

GHHSAA Newsletter

To promote the welfare of the Grandview Heights School System and to encourage fellowship among the Grandview Heights Alumni.

Letter from the President

We have just completed a successful year of furnishing several deserving scholarships, generating informative newsletters and contributing to many needed projects at various Grandview School levels.

As you may recall, each year we select a few deserving alumni to be included into the Distinguished Alumni Category. We encourage you to submit names of outstanding alumni for consideration by our Awards Committee to be selected and included with our current Distinguished Alumni Awards Group.

We are happy to include the recent group of graduating Grandview Heights High School seniors of 2008 that joined our Alumni Organization. We have the finest community and schools locally and nationwide.

Let us continue to support them and keep on sending your comments to be shared with our 4,000 plus active members. Keep up the good work and help.

**James F. Riley, President
(Gunner)**



Go Bobcats!

GHHS Auditorium Upgrade

The Grandview Heights Board of Education gave its approval for improvements to the High School Auditorium. The project is designed to address the most common complaints about the auditorium, including inadequate acoustics, uncomfortable seats, a lack of technology available for educational purposes, and the lack of a seating area for disabled people.

The Alumni Association has agreed to provide up to \$35,000 in matching funds for phase i. The goal is to move forward and raise the funds for phase 1 by the first of the year and to have the work completed in time for the high school musical in the spring.

The GHHS PTO, GH, Marble Cliff Education Foundation, the Bobcat Boosters, the other PTOs in the district, the Vocal Music Boosters, Band Parents Association, and the Arlington Bank will support the project.

Contributions should be made out to: GHHS Auditorium Project. Mail contributions to:
GHHSAA, PO Box 12116, Columbus, OH 43212

Art works by the famous and the aspiring coming through the Grandview Hop

Cities across Central Ohio are discovering new treasures.

The Short North is no longer the only place to discover art works by the famous and the aspiring. Grandview Heights hopes to bring that same energy to its main business corridor through the Grandview Hop.

Fifty-three businesses dot Grandview Avenue between 1st and 5th Avenues. Restaurants, art galleries, hair salons, florists, even a shop that makes handmade pet treats have become Art Hop business partners.

Much like the Short North, Grandview Avenue is known for its mix of restaurants, boutiques and other businesses.

The Grandview Hop runs on the last Saturday in the month from April to November.

The Grandview Hop is in its second year and hopes to expand hours in the spring.

Call for Nominations: 2009 Distinguished Alumnus Award(s)

The GHHS Alumni Association Board created the distinguished alumnus awards three years ago. The awardees for 2006, 2007, and 2008 are shown on page 2.

The purpose of the awards is to recognize and honor those graduates, living or deceased, of the Grandview Heights High School who have achieved extraordinary success in their chosen careers. The persons recognized should serve as good role models for current students to see the wide opportunities that their Grandview education provides for them to do whatever they choose to do in their lives.

The careers of the award winners could be in the professions, with a company, the government or military, the arts, or in volunteer activities.

The Board is again calling for nominations. If you know of a graduate, in your class or others, that you feel should be recognized, please fill out the form on this page and send it to GHSAA, PO Box 12116, Columbus OH 43212, by March 31, 2009.

Nominations will be held in confidence. Selection of the award(s)—there can be more than one per year—is made by a committee of at least 12 graduates appointed by the Board. There are at least two members from each graduating era (pre 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, and 90's and later).

Voting is by secret ballot. Winners must receive at least 2/3rds of the votes and then be ratified by the Board.

The winners are honored with a "composite" of their names and accomplishments displayed in the high school.

This is a great opportunity to show people in Grandview the value of the superior education that they receive.

There are many deserving graduates and we look forward to again receiving your information. Self-nominations are also acceptable.

Annually the GHHSAA Board of Directors approves the selections of an Awards Committee who vote on Distinguished Alumnus Awards.

2009 Distinguished Alumnus Award Nomination

Nominee Last (Maiden Name) _____

First: _____

Year Graduated: _____

ADDRESS: No. & Street _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Telephone (If Known): _____

Your Name: _____

Year Graduated: _____

ADDRESS: No. & Street _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Telephone (If Known): _____

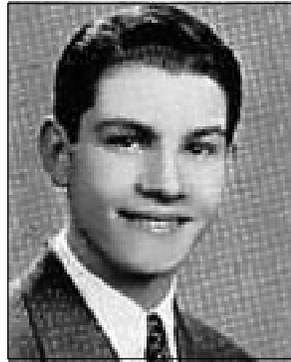
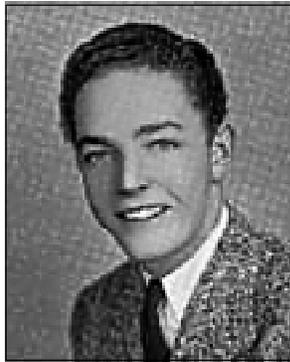
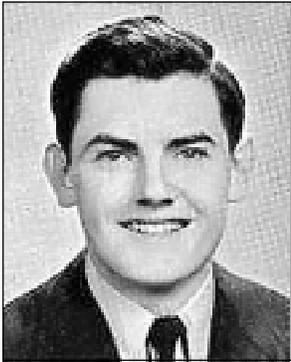
Basis for Nomination (Accomplishment):

Please attach a brief statement (a paragraph or so but no more than one page) further explaining why you feel the nominee should be recognized with a Distinguished Alumni Award.

Send to: GHSAA, PO Box 12116, Columbus OH 43212-12116.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS – MARCH 31, 2009

2008-2007-2006 Distinguished Alumni



2008:

Left to right"

- Bill Piper '43
- Jack Bates '41
- Jack Anderson '42
- Betty Skidmore '37

2008: • Bill Piper '43.

PhD in physics from Ohio State. Solid-state physicist working at General Electric's R&D. As a world-leading authority on electro-luminescence, the process in which electrical energy is converted directly into light within a phosphor, he made major contributions to the efficiency of fluorescent lamps.

• Jack Bates '41.

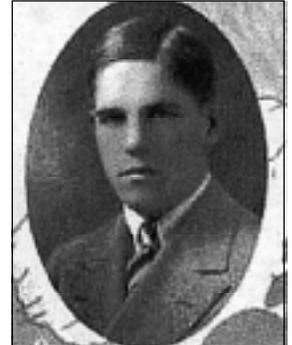
Navy pilot. Founder of Stanley Steemer International, now headquartered in Dublin. To start this business, he bought the patents on a new steam carpet cleaner, improved the process, and bought the rights to the old Stanley Steemer automobile.

• Jack Anderson '42.

Nationally known health care executive. President of Hospital Affiliates International and Chairman of INA Health Care Group. President of Manor Care and Calver Corp. in Dallas. Director of Horizon Health, Safeguard Health Enterprises, FHP International, Navistar International.

(Also, long-time supporter of GHHSAA and football field donor).

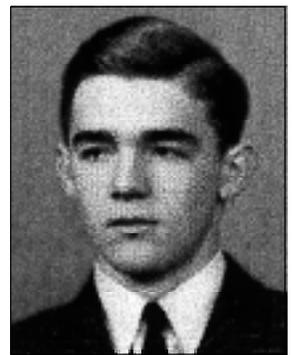
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2007:

Above LtoR:

- Diane Caskey Vaughan
- Richard H. Boyd '47
- Ralph Anderson '27
- Frank "Dude" Higgs '26 (left)



2006:

- Sam B. Williams '39 (above right)

Below, LtoR:

- Caroline Harnsberger '20
- Marilyn Borden '55
- John R. (Jack) Fisher '42
- Jean Ann Walters MacCuer '55

Grandview Heights High School Alumni Association Web Site Communications

For all who are interested in maintaining the friendships established during their school years, as well as supporting and enhancing the Grandview experience that played a vital part in our lives, we offer this internet connection.

Along with this web site, another tool for maintaining our Grandview relations is the GHHSAA Newsletter. Three times a year it is mailed to over 4,000 recipients.

Reading the news and notes of any newsletter shows just how much the Grandview experience has spread across the world. We also make our presence known at the annual Memorial Day Parade, Alumni Homecoming Football Game and other community projects.

We believe that offering college scholarships to graduating seniors is another vital role we play at Grandview. Not only does it honor outstanding student efforts, it enables the continuation of academic careers begun at GHHS.

Our support in the Grandview Heights Schools goes to all grade levels from Kindergarten to 12th Grade. We try to fill the gap that sometimes exists in other school funding sources. We have supported extra curricular activities like class trips, spring musicals, band uniforms, robotics program, and much more.

We established the Distinguished Alumni Program to honor those from our ranks who have made noted contributions to the world around us. It is a way of honoring ourselves as well. We like to think that regardless of the nature of each individual's endeavor, that person began at Grandview where we've all played a part.

Again, welcome to the Web Site. Please help us improve the high standards of quality education that everyone has come to expect from the Grandview School System, and continue to enjoy the friendship founded at Grandview.

Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients

(Continued from page 3)

• Betty Skidmore '37.

Educator, artist, author (at least 3 books on architecture and dozens of magazine articles), photographs. Nationally known for expertise in architectural history, historic preservation and oestgetucs. PhD in Fine Arts from the Ohio State University. Professor at Texas Tech in the Architecture Department for over 40 years.

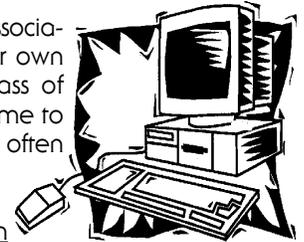
Congratulations to the thirteen 2006, 2007 and 2008 recipients of Grandview Heights Distinguished Alumnus Award. Check page 2 to nominate candidates for send in your nomination(s) for 2009.

Great News! GHAA is now on line!

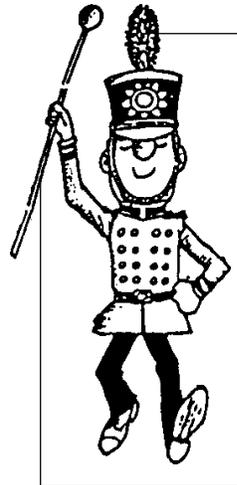
The Grandview Heights Alumni Association is now on line! We have our own website. Kathy Koch Gatch, class of 1985, generously donated her time to get us up and going. Please visit often for updates and information.

Bookmark:

www.grandviewheightsalumni.com



It's great being a Bobcat!



Graduates of Grandview Heights High School are a lucky breed—they receive an alumni newsletter telling them about alumni activities, class reunions, news of their classmates and former teachers.

Your contribution is needed in 2009 so we can continue the scholarship awards, furnish special needs for GHHS alumni activities throughout the year, and the cost of publishing your alumni newsletter.

So jump on the bandwagon and be a 2009 member of your Alumni Association! Use the sign up form on page 7.

2008 GHHSAA Board of Trustees

Gunner Riley '59: President & Special Projects
Robert Keitz '39: Vice President
Stan Jones '51: Data Processing/Membership
Dirken Voelker '50: Legal Advisor
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Jane Harris '56, Secretary/Treasurer
Ken Pierce '51, Financial Advisor
Jane Davis Gladwin '53
Mike McCourt '62
Steve Blake '68
Teri Antolino Williams '74
Ron Cameron '64

CAT MEWS



• **Gerald V. Wootton '39**: Lost my wife of 63 years to cancer 7-8-08; I'm diagnosed with terminal pancreatic CA but feel OK; am busying myself writing my third book, "A Chemical Engineer's ODYSsey 1946-92"; the others: "Louisiana Adventures 1943-44" and "US Navy Experiences 1942-46". Would like to chat with old classmates—if any are left; phone 330-864-0797; email gwootton@msn.com

• **Bill "Hap" Chandler '50**, Tigard OR 97224: Best regards to all; regret will miss reunion, my thoughts there and especially memory of Donn Mauger.

• **Lois Derwiler Reese '44**, Columbus, OH: Enjoy the "Cat Mews"; still live in the South End for 58 years (same house); play the piano Monday nights with "Monk Rest" in in Bexley; have 2 girls, one lives in Bexley, the other in Columbus; have 2 grandchildren, one granddaughter (36) in Santa Monica, CA; one grandson in Columbus (39 years).

• **Chris Albrecht '67**, Knoxville, TN: We've been living in Tennessee for 12 years; really enjoy the milder winters.

• **Susan Yoerger Newland '59**, The Villages, FL: Enjoying retirement in sunny Florida; getting ready for the State Sr. games; swimming for the Villages aquatic swim team; looking forward to having both daughters and all 5 grandchildren together at Thanksgiving.

• **Alfred Capuano '41**, N. Ft. Myers, FL: My wife Ida and our son Richard have lived in North Ft. Myers, FL for 24 years at the North Tura Golf & Country Community; cruising is our favorite way of traveling and we have been on 26 cruises; I enjoy the GHHS news, keep them coming.

• **Sonny Weatherman '55**, Jensen Beach, FL: Carol & I doing well & enjoying life in our condo on the beach & golf; made another year with no hurricanes; thank God again; have had 2 nephews become GHHS grads in last couple years: Dave & Mike Farenhoph; go Bucks!

• **Connie Conklin Ball '52**, Excelsior, MN: Our reunion last year was terrific! Loved seeing so many old friends; call us in Green Valley, AZ; we're there from January-April.

• **Arlene La Moccia Polster-Moore '54**, Blacklick, OH: Moved to Blacklick in Nov. 2007 after retiring from the Ohio EPA; work periodically for the No Child Left Behind effort as team leader or reader-scorer; my husband Ralph Moore is semi-retired & between us, we enjoy watching 16 grandchildren grow & mature; thanks to Jeanne's friends from Class of 1957 for their calls & cards!

• **N. Allen Crites '60**, Sebring, FL: Retired 3/92 OSU Veterinary Biosciences; relocated to Sebring, FL in 2001 to provide assistance to aged parents (96, 97 years old); currently serve as minister of Jehovah's Witnesses; still maintain a condo in Columbus; son Todd & his wife reside in New Albany, OH; enjoy gold, reading & travel.

• **Carol Schulz McFadden '75**, Grandview Heights, OH: Our daughter Christie graduated in 2005 from Grandview; she'll get her associate degree from Columbus State at the end of the quarter; our other daughter Sarah is a junior at Grandview; she's a football cheerleader.

• **Dick Seiple '45**, Powell, OH: Dick Seiple is now a music volunteer at Riverside Methodist Hospital one day a week playing his harp in the surgery waiting room; a most gratifying experience.

• **Rosanne Singleton Kopf '43**, Laguna Hills, CA: Am fortunate in having younger son nearby with 3 little girls; youngest member of our family was great-grandson born last week in Maui; thank you for keeping me on mailing list; so sorry to hear of Pat Conaway Rud-dell's death; our friendship began when we were born the same week in same hospital & we went to Grandview for 12 years together.



Grandview alumni and friends journey to the dalai lamas palace in Tibet

Visiting the Potala Palace, home to the dalai lamas in Lhasa, Tibet, China, are, from left: Chuck and Jane Walker of

Johnstown, Jolene and Jim Plunkett of Columbus, and Jeff and Nancy Settles of Upper Arlington.

To help reach the top of the palace at 12,900 feet, where the air is thinner, they suggest, walk slowly.

Thanks for your Contributions!

New Contributions:

- Robin Priday (Teacher/Coach)
- 1934 Mary Flercher
- 1936 Robert Waller
- 1937 Jack Harris
- 1940 Bill Fauth
- 1941 Alfred Capuano
- Priscilla Yalensi Hamplors
- 1943 Roy Benadum
- Mary Ellen Crepps Bentz
- Rosanne Singleton Kopf
- Tom Williams
- 1944 Joanna Harper Bartholomew
- Lois Derweiler Reese
- Dick Seiple
- 1945 Robert Skeeel
- 1947 Jack Lenhart
- 1949 Dick Eagle
- Marilyn Sorensen Findlay
- Gary Horn
- Jackie Soule Shifflette
- 1950 Bill "Hap" Chandler
- 1952 Connie Conklin Bell
- 1954 Arlene Lamacchia Polster-Moore
- 1955 Joyce Ann Bach Brady
- William Neal
- Sonny Weatherman
- 1959 Susan Yoerger Newland
- William Riggs
- 1960 N. Allen Crites
- 1961 Gayle Tobey Flanagan
- David Mueller
- 1962 Jim Alban
- Dick Melfi
- David Resley
- 1963 Linda McCall Ireland
- Larry Snider
- Jan Tomlinson Stergiopoulos
- 1964 David Williams
- 1965 Marcia Strauffer Harvey
- Jim Melfi
- 1966 Patty Donavon Alban
- 1967 Jerry Melfi
- 1969 Larry Melfi
- 1970 Diane Rotering Stickel
- 1975 Carol Scholz McFadden

Life Members

- 1955 Joyce Ann Bach Brady
- 1956 Richard Brown
- 1958 Lynne Hall Brown
- 1962 David Resley
- 1964 Ron Cameron
- 2007 Lindsey Jump

In Memory of:

- Elizabeth Pletcher Edmister '3
- by Mary Pletcher '34
- Nancy Davis Edwards '44
- and Billie Snapp Walker '44
- by Joanna Harper Bartholomew '44
- Debbie Strunk Porretta '65
- by Jan Tomlinson Stergiopoulos '63
- Monk Hillmeyer '41
- by Alfred Capuano '41
- Marion Behm Foster '44
- by Lois Derweiler Reese '44
- Donn Mauger '50
- by Susan Yoerger Newland '59
- Don Mauger '50
- by Jackie Soule Shifflette '49
- Dirk Voelker '50
- Ken Pierce '50 — Don Gatton
- Karen & Ronald Mlicki — James Redman
- James Hess — Kay & Richard Myers
- Wilbur Lawrence '50 — Steven Reeser
- The Slade Family — Linda Mauger
- Cheryl Davis — Dick Eagle '49
- John & Carole Myers '51 — Dick Mauger
- Tom & Jeanne Bogen '51
- Bill "Hap" Chandler — Mary Jo Grimm
- Michael & Louise Contreras
- Dick & Rose Mary Abbruzzese '51
- Stan & Jackie Jones '51 & '56
- Sharon Strauffer Retz '59
- by Marcia Strauffer Harvey '65
- Ruth Nardone Melfi Bulko '39
- by Sons Dick ('62), Jim ('65), Jerry ('67)
- and Larry ('65) Melfi
- Pete Butler '64
- by David Williams '64
- Jeannie Timmons '63 & '63 Deceased
- Classmates
- by Linda McCall Ireland '63
- * Ed Smith '47
- by Jack Lenhart '47
- Jeanne Lamacchia Alia '57
- by Arlene Lamacchia Polster-Moore '57
- Noring Rose Hall '26
- by Richard '56 & Lynne Hall Brown '58
- Great Teachers at GHHS
- by Classes of '49, '49 and '50
- Jim Scott (Coach)
- by Robert Waller '36
- Michael DeBach '58
- by Joyce Ann Bach Brady '55

Cut-off date for Cat Mews Spring 2009
issue will be March 31.

In Honor of:

- Bob '54 & Louann '56 Kilgore
- 50th Anniversary by David Mueller '61
- Linda Kay Bach Osborne '60
- Sue Elaine Bach Simmons '67
- Vicki Lee Dewey Roe '76
- Kenneth Alan Dewey '80
- Curtis Scott Dewey '2000
- by Joyce Ann Bach Brady '55

Deceased

- 1926 Anna Marguerite Parker Ohnsman
- (age 101)
- 1928 Walter V. Hobbs (age 97)
- 1931 Helen Motz Hively
- Frances Coultrap
- 1934 George H. Moor, Jr.
- 1941 Monk Hillmeyer
- 1942 Wm. T. Mathiss
- 1943 Curtis Douglas Hoffman
- Lorna Donaldson Karlovec
- 1944 Marion Behm Foster
- Billie Snapp Walker
- 1946 Martha Hertz Lowery (not 1943)
- 1948 Jean Blowers Barrows
- Jack Kuebler
- James E. Newdick
- John (Jack) Roth (not 1943)
- 1950 Donn M. Mauger
- Harry "Sonny" Walcutt Jr.
- 1954 David Gettinger
- 1957 Jeanne LaMacchia Alia
- 1959 Sharon Strauffer Retz
- 1988 Laura Ellen Hildreth
- 2001 Augustine (Gus) Mehling

Annual Fund Campaign \$\$\$

• Big Cats Club:

- Bill "Hap" Chandler '50
- John Shenifield '64
- Mary Pletcher '34
- Lois Derweiler Reese '44
- Bill Neal '55
- William Riggs '59
- David Resley '62
- Tom Williams '43

• Paws Club:

- Dick Eagle '49
- Al Capuano '41
- Susan Yoerger Newland '59
- David Williams '64
- Arlene Lamacchia Polster-Moore '57

It's a new year...
time to send your
2009 dues!



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Reunion News

#50 for Class of 1959: The date has been set for our 50th reunion. It will be the weekend of June 26, 27 and 28, 2009. We have a web site under construction that needs information from every class member still alive and kicking.

You should have received a mailing soliciting personal information for the "class web-book" as well as asking for suggestions so everyone should have some idea of what they want to do and what they want to avoid.

Please help by sending in your suggestions as quickly as possible. If you have moved or changed e-mail address in the

last five years, please notify Jeff Forster, 614-764-1064, or Gunner Riley, 614-443-2737 if you haven't already done so.

Planning a Reunion?

Let your Alumni Association help. We can provide class lists, mailing labels, and publicity in our newsletter. Contact Stan Jones, Reunion Liaison, e-mail:

sjones@columbus.rr.com, phone: 614/486-2332, or write: GHHSAA, PO Box 12116, Columbus OH 43212.



- Remember: GHHS Alumni Luncheon
- Where: Home Town Buffet • When: 11:30 AM on 4th Friday of month • Who: All Graduates, spouses, friends

Eat with fellow GHHS Grads every 4th Friday

All GHHS graduates and spouses are invited to join us at the new location, Home Town Buffet, 3727 Park Mill Run Drive, Hilliard, fourth Friday of every month (except November and December). Enjoy the buffet with our group which averages 30-40 each month. Reservations are needed! Please call Lois Ramsey Goodell at 451-5582 or Shirley Harch at 451-1971 by Wednesday before the luncheon.