

# ALUMNI NEWS



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## NO WITCH HUNT IN THIS SALEM!

Occasionally newspapers do have some positive stories. For example: Plain Dealer, April 10, 1986, Salem, OH. "Alumni Prove They Learned Something About Generosity." The highlights of this article were that the Salem High School Alumni Association, which was founded in 1882, has its own downtown office and part time executive officer. They have a computerized listing of 8,500 graduates and an annual newsletter which produces \$6,000 a year in donations. Most astonishing is their endowment fund which is worth \$1.25 million. Most of that fund came from two large estates which were left to the association. The fund provides scholarships to any senior with at least a B+ average. In 1986 40 seniors in a class of 220 will share \$100,000. These scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$6,000.

These are impressive statistics and certainly could be held up as a worthy set of goals. With that as a standard, I think we are headed in the right direction. Our semi-annual newsletter is mailed to over 15,000 alumni, and our scholarship fund continues to grow. That's not too bad for an organization that is only 13 years old. John Marshall High School is continually grateful for your ever increasing support.

## CLEARING THE AIR

This is a most difficult article for me to write, but I think it is necessary to eliminate some questions which have arisen and to dispel some nagging fears that you may have. One of the areas of concern deals with the Alumni Association and the other with the school.

The Alumni Association was started in 1973 by Paul Gruber (6/69) whose recent indictment by the Cuyahoga County Grand Jury prompted this article. The reasons for the establishment of the association are unclear, but the organization grew beyond anyone's original expectations. Late in 1983, The Alumni Trustees instituted a number of new management and financial controls. These were unsatisfactory to Gruber, and he resigned as of 1/1/84 and has not been affiliated with the Alumni Association in any way since that time.

The second area of concern involves the school system in general and John Marshall in particular. Those of you who are in an area where the media covers Cleveland Public Schools know what I'm talking about. In the past eight years we have had nine superintendents, busing, teacher strikes, financial turmoil and just about everything else. I can't speak for the rest of the system, but John Marshall is blessed with a highly trained and experienced staff who simply carry out the day to day business of education and largely ignore the controversy that continually embroils headquarters. Make no mistake, John Marshall is not the same school today that it was when you were here. After all, the only thing which remains constant is change itself. Nevertheless, our top graduates today would be able to compete with those of the past and those of any other school system today. We look forward to seeing these young people assume their positions of leadership in tomorrow's society as you have done in yours.

## IN MEMORIUM

Iva (Smith) Nielsen 6/23  
Sylvester J. Broestl 1/28  
Rosemary (Hall) Hill 6/34  
Samuel Gilmour Laughlin 6/34  
Robert Lee Miner 6/34  
Anna J. Biemel 1/35  
John P. Konkoy 6/35  
George Campbell 6/36  
Dr. Raymond Griswold 6/36  
Irwin Kadel 6/36  
Clemens Zankar 6/37  
William C. Cox 6/38  
Frances Wilke 6/38  
Jean (Tyjeski) Schuur 6/40  
Allan A. Cook 1/41  
Elaine (Hayba) Schweter 6/41  
Richard Pease 1/42  
Veryl Stone 1/43  
Anna (McHugh) Kelley 6/43  
Donald Kunze 6/43  
Joseph Liskey 6/43  
Elaine (Dixon) Murnan 1/45  
Ruth Hadde 1/46  
Ruth Ellen Keppler 6/46  
Joseph Fazzone 6/52  
Don Schilke 1/53  
Dorothy (Gorgie) Loffman 1/55  
Daisy Jane Byrne 6/65  
Donald Yamauchi 6/65  
Walter Turczyk 6/66  
Daniel R. Pescatrice 6/68  
Glenda Thompson 6/68  
Steve A. Kavula 1/70  
Marilyn Cartan 6/70  
Debra Kachinski 6/72  
Debra (Wawerek) Bowers 6/77  
Nada Speeth (Faculty)

## CLASS NOTES

1930's///// Mary (Gardner) Johnston (6/30) recalls with fond memories her 50th reunion and the get-togethers their class has had since. She taught in Cleveland and Buffalo for several years and is now enjoying retirement by traveling with her husband. Even though she lives in Georgia, Mildred (Franz) Kilbane (6/35) still thinks of Cleveland as home. She expressed thanks to those who helped plan the 50th reunion for her class. Irma (Tolway) Ingham (6/35) also said "it was great." She was surprised to find out that JMH has an Alumni Association. Peg (Perry) Cachat (1/37) said she would be willing to help plan their 50th. Anyone who wants to take charge, please give the Alumni Office a call- it's never too soon to start planning. Elsie (Rampelt) Schmidt (1/37) gets to Cleveland occasionally and would also be willing to help on this reunion. Gene Dragonetti (6/37) hopes that something is in the works for his class.

1940's///// Harmon Unkrich (1/41) inquires from Arizona about a reunion for his class. Virginia (Hunt) Wurz (1/44) and Richard Wurz (6/41) have been thoroughly enjoying their retirement for the past three years in Florida. Omar Blackman (6/43, Fac) sent a note of thanks for the newsletter. As many of you know, Omar retired as band director at JMI and has taken a similar position at St. Ignatius. Frank P. Hayba (6/44) and his wife recently moved to Danville, KY where he is a senior product engineer for Whirlpool. Joyce (Crosley) Treat (6/44) is now the sole owner of a custom flag business in Boca Raton, FL. This recession-proof business produces flags of all sizes, from a variety of materials for many countries. Joan (Weisman) Bruening (6/44) and Clyde Bruening (6/44) informed us that the first official JMH yearbook was produced for their class. Their five children and eight grandchildren keep them busy. Robert Slabe (6/44) enjoys the Alumni News in Lake Park, FL and would like to hear from, or see, any

alumni. Barbara (Klein) Wolf (6/45) and her husband "have gone commercial" with their business, (he builds; she paints), Wolf Wagon Works. They produce a variety of horse drawn vehicles in Crossroads, NM. Jane (Taylor) Griffiths (6/45) is a full time student at Treasure Valley Jr. College. She was disappointed that her class didn't have a 40th reunion so she could come back to Cleveland and "see how old all those other kids have gotten". Sylvia (Sathre) Eckhardt (1/47) is hopeful that their next reunion will not be held during the winter-"it's a little difficult on out-of-towners." (Actually, those of us in Cleveland had a rather modest winter-only 53" of snow, and it hardly every went below zero.) Mary Lou Noel (1/49), who organized the last reunion for her class, reminds everyone to keep their address current with the Alumni Office. I can only add, that if you ever tried to plan a reunion, you would feel the same!

1950's///// Dick Schlup (6/50) and Marilyn (Schall) Schlup (1/49) have returned to Houston after living in Norway for 3½ years where Dick was President of Amoco Norway Oil Co. MaryAnn Fabbri (1/52) appreciates news from "home" as she is "many miles away" in Arizona. Jacqueline (Keiper) Borchert (6/52) sends thanks for the newsletter-"great to hear about the old times." Jack Dianiska (6/52) is a dealer in new and used office furniture at his Cleveland business known as "The Peoples Desk Exchange." Richard Brumbach (1/53) is now retired but says people may remember him as "the crazy guy who put on all the archery shows by shooting at his mother." He laments the fact that his class has never had a reunion. Augie Hiscano (1/54) and Carol (Bonness) Hiscano (6/53) have been in Miami for 29 years. Augie is manager of Orange Blossom Hobbies in Miami and invites anyone to stop in. They have two grown children and four grandchildren. Trudy (Sonderegger) Bergstrom (6/54) enjoyed the most recent issue of the news. Robert Heidenreich (6/54) is a senior construction engineer for Standard Oil. Bob and his wife have four daughters whose college expenses have, and will, keep the

Heidenreichs hopping. Elaine (Aftoora) Hunt (6/54) has been in California for several years and is presently a real estate agent specializing in the Malibu area. (Unless I'm mistaken, Malibu is one of those places unfamiliar with snow and cold.) The Griffeys, Shirley (Weber) (6/54) and Lee (1/55) write from California thanking us for keeping them informed about the "happenings back home." George Pawlas (6/57) was saddened by the passing of Mr. Bauer, but was glad that fellow alumni contributed to honor him. George is an elementary school principal in Columbia, SC. Kathryn Aubrey (Woost) Hantel (1/60) and Edward Hantel (1/57) are working to get their two children through college. Ed is an Associate Professor at Tennessee State and Kathryn is a secretary at Vanderbilt. Roger Panek (6/57) and Joan (Bullen) Panek (6/60) have two boys, three cars and a cat. They live in the Boston area where Roger is an architect specializing in historic preservation. Roger recounts that "Lee Bauer brings back memories of simpler, more carefree times, and he deserved the respect of all who knew him."

1960's///// Pauline Koberna (6/60) enjoys the news at her new residence in Clearwater, FL. Fred M. Peters (6/61) has just moved to Sandusky. He and his dad, Fred C. (6/25) both enjoy the newsletter. Gary Allyn (1/62) became a resident of Florida shortly after graduation, but recalls the good old days at JMH as does his brother, sister, and their spouses. Diane (Orsagh) Coad (1/63) graduated from CSU law school and "passed the bar" on her first attempt. Dr. A. Jack Kouzelos (1/64) lives with his wife and two children in Laguna Hills, CA where Jack is an orthopaedic surgeon. Eric Beheim (6/64) writes and produces films and video programs in San Diego. A lieutenant in the Naval Reserve, he also does similar work for the Pacific Fleet. William and Leslie (Mack) Ahonen (6/65) have two children. Bill works for the Defense Department in Cleveland, and Leslie volunteers in music education at their church school. Dale Kennedy Harwood (\*/66) moved to Lakewood just before his class grad ed from

JMH (1/66). He would like to be remembered with his JMH class. (Consider it done! I'm sure many people fall into a similar category--just let us know and we'll add you to our list.) Mark Wurz (6/66) is a sales manager in Seattle and recently was rewarded with a trip to Hong Kong for his efforts. Bob Van Bergen (6/66) is currently the general manager of the Tacoma Sheraton. James Yanok (6/66) has his doctorate in Political Science and is currently teaching in Michigan. Jerry Haynes (6/67) and Sharon (Kelley) Haynes (6/68) have been happily married since 1970 and are actively involved in many programs for the Diocese of Tulsa, OK. Debbie (Caruso) Nelson (6/68) claims that her husband and four children enjoy her stories of the "good old days;" well at least she enjoys telling those stories! Frederick Sinram (6/68) was recently promoted to assistant vice president and manager of Huntington Bank's Strongsville office. Gary Wodka (6/68) is currently living in Middleton, WI. with his wife and two children. He is sales manager for New York Life Financial Services. A. Andre Spalvins (6/68) wondered what it took to get on the Alumni list (Your letter did it!). He is currently a financial planner in Columbus and is amazed at the number of "Lawyers" there. Mike Schmidt (6/68) and Denise (Boyer) Schmidt (6/68) and their eight year old daughter currently live in CA. Mike was teaching in Berea before continuing his career out west in 1979.

1970's/////Debra (Kornfeld) Krauss (6/77) and Ken Krauss (6/70) have recently moved to North Olmsted. Ken is a mechanical engineer for Stock Equipment. The Krausses will be expecting their first child about the time this newsletter arrives. H. Scott Krause (6/71) has moved his business, "National Entertainment Systems", to Columbia Station. Vicki (Moenich) Ashley (6/72) has a 20 month old daughter and still manages to work part-time as a CPA in Cleveland. Joseph Torok (6/72) has his doctorate and is teaching mathematics at Rochester Institute of Technology. Joyce (Kader) Harris (6/72) is very proud of her 2 1/2 year old daughter, Katie. Patri (Coffelt) Philipps (6/72) writes from Pomona,

CA with an unusual story. While attending a Browns-Rams game at Anaheim, she ended up sitting next to some other Browns fans. One of them turned out to be Keith Vozel (6/72). They had gone all the way through school together beginning at Artemus Ward. Larry Coy (6/73) and Mary Ann (Winterich) Coy (6/74) are living in Virginia Beach with their two children. Larry is a pilot in the Navy flying the F-14 Tomcat off the carrier U.S.S. Nimitz. Ann Marie Greco (6/73) is planning a May wedding in Houston, TX. Keith Burgess (6/73) and his wife are both working in sales in the Kansas City area. They have a beautiful new baby girl, Melanie Rose. Therese (Zarucha) Derikart (6/73) was recently appointed as account executive of DTV Advertising of Schenectady, NY. Virginia Mattern (6/74) has lived in the Washington, D.C. area for about a year. She works as a research fellow for the Logistics Management Institute. The last newsletter contained a few typing errors and the omission of news about Richard Schneider (6/74). Richard is living in the Detroit area with his family and is working in sales. (We remember Rich as an ace salamanderer.) Donna (Darby) Schultz (6/76) is presently in Augsburg, Germany, with her husband and three children. Her husband is in the Army and Donna is an RN. We hope this news catches up with them. Vivian (Barnin) Forgas (6/78) and her husband live in Marietta, GA and really enjoy the nice weather of the South. Jeff Wessel (6/79) received his B.A. from Denison in '83 and is currently the advertising Production Coordinator for Cook United. He and his wife live in Parma.



\* \* \* NEW FEATURE \* \* \*

MISSING PERSONS

Occasionally, someone will contact our office with a request as to the whereabouts of an old friend. Sometimes we can help, but more often than not, that missing person has also lost contact with our office. Incidentally, information about you will never be given out without your permission. Usually I will contact you with the name and address of the person trying to locate you.

As space permits, we will ask your help in locating lost friends. We have been asked to help find the following:

Elrie Lockloar (Fac)  
Doris Mae Long (6/45?)  
George Weismann (6/67)

THIS 'n' THAT

Postal rates for non-profit organizations have increased, not once but, twice since the last Newsletter.

As you know, the operation of the Alumni Association is entirely dependent upon your tax-deductible donations. Your support has enabled the Association to operate "in the black" and begin building our scholarship fund. Starting with this issue and for the foreseeable future, our yearly campaign drive will be held in the spring. While we will certainly accept your donation at any time, we will ask for your help only with the spring issue of the Newsletter. Now is the time to remember your John Marshall Alumni Association.

Ralph Pfingsten, Director

RECENT ACQUISITIONS AND REQUESTS

From Virginia Meincke (1/44) of Cleveland, and  
M.R. Vander Linde (1/44) of Redlands, CA.,  
yearbooks from their class--

From Peggy Brennan (6/74) of Cleveland, scrap-books  
covering all JMH athletics from 1972-74--

From Joseph Bahen (Ret. Fac), yearbooks from  
1963 and 1966--

From Bill Brashwitz (Fac), yearbooks from 1964  
and 1967--

From the estate of Lee and Edna Bauer, a nearly  
complete set of yearbooks from 1945-66  
along with commencement bulletins, photos  
and other memorabilia--

To all of you--A VERY SPECIAL THANKS!!

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We are still looking for yearbooks from  
June 1946 and June 1966 as well as any old  
photographs. If you are able to donate any of  
these items, please contact the Alumni Office.

# !!!REUNIONS!!!

This is one of the busiest reunion schedules on record. We have been working closely with several of these committees and they have made every effort to plan a fine event. If you have not received any notice from your class, contact the appropriate individual immediately.

- Jan. 36: Bill Kane, 3815 West 143 St.,  
Cleveland, OH 44111.
- June 36: Nora Jordan, 17209 Larchwood,  
Cleveland, OH 44111.
- Jan. and June 56: Nancy Ormsby, 27828 Osborne,  
Bay Village, OH 44140.
- Jan. 61: Beverly Manthey, 4190 Stoney Ridge Rd.,  
Avon, OH 44011.
- June 61: Ellie Lynn, (216) 521-5257.
- June 62: Frank Pignataro, (216) 252-0501.
- Jan. 66: Janet Tischler, (216) 251-2105  
Mary Ann Jancigar, (216) 433-7877  
Russ Czellath, (216) 238-0657
- June 66: Ron Lasko, 30313 Provincetown Ln.,  
Bay Village, OH 44140.
- Jan. and June 71: Joyce Carter, 14208 Tuckahoe,  
Cleveland, OH 44111.
- June 76: Dale Trusko, (216) 734-0433.
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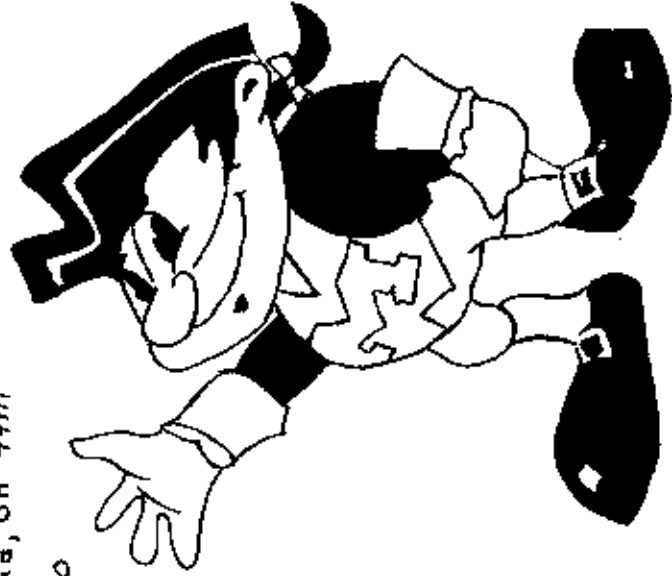
## STRIKE UP THE BAND

A special reunion is being planned for all those who were band members, color guards, or Lawyerettes from 1975-78. For further information contact: Jeff Danik, (216) 835-8416  
Robin (Quinby) Gardner, (216) 235-9160  
Kim Zacharias, (216) 228-2285

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