

2008

ALUMNI REPORT

129th ALUMNI BANQUET

JUNE 7, 2008

**TALLMADGE HIGH SCHOOL
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

On June 7, 2008, 177 Alumni and Guests met at Tallmadge High School for the 129th Annual Banquet Meeting.

We began with a Social Hour at 5:45 PM followed by a Baked Chicken and Roast Beef Buffet dinner catered by Horning's Catering.

The decorations were the traditional Blue & Gold. The arrangement committee was chaired by Anne Maddox (2000) and Chris Bauch (1971), also helping the committee was Sue Naso Bauch (1973).

A welcome and invocation was given by Chris Bauch (1971).

After dinner, we announced the winner of the 50-50 raffle. We sold \$304 worth of tickets and the winner received \$152. The winners were Rita & Terry Hamrick (1958).

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

President Chris Bauch (1971) called the meeting to order.

The Secretary's Report was read by Beth Wood (1982), (Secretary Pro tem) and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer, Judy Wood Ripple (1971) and approved.

TALLMADGE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

TREASURER'S REPORT – December 31, 2007

Balance carried forward from 2006		\$4084.09
Income:		
Dinners	\$1,674.25	
Dues	\$2,172.00	
Scholarship	<u>\$1,495.70</u>	
Total Income		\$5,341.95
Expenses:		
Scholarship – 4 @ \$500	\$2,000.00	
Publicity – Rec Center	\$ 198.50	
Postage	\$ 464.39	
Smyth Trophy – 50 year pins	\$ 96.80	
Horning Catering	\$1,711.25	
Arrangements Committee	\$ 86.36	
Hall of Fame Expenses	\$ 21.25	
Secretary Supplies	\$ 42.82	
Secretary Fee	<u>\$ 50.00</u>	
Total Expenses		\$4,671.37
Balance as of 12/31/07		\$4,754.67

Submitted 6/7/08 by Judy Wood Ripple, Treasurer

Chris then introduced Jeff Ferguson, Superintendent of Tallmadge City Schools.

Jeff gave a slide presentation to the Alumni showing the new High School. The photos showed several areas such as the Computer Lab, Gymnasium, Commons and Science Lab. Jeff stated that the Annual Heritage Award was presented to a 6th generation graduate of Tallmadge High School, Justin Deemer. Jeff then took questions from the audience. Earlier in the day, members of the Tallmadge Alumni Association were given a tour of the new High School.

Chris introduced Sandra Evans Kollar who gave the 50 year report for the class of 1958

On May 29, 1958, just fifty years ago, I stood before a crowded auditorium/gymnasium in the old Middle School and gave my Valedictorian speech. I had this honor because my grade point average of 3.81 was the highest in my class of 1958. And the only reason it was the highest was because I managed to get A's in personal typing and drivers ed, did not take Algebra II, and most importantly gym grades were not figured in the total grade point average. So I was the best that THS had to offer in 1958. So there I was ready to enlighten everyone on the fact that our class held the KEY to the future. After all, we had K - Knowledge, E- Enthusiasm and Y- youth. We were ready to make our marks on the world! Our class motto "There's Room at the Top" was proof that we could do it! There was a plaque in Mr. Ocasek's office that said "Enter to Learn, Go Forth to Serve, and we could hardly wait.

We had learned many things at Tallmadge High School. But what did we really know? Let me share some of these with you. Collectively as a class we could diagram a sentence, do long division, type 40 wpm, find a missing angle, change a tire, make a bird house, bake brownies, put a zipper in, balance a chemistry equation, say something in Latin, take a letter in shorthand, drive a car, give a speech, and make a touchdown. We also knew that the brownies made in Home Economics class smelled a lot better than the rotten egg smell that filled the halls from Chemistry Lab. We had Knowledge and Enthusiasm and Youth, and we were ready to "go forth to serve" and get to the top while there was still room.

We became policemen, firemen, secretaries, teachers, professors, factory workers, school bus drivers, cosmetologists, mechanics, missionaries, businessmen, entrepreneurs, servicemen, nurses, domestic engineers, parents, and one among us was an attorney and a judge.

I'd like to share with you what it was like back in the day when the school levies always passed. Our high school lives were rather simple. We worked hard, respected our elders, helped each other, and didn't get into any trouble. We were patriotic and reverent. We were good kids. The most risqué thing we ever did that I can remember was when the Latin Club had a skit about the Greek gods and goddesses. (Lois Kiefaber was Goddess of ? and I was Diana, goddess of the Hunt with a B-B gun and a rubber chicken. Bill Boyland was Zeus, King of the Gods, and he actually referred to the God of the Underworld as being the God of H-E-Double Hockey Sticks. We were sure the wrath of the teacher Gods would descend upon us! You have to remember this was before Rhett Butler had said "Frankly, Scarlett, I don't give a damn" and married couples in movies were still sleeping in separate beds. A dirty joke was "a pig fell in the mud".

To get an idea what we looked like watch "Grease" or reruns of "Happy Days". We were cool! We didn't know it but we were making history. (A person can actually go on the internet and order costumes for a 50s Party.) We had Elvis Presley and Rock and Roll. We had Dick Clark and American Bandstand. We had Wagon Train and the Rifleman. We had the Hula Hoop. We had PIZZA. We were cool!

What did the girls look like? We would put Noxzema on our faces for a blemish-free complexion. We put pin curls or hair rollers in our hair for that soft curl look (or just wore a ponytail with a silk scarf tied around it). We wore Tangee lipstick and Evening in Paris cologne. Some of the girls wore full skirts (some with crinolines stiffened with sugar water) or poodle skirts and our wide cinch belts. Most of the girls in our class wore straight skirts below the knees and wide cinch belts. We had blouses with button-down collars and rolled up sleeves or sweaters accented with little collars or silk scarves. We had bobby sox (sometimes worn with foot falsies) and saddle shoes that we had to polish every night. The girls were cool!

What did the boys look like? They had hair! Lots of hair unless they had a crew cut or butch hair cut which they kept in place with butch wax. There was the occasional sideburn. They smelled like Old Spice or Aqua Velva or boy. They wore polo shirts or sweaters and pants that weren't jeans. And shoes and socks. The real cool guys had suede shoes. Some had saddle shoes. The boys were cool!

We have lived through the mini skirts and maxi skirts, Tie-dye, flared pants and bell bottoms, the Disco look, leisure jackets, Pant Suits, the Dress for Success look, Designer Labels, bikinis, Hip Hugger, and Lo Riders. But we were the coolest!

What was life like back in 1958? A few statistics: The world population was approaching three billion. Occasionally someone would attempt to go around Tallmadge Circle the wrong way and not get hurt. Today there are over six billion people on our planet. The annual family income in the United States was \$5,000. The average factory worker earned \$2.08/hr. or \$83.00 a week. There was no minimum wage. If we could get a job that paid \$1.00/hr. we considered ourselves lucky. You could buy four gallons of gasoline for \$1.00 instead of one gallon for \$4.00. The special at McMillan's Grocery Store was "Hamburger ---three pounds for \$1.00. For under \$5.00 you could buy ten pounds of sugar, a loaf of bread, a gallon of milk, a pound of ground coffee, a pound of bacon, a dozen eggs, and three pounds of hamburger. The average price of a home was \$4,650, rent was \$95.00/month and the average price of a new car was \$2,155. The flag had only 48 stars. We were between WWII and the Korean War and "Uncle Sam Wants You" posters were common. A young man could be drafted into the military at age 18 but couldn't vote until age 21. (Elvis began two years of compulsory military service our senior year.) In October of 1957, the Space Age began. Russia launched Sputnik I that weighed 184 lbs and circled the Earth in 95 minutes. In 1958 there was the first successful heart transplant in a dog. BankAmericard, the forerunner of VISA, and American Express debuted. The engineering wonder of the 50s was the cassette tape recorder. We had Polaroid cameras, colored TV, colored film, TV dinners, 45rpm records, 3-speed bicycles, and the Edsel. In 1958 there were only 100 electronic computers in the U.S.A. We were born during the Second Industrial Revolution and by 1958 the Computer Revolution was well on its way bringing us to where we are today -- the Information Age. Personal computers, cell phones, internet, e-mail, i-pods, DVDs, CDs, digital cameras, DSL, and satellite dishes -- no wonder we feel technologically impaired.

What was high school like in 1958? There were three courses of study -- General Studies, Business, and College Preparatory. For example, depending on your career goals, you would choose either General Math, Business Math, or Algebra. There were many clubs and activities you could participate in. These included Student Council, National Honor Society, Annual Staff, Commercial Club, Art Club, Senior Y-Teen, Senior Hi-Y, Blue-Gold Parade, Latin Club, Dramatics Club, Youth for Christ, Future Homemakers of America (F.H.A.), T-Club, Girl's Athletic Club (G.A.A.), Science Club, Aviation Club, National Forensic League (N.F.L.), and the Future Teachers of America (F.T.A.). Some of us were in the Glee Club or Girl's Chorus. Others were cheerleaders or majorettes of in the band. The real heroes were the

athletes -- especially the football players. And the more activities you were in, the more times your picture got in the yearbook!

There were no drug-sniffing dogs or police officers in our school. Our drug of choice was Midol and in a very few cases nicotine. We didn't JUST SAY NO or join SADD - Students Against Destructive Decisions. We had a Fun vs. Vandalism assembly around Halloween but that was as bad as it got. There were no body piercings or tattoos, no SAT or ACT scores, no co-ed gym, no co-ed home ec. or shop, no vocational schools, gay meant happy, and Driver's Ed was a high school course taken on a stick shift 1957 Chevy with a clutch. One of our favorite expressions was "Go Blow Your Jets". We didn't complain about the school lunches or have food fights. School was safe. It was fun. And we took it seriously;. It was our home away from home. It was where our friends were. It was where our teachers were. It was where we were preparing for a better life. School was our "Key to the Future".

We had pep rallies and bonfires, majorettes and cheerleaders, and cheers. "Victory, victory is our cry V-I-C-T-O-R-Y Can we do it? Well I guess. We're out to fight for THS. Yeah Team "Be Calm Be Cool Be Collected" "Blue and Gold Fight Fight Blue and Gold Fight Fight Who fight? We fight Blue and gold Fight Fight" There was a lot of team spirit and school spirit. Although we didn't win very many football games we could usually beat Stow and never beat Ellet. Until that one eventful Saturday afternoon away game where Bill Boyland completed a pass near the end zone and ran the ball across the finish line and we won! We were so excited! The teammates carried Bill around on their shoulders, and all the players who hadn't played and had white uniforms rolled around in the mud to get their uniforms dirty. We were cool!

Our local hangouts were Lujan's and the Dog House on Tallmadge circle and Sperry's Restaurant a little ways up on West Ave. We liked to get cones and sundaes at the Dairy Queen too. We loved cheeseburgers, French fries, and chocolate milkshakes, and the juke box. We had to go to east Akron to get pizza which was just becoming popular. The old Bumpas Drug Store had a fountain where you could get sodas and cherry cokes. Occasionally we would go to the East Drive-In to see a movie, to Tallmadge Lanes to bowl, or the Tallmadge Springs of Maca park to swim and picnic. Our lives were so filled up with school-related things that we didn't really have much time to just hang out or go cruising with our friends. Some of us had jobs after school or on weekends our Junior and Senior years. Our lives were filled with school, work, church, and family. We were good kids!

We told knock-knock jokes and moron jokes. Knock-knock. Who's there? Terrify. Terrify who? Terrify tissue? Ha Ha How many morons does it take to change a light bulb? Six -- one to hold the light bulb and five to turn the ladder he is standing on. Ha Ha I recently heard a variation on the light bulb joke. How many men does it take to change a light bulb? One. He just stands there and the world revolves around him Ha Ha or how many teenagers does it take to change a light bulb? Same answer. Ha Ha We have lived the Pollock jokes, elephant jokes, and Blonde jokes. What is a dead blonde in a closet called? Last year's winner of the hide-and-seek contest. Ha Ha We were never accused of being politically incorrect but I suppose at times we were.

We had great movies like The Fly, the Incredible Shrinking Man, Gigi, Vertigo, Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, Auntie Mame, Bridge over the River Kwai and The Blob. We had the Everly Brothers, Pat Boone, Conway Twitty, and Elvis Presley. We had songs like All Shook Up, Jailhouse Rock, The Purple People Eater, Wake Up Little Susie, Peggy Sue and Bye Bye Love. And we danced rock and roll at sock hops. We have lived through Rhythm and Blues, Alternative, folk, Country/Western, Heavy Metal, Hip Hop, and Rap (I call it rap crap) but there is a Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, OH. We were so cool!

I'm sure there is still "room at the top". We didn't set the world on fire but we contributed in many positive ways. We are responsible for producing and parenting many wonderful people that we added to the world. We worked hard and each of us contributed positively in his or her own unique way. We would like to think that we left the world a better place because we were in it, that we did more good than harm, and that we will be thought of well when we are gone, maybe even missed a little.

Let's go back to the evening of May 29, 1958. We are in the auditorium/gymnasium of the old middle school. We are about to realize our dream come true -- graduation from Tallmadge High School. Our families and friends were so proud of us! We are singing our Alma Mater and praising Tallmadge High with true hearts. We are honoring our school with faith and loyalty. We are pledging devotion and holding her standards high. School day memories will never die; our school days and years at Tallmadge High will be held dear. Once more we pledge our devotion.

I would like to leave you with this quote from Dr. Seuss. "Don't cry because it is over. Smile because it happened."

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 provided by June King March (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.

Chris introduced Susan Basco Cirner, who represented the 25 year Class of 1982.

The Twenty-Five Year Report (1983) was given by Susan Basco Cirner.

I suspect when other people stand up here to speak they talk about how things have changed since they went to school here. I look around and have to admit that things are pretty much the same as they were 25 years ago. Certainly the whole technology aspect has changed dramatically. No longer are courses such as shorthand or typing offered to students. And if someone had told me back in 1983 that most kids would have their own personal phones I would have found that very hard to believe. But aside from changes such as those, I look around and see an environment that is very familiar. The places are the same, only the names have been changed. Our football games were played out on the same field as today, it just wasn't call Rosiaky Stadium. Mr. Rosiaky was still our athletic director. Same with the baseball field. Dave Young was still coaching. This room was simply known as the Hexagon room. It wouldn't become the Les Bennett Center until many years later. There are teachers still working hard 25 years later to bring the same quality education to students that taught me.

But this will be the last time someone will be able to stand up here and discuss how things have stayed the same. Come August, the move to the beautiful new high school will bring many changes as it did back in 1959 when this building was brand new. The graduate that is here tonight will not be able to speak about how things were very similar as they will be 25 years from now. An exciting era is about to begin that will provide a generation with an entirely different set of memories.

I hope the students that attend the new high school are able to experience as many wonderful memories as I did 25 years ago. Some of the top ones were the "kick" by Gier Siem against Ravenna in football that helped us share in the conference title after many losing seasons, our undefeated regular basketball season that ended in the tournament to Walsh and our participation in the 7-Up Spirit Contest which was a week

of fun and games along with an actual crowning of a 7-UP king and queen. There were first dates, getting a driver's license, bleacher bums and broads, dances and graduation. The memory of not watching the news or worrying about politics. The memory of being carefree. The day to day activities are what really build your memories. Hanging out with friends, studying for tests, the drama that goes on in everyone's life that helps shape the person they are to become. But the people make the memories and I was very fortunate to know so many good people. I still have many friends from high school and these are friendships I cherish. Many people tend to be close with their college friends but not me. Our class was very special. And as we have grown up in the last 25 years, we have had many successes come from the class of 1983. We have several doctors, nurses, entrepreneurs, truckers, police officers, educators, attorneys, engineers, graphic designers and any other occupation you can think of.

Although the building will change, the experience of any graduating senior is universal. I'm sure the graduates of today have the same hope and anxieties that I had as I prepared to begin my adult life. Facing the unknown and leaving a place you have called home for the past 4 years is unsettling. But a new chapter is about to begin and along with that comes excitement.

My husband, who is not from here, likes to refer to Tallmadge as a cult. It seems where ever we go we run into someone that has some sort of connection to Tallmadge. Since one of the definitions of a cult is "a group or sect bound together by veneration of the same thing, person, ideal, etc." I guess that he isn't that far off. So consider yourselves all members of a very special cult. Even my husband has become an honorary member by marriage.

Thank you all for allowing me to say a few words here tonight. And in closing I would just like to say goodbye to this building that holds a special place in my life. I hope the middle school kids treat her well!

Chris introduced Mitch Cochran who welcomed the Class of 2008.

Good Evening – My name is Mitch Cochran and I would like to introduce our speaker for this evening.

Ben graduated from Tallmadge High School with the Class of 2008 and was the Salutatorian. Ben received the Manhood Award for the Class of 2008. During his years at Tallmadge High School he was the President of the National Honor Society, he was the Secretary of his Senior Class, he was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Leaders in Action, the Robotics Club, Show Choir, School Choir and Academic Challenge. He was the leader of the T-Mac Men's Acapella Choir and he took part in the drama and musical productions at Tallmadge High School. Ben was recognized as a Distinguished Scholar at Tallmadge High.

Ben volunteered at the Human Society, Haven of Rest, Red Cross, the Food Bank and Relay for Life and assisted with the Lion's Club Spaghetti Dinners.

Ben plans to attend the University of Akron and study Electrical Engineering and Music.

I am proud to introduce to you my son, Ben Cochran.

Representing the Class of 2008 was Ben Cochran.

Good Evening. As my dad said I am Ben Cochran, a very recent graduate of Tallmadge High School, and tonight I have the privilege of representing my fellow classmates of the graduating class of 2008. I am so happy to be a part of this class, because of the amazing accomplishments of my fellow classmates. We

are a group of athletes, musicians, actors, artists, scholars and leaders and I'm sure that we will be representing Tallmadge well in the years to come.

Let me first say that I originally had no idea how very historic this organization is, but upon being asked to speak tonight I did some digging and found out that this is the 129th annual meeting and that the first meeting took place with a class of eight graduates in 1879. The first meeting minutes to be taken were for the meeting of 1889 and no other alumni association in the United States has been meeting longer.

This reflects greatly upon the traditions that Tallmadge City Schools keeps. For the first time, in the class of 2008 we had a sixth generation graduate, Mr. Justin Deemer. His family graduates go back to some of the first classes at THS. Of the other 206 graduates in the class of 2008, 42 were decedents of other Tallmadge Alumni.

This year the class of 2008 graduates continue, to uphold the tradition of pursuing education at higher institutions after graduation, putting their Tallmadge education to the test. This year 91% of my classmates will attend a 4-year college or 2-year trade school. Of those graduates, 52% will be staying close to home by attending the University of Akron or that other one . . . I think its called Kent or something like that. The other college-bound graduates have chosen institutions ranging from The University of Southern California in the west, our valedictorian, Ian Manka's choice, all the way to our All-Suburban League quarterback, Patrick Pakan's decision of Brown University in the east. Between them are 36 other choice colleges for this year's graduating class. One of my fellow graduates, Stephen Haury, has been accepted to attend the Naval Academy at Annapolis. Steve also was the only one in my class to have perfect attendance all 4 years. So I guess being here paid off for him. Before we graduated we were part of some pretty outstanding activities here at high school.

Just recently, in May, our student-run Relay for Life Team, run by Leaders In Action, chaired by Dana Crawford, Jessica Orlando and myself, raised the most money yet to be raised in the 5 year history of our team -- over \$6,800 to be used for cancer research and support, qualifying us for the Gold banner. We also kept up the tradition of blowing the teacher team out of the water. They raised almost \$3,000.

Student Senate, being the machine that it is, was able to raise \$9,000 for its Christmas Families Program. Each year that I've been here the goal has risen, and so has the final result. This year the Haven of Rest awarded the Student Senate and Mr. Chaff its highest honor: The Good Samaritan Award. Student Senate also helped the American Red Cross to collect over 200 pints of blood this year, for which they awarded us scholarship money to be given to a graduating senior.

Other extracurricular have also had a successful year: the Academic Challenge team was the runner up in the Summit County Tournament, the Art Club, under the Presidency of Kim Coffman, planned and built a "Legacy Sculpture", a giant metal tree on which will hang leaves and birds on which the club's members enameled their names. This sculpture will stand outside the new high school to remind everyone of the successes here at the former THS. These successes are far and wide at the high school.

The Tallmadge High School band qualified to compete at the state marching band competition for the 4th year in a row, bringing home an excellent rating. The marching, concert and jazz bands attended the Heritage Music Festival where all were awarded the Silver Award. The combined Tallmadge bands were awarded the Heritage Festival Sweepstakes trophy for the highest combined performance averages of scores at the festival. Jon Lampley was awarded the Maestro award for his jazz solo at the competition. Jon will be training with "The Best Damn Band in the Land" at The Ohio State University this summer

and hope to one day “dot the i.” If you’ve ever met Jon you know that it’s going to happen, it’s just a question of when.

The Tallmadge High School choir attended the Music in the Parks competition in May and performed a winter and spring concert during the year. Also, for the first time we were invited to sing the national anthem at an Akron Zips basketball game, where the audio technician aiding us was also a Tallmadge graduate and choir alumni.

The theater program here at THS had another great year with performances of *Get Smart* with senior Adam Prulhiere as Agent Maxwell Smart in the fall. This spring the drama department presented the musical *Grease* for two weekends and a combined total of six performances, five of which were completely sold out, by the way.

Other events involving the community included Athletic programs of course. The Blue Devil football team tied for 1st in the league with its 10-2 season. Four seniors, Aaron Donze, Collin Haben, Jesse Hobbel and Patrick Pakan, were named All-Suburban from the team. The men’s tennis team had one of its best season’s ever, finishing with a record of 15-3 and was ranked 3rd in the Suburban league. The men’s basketball team finished with a record of 14-6 and was ranked 2nd in the Suburban league. Senior, Jon Lampley was named all-suburban. Both the Blue Devil baseball and softball teams finished 1st in the league and the baseball team graduated two all-suburban athletes, Jon Campriana and Ryan Mace.

As is Tallmadge style, extra-curricular activities provided great highlights of the year, but did not interfere with our Excellent-rated academics. Tallmadge High School qualified 4 National Merit Scholars this year, Jon Lampley, Scott Hovest, Ian Manka and Kevin Shaffer due to their outstanding standardized testing scores. Our average testing scores in Tallmadge on both the ACT and SAT were above state and nation-wide averages this year in all areas, but were highest above average in mathematics. The class of 2008 has also earned more than \$600,000 in scholarships from colleges and universities across the country and here in Ohio. Tallmadge education has continued to prove its worth.

It is this education and background of involvement in school that I will take to the Honors College at The University of Akron, and my other classmates will take with them this fall. I feel prepared and excited to enter collegiate academics, because of the preparations I have received in Tallmadge City Schools. Thank you for allowing me to speak to you this evening about the activities and academics that have prepared me for college and life beyond. As a part of the very last class graduating from this high school of 48 years, I am proud to call myself a Blue Devil and Tallmadge Alumni. Thank You.

The Memorial Report was given by JoAnn Stem Wood (1948). Since our last meeting we have lost 37 members and 2 teachers.

Memorial

I’d like to leave the memory of me
 To be a happy one,
 I’d like to leave an afterglow of smiles
 When life is done.
 I’d like to leave an echo of whispering
 Softly down the ways,
 Of happy times and laughing times

And Bright and sunny days,
 I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
 To dry before the sun
 Of happy memories that I leave
 When life is done.

Since the Alumni Banquet in 2007 we have lost to the great creator:

Class	Name	Age	Date of Death
1933	Mae Banks Walker	92	October 8, 2007
1941	Howard W. Atwood	85	April 1, 2008
	Robert E. Ripley	85	May 29, 2008
1942	Lois Everhart Schuld	82	September 5, 2008
1943	Helen Wolcott Barclay	83	August 29, 2007
	Harriet Kautz Gomoll	82	May 20, 2008
	Otto H. Gomoll	83	May 28, 2008
	Evelyn McFann Pribonic	81	February 1, 2007
1945	Wilbur A. Ripley	79	December 18, 2007
	Barbara Shuman Richards	81	February 10, 2008
1948	Mike DeChant	77	August 10, 2007
	Richard A. Hughes	78	August 25, 2007
1949	Chester A. Rankin	76	October 29, 2007
	Diane Littrell Williams	76	February 19, 2008
1950	Lewis Hatfield	77	July 26, 2007
1951	Barbara Weaver Bloom	73	October 5, 2007
1952	Robert G. Henderson	74	March 22, 2008
1953	Charles E. Jackson	72	July 12, 2007
1954	Michael L. Hersek	70	November 21, 2007
1957	Melinda Twney Fry	69	April 21, 2008
1959	James R. Ryan	66	September 27, 2007
1962	Gerald N. Gray	63	January 25, 2008
1963	Michael Lezak	62	October 7, 2007
1964	Sandra Lanum Phillip	61	December 24, 2007
	Gary Lynn Hall	61	April 2, 2008
1965	Marilyn J. Schultz	61	May 1, 2008
1966	James P. Baranecky	58	June 20, 2007
1970	Ruth Digman Faiss	55	November 22, 2007
1972	Ronald Carroll	53	August 2, 2007
1973	Wm. D. Shearer	52	June 26, 2007
	William Blatt	52	July 19, 2007
	Robert A. Abshire	55	September 9, 2007
1976	Dale H. Musick	49	July 25, 2007
1977	Robert K. Flee	49	November 27, 2007
1978	Earl T. Welch	47	March 24, 2008
1979	James F. Kilonsky	46	January 13, 2008
1980	Douglas F. Ward	45	September 18, 2007
1991	Wilbur "Tony" W. Thompson	36	December 6, 2007

Teachers John A. Mensch 92 Teacher/Principal, retired 1977 and Dr. Nan Bissell age 61 Junior High Teacher.

JoAnn M. Stem Wood 1948

There was no unfinished business.

New Business: Your Tallmadge Alumni Association needs help! Chris asked for more/new volunteers to help with different committees. The same group of people have been serving on the committees for many years and would like to retire. Sign up sheets were provided. Some of the committees include: Events, Update our Constitution, Website/Newsletter. Volunteer your time or expertise. Alumni were encouraged to tell friends and family who graduated from Tallmadge High School about the Alumni Association and ask them to join and participate.

The two winners of the Tallmadge Alumni Association Heritage Scholarship are Kevin Bowman and Jesse Hobbel

Alumni members can now receive information by email! Please sign up – it will help reduce postage costs.

Special thanks to Sue Wood Yeager, Anne Maddox, AA Blueprint, Horning's Catering and to all who donate their time and talents.

Tallmadge Alumni members sang the Alma Mater and as there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next banquet will be June 6, 2009.

This banquet will be held at the new High School.

Submitted this 7th day of June, 2008.

COMMUNICATIONS

Having surgery May 30th. Don't think I can attend dinner. Sorry. Have a great time. Irene Baer Brandt (1959)

Sorry I cannot make it this year – our granddaughter has a dance recital in Michigan on that day. We wish you all health and happiness and we will see next year. Peggy Simpson Linnen (1956)

Another year of regrets that I can't make it to Ohio and the alumni banquet. Old age is curtailing our travel. Greetings to all and I'll miss being with you. Marie Harmon Geisinger (1944)

Greetings from Virginia Beach, VA.. We had hoped to be able to attend the alumni this year as it is Katy's 70th, but situations have come up that make the trip unadvisable at this time. However, we would be happy to hear from any members of our class of 1936 and 1938. The Emmitt family has a long connection with the alumni. My father was a member of the class of 1901, my brother Jim and I both graduated from Tallmadge High as did Katy and our three children and two of our grandchildren. Two of our great grandchildren now attend Tallmadge Schools. Best wishes for a great meeting. Katy and Dick Emmitt dkemit@verizen.net

Sorry to miss again, but to many things this year. Best wishes to the class of 2008. Les Pletcher (1945)

Sorry we won't be able to make it this year. Hoping to make it next year, we are spending our summer in Custin, SD. Our best to all grads. Audrey (1949) and Mel (1947) Woerz

I will not be in Ohio this summer, so I'll miss the alumni banquet. I enclose my annual dues and look forward to the news from Tallmadge. I think of the school and my fellow 1954 graduates with fondness. I've lived in Florida for 48 years but Tallmadge is still home. Marjorie Jones Knapp (1954)

Unable to attend reunion. Barbara Huber Dearie (1953)

Congratulations and best of luck to the THS class of 2008! My brother, Jim Bailey's class of 1958 is being honored at the alumni dinner this year. Wish I could be there, but will be unable to attend. I know it will be a lovely evening. Mary Ann Bailey Anzallo (1952)

Congratulations to the class of 2008. Donna Zurschmit Beard (1951)

Sorry - Unable to attend. I'll be thinking of everyone - have fun. Joanne McCulloh Weber (1955)

Sorry, I will not be attending this year, but send greetings to all alumni on their 129th anniversary. Nancy Anderson Pancoast (1952)

I'm unable to attend this year. Please send my congratulations to my brother Ross's class of 1958 on their 50th anniversary reunion. Beverly Mittiga Buckeye (1956)

We regret that we can not attend the banquet this year. Perhaps another year. Sandra Rankin Dahman (1960)

Unable to attend. June Pearce Davis (1945)

Unable to attend due to medical condition of my wife. Very active with all the Veterans Organizations of North Georgia as the Finance Officer. I conduct some 100 military funeral ceremonies per year for our departed comrades, as well as the 55 regular meetings of the organizations per year. We also provide "Ice Cream Socials" on a monthly basis at the two local nursing homes and conduct ceremonies at our Fannin County Veterans Memorial Park for all the National Holidays. I certainly would like to see everyone again. George Pletcher (1951)

I'm looking forward to seeing you on June 14. Tell your friends & neighbors about my new book. "Leadership Insights" By Rex Houze (1959)

CRUISEONE -Your Local Independent Cruise Specialist. Dan Lupton (1955) dlupton@cruiseone.com

Each year we send (or have sent till this year) our reservations to you our grateful thanks travel along with the check. Our thoughts were with you all last Saturday. Thank you so much for all that you do to keep the "Alumni" on its track. It is a treasure to so many. Marjorie Lawrence Hennninge (1943)

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

1936 - Jean Uhl Sylvester

- 1941 - Alberta Crossen Bauch
Harry Bost
Dorothy Metcalf Garritano
- 1943 - Juanita McMillian Donald
Faith Wagner Hause
Jane Shuman Huth
Donald Jones
Kay Holt Ragle
- 1944 - Margaret Orr Bumpas
Donald Dean
Gertrude Scherer
Karl Starks
Ileana Crites Williams
- 1945 - Betty J. Heiser Dean
Robert E. Detweiler
Donald A. Williams
- 1946 - Wilma Sheppard Beatty
Bruce Detweiler
Alice Wade Gallo
Shirley LeCount Kalbaugh
James D. Kinney
Margaret Ilg Mitran
- 1947 - Robert C. Alexander
Shirley Sanford Booth
Melvin R. Metclaf
Adam "ED" Micheli
- 1948 - Dorothy Atwood Alexander
Mary L. Brinkerhoff-Vasbinder
Helen R. Butler
John (Jack) F. Cochran
Brian Detweiler
Catherine Cate Detweiler
Maxine Hoke Metcalf
Gene Riddle
Alvin E. Sayre
Beryl Vandersall
JoAnn Stem Wood
Richard N. Wood
- 1949 - Carolyn Atwood Mackey
- 1950 - Violet B. Kerns Gerken
- 1950 - Elizabeth Jacobs Griffith
Barbara Ragle Lucak
Mary Ledgerwood Riddle
Marion Parks Schopper
Marcene Riddle Scyoc
Norma Oxford Shaffer
James C. Wharton
Paul F. Zurschmit
- 1951 - Dolores Seckman Baldwin
Mary Metcalf Bennett
Carl Miller
Joan Smith
- 1952 - James E. McGuire
- 1953 - Lois Symons Crossen
Dorothy Bond Dittmer
John Doecker
Rosemarie Mittiga Filing
Dorothy Acken Hicks
Donald Howard
June Sheppard Husk
Gale Stem
Ruth Wolcott Weaver
- 1954 - Eugene Ilg
- 1955 - Iris Detweiler
Barbara Scherer Horvath
Dorothy Fike Ilg
James Johnson
Nancy Heaton Johnson
Pat Booker Keener
JoAnn Aber Stem
Charles Wells
Jean Jackson Whitlock
- 1956 - Charles E. Doecker
Patricia King McGall
- 1957 - Judy Sylvester Avila
Peg Deemer
Deanna Berger Hood
John Tuel
La Verne Henderson Tuel
Karen White Youngblood

1958 - James L. Bailey
 Julia Norton Barker
 Harvey Chaney
 Janice L. Beresh Doepker
 Alice Joan Detweiler Gravel
 Terry Hamrick
 Janice Hysell Horvatic
 Robert A. Horvatic
 Alice Stephan Jacobsen
 Barbara A. Jones
 Sandra Evans Kollar
 Janet Jacobs McCaulley
 Janice Ann Sasanecki Metker
 David Mortimer
 Hope Oxford Paulus
 Thomas Ramey
 Pat Sweeney Robbins
 Juanita Satterly Sciullo
 Charlotte Doepker Stock
 Carolyn Riddle Wallace

1959 - Mary Schuster Davis
 James Gary Metcalf
 Margie Saylor Metcalf
 Pat Pifel Pander
 Ronald L. Smith

1960 - Gene Fischer
 Daisy Ilg Scalia
 John Scalia

1961 - Howard J. Williams

1963 - Mary Black Overholt
 Sandy Herstich Williams

1966 - Linda Arnes Melia

1969 - Virgil "Butch" Arnes

1970 - James Andrews

1971 - Chris Bauch
 Judy Wood Ripple

1972 - Cynthia K. Soulier Metcalf
 Mark D. Metcalf

1973 - Suzanne Naso Bauch
 Marilyn Smith Locke

1975 - Clifford B. Yeager

1977 - Karen Scyoc Green

1979 - Russ Ilg

1982 - Elizabeth "Beth" Wood

1983 - Eileen R. Morgan Arrington
 Susan Basco Cirner
 Patty McNeal Hartshorn

1986 - Kyle A. Klever

1989- Clifford Horvath

MEMBERS PAYING DUES BUT UNABLE TO ATTEND

1934 - Caroline Banks Acken
 June King Marsh
 Myrtle Smith Tenney

1936 - Richard Emmitt
 Rachel Yount Horton

1938 - Beatrice Watts Acken
 Kathryn Eickleberry Emmitt

1939 - Ellis W. King

1940 - Francis Cooper
 Sally Yount Emerick
 Hilda Crites King
 Jo Ilg Patterson
 Mary Haney Wilson

1941 - Irene Clemmo Grames
 Richard C. Vannoy

1942 - Jean Point Call
 Jean Jones Cockrell

- 1943 - Billie Orr Hart
Marjorie Lawrence Henninge
William B. Shreve
- 1944 - Ward A. Clemmo
Robert M. Cochran
Marie Harmon Geisinger
Frances Parks Ripley
- 1945 - Jean Mallory Brooks
June Pearce Davis
Leslie Pletcher
- 1946 - Viola Bloom Mecke Phd
Donald Richards
- 1947 - Marian W. Charles
Bill Williams
Melvin W. Woerz
- 1948 - Brady Burns
Vincent Hoffman
Emylie Fohner Odom
Natalia Olesky Rzewnicki
Paul F. Thorn
Richard Vydra
- 1949 - John Cossin
LaVonne Gomoll Dodge
Paul Hawkins
Ruth Wheatley Stephan
Audrey Jones Woerz
- 1950 - Jeanette Leigh Hintz
Irma Shephard Zema
- 1951 - Sarah Jones Bennett
Paul Hersek
Margaret Priest Legg
George D. Pletcher
Lowell Ripley
Richard S. Smith
Karl Stevenson
Fay Seevers Wharton
- 1952 - Mary Ann Bailey Anzallo
Nancy Anderson Pancoast
- 1953 - Lynn Burks
- 1953 - Barbara Huber Dearie
Donald Faught
Donald Freed
Janet Wheatley Lawley
Evelyn Keck Scott
Doris A. Swartz
- 1954 - Marjorie Jones Knapp
Norma Woodford Knapp
- 1955 - Karl Hershberger
Kenneth EC Keck
Dan Lupton
Joanne McCulloh Weber
Donald Woerz
- 1956 - Beverly Mittiga Buckeye
Nancy Walters Conley
Roger Crislip
Martha Stephens Gabrosek
Thomas Jones
James E. Kyer
Robert McGall
Norman Phillips
James L. Pittman
Wanda Riddle
Jerry Walters
- 1957 - Paul Hood
Marlene Peebles Radcliff
Richard T. Woerz
- 1958 - Lois Phipps Baltz
John Parks
Jack E. Riley
JoAnn Larch Sawrey
- 1959 - Irene Baer Brandt
Patricia Faught Holland
Rex Houze
- 1960 - Sandra Rankin Dahman
- 1961 - Becky Ferguson Fischer
Les Sackett
Brenda Larch Willmer
- 1962 - Jon D. Houze
- 1963 - Michael Mahaney

1965 - Kathleen Bauch Maddox

1971 - Bill Neitz

1974 - Mary Rzewnicki Cushing
Chris Mackey Farquhar

1975 - Jayne Moore Uzl
Pete Webb

1976 - Terrie Morgan

1977 - Christy Counterman
Karen Mackey Horton
Vickie Westfall Webb

1978 - Chris Jackson Lerch
Linda Rzewnicki Nasuta
Susan Wood Yeager

1980 - Sherri Jacobsen
Edward James Mackey

1982 - Mark C. Hussing

1988 - Anna Jacobsen McCumbers

1990 - Nick Dadich
Rana Manneh Dadich

2000 - Anne Maddox

2001 - Amy Bauch Bauknecht
John Maddox

2003 - Patrick Bauch

2004 - Stephanie Yeager

2006 - Isaac Yeager

2007 - Robyn Yeager

2008 - Entire Class

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 address given.
REMEMBER NOMINATION DOES NOT MEAN INDUCTION, MUST BE VOTED ON BY HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE.

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:

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

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