

# KnighTimes

TORONTO HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FALL 2008

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Pictured Anna Marie Karaffa, Lynda Glenn and Joseph T. Karaffa photo by Julie

## ***Karaffa Excellence in Education Award***

Each year, an "Excellence in Education Award" is presented to an outstanding teacher or administrator in the Toronto City School District.

This year, that teacher was Lynda Chesney Glenn '86.

Joseph and Anna Marie Dahill Karaffa '42/'46 established the award ten years ago to recognize the efforts of a teacher or administrator in creating an environment where teaching and learning are valued. Nominations for the award are solicited from students, teachers, administrators, parents and alumni. Prior recipients were Barbara Pritts, 1998; Kirk George, 1999; Barbara Carter, 2000; Susan Buckham'69, 2001; James Ray'64, 2002; Maureen Wherry Taggart'88, 2003; Gary Fisher'66, 2004; Linda Antonucci, 2005; Linda Blair, 2006; and Charlene Bond Starr'72, 2007.

"This year's recipient has been a teacher in the Toronto City Schools

for the past fifteen years," Karaffa said. She is currently a seventh-grade teacher and has served the district in such capacities as an Ohio Reads Parent Volunteer, a junior high school cheerleading coach; a summer intervention instructor and a middle school test coordinator.

"One of those that nominated Glenn, describes her as 'very dedicated to her career, willing to use technology and very knowledgeable,'" Karaffa said. "She is very organized and has her students do a variety of things to keep the interest level high. She loves Toronto schools and works hard to make sure they are viewed in a positive light." Lynda graduated from THS in 1986 and attended Kent State University, where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in education in 1992. In 1999, she received a master of science degree in education from Franciscan University of Steubenville.

## **2008**

### ***Scholarship Winners***

The Toronto High School Alumni Association awarded twenty-two scholarships to the graduates of the Class of 2008, bringing the total of scholarships awarded since the organizations' beginning in 1989 to 256 and a total of \$178,900.. These scholarships are made possible because of donations of our many alumni and friends. We have created an endowed scholarship foundation with a tax exempt status that enables us to grant these scholarships using the interest from our investments. Two of the scholarships are four year awards and nine of the scholarships were created by donations from individuals or their families. All award winners are selected through an anonymous scoring application in compliance with the IRS standards.

This year's awards were presented to: Bryant Bigler, son of Mark and Karen Bigler, attending the University of Akron; Courtney McCoy; Joseph Williams, son of Homer and Angela Williams, attending University of Akron; Bradley Miller, son of Del and Rose Miller, attending University of Akron; Amy McCoy, daughter of Tim and Mary McCoy, attending Cleveland State University; Kayla Roush, daughter of Bob and Brenda Carr Roush'85, attending Cleveland State University; Andrew Brower, son of Fred and Jane Brower, attending Butler University; Shanna Cattrell, daughter

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## ***Fallen Knights:***

**Myron “Zeke” Carter ‘59** died May 2, 2008. He was retired from the former Toronto Power Plant of the Ohio Edison Company (First Energy). He also retired from the Master Halco Fencing Company of Aliquippa, PA.

**Thomas Keeney ‘73** died May 14, 2008 as a result of a motorcycle accident. He was employed by First Energy, having worked thirty-four years in the Sammis Plant Maintenance Department. Tom was a member of the Jefferson County ABATE Group.

**John “Jack” Brady ‘57** passed away May 15, 2008. He retired, after thirty-seven years, from the Titanium Metals Corporation of Toronto. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served on the USS Saratoga Aircraft Carrier and also served in the Navy Reserves after his active duty.

**Dorothy Wright McKinley ‘37** passed away May 21, 2008. She was a member of the North River Avenue Christian Church of Toronto and was a former member of the Toronto Senior Citizens Club.

**Warren Edwards ‘55** died May 29, 2008. He retired from Weirton Steel and was a member of First Baptist Church in Toronto. He served in the U.S. Navy.

**Shirley Anderson Retzer ‘46** died June 1, 2008. She was a longtime employee of Treasure Island of Steubenville. She was married fifty-four years before her husband, Bob, passed away.

**Beatrice “Maudie” Anderson Kavulla ‘39** died June 9, 2008 in Akron, Oh. She would have been eighty-seven on June 10th. She lived thirty-two years in Venice, FL. She is remembered best for her career as an interior designer.

**Maxine Essig McElroy ‘52** died July 20, 2008. After high school, she graduated from Steubenville Business College.

**Mary Ann Timko Taylor ‘55** died June 16, 2008. She was retired from the former Hancock Manufacturing Company in Toronto and was a member of St. Joseph R. C. Church.

### **Christina Tyska Skinner**

**Lawrence ‘60** passed away June 20, 2008. She owned TNT Tasty Treats, a cookie company located in Weirton, WV, before moving to South Carolina.

**Kramer Ward ‘49** died July 2008.

**Howard Bryan ‘35** died July 8, 2008. He was a U.S. Army veteran having served during WWII. He retired from the Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Co.—Steubenville Plant.

### **Delma “Marie” Rawson**

**Candoo ‘48** passed away July 14, 2008. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church. Marie was also known to some as “Sippy”.

**Ann Tulencik Unger ‘40** died July 12, 2008. Ann was the last of eight siblings of the late Rose and Michael Tulencik.

**Joseph L. Blaschlak ‘41** died July 21, 2008. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army during WWII. He was the owner of Blaschlak Funeral Home in Mingo Junctions since 1964 and was a licensed funeral director and embalmer for sixty years.

**R. Eilene Rolston Cusick ‘45** died July 26, 2008. She was a Deaconess of the North River Avenue Christian Church and a seventy-two year member. She was a life member of the THSAA. She retired as the office manager of the Gererro Music Store.

**Leonard J. Bonitati ‘34** died July 27, 2008. He retired as co-owner of the former A. Bonitati & Sons Chevrolet/Oldsmobile Dealership in Toronto.

**Leona Hughes**, sister of THS Dean of Boys Robert Hughes, died July 24, 2008. Leona was a most ardent supporter of Ohio University and had received many distinguishing awards. She served on the OU Alumni Association and Foundation Boards for

twenty-four years. She was a life member and supporter of the Toronto Alumni Association and mentored THS grads that attended Ohio University. She was ninety-nine years old.

**James “Jim” Chambers ‘68** died August 8, 2008. He was a former employee of Weirton Steel. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Army.

**Rita Wilson Baier ‘52** passed away August 9, 2008. She was a member of St. Francis Roman Catholic Church and the Toronto Sr. Citizens Club.

**Edward Sabados ‘52** died June 14, 2008 in Canton, MI. He retired from General Motors as an engineer.

## ***Births:***

Rodney and Darcy Bonnizzio Henry ‘88/95 are proud to announce the birth of their son, Michael Rodney, born on September 7, 2007. He joins his sister, Emma Grace (3). Maternal grandparents are Gary and Christy Tharp Bonnizzio ‘67. Great grandmother is Hattie Grygo Bonnizzio ‘39.

Chad ‘92 and Colleen Hunter Swearingen are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Kaitlin Hunter, born on May 10, 2008. She joins her sister, Emma Anne (thirteen months). Grandparents are Chuck and Dani Rock Swearingen ‘68/69.

Rev. Paul “Bob” and Eleanor Bailey O’Brien ‘37/41 announced the arrival of their first great-granddaughter born on July 17, 2008. They now have four great-grandsons and one great-granddaughter. The O’Briens live in retirement in Tyrone, PA.

Art and Sarah Hughes ‘95 Trembanis announce the birth of their son, Samuel Patrick, on April 24, 2008. He joins his sister, Ella Matina. Grandparents are Ron and Ellen Stoll Hughes ‘70/74 and great grandmother is Eula Stoll.

Matthew and Paige Owen ‘93 Powell announce the birth of their daughter, Claire Arden. She joins her sister, Catherine Scarlett.



## **Anniversaries:**

James and Nikki Ann Bonnizzio Cable '62 celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on July 13, 2008. Nikki retired May 2004 with thirty-five years of service with the Edison Local School District as a business/computer teacher at JU/Edison High School. She is the mother of Julie Calovini Robinson '85 and Jana Calovini Witt '86. They have three grandchildren.

Brad and Becky Hudok Beswick '70/71, celebrated their thirty-fifth anniversary on June 8, 2008.

Congratulations to Andy '39 and Anne Blauer on celebrating their sixtieth wedding anniversary on May 8, 2008.

Clarence and Maxine Edwards Hunter '37/36 celebrated their sixty-sixth wedding anniversary on August 3, 2008. Congratulations and best wishes.

Daniel and Joan Smith '56 Weidger celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on June 11, 2007 with a family dinner. Dan is retired from the paper-mill and Joan retired from the Toronto School District where she worked as a cook. They are the parents of Ed '75 (Rita Fulton '79), current THIS teacher and coach, and the grandparents of Jennifer Weidger Brown 2001, Danielle Weidger 2005 and Jeffrey, a freshman at Toronto. Joan is the daughter of the late John "Yappy" and Wilda Flowers Smith '33.

## **Marriages:**

Katie Ann Reeves 2001 and Jeffrey L. Simpson were united in marriage on May 10, 2008. They are residing in Toronto.

Jennifer Weidger 2001 and Chris Brown 2001 were married on

October 27, 2007. She is the daughter of Ed and Rita Fulton Weidger '75/79 and grand-daughter of Dan and Joan Smith Weidger '56. He is the son of Jim and Pam Barcus Brown '76/79.

Melinda Foster '99 and Gerald Schlechter were married in an ocean-side ceremony in Miami Beach, FL., on April 18, 2008. She is the daughter of Jeff and Becky Starr '72 Foster. She is employed by Mercy Health Partners in Cincinnati. Her husband is a managing member of ITMCS, a software consulting company. They reside in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Emily Foster 2002 and Jace Pearson were married on March 15, 2008. She is the daughter of Jeff and Becky Starr '72 Foster. She is employed as a teacher in the Steubenville City School District. Her husband is a supply chain analyst for First Energy. They reside in Steubenville, Ohio.

## **Notes from Alumni:**

The Class of 1944 sends a newsletter to its class members three times a year. Ernie Boston (bostonassociates@att.net) is the editor and publisher. The newsletter contains stories of classmates' current triumphs and sorrows as well as stories of yesteryear. They are planning a big bash during the next all-school reunion in 2009. Assisting in providing the news updates and address changes for their classmates are Virginia Bell Mayhew, Nancy Byrd Smith and Clayton Wright.

How important is your yearbook to you? Do you even know where you keep it stored? A lovely note came in to the office requesting a 1937 yearbook from a former teacher, *Mildred "Evans" McNeal*, now living in Prospect, Ohio. Mildred was the vocational home economics teacher and left that position in 1937 to marry and

moved away. "In getting married, I never thought to get the yearbook and I have regretted it ever since," stated Mildred. At the alumni office there are duplicate yearbooks for many of the years that have been donated by family members cleaning out homes. A donation for the duplicate yearbooks goes to the scholarship fund. We were able to send a 1937 yearbook to Mildred. She writes, "this was a dream come true in being able to acquire this yearbook." So, if you have some yearbooks that are of no interest to you anymore and would like to donate them, or are searching for a particular year, please contact the alumni office (740-537-9114) for further assistance. You are never too old or too young to enjoy looking at former classmates and reminiscing about the "good ole' days". Ask Mildred, who in her 90's, has thoroughly enjoyed getting the 1937 yearbook.

Kathleen Moran Panck '63, owner/host of Gillum House Bed & Breakfast in Shinnston, WV (see ad page 7) was chosen by the Tourism Division of West Virginia to accept a proclamation on behalf of the Tourism Industry. Governor Joe Manchin issued the proclamation to kick-off National Tourism Week, May 10-18. Kathleen was chosen for this honor, "...because she has a small business but has gone beyond promoting her business with her involvement in the MountainState Association as Marketing and Legislative Chairs, Executive Director of West Virginia Rail-to-Trails, with helping various state agencies when they need something, and her promotion of the State of West Virginia."

Jennifer Nicole Weidger 2001, received her doctor of Physical Therapy degree from Wheeling Jesuit University in 2007. She is now working for the Carriage Inn in Steubenville,



## Notes from Alumni cont.

Ohio. Jennifer received the Alumni Foundation D. Verne McConnell Scholar Award. She is the daughter of Ed and Rita Fulton Weidger '75/77, and the grand-daughter of Dan and Joan Smith Weidger '56 and Jay and Betty Fulton McVann

Joan Ferguson Hindman '50, was recently honored at The Steubenville Big Red Sixth Founders Recognition Dinner held at the Williams Country Club in Weirton, WV, that honors contributors. Joan was the first girl lifeguard at Toronto Pool from 1949-1950. She was a member of Toronto High School Music Honor Society. She was a secretary at Weirton Steel Metallurgic Department. Joan is a Life Member of the THS Alumni Association and served for many years as its Corresponding Secretary. She still handles the "mixer" for the Class of 1950 at the All School Reunions. Joan sits on the board of Martha Manor Assisted Living Home and is a fifty-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She is the wife of the late Dave Hindman Sr., and has a Doctorate Degree from the "School of Hard Knocks and Domestic Engineering". Joan enjoys her family of two children, David II and Lynee Keeler, their spouses and her four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A scholarship in memory of her late husband was established in 1995 at Big Red.

"In the Beginning...There Was the Men's Room" is the title of a new book by veteran Country Music/Grand Ole Opry performer and THS alumni, Sam Wellington '57. The book tells the true story of a DO-WOP 50's style singing group called THE JETS and a most unusual transformation from finger popping and street corner performing to become the award winning country music group called THE FABULOUS FOUR GUYS. The book chronicles the

group's early beginnings in the 1950's while still in high school, through the long, illustrious career. Like a ride on a rickety old roller coaster, Sam reveals the group's rise to national prominence through a myriad of emotions ranging from elation to heartbreak. This true-to-life docudrama is told with a humorous flair much the way Wellington's first book, "Who Wants To Be A Country Music Star", was presented. The author tells his story as he lived it...and living it took more than thirty-two years.

The Hamilton Tiger-Cats (Hamilton, Ontario) and the Hamilton Tiger-Cats Alumni Association are proud to present the 2008 Wall of Honour inductees, former player Less Browne and former player and coach Don Sutherin '54. Their names will be placed on the façade of the press box at Ivor Wayne Stadium during a ceremony at halftime of the Ticats final regular season home game against the Calgary Stampeders on October 24, 2008. Sutherin, a defensive back and kicker, played eight seasons with the Ticats (1958, 1960-66) where he was named an All-Eastern Defensive Back six times and an All-Canadian on three occasions, while winning two Grey Cup championships and participating in four others. Sutherin currently sits fifth all-time in Ticats career scoring (450 points) while also kicking the fourth most field goals in Ticats history (75). Sutherin sits fourth on the Tricats all-time interceptions list. He also spent nine seasons with the team's coaching staff as a head coach and a defensive coordinator. Don was inducted into the Canadian Football Hall of Fame in 1992. He currently lives with his wife, Nancy, in Hartville, Ohio.

In our last newsletter, we mentioned that Jeremy Stovall '96 was fulfilling his dream of hiking the Appalachian Trail. Many of you viewed his journal

online. This is his story. "When I started my journey four and a half months ago, I never really knew for sure if I was going to make it. My goal was to hike and just focus on getting to the next shelter. I never thought I would hike with other hikers, let alone make good friends. My perception of the Appalachian Trail was nothing like what I experienced. Hiking alone wasn't fun. I joined with other hikers I met along the way and we became a team.

Only a few days into my journey I developed blisters on my feet. This problem would plague me for nearly two-thirds of the trail, but the trail keeps pulling you back. The sights you see and the people you meet make it addicting. The Appalachian Trail changed me in ways I never thought it could. The mental side of hiking can be just as difficult as the physical. My motto that kept me going through the hard times, *You have to go through the bad times to get to the good*, worked. I feel this journey made me a stronger person, taught me to be more outgoing and to learn what to expect from others.

I've seen a fraction of how beautiful this country is. I was in total awe when I walked through New Hampshire's White Mountains. Franconia Ridge and Mount Lafayette in the White Mountains are my favorite places. The first time I set eyes on this glorious mountain was three days before I reached the top. It was very exciting. Climbing to the top was fun, technical and challenging. It was my toughest climb on the trail. When I reached the top, I felt relieved. All my worries, all the stress was gone.

I would like to thank the trail clubs, my family and friends for their support, and all those that took the time to read the entries in my trail journal guest book. It made me feel like you were all there with me and I was happy to know you cared."

Jeremy



## **Fred Burns, New Superintendent of Toronto Schools**



Fred Burns, a 1967 graduate of TIS and an alumni association member, recently signed a three-year contract with the city school board as its new superintendent. He brings his long record of educational and administrative experience to the district.

Fred graduated from the College of Steubenville in 1971 and earned his master's degree in 1977 from the University of Dayton. He has also completed post-graduate studies. He served as superintendent of Southern Local School District from 2001 to 2006 as well as the Jefferson County Educational Service Office in 2007.

Burns said his main priority during his tenure at Toronto will be to help build ties of trust among parents, pupils, students, teachers, administrators and the community at large.

"My goals are to provide some continuity, reestablish trust and have everyone believe we are a team," said Burns, adding he wants the community to "have faith in what's going on."

Fred also said he will be dealing with the public on changes that will be coming to the district. "We need to keep some of the past but also make some changes."

"Some of the reasons changes are necessary," Burns said, "are daunting challenges ahead, including a declining enrollment, the local economy,

older buildings, maintaining and using current technology and doing a good job preparing our students."

Burns said the community needs to think differently about the school district and be reasonable about issues that may arise.

"Don't blame us if we have problems," said Burns. "Everyone has problems. Look at how we attempt to solve those problems, if they are correctable. Judge us by that."

## **Toronto City Schools to Increase Communication**

During the 2008-2009 school year, the Toronto City School District will launch three tools to increase communication with parents.

**Progress Book:** Progress Book is a web-based program that enables teachers to manage their grade book, attendance, lesson plans, progress reports, and report cards with a single software package. The most important aspect of the program is a communication link, which allows Parent access. Parents will receive a username and password to log into the system so they can continuously monitor their child's grades, progress reports, homework, and attendance. Parent account information and instructions will be sent home during the first month of school. This is the first year in the Toronto City School District that all schools will be using Progress Book. The program was originally piloted at Karaffa Middle School.

**Automated Phone Message Service:** The Toronto City School District will launch an automated phone message service this fall. Within minutes, the service can deliver staff and student emergency notification

messages for snow delays and cancellations as well as announcements for upcoming events and activities. The service can be tailored to deliver specific messages to students in a particular school, grade level, or group. The district hopes to increase parent involvement by ensuring that parents receive announcements that were traditionally sent home with students.

**District Newsletter:** The district newsletter is a publication that is printed and mailed to the families of students enrolled in the Toronto City School District. The newsletter is distributed three times per year (fall, spring, summer). It contains articles and photos of student activities and events.

Research shows that better parent-school communication leads to higher academic achievement and safer students. By using the communication tools listed above, the Toronto City School District wants to make sure parents get important information quickly and reliably so they can make informed decisions about their child's education.

## **Class Representatives**

We are again asking for someone to step forward from each of the classes to serve as a class representative. This person or persons will help keep the class information updated, informing the alumni office of classmates address changes, email addresses and personal life changes such as marriages and children. Please email the office for more information and a current list of your class. Keeping current addresses is more important this year so we can notify everyone of the All-School Reunion events.



## **Scholarships continued**

of George "Buzzy" and Ann Keenan Cattrell '69, attending Mt. Union College; Hanna Thomas, daughter of Tom Thomas, attending Jefferson Community College; Allison Hall; Matthew Rampello, son of Jim and Bonnie Baker '82 Rampello, attending Shawnee State University; and Kara Rodesh, daughter of John and Carolyn Rodesh, attending Cleveland State University.

The Four Year Foundation Award was presented to Shawn Keenan, son of Jim '76 and Jeanine Keenan, who will attend University of Akron. The four year Robert T. Hughes Memorial Award was presented to Caroline Dougherty, daughter of Zane '77 and Linda Dougherty, who will attend Ohio University. Other special awards: Dr. Verne D. McConnell award went to Ashley Clark, daughter of Terry and Mary Jane Lynch Clark '79/'81, attending Duquesne University; Jason Motto Memorial Scholarship to Joshua Wilson, son of Brent and Sandy Peters Wilson '64/'72, attending Jefferson Community College; the Cliff and Hazel Walker Scholarship to Brandie Holmes, daughter of Bob Holmes and Barb Gerkins, attending Jefferson Community College; the William E. Davis 1941 Scholarship to Jessica Lippert, daughter of Dave '81 and Erin Lippert, attending Jefferson Community College; The Toronto Titan Player Award to Max King, son of Greg and Cheryl Merideth King '78/'82, attending Jefferson Community College; The Toronto Titan Cheerleader Award to Kiley Cernansky, daughter of Dan and Tammy Bonitati Cernansky '75/'82, attending Mt. Union College.

The Dr. Jane Shaffer honor scholarship was presented to Eric Sutherin, son of Hugh Sutherin '79 and Cathy Swickard Sutherin '81, who is attending Jefferson Community College.

The Ed Gray Scholarship Award was presented to Jessica Ighnat, daughter of Tim '81 and Raelene Ighnat. She will be attending the Art Institute of Pittsburgh.

Members of the class include: Robert Altamirano, Bruce Bates Jr., Steven Bates, Timothy Bauman, Joshua Beck, Terrah Bickerstaff, Bryant Bigler, Shane Blanton, Richard Bradley, Matthew Brennan, Robert Calhoun, Kiley Cernansky, Jessica Clark, Kendal D'Andrea, Daniel Davis Jr., Michael Dickey, Jonathan Doyle, Megan Gray, Allison Hall, Alyssa Hess, Rachele Hinkley, Brandie Holmes, Jesse Householder, Ashlie Howard, Gloria Howard, Amy Hunter, Brandon Hunter, Jessica Ighnat, Karley Jones, Fred King Jr., Max King, Brittani Kitchen, Sarah Lawson, Jessica Lippert, Courtney McCoy, Megan Mosti, Robert Myers, Kristen Nelson, Courtney Novotny, Andrew O'Brien, Amanda Peckens, Zachary Peckens, Bryan Platko, Bradford Polaski, Matthew Rampello, Lee Reed, Paul Ruberto Jr., Karlibeth Snyder, James Solomon, Amy Springer, Elicia Stephen, Zachary Stewart, Jeffrey Stock, Michael Stock, Corey Thomas, Hanna Thomas, Zachary Twigg, Andrew Vantilburg, Victoria Voltz, Leslie West, Joseph Williams, Mitchell Williams, Jeffrey Wilson, Joshua Wilson and Nicole Wil.

## ***Historical Society***

The Historical Society of Toronto, Ohio is now affiliated with a non-profit corporation and has an IRS tax exempt status. At our meeting in July, by-laws were adopted and initial officers were introduced. Those serving as officers until the end of the year will be: Carolyn Motter Walker '64, President; Linda Joy McFerren '65, Vice-President; Art Monigold, Vice-President; Linda Gail Patterson Komar '66, Secretary; Betty E. Davis,

Treasurer and Trustees: Don Clarke '60 George Komar, Zane Dougherty '77, and Nancy Monigold. Election for 2009 Trustees will be held in November.

We are soliciting membership in the organization and have set up a website at [www.thegemcity.org](http://www.thegemcity.org).

The Society is planning a Vintage Style Show in November. If anyone has vintage clothing from 40's, 50's or 60's that they would like to lend to us or model themselves please contact Linda McFerren at 740-537-3116 or [lcmack@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lcmack@sbcglobal.net). We are also putting together a CD of older pictures of Toronto, especially from the 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's. Dig out those old pictures you took with your Kodak Brownie cameras and let us make copies. Many of the older businesses are gone and now a lot of the buildings are being demolished due to their age and disrepair. With your help we will be able to capture "pictures in time". A committee has been organized to interview and collect "oral histories" from many of our citizens, current and former. If you would like to be a part of this, either write your thoughts down or call and we will set up an interview.

Ed Pope '63 was our first program speaker and relayed the history of Pappy Jack Moren and the family's role in the river barge traffic. Plans are for more programs with topics on the Civil War, sewer pipes, brick-yards, potteries, local physicians and story hour roundtables.

Bob Petras '71 is writing regular features in the Herald Star Toronto Scene paper. Anyone with information on events or pictures that are a part of the Gem City's past are welcomed to contact Bob at [klydepetras@hotmail.com](mailto:klydepetras@hotmail.com).

Check out the website at: [www.thegemcity.org](http://www.thegemcity.org) and contact us at: [thegemcity@sbcglobal.net](mailto:thegemcity@sbcglobal.net).



## ***"Re-U-Knight 2009"***

A reunion committee has been formed and plans are being made for the next all-school reunion to be held on Labor Day weekend 2009. Invitations will be mailed out the first of January 2009 but we want everyone to put the date on their calendars as soon as possible. A tentative schedule is as follows:

Friday, September 4 = Golf Scramble—place and time to be announced

Friday, September 4 = Reception at Karaffa School from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm to recognize distinguished alumni, life members and benefactors

Friday, September 4 = Home football game at 7:30 pm (half time events planned by alumni)

Saturday, September 5 = Class parade downtown

Saturday, September 5 = Festival of the Arts celebrated in downtown area

Saturday, September 5 = Main Event—Dinner at Karaffa School, social starting at 4:00 pm, dinner and short program from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Saturday, September 5 = Mixers—places to be announced

Sunday, September 6 = Church gatherings

Sunday, September 6 = Reunions, picnics

Other event possibilities: Gateway Clipper dinner cruise package on Thursday. Look for more details in the December KnightTimes issue and on our website at: [www.torontoohioalumni.com](http://www.torontoohioalumni.com)

### ***Dues are Due***

Anyone who attended Toronto High School is automatically an alumni of the school and is placed in the Alumni Association database for future mailings. Once a year in the fall, the alumni association mails a newsletter to all alumni whose current address we have on file, as well as the annual dues notice. Being a paid member of the association brings other benefits. Our newsletter "KnightTimes" is published *three times* a year and sent to dues paying members. We also maintain an office where we can provide classes with information about their classmates, email addresses, etc. Some events that we sponsor and non-sale merchandise affords dues paying members a discount. It is important to support your alumni association with your dues, as this money is the sole support of maintaining an office and producing the newsletter. All money given for scholarships and memorials is earmarked for the Foundation and providing scholarships. To date, we have given 256 scholarships totaling \$178,900 to graduating seniors.

### ***Class of 1958 plans Fiftieth Reunion***

***September 19-20***

Our *fiftieth class reunion*. That's really something to celebrate. A buffet dinner is planned at the Holiday Inn in Steubenville, Ohio on Saturday, September 20. Group picture will be taken at 5:30. Cost of the dinner is \$32 and picture is \$12. A mixer will be held at Margaret's Café in Toronto on Friday, September 19 at 7:00. For additional information contact Carolyn McGrath at [carolynmcgrath@att.net](mailto:carolynmcgrath@att.net) or call one of the committee at 740-537-3664. ***"See you in September"***.

### ***Alumni Picnic***

Sunday, August 10, 2008 was the date of the annual alumni picnic held at the Toronto Park Shelter House.

Good food and good fellowship abounded. Special welcome to the class of **1953** who were celebrating their fifty-fifth reunion.

Alumni were present from Las Vegas, NV, Roseville, MN, Shinnston, WV, and Toronto.

Right: Cheryl Clarke, Tom Wilson '77 and Bob Clegg '64



Above: Kathleen Moran Panek '63 and her husband, John.  
Left: Nikki Bonnizzio Cable '62 and her mother Hattie Grygo Bonnizzio '39





A monetary donation to the alumni Association in memory of a classmate, friend or classmate's family member is a gift that continues giving through scholarships to graduates each year. Acknowledgements are sent to the family.

### **In Memoriam:**

**Peggy Moren Gilliland '34**

Rosemary Gilliland Respicio '63

**Thomas Utzler '56**

Carl/Judy Hartwell Moreland '55/56

**Harry E. Tarr (Teacher)**

Leora Tarr Meade '45

**Elaine Tarr Lehman '48**

Leora Tarr Meade '45

Donald Maple '48

**Barbara Blaner Shield '69**

Dorothy Blaner '72

**Sara Peterson McClurg '44**

Jack/Margaret Peterson '48

**Paul Kalivoda '38**

Dave/Patty Sanford Ralston '64

**Harry Littlecott '46**

Dave/Patty Sanford Ralston '64

Midge Woodside

**Myron "Zeke" Carter '59**

Dave/Patty Sanford Ralston '64

**Dorothy Wright McKinley '37**

Dave/Patty Sanford Ralston '64

**Christina Tyska Skinner**

**Lawrence '60**

Sally Bauman

Shirley Rebich

Carolyn Stagani McGrath '58

Merrie Lynne Kruike Zeigler '60

Janice Evano Robertson '59

Sandy Allen Miller '60

Suzette Shevelow Tice '73

Connie Stagani '53 & Family

**Mary Ann Timko Taylor '55**

Wilma McKnight Walker '50

Michael Walker '83

**Terry Starr '50**

Midge Woodside

Daniel/Joan Smith Weidger '56

**Gary Wilson '54**

Midge Woodside

**Robert T. Neeper**

Chuck/Dani Rock Swearingen '68/69

**David Wallach '61**

The Arthur Wallach Family

**Robert E. Reese '45**

William Reese '42

**Richard E. Reese '45**

William Reese '42

**Gary Fisher '66**

Daniel/Joan Smith Weidger '56

**John/Betty Flowers Smith '33**

Daniel/Joan Smith Weidger '56

**Don Ramer '56**

Daniel/Joan Smith Weidger '56

**Robert E. Flowers '36**

Daniel/Joan Smith Weidger '56

**Robert H. Flowers '54**

Daniel/Joan Smith Weidger '56

### **Operating Fund**

Wayne Hollister '55

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### **In Honor of:**

Andrew/Anna Blaner '39 sixtieth wedding anniversary celebrated May 8, 2008 from Dorothy Blaner '72.

Tom "Toot"/ Bonnie Dorff Wilson '56/58 fiftieth wedding anniversary from Marilyn Gray and Daniel and Joan Smith Weidger '56.

Dr. Jane Shaffer '37 by Daniel and Joan Smith Weidger '56.

Mary Smith Fisher '38 eighty-eighth birthday July 17, 2008 by Daniel and Joan Smith Weidger '56.

### **Equipment Fund**

Ray Jackson, Jr. '46

### **Scholarship Fund**

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