

**2007**

**ALUMNI REPORT**

**128th ALUMNI BANQUET**

**JUNE 9, 2007**

**TALLMADGE HIGH SCHOOL  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

June 9 2007, 180 Alumni and Guests met at Tallmadge High School for the 128th 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 Chris Bauch (1971) and Amy Bauch Bauknecht (2001). Also helping on the committee was Sue Naso Bauch (1973).

A welcome was given by Amy Bauch Bauknecht (2001) and the 2007 officers were introduced. The invocation was given by Chris Bauch (1971).

After dinner, Bill Neitz (1971) introduced the Hall of Fame committee and the Hall of Fame inductees. Bill Neitz (1971), Chris Bauch (1971), Amy Bauch Bauknecht (2001), Bobbie Eddy (1963), Jane Shuman Huth (1943), Cliff Yeager (1975), and Sherri Ouellette Wray (1974) were on the Hall of Fame Committee.

Still residing in Tallmadge, our first inductee was born and raised here. She is the daughter of a former Tallmadge mayor, whose first name I can only divulge as Emmitt. Graduating third in her class from Tallmadge High School in 1944, her many accomplishments include placing in the state finals for Latin I and Latin II. She was a member of National Honor Society and still found time to sing in the high school Glee Club. Upon graduation, she enrolled in The Cadet Nurses Training Corp., which allowed her to receive her R.N. degree in 1947. As luck would have it, 1948 was a great year. Our Inductee married a former patient of hers by the name of Herb. As time marched on, the two of them would raise five wonderful children who later would all work at the family business. That business dream became a reality in 1950 at 12 Southeast Ave and in 1957 moved to 10 Tallmadge Circle. 1972 brought many additions and changes to the business, which included a gift and craft shop. I personally liked the old soda fountain where I could get a milkshake or ice cream. Margaret, as we know her, was working full time at the store which grew to having more than 50 employees. She is very proud of the fact that so many people from the surrounding areas were able to have employment there, including many students who were involved in work study programs. As if this was not enough for her, Margaret found time to serve as the President of the YWCA Board, PTA and PTO Vice-President, a Brownie Scout troop leader, and on the Tallmadge Historical Society Executive Board.

Margaret was a member of the Tallmadge Library Association, the Tallmadge Country Study Club, the Tallmadge Chamber of Commerce, the Tallmadge Garden Forum, the Woman's Pharmaceutical Association of Summit County, the Akron City Hospital Alumni Association, the Tallmadge High School Alumni Association, and the Woodland Estates Garden and Social Clubs. She is a life member of the First Congregational Church of Tallmadge. She was chairman of the Precious Moments Collections Club while also belonging to two bridge clubs. In addition, she worked on many civic projects. She donated to The Battered Woman's Shelter. She also donated thousands of dollars worth of craft items to Inventure Place. She spent six months reorganizing the gift shop at Edwin Shaw where she volunteered. At the young age of 71, she decided it was time to retire. By now you know the business I spoke about was Bumpas Drug which became Bumpas Emporium. I am pleased to announce our first 2007 Hall of Fame Inductee, Margaret Orr Bumpas.

Our second Inductee is a lifelong resident of Tallmadge. He graduated from Tallmadge High in 1976, where he was on the football team for four years, one of which included a Metro League Championship in 1975. He played on the basketball team for one year and was a member of the Letterwinners Club for four years. Even with all of this going on, he still found time to be a member of Student Senate.



Continuing his education, he completed Emergency Medical School, Paramedic School, and a four year program with the Plumber & Pipefitters Local #219. This allowed him to work for various heating and air conditioning companies. He is a volunteer Fireman and EMS/Paramedic for the Tallmadge Fire Department. He has also been past President of the Tallmadge Fireman's Association, joining in 1978.

Dave, as he is known, has never shied away from politics. He has served this city as the Third Ward Councilman and At-Large Councilman. He has been an active member of the Tallmadge Rotary Club and currently serves as President. He has contributed to the youth of this community as a volunteer, mentor, and role model by coaching Tallmadge Youth Football, has been a past President for the Tallmadge Little League, and has coached CYO basketball.

As a life long member of Our Lady of Victory Church, Dave has been the building director for Sunday school, grades K-8, for over 12 years. He has been an Altar Server and is an Active Eucharistic Minister.

His reputation in the community is not only impeccable, but admired by all those who know him or come in contact with him. He works tirelessly for the community he loves. His ability to work with the City and staff is unmatched and produces positive results for all of the residents to enjoy. As you drive around Tallmadge, the appearance of this city is a direct result of the hard work put forth by Dave and his staff.

The only thing that comes before his responsibility to this city is the devotion he has for his wife, Sue, and their three wonderful children. It gives me great pleasure to introduce your current Service Director and 2007 Hall of Fame Inductee, David Kline.

Our next Inductee graduated from Tallmadge High School in 1948. While in high school this individual participated in the following: National Honor Society – President for one year, National Thespian Troupe, Glee Club, Dramatic Club, Junior Town Meeting, Prince of Peace of which she won in local contests, President of Spanish Club, Editor-In-Chief of the 1948 Senior Yearbook, Leaders Club – President for one year, Future Homemakers of America, G.A.C., Y-Teen, acting in the Junior and Senior class plays, sang and acted in the Operettas, and she even had time to be a member of the Girl's Basketball team for all four years.

She married her high school sweetheart in 1951 in the Historic Church on the Circle. As time passed, they would have five children who in turn gave them ten grandchildren. Her church has been a focal point in her life. She has served on the Board of Deacons, Treasurer of the Women's Fellowship group, made and served funeral dinners, made and served soup and sandwiches on Wednesday nights, and even served communion. She is also active in the choir and bell choir. She has also held one of the highest offices and titles in the Dames of Malta. The church also allows her to mend choir robes and assures that they are cleaned regularly.

The Tallmadge Grange and 4-H has kept her busy as well. She is a fourth degree member of the Tallmadge Grange, a fifth degree member of the Pomona Grange, a sixth degree member of the Sate Grange, and a seventh degree member of the National Grange. Working at the Summit County Fairgrounds constructing booths and serving food only adds to her list of accomplishments.

As a long time member of the Tallmadge Dynamics theater group, she has become and accomplished actor.

Finally, rounding out this huge list of accomplishments, JoAnn as she is known is very active in the Tallmadge Alumni Association. She has been President, Treasurer, and has taken on any other job that might be needed. She keeps her Class of 1948 together with various activities. These activities include Second Tuesday breakfasts, maintaining scrapbooks, annual Class of



1948 dinner, and of course helping to keep tonight's alumni dinner and meeting a success, but before I introduce her, I have another story to tell.

This one involves the man she married. He is also a graduate of the Class of 1948. Although he was born in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Tallmadge have been a perfect fit for him. While attending Tallmadge, he was active on the basketball team for four years, where he made All-County his senior year, the football team for three year, also making All-County his senior year, the track team for two years, Hi-Y, and the staff of the 1948 Senior Yearbook. It should be noted that while he participated in the above sports, he suffered from Polio between his junior and senior years.

As I said earlier, he was married in 1951, had five children and you know the rest of the story. He enlisted in the Navy from 1948 to 1953, serving in Okinawa, Alaska, and the island where the hydrogen bomb was tested. He was severely burned while fighting a diesel fire while on duty. He also played on the Squadron Basketball team. One of his biggest thrills was to play a game with the Harlem Globe Trotters. I asked him who won the game and his response was "They knew they were in a basketball game." One of the tricks the Globe Trotters would do was to put one player on the shoulders of another player and dunk the ball. Dick, as he is known, went for the ball and pulled the player off the shoulders of the other player. Needless to say, they were not happy!

Dick worked in the gravel pits at the Riverside Sand & Gravel and became a cement mason for 34 years. He also worked as a volunteer Fireman and EMS for 33 years. Saving lives was a part of the job and as always, he did his best and did it well.

His church, the First Congregational Church of Tallmadge has always been an important part of his life. Also serving as a Deacon and Trustee and helping JoAnn with all of her endeavors, he was recently recognized for all his hard work by being named one of the Head Ushers.

The Grange, 4-H, and the Summit County Fairgrounds are no strangers to Dick. His endless hours of volunteering, constructing booths, working food tents are just a few of the areas he was involved with. As a member of the Tallmadge Outing Club, he personally made sure the fish fry dinners were cooked to perfection.

He is also a long time member of the Tallmadge Dynamics, where he is continuing his acting skills and also provides help in constructing their sets.

Dick is also active in keeping that same Class of 1948 together. By providing his residence as a place of gathering and hosting the annual Class of 1948 Picnic, each classmate looks forward to this event.

As a member of the Tallmadge Alumni Association, Dick has also held the position of President. He also makes sure that no one is left without a seat at the annual dinner.

This is just part of the accomplishments this couple has achieved in their lifetime. Anyone that knows them or have met will tell you they are both "SPECIAL" people. That one word describes them both. So without further delay I would like to introduce our last 2007 Hall of Fame inductees, JoAnn Stern Wood and Richard Wood.

We then announced the 1<sup>st</sup> 50-50 raffle winner. We sold \$300 worth of tickets and the winner received \$150.00. The winner was Margaret Orr Bumpas. She then donated the \$150 back into the scholarship fund. Thank you to Beth Wood (1982) and Mary Olesky (1967) for overseeing this project.

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



President Amy Bauch Bauknecht (2001) then called the meeting to order.

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 Treasurer, JoAnn Stem Wood (1948) and was approved.

## TALLMADGE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

### TREASURER'S REPORT

2006

Balance brought forth on January 1, 2006	\$2,889.57
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#### Receipts for 2006:

Dinners	\$1,433.75	
Dues	2,203.75	
Donations	<u>977.75</u>	
		\$4,615.25

#### Expenditures for 2006:

T.H.S. Scholarship		
2 - \$600.00	\$1,200.00	
Mistake made by school		
Gave 2 - \$500.00 plus 1 \$450.00	200.00	
Catering Homings	1,452.25	
Arrangements	70.08	
Smyth Trophies	116.16	
Postage	311.85	
Supplies	20.39	
Secretary's Fee	<u>50.00</u>	
		\$3,420.73

Balance on hand December 31, 2006	\$4,084.09
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JoAnn M. Wood, Treasurer 1948

Amy then introduced 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Chris Bauch. Chris then introduced Don Johnson, the Director of Business for Tallmadge City Schools.

Eleven years ago Tallmadge City Schools started on the process of getting property to build a new high school. Two years ago the citizens of Tallmadge approved a bond issue to build the new high school. After the bond issue was approved many committees were formed to design and build the new school. Many members of the community gave input as to how they felt the new school should be designed. The history of Tallmadge played a large part in the design. The Rotunda, which is located in the center of the new high school, is symbolic of the Tallmadge Circle. The Rotunda also keeps the Greek revival architecture a theme in the design of the building.

Ground was broken for the new building, on North Munroe Road, in the spring of 2006. The plan is to have the building completed by June 2008 and to move in September 2008. At this time the project is both on time and on budget. The budget for this project is \$30 million.

The new building will have 170,000 square feet compared to 105,000 square feet that the current high school has. The school has been designed to be easy to expand if need be. There will be over 1,000 computers in the school. All of the building's technology will be current and have state of the art lighting, plumbing, and heating. The school is being built to hold 933 students. There are currently 920 students at the high school. The state mandates how large a community can build their schools. The number is based on census information and some other tests. The building will have new furniture.

The building has four wings which connect at the Rotunda. The Gym is the east wing of the building. It will hold 1,350 people sitting down. The current gym holds 1,000 to 1,100 people, standing room only. The north wing (the side closest to Munroe School) is the Auditorium. The current auditorium holds 225 people, while the new auditorium will hold 650 people. The highest part of that wing is the fly loft for the stage. This part was built first to guarantee that no one was injured if they were working below that part of the building. The west and south wings will be the classroom wings. These two wings have been designed to expand easily if the student body outgrows the building.

In September of 2008 the middle school will move into the current high school. At that time the middle school and its property will be put up for sale. This building is located in the Historic District of Tallmadge, so the buyers will have to adhere to specific building codes, but it will be up to the buyer as to what is to be done with the buildings and property. The oldest part of the middle school, known as the Annex, was built in 1911. Since it is not registered as a historic building the buyers are allowed to tear it down.

In five years Tallmadge City Schools would like to sell Dunbar School and the property it sits on. It will be put up for public auction. The grades which currently occupy Dunbar will be moved to David Bacon. David Bacon will have to be enlarged, renovated, and updated in order for this to happen.

The Stadium will stay at the current high school, on East Avenue, so those who use it will have to commute to the new school back to the middle school. The stadium will be updated with new lights, electronics, new visitors bleachers, and possibly resurface the track. The administration will stay in its current location, on the property of the current high school in the McCombs building.

### **Profile of the Class of 2007**

Tallmadge High School is accredited by North Central Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges and the Ohio Department of Education.

Tallmadge is a four-year comprehensive high school. There were 885 students in grades 9-12, and 2,655 students in the district. The first class numbering eight was graduated in 1879.

The school day consists of four blocks each semester, 83 minutes in length. Each class meets five days per week with laboratory experience offered within. The Academy block offers teacher office-hours and activities.

Our grading policy is based on a 4.33 unweighted scale and 5.33 weighted scale for AP classes.

A+ 99-100;	A 95-98.99;	A- 93-94.99
B+ 91-92.99;	B 87-90.99;	B- 85-86.99
C+ 83-84.99;	C 79-82.99;	C- 77-78.99
D+ 75-76.99;	D 72-74.99;	D- 70-71.99



Beginning the 2000 school year, a minimum of 26 credits were required for graduation. Our minimum requirements include: 4 English, 4 Social Studies, 3 Math, 3 Science, HPE and a specified elective.

The recommended college preparatory curriculum includes: 4 English, 3 Math (through Alg. 2), 3 Social Studies, 3 Science, 2 Foreign Languages, 1 Visual or Performing Arts.

The high school library/media center houses over 14,000 print and audio-visual items, an automated card catalog and 24 computers with various programs and online search capabilities. The librarian presents research skills to various classes.

We offer specific learning disabilities support, developmentally/multi-handicapped classes and emotional disabilities programs at Tallmadge High School. Tutoring is available for academic intervention.

174 students graduated from Tallmadge High School on June 3, 2007 at E.J. Thomas Hall on the campus of The University of Akron. Four Special Education Students also earned their official diplomas in 2007.

#### Senior Class Data

Prepared for College	150 Students (87%)
Career-Technical Curriculum	51 Students (30%)
(30 of those students also prepared for college)	
General Curriculum	3 Students (1.7%)
Receiving Honors Diplomas	45 Students
Receiving the State Award of Merit	53 Students
Receiving the Presidential Award	19 Students

#### Future Plans of the Class of 2007

Attend a Four-Year College	81%
Attend a Two-Year College	5%
Attend a Trade, Technical College	3%
Enter the Military	3%
Enter the Labor Market	8%

#### Extra Curricular Activities

**Marching Band:** The 70 members of the Tallmadge Blue Devil Marching Band performed their competition show using music from the Broadway musical "Wicked." The band performed at all football games as well as the Kent Roosevelt Premier of Bands, TMS Marching Show, THS Marching Concert and Awards, and the Veteran's Day Ceremony. The band was rated Superior at the Crestwood, Revere, and New Philadelphia competitions and completed the season with an Excellent Rating at the State Competition on November 4<sup>th</sup>. This was the bands third consecutive trip to the state marching band competition.

**Concert Band:** The 48 member concert band continued to perform its annual March Concert with the eighth grade band and the Spring Pops Concert with members of the Tallmadge Choir. John Philip Sousa winners were **Stacey Cadman** and **Bruce Breedlove**, The U.S. Marine Corps Seper Fidelis winner was **Hannah Winters** and the Patrick Gilmore Band Award went to **David Bertschi**.

**Jazz Band:** The 26 member jazz ensemble performed at all THS concerts along with appearances at the Home and Garden Show at the John S. Knight Center in Akron, American

Cancer Society Relay for Life and Family Night for Kindermusick with Miss Terri and Friends in Stow. Jazz combo was formed this year as well. Louis Armstrong Outstanding Jazz Performer Award winner was **Bruce Breedlove** and the Woody Herman Jazz Award went to **Dan Sweitzer**.

**Vocal Music:** The Tallmadge High School Choir participated in the Music in the Parks Choir Competition this past May earning a first place trophy. They also put on three outstanding concerts at the high school: The Holiday Concert and the memorable Spring Concert, which highlighted graduating seniors.

"Vocal Motion," the show choir, performed for various organizations during the school year as well as all of the concerts. They also attended the Music in the Parks Competition earning a first place trophy. This year's show was called "Lonely Nights."

**Academic Challenge Team:** THS was in the Top Ten schools in the WEWS TV Academic Challenge Program. They finished the winter season as champions. Tallmadge High School was a runner-up in Summit County.

**Drama Productions:** The productions of 2006-2007 were "High School Musical" and "Alice in Wonderland." The drama department is also involved with other community programs. This is an excellent way to fulfill the college entrance recommendation for fine arts. We explore acting, directing, and other aspects of theatre.

**Sports:** The football team was 8 and 3 and first as the Champions of the Suburban League. They made it to the play-offs again this year but lost in the first round. Both the softball and the baseball team were Suburban League Champions. Softball had a record of 20 and 7, while the baseball team's record was 21 and 7. Combined these three teams had fourteen student-athletes named to the All Suburban team. The volleyball team won Districts this year and had one student named to the All Suburban team. Five other students-athletes were also named to the All Suburban team. These athletes were member of girl's tennis, boy's golf, girl's and boy's cross country, and girl's soccer. The wrestling team had one member named to the All Ohio team. He placed sixth at the state wrestling tournament.

Amy then introduced Sandy Norton Taylor, who represented the 50 year Class of 1957.

Good Evening,

I'm Sandra Norton Taylor and it is my pleasure to speak tonight on the occasion of our 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion.

As the Tallmadge High School Class of 1957, we share an enduring bond. We were born the same year, lived in the same city, attended the same school, were counseled by the same teachers, wore the same styles, listened and danced to the same music, attended the vast complexities of human life and death these past 50 years, we have been forever imprinted and linked by who we were.

It all began for us in 1938-40, the year of our birth, which was also the year the viewfinder was invented.

1945 was the year we started to first grade, carrying our brown lunch bags or our Roy Rodgers metal lunch boxes. Plastic was not yet used. We have never told our children stories about walking 10 miles to school in snow because we were all bussed. If we got on the wrong bus or missed the bus, there were no mobile or cell phones to notify our parents. Sometimes the buses broke down or got stuck and had to be pulled out. Does anyone remember when Howe Road was a muddy, graveled 2 lane road full of ruts? Girls wore blouses and skirts and dresses – no jeans. Sometimes we wore clothes made by our mothers from feed sacks bought at Bierces. Boys wore jeans, dress or corduroy slacks – no shorts.



### 1949-1953 The Elementary Years

Our elementary and junior high school years sped by quickly as we perfected writing and language skills, math and science skills under 33 different teachers. Each teacher had a unique impact on our lives and each deserves our heartfelt thanks for their guidance and counsel.

### 1954-1957 The High School Years

Our freshman year in high school began with 93 of us. The sophomore year included 89. During the junior year it dwindled to 71. The Senior class consisted of 73 grads – 35 males and 38 females.

The 1957 high school curriculum consisted of 18 credits which included physical education. It was divided into three classifications of study: College Course, General Course or Business Course. Our high school years were idyllic, though we didn't realize it at the time. The wars had ended and the economy was improving. The times were less hectic and life was simpler.

Still in alphabetical order, we advanced through the required English, Speech, Math, Science, and Language skills. Additionally, we learned to cook and sew, saw and hammer in shop class, play musical instruments, type, participate in sports, drive, and to use social skills to gain confidence, make friends, join clubs, and express ourselves.

We had our own sense of fashion: Saddle shoes, White bucks, Stiletto heels, long skirts and see thru blouses, fat socks, crinoline and poodle skirts, bat wing sweaters and pegged pants. The girl's poodle cuts and page boy hair dos while the guys opted for ducktail, crew cuts and flat tops.

Our teen years were filled with drive-in movies and burger stands, football and basketball games, marching band with black light half-time shows, dancing at TAYO, slumber parties, swimming at Tallmadge Springs, hunting and fishing, time spent with our families and part-time jobs.

A few of us had our own cars or were permitted to drive the family car. The rest of us still took the bus. Gas cost 25 cents a gallon. Fuzzy dice or baby shoes hung on the rear view mirrors.

Some of us remember helping Miss Alexis fill a capsule with artifacts from 1957. We buried it in hope of opening it at our 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunion. Only one problem exists – no one can remember where we buried it. Our thanks to John Tuel and Dee Hood, who have shoveled up half of Tallmadge in search of our capsule.

Graduation found us, still in alphabetical order, lining up for baccalaureate and graduation ceremonies. Then we ventured off to college, training programs, military boot camps, the Peace Corps, jobs and life...

The Frisbee was invented in 1957 and reminds me how fast the past 50 years have flown. Here is what we have been doing:

- # of classmates who have died - 14 or 19%
- # of classmates who married each other – 6 or 8%
- # of classmates who graduated from college – 23 or 31%
- # of classmates who still live in Ohio – 49 or 67%
- # of classmates who still live in Tallmadge – 16 or 22%
- # of classmates who live in other states – 24
  - 3 in Texas
  - 4 in Florida
  - 2 in Colorado and Tennessee
  - 13 in 13 other states
- # of children parented – 230

# of grandchildren – 636

As I look at the smiling faces of you, my classmates, I am so glad we could come together tonight and reminisce about the way we were and the times we shared at Tallmadge High School.

Thank you.

At this time we then presented the 50 year class with pins for the women and tie tacs for the men. Then they were each given a golden delicious apple for good health donated by June King Marsh (1934)

We then recognized the Golden Agers (those who have graduated 50 plus years ago) and they also received a golden delicious apple, compliments of June King March.

Amy then introduced Elizabeth "Beth" Wood, who represented the 25 year Class of 1982.

The Class of 1982 graduated June 6th at E.J. Thomas Performing Arts Hall. It was the 100th Annual Commencement.

National Events of 1981 included:

- Tylenol Poisoning Scare
- Time Magazine "Man of the Year" was the Personal Computer
- CDs were introduced
- Ozzy bit the head off of a live bat
- USA Today newspaper was founded
- The DOW broke 10,000
- Grace Kelly was killed in an automobile accident
- Gas was \$1.08 per gallon
- Milk was \$1.59 per gallon

Movies that were popular in 1982:

- ET
- Officer & A Gentleman
- On Golden Pond
- Tootsie
- 48 Hours

Clothing spanned the gamut from Preppie to Punk!

Future plans of 1982 Graduates:

4 year college	49%
2 year college	20%
Trade or Technical School	12%
Military	2%
Enter the work force	17%
3 graduates were accepted to NEOUCOM	

Quotes from the 1982 Yearbook, "What does Senior Life Mean to You?"

- Rushing home to watch General Hospital. (Oddly enough, voted the worst program by the Class of 1982.)
- Cutbacks in field trips and everything else – 20 teachers cut that year
- Turning 18 and going to Kent
- Cruising A&W (A timeless event!)
- Going out to TP houses
- Hanging out at Wally Waffle
- Hating to leave some teachers, glad to leave others.



Our reunions were at 5, 10, and 20 years. Our officers have decided that we will only have future reunions every 10 years.

We had a VERY spirited class in regards to football, but our season turned out to be 0 and 10. Basketball was 14 and 7 – Girl's Basketball was 13 and 4 – Baseball was 23 and 6 – Softball was 18 and 2.

The marching band had 108 members and was great! They won Grand Champion for the 2nd year running in the band competition in Erie, Pa.

Theatrical Productions were "Grease," "Man Who Came to Dinner," and "Don't Drink the Water."

Teacher of the Year was Greg Varley – Forensics.

The Class of 1982 had four valedictorians: Denise Olivieri, Amy Lee, David, Arvay, and Eugene Torisky.

63 Seniors were members of the National Honor Society

Class Officers were: President, Mark Hussing – Vice-President, Cathy Sipka – Secretary, Annie Musteric - Treasurer, Marla Folk

In closing, I'd like to thank the Alumni Association for honoring my Aunt and Uncle, Dick and JoAnn Wood. Even if you only knew half of what they've done for this community, you'd still honor them! In addition, they have raised five exception children (and many grandchildren) who continue their example of service and commitment to their communities.

Amy then introduced Clifford Yeager (1975).

Cliff then welcomed the Class of 2007.

On behalf of the Tallmadge High School Alumni Association it is a great pleasure to welcome the Class of 2007. My daughter, Robyn (a third generation graduate), will be representing the Class of 2007.

Robyn's response is as follows.

Thank you Dad!!

Let me start by saying thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak here today on behalf of the graduating Class of 2007. We graduated 178, with only one true valedictorian. 44 honors diplomas were received and 61 scholarships were awarded. The Class of 2007 also had the honor and privilege of awarding a World War II veteran's family with his high school diploma.

This year the high school football team won the Suburban League title for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row. After losing 20 starters to graduation. Our girl's volleyball team was District Champs this year. Our band made it to states again this year. Junior Aaron Donze placed 6<sup>th</sup> at the state wrestling competition. We also had one student compete at the national marketing competition.

Although there have been many bright sides to the Class of 2007, within the last year of high school we have had much sorrow in our country that has affected us in one way or another. On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5 girls were killed in an Amish schoolhouse in Lancaster, PA. Our 38<sup>th</sup> President, Gerald Ford, died at the age of 93 on December 26<sup>th</sup>. The war struck home again when one of our own, Explosive Ordnance Diffuser Corpsman Luke Emch, was killed in action on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Then on April 16<sup>th</sup>, the worst college shooting to ever occur happened at Virginia Tech, where 32

teachers and students were shot by a single gunman. Within the last month of high school two of our graduating students lost their mothers, freshman twins lost their mother, and one of our senior government teachers lost her husband.

Through all of this heartache we have still managed to pull through and see the brighter sides of each day. On September 11<sup>th</sup>, the senior class was granted the opportunity to listen to a 9/11 survivor. We had three incredible dances, Homecoming "Stairway to the Stars," Sweethearts Dance "All That Jazz," and PROM. We had one play *Alice in Wonderland*, and then our spring musical, *High School Musical*, was sold out every night. Nancy Pelosi became the first woman Speaker of the House. Tallmadge began its bicentennial celebration!! Virginia celebrated the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the settlement of Jamestown. We raised over \$61,000 for the American Cancer Society. And lastly we accomplished the most important thing of senior year...graduation.

Once again I would like to thank you for this opportunity and gladly accept our admittance into the oldest Alumni Association in the United States.

Thank you.

The class of 1940 – had 1 in attendance.

The class of 1941 – had 3 in attendance.

The class of 1943 – had 4 in attendance.

The class of 1944 – had 7 in attendance.

The class of 1945 – had 2 in attendance.

The class of 1946 – had 4 in attendance.

The class of 1947 – 60 year class had 10 in attendance.

The class of 1948 – had 11 in attendance.

The class of 1949 – had 2 in attendance.

The class of 1950 – had 8 in attendance.

The class of 1951 – had 4 in attendance.

The class of 1952 – 55 year class had 1 in attendance.

The class of 1953 – had 1 in attendance.

The class of 1954 – had 1 in attendance.

The class of 1955 – had 5 in attendance.

The class of 1956 – had 5 in attendance.

The class of 1957 – 50 year class had 19 in attendance.

Unfinished Business – There was no unfinished business.



New Business – We need more volunteers to help with the different committees. The Hall of Fame Committee is looking for about 5 people to help them. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help with anything please contact Sue Wood Yeager (330) 633-4526. Also remember to submit your nominations for the Hall of Fame to Nancy Wack by the end of February. You can find an application at the end of the report. We received thank you notes from Lisa Davis and Matthew Tedrick. They received the scholarships from the Alumni Association last year. This year the winners of the Scholarships are Miss Catherine Bors, Miss Stephanie Jolliff, Mr. Michael Polefrone, and Mr. John Glass.

At this time Bill Neitz (1971) announced nominations of officers for the 2008-2009 Tallmadge Alumni Association. The nominations are as follows:

President – Chris Bauch  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President – Amy Bauch Bauknecht  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President – Anne Maddox  
 Secretary – Susan Wood Yeager  
 Assistant Secretary – Mary Olesky  
 Treasurer – Judy Wood Ripple  
 Assistant Treasurer – Mary Black Overholt

If anyone has any ideas on how to spread the word about the Alumni Association and get new members to join please contact Sue Wood Yeager at (330) 633-4526.

At this time JoAnn Stern Wood (1948) read the Memorial.

#### MEMORIAL

Do not stand at my grave and weep,  
 I am not there, I do not sleep  
 I am a thousand winds that blow.  
 I am the diamond's glint on snow  
 I am the sunlight on ripened grain,  
 I am the gentle autumn's rain.  
 Do not stand at my grave and cry.  
 I am not there, I did not die.

Since the Alumni Banquet in 2006 we have lost to the great creator.

Class	Name	Age	Date of Death
1931	Genevieve Beers Lee	93	June 29, 2006
1936	Robert B. Lutz	88	January 28, 2007
	Elsie Storer Mallory	89	May 2007
1939	Jane Lehner	86	January 19, 2007
1942	Beatrice King Moore	82	July 27, 2006
	Wilma Thomas Pavkov	81	September 9, 2006
1943	James Henninge	82	March 12, 2007
	John D. Knight	81	September 29, 2006
1947	Betty Smith McPherson	77	December 31, 2006
1948	Ray Bond	77	May 27, 2007
1949	Virginia Ford Dinger	77	March 4, 2007
1950	Josephine Vydra Keeney	73	May 9, 2006
	Evelyn Marshall Rupp	74	September 16, 2006
	Paul M. Wright	74	January 21, 2007
1952	Anthony D. DeOrio	73	December 6, 2006
	David L. Ilg	72	June 15, 2006
1954	Frank S. Duke	70	January 28, 2007

	Glen Swartz	70	March 20, 2007
1955	Isabelle Heiser Ripley	69	September 23, 2006
1958	Raymond C. Norman	67	March 24, 2007
1960	John R. Bernabel	64	March 5, 2007
1961	Rosemary Beresch	63	November 24, 2006
1966	Walter R. Petrishak	61	February 1, 2007
1969	Mary Garber Vanaman	55	October 19, 2006
1971	David A. Long	52	October 2006
	Thomas E. Whitis Sr.	53	August 17, 2006
1972	Ronald E. Hyre Jr.	52	August 12, 2006
1974	Thomas A. Zehnder	51	April 4, 2007
1977	Brenda L. Riley	47	September 17, 2006
1981	Michelle Hussing Whited	44	May 1, 2007
1982	David C. Merrow	43	November 21, 2006
1984	Kelly Clark Freund	41	February 27, 2007
2004	Lucas Emch (HN)	21	March 1, 2007

It was reported from the Class of 1957 that these people have also passed away, Bill Hartwick, 1959; Charles Smith, 1993; Ron Achimasi, 1996; Dave Groves, 1998; Joyce Whelsel Heiser, 2003; Richard Stephens and Jim Blankenship.

We also lost teacher's aid Lois J. Cole, 28 years; Basketball coach James O. Maddox, 22 years, and Lita Faye Bell who taught briefly.

#### JoAnn M. Stem Wood 1948

After the reading of the Memorial we were pleased to have entertainment provided by the women of '57 singers. The members were Janet Kozy Axline, Pat Hougher Mayhew, Jean Metcalf, LaVerne Henderson Tuel, and Karen White Youngblood. They sang "Side by Side" and the led the Alumni Association in the singing of our alma mater.

OUR NEXT BANQUET WILL BE JUNE 7, 2008.

Submitted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2007.

President Bauknecht thanked all for coming.

Dorothy Treat Taylor (1949) presented a check in the amount of \$200 from the Class of 1949 to be used for a Scholarship in the following year.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Sorry I won't be at the meeting. Congratulations to the graduates. Thank you. – Jean Mallory Brooks (1945)

Thanks to all. Will be thinking of you at Alumni. – Marjorie Lawrence Henninge (1943)

Dear Susan and All Alumni,  
I'm so sorry I won't be in Ohio this year for the THS Alumni banquet. I wanted to extend my congratulations to the Class of 1957 for this being their 50<sup>th</sup> year out of school. Say hello to my fellow classmates of 1956. I will miss them. But have fond memories of our 50<sup>th</sup> last year. What a great time we had. I have to prepare for Hurricane season here, in "Paradise." Hurricane Wilma



wasn't good to us in 2005 so we're more cautious now. Looking forward to your report. Regards,  
Beverly Mittga Buckeye (1956)

Hello from "Sunny" Arizona. It is 100° - breezy and comfy under the orange tree. I hate missing this meeting and the bicentennial celebrating, my husband of 30 years is unable to travel. I am active and very well, my doctor tells me I'll live to be a hundred. I hope so as I am enjoying my hobbies and families here in the Sun City Area. Friends and classmates can e-mail me at: [billie.hart@cog.net](mailto:billie.hart@cog.net). Best wishes to all. – Billie Orr Hart (1943)

Dear Friends:

Please give my greetings and felicitations to the Tallmadge High School graduates of 2007. The vicissitudes of old age prevent me from being with you on this occasion. Enclosed you will find my dues for the coming year. I shall look forward to reading the yearly report. Sincerely, Rachel Yount Horton (1936)

Sorry I can not attend the annual meeting and dinner. – Della Teague Lucius (1952)

I can't attend. I am still looking for you to offer a Lifetime Membership which, at the age of 68 3/4, I would gladly pay. – J. Thomas Jones (1956)

Sorry I won't be able to attend. Please give everyone my best. – Joanne McCullah Weber (1955)

Not able to attend this year. – Richard Vydra (1948)

Dear Fellow Alumni:

Barbara and I are enjoying our year-round Florida lifestyle and all it offers. We keep busy with church work, square dancing, and our hobbies. We won't make it to Ohio this summer, but hope to get up there "to our roots" soon. With kind regards, Richard S. Smith (1951)

Congratulations to the Class of 2007. You have a bright future ahead of you. Wish I could be there, but will be unable to attend. God willing maybe next year. – Mary Ann Bailey Amzallo (1952)

The enclosed gift is for the THS Alumni Scholarship fund in memory of Elsie Storer Mallory, 1936, who died recently in Niles, Michigan. Sincerely – June King Marsh (1934)

We are unable to attend because my alumni association (Norton) meets the same day and it's my turn to be there. Roger had his big party last year! See you in '08 – Joyce Crislip for Roger A. Crislip (1956)

Dear Classmates:

One more time I am unable to attend. I will be traveling from Texas to California and then up the coast to Washington to visit with family and friends and do some sight seeing and camping along the way. My health is still good. I wish you all my very best during the coming year. I stay in touch with Al and Barb Sayre. We have been calling each other on our birthdays every year since we graduated 59 years ago – Wow! E-mail me if you like. [Paul.Thorn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Paul.Thorn@sbcglobal.net)  
Blessings & Love – Paul Thorn (1948)

Sorry I can't be there, but hopefully next year at our 70<sup>th</sup>!! God willing. Would love to hear from anyone. – Bea Watts Acken (1938)

Dear Susan,

This is to inform you of my husband, Robert's death January 28<sup>th</sup>. Bob was a faithful, long standing member of the Tallmadge Alumni Association. He was always so proud of his Tallmadge "roots" and continued to have contact and friendships with his classmates. I have

enclosed an "OBIT" from our local paper. We had a beautiful memorial service at our Lutheran Church. Sincerely, Phyllis Lutz

On March 19<sup>th</sup> I broke my hip, and on March 21<sup>st</sup> I had hip replacement surgery at Akron General Hospital. I was moved to Rockynol's rehabilitation facility on March 24<sup>th</sup>, where I remained until April 23<sup>rd</sup>. I am happy to report that I am back home in my lovely apartment! I've a long ways to normalcy. I'm sending you wishes for a great spring and summer. – June King March (1934)

Due to a previous commitment I will not be able to attend this year. Good Luck for another successful meeting. – Doris Swartz (1953)

Anyone interested in a cruise can contact Dan Lupton (1955) at 1-800-344-WAVE (9283) or E-mail: [dlupton@cruiseone.com](mailto:dlupton@cruiseone.com) or [www.cruiseone.com/dlupton](http://www.cruiseone.com/dlupton)



## MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1940 Patterson, Josephine Ilg     | 1950 Zurschmit, Paul             |
| 1941 Bauch, Alberta Crossen       | 1951 Baldwin, Dolores Seckman    |
| Bost, Harry                       | Miller, Carl                     |
| Garritano, Dorothy Metcalf        | Smith, Joan                      |
| 1943 Donald, Juanita McMillan     | Wharton, Fay Seevers             |
| Hause, Faith Wagner               | 1952 McGuire, James E.           |
| Huth, Jane Shuman                 | 1953 Stem, Gale                  |
| Ragle, Margaret Kay Holt          | 1954 Ilg, Eugene                 |
| 1944 Bumpas, Margaret Orr         | 1955 Horvath, Barbara Scherer    |
| Cochran, Robert M.                | Ilg, Dorothy Fike                |
| Dean, Don                         | Stem, JoAnn Aber                 |
| Ripley, Francis Parks             | Wells, Charlie                   |
| Schroedel-Wilson, Dorothy Senglar | Woerz, Don                       |
| Starks, Karl                      | 1956 Collins, Alice Flanagan     |
| Williams, Ileana Crites           | Conley, Nancy Walters            |
| 1945 Dean, Betty Heiser           | Gabrosek, Martha Stephens        |
| Williams, Donald A.               | Linnen, Margaret (Peggy) Simpson |
| 1946 Beatty, Wilma Shephard       | McGall, Patricia King            |
| Detweiler, Bruce                  | 1957 Avila, Judy Sylvester       |
| Gallo, Alice Wade                 | Axline, Janet Kozy               |
| Kalbaugh, Shirley LeCount         | Deemer, Peg Young                |
| 1947 Acker, Cecile Questel        | Eldridge, Lynn Fernella          |
| Alexander, C. Robert              | Gear, Audrey Sutherland          |
| Booth, Shirley Sanford            | Hood, Deanna Berger              |
| Charles, Marian Wolcott           | Hood, Paul                       |
| Metcalf, Melvin R.                | Howes, Mary Legg                 |
| Micheli, Adam "Ed"                | Mayhew, Pat Hougher              |
| Ott, Dr. Elizabeth Karg           | Metcalf, Naomi (Jean)            |
| Questel, Helen Treat              | Radcliff, Marlene Peebles        |
| Questel, John M.                  | Ray, Judy Ferguson               |
| Witmyer, William                  | Rutledge, Bonnie Fordam          |
| 1948 Alexander, Dorothy Atwood    | Taylor, Sandy Norton             |
| Butler, Helen Reznik              | Tuel, John                       |
| Cochran, John (Jack)              | Tuel, LaVerne Henderson          |
| Detweiler, Catherine Cate         | Williamson, Jim                  |
| Metcalf, Maxine Hoke              | Woerz, Richard                   |
| Riddle, Gene                      | Youngblood, Karen White          |
| Rzewnicki, Natalia Olesky         | 1958 Jacobsen, Alice Stephan     |
| Sayre, Alvin E.                   | Paulus, Ina Oxford               |
| Vandersall, Beryl                 | 1959 Brandt, Irene Baer          |
| Wood, JoAnn Stem                  | Houze, Rex                       |
| Wood, Richard                     | Metcalf, James Gary              |
| 1949 Dodge, LaVonne Gomoll        | Metcalf, Margie Saylor           |
| Taylor, Dorothy Treat             | Peters, Bill                     |
| 1950 Gerken, Violet Kerns         | Smith, Ronald L.                 |
| Griffith, Elizabeth Jacobs        | Williamson, William D.           |
| Riddle, Mary Ledgerwood           | 1960 Ilg, Lanny                  |
| Schopper, Marian Parks            | Peebles, James W.                |
| Scyoc, Marcene Riddle             | Scalia, Daisy Ilg                |
| Shaffer, Norma Oxford             | Scalia, John                     |
| Wharton, James C.                 | Wertz, Cherrill Goss             |

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| 1961 Anderson, Kenneth M.<br>Williams, Howard J.  | 1972 Wood, Thomas R.<br>Yeager, Robert         |
| 1962 Gray, Joanne Houger<br>Houze, Jon  | 1973 Bauch, Sue Naso                           |
| 1963 Eddy, Ruth Ellen "Bobbie"<br>Overholt, Mary Black<br>Williams, Sandra Herstich           | 1974 Wray, Sherry Ouellette                    |
| 1964 Barabas, Sandra<br>Hill, Chris Femella   | 1975 Divoky, Janet Wood<br>Yeager, Clifford B. |
| 1966 Melia, Linda Ames  | 1976 Kline, David<br>Morgan, Terrie            |
| 1967 Olesky, Mary   | 1978 Wood, Steve<br>Yeager, Susan Wood         |
| 1968 Mahovich, Patricia Bumpas  | 1979 Marlow, Gary L.                           |
| 1969 Ames, Virgil "Butch"   | 1982 Wood, Elizabeth "Beth"                    |
| 1971 Bauch, Chris<br>Cochran, Grace E.<br>Neitz, William H.<br>Ripple, Judy Wood<br>Wray, Jim | 1995 Mahovich, Christopher                     |
| 1972 Metcalf, Cynthia Soulier<br>Metcalf, Mark  | 2000 Maddox, Anne<br>Mahovich, Nate            |
|   | 2001 Bauknecht, Amy Bauch<br>Billow, Chris     |
|   | 2003 Cipolla, Jennifer                         |
|   | 2004 Yeager, Stephanie S.                      |
|   | 2006 Yeager, Isaac R.                          |
|   | 2007 Yeager, Robyn K.                          |

### MEMBERS PAYING DUES BUT UNABLE TO ATTEND

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| 1934 Acken, Caroline Banks<br>Marsh, June King   | 1946 Kinney, James D.<br>Mecke, Viola Bloom   |
| 1936 Emmitt, Richard<br>Horton, Rachel Yount   | Mitan, Margaret Ilg<br>Richards, Donald B.<br>Urban, Theodora Scott   |
| 1938 Acken, Beatrice Watts<br>Emmitt, Kathryn Eickleberry<br>Knowles, Helen Wade<br>Saxe, Adria Hoisington | 1947 Richards, Norma Smith<br>Woerz, Melvin W.  |
| 1939 King, Ellis   | 1948 Brinkerhoff-Vasbinder, Mary<br>Burns, Brady<br>Hoffman, Vince<br>Odom, Emylie Fohner<br>Renner, Conrad<br>Schmidt, Ruth Davis<br>Thorn, Paul<br>Vydra, Richard |
| 1940 Cooper, Francis<br>Emerick, Sally Yount<br>King, Hilda Crites<br>Wilson, Mary Haney                   | 1949 Cossik, John<br>Hawkins, Paul<br>Mackey, Carolyn Atwood<br>Smith, Jerry W.<br>Stephan, Ruth Wheatley<br>Woerz, Audrey Jones                                    |
| 1941 Richards, Robert L.<br>Vannoy, Richard C.   | 1950 Hintz, Jeannette Leigh<br>Lucak, Barbara Ragle<br>White, Harold<br>Zema, Irma Shephard   |
| 1942 Call, Jean Point<br>Cockrell, Jean Jones  | 1951 Beard, Donna Zurschmit<br>Bennett, Sarah Jones<br>Hersek, Paul   |
| 1943 Hart, Billie Orr<br>Henninge, Marjorie Lawrence<br>Mullins, Juanita Sanford<br>Shreve, William B.     |   |
| 1944 Clemmo, Ward A.<br>Geisinger, Marie Harmon<br>Schroedel-Wilson, Dorothy Senglar                       |   |
| 1945 Brooks, Jean Mallory<br>Davis, June Pearce<br>Hoisington, Ruth Seeker<br>Pletcher, Leslie             |   |



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1951	Legg, Margaret Priest Ripley, Lowell Smith, Richard S. Stevenson, Karl	1957	Murray, Barbara Giles
1952	Anzallo, MaryAnn Bailey Lucius, Della Teague Pancoast, Nancy Anderson	1958	Riley, Jack E.
1953	Doepker, John Hicks, Dorothy Acken Husk, June Sheppard Lawley, Janet Wheatley Scott, Evelyn Keck Swartz, Doris A.	1959	Davis, Mary Schuster Pander, Pat Pifel
1954	Knapp, Marjorie Jones Martin, Norma Woodford Riley, Kenneth	1960	Dahman, Sandra Rankin Rohn, Donald R.
1955	Hershberger, Karl K. Keck, Kenneth E. C. Keener, Pat Booker Lupton, Dan Weber, Joanne McColloh	1961	Sackett, Les
1956	Buckeye, Beverly Mittiga Crislip, Roger A. Gray, Carol Schoolcraft Jones, J. Thomas McGall, Robert Phillips, Norman	1963	Mahaney, Michael
		1965	Maddox, Kathleen Bauch
		1972	Yeager, Donna Evans
		1973	Goodson, Greg
		1974	Cushing, Mary Rzewnicki Farguhar, Chris Mackey Goodson, Kathy Johnson
		1975	Webb, Pete
		1976	Pennybacker, Isabella Yeager
		1977	Counterterman, Christy Horton, Karen Mackey Webb, Vickie Westfall
		1978	Nasuta, Linda Rzewnicki Rutan, David Rutan, Kelly Johnson
		1980	Jacobsen, Sherri Mackey, Edward James
		1983	Arrington, Eileen R. Morgan
		1988	McCumbers, Anna M. Jacobsen
		2003	Ward, Lara
		2005	Ward, Dale

# TALLMADGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## 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 addresses 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:

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

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Nominator's name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of your graduation \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return no later than February 1<sup>st</sup> to:**

**Tallmadge City Schools**

**C/O Nancy Wack-Alumni Hall of Fame**

**486 East Ave.**

**Tallmadge, Ohio 44278**