

GHHS

Spring 2011

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Bringing People Together while Promoting the Grandview Heights School System

Upcoming Events

- Monthly Alumni Luncheon
4th Friday of the month
11:30 am at Home Town Buffet at Mill Run
- 2011 Memorial Day Parade, May 28th
- 2011 Homecoming October 14th

Yearbook News

Support your Alma Mater! Limited advertising is available for the 2011 *Highlander* and space for the 2012 edition becomes available in September. Lost a copy from years gone past? Old copies are available for \$20 each. Contact Katherine Kelsey, Visual Arts Specialist, Grandview Heights High School. Email Katherine at katherine.kelsey@ghcsd.org.

The Deadline

for the Fall 2011 issue is July 1, 2011.

President's Letter



Dear Fellow Bobcats:

The GHHSAA has made a huge effort to improve the quality and content of this newsletter. We now include articles from the school administration and the GH/MC Historical Society and created new sections like "Remember When..." and "Know Your Board Members". We detail efforts like the Auditorium Project and the Rooks Media Room. We include information on reunions, scholarships, Bobcat Hall of Fame, Distinguished Alumni and Cat Mews. It has an improved look and feel, too.

Feedback has been very positive. Virtually everyone loves the new look and enjoys the newsletter more than ever. However, membership dues and unrestricted donations are falling short of printing and mailing costs.

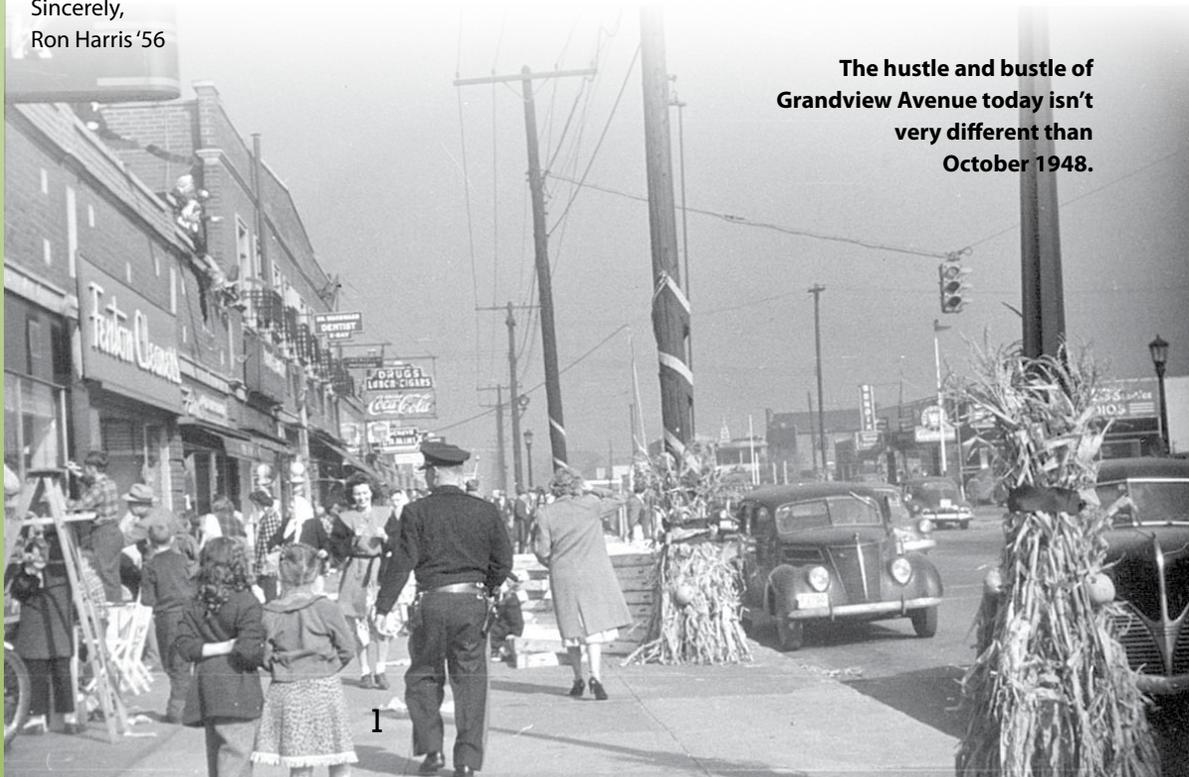
I appeal to you to send in your membership contribution. See page 7. If possible, become a Life Member or join the Paws, Big Cats or Top Cats clubs. Additional contributions from Life Members would be sincerely appreciated. Remember, your contributions are tax deductible.

You can also help us reduce expenses by opting to receive your newsletter by e-mail. To choose this option, email GHHSAA@hotmail.com or Tom Smith '63, who maintains the mailing list, at bbrow34@columbus.rr.com.

Lastly, if you'll be "home" Memorial Day weekend, please join the GHHSAA as we walk and ride in the Memorial Day parade. Show the community your GHHS Alumni pride.

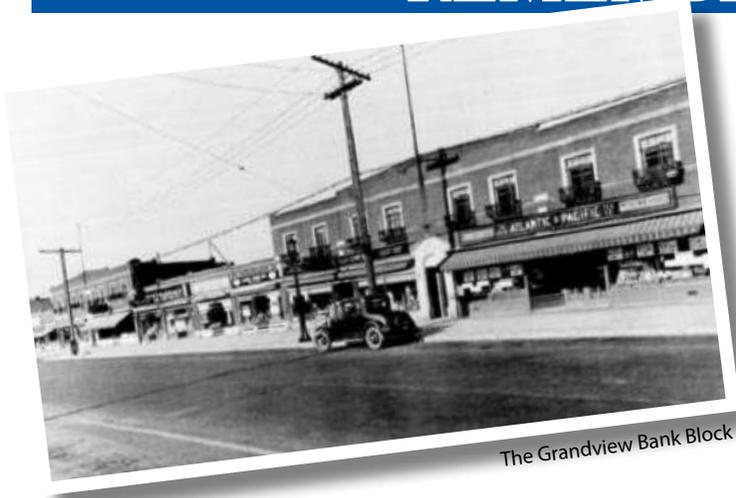
Sincerely,
Ron Harris '56

The hustle and bustle of Grandview Avenue today isn't very different than October 1948.



REMEMBER WHEN?

Courtesy of the Grandview Heights Marble Cliff Historical Society...



The Grandview Bank Block

had three movie theaters that showed first-run movies. The Grandview Theater, located south of the Bank Block on Grandview Avenue, opened in 1926 under the ownership of Carl Shafer. It had a double storefront that at one time housed a shoe repair shop on the south side and the Grandview Confectionary on the north. It closed in 1961, became an antique shop and reopened in 1987 as a theater.

cartoon can be viewed on the Historical Society website at <http://ghmchs.org>. It depicts the very popular soda fountain area of the store, as well as the pharmacy and general store sections. The photograph on the left, taken for the ad section of the high school yearbook, shows high school students with product promotions from the pharmacy. The storefront no longer exists - half of the pharmacy was removed to construct the breezeway in the Bank Block.

The Grandview Bank Block was built in 1927 to provide a corridor of shopping along Grandview Avenue. The 30-store complex was added to the National Historic Register in 1997 and received an Ohio Bicentennial Marker in 2000. The text on the marker reads as follows: "Built by pioneering retail developer Don Monroe Casto Sr., the Bank Block was dedicated in 1928. Considered one of the earliest regional shopping centers in the United States, it innovatively featured 350 free parking spaces - complete with uniformed attendant - to accommodate the rapidly growing numbers of automobile-owning suburbanites."

The Bank Block's first tenants included several competing national grocery stores: Kroger, A&P and Piggly Wiggly. Other tenants were The First Citizens Trust (later Ohio National Bank), a stationer, barber shop and pharmacy. It remains the nucleus of Grandview's commercial district. Casto, once described as

The Fifth Avenue Theater located at Fifth and Northwest opened as the Boulevard Theater in 1940. It was torn down in 1978 to make room for a Zantigos restaurant. The Arlington Theater was located between Glenn and Wyandotte on Fifth Avenue. It opened in 1935 under the ownership of Clarence MacDonald. It was bought in 1944 by the Yassenoff Academy Theaters chain which also owned the Boulevard, the College Cinema on High Street, the Camelot North and the Carousel East. It closed in 1950 and later housed the Junior Achievement center. There was an unsuccessful effort to reopen it as theater in 1988 and it was modified to house the Horizon Company's multimedia production operation in the 1990s.

Frank P. Hall Hardware was a famous Columbus company that operated locally from 1907 until 1972. Hall's main store was located at 115 S. High Street, and at its height the organization had a total of thirteen stores operating in the area. Hall's Hardware was an original tenant of the Grandview Bank Block in 1927. The license plate on the delivery truck in the photo on the next page is stamped 1912. The truck was manufactured by



Grandview Theater



Grandview Confectionary



Long's Drugstore



The Arlington Theater



Fifth Avenue Theater

"the man who changed shopping habits of the free world", also built the Town and Country Shopping Center in

Whitehall and was a dominant figure in retail commercial development in the Midwest for much of the 20th century.

In the first half of the 20th century, the Grandview area

Long's Pharmacy, located in the Bank Block at 1275 Grandview Avenue, was a local landmark in the years prior to and just after World War II. Shown on the right is a segment of a full page cartoon published prior to 1950 that has caricatures of owner Bob Long, OSU and Grandview Heights students, loyal patrons, local business leaders, and pharmacy employees. The entire

the Auglaize Motor Company of New Bremen, Ohio and is driven by an unidentified employee. Note the hand crank starter below the radiator of the truck. Frank P. Hall was the grandson of Timothy J. Price, who platted the first subdivision of Marble Cliff, Arlington Place. The Hall family home at 1631 Roxbury Road was eventually razed to build the "French Quarter" condominiums.



Hall's Hardware

Remember When ...

Ted Rudy '55 ... In the 40's and 50's, the place to be was Grandview Avenue. My Dad referred to it as "The Avenue". Huntington bank was in the bank block where the dance studio is now, but I remember it being First National when I was a grade-schooler. The theater was a good place to spend a matinee for double-feature movies, serial stories and cartoons. Back then, you got it all for a quarter!

The Outdoor Store was at the corner of First and Grandview. It later moved to Dublin Road. It was full of wonders. As far as I was concerned, the best thing they sold was carbide. We would take a pebble at a time and put it in a large tobacco can with a push-on lid. The can had a nail hole in the side. If you spit on the carbide before pushing on the lid, then waited a few seconds to allow the acetylene to form from the reaction of carbide and moisture, you could put a lighted match to the hole and the lid would blow a story and a half high. "Should I give it another few seconds and get a bigger bang?" It was extra special fun at dusk. The Outdoor Store sometimes brought in an expert fly caster. He would demonstrate his accuracy by casting a weight into a bucket from across the entire store with a flick of the wrist.

Every Halloween there was the window-painting contest. We had some very good artists in the Class of '55 and I would help Bob Kidwell fill in the large areas while he did the details of his original designs. It was impressive and a little sad that such interesting works would be washed away after a short time. Later in life I was reminded of it by seeing sidewalk painters in Europe doing similar work for tips. Almost every store window on "The Avenue" would be decorated with ghosts and macabre scenes. Many were obviously amateur-

malted milk balls or any candy you liked to eat during the movies.

By Carol Meyer Carter '74 ... When I was 17 or 18, I worked at Gickler's pharmacy soda fountain for 1-2 weeks – long enough to pay for my luggage to go to France for 10 days with Mrs. Morgan's French class. Included in the trip were classmates Becky Walter, Julie Rout, Ann Zoretic and former Attorney General Richard Cordray from Grove City High School. We had a great adventure, a little mischievous, but just good fun and learning!

Chris Wandel Casavant '77 ... My memories of Grandview Ave are of the Halloween Street Party where classes decorated storefront windows for prizes. I also remember walking to the drugstore where the flower shop is now, almost at the corner of Grandview and First. It was a little drugstore with a counter and we used to order fountain cokes, sit at the counter and drink them. We felt so grown up! What a treat that was!

Pete Zoretic '81 ... I lost my car door to an accident at the intersection of First and Grandview on a Saturday afternoon during an OSU home football game and the Grandview Street Festival. I was delivering some supplies along with Debbie Purdy to the class fundraiser booth when she decided to exit the car at the intersection of First and Grandview. A car came up the right turn lane and took off my Ford Pinto Passenger Door! The fellow who took the door off did not seem to really care, but did ask for directions to the OSU stadium. As for Debbie, fortunately she was not hurt and promptly delivered the supplies to the Class of 1981 Booth. I drove the Pinto home minus the door! We all had a good laugh and a great time at the Street Festival between First and Third on Grandview Ave.



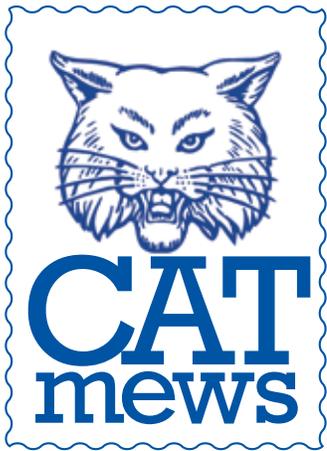
Long's Drugstore

ish, but some were fabulous. Weren't we lucky to grow up with "The Avenue"?

Brian Kuyper '64 ... Long's Drugstore for comic books, soda fountain, cherry coke. Young's Bakery, pick up a chocolate éclair on the way home from school. Painting of the business windows for Halloween - legal graffiti and fantastic artwork. Grandview Theater with two movies Saturday and Sunday. Movies were 25 cents then increased to 50 cents. Yo-yo and hula hoop contests at the movies. Grandview Confectionary next to the movie and two older ladies selling ju-ju-bees or

Julie Rout Smetzer '74 ... I remember Young's Bakery where Ballroom Plus Dance Studio is now, Van Sickles Office Supply Store on the south side of the tunnel where Stauff's is now, Grandview Hardware on the north side of where Gina's and Jeni's are now, the candy store at the storefront on the north side of the Grandview Theatre, Gecklers Drug Store where Chapel Hill Flowers currently resides. And riding bikes in the parking lot of the bank block in the evenings and on Sundays. Good memories of a great neighborhood where I grew up.

Want to share a memory from your Grandview years? Participate in the new feature **Remember When?** Submit a memory and include photos if possible!



'33 David Muhlenberg

Born in 1914, passed in 2010 at the age of 96. Attended Annapolis, The Ohio State University and the University of Hawaii



after GHHS, served in WWII, retired from USAF in 1962. While going through my dad's papers, I found back issues of the alumni newsletter, Christmas cards from old schoolmates and his original yearbook. He was very proud of having attended Grandview and cherished the relationships he established there. His first love was a Grandview graduate, but at the risk of being "indelicate," I will leave her name to conjecture. Thank you, Grandview, for having been such an important part of my father's life.

*- Submitted by
Nova Muhlenberg Bonnett*

'36 Nellie Catena Farler

Currently living at First Community Village, 92 years young and have fond memories of time at Grandview High. Thrilled when daughter and son-in-law moved to Grandview and now two grandsons followed in footsteps: Paul Levitt '07 and Nick Levitt



'12. The pictures of all past graduating classes are a wonderful "addition to the tradition" that is GHHS. Go Cats!

'40 Betty Lou Buckle Roth

Both Jerry and I are 88 and still counting! So enjoy the GHHS Newsletter.

'43 Roger Wootton Thanks for the wonderful winter edition of the Newsletter. We alums deeply appreciate being kept in touch with our important high school days. For many of us they were wartime years, recalling friends we knew, Eddie Kaufman and Pat Short come to mind, who didn't come back. And those who returned impaired by their war service. The Chuck Whipple and Rook Brotherhood stories recalled Monday night meetings, the swaps and Friday nights at the house with one's current steady date, dancing to Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey and the other big bands. It was "no ordinary time." Grandview was good to us. I'm the last of the two Wootton brothers: Gerald, '39, wartime Navy officer, long and successful career as a Chemical Engineer, first inspired by Grandview High chemistry class, deceased, 2009. I was encouraged by Grandview High physics class and was an AAF pilot, now nearing 60 years in Holy Orders in the Episcopal Church, writing a memoir of those years as a parish priest, in which Grandview is remembered and extolled. Affectionate thanks to Grandview, the Rooks and all of my much admired '43 class and schoolmates.

'45 Dick Seiple

Still play HARP at Riverside Hospital every Thursday. Donate time (when asked) and money to Grandview Heights Public Library. It's like home to me. Joan (North High) and I live on 16 acres of woods in Delaware County, OH.

'45 "Mike" Myron John Craver

Mike was a high energy "organizer" who entertained us with talent shows and fancy proms. Our era at Grandview was blessed to have a guy like Mike, who was the first person we'd ever known who always thought "out of the box". Following military service, he graduated from Michigan and went into a business that he loved. He directed fund raising and telemarketing programs.

*-Submitted by
Bob "Nero" McNabb '45*

'47 Jim McIntyre

My hat is off to the past and current members of the GHHSAA Newsletter team. Terrific job! My



wife and I will celebrate our 55th wedding Anniversary in May. I am sure we will be joined by our children and their spouses and children, grandchildren and our 4 great grand babies. I am still involved at the food pantry, our church and Veterans committee. Go Bobcats! Bo Bucks!

'47 Lee Davis Goldenbagen

Love staying in touch with classmate friends at monthly luncheons.

'48 Marlese Neher Rouda

I'm remembering Barbara Boggs. She was a wonderful friend and teacher.

'49 Judith Ann Hodge Schlag

Judith died at her residence on April 9th, 2010. She enjoyed cooking, sewing and reading. She volunteered with Campfire Girls and Cub Scouts. She was an avid genealogist and a collector of ceramics and figurines. Judy was known for her knitting and made and donated many items for charitable causes.

'49 Marilyn Sorensen Findlay

I was saddened to learn of the death of Judy Hodge Schlag ('49) from pancreatic cancer in April, 2010. Judy was maid of honor at my wedding and a life-long friend. Our husbands are fraternity brothers from OSU, another bond. Great news that GHHS is rated "Excellent with Distinction!" It served us well and stands as an example of how we wish education would be throughout the country.

'49 Bill Hammond

I'm currently writing/editing a book on an archaeological excavation I helped lead. The site is in the foothills just west of Denver, where I live. Life is good.

'49 Dick Eagle &

'50 Peggy Purkey Eagle

We have lived year-round for the last 7 years in The Villages Florida. We moved back to Columbus area to be with our family in October. Our family includes son Craig '73, son David '74, daughter Beth Beatty '77 and 10 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. I must say we do miss the good weather.

'53 Greta Anne Townsend Humphries

Love the new newsletter. Enjoy reading the great accomplishments of the graduates. We enjoy selling veggies from our garden at the Sunbury Farm Market and fishing in Lake Erie from our boat.

'54 Kathryn "Kay" Thurness Levering
Class of '54 appreciates the newsletter. Keep up the efforts!

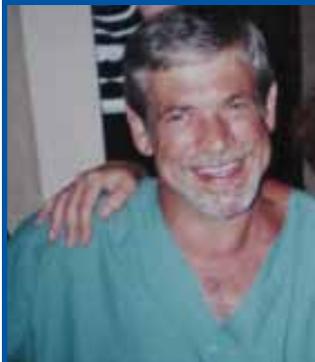
'56 Barbara Ten Raa Brunnell
Still working full time and enjoying it. Boss doesn't want me to retire! I am responsible for ensuring that 4 clinical labs meet federal California and local requirements. Love living in northern California where I can bike and walk all year.

'56 Jayne Engel Cory
Lost my husband on October 1, two months before our 50th anniversary. Retired from work on December 31. Starting a whole new life as a single person. My twin sister, Jeanne Hardman and I hope to do some traveling together.

'57 Carolyn Rudy Jensen
Greetings to all who enjoyed the many summer team victories at Grandview Swim Club from 1950-1957. Many thanks to Ted Bitondo, our volunteer swim coach. We benefitted from his useful tips, which I still hear in my head as I swim laps. Great memories!

'65 Jan Friday Seitz
Robin Friday, GHHS Faculty, turned 87 last August. Remained extremely active traveling and "cruising" abroad until his fall a year ago. The break resulted in a difficult surgery and placement in lengthy rehab. Nothing would bring him more pleasure than to receive a card or note from a few of his former students and/or players from his teaching and coaching days. If inclined, he is at the Convallarium at Indian Run, 6430 Post Road, Dublin OH 43016.

In Memoriam



Tom Hayes '67, passed away January, 2011. A Columbus Police Department officer, Tom was confined to a wheelchair after being shot in the line of duty nearly 30 years ago. His classmates have organized an

effort to memorialize Tom. The Auditorium Project is nearing completion, but funding is still needed for the handicap seating section. Approximately \$1,200 is needed to complete construction and include a plaque in Tom's honor, telling his story. His classmates appeal to you to contribute.

Make checks payable to GHHSAA, and include TOM HAYES in the memo line. Mail to GHHSAA
PO Box 12116
Columbus, OH 43212



FORE!

The first Annual GHHSAA Golf Outing will be August 19th at the Thorn Apple Country Club with a dinner to follow at the Guild Athletic Club. All proceeds benefit the annual GHHS Rooks Scholarship fund. All are welcome! Details to follow. Contact Ron Cameron at rcameron@gosafeguard.com or Tom Smith at bbrow34@columbus.rr.com Or call Tom Smith or 614.499.7449.

Visit the website
www.grandviewheightsalumni.com

Reunion Info



The class of 1960 celebrated its 50th reunion October 2010 at the Knotty Pine Friday night, followed by a party at the Guild Athletic Club on Saturday. Classmates purchased a chair for the auditorium and a check in the amount of \$500.00 was sent to the Alumni Association for a student scholarship. Way to go Class of 1960!

40th for Class of '71
October 22
Details: TBA soon
Contact Judy Davis DiPietro at judydp@aol.com or 614.539.1129

Class of '76
This summer.
Contact Joyce Eisert Senter

Class of '50 and '51 Combined Reunion
Email lawrencewilbur@aol.com or bddugger@aol.com
May 27-29

Class of '59 70th Birthday Party for all Classmates
The Villages, Florida
May 13-15, 2011
Contact Susan Yoerger Newland or Lois Kirby Risser

Class of '74
We've waited long enough. Looking for classmates for our 25-37th reunions. NEED CONTACT INFO! Please contact Teri Williams at tlwilliams@columbus.rr.com or 614.486.7841

Annual Membership Contributions

New Life Members

Dick Seiple '45
Robert B. Nelson '54
Jeanette Tarney Thouvenin '43
Sally Behmer Murray '57

Paws Club

John B. Moore, Jr. '51
Don E. Fuller '46
Dirk Voelker '50
Marlese Neher Rouda '48

Annual Membership

Peggy Purkey Eagle '50
Dick Eagle '49
Charlotte Lee Black '68
Sally Burchfield Shiner '80
Greta Anne Townsend Humphries '53
James D. "Jim" Buchanan '67
Sharon Lee McCloskey Hahn '57
Richard Donovan '60
Bill Hammond '49
Kathryn Thurness Levering '54
Lee Davis Goldenbagen '47
Toni Ciradelli Wickham '69
Jayne Engel Cory '56
Joan Young Scott '43
Jim McIntyre '47
Jerry S. and Betty Lou Roth '40

Deceased

Cindy Salzgaber Mysels '76
Dana Osborne Reed, Jr. '34
Jack Wesley Harris '36
Elouise V. Mobberly Gloyd '37
Josephine Mary Catena Hilbish '37
Anne Dascenzo Boughton '39
David H. Youmans '40
John Hines Eagle '43
Lyle K. Reed '43
David Y. France '44
Patricia J. Williams Schnug '44
Lois Detwiler Reese '44
Ralph Haverfield '45
Myron "Mike" Craver '45
Doris Gilbert Cooper '45
Shan Anne Welcker Mann '49
Audrey Pearl Luks Boyer '49
Clarkson B. Bitzer '50
Marie Abbruzzese Mestor '52
John "Jack" R. Churry '52
Morgan D. Hickok '53
Robert Kentner '53
Adrien David Jenkins '54
Nan Philby Loos '56
Richard Wayne Brown '58
Bob loia '62
Michael F. Curtis '66
Thomas Raymond Hayes '67
Beth Ann Thompson Spain '82

Contributions in Memory of

In Memorium	By
Barbara Gilchrist Boggs '47	Marlese Neher Rouda '48
Jack Churry '52	Paul and Joanna Knepper Slade
Jane Ann Fisher Korol '52	John B. Moore, Jr. '51
Judy Hodge Schlag '49	Marilyn Sorensen Findlay '49
Robert, Lois Jack and Jim Rudy	Carolyn Rudy Jensen '57
Thomas W. Fuller '58	Don E. Fuller '46
Tonia Steigely Galinsky '53	Barry L. Steigely '50
Nan Philby Loos '56	Jane Hess Harris and Gretchen Mussman Saenger '56



Several Alumni asked about the sledding picture in the Winter 2011 newsletter. The original photo is too blurry for identification, but we know the location is Stone Hill and the photo was taken winter of 1944-45. Clues indicate that the sled team is some combination of Wilber Pickett, Clem Panella, Diana Gonser, Barb Martin, Ann Gebhardt and Bob Shaw and that the photographer was Joyce Jones. The GHHSAA thanks Tom DeMaria, Trustee GHMCHS, for his research.

Auditorium Update

The amazing and inspiring auditorium renovations are nearing completion. From lighting to new technology, the space is not just a performance and assembly arena - but is used daily for teaching and learning. An official dedication will occur in coming months - date TBD. Chairs are still available for sponsorship as the Auditorium project comes to a close. Email GHHSAA@hotmail.com for sponsorship details or see past issues of the newsletter for the sponsorship form.



Distinguished Alumni Nominations

GHHSAA created the Distinguished Alumnus Award to recognize and honor those GHHS graduates, living or deceased, who have achieved extraordinary success in their chosen careers and fields of expertise. Those honored serve as great role models for current students. Typically, at least 4 Alumni are recognized each year. Who would you recommend for this award?

Complete the nomination form below.

Nominee:

Last (Maiden Name) _____

First _____ Year Graduated _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone _____

Your Name _____

Year Graduated _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Basis for Nomination (Accomplishment) _____

Please attach a brief statement, no more than 1 page, explaining why you believe the nominee should be recognized with a Distinguished Alumnus Award. Mail form and statement to:
GHHSAA, PO Box 12116, Columbus, OH 43212.

DEADLINE : JUNE 30, 2011



Grandview Heights High School
Alumni Association
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Columbus OH 43212

What's
new?

Tell us
and your classmates
about yourself— jobs,
marriages, births—
and the like. Send a
photo, too!



MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES!

The Grandview Memorial Day Parade is a Grandview tradition almost 40 years strong. Show the Grandview community your Bobcat Alumni pride and walk (or ride) in the Memorial Day Parade! Please contact your fellow classmates and come join other Alumni. In 2010 we had 50 Alumni participate. Come on out! **Let's shoot for 100 Alumni participants this year!**

- WHEN:** Saturday May 28, parade starts at 10:00am
- ROUTE:** First Avenue from Cambridge Boulevard east to Oxley Road
- WHO:** All GHHS Alumni and their families
- MEET:** Cambridge Boulevard at about 9:15am. We'll have coffee and donuts!
- WEAR:** Bobcat attire or navy and white colors

SIGNS: Notify GHHSAA in advance and we'll provide you a sign printed with your graduating class year to carry in the parade

RSVP: Please contact Ron Harris '56 at hiyoron@aol.com or Tom Smith '63 at bbrow34@columbus.rr.com or Rob Dyckes '83 at redyckes@gmail.com

AFTER: All Alumni and family are invited to Myers Realty on Grandview Avenue for hotdogs and soda pop

Everyone is also encouraged to attend the GHHS Veterans Memorial Ceremony at the Northwest Boulevard and Oxley Road triangle on the evening of Thursday, May 26. Don't miss the Bagpipes! Many GHHS Veterans will also be marching in the Memorial Parade.

Do you have an item or photograph to display that you would like to donate to the GHMCHS? Contact Tom DeMaria, 1685 W. First Avenue, Columbus, OH 43212 or tde-maria@columbus.rr.com.