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## Thoughts from the President

By Tony Cocozzo

Greetings Stow Alumni!

Welcome to year two of our Association. As we enter year two, I thought I would share some information about your Association. Our first meeting was in July of 2005 and at the end of August 2005 we had eleven members.

Currently we have one-hundred seventy-nine (179) members and are still growing. Just in the past four months almost one-hundred (100) new members have joined. The rate of growth is fantastic and we thank you for your participation and support.

This past year we have sponsored a number of functions. All Class Picnic (2), Sock Hop, Homecoming Social, Hiking Trails, Adopt-Spot, July 4<sup>th</sup> parade, supported a needy family at Christmas, supported a number of individual class reunions, sponsored the class of 1931 reunion, grad signs and, of course our scholarship program. Each of these programs was designed to fulfill our key objectives as defined in our By-laws. With your help and participation we will continue to strive to meet our objectives and provide a forum for classmates to reunite.

As stated in the last newsletter, three (3) dollars of each membership is ear marked for the scholarship fund. We will in all likelihood have sufficient funds this year to increase the (\$500.00) scholarship. We can either present two five-Hundred or one one-thousand dollar scholarship. I would like to hear from you as to which option you believe is best for the Association and for the recipients.

I urge you to read the various articles within this newsletter to learn about the other activities the Association has sponsored.

Enough about the past. I would like to spend a few minutes to talk about the future of the Association.

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Growth is our number one objective. Without growth we cannot provide the services and programs we would all like to accomplish. The officers are working to put together a plan for the future and we would like your input. We believe the Association must become involved in the community and the school system on a much higher level. I am working with Mayor Fritschel to find community projects that the Association can support other than writing checks. Jennifer Huffman is working with the school district to find projects that we can support. We want to be involved and make a difference in our community. I am asking you for ideas on how we can make this happen.

It takes time to build a strong organization but we see so much potential that we sometimes get impatient. To be successful we need growth and participation from the membership.

I look forward to this coming year and hopefully will see each and every one of you at some of the events. Information on all events are posted to the web site at [www.stowhighalumni.com](http://www.stowhighalumni.com).

Best Regards,

Tony Cocozzo ('64) -President

## Teacher Profile

### *Paul A. Coleman*



By Linda Coleman Berthold

Paul A. Coleman cared about the community of Stow and was very active in many endeavors to promote Stow. He was a principal for twenty-five years, serving Riverview, Woodland, Echo Hills, and Fishcreek Schools. He served on the Stow Park Board, Stow Historical Society, Stow Lion's Club, and as a Boy Scout leader. Paul Coleman was diverse.

He raised goats, chickens, rabbits, a mule, a pony, sheep, geese, pigs, dogs, and cats, and even a monkey on a small farm in Stow; he also served as president of the Goat Association for many years. Organic farming was a hobby that he incorporated on the 16 acre farm; the family grew tomatoes, potatoes, celery, beans, peas, carrots, lettuce, and many fruits, such as currants, quince, cherries, and blueberries. All the food was raised, picked, canned, and preserved by the Coleman family for the winter months. He even had many bee hives and extracted the honey. In the fall, there was always fresh cider using the apples from the orchard with an old cider press.

Mr. Coleman gave farm tours at "Road's End Farm" to the young students in the Stow Schools for many years, teaching ecology and the importance of farmers. He also gave bus tours teaching the history of Stow and Munroe Falls to third and fourth grade students in the school system, which included a trip to the Heritage

Barn and the historical homes that he helped to relocate to that area.

Stow wasn't his native home. He was born in Georgia and moved to Akron with his mother when he was five years old. When Paul was about 12 years old, he met Roy Parpart, who was a principal at Highland School and his Boy Scout leader. Summers were spent on the Stow farm helping Roy and Nina Parpart, who never had any children of their own.

Nina Parpart was a third and fourth grade teacher in Stow. Mr. Coleman later joined the Air Force, earned his teaching and administrative degrees from Kent State University. He married Barbara Epley, a nurse, and they had five children, Linda, Kris, Kevin, Tina, and Leisa.

Paul Coleman retired from Stow Schools in 1980 and died in New Mexico on vacation of a heart attack in June 1994. The Coleman/Parpart property has become the Sancturetum, a public park, behind the Stow Post Office and Skip Playground.

*Ed note: Is there a teacher that you would like to see profiled here? Let us know!*

## St. Valentines Day Dance

By Tony Cocozzo

The Association will sponsor a Valentines Day Dance on Saturday, February 10, 2007, from 8:00 PM until midnight at the Silver Springs Lodge on Stow Rd. Live music, hors de oeuvres, (open bar) beer, wine and soft drinks will be available.

The cost is \$10.00 for Alumni Association members and spouses, \$15.00 for non members. Come join us for an enjoyable evening with your loved one.

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade

By Tony Cocozzo

The Association participated in Stow's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Coach Jim Tyree was our guest of Honor which gave him the privilege of sitting up on the back of the car while Bob, Laurie and I enjoyed the comfort of the air conditioning blowing on us while we sat in comfortable seats.

We received many "yells" of appreciation but in all honesty, most of them were for Coach. It was amazing the number of people that remember and just love the man. For me, it was special because it was the first time since I have known Coach that he was speechless. I know many of you will find that hard to believe but it is true. He must have said fifty times, "This is overwhelming". At one point he said he felt like he had to do something spectacular like a doing a handstand on the back of the moving car. No doubt he could have done it too! So many people remembered him that we could not keep up with all of the well wishes that were directed to Coach.

In the end, the parade was fun and the Association did receive some recognition and awareness, not to mention the stories about Coach. We will surely participate in next year's parade.



## Homecoming 2006

By Tony Cocozzo

Remember our homecoming? After school we went home, got ready for the game, had dinner and left for the field whether you were a member of the football team, member of the band, a cheerleader, on the homecoming court or just attended the game. Now, the festivities start at 5:00 with a parade. The parade includes city and school officials, class organizations and of course the homecoming court. Following the parade, there are a number of activities for young and old. Music is piped throughout the grounds (I think it was popular music but I cannot be sure since I could not understand a word of it). They have dunking booths, rock climbing contests and a number of other activities that all lead up to the pre game activity on the field.

The High School and our Alumni band played for the hundreds of people attending the activities. The Association had a booth in the main tent where we talked with people and distributed information on the Association. Once the pre-game activity ended we packed up and headed to Silver Springs Lodge where the rest of the gang had already set up for the social.

With cold beer, wine, soft drinks, snack food and chili, both spicy and mild, and a blazing fire in the fireplace, all was right with the world. Linda Coleman, bless her heart, prepared enough chili to feed half of Stow. This event is a social and is free to members. We only charged \$5.00 for non members. This will become an annual event so mark your calendars for next year's homecoming event.

## Adopt-A-Spot

By Bob Platt

The Alumni site is at the Stow Cemetery on Kent Rd. The actual spot is the Memorial to all Servicemen who have been killed in action in World War I, World War II, Korea War and the Vietnam War. The Alumni volunteers planted the site on May 20, 2006. The site looked really good for the Memorial Day ceremonies. The agreement was for the Alumni to weed the site when it needed it, which was about every other week. We planted mostly red, white and blue petunias. We used blue salvia and dusty miller for the back border.

In late June or early July we had a disease that attacked the white petunias. By late August and early September it took most of the petunias. The City said that there are not using this type of petunias next year.

As a result of the disease, we did not win best site in Stow. Maybe next year it will look better.

## Alumni Picnic

By Bob Cooper

### Picnic 2006

Greetings Stow High Alumni, Hope you all are doing well. On August 12 the Association held its 2nd Annual Picnic at the Heritage Barn, Silver Springs. I am pleased to say that we saw a very nice attendance jump, approximately 40% with over 100 people attending.

The picnic started at 4:30 on a beautiful summer's day, and our dinner was catered by LaSalvia's Catering. The food was great and was topped off by some wonderful cake provided once again by Cheryl Osman Crowe of Osmans Pies. Thanks Cheryl!

## Athletic Hall of Fame

### Class of 2006

By Jennifer Huffman



The Stow-Munroe Falls Athletic Booster Club inducted nine individuals for their achievements both on and off the fields of Stow High. A dinner and ceremony was held Sept. 2 at the Triple Crown restaurant. Pictured from left are Cindy Swing (widow of Tom Swing '81 Football), Rosemary Donatell (mother of Ed Donatell '75 Football/Basketball), Tim Griffith '78 Track/Field, Treniere Clemente '00 Track/Field, Leissa Sabatini Cline '89 Softball, and Lou Graner (son of Jim Graner '38 - deceased, former Browns sportscaster). Also honored were: Coach Harold Sloop (deceased, retired 1969); Coach William Barr (deceased, retired 1969); and Rick White '70 Football/Basketball.

At 7:00 the band started and the old barn started to jump. The name of the band was "Field Days" and I believe 2 of its members are Stow Alumni. They were very good and the dance floor soon began to fill. We had the usual snacks plus soft drinks, beer and wine. There was a lot of socializing and the remembering of the "Good Old Days", I love this stuff, I could do this 4 or 5 times a year.

We had a lot of door prizes that's to the efforts of Bob and Charlotte Sallaz, and we also did a 50/50 raffle plus an action for 3 or 4 of the really nice prizes. A big thanks to all of the wonderful businesses that donated these great prizes. All in all, a really good time. And, due to the picnic, our membership nearly doubled!

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## Reunion Events

*Picnic* from page 4

At about 11:30 the party began to wind down, with Jim Betts and yours truly trying to kill off the keg of beer, the keg won, but not by much!

Picnic 2007

Our Picnic for 2007 is scheduled for Aug. 11, so mark your calendars! The picnic will be bigger than ever because the class of '62 is combining their reunion with the picnic. This is an option all classes should know about and consider. It's a win-win deal for all of us and we do a lot of the work for you! There are a lot of options in the planning of this, give us a call or e-mail us. We would be glad to help.

At closing, I would once again like to thank all of the Association Members who attended, plus everyone who helped put this great event on. There were a number of members who did a lot of the ticket selling, Dave Cueni, Glen Ward, Gail Moseley, Buzz and Mary Hudson, I know there were more, but thanks anyway.

Best Regards,

Bob Cooper '63  
Past President



**Class of 1977 30 year reunion** Saturday, June 30, 2007 at Roses Run Country Club. Casual dress.

**Class of 1967 40 year reunion** September 21–22, 2007

Informal Mixer –Friday, September 21, 2007 – 7:00 pm at Classic Fairways, 1664 Norton Road, Stow, OH  
Cash Bar

Reunion Dinner & Dance, Saturday, September 22, 2007 at Silver Springs Lodge, 5027 Stow Road, Stow, OH

Please sign up on our website:

<http://www.classreport.org/usa/oh/stow/smfhs/1967/>

**Florida Reunion – MARCH 3, 2007**

Plan Your Winter Vacation to be at the 14th Annual Reunion of Stow–Munroe Falls High School Alumni  
**ALL CLASSES ARE WELCOME**

11AM social hour • 12 noon luncheon  
at the Helms Club Of The Landings,  
in Ft Myers, FL

Call Dr. Jim Mincks @ 239–433–3643 or  
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Price to be announced If enough interest we will arrange hotel space for Fri/Sat Evenings.

### NOTE TO ALL REUNION COORDINATORS:

If you have photos from your reunion or information about it and would like to share them, please send 8–10 photos to [laurietiffany@stowhighalumni.com](mailto:laurietiffany@stowhighalumni.com) and I will be happy to post them on our website.! If you would like to write a short article about the reunion, I will add it too!

If you are planning your reunion, please send details to [laurietiffany@stowhighalumni.com](mailto:laurietiffany@stowhighalumni.com) and I will post them on the website along with a list of the classmates that you can't locate. I will include a link to your email address for people to respond to.

## SHS Alumni Association Officers

2006-2007

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 Immediate Past President – Robert Cooper, 1963  
 1st Vice President – Bob Platt, 1962  
 2nd Vice President – Jennifer (Lee) Huffman, 1988  
 Secretary – Melissa (Jordan) Ritterbusch, 1965  
 Treasurer – Laurie (Graham) Tiffany, 1965

## Upcoming meetings

2007

Wednesday, Jan. 10 @ 7:00 p.m. - Classic Fairways, Stow  
 Wednesday, Feb. 14 @ 7:00 p.m. - SMF Library  
 Wednesday, March 14 @ 7:00 p.m. - SMF Library  
 Wednesday, April 11 @ 7:00 p.m. - SMF Library  
 Wednesday, May 9 @ 7:00 p.m. - SMF Library  
 Wednesday, June 13 @ 7:00 p.m. - SMF Library

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