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149th Annual All Class Reunion Dinner Set for June 17th

ALL C.H.S. ALUMNI INVITED!!!!

The Chardon Alumni Association will host its Annual Alumni Dinner June 17th at St. Mary's Banquet Room, 401 North Street in Chardon. Dinner will be a beef and chicken buffet. This will be a B.Y.O.B. event. Maximum seating is 200 so get your reservation in early so we can plan for your arrival! Early reservations are the key to a happy committee & great reunion! Registration 5:30PM/Dinner 6:30PM

WEBSITE/EMAIL!

SEND US YOUR CLASS LINKS!

Here's a quick summary of what we're trying to do to make things easy for you!

The Alumni Association has a website – www.chardonalumni.org and a Facebook Page.

These sites have been up for over a year and will be improved each year to have more information and links to help you stay in touch with each other and *your* hometown. It is a work in progress as we add new features, links to Facebook and other Chardon alumni/class sites. To save postage & printing costs, **please sign up for email communications**. Printing & postage are the *major expenses*. We are considering going all digital so please sign up! You'll be glad you did!

We have Hall of Fame Nomination Forms, the ability to donate online, purchase dinner tickets online & more!! We need your help keeping the mailing list current. So *please*, when you move or when members of your family who are C.H.S. grads move, how about going to the website and dropping us a line? Here's our email!

Info@chardonalumni.org

VERY SPECIAL REUNION CLASSES INCLUDE:

CLASS OF 1943 – 80 YEARS
CLASS OF 1948 – 75 YEARS
CLASS OF 1953 – 70 YEARS
CLASS OF 1958 – 65 YEARS
CLASS OF 1963 – 60 YEARS
CLASS OF 1968 – 55 YEARS
CLASS OF 1973 – 50 YEARS
CLASS OF 1978 – 45 YEARS
CLASS OF 1983 – 40 YEARS

Chardon alumni classes with upcoming milestone reunions should consider fundraising to benefit Chardon High School or current Chardon graduating seniors for college or trade school. Last year the Class of 1957 raised \$6,000 to use for scholarships. Classes across the country are launching scholarship drives 5-10 years before milestone reunion celebrations. There are lots of creative ideas for fundraising. Perhaps your class has one or more favorite activities you would like to support – music, theater, athletics, science/technology, art, drama...

The Alumni Association is a 501(c)(3) and can serve as the fiscal agent so that donations may be tax deductible and perhaps even matched by an employer. Get us involved and we will be happy to help. E-mail info@chardonalumni.org for details.

ORDER DINNER TICKETS ONLINE AT

www.chardonalumni.org

Please sign up for email at www.chardonalumni.org

Chardon Wins State Baseball Championship!

In June 2022 The Chardon Hilltoppers Baseball team Won the Division II State Championship by beating defending Champs Akron Archbishop Hoban by the score of 8-5. The last year the Toppers had 20 wins was 2018. Their final record was 24-10 record. Chardon last competed for a State Baseball Championship was in 1950 when they made it to the Final Four.

Starting with Spring Training in Myrtle Beach till the last out in June our boys worked hard on developing their skills and bonded as a team. With this Win & the Football Team's Championship in the fall this makes Chardon the 10th team in OHSAA history to win State Championships in two sports in one School year. Stay in touch with Hilltopper sports via the internet! Send us your email address and we'll send you viewing links as they become available!!

Memorabilia Project

Where is your class ring? Recently, some class rings were added to the Alumni memorabilia collection. If your ring has been in a drawer for decades, perhaps you would like it to see the light of day in a display of Chardon High class rings from across the decades. Mail us your ring and we will add it to the display.

Chardon Enrollment Trends

Remember how many were in your class? Here's a list of grade enrollments this year. The "Boom" is over! Kdg. 175, 1st 138, 2nd 204, 3rd 159, 4th 173, 5th 190, 6th 185, 7th 205, 8th 209, 9th 238, 10th 238, 11th 235, 12th 262. With Berkshire getting a new high school, CHS is now the oldest high school building in Geauga County. Cardinal, Kenston, NDCL & West Geauga are all newer.

C.H.S. Alumni Financial Report

Balance on hand 1/1/22 \$63,572.23

TOTAL INCOME

Dinner 3,432.00
Donations 6,760.00
Total Income 10,192.00

EXPENSES

Alumni Dinner 2,493.99
Newsletter & Postage 2,627.59
Post Office 95.60
Scholarships (2022) 7,000.00
501 (c) (3) fee 50.00
CHSAA website costs 113.71
Hall of Fame 980.46
Memorabilia (Inc. Football films) 388.24
Transfer to investment account 45,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES \$58,168.72

Checking Balance on Hand 1/1/23 \$15,014.64

Investment Account 1/1/23 \$43,154.08

Total Balance 1/1/23 \$58,168.72

ENCUMBRANCES FOR 2023

Scholarships (2023) \$4,000.00
Newsletter Printing (2023) \$1,500.00
Alumni Dinner Deposit (2023) \$500.00
Memorabilia Storage \$864.00
HOF & Other \$1,000.00
TOTAL ENCUMBRANCES \$7,864.00

Balance less Encumbrances \$50,304.72

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tom Fazekas @ info@chardonalumni.org

Pres. Bonnie Feigle Clemson '75

VP. Judy Jonke-Thrasher '73

Sec. Debbie Lehmann Chuha '78

Treas. Tom Fazekas '66

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Please sign up for email at www.chardonalumni.org

ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

Each year your association honors alumni who have made a significant contribution after they have graduated (+20 years).

The 2022 Hall of Fame inductees were **Les Peine ('63)**, **Larry Sangrik ('73)**, **Rick Pender ('67)**, and **Will Rosch ('84)**. They were recognized at a Chardon High School football game last fall.

Interesting Websites and e-mail:

info@chardonalumni.org

Chardon Schools – www.chardon.k12.oh.us
www.chardonalumni.org
www.chardonathletics.org
www.highschoolalumni.com
www.chardonschoolsfoundation.org
www.geaugatv.org

Facebook-Chardon Alumni Association, Inc.
G-TV - School News
The New HD Chardon Square Cam!
Classmates.com (3,100+ CHS Alums!)

NONPROFIT CHARITY STATUS

The Chardon High School Alumni Association received nonprofit, 501 (C 3) status from the Internal Revenue Service in 2019. Prior to that determination, we incorporated the Association with the Ohio Secretary of State. Our main charitable purposes are memorabilia preservation and academic scholarships for CHS graduates. With these steps completed, your donation to the Association is tax deductible to the extent your individual tax filing situation permits.

150th CHARDON COMMENCEMENT

Chardon High School's 150th Commencement is set to take place at Chardon Memorial Field on May 27th (1PM). The event will be live streamed by G-TV. The streaming link will be available on the Alumni, School District and G-TV websites. Alums are welcomed to watch!

Check our website for more current news when it is available. The Class of 1973 will be honored that day. Where was *your* graduation? Park Auditorium, the old CHS Football Field, Lakeland, Front Row or Mentor?

DON'T LET THIS BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER IF YOU WANT A NEWSLETTER NEXT YEAR, PLEASE FILL OUT AND MAIL BACK THIS FORM

To keep our mailing list current, we must hear from you! Please RSVP by June 5th.

Name _____ Year graduated _____

Address Correction _____

City _____ State ____ Zip Code _____

Your **email address** please! _____

Check Here _____ **to request email copy of Newsletter/help reduce printing/postage costs**

Please reserve _____ Dinners @ \$45.00 ea. Total - \$ _____

I would like to make a Donation to the Chardon Alumni Association \$ _____

Preferred use of donation ___ General Funds ___ Scholarship ___ Memorabilia Preservation
___ Other (Please specify _____)

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**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
MAJOR DONORS in 2022**

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ALUMNI GENEROUSITY

With the help of the C.H.S. Guidance Department and Auburn Career Center, the Alumni Association and the Class of 1957 presented \$1000 scholarships to graduating seniors. The 2022 scholarship recipients for college or trade school were:

Olivia Nelson (college)
Jack Horton (college)
Ethan Gaspar (college)
Julia Gray (college)
Audrey Nelson (college)
Charlotte Kurtz (trade school)
Tim Actman (trade school)

Thanks to YOUR support, we anticipate increasing the size of scholarships in future years!

**CLASS REUNION CONTACT
INFORMATION**

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