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150th Annual All Class Reunion Dinner Set for June 15th

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

The Chardon Alumni Association will host its Annual Alumni Dinner June 15th 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 will help you stay in touch with each other and *your* hometown. We have Hall of Fame Nomination Forms, the ability to donate online, purchase dinner tickets online & more!!

If your class is planning a reunion now or in future years, the Alumni Association has a database with names and contact information for all Chardon graduates. We need your help keeping that database 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 1944 – 80 YEARS
CLASS OF 1949 – 75 YEARS
CLASS OF 1954 – 70 YEARS
CLASS OF 1959 – 65 YEARS
CLASS OF 1964 – 60 YEARS
CLASS OF 1969 – 55 YEARS
CLASS OF 1974 – 50 YEARS
CLASS OF 1979 – 45 YEARS
CLASS OF 1984 – 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 1966 started taking donations for their 60th reunion in two years. Alumni from other schools 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
[Alumni Dinner Reservation Site](#)**

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). This year the Hall of Fame inductees will be honored at the Alumni Dinner.

The Hall of Fame inductees this year are **Sue Enochian Lee ('66), Gene Chapman ('78), Rick Melzer ('88), and Jim Smith ('70)**

Sue Enochian Lee Is one of the Co-Founders of "Sock It To Em Sock Campaign". This 501C charity has donated over 1.3 million pairs of socks to those in need. You can learn more about them at donatesocks.org We are asking all Alumni to bring a pair of new socks to the Dinner this year as we support Sue and help out. In exchange for a pair of socks you will be entered into a raffle. Thanks in advance, see you in June!

Memorabilia Display at Auditorium

All the Chardon High School memorabilia will be displayed at the Park Auditorium the weekend of the Alumni Dinner. Hours will be Friday 5-8 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-3 p.m., and Sunday 12-3 p.m. The display at the dinner will be limited to items from special reunion years. If you have Chardon High items you would like to contribute to the memorabilia collection, please bring them to the Auditorium or the Alumni Dinner. We have started a collection of class rings, so you might want to add your ring. Playbills, photos, and garments are also very welcome.

National Honor Society Service Project to Maintain the Alumni Database

The CHS National Honor Society is continuing to support the Alumni Association by helping to maintain the Alumni Database. They are adding information, including email addresses, for recent graduates, and searching for mailing addresses of people with whom we have lost touch. The Database is a source of contact information for classes that are planning reunions, and it is our record of whether you want to receive your Alumni Newsletter by mail or email. Please remember to let us know if you move and please send us your email. so we can keep your information up to date in the Database.

C.H.S. Alumni Financial Report

Balance on hand 1/1/23	\$58,168.72
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	
Dinner	6,185.36
Donations	9,060.00
Investment Income	899.92
Total Income	16,145.28
<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Alumni Dinner	5,132.75
Newsletter	3,289.12
Post Office Box	96.00
Scholarships (2022)	55.00
CHSAA website cost	113.71
Hall of Fame	0.00
Memorabilia	864.00
Transfer to investment account	10,000.00
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	\$22,550.58
Checking Balance on Hand 1/1/24	7,709.42
Investment Account 1/1/24	56,588.51
Total Balance 1/1/24	\$64,297.93

ENCUMBRANCES FOR 2024

Scholarships (2023x1 & 2024x3)	8,000.00
Newsletter Printing (2024)	1,500.00
Alumni Dinner Deposit (2025)	450.00
Memorabilia Storage	864.00
HOF & Other	1,000.00
<u>TOTAL ENCUMBRANCES</u>	\$11,814.00
<u>Balance less Encumbrances</u>	\$52,483.93

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tom Fazekas at

info@chardonalumni.org

Pres. Bonnie Feigle Clemson '75
VP. Judy Jonke-Thrasher '82
Sec. Debbie Lehmann Chuha '78
Treas. Tom Fazekas '66

Please send us your email address to help us keep you up to date and save postage in the future info@chardonalumni.org - your Chardon High School Alumni Connection!

Please sign up for email at www.chardonalumni.org

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.

151th CHARDON COMMENCEMENT

Chardon High School's 151th Commencement is set to take place at Chardon Memorial Field on May 25, 2024 (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 1974 will be honored that day. Where was *your* graduation? Park Auditorium, the old CHS Football Field, Lakeland, Front Row or Mentor?

YOUR LAST ALUMNI NEWSLETTER?

The Alumni Association will no longer mail the annual Alumni Newsletter except to alumni who specifically request a mailed copy. If you want to receive a mailed Newsletter each year, then please return the enclosed postcard.

If you previously requested a mailed copy, there will be a star on the address label of this Newsletter, and there is no need for you to mail the postcard.

If you want to sign up for an emailed Newsletter, you can do so by sending us your email with the postcard or by going to the Alumni Association webpage: www.chardonalumni.org

ALUMNI DINNER RESERVATION AND DONATION FORM

You can make your reservations to the Alumni Dinner by completing and mailing this form along with your payment, or you can make your reservations online at www.chardonalumni.org. Please RSVP by June 1st.

Name _____ Year graduated _____

Name of Chardon alumni child/spouse _____ Year graduated _____

Address Correction _____

City _____ State ____ Zip Code _____

Your **email address** please! _____

Check Here _____ and mail this form or the postcard to request mailed copy of the Newsletter in future years. You will not get another mailed Newsletter unless you request it.

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 _____)

MAIL TO CHARDON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, P. O. BOX 161, CHARDON, OH 44024

**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
MAJOR DONORS in 2023**

BLAIR DODGE
BOBBI BRZOZOWSKI
BRIAN DEFRANCESCO
CAROLYN ARWOOD
CLASS OF 1963
DAN BURNETT
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RICHARD NUSSLEIN
ROBERTA WEAVER
TOM & KATHY FAZEKAS

ALUMNI GENEROUSITY

With the help of the C.H.S. Guidance Department and Auburn Career Center, the Alumni Association awards \$2000 scholarships to graduating seniors. The 2023 scholarship recipients for college or trade school were:

Cecelia Henderson (college)
Nathan Bender (college)
Olivia Nelson (college)
Leah Bass (trade school)

Thanks to YOUR support, we were able to increase the size of scholarships in 2023 and anticipate maintaining the scholarships at that level in future years.

**CLASS REUNION CONTACT
INFORMATION**

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Class of 1984 40 Year Reunion

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