



# TIGER TALES

## CHAGRIN FALLS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

### SUMMER 2023

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Fellow Alumni & Friends,

We hope that you are all having a happy and healthy summer. For the CFAA, it started with 13 class reunions, an all-class reunion, and several other events over Blossom Weekend. We also gave out a number of scholarships to our graduating seniors, while also assisting with many other alumni related scholarships. At graduation, we recognized the 22 of 154 seniors that were alumni children with corsages. One of the highlights of the ceremony was the ringing of the Tom Mattern Alumni Victory Bell to signify the students' greatest achievement at CFHS. The senior selected for this honor was Gracie Blair. Joining her in this tradition were her mother **Stacey Ehrenbeit Blair '88**, uncle Major **Cameron Ehrenbeit '95**, great aunt **Karen Roeder '70**, grandparents **Dan Ehrenbeit '67** and **Linda Maistros Ehrenbeit '72**, and great-grandmother **Joann Honeywell Roeder '48**.

We are looking forward to having our next induction class for the Chagrin Falls Schools Halls of Fame during Homecoming Weekend 2024. If you have any nominations for either athletic or achievement, please pass them along as the Hall of Fame Committee will begin the selection process in the months to come.

As explained in the previous newsletter, due to rising publishing and mailing costs, we will be doing two newsletters annually, a summer and winter edition. The next newsletter will be out in January. We hope you would consider making a donation to the CFAA so we can continue to provide and support our current and future alumni.

Enjoy this newsletter and the rest of 2023!

Brian McKenna '88  
Alumni Director



### CFAA Scholarship Winners

Since 1990, the CFAA has awarded 164 scholarships totaling over \$160,000. **Mary Beth O'Donnell Wolfe '82** and **Andy Weingart '96** with (from left to right) Michelle Opoku, Madi Machado, Phoebe Gleeson, and Jack Gips. Not pictured: Sage Fosssaceca.



EnvisionEight Scholarship  
**Jeff Miller '02** with Mary Catherine Cain



**Geoff Lynch '77** Memorial Scholarship  
Assistant Principal Amanda Rassi with Anna Campbell and Caitlyn Young



**Michael Murphy '99** Never Ending Story Scholarship  
Joanie Walker and **Megan Murphy '05** with Julia Ashkettle



1981 Memorial Scholarship  
**Brent Chartlon '81** and **Abby Towns Wilson '81** with Kendall Guddy



Terri Kruse Scholarship  
**Katie Kruse '99**, Madi Machado, and **Trish Kruse '98**

Coach Stueber Memorial Scholarship  
**Kurt Stueber '14** with Nick Vinci







## 2023 Alumni Graduates

At the 2023 CFHS graduation, the CFAA once again recognized seniors that had a parent or both parents as a Chagrin graduate with a corsage. This year there were 22 that were alumni kids of the class of 151 with 6 of them having both parents as graduates.

1st Row (Left to Right) - Marley Gabriel (**Sarah Sutliff Kaseler '97**), Kayla Link (**Marie Irvin Link '94**), Grace Svette (**Mark '91**), Shelby Brett (**Matt '85 & Charlotte Btown Brett '87**), Margaret Miller (**Camie Munz Miller '84**), Madi Machado (**Jennifer Broers Rooney '90**), Ellie Johnson (**Kim Fitzpatrick Johnson '89**), Abigail Orazen (**Gabe '90**), Julia Vanderbilt (**Anne O'Connell Vanderbilt '84**), Sarah Porter (**Bill '83**), Avery Polcar (**Courtney See Polcar '89**), Gracie Blair (**Stacey Ehrenbeit Blair '88**)

2nd Row - Clayton Briggs (**Steve '87 & Jamie Scolaro Briggs '87**), Andrew Sutliff (**Don '95**), Tristan Norton (**Chris '92 & Dora McGregor Norton '92**), Nicholas Vinci (**Joey '95**), Luke Cornell (**Jack '94 & Jennifer Gornall Cornell '91**), Ryan Heater (**Mike '91 & Laurel Worley Heater '89**), Jack Gips (**Jeff '90 & Lindsay Salyer Gips '93**), Jackson Beavers (**Dan '90**), Owen Cox (**Bob '89**), Kenny Clark (**Miles '86**)

## IN MEMORIAM

Patricia Crain Hosmer 1945  
 Peggy Reitz Vargo Mowers 1957  
 Jean Gurney Hutt 1959  
 Mary Herrington Rozhon 1966  
 David Ward 1968  
 Kevin Schomisch 1976  
 Russ Gallimore 1978  
 Amelia Zala (Terry Moenkhaus) 2006  
 Retired high school math teacher  
 Mrs. Barbara Warren



## Marriages

Karen Bourne & **Bob Wing '85**, April 29, 2023.  
**Natalie Fletcher '03** & Chris Ortega, Feb. 18, 2023.  
Maggie Thomas & **Chris Litzler '10**, July 1, 2023.  
Kate Arthur & **Kurt Vidmer '12**, May 6, 2023.  
**Whitney Black '13** & Mark Zinn, June 10, 2023.  
**Mairin Magnuson '13** & Bronson Bruneau, May 20, 2023.  
**Greyson Brett '19** & Jonathan Croxton, June 23, 2023.



## Births

To Kate & **Jeff Largey '95**, a son, Benjamin Stanley Cornelis, April 27, 2023.  
To Scott & **Kim Patronite Gorski '01**, a daughter, Ellie Cornelia, May 18, 2023.  
To Julie & **Michael Price '03**, a son, Hunter William, May 27, 2023.  
To J.J. & **Brittany Anderson Laseak '04**, a daughter, Cameron Claire, July 7, 2023.  
To Steven & **Allison Hammer Simonetti '04**, a son, Steven Joseph III, June 30, 2023.  
To Bolton & **Kristin Schmittel Ford '04**, a son, Otto William, June 18, 2023.  
To Tommy Lavelle & **Allie Hollister Carr '05**, a son, Jameson David, April 20, 2023.  
To **David '02** & **Alexa Leone Stecker '07**, a son, Nico Louis, March 16, 2023.  
To **Peter '10** & **Megan Parker Noble '10**, a son, Louis Joseph, Nov. 2, 2022.  
To Jordan & **Miranda Bradach Lundberg '11**, a son, Cal Robert, July 4, 2023.  
To Greg and **Sydney Liber Huffman '13**, a daughter, Avery Lynn, June 21, 2023.



## Donations

Several people have donated memorabilia to the Chagrin Falls Schools Tom Mattern Historical Room including the estate of **Lucy Beattie '47**, **Kim Danaceau '73**, **Cynthia Raftus '75**, and **Randy Dunn '78**.

**Corky Solether '56** has made a donation of memorabilia to the Chagrin Falls Schools Tom Mattern Historical Room.

**Jim Schreck '58** has donated his annual dues in memory of retired industrial arts teacher Mr. Norm Fry.

**Carroll Terry '59** has made her Tiger Pride donation in memory of classmate **Leanne Pealer Bahnick '59**.

**Linda Sue Kreycik Phillips '61** has given her Tiger Pride donation in memory of all the 1961 classmates that we have lost.

**Richard Southmayd '63** has given his Tiger Pride donation in memory of his brother **Peter Southmayd '58**.

**Barry "Hoibs" Furst '64** has made his Tiger Pride donation in loving memory of classmate, wife, and loving partner, **Pamela Peabody Furst '64**, puppy loved since Chagrin Falls 3rd grade (Miss Smith's class), loved since 9th grade CFHS, married Dec. '69, and passed away on 3/9/2023 from 4th year of lung cancer metastatic to brain.

**Diane Hawk Schmalensee '64** has made her Tiger Pride donation in memory of classmate **Pamela Peabody Furst '64**.

The **Class of 1967** has made a donation to the scholarship fund from their reunion in memory of their classmates that are no longer with them.

**Donna Krohn '72** has made a donation in memory of classmate **Chan Diamond '72**.

**Beth Barber '75** has made a donation in loving memory of **Barbara Schaaf Kortwich '51**.

**David '02** & **Alexa Leone Stecker '07** have given their Tiger Pride donation in memory of retired Alumni Director, CFMS history teacher, and basketball coach **Mr. Tom Mattern '55**.



# School News

## Gurney Elementary Named 2023 Hall of Fame School

Gurney Elementary School has been named a 2023 Hall of Fame School by The Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators (OAESA).

The award recognizes schools for outstanding work in the following areas: school mission and vision, instructional systems and supports, student achievement, student development, personnel, administration, school management and stakeholder engagement.

The school submitted an application with extensive evidence in all areas and then earned an on-site evaluation. The on-site evaluation included a student-led school tour and group interviews with students, parents, community members, staff, central office administration, the principal and assistant principal.

## Chagrin Schools One of Best Communities for Music Education

Chagrin Falls Schools received the National Association of Music Merchants' 2023 Best Communities for Music Education Award. This is the second year in a row receiving this distinction.

There are only 830 or approximately 6% of school districts that are among the Best Communities in the nation for music education. The award program recognizes outstanding efforts by teachers, administrators, parents, students and community leaders who have made music education part of a well-rounded education. Designations are made to districts and schools that demonstrate an exceptionally high commitment and access to music education.

## Spring Athletics Season Recap

The softball and the boys' track and field and tennis teams all came in 4th place in the CVC. The baseball squad went 18-11 this spring and were runners-up in the conference. The girls' lacrosse team made it to the regional semi finals, while the boys' team were regional finalists. The girls' track and field team was 3rd in the CVC and at districts, while the 4x800 meter relay team finished 12th at states and junior Mila Gresh earned an 11th place in the 1600M run. This is the 8th straight and 19th overall state berth for Chagrin's 4x800 relay team.

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## 50th Anniversary Football Recognition

Plans are underway to recognize players and coaches from the **Classes of 1973, 1974** and their teammates from other classes. They were undefeated in their freshman and jv seasons and went undefeated with identical 10-0 records in 1971 and 1972.

Players will be recognized at halftime of the Friday, Oct. 13th game verse Hawken.

If you were a player on any of the squads and can attend, then please reach out to **Scott Hartsock '74** at [sph700@verizon.net](mailto:sph700@verizon.net).

## IN THE NEWS

**Denny Webster '62** has been staying busy in retirement doing art from mixed media to fiber quilting. To see her work, you can visit [www.dennywebster.com](http://www.dennywebster.com). Prior to retiring, Denny was a feminist therapist and a professor of psychiatric nursing.

**Al Perch '65** and **Ted Rood '65** recently visited the Washington D.C. memorials as part of the Honor Flights program. The nonprofit organization transports American Veterans to Washington DC to honor and celebrate them for their service and sacrifices. Both Al and Ted served in the Vietnam War. Al, who lives in Chagrin, served in the U.S. Air Force from 1966-72. Ted, an Aurora resident, served in the U.S. Marines serving from 1967-68 and earned two purple hearts.

**Blake Childress '69** is the Business Development Manager at CDM Smith in the Atlanta metropolitan area. Blake is looking forward to retiring this time next year.

The play "Erma Bombeck: At Wit's End," written by **Peggy Engel '69** and **Allison Engel '69**, has currently made its northeast Ohio debut at the Cleveland Play House this July and August. With Erma Bombeck's hilarious columns being an important presence in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* during Allison and Peggy's years in Chagrin, the opportunity to have it in Cleveland has special ties to the authors. Erma was hilarious, and the one-woman play showcases her wit and how remarkably normal she managed to be despite her great fame. Peggy and Allison were at the first three shows, while Peggy is also going to be there for a talk-back after the Aug. 13 performance.

After living in Japan for nineteen years, **Chuck Burwell '70** is pastoring a Japanese American church in Santa Barbara, California. Chuck and his wife, who is from Solon, have two married children and five grandchildren all living in Santa Barbara.



**Scott Lax '70**, Senior Professor Practice at the Cleveland Institute of Art, will have his play, "1970," based on The Year That Trembled, have its world premiere at the Chagrin Valley Little Theatre. The play runs from Sept. 22 - Oct. 1 and is the opening show of the CVLT's 94th season. Get your tickets at this link: <https://cvlt.org/events/1970/>. Scott teaches Screenwriting and other Creative Writing subjects at CIA. He has also developed and in October will be teaching an eight-week, online course, "Storytelling for Business," for the University of Chicago Graham School of Continuing and Professional Studies Writer's Studio. The course blends creative writing principles, ethics-based approaches to professional storytelling, and fostering collegiality and community in professional settings.

Retired physician **Dr. David A. Bowe '76** has just finished a 2 year term as an officer of the American Hosta Society, has registered 25 of his own hybrids.

**Troy Young '78** was selected as the Grand Marshall of the Chagrin Falls Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony this past May. Troy has dedicated his time over the past few decades to overseeing the lighting in Chagrin Falls at holiday time and organizing the Blossom Time Parade.

**Cary Gluf '79** wrapped up 11 1/2 years of teaching high school architecture and engineering and moved back to the private sector in 2021. Cary is currently working for Allied Concrete forming as their doing residential design in his spare time.



The Pacific Skyline Council of the Boy Scouts of America recently recognized **Steve Wu '81** with their Distinguished Citizens Award. Steve earned his Eagle Award in 1978 in Troop 448 in Chagrin Falls. He would go back into scouting when his son Michael (Eagle 2014) joined Cub Scouts in 2003. Since that time he held a variety of positions and even started the first Scouts BSA troop for girls in the Pacific Skyline Council with his wife Mary and daughter Elizabeth (Eagle 2021). Steve is an attorney and shareholder at Silicon Valley Law Group in San Jose, California. His practice focuses on artificial intelligence, robotics, data protection, and other information technologies. He is once again serving as Chair of the American Bar Association Artificial Intelligence and Robotics National Institute in October in Santa Clara, California. Steve founded the Institute in 2019 and the Institute is having its fifth annual program this year.

**Natalie Gross Remington '86** is celebrating 20 years in business overseeing the Chagrin based promotional products and apparel company, True Vision Marketing.

**Atunyese Vanessa Bakr Herron '88** is the President and CEO of East End Neighborhood House. The organization provides social services, education, and activities to the Cleveland areas of Buckeye, Woodland, and Woodhill.

**Dr. Sara Leikin '91** relocated to Columbus, Ohio this past year to become Senior Director of National and International STEAM Partnerships at COSI. In June, she spoke on the organization's behalf at the European Network of Science Centres and Museums Conference in Malta and worked with the COSI team to provide science engagement to students in the UK and Italy. Outside of work, she also recently spent a month traveling in India and was proud to have some of her photographs from that trip recognized by Platypod and Sony Alpha Female. She welcomes any alumni families heading to COSI to reach out and say hello!

County employees in Chesterfield, Virginia designed and constructed a replica of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier with a 3-D printer for their recent Memorial Day ceremony at the Chesterfield County Fairgrounds. The county gave the honor to speak at the ceremony to Colonel **Stephan Ruppel-Lee '93**. Not only is he a resident in Chesterfield, his distinguished military career includes a time where he commanded the Old Guard. These are the men and women that oversee the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. On a special note, at three points during his speech, Stephan made reference to his time at Chagrin and its influence on him.

**Parlin Meyer '94** is the Director of BrightBuilt, a Portland, Maine based firm which designs super-efficient, factory-built, net-zero homes in the northeast US. Parlin and the company were recently featured on the HGTV show "Celebrity IOU." They partnered with Jonathan and Drew Scott, known better as the "Property Brothers" to build a house with actress Glenn Close in Eliot, Maine.

**Jeff Largey '95** is a Senior Analyst at Bell Rock Capital Management in London, UK.

**Brian Trapp '01** is the Program Director of Disability Studies at the University of Oregon.

**Mike Cunnington '03** is now an External Affairs Manager for Dominion Energy, covering six counties in Northeast Ohio. Additionally, he recently testified before the US House of Representatives Committee on House Administration on the House election observer program, a bipartisan post-election effort that he participated in following the 2020 election.

**Leah Eichenbaum Christie '04** is a lactation consultant and recently opened up a new practice, L & M Lactation. The practice serves the greater Columbus, Ohio area with options for both in home and office visits, as well as virtual visits. One can visit <https://lmlactation.com> to learn more.

**Michael Cappetta '08** has co-directed a documentary for ESPN that followed the heroic journey of Ukraine's Special Olympics team from Kyiv, Ukraine to Berlin, Germany for the World Games 2023. Michael, who has been in the media industry for over a decade, recently celebrated writing 100 stories for Travel + Leisure.

**Alex Hinch '08** is a Quality Assurance professional in the software development department at Publix in Florida.

**Vince Coleman '09** is the Director, Strategic Project Management at Hexagon Mining, a sensor, software and autonomous solutions company in the mining industry.

**Bill O'Riordan '09** is Regional Sales Director of Emerging Markets at NetSuite in Durham, North Carolina.

**Casey Cott '10**, who plays the theatre-obsessed Kevin Keller on the long-running TV series Riverdale, made his Broadway debut this summer in the Tony-winning Moulin Rouge! The Musical. Casey, also seen in the title role of the 2019 Kennedy Center staging of The Who's Tommy, stepped into the role of Christian, the part created by Tony winner Aaron Tveit, earlier in August for a limited engagement through December 3.

**Samantha Gebler-Evers '10** was named "Launch Principal" for Julie Billiart Schools and will be opening a new campus in Brecksville. Samantha had been the Principal at Julie Billiart School in Westlake.

**Dr. Alex Penler '10** is the Senior Digital Communications Officer at German Marshall Fund of the United States, which mission is in furthering transatlantic ties and supporting democracy initiatives in Central and Eastern Europe. Her primary expertise is in gender and public diplomacy. Alex holds a PhD from the London School of Economics and Political Science, where she also received her master's degree. She previously served for five years as the senior communications officer for the

Fulbright Program for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) at Amideast, a US Department of State-funded public diplomacy program.

**Thomas Tesar '11** is a Senior Scientist at Covestro in Wilmington, Massachusetts.

**Madison Hendricks '13** began a new position as an Account Manager at Columbus based Gifthealth, a technology company that streamlines the pharmaceutical process.

**Allie Dustin '15** is the Social Media & Content Manager at the natural and sustainable skincare company Caudalie in New York City.

**Grace Furnas '15**, a product development engineer, was recently promoted to Project Manager at Moen Incorporated in Cleveland.

**Charlie Winovich '15** is a Commercial Account Executive at Fivetran in Denver, Colorado.

**Jack Cherry '16** has recently been promoted to Senior Broker at the managing consulting firm Aon.

**Gretchen Goebel '16** is a Relationship Strategist I at PNC in Chicago.

**Austin Lucas '16** has been promoted to Portfolio Management Senior Associate at Bank of America in New York City.

**Tom Vandertill '16** has started a new position as Senior Consultant in the Mergers and Acquisitions Department at West Monroe in Chicago.

**David Workum '17** was promoted to Premium Sales Consultant with the NBA G League team the Cleveland Charge.

**Dan Bellini '18** is a Software Development Consultant at the Cincinnati office of the consulting firm Deloitte.

**Helen Goble '19**, a recent Bucknell University graduate, has now taken a position as a Staff Consultant in the IT Risk/Advisory Segment at Clearview Group in Baltimore, MD.



**Katarina Lechman '19** is a CME & UI/UX Functional Analyst at Eaton in Cleveland. Katarina is a recent graduate of the Fisher College of Business at The Ohio State University.

Graduating from the Indiana University - Kelley School of Business with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing and International Business with a minor in Spanish, **Emma Vaccaro '19** has now joined the marketing agency Eversana Intouch as a Marketing Coordinator in their Chicago office.

**Brooke Weston '19** recently graduated from the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics with a focus in Statistics. She also received the Intercollegiate Athletics Academic Achievement Award which is awarded to a junior or senior student-athlete with the highest cumulative GPA on their respective team. Brooke was a member of the Maryland Terrapins Women's Soccer Team.

University of Wisconsin graduate **Wyatt Webster '19** is now an Applications Software Engineer at SpaceX.

**Clark Reboul '20** was elected Vice President of the student body for Clemson University for the coming 2023-2024 school year. Clark will be a senior majoring in Computer Information Systems.

## Do You Remember

Al's Barber Shop; Commons; Burkhardt's Market; sock hops and middle school dances; Chess's Cracker Barrel; collecting butterflies for biology; Joe's Barber Shop; your leaf collection; Gal'ie West; Senior Honor Pass; Nall's; Springfest; Havre's; choosing your outfit for the first day of school; Ski Haus; Career Day; Violante's; snow days; spirit week; ski club; 8th grade trip to D.C.; Gamekeeper's; clap outs; Augies, receiving your report card in the mail; Fall's Theatre; picture day.

## Betcha' Didn't Know

- The boys soccer team played under the lights of Harris for the first time in 1973. They defeated Shaker Hts. 3-1 in a double overtime.
- **Larry Meyer '77**, a budding scuba diver while at CFHS, participated in an attempt at breaking the world record in an underwater Monopoly game. While a junior at the time, he joined roughly fifty other scuba divers at the Cleveland Sportsman Show in trying to break the record of 200 hours for playing underwater Monopoly. Although the group came up short at 149 hours, they did raise funds for the American Cancer Society. The divers took two hour turns at playing the game, which weighed 36 pounds.
- During the 1977-78 school year, CFHS switched to co-ed gym classes, as did schools across the country with the passage of Title IX in 1972, which prohibited sex segregation in education, including gym class.
- The first schoolhouse was built in Chagrin Falls around 1835, in the vicinity of the Triangle in town.
- Retired Industrial Arts teacher Mr. Bill Muzevich was also the Advisor to the Shop Club. The club would meet every other Saturday for four hours to work on individual and group projects, with several items being made for the school.
- In 1978, The Smithsonian Institute of Washington, D.C. selected two photographs from **Karen Swift '78** that she took of Northeastern Ohio Frisbee Champion **Annie Latuk '78** to hang in an exhibit that summer. They went on display at the Air and Space Museum in the Flying Disc section of a "Flying for Fun" exhibition.

# CLASS & REUNION NOTES

## 2024 FLORIDA ALL-CLASS REUNION

We will gather on Saturday Feb.24, 2024 from 11-3 pm at Summerfield Community Park Pavillion, 6310 Lakewood Ranch Blvd, Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202. All Alumni and Friends are welcome. Please visit our Facebook page: All Class Reunion Florida Chagrin Falls High School or any Chagrin Falls face book pages for dates, updates, details and important information. Please answer all question to join our face book page and message me, email me or call. We are growing in numbers and friendships as well as supporting our Alumni Association with scholarship monies from raffles and donations. **Suzanne Wright** 419-308-6686 wsuzannebg@yahoo.com. Enjoy the remainder of the summer and join us in sunny Florida in February. CHAGRIN will always be our HAPPY PLACE but reconnecting with fellow Alumni and Friends is FUN also.

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Who would have thought that a bunch of octogenarians could have so much fun sharing memories and stories about things that happened 70 years ago? The **Class of 1953** was small with only 47 graduates. Those who were able met in June to celebrate this memorable occasion with conversations that continued for nearly four hours. Some who were not able to attend in person checked in with us by phone, text, or email. We even took time to remember those who had passed. In addition, we viewed the DVD "Chagrin Falls in the 30s" and many of us recognized places and people from our past, like Mr. Gurney as a coach and the corner drug store which was always a busy place right after school. In all, the reunion was a great success. Our advice to those younger: Attend your next class reunion.

The **Class of '60** will have a 63rd reunion gathering in Chagrin Falls on the weekend of September 22 - 24. It is CFHS Homecoming, so we plan to attend the game on Friday and spend time on Saturday touring the village and then gathering at The Chagrin Falls Historical Society in the evening.

On Sunday, we will have a wrap up event.

Letters are going out to Classmates and those who are interested in information should contact Karen Hurst Johns at (leekarenjohns@gmail.com) or 440-725-0380, or Cynthia Hurst Downing at (cynthiadowning6@gmail.com) or 216-978-7343. We truly hope that many can make it back for a special time together.

On May 27th the **Class of 1967** celebrated their 55+1 High School Reunion. Earlier in the day, some of the classmates met in the Metroparks and took a hike to Squaw Rock by the Chagrin River. Our evening worked out wonderfully. The weather cooperated, The Village Martini and Wine Bar staff provided a great space and delicious food, the Alumni Assoc took care of our finances and class list, and John Tillotson, the Alumni photographer, took group and candid photos. Our 39 classmates plus 15 spouses/guests took full advantage of the evening, renewing old friendships, sharing our lives today, and rehashing old high school hijinks.





## Class of 1967 Reunion

Attendees (In alphabetical order) Larry Alstrom, John Andrews, Steve Bainbridge, John Blazer, Brad Bolton, Gayle White Bone, Mark Bowron, Ken Coryell, Dan Ehrenbeit, Missy Engle Kahn, Nancy Shelton Farrow, Bill Fitzsimmons, Bob Furst, Julie Karshner Gaon, Joy Wilk Geisweidt, Steve Grubich, Judy Martt Hall, Ralph Hastings, Lynn Takas Heath, Tom Hern, Bonnie Farrow Jemison, Bill Johannisson, Barb Leach, Bob Lowe, Bob Martinko, Bruce Molineaux, Karen Anderson Molineaux, Chip Morrill, Rick Munn, John Patton, Moki Szell Radu, Lynne Seekamp, Judy Spresser Holder, Di Koos Stradcutter, Mary Jo Vecchiarelli, Bill VerDuin, Dan Wright, Cindy Close Wyszynski. Photo by John Tillotson '72.

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The **Class of 1970** is having a mini reunion to attend, as a group, the world-premiere of classmate Scott Lax's play "1970" based on his written novel "The Year That Trembled". The class is planning to attend on Saturday, September 30th, 2023 for the 7:30 pm show at the Chagrin Valley Little Theater. Several classmates will be gathering around 5:00 p.m. prior to the show at 17 River Grille, which is located almost across the street from CVLT. If you plan to eat there, you should make a reservation. This mini reunion is the halfway point before their 55th Reunion in 2025.

The **Class of 1973** held their 50th Reunion over the recent Memorial Day/Blossom Time weekend with 54 classmates and 18 + 1's in attendance. We kicked off the weekend with the All-Class reunion at Town Hall on Friday evening. Saturday morning, we had a good turnout for the tours of the recently renovated Philomethian School, followed by the High School & Tom Mattern Historical Room, all lead by Alumni Director, Brian McKenna. Our Saturday event was held from 3pm-7pm at the Rollhouse in Solon, where classmates from 19 states and the UK enjoyed reminiscing about our "glory days", sharing details about jobs, families, grandchildren, and stories of our travels since retiring. Our thanks once again, to Jim McSherry for planning a stellar "Game Show Trivia" question/answer session where contestants (classmates) were quizzed on Senior Superlatives. Contestants won MD 2020, Boones Farm Strawberry Wine or Wild Irish Rose. Sunday found many classmates along the parade route on East Washington or traveling back to their homes. Plans are in motion for a 55th reunion to be held in 2028, when the class of '73 (or most of us) will be 73 years old!! To stay in touch and be informed, please visit our class FB page, Chagrin Falls High School – Class of 1973 or contact Betsy Hanson Street [betsygstreet@gmail.com](mailto:betsygstreet@gmail.com) or Nancy Stern Lester [nkslester@gmail.com](mailto:nkslester@gmail.com) with any changes or updates to your email or cell phone number.

The **Class of '74** reunion will be held on Saturday, May 25th, at the Chagrin Valley Athletic Club on Snyder Road and East Washington Street. Please see the Class Facebook page for hotel block information for the weekend. A class list was posted to the Facebook page and sent out via email to all those that we have information for in May. Help us track down those that are missing so we can include them in future communications. Updates can be sent to **Ted Kagy** at [tedkagy@aol.com](mailto:tedkagy@aol.com). In person and virtual planning sessions will begin this Fall to discuss activities, entertainment and our progress in finding our missing classmates. If you would like to participate, and all are welcome, please also email Ted. We look forward to seeing everyone as we celebrate our half century reunion next year!

The **Class of 1978** held their 45th class reunion on May 27th at The Crooked Pecker brewery. 60 plus were in attendance and had classmates coming from as far as Florida and California. A good time was had by all and we look forward to our next gathering!

**Class of 1979** - It's been a quick five years since our 40th even with our annual gatherings in-between. Get ready for another big one - 45! Saturday, May 25th 2024  
Classmates, head to our class website: <https://sites.google.com/view/chagrin-falls-class-79/home> And please make sure we have your current email address. As always, Go Tigers!

**Class of 1984** - Hey CFHS Greatest Class Ever\* - it's coming!! Yes, next year is the BIG 4-0 year Class reunion. Impossible to believe? Yes. But 40 is the new 30. So, let's reunion like it's 2014! Bring all the old iPads/iPods/Droids/RAZR's and rev them up for 2MP (megapixel) pics. We will tweet each other while sitting next to each other, Text from 10 ft away and imbibe like it's happy hour at the 'Ville.

I did hold a poll of Reunion ideas on our FB Group. Trying to weed out if we go rogue again and have our reunion in the Fall, like our last one!



This obviously offers more convenient hotel options, less expensive (and more available) venue options, and Browns games to commiserate on. So I'm leaning that way. Hope to clarify the date by end of summer. Stay tuned. This means you still have time for your ideas! Email me at [matthewhanley@verizon.net](mailto:matthewhanley@verizon.net), text or call at 805.340.0005.

Potential guests include Leif Garrett, Donnie Osmond, Lauren Tewes, Nastassja Kinski, Craig Ehlo, and Huey Lewis.

\* Source: Greg Gamm circa 1996. He has since said another class might be tied with 1984. Tie goes to 1984 always.

Your Humble Prez.

The **Class of '88** gathered over Blossom Weekend for their 35 year reunion. Festivities began on Friday at 8th Day Brewing Company to hear fellow classmate Dan Mills and John Barile '85 perform. Some classmates continued the fun at the All-Class reunion. The main event was held Saturday evening at the home of classmate Brent Luce. With an entertaining mix of 80s music playing and a big screen sharing the senior slide show and other videos memories from high school, it provided a terrific backdrop to reminisce. Over 60 were in attendance coming from near and far, while a few had joined us for their first reunion. A number of classmates continued on Sunday with the Blossom Run and parade. Ideas are already being shared for a special 40th in 2028.



The **Class of '93** had a stellar turnout for their 30th reunion weekend. The festivities kicked off on Friday with a cocktail party at a classmate's home in CF followed by the official reunion Saturday at Panini's Bar & Grill. We had about 65 people in attendance and former classmates traveled from all over to be here ...California, Las Vegas, Texas...even England!



**Class of 1993 Reunion**

Many thanks to all who came - it was a fantastic weekend and lots of (re)connections and memories were made. Special thanks to our organizers and a gracious donor who made the weekend accessible to everyone!

The **Class of 1994** will be having their 30 year reunion over Blossom Weekend 2024. Please reach out to Clay Bartel ([claybartel@gmail.com](mailto:claybartel@gmail.com)), Dana Loparo Matta ([themattas@icloud.com](mailto:themattas@icloud.com)), or Jennifer Zeiroid Schneider ([jjs0620@att.net](mailto:jjs0620@att.net)) to make sure the class has your updated contact information.



**Class of 2003 Reunion**

The **Class of 2003** had a great 20th reunion over Blossom Weekend at The Crooked Pecker. Classmates came from near and far, down the street and all the way from Hawaii to celebrate. We had over 45 classmates come back to Chagrin to catch up and have fun together again! Thanks to all that helped plan the reunion and to all that came!

The **Class of 2008** gathered together at Heinen's in downtown Chagrin to celebrate their 15-year reunion. They enjoyed sharing stories of the past while looking through old yearbook clips and photos. The reunion offered an opportunity to reconnect and enjoy the energy of Blossom. We are excited to gather again in another five years and hope even more folks will be able to join!





**Class of 2008 Reunion**

The 15 year reunion for the **Class of 2009** will be on the Saturday of MDW/Blossom Weekend. Location/time/details TBD. Make sure to join the class Facebook group, CFHS Class of 2009. Anyone with questions or who would like to help can reach Vince Coleman via email at [colemavi@gmail.com](mailto:colemavi@gmail.com) or phone at (440) 759-9723.



**Class of 2013 Reunion**

The **Class of 2013** hosted their 10 year reunion on the Saturday afternoon of Blossom Weekend. Over 60 were in attendance at Ponyboys for food, drinks, and to reminisce.



## 2023 Retirees Picnic



Once again retired Chagrin Schools employees gathered for their annual picnic at The West Woods in Russell. An enjoyable time was had catching up on how all are enjoying retirement. Photo by **John Tillotson '72**.

1st Row: Brian McKenna, Linda Mattern, Marilyn Wyville, Claudette Whitelaw, Melinda Redding, Sandy Dean, Mary Lou Riegel, Molly Francis, Pat Keller.

2nd Row: Jene Ohlrich, Audrey Weatherhead, Sally Kaas-Lyle, Doris Bernoski, Phyllis Nelson, Janet Brown, Sally Holzheimer, Bill Holzheimer, Jean Sulik.

3rd Row: Bob Ohlrich, Ray Haase, Gary Nelson, Ray Battles, Frank McWhorter, John Rydquist, David Buckle, Wade Tolleson.

## Kashkoush Memorial Garden Update

We recently featured an article on the Chagrin Falls Post Office that was named in memory of **Sgt. Michael Kashkoush '01**, who died in service to our country. We need to properly recognize Phoebe Kashkoush,



Michael's stepmother, for her tireless work to initiate the process and working with the PostMaster, Senator Voinovich, and Congressman LaTourette for renaming the post office. We would also like to thank several people for their generous donations so we can continue to tend to the memorial garden each summer at the post office. Marwan and Phoebe Kashkoush, **Bo '00** and **Julie Padavick Brandenburg '02**, and Jessica and **Kyle Kiffner '01** have all given a donation for the purchase and upkeep of the garden. We would also like to thank **John Tillotson '72** for maintaining the garden these past 15 years. We welcome additional donations. Please note in your donation that you want it directed to the Michael Kashkoush Memorial Garden.

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