



TIGER TALES

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BLOSSOM 2018

May 24-28

Friday, May 25

All-School Reunion
Party for Alumni,
Teachers & Friends

7:30 - 11:00 p.m.

Chagrin Falls Township
Hall

The "ice breaker" for the
Blossom Weekend.

\$10

Saturday, May 26

CFHS Mollie Macknin
Alumni Chorus Concert

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Performing Arts Center -
CFHS

Alum

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Fellow Alumni,

I hope you have all had a terrific 2018 to this point. We have been quite busy at the CFAA over this past year and have a number of exciting news we want to share with you. Some of the changes you may have already noticed and hopefully have enjoyed, while the others are soon to happen. Please know that a number of the changes mentioned came from feedback from you. We had over 200 alumni complete the online survey on what you would like to see in the future for our alumni association. We appreciate such great insight.

Social Media

We started to transform our social media presence over a year ago. On Facebook we have tried to post more regularly and on more topics from a variety of alumni accomplishments to significant school news. A more significant change occurred with a devoted alumnus taking the reins

of our Twitter and Instagram accounts. This individual has been posting current items on alumni and great pictures of when we were students at CFHS. We welcome you to join any or all of the groups.

Website

Over a year ago we also updated our website. It has a more fresh look, more timely information, and works on mobile devices as well. Our most recent addition to the website is the yearbook collection. We had our Zeniths from 1911 - 2012 scanned and digitized. You can now enjoy a walk down memory lane wherever you are. For those with website experience, we would enjoy having your help to build up the site. Just visit www.chagrinalumni.org/yearbooks. You can even search text within a yearbook.

Newsletter

What probably first caught your attention with this newsletter is the format and look is different. For over fifteen years Laurie Grubich Sanders '87 has edited the Tiger Tales. She has donated countless hours on over 75 issues. When fellow schools come to visit us in regards to starting their alumni association, they marvel at the level of the newsletter we do. Currently Laurie's business interests are growing and does not leave time to continue on with the Tiger Tales. On behalf of all alumni, thank you Laurie for all that you have done for us. Through Laurie's suggestion, we are now working with the school newspaper class. We know that this will be a terrific opportunity to let future alumni

know all that the CFAA and alumni are about. We also hope to bring in additional stories that the students do for the school newspaper. The students are accustomed to using a different program to make the school newspaper. We are switching over to this format for it will also work well online and is financially better print wise.

Scholarship

Over the years we have taken a leadership role with the fellow support organizations at Chagrin Schools in regards to scholarships. In this past year we were even more proactive. We had 8 organizations take part in our common scholarship application. We have been better able to assist our current seniors with seeking these well needed scholarships. A decade ago you would have seen around 20 students apply for scholarships. This past year there were 48 applicants with the CFAA having over 40. We have even set up a common scholarship website that will be in use for next year that is more streamlined and will be able to handle additional organizations.

Events

We now have an Events Committee set up and they are excited to enhance our current CFAA events and new social events. Join us at the All-Class Reunion over Blossom Weekend and you will see the difference. Plans are also underway for social events in other cities during Chagrin's Homecoming Week (Oct. 8 - 12).

Structure

To meet the demands of the future we needed to expand the organization so the responsibilities can be shouldered by more alumni. We have had a number of alumni join the Board of Trustees, while some former trustees have helped to set up or revamp a committee. Our current committees are Events, Hall of Fame, Capital Campaign, Scholarship, and Marketing. We welcome you to join one of these committees if you would be interested. Just contact us at the Alumni Office to get involved.

We hope to see you this Blossom Weekend.

Brian McKenna '88

Alumni Director

Five Chagrin Falls High School students have been named Finalists in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program. The students are Mason Bartlett, Sam Gaizutis, Trevor Stevenson, Erik Wilson, and Lucy Ranieri. Five other CFHS seniors were also identified as Commended Scholars. They are Michael Donley, Reagan Dowling (daughter of **Lisa Kihlstrom Dowling '86**), Colin Garvey, Margaret Sobota (**daughter of Lori Purtell Sobota '86**), and Matthew Witalec.

Several Chagrin Falls High School seniors signed national letters of intent to continue their athletic careers into college. Christoph Sontich has agreed to play football at Cornell University. Brooke Weitzel will play girls soccer at DePaul University, while Hannah Zaluski will also play has signed to play girl soccer at George Washington University. In boys lacrosse, Mark McGinley will be playing at the University of Notre Dame, while Aiden Stephens will be at Salisbury University in Maryland and Cade Salyers, son of **Mike Salyers '90**, will do the same at John Carroll University. Catie Beg will continue to play girls lacrosse at The Ohio State University. Annie Zimmer will run track and cross country at the University of Pennsylvania. Allie Kovatch will play softball at Denison University. In football, Nick DiFiore will be joining the squad at Johns Hopkins University.

Emma Bottcher, daughter of **Shawn Conley Bottcher '91**, will be diving at Westminster College. Justin Rayner, son of **Kim Daniele Rayner '86**, will continue his wrestling career at Mount Union College.

In the Fall the CFHS Drama Club performed Charlotte's Web and in the Spring they performed the musical Anything Goes. Additionally the Chagrin Falls Community Education Drama Club, which includes students from both the middle and intermediate schools, performed "Getting to Know...The Sound of Music" in November.

Chagrin Falls Schools is one of 447 school districts in the U.S. and Canada to be honored by the College Board with placement on the 8th Annual AP District Honor Roll. To earn the honor, CFHS had to continue the number of students participating in AP, while also maintaining or increasing the percentage of students that earn an AP exam score of 3 or higher. CFHS also earned the honor in 2016. To earn the honor multiple years in a row is rare.

This winter season was another terrific season for the Tigers. The Girls varsity swimming team swam past competitors this year. They came in first at the Edgewood Invite and

finished 2nd in the CVC. Along with the Girls, the Boys swimming team won the Edgewood invitational. There were 10 student athletes that made it to the state swimming and diving meet. Freshman Kate LaMonica finished in 8th place at the State Diving Meet and was named All Ohio. Wrestler Justin Rayner broke the Chagrin Falls School record for wins (120) and was named CVC MVP for wrestling. The Boys Basketball team finished with an astounding record of 15-9 and finished 2nd in the CVC. They made it to the Sectional Final game where they lost to Warrensville 45-51. The Girls Basketball team was 12-13 and finished 4th in the CVC. They won Sectionals and lost in the District semis to Laurel. The Senior lead Ice Hockey team had a record of 11-20 and were ready to make a run in the playoffs. However, their plans were spoiled when they lost in the first round. Not only was it a successful season on the field of play for our seniors, but also in the classroom. Twenty-nine student-athletes were named to the CVC All-Academic Team. In order to be named to the CVC All-Academic Team, a student-athlete must be a senior, have a 3.25 Cum GPA, and letter twice in his/her sport.

Two students from Chagrin Falls High School were National Medalists in the 2018 Scholastic Art Awards. Students receiving Gold Keys, Silver Keys, Honorable Mentions, or American Visions and Voices Nominations are celebrated within their communities through local exhibitions and ceremonies. Gold Key winners at the regional level are then judged nationally by an impressive panel of creative-industry experts to receive National Medals, including Gold and Silver award winners. National Medalists are recognized in part at the National Ceremony at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Sophomore Robin Barth and senior John Gardner both received National Silver Medals for their works. John Gardner's work entitled "CTE" is part of a series dealing with physical and mental injuries sustained during sports. Robin Barth's work entitled "Over the Moon and Back" is a mixed media portrait that intermixes graphic and collage imagery with traditional rendering styles.

Three Chagrin Falls High School students were accepted in this year's Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition, opening April 22 in the James A. Rhodes State Office Tower in Columbus. They include: Margaux Augier "Color Apperception," Catie Beg "Deconstructed Boundaries," and Alice Patten "Highway To Hell." The exhibit will be viewing through May 17.

BOB SCOTT AWARD



Senior Nick DiFiore was selected the Bob Scott Award Winner for the 2017 football season. **Bob Scott '49** played his football years under Coach Ralph Quesinberry. Ever since his graduation he was the ultimate fan of our Tiger football players. Since his passing, an award in his name has been given to the senior that epitomizes effort, sportsmanship, character, and team work. The award is sponsored by the Chagrin Falls Fraternal Order of Eagles. Not only does Nick get an award, he also signs a Chagrin jersey that includes all the previous recipients. Presenting him the award was **Al Peach '65**.

ALUMNI KIDS

38 members of the Class of 2018 are children of Chagrin alumni, while 5 of them has both parents as graduates of CFHS. At graduation they will all receive corsages to signify this tradition. The 38 is a record for us besting the 32 that were in 2015.

Daniel Bellini (**Justin Bellini '92**), Devon Blanks (**Abby Gilkey Blanks '99**), Sophie Borkowski (**Sarah Borkowski '95**), Emma Bottcher (**Shawn Conley Bottcher '91**), Grace Buckbee (**Jennifer Nelson Buckbee '77**), Danny Burke (**Tim Burke '82**), Max Calhoun (**Pat Calhoun '87**), Paul Cantlay (**Doug '77 & Christine Youngberg Cantlay '85**), David Cavanagh (**Ruth McIlrath Cavanagh '71**), Andrew Covington (**Betsy Clark Covington '83**), Eleanor Covington (**Betsy Clark Covington '83**), Harrison Covington (**Betsy Clark Covington '83**), Andrew Davidson (**Matt Davidson '78**), Jillian Diedrich (**Steve Diedrich '82**), Reagan Dowling (**Lisa Kihlstrom Dowling '86**), Maddie Ferguson (**Sandi Smith Ferguson '85**), Patrick Holland (**Mara Donahoe Holland '84**), Mikala Izzo (**Marabeth Smyser Izzo '85**), Riley Kirkpatrick (**Barb Landy Miller '89**), Christopher Mariola (**Valerie Peckis Mariola '87**), Maddie Miralia (**Mark '83 & Connie Bridges Miralia '83**), Kathryn Mitchell (**Terry Rotenbor Mitchell '81**), Eddie Patton (**Steve '75 & Barbara Scher Patton '75**), Kariya Ramsey (**Kim Whitman '78**), Justin Rayner (**Kim Daniele Rayner '86**), Jack Reboul (**Rob '88 & Kristin Clark Reboul '88**), Cade Salyers (**Mike Salyers '90**), Mackenzie Shanklin (**Kelly Shanklin '84**), Kate Sincaglia (**Paul '87 & Connie Blair Sincaglia '87**), Margaret Sobota (**Lori Sobota '86**), Madeline Stapulionis (**Heidi Exline Stapulionis '85**), Lillian Subel (**Jack Subel '84**), Jessica Swartz (**Rachel Marie Granowicz Swartz '85**), Olivia Tarr (**Jim Tarr '80**), Trevor Taussig (**Amy Johnson Taussig '84**), Michael Vinci (**Joe Vinci '85**), Zoe Vinci (**Tom Vinci '90**), & Ben Winovich (**Bob Winovich '86**).

TENTS FOR RENT

The CFAA has two tents available for rent for your parties. Both are white 18' by 30' professional grade tents. We accept a \$100 donation to rent either. Please contact us at the Alumni Office if interested.



WEDDING NEWS

Mallory Smith & **Evan Atherton '02**, Jan. 13, 2018.

Betsy Strickler '03 & Justin Ramirez, March 3, 2018.

Sarah Hunt '03 & Patrick McFarland, Feb. 17, 2018.

Jessica Benedetti '01 & Mo Alrajabi, Jan. 20, 2018.

Kirstin Kuenzi '05 & Andreas Safakas, July 29, 2018.

Megan Magnuson '07 & Ryan Lang, July 8, 2017.

LITTLE TIGERS

To Mitch & **Deanna Kramer Hinman '03**, twins Sebastian Michael & Margot Elise, Dec. 21, 2017.

To Jacqueline & **John Gadd '04**, a son, John David "JD", March 21, 2018.

To Sean McDevitt & **Lisa Wilson '04**, a girl, Savannah Jane, April 2, 2018.

To Brian & **Patricia Lee Lomas Harris '06**, a girl, Luna Mae Hope, March 26, 2018.

To Kari & **Tyler Pearl '07**, a son, Alexander Edward, April 5, 2018.

IN MEMORIAM

Leslie Banks 1940

John "Jack" Kimpel 1942

Harry Rood 1947

Ray Henderson 1951

Jim Fitzpatrick 1952

Jim Moyse 1953

Joan Matthews LaRue 1958

Bruce Sekeres 1959

Rae Ann Jerkovitz Krebde 1969

Toniu Cordes Swierkosz 1970

Jody Distad 1976

Retired CF Industrial Arts teacher Bill Muzevich

DONATIONS

Robert "Skip" Regan '69 has given his Tiger Pride Club donation in memory and honor of the inspirational Quesinberry men: Ralph his teacher, **Dave '67**, his teammate; and **Tom '70**, his greatest booster.

Elaine Case Mueller '69 has given various memorabilia to the Tom Mattern Chagrin Falls Schools Historical Room.

Dennis Street '69 has donated memorabilia to the Tom Mattern Chagrin Falls Schools Historical Room.

Kelann Maus '82 has given a donation in memory of retired elementary teacher **Arline Miller Moore '43**.

Natalie Gross Remington '86 has made a donation in memory of retired music teacher Mrs. Elaine Shakley.

Stacey Ehrenbeit Blair '88 has donated her mother's, **Gayle Roeder Ehrenbeit '69**, class ring to the Tom Mattern Chagrin Falls Schools Historical Room.

Susan Morgan has made a donation in memory of retired elementary teacher **Arline Miller Moore '43**.

Wayne, Martha, **Laura '89**, and **Matthew Bifano '92** have made a donation in memory of retired elementary teacher **Arline Miller Moore '43**.

Retired CFHS German teacher Dr. Mario Gerhardt has made donations in memory of retired industrial arts teacher Bill Muzevich, retired elementary teacher **Arline Miller Moore '43**, CFHS football coach Gerry Steuber, and Nora Stanton, wife of retired CFHS math teacher **Jack Stanton '52**.

Retired teacher Janet Brown has made a donation in memory of retired elementary teacher **Arline Miller Moore '43**.

Betcha' Didn't Know

This New Years Chagrin Falls celebrated the Fifth Annual Chagrin Falls Popcorn Drop on the Triangle. The giant popcorn ball weighed over 100 lbs. 200 popcorn balls were launched into the crowd with Rob Schwind's popcorn ball bazookas. Retired Police Chief Jim Brosius fired off the village cannon ringing in the new year.

In 1969 you could try the \$1.59 Great Chicken Challenge at The Fife & Drum. You start with a whole half fried chicken served with "a heaping plate of freshly cut shoestring potatoes, creamy coleslaw and our own freshly baked rum-raisin, sugar-glazed bread." The challenge was that it was offered as all you can eat.

Lewis Sands began his career at Chagrin Falls in 1926 as a classroom teacher. He would later serve as high school principal and Superintendent from 1934 – 58. Mr. Sands would stay on as Business Manager for a year before retiring to Florida.

The start salary for a first year teacher at Chagrin in 1947 was \$1800. It would rise to \$7500 in 1973.

The Family Health Association's "Unit on Understanding Yourself" was brought to 5th graders in 1961 to teach "sex education."

The Chagrin Valley Jaycees began in 1954. Their first festival was held in 1956 and was named Blossom Time. It was a resurrection of the old Chagrin Valley Home Days celebration which was begun in 1935. A precursor to the festival's present name came about in 1937 when the event was advertised as "Chagrin Valley Week When It's Blossom Time in the Valley."

Do You Remember

Convenient Food Mart; Bell & Bridge Barber Shop; Husel's Village Rambler; Chagrin Dairy Bar; Travelon; Valley Drive-In Theatre; Chagrin Falls Music Center; Chagrin Valley Atlantic; Chagrin Department Store; Town & Country Cleaners; Chagrin Hardware and Supply; Chase Bag Co.; Hancock Lumber Co.; The Valley Tavern and Restaurant; Smith & Chester Insurance; Barron's Rexall Drug; Bill's Bainbridge Hair Dressers; Chagrin Pet; Evans Printing Company; Lowe's Electronics; Reed Hardware; Channon's Office Supplies; Nall's Drug Store; Taggart's Toys and Hobbies; Cochran Paint; Davis Decorating Center; Suburban Window Cleaning; Reed Nichols Funeral Home; Nash's Bainbridger; Sportsman West; James Jewelry; Valley Hardware; Barker's Camera Shop; Cuyahoga Savings Association; Speice Leader Drug Store; Havre's; Studio Boris Photography; Chagrin Falls Bakery; Falls Theatre; Falls Advertising Co.; Chagrin Oil & Gas Co.; Brewster & Stroud Co.; Stroud Funeral Home; Valley Pharmacy; Fireside Book Shop; Miller Plumbing and Heating Co.; Falls Mower & Garden Center; D.E. Williams Electric; The Fife & Drum; Louis Hair Salon; Western Reserve Lightning Rod Co.; Capitol Painting; Paul's Men's & Boys Shop; The Persimmon Tree; Ugite Gas, Inc.; Chuck's Beverage Store; Zucker Marine; Punderson Golf Course; Cary & Solether Realty; Chagrin Valley Ford; Reitz Plumbing & Heating; Lester Heck & Son Insurance; Lyndall Hughes Realtors

Serving THE U.S.

BELOW IS an addition to the list of Chagrin graduates who have served our country in the armed services. The overall list is posted on the CFAA website and contains 766 graduates. We also have a framed plaque in the CFHS due to the the generous donation from the Kelly Small '99 Memorial Fund.

Gordon Hill '55

David Hill '55

Larry Harmon '55

Dalton Croucher '13

Daniel Kuenzig '13

Alexander Moore '17

ALL-CLASS REUNION

We are looking forward to another gathering of graduates at the All-Class Reunion on the Friday of Blossom Weekend. We do want to let all of you know that admission will now be \$10. We know that you will understand and support the CFAA at this annual fundraiser.



Senior Prank - Class of '83

There have been many pranks over the years by a senior class. However, one of the most memorable has to be from the Class of 1983. This is a VW Bug that had been welded open and later closed around the CFHS flag pole. Making this prank more special was that the automobile was owned & trying to be sold by English teacher and coach Mr. Lenny May. Please know that the seniors did reimburse him for the asking price of the car.

26 TEACHERS JOIN CHAGRIN STAFF

From the Chagrin Falls School News
Sept. & Oct. 1970 Issue

At the teacher orientation days held on September second through the fourth, Dr. Warren Thomas welcomed twenty-six new faces to the Chagrin Falls teaching staff. While seven of these young people are new to education, the remaining nineteen bring a total of eighty-one years of previous teaching experience to the Chagrin Schools.

Taken collectively, these teachers are the recipients of twenty-nine bachelor's and six master's degrees. These were awarded by twenty-five colleges and universities representing seven different states of the union.

High School: Mr. Mario Gerhardt, Mr. Leonard Balk, Mr. Leonard Bornstein, Mr Steve Mallick, Mrs. Carolyn Hanson, Mr. George Glock, Murs. Joyce Daubert, Mr. Barry Zimmer, Mrs Barbara Shirley, Mrs. Mary Elling, Mr. Bruce Herdman, Mr. John Ginatos, Mr. Terrence Forbes, Mr. Leonard May.

Middle School: Miss Martha Wade, Mrs. Jean Meehan, Mrs. Kaye Oker, Mr. Barry Zimmer, Mrs. Ann Barker, Mrs. Katherine Flaum, Mr. Anthony Sharnas, Mr. Jack Smith.

Elementary: Mrs. Sylvia Frattarolli, Mrs. Jane Schultz, Miss Kathy Shull, and Mrs. Sharon Schuster.

SUPPORT YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Enclosed is my check for \$250 Enclosed is my check for \$100

ADDITIONAL GIVING OPTIONS:

Yearly Alumni Association Membership - \$10

Other - \$_____

Name (incl. Maiden Name): _____ Class Year: _____

Relationship to CFAA if not an alumnus (circle): Parent Faculty/Staff Other: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

News About You: _____

My Donation

Honors: _____

Your Tiger Pride membership (\$250 or \$100 if you are over 70) will go to the Scholarship Fund and Dues to the General Fund. Other donations will go to the General Fund unless you specify a different fund. Make checks payable to: Chagrin Falls Alumni Association.

Mail to: Brian McKenna '88, Alumni Director, Chagrin Falls Schools, 400 E. Washington St.,

2018 CFHS DAY in FLORIDA

Twentysix CFHS graduates and spouses carved out time in their busy work or retired lives to gather and celebrate friendships and memories of their years in the Chagrin Falls school system. This event, in its 6th year, has proven that nothing good gets away especially friends. We may be separated by miles and years but memories are like threads that hold a patchwork of friendships together.

Again many thanks to **Carolyn Groth Huber '59** and her husband Bob for hosting this event. Our reunion committee: **Jim Fitz '58**, **Suzie Sutton Wright '62** (wsuzannebg@yahoo.com), **Carolyn Groth Huber '59** (hubercarolyn@juno.com), and **Reed Carpenter '62** (1962atplay@gmail.com) are a well-oiled Tiger machine trying to reaching out to more than 350 CFHS grads in Florida. But we can't do this on our own. Please help us recruit more graduates by becoming a class rep. If you are interested in expanding our outreach contact one of us at our email addresses.

The program for the 2018 reunion was centered around connecting to the past. Each guest was presented with an historical calendar from the 70's 80's or 90' displaying houses and landmarks which make our hometown special. Each alumnus also received a handmade orange and black coaster with CFHS on it to accompany their CF Tiger cup. Reed Carpenter '62 led the group through a visual tour of the Philomethian Street school renovation. The DVD and commentary enlightened many people on the changes to our beloved school, but also the reclamation of the original structure. Reed also answered questions about the Chase Bag project. An added guest was Sharon Zine, an Ohio girl, who shared the importance of exercise for Seniors through a class called Bone Builders. Thank you Sharon for the valuable information.

Please try and join us next year, March 5 ,2019. We will continue to meet the first Tuesday in March. Remember it takes a long time to grow an old friend. Hope to see some new faces. Contact us on FB Tiger Tales and the Alumni website. Please encourage others to join the Alumni Association and support our great school.



Standing • Reed Carpenter '62 • Jim Fitz '58 • Cathy Eastin • Nate Ealy '09 • Rod Eastin '62 • Pat Hodges Furth '64 • Don Chapman '59 • Bill Fish '58 • Mark Laderer '62 • Rita Boslaugh Walker '64 • Ron Brooks '62 • Jim Pierce '62 • Helen Hodges Scheiner '62 • Phil Cleaveland '55 • Bill Szitar '59 • Bob Huber • Janet Carpenter • Ken Lauterer '56 • **Seated** • Robert Chapman '56 • Jamie Krider '65 • Joan Matthews LaRue '58 • Suzie Sutton Wright '62 • Carolyn Groth Huber '59 • Carolyn Benner Miller '60 • **Missed Group Photo:** • Ken LaRue • Liz Chapman •

CLASS & REUNION NOTES

Class of 1948 - The class is trying to reach out and hear from some classmates that they have not heard from in some time. If you have a current information for Carol London Benawit, June Silsby Campbell, Jack Froebe, Pat Montgomery Credland, Marshall Jennison, or Dorothy Matthews Manfredi, then please call Margaret McBride Roesum at either 440-823-5906 or 440-394-8220.

CLASS OF 1957—The CFHS class of 1957 gathered during the weekend of June 16-18 for their 60 year reunion. Twelve brave souls showed up to celebrate the event. We started with a cocktail party on Friday evening at the old Chagrin Town Hall where we reunited and reminisced. Lots of laughs and “gee, you’re looking good.” On Saturday we had a tour of the 100-year-old Philomethian School which was in the process of being renovated—brought back many fond memories. After a group lunch at Truly Yours, we had a guided tour through the Chagrin Falls Historical Museum—fun to reflect on our town’s history, and how some us fit into making Chagrin the town that it is. The afternoon was topped off with a bus tour of ‘our town’ where we went by our old homes and favored haunts. We finished our reunion with a banquet at Jekyll’s Kitchen overlooking our beautiful Chagrin Falls—a fitting end to a class reunion. It was decided that we will try to gather again in a couple of years. Many thanks to Bobbi and John for putting this all together.



Class of 1957 Reunion

Back Row: Dick Pinkett, Virgil Huggett, John Thomas, Eric Johannisson, Tom Carlson, Bill Neff, Skip Dodson

Front Row: Dave Vercoe, Sue Wallen Waldron, Jean Bowers Johannisson, Bobbi Barriball Clark, Sharon Stone Zipp

Class and Reunion Notes Cont.

The **Class of 1963** will be having their 55 year reunion on Friday, May 25th at Pine Lake Trout Club. Hors d'oeuvres will begin at 4:30 and dinner at 5:30. More activities will be planned around the alumni and Blossom gatherings over the weekend. To learn more you can visit the class page at <http://1963cfhsclass.com/> or email cfhs1963@gmail.com.

The **Class of 1964** has begun plans for a 55-year reunion on the weekend of August 9th and 10th, 2019. Please make sure that Monette Weiss has your current contact information. Her email is weiss.monette@gmail.com.

The 50th reunion of the **Class of 1968** will take place over Blossom Time Weekend - May 25-27, 2018. On Friday, we start off with the All Class Reunion which takes place at the Township Hall. On Saturday, we are working on arranging a tour of the high school (we are hoping for Saturday afternoon - details to follow). And anyone interested in golf? If so, please let a committee member know. On Sunday you can attend the parade from 2:00 to 4:00, if you would like. Afterwards, we will gather at the Pine Lake Trout Club for hors d'oeuvres from 4:30 to 6:00 and a buffet dinner at 6:00. The Trout Club is a BYOB establishment so keep that in mind. The cost is \$50 per person. One can send a check in to the CFAA or pay online at <http://chagrinalumni.org/donations/>. Also, if you are interested in fishing at the Trout Club, you can arrange to do so. If you have not gotten your RSVP in, then please email us at CFHS1968@gmail.com. Thanks, Your Reunion Committee (Betsey, Bonnie, Barb, Mary Ann, Greg and Waverly).

The **Class of 1973** will be getting together Blossom weekend 2018 for their 45 year reunion. Plan on meeting Friday night at the Township Hall for the All Class reunion, followed by a cook-out on Saturday, May 26 at Reggie and Pam Williams' home, 9945 Belleflower Circle, Newbury OH. Please respond as soon as possible. Check our Facebook page for updates. Any questions, please contact Betsy (Hanson) Street at betsygststreet@gmail.com, Nancy (Stern) Lester at nkslester@gmail.com -or- Ann (Champlin) Rieth at (annfchamplin@aol.com).

The **Class of 1978** will be celebrating its 40th reunion on Saturday, May 26th at the Frohring Meadows, 16780 Savage Road, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023. The Shelter at Frohring is completely enclosed and is a great venue for casual conversation, food, drink and music. The event begins at 5:00pm and dinner, beer and wine will be provided. Cost is \$37.00. You can pay on-line by going to <http://chagrinalumni.org/donations/>. Please contact Greg Meek at grollinmeek@gmail.com, Katie (Stone) Watkins or Vic Baerman at vbberman@yahoo.com if you have questions.

The **Class of 1983** will be getting together Blossom Weekend 2018 for their 35-year reunion. The gathering will be on Saturday, May 26 from 6:00 - 10:00 at Township Hall. The casual attire event will include music, memories, fellowship, and catering by Trifles. Cost is \$20/person. Check payable to CFAA and note "Class of 1983" on check so it can be applied to our class account and mail to CFAA, 400 E Washington Street, CF 44022. You can also

pay online via Pay Pal at <http://chagrinalumni.org/donations/>. Check out our Facebook group "Chagrin Falls High School Class of 1983" for reunion news and updates on everything you won't want to miss! Please RSVP your attendance to Nancy Olson Painter at cfhs893@gmail.com by May 11th for planning purposes. If you are interested in underwriting a portion of the costs, please contact Kelli Wall at Kellilwall@outlook.com or (412) 443-3379.

The **Class of 1988** will be having their 30 year reunion over Blossom Weekend. The festivities begin on Friday evening at the Greenville Inn where classmate Dan Mills will be performing with his band. Saturday night will be at Pine Lake Trout Club, while Sunday will be watching the parade at the Florkiewicz home. For more information check the class Facebook page or email Brian McKenna at alumni@chagrinschools.org.

The **Class of 1993** will celebrate its 25th reunion over Blossom Time weekend 2018. We will kick off our weekend with an "ice breaker" cocktail party at a classmates and then walk to the All Class Reunion together on Friday night. Saturday morning includes a Gurney playground meet-up for classmates and their families. Our big celebration takes place Saturday night, May 26, at Burntwood Tavern on East Washington Street. An after party will follow. Look for details on our Class of '93 Facebook page or send your information to Lindsay (Saylor) Gips at lgips2@roadrunner.com to be added to our email list. Online payment will be available after April 1. For additional information, one can also reach out to Amy Exline, amyx13@gmail.com, Lori (Fisher) Davidson, loriannfisher@yahoo.com, Jessica (Leary) Allen, jessicalearyallen@gmail.com, or Julie (Boutell) Northup, Julie.northup@hotmail.com.

The CFHS **Class of 1998** will be celebrating their 20th Reunion with two events over Blossom Weekend. On Sat May 26, classmates will gather at The Paris Room from 7:00 - 11:00 with an unofficial after party at the Greenville. Tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite.com via their Facebook page. The \$30 ticket includes lots of classy appetizer and dessert options as well as 2 beverage tickets for wine or beer. Cash bar after that and for cocktails. There will be an unofficial after party at the Greenville afterwards. Any questions: CaseyAChristopher@gmail.com or 740-707-0587. The class will reconvene on Sunday for a Blossom Parade Party at Melissa Davis Cole's House. The festivities will begin at 12:30 with the parade starting at 2:00 p.m. For parade attendees, RSVP to Melissa (mdcolern@gmail.com). Please bring something to drink or some food to share. The Cole's will be supplying the burgers, brats and hot dogs. The parade party is family friendly. For those needing hotel accommodations, two blocks of rooms at area hotels have been reserved. Reserve by May 1st at the Hampton Inn Solon (440-542-0400) to get the reserved rate. Two night minimum, breakfast included, complimentary shuttle to the Paris Room if we book at least 7 rooms. A block was also reserved at the Aloft in Beachwood (216-595-0900). Book by April 24th for the reduced rate. No minimum number of nights. A shuttle can easily be arranged if we book enough rooms, but it will cost a little extra.

The **Class of 2003** will be celebrating their 15 year reunion during Blossom Time 2018. Please send updated contact info to scoteseabigail@gmail.com to stay in the know or to help organize the reunion! More info to come!

The **Class of 2008** is gearing up for their ten year reunion on Saturday, May 26th. It will be held from 4:00 to 7:00 at the Greenville. There will be appetizers and a limited open bar tab. First come, first serve. For more information or to join the Reunion Committee go to the class Facebook group or contact Liz Monda at emmonda@gmail.com.

The **Class of 2013** will be celebrating their 5-year reunion on Saturday, May 26th, during Blossom Weekend. More details will be shared through the Facebook group, Class of 2013. If you have any questions, please reach out to Shannon Fung by e-mail (shfung@umich.edu).

IN THE NEWS

Jennifer Guilbert Humiston '60 spent a portion of last year serving in East Jerusalem under the auspices of the World Council of Churches. Working with EAPPI (Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel), she monitored checkpoints & other areas for violations of international humanitarian law. They kept statistics and written reports of what they witnessed, which were then reported to the United Nations and the International Red Cross.

Widely-traveled plant expert, **Kathy Keeler '65** searches the globe for stories of the plant wonders of the world. Kathy is known as the Wandering Botanist. Keeler retired to Loveland, Colorado after 30 years as a professor of biological sciences at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She does presentations and guides hikes through places like Devil's Backbone focused on plant life, both local and around the world. She shares many of her stories at her website <http://awanderingbotanist.com/>.

Coreen Abbott '72 and her husband Michael are in a region of India called Kadappa near Chennai working on 2 projects. One is with Aarti Home, a shelter that works with abandoned girls. Coreen and Michael are teaching the children and women pottery as a way to become financially independent. The BBC did a special, India's Missing Girls, that covers the issue that 90% of all children abandoned in India are female. The clip can be seen at Aarti website, <https://www.aartiforgirls.org/>. Coreen wants us to know that the people that abandon their daughters are not bad people, they are desperate and uneducated. Most of the women don't have a choice. It's the decision of her husband's family. The other project is in a village of potters nearby called Palemapally. She is aiding them to develop new products and improve their technology. This will offer them products to make that are more lucrative than the approximately 8 gallon water containers they currently make now. If anyone's interested in knowing more about these projects you're welcome to email Coreen. This is her 3rd time to India to work with potters and always a reminder of how very grateful she is for her circumstances especially as a female in the 21st century to be from a beautiful, safe, town as Chagrin Falls from a generation that had limitless opportunities. By May comes the rainy season so Coreen and her husband will move on to China where she'll teach at the Nanjing Art Institute a class in Ceramic Sculpture for the 2nd time.

She is so grateful for the encouragement and support she received from her high school teachers at Chagrin especially Mrs. Collie, Mrs. Tussig, Mr May and of course Mr Mattern. Thanks to them she's been able to make her living with ceramics since 1976. For those that want to learn more or connect with Coreen, you can do so via email at corabbott@aol.com.

Kevin '81 and **Mary Stanton Parker '81** have made considerable strides in renovating the historic 1903 Mimosa Inn in Tyron, North Carolina. It has now been renamed the Greenlife Inn at Mimosa, Tyron is a small village in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Kelli Smith Davidson '85 is the lead outpatient oncology registered dietitian at the Cancer Center at Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center in Winston Salem, NC. Kelli recently passed her boards to become specialized in oncology nutrition.

Dave Bargar '85 & Brian Bargar '87 successfully run the metal fabrication company, Steeltec Products, that they co-founded in Cleveland in 2001. Dave has also been the Head Boys Basketball Coach at Chagrin since 2005.

Lisa Krok '88 was named recipient of the Young Adult Library Services Association Volunteer of the Year Award for her work on the Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers Team. Lisa is a Branch Manager at Akron-Summit County Public Library.

Marianne Llewellyn '88 is a program manager of sales velocity at Adobe. Marianne recently returned from a sabbatical where she enjoyed an artistic career making unique light fixtures out of found objects and recycled materials. She also began Hunt for Decor, (<https://huntforddecor.com/>), a business that assists buyers in finding farmhouse – cottage – rustic – industrial decor.

Dr. Tira Stebbins Krug '93 is the Clinical Director of the Child and Adolescent Program at Organization for Psychological Health in Solon. Tira is a licensed clinical psychologist working with children, adolescents, families, and adults in the field of psychology.

President Donald Trump gave a speech on the tax cuts in Cincinnati in February. The event included speeches by three prominent business leaders including **Matt Schron '96**, General Manager of Cleveland based Jergens, Inc.

Abbey Abley Wick '97 is an Assistant Professor of Soil Health-Extension at North Dakota State University. Recently Abbey was selected by US Senator Hoeven's office (ND) to represent ND for women in agriculture through the US Senate Agriculture Committee.

Elena Shaddow Harrington '97 is currently the lead in the national tour of Rodgers & Hammerstein's The King and I on tour. Elena is starring as Anna Leonowens in the Lincoln Center Theater Production. THE KING AND I, directed by Tony Award® winner Bartlett Sher, won four 2015 Tony Awards® including Best Revival of a Musical. The tour has already been through Tucson, AZ; Tempe, AZ; Hershey, PA; Cincinnati, OH; and Columbus, OH. Upcoming visits will be in Schenectady, NY; Detroit, MI; Worcester, MA; Grand Rapids, MI; Kansas City, MO; Albuquerque, NM; San Diego, CA; and Toronto, ON.

Cassie Carothers '98 is Editor in Chief & Senior Director, Communications of Global Citizen, an advocacy organization, based in New York City which is dedicated to ending extreme poverty by 2030. She and her husband, Ibrahim Ahmad, reside in Yorktown Hts, NY.

Katie Carson '98 was inducted into the Clemson Athletic Hall of Fame last year. Katie was an all-American goalkeeper that led the Tigers to the NCAA Sweet 16 on two occasions. Katie stills holds the State of Ohio record for her 52 shutouts when she tended the net for Chagrin from 1994-97.

Trish Kruse '98 has been named Division 1 Girls Basketball Coach of the Year for the State of Ohio. Trish led the Solon Comets to the State Runners-Up finish.

Jeremy Galante '99 is a partner in Sandpiper Animation, which is a collaborative studio specializing in animated content. Recently Jeremy's work was featured on Sesame Street.

Adam Ripley '02 is a buyer for Heinen's grocery stores in Cleveland.

Chris McCall '03 is CEO of Fotokite, which makes a camera crane that can reach up to 300 ft. in the air that packs up in the size of a carry-on suitcase. Recently Fotokite was selected as one of six finalists by Genius NY, a year-long business accelerator. Venturelab also selected Fotokite as one of four venture leader teams, a selection of the most promising Swiss-based startups with global ambitions and the potential to impact the world, for an international investor roadshow. Chris and his company has also been featured recently in Wired.

James Wiencek '03 is a Special Assistant United States Attorney at United States Attorney's Office in Colorado Springs, Colorado Area.

Catie McCaffrey '04 is a senior software engineer at Twitter. Previously she has worked on several video games with credits on Gears of War 2, Gears of War 3, Halo 4, and Halo 5.

Matt Cooperrider '05 is Director of Finance at Apex Clean Energy in Charlottesville, Virginia. Apex is a developer of commercial-scale wind and solar energy facilities in North America.

Mckenna Leonetti '05 is an Assistant Branch Administrator at Franklin Synergy Bank in Nashville, Tennessee.

Sean Porter '08 is an associate attorney at Barr, Jones, & Associates in Independence, Ohio. He practices in the areas of Domestic Relations and Criminal Defense.

Taylor Mendal '10 is a data scientist at Spotify in New York City.

Kelly O'Connor '11 is an Associate Account Manager at Jellyvision in Chicago. The company develops interactive software that talks people through life's tough decisions.

Bradley Munday '13 is a consultant at Booz Allen Hamilton in Washington D.C.

Kyle Weber '13 was selected to the Chesapeake Bayhawks as part of the supplemental lacrosse draft. The Bayhawks are the 5 time Major Lacrosse League Champion. Kyle graduated from Bates College in Maine.

Matt Iammarino '14 is a Data Analyst Intern at Union Home Mortgage Corp. in Cleveland. He is currently a senior at Denison University. Matt, who played wide receiver on the football team, was recently recognized as a Scholar-Athlete by the National Football Foundation.

Matt Rode '14 founded Stringers Society, a Lacrosse News and Media brand that provides up to date trends and informational content for lacrosse players.

Hallie Thome '15 won the Female College Athlete of the Year honor at the Greater Cleveland Sports Awards. Hallie just completed her junior year at the University of Michigan where she recently led the women's basketball team to its first NCAA Tournament appearance since 2013. She ranked second in the Big Ten for field-goal percentage shooting 61.6%.

CVC EXPANDING TO 22 SCHOOLS

The Chagrin Valley Conference recently announced that it will expand to 22 schools, adding six members in the fall of 2019. Brooklyn, Lutheran West and Trinity will be joining from the west, while Ashtabula Edgewood, Ashtabula Lakeside and Grand Valley will be joining from the east. The current members of the conference are Beachwood, Berkshire, Cardinal, Chagrin Falls, Cuyahoga Hts, Fairport, Geneva, Hawken, Independence, Kirtland, Orange, Painesville Harvey, Perry, Richmond Hts., West Geauga and Wickliffe.

Divisional assignments in each sport will be determined in the near future.

FACILITIES PROGRESS

We have seen considerable work being completed at the Philomethian Street School over the months. In May of 2017, a bond was approved that allowed for the renovation and new construction of the current Intermediate School. At this time, the Intermediate School classes are being held in a temporary school on the current 7 - 12 campus. Construction crews took down several portions of the Intermediate School leaving the Gymnasium, Auditorium and the 1914 building.

To follow the progress, go to <http://www.chagrinschools.org/Construction.aspx>

One can also follow at DroneOhio, which has photos and videos of other Chagrin sites including the changes occurring at Spillway, formerly Chase Bag. The address is www.droneohio.com.



2018 Alumni Chorus Blossom Time Memorial Weekend Patriotic Sing-Along Concert

The format for the 2018 concert will be a little different than previous concerts. This year, our audience will be invited to join with the chorus in singing all of our favorite patriotic songs.

The Colors will be posted by Chagrin Falls American Legion Post 383 followed by the Patrick Henry "Liberty or Death" speech, our National Anthem and our Pledge of Allegiance. In addition, we will present The Gettysburg Address, the folding of the American Flag, Echo Taps, and the tribute to our audience members who are military veterans from the five branches of the armed forces.

The concert is offered to our audience at no charge but we do have expenses. We also sponsor an annual scholarship through the alumni association and we make an annual donation to the Wounded Warrior Project. Those interested may make tax deductible donations to the chorus through the CFAA. Please mark Alumni Chorus in the address line and on the memo line of your check.

Next year, the chorus will observe our 10th year of service to our village. This concert was established to provide an opportunity for those unable to "make the trek" up Franklin Street on Monday morning to observe the holiday there.

The members of our "cast" look forward each year to a reunion with high school friends and to the opportunity to serve the greater Chagrin Falls community.