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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

### THANK YOU FOR A GREAT YEAR

THE CFAA would like to extend a thank you for all that made 2015 such a success for the association. We enjoyed great participation at our annual events such as the All-Class Reunion during Blossom, several alumni sporting events, and the 2015 Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

I would like to personally thank the alumni that serve on our various committees and on the Board of Trustees. They have made our alumni association into one that is a model to other high schools. Director Emeritus Tom Mattern '55, President Jack Schron '66, Vice President Arline Miller Moore '43, Secretary & Assistant Treasurer Jana Boyesen Young '82 & Treasurer B.J. Koval '03. Trustees John Bourisseau '64, Ruth McIlrath Cavanagh '71, John Tillotson '72, Pam Fischley Hermanson '74, Debi Shukys Gebler '75, Sherrie Takacs Wooden '75, Keith Wolf '76, Wendy Koepf Davis '78, Bill Norwick '82, Bill Phillips '82, Kristin Clark Reboul '88, Gabe Orazen '90, and Todd Kruse '93. Hall of Fame Committee - Chairperson John Bourisseau '64, Arline Miller Moore '43, Jack Stanton '52, Dan Ehrenbeit '67, Debbie Jackson Toothaker '71, Ruth McIlrath Cavanagh '71, Debi Shukys Gebler '75 and Laura Wurster Jones '91. I would also like to recognize the efforts of Laurie Grubich Sanders '87. For well over a decade Laurie has been the editor of the *Tiger Tales*. Her expertise in making the newsletter such a professional document is appreciated by all the CFAA family.

We hope to count on your continued support in 2016. Naturally, a financial contribution would truly be appreciated to support our new ventures, as well as our long-standing events. If you'd like to participate more, have questions or would like to donate, please contact us at the Alumni Office. We are grateful to see more alumni choose to include the CFAA in their estates. If you would like information on how you can support the CFAA in your estate planning, then please contact us.

Have a great 2016! 🐾

Brian McKenna '88  
Chagrin Falls Schools' Alumni Director

### LOOKING BACK AT 2015

- The Alumni Association finished with 11 new Life Memberships – bringing our grand total to 879 to help endow the scholarship fund.
- Awarded eight scholarships, totaling \$8,000, to graduating seniors (121 scholarships since 1990) & with the Chagrin Falls Booster Club and EnvisionEight, provided a Blossom parade float for the recipients to ride upon;
- Published three *Tiger Tales* newsletters (77 issues since January 1991);
- Maintained the Alumni Association website;
- Sponsored a Blossom weekend All-Class Reunion Party at the Town Hall with over 300 alumni attending;
- During the high school commencement, presented a flower for those who have a parent that graduated from Chagrin Falls High School (32 altogether with six having both parents as Chagrin alumni);
- Helped organize and support many class reunions;
- Conducted the 12<sup>th</sup> Athletic Hall of Fame banquet;
- Hosted the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni Chorus concert over Blossom Weekend;
- Hosted the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni Rock Jam;
- Hosted our 8<sup>th</sup> annual alumni baseball game, 4<sup>th</sup> annual alumni men's soccer game; and annual lacrosse game; and
- Acquired and displayed more school memorabilia.

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## GETTING TOGETHER

WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE THEY NOW?

# RETIRED TEACHERS SPOTLIGHT



**2015 RETIRED TEACHERS GROUP:** For the 22<sup>nd</sup> year, Nora and Jack Stanton '52 have hosted the annual retirees summer picnic. This past July 48 people attended. Some even made it from quite a distance. Doris Knight travelled from New Mexico, Tom Lerch and his wife from Texas, and Fred and Judy Girard from Columbus. Seated: Tom Mattern, Fadia Hamid, Arline Moore, Carol Foley, Faith Vedder, Judy Schneider, Audrey Weatherhead, Doris Knight, Jean Sulik, Jack Glaser. Standing: Tom Lerch, Bill Foley, Fred Girard, Glenn Wyville, Marilyn Wyville, Frank McWhorter, Bob Furst, Bob Ohlrich, Skip Riegel, Melinda Redding, Claudette Whitelaw, Pat Haynish, Rita Owen, Sally Kaas-Lyle, Patti Siko, John Rydquist, Jack Stanton, Bill Fordyce, David Buckle.

(Photo by John Tillotson '72)

CFHS PRINCIPAL from 1970-79 John Gaydosh is enjoying retirement. John recently turned 91 and lives in Columbia Station, OH. Art teacher Helen Samstag went to Las Vegas awhile ago. She still enjoys playing golf in the summers. Elementary school teacher Debbie Roads is still enjoying her life in Florida with family and friends. Jean Sulik, who worked in the cafeteria, recently went with a group to meet the Pope in Philadelphia. Gurney School teacher, Harriet Bakalar, is very busy traveling and babysitting. She went to California, Florida and to Niagara on the Lake. Gurney School teacher, Margaret (Bunny) Salas, is mentoring for Teach for America. Bunny is working with two future teachers in Cleveland. Intermediate School secretary, Jackie Kerlek, is spending several months this winter in Florida where she will also get to spend time with her son and family. Intermediate School teacher, Lynn Mouritsen, enjoys visiting her daughter in Switzerland. Sands Elementary teacher, Audrey Weatherhead, is keeping busy visiting grandchildren in Michigan and goes on church mission trips. Elementary school teacher, Faith Degen, was recently on a cruise on the real Love Boat that included some of the original actors. Gurney School librarian, Barb Graham, is keeping busy with quilting activities and had a fun time going to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame where she got to see Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr. District reading specialist, Doris Bernoski, is still doing crafting and is a great quilter, who has helped Barb Graham with her

quilting projects. Elementary teacher, Lynn Bamburger, likes to visit her cottage in Hatteras, NC. Gurney School teacher, Rita Owen, has been enjoying seeing her grandchildren while visiting daughter Sarah Owen Pfau '85 in Madison, Wisconsin and son Geoff Owen '90 in Charlotte, NC. Claudette Whitelaw travelled to Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg and Paris a little while ago. Helen Rankin, wife of Gurney principal Jesse Rankin, moved to Union, OH, to be near her daughters, Kris Rankin '78 and Patty Rankin Kanuckel '76. She will be turning 90 in March. High school teacher, Jack Glaser, is living in Aurora, OH. For a long period there was a faculty wives group. They held a reunion in July at the Foleys. Those in attendance were the Foleys, Battles, Ohlrichs, Matterns, Riegels, Wyvilles, Janet Jakab, and Sue Hoppel. Health and Physical Education teacher Marty Dworak and his wife Liz, who was a secretary at multiple Chagrin schools, are moving to Florida. Superintendent Office secretary, Lois White, has moved to Texas to be near her daughter Laura. Middle School teacher Tony Sharnas is becoming quite an animal lover for he now has goats, a dog and chickens where he lives in Newcomerstown, OH. CFHS principal Jim Trusso continues to travel with his wife and they were recently in Asia and Australia. I would like to thank Gurney School teacher Claudette Whitelaw and Chagrin Schools secretary Marilyn Wyville for compiling all the terrific news on their fellow retirees. 🐾



## ALUMNI CHORUS NOTE

**HEY ALUMNI CHORUS!** The PAC is reserved for Saturday, May 28, 2016; The concert will be at 11:00 a.m. this year - rehearsal is still at 8:30 a.m.; Music has been chosen and is purchased (Thanks Bill and Carol Foley!); Learning tracks (mp3) will be ready in early January; The 2016 scholarship fund is already over \$3,000; Let's keep this ball rolling! For those that are interested in joining the chorus, please contact John Bagley at [jtbagley54@gmail.com](mailto:jtbagley54@gmail.com).





## CLASS & REUNION NOTES

**Class of 1955** – The Class of 1955 had its 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion the weekend of August 14-16, 2015. It began with an informal gathering Friday evening at Gamekeeper's Wine Bar in the middle of a very busy village. Saturday began with lunch at Gamekeeper's Tavern patio, followed by a tour of the Chagrin Falls Schools Tom Mattern Historical Room. Saturday evening the class gathered at the rustic and beautiful Pine Lake Trout Club in Bainbridge. There were lots of hugs, talk, laughter and reminiscing. On Sunday, the reunion came to a close with a breakfast gathering at Yours Truly in the heart of the village. Our next gathering will be our 65<sup>th</sup> in the summer of 2020. Go Tigers!

**Class of 1961** – The Class of '61 will be having a reunion dinner Saturday, Sep. 10, 2016, at South Franklin Circle. Additional activities may be added over that weekend. More info to follow. Please be sure Bill Meyer has your current e-mail and postal addresses. You can contact Bill at [parlin\\_bill@yahoo.com](mailto:parlin_bill@yahoo.com), 207-691-9842, or 3720 Duck Ave., Key West, FL 33040. Brenda Hellekson is continuing to fight cancer, and would love to hear from old friends ([brenhellekson@gmail.com](mailto:brenhellekson@gmail.com)).

**Class of 1965** – The CF Class of 1965 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion - 50<sup>th</sup>!! Seriously? We could hardly believe that our classmates clad in light blue and dark blue robes received their diplomas 50 YEARS AGO! Other than minor shape and hair color changes, we all agreed that we looked just the same. (Does this bring our eyesight into question?) But we were glad to be elderly, vertical, alive, grey, recognizable (with name tags), and cleverly humorous.

We began with a gathering at the Aurora Inn, where we greeted each other with excitement, smiles, questions of now, and questions of



**The Class of 1955's 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion** – Bottom Row (L to R): Marilyn Nichols Weber, Ann McClanahan Gilchrist, Tom Mattern, Joan Williams Sarson, Lindy Hunt King; 2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Jim Van Gorder, Gordie Hill, Dick Bodwell; 3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Alvin (Jim) Flynn, Stan Stoney, Larry Wiley; 4<sup>th</sup> Row: Phil Cleaveland, Ron (Slim) Robinson, Pete Van Nort, Mark Smith.  
(Photo by John Tillotson '72)

the distance and time since the last reunion. We found Coach Wyville and Coach Piai, bringing back sports team memories and those of an excellent education from our teachers at CFHS. We found instant comradery, some realizing that, because of Facebook, we already knew too much. We were grateful that our spouses and friends attending with us were patient.

The next morning we met at our old high school, or at least, the building with a semblance of our old school. Fortunately we were led by Brian McKenna, the person in the know about alumni, and when we sat in his classroom, formerly used by Mr. Richmond, we knew that education delivery has changed radically. Brian demonstrated Google Education to us, which we found pretty dazzling. We were in awe of the weight room behind the familiar gym, and in the statistics on the success of the students' graduation rate and collage admittance. One highlight was the alumni room, where memorabilia is displayed from eras even older than ours, and where we spotted some items and pictures from the early 60's. Such memories, at this point, all good!

That evening we met at the venerable Pine Lake Trout Club, the perfect place for friendships to renew and

memories to flow. Our class sponsor Mr. Stanton, Math Teacher Extraordinaire, attended with his wife and demonstrated that he remembered amazing facts about his past students. We thanked Steve Thomas and Karen Swaye Blewitt for their organization and service to our class. To the sounds of the bagpipes played by Jamie Krider, class president Larry Welker read the names of our classmates who had passed away. We considered the events of our times that helped mold who we had become: the beginning of the Vietnam war, the effects of Sputnik, cigarette smoking, birth control pills, beer, the Beatles... and it was a great time to grow up! Chagrin Falls was a dome of security where we felt safe.

Finally, we shared brunch at Barbie McConnell Erdelack's house, with food prepared and provided by Robin Strickler Bamberger. In this beautiful, relaxing Chagrin forest setting, we felt joyous renewing our lifelong friendships. We felt the closeness of a group of people who had shared so much, and knew that this reunion was priceless. We felt proud and fortunate to be part of the Class of '65. We began thinking about our 55<sup>th</sup>, but knowing it might never be this good again.

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## SPECIAL GIFTS THANK YOU ALUMNI & FRIENDS

SEVERAL ALUMNI donated memorabilia to the Chagrin Falls Schools Tom Mattern Historical Room including the Patton Family, Larry Welker '65, Karen Swaye Blewitt '65, Mary Beth O'Donnell Wolfe '82, and Charlotte Brown Brett '87.

Mary Stephan Day '46 has given her Tiger Pride life membership in memory of her English teacher Miss Elsa Jane Carroll.

The Class of 1955 has made a donation to the CFAA Scholarship Fund.

Patricia Davis Yunkes '55 has given her annual dues in memory of retired elementary school teacher Mrs. Lillian Maiden.

The Class of 1960 made a donation as a token of appreciation for the tour given by Tom Mattern '55 of the CFHS and Chagrin Falls Schools Tom Mattern Historical room as part of their reunion weekend.

Peggy Davidson Blakelee '61 has given her annual dues in honor of retired CFHS teacher, coach and A.D. Mr. Glenn Wyville.

Arnold "Woody" Woodrich '62

has given a donation in memory of his brother John Woodrich '65.

Robert Birr, Sr. '69 has given his Tiger Pride life membership in memory of Coach Ralph Quesinberry.

Dr. Jeff Birr '73 has given his Tiger Pride life membership in honor of retired CFHS music teachers Dr. William & Carol Foley.

David Malmquist '73 has given his Tiger Pride life membership in the memory of his late Mother, Ann Kroening Malmquist '49, who was also a School Board Member from 1965 to 1973, and President of the Board in 1973.

Tony Vidmar '79 has given a donation in honor of retired CFMS English teacher Mrs. Kaye Oker.

Bill Powell '81 has given his annual dues in memory of retired science teacher and cross country coach John Hurst '52.

GINNA Taft '80, Tad Taft '85, and the Taft parents have given a generous donation in honor of retired CFHS science teacher Mr. Ramon Battles and retired CFHS German teacher and

current varsity boys head soccer coach Dr. Mario Gerhardt.



Holly Harris Alderman '82 donated a cheerleading outfit to the Chagrin Falls Schools Tom Mattern Historical Room.

Natalie Gross Remington '86 has given her Tiger Pride life membership in honor of retired CFHS Physical Education teacher and varsity head wrestling coach Mr. Don Wem.

Former Chagrin Falls Schools Board member Lydia Champlin has given her annual dues in memory of retired Home Economics teacher Phyllis Patton.

Retired teacher Jane Morris has made a donation in memory of CFHS Spanish teacher Carolyn Hanson.

Retired CFHS teacher, coach and A.D. Mr. Glenn Wyville and Mrs. Marilyn Wyville, retired Chagrin Schools Secretary, have made a donation in memory of Carolyn Hanson - retired CFHS Spanish teacher and fellow colleague. 🐾

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Class of 1966 – The Class of 1966 is planning a reunion for May 28h, 2016. Classmates please email Claudia Koepf Jackson (cladeda66@aol.com) if you are interested in attending or not.

Class of 1971 – Get ready for our 45<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion the weekend of Blossom Time, May 27-28. There will be the All School Reunion at the Town Hall on Friday night and a class event at The Little Bar in Chagrin Falls on Saturday evening. Details will follow shortly, but mark your calendars now and make plans to "come home" that weekend. If you have any questions please feel free to call Ruth McIlrath Cavanagh at 440-719-9789 or Deb Toothaker at 330-562-5064.

Class of 1976 – The Class of '76 will be putting on its 40-year Reunion over Blossom Weekend. Details are still in the works. Make sure that David Bowe

(dbowemd@yahoo.com) or Mariellen West Miller have your contact information to be updated with the plans.

Class of 1981 – The Class of '81 will be having its 35<sup>th</sup> Reunion on Saturday evening, May 28, 2016 at Aurora Inn. Make sure that either JoAnn Sworan (312-203-7355 or JSworan@RealEstateCSO.com) or Abby Towns Wilson (cementgardens@gmail.com) has your contact information. There is a block of rooms for those that want to stay at Aurora Inn. You can also stay updated at the class Facebook group, CFHS Class of 81 Reunion 2016.

Class of 1991 – The Class of 1991 will be getting together for its 25-year Reunion over Blossom Weekend 2016. Plans are for a get-together on Saturday, May 28. To keep updated with the details join the class Facebook group at CFHS Class of 1991.

Class of 1996 – Mark your calendars for Memorial Day/Blossom Time weekend 2016 (May 27-30) for our 20-year Reunion! An event is in the works for Saturday night, May 28, at Chagrin Falls Township Hall. Join our Facebook group "Chagrin Falls High School Class of 1996" or email Julie (Ferlito) DiMatteo at julie.dimatteo@gmail.com to stay in the loop on reunion info. See you next May.

Class of 2006 – The Class of 2006 will be having its 10-year Reunion over Blossom Weekend 2016. Plans are for an event on the Saturday evening. Make sure that Grant Monda (grant.monda@gmail.com) or Michael Hermanson (mhermanson4@gmail.com) have your updated contact information and to let them know if you would like to join the planning committee. You should also join the Facebook group for further details. 🐾



# 2015 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

THIS PAST October, six individuals and one team were inducted into the Chagrin Falls Schools Athletic Hall of Fame.



**Seated (L to R):**  
Jeff Thompson '69, Tim Lockert '72.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Row (L to R):**  
Christopher Smith '03,  
Kristin Clark Reboul '88,  
Ben Smith '01, and  
Dr. Mario Gerhardt.

(Photos by John Tillotson '72)

## 1971 Boys Varsity Cross Country State Championship Team:

**Front Row (L to R) -**  
Glenn Bomback '72,  
Dan Miler '72

**Back Row (L to R) -**  
John Brandon '73,  
Pete Bainbridge '73,  
Mark Lodwick '72,  
Dwight Woodward '72,  
Sam Narten '73, &  
Tom Burnett '72

The remaining members were not able to attend the induction banquet.





## FALL SPORTS REVIEW

By Charlie Barch, Athletic Director

THE GIRLS TENNIS team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the CVC, and had 10-7 record. The girls volleyball team finished with a 12-11 record, finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the CVC. The boys soccer team went 8-5-5 and came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the CVC. The team was a number four seed in one of the toughest districts in the state. The girls soccer team went 9-8-3 and came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the CVC. The team was a number two seed in the district tournament and advanced to the district finals. Their team also got the OHSSCA team highest GPA Award. The football team had a record of 4-6, but had a memorable final game where they

almost beat a 9-1 West Geauga team. The boys cross country team came in 4<sup>th</sup> in the CVC, and 4<sup>th</sup> in the District meet, and was led by senior Joe Bistriz. After being state runner-up his sophomore year, Joe won back-to-back state championships. Joe (son of Rich '77 & Martha Beattie Bistriz '77) will be running both cross country and track at North Carolina State University next year. The girls cross country team came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the CVC, 2<sup>nd</sup> place at Districts, and 4<sup>th</sup> at Regionals qualifying the team for states. The team then came in 5<sup>th</sup> place in the state capping off a great season. Sophomore Annie Zimmer finished 5<sup>th</sup> individually as well. The golf team went 9-1, won the CVC preseason tournament and post-season tournament, and clinched a CVC Championship. They won the Twinsburg tournament and came in 3<sup>rd</sup> at CVCA's tournament. The team came in 4<sup>th</sup> place at sectionals, and had a state qualifier in junior Daniel Berlin. 🐾

## CFHS MUSIC DEPARTMENT MARVA SICKINGER SCHOLARSHIP

THE CFHS MUSIC Department will be awarding a scholarship to a graduating senior in honor of retired music teacher Marva Sickinger. For those that would like to donate to the music scholarship fund, make sure to state in your donation to the CFAA that you would like the money to go to the scholarship. For more information, you can contact the Alumni Office or current Choir Director Youssef Hamid at [youssef.hamid@chagrinschools.org](mailto:youssef.hamid@chagrinschools.org).

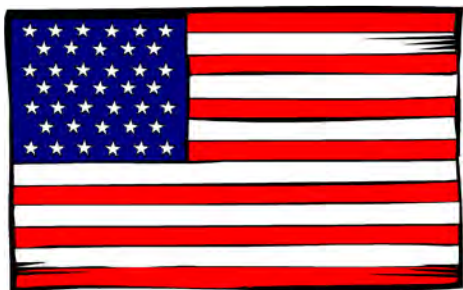


## ACHIEVEMENT HALL OF FAME

THE CHAGRIN FALLS Schools' Achievement Hall of Fame will induct its 13<sup>th</sup> class in 2016.

As in the past, we will go through the process of nominating, reviewing and researching the Achievement Hall of Fame candidates. We welcome you nominating someone who has made significant contributions in their given field. Please pass along your nomination to the CFAA via mail, phone or email.

## SERVING THE U.S.



BELOW IS an addition to the list of Chagrin graduates who have served our country in the armed services. The overall list is posted on the CFAA website and contains 733

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

Anna Kang '14  
Andrew Sawhill '65  
John Leroux '85

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**TUESDAY, MARCH 1**

CFAA Day in Florida

**FRIDAY, MAY 27**

All Class Reunion

**SATURDAY, MAY 28**

6<sup>th</sup> Annual Mollie Macknin Alumni Chorus Concert

9<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni Baseball Game

Alumni Lacrosse Game

5<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni Soccer Game

**SUNDAY, MAY 29**

Blossom Time Parade

**THURSDAY, OCT. 6**

13<sup>th</sup> Achievement Hall of Fame Ceremony



# BLASTS FROM THE PAST IN THE CHAGRIN FALLS SCHOOLS TOM MATTERN HISTORICAL ROOM

HERE IS A GLIMPSE at just a few of the hundreds of items we have in our historical room. We enjoy getting donations of your memorabilia as well as donations for the upkeep of our historical artifacts. Photos by John Tillotson '72.



Tiger: Used by cheerleaders during the 1954-1955 varsity basketball season. Donated by Ann Giffhorn Felderman '55.



Wyville Game Balls: In honor of Coach Wyville's 2<sup>nd</sup> decade of service, 1970-1980, signed by team captains. In honor of Coach Glenn Wyville's 250<sup>th</sup> Victory - Dec. 22, 1981.



Football Helmet & Track Shoes: Donated by Dale Bradley '65 (Chagrin Falls Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee, 1993)



Norm Fry Display: Display in memory of industrial arts teacher, Norm Fry. For older alums, do you remember making pinocchios?





# TIGER GRAPEVINE

AFTER THE passing of her husband in 2007, Mary Stephan Day '46 moved to Rochester, NH, to be near her daughter Deborah.

Gretchen Van Nort Rickards '61 and Leslie Butler Speiser '61 flew in to Cleveland to visit Peggy Davidson Blakelee '61 and surprise Peggy's mother Margaret Davidson on her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday. They also visited retired teacher Glenn Wyville to see the beautiful bird houses that he makes.

Robert Birr, Sr. '69 is retired from his position as Senior Manager from Eaton Corporation after working for them at their headquarters for 37 years.

Lisa Gorretta '72, was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Northern Ohio Dressage Association. She was elected Vice President of the United States Dressage Federation in 2013 and she will be Deputy Chief Steward for Dressage at the 2016 Olympics in Rio. Her sister Laura credits her experience as a playground guard as being critical to her professional success.

For the 8<sup>th</sup> year in a row, a group from the Class of '75 held an annual get-together. The Mavens (Mary Parsons Hamilton, Carolyn Esper McHenry, Terry Bingham, Cherie Harris Isely, Beth Barber, Nora Mauro McDonald, Cynthia Raf-

tus McDowell, Janet Herr Keller, and Barb Acker) converged on Hilton Head for this past summer's gathering to rekindle their friendships.

Tony Vidmar '79 is Assistant Vice President of Development for university programs at Virginia Tech. Tony has over 30 years experience working in higher education and faith-based advancement, most recently at The Ohio State University, where he served simultaneously as chief development officer for the university's alumni association and acting team leader for the association's Office of Outreach and Engagement.

U.S. Navy Capt. David Revelle '80 is a foreign military sales (FMS) liaison with the NAVAIR PMA-299 Multi-mission Helicopter Team. Beside his time with the Navy Reserves, David also flies for United Airlines.

Bill Powell '81 is President, C.E.O. and Chairman of the Board of William R. Powell, AIA, Architect, L.L.C., a one-person architectural firm in Baton Rouge, LA.

At the tail end of the summer, the Chagrin Valley Rec Center opened up their new pavilion and named it in honor of Mary Beth O'Donnell Wolfe '82. Mary Beth spent many years as Director of the Rec Center. Currently, she is the Director of Community Education for the Chagrin Falls Schools.

Jeff Bryan '83 is a Fire Lieutenant/ Training Officer and Wildland Firefighter ALS provider for the Ute Mountain Fire and Rescue Department in Towaoc, CO. In 2013 he was named Firefighter of the Year for his department.

Jason Rosette '86 is keeping busy both in the USA and Asia as a filmmaker, photographer, writer, and director & educator. He is now expanding his gallery of photos he has taken over the years - many from his time working in Asia. You can view his work at the Fine Art America

site at <http://fineartamerica.com/profiles/jason-rosette.html>.

Aaron Slodov '01 is the co-founder of the one-year-old Cleveland startup company Remesh. Aaron's firm was recently accepted into the first Barclay's accelerator class in New York City. Remesh is focusing on new technology that is aimed at communicating with large groups of people that can replace polling and surveys.

Kathryn Kramer Gaydos '02 is an Associate Attorney at Benesch Law Firm in Cleveland specializing in real estate law.

Matt Wagner '02 is Director of Acquisitions at Meritex Enterprises, Inc. in Chicago.

Allison Yang Murn '02 is Vice President of Marketing for Cameron's Coffee and Distribution in Minneapolis.

Adam Epstein '04 earned his Kodály music teaching certificate from the Kodály Music Institute of Anna Maria College in Paxton, MA. This past September, he began a new position in the Cambridge Public Schools teaching Kodály-based music to grades preK-2. In this program, all students attend music class three to four times per week.

Dr. Will Lang '04 is currently in his second year of a family medicine residency at the Cleveland Clinic's Southpointe Hospital.

Alex Arsham '06 is the Executive Chef of Casa Roja in Chagrin Falls. Alex was recently featured on WKYC during restaurant week in Cleveland. Casa Roja, which is part of Gamekeepers Hospitality, is noted for a traditionally Spanish food menu and recently opened in June.

Bridget Davis '06 recently released her first full length album, *I Wasn't Planning On the End*, on Lindisfarne Records. Fellow Chagrinite, Cassie Hart



Kelly '04 did the artwork for the album. The band is known to blend folk rock and country and have been playing venues in Manhattan and Brooklyn. Their 2012 debut EP *Trouble Comes in Threes* had two of their songs featured in the funeral dramedy *See You in Valhalla*. You can visit [bridgetdavismusic.com](http://bridgetdavismusic.com) to see where Bridget Davis and the Viking Kings is playing next or to order the album.

Austin Garofolo '11 is Executive Director at Heart of it All Fashion in Columbus, OH. The company is a non-profit that has aggregated Ohio's fashion innovators through one cohesive movement to spur the prominence of the emerging fashion capital of the Midwest.

Dan Hoy '14 was nominated for Best Actor in a Musical with Equity Contracts, while his younger sister, Rachel Hoy '18, was nominated for Best Actress in a Musical Without Equity Contracts for the 2015 BroadwayWorld Cleveland Awards.

Pipe Dream began in 2013 as an indie-alternative band includes guitarist Spencer Hendricks '14, singer-bassist Jack Ellis '15 and guitarist Gavin Sterkel. They recently had their farewell show at the Grog Shop and have now relocated to Los Angeles where they have signed on with a management company. They have released three EP albums to date along with multiple music videos. <http://www.pipedreamofficial.com/>. 🐾

## IN MEMORIAM

Frederich Martell 1945  
Joan Raymond Barriball 1948  
Janet Steel Henry Foote 1950  
Donald Barnhouse 1956  
Betsy Daggett Roberts 1958  
Alice Luckay Zbornik 1952  
David Powley 1967  
Julie Kolberg Maher 1975  
Retired home economics  
and social studies teacher  
Phyllis Patton

## MARRIAGES

Adam Galor & Kristin Herkes Rooney '87,  
Oct. 15, 2015.  
Chris Gaile '96 & Lauren Decker, Dec. 3, 2015.  
Matt Langlais & Rachel Brysacz '00,  
Aug. 8, 2015.  
Matthew Crawford '01 & Sarah Cash,  
Aug. 15, 2015.  
Alan Guseilo '02 & Sarah Willoughby, Sept. 26, 2015.  
Will Lang '04 & Lauren Miller, Oct. 24, 2015.  
Nathan Reirrehc & Emily Richmond '05, Aug. 14, 2015.  
Grant Batchelor '08 & Becky Searight, June 27, 2015.  
Max Pinson & Megan Isaacson '08, Sept. 26, 2015.



## LITTLE TIGERS

To Bryan and Julie Ferlito DiMatteo '96, a boy,  
Nolan Edward, on Sept. 11, 2015.  
To Eli and Robyn Gilmore Trinkle '96, a boy,  
Elliott Jude-Roger, adopted from foster care on Aug. 4, 2015.  
To Costas and Megan Rowland Miskis '96, a girl,  
Katerina Sophia, on Aug. 31, 2015.  
To Mark & Rebecca Jackson Volpe '02, a boy,  
Jackson Anthony, Aug. 27, 2015.  
To Eoin and Beth Gariepy Donnelly '03, a boy,  
Cody Francis, Aug. 24, 2015.  
To Matt and Leah Eichenbaum Christie '04, a boy,  
Logan Harrison, Oct. 19, 2015.

## 2016 CFHS DAY IN FLORIDA



**TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2015,**  
11:00am-2:30pm, Happy Hour 11:00,  
Catered Lunch 12:00, Social Time 1:00  
Colonnades Clubhouse, 4800 Colonnades  
Club Blvd., Lakeland, FL 33811

ALL CFHS ALUMNI, guests and relatives are invited to attend the March 1, 2016 CFHS Day in Florida. Our hosts will be Carolyn Groth Huber '59 & husband, Bob, and will be held at their community's Clubhouse. Before, during and after lunch we will have the chance to renew old friendships, meet other CFHS alumni living or wintering in Florida, and reminisce about the good old days growing up in Chagrin Falls.

Cost is only \$15 per person and will include catered lunch, dessert bar & iced tea/lemonade/coffee (BYOB for Happy Hour if you wish). Payment can be made at the door on March 1, but we do need your reservation to order food. Please make reservations NO LATER THAN February 21, 2016. For reservations & questions contact Carolyn Groth Huber '59 ([hubercarolyn@juno.com](mailto:hubercarolyn@juno.com), 863-606-5770) or Jim Fitz '59 ([sueandjim370@roadrunner.com](mailto:sueandjim370@roadrunner.com), 941-488-2510). If possible, please mail checks payable to: Carolyn Huber, 1631 Colonnades Circle North, Lakeland, FL 33811. Please include the names of all attending, your address, phone, email & CFHS class year for all alumni. We need the names of spouses, significant others & guests for the name tags. For anyone having a trailer or RV, the Sun and Fun RV Park is only 2½ miles away.



## NEWS OF ALUMNI MOVERS & SHAKERS TIGER SPOTLIGHT

**Erma Bombeck:** *At Wit's End*, the new play from Allison and Margaret "Peggy" Engel, both from the Class of '69 and members of the Chagrin Falls Schools Achievement Hall of Fame, opened this past October at Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater in Washington, DC. Allison has been a reporter and was a Knight Journalism Fellow at Stanford University. She and Peggy wrote the play *Red Hot Patriot: The Kick-Ass Wit of Molly Ivins*. Allison recently spent five years as director of communications at the University of Southern California before becoming the associate director of the Los Angeles Institute for the Humanities at the university. Peggy directs the Alicia Patterson Journalism Foundation and was the managing editor of the

Newseum. Like Allison, she was also a reporter and was a Nieman fellow at Harvard. They wrote *Food Finds: America's Best Local Foods and the People Who Produce Them*, and helped turn the book into a show for Food Network, where it ran for seven years. Peggy and her husband, Bruce Adams, wrote three editions of a travel guide to America's baseball parks, with the help of their children, Emily and Hugh.

Wendy Diamond '88, pet lifestyle pioneer, is also the founder of Women's Entrepreneurship Day (WED), which recently held their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual event hosted by the United Nations. The event brings awareness to the 250 million girls living in poverty globally that deserve to be given a chance in life, while simultaneously inspiring and empowering the 4 billion women on the planet. This global event is the world's largest celebration of women innovators and job creators launching startups; bringing ideas to life, driving economic growth, and expanding human welfare.

The latest film from Tyler Davidson '93, *The Land*, is premiering at the Sundance Film Festival. This is the fifth straight feature that Tyler has produced to premiere at the festival. The film "tells the story of four teenage boys who devote their summer to escaping the streets of Cleveland, OH, to pursue a dream life of professional skateboarding. But when they get caught in the web of the local Queen-pin, their motley brotherhood is tested, threatening to make this summer their last." IMDB.com

Hallie Thome '15, Ohio Girls Basketball Player of the Year last year at Chagrin, was named Big 10 Women's Basketball Freshman of the Week. Hallie had helped the University of Michigan to a 6-0 start and at the time of this article, was leading the nation with a 76.6 field goal percentage. 🐾



## 2015 TIGER PRIDE MEMBERS

We thank the 11 people who became Tiger Pride members in 2015. We now have 879 Tiger Pride memberships!

Mary Stephan Day 1946  
Sally Marston Lippman 1961  
Lynne Abdnor Barnett 1965  
Paul Conley 1966  
Robert Birr 1969  
Dr. Jeff Birr 1973  
Dave Malmquist 1973  
Jill Pugsley Koval 1975  
Colleen Clegg Mahoney 1980  
Natalie Gross Remington '86  
Beth Embrescia 1988  
Leif Nielsen 1988  
Jane Morris - Retired Teacher

## DO YOU REMEMBER



Reed's Hardware; Officer Mayford; Safety Town; the Christmas movie, *The Gathering*, filmed in Chagrin; Town & Country Cleaners; White Stallion; Valley Hardware; Squaw Rock; Chagrin Hardware Company; Second grade teacher Mrs. Mayberry; math teacher Mrs. Lehman; the Little Red Schoolhouse; algebra and geometry teacher Miss Warner; Blossom Time "Pet Parade"; Music Box; Jeans West; Dog 'N Suds Drive-In; "unknowns" from Chemistry class; "shore birds" from Biology class; China Lantern; Mrs. Slaybaugh's social studies class; Mr. Ferguson's science class; your senior prom; trick or treating in town; the holiday lights in Chagrin and the big tree in the Triangle; Violante's Pizza Restaurant; Gamekeeper's Tavern; Step-In; The

Sporting Life; shop class with Mr. Olah; gym class with Mr. Wem or Mrs. Wilcox; walking into town with your friends; running the mile in gym class.





## SUPPORT YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

# Join The Tiger Pride Club

Join the Tiger Pride Club as a Life Member and receive: Your name permanently inscribed on the Life Member plaque displayed at the Chagrin Falls Alumni Office; a lifetime pass to any CFHS regular season athletic event where admission is charged (if or when you are 55 years or older); and your name listed in the *Tiger Tales* newsletter.

- ☐ Enclosed is my check for \$250    ☐ Enclosed is my check for \$100  
(for those 70 years and older)
- ADDITIONAL GIVING OPTIONS:  
☐ Yearly Alumni Association Membership - \$10    ☐ Other - \$\_\_\_\_\_

The full amount of yearly and life memberships IS tax deductible. The Chagrin Falls Alumni Association did not provide any goods or services in consideration of these memberships. Any tangible good sold on behalf of the Chagrin Falls Alumni Association is priced at its fair market value and its purchase price is NOT tax deductible.

☐ NEW ADDRESS

Name (incl. Maiden Name): \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

News About You: \_\_\_\_\_

My Donation Honors This Special Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Tiger Pride membership will go to the Scholarship Fund and Dues to the General Fund. Other donations will go to the General Fund unless you specify a different fund. Make checks payable to: Chagrin Falls Alumni Association. Mail to: Brian McKenna '88, Alumni Director, Chagrin Falls Schools, 400 E. Washington St., Chagrin Falls, OH 44022; phone 440-247-4387; fax 440-247-2071; alumni@chagrinschools.org; www.chagrinalumni.org.

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## BETCHA DIDN'T KNOW



- The CFHS Key Club was formed in 1950 with the support of the local Kiwanis Club. Boys in grades 10–12 were selected to be members based on scholarship and participation in extracurricular activities. Today the organization is open to all students and is one of the largest organizations at the high school with 87 members, which is 1 out of every 8 in the building.
- It was 30 years ago that Calvin and Hobbes by Bill Watterson '76 first appeared in newspapers on Nov. 18, 1985. The strip ran until Dec. 31, 1995.
- Hamlet Manor opened on March 10, 1964.
- Lewis Sands began his career at Chagrin Falls in 1926 as a classroom teacher. He would later serve as high school principal and Superintendent from 1934–58. Mr. Sands would stay on as Business Manager for a year before retiring to Florida.
- The first elementary Principal was Mrs. May Matthews for the school year 1947–48.
- The start salary for a first year teacher at Chagrin in 1947 was \$1800. It would rise to \$7500 in 1973.
- The Family Health Association's "Unit on Understanding Yourself" was brought to 5<sup>th</sup> graders in 1961 to teach "sex education."



## ***TIGER TALES*** COMES WITH YOUR SUPPORT

WE THANK YOU for the understanding on the necessity to control our costs regarding the newsletter. We do want to clarify how this works. To the right of your name on this *Tiger Tales*, it will state why you are still able to get a hard copy: TP – Tiger Pride member, TCHR – Retired Chagrin Schools Employee, SR – Graduated in 1962 or earlier year, and if there is a 2013, 2014, or 2015, then it is due to your recent donation.

We will continue to send you a *Tiger Tales* provided your donation has been in the past two years or you fall under one of the other categories. Naturally we will continue to post the newsletter online. Annual dues for an alumnus is still only \$10, just as it was when we started in 1989.

## UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

HELP US in helping you by keeping us updated with your current home and email address. We also appreciate parents that receive the newsletter to make sure we have the updated addresses of your children that are CFHS graduates.

## CONVENIENTLY PAY YOUR DUES ONLINE

DON'T FORGET that annual dues are still only \$10. We appreciate your support. For your convenience, dues (and donations, Tiger Pride, and even Hall of Fame tickets) can be paid via PayPal. Log on to <http://chagrinalumni.org/> donations and ***Keep That Tiger Pride Alive!***