **Veta Gross Groth '66**, we made our presence with a flatbed loaned to us by **Brant Giere '84**, pulled by an antique John Deere tractor owned by **Tom Hoffman '68**. Several classmates rode the decorated flatbed, while younger alum, ('98-'04) walked alongside passing candy to the crowd. I was happy to ride with my brother, **Lou Carouse '71**, in his '73 Mustang convertible, with my sisters, **Ellen Carouse (Weiss) '76** and **Dianne Carouse Hutchison '78**, riding behind us with two of my grandsons in Ellen's '82 Mustang convertible. Fun was had by all ... join us next Spring!

Our Summer **2023 BBHHS All Alumni Weekend** took place with a few minor changes and proved to be exceptional! After months of planning, we were pleased to bring the **Annual Golf Outing, Alumni Reunion Event and Pancake Breakfast** (during Brecksville's Home Days), to fruition. My thanks to **Al Travaglianti '67** for organizing a record number of guys and gals participating in the **Annual Bud Wisnieski Golf Outing**, and to **Lisa Greb '83** who chaired the back to back **Alumni Reunion Event and Pancake Breakfast**. We took a new approach to the Alumni Reunion Event, and had heavy appetizers along with the open bar. This less formal style made it even easier for attendees to chat and catch up with friends old and new, which is what these events are meant to do. Sleepy Hollow in Brecksville provided the perfect venue to enjoy the evening. Thanks to Lisa and her committee for another wonderful evening. Our Saturday and Sunday Pancake Breakfast was another outstanding success! Over the two days we served just over 600 adult and children's breakfasts. The venue, the Brecksville Horticultural Building, is the perfect place to come enjoy breakfast and share time with others. Each year we see a few new faces helping make this fun event happen ... plan on joining us next year for some pancake flipping fun!

Fall marks the time we celebrate our **2023 Gallery of Achievement Class of Inductees**. They are another superb group of people who have walked the halls of BBHHS and gone on to contribute to society in many different ways, not only in their career path, but through the ways they give back to their communities and beyond. They were honored and celebrated on Friday, October 6, 2023 at the high school ceremony. Inductees are **John "Jerry" Gunner '57, Richard Packard '64, Greg Skaljic '91** and **Faculty members, Jim Roytz and Chuck Valley**. Congratulations to each of them! Once again, it's important to note that **we take nominations from YOU**, those who know them and know what they've done post graduation. Faculty members who were exceptional or made a difference in the lives of students are also accepted. We need the nominations to celebrate fine individuals, so if you know someone deserving, please fill out a nomination form and submit it. We are always taking nominations, and will be meeting to select another class after the first of the year. My thanks to **Lou Carouse '71** for his work as the committee chair.

Again, this Fall we offered a **Tailgate Event** before a home football game, this year choosing the day of our Gallery of Achievement inductions, where inductees are introduced at the game. Put together by **Veta Gross Groth '66** with the help of **Mr. Kevin Jakub, BBHHS Principal**, we gathered in the upper lot where you could enjoy a hot dog, snack and water for a great price . All were invited to join in some pre-game fun. We plan to make this an annual event, so be sure to watch for details on next years game. The upper parking lot is set aside for us, a large grill is made available, and it just needs you and your lawn chairs to get it started. Weather iffy, no problem ... bring a pop-up tent or go inside the building. Nothing can dampen our **BEE SPIRIT!!**

We have a Winter event planned for ALL alumni ... the **All Class Bowling Night!** Mark your calendars for February 23rd and come on out for a fun night of bowling. Thanks to **Keith Wisniewski '76, and Mary Lou Stankiewicz Schaeffer '76** for chairing this event. We look forward to a fun night at Seven Hills Lanes. You can find updated information on our alumni website, **bbhhsalumni.org**. If you haven't been there lately, take another look. It's a one stop hub for being in the know ... from when our meetings are, to upcoming events, to information on classmates and reunions, and more. **We invite YOU to become involved, and have fun with the rest of us!** Thanks to **Paul Travaglianti '77** for keeping it updated.

It is with a most heavy heart that I share with you the passing of one of our beloved alumni members, **Brenda Fraley Kolchin '62**. Brenda was a very active member of the Alumni Association over the past six years, serving in many capacities, including Vice President. There wasn't a job or task too big for Brenda, and she approached each with enthusiasm. While most recently leading the Symposium Committee discussions, she always came well prepared and never lost her gusto to dream big. She was passionate about leaving a better association to those behind us. Her unwavering help on the other committees was so appreciated, and she truly embodied my mantra of "Once a Bee ... Always a Bee!" She will be missed beyond words by those of us who worked along side her, and loved her, but she'll remain a beacon in our hearts as we continue to serve the Alumni Association. Our sympathy goes out to her husband, Michael, her son and daughter, and her sister, **Pat Fraley Distel '58**.

As always, I thank our board, committee chairs, Principal, and "worker BEES" who keep us running. It's hard to find the words to thank these dedicated individuals for the time and effort they devote to making the BBHHS Alumni Association what it is, and work so that it will continue for decades to come. It is with sincere appreciation that I offer my thanks to **Lisa Greb '83, Annette Mantkowski '74, the late Brenda Fraley Kolchin '62, Veta Gross Groth '66, Don Faulhaber '58, Frank DeWolf '59, Paul Travaglianti '77, Tom Harris '64, Nestor Labyk '72, Lou Carouse '71, Betty Ziegler '60, Alan Travaglianti '67, Suzanne Fleming Young '75, and Sue Messisco '65**. My thanks to **BBHHS Principal, Keven Jakub**, too, for all he does to assist us and keep a bridge between us and the high school. These fine people engage others to plan and execute our events, and look for ways to improve the association for the benefit of alumni to come. It's a pleasure to work along side each of them!

We continue to make great strides and maintain being one of Alumni Associations in the area. Please join us at our next on December 12, 2023 at 7pm. We've been meeting in the Band room, which is located at the far left side of the high it sits on the hill ... there's room for everyone!

Blessings to all in 2024!! Once a Bee ... Always a Bee!



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Jeanne Carouse Travaglianti '75
BBHHS Alumni Association President

Announcements

The 2024 BBHHS Alumni Weekend and Reunion Dinner

The weekend begins with the **Annual Bud Wisnieski Golf Outing** on Friday, June 21st, 2024, followed by the **Alumni Reunion** Friday Evening. Remember this is an **ALL CLASS REUNION**, so grab your classmates, reserve tables, and enjoy a fun night filled with memorabilia, a 50/50 raffle, and reminiscing.

The Alumni Association must conduct a very short meeting to elect officers for the following year. This is the only event where the Alumni Association has may dues-paying members who can vote for the new slate of officers. More information and the Alumni Union Reservation Form can be found at <http://bbhhsalumni.org/alumni-all-class-reunion>.

We will also have a collection of memorabilia at the Alumni Reunion. We are asking for any memorabilia you may still have from your school days, literally anything from elementary school through high school. Any kind of uniform, programs, letter jackets/sweaters, pins, class, dance or sports photos, medals, yearbooks., absolutely anything from attending the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools that you would like to donate or let us borrow to display at the Alumni Reunion. If you would like to donate your school treasures to us or would let us borrow them, please contact Lisa Greb at 330-461-6622/ biggs94@zoominternet.net or Annette Mantkowski at 330-730-2478/amantkowski@hotmail.com.

2024 Pancake Breakfast

The Alumni Association's Annual Pancake Breakfast will take place on Saturday, June 22nd and Sunday, June 23rd, 2024, in conjunction with the Brecksville Home Days. The location will again be the Brecksville Horticultural Building, 6914 Stadium Drive. The hours will be 8:00am – 12:00pm both days.

We need your support to continue this tradition! Please plan to stop by, enjoy good food and socialize, all while supporting the BBHHSAA. Again, we will be offering pancakes (unlimited), sausage, applesauce and beverages. **If you're interested in volunteering at next year's breakfast, please contact Annette Hess Mantkowski at 330-730-2478 or amantkowski@hotmail.com.**

If you have any questions about the breakfast, please contact Lisa Greb, Chairperson, at 330-461-6622 or biggs94@zoominternet.net.

Alumni Dues

The **BBHHS Alumni Association dues are \$5.00 per year or 5 years for \$20.00**. For a small fee, you can **pay your dues online** using CheddarUp at www.BBHHSAlumni.org. The current Dues Paid List is located on the alumni website also. Look for your expiration date on your mailing label. The Winter Newsletter will be available on the website to ALL alumni. We will continue to send *The Pollen Count* to **Dues Paying Members ONLY**. A paper Dues Form is in *The Pollen Count*. You can also download a Dues Form from our website at <https://bbhhsalumni.org/wp-content/uploads/dues-form.pdf>. All dues must be received by 2/1/24 to receive the *The Pollen Count* in 2024.

Gallery of Achievement

The Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School Alumni Association established the **Gallery of Achievement Awards Program** in 2002 to honor Brecksville-Broadview Heights graduates and former faculty who have distinguished themselves through community service, personal development and vocational accomplishment. The spirit of caring, participation and excellence continues to be what has given BBHHS graduates the tools to be good citizens. Teachers are involved beyond their formal classroom instruction. They are role models. Their guidance and encouragement provide a positive influence that prepares students for adult life. The **Gallery of Achievement Program** provides the opportunity to recognize graduates and former faculty who have contributed to their communities. The Gallery of Achievement Selection Committee will consider achievements for all adult life activities, including educational support and enhancement, volunteer activities and personal and vocational accomplishments. The selection committee will accept and review all nominations for future honorees.

The Gallery of Achievement Induction Ceremony gives the inductees the opportunity to present their accomplishments at a student assembly. The Gallery of Achievement inducted the 2023 inductees on Friday, October 6, 2023. The 2023 inductees are are Jim Roytz-Faculty-Band Director, Chuck Valley-Faculty-Choir Director, Jerry Gunner '57. Richard Packard '64, and Greg Skaljic '91 /Faculty

Gallery of Achievement Inductees

2002

Leo Bender '50
Donald A. Faulhaber '38
Helen Fitting
'37/Faculty
Jerry N. Hruby '66
Ann Liguori '78

2003

Mark Glasgow '59
Mildred Heinemann
Faculty
Milton Kronick-Faculty
Janine Bowles
Sarnowski '68
Cary Watkins '54

2004

Gerald Becker-Faculty
Duane Hocking '55
Donald Larsen '52
Nancianne Martin
'47/Faculty

<p><u>2006</u> Robert E. Baird '68 Robert L. Faulhaber '34 Doris S. Toth-Faculty Walter F. Wisnieski-Faculty</p>	<p><u>2008</u> Natalie Cicero Abell '68 Charles Kegley '51 Christopher "Kit" Taylor '60 Thomas J. Tupa '84 Jeannette Winters-Faculty</p>	<p><u>2012</u> Ronald J. Ganim-Faculty Michael T. Good '80 Susan Hatters Friedman '92 Anthony-Samuel Lamantia '78 Tom Nero '48 Richard J. Pappas '69</p>
<p><u>2014</u> Edd Bilek '59 Don Faulhaber, Jr. '58 Ervin Gyuri Hollosy '65 John Klipfell, III '67 Joseph Vadini-Faculty</p>	<p><u>2015</u> Frank C. DeWolf '59 Laurie Priest '73 Stephen J. Vargo-Faculty Lee Watkins '62</p>	<p><u>2016</u> Daniel Biggs, Sr., '60 Heather Ann Hipsley, J. D., '75 Dan Kalinski '78 Judi Cook Krew '79 Tony Niccoli-Faculty</p>
<p><u>2017</u> Hermann S. Botzow '54 Kenneth G. Ganley '92 James Harbuck-Faculty June Kronholz '65 Robert Kubicek '43 Kathryn Reiss '76</p>	<p><u>2018</u> Louis N. Carouse '71 John Daria-Faculty Joan Ganim-Faculty Matthew Harper '77 Dave Sladky '60</p>	<p><u>2019</u> David Bronczek '72 Ralph DeSantis-Faculty Katherine Dolan '97 Jack A. Hruby '62 David Mansbery '72 Edward Sustercic-Faculty</p>
<p><u>2021</u> Keith Ashmus '67 Ann Stankiewicz '72 Neal Gravette-Faculty</p>	<p><u>2022</u> Doris Barber-Faculty Carol Buchanan-Faculty Dominic Caruso '94 Ed Herrick '65/Faculty</p>	<p><u>2023</u> Jim Roytz- Faculty Chuck Valley- Faculty Jerry Gunner '57 Richard Packard '64 Greg Skaldic "91/Faculty</p>

Gallery of Achievement sponsors

Robert Baird '68
 Herman Botzow '54
 Lou Carouse '71
 Jeanne Carouse Travaglianti '75
 Frank C. DeWolf '59
 Faulhaber Family
 The Ganim Trust/Joan Ganim
 Ganley Auto/ Ken Ganley '92
 Lisa Greb '83
 Matthew Harper '77/ Creekside Restaurant

Annette Hess Mantkowski '74
 Duane Hocking '55
 Mayor Jerry Hruby '66
 John Klipfell, III '67
 Brenda Fraley Kolchin '62
 Don Larsen '52
 David Mansbery '72
 Thomas Nero '48
 Laurie Priest '73
 Ann Stankiewicz '72

Gallery of Achievement Nominations

If you know of someone who deserves this award as an Alum or Faculty Member, please take the time to nominate them. The Gallery of Achievement Nomination Form is located on the Alumni Association school website www.bbhhسالumni.org. **Please send nominations to Gallery of Achievement, c/o BBHHS Alumni Association, 6380 Mill Road, Broadview Heights, Ohio 44147**

Nominations for 2024 are needed now!

Mayor Jerry Hruby will Retire

Longtime Brecksville Mayor Jerry Hruby announced he will not seek a 10th term. Hruby, a lifelong Brecksville resident, was elected mayor/safety director in 1988 after working 20 years for the Brecksville police department, including a stint as chief. He became mayor two years after the death of his brother, former mayor Jack A. Hruby, who passed away from leukemia at the age of 41. Jack Hruby served as mayor from 1970 through 1986.

“It’s become clear that I’ve been here a number of years, so much so that I’m all of a sudden 75 years old, and I don’t understand how that happened,” Hruby told council. “[At the end of my term,] I will have spent 56 years working for the city. It’s going to be very difficult for me to make the transition, but it needs to be done.” Hruby sent a letter to every Brecksville residence announcing his decision and said he plans to spend more time with his wife and family. “It’s time for me to go home and dedicate myself to getting my affairs in order in these later days of my life,” he said. [Scrip Type Publishing, Inc., Melissa Martin, August 18, 2023](#). Mayors Jack and Jerry both graduated from Brecksville High School in ’62 and ’66, respectively.

2023 BBHHSAA Scholarship

2023 BBHHSAA Scholarship Winner is Avery Mowder. Avery will be attending Tri-C Community College majoring in photography. She was also our photographer for the 2023 Alumni Reunion. She is the 3rd recipient of our \$500 scholarship. The BBHHS Alumni Association offers a \$500 scholarship to a qualifying and deserving senior who is either college or trade-school bound. We are pleased to award a graduating senior who meets the criteria outlined for our scholarship. We look forward to offering this scholarship annually. Stephen Joo-Young was the 2021 recipient and Derek Reissig was the 2022 recipient.



Avery Mowder '23

City Names Athletic Field, Complex after Beloved Community Members

The historic Stadium Drive football field and the surrounding athletic complex, along with two fields at Blossom Hill, have new names courtesy of the city administration and Brecksville City Council. Mayor Jerry Hruby said the city for years has attempted to honor the only coach to guide the Brecksville-Broadview Heights Bees to a state football championship, along with the city's winningest eighth-grade football coach. But the school district, which owned the Stadium Drive fields, prohibited naming properties for individuals. Now that ownership of the Stadium Drive property has passed to the city, Hruby said the policy can change.

Accordingly, the Stadium Drive field, which served as the high school football stadium from 1944 through 1986, is now named the Ralph DeSantis Field in honor of a standout teacher and coach who served the district for nearly four decades. DeSantis, Hruby said, was a language arts, reading, social studies and gifted-curriculum teacher before becoming a high school guidance counselor. He was also the broadcasting voice over the loudspeaker during the Bee's boys and girls soccer games and served as an assistant basketball and track and field coach.

Among DeSantis' credits are coaching the eighth-grade football team to more than 800 victories and being twice named district Educator of the Year. He was an inductee to the district's Gallery of Achievement in 2019. "The minute we took title to [this property], I remembered how important he was to all the young athletes, many of whom attended his funeral. ... In Brecksville, [Ralph] is and was a sports legend," Hruby said.

Equally deserving of such recognition, Hruby said, is the man who mentored DeSantis, Joe Vadini. Vadini, who began working for the Brecksville schools in 1957, was a star player for the U.S. Army and Mount Union College football teams. He also wrestled and played on Mount Union's baseball team. "He was so good at baseball, he probably could have played pro baseball if he wanted," Hruby said. But for Vadini — a physical education and history teacher and later a guidance counselor — his greatest passion was working with youth. In addition to pioneering the Brecksville wrestling program, he served as head football coach from 1959-1983, leading the Bees to four undefeated seasons, eight league championships and their only state championship during his final season. NFL player and former Brecksville Recreation Director Tom Tupa was one of Vadini's star athletes and played on the championship team, Hruby said. Vadini was named 1983 Ohio High School Football Coach of the Year and Greater Cleveland Coach of the Year in 1972, 1975 and 1983. He was inducted into the Ohio High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame in 1987.

Like DeSantis, it's what Vadini did off the field that made him a community hero, Hruby said, noting that he was known for assisting and redirecting the community's most at-risk youth.

“I can’t tell you how many of his former students and players over the years have told me that if it weren’t for Mr. Vadini, they would probably have been in prison,” Hruby said. “But because of him, they ended up being great citizens and went on to lead successful lives.” Consequently, Hruby said, the Stadium Drive complex has been renamed the Joe Vadini Stadium Drive Athletic Fields.

“Upon his passing, we received hundreds of letters and phone calls from former students and players asking that we [memorialize him in some way],” Hruby said. “And that’s why we think it’s appropriate to name the entire complex after him.”

The city has also elected to name Fields E and F at Blossom Hill after lifelong Brecksville resident and former City Councilman Mike Harwood, who passed away in 2022 at the age of 59.

“Mike, too, deserves this recognition because he did so much for this community in so little time,” Hruby said. In addition to his 12 years on city council, Harwood functioned as a member of the city planning commission. He was also a founding member of the Cuyahoga Valley Youth Organization, where he “fostered sportsmanship, leadership and integrity amongst the youth in the community,” Hruby said. “He gave much of himself giving back to the city he loved,” Hruby added. “Mike truly knew the meaning of public service.” Hruby also credited Harwood for being “instrumental” in planning the recent natatorium expansion, the construction of the outdoor waterpark and new police station. “He is truly missed and truly revered and thought of so fondly by each one of us that when this opportunity came, there was no question in anyone’s mind that Mike should be honored in some way,” he said. “The difficult decision was deciding in what way.” And so Blossom Hill Fields E and F will be known as the Mike Harwood Fields at Blossom Hill. Harwood’s widow, Deborah, said her husband would have been “so honored and humbled by this. He would have been honored to be recognized with the other two guys that he knew so well from school and from the fields,” she said. Members of the administration and city council presented her family with the sign honoring her husband that has been installed at the fields. The families of the other two men received similar accolades by city council April 18. Signs honoring them have been installed at the Stadium Drive complex. Scrip Type Publishing, Inc., Melissa Martin, May 20, 2023





Vadini Family



DeSantis Family

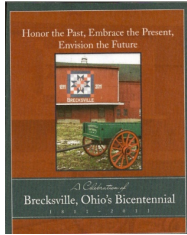
Broadview Heights Historical Society

The Broadview Heights Historical Society in conjunction with the Brecksville Historical Society have reached an agreement to store items from the BBHHS Alumni Association at the Brecksville historical location at Blossom Hill. In the past, most items pertaining to the alumni old records, articles, and pictures have lain dormant in closets, garages, and attics of previous officers and members of the Alumni Association. With this “Alumni Room,” any person interested in researching school events will have all documents located together. You might be interested in the almost complete set of BBHHS Yearbooks beginning with 1939 and The Pollen Count newsletters from its inception in 1972. To complete the yearbook collection we need 1975, 1981, 1995, 1998, 2012, 2013, 2016, 2019. Missing Pollen Count issues include: 1973, 1978, 1979, 1981, 1982. We are also collecting HyBreeze newspapers. Please contact Don Faulhaber at don@faulhaberfuneralhome.com if you have a copy of the missing items and would be willing to donate them to the Historical Society.

BRECKSVILLE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER

BHA collaborated with Beacon Designs, manufacturer of the White House Historical Association's annual ornament for 30 years, to design an ornament of the Bandstand/Gazebo as a new fundraiser. The ornament features a Christmas image of the Bandstand/Gazebo, is brass, and comes in a gold box for gifting. Cost is \$25 per ornament/\$5 if mailed. View and order the ornament at www.brecksvillehistoricalassociation.org.

The Brecksville Historical Association also has books and playing cards available for purchase



All money from the sale of these items will now go to the Brecksville Historical Association. The 256-page hardback book includes over 200 photos and a two-hour DVD with highlights from the 2011 Bicentennial Celebration. The book "Honor the Past, Embrace the Present, Envision the Future" is available for purchase for \$45. If you wish to have it mailed add \$7.00 for shipping charges. The deck of Historic Playing Cards features 52 individual cards each with a different historic photo chosen by the person who sponsored a particular card and the historic Old Town Hall (circa 1900) is on the back of each card. The cost of a deck of cards is \$10 and if you want it mailed please add \$3.00 for shipping & handling. These items are also available at

the Historical Association's Archives at 4410 Oakes Rd., Brecksville, Ohio 44141. Checks are to be made payable to **Brecksville Historical Association** and sent to the Association at P.O. Box 41403, Brecksville, Ohio 44141

What have your classmates been up to?

The BBHHS Alumni Association asks all of you to submit updated information, news, and notes about your latest activities. We all like to live vicariously through one another and stay up to date! Find out what your classmates have been up to ... and while you are at it, let them know what you are doing. Visit the website at <https://bbhhsalumni.org/classmates/>.

Planning A Reunion Weekend

Many class reunion committees and associations have experienced the difficulty in finding affordable reunion venues. Most venues want an early and guaranteed number of those attending which is a hard number to come up with when dealing with an event like a class reunion. Some venues want a non-refundable deposit and a guarantee of money for the evening. Other amenities such as centerpieces and name tags add additional charges to the cost of your reunion.

Please consider having your next reunion with the BBHHS Alumni Association at the Alumni Reunion. The Alumni Reunion Committee finds the venue, pays the deposit, and plans the evening, all your class has to do is show up! Your class will be seated at reserved tables for your class, simple name tags will be provided. Memorabilia for your class may also be displayed. The Alumni Reunion is Friday, June 21, 2024, at Sleepy Hollow from 6:00 pm-10:00 pm. This event coincides with Brecksville Home Days which will take place on June 20th, 21st and 22nd, 2024.

The Annual Bud Wisnieski Golf Outing is on Friday, June 21, 2024, at 9:00. The golf outing takes place at St. Bernard's Golf Club in Richfield. This golf outing is open to all alumni. Brecksville Home Days consists of rides, games, bounce houses, food trucks, and booths for local groups representing the organizations in the community. Every night there is a tribute band concert. Fireworks on Saturday and Sunday night.

The BBHHS Alumni Association also sponsors their annual Pancake Breakfast during Brecksville Home Days on Saturday and Sunday mornings from 8:00 am-12:00 pm, in the Brecksville Horticulture Building on Stadium Dr. The Pancake Breakfast is our chief fund-raiser.

Brecksville Home Days, the Golf Outing, the Alumni Reunion and the Alumni Pancake Breakfast all contribute to a wonderful BBHHS Alumni Weekend. Please consider having your next reunion with us!

Give The Pollen Count

Pay someone's Alumni Dues so they continue to receive the *The Pollen Count*. Visit www.BBHHSAlumni.org for more information.

Wanted: *The Pollen Count* Articles
*******Due Date: February 1, 2024*******

Advertise in *The Pollen Count*

Advertising is open to BBHHS graduates only. Send us your business card with your year of graduation and your full name, including your maiden name, written on the back of the card only. Please send your donation of \$20.00 per business card to the BBHHS Alumni Association, 6380 Mill Road, Broadview Hts., OH 44147. These must be received no later than February 1, 2024. If you have any question regarding advertising, please contact Marlene Chryn Winter '67, 210-410-1081, mdzjez1970@aol.com.

Attention BBHHS Alums who are Ohio residents!

Did you know that you may obtain an Ohio license plate with the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District (BBHHCSD) logo? The cost is \$40 above the usual price of new plates, but \$30 of that amount is given to the school system.

In 2015, former State Rep. Marlene Anielski (R-Walton Hills) brought a bill before the Ohio House to authorize "Special interest plates" on behalf of various school systems across the state. As state

representative, Anielski championed suicide prevention efforts, and she brought the bill after thinking what she could do to help children’s mental health. The \$40 fee above the usual cost of Ohio license plates is divided between the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (\$10), and the school district that is commemorated (\$30). The school district may use the funds exclusively to support initiatives that help “the mental and emotional well-being of the students,” such as suicide prevention, drug abuse, and anti-bullying programs.

Note, there is also a plate available for the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (formerly the Cuyahoga Joint Vocational School).



For more information, see:

<https://www.bmv.ohio.gov/vr-sp-geninfo.aspx>

Click on **Organizational Plates**.

Alumni Events

All Class Alumni Reunion 2023

In speaking with alumni after the 2022 Reunion, most people expressed wanting a less formal, more relaxed evening as the most important thing was time for socializing and catching up with one another. We listened to that feedback and made some changes for the 2023 Reunion: rather than a plated dinner, we would have a buffet of heavy apps available all evening, that way attendees could eat when they were hungry and go back for seconds or thirds! There wasn’t a program, only the election for 2023-2024 officers. By making these changes we were able to provide attendees with what they asked.

Alumni and friends gathered at the Clubhouse at Sleepy Hollow Golf Course in Brecksville on Friday, June 23rd for the 126th All Class Reunion. The Class of ’63 celebrated their 60th reunion and there were many other classes in attendance, from 1947 through 2023! In addition, former faculty member Carol Szunyogh Buchanan was there to enjoy the evening.

When doors opened at 5:00pm, attendees were greeted at the registration tables by Betty Fancsalsky Ziegler ’60, Suzanne Fleming Young ’75 and Annette Hess Mantkowski ’74.

For the next hour everyone enjoyed cocktails and cold appetizers (vegetable, fruit, and bruschetta trays, as well as cheese, & crackers). Attendees were able to socialize, purchase 50/50 raffle tickets and view memorabilia, including yearbooks, sports letters, report cards and theater programs. There were also photos of Gallery of Achievement Inductees, Alumni Association Scholarship winners, Brecksville “through the years” and numerous Cat’s Meow replicas . Thank you to everyone who either loaned or donated these precious items for all to enjoy.

At 6:00pm Lisa Greb, ’83, opened the evening with a warm welcome and introduction of classes and faculty present. She then introduced Jeanne Travaglianti ‘75, Alumni President, who introduced and held election for the 2023-2024 officers:

President.....	Jeanne Carouse Travaglianti ‘75
1st Vice President.....	Lisa Greb ‘83
2nd Vice President	Annette Hess Mantkowski ‘74
Corresponding Secretary.....	Sue Gaub Messisco ’65
Recording Secretary.....	Nestor Labyk ‘72
Treasurer.....	Tom Harris ‘64

After the slate of officers were unanimously approved, Jeanne introduced Don Faulhaber ‘58 who gave the invocation:

“Welcome to the BBHHS Alumni Association Reunion Dinner
 Congratulations to all Alums- especially those celebrating anniversary reunions.
 And grant guidance to our Alumni officers and volunteers.
 We have gathered today to recall our youth, to enjoy stories and pictures of years gone by.
 Seeing fellow classmates and old friends, is always a fun time.
 The good old days seem far away, but surprisingly, when reminiscing, we are brought close together.
 Today is the first day of the rest of our lives, so please take a hand of the person next to you and
 Let us have a fun filled evening to Honor the Past, Embrace the Present, Envision the Future.
 Bless this food we are about to receive, Amen.”

Then the hot appetizers were served as alums continued to enjoy each other’s company. Offerings included spanakopita, bacon wrapped water chestnuts, veggie spring rolls, BBQ meatballs, herb cream cheese stuffed mushrooms, cheese tortellini as well as beef & chicken sliders. And we didn’t forget the mini cheesecakes, brownies, eclairs and cream puffs for dessert!

At 8:00pm the 50/50 raffle winners were chosen. Marsha Spieth Gentile ‘63 was the winner of the \$3 board and Edward Lyczko ‘66 was the winner of the \$5 board. Thank you to Edward who gave \$100 of his total winnings to the Alumni Association. And thank you to Donald Faulhaber ‘58 and Paul Travaglianti ‘77 for running the 50/50 raffle boards.

Thank you to Avery Mowder ‘2023 for being the evening’s photographer. Finally, thank you to Alumni Reunion Chairperson, Lisa Greb ’83, and her committee: Brenda Fraley Kolchin ‘62, Annette Hess Mantkowski ’74, Suzanne Fleming Young ’75 and Veta Groth ’66. They worked tirelessly to make the evening a success.

In 2024 we're planning to have the same less formal, more relaxed reunion on June 21st. Hope to see you there!



Pancake Breakfast 2023

Brecksville Home Days was the weekend of June 23-25, 2023 and the BBHHS Alumni Association was there on Saturday and Sunday morning, June 24th and 25th, hosting our annual pancake breakfast fundraiser.

Once again, we were in the Brecksville Horticulture Building; the building provides us with ample space and shelter in case of inclement weather, although this year it was sunny and warm both days. Thank you to the City of Brecksville for allowing us to use this building as our permanent location and for the assistance they provide all weekend, from setup on Thursday morning to take down on Sunday afternoon!

Thank you to everyone who attended; close to 500 people patronized the breakfast and enjoyed unlimited pancakes, sausage, applesauce, and a beverage.

Thank you to all volunteers, as it would not have been a success without you!

Brian Becker '69 & Becker Signs for updating our banners

Matt Harper 77 & his staff at Creekside Restaurant for cooking our breakfast sausage

Frank DeWolf '59

Donald Faulhaber '58

Bill '74 & Donna Deyling Gergely '74

Veta Groth '66

Judi Kaye '65

Judy Faulhaber Kyle '64

Annette '74 & Gary Mantkowski '74

Scott McCreery '93

Evangeline Papadopolous '86

Mary Lou Stankiewicz Schaeffer '76

Jan Schultz Sixt '67

Jeanne Travaglianti '75 & Paul Travaglianti '77

Brittany Waltz Wigman '03 and children Erich '32 and Aven '36

Keith Wisniewski '76

Suzanne Fleming Young '75

Jim Fair '86

Nora Smith Gagliano '98

Lisa Greb '83

Tom Hoffman '68

Jim Koneval '74

Nestor Labyk '72 & wife Karen

Ron Mantkowski '73

Avery Mowder '23

Judi Kaparic Russo '75

Paula Stankiewicz '78

Al Travaglianti '67

Louie Travaglianti '13

Marlene Chryn Winter '67 & Ken Winter '65

Greg Yonkoske '75

Betty Fancsalsky Ziegler '60



The 2024 Pancake Breakfast will be held June 22nd and 23rd from 8:00am-noon both days. Hope to see you there!

BBHHS Alumni Symposium Committee

The Alumni Association's Symposium Committee continues to meet monthly to exchange and explore ideas for our association. Committee members include President Jeanne Carouse Travaglianti, class of 1975; First Vice President Lisa Greb, class of 1983; Second Vice President Annette Hess Mantkowski, class of 1974; Veta Gross Groth, class of 1966 and Brenda Fraley Kolchin, class of 1962.

We have joined with local alumni associations from Mayfield, Euclid and Bay High Schools to share ideas and experiences. Of particular interest to us were their alumni museums at their schools. Other alums from around the Cleveland area also attended with their individual perspectives.

We have undertaken two projects for our association, the collection of memorabilia to be categorized and stored safely in our new room provided by the city of Brecksville at the Brecksville Historical Association and, under the direction of Veta Gross Groth, we are displaying these as well as themed articles in the high school display cases provided by Principal Kevin Jakub. Our historical research with both the Broadview Heights Historical Society and the Brecksville Historical Association as well as our public library has provided a wealth of information on our foundings, early schools and historical figures who helped develop our two communities. Many of these men have streets named after them. With Veta's creative touch the items are named and dated.

The committee continues to plan using six core concepts as our guide: Visibility, Membership, Communication/Publicity, Fundraising, Scholarship and Memorabilia. We want students, parents, alums as well as the community to know that we are active participants in our schools and community. Our activities this year have included participating in the Brecksville Memorial Day Parade, our Annual Alumni Weekend with our golf outing, reunion and two pancake breakfasts, our October 6, 2023 Gallery of Achievement, Tailgate and BBH Alumni Pep Band, the Use2Bees performance. We have provided a \$500 scholarship every year to a qualifying graduate, trade school or college bound. Plans are in the works for a social bowling event in the new year.

This association cannot function without the dues, contributions and involvement of many alums. Join us for our quarterly meetings or other events. Show your BEE pride!

Chillin' and Grillin' on Mill 2023

On Friday, October 6th, the 2nd Annual Tailgate, sponsored by the Brecksville Broadview Heights High School Alumni Association (BBHHSAA), was held before the Brecksville Broadview Heights football game against the Padua Bruins.

The weather on Friday night was perfect for tailgating and watching football. Five times as many alumni showed up this year as last year. They came from years 1957 to 2015. They gathered to reconnect, share memories, and catch up on news about family and friends. The challenge is to raise

the number next year by five times this year's number! Where else can you get a hot dog, bag of chips, a cookie, and a bottle of water for such a great deal! Join us next year!

As people wandered over to the game, the BBHHS band could be heard as they marched into the stadium with the alumni pep band, the Use2Bees. The alma mater brought back fond memories of our high school years.

A HUGE thank you to Annette Mantkowski '74, Lisa Greb '83 and Suzanne Young '75 for their help with setup, serving food, manning the cash box, and providing tips about the little things to make the tailgate a success. Also, special thanks to Gary Mantkowski '74 and Keith Wisniewski '76 for their expertise grilling hot dogs and keeping them warm. Finally, Judi Kaye '65. Thank you for your energy and your gift of gab!

Thank you to Principal Jakub for providing the space and setup needed for the event. And a big thanks to the custodians! Without them there would be no chairs and tables and grill. Their willingness to help when needed is very much appreciated.

I can't forget to thank the alumni that showed up for the tailgate. They came from as far away as Delaware (the state) and Texas as well as many Ohio communities.

Oh, by the way, the Bees stung the Bruins! Go Bees! Perfect ending to a fun evening!



Tailgaters!

Keith Wisniewski '76 and
Gary Mantkowski '74

Susan Veitch Mitchell '66
Veta Gross Groth '66

USE2BEES

Use2Bees, the BBHHS marching band alumni, had their 2nd annual gathering on a beautiful Friday evening October 6th, 2023. The Use2Bees started “swarming” together at 5pm on the BBHHS High School stage. Food and snacks were ready for those coming from their work to pregame. After the alumni were signed in and they put on their Use2Bees event t-shirts and name tags they laughed, hugged, smiled, took pictures, perused the memoraBEElia table and shared stories of their days as a marching Bee while reliving the glory years of BBHHS marching band. Among the “swarming” Bees were some very special guests that caused many to burst into smiles and tears of joy. The legendary and well-loved retired band director Jim Roytz (1984-2005) along with his beautiful wife Diane walked among the band alumni greeting past students with excitement and sincere affection. An additional surprise special guest for the alumni pregame party was retired teacher/stage director Nancy Herchler who brought joy and laughter to all her prior students.

After a group photo along with introductory remarks and poem from Rob Still 86' the Use2Bees “swarmed” the band room. Once outside they lined up behind the Marching Bees and warmed up their

instruments with the entire band which was led by the current Marching Bees Director, Steve Cocchiola. Mr. Cocchiola then handed over the baton to retired band Director Jim Roytz and Jim led the entire group through the national anthem. Soon the call to attention was made and the Marching Bees Drumline stepped off with the legendary cadence that was played from the 1970s-1990s titled “freak out”!

After arriving in the stadium, the alumni waited on the track for the band to stop at the 50 yard line. Then 80+ Band Alumni joined the Marching Bees for the pregame show on the field. Some with instruments in hand, some with flags waving and some just happy to stand on the field again as a Marching Bee. There were even alumni who stood/played right next to their sons and daughters who are currently in the marching band! The Brecksville/Broadview Heights High School alma mater was then performed by the entire group under the direction of drum majors Annie Dickout, Calix Zukauckas, and 2009 Drum Major Becky Zydiak.

The big moment of the night for the Use2Bees was the playing of the national anthem on the football field under the direction of 2023 Gallery of Achievement inductees and retired band Directors, Jim Roytz and Chuck Valley. To many this was a surreal moment and emotions ran high on the field. After the pregame show concluded, the Use2Bees gathered near the band stands and continued to share stories of days gone by under the stadium lights, taking photos with old friends, all while surrounded by the familiar sounds of a high school football game and the glorious smells of kettle corn in the air.

Between the first and second quarter retired band directors Jim Roytz and Chuck Valley along with the other Gallery of achievement inductees were all recognized in front of all those in attendance. Several minutes before halftime, the alumni made their way down to the Home stands to watch the Marching bees perform the halftime show. In the announcers booth for the Marching Bees were band alumni Bryan Sinkhorn 86’, Andy Bidlen 86’ , and Rob Still 86’.

Following the halftime show, past band members joined in the fight songs and victory songs when touchdowns were scored. In addition, many of the alumni gathered to watch the third quarter drum off behind the bandstands. One of the highlights of the evening was watching five recent graduates from the Drumline play along with the current Bees Drumline. One band member said.” I thought I would never be able to play with my old bandmates again and that moment was one of my highlights for the whole year.”

The evening began to wrap up with the fourth quarter sideline antics, including the infamous crowdpleasing “Tubacide”. After the clock ran out and the game was over, The Use2Bees followed the band in front of the home stands and joined in playing the alma mater and “On oh Brecksville “. As the band marched up to the band room dozens of Use2Bees followed including Jim and Diane Roytz who stayed the entire game to visit with all the alumni and local community members.

As the evening concluded, all that attended were saturated in wonderful nostalgia and the common complaint for the evening was tired faces from all the smiling. The sweetest part of the event was the after party held at the Sleepy Hollow Golf Course Clubhouse. It was open at 9pm-12 am to provide a warm and comfortable place to sit and visit with Jim and Diane Roytz and the 50 alumni who came. Many of whom stayed right till midnight because the conversations were so fun and wonderful. Delicious appetizers were served to hungry Bees and a cash bar was available as well.

The night was deemed a huge success as SEVEN decades of marching band alumni were represented on the field, totaling an incredible 80+ Use2Bees! It was an epic evening, and a beautiful way to honor the legacy of excellence of the BBHHS band program. This is just the beginning! We are doing it again next year 2024 in mid September and we will likely be well over 100+ alumni!

All you have to “bee” is a Use2Bee alumni band member to join us on the field, no instrument required, but encouraged if you still play! Flag line and majorettes alumni are welcome to join us as we will have plenty of flags to take on the field! A huge thank you to the BBHHS band director Steve Cocchiola, assistant director Emily Garlock, assistant directors Ivory Kovach, Scott Velardo, Paul Holobinko and the BBHHS Band Boosters who have supported the idea and creation of the Use2Bees Alumni Pep Band from the beginning.

“Once a Bee, always a Bee. Forever a Use2Bee”

Follow the Use2Bees and stay updated on Facebook @ Use2Bees-BBHHS Alumni Pep Band.

Email use2bees@gmail.com. For more info contact Rob Still at 440-915-2042.



21st Annual Bud Wisnieski Golf Outing

The 21st Annual Bud Wisnieski Golf Outing was held on Friday, June 23, 2023. The event took place at St. Bernard's Golf Club in Richfield. The golf outing consisted of 18 holes with a 4-person scramble and an optional "Pins & Skins". The teams consisted of:

FIRST PLACE

Tim Klodnick '61
 Larry Sivic '78
 Kent Klodnick '81
 Matt Sivic '17

SECOND PLACE

Craig Sifford '84
 Keith Wisnieski '76
 Jim Carroll
 Doug Fulton '85

THIRD PLACE

Tom Dickey '66
 Terri Dickey
 Neil Miller '66
 Terry Bennett '66

Mark Bender '80
 Dave Morton '84
 Greg Palgut '84
 Ken Longrich '82

Tom Harris '64
 Greg Cook '65
 Marianne Ziska Cook '65

Alan Travaglianti '67
 Ed Bilek '83
 Mark Travaglianti '84

Jim Farwell '87
 Marc Bilek '87
 Dave Brown '87

Phil Street '60
 Larry Pabin '60
 Barb Lyczko Zindroski '71
 John Kohl '65

Neil Hall '63
 Neil Fox '62
 Kent Jordan '63
 Tom Mullany '63

Greg Mlod '66
 Jerry Baley '66
 Greg Kvaska '66
 Bill Quayle



THE 22nd BUD WISNIESKI GOLF OUTING

All alumni are invited to play 18 holes at the 22nd Annual Bud Wisnieski Golf Outing on Friday, June 21st, 2024, at St. Bernard Golf Club, 5364 W. Streetsboro Rd. (Route 303), in Richfield, Ohio. We have one format-a 4-person scramble with a modified shotgun start. There will also be a "Pins & Skins" game for those who wish to participate. Tee-off times start at 9:30 a.m. Please arrive by 9:00 a.m. to sign in, pay greens and

cart fees, have pictures taken and load up. The BBHHS Alumni Association will provide a ticket for a free hotdog, bag of chips and a non-alcoholic beverage at the turn. To sign up to play in the 22nd Annual Bud Wisnieski Golf Outing, **please contact Al Travaglianti at 216-496-6549 or at altrav273@live.com.**

REUNION RECAPS

Class of '63 - 60th

The BHS Class of 1963 celebrated their 60th anniversary the weekend of June 23, 2023



Class of '68 - 55th

By Jane Schlensker Cooper



It seemed like we just celebrated our 50th class reunion in 2018, but the past five years had flown by, and now it was 2023. However, Tom Hoffman and I once again joined forces to create and plan our 55th Brecksville Class Reunion of 1968! We wanted to plan it sometime in September, and realized that on September 8th, that the Brecksville Bees were playing a home game against the North Royalton Bears. That became the "starting kickoff" to our 55th Class Reunion and the rest of the weekend that followed on September 9th and 10th.

Our reunion weekend started out on Friday night with 10 of our classmates enjoying the first home game of the Brecksville Bees beating the North Royalton Bears 26 -21. . . and of course the “golden shoe” went to Brecksville. On Saturday night, over 50 classmates of the Class of 1968 celebrated their “55th Reunion” at the London Pickle Works, enjoying great food and old friends meeting once again. The reunion was not over yet, as 21 classmates met on Sunday morning for a pancake breakfast in the party room at the Meridian on the Lake, hosted by John Paul and Diane Martini. Mimosas were provided while Tom Hoffman flipped his famous pancakes on the grill, served with his own homemade maple syrup. While breakfast was being served, various classmates shared stories from their high school past.

Finally, we said our farewells.....until the "next time" we meet again. What a great weekend to remember!

Class of '73.....1973 goes 50!

By Jeffrey Compton

The Brecksville High School Class of 1973 celebrated their 50th reunion with a series of events on June 29-July 2, 2023. The event, which was over a year in the planning, was chaired by Jeffrey Compton, David Kordalski and Sherry Zak Morris.

In planning the event we wanted to offer a much face-to-face time as possible – through a variety of events that suited every taste. Over the four days over 70 classmates attended at least one event. Add to that the 35 classmates who did not attend but submitted a bio to bees73.com and we had over 100 classmates participating in the 50th reunion.

Pre-reunion Reunion Meet up- Broadview Brewing Company

Thursday, June 29, 2023, 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

This no-reservation come-as-you-are outside gathering attracted two-dozen alumni including a few who could not make any other event due to other obligations. The great fun was that several of the attendees were not expected at all that weekend-and it was a special joy to see them. Note: The BBC is where you can catch a performance of Blues DeVille featuring Dan Kowall on harmonica! Classmate loyalty aside, they are one kick-ass blues band.

Tour of Brecksville Broadview Heights Middle School – Formerly Brecksville High School

Tour of Brecksville Broadview Heights High School

Friday, June 30, 2023, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Though only a dozen hardy souls made the duo tour it was fascinating-and not for the reasons expected. Most went to see our old high school – which hasn't changed much except that over the years several decisions have made it more navigable. But the surprise of the morning was the tour of Brecksville Broadview Heights High School by principal Kevin Jakub. It is truly a world class 21st century educational facility-and home to one of the best high school robotics labs in the world.

Sunset Cocktail Party- Sleepy Hollow Golf Course

Friday, June 30, 2023, 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

The high point of the weekend! Instead of a sit-down dinner similar to the 20th reunion, the organizers went with “heavy hors d’oeuvre” soft drinks and a cash bar thus allowing 60 class members and their

guests to move around and chat with as many as possible – which the party room at Sleepy Hollow is perfect. The entire evening went all too quickly, but we did have time to pose for a class photo.

Multi-Class Picnic- Oak Grove Picnic Area, Brecksville Reservation

Saturday, July 1, 2023, 4:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Because many of us formed friendships with classmates a year or two older or younger than us, the organizers decided that the Saturday event would be a multi-class picnic at Oak Grove. About 60 attended including members of the class of 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975 and 1976. There were concerns about rain, but the Oak Grove pavilion is so large that even a downpour did not affect the event. The entire affair was catered by Simon's Restaurant & Deli of Brecksville. Following the event, many strong-arm class members headed to the London Pickle Works to finish off the evening.

Goodbye Breakfast meet up-Panera Bread, Brecksville

Sunday, July 2, 2023, 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Over the two-and-a-half hours about 15 classmates stopped by, a few who had not attended any other event and several who had been to all of them. The coffee, food and especially the chat and goodbye hugs were a great way to end an exhilarating and exhausting weekend.



Class of '73



Marsha Pesek Ryan,
Eric Northcut,
Sherry Zak Morris
Laurie Majka Bertin
Mike Sustersic

Ron Wilkosz
Carol Gladys Herzing
Tim Uher
Jim Taylor

The Class of '73
still can party!

Sherry Zak Morris,
Jeffrey Compton
David Kordalski



Jeff Radak
Paula Olsen Rauch
Karin Branske Scheckel
Carol Gladys Herzing
Laurie Majka Bertin
Debbie Foulkes Radak

Dan Kowall
Amy Kowall
David Kordalski
Steve Schwind

Bonnie Milne Gardner
Chuck Catalano
Marsha Pesek Ryan
Sherry Zak Morris
Lynn Crane
Mike Sustersic

Cheerleaders!
Barb Fisher Gray
Marsha Pesek Ryan
Sherry Zak Morris
Carol Gladys Herzing

Save the date (Fall 2028) for our 55th reunion!

Though they swore they would never go near another reunion weekend, within two weeks Jeffrey, David and Sherry have already drawn plans for the 55th reunion (considering that most of us were born in 1955 and will be 73 years old it is a natural fit). It will be held in the fall of 2028! See you there.

Class of '83 - 40th Reunion

By Scott Holter

The BHS Class of 1983 celebrated its 40-year reunion during the Alumni Reunion weekend June 23-24. Several classmates got the festivities started at the All Alumni golf outing on Friday morning June 23. That evening about 30 of our classmates met at the home of Scott and Mary Glovna Holter in nearby North Royalton. Rain forced us indoors and into the garage but the pre-game party still ran until about midnight. On Saturday morning, several classmates joined together for a hike through Brecksville Reservation where, coincidentally, we ran into the BHS Class of 1981 who was holding a group 60th birthday party.

We held our main reunion event at the Wild Eagle Saloon with over 110 classmates and guests. Outside of the many locals in attendance, many in attendance had moved to and traveled back from the sunbelt states of Alabama, Arkansas, Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia, Florida, Texas, New Mexico, and California. We also had a few join us from Colorado and Illinois.

Helped by nametags with senior pictures, yearbooks, and some old photos, the group enjoyed getting reacquainted and reminiscing. Pandora provided hits of the 1980s until many requested we switch to the Michael Stanley Band channel in a tribute to our favorite son. While the event was scheduled to end at 10pm, we extended an extra hour 'til 11pm. Many stayed in the public bar area until closing time around 1am.

Sadly, we also remembered the 19 classmates who are no longer with us.

So many classmates helped with tracking down and recruiting which gave us an exciting turnout and evening. We'd like to especially thank Linda Bielanski Dickey, Laura Bielansky Gillota, and Al Wessbecher for their help in setting up before the main event.



Class of '83



Wallings Road Elementary School

Front Row Kneeling: l-r: Gus Gallucci, Palmier Grossi, Scott Holter, Nancy Grau, Dawn Hill Evans

Middle Row: l-r: Gwyn Eiler, Wendy Wilson Bingham, Sue Pelc Moniak, Lisa Seil Bowers, Constance Deyling Swartout, Karen Penkalski Reighard, Tina Fiocco Messina, Gail Dress Gold

Back Row: l-r: Ric Cistone, Ed Bilek, Eric Eiler, Jeff Short, John Starinsky, Gay Green, Cathey Baldwin, Wendy Survey, Chris Bonza Boberek, Mark Sheparovich



Highland Drive Elementary School

l-r: Ric Cistone, Dawn Holan, Eric Tabory, Jill Eicher Murphy, Christine Talani Yoke, Don Rust, Debbie Cencer Moss, Wendy Bell Rossiter, Barb Behnke McEldowney



Chippewa Elementary School

Front Row: l-r: Sharon Bandush, Hajek, Kathy Magistro

Middle Row: l-r: Karen Hagen Cendrowski, Jill Kolar, Jackie Berger, Chris Hibler, Lisa Fazio Winget, Kim Mandanici Cahal, Karen Eminan, Toni Sveda Weigand, Christine DePuy Clark

Back Row: l-r: Chris Whitmyer, Al Wessbecher, Mike Cahal, Denise Ganley Stease, Troy Watral, Dan Kenyon



Hilton Elementary School Grads:

l-r: Celeste Harsa, Chris Feimer Whatley, Ingrid Schaefer Sprague, Pam Peterson Alt, Jeff Anton, Marlene Mentel Moses, Steve Jaras, Sue Jansik Serra, Mary Glovna Holter

Following the lead of the Class of 1981, we're planning a group 60th Birthday Party tentatively for August 16th or August 23rd, 2025, depending on venue availability. Please send contact information updates to scottholter@breezelineohio.net.

Class of '98

By Nora Smith Gagliano

The BBHHS Class of 1998 had a great time catching up during the 2023 Brecksville Home Days Weekend. Highlights included Friday night's 25th Reunion At Whitey's In Richfield and the weekends Alumni Association Pancake Breakfast. Both events were well attended, and former classmates had a great time together! Go Bees!



Class of '98



l-r: Steve Nettle, Heather Elco Nettle, Dawn Scott, Ryan Scott, Nora Smith Gagliano, Lisa Kishmarton Sibits, Evan Llewellyn, Tim Sasura, Scott Sibits



Kevin Roche, Evan Llewellyn, Tim Sasura, Eva Cirincione Steinel



Scott Sibits, Lisa Willis Nosal, Nate Nosal, Lisa Kishmarton Sibits, Nora Smith Gagliano



l-r: Tom Bubnick, Mike Markovic, Eva Cirincione Steinel, Stacie Memmer, Monica Mancini, Heather Yuzwa Bubnick, Nikki Jaworski, Kevin Roche



l-r: Megan Gezze Blank, Teri Carcioppolo Ferricci, Rachel Ollis.



l-r: Steve Sablyar, Nicole Kaiser (Paul Caruso friend), Paul Caruso, Dawn Scott, Ryan Scott, Heather Elco Nettle, Heather Yuzwa Bubnick, Tom Bubnick, Nathan Petznick



l-r: Megan Gezze Blank, Teri Carcioppolo Ferricci, Rachel Ollis

Class of '03





Kevin Haney, Adian Marhefta Piazza,
Erin Miko, Maggie Roche McCune,
Gina Wasko, Amanda Swasey, Steve Hegler



Megan Bobula, Igor, Casey Onder, Dan Janosik,
Meghan Romito Janosik



Tony Mazzeo, Sandy Sasak Travaglianti,
Guido Travaglianti, Colleen Day Callahan



Mark Soltysik, Jenny Salvi Kirk, Kelley Schlesinger
Keller, Matt McGonigal, Elissa Paul Griffin

Reunions

Class of 1964 - 60th Reunion

The 60 year class reunion will be held the weekend of June 21. Friday is the alumni dinner. Saturday and Sunday the alumni association will hold their annual breakfast. Saturday early evening there will be a casual gathering at a place to be determined. Any questions should be directed to Judi Faulhaber Kyle at bagladypan@gmail.com. Hope to see everyone in June!

Class of 1974 - 50th Reunion

*It's hard to believe it's been
50 years!*



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Class of 1974 will celebrate their 50th Class Reunion in 2024. The milestone reunion will take place on September 19th, 20th and 21st, 2024. On Thursday, September 19th, we will meet at the Broadview Brewery to welcome everyone. On Friday, September 20th we will take advantage of The

Brecksville Reservation and have a picnic dinner at Oak Grove. It will be a blast getting reacquainted with all our classmates. On Saturday, September 21, we will have a tour of our old high school and our main get-together at Sleepy Hollow. What a time to celebrate the Class of 1974! Your Reunion Committee is Annette Hess Mantkowski, Meg Will Clark, Bill Gergely, Donna Deyling Gergely, Jeff Wissler, Kim Holan Rodenbeck and Kathy Golias Stedronsky. Please contact Annette at amantkowski@hotmail.com or 330-730-2478 with any questions. Soon we will have a website up and running for our reunion with more information. Looking forward to our 50th Reunion!

Class of 1979 - 45th Reunion

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Class of 1984 - 40th Reunion

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Class of 1989 - 35th Reunion

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Class of 1994 - 30th Reunion

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Class of 1999 - 25th Reunion

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Class of 2004 - 20th Reunion

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Class of 2009 - 15th Reunion

Maria Pupillo
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Class of 2014 - 10th Reunion

Class representative needed



2023-2024 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

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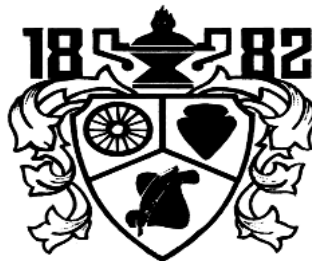
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BBHHS Alumni Association

2023 - 24 Calendar



2023

December 12 - BBHHS Alumni Meeting - 7 pm, BBHHS Band Room

2024

February 1 - Deadline for Pollen Count

February 23 - All Class Bowling Night, 7 Hills Bowling Lanes, 6:30 - 9:30 pm

March 12 - BBHHS Alumni Meeting - 7 pm, BBHHS Band Room

May 27 - Memorial Day Parade

June 11 -- BBHHS Alumni Meeting, - 7 pm, BBHHS Band Room

June 21 - Bud Wisnieski Golf Outing

June 21 - BBHHS Alumni Reunion - Sleepy Hollow Golf Course, 6 - 9 pm

June 22, 23 - BBHHSAA Pancake Breakfast - Brecksville Horticulture Bldg, 8 am - 12 pm

September 10 - BBHHS Alumni Meeting - 7 pm, BBHHS Band Room

September

19, 21 - Class of '74 -

50th Reunion

December 10

- BBHHS Alumni

Association -

7 pm, BBHHS Band

Room





Hey Alumni!



Your Alumni Association is looking for energetic, fun-loving people to head up committees for the following:

- **Our participation in Brecksville's Memorial Day parade**
- **Our participation in Broadview Heights's Memorial Day parade**
- **Our possible participation in Brecksville's Home Days**
- **Our possible participation in Broadview Heights's Home Days**
- **Social Media - keeping Instagram and Facebook up-to-date**
- **Historian/Memorabilia Cataloging**
- **Publicity - writing and submitting articles to local publications about the Alumni Association's events and activities**

Interested?

Contact: Annette Hess Mantkowski '74
amantkowski@hotmail.com or 330-730-2478

BBHHS Alumni Association

All Class Bowling Night

February 23, 2024

7 Hills Bowling Lanes
7279 Broadview Road
Seven Hills, OH 44131

6:30 - 9:30 pm

Adult: \$20/person for 3 hours of unlimited bowling and shoe rental

Child: \$12/child 10 years and under for 3 hours of unlimited bowling and shoe rental

Concession stands will be open.

Questions? Contact:

Keith Wisniewski '76 at wizard384@sbcglobal.net or 216-536-5803

Mary Lou Stankiewicz Schaeffer '76 at mlschaeffer@yahoo.com or 216-210-9333

Reservations are needed for this event. Please send a check payable to BBHHSAA. Indicate how many adults, how many children and the names of the bowlers.

Mail to:

Brecksville Broadview Heights High School

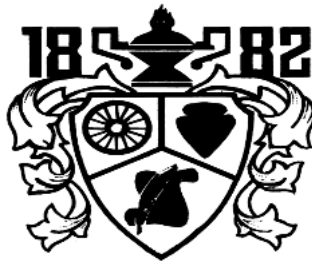
ATTENTION; BBHHSAA Bowling

6380 Mill Road

Broadview Hts., OH 44147

or Go to the Alumni website bbhhsalumni.org and look for Alumni Night Bowling and follow the prompts.





Save the Date!

Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School All Class Alumni Reunion

When: Friday, June 21, 2024

**Where: Sleepy Hollow Golf Course
9445 Brecksville Rd.
Brecksville, OH 44147**

Cost: \$45 plus Cash Bar

Who: All Alumni are invited to attend!

Attendees enjoyed last year's heavy appetizers so much that we will again be offering the same in 2024. Rather than a formal, plated dinner, attendees will be able to enjoy both cold appetizers (vegetable, fruit, and bruschetta trays, as well as cheese, & crackers) and hot appetizers (spanakopita, bacon wrapped water chestnuts, veggie spring rolls, BBQ meatballs, stuffed mushrooms, pasta and

sliders) which will be available all evening along with various dessert selections.

We hope you'll join us for a fun evening where you can revisit old memories and make new ones!

Alumni Association Dues Form

We hope reading both Alumni publications, The Winter Newsletter and *The Pollen Count* encourages all alums to pay their dues. Our Alumni dues are quite reasonable - \$5.00/year or \$20.00/5 years. *The Pollen Count* is mailed to those alums who paid their dues or are lifetime members. The Winter Newsletter will be available Online Only on the BBHHS Alumni Association's website, bbhhsalumni.org.

Please make check payable and send to:

**BBHHS Alumni Association
6380 Mill Road
Broadview Hts., OH 44147**

\$5.00 per year or 5 years for \$20.00

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Or pay online at <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/pollen-count-annual-dues>

Lifetime Memberships are no longer available.

PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 1st OF THE CURRENT YEAR TO RECEIVE *THE POLLEN COUNT*

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

First Name: _____ **Maiden Name:** _____

Last Name: _____ **Year Graduated:** _____

Address: _____ **City, State, & Zip Code:** _____

New Address? Yes ___ **No** ___ **E-mail Address:** _____

Would you like your e-mail address published in the *Pollen Count*? Yes ___ **No** ___

Home Phone Number: _____ **Cell Phone Number:** _____

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