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## *We're Growing Again....*

"The best that is to be is not too good for the child," was the statement credited to Dr. W.M. Stokes, the first president of the Toronto Board of Education in 1898. "A school should be a model home, a complete community, and an embryonic democracy. Nothing that is too good for the child; no thought too deep; no toil too great; no work too arduous; for the welfare of the child means happier homes, better societies, the perpetuity of institutions." These words were printed over one hundred years ago and still have the same meaning, the same devotion, the same driving force behind our system today.



Toronto was able to provide the latest in buildings and technology for the students with the building of the new Junior/Senior High School in 2013. *BUT WAIT A MINUTE* – we've had a student population explosion in the past two years and a once in a lifetime opportunity has been given to Toronto. *We ..... Are..... Growing..... Again.....*

The following is a letter from Superintendent of Toronto Public Schools, Fred Burns '67. Fred addresses the unique opportunity Toronto will soon experience with the addition of a new elementary school building that will come at no cost to the residents of Toronto.

### Letter from the Superintendent

*To Parents, Citizens of Toronto and Alumni:*

As we plan for the years ahead, we are excited about the possible completion of a new elementary wing. The estimated enrollment from 2009 was predicted to be 727 students for the entire district. The prediction was based on three criteria: new housing starts, new births, and the creation of new economic jobs in our zip code. Our growth has largely been through open enrollment. Since opening the 6-12 section we have experienced growth particularly in the lower grades. The prediction for preschool for this year was forty-seven students. We currently have over one hundred!

Our enrollment in the last four years has been 960-980 students. We have utilized every possible space at Karaffa Elementary! We have three sections of each grade level, kindergarten through grade five. When I came here eight years ago, we had basically two of each section.

This year in our State budget we received the fifth highest percentage on funding. We are realizing 1.4 million dollars and next year an additional 0.5 million. This is the result of meeting the five requirements by the State:

- Increase in students in last six years by over 10% (most districts lost students)
- Evidence our voters have supported bond issues and levies (three in the past six years)
- Lower average income of families
- A mil brings in a low amount (\$68,000 compared to a neighboring district of \$500,000)
- Lower property values

This was a perfect storm for state formula foundation money. We have maintained or gained open enrollment and it continues to grow. We have many students who live here and we also have many students whose parents transport them here. If our plan goes through in November, **no new taxes will be seen!** We'll use our new funds for the next several years to pay the 39% share and the

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**FALLEN KNIGHTS**

**Dorothy Batcho Dowell '52**, Louisville, KY, passed away June 5, 2014.

**Ralph Davis '52**, Snohomish, WA, passed away December 25, 2014.

**Wayne "Abe" Miller '47**, Plantation, FL, passed away September 11, 2015. He retired after thirty years in the school system. He was an Elder in Disciples of Christ Church. Wayne was a life member of THSAA.

**Marilyn Stephens Greenstein '53**, Denver, CO, passed away September 10, 2015. She was a THSAA member.

**William "Bill" Simich '83**, Toronto, OH, passed away September 13, 2015.

**Everett M. Wells '40**, Mesa, AZ, passed away September 20, 2015. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force from 1942 until the end of the war. Everett worked at the Toronto Foundry till 1958, at which time he went to work at TIMET. He served as the grounds and camp manager for Hollow Rock Camp since 1972.

**Mary Cadegan Firm '43**, Toronto, OH, passed away November 9, 2015. Mary had a forty year career in radio and television, beginning at WSTV Radio and retiring from WTOV-TV 9 in Steubenville, OH.

**Patrick "Tex" Mynster '52**, St. David, AZ, passed away on December 3, 2015. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. Tex was a horse breeder and licensed trainer, and had worked at Mountaineer Casino and Race Track.

**James D. Mynster '64**, Clarksville, VA, passed away December 4, 2015. Jim served during the Gulf War as a Chief Engineer with the U.S. Navy. He was a flight instructor, an enthusiastic fisherman, a volunteer with the Virginia Beach Police Department and an avid golfer.

**Glenn Blanton '68**, Toronto, OH, passed away January 6, 2016. He retired from Labor Local No. 809 in Steubenville, OH. Glenn was a dedicated and faithful employee of Clarke Funeral Home. He served as an ambulance driver for TEMS, coached Toronto Little League baseball teams, was involved in Area 9 Special Olympics, was a former announcer for the Toronto Titans and was Cub Master of Cub Scouts Troop #41.

**Shirley Howard Scott '47**, Tampa, FL, passed away January 11, 2016.

**Larry Smith '68**, Athens, OH, passed away January 16, 2016. He graduated from Ohio University with a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and was employed with Security Bank and Peoples Bank for forty years.

**Paul F. Simpson '51**, Toronto, OH, passed away January 15, 2016. He retired from the Weirton Steel Company after thirty-three years of employment. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, serving during the Korean War.

**Myra McClelland McGrath '33**, Toronto, OH, passed away January 22, 2016. Myra was 100 years old and was one of our oldest alumni. She was a THSAA member. Myra was employed with Follansbee Steel Company in Toronto during WWII. She also worked at the former G.C. Murphy 5 & 10 store in Toronto.

**Cheryl Miller DeVere '74**, Hilliard, OH, passed away January 29, 2016. She was the owner and operator of the Wiggles and Giggles Child Care, where she was a nationally accredited child care provider and a registered child care provider with Action for Children.

**Clarence "Butch" Reese '65**, Toronto, OH, passed away February 6, 2016. He was retired from the former Hancock Manufacturing Company in Toronto where he worked as a Fork Lift Operator. Butch was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during the Vietnam War Era.

**Charles E. Enochs '55**, Toronto, OH, passed away February 7, 2016. He was retired from Weirton Steel Company where he worked in the Coil Department. Chuck was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during the Korean War.

**Tandra Keenan '72**, Wintersville, OH, passed away February 10, 2016. She was formerly employed by Change Incorporation as a driver.

**Thomas "Tucker" Hannan, Sr. '53**, Toronto, OH, passed away February 12, 2016. He retired from Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corp, where he worked as a boiler operator. Tucker was one of the original members of the nationally famous Color Guard and Drill Team known as the TORVETS. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, serving during the Korean War.

**Harriett Ann Davis Shumard '62**, Toronto, OH, passed away February 17, 2016. She was a homemaker, a member of Bray's Chapel United Methodist Church and a member of the Country Seniors.

**Linda Channels '65**, Canton, OH, passed away on February 17, 2016. Linda worked at Area on Ageing, assisting seniors with home health care.

**Joseph "Jo-Jo" Atkins '64**, Steubenville, OH, passed away on February 17, 2016. Jo-Jo was an outstanding athlete at Toronto High School. He was a U.S. Army Veteran of the Vietnam War era.

**Michael "Chez" Czeszycki '80**, Christmas, FL, passed away March 5, 2016. Michael was a master carpenter, an artist and a musician. He became an ordained minister in the Universal Life Church. Chez was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He helped in establishing the Ralph "Abie" Miller Memorial in Toronto. He was a member of the Toronto American Legion Post #86, the Ft. Myers, Florida, American Legion Post and the Toronto Knights Motorcycle Club.

**Dr. George C. Button '52**, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, passed away March 2, 2016. He graduated from Kent State University and the

University of Guadalajara in Mexico, without knowing a word of Spanish. He began his career as a Doctor of Family Medicine. George had the honor of befriending and caring for a large extended Royal Family overseas which literally took him around the world several times. George was a life member of THSAA and was honored as a Distinguished Alumni in 2014.

**James "Jim" Wilson '50**, Toronto, OH, passed away March 16, 2016. Jim retired from Weirton Steel Company where he worked in the tin mill. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force serving in the Korean War. Jim served as a board member of the Toronto Union Cemetery Association since 2002.

**John Steedman '59**, Wintersville, OH, passed away March 24, 2016. He worked at

TIMET where he was a foreman. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

**Kenneth C. Gorney, Sr. '62**, Toronto, OH, passed away March 12, 2016. He was retired from First Energy Sammis Plant in Stratton, OH, where he worked as a maintenance foreman. Ken was a member of Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church in Steubenville.

**Daniel A. Calabrese '39**, Toronto, OH, passed away March 30, 2016. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army 318th Infantry Division serving under General George Patton and was a Purple Heart survivor of the Battle of the Bulge. Dan worked in land development. With his partners he developed the Maplewood sub-division in Pleasant Hill, Calabrese Towers, U.S. Mine Facility in St. Clairsville, OH, and Tiger Mobile Home Park in Wellsville, OH, to name a few. Dan was very socially active, loved music and loved to dance to the big band era music. He had been co-owner of the Blue Danube Restaurant in Toronto. He was a member of THSAA.

**Lynne Frye Swingle '69**, New Philadelphia, OH, passed away April 3, 2016. She was a fourth grade educator for Zanesville City Schools. Lynne was a life member of THSAA.

**Clifford F. Scheel '48**, Stratton, OH, passed away April 5, 2016. He retired from Weirton Steel as a foreman at the blooming mill slab yard. Clifford was a 25-year member of Weirton Steel and a 50-year member of the Toronto Masonic Lodge #583 F.&A.M.

**William P. Garman, Sr. '45**, Toronto, OH, passed away April 6, 2016. He was owner/realtor of Bill Garman Real Estate. Bill was a veteran of the U.S. Navy as a Communications Specialist during WWII and the Korean War.

**Gale L. Nation '62**, Wintersville, OH, passed away April 7, 2016. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and was a member of THSAA.

**Ella Louise Stevens Benton '50**, Toronto, OH, passed away April 9, 2016. She was a homemaker, a member of the Toronto First Church of the Nazarene and a 57-year member of the Toronto American Legion Post #86 Ladies Auxiliary.

## FALLEN KNIGHTS CONTINUED

**Garnet Reynolds Lanthier '49**, Toronto, OH, passed away April 11, 2016. She retired from the Silverbird Casino as a customer relations director and from the Maxisium Hotel as a dealer, both in Las Vegas, NV. Garnet was a member of THSAA.

**Ann Rock Barlas '49**, Toronto, OH, passed away April 13, 2016. She enjoyed pigeon races with her husband. Ann had worked at the former A & P Grocery Store and the former Mike's Market, both in Toronto.

**William H. "Pickles" Hamilton '50**, Toronto, OH, passed away April 15, 2016. He retired from The Weirton Steel Company.

**Jane Straka Voorhees '69**, Toronto, OH, passed away April 22, 2016. Jane worked as a retail clerk and waitress. She felt most at home working at Margaret's Café where she was employed for over ten years.

**Sharon Scott Robinson '64**, Toronto, OH, passed away on April 20, 2016. Sharon was retired from the Toronto City Schools where she was head cook in the cafeteria.

**George J. Hodovanic '33**, Dover, PA, passed away April 24, 2016. He retired as the owner of the former North End Tavern in Toronto. He was a U.S. Army veteran serving as a Staff Sergeant in WWII. He was an avid Red Knights Sports Fan. George was the oldest living alumni of THS.

## WEDDINGS

Heather Jones '02 and Shawn Pulpan were married on September 12, 2015 at the Grace Lutheran Church in Rochester, PA. Heather is employed as the Marketing Manager for the IT Services Division of Konica Minolta. She is a THSAA Life Member. Shawn is a publishing representative for SAGE Publications and a licensed realtor with Achieve Realty Company. The couple reside in Gibsonia, PA.

Lisa Montgomery '85 and Ronald Yarosz '82 were united in marriage on December 10, 2015, during a sunset beach ceremony in Cancun, Mexico, surrounded by family. Lisa earned a degree in journalism and communications from Kent State University and a degree in meteorology from Mississippi State University. She has worked as a print journalist, television reporter, anchor and meteorologist for more than fifteen years. She recently obtained a degree in occupational therapy. Ron, a graduate of New England Tech, is employed with American Electric Power. The couple reside near Toronto.

## ALUMNOTES

From Charlie Hartwell '54: He continues to keep on the go this year as he "treks" to Nicaragua, Ireland and Ecuador. Charlie announced that his granddaughter, Kristen Denik of North Royalton, has established an Ohio HSAA pole vault record of 13'6". She has accepted an athletic scholarship to the University of Tennessee.

Art Fowler '96 has been named Chief of Police for the village of Wintersville, Ohio. Village mayor, Bob Gale, commented, "He was the best choice and will do his best to move an excellent police department forward."

Art served as a patrolman for the past fourteen years, most recently as the department's K-9 officer with his dog, Ali, and as the D.A.R.E. officer. He previously worked as a corrections officer at the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department and a police officer in Smithfield, Yorkville and Empire. He started his career as a dispatcher for the Toronto department while he was attending the police academy.

"I have the best job in the world," said Fowler. He added he has worked with some of the best chiefs in the area, including Toronto Police Chief Randy Henry '78, Sheriff Fred Abdalla and retired Saline Township Police Chief Ken Hays '63. "They had a very big influence on my career."

Trudy Rhoades Wilson '82, has accepted a position as the executive director of the Jefferson County Fourth Street Health Center. The center is a non-profit organization that provides care for the uninsured and underinsured residents of the Ohio Valley.

Wilson stated, "We absolutely hope to grow the current health center and expand our services."

Trudy is a graduate of Jefferson Community College and earned a bachelor's degree in office management and business administration from Trevecca Nazarene University. She earned a master's degree at the University of Phoenix Graduate School of Business and Management.

Since a lot of the services are provided through grants, including the mental health services, the experience of grant writing that Wilson brings to the center will be invaluable.

The Shakery, a retro-style eatery, located at 805 Franklin Avenue in Toronto, opened for business in September. A. J. Hunt, '00 and his wife Julia, co-own the business which specializes in shakes, sodas, smoothies and more; all custom made for each customer.

The Hunts' vision was for an old-style soda shop, complete with checkerboard floor to phonograph records and posters of Marilyn Monroe and Elvis Presley on the walls. The old-school stools and tables complement the 1950s décor which reminds one of the corner store where a person could stop in to hangout, listen to the jukebox and soak up the nostalgic atmosphere while enjoying a quality made shake.

"We didn't want to skimp on anything," said A.J. "What makes the ice cream premium is the butter fat content. It gives the shake its creaminess. If you buy quality and charge a reasonable price, people will pay for it."

A.J. is also co-owner of American Hooligan Clothing and was elected as a councilman at large position with the City of Toronto.

West Liberty University Professor, Robert Villamagna '66, was selected by West Virginia Governor Earl Ray Tomblin as the 2016 Artist of the Year.

This prestigious award didn't come without lots of hard work and dedication.

Bob's love for art began at a young age after his family took a trip to the Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh. It was the knights and armor on display that first inspired him.

He attended a vocational school in Youngstown, Ohio after graduation but was drafted into the army shortly after he started.

"While I was in basic training, I applied to be an illustrator, they tested me, I passed, so for the whole four years other than basic, I was an illustrator for the air force and that was a great job," Bob related.

Bob then spent the next thirteen years at Weirton Steel saving up so he could attend Franciscan University.

After his graduation in 1996, his path took him to West Liberty University where he's been sharing his talents with students ever since. "I try to encourage them to keep going, because things are going to happen but its how you push through those things."

"I got a little misty, because ever since I was a kid I wanted to be involved in the arts. I had to go through a backward approach to get there but art has always been a big part of my life," Villamagna said.

His art can be found in The Gallery on 43rd Street, Wheeling, WV, Contemporary Craft in Pittsburgh, Pa, the state collection in Charleston, WV, as well as many festivals in the Ohio Valley.

April 18th, Tiffin University honored Bobby Petras at its football complex, dedicating the Robert Petras Locker Room.

Petras is a 1999 graduate of Toronto High School and a 2003 grad of Tiffin where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business. He lettered four years in football and two in track in college. During his senior year at Tiffin he ranked fifth in solo tackles in all of Division II football. That season, he earned Conference Defensive Player of the Year honors in the Independent Football Alliance. After college, he went on to play four years in the National Indoor Football League with the Fort Wayne Freedom and the Wheeling Greyhounds.



The former Red Knight has also enjoyed success in business. He is the co-founder and chief operating officer of Priority Life Care, a company that operates and owns nine senior care facilities in seven states. He is owner of a highly successful cross fit gym with more than



47th Annual Toronto Day in Florida was held this year in Mulberry, Florida. Speaker for the event was Jim Browning '60 who spoke about his travels and duties during the years he worked for the U.S. Department of State and GAO. Chairpersons for the event were: Ron & Shirley Jeans Rigglesman '52 and Mark and Rhonda Rigglesman '75 Sartoris.

**AlumNotes continued**

200 members in Fort Wayne, Indiana and part owner of a franchise restaurant in a Fort Wayne suburb.

In 2013, Tiffin University honored Petras by naming him its inaugural recipient of the Young Alumnus Award. That same year he won Assistant Living Administrator of the Year in the state of Indiana. In late 2015, he became a member of the Board of Trustees for Tiffin University.



Petras resides in Fort Wayne with his wife Brandie and their two daughters: Bella and Bianca. He is the son of Bob Petras Sr. '71 and Debbie Minor Petras '76 of Toronto.

J. Phillip Miclea '73 received his Bachelor's degree from Ohio State University and his Masters from Western Michigan University. He has been awarded a second Masters Degree as Master Craftsman. Phillip is employed at Amway and was keynote speaker at the Palisade Supply Chain Conference in New Orleans, LA. Phillip and his wife, Patti, reside in Gowan, MI. He is a Life Member of THSAA. His parents are John '46 and Barbara Miclea.

This following article appeared in the March 5, 2016 edition of the Buckeye Sports Bulletin and was sent in by Ray Mulrooney '57.

**OSU's Most Notable Leapling**

Every four years, we get an extra day tacked onto the end of February, a day technically referred to as intercalary or bissextile, but more universally known as a leap day. Persons born on Feb. 29 are known as

leaplings, and some of the more famous leaplings include singer/actress Dinah Shore, baseball players Pepper Martin and Al Rosen, rapper Ja Rule and motivational speaker Tony Robbins.

Perhaps Don Sutherin is not the only former Ohio State athlete born Feb. 29th, but he certainly is the most notable.

The man who kicked the winning field goal for the Buckeyes in the 1958 Rose Bowl went on to enjoy a highly decorated professional football career that produced four championships as a player, three more as a coach, and induction into the Hall of Fame.

Unfortunately, the average OSU fan has probably never heard of Sutherin because he did all of that winning in the Canadian Football League.

That Sutherin would become such a success in Canada was probably preordained since he grew up in the Ohio town of Toronto. There, he was a high school football star, scoring 19 of the Red Knights 24 touchdowns and accounting for 74 of the team's 95 first downs during his senior season in 1953.

Those exploits earned a scholarship offer from Ohio State head coach Woody Hayes, and Sutherin became a three-year letterman, playing defensive back, returning kicks and handling placekicking duties. It was his 34-yard field goal in the 1958 Rose Bowl that gave the Buckeyes a 10-7 victory against Oregon and Hayes his second national championship.

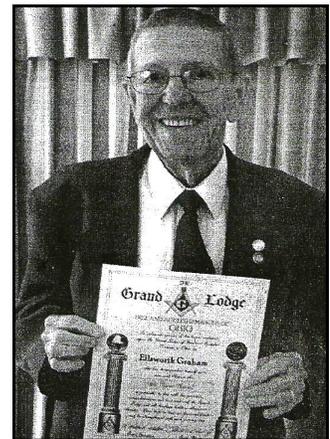
After college, Sutherin was an eighth-round selection by the New York Giants in the 1958 NFL draft, but he initially shunned the league and began his pro career with the CFL's Hamilton Tiger-Cats. After one season in Canada, Sutherin decided he would give the NFL a try after all, and he appeared in 12 games—mostly as a return man—over two seasons with the Giants and Steelers.

In 1960, Sutherin went back north of the border and won two Grey Cup championships with the Tiger-Cats and back-to-back titles in 1968 and 1969 with the Ottawa Roughriders. He transitioned into coaching and won three more Grey Cups with three different teams.

That was pretty heady stuff for a guy who was inducted into the Canadian Football Hall of Fame in 1992.

Sutherin retired from coaching after the 2002 season and returned to Ohio, settling in the Canton area where he celebrated his 80th birthday, February 29th.

*Don Sutherin is a member of the THS Class of 1954. While the rest of his classmates are turning 80 this year, Don just turned 20.*



Ellsworth S. "Pickles" Graham '46, a member of Toronto Masonic Lodge #583, Free and Accepted Masons, received his 65-year pin during a special ceremony held January 11, 2016. Presenting Graham with his pin were Bob Ridzon, District Deputy Grand Master, and Bill Franke '72, Toronto lodge master. "Ellsworth has been an active member and has served his lodge with pride through the past 65 years—quite an accomplishment," the presenters noted.

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 families with current addresses on file.

### **IN MEMORIAM**

**Carole Jean Williams Snow '54**  
Georgette Munis Litten '54  
Linda Wynkoop Eisenzimmer '54  
Charlie Hartwell '54

**Juanita Clark Kunkel '44**  
Toronto Chapter #215 OES  
Janet Wilson Clore '58  
Mike/Denise Fisher Anderson '94/96  
Stanley Clegg '70  
David/Cheryl Clegg Metz '67/69  
Cindy Cattrell Fisher '66

**Jim Malloy '50**  
**Kenny Ray**  
**Mary Cadegan Firm '43**  
**Jessie "Pete" Chidester**  
**Jim Argentine '42**  
**Jane Connally**  
**Katherine Conrad Scheel '52**  
**Monsignor Joe Zamborsky '70**  
**Jim Wilson '50**  
**Dorothy Batcho Dowell '52**  
**Bill Hamilton '50**  
**Ella Stevens Benton '50**  
**Deceased Classmates of 1950**  
**Bill Garman '50**  
Dolores Argentine Graceffa '50

**Tom "Toot" Wilson '56**  
**Grace Myers Clegg '46**  
Wanda Lowery Firm '45

**Barbara Metcalf Donnet '42**  
Dr. John Metcalf, Jr. '47  
Linda Wynkoop Eisenzimmer '54

**Chad Murvosh '49**  
**John McCart '53**  
**L. Valjean Wynkoop '41**  
**Ed Risler '53**  
**M. Adalene Wynkoop Carter '43**  
Linda Wynkoop Eisenzimmer '54

**Michael Shuma '87**  
**Ryan Newbold '96**  
David Pillar '97

**Vincent Carubia '64**  
Jerome Carubia '64

**Donna Jones Nemitt '49**  
Joe Nemitt '50

**Harold Kriviski '49**  
**Lt. Col. Charles Kriviski '47**  
Janice Kriviski '59

**William "Billy" Simich '83**  
**Ella Stevens Benton '50**  
Wilma McKnight Walker '50  
Michael Walker '83

**Betty Jean Billie Chambers '52**  
Ron Chambers '51

**Daniel Calabrese '39**  
Ida Kirkpatrick Haynes '52

**Robert Heaton '54**  
Richard Bray '55  
Charlie Hartwell '54

**Joanne August '52**  
Rita August Hamley '58

**Chris/Catherine Haynes**  
Charles Haynes '59

**Jeanne Fahey**  
**Paul Simpson '51**  
**Thomas "Tucker" Hannan '53**  
Bob Fahey '52

**Mary Ann Timko Taylor '55**  
Marianne Vadjinia Finney '62

**Gary Wilson '54**  
**Joan Tisch Nance '54**  
**Jerry Bolles '55**  
**Francis "Punk" Yanklowski '55**  
**Tom "Toot" Wilson '56**  
**"Pop" Herdman**  
**Emma Buck**  
**Gerald "Curly" Leasure**  
Charlie Hartwell '54

**Cheryl Miller DeVere '74**  
Class of 1974

**Deceased Classmates of 1964**  
Jim Lowery '64

**Glenn Blanton '68**  
**Tom "Tucker" Hannan '53**  
Doug/Susette Shevelow Hannan '73

**Paul Simpson '51**  
Marie Hughes Bernabei '47

**Jim Wilson '50**  
**Thomas "Tucker" Hannan '53**  
**Juanita Clark Kunkel '44**  
Chuck/Carol Wasyk Rogers '53

**Dr. George Button '52**  
Dorothy Blaner '72  
Ida Kirkpatrick Haynes '52  
Chuck/Carol Wasyk Rogers '53  
Bob Fahey '52  
Mary Agnes Wise Kincaid '52

**Barbara Blaner Shields '69**  
Dorothy Blaner '72

**William Holmes '64**  
**Paula Harvilak Pence '61**  
**Nicollette Harvilak Sciance '58**  
Dave/Alyce Barcus Harvilak '64/67

**Memory of Andy Blaner's '39 birthday**  
Dorothy Blaner '72

**Robert "Bob" Motter '60**  
**Deceased Classmates of 1964**  
Jerry/Carolyn Motter '64 Walker

**Harry Macik '44**  
**Gary Lacey '61**  
**Virginia Foster Starr '47**  
**Edgar Kincaid '46**  
Carl Anderson '47

**Gary Fisher '66**  
Jo Lynn Lowery Fisher '68

**Mary Ann Mischik '74**  
Mary Mischik Grooms '50

**Jim Murray**  
Anita Green Compy '64

**Gary L. Tice '69**  
Michelle Tice '00  
Travis Tice '09

**Jim & Olga Shevelow Stone '45/50**  
Susette Shevelow Hannan '73

**Mary Kay Miltko Gorrell '52**  
**Jennifer Phillips Graham '78**  
**John Karaffa '53**  
Tim Gorrell '76

**Ralph Kruiise, Sr. '37**  
**Janet Kruiise**  
**Jim Murray**  
**Jo-Jo Atkins '64**  
**Deceased Classmates of 1964**  
Kathy Kruiise Smith '64

**Deceased Members of TDIF**  
Toronto Day in Florida Members

### **SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

David/Carol Paris Cox '66/'67  
Stancia Moreland Hammer '50  
Connie Rebich '65  
Jerry Nease '51  
James Lower '53  
Monica Ulrich Rauch '50  
Charles Haynes

### **DONATIONS/OPERATING FUND**

Mark Batcho '80  
Charles Haynes '59  
Nikki Bonnizzio Cable '62  
Lurk Hughes '60  
Donald Kestner '56  
Carl Anderson '47  
Kathy Kruiise Smith '64

### **DONATIONS/EQUIPMENT FUND**

Charles Haynes '59  
Nikki Bonnizzio Cable '62  
Donald Kestner '56  
Carl Anderson '47  
Kathy Kruiise Smith '64

**Schools continued**

State facility commission will fund the other 61%. We resold the bonds and lowered property taxes after segment one. This segment is our way of giving back to our voters a new wing for elementary use with **NO NEW TAXES!** We'll continue to use Karaffa Elementary School for the Central Offices, possible future growth and also work with the city to have them utilize parts of Karaffa to upgrade their programs.

THANK YOU TORONTO CITIZENS AND ALSO THOSE WHO BRING THEIR CHILDREN TO TORONTO CITY SCHOOLS UNDER OPEN ENROLLMENT. WE APPRECIATE ALL THE SUPPORT YOU HAVE GIVEN US!

Sincerely yours,



Fred Burns  
Superintendent



**EASTERN OHIO ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (EOAC)**

The athletic programs at Toronto Junior/Senior High School have joined the Eastern Ohio Athletic Conference, made up of nearby schools close in size to us. In past years our sports teams often had to travel several hours to play teams all over the state or in West Virginia. This is a league of eight teams: Lisbon, Leetonia, Southern Local, Wellsville, United, East Palestine, Columbiana and Toronto.

“Beginning in 2017/2018 we will play seven football, fourteen baseball, fourteen basketball and fourteen volleyball games with these schools,” commented superintendent Fred Burns ‘67. “It will help us with travel and scheduling and for rivalries that will grow in years to come. We’ll still play schools outside the league for tradition rivalries,” he further commented.

**2015/2016 Athletics**

This past school year has been a great year for athletics, both boys and girls. As reported in the winter edition of the KnighTimes, the boys football team made it to the semi-finals in Division I playoff games, with Toronto hosting it’s first ever playoff game. The volleyball girls also had sectional wins. The boys’ basketball team made it to the tournaments, ending their season in a heart-breaker game. Girls’ basketball pounded out a tough year but never gave up trying. They will be getting a new coach next year. Rusty Hodgkiss ‘85 has accepted the head coaching position for the 2016/2017 year.

The girls’ softball is 12-6 as this article is being published, which is the best in their history. The boys’ baseball team has one loss to date. They are ranked #1 in the state coaches poll rankings for Division IV and won their second back-to-back OVAC title. It is not just about the boys teams anymore—move over guys, girls athletic programs are picking up the pace.



**Michael Simpson Park**

The baseball/softball park in the city’s south end is being upgraded in a three-year project to turn it into a state-of-the-art athletic complex. The highly used softball field and park has long been known as Simpson Park, named after local resident Michael Simpson. The school board turned the property over to the city so grants for the upgrading of the park would be available. Mayor John Parker ‘88 and other city officials are making progress on this and other projects started by former Mayor John Geddis ‘65, who died of cancer last year. New dugouts, restroom facilities and field upgrades are planned, with funding coming from various grants. New lights are down the road.



The mayor said many of the improvements were funded through grants and in-kind services. The project will be completed in three phases through 2018. Parker also said current upkeep of the city’s athletic fields is the envy of other baseball and softball teams who come to compete in Toronto. The city softball league along with the Toronto Junior-Senior High School girls’ softball team raised funds for a new scoreboard for the Simpson Field.



New addition to the Knights Baseball Complex. A new wrestling complex has also been added. These were erected with the cooperation of the city and Mayor John Parker. Many private donations went into making these possible. Thanks go out to all those Red Knight supporters.

## High School Reunions

\* whether it is your tenth reunion or your sixtieth the following poem is for you.

Every Five years, as summertime nears  
An announcement arrives in the mail,  
"A reunion is planned; it'll be really grand;  
Make plans to attend without fail."

I'll never forget the first time we met;  
We tried so hard to impress.  
We drove fancy cars, smoked big cigars,  
And wore our most elegant dress.

It was quite an affair; the whole class was there.  
It was held at a fancy hotel.  
We wined and we dined and we acted refined,  
And everyone thought it was swell.

The men all conversed about who had been first  
To achieve great fortune and fame.  
Meanwhile, their spouses described their fine houses  
And how beautiful their children became.

The homecoming queen, who once had been lean,  
Now weighted in at one-ninety six.  
The jocks who were there had all lost their hair,  
And the cheerleaders could no more do kicks.

No one had heard about the class nerd  
Who'd guided a spacecraft to the moon;  
Or poor little Jane, who'd always been plain;  
She married a shipping tycoon.

The boy we'd decreed "most apt to succeed"  
Was serving ten years in the pen,  
While the one voted "least" now was a priest;  
Shows you can be wrong now and then.

They took a class picture, a curious mixture  
Of beehives, crew cuts and wide ties.  
Tall, short or skinny, the style was the mini;  
You never saw so many thigs.

At our next get-together, no one cared whether  
They impressed their classmates or not.  
The mood was informal, a whole lot more normal;  
By this time we'd all gone to pot.  
It was held out-of-doors, at the lake shores;  
We ate hamburgers, coleslaw and beans.  
Then most of us lay around in the shade  
In our comfortable T-shirts and jeans.

By the fortieth year, it was abundantly clear,  
We were definitely over the hill.  
Those who weren't dead had to crawl out of bed,  
And be home in time for their pill.

And now I can't wait; they've just set the date;  
Our fiftieth is coming, I'm told.  
It should be a ball, they've rented a hall  
Repairs have been made on my hearing aid;  
My pacemaker's been turned up on high.  
And I've bought a new wig and glass eye.

I'm feeling quite hearty, I'm ready to party;  
I'll dance 'til the dawn's early light.  
It'll be lots of fun; I just hope there's one  
Other person who gets there that night.

## Reunion Events



### Class of 1961—Fifty-Fifth Reunion

The office has received no information. If a reunion is being planned please let the office know.

### Class of 1966—Fiftieth Reunion

The Class of 1966 will be holding their reunion dinner at Scaffidi's Restaurant and Tavern in Steubenville on September 3, 2016. A mixer is being planned for Friday, September 2nd at the Misty River Marina (north end). For further information, you can contact: Susan Swaykus Griener at 740-537-2989 or Linda Gail Patterson Komar at 740-544-6439.

### Class of 1971—Forty-Fifth Reunion

The Class of 1971 will be celebrating over the Labor Day weekend with a series of events. A mixer will be held on Friday, September 2nd at 7 pm at Margaret's Café. The reunion dinner will be on Saturday starting at 7 pm at the Misty River Marina (north end marina) and a picnic will be held on Sunday, September 4th at the home of Bob Petras on Fairview Heights Drive. For further information, you can contact: Bob Petras at 740-317-2765, Jackie Scalley Mylinsky at 740-278-5142 or Karen Mann Mellott at 740-537-1000.

### Class of 1976—Fortieth Reunion

The Class of 1976 will be holding their reunion at the Eagles Hall on Saturday, September 3rd, 2016. A mixer is planned for September 2nd at the Misty River Marina starting at 7 pm. For further information, contact Susy Mazingo Hawthorne at 304-670-5557 or Vickie Smith Zeigler at 740-537-4972.

### Class of 1981—Thirty-Fifth Reunion

The Class of 1981 will be holding their thirty-fifth class reunion on July 8th and 9th 2016. Starting with a mixer on Friday, July 8th at the Misty River Marina at 7 pm. Plans will include a DJ that evening playing 70's and 80's music. A BBQ and covered dish picnic is planned for July 9th at Austin Lake starting at noon. For more information and details contact Lisa Wellington Marino at email: lisagobucks@sbcglobal.net.

### Class of 1986—Thirtieth Reunion

No information\*

### Class of 1991—Twenty-Fifth Reunion

No information\*

### Class of 1996—Twentieth Reunion

No information\*

\*If a reunion is being planned please let the Alumni office know the details.

## A note of thanks from Scott Ford '65

The Toronto High School Class of 1965 held its fiftieth class reunion over the first weekend in September. The entire event was well-planned and very enjoyable to attend. It was wonderful catching up on old friends and acquaintances.

Any reunion requires people to step forward and organize the event. In our case three people deserve special thanks for putting it all together. Jennifer Dougherty Arunyon, Bill Blankenship and Dave Pellior did a great job. In particular, Dave Pellior served as the chairperson and driving force for the reunion. He spent countless hours on the phone, sending out e-mails, and posting letters making sure that class members were invited. In this effort he was ably assisted by Jennifer while Bill served as reunion treasurer. The effort put forth by Jennifer, Bill and Dave resulted in a very successful get-together.

Please accept my thanks and the thanks of our class members for making our reunion possible.

Best wishes,  
Signed Scott Ford  
Class of 1965

## LIFE MEMBERS

Carol Kondik Starr '77  
Joseph Blabac '59  
Evelyn Pinkerton Motter '64  
Charles Haynes '59  
Dorothy Blaner '72  
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## IN HONOR OF

**William "Hank" Sloane '38** on celebrating his **99th** birthday by Helen Sloane Rawson '64, Jim/Rosie Sloane '66, Charlene Sloane Green '67, Marlene Sloane Ingold '67, Bill/Debbie Fouts Sloane '71/74, Christine Sloane Sommers '72, John Sloane '74, Charlie Sloane '80 and Paul/Maria Sloane '82.

**Baby Boomers Class of 1964** on celebrating their 70th birthdays by Kathy Kruiise Smith '64.



All information for the Spring KnightTimes Newsletter was received prior to April 26. Any deaths, donations, memorials, life members or news from alumni received after that date will appear in the Fall 2016 newsletter.



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