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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

### THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

**T**HE CFAA would like to extend a thank you for all who made 2016 such a success for the association. We enjoyed great participation at our annual events from the All-Class Reunion during Blossom, several alumni sporting events, and the 2016 Achievement Hall of Fame induction ceremony. I would like to personally thank the alumni who serve on our various committees and the Board of Trustees. They have made our Alumni Association into one that is a model to other high schools.

#### A LOOK BACK AT 2016:

- The Alumni Association finished with 15 new Life Memberships – bringing our grand total to 894 to help endow the scholarship fund.
- Awarded six scholarships, totaling \$6,000, to graduating seniors (127 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 (80 issues since January 1991).
- Maintained the Alumni Association website.
- Sponsored a Blossom weekend All-Class Reunion Party at the Town Hall with more than 300 alumni attending.
- During the high school commencement, presented a flower for those who have a parent that graduated from Chagrin Falls High School (27 altogether with three having both parents as Chagrin alumni).
- Helped organize and support many class reunions.
- Conducted the 13<sup>th</sup> Achievement Hall of Fame banquet.
- Hosted our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni Baseball Game, 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni Men's Soccer Game; and 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni Basketball Game.
- Acquired and displayed more school memorabilia.

#### CFAA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Director Emeritus Tom Mattern '55, President Jack Schron '66,  
Secretary & Assistant Treasurer Jana Boysen Young '82 &  
Treasurer B.J. Koval '03.  
Trustees John Bourisseau '64, Ruth McIlrath Cavanagh '71,  
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 & Todd Kruse '93.

#### CFAA HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

Chairperson John Bourisseau '64, Jack Stanton '52,  
Dave Quesinberry '67, Debbie Jackson Toothaker '71,  
Ruth McIlrath Cavanagh '71, Debi Shukys Gebler '75,  
Laura Wurster Jones '91 & Chad Schron '94.

A special thank you to John Tillotson '72, our alumni photographer, who can be found with a camera at all our events. 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 2017. 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 2017! 🐾

Brian McKenna '88  
Chagrin Falls Schools' Alumni Director

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

TUESDAY, MARCH 7  
CFAA Day in Florida

FRIDAY, MAY 26  
All Class Reunion

SATURDAY, MAY 27  
6<sup>th</sup> Mollie Macknin  
Alumni Chorus Concert  
10<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni Baseball Game  
Alumni Lacrosse Game  
6<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni Soccer Game

SUNDAY, MAY 28  
Blossom Parade

THURSDAY, OCT. 12  
13<sup>th</sup> Athletic Hall of Fame Ceremony

### SOCIAL MEDIA

WE HAVE been active over the years on our Facebook group, but are now reaching out on other media platforms hoping to connect more with all of our alumni. Our efforts are to keep you connected to our fellow alumni and Chagrin Schools. We hope to see more of you online.

TWITTER  
@cfaatigers

INSTAGRAM  
Cfaatigers

FACEBOOK  
Chagrin Falls Alumni Association

LINKEDIN  
Chagrin Falls High School Alumni

WEBSITE  
<http://chagrinalumni.org/>

YOUTUBE  
Chagrin Falls Alumni Association



## 2017 CFHS DAY IN FLORIDA

**Tuesday, March 7**  
**11:00 - 2:30 p.m.**

**Happy Hour 11:00 a.m.,**  
**Catered Lunch 12:00, Social Time 1:00 p.m.**  
**Colonnades Clubhouse,**  
**4800 Colonnades Club Blvd.,**  
**Lakeland, FL 33811**

ALL CFHS ALUMNI, family, and guests are invited. Please join us for the chance to renew old friendships and meet alumni living/wintering in Florida. This 1970's-1990's Annual Event was renewed in 2013 and has since grown from a dozen to more than 40 attendees. Yes, Chagrin Falls continues to bind us together as we reunite this year with memories of that special place we will always call home. Our hosts again for this fourth year will be

Carolyn Groth Huber '59 & husband, Bob, and will be held at their community's Clubhouse.

Cost is only \$15 per person (catered lunch, dessert bar & iced tea/lemonade/coffee...BYOB for Happy Hour if you wish). Payment may be made at the door on March 7; however, we need your reservation no later than February 27.

For reservations and questions please 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, address, phone, email & CFHS class year. 🐾

## Booster Bricks are Back

BOOSTER BRICKS are available once again! Another chance to buy a brick ALSO means:

- Another chance to create a lasting memory for your Chagrin Falls student or graduate, and
- Another chance to support the Chagrin Falls Booster Club!

\*Bricks will be installed once we hit 50 orders

**Cost: \$100**

**Location: Harris Stadium**

**Order Form: Visit [www.cfboosterclub.org](http://www.cfboosterclub.org)**

Questions? Contact Dave or Gigi Lewis at 440-338-8660 or [gigikuperlewis@gmail.com](mailto:gigikuperlewis@gmail.com)







## CLASS & REUNION NOTES

Class of 1961 – The Class of 1961 held its 55-year reunion over the weekend of Sept 9-11. The weekend began with a cocktail party on Friday, dinner at Franklin Circle on Saturday, and a brunch at Punderson State Park on Sunday. Over two dozen classmates joined in on the festivities.

Class of 1962 – Class of 1962 - 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion Weekend...August 18-20, 2017... '62 locals have been hard at work and report the following... Friday: CF Township Hall... Saturday Day: Tour the Chagrin Falls Historical Museum & Philomethian School... Saturday Night: Dinner at Punderson State Park Lodge (room/cottage blocks are set aside & can be reserved now)... Sunday Brunch: John Terry's Resort... Please confirm we have your current address/e-mail/phone by contacting: cfhs1962atplay@gmail.com or call/text 216-905-4591... Reunion details & costs will be sent early 2017 via email/USPS/Facebook, etc.

Class of 1967 – The Reunion Committee of the CFHS Class of '67 is continuing to work on plans for our 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion during Blossom Time Weekend, 2017. You should be receiving our interest survey very soon, and it is being sent through email and Facebook. Please try to reply as soon as you receive it. Our main event at this time is a catered dinner at Adam Hall in Auburn, on Saturday, May 27, at 6 p.m. More information to follow. Class contact: Cindy Close Wyszynski, on Facebook or cwysinc@roadrunner.com.

Class of 1972 – The Class of 1972 will be celebrating its 45<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion on Saturday, May 27, 2017, from 4-11 p.m. (rain or shine). Plans have been made for a relaxing and fun filled evening at the lakefront home of Paul and Sarah Stratton Kesselem located



**CFHS Class of 1961 Reunion.** Back Row: George March, Ted Williams, Judy Miles Bongiorno, Fritz Otti, Karen Fencil Fullerton, Betty Magyar Burbach, Al Skerritt, Bill Meyer. Middle Row: Sally Marston Lippman, Loretta Ditmer, Linda Kreycik Phillips, Leslie Butler Speiser, Donna Takacs Frazer, Dave Frazer. Front Row: Denis King, Gretchen Van Nort Rickards, Peggy Davidson Blakeslee, Sue Cook Polgar, Karin Knutsen

in Bratenahl. We need emails and contact information to get the word out to our classmates. Please contact Sarah at kesselem7@sbcglobal.net or friend her on Facebook and please join the Class of 1972 FB page so we can continue to communicate with classmates. Final reunion plans will be announced in the April *Tiger Tales* newsletter. Fun on the beach and a bonfire with good friends. We hope all our classmates can join us!

Class of 1977 – The Class of 1977 will be gathering on Saturday, May 27, during Blossom Weekend 2017 for its 40-year reunion. The event will be held at Berkshire Hills Country Club. Golf will be available in the afternoon for a discounted price. More details to follow. Please make sure Debbie Arnold Burnett or Jen Ogden Johnston has your most recent contact information. You can reach Jen at jenj30801@aol.com or Debbie at burnett.debbie@gmail.com. You can also keep in the loop at Chagrin Falls High School Class of '77, their Facebook group page.

Class of 1982 – The Class of '82 is planning on having its 35<sup>th</sup> Reunion next year during Blossom Time. Town Hall has been reserved for Saturday evening. Details will be posted on the class Facebook page and sent out via email when they are set. You can send

your updated contact information, including your email address, to Jana Young at janayoung542@gmail.com. Also, if you have any information you would like to share in the next newsletter, please send that to Jana Young at above email.

Class of 1987 – The Class of 1987 will be having its 30-year Reunion over Blossom Weekend 2017. Marty Weber, Josh Gibbs, and Kip Dodson will be heading up the festivities. Classmates make sure they have your most recent contact information by emailing them at cfhsclassof87@gmail.com. You can also keep updated on the plans at the Facebook group Chagrin Falls High School - Class of 1987. The class is also raising funds for the school's Innovation Lab. For those interested in learning more about the Innovation Lab and/or donating to the fundraising efforts, go to <https://www.gofundme.com/CFHSclassof87>.

Class of 1992 – The 25-year reunion for the Class of '92 will be Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend at the Pine Lake Trout Club. Details to follow at the class of 1992 Facebook page, CFHS 92. Make sure that your contact information is updated with Rachel Freshman at rbfreshman@hotmail.com.



## CHAGRIN FALLS SCHOOLS' ACHIEVEMENT HOF CLASS OF 2016

Standing left to right: Mark Gebler '75, Tim Swan '75, Jonathan Engel '74, William "Skip" Church '71. Seated left to right: Scott Lax '70, Wendy Diamond '88, Tom Anderson '66.  
(Photo by Alumni photographer John Tillotson '72)

## ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS WANTED

The Chagrin Falls Schools' Athletic Hall of Fame will induct its 13<sup>th</sup> class in 2017. As in the past, we will go through the process of nominating, reviewing, and researching the Athletic 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.



## 2016 TIGER PRIDE MEMBERS



We thank the 15 people who became Tiger Pride members in 2016.

We now have 894 Tiger Pride memberships!

Rhea Collier Dickson '52  
Jerry Froebe '52  
Karl Hoekstra '53  
Carolyn Keck Fenner '53  
Leslie Sturges Sundblom '53  
Al Adler '62  
Paul Rowe '64  
Alan Peach '65  
Helen Burnett Sessions '66  
Deane Tierney '70  
Lori Bowser Caputo '73  
Jonathan Engel '73  
Jane Gluf Jones '82  
Scott Girard '83  
Craig Madorsky '88

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**Class of 1997 – SAVE THE DATE!**  
The Chagrin Falls High School Class of 1997 Reunion Committee invites you to celebrate our 20 YEAR RE-UNION! Saturday, May 27, 7 p.m.-10 p.m. - Tentatively trying to coordinate the event to take place at the Village Martini & Wine Bar in Chagrin Falls, which is owned and operated by our very own '97 Graduate, Jeff Rumpalik. Before we can solidify plans, we need to get an approximate headcount of who intends to attend. Please RSVP to the Facebook Event on the "Chagrin Falls Class of 1997" Facebook Group Page if you are thinking of attending and we will get final counts later as the event approaches next year. 1997 Class members + 1 Guest are invited. We also need help in finding our missing classmates since not everyone is on Facebook. If you are in contact with any of them, please direct them to this Closed Group page and Event. Please contact Jenny Freshman Ward with any questions at jfreshman@hotmail.com.

**Class of 2002 –** The Class of 2002 will be having an informal 15-year Reunion Saturday, May 27, over Blossom Weekend. The casual afternoon event will be held at Jukebox in Ohio City at

classmate Alex Budin's bar. Details will be communicated closer to the date and posts will also be made on the class Facebook group. Make sure that Matt Trinetti (mtrinetti@gmail.com), Garrett Monda (gamonda@gmail.com), or Alex Budin (budinaj@gmail.com) has your most recent contact information.

**Class of 2007 –** The Class of 2007 will be having its 10-year Reunion on Saturday of Blossom Weekend. Make sure Brad Nosan or Kate Sloan has your current contact info. Email Brad at bradnosan@gmail.com with your information and if you want to get involved with planning the event. You can also stay updated on the event at the class Facebook group, "Chagrin Falls Class of 2007".

**Class of 2012 –** The Class of 2012 is planning for the its 5-year Reunion on Saturday, May 27, of Blossom Weekend 2017. To be involved in the planning or to make sure you have the latest news, then join the class Facebook group at SENIO12S. Make sure to pass along your most current contact information to Brooke McEntee at brookemc12@gmail.com. 🐾



## SPECIAL GIFTS THANK YOU ALUMNI & FRIENDS

The family of Ralph Beattie '43 has donated memorabilia to the Chagrin Falls Schools Tom Mattern Historical Room.

Rhea Collier Dickson '52 has given her Tiger Pride membership in memory of her dear friend and classmate Barbara Bullock Hubbard '52.

Carol Orah Keck Tipton Fenner '53 has given her Tiger Pride membership in memory of 8<sup>th</sup> grade science teacher, Miss Betty Jean Ausnehmer.

Leslie Sturges Sundblom '53 has given her Tiger Pride membership in memory of Mr. Dan Lopatt.

Wendy Rae Kujat Street '69 has given memorabilia to the Chagrin Falls Schools Tom Mattern Historical Room.

Kem Mahan Mirsky '71 has given

a donation in honor of retired CFMS social studies teacher Mr. Tom Mattern '55.

Roger Falasco '72 has donated memorabilia to the Chagrin Falls Schools Tom Mattern Historical Room.

Joanne Twitchell Griesinger '72 has given a donation in honor of retired CFHS Home Economics teacher Ms. Jane Morris.

Jonathan Engel '73 has given his Tiger Pride membership in honor of his parents, Eleanor Engel and the late Jack Engel.

Mark Vedder '75 has made a donation in memory of his mother, retired teacher Faith Degen.

Tony Vidmar '79 has given a donation in honor of retired elementary school teacher Ms. Debbie Roads.



Retired CFHS social studies teacher Mr. Tom Lerch has made a donation in memory of friend and colleague retired CFHS teacher Mr. George Kaschak.

Gabe Orazen '90 has made a donation in memory of retired CFHS Athletic Director, coach, and English teacher Mr. Lenny May.

Retired CFHS health teacher Matt Chinchar and his wife Mary have made a donation to the Lenny & Lana May Memorial Fund. 🐾

## WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE THEY NOW? RETIRED TEACHERS SPOTLIGHT

FORMER CFHS social studies teacher Mr. Tom Lerch lives in a senior community in Plano, TX. He has volunteered over 4,000 hours as a chaplain at local hospitals. Pam Fischley Hermanson '74 retired this past year as an aide in our Gurney Pre-school program. Pam and her husband Eliot moved to Chicago. Although they have enjoyed living in the windy city, she does miss her hometown. Former CFHS Head Librarian, Lou Papes, recently retired as a Catholic priest in Cleveland. Lou has also been teaching courses at Cuyahoga Community College Western Campus. Retired computer teacher Ellie Richman along with her husband, Ben, own and operate the Naples Chocolate Stroll. They provide a guided walking-tasting tour of all things chocolate on Naples' 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. The one-mile strolls are conducted from October through April and include visits to unique food boutiques for a taste of seven or eight delicious treats. If interested, then go to [www.napleschocolatestroll.com](http://www.napleschocolatestroll.com). Former music teacher Pat Haynish continues to work with children in Chagrin. Pat is Director of the Children's Choir at the Federated Church and was Co-Director and Co-Musical Director of the production of *Peter Pan* through the Chagrin Falls Community Education Theater Program. 🐾



## 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).





## FALL SPORTS REVIEW

By Charlie Barch, Athletic Director

OVER THE FALL two Tiger teams ended their seasons in Columbus, while we also enjoyed the success of a brand new program. This was the first year for the girls varsity golf team, which was led by head coach Kristin Clark Reboul '88 and assisted by Anne Bierman Caja '81. In their very first match, they defeated Shaker Heights. The girls came in 4<sup>th</sup> in the CVC and qualified for districts by finishing second at sectionals. The boys golf team went 10 - 0, won the CVC preseason tournament and post-season tournament and clinched a CVC Championship. The team came in 5<sup>th</sup> place at sectionals and had a state qualifier in senior Daniel Berlin. The girls tennis team had a 9 - 7 record and a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the CVC. The volleyball squad also finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the CVC and had an impressive 15 - 10 record. Dr. Mario Gerhardt completed his 47<sup>th</sup> year as the boys soccer head coach. The boys finished 9 - 8 - 1 and came in second place in the CVC. The football team had a record of 4 - 6 and came in 4<sup>th</sup> place conference finish. The boys cross country team came in 5<sup>th</sup> in the CVC, and 9<sup>th</sup> in the District meet. The girls cross country team came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the CVC, were district champs, and were regional runners up. In Columbus, the team then came in 4<sup>th</sup> place in the state with junior Annie Zimmer finishing as State Runner up. The girls soccer team improved on a 9 - 8 - 3 season from 2015 by winning the most games in a season in Chagrin's history. Their 22 - 2 record included a CVC title and district and regional championships. They finished as state runners-up and their 17 shutouts are fourth all-time in the history of girls soccer in Ohio. 🐾

## 20TH ANNUAL CHAGRIN FALLS ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAME



THE 20TH ANNUAL CFAA Alumni Basketball Game was held the day after Thanksgiving. Young alumni laced up their hi tops once again to take the floor at CFHS Ralph Quesinberry Gym. The game was a friendly affair of both men and women that proudly donned the orange and black.

(Standing left to right) Scott Gebler '00, Sean Kuenzig '09, Zack Gebler '05; (Kneeling left to right) Dan Mignogna '09, Colleen Cole, Mike Spresser '04 (photo by Alumni photographer John Tillotson '72)

## "THE STADIUM 100 YEARS OF CHAGRIN FALLS TRADITION"

THIS BOOKLET includes a brief written history of our stadium and 40 pages of pictures from its 100-year history.

It's edited by Tom Mattern '55 and Scott Hageman '76 and is published by the Chagrin Falls Alumni Association.

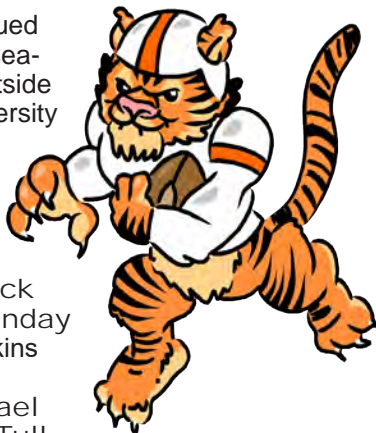
If interested in purchasing, please mail number of copies desired at \$5/copy and \$3 for S&H/copy to:

CFAA,  
Attn: Tom Mattern,  
400 E. Washington St.,  
Chagrin Falls, OH 44022.

Make checks payable to the CFAA.

# CFHS FOOTBALL MAKING ITS WAY ON TO THE COLLEGE GRIDIRON

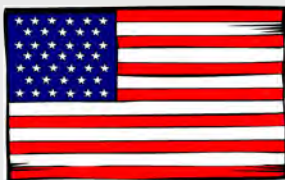
SEVERAL CFHS football players have continued on the gridiron in college with considerable postseason success. Grant Lingafelter '13 plays outside linebacker for the 14<sup>th</sup> ranked West Virginia University Mountaineers. Grant is a redshirt junior and has earned Academic All-Big 12 honors in his previous two seasons. The team played in the Russell Athletic Bowl against Miami on Dec. 28. Four of our Chagrin graduates have been on the squad at John Hopkins. Inside linebacker Jack Campbell '13 and wide receiver Bradley Munday '13 are members of the first class at Johns Hopkins to go 40 - 0 in the regular season over their four years. Joining them is starting cornerback Michael Munday '14 and special teams player Corey Tull '16. John Hopkins was ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the nation at Div.



III and lost to the defending national champions Mount Union 28 - 21 in the playoffs. Div. III 10<sup>th</sup> ranked John Carroll University's squad includes Tommy Murtaugh '13, who plays as a defensive lineman. Tommy's efforts helped the Blue Streaks take down Mount Union in November, which ended their 112 game regular season winning streak. In the playoffs, John Carroll lost in the semifinals finishing the season at 12 - 2. Denison University's football team included brothers Tommy '13 and Matt Iammarino '14. The team went 8 - 2, which was their best record since 1986. One of the victories was against Wittenberg, which qualified for the NCAA Div. III playoffs. Tommy, who played quarterback, hooked up with his wide receiver brother Matt for three touchdowns this year. 🐾

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



Suzanne Miller Card '66

Will Borden '15

John Storaasli '10

## IN MEMORIAM

**Howard Fox Sr. 1939**  
Retired Chagrin Schools cafeteria worker & Class of 1940 graduate Eva Jean Trace.

**Robert Clemens 1944**

**Robert Waller 1949**

**Joel M. Jones 1955**

**Freida Mary "Pudge" Bodwell 1956**

**Adrienne Carol Shelton Mix 1956**

**Bill Harr 1957**

**Kathleen Kermeen Sindelar 1958**

**Vicki Odenweller Millard 1960**

**Barb Tenny Rowe 1960**

**Sandra Goodwin Bauer 1967**

**Margaret Isabelle Vasey Dixon 1968**

**Tom Adams 1972**

**Charles Chaapel 1973**

**Billy Dixon 2000**

**Retired CFHS secretary Bobbie Kagy.**

**Retired CFMS librarian**

**Barbara Ann "Bea" Smith.**

**Retired CFMS physical education teacher, Athletic Director, and coach Mr. Jim Bucar.**

## MARRIAGES

Coreen (Connie) Abbott '72 & Michael Machado, July 3, 2016.

Heather Rickenbach Goodman & Matt Durbin '90, Oct. 9, 2016.

Sarah Sutliff Grabiell '97 & Joe Kaseler, Aug. 6, 2016.

Amy Booms '02 & T.J. Lemons, Nov. 21, 2016.

Bridget Brown '03 & C.D. Rhodes, Dec. 10, 2016

Carrie Macey '04 & Colin Shea, Oct. 15, 2016.

Kristen Chemnitz '04 & Philip Hunek, Sept. 10, 2016.

To Bob & Abby Budin Dippel '04, twin boys, John Patrick & Victor Robert, June 16, 2016.

Holly Jacobs '05 & Bill Cunningham, Sept. 3, 2016.

Taylor Meyer '05 & Mitch Hubbarth, Aug. 20, 2016.

Lindsay Street '05 & Kyle Kepreos, August 13, 2016.

Kathleen Francis & Mike Arnoff '06, Sept. 3, 2016.

Amy Cowles '06 & Derek Weinrich, Aug. 5, 2016.

Bri Geraci '06 & Michael Leonetti Sept. 10, 2016.

Megan de Villiers '07 & Peter Angell, Sept. 24, 2016.

Sarah Anthony & Ben Jackson '07, Sept. 3, 2016.

Alexa Leone '07 & David Stecker '02, Aug. 27, 2016.

Rachael Press '07 & Jantzen McClellan '07, Dec. 3, 2016.

Emily Bendler & Daniel Pinkett '09, Oct. 1, 2016.

## LITTLE TIGERS

To John & Dana Leary Ryszetyk '96, a boy, Maxwell Jeremy, Oct. 16, 2016.

To Andrew and Jennifer Lankford Jones '97, a girl, Ivy Lankford, Oct. 17, 2016.

To Carly & Drew Mottinger '99, a girl, Chloe Mae, July 13, 2015.

To David & Kara Conti Henderson '03, a girl, Charlotte "Charley" Clair, Oct. 14, 2016.

To Brian & Carley Tanchon Cost '04, a boy, Connor Jeffrey, Aug. 31, 2016.





## TIGER GRAPEVINE

Carol Orah Keck Tipton Fenner '53 is retired from teaching and currently owns a lawnmower shop in Punta Gorda, FL. Carol's recent Tiger Pride membership is in memory of her 8<sup>th</sup> grade science teacher, Miss Betty Jean Ausnehmer. Carol recounted a story from class when Miss Ausnehmer asked the class to account for the discrepancy between the textbook's statement that the earth was a piece that had broken off the sun and the Bible's account of God having made the earth. This was still during a period before space travel. The question left the class silent for two periods until classmate Roger Hartman figured out, "Well, who made the sun?"

Mary Greenaway Edwards '60 is the President of the Clarkson Historical Society. Clarkson is just outside of Rochester, NY. Mary and her fellow society workers are thrilled to be teaching cursive to school children.

Helen Burnett Sessions '66 recently enjoyed seeing family and friends in Chagrin during the Class of '66's 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion. Helen lives on Amelia Island in Florida.

Dr. Bruce Campbell '73 is the Director and Representative of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Pacific Sub Regional Office. The UNFPA focuses on the improvement of reproductive health, safe childbirths, and promoting the lives of youth throughout the world.

Kathleen Sutherland Thaggard '75 continues to work for Oracle Corporation as an Application Engineer, but has also started a new company, CKCO, LLC. The company recently launched their Treehouse Fairy children's products. To check

out the great toy/game/project to foster children or grandchildren's imagination go to [www.treehousefairies.com](http://www.treehousefairies.com).

Richard D'Ardenne '76 is GM Projects at Oil Search Limited, which is based in Sydney, Australia. Richard continues to direct global, international, large, complex oil & gas projects.

Rick Bolander '79 is General Partner and Managing Director of eLab Ventures. The firm has offices in the Silicon Valley and Ann Arbor, MI. Their focus is to improve the entrepreneurial ecosystem by bridging valuable but scarce resources from Silicon Valley to local entrepreneurs in the Midwest and other emerging ecosystems.

Tony Vidmar '79 and his wife, Donna, recently relocated to Wichita Falls, TX. Tony is Vice President of University Advancement and Public Affairs at Midwestern State University. Tony enjoys keeping in touch with his many "Otis Brigaders."

For 25 years, Ohio Cancer Research has honored the most prominent and successful business and civic leaders in the Cleveland area at the Star Award Gala to raise funds for basic cancer research, public information and awareness. In 2016, they honored Kevin Goodman '81, Managing Director, BlueBridge Networks at their annual event.

Kelly Scolnick Ingleson '83 is Director of Operation for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Mental Health and Substance Abuse Program. The tribe has over 4,000 members in the northwestern part of Michigan's lower peninsula. Kelly's career has been spent in the counseling and prevention of substance abuse, especially with adolescents.

Alisa Bowe Lenhardt '85 just accepted the position as Diving Coach for Quaker Valley High School, which is in Sewickley, PA.

Ohio Wesleyan University international relations professor Dr. Sean Kay '85 had his most recent book published last month. Here is a description from Amazon, where it can be purchased. "In *Rockin' the Free World*, Sean takes readers inside "Bob Dylan's America" and shows how this vision linked the rock and roll revolution

to American values of freedom, equality, human rights, and peace while tracing how those values have spread globally. *Rockin' the Free World* then shows how artists have engaged in advancing change via opportunity and education; domestic and international issue advocacy; and within the recording and broader communications industry. The book is built around primary interviews with prominent American and international performing artists ranging from Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductees and Grammy winners to regional and local musicians. The interviews include leading industry people, management, journalists, heads of non-profits, and activists. The book concludes with a look at how musical artists have defined the American experience and what that has meant for the world.

Tim Leroux '88 is Interim Director of Security at Sutter Health. Since retiring from the Army as a Lt. Col., Tim has taken an active role in several philanthropic ventures. Currently, Tim is Senior Director of SIV Programs for International Neighbors. The program helps refugees and newly arrived immigrants assimilate and find good jobs.

Chris Mulholland '88 is a Senior Software Engineer for Epiq Systems in Kansas City, KS. Epiq provides integrated technology and services to the legal profession.

David Garrett '90 is a plant manager for Delta Companies Group, which is a subsidiary of Greif. David lives outside of Cincinnati.

JP Lind '90 recently completed the Leadville 100 Trail Run in Colorado. He finished the 100 miles in nearly 29 hours. Pacing him for the final 26 miles was his wife Holly.

Jeremy Fow '91 is the Vice President of Marketing for Sherwin Williams in Cleveland.

Shannon Fischer Titas '93 had been promoted to Youth Services Manager at Shaker Heights Public Library. Shannon earned a Master of Library and Information Science degree from Kent State University in 2014, after a career of 15+ years in dance. She lives in Cleveland Heights, Ohio with her husband and two children.



Lt. Col. Stephan Ruppel-Lee '93 recently took command of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Squadron, 183<sup>rd</sup> Cavalry Regiment, 116<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team based in Staunton, VA, and is part of the Virginia National Guard.

Jeffrey Lewis '00 is Executive Casino Host at New York - New York Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, NV.

Bryan Christopher '02 is an English teacher and newspaper advisor at Riverside High School in Durham, NC. Bryan is also a fellow at the Hope Street Group, which tries to effectively improve opportunities through the use of innovation and technology to the education, health, and job sectors.

Matt Glass '02 is Sales Manager for Orazen Extruded Polymers in Ravenna, OH.

David Iantosca '02 is Director of Sales at TreeHouse Foods. TreeHouse Foods, which is based in Chicago, provides private label food and beverage offerings to retail grocery and food away from home customers across North America.

J.EmmetT is a musical songwriting and production/artist duo consisting of brothers Justin '03 and Matthew Geraci '09. The brothers have had songs placed in hit TV shows such as *Modern Family* and *Dancing with the Stars*. Justin originally formed the group Grove Hill, which included Matt and their sister Bri Geraci Leonetti '06. The group played venues throughout Los Angeles and even opened for Bruno Mars at the Roxy Theatre. Their first single as J.EmmetT, *Crawl*, was released on YouTube this past summer.

David Allen '04 is a Program Associate for the State of Indiana in Indianapolis. David is also owner of Allen Environmental, LLC.

Danika Malorni '04 is a Community Manager for Berkshire Realty in Columbus, OH.

Drew Stelzer '04 is a registered broker representative for Lighthouse Wealth Solutions in Broadview Hts., OH.

Brooke Takacs '04 is a sales representative for the interior design firm of John Brooks Incorporated in Denver, CO.

Josh Menendez '05 is a Service Sup-

port Specialist for Fidelity Investments in Covington, KY.

Sara Stricker '05 is a personal stylist at Trunk Club. If interested in premium clothes that can fit your style, budget, and existing wardrobe, you can reach out to Sara at [sstricker@trunkclub.com](mailto:sstricker@trunkclub.com). The service is open to both men and women.

Lea Trinetti '05 is an Account Supervisor in San Francisco for the global advertising agency DDB.

Patrick Cogan '06 is a real estate broker for Berkshire Hathaway in Chicago.

Evan Meaney '06 is a member of the Johnson & Johnson Talent Acquisition Team in the North American Global Shared Service Center. Evan lives in Tampa, FL.

Spencer Giesen '07 is Associate Integration Consultant at DayNine Consulting in Chicago. DayNine is a workday enterprise services firm.

Corey Koberna '07 is an art director for the New York City design firm Kettle. Corey is based in San Francisco, CA. He has created work for Intel, Havok, Flir, Bridgeport Brewery, and Otis, among many others. He creates brand identities, interfaces, websites, apps, experiences, books and objects for clients and audiences.

Annie Riede '07 is a Category Manager at Noelle, LLC in Wilmington, NC. Noelle is a wholesaler in fashion and gifts.

Morgan Sutherin Mullins '07 recently graduated from University of Nebraska with a bachelor's degree in gerontology. She was also hired by an assisted living and memory care unit called Arbor Terrace in Fairfax, VA. Morgan is the Engagement Director.

Grant Batchelor '08 is a workforce reporting analyst at Dollar General in Nashville, TN.

Andrea Donoghue '09 is Recruiting and Training Coordinator at Cleveland Research Company, a financial services business. Andrea also dedicates her time as a high school leader at Christ Community Chapel in Hudson.

Brendan Batchelor '11 is a Grants and Contract Specialist for University Hospitals in Cleveland.

Hannah Zaim '11 is a Research Associate for the Center for Innovation in Pediatric Practice at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, OH.

Virginia Turner '12 is an assistant teacher at the Goddard School in York, PA.

Maddie Wilson '13 was elected Vice President of the student body at Capital University for 2016-2017. She also starts her fourth year of NCAA Lacrosse this Spring. Her 2016 season earned her First Team All Great Lakes Region honors, which qualified her to for an invitation to represent the United States in the 2017 World Cup Lacrosse Festival in Surrey, England this July. 🐾

## IF CHAGRIN COULD SING

FOLLOWING THE classroom command of legendary English teacher Elsa Jane Carroll: "Write about what you know!" Tom Luckay '64 has written *If Chagrin Could Sing*, a CD of his original song lyrics and melodies about the village - its people, places, and events.



The CD has 19 tracks with subjects ranging from "The Bandstand"; to "I'm a Hardware Kind of Guy" that salutes the Shutts's Chagrin Hardware in vaudeville style; to the bittersweet "Nostalgia Town" that recalls man of the stores Chagrinites have known and loved with the opening lyric: "Where, oh where, are Taggart's Toys?" There is even a Beach Boy vibe for the song about "Pumpkin Roll Hill."

The profits of the CD will benefit the Chagrin Falls Historical Society. For more information, visit <http://ifchagrincouldsing.com/> or call Margaret Thoren Luckay '64 at 440-247-2748.

## NEWS OF ALUMNI MOVERS & SHAKERS TIGER SPOTLIGHT



Dave Sekeres '55 recently completed his fourth bike ride across the United States. Dave, along with 11 others, took 2 ½ months to travel from Seattle to

Washington, DC. At 78, he was the oldest of the group.

His last cross country bike journey was in 2000. Although he lost 17 pounds on the trip, which took him below his weight when he graduated CFHS, the retired physical education professor thrives on tests of physical endurance. However, he did enjoy getting home to Rifle, CO, to be with his wife of 53 years, Sandy.

Margaret (Peggy) Engel '69 was given an Alumni Award medal by the University of Missouri at its 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Faculty-Alumni Award celebration at the university's homecoming on Nov. 11. She is a 1973 graduate of its journalism school. A party hosted by a former colleague at the Des Moines Register included two CFHS classmates who live in Columbia, MO: Lynn Hollis Frey '68 and Beth Taylor Dessem '69. Lynn teaches at the Sinclair School of Nursing at the university. Beth is executive director of Missouri Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), which protects children's legal rights.

Tracy Davis '83, is a national finalist for HGTV's Faces of Design 2016 for her project Modern in Maine.

Pixar Animations Studio recently announced the release date of November

22nd for the animated film *Coco*, which is being directed by Lee Unkrich '85. Since winning the Academy Award in 2011 for Best Animated Film with *Toy Story 3* as director, Lee has been an executive producer on such hits as *Monsters University* and *The Good Dinosaur*. *Coco* follows a 12-year-old boy named Miguel who sets off a chain of events relating to a century-old mystery, leading to an extraordinary family reunion.

John Meyer '91 recently had a role on the most watched show on CBS, *NCIS*. He has also been featured online and on television in Volvo commercials. This January, *Dave Made A Maze*, the feature film that John produced, is having its world premiere in Narrative Competition at the Slamdance Film Festival in Park City, UT. The film includes Kirsten Vangsness, who plays Penelope Garcia on the CBS show *Criminal Minds*.

*Crain's Cleveland Business Magazine* has named their 40 Under 40 Class of 2016. They selected 40 innovators, entrepreneurs, educators, and public servants under the age of 40 who are making a difference in Northeast Ohio. Trevor Gile '98 was one of those selected for the honor. Trevor is General Manager and co-owner of Motorcars Honda in Cleveland Heights. The dealership has been a major sponsor of community events in the area and recently completed a \$6 million expansion with \$1.7 million going to solar panels, which will provide for 70% of its energy needs. Trevor and his wife have two boys and live in Chagrin. 🐾

## BETCHA DIDN'T KNOW



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

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

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

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

In 1938 the Works Progress Administration (W.P.A.) paved grove Hill.

The Class of 1940 was the first to hold graduation ceremonies in the Philomethian Street School. The first outdoor graduation at Harris Stadium would be held in 1959.

The Chagrin Valley Junior Chamber of Commerce, the "Jaycees", began in 1954 and would stage their first Blossom Time in 1956.

The Class of 1960 was the first to graduate from the new high school. They were also the class that gave us the original Tiger mascot, Mortimer.

The first motorized fire engine in Chagrin Falls was in 1923. Before that, fire equipment was hauled by horses.

Coach Ralph Quesinberry was twice recruited by Ohio State University Coach Woody Hayes to be on his football coaching staff.

Roger Falasco '72 donated a badge for Chagrin Falls Schools Day at Euclid Beach Park that was held on Saturday, May 4, 1963. With the badge you got a price reduction and got to ride for free the Aero Dips, Dippy Whip, Carousel, Kiddie Bug, and the Kiddie Hook & Ladder. Five cents would buy you one ticket. With one ticket, you could choose the Rocket Ships, American Racing Derby, or the Racing Coaster. For two tickets, you could try the Rotor or Thriller.

From Tom Quesinberry '70 - "Ted Gurney would not allow live contact during football practice the year that Coach Q was his assistant (football

## PAY YOUR DUES ONLINE

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season 1946). No live blocking, tackling or physical contact. Football practice was right after school. Coach Q would go straight to practice after school, as did the players, managers and other folks. Mr. Gurney was the high school principal, and could not leave the Philomethian Street School until 4:30 p.m. Coach Q would post one of his managers at the top of the football stadium, looking out over East Washington Street, watching for Mr. Gurney's car. He then took all his players behind the West side of the stadium (the end near where the bathrooms are) and they would practice at full contact. When the "lookout" saw Mr. Gurney's car, he'd yell down to Coach Q, the contact drill would stop, and everyone would run out on to the field as if they'd been there all along."

Abbreviated from ESPN (by Dan Arritt) - The 1904 Summer Olympics held in St. Louis was the last time golf was an Olympic event until 2016. The team gold and individual silver medals won by H.

Chandler Egan had been missing since that time. Apparently they were passed down to his only child, Eleanor Egan Everett, who lived in Chagrin for more than seven decades. Relatives of Eleanor recently found a metallic box that included several of Chandler's golfing awards, including the gold and silver medals. Currently the medals are on display at the World Golf Hall of Fame in St. Augustine, FL, after making their rounds earlier this year at the USGA Museum in Far Hills, NJ, and the U.S. Open at Oakmont Country Club outside Pittsburgh.

Harry Smith '49, the top bowler in 1963, made more money than MLB MVP Sandy Koufax and NFL MVP Y.A. Tittle combined. Harry was a 10 time Professional Bowler Association champion and a charter member of the PBA's Hall of Fame. His legacy has also been recognized by the PBA with the top point leader on the PBA tour earning the Harry Smith Point Leader Award. 🐾

## 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 1963 or earlier year, and if there is a 2015 or 2016, 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.

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