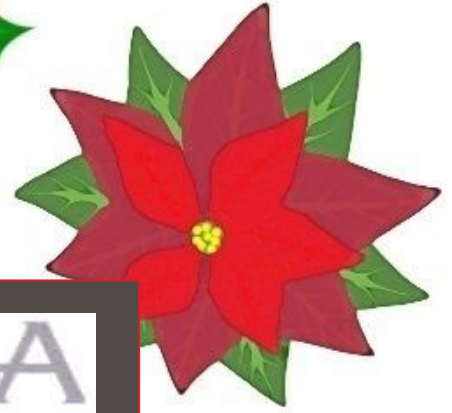


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The logo for the Huron High School Athletic Association (HHSAA) is displayed in a stylized font. The letters 'HHS' are in red and 'AA' are in grey, all set against a white background within a dark rectangular border.

McCormick School Turns 75

She's a grand old lady, still in fairly good shape, and looking forward to many more years of successfully educating Huron's kids. But for one afternoon in August, the focus was on her past, as hundreds of former students visited her halls, viewed exhibits to stir memories, rubbed shoulders again with former teachers, and enjoyed sharing their stories of their years there. Read how the day went, view scenes from the party, and kick yourself if you missed it! Starts on page 12.



Huron's Double Helix Connection

Dr. Richard Dolbeer, former Huron Board of Education member, has enjoyed a storied career all over the world, as both Birdman and Batman. No, he does not own a masked man costume. Instead, he has built his reputation upon his love for nature in all its facets, but with special affection for winged creatures. He and his daughter, Cynthia Dolbeer To-mash, '88, had the opportunity to visit with one of the world's most renowned Nobelists, known by every Huron student

ever since his and his partner's discoveries as far back as 1952. That's before Blue and Green Biology were offered as Huron High courses. Read about this exciting dinner meeting, beginning on page 10.

Hall of Fame Inductions

This year's Homecoming Week saw yet another Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, with six individuals and a Football team that made it to the final championship game being honored. Inductees spanned the era from every decade, from the early 1950's up to 2008. More than seven sports are represented by this class, with many individuals having gone on to compete at the collegiate level and one even internationally. Read about all of their successes beginning on pages 28 - 37.



The Summer of Reunions to Remember!

Class of '48 Remembers 70 Years



Bob Fritz, Anne Marie Muehlhauser, Joe Catri, Fran Ringlein, Pat Basilone, and Millie Morey await their breakfast at Berardi's.

The First Friday Club, under the direction of Fran Ringlein, met yet again to catch up with one another. Getting around is a little tougher these days, but this group would not miss an opportunity to reconnect. Sadly, illness kept a couple "regulars" away this time, but phone calls keep them in the loop. Some are still planning travel - so many miles to go and things to see yet! Their spirit is always upbeat, sometimes a little spunky when discussing today's kids, but always with loving concern about what the future holds. In deference to their heart conditions, they wisely avoid politics. They are still keenly interested in the fortunes of Huron's Tigers, but bemoan those Indians! They graduated, you know, right into the Cleveland Indians' last World Series title that fall! Those were the days.

Class of '53 Celebrates 65 Years

This Diamond Jubilee class met for an entire afternoon in the backroom at Berardi's Restaurant and could have used more time. Tall tales galore abounded, and by the time the afternoon was over, everyone's nose had grown at least six or more inches, the gals' included. One good result, however, was that as the stories progressed and the ladies related how badly they had felt at the time they had been pranked, the guys fessed up - after 65 years their consciences finally eased, all done in good cheer, of course! The festive time was punctuated only by a mid-afternoon luncheon, then back to the swapping of memories, sharing around pictures of great-grandkids, and bragging up each one, of course. The toughest detail of all, though, was settling upon their next reunion's time and place - this by a group that rarely buys green bananas anymore.



Seated: Tom Hartley, George Smith, Marilyn Spencer Mingus, and Jean Howard
Standing: Gene Stupe, Peggy Payne Zimmer, Bill Handley, Rosemary Macioce Wier, and Dan Boos

Class of '59 Parks at the Park



Marlene Minge Behrens, '68, and Bill, Dave Boos, Bob Boos, '57, and Tom Hartley, '53, Linda Boos, Mary Ellen Dute McConkey, Claudia Wallace, Karen Colon, and Martha Wallace Hendrock, '80. Seated are Fran, '75, and Jim Chubak, Nancy Wechter and Dee Hartley.

Bill and Marlene Behrens annually host this class for their fall picnic at the Chaska Beach parkline where they enjoy the soft, cooling breezes while catching up on the past year. Conversation is always lively, spent reminiscing and joking, and carefully avoiding politics, local or national. The picnic supper is always potluck, with folks starving themselves for two days leading up to the feast. There was food left, though, because this year the Human Eating Machine was unable to make it. He knows who he is! For the rest of the year, the group meets the second Sunday night of each month at the Pizza House to keep it going.

Class of '60 Enjoys Get Together

The Class of '60 will meet any time, any place, when one of their out-of-state classmates signals an upcoming visit to their roots. This time it was a twosome - Karen Craig and John Doyle, recently married and home from California. They all enjoyed a fine luncheon at Bar North, reminisced at length, and caught everyone up with their latest escapades. When the wine had worn off, they made their way out into the sunshine for a group photo, then departed, vowing to meet once more for the holidays.

Sharing the shade on a hot summer afternoon were: George and Mary Ellen Ritzenthaler, Tom and Pat Sowecke, Chuck Wright, Jim McKelvey, Dottie Allison Presutto, the newly weds Karen Craig and John Doyle, Carol Phillipp Pfeferle, Marge Windnagle Billman.



Mike Gerber is about to scratch, as his classmates stand in awe of his talent, steady hand, and one good eye. Spectators were Beth Walker, Deb Fisk, Anjean Crowell, Bill Fiske, "Eagle Eye" Gerber and his wife, Rose, Kay Reeves and Angela and Charlie Myers.

Class of '61 Enjoys Gaming

Milan's Wonder Bar was the magnet drawing this group yet again. They meet monthly, with Rose Gerber the chief organizer. Get on her email list and find out where the next month's meeting place will be. They are an eclectic group when it comes to gustatory delights, which is to say they like any kind of bar food. Conversation ranges widely, is always upbeat, and many times involves memories of folks not present but who could be. Why not join your classmates every so often and share in the merriment? They miss you!

Class of '62

Bar North is the favored haunt of the Class of '62. On a late October evening, those not yet headed south enjoyed a relaxed evening together covering a wide range of topics, discussing romances past, reliving sporting events long clouded by memory, exploring problems but solving none. In short - the usual good time just staying in touch and supporting one another, especially she-who-was-T-boned two weeks prior. They are not all looking forward to winter, but will welcome any wet, cold, white excuse to cruise in a lounge chair in front of ball games!

The stalwart loyal ones are "Shy" Sally Majoy, Barb Majoy, Linda Green, Sharon Barnes, Pat Bomar, and Laura Faller. The menfolk were Dave "Blue Gill" Majoy, Gene Simon, Bill Boos, Bob Barnes, Jim Boos, Sam Bomar, Ed Boose, and Ron Faller.



Class of '63 Celebrates 55th



The Class of '63 met to celebrate its 55th year since walking across the stage to receive their diplomas those many years ago. They meet monthly as it is to maintain contact and support one another, with mostly the locals joining in. But this one was special and saw folks return who live a little farther out. Chet and Matt's Pizza House was the perfect spot, as the class had the entire back room to themselves, excellent service on both dinner and bar orders, and seclusion from the usual family friendly crowd in the outer rooms that would have drowned out the many fitting tribute speeches given by classmates. They found themselves in familiar company with many of the local stars decking the walls of this area sports hang-out. This was a HUUUUGE crowd, the biggest reunion ever, period, even bigger than all preceding classes!



Jack Sender takes center stage and heaps encomiums on the class for their mighty deeds over the years.



An attentive audience listens: Seated George Walbeck
Rear: Walt Taylor, Linda and Tim McKelvey, and Steve Parrish.

Class of '65



This class sends out the call for a meeting several times per year, after the sunbirds return, and what a great time they have. Bar North seems to be their favorite haunt, inside in the cooler weather, on the patio when weather allows. Attending this fall were: Standing: George Beatty, Dan and Judy Houdeshell, Tomma Schmidt, Linda Miller, and Norm Bostater Seated: Marcia Gockstetter, Bob Miller, Eileen Jenkins, Betty Jo Gioffre, and Jane Wile Spriesterbach.

Class Five-Year Reunions 2019

To date we have received notice of just a few reunions being planned for 2019. We urge officers and committee persons to begin the process now by selecting a date and reserving a meeting place before other weddings and family reunions begin their bookings and lock out your class's first choice. Details can then be worked out later. Notify us so that we can help with contact information and then be there to chronicle the event!

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| Class of '59 | Near RiverFest Week | Contact Dee Hartley HRBDee@buckeye-express.com |
| Class of '64 | Oct. 4 gathering at Buster Brown House
Oct. 5 dinner at Buster Brown House | Contact Carolyn Rudy at carudy2811@gmail.com
or at 419-626-3594 or Becky Pallas beckypallas@gmail.com
435-830-4609 or Lani McKnight at lanimck@sbcglobal.com |
| Class of 69 | Early planning taking place, details to be emailed and placed on Alumni Website. Send your contact info to any listed below and help us locate our missing friends.
Peggy Malone: maloneagain@windstream.net
Jim Tann : jamesptann@yahoo.com or | Tim Wallick : tleigh@bex.net
HHSAA: www.huronhs.com/alumni.aspx |
| Class of 74 | Planning is afoot, details will follow right after first of year | Contact is Mike Sudsina mgsudsina@sudsina.com |

Gatherings of the Classes of '59, '61, '62, and '63, are regularly held each month during the year. The Classes of 60, '64, '65 meet usually about once a quarter or whenever they receive notice that an out-of-state classmate is coming through. This is a great practice that should be copied by more of the classes. It can be a delicate situation to begin, in that by doing so, folks have to admit to themselves that they are not getting any younger. The guy that you drank a beer with at your last five-year reunion appeared in the obituary column of the last Newsletter! Just that suddenly, classmates begin passing away, and one realizes that maybe there were some more things to talk about or do with one or more that passed. So the more frequent gatherings really serve a purpose, and they are so easy to organize. Everyone has email, so all it takes is someone with a certain modicum of computer skill to load all the emails into a list and then blast out to all classmates the place and time of the next gathering. Anyone in the class can make suggestions as to where to meet. It takes about ten minutes a month to send the blast, call the restaurant to make a reservation, and then on the appointed day, HAVE A BLAST! Think about it. Those who already do highly recommend it.

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'68 Golden Jubilee Class

The Golden Jubilee Class (Don't dare mention the year!) began its long weekend with a laid back picnic at the site of their former hometown, high on the banks of the river Huron, overlooking what used to be their town, now the Huron Boat Basin. They enjoyed catching up, with plenty of "Wows!" going around with the appearance of each new arrival and hugs enough to last for the next fifty years. These kids have taken good care of themselves and it shows. They are mostly completely empty nesters now and love to drench themselves in grandkid slobber, to brag up their teen soccer player grandkids, and to relive their own lives through the exploits of still another generation in towns where "all the women are strong, all the men are good-looking, and all the children are above average." Sound like Huron?



"The Girls" hold forth once again: Kathy Butler, Lillie Terry, Emma Moore, Patty Camp, Marcy Malone, Carol McCormick, and Linda Boos.

Transplants from Alaska to Arisona now, Dan Conrad and his wife Michelle chat with Joe Defazio.



Tim Bruggeman and Dan Hunter laugh it up with Dave Kohler, while Reggie Hunter wonders what's so funny. You had to have been there, Reggie!



Chuck Allendorf, Sharon and Rick Gundlach, Emma Moore, and Deb Pedlow seem bent upon some heavy rap here.



Standing are Carl Walter and Gary Eisnor. Seated are Tom Williamson, John Hardy, Bill and Sharon Couch, Sue Fogerty Eisnor, and Emma Moore Walter, all preparing to enjoy their dinner.



Cathy Butler, Chris Thoreson, Deb Pedlow, Bill Klug, Steve Nusser and Peggy Fitzgerald share a laugh or two.



Carl and Karen Kessler, Lillie Terry Merrill and Walter Merrill, and Dan and Deborah Slyker catch up.



Greg Enderle, Linda McGory, Marlene Minge, Tim Bruggeman, John Bacon and Rose Ann Hoey, and Carol Swords Kashian and husband Ken await their turn at the buffet.



Joe Defazio, Caryl McCormick, John Caporini with Patty Camp, Steve and Marcy Malone Reutepholer, Ellen Defazio Antonakos and husband George, and Cindy Hastings Defazio.

Class of '88



Find a park, pitch a tent, ring the dinner bell, and they'll come running. Throw in a beer or two and they'll move even faster. This bunch of '88 "kids" came back in July to celebrate their 30th, and enjoy they did, long after sunset. What a joyous sound they sent up at Lake Front Park that evening. And they are already talking about the next time!



Chris Mantkowski,
Gregg Bauman, David Tann
and Tara Bauman

Missy Heaberlin-Pignotti,
Amy Majoy, Tracy Savage,
and Amy Harkelroad, with
chaperon, Chris Mantkowski,
behind them.



Class of '08



This youthful class made its first serious foray into reunion territory by staging, first, a family gathering at Nickel Plate Park. The weather cooperated, toddlers enjoyed, and classmates reconnected for a fun-filled picnic and afternoon. That evening, with kids being smothered by grandparents, the class repaired to i 5's and worked themselves hoarse hollering over the band. But fun it was, with trips down Memory Lane. Of course, at their age, its easy to have memories, accurate ones at that! Having made this great start, we wish them well on organizing more reunions in the future. Somehow social media just can't beat face-to-face encounters, sharing, chatting, and laughing it up as groups once again. Keep it going now, group!

What's not
to love!
Only in real
life, not
on social
media.



The group pours over photos while reminiscing about the "old" days - ten whole years ago!!!

Progress Report - Huron Educational Foundation

For the past eight years, your Association has worked to expand its investment portfolio as part of the Educational Foundation. As you may remember, the Foundation was begun in order to aggregate donations from many sources, invest them in one place, and then, without touching the principal, use part of the earnings to award Huron students scholarships, as well as create grants for those teachers who want to stretch beyond the means that can be provided out of ordinary tax monies and enrich their students' learning experiences. To date the annual earnings have been in the range enjoyed by other educational foundations in the area. The total corpus of the endowment, however, has been slow to meet the initial goals set when the Foundation was begun. To change that, a new course is being set even as you read this.

For one, we have recruited some new members to the Board of Trustees. These men and women are dedicated to advancing the cause and to helping to build a legacy in perpetuity that will insure that Huron's students at all levels enjoy meaningful enrichment in their learning experiences. Those who recently agreed to serve on the board have a wide variety of past experiences that they bring to the table. They all have leadership and interpersonal skills, enjoy a long commitment in the community and to its schools, and, with their experiences, should provide the steady hand guiding the Foundation in these uncertain times.

At its latest meeting officers were elected to the Foundation into the future: President Sharon Barnes; Secretary John Jones; and Treasurer, Mike Heydinger. The following Trustees were newly installed:

Mike Ritzenthaler, '80, follows in the footsteps of his father, Don, '52, in serving on the board. Mike is a graduate of the University of Toledo with a BS in Pharmacy and also an MBA from Cleveland State University. He has had several years of experience at The Cleveland Clinic in management positions. He is currently president of the Dale Condominium Association, and in his spare time coaches 5th and sixth grade girls CYO basketball at St. Peters Parish in Huron.

Joel Hagy, '83, son of former Huron teacher and coach Jess Hagy, is a retired colonel from the US Army, having served in various posts throughout the US, Europe and the Middle East for 36 years. During his career, he was assigned as a Team Commander in Iraq, a Task Force Commander in Afghanistan, and a senior military liaison to the US Embassies in Skopje Macedonia and Belgrade Serbia. He has also worked in senior commercial management positions in the General Electric Co. He earned a Bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering from The US Military Academy at West Point, NY, a Master's in Business Administration from Norwich University, and is a graduate of the Command & General Staff College. Joel is currently the Senior Director of Cyber Security Operations at GE Healthcare. He lives in Huron with his wife Jenny, and they have two children currently enrolled in the Huron City School system.

Sharon Barnes has a decades long record of commitment to advancing Huron's schools. A former teacher herself, she also served on the Huron Board of Education. Her experience over many years of successfully steering the Barnes Nursery through some tough times in a highly competitive business environment will insure that the Foundation continues to thrive.

John Jones, '73, recently retired and returned to Huron from a career in Florida with various businesses. Over the decades, he has worked extensively with foundations and charitable organizations, serving from the college level down to ordinary grass roots level groups. He served as GM for the FSU hockey team (yes, they can make ice in Florida), served as president of the Seminole Club - an alumni outreach organization - ran fund raisers for various organizations, and presided over Resource Depot, a recycling enterprise. He is active on many local Huron boards, working for the betterment of the community both now and long term.

Jarod Blakely '10, serves as a source of advice, counsel, leadership, and fundraising for several local organizations/non-profits. He has been in the financial service industry for the last 5 years as a financial advisor with Capital Planners. He is the Board President for Ability Works Inc. of Sandusky, board member for Family Pride of Northeast Ohio, serves on the Finance/Audit Committee for Huron City Schools, and recently assisted in coordinating the McCormick Diamond Jubilee which brought in over \$10,000 to aid in school renovations. Jarod is married, with a son and two daughters.

Amy Roldan, a Sandusky native, and present leader of the Huron Chamber of Commerce, brings her many years of experience working to bring various groups together to advance so many causes.

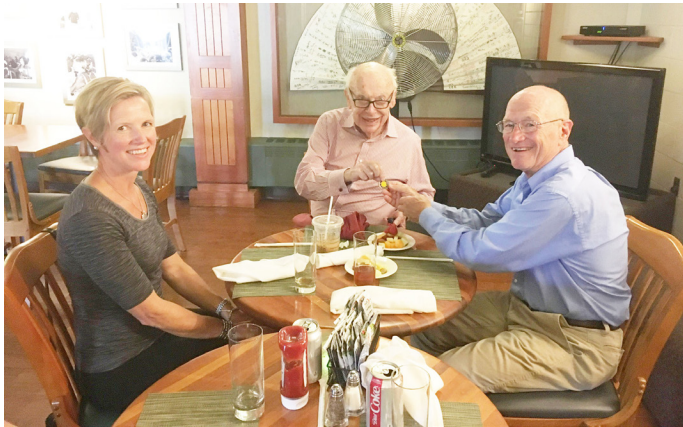
Jim Murray, '96, has a long history of working with non-profits in California. Though he has moved back to Huron, he still helps advise Stanford University with its foundation.

Sherry Catri, School Board member, and Superintendent **Dennis Muratori** serve on the board, representing the school district. Sherry is presently a teacher in the Sandusky City Schools.

“Dr. Dolbeer, Meet Dr. Watson”

Dr. Richard Dolbeer (Huron School Board Member from 1982-1989) and daughter, Cynthia Dolbeer Tomasch, '88, met with Nobel Laureate, Dr. James Watson at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, New York on July 26, 2018. Dr. Watson is best known for his 1953 publication with Francis Crick in *Nature* which elucidated the double-helix molecular structure of deoxyribose nucleic acid (DNA). Watson and Crick were awarded the Nobel Prize in 1962.

Richard and Cynthia toured the famed research facility (where 14 Nobel Laureates have worked) and spent 2 hours with Dr. Watson discussing a broad range of science and public-policy issues, including Richard's work to reduce bird-aircraft collisions. An important component of that work is DNA testing to identify species of birds from the remains which impact with aircraft engines. Dr. Watson, age 90, has had a life-long interest in birds.



[Cynthia and Richard dine with the good Dr. Watson and then pose with him at the Laboratory facility.]



Cynthia received a degree in Physics from Dennison University and an MBA degree from the Weatherhead School of Management at Case Western Reserve University. She worked for 25 years in the chemicals industry at PolyOne Corporation where she held various management positions, including vice-president for Investor Relations. She lives in Olmsted Falls, OH with husband, Seth and their 3 children, presently serves on the Olmsted Falls Board of Education, and works part time at the University of Akron.

Birds? DNA? And the connection is . . . ?

Back in September, Richard journeyed to Washington DC where he was interviewed for 4 hours by the Smithsonian Channel for an upcoming program about the "Miracle on the Hudson." You remember the plane that belly slammed safely on the Hudson, saving all aboard? And its heroic captain, Captain Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger? In January 2009, the year of the crash, Richard had already spent a week at the GE Engine Plant in Cincinnati extracting feathers out of the engines from that Airbus 320 Flight 1549. He then testified with Sullenberger at a Congressional hearing and before the National Transportation Safety Board.

So why Richard and "Sully" together on the topic of birds? A long evolution had led up to this point in time. Richard had done his PhD work in Colorado in wildlife biology and was among the first to recognize eons ago that wildlife collisions with aircraft would become an expensive but avoidable proposition in the future, especially since more aircraft would crowd the runways and airspace that had always belonged to wildlife, especially birds of any size. So how to avoid such collisions and thus save property and lives became Richard's main focus. He became the project leader for the USDA/WS National Wildlife Research Center's work in how to manage airport terrain to protect aircraft from untimely intersections of plane and wildlife flight paths. Think about that the next time your plane is coming in for a landing near water and you spy gulls in the area. Richard also helped to develop a Plan B, that is, design aircraft engines to withstand bird strikes, just in case Plan A failed. However, there was no Plan C, as you remember Sully's having to ditch his aircraft on the Hudson, thereby saving all aboard. Unfortunately for Richard, he and his team had to extract the bird remains from both engines for analysis so as to better prevent future such collisions.

Over the years Richard has been recognized for his work in wildlife habitat management for airports, now at over 750 sites in the US alone, as well as in five other countries. However, it's not just birds that present dangers. Deer, for example, will unexpectedly cross a runway during a plane's takeoff or landing. Also, in Antarctica penguins present a similar problem, as reported by our alumnus Dan Houdeshell, '65, who worked in his retirement at a control tower 'down under' after his retirement from the Oberlin OH Air Traffic Control center. Picture poor Dan on the runway trying to shoo the critters away while supply planes circled awaiting the all-clear. Or visit the Burke Lake Front Airport and listen to the explosions they have to set off for each plane coming or going to scare the birds away for safety's sake. Wildlife and humans can coexist without our having to wipe out massive amounts of creatures to do so. Higher fences don't always work. Richard has spent his life studying the problem and then teaching us all how to get along. Congratulations, Richard.



Thomas Bulea, '01 - Offers Hope to Spinal Cord Injured

Tom Bulea was one of three Buleas who graduated in 2001, Huron's first and only set of triplets to date to navigate their way through Huron High. More than once in those days the boys traded places in classes to prank teachers and fellow classmates, all in good fun, of course.

After graduating from Huron High, Tom attended The Ohio State for his BS degree in mechanical engineering for his undergraduate years. Off and on the boys worked for Huron Cement, but with Tom eventually working for Visteon and putting into practice some of his mechanical engineering learning. While still an undergraduate student, and working on a summer job to keep himself in school, he helped design for Visteon a new machine for bulb socket assembly which improved output by 30%. He also helped improve efficiency in a few other machines to save both money and down-time for the company.

But Tom's best work was yet to come. He went on to earn a Masters Degree in Biomedical Engineering from Case-Western University, graduating in 2008. While there, he served as Chair of Professional Development and then later as Vice-President of the Graduate Student Senate. Between meeting those responsibilities, he completed his doctoral work in biomedical engineering where he showed an early interest in developing aids for improving walking ability in patients. That was a happy marriage between his mechanical and biomedical engineering training. For as a Graduate student, he developed improved actuators, electrical devices that make things move. Then he started tinkering with actuating braces used to assist persons with various movement disabilities. He put all this together with his doctoral dissertation "A Variable Impedance Hybrid Neuroprosthesis for Enhanced Locomotion after Spinal Cord Injury."

In other words, his work is leading toward the day when persons with spinal cord injuries that have left them unable to walk may one day regain much of their functioning. Think Superman, Christopher Reeves, rising from his bed and maybe not flying, but at least regaining some independence before he eventually passed away. In order to hasten this day for other patients, with his Doctorate in hand, Tom then worked five years for APT, the Advanced Platform Technology Center on designing and refining devices that could be implanted in patients. Using electronic circuitry hooked to the body's nerves, these implants then control exoskeleton devices, like braces, to assist with walking. Electrical stimulation of the nerves at the right time and places can thus help the body's muscles control much of the motion used in walking. But the development of miniaturize implants, small actuators, newer prosthetic devices all took years of patience and hard work. Thousands of patients may someday benefit from Tom's early work on this.

In fact, *Nature*, a world renowned scientific publication, recently reported on work being done in England to improve upon much of the current work. Some of their footage shows formerly paralyzed persons able to rise from their wheel chairs, grasp a walker, and then walk considerable distances before tiring. The door has thus been opened to improvements in similar areas with persons regaining some or all of their usage of limbs. Think stroke victims possibly or persons born with malfunctioning limbs or digits, or cerebral palsy children.

For a few months, Tom then went to the University of Houston as a Visiting Scholar, working in the Laboratory for Non-invasive Brain Machine Interface Systems. Which is to say, why implant devices at the muscular level when the main control box is the brain? But walking around with wires dangling from one's skull is not only unattractive and dangerous but could lead to all sorts of maladies. Much better to design a device that can bypass external hookups and dragging around a computer by instead actually "talking" to the brain directly. Any idea where this is going? Think making schools obsolete by substituting inputs of smarts instead of walking instructions!!! Surely there would have to be a Nobel for this work. Stay tuned.

In the meantime, Tom does his work in Bethesda MD as a Staff Scientist in the Functional & Applied Biomechanics Section of the Rehabilitation Medicine. That's part of the National Institutes of Health, a division within the US Department of Health and Human Services, your tax dollars doing excellent work. For the past few years, Tom has been continuing his research, and a steady stream of publications keeps emerging from him and his team. All this has basically been done at the beginning of his career. Think about how much can be accomplished over the course of a complete lifetime of passionate dedication to a noble vision, whose early images were planted back in his formative years in Huron. We don't know where all this will lead, but Tom's work should certainly serve as a model to present students who need to develop early on a passion and then the drive to turn those dreams into realities and thus benefit mankind.



Despite his heavy work load, Tom has found time to court and marry, one Emily Edelman. The couple now has a son, Brendan, who recently turned two. He doesn't need any actuators! In his spare time, Tom plays intramural basketball and ultimate frisbee, whatever that is. Emily also joins him on a soccer team. Brendan cheers!

McCormick School Celebrates 75th Anniversary

This summer, a birthday party was thrown for one of Huron's premier buildings, the McCormick School, or as many of you used to call it, the Ohio Street School. Over 75 years ago, Huron's School Board members realized that the beautiful high school building on Williams Street was inadequate to meet the needs of an ever-growing populace.

So even as the Great Depression was raging and the drums of World War II were heard on the horizon, they had the foresight to hire an architect to design another building large enough to house

all Huron students, K-12, for the next half century. With the plans in hand and a war brewing, they hurriedly ordered the supplies necessary to insure its completion, however long the war might last.

The style of the building was absolutely unique in the history of Ohio – Art Deco or Art Modern. Composed mostly of concrete, the structure has seen thousands of teens trying to wear her down, to no avail. From 1949 on, thousands more descended upon her during the summer also to view dramas staged by the Huron Playhouse in conjunction with BGSU. She has needed the usual repairs and improvements over the decades but still stands as a testament to the foresight of Huron school leaders long since passed.

It was spring of 1943 when the building was declared finished inside and safe for use. So the superintendent showed up at the old school one morning and had all the students collect their books and belongings. On signal, teachers and students then processed around the block to the new school, took possession of it, and thus began its next 75 years of history. That was certainly worth celebrating this summer. Planning began during the winter for the gala, and all plans came to fruition on Saturday, August 4.

Hundreds visited the rooms where they had either taught, studied, or maybe raised a ruckus. Familiar names from the past were bouncing about the hallways like so many dropped ping pong balls. Each former student recalled what it was like sitting in study hall under the watchful eyes of Miss So-and-So. Or working on a project in Mr. L's shop, or the physics class taught by Superintendent Mac. They may not always have had the correct room in mind, but it was fun watching the camaraderie, listening to the humorous retelling of anecdotes, and feeling the deep-seated connection that people had to this inert, rock solid structure. For those who attended it was a love affair.

A special treat was the return of two groups of people more connected to the building than any others. There are several members still living who were the first graduates from the school, the Class of '43 – even though they spent just a few weeks in the school, they claim the title. One was able enough to make the trip over to the celebration – Barbara Stein Boeckling, who still summers in Huron. Another group attending was the children of the Superintendent of Schools under whom the school was built, R.L. McCormick.



They had flown in, mostly from California, to join the revelry also. They enjoyed the memories, for they, too, had attended the school until the present high school was built.

No efforts were spared to create a gala suitable for the occasion. Displays had been set up in classrooms, a continuous looping movie was shown in the auditorium showing the actual construction of the school, and even a bounce house graced the front lawn for the younger set. Period autos as well used the grassy area as a parking lot and in a sense created an aura of the 40's.

There will be other anniversaries for sure for this and other buildings, and we hope that many reading this will be around to help celebrate. Bring the kids for sure and help them realize their own connection to their community. For, like a tree, if one loses connection

Barbara Stein Boeckling proudly poses with a plaque presented her containing a composite picture of her and her classmates from 1943.





Car coddlers, Mike Gerber and Lee Millis, '59, are joined by co-chairperson of the celebration, John Jones, '73, and Superintendent Dennis Muratori posing with one of the many period autos that were on display for the celebration and lending their bit to the aura of the era.



Barbara Stein Boeckling, featured member of the first graduating class from McCormick School, that of 1943, just beams as she returns once again after all these years. Her daughter Elisabeth and her nephew, John Dutt, '67, were in attendance with Barbara.



Former staff take the tour: Marty Smith, Elaine Bores, Kathie Hammond, Joan Nissan and Roberta Hartung



Many members of R.L. "Mac" McCormick's immediate family had been invited back for this joyous celebration and took to the stage for this photo-op. Most had returned from California to celebrate. In the center stands Miss America 1963, Jackie Meyer Townsend, flanked by Huron's own town Riverfest queens for this year.

Jann Glann, Director of the Huron Playhouse with husband Frank for so many years, took over the stage area of the auditorium to display memorabilia from the heydays of the Playhouse. Jann has long continued her love affair with stage, dance, and acting by helping to direct the Huron High spring musicals as well for a couple of generations of Huron students.



Hall of Achievers

Several years ago we asked our readers to weigh in on those grads who they believe have not only excelled in their chosen professions but also represent some of the best examples for our present day students to emulate because of their overall contributions to humanity as a whole. We thank the many who have submitted names of Huron grads who have risen to these heights and are worthy of being inducted into a Hall of Achievers. We are not looking for Nobel Prize winners here necessarily but for those folks who have been recognized by their peers, other professionals, and organizations for their work in bettering the world around them. Today's students are given as examples the usual athletes, rock and movie stars, or even fictional cartoon characters to emulate. So, in a typical graduating class, if one person made a pro team in any sport, cut a gold or platinum album, appeared even as an extra in a film, much less wore a Simpson T-shirt, where does that leave the other 99.2% of the class? To whom can they look up as a model of the life well lived?

We are looking to recognize those who have devoted a lifetime to bettering more than just themselves, persons who have risen to the top of their chosen field through hard work, and in the process have benefited mankind in some major way. Any student should be able to duplicate their feats, given the right mindset and willingness to work hard. But they need to see examples of this type of life-long living for the benefit of more than just themselves.

To date, the nominations that we have received exemplify just these types of persons. Many of the older nominees have been successful industrialists who have turned their successes into endowments for universities. Some have risen to the top of the financial world and in the process have established non-profit endowments benefiting all sorts of charitable causes. Others have served their country in military careers, have risen in rank to positions of great leadership, then used those skills later in civilian life to benefit all sorts of causes. Still others are practicing law, serving in the medical professions and doing great things for people. In our booming tech economy, many are making their mark, helping to develop new business models, create applications and design algorithms for both civilian and military use which, if they describe them for you, they would have to kill you. The list continues with those highly recognized for their work in education, in the fine arts world, both as performers and as creators, in their religious professions, as philanthropists, and as investors in both their own communities and in the global economy. There are many more of our grads doing fine work who should be recognized for that work and held up to our students and younger grads for emulation. These few hundred points of light can then become the thousand points of light that help create the next Great Generation, not a Me-Generation.

With that in mind, we are continuing to work toward establishing a Hall of Achievers so that our students have daily reminders of what they, too, can achieve if they set their mind to it. A team has been working on this project for some time now, headed by Paul Ward, '83. Our school superintendent, Dennis Muratori, high school principal, Tim Lamb and his capable assistant, Dennis Antonelli, '96, are assisting, together with Amy Roldan of the Huron Chamber of Commerce who has much experience in organizing such movements. A senior student, Ronnie Eytchison, is also representing the present student body.

This group is asking your continued assistance in identifying those individuals who, if chosen by a selection committee, would be recognized in a formal banquet and then presented to the community at large and the student body in a special assembly. Plaques honoring these individuals would then be placed in a conspicuous place in the high school as a daily reminder to students to aim high and fly to greater goals.

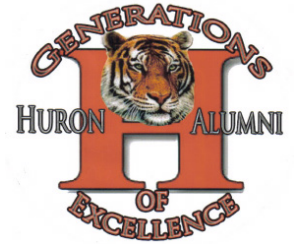
To that end we are providing a nomination form, both here and on line, for you to submit with pertinent information for the committee to consider. We ask you to think about those with whom you graduated, even persons a little ahead of or behind you in school, especially those who have spent most of their adult lives away from their roots, but who may have made a huge impact in whatever community they may have lived. Do them and us a favor by bringing up their names for consideration. We try to keep our antennae up back here in Huron for those kinds of folks, but most with that type of personality exhibit humility along with their accomplishments and prefer just to live out their calling without the fanfare. It's up to you to help us ferret them out and recognize them for their accomplishments so that another generation of students might see what true flesh and blood stars are like.

So, when your classmates get together for their monthly luncheons or dinners, or just a few of you meet for a gab fest, bring up this subject and let us know who you think should be honored. We would like to have our first induction ceremony held sometime in January of 2020. That leaves only another year to gain more names, then assemble the selection committee and give them time to do whatever research needs to be done as part of their due diligence. In October of 2019 we would like to be in a position of finishing the selection process and then notify of inductees, all leading up to a grand gala in January of 2020.

Thank you for your assistance on this project in the past. We look forward now to continuing to build the list of those for consideration. After a modestly large initial class of inductees, we shall limit the number honored so that there is a long line of honorees for consideration for future students. Help us build that line. Applications can be submitted at any time, addressed to the high school principal or sent to your Association. See the nomination form for details.



HURON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
 HURON HALL OF ACHIEVERS AWARD
 NOMINATION FORM



Name of Nominee: _____

Address of Nominee: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name and address of closest relative if nominee is deceased:

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

In what year did the nominee graduate from Huron High School? _____

List any post-high school academic pursuits/degrees of nominee: _____

Circle the area(s) in which the nominee served and excelled:

The Arts Business Community Service Education Entertainment Government Service
 Law Medicine Military Religious Service Science/Research Other _____

In what specific profession(s) did the nominee excel and when ? _____

This Huron Hall of Achievers award honors those alumni who have truly demonstrated a pattern of a lifetime of significant achievements in the above-listed areas. Therefore, the nominee should have graduated from Huron High School at least 15 years ago. List in chronological order any and all awards, honors, achievements post-high school that the nominee has received and for which you believe the nominee represents outstanding contributions to his/her field of endeavor and humanity: (Use back of form and additional sheets if necessary to make the case for selection.)

Current status/vocation of nominee: _____

Name of Nominator: _____

Address of Nominator: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email of Nominator: _____

Phone of Nominator: _____

Submission

This nomination form and additional attachments/exhibits etc. can be sent to Huron Hall of Achievers %HHSAA Box 112 Huron OH or by mailing to the Huron High School Principal 710 Cleveland Road West Huron OH 44839.

Bits and Pieces

On any given day in Huron, anyone can find Huron kids volunteering for a project of some sort. Early on they are taught to become more altruistic in their lives, giving and doing unto others before themselves. Wherever they live as adults, the community will function much more smoothly because of their willingness to reach out to others when a need arises.

On this particular day we found Huron seniors helping the American Red Cross as they staged a blood drive at Woodlands School. The goal was to process 27 donors - they actually obtained 29 pints of life-giving blood. Well done, students!



Matt Toldy had jumped up onto the cart, willing to donate, as long as he was attended by this bevy of beauties: Lizzie Fries, Aubrie Steinmetz and Lauren Zimmerman. However, workers are not permitted to donate. Foiled again, Matt.

Huron's Newest Lighthouse

Early this fall, travelers to Huron from the west on Cleveland Road (Route 6) were greeted right at the Slate Cut curve with the sight of a flurry of activity. At the intersection of Rt. 6 and Camp Road there had been a wooded grove that partially obscured the view of those wishing to exit Camp onto Cleveland Road. That woods was removed, and then gradually contractors installed electric cables, poured their concrete, and began erecting a new lighthouse - not modeled after Huron's famous lighthouse but more akin to Marblehead's historic light. But that's all right. Perched there on the curve next to the railroad tracks and in front of Mt. Barnes in the background, it is a welcoming electronic advertising sign, changing messages about four times per minute. But the best news is that premature reports of traffic accidents because of distracted drivers have yet to occur.



Huron's Oldest Motel

It is indeed a dark day for Huron when its longest standing downtown motel may be removed for "progress." The Gull Motel has long anchored its spot at the end of the bridge over the River Huron. That may change as that entire block takes on a new look. Stay tuned!



Odd Coincidences

Someone sent us this oddity about two Huron families with long ties to the community, the Kaisers and the Majoy, at least one branch of Tribe Majoy. They had been cruising around their yearbooks and genealogy records and discovered that there seemed to be a pattern of graduations within the families. First, "Dutch" Laub's daughter Dorothy, and then Joe "Jake" Majoy both graduated the same year, in 1950. Then Dot married into the Kaiser family, and Jake also married. The Kaisers had daughters, Jake a son. Ellen Kaiser Drumm and Joe "Skippy" Majoy then both graduated the same year, 1974 (though Skippy's diploma is still under review.) Finally, their children, John Drumm and Sara Majoy, both graduated the same year, 2006. Three generations following this curious pattern. Must be something in the Huron water system that works it this way.

We are now wondering whether there are other such occurrences in Huron High's long legacy of graduates. If your family discovers any pattern similar to this, let us know.

Academic Challenge Team 2018 -19 Version

The Academic Challenge competition between schools, sponsored by the Erie County Board of Education and now North Point, has been occurring for decades, with Huron usually comportsing itself very well. This year they have their work cut out for them as they battle Edison which has a streak going of six consecutive championship years. Huron has resolved to stop them this season.

As of this writing in early December, the team is faring well. In fact, just before Thanksgiving the team placed second in the tourney sponsored by Firelands College BGSU, with Edison finishing slightly behind them. A good omen, right? However, one battle does not make a war and the season is long. Sometime this winter the team will learn whether its hard work has paid off. We wish them well and look for a front page article in the spring!



This year's team is comprised of the following:

Front Row (left to right): Stephen Demos, Marc Dieter, Katelyn Vandergoot, Grace Moser

Back Row (left to right): Aiden Kastor, Ronnie Eytchison, Aubree Steinmetz, Victoria Eytchison, Kayla Walsh, Wyatt Kromer, Michael Mischler, and coach Roger Blevins



This year's group of contestants poses with its plaque at Firelands College BGSU.

A contingent of '84 juniors competes on Channel 5 TV. In the rear, the mustachioed pair must have been the chaperons.



Seniors of '77 Dave Macioce, Rich Chicotel, Peter Pokorny, and Beth Biechele at the Cleveland Channel 5 TV station preparing to compete.



Hallowed Ground

Just a few short weeks ago, the United States joined our European friends in commemorating the end of one of the worst debacles of the 20th century, the Great War, or as we say over here, WWI. Yours truly was able to celebrate with folks in Lorraine, France in a small community inhabited by my ancestors about 400 years ago.

As someone once said, one can never appreciate freedom until one has been deprived of it. And so it was with the people with whom I celebrated for several days, culminating in a day-long banquet on Sunday, November 11, that commenced at the eleventh hour in the morning and ended near the eleventh hour in the evening. In typical French fashion, the day was filled with speeches, wreath laying, children reading their little poems and singing their patriotic songs, beating bands, a march to the Franco-German border where citizens of both countries met to shake hands, break bread, and celebrate the peace that has existed since the end of the last World War. The libations flowed freely and tons of hors d'oeuvre were devoured. Ship loads of fish and flocks of lambs had been sacrificed upon the altar of peace, and the tables groaned mightily under each course laid before the merrymakers.



But the most solemn and moving experience of the stay had nothing to do with the commemoration of the end to WWI. Rather, just fifteen minutes down the road from where I had bunked for the time I was there lay a small French community called Saint-Avold. An ancient community, it is filled with many homes over four hundred years old but immaculately kept. Yes, modernity encroaches upon them these days in the form of their “Strip,” and newer residential neighborhoods. But despite such change thrust upon these ancient people, there is a reason for the modernity. Saint-Avold is also home to the largest piece of American territory in France, the Lorraine American Cemetery and Memorial there which contains the remains of over ten thousand American young men who paid the ultimate sacrifice, that of their lives, during the Second World War. Lying among them is one of Huron’s own, Anthony Meno.

Tony was mortally wounded on April 3, 1945, tragically just about four weeks before the armistice was signed ending the slaughter. He had been interred there with 10,488 others of his comrades-at-arms, silent memorials to the cost of freedom.

Beautifully arrayed in a manner somewhat akin to our own Arlington National Cemetery that most of you visited as juniors on your DC class trip, the entire cemetery would probably fit into one section of Arlington. But the area is no less sacred, especially revered because of the spent youths lying beneath its soil, in endless rows of white cross-marked graves, glistening under the late afternoon sun of Indian Summer which that part of France was still enjoying. The silence was eerie, one’s own heartbeat beating out a solemn rhythm while walking along the pea gravel paths, the quiet punctuated only by an occasional plane overhead or the cacophonous cawing of a gaggle of crows atop nearly naked trees. Occasionally a couple would pass, with a youngster in tow, perhaps another in arms, and then slowly, quietly pick their way through the rows until they would pause and kneel before a cross. Who the object of veneration was always remained unknown, for in that place no one speaks, no one hurries. All march, almost processional style, until they reach their sacred place, then bow and kneel, pray a moment and then move on. Grandfather, uncle, great-uncle? No one but they knows, but in such a moment all onlookers feel and share in their pain of loss. They had flown the many hours, perhaps from an American Saint-Avold, to pay their respects, to seek a bit of closure, perhaps to fulfill a promise. The grateful dead can only stare their thanks with vacant eyes. The living gaze about, sigh, then shuffle off, lost in thoughts of what could have been, should have been but for. . . .

So it was with silent steps I strode across the edge of the grass into the section where Tony lay. Blood-red leaves, from gum wood trees standing like silent sentinels, crunched underfoot, as one row, two rows, three rows in, another ten to the right, and there suddenly lay a part of Huron’s own, almost three thousand miles away from home:

ANTHONY MENO
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I could only stand and stare, pondering the futility of it all - the terrible waste of life on the one hand, the price of freedom writ large in blood and scribbled across the landscape in straight white rows. Stooping, I placed an earthen pot of purple heather before the cross. Its hues, a mixture of red blood and royal blue, symbolize both solitude and protection but also beauty and admiration. How apropos for this place of quiet admiration, pride, if you will. Then I dropped to my knees and fumbled through my pocket to retrieve a small plastic sandwich bag. It had traveled thousands of miles with me, a reminder of our homeland. I grasped it, felt its smoothness, squeezed its dry contents, then pulled it out, gazing about all the while for fear that someone might object. But I was alone there, under graying skies with a slight breeze rising up, spirit-like, wafting over the park and scurrying dry leaves between the crosses. I opened the baggie, held it a while longer, and then gently sprinkled its contents over the grave - sand from Nickel Plate beach where Tony had played as a kid, probably sneaked out to enjoy his first beer, perhaps held hands with a young lass before going overseas.

There, Tony, rest now in Huron ground. Welcome “home.” Thank you for your sacrifice. Long may we remember.

New Faces Around the School

This school year several new faces have popped up as former teachers returned to school for advanced degrees, sought employment closer to their own hometowns to help care for parents, or just plain needed a change in their lives. So we hereby introduce you to these folks. Some you may already have more than a nodding acquaintance with as they are former Huron High students themselves.

Dennis Antonelli

Dennis Antonelli, '97, came to us during the summer months as a new-hire to replace retiring Tony Munafo Jr. as Assistant Principal at the high school. He took a BS Degree in Education at BGSU, then his Masters of Education in 2010 from Ursuline College. He was a classroom teacher for twelve years before moving up to principal at Sandusky St. Mary for four years. Denny played football and did track in high school, and enjoyed participating in rugby club while in college. While teaching, he did some football and track coaching as well.

Dennis and Jacqui have been married now for eleven years and have three children: Ben (8), Jacob (6), and Maddison (4). The family lives in Huron where Dennis has a long family connection with the community. He enjoys sharing that with the kids. He says of his return, "We have great students, teachers, and staff that are committed to excellence (much as they did 20 years ago!) It's been a great year so far and I'm excited for our future."



Burgundy Bickley

Burgundy Bickley, '11, actually is in her second year of teaching at Huron High. She took the long route to reach us, though - via Australia. She's teaching 10th grade English Language Arts, taking over there after John Harkelroad moved to different classes. After high school, Burgundy went to Ohio University and graduated in 2016 with a Bachelor's Degree in 7-12 grade Language Arts. She will be graduating with her Master's Degree in Advanced and Applied Curriculum and Instruction in the Spring of 2019 from Cleveland State University.



Previously, she had completed three years of student teaching through Ohio University, before completing an internship in Perth, Australia, working at Belmont City College. After Australia, she returned to the colder climes and worked in Parma City Schools teaching a seventh grade class for a half-year long term substitute position. After subbing for a while at Huron last year, she was finally hired full time.

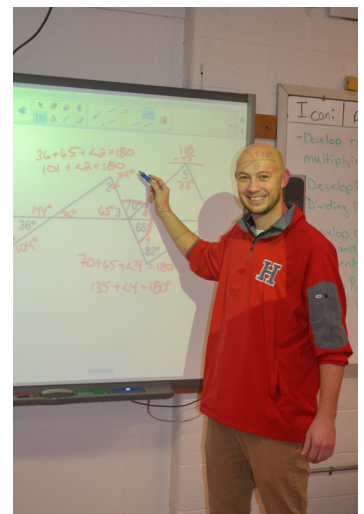
Burgundy says that she is grateful to be welcomed back to Huron, her hometown, and work with many of the staff members that inspired her to be a teacher. "I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know my students and seeing them grow over the course of each school year. The administration, staff, students, and community all make Huron a wonderful place to work. I hope to continue my teaching journey with HHS for many years to come." Burgundy is currently living in her hometown with her boyfriend and dog.

Justin King

This past summer, Justin was hired for geometry and algebra classes to replace Nathan Nemire who had received a scholarship to Clemson University to complete his PhD in math. Justin is not as big as, but better looking than, Bill Knight ever was in front of a geometry class. He hales from Dalton OH, right on the edge of Amish Country in Wayne County where he graduated from high school in 2002. He then earned his BS Degree at the University Mount Union where he confesses that they paid him to stay away from their football games to maintain their record win streak. He completed his Education Technology Master's in 2010 from BGSU.

Currently in his 13th year of teacher, Justin spent his first twelve in the Sandusky system teaching math from grades 7-12. While there he also coached golf and worked for the athletic office as ticket manager for all sports. Justin is very happy to be with Huron now. He says that he has been most welcomed to the community and that "the students' eagerness to learn is a breath of fresh air."

Justin and Kimberly have been married for 12 years and are parenting two lovely girls - Violet, a third grader at Woodlands School, and Scarlet, age 5, who is in pre-school. The couple lives in Huron Township.



Counselor's Office Changes

Huron High received a scare this past summer when it learned that the building's guidance counselor had sought employment elsewhere. Where to find experience heading into the new school year? Luckily the answer was supplied by not one but two ladies who stepped forward to fill the gap. Both have extensive experience in the position, both are retired, both agreed to share the job until such time as a permanent replacement could be found. Thus, this school year is proceeding very smoothly with the usual college applications, testing programs, and other assorted student needs to attend to. We thank both ladies, Mrs. Barbara Straka-Kenning and Mrs. Trisha Rosekelly, for stepping up to help solve what could have been a serious problem for the district at such a critical time of year.

Trisha Rosekelly



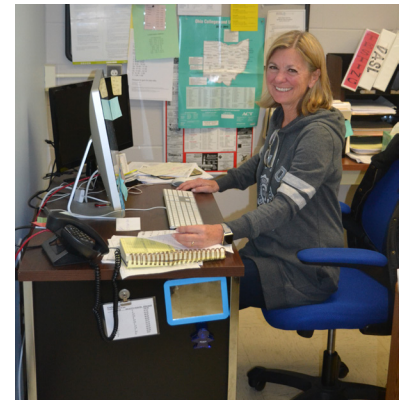
Trisha did her Undergrad work in Secondary Ed in both Spanish and Math at Miami University. Her Masters work in Guidance and Counseling was done at BGSU while teaching Spanish and Math at Sandusky High School for 8 years. Trish then served as Counselor at EHOVE for the next 22 years, and on the side did some post-graduate work at Heidelberg. Officially she retired in July of 2015, but then stayed on until March of 2016 to help with new counselors, finally leaving to help with her granddaughter that was born in January of 2016.

Trish grew up in Sandusky where she graduated from Perkins High School. She and her husband Bill now live in Huron. They have 3 children: Paul (just married in September) who lives in WI; Alyssa (married with 2 children) who lives in Sandusky and teaches in Sandusky City Schools; and Morgan (still single) who also lives in Sandusky and works at Freudenberg. Trish and Bill now have 2 grandchildren: Dottie who will be 3 in January and Finn who is 8 months old. When not splitting her time at Huron High, Trish gets to spoil the kids.

Barbara Straka-Kenning

Barb did her undergraduate degree at Ohio U, her Masters in School Counseling from BGSU, and her doctorate in counseling at OSU. She has been a teacher and counselor at Lorain Admiral King, Perkins, and Bexley High Schools, and Director of Counseling at Sandusky High School for over twenty years. After retirement, Barb continued as Counselor for the Sandusky Digital Academy and the 22+ Adult Diploma Program in Sandusky. In between she was a mental health therapist at Bayshore Counseling in Sandusky.

We feel honored and privileged to have both of these ladies serving as co-counselors this school year. Thank you again, ladies, for stepping up for Huron High School.



Huron Artist Honored

Kirsten Mischler, '12, was honored recently by the National Parks Conservation Association for her work in designing the poster that honors Perry's Monument at the Perry's Victory and International Peace Monument at Put-in-Bay OH. Many of you have seen the towering 351 feet Doric column glistening in the sunlight as you approached South Bass Island from any direction. Erected to celebrate Commodore Perry's victory over the British in the War of 1812, the monument today, on any given summer day, sees hundreds of folks riding the elevator to the top viewing platform where they can see miles in each direction. This column, its image seared into Kirsten's brain by her trips to the islands, informed her work as she produced this prize winner for the Parks.

The Association has now produced a book highlighting all of America's National Parks, lavishly illustrated with pictures, and then the poster created for each one. The work was commissioned in 2016 to celebrate centenary of the Park Service and solicited works from hundreds of artists around the world. The idea was to celebrate by reviving the memory and images of the WPA which, during Depression days, contributed mightily to the expansion of and creation of new parks. The older images, done in the Art Deco style, were updated for modern times. Kirsten has certainly captured the spirit of both eras with her work. Join us in congratulating her and wishing her much continued success in her career.



Class of '68



On the patio at the Plum Brook Country Club, the Class of '68 arrayed itself. Joining all the locals were class members from all across our nation, returning to celebrate with one another a half century of having successfully raised their families, retired, in most cases, from careers they found enjoyable and fruitful, and, for the most part, finding themselves in fairly good health yet. Funny, though, how in pictures such as this, the gals flash such wide smiles while half the guys look so dour. Maybe they were not looking forward to having to climb out onto the dance floor later and try to shake it one more time to the 60's music. It was a sight to behold, really, but no serious injuries were suffered!



Dan and Reggie Hunter, John and Jody Caporini, Gary and Pam Ebert, Steve and Charlene Baron



Sharon and Rick Gundlach, Rollie Washburn, Patty Camp, Chuck and Denise Knight, and Michelle and Dan Conrad.



These people can still shake it! The dance music was supplied by a group well adept in the 60's and 70's style of playing. These "kids," achy backs and wobbly legs be damned, danced as if they were still on the parking lot at the Pied Piper, with Cuz Muz spinning the 45's. They quit only because the band was too pooped to participate any longer and all the hula hoops broke.

Class of '81

Sometimes happy accidents happen for this younger set. Send out a call over RiverFest to meet at the beer tent and you never know who will show up!



Enjoying their visit to the beer tent that night were:
 Back row: Kirk Adler, Jerry Rose, Monty Tapp, Scott Vorhees, and Dana Smith
 Front row: Terri Jones next to her friend, Andrea Adler, Mike and Mrs. Gnidovec, Donna Vorhees, and Betsy Rock.



Tom Catri, Kirk Adler, Scott Vorhees, Mike Gnidovec, and Calvin Rhoad enjoyed their evening together.

More '88 Pics

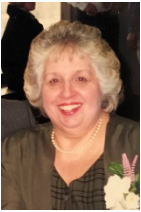


Denise Hastings with Nicole Lunato, Amy Dowell Elder and Kerri Boutin Hensel. So what's with the dressing alike? Is black "in"?

The two classmate artists, Josh Haplea and Shaun Lowery, hanging in Shaun's "studio." Josh is teaching art for the Huron City Schools while Shaun is still making music, designing and building functional metal art sculptures. Google up SawBladeHeadDesigns.com to see the oeuvres in his portfolio.



Classnotes



Rose Susan Lagando Groscoast, '61, age 74, passed away on March 14 at the University of Toledo Medical College. A graduate in 1963 from The Ohio State School of Cosmetology, Suzi practiced nearly 40 years, while simultaneously serving as sacristan for St. Peter and Paul Church in Sandusky and assisting in the St. Mary's school cafeteria.

Karen Sijan Baldwin, '64, passed away on May 1, 2018, at her home in Rhinebeck NY, after a battle with kidney cancer. Karen was a graduate of Toledo Hospital School of Nursing, received her MS in Maternity/Midwifery Nursing from Columbia University, then served as a clinical midwife and director of midwifery services for more than 25 years. She then received her doctorate from Teachers College in Health Education, focusing on women's health and served on the faculty of Rutgers University School of Nursing, and Mount Saint Mary College, where she directed the Graduate Nursing program. Most recently she taught as an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Health Education at Teachers College, Columbia University. She was appointed a Fellow in the American College of Nurse Midwife



Barbara Dutt Vermilion, '73, age 63, passed away on June 20 at Cleveland Clinic after a lengthy illness. After graduation from Huron High School, she had a variety of careers including radio sales and marketing, hotel management, bar tending (including at the venerable Old Dutch Tavern), and as a licensed practical nurse overseeing home health care and elder care, Barbara had been engaged in several hospitality careers and served also as a practical nurse. Barb was working toward her RN degree at the time of her passing.



Debra Muehlfeld Wright, '68, age 68, passed away on July 26 at Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital after a lengthy illness. Deb's professional life centered around the medical field: 20 years as an EKG technician at Firelands Hospital, medical transcriptionist at Firelands, worker in Dr. Tom Williamson's office, before finally retiring from Firelands Physician group in the billing department.

Florence Alice Summers Lander, '40, age 95, passed away on February 10, 2018, at her home in Carlisle Township (Elyria OH). Florence married soon after high school and raised nine children while enjoying her cooking, gardening, and reading.



Georgene Ford, wife of Huron wrestling coach, Chris Ford, passed away on July 21. Born and raised in Mansfield OH, Georgene and Chris married and moved to Huron where he headed the wrestling program for ten years and Georgie became foster mom to all the wrestlers. Georgene was an elementary school teacher, creative room mom, Girl Scout Leader, member of Twig 77, and belonged to several garden clubs and craft guilds. She was a teacher above all else and volunteered in her later years in all sorts of programs directed toward elementary students, turning them on to reading especially.



Andrew Rupp, '12, age 24, of Huron, passed away on August 30 in Mansfield OH. A student at BGSU Firelands College, Andrew was a talented artist and lover of sports - all things Cleveland and Ohio State.



Geraldine Doyle Will, '51, passed away August 5, 2018 in Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif. A Funeral Mass was held on Thursday, August 30th at St. John Fisher Church, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA., followed by a Celebration of Life for Gerry at the Terranea Resort in Rancho Palos Verdes.

Rosemary Kathleen Zander, '05, age 32, of Vermilion and formerly of Huron, passed away at her residence unexpectedly from complications with epilepsy, Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2018. Working as a nurse's aid for the past 13 years, Rosemary enjoyed reading, was a video game enthusiast, and enjoyed spending time with her daughter and friends.



Ardeth Klein Baker, '48, age 87, of Massillon OH, passed away on March 16 after being ill for an extended time. Her joys in life revolved around spending time with family, playing cards, and tending her flower gardens.

Patricia Ann Fries

On November 11, 2018, Patricia Ann Griban Fries, age 76, of Huron, passed away peacefully at Admiral's Pointe Nursing and Rehab Home in Huron. Pat was Cleveland born and raised and very proud of her Ukrainian ethnic background and heritage. She graduated from Westlake High School in 1959, then took her undergraduate degree in Education in English and Social Studies from BGSU. She married Doug Fries and the two of them earned their Masters Degrees from Ball State.



Pat began her teaching career at Norwalk with Doug and Larry Zimmer. The trio was then hired by "Mac" McCormick back in 1965, Pat and Larry to teach English and Doug in the Business Department. When the family began enlarging, Pat took time out to raise son Brett and daughters Amy and Kim. When the children grew a little older, Pat returned to the classroom, again teaching English and social studies in schools around the area such as Perkins, St. Paul, Edison and St. Marys in Sandusky. Though always the consummate teacher, Pat never skimped on her devotion to family throughout the years.

Pat was also devoted to service, both to her church community and the community-at-large. She taught religion classes to the youth of St. Peter's, cooked when needed at festivals, served on parish council, and also helped in organizing the St. Vincent de Paul Society, one of her church's charitable organizations. Not stopping there, she served for over thirty years on the Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority board, working to improve housing conditions in the county. She constantly sought to improve herself in that capacity by attending conventions and meetings all over the country. Her work and volunteer spirit were much appreciated by all those who worked beside her.

At the family's request, any memorials to Pat may be made to the St. Peter Catholic School Library as Pat was an avid reader and teacher of children.



Thomas Routh, '67, age 68, of Norwalk, passed away on October 3. Tom was the chief executive officer and president of J.H. Routh Packing Company of Sandusky, chairman of the board of Firelands Regional Medical Center, and was on the boards of A.C.T. (Answering the Call Together), the Boy Scouts Heart of Ohio Council and many other civic and charitable organizations. He was a former member of the Norwalk City Schools Board of Education.



Robert Taylor, '40, of Huron, age 96, passed away on October 20 in Sandusky. A farmer all his life, Bob had taught Industrial Arts and Mechanical Drawing in the area schools, worked as a machinist, and served on numerous boards in the Berlin Heights area.



Kenneth Bores, '76, age 61, of Sandusky, passed away on October 22 in the Stein Hospice Care Center. A Navy vet, Ken survived a collision of his ship with an aircraft carrier, was then honorably discharged, and went to work at Ford Motor Company for over thirty years.



Judith Stout Hass, '58, of Findlay OH, passed away on October 29 at the age of 77 in the Bridge Hospice Care Center, in Findlay, OH. Judy usually could be found immersed in books or her many gardens or just enjoying family and friends.



Keith Vlasak, '69, age 68, passed away in Sandusky at his home on November 29 after being diagnosed with cancer. Keith had worked for the *Toledo Blade* for years and authored many works of science fiction, among them *Have Amber-Will Travel*, *Radio Waves*, and *Lilith* (Satan's wife).

And the Award for Crime Fiction Reviewer Goes To

If you are a fan of crime fiction, then you recognize Bouchercon, the Anthony Boucher Memorial World Mystery Convention. This annual gathering of creators and devotees of mystery and detective fiction is named in honor of writer, reviewer, and editor Anthony Boucher, and pronounced the way he pronounced his name, rhyming with "voucher." (Thank you, Wikipedia!)

This conference annually recognizes with its prestigious David Thompson Special Service Award an individual who has contributed in major ways to advancing the creating, reading, and enjoyment of crime fiction. While the award is named after a beloved Houston bookseller who is now deceased, the significance of the award far outstrips any influence that he may have exerted within his community. Readers and aficionados of the genre all across the country recognize the honor that goes to the person garnering this well-deserved distinction. Indeed, the presentation ceremony touted the main requirement for the award as going to one who has shown "extraordinary efforts to develop and promote the crime fiction field."

At a ceremony on September 8 the award was presented to Huron's own Lesa Growel Holstine, '75, at its gathering in St. Petersburg FL. Many of you will remember Lesa as the quiet, unassuming gal who seemed to have been born with a smile on her face and never outgrew it. She loved writing and reading, and while in school volunteered whenever she could at the Huron Public Library. She literally learned the profession of library science from page to manager, right at the knee of Millie Schilman, beloved children's librarian back in the day. As libraries changed from mere book places to purveyors of information through an unending stream of media, Lesa kept right up. After heading Huron's library, she served in similar capacities for over thirty years in Florida, Arizona, and now in Evansville, Indiana.

In the midst of all this change from paper to screen and ear buds, Lesa maintained her love affair with reading. She was especially attracted to crime fiction and the world of handsome sleuths, and poisoned spouses, and narrow escapes and criminal minds too smart for their own good. She loved reviewing these novels and gradually built a reputation as a straight shooting, widely read authority within the genre, one who could be trusted not to steer readers to trashy potboilers but to quality work. Over the years she arranged to host many authors for readings and signings in the library systems that she managed, introducing readers young and old to a whole world of mind perplexing, twisting, bending plots, equally lovable and detestable humans, and beautifully crafted language.

Then about 2005 she stepped it up by beginning a blog, first named after her cat, but now aptly named Lesa's Book Critiques. Her work is now syndicated nationally, appearing in Reuter's releases, USA Today and others. She reviews fiction by women for Library Journal and mysteries for Mystery Lovers' Journal. It's an active life, what with attending conferences, hosting readings and luncheons for authors, and regular brown bag lunch sessions with established writers and aspiring writers eager to advance in the trade. She travels when she can, loves attending concerts and dramatic performances, and then always ending the day curled up with the next book that she intends – or hopes – to review. If they are not up to her standards, she stops and chooses something better.

For all her work, Lesa was then recognized – oops, wrong word as she has been long recognized in the trade – rewarded for her devotion to a slice of literature that can many times be overlooked in a world where TV crime series heroes solve complicated cases in 42 minutes or less and leave readers expecting 42 pages or less to cuff and stuff 'em. Any more is boring, so it's switch the channel to something else in their lives besides reading. Lesa has a way in her reviews of making the genre exciting, of relating it to potential readers' own lives, and piquing their interest until they are trapped in a good novel and just HAVE to see it through.

The award, as we see it, is well merited. From her journey that began in Huron where she still visits friends and relatives, to states east and west and now back to Middle America, Lesa has built a reputation that endears her to the hearts of crime fiction readers and writers everywhere. We join in congratulating her.

Thank you, Millie and Marge and Lesa, and all the other devoted denizens of the Huron Public Library system since back in the day, whose numbers are legion now, who introduced children to good reading, nurtured their interests and tastes as they grew, and watched them leave Huron for other parts to carry on the tradition. And in Lesa's case, to think that it all began with her mother's love of literature, who steered her daughter from cats that lived in hats, through Grinches and Horton and Who's to *Little Women* and beyond, to the really heavy books. Best wishes to Lesa as she continues her journey through retirement and beyond, to at least age 88 so she can ape a similarly aged woman who could create the perfect crimes. By then Lesa will have had enough experience, if she so chooses, and then leave notes to tell us how she did it.

Here Lesa holds up her award. Sorry, it's crystal, so you can't read it. But it says she is VERY good at what she does!



Can't Keep Them Down!

Twice a year the Huron High Retired teachers try to get together, catch up, reminisce, and brag about their grandkids. This year was no exception as they celebrated with a fine potluck again on a beautiful August evening. The most senior member, Dick Klein, filled everyone in on his journey in June to Normandy to celebrate their remembrance of the D-Day invasion by Allied Forces. He and June look forward to celebrating in Amsterdam next fall at the 75th anniversary of their liberation. They were accompanied by a visitor from Holland, Jos Gruen, a retired military officer, who had been interviewing Dick for his research work. Tom Heckelman and his daughters made it over from Norwalk and filled us in on the progress of Tom's greenhouse. The Dahnke's, still trying to catch the Kleins on number of countries visited, filled us all in on their most recent travels abroad. Milan was represented by Judy and Jeff Horchler, who also travel the States now in their camper, and by Tom Knechtges. The Huron contingent was well represented, and, of course, Bob Bowers gave the annual fishing report (excellent catches this summer). The support staff was well represented by Master Chef, Carolyn McGraw, by Nancy Freitas, main office secretary, and Barb Schenberger who kept the place running. The youngest were the children of our present administrators, principal Tim Lamb and assistant principal, newly hired Denny Antonelli, '97. The group eagerly looks forward to its January gathering after they recuperate from the holidays.



The table always groans under the weight of the delicious array of ethnic foods brought in.



Laurie Freitas Flickinger, '71, Bill Scott, '72, and Carol Markin Scott, '73 catch up. Laurie was chauffeuring for her mother, Nancy Freitas, long time school secretary, who had recent eye surgery.



Alas, poor Tony! So much food and only two hands.

Senora Dahnke files through the line, watched over by our Dutch guest, Jos, who was accompanying the Kleins.



Sally Davie Kelley and husband Pat



Jack Busam, standing with Nancy Freitas. Seated: Laurie Freitas Flickinger, chauffeur, Tom and Marilyn Knechtges, and Dino Caporini



Around the table, left to right: Dick Klein, Carolyn McGraw, Barb Schenberger, Jackie Warren, Ed Boose, Jos Gruen, the Klein's Dutch visitor, and June Klein



Paul and Alea Dahnke with Judy and Jeff Horchler



The head table, with Principal Tim Lamb and Assistant Principal Dennis Antonelli, 97, with some of their family members



Carol and Bill Scott, Tom Heckelman and daughters, Kim and Bob Bowers

Mr. Munafa Goes to Washington

On a beautiful October Saturday, Tony Munafa made his Honor Flight to our nation's capital, there to visit many of the monuments to the bravery of our forces. As a veteran of the Korean Conflict, Tony was invited to make the trip. Taxing though it was, as in 4 AM Saturday until 2 AM Sunday, the trip brought great joy to Tony. He and his comrades-at-arms swapped tales at every site, at lunch, on the bus, aboard the plane, even while saying final goodbyes at the airport. All vets were wheeled by guides so as to keep the day moving. Crowded airport concourses froze in place to allow the wheeled column to pass. It was gratifying to see how at every stop so many people paused to shake hands and thank the vets for their service. Any WWII or Korean War vet who has not yet made the flight should seriously consider doing so.

Tony reflects upon the words of Courage and Sacrifice inscribed in granite for all ages, as he contemplates his many comrades and friends who never lived to hear about the sacrifices they had made nor receive thanks from their grateful countrymen.



Athletic Hall of Fame - 2018

Meet the latest class of inductees.



The 2018 Class of Inductees poses for posterity.

Seated: Sara Sage DeMarcus, '08, Amy Majoy Wennes, '88, Bekah Johnston-Hilty, '00, and Don Ritzenthaler, '52.

Standing: Bob Hare, '73, Sam Sage, '06, and Tony Legando, '69, representing the Football Team of 1993 which he had coached.

The 2018 Huron High School Athletic Hall of Fame celebrated its 26th annual induction ceremony on September 20 at Mesenburg's Plaza Place. The affair saw the membership in this august assembly of men and women exceed 200 for the first time, both as individuals and as teams inducted together. Six individuals and a football team were honored this time. Some are now beginning their own families, while others are enjoying their grandkids, all possible Hall members of the future, of course!

As usual, the Mesenburgs presented all with a happy hour and then an excellent buffet. Following the dinner, each nominee was introduced in turn and given an opportunity to address the crowd and express their appreciation to family, teachers, coaches, and friends who helped them achieve whatever heights they had achieved in whatever sports they participated. Today, we are happy to announce that they are all firmly ensconced in whatever community they live. Two of the individuals are retired, one is still teaching, and three are embarking upon their careers as they begin their own families. All are comporting themselves well as they move on from their Huron pasts. Whether working for churches, teaching, helping to rehab a downtown area, serving their community on numerous boards, working in fields of personal fitness or prevention of cancer, they all represent the best that Huron has produced.

We applaud all for their athletic accomplishments, while we laud their commitment to continued service to the larger teams in their lives now - their communities. We look forward to some day inducting many into our soon-to-come Hall of Achievers, honoring a lifetime of service to humanity.

Robert Hare, '73

A 1973 graduate, Bob earned four varsity letters in wrestling and was the runner-up in the 119-pound class at the state wrestling meet. He also won conference crowns at 119 in both his junior and senior seasons. Bob (or as his class called him, Rob) ended his wrestling career after graduation when he attended General Motors Institute, a school with no interscholastic sports, in Flint Michigan.

In 1978 he earned a Bachelor of Industrial Engineering degree, and married Cindy Kreimes Hare, his wife of 40 years. Shortly after marrying, he attended The University of Toledo part time for three years earning a master's degree in Engineering Science in 1981. After gaining the requisite training as an engineer, Bob successfully passed the Ohio Professional Engineering exam in 1992 to become a licensed Professional Engineer.

Starting in 1978, Bob worked in the Plant Engineering Department at New Departure Hyatt and gradually assumed the role of Environmental Engineer for the plant. In 1992, Bob transferred to the GM Corporate remediation staff. In his new role Bob managed remediation projects for several years, then moved on to manage environmental operations at all the GM plants in Ohio, all the while living in the area. In 2006 Bob relocated to Troy, Michigan and reported to the Corporate Remediation Staff in Warren, MI as Operations Manager of two GM subsidiaries that managed cleanup of closed GM properties.

In 2009, amid the GM bankruptcy, Bob retired from GM and immediately began a second career with a new Trust formed to cleanup former GM properties that were not retained by the new GM that came out of bankruptcy. He continues that role today managing the cleanup of 10 properties in six states. In 2011 Cindy retired from Delphi Corporation which allowed them to move back to Ohio.

Bob and Cindy have two children. Brian (1983) and Whitney (1986), who both now have two daughters each (ages 2 - 6). Bob and Cindy enjoy spoiling the girls every chance they get. In 2006, they purchased the former Commercial Printing building in downtown Sandusky. Over a three-year period, they converted the second floor into their living quarters, and the first floor became the garage for Bob's collection of classic muscle cars. That project has led to Bob restoring several other old buildings downtown. Today, Bob and Cindy enjoy spending most of their time here in Ohio and escaping the cold and snow during the winter months in Fort Myers, FL.



Bob's Family

Back Row: Bob Hare, Charlene Kreimes (Cindy's mom), Cindy Hare
Middle Row: Liz Hare, Brian Hare, Gregory Hartman, Whitney Hare-Hartman
Front Row: Juniper Hare, Fiona Hare, Millie Hartman, Maggie Hartman



Bob in his wrestling weight at 119, back in the day. He seems to have remained close to that shape today.

Rebekah Johnston-Hilty, '00

Bekah, a 2000 graduate, was a four-year letter winner in softball and earned first-team All-Ohio recognition her senior season. That year, she was named the SBC Most Outstanding Performer in softball with an 18-7 record on the mound with a 1.05 ERA and 305 strikeouts.



She finished her prep career with 650 strikeouts and then accepted a scholarship to Malone College, where she played softball and led the team to a third-place finish in the National Christian College Athletic Association's national tournament.

At Malone, Bekah received her Bachelors Degree in Community Health Education. She then worked in Human Resources for 10 years before going to work at Grace Church in Wooster OH. There she is their First Impressions Coordinator which means she oversees the welcome team and guest experience. She is also very involved with the Pregnancy Care Center in Wooster where she teaches a class to 8th graders all over their county (Wayne) called Healthy Choices for Healthy Teens which is an abstinence class about Alcohol, Drugs, Tobacco and relationships.



Bekah married Drew Hilty 14 years ago and moved to Fort Worth, Texas and then to New Bremen, OH before moving to Wooster in 2011. The couple has two children, Kaden, 10 and Elena, 7. The Hilty family loves to travel, go camping, running, and enjoys returning to Bekah's Huron roots, and going to Cedar Point, of course!



Pitching
at Malone



Drew, Bekah, Kaden and Elena pose before their home.

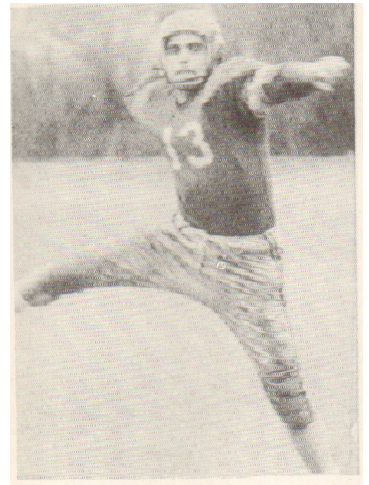
Donald Ritzenthaler, '52

Don Ritzenthaler, a 1952 graduate, was a three-sport athlete with three letters each in football and basketball and four in track. In all sports, Don wore number 13, thus proving that some unlucky numbers don't always jinx.

In football, Don played as a sophomore for rookie coach Arden "Stretch" Roberson, a one-year wonder as head coach of the first Huron team to play all games for the entire season with eleven men and ending with a 1-7 record. As a sophomore, he played under a new coach, Frank Sowecke, who took the team to a 4-5 record, with Don scoring three touchdowns that season. In his senior year, Don blossomed, scoring eight touchdowns and throwing for several more.

In basketball, Ritzenthaler was the first Huron player to shoot with either hand - and actually score, while in track, he was part of the record-setting 880-yard relay team in 1952 — a mark that stood for 20 years.

After high school, Don worked various odd jobs until he landed at



New Departure where he served for 34 years as superintendent of maintenance on a one million square foot facility. It still stands! He spent his entire life in the Huron area, where he served on city council for seven years and then another 24 years as Huron Township Trustee. Not finished at retirement, he then took up running fishing charters with his boat.

Don and Ellie celebrated 65 years of marriage this past October. They are the parents of daughters Vicki and Toni and sons Kevin and Michael, all of whom have given them ten grandchildren total.



Old No. 13's basketball days.



Recognize that youthful, svelte coach?

Sara Sage DeMarcus, '08

Sara Sage played only volleyball at Huron, but lettered four times and earned first-team All-Ohio recognition twice. She led the state in kills in both her junior and senior seasons and landed at fourth spot on the state's all-time career kills list. Sara was then the first female athlete to earn a full athletic scholarship from UCLA. Sara made her mark there again as she helped the Bruins win the NCAA volleyball Division I championship in 2011, actually recording the final clinching kill and ending a 20 year UCLA championship drought!

Off the court, Sara met her husband, Matt DeMarcus, courting, at first, not on a court but in a shared class. He a basketball player, she a volleyball player, they married in 2016. Their first child, Rollie Jon, was born on May of this year.



After college graduation, Sara went to work for a surgical device company in Los Angeles for a year. During this time, however, the two were both getting the itch to play their sports again and were fortunate to have the opportunity to play overseas. They departed for New Zealand and played their respective sports again, living all the while in a beach shack. How California! Returning to the States, Sara went to work for the University of Nebraska's volleyball program while she prepared for her next overseas opportunity. The next season found her in Austria, playing for a team called the Klagenfurt Wildcats, one of the most successful women's volleyball clubs in Austria, enjoying every minute of the experience, until she was unceremoniously deported from the EU because the team officials had forgotten to file the paperwork for her work visa!

Back in the States now, Sara and Matt, are finally settling into their careers. Sara first worked for Nestle Health Sciences, selling prescription medical foods throughout the Central Coast. She then moved up to a position with Myriad Genetic Labs, working right alongside doctors to test the genes of specific patients in order to determine their specific level of risk of developing certain cancers. It's exciting work, and Sara loves to talk up her career with any who has the time.



The couple now lives in Sloveng CA, about 30 minutes northwest of Santa Barbara. Sara still loves traveling with her growing family, hiking with her dogs, and remaining active, soon to grow even more active as baby grows legs!

Another kill for UCLA in the Championship game.

Husband Matt, baby Rollie Jon, and Sara.



Samuel Sage, '06



Sam attended Huron High School for his Sophomore, Junior and Senior year, graduating in 2006. During that time he earned 6 varsity letters: 2-Track, 2-Wrestling and 2-Football. In addition he has earned a track letter while attending his freshman year at Bellevue.

In his Senior Year, in Football Sam earned 1st Team All SBC Offensive Lineman as a unanimous pick, 1st Team All NW District Offensive Lineman, and 1st Team All Ohio Offensive Lineman. He played on an 11-2 Tiger team that reached the Div. IV regional championship game. He then played in the Senior All Star Game - SBC vs SLL - where he was one of the captain's representing the SBC.

In his Senior Year of Wrestling, he wrestled as a Heavy Weight and led the team with Best Record- 30-13. He also led the team in Points-177, in Falls-19, tied for third on the team in Near-falls - 13, and tied for third on the team in First Take-downs - 20 and 6th on the team in Take-downs - 35. For the year he earned honors as 3rd at the D3 Classic, took 4th at the SBC, and finished 6th in the Sectionals.

In his Senior Year, in Track, Sam led the team in shot and discus.

Sam graduated from Huron High with honors, having accumulated over 300 hours of community service working with the youth of Huron. Sam had considered BGSU and Kent State for his collegiate career but ultimately settled on Ohio Dominican, There, Sam played offensive guard and was part of the Runner-Up National Championship Team in 2007. He finished his athletic career with a 2014-2015 developmental contract with WWE.

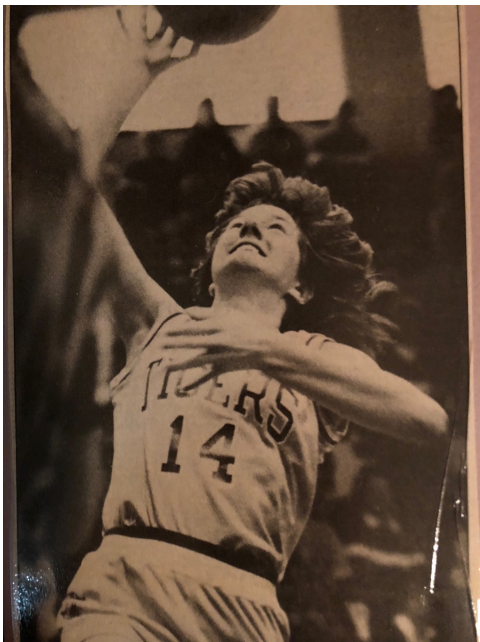
Currently Sam is living in Venice, California where he is the General Manager of the 24 Hour Fitness Torrance Super Sport.



When Sara and Sam returned for the Induction Ceremony, they were asked to make a presentation to Woodlands Intermediate School sixth graders. There they reminisced about what had motivated them to excel in both the classroom and on the court and field. They were very persuasive in presenting to the students the notion that if they want to be successful, they need to define a vision and then set out a series of goals to achieve it. But both stressed that vision and goals alone will not guarantee a thing without hard work, every day, on every task they undertake. Hopefully their words sank in to many of the students.

Amy Majoy Wennes '88

Amy Majoy Wennes, a 1988 graduate who joins her brother Rob in the Huron Hall, collected seven varsity letters in volleyball, basketball and track during her high school career. She was a 1,000-point scorer in basketball, earning first-team all-league recognition as a junior and senior, along with third-team All-Ohio honors her final season. In volleyball, she followed up first-team all-league honors with a spot on the All-Ohio honorable mention list in 1987. She still holds the Huron record for solo blocks for a season (90) and career (193).



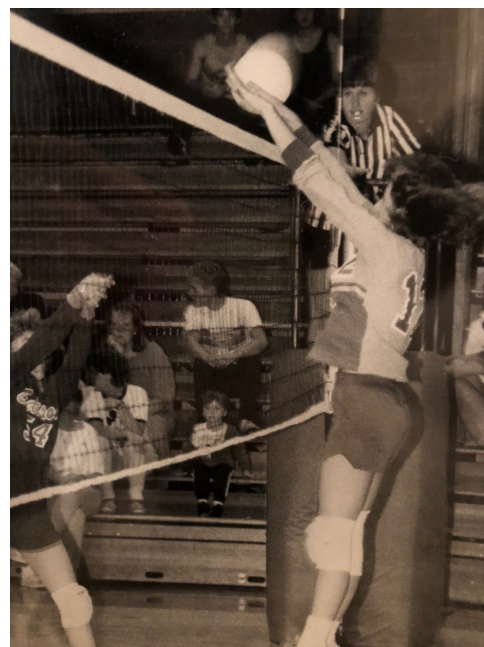
Amy sinks another two on her way to 1000 career points.

After her graduation in 1988, Amy went on to get her undergrad degree from BGSU, majoring in Education with a concentration in math. Hired by Huron, she continued to her Masters degree in curriculum and instruction from Ashland University. She has been teaching seventh grade math and pre-algebra at McCormick junior high for 25 years. For about 20 of those years she coached volleyball, basketball, and track also. She has been teaching summer school for Huron for the last 8 years.

Amy has two amazing children: Kailee, who is a sophomore at Bowling Green State University majoring in education, and Drew, who is a junior at Huron High School.



Kailee, Amy, and Drew are all smiles.



High at the net, Amy has another kill.

Football Team 1993



The '93 Football team members who made it back for the ceremony were: (seated) Ryan Brown Coaches Ken Bogden, John VanMeter, Tony Legando, Tom Legando, John Zadell, and Joe Harkelroad. Standing are Tim McGraw, Jason Geretz, Vinny Thompson, Scott Kidd, Dave Bartzon, Mike Catri, Dale Borzon, Jim McFee, Dustin Baker, and Dan Eisnor.

The 1993 season was an exciting year for the Huron Tiger Football Program, which celebrated its 25th anniversary. After winning the school's first ever Regional Championship played "on the field" in 1992, the team was determined to take it one game further and win a state championship. With "Dreams and Dedication," the 1993 Team reached their goal in competing in the state finals. On their way to Massillon, a large banner hung over the walk bridge in Huron reading "The last one to leave town turn off the lights". The entire Huron community fought through the high winds and the cold heavy rains to support the Tigers in the state championship game played at Paul Brown Tiger Stadium in Massillon. Despite several key starters coming down with food poisoning the day of the game, they battled the best they could but fell just short of a state championship title losing to the Versailles Tigers 16-6.

The team consisted of 53 players in grades 10-12, which included 16 seniors. Captains were Joe Harkelroad, Mark VanMeter, Eric DeGroh, Ryan Brown and Brad Bullock. While competing in junior high, the senior class had been victorious in just one game over a 2 year period. As freshman, with the addition of a few kids from St. Pete's, the team won just 2 games and tied another. Losing didn't sit well with this group, and they were determined to find a way to win. With a relentless work ethic and with intense competitions on the practice field, the team turned things around and won back to back regional championships in 1992 and 1993, while finishing as State Runner-Up in 1993.

There were many accomplishments for the 1993 team. Not only were they the first and only Huron team to reach the state finals, but they were also the first team to win 11 games in a season. Their only 2 losses in the regular season were to teams that both finished 10-0 and were 2 divisions larger. While competing in Division IV, 9 of their 10 opponents were schools bigger in size. This allowed the team to finish first in the computer rankings for their region. They finished with an all-time school playoff record of 5 wins and 2 losses, and are the only Huron Football team to win 2 regional titles. The team consisted of 6 All-Conference performers, 4 Players finished with All-District honors, and 4 Players finished with All-Ohio honors. In addition, the 1993 team produced 3 Division 1 college athletes, had 2 players compete in the Ohio-Pennsylvania Big 33 Classic and one player made it all the way to the NFL.

Today, 25 years later, these former players and Huron High School graduates have become leaders in both the communities and companies where they live and work. They are proud fathers first, but also serve as business executives, business owners, architects, attorneys, CPAs, executive chefs, physical therapists, geologists, medical researchers, stock brokers and ministers. Some have dedicated their careers to public service and serve as educators, policemen, firemen and as paramedics. In addition, several members have served or are still currently serving in our nation's military, protecting our freedoms.

by Joe Harkelroad, '94

Fall Sports at Huron High

As usual, the fall sports season at Huron High in 2018 was a very successful one. And while no program made it to the finals of the state playoffs, two students did have an opportunity to run at the state final cross country match, delayed a week into a cold November by a week of torrential rainfall. The girls' golf team began competition in early August and finished 14 - 0 in the SBC. The soccer and football programs sweated through August and ended their seasons in October and November, the boys soccer at 12-3-3, the girls at 14-1-1, and the football program at 7 - 4, after dropping their playoff game to Van Wert. The girls volleyball run extended until November when, ranked number three in the state, they were stopped in the regionals by number two, Liberty-Benton and finished 15 - 4. All the teams received strong community support. The Hall of Fame will someday have many of this year's competitors to choose from for its future induction ceremonies. Not to be outdone, the Huron Tigers Marching Band was right there throughout the season, entertaining the crowds with exciting routines and their famous Script Huron.

Football

Coach Sam Hohler

Record 7 - 4

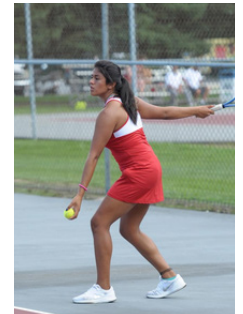
Casey Scroggins	1st Team All-SBC Off. and Def., 1st Team All-State Def.
Alex Kuhl	1st Team All-SBC Def., 2nd Team Off.
Nate Elder	1st Team All-SBC Def.
Luke Wood	1st Team All-SBC Specialist - Kicking
Drew Sterrett	2nd Team All-SBC Off.
Joey Brown	2nd Team All-SBC Off.
Marcus Spurrier	2nd Team All-SBC Def.
Stephen Demos, Corey Williams, and Chad Rodriguez	- Hon. Mention Off.
Corey Williams	Hon.Mention Def.
Alex Kuhl	Special Mention All-State Div IV



Girls Tennis

Coach

Record:



Cross Country

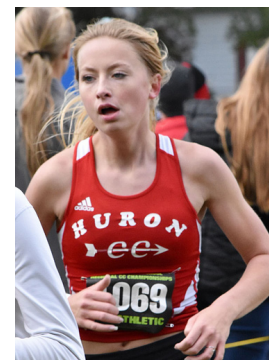
Coach Roger Blevins

Girls

Grace Moser	Champ, Div III, Dis. 2; State time: 20:43.6
Hunter Garbe	State time: 21:16.9
Kayla Walsh	Second Team All-Conference
Sarah Klaiber	Honorable Mention SBC

Boys

Salvadore Sherer	First Team All-Conference, All- District
Nick Pack	Second Team All-Conference
Aiden KAstor	Second Team All-Conference



Huron Grad Coach of the Year

Brian Fox, '06, head coach of Elyria Catholic, was named Coach of the Year for Division V football. In Brian's first year as head coach his team went 9-3, the final loss coming in the regional semi-final against Genoa, 42-41.

Golf

Girls

Coach - Abby Cook
Gabby Bauthier First Team All-Conference
Kelsey Stadler First Team All-Conference
Alivia Baus Second Team All-Conference
Mallory Nelson Second Team All-Conference

Record: SBC 14 - 0



Boys

Coach - Frank Gioffre, '82
Danny Demos Second Team All-Conference

Record: SBC - 3-9

Soccer

Boys

Coach - Matt Asher, '02
Tyler Schaeffer First Team All Conference
Luke Wood First Team All Conference
Drew Mamere First Team All Conference
Lucas Weber First Team All Conference
Christian Scroggins Second Team All-Conference
Matthew Wilson Honorable Mention
Jeremiah Green Honorable Mention

Record: 12-3-3
Unanimous Selection
Unanimous Selection



Girls

Coaches - Justin Kijowski and Ryan Manner, '02
Baylor Fortune Most Outstanding Player in Bay Conference SBC
Cora Mamere First Team All Conference
Victoria Eytchison First Team All Conference
Faith Diffenbacher First Team All Conference
Corinne Steuk First Team All Conference
Baylor Fortune First Team All Conference
Kylie Obergefell Second Team All-Conference
Emma Golling Second Team All-Conference
Paige Singer Honorable Mention
Blair Petee Honorable Mention

Record: 14-1-1
Unanimous Selection
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Unanimous Selection, First Team All-Ohio Div I

This team gave up only three goals the entire season!



Volleyball

Coach - Don Wood **Record 22 - 4**

Olivia Lagando First Team All-Conference **Unanimous Selection**
All Ohio 1st Team, Outstanding Player Bay Division of SBC

McKenna Schafer First Team All-Conference **Unanimous Selection**
All Ohio 2nd Team

Georgi Moody First Team All-Conference **All Ohio Honorable Mention**
Ally Gresh Second Team All-Conference
Indira Stefano Honorable Mention
Katie Springer Honorable Mention

Another outstanding season for Coach Don Wood and his Lady Tigers. The team swept the SBC Bay Division, with its only three losses coming against the powerhouse private schools from Cleveland and Toledo. They did well in the playoffs until they were finally bested by Independence for their fourth season loss, ending another beautiful run that excited the entire community. Well done, ladies!



Bowling for Coffee

Every so often, more senior members of the population kick start their early second childhood and decide to prove their mettle. As in challenging each other to a bowl-off at the local lanes. Wagers are made, payable in coffee and donuts at a local establishment of gustatory delights, and then the crowd meets at the Riverfront Lanes. On the way, one dredges up a bag long since thrown into the River Huron from the deck of the Twine House, another wraps tightly in ace bandages, and a third unseals a bottle of Absorbine Sr.'s Horse Lineament. Then all repair to the lanes farthest from the more sane patrons of the establishment. After fortifying themselves with copious drafts of refreshments, they proceed to take turns bragging to one another about their skills. First up has the ball slide off his fingers and hit three people seated behind. A second tosses a perfect strike - one lane over from his, while a third wipes out a gutter-guard with a mighty heave. After three games, only one has amassed a triple digit score, several have broken the 50 mark, and one has manged but a single digit total after ten frames. Three teams on three lanes after three games have a cumulative score just south of a 600 series. At reckoning time next morning, a lawyer for three of the participants breaks out his phone on which bets have been posted and scores are grudgingly settled. So much for this year, but just you wait till next year's Donut Shoppe Open. It can, and probably will get worse.



Membership

Our thanks go out to the many folks who continue to renew their memberships in December of each year and save us the cost of mailing out reminders during the winter. Without your continued support, we could not exist and work to keep all of our grads, no matter where they live, connected with their alma mater and with their fellow classmates and friends. We would like to thank also those new members who have joined with us in our work as they help us maintain our base. Sadly, we actually lose more members during the year than what we newly enroll. A glance at the obituary page will reveal that.

Special thanks go out to those who continue to support our scholarship programs. On the inside of the back page you will find those scholarships listed that are currently in existence. Notice that folks have the option of contributing so that the dollars are paid out in the very next round of scholarships, or they can chose to have the dollars placed into our endowment program, with only future earnings paid in scholarships. Over time this latter choice may be the best way to insure that your help will continue to benefit our students in perpetuity, as in forever! Elsewhere in this issue you will find a piece on the present status of our Educational Foundation and how you can best benefit Huron's students long after any of us is around to appreciate your efforts. Don't look for college costs to decrease any time soon, or within any of our lifetimes. So whatever you can do to help now would be most appreciated.

General Scholarship Fund

Lynn Smith Lindsey,	'80	Swampscott MA
John Williams.	'73	Marysville OH
Colleen Beach Zuck,	'73	Lambertville MI
Dorothy Baumer Girard	'65	Sandusky OH
Tim & Julie Sowecke	'70/71	Huron OH

Tom Shontz Scholarship Fund

Lynn Smith Lindsey	'80	Swampscott MA
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Dee Heydinger Elementary Ed Scholarship Fund

Lynn Smith Lindsey,	'80	
Tim Julie & Sowecke	'70/71	Huron OH

Hagy Family Scholarship Fund

Parmelee Jones	'60	Huron OH
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Tanny VonThron Scholarship

Tim & Julie Sowecke	'70/71	Huron OH
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Recent Memberships

Samuel Jeffrey	Sandusky	OH	'55
George Ritzenthaler	Sandusky	OH	'60
Dorothy Baumer Girard	Sandusky	OH	'65
Becky Bryant Walker	Sandusky	OH	'70
Tim Sowecke	Huron	OH	'70
Julie Hetrick Sowecke	Huron	OH	'71
John Williams	Marysville	OH	'73
Colleen Beach Zuck	Lambertville	MI	'73
Lynn J Studer	Bluffton	SC	Principal 76-92

Membership Sign Up¹²¹⁸

HHS Alumni Association Membership Form

(Membership renewals are due in December of each year. New members accepted any time.)

HHS Graduate ___ \$10 per year You and Spouse Graduate ___ \$15 Social/Associate Membership ___ \$15
5-year membership ___ \$45 Life Membership ___ \$250 for Grad and Spouse

Name _____ Address _____
City _____ State ___ Zip _____ Phone _____
Email _____ Graduation Year _____
Maiden name, if female grad _____ Graduation Year _____

Huron Booster's Club Membership

Annual Dues _____ "SuperTiger" \$200 (includes two passes to every high school sporting event)
_____ "Tiger" \$125 (includes two home season tickets to sport of choice)
(Circle one: Football Soccer Volleyball Girls' Basketball Boys' Basketball)
_____ Special "Gray" \$50 _____ Regular "Red" \$25

Scholarship Funds

Contribution to General HHS Alumni Association Scholarship Fund \$ _____ (expended annually) or
to the Endowed Scholarship Fund \$ _____ (invested through HEF and earnings only expended)

Contribution to Tom Shontz Memorial Scholarship Fund \$ _____ or
to Endowed Tom Shontz Memorial Scholarship \$ _____

Contribution to Language Arts Scholarship Fund (A Perpetual Endowment Fund through the HEF)
Includes Larry Zimmer \$ _____ and Mary Alyce Harpster \$ _____ Scholarships.

Tanny Vonthron Memorial Scholarship Fund \$ _____ (A Perpetual Endowment Fund through the HEF)

Dolores Heydinger Memorial Elementary Education Scholarship Fund \$ _____ (A Perpetual Endowment Fund through the HEF)

Contribution to the Jesse and Lynn Hagy Memorial Scholarship Fund \$ _____ (A Perpetual Endowment Fund through the HEF)

Contribution to the Richard Wennes Memorial Scholarship Fund \$ _____ (A Perpetual Endowment Fund through the HEF)

Endowed Memorial Scholarships

Are you or a group of alumni thinking about establishing an endowed scholarship in memory of someone? We can help you make that decision. Contact us and we will help steer you toward a decision that will benefit both you for income tax purposes and generations of Huron students in the future. Because we are a 501 c 3 organization, your donations to a named memorial scholarship are fully tax deductible. Your funding of a scholarship can be spread over several years to derive even greater tax benefits than if you were required to contribute all in one year. Then, once your endowed legacy is completed, students will begin receiving scholarship money based upon the annual earnings of the principal which will never be expended. Assuming that the stock market does not disappear completely, and assuming our continued great money management by our investment brokers, your gift today should have a lasting impact upon our students in perpetuity. Contact us today for further information.

Amazon Smiles on Huron Alumni

This is not a paid political ad or commercial. It is, instead, a thank you to all of you who have signed up for the Amazon Smile program to benefit Huron students. With E-commerce gradually taking over the way America shops, this program is a no-brainer. The way it works is that once you sign up for the program, a percentage of all your purchases through Amazon is rebated to the Huron High School Alumni Association. And it costs you nothing. Whatever you pay for your TV or pair of shoes remains just the same whether you are in the program or not. It is just Amazon's way of giving back to its loyal customers. Do you think they can afford it?



So help us out in our scholarship program by signing up for the Smile program the next time you make an on-line purchase through Amazon. Just be sure that when you sign up you designate Huron OHIO as the recipient. There are seven different Huron alumni associations in existence and at least three share the Tiger mascot. We thank all those who have already signed up and look forward to more of you doing the same. We sure enjoy looking at monthly bank statements these days and seeing a nice deposit there from Amazon!

Staying in Touch

How to remain in touch with around 10,000 of our grads? Our data base contains contact information in the form of telephone numbers, email addresses, Facebook handles, and other information that grads have supplied. We keep the data base secured!

However, with the increasing mobility of our grads, with the constant switching of internet providers, and now with so many reaching that age when they join the snow geese in migrating south or west for a certain months of the year, we are having a problem with our publications and news about upcoming reunions reaching all of our grads.

Therefore, we ask you to contact us with every change in contact information that you make. And if you are joining the annual migrations, please let us know approximately when you will be receiving mail in each location. Nothing is more disconcerting than sending a *December Newsletter* to your address only to have it bounce back to us because you have flown south, perhaps just a few weeks earlier. The US Postal Service is obligated to forward only first class mail, so without your migration pattern data in our hands, you lose out.

So help us remain in contact with ALL of our grads. If you have friends who tell you that they are not receiving our publications and notices, have them contact us to reconnect. Our preferred method is to use email, as the on-line version of our publications is obviously at a lower cost to us. We try to be good stewards of your membership contributions.

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