



**CHAGRIN FALLS**  
**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**  
**Tiger Tales**

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## From the Director...

We are fortunate to have many new faces join us at the CFAA in an officer or trustee role in 2019. We would also like to thank several people for their past years of service. I owe a tremendous amount of gratitude to Jack Schron '66. Since we began in 1989, he has served in the role of Alumni President. He has helped guide us through key events from the initial organization of the CFAA, the building of our historical room, the marketing of the CFAA, and two fundraising campaigns to name just a few. His business, legal, and managerial skills were essential in building us to where we are now. Granted, Jack has one more project he is excited to see come to fruition. Along with Andy Weingart '96, they are overseeing an upcoming fundraising campaign to bring the rich history of Chagrin Schools and the CFAA alive. We will be delving into touch screens that will go in the renovated Intermediate School lobby and CFHS gym lobby that will allow young and old to explore those that made their way through Chagrin Schools. In addition, this program will be available online for all to enjoy. We would also like to thank those that were recent trustees including John Bourisseau '64, Keith Wolf '76, Bill Norwick '82, Kristin Clark Reboul '88, Gabe Orazen '90, and Michael Hageman '12.

To our past and current leadership, we thank you for giving your time to "Keeping Tiger Pride Alive." Below is our leadership for 2019.

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We hope to count on your continued support in 2019. Naturally, a financial contribution would truly be appreciated to support our new ventures, as well as our long-standing events. If you'd like to participate more, have questions or would like to donate, please contact us at the Alumni office. We are grateful to see more alumni choose to include the CFAA in their estates. If you would like information on how you can support the CFAA in your estate planning, then please contact us.

Have a great 2019!!  
 Brian McKenna '88  
 Alumni Director

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## Throwback Photo Roundup



Girls' cross country paid homage to the 1991 state championship team with their warm-ups at the 2018 State Cross Country Meet. The girls finished 9th overall.



### 2019 CHAGRIN FALLS DAY IN FLORIDA



**Tuesday, March 5th**  
**Lakeland, Florida**



...Note date & location...  
 ...Please make reservations by Feb 26th...

**2019 CHAGRIN FALLS DAY IN FLORIDA ... Tuesday, March 5th**  
 Colonnades Clubhouse, 4800 Colonnades Club Blvd., Lakeland, FL 33811  
 12:00-3:00pm...Social Time & Happy Hour 12:00, Lunch 1:00, Program 2:00

**ALL CFers, family and guests are invited!**  
 Please join us in Keeping Tiger Pride Alive with all who call Chagrin Falls our Happy Place...  
 ...Reestablishing friendships and make new connections with CF alumni living/wintering in Florida. This 1970-90's Annual Event was renewed in 2013 and has grown from a dozen to over 40. Our hosts for this sixth-year will be Carolyn Groth Huber '59 & husband, Bob, and will be held at their Clubhouse.  
**\$15 per person...** FL style picnic lunch, dessert bar, iced tea/lemonade/coffee...BYOB if you wish...  
 Payment can be made at the door on March 5th; however, we need your reservation NLT February 26th...  
**Reservations & questions contact:**...Carolyn Groth Huber '59 (hubercarolyn@juno.com, h:863-606-5770 c:863-808-9586)...Jim Fitz '58 (sueandjim370@roadrunner.com, c:216-401-7743)...Suzie Sutton Wright '62 (wsuzannebg@yahoo.com, c:419-308-6686)...Reed Carpenter '62 (reedatplay@gmail.com, c:216-905-4591)...  
**If possible, please mail checks payable to:** Carolyn Huber, 1631 Colonnades Circle North, Lakeland, FL 33811. Please include the names of ALL attending, address, phone, email & CFHS class year.



## Dates to Remember

**Tuesday,  
March 5**

CFAA Day in Florida

**Friday,  
May 24**

All-Class Reunion

**Saturday,  
May 25**

12th Annual Alumni  
Baseball Game  
Alumni Lacrosse  
Game  
8th Annual Alumni  
Soccer Game

**Sunday,  
May 26**

Blossom Parade

**Thursday,  
Sept. 12**

14th Chagrin Falls  
Schools Achieve-  
ment Hall of Fame  
Induction Ceremony

**Friday,  
Sept. 13**

Homecoming Foot-  
ball Game with intro-  
duction of the Hall  
of Fame class during  
halftime

## A Look Back at 2018

- The Alumni Association finished with 3 new Life Memberships – bringing our grand total to 904 to help endow the scholarship fund.
- Awarded 6 scholarships, totaling \$6000, to graduating seniors (139 scholarships since 1990)
- Published three Tiger Tales newsletters (86 issues since January 1991);
- Updated the Alumni Association website;
- Sponsored a Blossom weekend All-Class Reunion Party at the Town Hall with over 300 alumni attending;
- During the high school commencement, presented a flower for those who have a parent that graduated from Chagrin Falls High School (a record 40 altogether with 5 having both parents as Chagrin alumni);
- Helped organize and support many class reunions;
- Hosted our first young alumni get together on the Wednesday of Thanksgiving weekend at Paninis in Chagrin Falls;
- Hosted our 11th annual alumni baseball game and 6th annual alumni men's soccer game;
- Acquired and displayed more school memorabilia.

## 1st Annual Thanksgiving Social

The first annual Thanksgiving Weekend Social event got off to an intimate, but strong start. The Alumni Association hopes to start a new annual social gathering for our younger graduates that will someday rival the popularity of the All-Class Reunion during Blossom Weekend. Graduates from 2000 and after were invited to Paninis in Chagrin on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving to enjoy free drinks and appetizers. While any graduate is welcomed to this event our goal is to bring awareness of CFAA to younger CFHS graduates. The Class of 2012 had the strongest representation, followed by Class of 2010. Thank you to all who joined in the fun and paid their dues!

## Tiger Tales Comes With Your Support

We thank you for the understanding on the necessity to control our costs regarding the newsletter. We do want to clarify how this works. To the right of your name on this Tiger Tales, it will state why you are still able to get a hard copy: TP – Tiger Pride member, TCHR – Retired Chagrin Schools Employee, SR – Graduated in 1964 or earlier year, and if there is a 2017 or 2018, then it is due to your recent donation. We will continue to send you a Tiger Tales provided your donation has been in the past two years or you fall under one of the other categories. Naturally we will continue to post the newsletter online. Annual dues for an alumnus is still only \$10, just as it was when we started in 1989.

# In the News

We enjoy highlighting individuals in this section with how one is doing in their profession, retirement, or making a difference in their community. If you have some news to share on you or your classmates, then we would enjoy sharing it in the next newsletter.

**Sarah Stratton-Kesselem '72** is Senior Vice President - Wealth Management, Financial Advisor, at Morgan Stanley in Pepper Pike, Ohio.

**Reed Taussig '72** is President and CEO, Apptimize, Inc. in Los Altos, California. Apptimize is a leader for mobile A/B (split) testing tools.

**John Tillotson's '72** black and white fine art photography was recently on display at the West Woods Nature Center in Russell, Ohio. John loves photographing around industrial scrap metal yards, along with abandoned structures, barns and burned-out buildings. In recent years, John has discovered the photographic beauty of ice formations in rivers, streams and lakes. For the past dozen years John has taken well over 17,000 pictures in his role as our Alumni Photographer. He attends our banquets, picnics, retiree events, Blossom Time, award ceremonies, etc.

**Tony Vidmar '79** continues to serve as VP University Advancement at MSU Texas in Wichita Falls. Tony has led the all-time university record for most funds raised in a fiscal year.

**Mark Cressman '83** is Senior Product and Application Mechanical Engineer for Stemco in Canton, Ohio.

**Pamela Monastra '85** is

Senior Vice President, Head of Communications at Skanska in Atlanta.

**Krista Powers Blevin '88** is in biotech sales for Allergan in North Houston, Texas.

**Rod Lindheim '89** is Senior Audiovisual Consultant at Cavanaugh Tocci Associates, Inc. in Arlington, Massachusetts. Rod also volunteers as a Sunday school teacher and coaches basketball to children at the Boys and Girls Club of Arlington.

**Julia Van Vliet Nash '89** was a costumer on the recent movie A Star is Born. Julia has been a costumer on several TV series as of late including The Goldbergs, Schooled, and Ghosted. She has also been the costume supervisor for All Night and Freakish.

**Geoffrey Owen '90** is a Sr. Wealth Manager at Greer-Walker Wealth Management in Charlotte, North Carolina.

**Tyler Davidson '93**, an independent film producer, had his latest film "Galveston" come out in October. His past projects include "Take Shelter," "The Land" "My Blind Brother" and "Kings of Summer." "Take Shelter," starring Michael Shannon, won the grand prize at the Sundance Film Festival in 2011. Tyler and his family live in Aurora, Ohio.

**Jay Neidermeyer '94** is Senior Vice President & Technology Leader - Payment Solutions & Care-Credit at Synchrony Financial in Kettering, Ohio.

This past Fall our neighborhood old route 422, Kenston, beat Kettering Alter 42 - 6 in the State Championship Div. 3 football

game in Canton claiming their first state title. There are many Chagrin ties to the program starting with the Head Coach, **Jeff Grubich '96**. Jeff is the son of **Steve Grubich '67** & **Sandy Davis Grubich '67**. USA Today just posted a nice article on Jeff's juggling the opening of the tree farm he co-owns with his wife and preparing for the state title game. They lacked to mention he also has a full time job teaching at Kenston High School. In addition, the coaching staff includes **Reed Cornell '96** & **Steve Grubich '99**. Playing on the team was Jeff's niece, Anna Sanders, a senior who was the field goal kicker for the Bombers. She became the first female to score a point in the OHSAA Division III state football championship. She would end scoring six extra points that day. Anna's parents are **Laurie Grubich Sanders '87** and **Micah Sanders '92**.

**Youssef Hamid '00** is software programmer and consultant at Moreland-Connect in Hudson, Ohio.

**Christina Dierkes '01** is Ohio Sea Grant's science writer, where she covers research, education and outreach projects in the Great Lakes for a wide range of audiences and outlets, from magazine articles and press releases to webcontent and social media. Ohio Sea Grant is located at The Ohio State University Columbus location.

**Amy Lang '01** is an Associate at Jones Robb, PLLC, an intellectual property law firm in Alexandria, Virginia.

**Michelle Petrillo '01** was inducted into the John Carroll University's Athletic Hall of Fame. Michelle, a 2005 JCU graduate, was

the Ohio Athletic Conference Women's Tennis Player of the Year in her senior season, becoming the first player in program history to earn the honor.

**Justin White '01** is an associate attorney with Louderback Law Group in San Francisco. Justin specializes in employment litigation.

**Garrett Monda '02** is Vice President of the global equity firm The Riverside Company. Garrett is also a board member of Censis Technologies, Inc. and WorkStride. Garrett is based out of Cleveland.

**Dr. David Frey '03** is an anesthesiology specialist in Portland, Oregon.

**Michelle Lang Lemon '03** is Senior Compensation Analyst at American Chemical Society in Washington, D.C.

**Chloe Levien Soto '03** is a school counselor at William H. Taft High School in Chicago.

**Brian O'Malley '03** is co-owner of Relic Home Furnishings + Art Collective in Strongsville, Ohio.

Crain's Cleveland Business Magazine has released its Forty Under 40 issue for 2018. Included in the list of 40 individuals making a difference in Northeast Ohio is **Brad Owen '04**, CEO and founder of the software company NeverBounce. Its software lets companies that send large email blasts weed out bad email addresses, which helps them keep their bounce rate low and avoid getting marked as a spammer. Brad and his wife, Ashley Maier Owen '04, have two children and live in Pepper Pike.



# In the News (continued)

**Tracy Horne Gerbino '05** is a financial analyst for Tech Data in Tampa, Florida.

**Kim Leary '05** is a Senior Staff Coordinator at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

**Karen Corson Poccia '06** is Director of New Technology at Patient Computer Help for Grown Ups in Cleveland.

**Bridget Davis Petitti '06** is Marketing Manager at Mark Murphy's Music in Jersey City, New Jersey.

**David Goodrich '06** is ADAS at FCA Fiat Chrysler Automobiles in Auburn Hills, Michigan.

**Cassie Palisky '06** is an adaptive curriculum teacher at Morris Grove Elementary School in Chapel Hill, NC.

**Hannah Seligson '06** is a Software Engineer II at AmTrust Financial Services, Inc. in Cleveland.

**Corey Cott '08** came back to Chagrin for a two night performance of his favorite Broadway hits. He performed at Township Hall with the proceeds going to the historic building. Corey took over the lead role

of Jack Kelly in Newsies, which was his first starring role on Broadway. He also starred in Gigi as Gaston Lachaille and originated the role of Donny Novitski in Bandstand opposite Laura Osnes. His multiple television and film credits include Madam Secretary, Z: The Beginning of Everything and The Good Fight.

**Jillian Wetzel '08** is STEM educator in the San Antonio Independent School District. Jillian is a Verizon Innovative Learning coach, Google educator, and Apple teacher at Harris Middle School.

**Brendan Fung '09** is Associate Product Marketing Manager at Boa Technology in Denver, Colorado.

**Lynn Vandendriessche '10** is Senior Assistant Brand Manager at Procter & Gamble in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Kelly O'Connor '11** is an Account Manager with Jellyvision in Chicago, Illinois. Jellyvision builds interactive employee communication software.

**Kristen Ostergard '11** is Chief of Staff at Majestic Steel USA in Cleveland.

**Ryan Ludwig '12** is a net-

work support engineer at the cloud-managed IT firm Cisco Meraki in San Francisco.

**Colin Hass-Hill '13** is Ohio State basketball and football reporter. You can follow Colin on Twitter @chasshill.

**Matt Markley '13** is an Associate in the Cyber Security Services Department at KPMG in Chicago.

After completing a Peace Corps mission to the Ukraine, **Emily Morgan '13** has joined Rustic Pathways as an International Business Development Representative.

**Callie Smith '13** is a Junior Records Executive at Guinness World Records in New York City.

**Liam Sullivan '13** is a Staff Assistant at National Association of State Workforce Agencies in Washington D.C.

**Jacob Zobrist '13** is a Business Development Specialist at the content creator preskoLABS in Columbus, Ohio.

CFHS and Baldwin Wallace University grad **Dan Hoy '14** has been tapped for a

starring role in the national Broadway revival tour of the Andrew Lloyd Webber classic musical CATS that will begin in January.

**Ed Shelley '14** is a sales executive at Secure Care Systems, Inc. in Cleveland.

**Alexandra Gottschalk '15** is a marketing intern at Charlottesville Albemarle SPCA in Charlottesville, Virginia. She is a fourth year student at the University of Virginia pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Psychology with a minor in Business Spanish.

**Sawyer McGuire '15** is CEO & Founder at Zero Prblms LLC in Columbus, Ohio. Sawyer is currently managing and running the start-up company that is centered around promoting mental health.

**Hollis Roush '16** was a member of the United States Coast Guard Academy's rugby squad. This Fall the team made it to the Final Four and finished third in the final rankings. The play of Hollis at the fullback position earned her selection to the Fall College 2018 Women's D2 All-Championship Series Team.

## Wedding News

**Jeffrey J. Lever '73** & Somjin Jones, Aug. 2, 2018.

Richard Zakin & **Tina Shafer '74**, Dec. 13, 2018.

Tracy Johnson & **Kristin LaGraff '88**, Dec. 28, 2018.

**Taylor Sutliff '00** & Megan Smilanich, Oct. 13, 2018.

**Matt Laufik '01** & Kira Sangsap, Oct. 19, 2019.

**Kevin Consolo '03** & Tiffany Crump, Sept. 28, 2018.

**David Frey '03** & Jennifer Christenson, Aug. 4, 2018.

**Brian Hollingsworth '03** & Amanda Rosemeier, Oct. 5, 2018.

Jeff Vaisa & **Emily O'Connor '06**, Oct. 13, 2018.

Joseph Green & **Jaclyn Parker '08**, Oct. 6, 2018.

Jeff Felten & **Lanier Savage '09**, Dec. 21, 2018.

**Jeff Pierce '11** & Jason Botsford, Nov. 18, 2018.



## Little Tigers



To Don & **Meredith Neidhardt Connerton '93**, a daughter, Brooke Anne, Oct. 5, 2018.

To Phil and **Jessica Duncan Smith '97**, a daughter, Amelia Marie, April 7th.

To Rick & **Kate Carson Miller '98**, a son, Grant Christopher, Dec. 8, 2018.

To Patrick and **Hilary Duncan Kennedy '98**, a son, Declan Patrick, May 20th.

To John & **Emily Levien Reed '01**, a son, George Henry, Dec. 6, 2018.

To **Marc '99 & Kathryn McCourt Wise '02**, a daughter,

Winter Ryan, Dec. 18, 2018.

To Michael & **Sara Vanderwist Ganousis '03**, a son, Rhodes Michael, Oct. 21, 2018.

To Ray & **Chloe Levien Soto '03**, a son, Michael Gabriel Soto, Oct. 6, 2018.

To Mary and **Jimmy Wiencek '03**, a girl, Edith Catherine, Oct. 20, 2018.

To Alex & **Allie Hollister Carr '05**, a daughter, Logan Ellen, Nov. 28, 2018.

To Nicholas & **Kelsay Owen Coleman '06**, a son, Owen Dennis, Dec. 10, 2018.

# Do You Remember?

Springfest with Greg and the Flying Aces; nugging backpacks; nicknames that you had for you and your friends; your first day of school at Gurney, Sands, the Middle School or High School; Dink's; stealing a street sign, especially with your class year on it; Class Will; ski trips and caroling with the German

Club; senior year spring break trip; the paddle; collecting butterflies or leaves for a science class; Homecoming bonfire; decorating your class float for the Blossom Parade; sledding at the MetroParks; swimming at Squaw Rock; driving to school; your bus driver; & your favorite meal in the cafeteria

## In Memoriam

**Beth Beattie Brumback '48**

**Pat Davis Yunkes '55**

**Marcia Frazer Branthoover '63**

**Sharon Shelton Harr '57**

**Susan Harmon Wilcox '73**

**Phillip "Phil" LeBarron '77**

**Lou Novoa '81**

Retired CFHS Biology teacher Mr. John Olive

# Donations

**Gary Palmer '58** has given his Tiger Pride donation in memory of his two foster mothers, who formed the foundation of his life: Florence Stanek Davis, Bainbridge High School class of 1930 Valedictorian; and **Vivian Hill "Bee" Crawford '36.**

**Helen Hodges Scheiner '62** has donated the CFHS Student Council 1961-1962 Student Hand-book to the Historical Room.

**Andy Sworan '72** has made a donation of decals with our new alumni logo.

**Tony Vidmar '79** has made a donation in honor of retired CFMS history teacher **Mr. Tom Mattern '55.**

**Sue Beattie '82** has made 3 donations to

the CFAA. The first donation is in memory of **Beth Beattie Brumback '48.** The second donation is in memory of the late John & Linda Snavely and in honor of their children and their families: **Paul '71, Peter '74, Jenny '76, & Polly '84.** Her third donation is in honor of the Bill & Jen Ganger family, which includes **Zach '12, Drew '15, & John '15.**

Two class rings have been donated to our ring collection in the Historical Room:

**Katy Hagan '92**

**Rosalind "Cindy" Waterston '33**

(donated by daughters **Leanne Pealer-Bahnick '59** and **Gaye Pealer Hallstrom '63**)

## 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 id not an alumnus (circle): Parent    Faculty/Staff    Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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. Makes checks payable to: Chagrin Falls Alumni Association.

Mail to: Brian McKenna '88, Alumni Director, Chagrin Falls Schools, 400 E. Washington St., Chagrin Falls, OH 44022.



# Class & Reunion Notes

This past October the **Class of 1957** held their mini mini reunion. It was a beautiful day for a picnic at Frohning Meadows, a visit to the CF Historical Society to view the documentary on the five living mayors of Chagrin, and capped the day off with dinner at Burntwood Tavern. A wonderful time was had by all. The class will hold their next mini reunion on October 3-6, 2019.

**The Class of 1964** will be having their 55th reunion over Aug. 9th & 10th. They will gather the Friday night at the Historical Society and plans for Saturday are still being worked out. To be kept in the loop reach out to John Bourisseau at jbourisseau@gmail.com.

**The Class of 1969** is planning their 50th reunion weekend for Blossom Time weekend in May! Activities could include a round of golf on Friday, an informal get together at the Chagrin Eagles Club on Friday night and of course the all class reunion at the Township Hall. The main event will be held on Saturday May 25th at the Village Martini Bar and Restaurant on E. Washington St., just east of the high school, beginning at 6:30 pm. The cost will be \$75.00 per person and will include heavy appetizers and an open bar. Please make your checks payable to the Chagrin Falls Alumni Association, 400 E. Washington St. Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44022. Please write '69 Reunion in the memo line of your check. It is important that all checks be received PRIOR to April 1st to reserve your spot! Spouses / significant others welcome as well! More details to follow but please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Co-Chairs for this are Vicki Sutcliffe (Vince) and Mark Schroeder. Committee members include Mark Spresser, Bobby Thomas, Mike Solether, Bob Bailey, Mary Ellen Schron (Doddridge) and Skip Regan. Come and see your "old" classmates!

**The Class of 74** is looking forward to our 45th reunion

Blossom Time weekend 2019. Reunion plans include festivities at the Chagrin Valley Athletic Club on Washington Street on Saturday, May 25th from 6-10PM. Cost is \$25 per person with a cash bar. You can pay online at CFAA donations page at their website or by sending a check in. Write check to "CFAA" with a note in the memo field that this is for the Class of 74 Reunion. Further updates and additional weekend plans will be provided on our class FB page, and any questions can be directed to Ted Kagy (tedkagy@aol.com) or Pam Fischley Hermandson (PEMM222@aol.com). A block of hotel rooms has been arranged for those needing accommodations and details are on the FB page or by contacting us. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

**The Class of '79** will be celebrating their 40th reunion with an event Saturday, May 25 of Blossom Time weekend at the Bainbridge Town Hall. Please make sure that the committee has your most recent contact information: Jeff Baker (bake38@gmail.com), Sue Daniels (Susan.daniels@medmutual.com), and Cary Gluf (cjdsgdesigns@earthlink.net). You can also get updates at the class Facebook group, CFHS Class of 1979 Reunion-40th.

The legendary **Class of 1984** will once again convene for their 35th reunion in the friendly confines of Chagrin Falls proper. Chagrin is never the same after we invade! We had an amazing turnout 5 years ago and would love to have a repeat performance. But it takes each of you to block your calendars on your iPhone or - for those anti-Apple rebels - your Android device. The dates? May 24-27, 2019.

We have a Facebook Group if you haven't joined yet. Just search for "Chagrin Falls High School **Class of 1984**." We've got 141 members in that group! Ask to join. You only have to answer one question to pass the approval process

- Who was our Senior Class Teacher of the Year? Just answer Freya Zipperer and you are granted access.

Events for the weekend are TBD, but suffice it to say All Class Reunion Friday evening with nightcaps likely at a local drinking establishment that rhymes with "Beanville". Saturday will likely be a day to hang and reunite with family and classmates and then have our big event Saturday Evening. Suggestions are always welcome. Sunday is parade tailgating with Tim Piai and Bubba Badal firing up a grill for breakfast and burgers while we await the longest parade in Ohio.

Let's try to celebrate Barry's Memory as well as our other classmates gone way too early the entire weekend - Mike Jung, Sarah Masters, and Dan Baldwin.

Let's do this. One. More. Time. See you in May! Stay tuned for more updates! Love all you guys! Your Humble Class Prez, Matthew Harrington Hanley.

Hey CFHS **Class of 1989**, We are planning a really fun and inexpensive 30th reunion for Saturday, May 25. It will be held at the Katydid Pavilion at Frohning Meadows located at 16780 Savage Rd. Bainbridge, OH 44023 (just off of E. Washington St). The event will take place from 5pm - 8pm, rain or shine. Cost is \$25 per person. Appetizers & BYOB. Casual attire. One can pay at <https://chagrinalumni.org/donations/> or send a check written to the CFAA to CFAA, 400 E. Washington St., Chagrin Falls, OH 44022. Please join our class Facebook site (Chagrin Falls **Class of 1989** reunion) for more information and reunion invite soon!

If you have any questions, please call Megan Thomas Robinson at 610-283-9615, Rachel Oler Franco 203-249-3891 or Jodie Lerz Huddleson 303-981-9730.

The **Class of 1994** is planning a casual 25th reunion in Chagrin Falls - Saturday, May, 25th 2019. Please visit our Facebook Page Chagrin Falls NinetyFour for updates: <https://www.facebook.com/chagrinfalls.ninetyfour>. For questions, please contact Dana Matta at themattas@icloud.com.

Be ready to party like its 1999! The **Class of '99** is planning their 20 year reunion for Saturday May 25th 2019 at 6:30pm at the Chagrin Valley Athletic Club. Make sure you are a member of the Facebook group "Chagrin Falls Class of 1999" to get further information. You can also reach out to the planning committee Carrie Crawford, Jessica Giebel and Michelle Okuley at chagrinfalls1999@gmail.com.

**The Class of 2004** is looking forward to gathering for the 15 year reunion on the Saturday of Blossom Weekend (May 25th). Details are in the works. To keep in the loop join the class Facebook group "Chagrin Falls High School **Class of 2004**". If you would like to join the reunion committee, then please reach out to **Chelsea Bacher** at chelseabacher@gmail.com,

The **Class of 2009** will be gathering on Saturday of Blossom Weekend (Sat., May 25th) for their 10 year reunion. The location will be determined. If interested in helping to organize, then please reach Vince Coleman at colemani@gmail.com. The class Facebook group is titled CFHS **Class of 2009**.

The **Class of 2014** will be having their 5-year reunion on Sat., May 25th of Blossom Weekend. A location and time will be determined. If interested in helping, then please reach out to **Tommy Collins** at t3collins.14@gmail.com or **Dan Herbener** at danielherbener@gmail.com. You can also visit the class Facebook group titled Chagrin Falls High School **Class of 2014** to keep updated.

## 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 772 graduates. We also have a framed plaque in the CFHS due to the the generous donation from the Kelly Small '99 Memorial Fund.



**Sean Baggett '17**  
**Gavin Blanks '17**  
**Alexander Navratil '17**



# Betcha' Didn't Know

From the 1991 Zenith:

"Shortly into the school year, the seniors of CFHS began a protest against this year's new cafeteria rules. Flyers were given to everyone, and soon, the boycott was in full swing. Petitions were signed by students and the issue quickly became one of priority for the student council. Everybody wanted to be able to buy a-la-carte and the vote to bring back lunch-home passes was unanimous. Nearly every student brown-bagged it for a week.

A new food committee board consisting of Dr. Trusso, Mr. Axner, Mr. Patterson, the head of the food service at CFHS, and representatives from each grade got together and discussed their options. The main problem was that the school was losing money due to

the fact that it was not selling full platters. On the first day of the boycott alone, the school lost over four hundred dollars. The students in every grade really bonded together to make their point. Discussions were held, bargains were made, and now a-la-carte and salad bar are available during lunch, and candy during commons is back. If anything, the main benefit of the boycott was for the CFHS students to accomplish a goal never thought possible by the administrators."

Due to increasing enrollment, Gurney Elementary School was reopened in 1988. It had been closed since 1983.

The all-weather track at Harris Stadium was installed in 1984 replacing a cinder track.

The first outdoor graduation was held in 1959.

The first class to graduate from the high school on E. Washington Street was the Class of 1960.

Boys Basketball Head Coach Glenn Wyville oversaw the Tigers program for 28 seasons, while John Piai was the Head Football Coach for 29 years. Both started their teaching careers at Chagrin in 1957.

In 1927 Lewis Sands was selected principal at CFHS. Seven years later he was selected superintendent. Even with that position, he still was required to teach Civic classes. He would retire as superintendent in 1957 and would serve as the clerk-treasurer of the school until 1959.

In April 1852, the school board voted to raise teacher salaries to \$2 a week.

In 1870 there were 10 manufacturing companies using the water power of the Chagrin River. The Ivex Paper Mill, formerly Chase Bag, was the last remaining mill in Chagrin Falls, closing in 2004.

In 1898 Mrs. E. T. Robens became the first woman elected to the Chagrin Falls Board of Education. This was four years after the Ohio legislature passed a bill that would allow women to vote in school board elections.

In 1937 the Ohio State Department of Education declared the Chagrin Falls Public Schools to be exempt from supervision of the Cuyahoga County Board of Education.

## Chagrin Falls Alum Peggy Engel Reflects on Accomplished Career

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CFHS 1969 graduate Peggy Engel is currently the director of the Alicia Patterson Journalism Foundation in Washington D.C., an organization that gives grants to investigative journalists across the country.

Engel is a Chagrin "lifer", someone who attended all twelve grades of school. She fondly remembers the strong bond she shared with her classmates.

"We had such a great sense of camaraderie and belonging because most of them had started out with me from kindergarten," Engel said. Building strong bonds with people was something Engel learned from the start of her education, and she still remains close with some of her classmates.

Along with her strong peer relationship, she shared an equally important closeness with her teachers.

"I think the teachers I had at Chagrin were spectacular. They were almost as good - if not better - than some

college-level educators," she added.

Engel first attended Miami University of Ohio, but after one year, she had taken all of the journalism courses the college had to offer. Subsequently, she transferred to the University of Missouri's "J-School", where she graduated in 1973.

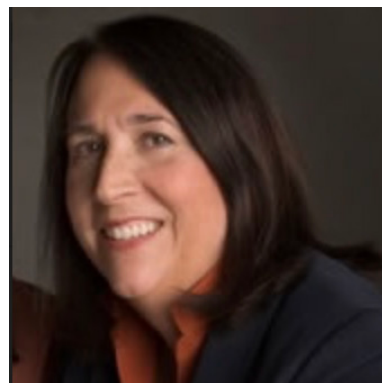
Once graduated, Engel came back home to begin her journalism career at the Lorain Journal. After a short while there, she transferred to Des Moines, Iowa, and wrote for the Des Moines Register.

At the same time, she was a Neiman fellow at Harvard University, and enriched her investigative journalism abilities.

Engel's editor at the Register distributed her articles to many news outlets, and she grabbed the attention of the Washington Post. In 1979, she was hired directly by famous Post staff members Bob Woodward and Ben

Bradlee.

Engel's time in Washington continued after she stopped writing for the Post. In 1986, She became the director of the oldest writing fellowship in the United States, the Alicia Patterson Foundation for Journalism. Later, she served as the managing director of the Newseum, a museum



dedicated to the press's free expression.

Engel has also endeavored into other forms of writing. She has written two plays

with her sister and a baseball travel novel with her husband. In the six times she has circumnavigated the United States, Engel believes that the best place for finding and writing stories is small-town America.

"Small towns are ripe for great stories, whether they are good or shocking," she said.

For example, when she was

working for the Register, Engel said she wrote her favorite story here. It was a three-part story detailing a doctor that had developed a serious drug abuse when taking drugs to keep himself awake.

"I think the story I did then was able to communicate that this is not such an open and shut situation, and I wanted people to understand the context of his situation," she said. "There should have been some compassion towards this man and the devotion to his work."

Engel expressed that writing stories that inspire change have been important to her throughout her whole career.

"Like the story about this doctor, I like devoting a lot of my time to stories that have not been told otherwise," she said.



# Chagrin Falls Alum Speaks About Career In Investigative Reporting

BRETT RODUSKY  
Tiger Times Staff Writer

Ryan Luby, who graduated Chagrin Falls High School in 2006, is currently an investigative reporter for news channel Denver7, in Denver, Colorado.

Luby, was a member of "The Tiger Times," holding the title of editor-in-chief for two of his four years on the staff. "The Tiger Times was my life at Chagrin. I give a lot of thanks to the teachers who would often let me miss a lecture to handle some sort of Tiger Times calamity," Luby said. Luby remembers spending countless weekends at the high school perfecting "The Tiger Times" newspaper.

Furthermore, Luby commented on how his time at Chagrin Falls helped shape his career. "I always had an interest in communication and television in particular. I was an avid local news watcher as a child dating back to grade school," Luby said.

After Luby graduated from CFHS, he attended the University Missouri for his interest in journalism, giving credit to Lenny May. May was an English teacher, assistant baseball and football coach, and founder of the school newspaper.

After Luby got his degree at Missouri, he began his career at multiple news agencies, first at KOB 4 News in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and then at his current news agency, Denver7.

According to Luby, he had the best time working in New Mexico. "Of all the markets I've served, New Mexico was the most interesting. The state is so beautiful, but is often mired in some sort

of corruption. The people are so genuine and proud of where they live, but they get tired of others abusing the system," Luby said.

"We caught two unlicensed health care workers – a fake psychologist and a fake doctor – undercover. Both individuals had ignored the state's cease and desist orders," Luby said.

"We also discovered that the state rarely enforced its own actions through a potpourri of other eye-opening cases too. The whole series of stories was challenging because we had to unravel and prove just how troubled the system is," Luby finished.

According to Luby, after numerous tries with obtaining public records on certain undercover

cases and continuing their undercover shoots and stories, the Governor of the state of Colorado congratulated Luby and his team on making the community a better and safer place. Aside from Luby's success, two of his previous teachers and supervisors did not see his success as a surprise.

Current Chagrin Falls teacher Mr. McKenna added, "I'm impressed with how he has continued to move up ladder in his field in a major city, and I expect that he will have more success in years to come," Luby said.

Another teacher that enjoyed having Luby as a student was English teacher Dr. Beach.

"He was the most disciplined and determined student I have ever taught. He was a great leader, too. He made people, including myself, want to be better just so we could be on the same playing field as him," Beach said.



## Class of 1957 Reunion



CFHS Class of 1957 Mini Reunion  
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Bobbi Barriball Clark, John Thomas, Nancy Slavik Pfarr,  
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