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TORONTO HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WINTER 2008

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Class Reunion Weekend

The Class of 1958 held their fiftieth class reunion with a weekend celebration in September. Classmates gathered at Margaret's Café on Friday evening for hugs, handshakes and conversation. The festivities continued at the Holiday Inn in Steubenville on Saturday with a buffet dinner. Calvin Russell, Class President, lit a candle in memory of the twenty-seven "Fallen Knights" of the Class of 1958. Hal Burchel and his wife, Ruthann entertained classmates with stories of their missionary trips to Africa. Other members attended from Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, N. Carolina, New York, Florida, California and Oregon. Sadly the evening came to a

close but the bonds and friendships that were formed fifty years ago have been strengthened. Everyone plans on attending the All-School Reunion in 2009. Co-Chairpersons for the event were Janet Clore and Karen Thompson.



First row: Elaine Radinsky Johnston, Barbara Parker Lucata, Rita Rex Carnahan, Sherry Craig Freeman, Bonnie Duell Wilson, Carolyn Stagani McGrath, Suzanne Trudicks Martin, Rosemary Tarulli Rebres, Karen Sauer Thompson, Donna Goodrich Harty, Gail Peck Peir, Ron Ferrell; second row: Angela Tarr Ramer, Blanche Fisher Sherwood, Wayne Warren, Janice Freeman, Patty Whalen Johnston, Rita August Hamley, Patty Miller Nemitt, Thomas Evans, Jr., Kenneth Straka, Gilbert Archart, Janet Wilson Clore, Tish Herdman Rasor, David Smith, Leo Oxler; third row: Janet Freeman Drake, Harold Burchel, James Porter, Jim Stone, Raymond Sheets, John Owens, Dick Maple, Roy Walker, Calvin Russell, Richard McGrath, David Hackett, Harry Schaming, Regis Mohulko, Charles Oxler.



The Class of 1978's thirtieth year reunion was held on July 12th at the Blue Danube with approximately thirty classmates attending. They are planning a mixer for next September during the All-School Reunion. Thanks to Sherrie Turner Taylor for the pictures and information.



Pictured at far left: Melissa Owens Leasure, Kathy Price Robinson, Tom Cummings, Patty Brand Garman and Sherrie Turner Taylor.

Pictured near left: Jim Martaus, Moe Berger, Tom Cummings and Tom McCart.

The Class of 1988's twentieth year reunion was held on July 4th with twenty-one classmates in attendance. The event was held at Froehlich's Classic Corner in Steubenville. Planning the event was Suzanne Reeves Kresser, Ron Ferrell and Tera Wallace Ward.



Fallen Knights:

Elizabeth Hughes Wolpert '33 passed away November 13, 2004.

James Green '48 passed away on April 16, 2008. He was retired from Titanium Metals Corp. in Toronto, where he worked in the Inspection Dept. He belonged to the Catholic Knights of St. George and was Ohio Valley District Chairman, receiving their highest award, The Legion of St. George.

Thomas Haynes, Sr. '47 died August 1, 2008. He retired from Weirton Steel Co. Tom was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran having served in the Korean War attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant.

William H. Burns, Jr. '55 died August 21, 2008 at Ashland, Ohio. He retired from the Ohio Edison Company.

Charles M. Gilligan '45 died on August 23, 2008.

Susan Cooper Buchanan '57 passed away August 25, 2008. She lived in Pittsburgh for the last twelve years after retiring from Ohio Bell Company.

Charles W. Owens '62 died August 31, 2008. Chuck was an avid golfer and a member of the Dyer Country Club. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He retired from the Gem City Security Company of Toronto, where he had served as a security guard at the Titanium Metals Corp.

Eunice Stock Anderson '39 died on October 17, 2008. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Toronto and served as a Sunday School teacher and choir member. She was a precinct election worker for many years and a member of the Toronto Band Parents several years. She retired from the Fashion Bug of Steubenville and the Treasure Island of Steubenville.

Carolyn Stagani McGrath '58 died October 11, 2008. She was a life time member of the THS Alumni Association. She was a Real Estate Agent for Century 21 Teramana-Westling Agency. She was a member of the National Association of Realtors, the Ohio Association of Realtors and the Steubenville Area Board of Realtors for twenty-eight years. Carolyn was a multi-million dollar producer for Century 21 and a recipient of the prestigious President's Award. She was the number one producer in the Toronto area for many years.

Eric Michael Walter, Sr. '88 passed away September 12, 2008 after a house fire mishap. He was employed at the Franciscan University of Steubenville.

Rosalene Cich Vandruff '52 passed away on October 12, 2008. She was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Wintersville where she served as President of the St. Francis Society for six years. She is retired from Federico's Market in Steubenville.

James F. O'Brien '58 passed away on October 14, 2008. He was formerly employed by the Wackenhut Security Company as a security guard.

Susan Conlon Williamson '80 passed away on October 22, 2008. Susan was a volunteer advocate for the Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities (OCECD) and was active with the Toronto Titans Cheering Organization.

Michelle Turick '89 died October 16, 2008. She was a member of St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church of Toronto.

Georgia Price Ebbinghouse '41 passed away on September 28, 2007 in Pasadena, California.

Thomas Evans, Sr. '36 died on November 3, 2008 at his home in Arizona. He was the "Evans" in the former real estate firm "Simpson and Evans" in Toronto and served on the Board of Education during the 1950's.

Betty Jean Shook Davis '46 died on November 7, 2008. After graduation, Betty pursued her passion for horses and traveled with the White Horse Ranch in Naper, Nebraska. She was known as "Sunflower Sue" and performed trick riding throughout the United States and Canada.

Carol Dodson O'Brien '54 passed away on September 6, 2008. Carol was awarded Kentucky's Outstanding Teacher of The Year Award in 1984 and 1993. A successful craft-artisan she received many awards for her creative work at craft shows and festivals.

Barbara Walker Stuck '49 died on September 19, 2008. Barbara had worked at the former Glass House in Toronto before marrying and raising her five children.

Joann Clark Welling '53 passed away on October 12, 2008.



Fortieth Annual Toronto Day in Florida is planned for Saturday, February 28, 2009 at Dade Battlefield State Park in Bushnell, Florida. Guest speaker this year will be stage and screen star and a Toronto High School Distinguished Alumni, Tom Urich, accompanied by his wife, Judy. An impromptu "happy hour" is planned on Friday evening prior to the Saturday main event. Make your plans. Contact Bob and Maryann Karaffa at 772-221-9691, email: karaffar@aol.com; or Ron and Joan Hendricks at 386-248-2098, email: rnhjph@aol.com

Anniversaries:

Patricia/Robert "Muff" Straka '54 celebrated fifty years of marriage September 20, 2008. They were married September 20, 1958 in the Methodist Church of Toronto. "Muff" is employed by the Toronto City Schools as a custodian.

Jerry/Anna Lea Litten Wirth '49 celebrated their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary on November 20, 2008. They were married November 20, 1953.

Tom "Toot"/Bonnie Dorff Wilson '56/58 were guests of honor at a surprise party hosted by their children at the First Presbyterian Church to celebrate fifty years of marriage. They were married August 15, 1958 at the First Methodist Church in Toronto.

George and Joan Straka Maffett '45/48 celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary on September 4, 2008. They reside in North Fort Myers, Florida.

Marriages:

Jamie Lynn Keenan 2001 and Jonathan Burke were united in marriage on March 8, 2008. She and her husband own "Gracie Orlando School of Ju-Jitsu" in Orlando, Florida.

Births:

Bill and Jill Firm Fisher '95/96 are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Chloc Mac, born on April 16, 2008. She joins her older sister, Riley Faye (3). Grandparents are Ed and Faye Costello Firm '67 and Bill and Cindy Cattrell Fisher '68/65.

Notes from Alumni:

Randi Minor Pokladnik '73 recently graduated from Antioch University, New Hampshire with her PHD in Environmental Studies. She is the grandmother of two girls, Emma (4) and Isabel (3).

Ann Zdinak Karaffa '36 celebrated her ninetieth birthday on November 11, 2008.

The Westchester Writing Group of Los Angeles, California, was formed for its members to recall past moments from their lives and put those moments to paper, leaving bits of themselves as well as bits of history for their children and later generations to enjoy. **Mike Cervenak '53** is a member of this group and has contributed many stories which the group publishes for sale. He sent the newly formed "Historical Society of Toronto, Ohio" two of the books with stories he has written about memories he recalled from his youth. His story, "Homefront Summer, 1944", about his experiences as a Junior Air Raid Warden during World War II, can be found in the Westchester Writing Group's book entitled *War Years*. Another story, "Crossing and Criss-Crossing Tracks", which tells of his experience of tracks in the snow which led to the railroad tracks behind his home in the north end of Toronto and what he discovered there, is published in the book, *The Story Behind The Picture*. Mike has a degree in Physics from Ohio University and worked as an engineer while attending and graduating from Southwestern University Law School. He was admitted to the bar in California in 1966 and had practiced civil litigation for thirty years before his retirement in 1995. He sings barbershop harmony, plays competitive golf and enjoys sharing his experiences from his home town and the Slavic Community values, including his cherished Eastern Catholic Church music and traditions. Mike is a life member of the alumni association. A picture of Mike that appears in his story, "Crossing and Criss-Crossing Tracks" is located at top of next column. He is standing in his front yard on North Fourth Street.



Mike Cervenak

Re-U-Knight 2009

Plans are being finalized for the all-school reunion to be held on Labor Day weekend, September 4, 5 and 6, 2009. Invitations will be mailed out in April, with a deadline to reply by August 10, 2009, but we want everyone to put the date on their calendars as soon as possible. The tentative schedule is as follows:

Friday: Golf Scramble—place and time to be announced

Friday: Home Football Game at 7:30

Saturday: Parade of Classes

Saturday: Dinner at Karaffa School, social starting at 4 pm with dinner and short program from 5-7 pm. Honoring of Distinguished Alumni.

Saturday Evening: Mixers at various locations.

Sunday: Church gatherings

Sunday: Reunions, picnics

The committee is still trying to arrange a reasonably priced Gateway Clipper cruise package. More details to follow.

Cost for the events will be priced separately with dinner cost at \$30 per person.

The Festival of the Arts, featuring crafts, entertainment and food, sponsored by Focus On Toronto group is also held the same weekend.

Applications for distinguished alumni must be submitted by March 31, 2009.

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:

Dora Simpson Costello '39

Bill/Jill Firm Fisher '95/96

Eva Jane Firm Perlinger '47

Harry Littlecott '46

Barbara Jelea Doran '47

Susan Cooper Buchanan '57

Betty Cooper Kohley '60

George "Rick" Caddick Jr. '78

George R. Caddick, Sr. '45

Betty Caddick Eisenzimmer '53

George R. Caddick, Sr. '45

Beatrice "Maude" Anderson

Kavulla '39

Tim Kavulla '62

Paul McMurray '37

Tom Utzler '56

Russ/Linda Redmond Hodgkiss '62

Janet Blewett Loadman '56

Ray Mulrooney '57

Betty Rock Utzler '57

Amy Nation '84

Dan Obertance '84

Gale/Dee Dee Silvis Nation '62

Marlene Risnear DeSantis '55

Dorothy Blaschak '55

Mary Ann Timko Taylor '55

Dorothy Blaschak '55

Terry Starr '50

John Zamborsky '50

Tim/Charlene Bond Starr '71/72

Tom "Sugar" Ryan '49

John Zamborsky '50

Edgar Gray '58

Marilyn Gray

Josephine Reale Blackburn '53

Larry Anderson '60

Richard Blackburn

Susan Blackburn Carr '73

Josephine Reale Blackburn '53

Michael Blischak '42

Paul Blischak '40

Deceased Classmates of 1957

Jan Housley '57

Christina Tyska Lawrence '60

Susan Blackburn Carr '73

Pat Kruise Kosin '61

Eunice Stock Anderson '39

James/Nikki Bonnizzio Cable '62

Larry Anderson '60

Harry "Gump" Anderson '37

Eunice Stock Anderson '39

Larry Anderson '60

Paul/Phyllis Dukes Jones '43/47

Jeannette Price Wilson '65

Peggy Custer Blackburn '51

Ray Custer '51

Harold Kriviski '49

Janice Kriviski Ledezzma '59

Ernie Troski '34

Caryl Troski Bigadza '71

Joe Blaschak '41

Jeanne Taylor McClain '41

Paul Kalivoda '38

Ray Mulrooney '57

Earl/Marianne Miller Biederman '54

Josephine Reale Blackburn '53

Betty Dyer Kalivoda '39

Josephine Reale Blackburn '53

Rita Wilson Baier '52

Robert Steele '50

Mary Dukes Jensen '72

Ida Kirkpatrick Haynes '52

Stan Haynes '74

Sally Priscilla Ramer '56

Carolyn Stagani McGrath '58

Sally Priscilla Ramer '56

Janice Freeman '58

Carolyn Motter Walker '64

Larry Anderson '60

Classmates of 1958

James Chambers '68

Lynne Frye Swingle '69

Tom Keeney '73

Lynne Frye Swingle '69

Bob Hook '69

David Hanis '69

Grace Moreland Crawford '35

Nancy Paisley Mechling '53

John/Betty Flowers Smith '33

Nancy Paisley Mechling '53

Mary/John Bilchak, Sr.

John Bilchak, Jr. '65

Leonard/Jocelyn Minor

Robin Minor Bardum '73

Hugh Sutherin '52

Lola Scott Sutherin '57

Art Robertson '48

Pat Robertson Caldron '60

Glenda Leasure '66

Gerald Leasure '60

Frances Pittington Romey '34

Ida Kirkpatrick Haynes '52

Stan Haynes '74

Tom Haynes '47

Ida Kirkpatrick Haynes '52

Stan Haynes '74

Vic Obertance

Josephine Reale Blackburn '53

Carol Dodson O'Brien '54

Linda Wynkoop Eisenzimmer '54

Rev. Paul/Eleanor Bailey

O'Brien '37/44

Charles Owens '62

Russ/Linda Redmond Hodgkiss '62

Classmates of 1962

Dawn Holt Anderson

Eunice Stock Anderson '39

Larry Anderson '60

Harlon "Sid" Stock '40

Eunice Stock Anderson '39

Larry Anderson '60

Robert Urich '64

Monica Urich Rauch '50

Betty Burskey Hissem '58

Marilyn Gray

Classmates of 1958

All information for the Winter Newsletter was received prior to November 18, 2008. Any deaths, donations, memorials, life members or news from alumni received after that date will appear in the Spring 2009 newsletter.

Memoriam:

James S./Nancy Morehead Grimm '41/47
James Grimm '66

Edward J. Sabados '52
Carolyn Sabados

Bileen Rolston Cusick '45
Tom/Wanda Lowery Firm '45
Toronto Chapter #215 OES
500 Card Club

Don Ramer '56
Ray Mulrooney '57

Harry Tarr
Ray Mulrooney '57

William E. Davis '41
Betty E. Davis '48

Paul Ulrich '41
Agnes Ulrich Rohal '42

James/Lois Youngman Brown '36
Wendy Brown Craft '78

Deceased Classmates of 1961
Pat Kruise Kosin '61

Muriel Mayhew Leasure '34
Gerald Leasure '60

Mel Bauer '48
June Bauer McLeod '46

Ann Tulencik Unger '40
Bernadette Perun Kondik '40

Carl "Butch" Kestner '60
Don Kestner '56
Larry Anderson '60

Deceased Members
Toronto Retired Educators

Sherry Shevelow Starr '79
Karen Keenan Kremer '73
Susette Shevelow Tice '73

Kathleen McGraw Kelly '64
Bob Kelly '64

Dick Butler '52
Mildred Amos Butler '52

Jack Kestner '59
Larry Anderson '60

Ralph "Pops"/Alice Herdman
Larry Anderson '60

Bill Schaub '58
Larry Anderson '60

Judy Dailey Geschneider '62

Larry Anderson '60

Ehrhardt Becker '47

Carl Anderson '47

James O'Brien '58

Janice Freeman '58
Classmates of 1958

James McKinney '58

Classmates of 1958

Thomas E. /Sarah "Sally" Bauer Evans '36/'37

Thomas Evans Jr. '58
Sandy Evans Blanck '61
Bryant R. Evans '63

Scholarship Fund

Barbara Jelea Doran '47
Robert J. Graham '39
George Kruise '42
David Shiltz '52
Nancy Banfield Glass '35
Michael S. Lucas '68
Olga Butcher King '38
Dr. Christopher Gooch '95
Lourelle Clites Littlecott '46
Don Brandfass '66
Patricia Herdman Rasor '58
Margaret Bray Blaschalk '41
Evelyn Fleming Root '40
Art Deiderick '52
Pam Leasure '79
Ruth Goucher Shoemaker '40
Bill/Valerie Bradfield Baker '51
Barbara Parker Licata '58
Rosa Lee Grande Steedman '59
Robert B. Shaffer '24
Pat Kruise Kosin '61
Mary Mischik Grooms '50
John J. Romey '57
Eileen Baker Randolph '43
Yvonne Elliott Pope '47
Romayn Wilson Core '56
Sara Coffey Franke '49
Cecilia Bonfine Horkulic '56
Mary Wanchic Stasik '60
Harry C. Smith '60
David Pillar '97
Alex Karavish '41
Mike Kavanaugh '47
Ed Warren '50
Richard Rust '46
Karen Keenan Kremer '73

Operating Fund

Barbara Jelea Doran '47
Jim Morrow '62
Alice Gabriel
Bill McConnell '54
Colleen Smith '82
Joan Tisch Nance '54
Jane/Ray Connolly '40
Pete Warren '60
Gail Walker Troski '62
George/Joan Straka Maffett '45/48
Clarice Condriu Sutter '40
George/Jane Grill Shevelow '45/44
James D. Cummings '74
Jerry Nease '51
James Wells '42
Fred Mynster '50
Florence Gawloski Brown '47
James E. Turner '57
Elva VanDyke McDougale '52
Charles T. Vogel song '41
Helen Bass-Smith '34
Paula Johns '49
John Paroske '56
Barbara Barnes Yajko '77
James Malloy '50
Howard A. Kincaid '49
Robert Leonard '56
Jim Walker '60
Harry Taylor II '80
Sara J. Waggoner Holland '47
Tom Lukacena '59
James Tisch '56
Tom/Wanda Lowery Firm '45
Monica Ulrich Rauch '50
Eileen Baker Randolph '43
Anna McI'erren Delehany '40
Joe Dougherty '65
Carol Rogers '54
Carl Anderson '47
Christine Cattrell Hargrave '65
Patrick Lloyd '63
David/Lee Etta Wade Bray '58/59

Equipment Fund

Barbara Jelea Doran '47
Pete Warren '60
Harry Taylor II '80
Myra Shaffer Barlow '40
Carl Anderson '47

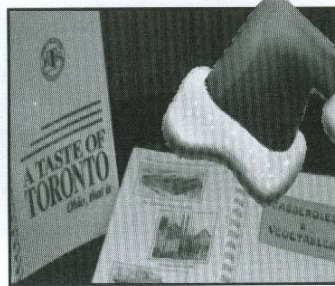


Dues are Due

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 "KnighTimes" 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.

2009 Class Reunions

Hello classes of 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004. Have you started planning for your class reunion for next year? The alumni office can help you with classmate information, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses. Contact us for information at 740-537-9114 or email: torontohsaa@sbcglobal.net. Please keep us informed of your activities so we can answer questions that come into the office.



Alumni cookbooks make excellent gifts at Christmas. Cost is \$7.50 plus \$5.00 shipping. Order yours today by calling 740-537-9114.

In Honor of:

Dr. Jane Shaffer '37

Dan Obertance '84

Wendy Brown Craft '78

Sherrie Turner Taylor '78

Anne Blaner's 86th Birthday

Dorothy Blaner '72

**Anna Zdinak Karaffa's '36
90th Birthday**

Cathy Karaffa Williams '62

Connie Karaffa-Exler '64

Christina Karaffa Anderson '68

John Karaffa '71

Dr. Camille Karaffa '73

Life Members

Danny Weaver '79

Joan Tisch Nance '54

Anita Tyska Argentine '59

Ken Gilcrest '80

Linda Huff Slowikowski '65

Mike Shutak '56

Don Cattrell '48

Tim Kavulla '62

Hugh Fullerton III '53

Wendy Brown Craft '78

Jane Coffman Swartz '78

Lynne Frye Swingle '69

Ed Warren '50