

2005

ALUMNI REPORT

126th ALUMNI BANQUET

JUNE 11, 2005

**TALLMADGE HIGH SCHOOL
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

June 11, 2005, 194 Alumni and Guests met at Tallmadge High School for the 126th 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 Horning.

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 out of town.

Before we sat down to eat we were entertained by the Tallmadge High School Choir. They were under the direction of Melanie Sipusic. They received 1st place in the state competition. They then led us in singing 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

Bill then introduced Kathleen Bauch Maddox who is on the Alumni Hall of Fame Committee. They are still looking for some new people to help with the Hall of Fame Selections. Anyone interested please give Sue Wood Yeager a call 330 633-4526. She then introduced the 2005 Alumni Hall of Fame inductees. They are Frank E. Lawrence and Karl Starks.

Frank Ellsworth Lawrence 1894 – 1995

A name most Tallmadge residents would recognize, especially those interested in Tallmadge history, is Frank Ellsworth Lawrence, our first 2005 Hall of Fame Inductee.

Mr. Lawrence, born in 1894, spent his very early childhood in Salamanca, New York. In 1899, he moved to Tallmadge to live with his grandfather and aunts. From that time on, he became a very familiar figure in our city.

Frank Lawrence was no stranger when it came to walking. He would carry his books, and walk from Southeast Ave. to a four-room schoolhouse on Northeast Ave. regardless of what the weather was. In 1910, Frank walked to Streetsboro to interview a pilot who was making the first cross-country flight in a plane called the Gin Fiz. The plane would fly a few miles and land where a car or train would be waiting. That interview and photos have been chronicled in several recent aviation magazines.

In 1912, there were six boys and six girls in Frank's Tallmadge graduating class. They were the first class to graduate from the "new" school. That school, still standing, is the red brick building, behind Tallmadge Middle School on North Avenue.

After graduation, Mr. Lawrence took secretarial courses at Actual Business College and worked for the railroad. He attended the University of Akron for two years and again, got there by walking the railroad tracks to get to and from the University. It was at that time and in his words, "I won a free trip to Europe." Translated, he enlisted in the Army seven months before the war ended. He was told that the Army would train him to become a civil engineer, but that did not

happen. However, he did take credit for winning the war. He said, "The Germans decided to give it up when I got over there".

After the war, Mr. Lawrence worked for the Akron Grocery Co. as assistant to the treasurer and traffic manager. In 1929, he went to work for Summit Wholesale Grocery where he became a buyer. Later, in 1946, his interests turned to the real estate business and Frank went to work for the Howell-Viggers Corporation.

As President of the Tallmadge Historical Society, Frank's interest for this city's history peaked while planning the 1957 Sesquicentennial. His extensive research of the city's history for that event and a sesquicentennial booklet "got into his blood." Looking into the past and seeking out memorable moments became a hobby that Mr. Lawrence continually pursued with a great passion. His stories were shared with everyone in a weekly column for the Tallmadge Circle Paper called "Our Goodly Heritage".

Mr. Lawrence additionally served on the school board in the 1930's and 40's, was the President of the American Legion post at its founding and was named Man-of-the Year. However, his most lasting achievement and unique contribution to the community of Tallmadge was his extensive collection of historical events and memorabilia that he donated to the Tallmadge Library.

Mr. Lawrence married Laura Denmead in 1920, and had two children – Marjorie and Frank. It is in their words; Frank Ellsworth Lawrence's greatest life achievements were the high moral and ethical values by which he lived his life.

On behalf of the Hall of Fame Committee and the Alumni Association, it is my very great pleasure to induct Frank Ellsworth Lawrence into the Tallmadge Alumni Hall of Fame. Here this evening is Frank's granddaughter, Linda; his great-grandchildren, Julie and Paul, and his son, Frank who is accepting this honor in memory of his father.

*Much of the above information and quotes were taken from The Tallmadge Circle article, "Happy Birthday, Frank Lawrence!" written by Lois LaDow. (January 9, 1994)

Karl H. Starks 1926-

The achievements of our Hall of Fame inductees never cease to humble me and give me cause to wonder how they can accomplish so many things into such short lifetimes. Such is the case of our next 2005 inductee, Karl Starks.

Karl was born in Warren, Ohio and moved to Tallmadge in 1938 when he entered the sixth grade. In high school, Karl was Valedictorian, Senior Class President, President of the National Honor Society, and Senior Prom King. He was also the recipient of many scholarship honors in both Summit Country and the Kent state University district.

After graduation in 1944, Karl attended the University of Akron for a semester before drafted into the U.S. Navy in 1945. There, he was assigned to Navy schools for training in radio, radar and sonar technology. After his discharge in July of 1946, Karl returned to the University of Akron in the fall of that same year. He was a member of the Sigma Tau Engineering Honorary, Lambda Chi Alpha social fraternity and earned a BSEE degree in 1950. Later, in 1964 Karl received his MBA degree.

In his work career history, Karl worked for an electrical contractor, he was a customer service engineer and development engineer for the IBM Corporation and in 1951, he joined Goodyear Aerospace Corporation as a development engineer. One of his project management assignments included the GEDA analog computer program. In addition, he was project engineer for the development of a submarine fire control system for the SUBROC antisubmarine missile and other standard torpedoes. He headed a program with NASA to develop micro-miniature circuitry for the SATURN V rocket motor guidance system. In 1969, Karl transferred to the Aircraft Wheel and Brake Division of GAC as Section Manager for electronics and was later named Department Manager. His department designed and developed electronically controlled aircraft antiskid systems, brake-by-wire systems and aircraft brake temperature monitoring systems for both military and commercial aircraft including: the DC-10, L1011, 737, 747, DC-9, GS-IV, F-16, A-10, F5E and the STEALTH bomber. The Wheel and Brake Division became a

separate independent company called the Aircraft Braking Systems Inc. from which he retired in 1991 as Manager of Brake Control Systems Engineering.

One would think that Karl would now have had much time for anything else, but that definitely was not that case. Karl served on the Tallmadge Board of Education for 13 ½ years. He was the Board president eight times with six successive year terms. He also served on the Tallmadge Recreation Board, the School Community Relations Board, and was the Founding President and trustee of the Tallmadge Foundation. Karl is a member of the Tallmadge Alumni Association in which he has been President three times, and is a current member of the Executive Board of the Tallmadge Historical Society. I cannot begin to name all of Karl's individual contributions to each of these boards; however they are available to read on the back table. It is a very impressive resume.

In a nomination support letter, Dr. Maynard Bauer stated that, "Karl is a quiet person who does not push himself into the limelight but gets the job done". However, a classmate of Karl has certainly said it all. "I have found that Karl exemplifies the concept for servant leadership and willingly gives of his talents and abilities. If you need a job done, just ask – if he already has not perceived that it needed to be done. This is true of our school years, in the community, and I am sure at other jobs he worked or assisted with. He has volunteered countless hours willingly working for the betterment of the community". I can think of none who would disagree with that summary.

Here with Karl tonight are his daughter Carolyn and granddaughters, Libby and Anne, who must be very proud right now, as they should be. On behalf of the Hall of Fame Committee and the Alumni Association, I am very pleased to induct Mr. Karl Starks to the Tallmadge Alumni Hall of Fame.

Karl accepted his award and went on to thank Margaret Orr Bumpas, the Hall of Fame Committee, Kathleen Bauch Maddox and Jeff Ferguson. These two Hall of Fame inductees will be recognized at the Tallmadge High School Homecoming Football game in October. Let's have a good turnout for this event. Support your Alumni Association.

After a brief intermission we moved to the LBC for our business meeting.

Bill Neitz (1971) then called the meeting to order and introduced the 2005 officers. He also thanked everyone for coming.

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

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.

TALLMADGE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

TREASURER'S REPORT

2004

Balance brought forward on January 1, 2004

\$2,810.88

Receipt for 2004:

Dinners	\$2,122.00
Dues	1,470.00
Donations	436.25
T-Shirt Fund Raiser	<u>983.00</u>
	\$5,011.25

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Expenditures for 2004:

T.H.S. Scholarship	
2 - \$500.00	\$1,900.00
1 - \$900.00	

Postage	330.41
Arrangements Committee	32.00
Smyth Trophies	83.38
Catering – Horning	2,090.50
Refunds	64.75
Secretary's Fee	50.00
Secretary's Supplies	24.47
T-Shirt Fund Raiser	501.58
Donation Student Senate	50.00
Advertising	87.84
Hall of Fame expense	130.15
Thank for Hall of Fame	<u>20.00</u>

\$5,365.08

Balance on hand December 31, 2004

\$2,457.05

JoAnn Stem Wood, Treasurer

I have audited the Alumni Books and find them to be in order.
Treasurer's books audited on January 28, 2005.

Ileana Crites Williams (1944)

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. He said that 2005 was an exciting year. Everyone just finished taking exams at the high school. Football Team won the Suburban League Championship and was in the final four in the State Tournament. Boys Basketball team made it to districts. The community in November passed the levy to build a new High School. First class to graduate will be the Class of 2008. The present High School will become the Middle School for 6th, 7th, and 8th grades and improvements will be made to the elementary schools. A group of staff, students and community members met this winter to discuss the new high school. The first and most important item is to have the students prepared to go out and meet the challenges given them in the world. The design of the high school will keep in mind the circle and will symbolize the uniqueness of the

community. He then thanked everyone for coming and if anyone had any questions he would be more than happy to answer them.

Bill then introduced the class of 1955 our fifty year class. The 50 year report was given by Hal Musick, Treasurer of the class.

Good evening ladies and gentlemen, my name is Hal Musick, Harold to my classmates, and treasurer of the class of 1955. I was led believe that this position involved counting money which to date I haven't seen and am suspect doesn't exist. I am still wondering how I became acting class president if only for this one occasion.

Looking out over this audience my first thoughts are WOW. It's amazing how many people will come to an affair like this featuring a lot of really old folks. I assume it's due to the Indians playing badly and TV featuring reruns of MASH.

WOW: are you sure it's been fifty years?

WOW: at the number of people in the audience?

WOW: at how good looking my classmates are. I'm referring to the ladies of course, and the guy's are? I guess you might say seasoned but with a glint in their eye non the less.

WOW: at the accomplishments of some of our classmates as chronicled in the past alumni reports.

WOW: at all the changes that have occurred since graduation. That old adage about the only certainties in life are death and taxes needs to be amended to include change. What was science fiction in 1955 has not only become a reality in 2005 but often has been surpassed. Since our graduation from THS in 1955 a man has not only landed on the moon but broadcast a message to the world to hear. A heart transplant, a cell phone with pictures, and of course computers and the internet and the list goes on. I recall during my freshman year at college, and article in the campus newspaper regarding a computer being donated to the university. The computer was named ENIAC. Electronic Numerical Integrator And Computer --, now that was a mouth full. It consisted of 17,400 vacuum tubes, and was 150 feet wide, and built at a cost of ½ million dollars. It was said that the lights in Philadelphia dimmed when it was turned on. For all of you in the audience with a \$10 dollar throw away digital watch, well it far exceeds the capabilities of that early computer. ENOUGH about history, lets focus on memories.

6th grade: Was my first year at THS having transferred from Sieberling in Akron and I still recall an art project which consisted of making a puppet complete with wooden arms, legs and a paper mache head and feet. The pride at doing a little extra and particularly the insight of the teacher to notice and acknowledge.

7th grade: Ah basketball, which required catching a city bus so that practice could begin before classes. My favorite lunch at the cafeteria was (sloppy Joe's and sweet potatoes). My wife the nutritionist would only shudder when I would recall those meals

8th grade: Now I'm moving up in the world and basketball practice is after school, which means hitch hiking from the Circle to six corners every night. (Where were the soccer mom's and SUV's) The last week of school always featured an assembly put on by that year's senior class. Each class moved forward into the seats that they would sit in the following year. This year's assembly was a series of skits. About half way through the performance the curtains suddenly closed and several of the teachers quickly made their way to the stage to see what was wrong. It seems that a number of junior boys had been pelting the senior cast with spit balls prompting the curtains to close. After a short delay the curtains suddenly reopened and most of the Senior boys jumped off the stage and in the first row attaching the intruders. There were a lot of threats about not graduating the offenders but in the end justice prevailed?

9th grade: Who could forget Principal Oliver Ocasek, who would come in our classrooms when a substitute teacher was needed, without lesson plans or text and inquire of the class as to yesterday's assignment and proceed from there. WHAT A SHOW OFF.

10th grade: Spring football with its winter conditions. No snow mind you but plenty of cold rain and practice normally began with lots of calisthenics. During this time coaches Sonnhalter and Schabe would remain warm insides coach Schwabe's office, discussing strategy I'm sure. One of our classmates had the practice of waiting for the coaches to arrive before making his

appearance. One practice in particular someone put analgesic balm in the latecomers athletic supporters. It wasn't apparent at first but after a few jumping jacks things began to heat up. I can still recall the Coaches yelling COME BACK, COME BACK. I don't recall his name but I do recall he never came back.

11th grade: Coach Schwabe, what an inspiration. I recall my first home game and all the excitement, and more than a little fear. The pre-game routine was getting dressed, then having your ankles taped, and one by one going into the gym to lay down on the floor and let your eyes get used to playing at night. Finally when everyone was ready, coach Schwabe would start in a low voice which would get louder and louder climaxed by his banging on the gym doors and shouting (Let's go). The first time Emery Schlupe ran right over me with his cleats on, afterwards I was more selective of my location in relation to the door.

12th grade: All of my memories were good but senior year was just special, here are but a few:

- a) TAYO Tallmadge Area Youth Organization, dancing to 45 records every Wed. night at the Olde Town Hall
- b) Friday night football games
- c) Tallmadge Springs, Munroe Falls Park, and of course Water Works if you were a Polar Bear
- d) The Pantry on the Circle – food of course and the pin ball machine
- e) The Drive Inn movies
- f) Homecoming, prom, graduation, in all school was fun.

Looking back to those years I recall the teachers and coaches instilling in us the belief that hard work and perseverance would go a long way toward helping us realize our dreams. And after 50 years I think that they were right.

In closing I would ask that you bow your heads in silent prayer while I read the names of those classmates who are no longer with us. Elizabeth Fenning, Alan Harrison, Karl Luttich, Nancy Marietta, Emery Schlupe, Marilyn Ripley, Keneth Wolcott, Hans Jacobsen, Ray Thomas, Ed Priest, Delores Wolford, Ed Shackleford, Harriet Bierce, Merle Hood, Richard King, Carole Metcalf, Barbara Kinsley, James Lewis, John Horvatic, and Jim Stump.

On behalf of the Class of 1955, I would like to present this check in the amount of \$200 to the THS Alumni Association to be used toward the scholarship fund.

At this time the Association presented 50 year 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 big thank you to June King Marsh for her donation of apples.

We then heard from the 25 year Class-Class of 1980 which was given by Debbie Hilbish Kozlowski.

Good Evening,

My name is Debbie (Hilbish) Kozlowski. I have four children, two girls and two boys. My girls graduated from Tallmadge in 2003 and 2004 and my boys will be in sixth and eighth grade at the middle school. My husband Don is also a graduate of Tallmadge, class of 1977 and works for the City of Tallmadge. I am a graduate of 1980 with a class size of 342. We have many classmates with great accomplishments to name a few: Tina Strobel Geer is the proud owner of A&W on Tallmadge Circle, Shawn Ritchie, owner of Ritchies Sporting Goods, Bill Dineen, owner of Dineen Enterprises, Tom Bierce, co-owner of Bierce Hardware, Mike Tokas, director of Tallmadge Towne Money Saver, Lisa Dibentatedas, writer for the show "Mad About You", Randy Keen, took Little League team to the World Series, Ken Wells doctor. We have many nurses and engineers and

we have had six deaths that we know of. Dan Dudek and Ed Gobeau came in 1st and 2nd place in the Road Runner Marathon. Chris Forshey helped rescue people at the Pentagon on 9/11 with his Air Force unit where he is a Master Sergeant. The only prank we thought of was at graduation rehearsal where someone let birds go. Looking back 25 years ago gas was \$1.30 a gallon, our President was Ronald Reagan, minimum wage was \$3.10. Our reunion this year is Labor Day weekend. So if anyone knows of anybody we need to contact please see me after the meeting! It has been a pleasure sharing the memories with you and I wish everyone many blessings and fulfilled years to come!

Bill then introduced John Sasanecki (1968) who welcomed the Class of 2005. John's son Jerome spoke on behalf of the class of 2005.

Thank You Dad

I would like to welcome everyone here today and congratulate you on being a part of the longest running Alumni Association in the country!

Today we are celebrating the 126th Annual Alumni Meeting.

I'm sure most of you don't recognize me, but believe it or not, every one of us has something in common.

We have all walked the halls of Tallmadge High School.

There have been many changes since all of you have graduated, but the halls are still crowded, there are still lines for the bathrooms, and the absence of air conditioning doesn't make the day go by any quicker. But there have been some new and exciting changes for Tallmadge Schools. Just recently, the class of 2005 made a great technological stride forward, entering into the First International Robotics Competition. This is the first year that the AP Physics class, headed by Bob Redinger, took part in the Competition. The class received a rule book then designed, built, and programmed a robot to meet the requirements then traveled to Phoenix, Arizona for the contest. They received the Rookie Inspirational Award and competed against over 30 teams, some of which were back by NASA and the Ford Motor Company.

The High School put on two plays this year, a play called "Making It" in the fall and "The Fiddler on the Roof" in May, I suggest seeing any more productions that the High School puts on before Mr. Chaff retires.

This past November, I am happy to say that we finally passed the long-awaited new school bond issue. The class of 2008 will be the first class to graduate from the new high school. If you would like to check out the plans I'm sure you can walk over to the MEC building just down the street some time during the week.

Our school spirit was great this year. The football team won both the Suburban League title and the regional championship but lost to Avon Lake in the finals. The basketball team had another great year. After the victory against Walsh, their season ended in a loss to Painsville-Harvery in the regional semifinals. Our baseball team did very well this year under new head coach Kenny Lynn. They ended the season with an overall record of 16 and 7 losing a very tough game to Walsh in the District tournament. The girls' softball team played well the entire season ending up with a winning record of 15 and 8. We had an outstanding track season, breaking 5 records in one year. The Boys' team took 1st place in the Bill Barry Invitational, Waterloo Invitational, and the Toby Grim Relays, while the girls took second in both the Bill Barry and Waterloo invitationals sharing a 1st place with the boys at the Toby Grim Relays. I was a member of this year's Tennis team placing 3rd in the Suburban League ending the season with a 9 and 5 record.

On the academic side of things, weighted grades are being introduced which will narrow the number of valedictorians to only those who take AP classes. I think Mr. Ferguson will talk more in depth about Distinguished Scholars and Valedictorians for the Class of 2005.

I would like to congratulate my mentor, art teacher Nancy Jones, who was awarded that 2005 Teacher of the Year.

So, things have changed. We've gone from textbooks and blackboards to computer presentations and cell phone. But some things like the food and students cramming for their exams will never change.

Thank you and enjoy the rest of your night!

The class of 1929 – 76 year class had 1 member in attendance.

The class of 1940 – 65 year class had 3 in attendance.

The class of 1941 – had 3 in attendance.

The class of 1943 – had 5 in attendance.

The class of 1944 –had 6 in attendance.

The class of 1945 – 60 year class had 10 in attendance.

The class of 1946 – had 5 in attendance.

The class of 1947 –had 3 in attendance.

The class of 1948 – had 13 in attendance.

The class of 1949 –had 4 in attendance.

The class of 1950 – 55 year class had 9 in attendance.

The class of 1951 – had 4 in attendance.

The class of 1952 – had 2 in attendance.

The class of 1953 – had 3 in attendance.

The class of 1954— had 5 in attendance

The class of 1955 – 50 year class had 25 in attendance.

The class of 1980 – 25 year class had 2 in attendance.

MEMORIAL

There is a place, a gentle place,
where weary hearts can rest,
where comfort and relief are found
when spirits and distressed.
There is a place, a peaceful place,
for all the world apart
and here there's room for one and all...
close to our Father's heart.

Sine the Alumni Banquet in 2004 we have lost to the great creator.

Class	Name	Age	Date of Death
1928	Pauline Brandau Bierce	93	July 28, 2004
1936	Elsie Pickard Brooks	86	December 23, 2004
1937	Jessie June Kromer Gulbranson	86	May 27, 2005
1939	Marjorie Shuman Randall	87	February 21, 2005
1940	Herman A. "Chuck" Steiner	81	October 19, 2004
1941	Julius "Bill" Gearhart	81	January 5, 2005

1943	Dorothy Wells Ross	79	July 8, 2004
1943	Dorothy Persons Bohley	83	January 31, 2005
1944	Dorothy Root Parks	78	August 19, 2004
1945	Royce Yohey	75	February 22, 2005
1946	Thomas Rhoades Armstrong	76	August 7, 2004
1946	Geraldine Thomas Ridenour	76	September 12, 2004
1946	Aruthur Schmidt	76	September 23, 2004
1946	Ellen Porter Baumann	77	December 6, 2004
1947	Mildred Boden Ansell	75	September 14, 2004
1950	Betty Seckman Wilcox	74	March 29, 2005
1951	Elaine Jones Sapp	71	October 11, 2004
1951	Margaret Acken Boggess	71	May 13, 2005
1952	Robert A. Porter	69	July 4, 2004
1952	Gary Soulier	71	March 15, 2005
1952	Arthur S. Wolcott	70	March 18, 2005
1954	Donna Younkin Foss	68	January 7, 2005
1954	Chalres E. McGall	69	April 19, 2005
1954	Barbara Umbaugh McDevitt	68	June 2, 2005
1959	Ralph D. Williams	63	October 23, 2004
1963	Donald M. Hamilton	59	December 28, 2004
1976	Thomas E. Goodwill	46	June 11, 2004
1977	Margaret Bittner Lockhart	45	October 1, 2004
1981	Renee Klippel Bauer	42	January 21, 2005
1984	Jeffery L. Foster	38	December 16, 2004
1986	Peter L. Antognoli	36	April 28, 2005
1991	Michael Mayiras	31	June 29, 2004
2001	Matthew R. Esler	21	December 21, 2004

We have also lost teachers, Nicholas M. Troskey, age 88, December 11, 2004, he taught in the 1940's, and also Eilenn Enlow Dewitt, age 84, June 7, 2005.

JoAnn Stem Wood, Class of 1948

Unfinished Business – There was no unfinished business.

New Business – A new directory will be published in 2006. If you haven't received a post card please call 1-866-702-4511 and tell them you would like to update your information. They will start phoning people in August and the response time will end in September. If you have any questions you can call Sue Wood Yeager 330-633-4526.

The winners of the three scholarships awarded by the Alumni Association are Miss Lydia Easterling, Mr. Cory Hindel and Mr. Christopher Lorkowski. This year we gave two \$500.00 scholarships and one \$450.00 scholarship. This last scholarship was made possible by the profits earned on the t-shirt sale last year.

I would also like to recognize those people who donated directly to the scholarship found. They are as follows: June Pearce Davis, Martha Stephens Gabrosek, Evelyn Keck Scott, Betty Hahn Millsaps, Norma Oxford Shaffer, Bruce and Catherine Cate Detweiler, Nancy Scherer Hopkins, Lois Everhart Schuld, Barbara Ragle Lucak, Donna Zurschmit Beard, Dorothy Acken Hicks, Mary Matthews McKinney, June King Marsh, June King Marsh in memory of June Kromer Gulbranson, June King Marsh in memory of Helen Black Thompson, and June King Marsh in memory of Margaret Acken Boggess. Thanks to all who donated.

NEXT YEAR OUR BANQUET WILL BE JUNE 10, 2006.

Chris Bauch (1971) had the following nominating report:

President	Amy Bauch	(2001)
1 st Vice President	Chris Bauch	(1971)
2 nd Vice President	Chris Billows	(2001)
Secretary	Sue Wood Yeager	(1978)
Ass't. Secretary	Mary Olesky	(1967)
Treasurer	Jo Ann Stem Wood	(1948)
Ass't Treasurer	Mary Black Overholt	(1963)

Chris Bauch was nominated by Dick Wood (1948) for 1st Vice President and seconded by Al Sayre (1948).

A motion was made by Dick Wood (1948) and seconded by Al Sayre (1948) to accept the nominating report. Motion carried. Chris Bauch accepted his position.

Submitted this 11th day of June, 2005.

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.

COMMUNICATIONS

Sorry we missed dinner, but we were out of town. – James L Bailey (1958)

Sorry I couldn't make it to the meeting and dinner. – Gertrude Scherer (1944)

Please accept this gift to the scholrahip fund in memory of June Kromer Gulbranson class of 1937. She received a graduate degree from Kent State and became an outstanding teacher of the deaf. – June Marsh (1934)

Sorry I am unable to attend the 2005 Alumni Banquet. Check enclosed to renew membership. – Bob Lutz (1936)

GUESS WHO WE WERE? In 1924 there was an old brick school house on Hudson Road with two gray wooden buildings on the back lot – one marked Girls and one marked Boys. The school bus was a horse drawn conveyance with drop curtains for rainy days. Our fist grade teacher was Mrs. Lawrence until Marjorie decided to make her appearance. Miss Moore then took over as you first grade Mentor who became quite proficient with Phonics and math flash cards. To her great joy we moved on to the 2nd grade where Mrs. Reichert took over the flash card routine. Through her skills and diligence we passed on to Mrs. Atwood in the 3rd grade. Miss Simukka led us in the 4th grade where we watched with joy as the new high school building went up! After 4th grade we moved into the new building where we became charges of Miss Tripcony for 5th grade. That was our first experience with inside plumbing. Then we became a great bunch of 6th graders which was known as Junior High where we were going to various rooms for classes with Mrs. Williams in Writing, Hygiene, and Spelling. The Junior Highers then proceeded to Agriculture with Mr. Barnes where we learned all about cows and pigs and how to identify the various breeds. We then went on to High School where we matriculated with many brilliant teachers! **THOSE WERE THE DAYS**

Bob Lutz (1936)

Unable to attend – Eileen R (Morgan) Arrington (1983)

Sorry I'm unable to attend the Alumni Banquet. Beat wishes and greetings to all. – Nancy Pancoast (1952)

Unable to attend. Would like the annual report. – Beverly Mittiga Buckeye (1956)

I'm unable to attend. – Barbara Ragle Lucak (1950)

Sorry I won't be able to attend the banquet. – Les Sackett (1961)

Sorry, unable to attend this year. Beat wishes to grads and all. – Leslie E Pletcher (1945)

Sorry I cannot make the Alumni Reunion. Please accept my check for dues. – Jean Mallory Brooks (1945)

Unable to attend this year. – Dolores Coontz (Hine) (1944)

Greetings and best of all to the Alumni of T.H.S. We will have to miss this one, as the plans are already moving towards much extra obligations. We send our special greetings to all, and will miss (again), the great event at THS each year at this time. We look forward to the report each year, and do enjoy reading all the information, about our friends of many years! We are doing fine for our age, and have two Grandsons about to receive their diplomas. Matt is a grad of Tucson, Arizona, and Dan a grad of San Francisco. We will be with them soon when the weather improves. This has been the COLDEST winter we have ever experienced – since living in California. Thank you for keeping us informed, and we look for the annual report. We look ahead for the annual report of the ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING of Tallmadge Alumni ASSOC. Sincerely, Bob & Jean (Miller) Powers (1942) BLESSINGS TO EACH OF YOU, ALWAYS!!

Sorry I can not be there. Will try next year. – Arlene Patterson McDowell (1941)

Have a wonderful time at the Alumni dinner. Wish I could be there. I am recovering from a total hip revision, but soon will be up and about. Our class of 1952 had a great time three years ago. – Mary Ann Bailey Amzallo (1952)

Thank you for sending me the notice for the Alumni Meeting. I am sorry that I will be unable to attend, and enclosed is a check for dues. Please send my best wishes to the Class of 2005, and to all Alumni members, with special wishes to the Class of 1937. I will be thinking of you on June 11, 2005. Love and Prayers, Minnie Phoenix (1937)

I'm working the night of the banquet. – Pete & Vickie (Westfall) Webb (1975 & 1977)

Greetings to the Alumni and especially the Class of 1941. We spent last summer in Pennsylvania and Alabama so we missed the 3 hurricanes and 2 tornados that went through our retirement village. We will be staying here this summer. I look forward to getting the copy of this year's 2005 Annual Report and any news of you that is included. Sincerely, Irene Clemmo Grames (1941)

I thought I'd make it this year but things came up. It's hard to believe it's been 62 years since our graduation. Love you all. – Juanita Sanford Mullins (1943)

Beat wishes to everyone: I seem to be thriving in my 80th year, celebrated in March with a surprise dinner hosted by my grandchildren. A bigger surprise when my life long buddy, Faith Wagner Hause, walked in along with June Pearce Davis and Jack Smith; and yes. I wore a purple outfit but no red hat. Ha. This year is the first year since 1976 that we are staying home during the summer. Content to garden, enjoy genealogy, golf, and grandkids and great ones (now number 10 living close by). We are fortunate to have a pool across the street, along with a library and recreation center. Hi to my sis, Margaret Bumpas and relatives. I'm off to the pool. – Billie Orr Hart (1943)

Greetings to the Alumni – and this years grads. Unable to attend banquet due to family commitments. – Jeanette Mallory Cherry (1945)

Unable to attend due to wife's alumni banquet same night. See you next year. – Roger A Crislip (1956)

Sorry I won't be able to attend. Enclosed please find \$5.00 for my dues. – Beatrice Watts Acken (1938)

Dear Alumni, I am sorry I'm unable to attend the Alumni this year, I have a wedding in Western Ohio. I send my Best Wishes to the Class of 2005 and all Alumni. I have enclosed my dues. I will miss all of you. – Marian Parks Schopper (1950)

I'm sorry I won't be in Ohio in time for the banquet this year. – Marie (Harmon) Geisinger (1944)

T.H.S. Alumni Association, my husband and I are unable to attend again this year. We will be attending our grandsons graduation party. He is graduating from Tallmadge. We hope to attend next year. Enclosed is a check for \$5.00 for dues. – Ina H (Oxford) Paulus (1958)

Wish we could attend the dinner and meeting, but can't make it this year. – Bill & Diane (Littrell) Williams (1947 & 1949)

My dad is in a nursing home and unable to attend – Les Sackett for Charles M Sackett (1937)

Best wishes to all of my former classmates – Paul E Thorn (1948)

I am sorry I won't be able to attend the Banquet on June 11, 2005 as I will be in the hospital. Looking forward to getting the report. I really enjoy it. Congratulations to the Class of 2005. – Irma Shephard Zema (1950)

Sorry I will be unable to attend the Alumni Banquet. Have a College Graduation of my Granddaughter at Ohio University to attend. I have about 4 more graduations to attend before they are all through college. Looking forward to the Alumni Report of what's been going on with other members. – Bonnie McDowell Williams (1940)

Dear THS Alumni Friends, I want to thank whoever was responsible for the cream-colored insert in the Banquet invitation letter. It was interesting to learn that Tallmadge is thought to have the oldest active alumni association in the United States! Congratulations to the faithful officers over the years! I was also interested that the first class (1879) graduated 8 students, five years later (1884) 18 graduated, and my class (1942) had only 27 students! The class size must have been up and down during the intervening years. And of course, has been way up since! The memorized orations by all 18 of the 1884 students must have been quite an effort for all concerned, including those who had to sit and listen. It would, however, be interesting to have the texts of those essays today! Our Madison Historical Society has a copy of a 12 page handwritten newsletter done by students of a small Madison school in 1849. it was quaint, interesting, and very revealing of what was taught and thought in those days. My husband and I continue in good health. We do less traveling and more gardening these days. We send a greeting to classmates and others who may remember us. – Lois Everhart Schuld (1942)

Here is a check for \$5.00 dues. Sorry I won't be able to attend this year's meeting. – Janet Wheatley Lawley (1953)

My \$5.00 dues payment is enclosed. The dinner invitation is inviting but the roundtrip mileage – 4,000 miles – is a negative. I was there last October to see my first THS football game in 60 years. Someone should offer a get-well prayer for Jean Atwood Cully. Don keeps us up to speed on her condition – Paul Haney (1946)

**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

ALUMNI MEMBERS PRESENT

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| 1929 William F Edmiston | 1949 Carolyn Atwood Mackey |
| 1940 Francis Cooper | LaVonne Gomoll Dudge |
| Josephine Ilg Patterson | Jerry Smith |
| Mary Haney Wilson | 1950 Elizabeth Jacob Griffith |
| 1941 Alberta Crossen Bauch | Mary Ledgerwood Riddle |
| Dorothy Metcalf Garritano | Violet Kerns Gerkin |
| Harry Bost | Marcene Riddle Scyoc |
| 1943 James Henninge | James Wharton |
| Marjorie Lawrence Henninge | Paul Zurschmit |
| Donald Jones | Norma Oxford Shaffer |
| Juanita McMillan Donald | Jeanette Leigh Hintz |
| Jim Werner | Gerald Knapp |
| 1944 Don Dean | Vivian Detweiler Stiffler |
| Ileana Crites Williams | 1951 Dolores Seckman Baldwin |
| Robert M Cochran | Joan Smith |
| Francis Parks Ripley | Louise Ledgerwood Rainbolt |
| Karl Starks | Fay Seevers Wharton |
| Margaret Orr Bumpas | 1952 James E McGuire |
| 1945 Lois Stevenson Hudec | Gene Bond |
| Betty Heiser Dean | 1953 Evelyn Keck Scott |
| Don Williams | Doris Swartz |
| June Pearce Davis | Gale Stem |
| Ruth Seeker Hoisington | 1954 Sophine Petrovic Byrd |
| Barbara Jones Rush | Betty Hahn Millsaps |
| Louise Witymer Jones | Kenneth R Ripley |
| Frank L Lawrence | Eugene Ilg |
| Dortha Brunswick Kovalchik | Joanne Lewis Hershberger |
| Robert E Detweiler | 1955 Paul Andrews |
| 1946 Alice Wade Gallo | James Brislinger |
| Theodora Scott Urban | Iris Detweiler |
| James D Kinney | John Fox |
| Bruce Detweiler | Karl Hershberger |
| Shirley LeCount Kalbaugh | Barbara Scherer Horvath |
| 1947 Shirley Sandford Booth | Patricia Queen Huber |
| Melvin Metcalf | Dorothy Fike Ilg |
| Gene Young | Jim Johnson |
| 1948 Bill Witymer | Nancy Heaton Johnson |
| Beryl Vandersall | Ken Keck |
| Gene Riddle | Pat Booker Keener |
| Maxine Hoke Metcalf | Charlene Ross Kendall |
| Richard Wood | Ernest Miller |
| JoAnn Stem Wood | Harold (Hal) Musick |
| Catherine Cate Detweiler | Joyce McCann Stapleton |
| Mary Richards Brinkerhoff | JoAnn Aber Stem |
| Alvin Sayre | Carol Moss Vandenberg |
| Richard Hughes | Charlie Wells |
| Ellen Baker Hughes | Jim White |
| Natalia Olesky Rzewnicki | Jean Jackson Whitlock |
| John (Jack) Cochran | Don Woerz |
| 1949 Doris Jones Eagon | Beverly Kozy Robbins |

1955 Joanne Wolf Cassandra
Nancy Mills Schlessel
1956 Martha Stephens Gabrosek
Nancy Walters Conley
Patricia King McGall
Margaret Simpson Linnen
Jim Deemer
Nancy Parker White
1957 Sandra Norton Taylor
Deanna Berger Hood
Judy Sylvester Avila
Karen White Youngblood
John Powers
Barbara Giles Murray
Peggy Young Deemer
1959 Jim Metcalf
Marjorie Saylor Metcalf
Mary Schuster Davis
Rex C Houze
Nancy Scherer Hopkins
Carol Hughes Laegal
Ronald L Smith
1960 John Scalia
Daisy Ilg Scalia

1963 Mary Black Overholt
1964 Carolyn Patterson Hall
Sandra Everhart Barabas
1965 Kathleen Bauch Maddox
1966 Linda Arnes Melia
1967 Mary Olesky
1968 Carol Thomas Arbour
John D Sasanecki
1971 Bill Neitz
Grace Cochran
Chris Bauch
1972 Cindy Soulier Metcalf
Mark Metcalf
Brenda Mitchell
1973 Sue Naso Bauch
1975 Cliff Yeager
1977 Don Kozlowski
1978 Steve Wood
Sue Wood Yeager
1979 Gary Marlow
1980 Debbie Hilbish Kozlowski
Carolyn Starks Munhall
2003 Tim Arbour
2004 Stephanie Yeager
2005 Jerome Sasnecki

ALUMNI MEMBERS PAYING DUES BUT UNABLE TO ATTEND

1934 June King Marsh
Caroline Banks Acken
1936 Richard Emmitt
Rachel Yount Horton
James Stauffer
Bob Lutz
1937 Charles M Sackett
Minnie Scherer Phoenix
1938 Kathryn Eickleberry Emmitt
Beatrice Watts Acken
Helen Wade Knowles
1939 Ellis W King
Mary Matthews McKinney
1940 Bonnie McDowell Williams
Hilda Crites King
Sally Yount Emerick
1941 Robert L Richards
Irene Clemmo Grames
Arlene Patterson McDowell
1942 Jean Jones Cockrell
Beatrice King Moore
Lois Everhart Schuld
Jean Point Call
Robert Powers
Jean Miller Powers

1943 Billie Orr Hart
Juanita Sanford Mullin
William B Shreve
1944 Marie Harmon Geisinger
Dolores Coontz Hine
1945 Leslie E Pletcher
Jeanette Mallory Cherry
Jean Mallory Brooks
1946 Margaret Ilg Mitran
Paul Haney
Donald B Richards
1947 Norma Jean Smith Richards
Bill Williams
Marian Wolcott Charles
Melvin W Woerz
Roy A Henninge
1948 Ruth Davis Schmidt
Paul E Thorn
Vince Hoffman
Eleanor Osborne Miller
Conrad Renner
Helen Reznik Butler
Wallace Wood
Mike DeChant
Emylie Fohner Odom

1949 Paul F Hawkins
 John Cossin
 Diane Littrell Williams
 Ruth Wheatley Stephan
 William E Seymour
 Irby Ballard
 Audrey Jones Woerz
 Dorothy Rush Hensley
 1950 Irma Shephard Zema
 Gerald D Gelvin
 Barbara Ragle Lucak
 Marian Parks Schopper
 1951 Sarah Jones Bennett
 Paul Hersek
 Karl Stevenson
 Richard S Smith
 Lowell E Ripley
 Dolores Gusbar Costanzo
 Margaret Priest Legg
 Donna Zurschmit Beard
 Janet Witter Tomasin
 1952 Della Teague Lucius
 Betty Parks Seymour
 Anthony D DeOrio
 MaryAnn Bailey Anzallo
 Nancy Anderson Pancoast
 1953 Janet Wheatley Lawley
 Lynn "Tiny" Burk
 Mary Louise Smith Allison
 Dorothy Acken Hicks
 June Sheppard Husk
 William H Colbert Sr.
 Donald E Howard
 Keith Yoho
 Shirley Bishop Yoho

1954 Norma C Woodford Martin
 1955 Evelyn Jones Fair
 Joanne McCulloh Weber
 Dan Lupton
 1956 Jerry Walters
 Beverly Mittiga Buckeye
 Roger A Crislip
 Alice Flanagan Collins
 1958 Ina Oxford Paulus
 Alice Stephan Jacobson
 1961 Les Sackett
 1962 Joanne Houger Gray
 1963 Michael Mahaney
 1971 Judy Wood Ripple
 1972 Donna Evans Miller
 Robert A Yeager III
 Donna Hope Headrick
 1974 Mary Rzewnicki Cushing
 Chris Mackey Farquhar
 Kristine Dremak
 1975 Pete Webb
 Jayne Moore Uzl
 1976 David Bierce
 Terrie Morgan
 1977 Vickie Westfall Webb
 Karen Mackey Horton
 1978 Chris Jackson Lerch
 1980 Edward Mackey
 1983 Eileen Morgan Arrington
 1988 Anna Jacobsen McCumbers
 1989 Clifford Horvath
 2000 Anne Maddox
 2001 John Maddox
 Amy Bauch
 2003 Pat Bauch
 2005 All Seniors

ALUMNI MEMBERS ALSO PAYING DUES BUT UNABLE TO ATTEND

1934 Myrtle Smith Tenney
 1944 Gertrude Scherer
 Dorothy Senglar Schroedel-Wilson
 1947 C Robert Alexander
 1948 Dorothy Atwood Alexander
 1954 Marjorie Jones Knapp
 1958 James Bailey

1961 Howard J Williams
 1963 Sandra Herstich Williams
 1969 Janet Hope Braman
 1971 John Wray
 Denise Franks Wray
 1976 Isabella Yeager Pennybacker
 1999 Stephanie M Braman
 2004 Sara E Braman