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THIS STUDENTS LEADERS OF THE FUTURE



THS Class of 2000 Top Ten at the United States Capital in Washington, D.C. These students, along with their advisor, attended the Close-Up Program this past spring.

*Front kneeling: Nate Walker
1st Row: Jay Foster, Randy Littlecott,
Kathryn Brower, Kimberly Criss,
Mr. William Stone, Advisor,
Merideth Romey, Alisha Stacey.
2nd Row: Nate Kelly, Jason Harding
and Mike Dukes.*

What do the numbers 79, 111, and 2000 have in common? Toronto High School recently held their 111 annual commencement ceremonies celebrating the 79 graduates of the Class of 2000. Congratulations to all of the graduates and their families on this momentous occasion! I am sure the graduates and their families thanked the support staff, teachers, coaches and administration who assisted these students during their 13 years of education in the Toronto City School District.

Included in the photo above are co-valedictorians, Kimberly Criss, Jay Foster, and Merideth Romey. In their messages to their graduating class, each provide inspiring messages. Kimberly reminded the class that they could look back on their school memories and take comfort when faced with times of crises and change. Jay told graduates decision-making skills they've learned in high school will determine where they go in life. Merideth reminded the graduates that everyone talked about the class because *"we were the class of 2000.....The future is now and we are the future."*

It makes us proud to know these 79 graduates are beginning their future with a firm base of academic and occupational skills gained at THS. Thanks to your generosity, several of the of the graduates received scholarships to assist them in their aspirations. Please continue to invest in our childrens future. An investment of \$5,000 or more will allow you to be named as one of the Red Knights of the Round Table. Your contribution of \$1,000 or more entitles you to become a member of the Leadership Society. Your contribution of the \$500 means you are a member of the Red Knight Club. To be a member of the Century Club, your investment needs to be \$100. All gifts to THSAA are tax deductible. Thank you for caring about the future of our graduates; **we depend on you!**

ALUMNI NEWS

MILESTONES:

FALLEN KNIGHTS

Edna (McKeown) Sciance '25 of Colorado Springs, CO, retired from Weirton Steel Corp. and the former St. Johns Hospital of Steubenville as a switchboard operator, died April 18.

• **Bette Jane (Garee) Newbold '35** of Toronto, former owner and operator of the Red Oaks Country Club and a THSAA Life Member, died March 20.

Rev. William Simpson '37 of Frankfort, IN, a retired pastor, died May 4.

Dorothy (Weaver) Sheets '39 of Empire, OH, a former secretary, choir member, Sunday school teacher, and member of the Empire United Methodist Church, died June 4.

Margaret (Lucsko) Fickes '41 of Toronto, a member of St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, died March 14.

Nellie (Skinner) Morgan '42 of Copley, OH, died March 6.

Catherine (Goodrich) Channels '46 of Toronto, a member of the Toronto Order of Eagles Auxiliary, died April 14.

Betty (Chevalier) Ammon '48 of Toronto, owner and operator of the 1000 Franklin Restaurant, died April 4.

• **Pauline (Horkulic) Dasch '48** of Painesville, OH, a member of St. Gabriel Church and retired from the Dollar Bank in Painesville, died May 30.

Charlotte (McGrath) Hawthorne '50 of Columbus, IN, a retired microbiologist from the Columbus Regional Hospital and a member of the First United Methodist Church, died April 20.

• **Olga (Shevelow) Stone '50** of Toronto, a member of the Toronto First United Methodist Church and the Toronto Sunrise Senior Citizens Club, died April 27.

• **Jack Kincaid '52** of San Antonio, TX, a THSAA Life Member, died May 2000.

Rita Marie Sninchak '55 of Steubenville, OH, employed by Applied Dynamic in Weirton and a member of

St. Joseph Catholic Church, died March 23.

• **Josephine "Jo Ann" Mayhew '64** of Toronto, a 29-year employee of Weirton Steel as a procurement clerk in the purchasing department, a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Toronto, and a THSAA Life Member, died April 21.

Gary Tice '69 of Toronto, an Army veteran of the Vietnam War, an employee of Timet and a volunteer for many years with the Area 9 Special Olympics, died March 26.

Charles Landon Oxier '85 of Norcross, GA, a computer technician for Sync Corp. in Atlanta, died March 17.

(• denotes THSAA member)

MILESTONES:

WEDDING BELLS

Lisa Marie Chesney '90 married Richard Terry on October 15, 1999 in Wheeling, WV. Lisa is employed as an elementary special education teacher for the Indian Creek School District. The couple resides in Wheeling.

Tracey Arehart '86 married Brian Mann on Oct. 9, 1999. Tracey is employed as an athletic trainer with the Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

Jill McCraley '89 married Brian Perkins on August 28, 1999 in Toronto. Jill received a bachelor of science degree in nursing from the Franciscan University of Steubenville and Brian is a teacher and coach for the Toronto City Schools.

Chad Swearingen '92 married Colleen Hunter on March 20 in Marietta, GA. Chad is employed with Tradesmen International as a welder. The couple resides in Columbus, OH.

MILESTONES:

NEW ARRIVALS

Dale & Stacie (Grant) Call '88 of Wellsville, OH, boy, Feb. 18.

Jodie & Jason Fogle '95 of Toronto, girl, March 20.

Mr. & Mrs. **Kevin Porter '87** of Library, PA, boy, March 25.

Tricia & Chad Lamantia '87 of Weirton, WV, girl, March 29.

Roxanne & David Schroyer '89 of Toronto, boy, March 21.

John & Natalie (Cadman) Doughty '89 of Marietta, OH, boy, April 30.

Michael & Susan (Conlon) Williamson '81/80 of Toronto, boy, April 28.

Tom & Theresa (McCart) Cooper '86 of Toronto, boy, April 30.

Dan & Maria (Haynes) Hogue '88 of Washington, D.C., girl, May 13.

Mark & Melissa (Silverthorn) Phillips '84 of Toronto, girl, May 19.

Mi Kyoung & John Cusick '91 of Seoul, Korea, girl, June 1.

MILESTONES:

ANNIVERSARIES

Gary & Christy (Tharp) Bonnizzio '67 of Toronto, 30th, April 18.

Jack & Merna (Frew) Megahan '46 of Orlando, FL, 50th, april 7.

John & Karen (Muczynski) Crocker '67 of Atlantic Beach, FL, 25th, August 9.

**NOTES FROM
ALL OVER**

Stacey (Grant) Call '88 received her masters degree in nursing from Duquesne University in May of 1999. Stacie is the Education Director and an RN at the East Liverpool City Hospital. She lives in Wellsville with her husband, Dale and son Lucas Michael.

Anthony Tiziani '69 has been named the Director of Radiology Services for the Trinity Health System in Steubenville, OH. Anthony previously worked for the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital as Radiology manager and Administrative Director of Radiology, respectively. He also served as an Allied Health instructor at Jefferson Community College.

Monsignor George J. Adams '43 is celebrating 50 years in the Priesthood. On May 1, 1950, Monsignor Adams started with the St. Joseph Church in Bridgeport, Ohio, and served 45 years in the Diocese of Steubenville. He presently lives in a family home in Brockway, PA, where he is active in helping brother priest.

Carolyn (Stagani) McGrath '58 was recognized during an awards banquet in Columbus for attaining Masters Level status in real estate. Carolyn is an agent of Century 21 Teramana-Westling Inc.

David S. Kane '80 was recently certified by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a Professional Geologist. He and his wife, **Ruth (Garnick) Kane '81** are employees of Centocor, Inc. (Pharmaceutical Div.). She is Manager, Contract Mfg. Supplier Quality. They are both graduates of Bowling Green State University. David also has a degree in Environmental Geology from the University of Massachusetts. They are residents of Kennett Square, PA.

CPT Christopher H. Warner '92 graduated on May 20 from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences with a Doctor of Medicine degree. Chris will be doing his internship and residency in psychiatry and family medicine at the National Capital Consortium in Washington, D.C. Chris is a Captain in the U. S. Army and resides in Severn, Maryland with his wife, Dr. Carolynn Warner and son, Jacob.

U. S. Navy submarines will be honored when five new commemorative postage stamps are issued by the U.S. Postal Service in Groton, Conn. **Sam Powell '60** has reason to have special pride in this event. He worked through the internet to contact former navy buddies and get petitions passed to bring about this honor.

Powell retired from the Navy in 1982 and lives in Wilmington, OH where he is a full-time maintenance personnel at Southern State Community College.

Sam is the son of **Mildred (Willoughby) Sciance '30**.

Gary Black '48 of Netherlands notified the office that his beloved wife, Martha passed away April 19, 2000 as a result of complications from lung surgery.

REUNIONS

The **Class of 1950** will hold its 50th reunion on September 16 at the American Legion in Toronto. The cost will be \$50 per couple or \$25 per single.

The social hour will begin at 5 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. and dancing until midnight.

On Sunday, at 1 p.m., there will be a brunch at the First Presbyterian Church with the cost of \$6 per person payable that day.

All reservations should be mailed to Donna Manning, 1213 Wentworth Ave., Toronto, OH 43964.

The **Class of 1985** is planning a 15 year reunion to be held on July 1, 2000 at the Dyer Country Club. They will also be having a get together on July 2 at Austin Lake. Contact Sherri Reeves Wilson for more information.

The **Class of 1980** is planning a 20 year reunion to be held on Aug. 5. Contact Marsha Montgomery Werkin for more information.

Happy Anniversary

*35 years have come and gone
I don't know how or why
The only thing I know for sure
They really seemed to fly.*

*I've loved you each and every year
Because you're nice and clever
Another thing I know for sure
My love will last forever.*

One and One Are Two?

*You are one and I am one,
so our number should be two
But there's a reason why I know,
that this cannot be true.
We were two when we first met,
but soon your hand I won,
Our marriage changed all this, and
from two we now are one.
I need to have you close to me,
like for hugging and for kissing,
When you're not near
I feel that a part of me is missing.*

Poems contributed by John H. Lower, Class of 1938, Gold medalist, Texas Senior Olympics in 1997-98-99 and will enter in 2000.

Barbara Carter presented Karaffa Award for Excellence In Education

Barbara (Harasimik)Carter '52 was presented the Joseph and Anna Marie Karaffa Award for Excellence In Education for the year 2000 at the Toronto High School Honors Assembly on May 24. To date she is the first alumna to receive the award.

Mrs. Carter began her teaching career in the old Franklin School in 1955 and then a short time later moved to the S.C. Dennis School after it was built and then to Lincoln School where she is now teaching 2nd Grade. Mrs. Carter has taught for 45 consecutive years in the Toronto School District and truly deserves the recognition she has received.

The \$500 Education Award is presented annually to recognize an outstanding teacher's or administrator's efforts in creating an environment where teaching and learning are valued - the recipient must be active in the Toronto City Schools.



**We want to hear your stories!
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Toronto, OH 43964 and share the
good times with your fellow
Alumni.**

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