

2004

ANNUAL REPORT

**125TH
ALUMNI BANQUET**

JUNE 12, 2004

**TALLMADGE HIGH SCHOOL
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

June 12, 2004, 226 Alumni and Guests met at Tallmadge High School for the 125th Alumni Banquet Meeting.

We began with a Social Hour at 5:45 P.M. followed by a Baked Chicken and Roast Beef Buffet dinner catered by Homing.

The decorations were the traditional Blue and Gold. The arrangement committee was chaired by James Werner (1943).

The invocation was given by Chris Bauch as daughter and First Vice-President Amy Bauch (class of 2001) was on a walk across America for Pro Life. She will be gone all summer. Good Luck Amy.

While finishing our dinner we were entertained by The Tallmadge High School Ensemble. Three songs were performed by Cory Turner, David Gressock, Mary Davis and Andrea Courie. They were under the direction of Teacher Melanie Sipusic. They then led us in the singing of the Alma Mater.

ALMA MATER

We praise thee Tallmadge High
 To thee our hearts are true
 Ever we honor thee with Faith and Loyalty
 Tallmadge, Devotion is our pledge
 Your Standards we hold high,
 Memories will never die.
 Our school days we hold dear and years
 At Tallmadge High
 Tallmadge Devotion is our pledge

After a brief intermission we all gathered back in the gymnasium for our business meeting.

President Bill Neitz (1971) called the meeting to order.

Bill then introduced Kathleen Bauch Maddox (1965) who then introduced us to the Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees. It is once again my pleasure, on behalf of the Tallmadge Alumni Association to present the 2004 Hall of Fame inductees, an honor that never ceases to humble me. This year's inductees, as in the past, continue to amaze me with their accomplishments.

Our first 2004 inductee was a 1946 graduate. In high school, she was a salutatorian and member of the National Honor Society. Since that graduation, she has devoted her life to helping others. In spite of her daily, tremendous workload, her nominator described her as the "same very helpful, humorous, girl that everyone grew up with."

When her nominator used the phrase, "tremendous workload", she was not kidding. This woman has a professional resume that is literally six pages long. Although I will not go into all six pages, I would like to highlight some of her professional activities. Some, and I highly emphasize the word "some", of her education includes: a B.A. from the University of Akron, a Ph.D. from Case Western Reserve, studies at the Tavistock Institute of Interpersonal Relations and the London School of Economics, both in London, England. Additionally, has studied in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Nebraska School of Medicine.

She is a Diplomate in Clinical Psychology for the American Board of Professional Psychology and the American Board of Administrative Psychology; a Fellow for Prescribing Psychologists'

Register, the American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress and the American Orthopsychiatry Association and in the Academy of Clinical Psychology.

Academically, she was a Clinical Professor at Stanford School of Medicine in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, and a Professor of Educational Psychology at California State University. Also, at California State University, she was the Director of the Community Counseling Center. She has chaired the Department of Psychology at the Children's Health Center in Palo Alto, California and the Department of Psychology at Kitchener—Waterloo Hospital in Ontario, Canada. Where she found the time, I am not sure, but she has published seven articles, three books and has taught in Turkey, England and Canada.

This woman has truly exemplified the Hall of Fame criteria of "exceptional achievements in their field and career". As a representative for the Alumni Association's Hall of Fame Committee, it is my very distinct pleasure to introduce and induct Viola Bloom Mecke in the Tallmadge Alumni Hall of Fame.

We then heard from Viola Bloom Mecke. She thanked us for the honor of being inducted into the Hall of Fame and reminisced about her school days. Her academic experiences in 4th grade by writing Roman Numerals up to 1,000. Her introduction into Latin in the eighth grade and how the teacher wrote "I love you and Kiss" in Latin on the board. She said that some of the teachers were more demanding. She especially commented on Mrs. Tripcony who she had in 5th and 7th grade and Mrs. Williams as an art teacher. She also commented on Beatrice Hawkins who was the math teacher. She had the kids put their heads down and she looked up and the teacher winked at her. Since 1925 there has been one descendent in the school system for a total of 79 years of Blooms in the school system. Tonight there are 11 family members present to see Viola get her award.

Our second Hall of Fame Inductee is also a member of the Class of 1946. He is the fourth of six children. In high school, he played football, basketball and track. When I spoke with him on the phone and asked what accomplishment he was most proud of and would like for me to address this evening, I was both surprised and humored by his response. First, however, I will summarize some of his achievements and then I will relate to you his most memorable.

Working nights for the Associated Press and the Akron Beacon Journal, our inductee put himself through Kent State University earning a BA in Journalism. He then studied law at Georgetown Law School in Washington D.C.

During the years between 1950 and 1958, just out of college, he worked as a reporter for the Erie, PA Times. He served active duty with the U.S. Navy Reserve in Memphis during the Korean War. While there, he was a reporter for the Memphis Commercial Appeal and the St. Louis Monsanto Magazine. He also was a copy editor and later assistant editor of the Evening Star in Washington, D.C.

Between 1958 and 1969, he went to work for NASA in its infancy. There, he established several pioneering positions: he was first chief of the NASA News Division, the creator of the "voice of mission control", and he set up and managed the Project Mercury public information system which remains the model for all major NASA information programs. In 1963, he moved to Houston where a year later NASA established the Manned Spacecraft Center, now called the Johnson Space Center. With a staff of 50, he directed the Gemini and Apollo information efforts. He set up NASA's first open-door visitor museum, which still flourishes as one of Houston's major tourist attractions. In Houston, he had dinner with President Kennedy the night before the President was assassinated.

Declining a transfer to Washington, he left NASA in Houston, went to work for Economist magazine, and was a color commentator for ITV, which is a British commercial network. He

commuted between Houston and London for three years doing space flights and writing space and Texas politics. At the same time, he worked as vice president for public affairs for the Houston Astros. He later served as executive VP of the National Association of Broadcasters in Washington, D.C. He spoke on space matters in Europe and on dozens of college campuses.

In the decade between 1973 and 1983, as his wife's job moved the family to various locations, he worked at the news desks of the Houston Chronicle, wrote editorials for the Charleston Post, was new editor for the St. Petersburg Times and free-lanced from his home office in Galveston. While doing all of this, he additionally managed investment property in the Houston area.

Tired of the wet, beachfront living in S. Carolina, Florida and Texas, he decided to try the high and dry desert life. He bought the Horizon monthly newspaper and developed it into a major weekly voice in East El Paso. The paper won state and area editorial honors and the circulation went from 1,000 monthly subscribers to 10,000 weekly subscribers.

He moved to High Rolls, New Mexico when his wife took a management position at Holloman Air Force Base. He recently resigned as board member of the Horizon City property owners association after commuting to El Paso for five years. He is currently a consultant for the Houston energy company in El Paso, on the board of New Mexico Research Institute and manages a profitable 5-acre Bing cherry orchard in High Rolls, New Mexico. Of the cherry orchard, he related that his interest must have come from his childhood days when his mother would make him go pick Bing cherries. Certainly not minimal, he is the director and a 1993 inductee of the International Space Hall of Fame.

This man sums up his accomplishments as simply a communicator, director-manager and journalist. What did he feel was his greatest accomplishment? His answer, to both my humor and surprise, was being a part of the first winning football in Tallmadge, at that time, since 1912.

It is my very great honor in representing the Alumni Association's Hall of Fame Committee to induct Paul Haney into the Alumni Hall of Fame. Because this is prime harvest time for cherries, and this year's crop, as Paul relates, is the "mother of all crops", Paul was unable to be here this evening. However, he is making plans to return for Homecoming in October. Those festivities will be announced later. Accepting this honor on behalf of Paul is his sister, Mary Haney Wilson, a 1940 Tallmadge High School graduate.

Next year there will be a showcase for the Hall of Fame. It will be in the front hallway. A plaque was ordered to put the inductees name on.

The Class of 1946 will be back in town for homecoming. More details to follow maybe spend a day at the school talking to the students. Hopefully at this time the Class of 1946 will have a reunion or get together for dinner.

Bill then introduced officers. He also thanked Mary Olesky for selling T-shirts and Dick and JoAnn Stern Wood for all that they do.

The Secretary's Report was read by Secretary Susan Wood Yeager (1978) and was approved.

The Treasurer's Report was given by JoAnn Stern Wood (1948) and was approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

2003

Balance brought forward on January 1, 2003		\$2,035.15
Receipts for 2003:		
Dinners	\$1,926.00	
Dues	1,417.00	
Donations	329.00	

Golf Fund Raiser	2,044.50
Interest	1.72

\$5,718.22

Expenditures for 2003:

T.H.S. Scholarships		
2 -\$600.00	\$1,200.00	
Postage	304.89	
Arrangements Committee	73.54	
Smyth Trophies	121.28	
Catering – Homing	1,890.00	
Refunds	36.00	
Secretary's Fee	50.00	
Golf Fund Raiser	1,196.00	
Donation Student Senate	50.00	
Secretary's Supplies	20.78	
		\$4,492.49

Balance on hand December 31, 2003

\$2,810.88

JoAnn M. Wood, Treasurer

The Treasurer's Books were audited by Ileana Crites Williams (1944) and found to be in order.

Superintendent of Schools Vincent Frammartino, was unable to attend due to a previous commitment. Representing Mr. Frammartino was Mr. Jeff Ferguson principal of Tallmadge High School. Mr. Ferguson welcomed the alumni to THS and said it was an honor and privilege to be here tonight and commented on such a great turnout. He sent greetings from Dr. Frammartino who said he hoped we would have a wonderful evening. He told us that the High School was rated excellent. That the 6th grade passed all five parts of the Proficiency Test. In Athletics, there were 8 All Ohio runners in Track. The boy's baseball team made it to the district finals and the girl's softball team made it to the semifinals. The Middle school has a new schedule and other school districts are looking at it. In closing, thanks again for spending time with us and that over \$45,000 was given out in scholarships to the graduating class.

STATE OF THE DISTRICT REPORT

Distinguished scholars— 45 seniors (3.7 GPA), 39 juniors (3.75 GPA), 40 sophomores (3.8 GPA) and 13 freshmen (3.8 GPA) were recognized as Distinguished Scholars at a breakfast co-sponsored by Lions, Rotary, PEGS and PTSA.

New members—In the fall, 32 juniors and seniors were inducted into the THS chapter of National Honor Society which recognizes those who excel in scholarship, leadership, character and service.

Math Scholars—TMS Ohio Math League teams successfully competed at regional and state levels. The sixth grade team placed 4th and one team member placed first as top scorer. The 8th grade team ranked 4th in the region and 16th in the state, placing them in the top 9 percent among the schools participating. The team's top scorer also ranked 4th in the region and 18th in the state, outscoring more than 98% of the 900 students in the statewide competition.

Mathcounts—A six-member team of seventh and eighth graders represented TMS at the district MATHCOUNTS competition, where they placed third and advanced to state level competition. One student placed 4th in the individual rankings.

Regional Wins—A Tallmadge team won first place at the regional Destination Imagination Competition and advanced to state competition.

Thinkers top—Tallmadge teams swept the top spots in the annual statewide Ohio Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl, with three first place finishes and one fifth place. Since the inception of the Quiz Bowl, 15 years ago, Tallmadge teams have consistently been among the top finishers in their interscholastic statewide contest for 5th thru 8th graders. This year, Tallmadge Middle School's sixth, seventh, and eighth grade teams placed first in the state of Ohio. Munroe Elementary School's fifth grade team placed fifth among teams competing at that grade level.

Sweet Sixteen—The seventh and eighth grade Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl teams competed in the national competition, vying with students from 16 states for the top spot. The eighth grade team placed 3rd in the nation, among all 133 eighth grade teams competing. The seventh grade team also placed third nationally.

DECA advances to Nationals—Two THS students successfully competed at regional and state levels to qualify for the DECA National Competition. Three other THS students placed in the top ten at state.

Academic Challenge—THS three-member Academic Challenge team competed against Wadsworth and GlenOak on the Channel 5 Academic Challenge show.

Artists win—Tallmadge students won 5 of the 14 Best of Show awards and 5 first place honors, 5 second and 53 third place ribbons and 7 honorable mentions in the Summit County Art Show.

Musicians shine—Concert band members earned 7 superior and excellent medals at the District Solo and Ensemble contest sponsored by the Ohio Music Educators Association.

See how they run—The girls track team ran all the way to state, garnering top awards at district and regional meets and earning All-Ohio honors for members of the 4x400 meter and 4x800 meter teams. Individual all-state honors went to 800-meter runner Lauren Pakan and to pole-vaulter Elaina Stover.

Athletics—twenty-one athletes, competing in one of THS' 18 interscholastic sports, earned All-Suburban League honors for their individual performances.

Dynamics Community Theatre—Dynamics is an intergenerational program in the Tallmadge schools involving adults and students K-12 in theatrical productions. In its tenth full season, student and adult actors performed "Sound of Music", "Little Women", and "Charlottes Web."

Bus Open House—The transportation staff hosted its eight annual open house at the bus garage. Visitors learned about driver requirements and training and had a close-up look at the district's two new buses. Vendors donated prizes for a Poster Contest for elementary riders.

Volunteer recognition— More than 500 volunteers were invited to the annual district-wide Volunteer Appreciation luncheon in April, including 100-plus volunteers who work with students grades K to 4 through the Ohio Reads program. In addition to individual Ohio Reads volunteers, two local businesses, Summit Racing and Walco, partner with the district to release employees during the workday to serve as Ohio Reads volunteers.

National Certification— Jay Singer, vocal music teacher at Dunbar Primary School, earned National Board Certification. Participation in the comprehensive and rigorous performance-based assessment is voluntary and can take from one to three years to complete. National Board Certification is the highest credential in the teaching profession. Since inception 16 years ago, the National Board has certified 32,130 teachers nationwide. Seven other Tallmadge teachers have already achieved this prestigious honor.

School District Report Card— Tallmadge met the performance standards in 19 of 22 categories and is rated as an "effective" district. "Effective" is the 2nd of 5 tiers, with the top tier being "excellent."

Bond Issue— Following defeat in November of a 2.65 mill bond issue to build new middle school, the Board of Education had a community survey done to ascertain the issues and to help determine the next step in resolving the district facilities needs.

Recycling— The district instituted new community-wide recycling program to generate dollars for the schools. Abitibi Recycling Corporation pays the district \$5 a ton for recycling paper products. Green and yellow Paper Retriever bins are located at each building.

Take the Test Night— A new regimen of achievement testing and accountability measures are required by the federal No Child Left Behind Law. The district hosted a "Take the Test Night" and invited parents and community in to take a sample test and to familiarize them with some of the expectations and consequences of the new law.

New Principals— THS and Dunbar welcomed new principals, Jeffery Ferguson and Andrew Wilson, respectively. They replace administrators who retired. At the end of the school year, another vacancy at Munroe due to the retirement of Richard Banig, who had more than 30 years in the district, was filled with the employment of Shelley Monachino as principal.

Overdale turns 50— More than 400 current and former students, parents, teachers and community members turned out to celebrate the 50th birthday of Overdale Primary School.

Leaders In Action— Leaders In Action, a new program at Tallmadge High School this year was designed to foster the development of leadership skills and the ideals of community service in high school sophomores and juniors. Thirty-two students were chosen on the basis of their application responses. Following a two-day retreat that focused on collaboration and problem-solving skills, students grouped into teams to design and carry out a community or school service project. The program was funded with a \$2000 grant from the Tallmadge Education and Community Enrichment Foundation.

The Class of 2004

Of the 196 seniors earning diplomas at graduation on June 6, 80% completed a college preparatory curriculum, 3% followed a general course of study and 17% enrolled in a vocational program. Twenty-six credits were required for graduation.

Future plans. Following graduation, 80% enrolled in a 4-year college, 11% enrolled in a two-year college or trade or technical program, 3% entered the military and 6% entered the labor market.

Valedictorians. Nine 4.0 valedictorians led Class of 2004: Rachel Bertschi, Danielle Dimoff, Alissa Douglas, Angela Nord, Jennifer Pluunket, Andrew Strobel, Tiffany Tilenni, Tony Wiland and Laura Young.

Honors Diploma. Sixty-two graduates earned honors diplomas. To receive an honors diploma, graduates must meet 8 of 9 academic criteria including a minimum 3.5 grade and a minimum composite score of 27 on the ACT.

Distinguished scholars. Forty-five seniors graduated as distinguished scholars, having maintained a 3.7 grade point average or better for four years of high school.

Educational excellence. Thirty-nine of the graduating class earned the Presidential Award of Education Excellence given to students who complete the core curriculum, maintain a 3.5 or

better grade point average and score in at least the 85 percentile on a standardized reading or math test.

Merit awards. Eighty-three members of the graduating class earned the State Award of Merit. To receive this honor, students must complete the core curriculum, plus have 3 units of a foreign language, a 3.25 GPA, an average attendance of 90.8% or better and good character.

Scholarship winners. Fifty-six members of the Class of 2004 shared in more than \$46,000 in local scholarships awarded at graduation. These scholarships are funded by donations from area businesses, civic organizations, trusts and foundations.

Heritage Families. Each year, those students together with their parents or grandparents who graduated from THS are recognized as Heritage Families. There were 54 Heritage Families in the Class of 2004, including two fourth generation graduates and nine third generation graduates.

Fifty Year Report – (1954) - The fifty-year report was given by the Class President , Joe Marshall.

Good Evening. First I want apologize for appearing before you looking so casual. When I arrived from Pittsburgh last night, I discovered that the dry cleaner had only returned half of my suit. Fortunately, it was the most useful half. Before I start, I think we should give a hand to those that planned and worked so hard to put on such a great Alumni Banquet.

Tonight we will be discussing the class of "54" which interestingly had 54 members. Last night, many of the members of our class came from all over the country to gather at Guy's Party Center to eat, drink and re-acquaint ourselves. We shared a lot of old stories and memories. Forty (40) class members and spouses attended.

Today, we met to tour the old Tallmadge High School. We were surprised to find that very little of the old school still remained as part of the middle school but, there were a few recognizable areas. The little old gymnasium was still intact along with its movie projection booth. It brought back memories of the lunchtime movies we had and the first times the boys and girls got to hold hands in the dark.

We were all surprised to find that the building where we spent our primary years from grade one through 4 was still intact and generally unchanged. There were some class pictures hanging in the hall that helped us to remember old times and experiences and some of our teachers. We noted that our Class of 1954 pictures was not present.

One of the things that we all agreed on was that during our time at Tallmadge schools, a great deal of change took place. As a base for looking at the changes, let me ask how many of you did not have indoor plumbing when you started school? A significant number.

How many of you did not have a telephone? A significant number. I remember when we first got a telephone, it was an eight (8) party line with the number Marshall 2297, an exchange name that was easy for me to remember. Eventually we got a two party line and the different exchange name of Meadowbrook. As time progressed, they added numbers to the exchange to accommodate the growth and then a ten (10) digit number. Now, nearly everyone has a cell phone, especially the young ones. Quite a change!

We remembered times at Tallmadge High School when there were only a few restaurants in the area; Iacomini's, Sanginiti's and Sperry's here in Tallmadge. Of course, we had fond memories of Ed's which has now become Micheli's Restaurant.

When we were in high school, the fast food restaurant era began. We remembered that McDonalds had hamburgers for 10 cents and cheeseburgers for 15 cents. We always stopped at

the Dairy Queen after football practice for a strawberry milk shake for 25 cents. It was made with real milk and strawberries.

When I was fourteen years old, I pumped gas at a filling station for 24 cents a gallon. I also remember working at a Radio & Electronics shop at Six Corners run by the Faught family. Bob and Don are both Alumni of Tallmadge. We take our Televisions for granted but, I witnessed Bob Faught build one of the first TV sets in Tallmadge. It provided us with a black & white panoramic view, with a giant, 4 inch screen. We got to watch top shows like Captain Video and Ed Sullivan.

For those of you who stayed in Tallmadge to grow up and earn a living, changes were gradual, and barely noticeable. For others of us who left the metropolis of Tallmadge to make our way on the big new world, changes we encountered were quite significant.

I remember in 1959, Dick Groves and I ventured out to California to visit Louis Gusbar and Frank Duke who had gone there to earn their living. They told us we had to learn how to drive! We didn't understand because we had learned how to drive in Tallmadge. They said it was different in California. If you are sitting at an intersection and the lights turns green, you better be immediately going 60 miles an hour or you will get run over. Also, if you come to a 4 way stop, do not look at the other drivers. Just proceed without looking. If you look and make eye contact, they will all pull out in front of you and you will never get out.

New York City had its differences as well. Early on my career, I got the opportunity to go to New York City to work. I lived in Connecticut and commuted one hour and twenty minutes by train to work, one way.

On my first day, I got off the train and walked up to the Chrysler building in Midtown Manhattan. It was a huge stone structure about 70 stories high. I went inside to find a very large lobby with marble floors and walls and a bank of elevators.

Standing in front of the bank of elevators was an Amish farmer and his son. The farmer asked his son if he knew what that was, pointing to the elevator? His son replied no. Do you know what it is pop?

The farmer also replied no. About that time, the proverbial "Bag lady" walked up to the elevator with her hair all frizzy and carrying numerous bags with all her worldly possessions. She pushed the elevator button and the door opened. The farmer and son watched as the doors closed and she disappeared. They saw the indicator change 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9...then again 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. The elevator doors opened and out walked a "drop dead" gorgeous model with a red dress, long legs and high heels and sauntered across the lobby. The farmer watched then leaned over to his son and said, "Son, go get your momma."

Over 30 percent of the Class'54" left Tallmadge to make their mark on the world. Those explorers were:

Frank Duke.....	New River, AZ
Donald Grand.....	Jackson, MI
Louis Gusbar.....	Mountoursville, PA
James Hatfield.....	Sonora, Mexico
Michael Hersek.....	Lakewood, CA
Marjorie (Jones) Knapp.....	Oldsmar, FL
Suzanne (Kalbaugh) Conrad.....	Ashland, OH
Kenneth Long.....	Jackson, NJ
Glen Petty.....	Punta Gorda, FL
Leonard Prulhiere.....	Grants Pass, OR
Mary Jane (Rush) Humenansky.....	Alpheretta, GA
Janis (Seckman) Winter.....	Clearwater, FL
Dorothy (Smith) Miller.....	Lane, OK

Donna (Soulier) Rucker.....Ocala, FL
 Robert Tonguette.....Kissimmee, FL
 Bruce Wetzel.....Steamboat Rock, IA
 and me, Joe Marshall.....Pittsburgh, PA

Thirteen of our classmates were less fortunate than us, and are no longer with us. I ask that you all bow your heads in silent prayer while I read their names. Homer Byrd, Curtis Carter, Barbara Dennewitz, Joan Fohner, James Jones, Robert Kim, Betty Knight, Betsy O'Harrow, Cecelia Parker, Marjorie Pfeifle, Gary Saylor, Robert Shultz and Rodney Winter.

I remember the Class of "54" members as non-conventional and exploratory thinkers. Traditionally, graduating classes were expected to give money to the School for the Library. Our Class decided instead to leave our money to purchase a score board for the new football field.

We might be credited with starting the fads of "Off Road Racing" and "Auto Customizing." There was a group of guys in our class that bought a model "A" Ford to drive to class. They sawed off the top to "Customize" it and often drove it through the muddy fields at the Summit County Farm where Glen Swartz lived. I can remember chasing the guys in my old 37 Plymouth. There was a short in the light circuit in my car and when I put the clutch in, the lights would go out. They thought that was intentional and neat so they turned their lights out too. What great fun!

Our Class was also at the forefront of fashion design. One day, our senior girls came to class wearing blue jeans and were told to go home and change. They were way ahead of the national trends. Also a number of us senior guys wore bib overalls to class that we got from Glen Swartz's farm. WE also were sent home.

One thing for sure, the members of the Class of "54" were out in front of the trends and some of the omeriest individuals in the world. One day in shop class, we welded the teacher, Virgil Pincome's car to the building using a chain.

We would like to leave the Alumni Committee with a Book summarizing the memories of some of our Class of "54" members. I would also like to thank those, especially Ken Riley that helped publish the Memory Book.

The Class of "54" would also like to present a check for \$250.00 to the Alumni Committee Scholarship Fund. Thank you again for inviting us.

At this time the Association presented 50 years pins to the women and tie tacs to the men of the class. They were also given Golden Delicious Apples for good health, which were furnished by June King Marsh (1934).

All graduates who graduated more than 50 years ago also received Golden Delicious Apples compliments of June King Marsh (1934).

A special thanks was given to John and Daisy Ilg Scalia (1960) of A-A Blueprint for donating all our printing services.

We then heard from the 25 year Class-Class of 1979 which was given by Cheryl Houle Schafer.

My name is Cheryl Schafer and I am proud to represent the class of 1979. It seems funny the words we heard 25 years ago—Good Luck with your future— may you have success in your career—May you achieve your dreams are the same words we are telling our 2004 graduates. Over the past 25 years there have been many inventions the DVD has taken the place of the VHS—CD's have taken the place of cassette tapes or in my age the 8 track tape and the list goes on. Where would we be without our cell phones?

On occasions like this I feel it is a time to reminisce and think about what we have achieved and where we go from here. It seems our success or failures in life have taken many paths and defining success takes on a different meaning. What we valued 25 years ago is not necessarily what we value now. For both men and women we are more sensitive about family issues and helping with the needs of others. We value not material items but time itself. Crying over the 11 o'clock news seems like a daily occurrence. We visit the doctor more often as our pieces and parts need a little help functioning correctly, and the print in the phone book seems to have gotten even smaller. When we graduated, we thought the world evolved around us but soon found out our needs were the last thing that people cared about.

We have lived to see death; wars and disasters that have made us appreciate each day God has given us. We have seen the world through our children's eyes and we try to protect them from harm. My grandmother told me years ago when you give of yourself given unconditionally, in doing this you should never expect anything in return and if you do it is a bonus. That way you do not go through life disappointed.

Our son graduated this year from Tallmadge High School and I have realized that time slips away from you so fast and the dreams we had as teenagers become their dreams. Friendship, family and friends are now as we say in 2004 "priceless".

Find a career you enjoy and when you get paid for it, it is a bonus and keep in mind Medicare's retirement age will be 78 years old. So you have a lot of years to work.

Define what your goals and priorities are in life and make them your achievements.

When you are out stop and hold open a door for the elderly or help someone in need as some day you too will be elderly or need a helping hand.

As you go away to college remember our hearts and prayers are with you always and we will always be there to pick you up when you fall and give that hug that you need even if you do not think you need it.

To all the classmen here from all the years I am glad you are here as all of you are very important people and are part of our great heritage here at Tallmadge High School.

At this time Cheryl Houle Schafer (1979) welcomed the class of 2004.

Good evening—I am here tonight to represent the Class of 2004, which graduated 196 students last Sunday, June 6th. We had 9 valedictorians. Our class has many talents that I have seen throughout my years at THS. I hope that they will use them in the future. As for my talents and involvements, I held a GPA of around 3.8. I don't know the exact number because I haven't received my grade card yet. I was involved in NHS, band, I attained the Eagle Scout Award in 2002, and I graduated with honors. I will be attending Westminster College in PA where I will major in Chemistry.

Well enough about me. Our sports teams have been great since our freshman year. Several of our runners from track and cross country have gone to state competitions. Our wrestlers, basketball players, baseball players, and volleyball players have been great athletes throughout the years. Same goes to the rest of the sports. Choir members and drama members alike have put in long hard hours and it pays off in their performances.

The senior band members are very dedicated people and have become great leaders. Music is a very important and vital key to schools today. Though most people think marching band is not a sport, it most definitely is. First of all they need to know how to play their music, which is comprised of about 15 or more pep tunes and 4 show tunes. Second, they have to memorize all 4 show tunes. It takes a while to memorize just one song, but they memorize 4. Thirdly, they

must learn to march and play at the same time. Finally, they must learn drill, which comprises of every turn and every move you make on the field for the 4 songs. That's 4 songs you must do at the same time. Now if that's not multitasking, I don't know what is. On top of that we go through a rough summer of practicing almost every day, starting sometime in the beginning of July. The marching band puts in as much effort as a normal sport, so it is a sport. For the football players: your work and time spent working out, practicing, and playing is tremendous. The Class of 2004 was a great class. Our motto is: *Within yourself lies the power to accomplish anything, it's those who use the power that succeed.* As a rep for my class, we accept your invitation into the Alumni Association. Thank you.

The class of 1929 – 75 year class had 1 member in attendance.

The class of 1933 – 71 year class had 1 member in attendance.

The class of 1936 – 68 year class had 1 member in attendance.

The class of 1938 – 66 year class had 1 member in attendance.

The class of 1940 – had 3 in attendance.

The class of 1941 – had 3 in attendance.

The class of 1942 – had 5 members in attendance.

The class of 1943 – had 9 in attendance.

The class of 1944 – 60 year class had 14 in attendance.

The class of 1945 – had 3 in attendance.

The class of 1946 – had 9 in attendance.

The class of 1947 – had 2 in attendance.

The class of 1948 – had 10 in attendance.

The class of 1949 – 55 year class had 11 in attendance.

The class of 1950 – had 7 in attendance.

The class of 1951 – had 6 in attendance.

The class of 1952 – had 3 in attendance.

The class of 1953 – had 13 in attendance.

The class of 1954—50 year class had 20 in attendance

The class of 1979 – 25 year class had 1 in attendance.

MEMORIAL

There is an hour, just after sunset, when all nature seems to be preparing for rest: when the heavens are telling, in the rich coloring of the dying day, the story of the great Light which never wanes! We watch the majesty of all this, and realize the swiftness with which our lives are ending. Then, oh then, the loved ones, absent from us, come into the affectionate remembrance; and those too, whom we have loved and lost awhile who rest in the peace of God, invoke our loving hope and earnest prayers.

Since the Alumni Banquet in 2003 we have lost to the great creator.

Class	Name	Age	Date of Death
1929	Helen Bloom Craig	92	February 16, 2004
	Edythe Oliver McLellan	92	March 2, 2004
1930	Margaret Acken Dunlavy	91	October 26, 2003
1931	Ruth I. Fellmeth	89	August 12, 2003
1934	Elmore E. Sackett	88	February 2, 2004
1935	Alice Scherer Crites	86	December 18, 2003
1938	Leora King Zembrodt	83	July 20, 2003
1941	Helen Black Thompson	81	June 2, 2004
1944	Richard E. Smith	78	July 29, 2003
	Norman E. Walsh	78	January 6, 2004
1945	Donald LeCount	76	August 17, 2003
1949	Patty J. Stern Skelley	72	April 4, 2004
	Eleanor Miller Calvert	73	July 11, 2003
1950	Joan Carmack Morgen	72	February 19, 2004
1954	Cecilia Parker Kapilovic	67	August 18, 2003
1955	Merle W. Hood	67	April 27, 2004
1957	Nevin W. Younkin	64	December 15, 2003
1958	Kenneth A. Spriggle	63	August 28, 2003
1959	Jack A. Wood	62	October 21, 2003
1962	Robert E. Hindel	59	January 7, 2004
	Eileen Hawkins Jeffries	60	March 10, 2004
1963	Paul C. Bonnette	57	September 9, 2003
1967	Robert Mancini	53	February 2003
1968	Danny A. Condos	53	September 16, 2003
1970	Craig A. Wallace	51	April 2003
1972	Bill F. Steen	50	June 1, 2004
	Deborah Miller Hoover	50	April 15, 2004
1974	Cynthia K. Sisler	46	July 10, 2003
1977	Richard (Rick) Sokol	45	April 4, 2004
	Susan C. Myers	45	March 3, 2004
1979	Eugene D. Powell	42	September 9, 2003
	Dennis E. Beichler	44	May 16, 2004
1980	Sally Cochran Sprague	51	September 9, 2003
1995	Jonathan R. Eblen	26	November 24, 2003
	Ryan L. Ralston	27	May 9, 2004
1999	Jonathan P. Pennza	23	September 13, 2003

We lost teachers, Margaret Starkey, age 91; Iona Kim, age 96; Catherine Bond, age 82, she taught kindergarten; and Buelah Fellows Rudwell, age 96

JoAnn Stem Wood, Class of 1948

Unfinished Business – Last year we had our 1st Annual Golf Outing. Bob Yeager (1972) organized this event. We raised \$848.50 for the scholarship fund. There will be no golf outing this year, but we hope to do it again next year. Anyone interested in helping out please contact Sue Wood Yeager at 330 633-4526.

New Business – This year we were able to give out three scholarships. Two scholarships for \$500.00 and one scholarship for \$900.00. The recipients of the \$500.00 scholarships were Krystal Roberts and Ryan Pifer. The \$900.00 scholarship went to Kristy Conroy. Another topic of discussion was to move the annual meeting to another month to see if we could get more people involved. Possible times could be in April or May.

A motion was made from the floor to raise the cost of dues to \$10.00. This motion was made by Kathleen Maddox Bauch and seconded by Viola Bloom Mecke. After much discussion on this matter a vote was taken and being a tie, the dues will remain at \$5. If anyone wants to pay \$10 they may do so. You can also make a contribution to the scholarship fund above and beyond the dues money. It was suggested that \$10 was too much for those on a fixed income. The idea to have a gold, blue or life membership was also discussed, but was tabled at this time. Further discussion will take place when the officers get together. Remember that scholarships are given with this money and we also have to pay our bills. This year we were able to give three scholarships, next year we might only be able to give one.

A new directory will be published in 2006.

NEXT YEAR OUR BANQUET WILL BE JUNE 11, 2005.

Chris Bauch (1971) stated that there was no nominating report this year because all the officers will serve for another year. Next year we will need a new president, first vice president should move up to this position, therefore we will need a new first vice president.

Submitted this 12th day of June, 2004.

President Neitz thanked all for coming and asked them to return next year and bring another alumni with them.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ALUMNI MEMBERS PRESENT

1929 - William F. Edmiston	1942 - Geraldine Newlon Jones
1933 - Kathryn Huber Cannizzaro	1943 - Kay Holt Ragle
1936 - Jean Uhl Sylvester	James Henninge
1938 - Paul Ragle	Marjorie Lawrence Henninge
1940 - Josephine Ilg Patterson	James W Werner
Mary Haney Wilson	Donald Jones
Frances Cooper	Jane Shuman Huth
1941 - Alberta Crossen Bauch	Richard F Miller
Harry Bost	Faith Wagner Hause
Dorothy Metcalf Garritano	Juanita McMillan Donald
1942 - Jean Jones Cockrell	1944 - Karl Starks
Lois Everhart Schuld	Don Dean
Jean Point Call	Rowena Forshey Oligney
Carroll Jones	Mary Goldsmith Forshey Rayl

- 1944 - Dorothy Sengler Schrodel-Wilson
Margaret Orr Bumpas
Marie Harmon Gersinger
Gertrude Scherer
Robert M Cochran
Marjorie Ballard Ford
Betty Jean Useton Ondracek
Virginai Walters Wyper
Ileana Crites Williams
Francis Parks Ripley
- 1945 - Betty Heiser Dean
Donald Willaims
June Pearce Davis
- 1946 - Donald Cully
Jean Atwood Cully
Theodora Scott Urban
Stanley Bruce Detweiler
Shirley LeCount Kalbaugh
Alice Wade Gallo
James D Kinney
Viola Bloom Mecke
- 1947 - Shirley Sanford Booth
Melvin R. Metcalf
- 1948 - Jack Cochran
Gene Riddle
Dick Wood
JoAnn Stem Wood
Beryl Vandersall
Catherine Cate Detweiler
Natalia Olesky Rzewnicki
Maxine Hoke Metcalf
Alvin Sayre
Alyce Bloom Dunn
- 1949 - Carolyn Atwood Mackey
Doris Jones Eagon
Norma Stallings Greenwood
Ruth Wheatley Stephen
LaVonne Gomoll Dodge
Jerry Smith
L Willard Petty
Ethel Fauley Petty
Rosemary Schuckert Evans
- 1950 - Mary Ledgerwood Riddle
Violet Kerns Gerken
Marian Parks Schopper
Paul F Zurschmit
James C Wharton
Elizabeth Jacobs Griffith
- 1951 - Sarah Jones Bennett
Margaret Acken Boggess
Joan Smith
Mary E Metcalf Bennett
Dolores Seckman Baldwin
Fay Seevers Wharton
- 1952 - James E McGuire
Doran D Young
- 1952 - Gene Bond
- 1953 - Doris A Swartz
Gale Stem
Rosemarie Mittiga Filing
Mary Louise Smith-Allison
William H Colbert
Shirley Miller Clark
Robert Clayton Clark
June Sheppard Husk
Donald E Howard
Janet Wheatley Lawley
Dorothy Bond Dittmer
Lois Symons Crossen
Donald Freed
- 1954 - Eugene Ilg
Marjorie Jones Knapp
Janis Seckman Winter
Frank Duke
Ronald Frase
Elsie J Hershberger Lewis
Michael Hersek
Kenneth Riley
Clinton Robbins
Charles McGall
James Hatfield
Sophie Petrovic Byrd
Phyllis Briggs King
Shirley Scrutie Freed
Betty Hahn Millsaps
Joe Marshall
Edna Norman Rininger
L Mike Prulhiere
Larry Jones
Bruce Wetzel
- 1955 - Pat Booker Keener
Kenneth EC Keck
JoAnn Aber Stem
Dorothy Fike Ilg
Charles Wells
Barbara Scherer Horvath
Bob Ward
Marilyn Hahn Ward
- 1956 - Margaret Simpson Linnen
Patricia King McGall
Bill Conley
Roger A Crislip
- 1957 - Margaret Young Deemer
Deanna Berger Hood
Judy Sylvester Avita
- 1958 - Alice Stephen Jacobson
Charlotte Doecker Stock
- 1960 - John E Scalia
Daisy Ilg Scalia
Patricia Wolfe Jones
- 1961 - Howard J Williams
Sharon Lee Sines Underwood

1963 - Merlin Bertschi
Sandra Herstich Williams
Mary Black Overholt
1964 - Carolyn Patterson Hall
Sandra Bloom Sisson
1965 - Kathleen Bauch Maddox
1967 - Mary Olesky
Cheryl Bloom Stormer
1968 - Pat Bumpas Mahovich
1970 - Larry Sisson
1971 - Grace Cochran
Bill Neitz
Terry Bumpas Beaty
LouAnne Sherwood Linter
Chris Bauch

1972 - Bob Yeager
Mark Metcalf
Cindy Soulier Metcalf
1973 - Colleen Herstich
Sue Naso Bauch
1975 - Clifford Yeager
1977 - Betty McQuillen Barton
1978 - Sue Wood Yeager
1979 - Cheryl Houle Schafer
1989 - Clifford Horvath
1990 - John Underwood
1995 - Chris Mahovich
2003- Patrick Bauch
Kara Thompson
2004 - Ryan Schafer
Stephanie Yeager

ALUMNI MEMBERS PAYING DUES BUT UNABLE TO ATTEND

1933 - Wilma Crites Newlon
1934 - June King Marsh
Caroline Banks Acken
Myrtle Smith Tenney
1936 - Richard D Emmitt
Charles M Sackett
James M Stauffer
1937 - Minnie Scherer Phoenix
1938 - Kathryn Eickleberry Emmitt
Beatrice Watts Acken
Helen Wade Knowles
Adria Hoisington Saxe
1939 - Ellis W King
1940 - Hilda Crites King
Sally Yount Emerick
H. A. "Chuck" Steiner
Arlin Cosner
1941 - Robert Richards
Irene Clemmo Grames
Rosalene Janovich Cosner
Julius W Gearhart
1942 - Robert Powers
Jean Miller Powers
1943 - William B Shreve
Juanita Sanford Mullins
Billie Orr Hart
1944 - Ward A Clemmo
Dolores Coontz Hine
1945 - Leslie E Pletcher
Jeanette Mallory Cherry
1946 - Margaret Ilg Mitan
Art Schmidt
1947 - Marian Wolcott Charles
Norma Smith Richards
C Robert Alexander

1947 - Roy A Henninge
Melvin Woerz
1948 - Dorothy Atwood Alexander
Richard Vydra
Vince Hoffman
Paul Thorn
Wallace Wood
Mike DeChant
Emylie Fohner Odom
1949 - John J Cossin
Paul F Hawkins
Diane Littrell Williams
Audrey Jones Woerz
1950 - Marcene Riddle Scyoc
Gerald D Gelvin
Irma Shephard Zema
Barbara Ragle Lucak
Virginiz Brant-Krichbaum
1951 - George D Pletcher
Lowell Ripley
Donna Zurschmit Beard
Karl F Stevenson
Louise Ledgerwood Rainbolt
Jean Kovarik Welch
Paul Hersek
1952 - Paul Fike
Mary Ann Bailey Anzallo
Della Teague Lucius
Anthony DeOrio
Nancy Anderson Pancoast
1953 - John Doecker
Donald Faught
Dorothy Acken Hicks
Keith Yoho
Shirley Bishop Yoho

1955 - Jim Johnson	Brenda L Mitchell
Nancy Heaton Johnson	1974 - Mary Rzewnicki Cushing
Karl K Hershberger	1975 - Tonya Martin Ballard
Jean Jackson Whitlock	1976 - Terrie Morgan
1956 - Martha Stephens Gabroseh	1977 - Frances Lomelo
Jerry Walters	Julie Donges Oliver
1957 - Lynn Fernella Eldridge	Milton E Atwood
1958 - James Bailey	1980 - Sherri Jacobson
1960 - William E Blaydes	1983 - Eileen Morgan Arrington
1961 - Les Sackett	1988 - Anna Jacobson McCumbers
1963 - Michael Mahaney	1999 - Stephanie Braman
1964 - Sandra Everhart Barabas	2001 - Amy Bauch
1969 - Curt Brown	2003 - Mike Oliver
Janet Hope Braman	Lara Ward
1972 - Donna Hope Headrick	2004 - Sara Braman
Donna Evans Miller	All Seniors

ALSO PRESENT AT THE ALUMNI BANQUET

1949 - Dorothy Treat Taylor	1950 - Norma Oxford Schaffer
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ALSO PAYING DUES BUT UNABLE TO ATTEND

1951 - Margaret Priest Legg	1953 - Evelyn Keck Scott
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PAID FOR DINNER BUT UNABLE TO ATTEND

1941 - Howard Atwood	1949 - Richard E Hudson
1943 - Dorothy Wells Ross	1954 - Donna Younkin Foss
1946 - Wilma Shepard Beatty	Norman Woodford Martin

COMMUNICATIONS

Best wishes to everyone. This year we will be spending our summer, again, in cooler climate near Prescott, AZ only one and a half hours from home. Still spend lots of time gardening, golfing, and crafting. The descendants now number 26 and are gathering at our place after. Fun. It's hard to imagine that our Class of '43 will be pushing 80 years in 2005, but wait; I hope to be around 20 more years. By then this years graduating class will be around 38 years old. So, to them my message is: eat right, exercise, and have fun. Willa Burt Orr Hart (Billie) - 1943

I am unable to attend this year. Please note my change of address to 8253 Bear Rd, Amsterdam, Ohio 43903. Also please note that my mother Joan E. (Carmack) Morgan Class of 1950 passed away February 19, 2004. Sincerely, Eileen (Morgan) Arrington - 1983

Congratulations on 125 years! Although I am unable to attend the banquet, I consider it an honor and privilege to be invited to be a part of this alumni association. May it continue to be a viable organization in the years ahead. Sincerely, Nancy Anderson Pancoast - 1952

Will not be able to attend this year. Richard Vydra - 1948

To schoolmates of the class of 1942 and surrounding years. We are hoping to attend the dinner on June 12 this year, but in case plans are interrupted, we wish all to know that we send greetings. I think we all agree that the Tallmadge school system served us well for the full 12

years that most of us attended there. Don't we all still remember our favorite teachers starting with Miss Blank in the first grade and on through Beatrice Hawkins in high school? They prepared us well for college and for life, and we bless their memory. We are both well considering our ages close to 80 years. We wish good health and a wonderful summer to all out Tallmadge classmates and friends. Joseph & Lois (Everhart) Schuld - 1942

Sorry. Cannot attend out of town. On vacation. Eldest son, Tom Headrick (1996), married Julie Forejt (1995) in November 2003. She also teaches at THS. Donna (Hope) Headrick - 1972

Greetings from Maryland I am sorry my husband and I can't make it this year, but know it will be nice. Mary Ann (Bailey) Anzallo - 1952

Sorry I am unable to attend. Please note change of address. Sally (Yount) Emerick - 1940

Sorry I won't be able to attend the dinner. Les Sackett - 1961

Sorry I won't be attending this year. We have a vacation planned for that time. Hopefully we'll be with you next year. I am enclosing my money for dues so please send minutes to me. Thanks. Marcene (Riddle) Scyoc - 1950

We will miss this year for a very good reason. We will be in Baltimore, MD where I will be donating a kidney to Jim at Johns Hopkins Hospital. See you next year! Jim and Nancy (Heaton) Johnson - 1955

I always look forward to reading the Annual Report, especially this year after a Tallmadge student made it to Jeopardy. Marian (Wolcott) Charles - 1947

I am sorry that I cannot be with you this evening, but I send my best regards to all. I moved from Florida to New Jersey in January, and now live in a retirement home near my son and daughter-in-law. All of you will be in my thoughts tonight. Congratulations to the Class of 2004, I wish each of them a great future. My special good wishes to my classmates. Love and Prayers to all. Minnie (Scherer) Phoenix - 1937

Have enclosed the dues and we are sorry we will not be with all of you for the 2004 celebration!! We always look forward to the report on the annual meeting in Tallmadge and look forward to the information. We are all fine, and Bob and I are planning a vacation this summer to be with our son Robert E. Jr. and his two sons, who are in college, and we will all be together at the family cottage in Ontario, Canada for a much delightful time with our family. REP, Jr, our son who lives in San Francisco, has planned this special retreat, and we are looking forward to all being together! We send out Congratulations to the Class of 2004 Alumni, and will enjoy your report. Give our loving greetings to the Class of 1942! We will miss being with them and all of you. Lovingly, Robert and Jean (Miller) Powers - 1942

Unable to attend because of poor health. Art Schmidt - 1946

I'm sorry I can't be there for meeting. Tallmadge always means a lot to me. My husband has had a lot of health problems. We are all getting older. Fellow Alumni, Juanita Sanford Mullins - 1943

Enclosed please find a check for \$5.00 for THS Alumni Association dues. Hope to make the meeting next year we have theatre tickets for Saturday evening. Sincerely, Brenda L Mitchell - 1972

Susan I am sorry that it took so long to sign up. My thoughts of my years at Tallmadge are never far from my mind. Some of our class (1958) get together on the first Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm. There are usually about 20 - 25 of classmates and spouses there on any given night. Once again thank you. Yours truly James Bailey

I had back surgery and could not attend the banquet. Julius W. Gearhart - 1941

NOMINATION FORM FOR THE TALLMADGE ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

If you know of a deserving nominee for the Tallmadge High School Alumni Hall of Fame please complete this form and return to the address given.

CRITERIA FOR ENSHRINEMENT

- * Must be a Tallmadge High School graduate or someone recognized for special contributions and service to the Tallmadge city Schools and to the community although not necessarily a graduate (honorary achievement)
- * Ten years must have passed between high school graduation and induction
- * Exceptional achievements in their field and/or career accomplishments or unique contributions to their community
- * Must have demonstrated good citizenship both in and out of school

Name of Nominee _____

Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Graduation from Tallmadge High School _____

Activities participated in while attending Tallmadge High School:

Please indicate why you feel this person should be inducted into the Hall of Fame: _____

Please use additional pages if necessary.

Nominator's name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of your graduation _____

Please return no later than February 1st to:

Tallmadge City Schools
C/O Nancy Wack-Alumni Hall of Fame
486 East Ave.
Tallmadge, Ohio 44278