



2017 ALUMNI REPORT

138th ALUMNI DINNER JUNE 3, 2017

On June 3, 2017, 95 Alumni and guests met for the 138th Annual Alumni Dinner Meeting.

The meeting began with a Social Hour in the gymnasium of Tallmadge Middle School at 5:00 PM with live music by the band, Coach. At 6:00 PM, the dinner, catered by Little City Grill, was served. The menu included Garden Salad, Chicken Piccata, Beef Tips, Vegetable Stir Fry, Rice, Green Beans, Rolls and Butter, and Assorted Cookies. The decorations were the traditional Blue and Gold.

A welcome was given by President Bill Hilbish (1974) which included the introduction of Superintendent of Tallmadge City Schools, Jeff Ferguson, the 2017 officers (1st Vice President, Gayle Bross McMillan (1974); 2nd Vice President, Chuck Byron (1977); Secretary, Mary Rzewnicki Cushing (1974); Treasurer, Chris Freeman-Clark (1977)).



The invocation was given by Chris Freeman-Clark. After dinner, the Annual Meeting was called to order by Bill Hilbish and the 2016 minutes were approved.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer, Chris Freeman-Clark (1977):

TREASURER'S REPORT – DECEMBER 31, 2016

Balance carried forward from 12/31/15:	\$5,214.79
Income:	
Dinners	\$1,552.50
Dues	\$1,721.50
Donations	\$1,180.00
P.O. Box refund	\$165.00
Total Income:	\$4,619.00
Expenditures:	
Post Office Box	\$220.00
Scholarships - 3 @ \$750	\$2,250.00
Arrangements Committee	\$500.00
Caterer	\$1,152.50
Apples	\$72.00
Entertainment	\$200.00
Circle Fest Vendor Fee	\$50.00
Alumni expenses	\$779.23
Total Expenses:	\$5,223.73
Balance on hand as of 12/31/16:	\$4,610.06

There being no additions or corrections, the Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted. Bill Hilbisch noted that a donation of \$100 received from Taqueria La Loma on Darrow Road in Akron was much appreciated.



Bill Hilbisch then welcomed Superintendent of Tallmadge City Schools, Jeff Ferguson, who, in turn, welcomed the Alumni with an update on Tallmadge City Schools during the past year.

Recognition of 50-Year Class:

Bill Hilbish then introduced the representative of the 50-year class:

Our next order of business is recognition of our 50- year class, the Class of 1967. Presenting for that class is Pamela Smith Hood. Pamela was Class President her senior year at Tallmadge High. She went on to obtain her Bachelor of Science in Education from Ohio University. Pamela taught at Tallmadge for 3 years before obtaining her Master’s degree from Kent State University. Since 1994, she has been the Superintendent with Champion Local schools in Trumbull County. Please join me in providing a warm welcome for Class of 1967 President, Pamela Hood.



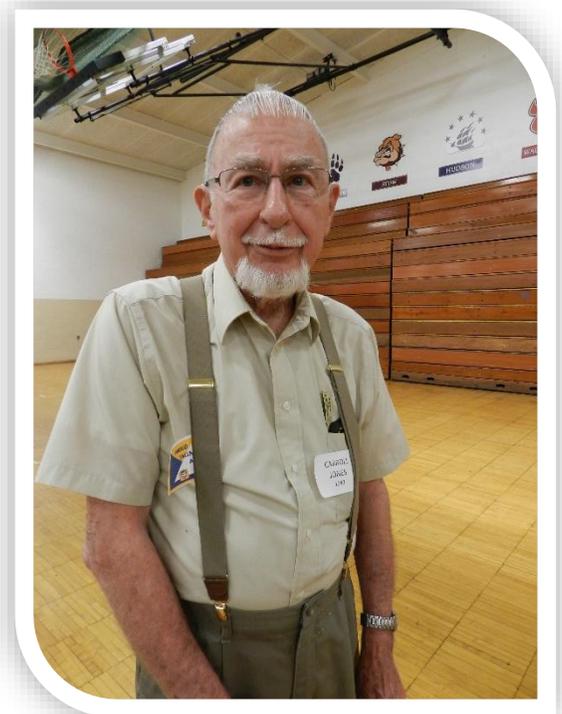
Class of 1967 Report:

Pam Hood provided an entertaining retrospective of the Class of 1967 with a slide show of pictures from the yearbook. We learned that on every picture of Pam, her mother had written her name! Slide topics were:

1. Board of education
2. Administration
3. Student leadership
4. Class officers- all women -decade before jeans
5. Future homemakers of America
6. Other Unique clubs
7. Technology- lack of
8. Toilet paper- wild times
9. Pep club- over the top school spirit
10. Football team
11. Letterman club
12. Leadership corps- YMCA
13. Majorettes
14. More school spirit over the top
15. Dances
16. Graduation
17. Stop and remember: Class '67
18. Faculty celebrates

50-Year Pin Presentation/Recognition of Golden Agers

Mary Cushing then presented the 50-year pins to members of the Class of 1967 and recognized all Golden Agers in attendance, including a representative of the 75-year Class of 1942, Carroll Jones, oldest alumni in attendance. Golden Agers are the 50-year class and older.



Recognition of the 25-Year Class:

Bill Hilbish acknowledged that the Class of 1992 is celebrating its 25th year, but announced that as there were no representatives in attendance, there would not be a remembrance from that class.

Welcome of Graduating Class:

Chuck Byron then introduced the 2017 Class representative:

It is my honor to officially welcome the Class of 2017 to the Tallmadge High School Alumni Association.

Representing the Class of 2017 is Sneha Srinivasan. Sneha was Senior Captain of the Soccer Team. She was a member of Leaders in Action, Robotics Club and Marching Band. Sneha will be attending Ohio State University, going into the engineering honors program. Service and Volunteerism is a big part of her life and she plans on continuing with this in the future.



Please welcome the representative for the Class of 2017, Sneha Srinivasan.

Response by Class of 2017:

Thank you, Mr. Byron, and as he said my name is Sneha Srinivasan and I am an officer for the class of 2017. Unfortunately, the President, Vice President, and both other officers happen to be on vacation right now. It looks like you're stuck with me- and honestly, my name is the hardest to pronounce- so sorry about that!

The class of 2017 is yet another successful class from this district. Our motto for football this year was "Together We," but these words don't just apply to football. They apply to this class as a whole, and the way that we have learned to do things together and support each other every step of the way.

Academically, this class had one of the most competitive Top Tens in a long while. In fact, the final list was announced the day before graduation. And the top four of us were within a hundredth of a point from each other- we didn't know who the valedictorian was until Wednesday. Not only did this class excel academically, but both athletically and in the arts as well.

Our volleyball team was second in the district. The XC team had a freshman runner advance to States this year, which was phenomenal. Both the boys' and girls' soccer teams advanced to district semifinals, with the girls going undefeated for the first 13 or so games. They also graduated ten seniors. Track once again had several individuals competing at districts, including two seniors- one of which is for sure advancing to states. Our baseball team won districts, and our softball team came in second. What was more remarkable, however, was the fact that the softball district final game also occurred on the day of graduation, with several of those seniors rushing to EJ Thomas to make it in time for the ceremony. And for all of these sports, the student section came too. They traveled across the state sometimes just to maintain the reputation as one of the best student sections around.

As for the arts, the THS Blue Devil Marching Band once again advanced to state finals, where they earned an excellent rating. As for theater, as our president has said, they make Broadway look silly, as they performed Grease for the spring musical and 1984 for the fall play.

All in all, the most remarkable accomplishment? Together we even beat cancer!

The Class of 2017 has grown together beautifully, and as we continue on with our lives I'm sure we will continue to do so. But I also know that we will remember our roots here in Tallmadge, and we are lucky to be a part of the alumni association here. Once again, thank you very much for your time; it has been an honor to help carry on this rich Tallmadge tradition.

Bill Hilbish then announced that with the inclusion of the 184 members of the Class of 2017, the total number of Alumni who had graduated from Tallmadge High School was 14,987. Bill presented the Class of 2017 table placard to Victoria and asked her to bring classmates from the Class of 2017 to future Alumni dinners.

Memorial:

Mary Cushing then presented the memorial, reading classes and names. This information was included in the program along with class, date of death and age at death which is included here. Also included are names presented to us at the dinner.

MEMORIAL

*We often think of days gone by, when we were all together.
We call their names a final time, our classmates gone forever.*

Since the Alumni Banquet in 2016, we have learned about the loss of these Alumni:

Class	Name	Age	Date of Death		
1940	Mary Haney Wilson	92	September	17	2016
1941	Arlene Patterson McDowell	93	December	16	2016
1943	Willa Orr Hart	91	August	17	2016
1943	Daniel A Jones	92	April	26	2017
1944	Margaret Orr Bumpas	90	October	10	2016
1947	Charles Robert Alexander	86	August	29	2016
1947	Marjorie Starks Palazzo	88	November	22	2016
1948	Richard Vydra		February		2017
1949	Paul Sheppard	86	October	27	2016
1950	James Dearie, Jr	84	August	18	2016
1950	Violet Kerns Gerken	84	January	5	2017
1950	Jack Smith	87	April	24	2017
1950	William Ward, Sr	85	May	26	2017
1952	Gene Bond	82	December	5	2016

1952	Patricia Jackson	82	November	22	2016
1953	Ruth Simovic Wolcott	82	December	5	2016
1954	Donald Locher	79	June	20	2016
1954	Oliver (Bob) Teague	80	July	5	2016
1955	George Buffington	79	December	8	2016
1955	Richard Rodgers	79	November	23	2016
1956	James Deemer	77	July	21	2016
1957	John Doolittle, Jr	78	June	26	2016
1958	Evelyn English Gaskins	76	May	19	2017
1960	Dorothy Denholm Mulhearn	74	November	17	2016
1960	Nancy Hinton Williams	74	April	27	2017
1961	Lyle Griffith	73	July	6	2016
1961	Helen Doepker Smelko	74	December	15	2016
1963	Robert Clark		September	28	2016
1963	Nicholas Codrea, Jr	71	December	18	2016
1963	Terry Ford	71	May	17	2017
1963	Michael Mahaney	71	October	24	2016
1964	Daniel Mullett	70	August	31	2016
1965	Daniel W Jones	69	March	21	2017
1965	Lynne Whorley	69	March	23	2017
1967	Susan Holmes Fritz		October	1	2016
1969	Michael DeSario	67	October	2	2016
1969	Ralph Maione	65	March	20	2017
1970	Cynthia Heiser Rich	64	November	30	2016
1971	Carrie Smith	64	November	3	2016
1974	Janice Proudfoot Shriber	61	February	7	2017
1976	Alan D'Agostine	59	July	27	2016
1979	Russell Eugene Ilg	55	April	1	2017
1980	Amber Lowry Espinosa	53	August	25	2016
1980	Debbie Walker		February	17	2003
1981	James Clem, Jr	53	April	4	2016
1982	Lori Laughard-Perkins	53	April	25	2017
2005	Daniel Blatt	29	June	13	2016
2011	Macie Ott	23	November	14	2016
Teacher	Hilda Claire	89	April	12	2017
Teacher	Roger Siesel	82	September	17	2016
Teacher	Janet Stein	73	June	28	2016

Unfinished Business: There was no Unfinished Business.

New Business: Bill Hilbish reported:

We received a letter from the Principal of Tallmadge High School, announcing the three winners of the 2017 scholarships provided by the Alumni Association. They are: Miranda Drumm, who will be attending the Columbus College of Art & Design; Erin Parsons, who will be attending Bowling Green State University; and, Hailey Phillips, who will be attending Cleveland State University. Each winner was provided a \$750 scholarship. The winners are all children or grandchildren of Tallmadge High School Alumni.

The Alumni Association again plans to have a tent at the Circle Fest on August 19th. Please stop by the tent and say hello. Next year's annual meeting will be held on Saturday, June 2, 2018.

At this time, we would like to tell you about some transitions that are happening to us, the officers. First, Mary Cushing, who served as President for several years and who is currently Secretary, has taken a new job in Indianapolis and has moved there. Second, I'm planning on retiring in the spring and moving to Pensacola, Florida. Third, Gayle McMillan, our 1st VP, is getting herself ready to retire and move to New Orleans. All of that means that at next year's annual meeting, when we elect new officers, the slate will not include Gayle, Mary or me.

We are pleased to say that Chris Freeman-Clark, who is currently Treasurer, has agreed to stand for President. Chuck Byron, who is currently 2nd VP, has agreed to stand for 1st VP.

We plan to find a replacement for Mary as soon as possible since she's out of state now. Additionally, we'll be recruiting to replace me and Gayle on the board. Specifically, we will need a Secretary and a Treasurer. And, ideally, we'd also like to find an Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer, as well.

Gayle and I will take an active role in showing Chris and Chuck and their new recruits the ropes so that there is a smooth transition next June.

I should mention that my timing for retirement is not yet set in stone. It may come before June. If it does, we, the board, plan to appoint Chris as President to fill my unexpired term and then have him stand for the two-year term of President in June.

We just wanted to let you know what's coming down the road in this next year. Gayle, Mary and I have been privileged to be your officers for these last several years. Having worked with Chris and Chuck these last few months, I can tell you that we will leave you in good hands. And, I'm sure they will recruit a great team, as well. If any of you here tonight are interested in joining the team, could you please speak to Chris after the meeting? It's fun. Really!

A 50/50 and door prize raffle was then held with prizes donated by local businesses. Bill Hilbish thanked the sponsors for their donations of cash and gift certificates, Gayle Bross McMillan who donated Tallmadge Alumni tote bags as well as the flower arrangements on the tables, and all attending for their support of the Alumni Association.

After the singing of the Alma Mater, the 138th Annual Meeting of the Tallmadge High School Alumni Association was adjourned.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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| 1942 | Carroll Jones | 1961 | Kenny Anderson | 1974 | Mary Rzewnicki Cushing
Christine Mackey Farquhar
Bill Hilbish
Gayle Bross McMillan
Lisa Smith Mowls
Paul Scyoc
Thomas Shaheen
Sherry Ouellette Wray |
| 1944 | Karl Starks
Ileana Crites Williams | 1962 | Sandi Hill Dietz
Joanne Houger Gray | 1975 | Clifford Yeager |
| 1946 | Bruce Detweiler
Theodora Scott Urban | 1963 | Mary Black Overholt | 1977 | Bev Ball
Terry Steele Boone
Chuck Byron
Chris Freeman-Clark
Kathryn Poole Helmuth
Jackie Stern Ludle |
| 1948 | Helen Reznik Butler
Catherine Cate Detweiler
Gene Riddle
Alvin Sayre
Beryl Vandersall | 1964 | Jack Collins | 1978 | Mike Baker
Linda Rzewnicki Nasuta
Roger Williams
Sue Wood Yeager |
| 1949 | Carolyn Atwood Mackey | 1965 | Susan James Smith | 1986 | Shelley Sir Louis Hargrove
Kyle Klever |
| 1950 | Mary Ledgerwood Riddle
James Wharton
Paul Zurschmit | 1966 | Daniel Firth
Marianne Codrea Grigas
Linda Arnes Melia
Linda Leone Papoi
Don Smith
Flo Grafton Voytek | 2009 | Nick Freeman-Clark |
| 1951 | Dolores Seckman Baldwin
Fay Seevers Wharton | 1967 | Nancy Hause Carmack
Diann Forshey Forsythe
Pamela Smith Hood
Yvonne Acuff Mutchie
Bill Turner | 2016 | Sneha Srinivasan |
| 1952 | Evelyn Morgan | 1968 | John Morgan
Adam Pbrst
Karen Denman Obrst | | |
| 1953 | Cathy Cole Gulosh
Evelyn Keck Scott
Gale Stem | 1969 | Larry Cord | | |
| 1955 | Karl Hershberger
Patricia Booker Keener
Annamae Baer Lewis
JoAnn Aber Stem
Don Woerz | | | | |
| 1956 | William Conley | | | | |
| 1957 | Judy Sylvester Avila
Paul Hood
Richard Mantle
Norman Marik
John Tuel
LaVerne Henderson Tuel | | | | |
| 1959 | Irene Baer Brandt
Phyllis Coleman Jones
Gretchen Kalbaugh Kuhlke
Pat Pifel Pander
Bill Peters
Ronald Smith
William Williamson | | | | |



MEMBERS PAYING DUES BUT UNABLE TO ATTEND:

Class	First Name	Maiden Name	Last Name
1938	Beatrice	Watts	Acken
1939	Ellis		King
1940	Hilda	Crites	King
1942	Jean	Point	Call
1944	Don		Dean
1945	Betty	Heiser	Dean
1949	LaVonne	Gomoll	Dodge
1949	Audrey	Jones	Woerz
1950	Elizabeth	Jacobs	Griffith
1950	Marian	Parks	Schopper
1950	Norma	Oxford	Schaffer
1950	Irma	Shephard	Zema
1951	Sarah	Jones	Bennett
1951	Gloria	Hughes	Gooden
1951	Lowell		Ripley
1951	Joan		Smith
1952	Maryann	Bailey	Anzallo
1952	Patricia	Marik	Eyre
1952	James		McGuire
1955	Kenneth		Keck
1956	Martha	Stephens	Gabrosek
1956	J. Thomas		Jones
1957	Sandra		Taylor
1959	Rebecca	Edwards	Brand
1959	Phillip		Jones
1961	Howard		Williams
1962	Michael		Corathers
1962	Jim		Sisson
1963	Sandra	Herstich	Williams
1965	Diana	Luli	Canada
1970	James		Mallory
1976	Terrie		Morgan
1977	Karen	Mackey	Horton
1980	Edward		Mackey
1983	Eileen	Morgan	Arrington
2014	Natalie		Freeman-Clark



