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FROM THE DIRECTOR

MANY THINGS HAVE CHANGED, YET THE BEST REMAIN

AS WE PREPARE for another school year at Chagrin Falls, there is considerable excitement for we received a considerable technology grant from the State of Ohio. All of our students from grades 3 - 12 will get a Google Chromebook, while students in grades 6 - 12 will be able to take them home nightly. Going to a one-to-one computer program will create new opportunities for our students and modernize the classroom. This will mark a considerable transformation, which got me to thinking of the many discussions, both online and in the community, on how Chagrin has changed over the years. For those that return from a lengthy absence from Chagrin will certainly notice many of the stores and restaurants are no longer there since their childhood. Although the names on the storefront may be different, there are

so many things that have remained the same. The Philomethian Street School turned 100 this summer, while the stadium hit the century mark a year ago. Students still walk into town after school. Locks are not visible at the high school. Kids still enjoy summers at the Rec Center. The town comes together on Friday nights in the Fall to cheer on the football team. Our athletes battle it out to win CVC titles. The summer officially kicks off with Blossom Time. Swarms of kids go door-to-door in town on Halloween. Pumpkins find their way down Grove Hill by juniors and seniors in the late Fall. The day after Thanksgiving the community and, in particular, the Triangle is lit up for the holiday season. C.S. Harris Stadium honors seniors with a Sunday afternoon graduation under sunny skies. Most important the village has always valued education. So whether you graduated recently or several years ago, we do share so many memories from CFHS.

DATES TO REMEMBER

4TH ANNUAL ALUMNI ROCK JAM

Saturday, Oct. 4, 5:00 - 10:00 p.m., Bean's Backyard

HOMECOMING WEEKEND '14

12TH CFS' ACHIEVEMENT HALL OF FAME INDUCTION BANQUET

Thursday, Oct. 23, 6:00 - 9:30 p.m., Tanglewood Country Club

6:00 - 7:00 p.m., Social Time & Heavy hors d'oeuvres

7:00 - 9:30 p.m., Induction Program

All alumni and friends are welcome to attend this banquet.

Tickets may be purchased by mail or in person from from **Jana Young '82** or **Brian McKenna '88** at the Alumni office or at the Chagrin Hardware. The cost is \$35 per ticket. Checks should be made out to the Chagrin Falls Alumni Association.

HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME

Friday, Oct. 24, 7:00 - 9:30 p.m., Chagrin vs. Orange

Achievement Hall of Fame inductees will be guests at the game and introduced at half-time.

"KEEPING TIGER PRIDE ALIVE" 18th Annual Men's & Women's ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAMES

Friday, Nov. 28, CFHS Quesinberry Gym

After a busy summer that started with several reunions and an all-class reunion over Blossom Weekend and hosting the 18th Annual CFAA golf outing, we are gearing up for an eventful end of the year. On Saturday, October 4, alumni musicians will come together for the 4th Annual Alumni Rock Jam held at the terrific outdoor venue of Bean's Backyard on the property of **Al "Beanie" Smith '69**. On October 23, we will be having our 12th Chagrin Falls Schools Achievement Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. The class includes **Dr. James Thobaben '72**, **Dr. Bruce Campbell '73**, **Dr. Thomas Martinko '74** (Col. U.S. Army - Retired), **David Kravitz '75**, & **Dr. Christine Schomisch Moravec '75**. The class will also be introduced the following evening at the Homecoming Football game on Friday, Oct. 24, verse Orange. Come November, we will be hosting the 18th Annual CFAA Alumni Basketball Games. We hope you can join us for one or all of these special events. 🐾

— **Brian McKenna '88**

Chagrin Falls Schools' Alumni Director

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2014 ALUMNI CHORUS CONCERT HITS ITS MARK



(Photo by John Tillotson '72)

by John Bagley '72

THE 5TH ANNUAL CFHS Mollie Macknin Alumni Chorus Concert was a milestone in many ways. Having had five successful concerts now, is surely an indicator that the performers and the audience both appreciate and value the efforts of the alumni musicians.

This year - the chorus (and our orchestra) presented a plaque commemorating the service of Mrs. Mollie Macknin to Michael Macknin (and Professor Tom Mattern) that will soon be displayed in the alumni space of the Performing Art Center. A \$525.00 free-will offering was accepted from our generous audience and has been sent to the Wounded Warrior Project. For the first time, we welcomed our youngest classmates yet - in the form of the up-and-coming indie-rock band Pipedream with members from the class of '13, '14 and '15. The Class of '74, (holding its 40th reunion) was extremely well represented by Tina Shafer, Lea Coryell, Army Col. (USA Ret.) Dr. Tom Martinko, on stage and a host of classmates in the chorus (and the audience).

Our concert was further highlighted by a performance by The Men of Chagrin - under the direction of Doctor Bill Foley, who also directed the entire company in the rendition of Turn Turn Turn. Mrs. Carol Foley also added her "two cents" as our highly talented and most appreciated choral accompanist. Dusty Trimmer, a 1968 TET Offensive Vietnam veteran, shared remarks with us and led a sizeable group of Vietnam veterans in the folding of the American Flag.

Alumni Chorus Steering Team Meeting - Please Join Us

The Alumni Chorus steering team meeting will be on Sunday, Oct. 5. This will give those coming into town to attend the Rock Jam on Saturday, the opportunity to also be a part of the steering committee. If you would like to join the committee or just be a part of the chorus, then contact the alumni office or join the Chagrin Falls Alumni Chorus Facebook group. 🐾



Lea Coryell '74 performed a solo.

(Photo by John Tillotson '72)



CLASS & REUNION NOTES

FOR THOSE in Florida, mark your calendar for the CFHS Day in Florida 2015. It will

be on Tuesday, March 3, 2015. It will be held at The Colonnades in Lakeland from 11:00 - 2:30 p.m. The numbers are growing each year, and we hope if you are near that you will join the festivities. More information will be in the January newsletter.

CLASS OF 1959 – Although the numbers were low for the Class of 1959's 55-year Reunion, those gathered were able to have really good conversations and shared memories of CFHS and of the village life, too. The group came together over the 4th of July weekend. On Friday, they had dinner at Doogans in Aurora followed by the fireworks from the Aurora Inn. On Saturday they had a picnic at Beartown Lake. (See picture on page 7.)

CLASS OF 1960 – 2015 is just around the corner and the locals from the Class of '60 are hoping to start planning a 55th Reunion! Could you please forward your address, phone number (cell and home) and your email address to Karen Hurst Johns, 359 Bell St., CF 44022, or leekarenjohns@gmail.com. Any news to share regarding classmates would be welcome and please feel free to include any ideas you might have as to what, where, how and when for the reunion!

CLASS OF 1964 – The Class of '64 is holding its 50th Reunion at the Pine Lake Trout Club, Saturday, Aug. 23d. For information, contact John Bourisseau at 440-821-3630, or jbourisseau@gmail.com.

CLASS OF 1985 – Our 30th Reunion is in May 2015 so think about coming back to Chagrin to celebrate with us! Will be sending out an Evite so make sure we have your updated email address. Send a note to Kristin Mapes Wood at kandjwood@sbcglobal.net or make sure you ask to join our Facebook page "CFHS - Class of 1985" where we will be posting a lot of updates and then sharing pictures of the event. See you in May!

CLASS OF 1994 – The Class of 1994 held its 20th Reunion over Memorial Day Weekend at South Franklin Circle. With more than 70 classmates and guests in attendance, a night of laughter and trips down memory lane was had by all. Special

thanks to Dana Loparo Matta, Clay Bartel and Jim Hendrix for organizing and planning the event, as well as to Jamie Bradley and Craig Ramsey for supplying the slideshow and music. We look forward to seeing everyone in five years!

CLASS OF 2004 – The Class of 2004 had a wonderful and well attended 10-year Reunion over Blossom Weekend! We want to thank everyone that came out to celebrate at the Village Martini Bar. If anyone has pictures that they would like to share from the night, please send them to Brooke.Takacs@gmail.com or CaitClegg@gmail.com. Who wants to start planning the 15-year?

CLASS OF 2005 – The Class of 2005 is preparing for its 10-year reunion over Blossom Weekend 2015. Alicia (Burrello) Platek and Greg Walden are looking for

classmates to join them on the organizing committee. Make sure you are a part of the class Facebook group. You can reach Alicia at alicia.burrello@gmail.com or Greg at gswalden@gmail.com to update your contact information and to be involved in the planning committee.

CLASS OF 2009 – The Class of 2009 had a terrific time for its 5-year Reunion. Classmates came together on Saturday of Memorial Weekend. The festivities began at the Greenville Inn and later moved to the home of classmate Vince Coleman. Plan on even a bigger 10-year in 2019.

CLASS OF 2010 – The Class of 2010 is planning on a 5-year Reunion on the Saturday of Blossom Weekend. More information will follow in the January newsletter and on the class Facebook group. 🐾

ALUMNI KIDS



FIFTEEN MEMBERS of the Class of 2014 are children of Chagrin alumni, while two of them have both parents as graduates of CFHS. At graduation, they all received corsages to signify this tradition.

Front Row (L to R) - Spencer Hendricks (**Patrice Neuman Hendricks '83**), Payton Fricke (**Laura Wilharm Fricke '83**), Eleanor O'Neil (**Amy Brooks O'Neil '85**), Amy Dishong (**John Dishong '84**), Grace Juergens (**Ken Juergens '85**), Zoe Lauber (**Jen Walters '90**), Lea Franklin (**Michelle Kwiatkowski Franklin '87**), Jacob Zalba (**Anthony Zalba '85**)

Second Row (L to R) - Matt Rode (**Christine Rode '90**), Brendan Martt (**Ed '69 & Cindy Shaffer Martt '80**), Will Davis (**Bill '76 & Wendy Koepf Davis '78**), William Czerr, Jr. (**William Czerr '79**), Edward Shelley (**Jim Shelley '76**), Samuel Zdolshek (**Shelly Toth Zdolshek '83**), Joseph Miralia (**Ben Miralia, Jr. '80**) 🐾

HIGHLIGHTS

SPECIAL GIFTS

THANK YOU ALUMNI & FRIENDS

Betty Sargent Van Deventer '43 has made a donation in memory of **Alice Burgess Smith '42**.

Mary Stephan Day '46 has made a donation in memory of retired teacher Ruth Gillespie.

Lucy Beattie '47 has given donations in memory of two great teachers, scholars and mentors - **Mr. John Hurst '52** and Mrs. Mollie Macknin.

Barbara & Ed Kagy '48 have given a donation in memory of **Carolyn Beattie '48**.

Harriet Lake Eckert '51 has made a financial donation and a donation of a post card that is a photograph of the triangle in Chagrin Falls in 1888. The donations are in memory of her mother **Irene Maki Lake '30** and uncle **Oscar Maki '30**.

Bevington Wince '51 has given his Tiger Pride membership in memory of his cousin **Marilyn Larkworthy Fishel '46**.

Virginia Mason Cochran '52 has given a donation in memory of her classmate **Eugenie Church Mayo '52**.

Gordon '55 & Thelma Harmon Hill '57 have given their Tiger Pride membership in memory of **Valerie Hill '55** and **Roger Babcock '55**.

Claudia Mayner Greenwood '59 has given a donation in memory of the Richmonds, Marilyn and Dale, retired CFHS Dean of Students and social studies teacher.

The Class of 1963 has made a generous donation of their class funds to the CFAA. The donation is in honor and memory of all their teachers and in memory of their deceased classmates.

Dave '67 & Tom Quesinberry '70 donated football memorabilia from their father's days as Head Coach.

Buck McWilliams '75 has given his annual dues in memory of retired cross country coach and CFHS science teacher **Mr. John Hurst '52**.

Ann Washington Cawrse '75 has given her annual dues in memory of retired music teacher Mrs. Mollie MacKnin and retired CFHS Dean of Students and social studies teacher Mr. Dale Richmond.

Gary '79 & Barb Rentz Miralia '79 have given a donation in memory of their good friend and classmate **Gary Sutherland '79**.

Charlotte Brown Brett '87 has donated memorabilia to the Chagrin Falls Tom Mattern Historical Room.

Pet & Lifestyle expert **Wendy Diamond '88** has donated several of the books she has authored to the Elsa Jane Carroll Library in the Chagrin Falls Tom Mattern Historical Room.



Reuben Katz '88 donated memorabilia to the Chagrin Falls Tom Mattern Historical Room.

Dr. Mario Gerhardt compiled film footage from the 1973 soccer season into a DVD and has donated a copy Chagrin Falls Tom Mattern Historical Room.

Those that attended the CFHS Day in Florida 2014 have made a group donation to the CFAA.

Retired CFHS science teacher Ramon Battles has given a generous donation in memory of his colleagues in the Science Department **Mr. John Hurst '52**, Mr. Neal Wheatcraft, & Mr. Robert Hensel. 🐾

CFAA SCHOLARSHIPS



(Photo by John Tillotson '72)

THE CHAGRIN FALLS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION rewarded eight seniors with a \$1,000 scholarship. This brings the total to 113 scholarships given out since 1989 by the CFAA. The picture is from the Senior Awards Banquet held recently. From left to right: **Theresa Kosmides** (Ruth Noble), **Peyton Fricke** (Tom Mattern), **Reed Kreger** (Alumni Band), **Tom Collins** (Alumni Achievement), **Michael Munday** (Dale Bruce), **Spencer Hendricks** (Tina Shafer Scholarship), **Joey Casarona** (Alumni Achievement) & Matt Iammarino (Dale Bruce). 🐾

2014 CHAGRIN FALLS ACHIEVEMENT HALL OF FAME

ON THURSDAY, OCT. 23, 2014, at Tanglewood National Country Club, the Chagrin Falls Alumni Association will induct its new class in the Achievement Hall of Fame. Scheduled for induction are:

Dr. James Thobaben '72

- Professor and Dean of the School of Theology and Formation at Asbury Theological Seminary.
- Has an academic focus in the fields of bioethics, social ethics, and sociology of religion. Special research interests are disability issues (especially traumatic brain injury related), social benefit from and concern with genetically-modified non-human organisms, the spiritual and cultural meaning of pilgrimage, ecclesial architecture, and rural life.
- His work, *Healthcare Ethics: A Comprehensive Christian Resource*, is used as a primary bioethics text in several graduate programs.
- Serves as the pastor of a small, rural church.
- Part-time professor in the University of Kentucky, College of Public Health.
- Adjunct professor at Trinity International University.
- Twice walked the Camino de Santiago de Compostela and several of the long pilgrimage routes in Great Britain.
- Formerly was a vice-president of a physical rehabilitation facility centered on the treatment of those with traumatic brain injuries and spinal cord injuries.

Dr. Bruce Campbell '73

- Career diplomat for the United Nations with a focus on reducing poverty and addressing humanitarian suffering.
- Director of United Nations Population Fund - Technical Division
- Has, along with his wife, worked in Honduras, Lebanon, Pakistan, the Netherlands, Ghana, Nepal, Eritrea, Zimbabwe and Vietnam.
- Director of 40-bed hospital for Palestinian refugees in southern Lebanon, during a period of Israeli occupation. Was possibly the last remaining U.S. male in Lebanon at the time and was briefly taken hostage by a militia group.
- Directed a medical program for Afghan refugees, providing clinical services to 1,100 patients a day. Provided technical

assistance to the Ministries of Health in Ghana and Nepal, both countries that witnessed significant reductions in maternal and child mortality over the last two decades.

- Helped to oversee the national HIV program in Zimbabwe that saw the sharpest decline in prevalence in the history of the epidemic.
- Since graduation in 1973, Bruce and his family have returned every year to visit Chagrin.

Dr. Thomas Martinko '74 (Col. Ret. U.S. Army)

- Chief of Adolescent Medicine University of Florida.
- Former Chief of Adolescent Medicine University of South Alabama.
- Has been deployed to Honduras, Germany, & Afghanistan.
- Order of Military Medical Merit (2007).
- Bronze Star (2003).
- Combat Patch (2003).
- Combat Medic Badge (2003).
- Afghanistan Service Ribbon (2003).
- Government War on Terrorism Ribbon (2003).
- Meritorious Service Medal (1993, 2002, & 2006).
- Army Commendation Medal (1988 and 2000), Joint Services Commendation Medal (1988).
- Armed Forces Reserve Ribbon (1978).
- Eucharistic Minister.
- Fellow in the American Academy of Pediatrics.
- Has been published and made several presentations on adolescent and sports medicine, the prevention of sexually transmitted infections, and smoking cessation.

David Kravitz '75

- Entrepreneur and inventor
- Served in various senior executive, directorship and advisory positions throughout his career in the life sciences with a focus in the fields of trauma and transplantation medicine, women's reproductive health, therapeutics adherence, and regenerative medicine.
- Co-inventor of several dozen medical technology patents and has been a founder of med tech companies including Organ Recovery Systems where he served as Chairman and CEO.

• In 2004, named to Fast Company magazine's "Fast 50" list of global entrepreneurs/innovators.

- CEO of Lifeline Scientific, Inc., a company that he co-founded.
- Helped oversee the development of LifePort family of solid organ recovery and transport systems, which have been recognized with numerous awards.
- His medical technology developments in transplantation have been widely studied and published in leading peer reviewed scientific journals including the New England Journal of Medicine.
- Founded a Montessori based pre-school in his local community.
- Publisher of books, innovative products and curriculum in the field of early childhood literacy.
- Serves on the board of directors of several companies in the life sciences.

Dr. Christine Schomisch Moravec '75

- Director of Basic Research, Kaufman Center for Heart Failure, Cleveland Clinic.
- Outstanding Educator Award, Lerner Research Institute, Cleveland Clinic.
- Earned the Tarazi Award for Cardiovascular Research at Cleveland Clinic.
- Associate Director of the Bakken Heart-Brain Institute.
- Named an Established Investigator of the American Heart Association.
- Holds academic appointments in the Department of Molecular Medicine at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and in the Department of Biology, Geology and Environmental Sciences at Cleveland State University.
- Member of the Curriculum Development Task Force for the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University.
- Chair of Graduate Studies within the Lerner Research Institute.
- President of the Board of Directors of the Northeastern Ohio Science and Engineering Fair, a regional science fair held each spring for 600 students from the Cleveland area.
- Widely published in peer-reviewed scientific journalism, as well as been a peer reviewer for these journals.
- Nationally and Internationally recognized authority on human heart failure. 🐾



TIGER SPORTS REVIEW

By Charlie Barch, Athletic Director

THE SPRING sports season was one of the most successful in CFHS history. The baseball team had a terrific season going 17-8 and winning the CVC. The team at one time had an eight-game winning streak. The boys tennis team finished in fifth place in the CVC and had the first doubles team advanced to the district tournament.

The boy's lacrosse team had an amazing season finishing 16-3. The team received the number one seed in the OHSLA tournament. The team fell short of a state championship, losing to Mariemont 10-9 in the state finals. The girl's lacrosse team also made a deep

run into the playoffs. The ladies squad finished 17-2, also earned the number one seed in the OSLA tournament. They made it to the state semi-finals losing a tough match to Indian Hill 17-15. They have now made it to states the past three seasons. The girls track and field finished sixth at the CVC meet along with sixth at the district meet. The boys team finished second at the CVC meet and finished third at districts. The boys 4x800 team came in fifth place at the state meet and sophomore Joe Bistriz came in second place in the 1600M. Joe Bistriz, son of **Rich '77 & Martha Beattie Bistriz '77**, runner-up time of 4:18.80 in the mile now goes with his runner-up finish in the state cross country meet last October. This past school year the boys won the CVC title in football, basketball and baseball. Well done! Is this the first time this has happened in CFHS history? Let us know if you were part of a previous CVC run like this. 🐾

CHAGRIN FALLS ITEMS FOR SALE

THE CHAGRIN FALLS Visitor Center located at Township Hall has several Chagrin gift items for sale including ornaments, mugs, tumblers, postcards and notecards. The Visitor Center is opened daily from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. To view items, go to <http://yourhometownchagrinfalls.com/chagrin-falls-merchandise/>.

THIS OLD HARDWARE STORE

IN A RECENT issue of *This Old House*, the magazine featured "five mom-and-pop hardware stores are every bit as unique as the communities they serve." As you can imagine, the Shutts family's Chagrin Hardware was not only featured, but the picture gracing the article was also of our Main Street treasure.

ALUMNI MUSICIANS ARE READY TO ROCK 'N ROLL

THE 4TH ANNUAL "Tiger Pride Rock Jam" is planned for Saturday, Oct. 4, from 5-10 p.m., and will take place at Bean's Backyard located at 1566 Bell Rd. in South Russell. All proceeds from the event will go toward the Alumni Scholarship Fund. Live music will be provided by our Tiger Pride Band, featuring the "Horn Dawgs," playing some of the best classic rock tunes from the '60s, '70s, and '80s. Last year, the band raised more than \$2,000. \$1,000 went toward the "Tiger Pride Band Musical Arts Scholarship," \$500 was given to the Tom Mattern Historical Room for future projects, and \$500 was used to build new shelving in the Alumni storage room.



2014 Tiger Pride Band: (back row L to R) Dave Bowe '76, Mat Price, Barry Zimmer, Brian Moore '84, Alisa Bowe Lenhardt '85 (front row L to R) Rick Zeithaml '75, Nicole Zeithaml, Chris Bowe '08, Lori Purtell Sobota '86, John Tillotson '72, Will Foley '81(not pictured), John Bagley '72, John Dixon '72, Mike Lax '72, Eric Zaboly '74, Lloyd Bell '85). Photo by John Tillotson '72.

Tickets for the event are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Advance tickets will be available starting September 15 and can be purchased at Chagrin Hardware, Chuck's Fine Wines, or by contacting **John Tillotson '72** at jtill72@gmail.com. Tickets will include the live entertainment and all of your beverages. Grilled food will be available for purchase, served by Mom's Gourmet of Newbury. The event is for ages 21 and older please, and will be held rain or shine. Those attending are encouraged to bring a comfortable chair. 🐾

ALUMNI GOLF OUTING WRAP-UP

ONCE AGAIN, a terrific time was had at 18th Annual Alumni Association Golf Outing at Tanglewood National Country Club. Players ranged in classes from the 1960s to the 2000s. Many thanks to **Jana Boysen Young '82, Natalie Gross Remington '86 & Debi Shukys Gebler '75** for their help in preparation and on that day. We would also like to thank those that supported the event.

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The Stinson Family: **Bob '64,**

Jeff '91, Jenny '94, Tyler '20, Claire '22, & Will '25

The McKenna Family: **Brian '88, Andrea, Kate '29, & Lauren '29**

The Lechman Family: **Adam '88, Tina, Katarina '19, Zach '21**

Solon Valley Hardware:
John Miller '54

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Gottschalk Construction Co., LTD:
Ed Gottschalk '78

Trifles Catering: **Ken Koprowski '85, Kris '88, Kara '83, London '22, Daisy '24**

Chagrin Hardware and Supply: **Ken Shutts, Sr. '38, Ken Jr. '63, Bob '64, Jack '66, Sue '67, Steve '70**

Conrad's Total Car Care & Tire Service
The Gebler Family: **Jon '83, Molly, Samantha '10, Emily '15**

The Gebler Family: **Mark '75, Kirk '77, Jon '83, Eric '84, Scott '00, Brett '02, Zak '05**



DONATIONS

Mad Jack's Grill and Pub:
John Updyke '82 ~ Owner

Chagrin Pet and Garden
The Kruse Family: Ted & Terri,
Todd '93, Travis '95, Trish '98, Katie '99, Kyle '01

True Vision Marketing:
Natalie Gross Remington '86

Victory Capital Management:
Bill Norwick '82 🐾

ALMA MATER

*As the mist lifts high above us,
in the valley view,*

*There you stand, Our Alma Mater,
clear and brave and true*

*May we always keep your honor,
keep your standards high*

*Hold your memories always with us,
as the years go by.*

*Tho' in the time our paths may lead
us, far across the sea,*

*Still our love will bind us ever,
hand in hand with thee*

*Proudly singing of your honor,
cry above the din*

*Praise to thee, our Alma Mater,
praise to thee, Chagrin.*

CLASS OF 1959 REUNION



Back Row--Sally Gilson, Karl Haecker, Frank Zupan, Joan Shipley Gustafson, Dick Hallstrom, Terry Wells, Jack Richardson.

Front Row-- Sandi Foster Chmelovsky, Leanne Pealer Bahnick, Meta Strick, Carol Nye May, John Morehead, Carroll Terry, Bill Szitar.

Not in the picture: Chris Hacker, and Bob Kuhn.

Photo by Ed Chmelovsky.



TIGER GRAPEVINE

Mary Stephan Day '46 enjoyed many family events and travelling recently. Granddaughter #1 got married in Escondido, CA, while #2 was married in Davenport, IA.

Nancy and **Bob Waller '49** are the proud grandparents of 17 grand kids and the proud great grandparents of 16 great grandkids, and will have their 17th great grandchild in early October.

Gary Palmer '58 has recently written and published his latest book, *Survival of the Fittest*. The book offers a comprehensive program of prevention—a formula for healthy living—and a plan to reverse existing health problems. Gary is the author of three books, a Certified Personal Trainer, freelance writer, and motivational speaker. He was formerly a newspaper columnist, educator, coach, and businessman.

Forty-two members of the Davidson family came together to celebrate Margaret Davidson's 95th birthday over Memorial Day Weekend including her children, **Art Davidson '59** and **Peggy Davidson Blakeslee '61**. Margaret also enjoyed having 7 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren at the celebration.

John Van Doren '61 is Senior Hearing Officer at Citizens' Hearings & Appeals Professional Services in Los Angeles. John has had a lengthy career in public service, which included a nearly 16-year run as Mayor of Duarte, CA.

Tim Baehr '62 just published the book, *Practical Zen: An Invitation*. It's a beginner's book with basics of Zen in plain English.

Sharon Gabrowski Sanders '66 and

her husband are about to celebrate 45 years of marriage. They will also celebrate 29 years as Pastors at Chardon Christian Fellowship. They also get to travel twice a year to Eastern Europe to conduct marriage and family seminars.

Rev. Skip Regan '69 married Rev. Leigh Waddell in Gasden, AL, in February and retired from full-time ministry to play golf at Silver Lakes Golf Course in Alabama this past June.

Linda Ashby Stanchfield '72 is a caretaker at Donner Mine Camp, which is an old gold mine camp now used as a youth and family camp for non-profits. Linda lives in Nevada City, CA.

Eric Olsen '75 has been busy on a number of fronts. He is in a band, The Props, that plays regularly, including at the Greenville Inn in Chagrin, www.theprops-band.com. Eric's third book, and first since the '90s, comes out on Berkley/Penguin at the end of September -- *America's Most Haunted: The Secrets of Famous Paranormal Places*. He teams up with "Haunted Housewife" investigator Theresa Argie to take you on a first-person tour of some of America's most active paranormal hotspots. The book can be purchased on Amazon or iTunes. You can follow Eric on Twitter @amhaunted, Facebook www.facebook.com/amhaunted, and a weekly internet radio show he does with Theresa www.blogtalkradio.com/americas-most-haunted.

Dr. David Bowe's '76 hosta hybridizing efforts were recognized when he won the best in class award for his seedling at the American Hosta Society national convention in the center variegated class in June in Cedar Rapids, IA.

Kevin Goodman '81 is President of BlueBridge Networks, which is headquartered in Cleveland. The technology solutions company has won many awards including in 2014 COSE NEOSA Best IT Services Company Finalist - Best of Tech Awards; Smart 50 Business Magazine - Corporate College; & Smart Business - Corporate College 'Smart 50' Honoree.

Stephen Wu '81 is now practicing technology law with Silicon Valley Law Group in San Jose, CA. Stephen helps clients with data security, privacy, records management, and computer investigations for drafting policies, regulatory com-

pliance, deal negotiations, and litigation. Lately, he is focusing more on robotics and artificial intelligence, and is working on a team writing a showcase book about autonomous driving for the Daimler and Benz Foundation. This year, Stephen is serving as Chair of the High Technology Law Section for the Santa Clara County Bar Association in the Silicon Valley. He had served a similar role as Chair of the American Bar Association Section of Science & Technology Law a few years ago.

Kelly Shuster Hendricks '83 is now Development Coordinator at Healthnetwork Foundation in Chagrin Falls. The nonprofit promotes medical care and philanthropic funding for medical research.

Ken Koprowski '85 is Sales and Operations Manager at Trifles Cafe and Catering in Chagrin Falls.

Lisa Krok '88 is a Youth Services Librarian at Twinsburg Public Library.

Timothy Leroux '88 is now Business Development Consultant at Better World Collective, an organization which is pioneering new ways for non-profits to raise money and better engage with their donor base. Tim is retired from the U.S. Army after an illustrious career that earned him the rank of Lt. Col. Tim and his family live in Charlottesville, VA.

Rod Lindheim '89 is Media Services Supervisor of Distance Education at the Extension School at Harvard University.

Rachel Oler Franco '89 completed a Master's Degree in psychology in 2013 and is launching a new career in "positive psychology."

John Wilharm '89 is Senior Manager of Smarter Commerce Software at IBM. John is based in Chicago.

Rob Freshman '90 and his family have relocated back to Cleveland from Louisville. Rob works for GE Lighting.

Bill Gates '95 is a reliability engineer at BASF in Cincinnati, OH. Bill has had a successful engineering career that has seen him do projects on General Electric aircraft to working and living in the north slopes of Alaska for BP.

Trevor Hublin '96 will be taking his wife and new baby girl, Marie, to Ethiopia

for two years. Trevor will be on assignment with the U.S Agency for International Development (USAID). In the past, Trevor has held the positions of Director, Office of Governance and Vulnerable Populations in Sri Lanka and Stabilization Program Manager in Afghanistan.

Scott Iantosca '98 is now Territory Sales Manager at the pasta and sauce company Giovanni Rana USA. Scott is based in Chicago.

Katie Heintzelman Kirschner '00 has moved back to Chagrin Falls with her husband Eric and their newborn daughter Claire. Katie had been working in Columbus for Bravo Brio Restaurant Group Marketing.

In April, **Scott Burr '01** was promoted to the rank of black belt in the art of Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. Brazilian Jiu Jitsu was pioneered by the Gracie family, notably the brother Carlos and Helio Gracie, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. It was brought to the United States by Rorion Gracie, the eldest son of Helio Gracie, in the late 1970s, and was later introduced to the world via the Ultimate Fighting Championship. Scott received his black belt from Steve Maxwell, the first person certified to teach Gracie Jiu Jitsu by Rorion Gracie and the first American to receive a black belt from Helio's second son, Relson Gracie. Scott currently teaches Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and fitness classes out of The Fight Gym in Chagrin Falls. More information is available at www.TheFightGym.com.

Kyle Canter '03 is Chief Operating Officer at The Superlative Group, Inc., which specializes in the selling of the naming rights and corporate sponsorships to ballparks, stadiums and arenas, as well as municipally owned public assets and infrastructure projects. Kyle is based in Cleveland with his wife and two boys.

Emily Smith Hossellman '03 is Director of Marketing at Centercode in Laguna Hills, CA. Centercode is a computer software company, which focuses on beta test management platforms and services.

Michael Tomaro '03 has the position of Health, Safety and Environmental Protection Coordinator at GrafTech International. The graphite solutions company is based in Lakewood, but Michael is also busy at their new facility in Sharon Center, OH. He is also staying busy being on the Board of Directors for the Chagrin Valley Jaycees, while he was in charge of manpower at the last Blossom.

Amy Cowles '06 is a professional school counselor at Pickerington School District, which is a suburb in Columbus, OH.

Jantzen McLellan '07 is now Investment Banking Analyst at Brown Gibbons Lang & Company in Cleveland.

Danny Brown '08 is in his second year serving with the Peace Corp in the African country of Togo. He is a Community Development Specialist. While Danny's main role is as a English and Gender Education Instructor, he has had several side projects including a malaria eradication endeavor that has garnered national attention.

Taylor Derbyshire '09 is an Audi Brand Specialist at MMCO Auto in Greater Philadelphia.

Melissa Grubich '09 is a physical education teacher at Madison Local Schools in Ashland, OH.

Samantha Gebler '10 graduated cum laude from the University of Dayton this past spring. She was selected to be a part of Teach for America. Over the summer she taught summer school in Phoenix and this month will begin her career as an intervention specialist for Collinwood High School in Cleveland.

Meaghan Diffenderfer '12, a junior at Saint Michaels College (Colchester, VT), will be doing study abroad this upcoming winter. Meaghan will be travelling to the Volta Region in Ghana to study traditional drumming and dancing of the Ewe people. On campus, Meaghan is the Secretary of Communications for the Student Association and Treasurer of the Drama Club.

Brooke McEntee '12 is Digital Marketing Communications Assistant at DePaul University's Coleman Entrepreneurship Center. Brooke is entering her junior year where she will be obtaining a degree in Interactive and Social Media with a concentration in Development. 🐾

MEMORABILIA NEEDED!

THE CFAA would enjoy adding more items to the Tom Mattern Historical Room and hope that you can help. We are looking for videos and/or DVDs of the senior slide show, OABR, graduation, fall play, spring musical, 8th grade graduation, sporting events, Gurney or Sands Holiday Show, and anything relevant to what makes our past at Chagrin Falls Schools so memorable.

RETIRED TEACHER SPOTLIGHT WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE THEY NOW?

AT THE END of the 2013-14 school year, we saw several outstanding faculty members retire. We truly have been lucky to have such caring educators guiding our current and past Chagrin students: Gurney Elementary - Nancy Lodge & Kim Tressler; Intermediate School - Nancy Kevern (Science); CFMS - Rick Painley (Spanish); CFHS - Dave King (Art), Kenn Hetzel (Art), Rex Roberts (Science), Dave Buckle (Science), Carole Fahey (Spanish), Karen Lewis (Guidance Counselor), Jeff Decker - Math (Jeff is going to Woodridge to be the Head Football Coach).

Retired music teachers Bill & Carol Foley were recently honored for their 50 years of dedication at the Federated Church. The "Foley's Finale" included a dinner and special performances during a recent church service by the Chancel Choir and the Men of Chagrin, which are currently directed by Bill. There was a solo by a former Cleveland Boy Choir, which the Foleys lead for many years. 🐾



IN MEMORIAM

Sylvia Esterson Aron 1927

Alice Burgess Smith 1942

Mary LaVerne

Chambers Distad 1948

Dr. Margaret Terpenning 1970

Charlie Hughes 1972

Steve Stratton 1978

Lacey Guest 1980

Jack Cornell 1994

NEWS OF ALUMNI MOVERS & SHAKERS

TIGER SPOTLIGHT



Ted Batchelor '77 earned his sixth Guinness World Record this past December in Salinas, California. He was able to get the record back from a German for "Longest Run On Fire" with a distance of 529 feet 10 inches. Ted did the record for Stan Lee's Super Humans

show and it aired on the History Channel this past July.

Rachel Freshman Johnson '92 won Crain's Cleveland CIO of the Year 2014 - Midsize private company. Crain's is the leader in Cleveland business news. NRP is a fully integrated, premier apartment developer, general contractor and property management team. As NRP's chief information officer, Rachel oversees a team of a dozen people that has seen to it that the company's people stay connected between NRP's seven offices and its more than 100 properties in 14 states. She also sits on the board of zoning appeals for Chagrin Falls and volunteers for the Women's Leadership Council for the United Way of Greater Cleveland.

Aaron Slodov '01 is a Co-Founder and COO at reMesh. The company aims to provide the most effective technology to promote a public platform for groups and organizations to communicate. The start-up was recently awarded a prestigious innovation grant from Kent State. Aaron is currently obtaining his Doctor of Philosophy at Case Western Reserve University with a focus on the field of power systems engineering. His research focuses on electrical grid infrastructure. Integrating smartgrid technology and renewable energy sources to create more efficient and robust microgrids. Before graduate school, Aaron was a Corporate Operations Engineer at Google where he even authored three patents. He also performed a study involving the vibrational characterization of passenger vehicles for Google's autonomous vehicle project.

Matt Trinetti '02 recently shared his experiences wandering Europe and following your dreams in a TEDx talk at Lafayette College this past spring. The talk is available online at Youtube under the title "Say 'Yes' to Your Adventure: Matthew Trinetti at TEDxLafayetteCollege." As TEDx says, "Matthew Trinetti exposes the intangibles that cannot be learned in an engineer's world of logic and reason alone: faith in ourselves, in our dreams, and in the magic that can occur when we decide to say a hearty 'Yes' to our adventure when it calls us." 🐾

MARRIAGES

Rev. Leigh Waddell & **Rev. Skip Regan '69**, 2/15/14.

Steph Smith & **Tom White '88**, 7/4/14.

Carolyn Althoff & **Andrew Mottinger '99**, 5/8/14.

Stephanie Eastman & **Cliff Snavelly '01**, 7/12/14.

Katie Stancik '07 & Ryan Hanson, 6/28/14.

Elle Goozdich & **Kevin Cogan '08**, 7/12/14

Judy Stricker '08 & **Brett Axner '08**, 7/5/14.

LITTLE TIGERS

To **J.D. '96** & **Kristen Worley Thalman '93**, a boy, Lincoln David, 5/7/14.

To Josephine & **Trevor Hublin '96**, a girl, Marie Li Sha, 6/12/14.

To Hunter & **Sarah Neidhardt Walter '98**, a boy, Eamon Paul, 3/31/14.

Mike and **Kate Rahn Teichman '99**, a boy, Aidan William, 4/29/14.

To Eric & **Katie Heintzelman Kirschner '00**, a girl, Claire Joann, 8/15/14.

Bo '00 and **Julie Padavick Brandenburg '02**, a girl, Cecilia McClaren, 7/15/14.

To Melanie and **Colby Forlani '02**, a girl, Francesca Marie, July 20, 2014.

To Jordan & **Kyle Canter '03**, a boy, Tatum Kent, 11/6/13.

To Jimmy & **Jen Miller Heinem '03**, a boy, Jackson Miller, 5/5/14.

To Israel Carr & **Stephanie Bistriz '05**, a girl, Avia, 1/23/14 & joins sister, Rosella, 8/27/12. 🐾

CHAGRIN ALUMNI IN CHAGRIN SCHOOLS

WE ARE PROUD to have 34 graduates in various positions in Chagrin Schools. •**Brittany Anderson '04** - H.S. Science •**Dave Bargar '85** - H.S. Basketball •**Abbey Blackburn Scotese '03** - H.S. Spanish •**Bev Bond McCleery '72** - Transportation •**Jana Boysen Young '82** - Alumni & M.S. Cheerleading •**Connie Bridges Miralia '83** - M.S. Secretary •**Clay Burnett '00** - H.S. Cross Country •**Rachel Conti Gebler '00** - Gurney Kindergarten •**Heidi Exline Stapulionis '85** - I.S. Spanish •**Sally Florkiewicz '91** - I.S. Math, Science & Social Studies •**Kristine Hageman Leffler '01** - M.S. Volleyball & Track •**Youssef Hamid '00** - M.S./H.S. Music •**Judd Harrold '06** - H.S. Football •**Libby Harold '10** - H.S. Art •**Heather Heartz '88** - I.S. Reading & Writing •**Heather Kessell Reeder '87** - Gurney Kindergarten •**Kristin Mapes Wood '85** - M.S./H.S. Cheerleading •**Anne McGinnis Wallenhorst '77** - I.S. Language Arts & Social Studies •**Brian McKenna '88** - H.S. Social Studies •**Jim McSherry '73** - H.S. Soccer •**Mark Miralia '83** - H.S. Basketball •**Mary Beth O'Donnell Wolfe '82** - Community Education •**Jill Pugsley Koval '75** - I.S. Secretary •**Dave Quesinberry '67** - H.S. Basketball •**Mike Salyers '90** - H.S. Social Studies •**Jamie Scolaro Briggs '87** - M.S. Aide •**Kristy Scolaro Miller '89** - M.S. Aide •**Courtney See Polcar '89** - M.S. English •**Mike Solether '69** - Transportation •**Bill Street '65** - Transportation •**Sherrie Takacs Wooden '75** - H.S. Secretary •**Shelly Toth Zdolshek '83** - Gurney 2nd Grade •**Rob Weber '81** - School Board •**Justin Wise '05** - Gurney 1st Grade. 🐾



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BETCHA DIDN'T KNOW

THE ARCHITECT FOR the Chagrin Falls High School that was built in 1914 was W.G. Eckles and was constructed by Anderson and Filey of New Castle, PA.

Excerpts from *History of the Chagrin Falls Schools, 1833 - 1960*
by **Tom Mattern '55:**

The 1958-1959 school year brought a tougher classroom regimen under Superintendent Robert M. Finley. Until 1959 commencement week was also "senior week" at the high school with social activities dominating the calendar and occupying most of the graduates' time and attention. Dr. Finley stated at the May 15, 1959 school board meeting: "There will be no senior week this year. Seniors will attend classes 180 full school days as required by state law." The board also gave its approval to the superintendent's plan for final examinations. Senior high students would have two-hour examinations. Junior high exams would be 1 ½ hours long.

During the 1958-1959 school year the junior high school (grades 7 - 8) had a 45-minute class period. It encompassed a nine-period day from 8:05 - 3:34. The high school had a 60-minute class period, encompassing one seven-period day from 8:05 - 3:45.

May 29, 1947 CFHS Cafeteria Menu:

- Plate Dinner: Meat Loaf, Green Beans, Potatoes, 15 cents
- Soup: Chicken Noodle or Tomato, 5 cents
- Sandwiches: Cheese, Deviled Egg or Jelly, 8 cents
- Salads: Tossed, Waldorf or Pineapple, 10 cents

Dessert: Ice Cream, Cake or Pudding, 5 cents

Milk: Chocolate or White, 6 cents 🐾



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worths, the tank in the Blossom Parade when the parade used to go up the hill, Havres, The Whales Tale, RSVP, the Ski Haus, Nall's, Barron's, Speice's, Dinks, Isaly's, Brewster & Stroud, The Hunter's Hollow Tavern, Fife & Drum Restaurant, Brewster & Church was the department store that later became Havres, China Lantern, Cambridge Candies, Ben & Jerry's. 🐾

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