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Thoughts from the President

By Bob Cooper

Greetings Stow Alumni!

To our knowledge, Stow has never had an alumni association, so this would have to be the first alumni newsletter. We would like to give you a preview and an outline of what we would like to accomplish in our newsletters.

One of our goals is to keep Alumni abreast of what is happening in both the Stow-Munroe Falls school system and the community as well. I know that many of our out of area alumni would love to know about the many changes that have taken place since they last saw Stow or Munroe Falls.

We will also be doing some updated profiles of some of our favorite teachers, coaches, and administrative personal. (See following profile of coach Tyree)

Another of our goals is to develop missing Alumni lists, so that our reunion organizers from all of the classes have a tool to find classmates. We want to use the power of networking to find and reestablish a connection to these classmates. I used to swear when I was organizing my last class reunion that a least half of my classmates were in the witness protection program. Having said that, there are a few classmates who, for whatever reason, would rather not be in touch, and we will honor that. They just need to let us know. The Alumni Association will only share contact information with other Alumni, and never for commercial purposes.

All Alumni Association members will receive the newsletter. For the first few issues, we will share the newsletter with as many non-members as possible, especially on the Internet. I urge you to join the Association, our membership is growing, our scholarship fund is growing, and we are planning some fun events. We are having our

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second All Alumni picnic on August 12, with good food, beer and live music. We had a blast at last year's picnic, and we hope to make this year's event twice as big. The event this year will be at the Heritage Barn, Silver Springs Park in Stow. Information is on our web site at www.stowhighalumni.com. By the way, we have a very attractive membership-picnic ticket package available now.

As we build our Association, we are learning a lot. We found that there is an Alumni Association in Salem, Ohio, that has been in existence since 1882. Wow! We have some catching-up to do! They have thousands of members, and last year gave out scholarships to the tune of \$222,000!! Amazing! This is a model to look up to. One of the things right now that would help us a lot is if a few people from each class would step up and be representatives for their class in the Alumni Association. We are not going to be able to build a really powerful Association until this happens. Please consider this, it is a great way to be in contact with old friends, and we have a lot of fun!

The Alumni Association will always welcome your input and suggestions. Feel free to contact us.

Best Regards,
Bob Cooper ('63)
President

Teacher Profile

By Bob Cooper

How could you have a conversation about Stow High School and not think about coach Jim Tyree? I recently sat down with coach and got an update on what is going on in his life. I also learned a few things that I did not know about the coach. Jim was born in Akron, Ohio in 1931, one of three boys. His family moved to Ellet in 1940, and he graduated in 1949. After high school he played for a Cleveland farm team in Batavia, New York. After a season of baseball, he entered Baldwin Wallace and graduated in 1955. After receiving a teaching degree, he landed his first teaching and coaching position at Highland High School in Medina County. During this time he met a pretty little girl, his future wife Donna Archer, at the Waterloo Drive-In. At Highland he inherited a very good football team, and they won their division championship that year.

After a year at Highland, Coach got a chance to teach at Stow and he took the position. And

Scholarship

By Tony Cocozzo

The Association will award the first in what we hope are many scholarships to a deserving graduating senior at Stow-Munroe Falls High School on June 1 during the Awards ceremony. This year our funds were limited a single \$500.00 scholarship but as the Association grows, the hopes are to substantially increase the amount and number of awards on an annual basis. The Association circulated applications through the guidance office at the High School. The applications included a document specifying the minimum requirements to become eligible for the scholarship. The selection process was driven by two basic elements,



Jim Tyree

as they say, the rest is history. Jim taught a number of classes; I remember most of all, "Dress Up Day", in health and physical education. He coached football, basketball, soccer, track and wrestling. He later went on to develop an out-door life class that eventually was studied by other educational institutions.

Many of you will remember that Coach managed the waterfront and was head lifeguard at Renner's Munroe Falls Park. He started at Renner's when he was a freshman in high school, and worked there a total of 37 years. His safety record there was beyond outstanding.

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need and grades. We received 34 applications and at the April meeting a winner was selected. The name is not being released in this article, as the winner will not be notified until the award ceremony. The School will notify the parents to be sure they will be in attendance. The winner's profile, along with photographs, will be included in the next newsletter. President Bob Cooper will present the award on June 1.

Sock Hop

By Tony Cocozzo

The Association sponsored a 50's and 60's Sock Hop on March 25th at the Lakeview Gymnasium. Treble Shooters DJ Tim Hanna (SHS Class of '70) spun tunes of the era and young and old danced the night away. The evening brought back familiar sights and sounds for the alumni. Young and old enjoyed the music, friendship and those wonderful trips down memory lane. From jitterbugs, the twist, the monkey, the electric slide, the slow dances and even the more modern dance steps (which this writer cannot describe) everyone had an enjoyable evening. Even Coach Tyree displayed his graceful moves on the dance floor.

Rockin' to the oldies!



Refreshments were available for a modest price but of course, "no food or drink permitted in the gym". The evening was a huge success and the Association is considering making the Sock Hop an annual event.

Class of 1931 Reunion

By Tony Cocozzo

Alumni Secretary Linda Coleman Berthold has remained in contact with Mrs. Elizabeth Green Cowles from the Class of 1931. It seems they are preparing to celebrate their 75th class reunion this June 2 and Linda brought it to the attention of the Association. It is wonderful to think that these folks remained in contact after 75 years. Of the original class of 38, 6 or 7 are planning to attend this year's celebration. The Association felt this event is in-line with our mission statement and decided to help the class of '31 have an enjoyable and memorable reunion. The Association contracted with Yesteryear Limousine Service to drive the classmates around Stow then to and from their luncheon at Waters Restaurant. One of the stops will be at the High School where the Principal will come out and speak to the class and the Stow Band will play for them at the entrance to the school.

Yesteryear Limo uses vehicles of the era as shown below and they are sure to be a hit with the Class of '31. The Association was able to secure a donation from Stow Kent The Towne Florist to provide corsages and boutonnieres for the attendees. Photographs of the reunion will be available in the next newsletter.

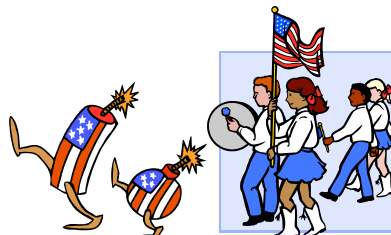


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Jim and Donna were blessed with three great children, their son Jay is married with 2 children and he is now principal at Hudson High School. Janeann is married with 1 child and lives in Stow, and Leslie is married with 3 children and is a teaching assistant in Charlotte, North Carolina. Sadly, Donna passed away in April of 2004. She was a beautiful human being, and we all miss her. Coach has been managing the waterfront at Silver Lake for the past 18 years, still teaching sailing, kayaking, and sail boarding.

I have to say that Coach was one of the most influential teachers that I have ever had, both during and after high school. What is written here is just a fraction of what he has really done in his life.

July 4th Parade



The Alumni Association will take part in the July 4th parade this year. Association Treasurer Laurie Tiffany has graciously agreed to use her convertible. It has not been determined who will ride in the car with Laurie and who will be walking the parade route. Coach Tyree has tentatively agreed to ride with the Association. The details on candy distribution and other festivities have not been worked out yet but for those of you that are local, join us for the parade.

Reunion Events

All Alumni Picnic Saturday, Aug. 12, 2006 at Heritage Barn - Silver Springs Park in Stow 4:00 -11:00 p.m. Tickets are \$18.00 for members and \$22.00 for non-members. All Stow High Alumni and guests are welcome! Includes food, beer, soda and entertainment! Dancing, fun, prizes, raffles etc!

Class of 1966 40 year reunion Friday Night, August 11, 2006; 8:00 pm at Kent American Legion, 1945 Mogadore Road Kent, Ohio. Cash bar and munchies. Golf Tournament, Saturday, August 12, 2006. Dinner-Dance Saturday, August;12;2006;6:00 pm Waters Restaurant, 5416 Darrow Road, Hudson, Ohio ;\$50 per person Cocktails 6 to 7 pm Sit down dinner Class booklet Music by Treble Shooters DJ Tim Hanna (SHS Class of 70) Contact Lin (Beving -ton) Krebs at 330-297-5819 or at lqueenb4u@aol.com or visit the class website and complete your bio at <http://classreport.com/usa/oh/stow/smfhs/1966/>

Class of 1971 35 year reunion Plans are TBA

Class of 1976 30 year reunion Friday, June 30, 2006 - Classic Fairways, 7 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturday, July 1 - Waters Restaurant, 6:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. A Golf Outing is being planned for Saturday or Sunday morning. Contact Mary Stenger at mstenger@neo.rr.com

Class of 1981 25 year reunion Friday Night Get Together July 28, 2006; 7 PM On Tap 4396 Kent Rd. Stow (Across from Stow-Kent Plaza) Food and beverage are on your own, no reservation or payment required. Saturday Night Dinner, July 29, 2006 Acker-Moore Banquet Hall (New Stow VFW-American Legion) 3733 Fishcreek Rd. Stow \$35.00 per person Cocktails at 6:30 PM - Cash Bar Dinner Buffet 8:00 PM Contact Karen (Powell) Baer at karenb@lifebanc.org

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Class of 1986 20 year reunion Saturday, Sept 16, 2006 Heritage Barn, Stow. For details subscribe to our yahoo group at stowhigh86-subscribe@yahoogleroups.com or visit our website at <http://www.stowhigh86.com>

Class of 1996 10 year reunion Sept. 9, 2006, Roses Run Country Club. Email Ryan Thompson - stowreunion@yahoo.com

Class of 2001 5-year reunion CANCELLED 5/17/06

Proud of your alma mater? Let people know by wearing one of our great shirts or hats!



Golf shirt - \$18.00
Maroon or white



Sweatshirt - \$20.00
Maroon, white or gray



Ball Cap - \$12.00

NOT PICTURED
Hooded Sweatshirt - \$25.00
Available in maroon, white or gray

To purchase Alumni Merchandise, please contact Laurie Graham Tiffany at laurietiffany@stowhighalumni.com

Bulldog Scholarship Donors

Thank you to those of you who have added your generous donations to the Scholarship Fund in addition to your membership fee. We are very grateful for your support. We are currently working on getting our tax-free status and as soon as it comes through, we will be sending you a receipt for tax purposes.

Bulldog \$20-499

Bob Cooper '63

Gary Swartout '59

Thomas Moyer '72

Diana Leach Garmendia '64

Karen Biedler Alexander ' 62

William C ("Willie") Lee '41 - In memory of his wife Ruth Dennis Lee - Hudson High School class of 1941

Maroon Bulldog \$500-999

Golden Bulldog \$1000-9999

Platinum Bulldog \$10,000 and up

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Front row - Jennifer Huffman, Laurie Tiffany, Linda Berthold
Back Row - Tony Cocozzo, Bob Cooper

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