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We look forward to hearing from you!

Dear Alumni,

It is an exciting time for the Oakwood Schools community as we have two new privately-funded projects in the works for this fall - a new and improved playground at Lange Kindergarten, and our beautiful Alumni Plaza adorned with the names of Oakwood students - past, present and future! The Alumni Plaza is a project close to our hearts, and we look forward to celebrating it with many of you this Homecoming. Thank you for all of the support you have provided to the Oakwood Schools Foundation to make this project a reality. Read on for more news, a reflection on a teacher's lifelong impact, and how our alumni are giving back and continuing the tradition of excellence in our schools!

Distinguished Alumni Awards Announces 9 Recipients in 2019!

The Oakwood Alumni Association is delighted to be honoring an amazing group this fall at the 2019 Distinguished Alumni Awards. The following individuals will be recognized on October 3rd from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., the Thursday before Homecoming & Reunion Weekend at the NCR Country Club.

The cost to attend is \$40 per person.

You can register for the event by mail or online at:

<https://oakwoodalumniassociationd2019.eventbrite.com>.

Make checks payable to **Oakwood Alumni Association** and mail to:

Oakwood Alumni Association

20 Rubicon Rd.

Oakwood, OH 45409

Deadline for registration is September 26, 2019.



Dr. Barbara Winston
Blackmun, '45



Don Williams, '48



Charles and Ann (Harlamert) Simms, '50 and '52



Dale Hatfield, '56



Dr. Douglas Payne, '58



Irvin G. Bieser, '59

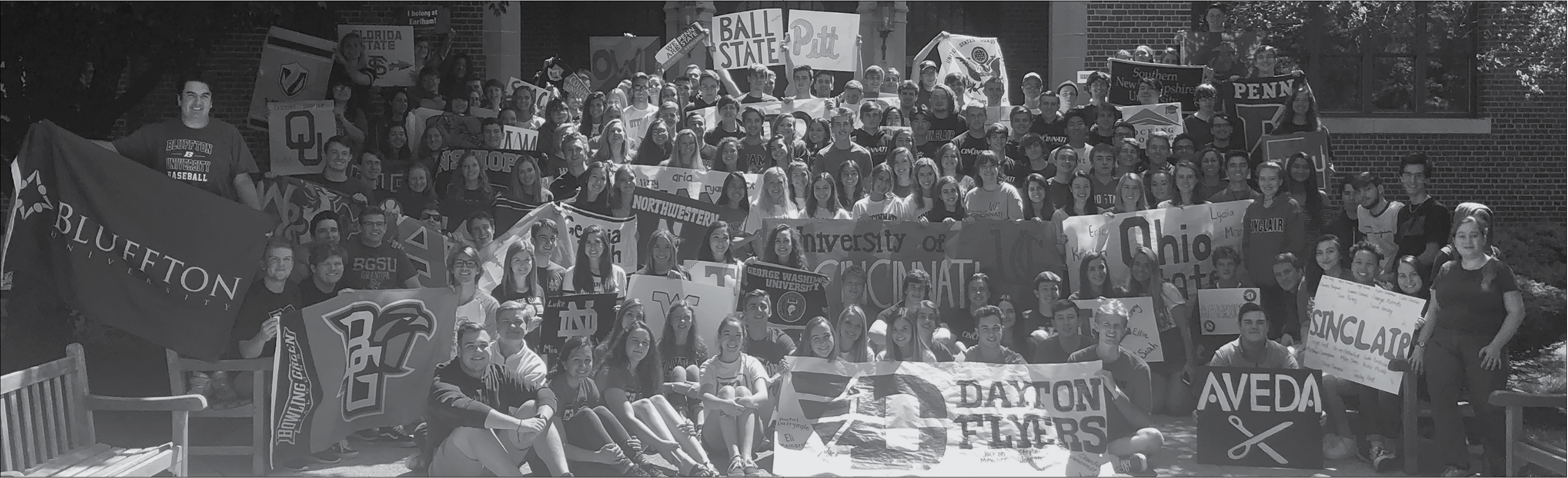


Barbara Mokrzycki
Sanderson, '64



Diane "Dee Dee" Granzow
Simpson, '73

CLASS OF 2019 Leaves the Dome!



Check out where our graduates are headed.

Auburn University: Carter Winch

Aveda Institute: Preston Dues

Ball State University: Logan Kelly

Bluffton University: Landon Sandoval

Bowling Green State University: Cameron Dudas, Henrik Leboeuf, John Boozell, Nick Cockayne, Seth Helter

Carleton College: Susanna Kisker

Case Western Reserve University: Emma Lindsay

Clemson University: John Danis

Cleveland State University: Connor Creighton

College of Charleston: Lauren Hearn

College of William & Mary: Will Stack

Columbia University: Gabby Echevarria

DePaul University: Ian McCarthy

Earlham College: Hannah Grushon, Torrie Studebaker

Florida State University: Skye Adams

Furman University: Garrett Hart, Hadley Barhorst

Georgia Institute of Technology: Stella Joly

Georgia Southern University: Mauricio Herringer

Hobart Institute of Welding Technology: Jeffrey Moell

Hocking College: Frank Calzada

Hollins University: Audrey Owens

Johns Hopkins University: Charles Almoney

Lafayette College: Grace Stephenson

Lee University: Nick Shafer

Macalester College: Colman Smith, Rebecca Gentry

Miami University: Abby McKinnon, Aria Kupka, Caroline McLaughlin, Cathleen McLaughlin, Elizabeth Redden, Jack Henry, Julia Guzman,

Lauren Steen, Maddie Plunkett, Nick Bowman, Ryan Clark, Kat Wahl

North Carolina State University: Claire Aguiar

Northwestern University: Taylor Shineman

Ohio University: Avery Spang, Casey Zepernick, James Galvin, Karina Czeiszperger, Mark Olinger, Myra Hamilton, Rodney Jones

Ohio Wesleyan University: Sam Miller

Otterbein University: Sam Lahmon

Pennsylvania State University: Nate Kaval

Purdue University: Gabby Schalm, Peter Salisbury

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology: Sam Munro

Saint Mary's College: Claire Hemmelgarn

Santa Clara University: Molly Beutel

Sinclair Community College: Alex Kelly, Alyssa Barham, Anya Brooks, Brysan Stutzman, Catherine Goeller, Charles Jacques, Connor Cantrell, George Bolmida, Jaclyn Herd, Kiersten Retherford, Luke Breidenbach, Matthew

Cunningham, Miles Jones, Natalie Ramsey, Parker McCalip, Sam Abney, Sarah Hensley, Tahire Demnika, Timothy Reed

Southern New Hampshire University: Katie King

Southwestern Oklahoma State University: Lauren Hapgood

The George Washington University: Lauren O'Connell

The Ohio State University: Eleanor Chase, Elijah Davis-Gallentine, Eric Warnock, Grace Hutton, Holly Cassidy, Kristen Ruscitelli, Lydia Beyer, Mahmoud Elbasouny, Mary Kidwell, Michael O'Hara, Sam Theis, Will Ayres, Will Janning

The University of Oklahoma: Katie Hapgood

United States Air Force: Dolan Johnson

United States Coast Guard: Colton Beam

United States Marines: Casey Fultz, Josh Leasure

United States Naval Academy: Agatha Shafer

University of Cincinnati: Alex House, Allison Jefferis, Allison Kordik, Andrew Koch, Andrew Varley, Ben Aidt, Ben Mayer, Brendan Tsui, Brenna Campbell, Connor Hick, Devin Lucas, Elizabeth Schumacher, Grace Paddon, Hannah Potter, Helen Souder, Jack Armstrong, Katherine Boylin, Kurt Ackerman, Lili Huelsman, Logan Connally, Marissa Dewing, Max Leasure, Mira Sidhu, Rylan Pipenger, Sophia Hagan, Tess Henderson, Will Midtbo, Ziwen Cai, Kaitlin Meyer

University of Colorado at Boulder: Josh Amongero

University of Dayton: Ben Kramer, Claudia Vanzandt, Drew Schoen, Elijah Messaros, Elizabeth Rhodes, Emma Sidhu, Jack Lynch, Jackson Mescher, Jake Sargent, Kayla Nickerson, Lyuba Benin, Madison Weiler, Megan Weeda, Michaela Kendig, Rachel Dalrymple, Stephanie Joseph, Terry Oliss

University of Kentucky: Eleanor Jones, Sarah Rosenbaum, Tommy Lunne

University of Notre Dame: Lainey Teeters, Luke Miller, Mia Gorman

University of Pennsylvania: Charlie Ross

University of Pittsburgh: Charles Burke, Sam Sidhu

University of Southern California: Coco Zhang

University of Tennessee: Julia Mullen

University of Wisconsin: Aleia Olson

Valparaiso University: Natalie Gut

Volunteer State Community College: Seth Gitzinger

Washington University in St. Louis: Jordan Neeley, Samantha Auditore

West Virginia University: Lia Frisbee

Wright State University: Cameron Hendrix, Edmund Rangel, Joseph Traynor

Xavier University: Alexander Grant

Work/pursue music: Zach Brennaman

Employment: Max Souders

Apprenticeship: Liam White

Gap Year Abroad: Abby Wootton

College/Undecided: Grace Yarbrough

Lumberjacks Giving Back



Michael Whalen OHS 2004
President, PlayCare Playground Specialists

Like a merry-go-round on one of his PlayCare installations, Michael Whalen is about to come full circle with Oakwood Schools. Starting off on the Harman School playground as a grade-schooler, Michael graduated from OHS in 2004, and then the University of Dayton with a B.S. in Entrepreneurship and Finance as well as an MBA. Michael then purchased PlayCare Playground Specialists in May of 2013, and at that time, the company performed cleaning and maintenance on indoor playgrounds in Ohio, and its border states. Now under Michael's leadership, he and the PlayCare team are continually looking at developing the scope of the business both in service and geographical reach.

That approach seems to be gliding along as PlayCare Playground Specialists has grown 30% every year, expanded into a larger facility, and is servicing over 600 customers in 8 states. Their turnkey offering now includes playground design, sale, installation, cleaning, and repair. The company's success has also enabled PlayCare to give back substantially to the community. In the past two years, PlayCare has provided over \$1 million in new equipment to the local Dayton community and contributed over \$300,000 toward those projects through in-kind and direct donations. PlayCare's philanthropic outreach has focused on local projects with religious institutions, COSI, The Boonshoft Museum, Dayton Children's Hospital, Council on Rural Services, United Rehabilitation Services, Sinclair Community College, and many private and public schools.

Giving back is important to Michael, and he is proud to be able to provide safe, fun environments for kids to grow and play. One of such projects this summer will be the privately-funded Lange Kindergarten playground (see image) - a project his children will have the pleasure of experiencing themselves in a few years. Other PlayCare projects include another school playground as well as smaller custom projects in local parks.



The privately-funded Lange Kindergarten playground is a project that Michael's children will have the pleasure of experiencing themselves in a few years.

Homecoming & Reunion Weekend 2019, Class Reunions

Homecoming plans are underway!
If your class is having a reunion, please contact the individual listed below or the Alumni Association at alumni@oakwoodschoools.org, or 937.371.1479.

1959 - Barbara O'Hara (October 11-12)

1964 - Ruth Deddens

1969 - Lisa Reeder, Kathy Priest

1974 - Sue Frech, Rebecca Paessun, Joe Waizmann

1979 - Leslie Simms Nagel

1984 - Constance Ordeman

1989 - Tait Hamiel

1994 - Stefan Neumeister

1999 - Lesley Whalen

2004 - Reunion Committee forming, Michael Whalen at whalenmp@gmail.com

2009 - Ted Buffington (Friday, November 29th at Troll Pub)

2014 - Grace Geehan (over Thanksgiving Holiday)

New Alumni Plaza to be Ready for Homecoming Crowd



OSF Director Dante Connell, Lindsey (Bibler) Deck '02, Jamie Mhaskar, Linda Woods, OSF Board Chair Chris Conard '76, Lisa Sanford, Edman Gray '57, Laura Lee John, Emma Butler, Kevin Jones '82.

The concept of the Alumni Plaza evolved in 2017 when a member of the Class of 1967 wanted to learn about the District's needs. In reviewing those needs, it was the proposal for an "Alumni Plaza" to be installed in one of the most highly traveled areas on the OHS/OJH campus that intrigued the alum, who represented a private foundation.

"The Alumni Plaza moved from concept to reality because one of our alumni provided OSF with a matching fund donation of \$50,000. Many more alumni and friends generously came forward to support the project. The Alumni Plaza is another example of the OSF's partnership with Oakwood Schools and our goal to provide quality opportunities and facilities for students and staff. The OSF will continue to explore new opportunities to privately fund district-wide improvements," OSF Board Chair Chris Conard ('76) said.

The transformed outdoor space, located near the south entrance of OJH on East Schantz Ave., will serve many purposes for school and community groups. A point of interest in the plaza will be a large brick paver circle encompassing a block "O" for Oakwood. Within the circle, paver bricks have been engraved with the names of generous donors who helped support the project. OHS classes ranging from 1950 to 2035 will be recognized on the paver bricks. With plenty of seating and new landscaping, the plaza will promote social interactions and define the main entrance to the building from East Schantz Ave. The design for the plaza also addressed the drainage issues in the area.

An official ceremony dedicating the area to Oakwood Schools and its students past, present and future will be held this fall.

Athletic Hall of Fame to Honor Athletes on September 5th

The Oakwood High School Athletic Hall of Fame will honor five deserving individuals and recognize one team at the 12th annual banquet Thursday, Sept. 5.

This year's Hall of Fame inductees:

- **Ed Wysocki**, Varsity Football Coach, 1950–1964
- **Ann Wilson Turner**, Class of 1973
- **John Hochwalt**, Class of 1999
- **Geri Woessner**, Class of 2000
- **Mark Hughes**, Director of Athletics 1995–2013
- **2005 State Championship Girls' Tennis Team** - The team won the SWBL Championship and was ranked #1 in the State the entire year. Members of the team include:
 - **Erin Scharrer McAfee** – Class of 2006
 - **Cara Wald Dalton** – Class of 2007
 - **Kristin Cobb Neal** – Class of 2007
 - **Brittany White Ballen** – Class of 2007
 - **Lauren Tramontano** – Class of 2007
 - **Kaylah Dempsey Thompson** – Class of 2007
 - **Kelsey Haviland** – Class of 2008

OHS has a long tradition of excellence in athletics and there are many worthy individuals who deserve consideration for induction into the Athletic Hall of Fame. Eligibility requirements for the Hall of Fame for an athlete include being a graduate of Oakwood High School and having lettered in at least one sport for two years or two or more sports for one year, or the Girls Athletic Association equivalent. The athlete cannot be considered for induction until 10 years after graduation. The Committee will also consider coaches and administrators who served OHS. You may nominate an individual by submitting a Nomination Form, which may be found at <https://www.oakwoodschoools.org/community/athletic-hall-of-fame>.

For more information regarding tickets for the Sept. 5 event, contact the Athletic Office at (937) 297-5342.

Class Updates

The Remarkable Mrs. Wood

by Fred Kocher, 1958



As I read the alumni articles and class updates in the Oakwood Alumni Association newsletter, I ask myself what difference Oakwood High School made in my life of 78 years. One experience stands out for me– the role of Mr. Woodbridge in a senior class play – “The Remarkable Incident at Carson Corners” – thanks to the School’s Drama Teacher Mrs. Signe Wood, who had

confidence in me that I could perform before an audience in the School’s auditorium. That might seem somewhat off-line in terms of traditional academics, but here is why it made a difference.

One of the hallmarks of my life has been television news. It started in college at Ohio State where I spent my weekends as a news reporter at WLW-C (NBC) in Columbus. It continued after college at WMUR-TV (ABC) in New Hampshire where I reported on stories in Central New England and anchored the news at 6:00 and 11:00. More than once, I have thought back to Mrs. Wood who urged me to take a lead role in the School play, and how that lit a spark of confidence in my ability to communicate in front of an audience, and evolved into reporting news stories in front of a TV camera and a large audience --larger than the audience in the Oakwood High School auditorium.



Carson Corner castmates: Fred Kocher, Richard Oxley, Clark Brooks, Doug Payne, Chuck Stuart, Charles Bieser

And it was even a larger audience when I reported a story on the ABC Evening News about the OPEC oil embargo in the mid-1970s and the purchase of Russian oil by a New England energy company to heat New England homes. At 78, I’m still producing a business news show on WMUR-TV (ABC) every Sunday morning – as a hobby.

It has been my hobby. I don’t collect stamps or baseball cards. But, it hasn’t been my occupation in life. There’s a common thread between my hobby communicating on television, and with my various occupations where communicating has been my ticket to serve as a public spokesman for a U.S. Senator, a public relations executive for a Boston law firm, and a corporate communications advisor to a global photovoltaic company. The common thread continued in my home state of NH where I led a telecommunications association, founded a forum called “Politics and Eggs” that hosts all candidates for President every four years in advance of NH’s first in the nation presidential primary, and co-founded NH’s Forum on the Future – both of which continue to this day. For these and other pursuits, I was surprised and honored with a NH Business Leader of the Year Award in 2007.



So, while I thank several individuals along the way, it’s crystal clear to me that Mrs. Wood saw something in me and put me in a position on stage to know it. Add to that my appreciation of the English language from teacher Maria Bender, and the value of teamwork from football coach, Ed Wysocki – Oakwood High School primed me for the life I would end up living - even though I didn’t get that many A’s (:

Class Updates, continued

1947

Gloria Smith Gould, Class of ‘47 Scholarship

To celebrate their 70th anniversary, the Class of 1947 established an academic scholarship fund of \$3,000 to honor a graduating 2018 senior. **Pictured with the winner, Ethan Lethander, are Ruth Harman and Gloria Smith.** Ethan was an outstanding student at Oakwood. He matriculated to Ohio State University, majoring in aerospace engineering.

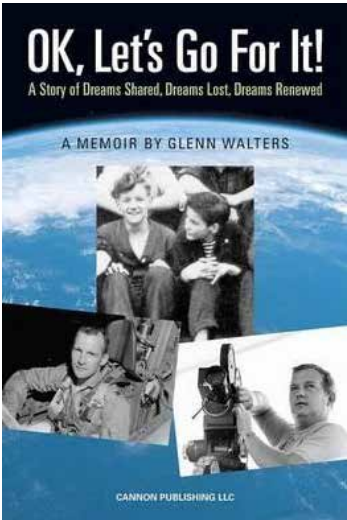


Class members who contributed to this fund were Ed Schneider, Chad Graham, Bea Stewart Reiling, Mary Jane Wills Lange, Winnie Webb Cameron, Gloria Gould Smith and Ruth Herman.

1948

1948 updates provided by Joey Smith Theile, Senior Class Secretary

Don Williams will be honored as one of this year’s Oakwood High School’s Distinguished Alumni on October 3rd. Congratulations Don!



Glenn Walters, who was our class president in 1948, has written a book, *OK, Let’s Go For It!* about his friendship with Ed White, the astronaut who was the first American to “walk in space.” Ed White died in 1965 in the fire of Apollo One. During the 1940’s the Air Force brought a bus full of officers’ children to our Oakwood Junior and Senior Schools every school day from the base. Ed White was one of those lucky students. Ed and Glenn became close friends during those years and remained buddies until Ed’s death. Glenn went to Cape Canaveral to see the lift off of the space vehicle. The families keep in touch with each other even today.

Henriette (Penny) Light recently married Dr. Ion Gorry in Watertown, Mass. Penny continues her vocation as a horticulturist, and they have kept her home as their abode as she wishes to maintain her gardens. Dr. Gorry is a retired emergency room doctor.

Chris Davis Vradelis fractured her left wrist after falling on the tennis court. She has had surgery on the wrist and will be returning to the tennis courts soon! Her husband, Ted Vradelis, died this past spring at Hospice in Dayton.

Irvin Harlamert has sponsored for the tenth year a contest named the OHS Harlamert Foundation Entrepreneurship Competition. This program emphasizes the importance of the entrepreneurial spirit and encourages students to explore and understand the value of owning their own businesses. “Harlo” was a Municipal Court Judge in Oakwood for 24 years before he retired.

Others of us, **Dick and Connie Neff, Marilyn Huber Holland, Elaine and Stan Tekamp, and Joey Smith Thiele**, are just glad that we are amongst those breathing and have moved to retirement homes where the living is easy. *Peace and love, Joey*

1950

On October 3rd, **Charles Simms** will be honored as one of this year’s Oakwood High School’s Distinguished Alumni. Congratulations, Charles!

1952

October 3rd, **Ann Harlamert Simms** will be honored as one of this year’s Oakwood High School’s Distinguished Alumni. Congratulations, Ann!

1956

October 3rd, **Dale Hatfield** will be honored as one of this year’s Oakwood High School’s Distinguished Alumni. Congratulations, Dale!

1958



Dayton area Class of 1958 members met on June 25th at the Golden Lamb in Lebanon, Ohio. From left to right: Max Cockerill, Norm Hild, Bill Freudenberger, Linda Gordon Stuart, Judy Lane Perry, Bonnie Sollars Johnston, Kathy Hodges, Lynn Johnson Olive, Pat Freudenberger, Sue Dynes Cramer.

Class Updates, continued

1958

October 3rd, **Dr. Douglas Payne** will be honored as one of this year’s Oakwood High School’s Distinguished Alumni. Congratulations, Doug!

1959

It is time to make reservations for our **60th Reunion**, October 11-12! We do hope you will attend and enjoy being together sharing memories! If you would like a copy of the invitation, please contact Abby Burns at abbyburns10@gmail.com. R.S.V.P. by Sept. 6, 2019.

Irvin G. Bieser will be honored on October 3rd as one of this year’s Oakwood High School’s Distinguished Alumni. Congratulations, Irv!

1961

John Olsen



Dear Fellow Alumni,
My annual long motorcycle ride was an early summer trip from the Puget Sound to Pensacola and back. Greeting a new grandson was the excuse for gorging on road food and getting a thorough Florida sunburn in my annual swim in the ocean.

On the way back I stayed off the Interstate and sought out winding backroads, especially in Arkansas, Colorado, Utah and Idaho. I got to see some moose and deer way too close up, but stayed in one piece anyway. Although summer downpours made a few hours really uncomfortable, mostly I had great weather and little traffic in the stretches where the roads were most fun. The attached photo is my souvenir from Salt River Pass in Northern Utah. If you’ve got a ’cycle, saddle up and head West!

1964

Class of 1964 is planning a reunion for October 3-5, beginning with **Barbara Mokrzycki Sanderson** being recognized as one of this year’s Oakwood High School Distinguished Alumni recipients. Contact **Ruth Deddens** or **Bill Pees** for more information.

Bradley Vance Butcher



Brad’s life was all about family and his work as a paving contractor. We began our life together in 1963 while attending Oakwood High and after 5 years of dating were married in 1968. Many of you knew him as a classmate and/or were a baseball team mate. is love of baseball continued through the years as he coached and played the game. At age 55, he actively played in a Men’s Over-40 hardball league here in California until he suffered cardiac arrest/congestive heart failure which, in time, took his life in March of 2018 at the age of 73.

His great positive attitude and love of family was always his rock, and this focus kept him strong for many years. We were fortunate to have our two children and their spouses and grandchildren here in California within a short distance of us, which gave us an abundance of time to share with them which was a blessing. In our retirement years, we lived in the Santa Cruz area and relished our days at the beach. We love and miss him every day as our lives go on without him. I am thankful for the family support here with me, including my brother, **Dan Price**. Brad leaves behind, our children, **Lisa Dicus** and **Dan Butcher**, our six grandchildren, and his brothers **Craig Butcher**, **Scott Butcher** and **John Dotta**. – *Marcia Price Butcher*

Kristin Kuhns Alexandre
Going Hollywood ... How a Complete Nobody (Me) Wrote, Produced and Brought a Low Budget Film To Market



Once our kids were out of the house, I started writing *Gem City*, a novel about a gypsy girl who lived in Dayton, Ohio, during World War I. I self-published the novel and it received decent reviews and had broad appeal.

It should be a movie, I thought. I decided to study the way to break into film and Google took me to The American Film Market in Los

Angeles. Here I discovered my script would never make it – too long and I was a nobody. Undeterred, I wrote another, shorter thriller based on the two brothers, the Boston bombers. My story centers around Tillie, a high school graduate who is orphaned when her parents’ small plane crashes on approach to the island

Class Updates, continued

of Nantucket. Tillie is living with her aunt Jenny and she regularly meets up with her friends at Altar Rock(the highest point on the island). One evening a young cab driver named Niko shows up and a passionate summer romance ensues. Things heat up when Niko’s older brother brings his yacht to town to seek revenge for the death of his father and to break up the budding romance.

Altar Rock is a tense, thrilling feature film that took three years to come to fruition. My lack of experience slowed the process down but if I’d known all the roadblocks I wouldn’t have even started. My two lead actors, KJ Apa (best known as Archie on *Riverdale*) and India Eisley (Ashley in *The Secret Life of the American Teenager*) have become stars since I hired them three years ago. That may or may not help me sell the film. Was it worth it? I’ll tell you after it’s sold but it was the hardest thing I’ve ever done. What did I learn? The film business from start to finish! This is one tough business. My next project will be easier.



Tillie (India Eisley) and Niko (KJ Apa) at Altar Rock

1965

Jack Alexander: Traveling home from NYC having sung on the stage of Carnegie Hall for World Pride Concert, *Quiet No More*, along with 563 other gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered singers. An amazing and exciting experience!



1970

Kate Cauley: I am a professor emerita and retired from Wright State University. I have moved to Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. Please visit me at the beach!



Glorystompers muddy match at Mack Hummon:



Pepper Hitchcock shares two photos: the Oakwood High School baseball team of 1970. How many individual names can be put with correct faces?! As a point of reference, I am #16 in the front row.

1972



Our group of friends who played Saturday flag football all during the fall of 1968-1969. We called ourselves the Glorystompers. Obviously, this picture was taken after a very muddy day of fun.

Class Updates, continued

Cathy Capelle is hosting a reunion for alumni who are from Cincinnati or moved to Cincinnati. Check out the Facebook group - 60's Clifton Reunion. Remember all-you-could-eat-pizza for \$1 at Zino's on Tuesdays? This is for ANYONE who resided in Clifton in the 1960's, and will take place at Mount Storm Park at the end of Lafayette. It coincides with the date of the Walnut Hills High School reunion that weekend. We plan to have Graeter's and Skyline Chili concessions. Please BYOB, and please spread the word about the reunion.

For more information, contact Cathy Capelle, now 65, at cathena18@juno.com. Provide your email address for upcoming news before 9/15 and photos of the event afterwards. Feel free to post memories and appropriate photos of Clifton in the 1960's on the group Facebook page.

1973

October 3rd **Diane “DeeDee” Granzow Simpson** will be honored as one of this year's Oakwood High School's Distinguished Alumni. Congratulations, DeeDee!

1976

Cass Cannon of Staunton, VA, (aka Cindi Cass, Class of '76) started Peg's Salt in 2012 based on a recipe for seasoned salt that her mother, **Peggy Cass**, created in the 1970s. The small batch mix of salt and seasonings has a unique savory effect that enhances the flavor of any food.



The company has steadily grown, even as it remained a one-woman business. **Peg's Salt is now sold in Food Lion and Whole Foods markets in Virginia, Amazon Prime, and dozens of other stores – including Dorothy Lane Market and Arrow Wine.** She will be supplying some OHS friends with small jars as wedding favors this fall.

In July, the company moved into a custom-made production site at

Vector Industries, a nonprofit organization in Waynesboro, VA, that employs disabled workers. Vector employees will support Peg's Salt in labelling, warehousing, and distribution. This new arrangement provides steady work for the Vector community and opens new expansion opportunities for sales. Perhaps Kroger will be next! More about Peg's Salt at www.pegssalt.com.

'76 alum makes an impact on the restaurant industry



Gregg Rapp is the recognized expert on Menu Engineering, a field he pioneered. He travels the world to work with industry leading academics, experts, and food and beverage professionals on menu development and strategy.

Last fall he was honored by his alma mater, Washington State University, with a scholarship in his name. His media credits include being featured in stories on all three network morning shows, *Time Magazine*, *The New York Times* and the *Wall Street Journal*. In May, Gregg appeared on a restaurant reality show in the United Kingdom. Gregg lectures at Cornell's School of Psychology and the university's Hotel School, as well as Duke University. He gave an all-campus lecture at Google Headquarters in Mountain View, CA. In August Gregg will be the keynote speaker at Swiss Innovation Day in Zurich, Switzerland. He is mentioned in Dr. Dan Ariely's best-selling book, *Predictably Irrational*, and his new book, *Payoff: The Hidden Logic that Shapes Our Motivations*.

Gregg credits Mr. Koch's printing class for his start in advertising. He later went on to establish his own award-winning agency in Seattle. In high school, he was out selling letterheads and business cards instead of printing hall passes!

True to his Oakwood roots, Amy DeWall Dadmun ('76) writes his press releases and Chip Leakas ('74) is his LinkedIn consultant.

Today, Gregg resides in Los Angeles and Palm Springs, CA. His favorite restaurants are Fonda San Miguel in Austin, Texas, and the Pine Club in Dayton.

– Submitted by Lisa Kline Price ('76)

Class Updates, continued

1998



Rachel Tepfer Copeland is a proud mom to two amazing little boys (Miles, age 7, and Grant, age 2). She lives with her husband, Eric, and their boys in Houston, TX.

In December 2018, Rachel published her first children's book, *I Can Be*

A Superhero During A Lockdown. The book quickly became a #1 bestseller on Amazon and has received endorsements by safety organizations across the nation and the world. Rachel's second book, *I Can Be A Superhero During A Fire Drill*, was released in June of this year and has already reached #1 New Release on Amazon in multiple categories.



Rachel enjoys spending time with her family and working with parents and professionals across the nation to learn how to effectively teach kids of all abilities lifesaving safety skills.



Leo DeLuca: The Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism recently offered me a very generous scholarship. I'll be headed to New York City via Dayton this autumn. I genuinely hope to use this opportunity to better the world—if only in some small way.

More importantly, by scouring old Dayton city directories, I recently discovered my Kettering home is next door to where famed *Simpsons* voice actress Nancy Cartwright was raised. This means I ostensibly live next door to where Bart Simpson, Ralph Wiggum, Todd Flanders, Nelson Muntz, and Maggie Simpson were raised. Cowabunga!



Susan Woessner and husband, Ryan Mooney, welcomed Thomas Andrew Mooney on April 28, 2019. Samantha (2) is a very proud big sister. The Mooney/Woessner family lives in Denver.

2003

Beth Stelling: I'm set to write for the 3rd season of *The Last O.G.* on TBS (stream season 1 on Netflix, season 2 available on Amazon). It stars Tiffany Haddish and Tracy Morgan, and tells the story of Tray (Morgan) who went to jail for 15 years for selling drugs and when he gets out, Brooklyn has been gentrified.



Beth Stelling '03 (top row, 3rd from right) joins fellow comics and writers at Reproductive Justice fundraiser to benefit independent clinics Sister Song, Access Reproductive Care-Southeast and Feminist Women's Health Center.

I live in Los Angeles and I tour my stand-up comedy in clubs around the country when I'm not writing. I'm supposed to headline the Columbus, Ohio, Funny Bone Aug 16 & 17 but *may have to reschedule* due to *The Last O.G.* writing schedule. But for now mark your calendars if you live in Columbus!

The photo I'm including was taken at a gathering that Sarah Silverman and Lizz Winstead (co-creator of *The Daily Show*) organized to educate us (lots of comedians, writers) on *Reproductive Justice* (which confronts the discriminatory nature of our legal and healthcare system in regard to reproductive care), and fundraise for three organizations lead by women in the South (Sister Song, Access Reproductive Care-Southeast, and Feminist Women's Health Center). We raised over \$25k that night. Independent clinics need our support. Please consider supporting ALL women's autonomy because for many women in the Oakwood community it's not just a choice, it's a privilege. But we're at risk of losing it and these women in Georgia are fighting for us.



The Oakwood Athletic Boosters Association encourages your membership as a Booster Member for the 2019-2020 year. Assisting the athletes of the Oakwood Junior and Senior High Schools is a source of community pride. Thank you for support of Oakwood Athletics! **Become a member:** oakwoodschoools.org/community/boosters Email: OakwoodBoosters1947@gmail.com.

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In Remembrance

Class	Name	Deceased
1938	William B. Gaither	12/11/2018
1938	Earline Claunch Grice	2/1/2019
1941	Elizabeth Santner Crull	
1945	Barbara Winston Blackmun	7/6/2019
1945	George Houk	3/9/2019
1948	George Lytle	3/1/2019
1948	Warren "Pete" Parker	12/3/2018
1948	James Liesenhoff	2018
1948	Fleeta Elaine Dixon Tekamp	7/5/2019
1948	Glenn Walters	7/11/2019
1949	Theodore "Ted" Dye	3/15/2019
1950	Sally McBride Solarek	3/22/2019
1951	Lynda Smith Basel	6/4/2019
1951	Joyce Ann Harrison Jones	1/3/2019
1952	Morris W. Barley	12/2018
1952	Ann Harlamert Simms	7/15/2019
1957	Thomas Chance	1/31/2018
1957	Peter Vandenberg	2/13/2019
1959	Barbara Von Hoff Niday	2019
1959	Bradley Johnson	6/18/2019
1960	Martha Cowden	1/18/2019

1960	Frederic Rieger	7/18/2019
1961	Joyce Ann Jones	1/3/2019
1963	Frederick Gagel	2/23/2019
1964	James Crouse	2/23/2019
1964	Susan Bennett	8/28/2010
1964	Bradley Vance Butcher	3/31/2018
1964	Jim Sweeterman	3/20/2018
1966	Robert "Bob" Deuser	3/8/2018
1972	Joan Stamper-Elking	11/23/2018
1982	David Duff	10/26/2018
1988	Randall Wright	5/2/2019
1997	Mark Hadley	7/1/2019
1997	Nicholas Uphoff, 1997	3/13/2019
2004	Joshua Few	12/14/2019
2014	David Mudry	2/7/2019
2015	Tyler Baumgartner	3/5/2019
Teacher	Josef Suter	12/3/2018

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