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BBHHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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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 the paper in the spring.

President's Message

Dear Fellow Bees,

This is my first column, and I am honored to have been elected to succeed Jeanne Carouse Travaglianti as President of the Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School Alumni Association. I am a graduate from the class of 1975 – it's unbelievable to me that 2025 marks 50 years since I graduated, but I am looking forward to our 50th Reunion in September! My primary goal as President is to increase involvement in the Association.

The Alumni Association holds quarterly meetings in March, June, September and December. We usually meet in the current High School Band Room. If there's a school event scheduled for the room, we move the meeting to the High School Media Center. We need grads who have an interest in the Alumni Association to join us at the quarterly meetings! If you think you *might* be interested, please consider it! The time commitment can be as much as you choose to contribute.

While I am mentioning contributions, I must ask – have you paid your dues to the Alumni Association? The cost is small – just \$5/year or \$20/five years. Dues payments support endeavors such as the production of our annual Alumni newspaper (*The Pollen Count*), and the Alumni Association Scholarship awarded annually to a graduating senior. We (the officers and active members) would like to see an increase in both membership and participation. Join us!

P.S., the best way to learn about upcoming events is to visit our website at:
<https://bbhhsalumni.org/>

Suzanne Fleming Young '75
BBHHS Alumni Association President

Recent Alumni Events

Alumni Reunion

Alumni and friends gathered at the Clubhouse at Sleepy Hollow Golf Course in Brecksville on Friday, June 20th for the 128th All Class Reunion. The Class of '65 celebrated their 60th reunion and were joined by other alumni from classes 1949 through 1988. Former faculty member Carol Szunyogh Buchanan was there as well to enjoy the evening. President Jeanne Travaglianti shared a heartfelt

goodbye with everyone before introducing the 2025-2026 officers: President, Suzanne Fleming Young '75, 1st VP, Lisa Greb '83 2nd VP, Annette Hess Mantkowski '74, Corresponding Secretary, Sue Gaub Messisco '65, Recording Secretary, Nestor Labyk '72, Treasurer - David Cowley '64. Mark your calendars and invite your classmates as all alumni are invited to attend the **2026 Alumni Reunion**. The event will be held on **June 19, 2026!** Details forthcoming.



2025-2026 Alumni Association Officers

Class of 1965 Reunion

Brecksville Memorial Day Parade

For the third year, the BBHHS Alumni Association participated in the Brecksville Memorial Day Parade. Thanks to the leadership of Nora Smith Gagliano '98, we not only had a wonderful group of alum, but also an energized group of future BEES, riding the hay wagon or walking beside it, tossing candy to the children lining the streets. The decorated hay wagon followed two vehicles carrying outgoing president, Jeanne Carouse Travaglianti '75, and her siblings, Lou '71, Ellen '76, and Dianne '78. The announcer did a great job of highlighting the Annual Pancake Breakfast held during Brecksville Home Days at the end of June. The community was out in huge numbers to honor our fallen heroes. We appreciate all those who came out to be a part ... come join us next year for this fun and meaningful event!



Golf Outing

The Annual Golf Outing was held at Saint Bernard Golf Club, 5364 West Streetsboro Road (Route 303), in Richfield on Friday June 20th. We had 10 teams that played which was somewhat miraculous considering the great amount of rain we received on Wednesday; the course was closed on Thursday due to water on a number of holes and downed trees.

First prize for the lowest overall score was team #6 consisting of Nick Karam '09; Anthony Karam '02; Mike Anton '11; and Tom Chybowski '05. Due to the heavy rains and high winds on the Wednesday before the Outing that caused flooding on some holes and fallen trees on other holes, only 9 out of the usual 18 holes were playable. This meant to play a total of 18 holes, the 9 playable holes were used twice. The weather made for an unusual circumstance requiring flexibility from all. Thanks to everyone's patience. We look forward to a sunny outing next year!

2025 Pancake Breakfast

The BBHHS Alumni Association Pancake Breakfast was held on Saturday and Sunday morning of Home Days. The event took place in the Brecksville Horticulture Building. Close to 600 people patronized the breakfast and enjoyed pancakes (unlimited), sausage, applesauce, and a beverage. Thank you to the City of Brecksville for the assistance they provide all weekend, from setup on Thursday to take down on Sunday afternoon. Thank you for your support as this as our most successful event to date. A special thank you to all volunteers, as we couldn't have done it without you!

The "Brecksville Squares" square dancing club performed on Saturday morning. New this year was the presence of the Cuyahoga Valley Railroad (CVSR), a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and restoring vintage railcars and locomotives for future generations to enjoy. Kids (and adults) were able to enjoy the model trains and were even able to operate one of them.

Mark your calendars...the 2026 Pancake Breakfast will be held June 20th and 21st from 8:00 am-noon.



Upcoming Alumni Events

Gallery of Achievement

The Gallery of Achievement is a program designed to honor past graduates and teachers of the Brecksville-Broadview Heights Schools. It was initiated in 2001 by two well established organizations, the Brecksville-Broadview Height Schools Foundation and The Brecksville-Broadview Heights Alumni Association. Inductees for the Gallery of Achievement will be inducted at a ceremony at BBHHS High School on Friday, October 3rd at 8:00 AM followed by their plaques being revealed in the school lobby and a luncheon. Later, at the halftime of the Bees football game, the inductees will be introduced to the crowd. The inductees will be announced shortly.

Your financial support is requested to assist in the funding of the Gallery award program. Corporate and Individual Sponsorships are available. It is tax deductible! Freshman Level \$100.00; Sophomore Level \$200.00; Junior Level \$300.00; Senior Level \$400.00.

Other amounts are greatly appreciated. All sponsors will have their name listed in the Induction Day Ceremony Program and *The Pollen Count*. Checks can be made payable to BBHHS Alumni Association and mailed to BBHHS, 6380 Mill Road, Broadview Heights, OH 44147.

Use2Bees Annual Event

Join the Use2Bees the BBHHS Marching Band Alumni for a Nostalgic Night of Music and Memories! Get ready to dust off your instruments and step back into time to the Friday Night Lights of the Marching Bees! The Use2Bees, are gathering on Homecoming Night-Friday, September 19, 2026, for a heartwarming evening filled with music, camaraderie, and cherished memories. Organized by Rob Still '86, this event invites all former Marching Bees to relive the pride of being a Marching Bee again.

Picture the crisp fall air, the roar of the crowd, the smell of the hot kettle corn and the familiar thrill of playing "On Oh Brecksville" Whether you're still hitting those high notes or just want to cheer from the band stands, come and reconnect with the spirit of the beehive. This is more than a performance or reunion, it's a chance to reminisce about those halftime shows, long rehearsals, and the bonds that made our time in the band unforgettable.

Join us for an evening that will warm your heart and soul all year long. Let's make this a night to remember, filled with the music and memories that still echo in our hearts!

Mark your calendars and stay tuned for details via the Use2Bees Facebook page or by contacting Rob Still directly at 440-915-2042. Fill out the [Google sign up form](#) and let us know you're coming!

Go Bees!

REMINDERS

Yearbooks

The Alumni Association currently holds a selection of yearbooks—both new and previously owned—from various years. Available **New Yearbooks** include: 1982 (5 copies), 1984 (1 copy), 1986 (5 copies), 1988 (1 copy), 1989 (11 copies), 1990 (11 copies), 1992 (10 copies) and **Previously Owned Yearbooks** include: 1960 (2 copies), 1961 (2 copies), 1962 (1 copy), 1969 (2 copies), 1971, 1972 (2 copies), 1973 (2 copies), 1979 (1 copy).

If you're interested in obtaining a yearbook from any of the years listed above, please reach out to **Annette Hess Mantkowski** at amantkowski@htmail.com or text her at 330-730-2478. **Local pickup**

2025 Important Dates

Alumni Association Meeting Schedule

September 9, 2025 @ 7:00 pm
December 9, 2025 @ 7:00 pm
March 10, 2026 @ 7:00 pm
June 9, 2026 @ 7:00 pm
Meetings will be held in the BBHHS Band Room

Brecksville Home Days

June 19, 20 and 21, 2026

Broadview Hts. Home Days

July 10, 11, and 12, 2026

BBHHS Alumni Reunion Dinner

Friday, June 19, 2026

Alumni Association Pancake Breakfast

June 20 & June 21, 2026
8:00am-12:00pm both days
Brecksville Horticulture Building
6914 Stadium Drive,
Brecksville

USE2BEES Annual Event

September 19, 2025

Alumni Association Bowling Bash

Saturday January 31, 2026
6:30-9:30; Seven Hills Lanes

Pollen Count Articles Due

February 1, 2026

(Brecksville or Broadview Heights): Free of charge. **Out-of-state shipping:** \$15.00 (Payment required before shipping).

Got old yearbooks you no longer want? Annette is happy to accept your donation! The Alumni Association regularly receives requests and is always grateful for additional copies to share with fellow alumni. We are missing some yearbooks in our archives from the years 1974, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1991, 1995, 2009, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025. If you have one of these yearbooks and no longer want it, please contact Annette to arrange a pick-up!

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 Buzz/Pollen Count* icon, then find the Dues Paid List icon and look for your name under your graduation year.

Alumni Dues

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 Pay Dues 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!

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.

Cruise February 2026

The Class of '76 invites you to join them in their 50th Reunion Celebration! Raymond Urban II has put together a Reunion Caribbean Cruise leaving from Tampa February 14, for 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. Raymond invites classmates and others to get your deposits in to reserve your room and join him for surprises and a good time!

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