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BBHHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

April 2025

What's **Buzzin'** Alumni? Read below to find out. **The Buzz** will be on the website in January, April, July, and October of each year, bringing you more timely information in a quarterly newsletter. Each issue will be more focused on the highlights of what has just passed, and events just ahead. **The Buzz** will have links, ([in blue](#)), to the website for more information. We hope you'll take advantage of keeping up with the Association and join us for our events and activities throughout the year. Nothing changes with *The Pollen Count* ... dues paying members can still plan on receiving that in the spring.

President's Message

Spring Greetings, Alumni!

Here's hoping you stayed warm and enjoyed the beauty of winter '25. Colder than it's been for a few years, it did provide more sunny and blue sky days. That combined with snow on the ground, helps get me through the winter months, and on my way to beautiful spring!

One of the highlights of the winter, was the Second Annual Bowling Bash held at Seven Hills Lanes February 28th. Many came out to enjoy this fun filled evening, including Mario, 4 and Lorenzo, 3 ... our "soon to be Bees" grandsons. Thanks to **Annette Hess Mantkowski '74, Keith Wisniewski '76 and Mary Lou Stankiewicz Schaeffer '76 for making this event happen.** Next year's Bowling Bash will be held, January 30, 2026.

The months are racing by us, and before we know it our spring and summer events will be upon us. First up will be our participation in the Brecksville Memorial Day Parade at 10:30 am on Monday, May 26th. Plan on joining us as we walk or ride through town, tossing candy to the children who line the streets, and head to the Brecksville Cemetery on Highland Drive for the ceremony. Look for the Alumni hay wagon in front of City Hall if you can join us.

Don't miss out on our fabulous Alumni Weekend held during Brecksville's Home Day weekend. It starts with our Annual Bud Wisniewski Golf Outing on Friday, with the Alumni Reunion, a chance for all alumni to reconnect with others, held Friday evening at Sleepy Hollow. It winds up with the Pancake Breakfast held Saturday and Sunday, from 8am til noon, at the Brecksville Horticultural Building. Check this newsletter for information on purchasing tickets to the Alumni Reunion, by June 1st. You can contact **Al Travaglianti '67**, altrav273@live.com for golf outing info, and **Lisa Greb '83**, Biggs94@zoominternet.net for Alumni Reunion and Pancake Breakfast info.

I do hope you'll find a way to be a part of our activities throughout the year ... a fun way to connect with fellow alum.

At our March quarterly meeting, the board voted to change the June quarterly meeting to the Annual Meeting, and forego a meeting being held at our Alumni Reunion. During the June meeting, we'll be voting on the slate of officers for '25 - '26, as well as changes to the Constitution/Bylaws. If you're interested in voting on these two items, please join us on Tuesday, June 10th, 7pm, in the high school band room.

Alumni members should be receiving their *Pollen Count* this month, a wonderful perk of being a member. Be sure to check your membership and renew if necessary. \$5 per year, or \$20 for five years is a great way to stay connected. Thanks to **Annette Hess Mantkowski '74** for another wonderful publication.

After eight years as Alumni Association President, I will be stepping down at year end in June. It has been a privilege to serve the association and work alongside so many fine people. The friendships made, with people I wouldn't have known otherwise, are priceless. I thank the following who were part of our accomplishments and improvements: **the late Hank James '56, Don Faulhaber '58, Frank DeWolf '59, the late Dan Biggs '60, Betty Fancsalky Ziegler '60, the late Brenda Fraley Kolchin '62, Audrey Scuba '62, David Cowley '64, Judy Faulhaber Kyle '64, Tom Harris '64, Sue Gaub Messisco '65, Judi Kaye '65, Terry Bennett '66, Veta Gross Groth '66, Susan Veitch Mitchell '66, Marlene Chryn Winter '67, Al Travaglianti '67, Denise Turk Bowler '71, Lou Carouse '71, Nestor Labyk '72, Annette Hess Mantkowski '74, Gary Mantkowski '74, Suzanne Fleming Young '75, Mary Lou Stankiewicz Schaeffer '76, Keith Wisniewski '76, Paul Travaglianti '77, Lisa Greb '83, Genny McQuade Costanzo '88, Kara Kyle McGoey '88 ... and ALL volunteers!**

Thanks to Kevin Jakub, BBHHS Principal, who has been a pleasure to work with over the past few years, and helpful to the association in many ways.

I especially want to thank this wonderful group of ladies, who offered their understanding, care, leadership, and friendship during some tough issues with my health over the past few years. Thank you, **Annette Hess Mantkowski '74, Lisa Greb '83, Suzanne Fleming Young '75, Veta Gross Groth '66, and the late Brenda Fraley Kolchin '62. They've been the heart of what makes the BBHHS Alumni Association tick!**

Wishing you all a happy and beautiful spring!!

Once a Bee ... Always a Bee!
jeanne

Recent Alumni Events

Alumni Bowling Bash

The BBHHS Alumni Association held their 2nd annual Alumni Bowling Bash on Friday, February 28, 2025. It was held at Seven Hills Bowling Lanes. We had bowlers from the classes of '64, '65, '66, '70, '71, '73, '74, '75, '76, '77, '78, '79, '82, '03 and '13. It was truly a fun night. Join us at next year's 3rd Annual Bowling Bash on Saturday, January 30, 2026.

Upcoming Alumni Events

Alumni Reunion

Mark your calendars for June 20, 2025! All alumni are encouraged to attend the 2025 Alumni Reunion which will once again be held at Sleepy Hollow Golf Course, 9445 Brecksville Road in Brecksville. The event hours will be 5:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. Join us for heavy appetizers, served buffet style, and desserts and socializing with one another. Invite your classmates! The cost is \$45 per person and there will be a cash bar. Sleepy Hollow requires us to give them a final guaranteed count so start planning now as the

reservation deadline is June 1, 2025...no exceptions. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Greb '83 at biggs94@zoominternet.net or [330-461-6622](tel:330-461-6622).

Meeting Change/Nominations '25-'26

At our March quarterly meeting, the board voted to change our June quarterly meeting date to be the Annual meeting. The Annual meeting will no longer be held at our Reunion Event. Please join us at the June quarterly meeting/Annual meeting, June 10, 7 pm in the BBHHS Band room, to vote on our slate of officers, and Constitution/Bylaws changes. Nominations are listed here, and both can be found on the website.

Nominations 2025-2026

President ... Suzanne Fleming Young '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 ... David Cowley '64

Brecksville Memorial Day Parade

The Alumni Association will once again be participating in the Brecksville Memorial Day Parade with a decorated hay wagon advertising our upcoming Pancake Breakfast at Brecksville Home Days. Those riding the hay wagon, or walking along side, will be tossing candy to the boys and girls lining the streets on the way to Brecksville Cemetery on Highland Drive. Please feel free to join us! We'll meet the hay wagon on Rt. 21, close to City Hall, at 10am, ready to step off at 10:30am. If you'd like more information, or would be interested in helping to decorate the hay wagon, please contact Jeanne Carouse Travaglianti '75 at jctbeantown@gmail.com.



Hay wagon with Tom Hoffman '68, Veta Gross Groth '66, Jeanne Carouse Travaglianti '75, and John Kohl '65

Golf Outing

All alumni are invited to play 18 holes at the 23rd Annual Bud Wisnieski Golf Outing on Friday, June 20, 2025, 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 23rd Annual Bud Wisnieski Golf Outing, please contact Alan Travaglianti at 216-496-6549 or at altrav273@live.com.

2025 Pancake Breakfast

The Alumni Association's Annual Pancake Breakfast will take place on **Saturday, June 21st and Sunday, June 22nd, 2025**, 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. There will also be a performance by the **Brecksville Squares Square Dance Club** at 10:00am on Saturday and the **Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad** will have an interactive display both days! If you have any questions about the breakfast, please contact Lisa Greb, Chairperson, at 330-461-6622 or biggs94@zoominternet.net. If you're interested in volunteering at next year's breakfast, please contact Annette Hess Mantkowski at 330-730-2478 or amantkowski@homail.com

Use2Bees Annual Event

Mark your calendars—the next Use2Bees Homecoming event is set for September 19, 2025. Details will be shared on the group's Facebook page: Brecksville Broadview Heights Marching Band Alumni Use2Bees. Join us as we continue to honor the spirit and legacy of Jim Roytz while celebrating the enduring connections within our alumni family.

Cruise February 2026

With spring in the air here in NE Ohio, you're probably not thinking about winter, but it comes around every year. If the frigid temps and snow have you thinking you'll want a break from it next year, the Class of '76 is giving you an option. As part of their 50th Reunion Celebration, a member has put together a Reunion Caribbean Cruise for February 2026. Aboard a Carnival ship, leaving from Tampa February 14, you'll take an 8-day cruise to exciting ports, including Grand Cayman, Mahogany Bay, Belize and Cozumel. All classes are invited to join! Information is on the flyer, or contact Class of '76 contact person, Raymond Urban II at Rurbanii@gmail.com or Paula Colson from Explore Travel at 904-444-4163 or exploretavel4u@gmail.com. Both will be on the cruise to help anyone ... 1st time or veteran cruiser. Raymond invites classmates and others to get your deposits in to reserve your room and join him for surprises and a good time!

REMINDERS

Volunteers Needed

The Alumni Association is looking for energetic, fun-loving people to join the following committees:

- Our participation in Brecksville's and Broadview Hts' Memorial Day parade
- Social Media - keeping Instagram and Facebook up to date.
- Publicity - writing and submitting articles to local publications.

Interested? Contact Jeanne Carouse Travaglianti '75 at 440-667-9803 or at jctbeantown@gmail.com.

Alumni Spirit Wear *(Some New Items!)*

The Alumni Association has teamed up with BSN Sports to offer Alumni Spirit Wear. The pieces offered sport both the happy bee and the fighting bee, with Brecksville-Broadview Hts. Alumni in a circle around them. There are many styles to choose from for both ladies and men ... t-shirts, polos, 3/4 zip, sweatshirts ...

an insulated tumbler and more! Our spirit wear will be available to order for the next couple of weeks and will be delivered in time for our June events, like the Pancake Breakfast for those that are volunteering that weekend. Please look at the offerings [HERE](#) and get yourself something that says you are a BBHHS Alum!

Display Cases

There are nine display cases in the high school that the Alumni Association has been filling with amazing memorabilia; from historic information about our community to graduates who became published authors. All nine cases are on the main level, four in the cafeteria/gym area and five in the main classroom hallway. Stop by the high school and take a trip down memory lane!

We'd like to add memorabilia to the athletes, authors, musician, and artist display cases. Do you know a BBHHS graduate who falls in any one of these categories? We are working on a couple of new ideas, and we need your input.

- Past musicals and plays – photos, programs, posters, props
 - “What would I tell my 17-year-old self?”
 - BBHHS Alumni Parents (one or both) and have children who are BBHHS grads or are currently in our schools – share a family photo!
 - BBHHS alumni who teach or have taught in the BBHHS system or work for the schools
 - Jobs you had during your high school days – comments, photos
 - For next fall, haunted places or scary stories about the area
- We'd love to hear from you! Send your input to Veta Groth '66 at vetajgroth@gmail.com.

The Pollen Count

Want to learn more **Buzz** about alumni events and classmates? *The Pollen Count* is our Alumni publication. The paper comes out in the spring. To receive *The Pollen Count*, your Alumni dues need to be paid. The current Dues Paid List is on the Alumni website bbhhsalumni.org. Click the Newsletter/Pollen Count icon, then find the Dues Paid List icon and look for your name under your graduation year.

Don't miss all the **Buzz!** Alumni Dues are \$20/5 years or \$5.00/1 year. To pay your dues, please go to the Alumni Association's website, bbhhsalumni.org and click the Newsletter/*Pollen Count* icon. Then either choose to download, print, and mail the dues form or click/copy the link to your computer's browser. The link will take you to CheddarUp to pay online for a small fee. Thank you for supporting the BBHHA Alumni Association!

2025 Important Dates

Alumni Association Meeting Schedule

June 10, 2025 @ 7:00 pm
September 9, 2025 @ 7:00 pm
December 9, 2025 @ 7:00 pm
Meetings will be held in the BBHHS Band Room
Please join us! We welcome new faces, ideas, and suggestions!

Brecksville Home Days
June 20, 21 and 22, 2025

Broadview Hts Home Days
July 10, 11, and 12, 2025

BBHHS Alumni Reunion Dinner
Friday, June 20, 2025
5:00pm – 9:00pm
Sleepy Hollow Golf Course
9445 Brecksville Road, Brecksville

Alumni Association Pancake Breakfast
June 21 & June 22, 2025
8:00am-12:00pm both days
Brecksville Horticulture Building
6914 Stadium Drive, Brecksville

Alumni Association Bowling Bash
Saturday January 30, 2026
6:30-9:30
Seven Hills Lanes

Keep Up with Your Classmates

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/>.

Class Reunions

Class years of '65, '70, '75, '80, '85, '90, '95, '00, '05, '10 '15 are due for reunions this year. Please go to the Alumni Association website <https://bbhhsalumni.org/class-reunions/> to find officers, committee chairpersons and class representatives contact information. All reunion information will be uploaded on the alumni website as the Association receives it.

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Save the Date!

- What Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School
All Class Alumni Reunion
- When: Friday, June 20, 2025
5:00pm - 9:00pm
- Where: Sleepy Hollow Golf Course
9445 Brecksville Road, Brecksville
- Cost: \$45 plus cash bar
- Who: All Alumni are invited to attend!

All evening you'll be able to enjoy heavy appetizers, such as veggies/dip, fresh fruit, cheese/crackers, spanakopita, veggie spring rolls, BBQ meatballs, sliders and more; there will also be an assortment of delicious desserts to enjoy.

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

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