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148th Annual All Class Reunion Dinner Set for June 18th

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

The Chardon Alumni Association will host its Annual Alumni Dinner June 18th at the Fowler's Mills Golf Course on 13095 Rockhaven Road. Dinner will be a beef and chicken buffet. 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

The site has been up for over two years 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

Please sign up for email at www.chardonalumni.org

CLASS REUNION FUND RAISING CHALLENGE

The Class of 1957 launched a scholarship fundraising effort in celebration of their 65th reunion year. They have already raised more than \$5000 that will be used for scholarships to Chardon graduates who are going to pursue a career in the trade instead of going to college. Bill Lytle (1957) said, "It is not about us, but those who follow, and how we can assist them as they take their turn on the stage."

Other Chardon classes celebrating milestone reunions (40, 50, 60, or other) should consider fundraising to benefit Chardon High School. 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.

1972 – FIFTY YEAR REUNION

The CHS class of 1972/ 50th reunion celebration weekend will be held September 23 and 24th. Postcard invitations have been mailed and emailed to the last addresses available for classmates. If you did not receive one or have questions, contact Chris Cseplo Stenzel at 72Dakota@gmail.com.

Please sign up for email at www.chardonalumni.org

Chardon Wins Second State Football Championship!

Coach Mitch Hewitt '99 guided the Chardon High School football team to their SECOND Varsity Football State Championship in two years! The Hilltoppers beat Hamilton Badin at the Hall of Fame Stadium 21-14 becoming the first team in Ohio to post a 16-0 record in a season. The Toppers have now won 28 games in a row!

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

We **REALLY NEED** memorabilia from the 'newer' classes '60 through '10. If you have memorabilia from those eras, **don't toss!** Please contact us so we can add those pearls to the collection! (Might help clean out your/parents'? closet too!)

National Honor Society Service Project

The CHS National Honor Society has undertaken the updating of the Alumni Database as a service project. So far, they have researched and validated or corrected over 500 alumni addresses. You may be receiving this Newsletter because they found your current address and added it to the Database. They are also adding information, including email address for recent graduates. Please remember to let us know if you move and send us your email, so they can add you to the database.

Chardon Academic Excellence

Chardon Science Olympiad Division B and Division C teams advanced to the state competition. The Division B team (grade levels 6-8) earned 20 individual medals, and the seven-member Division C team (grade levels 9-12) placed sixth overall and garnered 10 individual medals in regional competition. The Academic Decathlon team also advanced to the state competition. They garnered 20 regional competition medals, including six gold. Team members from grade levels nine through 12

gave speeches and completed job-like interviews as part of the competition. Congratulations!

C.H.S. Alumni Financial Report

Balance on hand 1/1/21	\$9,588.90
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	
Donations	\$62,528.00
Total Income	\$64,604.00
<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Alumni Dinner	\$2,077.54
Newsletter & Postage	\$2,720.60
Post Office	\$11.00
Scholarships (2021)	\$2,000.00
Memorabilia (incl. football films)	\$3,661.53
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	\$10,620.67
Income less Expenses Net	\$53,983.33
Balance on Hand 1/1/22	\$63,572.23
<u>ENCUMBRANCES FOR 2021</u>	
Scholarships (2022)	\$3,000.00
Newsletter Printing (2021)	\$2,500.00
CHSAA 501(c3)	\$250.00
Alumni Dinner Deposit	\$500.00
Memorabilia Storage	\$300.00
HOF & Other	\$1,000.00
<u>TOTAL ENCUMBRANCES</u>	\$7,300.00
<u>REMAINING FUNDS</u>	\$56,272.23

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

Pres. Bonnie Feigle Clemson '75
VP. Carolyn Lookabill '72
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

ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

Due to the pandemic, we did not have an Alumni Hall of Fame Class last year. This year your Association will again honor alumni who have made a significant contribution after they have graduated (+20 years). The Nominating Committee seeks *your* input. Please send your nominations for **your** Alumni Hall of Fame either by mail or email. Nomination form is available on our website.

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
G-TV - School News
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.

CHARDON COMMENCEMENT

Chardon High School's Commencement is set to take place at Chardon Memorial Field on May 28th (1PM). The Class of 1972 will be honored. The event will be live streamed by G-TV. The 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. Where was *your* graduation? Park Auditorium, the old CHS Football Field, Lakeland, Front Row or Mentor *and now* the Internet???

PLEASE FILL OUT AND MAIL BACK WITH YOUR REMITTANCE
To keep our mailing list current, we must hear from you! Please RSVP by June 5th.

Name _____ Year graduated _____

Name _____ Year graduated _____

Address Correction _____

Your **email address** please! _____

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

Please reserve _____ Dinner @ \$45.00 ea. \$ _____
(Cost includes dinner, newsletter printing/postage, etc.)

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

Preferred use of donation _____

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

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ALUMNI GENEROSITY

Chardon alumni really showed their on-going school spirit and good citizenship by donating over \$62,000 to the Alumni Association in 2021! One donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, contributed \$50,000 for trade school scholarships, a concept initiated by the Class of 1957 with their contributions of more than \$5,000. Many other alumni made contributions large and small to support scholarships, memorabilia preservation, football film digitization, and support our school. These donations have enabled the Alumni Association to open an investment account as an endowment fund to support scholarships for future Chardon graduates seeking advanced education or to learn a trade.

With the help of the C.H.S. Guidance Department, the Alumni Scholarship Program presented two, \$1000 scholarships in 2021 to C.H.S. Seniors Karen Landies and Jesse Decipeda. Thanks to YOUR support, we anticipate increasing the size of scholarships in future years!

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