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From the Desk of the President

By Bob Platt '62

We are into the 2007-2008 year and seen some great things. The third annual picnic has taken place. The fourth annual picnic is planned for August 9, 2008. We presented two seniors scholarships and sold grad signs, note cards and other items. The Adopt-a-spot received best site in the city. We had a car in the 4th of July Parade. The homecoming social was held at Silver Springs Lodge. The class of '57 held a reunion and donated \$2290 dollars to the scholarship fund. Bryan Cargould, class of '79 donated \$2000 in memory of his wife. Gerald Bond, class of '63 donated \$5000 dollars. All of this money will be put to good use, most going to scholarships, some to needy families in Stow and Munroe Falls, and some to seniors to help with graduation expenses.

Our meetings are being held at the Courtyard by Marriott on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM. We will be at that location thru June 2008. We have over 230 members. I know a lot are out of the area, but I challenge everyone of our members to get involved and make this organization bigger and better.

St. Valentines Day Dance

By Tony Cocozzo '64

Due to the overwhelming popularity of the dance last year, the Board has decided to once again sponsor the dance next year. The dance will be held on February 16, 2008 at the Silver Springs Lodge on Stow Road. The Santi Marino Eisenbarger Trio will once again perform from 8:00 to 11:00 PM. We received so many positive comments last year we decided to book them immediately following last year's dance. Please plan on attending and bring your neighbors and friends. Live music, hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine and soft drinks will be available.

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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.

Alumni Picnic

By Bob Cooper '63

On August 11, we had our third annual Alumni Picnic, and a great time was had by all. The food was good, the band "Field Days" provided the music, and we danced and talked until late that night.

The Cruise-In was a modest success; it turned out to be a Chevy night. Mitch Barkman (74') showed up with a beautiful 1956 2door Hardtop, and Dick Collingwood (67') brought out his SSR Chevy truck. A guy by the name of Ron Marhofer(63') managed to get his Supercharged 1955 2-door Sedan to the picnic, it is a beautiful piece of work. Ron gave me a ride in the beast, which, by the way, caused me to have by-pass surgery the next week. (Expect to be hearing from my attorney soon Ron!) Next year we would like to have a lot more cars and bikes, maybe some Fords and Mopars too!

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July 4th Parade

By Tony Cocozzo '64



The Alumni Association once again participated in the Stow 4th of July Parade with Charlie Morris as our guest of honor. Charlie retired from the Stow School System in 1995. He has since has authored a book entitled "*Just A Regular Guy*". The parade was full of well wishers for Charlie as we cruised down Route 59 in Dick Collingwood's bright red Corvette truck. As we crossed the reviewing stand the cheers for Charlie erupted when he was introduced to the very large and cheerful crowd. Congratulations to Charlie and thank you to Dick for the use of his vehicle.

Alumni Picnic (continued from page 1)

If you have not been to our Picnic, you are missing out on a lot of fun and fellowship. My class, 1963, is having its 45th. Reunion next year and we hope to combine it with the Picnic. See you there!! Picnic 2008 is scheduled for August 9, at the Heritage Barn as usual. We are looking to make a few changes, possibly in the food vendor, and the style of music. One issue that we need to address is ticket sales. Folks, we need to know how many of you are going to be there so that we can accurately order enough food for everyone. Bottom line is that you can still reserve your tickets by phone, but you must make a reservation if you want to eat. You can show up at the door and pay for a ticket, but you may not get to eat. So make your

reservation early and come out and have a good time! Visit our web-site.

From the Secretary

By Melissa Jordan Ritterbusch '65

Greetings,

As this year is drawing to a close and we are preparing for the holidays, I would like to ask you to support your Alumni Association. Like every year at this time, I'm sure your mailbox is full of charitable organizations asking for contributions. Although your donations are greatly appreciated and tax deductible, we are in dire need of your physical presence.

Our Association consists of 246 members at this time and only a handful (7-10) of people is doing all the work. We need your help. The average of your board members is 60 years old, and frankly, we're getting worn. We have accomplished so much i.e. scholarships, senior graduation assistance, help for needy students and their families and our award winning gardening at the Stow Cemetery. We maintain a line of merchandise for the Alumni. We participate in Stow City and school sponsored events, plus sell tickets for other fraternal organization's fundraisers. Last but not least, we hold events for you to enjoy, such as the annual picnic and various meet and greet opportunities throughout the year.

This is a labor of love for all of us but we can't keep it up indefinitely. Just your attendance at the monthly meetings would be greatly appreciated. In closing, please attend our December Meeting at the Silver Swan located at Edison and Front Streets in Cuyahoga Falls at 7:00PM on Wednesday, December 12. We look forward to seeing you.

Melissa Jordan Ritterbusch, Secretary

Teacher Profile

By Linda Coleman Berthold '67

Karen Williams attended Ashtabula Harbor Schools and graduated from Harbor High School. She then attended Kent State University and graduated with a B.S. in Elementary Education. Ms. Williams has taught third grade, worked as a reading specialist, and taught LDBD classes which now are cross categorical Special Education classes. She has worked in Ashtabula...in the same schools as she attended as a child! Then she taught in Warren as a SPED teacher, in Stow as a SPED teacher at Riverview, Highland, Woodland, and Indian Trail; Stow Munroe Falls High School, Highland, Kimpton, and Fishcreek, she worked as a school psychologist. Later Mrs. Williams got her Masters from Akron University in School Psychology and has done graduate work at Kent, Edinburg, Ashland, and Youngstown University. She is a Nationally Certified School Psychologist and a member of the National Association of School Psychologists.

She loved working in Stow for many reasons: incredible personal and professional growth abounded there. She met fantastic, talented people, many that she names that mentored her, some without knowing they did so. Some of these people are: Lyn and Tom Bisesi, Linda Berthold, Bobby John, Patty Kuhn, Dianne Peters, Karen McClain, Bill Walko, Char Clamp, Sherry Vitone, Sue Schur, Rosie Nicholas, Carol Tate, Jenny Jurkovic, Claire Hamilton-Farrell, Molly McGrady-Phillips, Bev Klimp, Margie Easterling, Joann Johnson, Ron Szudjeko, Wendy Almquist, Rosemary Stehman, Kathy Howells, Carolyn Kurtz, Gene Lolli to name a few! "They made my job richer and became lifelong friends, not merely colleagues!", said Ms. Williams.

Others helped Ms. Williams become what she is today. She got to know so many young people who were some of the greatest teachers she ever has known! Essentially they taught her how to teach and how to counsel; she firmly believes that if you



Karen Williams

listen well and lovingly enough, children will tell you exactly what they need to know now. It is not always easy to be a sower of seed....that's what we educators are...because you are not usually around for the harvest. She states that she has been blessed in seeing the fruits of some of her labors when she reconnects with wonderful former students who are now friends (Hello Adam!)

She has been doubly blessed in family matters as well. She has two sons, James and Christopher, are both very successful young men with wonderful wives, Kelly and Bethann, and 2 beautiful children each. James and Kelly live nearby in Hudson and are parents to Cassidy and Brennan while Chris and Bethann, who live in Atlanta, blessed her family with Jackson and Gavin.

"How lucky can a woman be? What a wonderful career I enjoyed in Stow; I got to do what I loved with people I love and respect...and they even paid me to do it!" Ms. Williams was recently honored and humbled by being inducted into the Wall of Fame at SMFHS and she feels that it was the highpoint of her career!

Ms. Williams is currently working as a School Psychologist in Streetsboro making many good friends, but she will always think of Stow as her home.

Reunion Events

All Alumni Picnic Saturday, Aug. 9, 2008 at Heritage Barn – Silver Springs Park in Stow
4:00 –11:00 p.m. Advance 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 1988

20 year reunion dinner and dance Saturday August 9, 2008 at University of Akron. Details to follow. Please visit the class website at <http://www.classreport.org/usa/oh/stow/smfhs/1988/>

Class of 1998

The Stow–Munroe Falls High School Class of 1998 reunion committee is collecting contact information in preparation for its 10–year reunion next summer. Class of 1998 graduates are asked to update their information by contacting Mike Chadsey at 330–714–1271 or mchadsey@neo.rr.com or Adam Marquette at adam.marquette@inbox.com. The reunion committee also is seeking volunteers for the event. More reunion information is available by visiting the Web site www.myspace.com/smfhs1998.

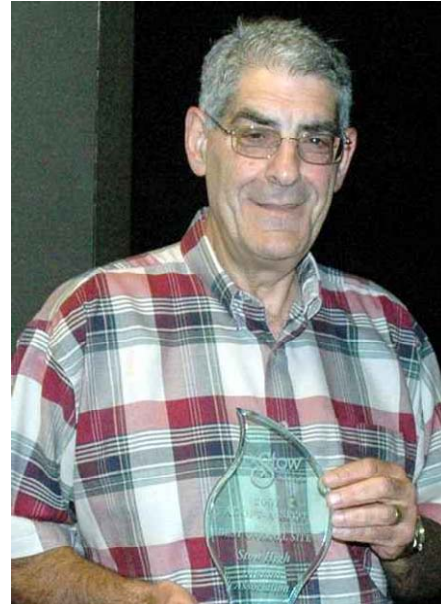
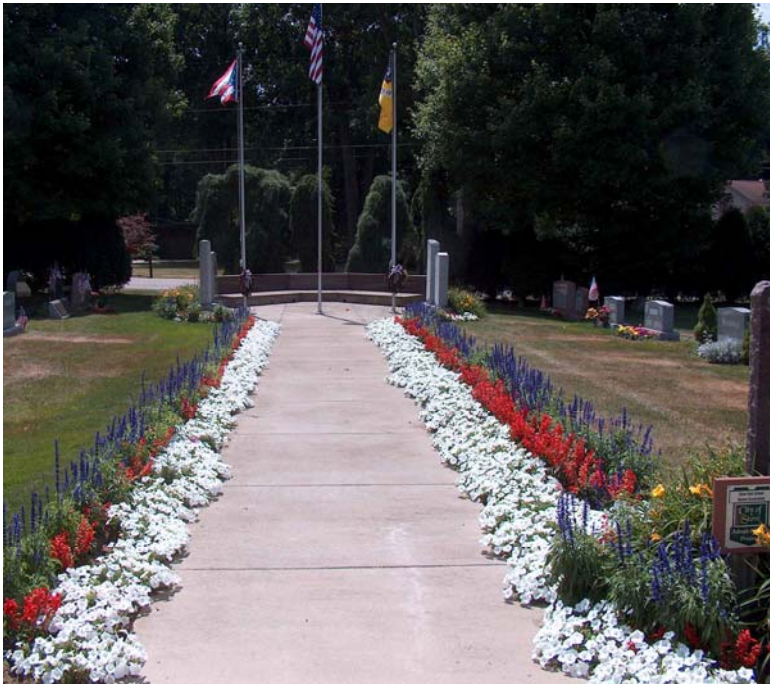
Class of 1957



The Class of 1957, 50 Year Reunion, was held on September 15, 2007 at Roses Run C.C, in Stow. There were about 80 in attendance and everyone had a great time. One of the highlights of the night was when Stow Alumni President Bob Platt accepted the class donation of over \$2,100.00 for the alumni scholarship fund. We followed the reunion with a breakfast on Sunday September 16 at Luna's Restaurant in Kent. Following the breakfast a few of the hardy souls went hiking in Adell Durbin Park. – Gary Swartout

Adopt-A-Spot 2007

By Laurie Graham Tiffany '65



Immediate Past President Tony Cocozzo accepted award for Best Overall Site 2007

Once again this year, the Alumni Association participated in the City of Stow's Adopt-A-Spot program. The flowers were planted by Current President Bob Platt ('62), Immediate Past President Tony Cocozzo ('64) and yours truly! (Where WERE all those other folks who volunteered to help?) I don't know about the guys, but I was so sore the next day that I could hardly walk!

Throughout the season, the majority of the maintenance was done by Bob Platt. His hard work paid off when the Alumni Association was awarded a lovely plaque for having the **Best Overall Site** out of over 80 sites citywide! The award was accepted by Tony on behalf of the Association. We are planning to participate again next year and would like to take on the care of the memorial garden outside the library at the high school. If you would like to help us out, please contact Bob Platt.

HOMECOMING 2007

By Wayne Forsyth

On September 28, 2007, the Stow High School Alumni Association held their second annual Homecoming Event which included a table set up at the High School before the Homecoming Game. We had information about the Alumni Association, Alumni Association merchandise for sale as well as information about the Homecoming Social that was held at Silver Springs Lodge from 8:00pm. to 11:00pm. All those that attended the Social at Silver Springs will remember those "Dogs" steamed in beer as well as the Sauce and fixing's to go on them! Hummm! Not to mention all the good Beverages on hand. The cost for this event for Stow Alumni Association members was \$0.00. That's right it was FREE! Now for guests of members the cost was just \$5.00. This year Homecoming Social attracted about 30 people to the event and a few new members to the Association.

Bulldog Scholarship Donors

Bulldog \$20-499

Bob Cooper '63
 Gary Swartout '57
 Thomas Moyer '72
 Diana Leach Garmendia '64
 Karen Biedler Alexander ' 62
 William C ("Willie") Lee '41
 SHS Class of '95
 Bill Pickering '64
 Heather West Maldonado '88
 John Oblak '58
 Patrick Flaherty '59
 Paula Sue Ellis Galistel '59
 Patricia Horn Box '57
 Larry Cross '59
 Bill & Penny Jackson Gray '57
 Elvin & Judy Franklin Lichty '54
 Donald Powell '58
 Ted & Laura Roberts Root '59
 Carol Wyle Wolfe '58
 Dave & Nancy Reinhart '59
 Glen Ward '64
 Ernest Cole '57
 Nona Wilkinson Hummel '57
 Diana Long Ward '57
 Nola Bohl '57
 Shirley Busch Nunn '57
 Diane Porter Novkov '57

Marylou Heinbaugh Dodd '57
 Shirley Earnest Row '57
 Marsha Lovingood '57
 Don Schmiedel '57
 Betty Bibbee Atkins '57
 Bill & Penny Jackson Gray '57
 Barbara Towne Geiger '57
 Cheryl Spear Robinson '57
 Don Koffroth '57
 Ken Kennedy '57
 Don Hibbard '57
 Geraldine Brehm Hibbard '60
 Alberta June Erwin Jett '57
 Beverly Cochran Abshire '57
 June "Jill" Loveland Grignon '57
 Bruce Loveland '53
 Carol Humphrey Loveland

Maroon Bulldog \$500-999

Ron Marhofer '63

Golden Bulldog \$1000-9999

Brian Cargould '79
 Gerald Bond '63
 Stow High School Class of '57

Platinum Bulldog \$10,000 and up

The Association has achieved the Federal 501(c)3 status, meaning all contributions are now tax exempt. Our tax exempt number will be provided to anyone making a contribution and the number must be recorded on your federal tax return in order for the contribution to be tax exempt. It is our hope that this status will encourage contributions to the scholarship fund so that we can continue to grow not only the value of the award but also the number of scholarships awarded. Please consider the Association if you have spare contribution budget as we are certainly a worthwhile cause.

Alumni Contribution

The Stow High Alumni Association extends a big thank-you to Gerald Bond for his most generous contribution of \$5000.00. Gerald ('63) is an advocate of all things dealing with the Alumni Association, and attends most of our events. He makes this donation in memory of Stow coach and teacher, Harold Sloop, an icon in many of our eyes. Thanks again Gerald.

2007 Stow–Munroe Falls High School Wall of Fame

By Jennifer Huffman



Dave Reinhart, Adelaide Schlichting (deceased), Ron Stewart and Karen Williams were inducted into the SMFHS Wall of Fame Sept. 17, 2007.

The Wall of Fame honors high-school employees who have worked a minimum of five years at Stow–Munroe Falls High School. They must also demonstrate high standards of achievement and respect for students and their fellow teachers. They are recognized for the positive impact they have made through their service to Stow–Munroe Falls students. Nominations were received last spring from staff members, retired educators and former students and parents.

Dave Reinhart

Mr. Reinhart was given a special honor since he was not a full-time employee at the high school. He taught at Stow Junior High School from 1965–69 and at Kimpton Middle School from its opening in 1970 until retirement in 1996. In 1966, he was the junior high school track coach. He coached varsity cross country at SMFHS from 1965–99 and varsity track at SMFHS from 1967–98. Mr. Reinhart is a 1959 graduate of Stow High School.

Adelaide Schlichting

Mrs. Schlichting was an English and drama teacher at Stow High School from 1966–1984. After retirement, she was involved with Stow Players, Continuing Education at Kent State University and was an associate member of the Sisters of the St. Dominic of Akron. She served as a reading tutor, substitute teacher and was a docent at the Akron Art Museum. She died in December 2000.

Ron Stewart

Mr. Stewart taught in the high school science department from 1972 to 2004. He also served as department chairman. He was involved in OAS Science Fairs, Junior Science and Humanities Symposia, Ecology Club and Science Olympiad.

Karen Williams

Mrs. Williams was a special education teacher and school psychologist in the district. She served Riverview, Highland, Woodland, Indian Trail and SMFHS. She retired in 2005 with 35 years of service. Mrs. Williams received her National Board Certification in school psychology.

Portraits are displayed on the Wall of Fame in the high school library. Visualizations Photography Inc. donated the four portraits. The Stow High School Alumni Association and the Senior Class each donated the cost of framing of one portrait. The newly inducted educators join these past inductees to the Wall of Fame: Harold Adkins, Janet Bergstrom, Victor Bernardez, James Boncek, Shirley Burrow–Nunn, Patsy Carman, Parke W. Cooley, Peter Grande, Judith Hackman, Kathryn Harrah, Marian Hutchison, Rebecca Jensen, Evelyn Kaufman, John Kunkler, Mary Delores Maag, Molly McGrady–Phillips, Robert MacFarland, Greta Morgan, Jay Morgan, Alta Raper, Larry Rosche, Lawrence Saltis, Tom Stephan, Susan Trembly, James Tyree, James VanGilder, Marilyn Willberg, Velma Workman and Irvin Zigler.

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