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BBHHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

January 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

Happy New Year, Alumni!

Hope your holidays were all you wanted them to be, and the new year is off to a great, warm and healthy start! All is going well here as we continue to roll through the year with our established events. 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.

Our big fall event was the induction of four wonderful individuals into the Gallery of Achievement. The day begins with a continental breakfast, followed by the presentation ceremony before BBHHS students, followed by lunch. The inductees are acknowledged at the evenings football game. This year we congratulate Allison Glovna Clarke '88, Sherry Zak Morris '73, Gordon Boyd, Faculty, and Mark Robinson, Faculty/Administration. Thanks to Lou Carouse '71, who chairs the Gallery of Achievement Committee, for all he does to make this such a special event.

Our third annual Tailgate was held the night of the Gallery of Achievement ceremony, and was a fun way to come together before the game. Special thanks to Veta Gross Groth '66 for leading this effort. A hot dog, chips, cookie and water can't be beat for \$4 ... we're hopeful to continue this next year!

We look forward to the 2025 Bowling Bash to be held Friday, February 28th at Seven Hills Lanes. More information can be found in this newsletter ... it promises to be another fun night. Thanks to Annette Hess Mantkowski '74, Keith Wisniewski '76, and Mary Lou Stankiewicz Schaeffer '76 for leading this effort. Again, we hope you'll gather friends and family and join us.

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. More information can be found under Alumni Dues in this newsletter. You don't want to miss out on getting *The Pollen Count*!

Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2025!!

Once a Bee ... Always a Bee!
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Jeanne Carouse Travaglianti '75
BBHHS Alumni Association President

Recent Alumni Events

Alumni Association Tailgate - Grillin' and Chillin' in 2024

The weather was perfect Friday, October 4th ... perfect for the third Annual Alumni Association Tailgate and football game! The tables were covered in red and yellow; the large grill was ready to cook the hot dogs, volunteers manned the grill and welcomed alumni and their families. You couldn't beat the price of \$4 for a hot dog, chips, cookies, and a bottle of water. Thank you to the volunteers, the alumni who showed up, Principal Jakub and his staff, who set up and took down tables, chairs, and grill.

Gallery of Achievement

The Gallery of Achievement inducted four deserving alumni/faculty on October 4th. The 2024 inductees are Mark Robinson - faculty, Gordon Boyd - faculty, Sherry Zak Morris '73 and Allison Glovna Clarke '88. The Gallery of Achievement Inductees were recognized at the football game the same night. More information about these inductees will be published in the 2025 *Pollen Count*.

2024 Use2Bees Annual Event

On September 20, 2024, the Brecksville Broadview Heights high school marching band alumni group, the Use2Bees, gathered for their annual Homecoming event. This year's celebration began at the Brecksville Broadview Heights middle school auditorium and was particularly poignant as it honored the life and legacy of the legendary band director, Jim Roytz, who passed away in March 2024.

The evening began with a moving Celebration of Life ceremony in the middle school auditorium. Fellow Alumni, Jim's family, and the local community filled the space, united by a shared admiration for the beloved director. Heartfelt and humorous stories about Jim's impact were shared via video and in person by those who knew him best. Those present who shared were his lifelong friend and coworker, legendary choir director Chuck Valley; former student and close friend Kim Gahr Tabor; longtime friend Bob Consiglio; former student and friend Tricia Astey Radak; former student and friend Rob Still; and Jim's daughter, Jen Roytz. You can watch the ceremony here:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/gN4P0Tjtjoc> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UzSaC1r9fng>



After the ceremony, 120 alumni from the Use2Bees took to the football field, joining the current marching band for a pregame performance. Alumni musicians stood proudly near the band stands, playing the classic tunes, and celebrating the camaraderie Jim fostered during his tenure. The highlight of the evening came at halftime, when the Use2Bees joined the marching band on the field for a

special performance of Aquarius, a tribute to Jim Roytz's enduring influence and the joy he brought to generations of students.

The night concluded with a lively gathering at Sleepy Hollow Golf Course in Brecksville, where alumni shared stories, reminisced about their time under Jim's direction, and strengthened the bonds of friendship until midnight.

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.

Upcoming Alumni Events

Alumni Bowling Bash

Buzz on down to the bowling alley and enjoy a fun night with friends! We are having our 2nd annual Alumni Bowling Bash on **Friday, February 28, 2025**. It will be held at Seven Hills Bowling Lanes, 7297 Broadview Road, Seven Hills, OH, 44131. We have the entire bowling alley reserved from 6:30 pm-9:30p.m. The cost is \$20/adult or \$12/child 10 or under. It is unlimited bowling for three hours. The price includes shoe rental. One can bowl a game, enjoy concessions or a drink at the cash bar, then bowl some more! Bring an alumni group with whom to share an alley. It truly is a fun night. Bowl with people you know or make some new friends with other alums.

Reservations are needed for this event. There are two ways to register and pay for this event. 1) go to the alumni website bbhhsalumni.org, and look for the All Class Bowling Night and follow the prompts to register and pay on CheddarUp. 2) send a check payable to BBHHSAA and please indicate how many adults, how many children, and the names of the bowlers.

Mail to:

Brecksville Broadview Heights High School
ATTENTION; BBHHS Alumni Association-Bowling
6380 Mill Road
Broadview Hts., OH 44147

Alumni Reunion

Mark your calendars for June 20, 2025! All alumni are invited 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 price 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).

Golf Outing

Next year's golf outing is Friday, June 20, 2025. Please contact Alan Travagianti at 216-496-6549 or altrav273@live.com, to sign up or answer any questions.

2025 Pancake Breakfast

The 2025 Pancake Breakfast will be held June 21st and 22nd from 8:00am-noon both days.

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

Alumni Spirit Wear *(Some New Items!)*

Our spirit wear will be available to order for the next couple of weeks, closing February 14th. Please take a look at the offerings here and get yourself something that says you are a proud BBHHS Alum! <https://bsnteamssports.com/shop/EKptvpHbKJ>

Display Cases

Our own Veta Gross Groth '66 has been putting her artistic talent to use. She has been in charge of filling many display cases in the current high school. Veta has designed Toys through the Decades, School Supplies-Now & Then, BHS Graduates who Became Mayors, Prom Dresses over the Years, City Roads Named after Early Settlers, History of Old Buildings, Indians Artifacts, Grads who became recognized artists or musicians, Grads who became published authors to name a few.

Veta is looking for new ideas for the 25-26 school year. She is looking for any memorabilia from the high school musicals, photos of trips abroad taken with our language teachers, or names of BHS/BBHHS grads who teach or have taught in the Brecksville-Broadview Heights School System. Please contact Veta at vetajgroth@gmail.com if you are interested in lending her memorabilia from musicals, photos from trips abroad or share names of fellow grads who teach or have taught in the BBHH Schools. If you are ever in the high school, please take the time to check out the display cases. They are worth seeing!

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. To pay your dues, please go to the Alumni Association's website, bbhhsaa.org and click the Newsletter/*Pollen Count* icon. Then you may choose to download the dues form and follow the prompts, or you may copy the link to your computer's browser. The link will take you to CheddarUp to pay online. Thank you for your support. The deadline for articles for the 2025 *Pollen Count* is February 1, 2025. Please send to Annette Hess Mantkowski '74 at amantkowski@hotmail.com.

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 by February 1, 2025. If you have any questions, please contact Marlene Chryn Winter '67, 210-410-1081, mdzjez1970@aol.com.

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 Buzz, the Association's quarterly newsletter will be available on the website to ALL alumni. We will continue to send *The Pollen Count* to **Dues Paying Members ONLY**. Don't miss all the **Buzz!** 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 2/1/25 to receive *The Pollen Count* in 2025. While you are paying your dues, consider paying a friend's dues!

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.

2025

Important Dates

Alumni Association Meeting Schedule

March 11, 2025 @ 7:00 pm

June 10, 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

Friday February 28, 2025

6:30-9:30

Seven Hills Lanes

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BBHHS Alumni Association

All Class Bowling Night

February 28, 2025

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.

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