

# Perry Alumni News

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## Officers

Judy Miller Church, 1976  
President

Rick Amos, 1968  
President Elect

Jaime Kertcher Lutes, 1982  
Secretary

Larry Brainard, Jr., 1979  
Treasurer

## Directors

Marv Bihn, 1954

Tim Kline, 1980

Carole Compton Martin,  
1961

Charlene Gaskey Martorana,  
1979

Becky Miller Garry, 1980

Linda Bringleb Hofer, 1968

Gina Horvath Toth, 1981



## Scholarship Awarded

The first Perry High School Alumni Association \$500 Scholarship was awarded to Sammy Leonard of Madison. He is the son of Beth Jackson Leonard, Class of 1976 and Mark Leonard, Class of 1977.

Sammy was selected based on his commitment to his school and community.

During his four years at Madison High School he earned the reputation of being a positive role model for other students to emulate, a leader who took initiative, and a National Honor Society member who was committed to academic excellence.

For the past two years, Sammy served as vice president of Teen Institute, an anti-drug group that helps promote healthy lifestyles and wise choices for teens.

Last year Madison High School chartered a chapter of Tri-M (Modern Music Masters), a music honor society. Sammy was the logical choice to serve as the organization's first president. He is a member of the Lakeland Jazz Impact, the MHS Jazz Band, Marching Band and orchestra pit, as well as a member of Providence, a rock band that has performed at the Odeon

and Peabody's in Cleveland. According to his band director, "His musicianship far surpasses any student I have had."

Sammy served as a mentor in the school's freshman advisory program, assisting ninth graders in adjusting to high school life. He also served as a Big Brother to a fifth grader, tutoring his "little," serving as a role model, and helping him deal with problems.

Sammy will attend the University of Akron where he'll major in Music Education.

## Have You Heard?

Sean Snell, Class of 2004, graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, GA.

David Wills, Class of 2004, completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL.

With sadness we report the loss of Marvin Burdette, Class of 1976, Tony Kepes, Class of 1983, and teacher, Kenneth Bugbee, who taught in Perry from 1971 to 1989.

Josh Siegel, Class of 1996, is engaged to Annick Toulouse of Madison. Their wedding is July 23.

Steven Froehlich, Class of 1996, married Jennifer Beth Jacobson of Guilford, CN on May 28.

Travis Seese, Class of 1997, will marry Victoria Bailey on July 9.

Bethany Weaver, Class of 2003, was inducted into the

Eta Eta chapter of Lambda Pi Eta at John Carroll University.

Summer Romasco, Class of 2002, a junior at the University of Rochester, was awarded the Juror's Choice Prize for her oil and acrylic painting "Gone" in a Juried exhibition sponsored by the Susan B. Anthony Institute for Gender and Women's Studies at the university.

## New leaders to be elected

Election of officers will take place at the PHS Alumni Association Annual Meeting, Wednesday, June 22, 2005. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at the Community Fitness Center, One Success Boulevard, Perry. Contributing and Lifetime members are eligible to vote.

The slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee is listed below. *Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.*

**President Elect:** Larry Advey, 1969

Employed as Madison Township Administrator, served on Perry Village Council from 1994 to 2003, prior business owner

**Treasurer:** Larry Brainard, Jr., 1979

Employed as Director of Tax and Risk Management at Flight Options, CPA who owns/operates Brainard Income Tax Services, serves on Perry Library Association Board, coaches for Perry Rec, served as 2004-05 Alumni Association Treasurer

**Secretary:** Bryce Tischer, 1980

Employed as Sales Manager at Western Reserve Honda, serves on North Perry Village Council, graduated in top five of class at Bryant & Stratton Secretarial School

**Director—3-Year Term:** Gina Horvath Toth, 1981

Operates a business promoting health benefit services, consults for an Internet company, member of Perry Parent Advisory Council and Perry Women's League, served as 2004-05 Alumni Association Director

**Director—3-Year Term:** Carol Compton Martin, 1961

Employed as Purchasing Manager at Neff-Perkins, serving 18th year on Perry Board of Education, recipient of Madison-Perry Chamber of Commerce 2005 Community Service Award, served as 2004-05 Alumni Association Director

**Director—3-Year Term:** Marv Bihn, 1954

Retired Colonel in the U.S. Army, retired commercial and industrial real estate broker serving on boards of numerous realtor associations, inducted into PHS Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame, served as 2004-05 Alumni Association Director

**Director—2-Year Term:** Ken Anzelc, 1964

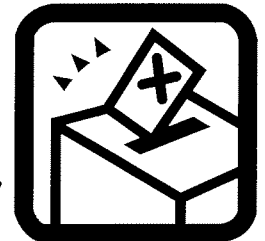
Employed by the Lake County Utilities Department, prior business owner

**Director—1-Year Term:** Holly Such Egloff, 1968

Employed in the Quality Lab at PET Processors, former Perry Middle School teacher, served as Treasurer for the Perry Historical Society, served as President of Parents without Partners

2004-05 President Elect, Rick Amos, Class of 1968, will assume the position of President.

2004-05 President, Judy Miller Church, Class of 1976, will remain on the board as the Immediate Past President.



## What have we accomplished?

Our organization has been in existence nearly one year. What have we accomplished during that time?

- ▶ Established bylaws
- ▶ Elected officers
- ▶ Appointed committees
- ▶ Recruited 218 members, including 45 Lifetime members
- ▶ Became incorporated
- ▶ Filed for non-profit status
- ▶ Created a Web site
- ▶ Participated in the Homecoming parade
- ▶ Participated in the annual village street sale raising nearly \$1,000
- ▶ Awarded a \$500 college scholarship to the child of alumni
- ▶ Hosted a Homecoming social event
- ▶ Published four newsletters
- ▶ Sponsored PHS programs, events and activities including:
  - ▶ Afterprom
  - ▶ Perry Relays
  - ▶ Fall and Winter Sports Program
  - ▶ Booster Club Golf Outing
  - ▶ PHS Awards Banquet
  - ▶ Treasure Chest
- ▶ Obtained 22 class lists
- ▶ Served on the Perry Schools Parent Advisory Council
- ▶ Assisted classes with reunion planning
- ▶ Conducted a survey of our members
- ▶ Initiated an on-going engraved brick sale to fund our annual scholarship

# Perry Schools Welcome New Hall of Famer



## James T. Cicero Class of 1983

One fellow alumnus was inducted into the Perry Public Schools' Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame earlier this month. James T. Cicero, Class of 1983, joins 12 other inductees since the inception of the Hall of Fame in 2001.

The Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame honors and recognizes Perry High School graduates who have made significant contributions in their field of study, career or community service. The selection committee is comprised of Perry Board of Education members, Perry Historical Society representatives, school administrators, staff and community members.

Perry Board of Education President Stephen Butsko and alumnus from the Class of 1975 says, "This is a great opportunity to say thank you to James. He certainly is an inspiration to the young people in our community."

### About the new inductee:

James successfully pursued a career that combines his interests in math and science cultivated during his Perry High School years. Today, this professional electrical engineer is the president of a Cleveland-based consulting engineering firm. He shares his professional skills through projects in hospitals, public and private buildings throughout Northeast Ohio and his enthusiasm for the engineering field with high school students.

After graduating from Perry High School, James attended the University of Akron where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering in 1989. In 1997, he earned a Master's degree in Business Education from Cleveland State University.

He gained his first professional experience as an electrical engineer at the Kucheman, Peters and Tschantz firm in Akron.

In 1993, he joined Karpinski Engineering in Cleveland. At this consulting engineering firm he served as a project engineer, senior project engineer and associate.

James became a partner at Karpinski Engineering in 1998. In 2003, he became the president of the company whose projects extend throughout Ohio and into Indiana, Michigan, Pennsylvania and New York.

James has been involved in significant projects, including construction of the Cleveland Clinic Foundation's cancer center, the Fairview Hospital patient bed tower, Hillcrest

Hospital's renovated and expanded west bed tower, and the Cleveland Clinic Foundation's new heart center. His additional project experience includes work done at other hospitals as well as colleges, high schools, and public buildings.

James' most memorable project to date is the renovation of Severance Hall that required extraordinary attention to acoustics and noise factors to enable the Cleveland Orchestra's home to remain a city jewel.

Giving back to the community through service projects is important to James. He has volunteered for Midtown Cleveland, the district that is home to his company's headquarters. He participates in Karpinski Engineering's successful Harvest for Hunger drive that benefits the Cleveland Food Bank, as well as in fundraising events and campaigns for Fairview Hospital, Bellevue Hospital, The Cleveland Clinic Foundation and Blufton Regional Medical Center.

James volunteers to promote engineering as a career choice. He has been a presenter at Hudson High School's Career Day and speaks to advanced math classes at Perry High School during National Engineers Week.

James earned his professional engineering license from the State of Ohio in 1993 and has been active in professional organizations. Currently president of the American Council of Engineering Companies - Cleveland

Region, he has also served as the treasurer, secretary and a program chair in that organization. He has been a board member of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Ohio's Business Development Committee and a Health Care Committee member of the Cleveland Engineering Society.

James is married to Sherri, his high school sweetheart, and the couple have a daughter, Cassy, eight, and a son, Jimmy, five.

A former captain of the football, basketball and tennis teams at Perry High, the Chardon resident shares his athletic skills today as a T-ball coach and soccer coach. He and his wife also supported the "Count On Me" campaign for Chardon's new athletic facilities. James still enjoys tennis, playing in a men's singles league at the Mayfield Village Racquet Club.

**I believe that life needs to be a balance of four fundamental elements: spiritual, professional, personal and physical. No one of these elements should dominate the other, although during certain phases and situations in your life you may have to prioritize one element above the other. As soon as that situation passes, the balance must be re-established."**

**James T. Cicero**

## Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Nomination

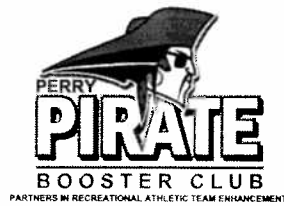
In the spring of 2001, the Perry Board of Education established the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame to honor former students of Perry High School whose lives are exemplary for both their career accomplishments and their contributions to the well being of others.

Honorees are selected because they have distinguished themselves in their field of study, career or community service. In addition, these individuals serve as an inspiration to the students of Perry, encouraging them to live their dreams and to pursue personal excellence in all their future endeavors.

The members of the committee laid the foundation for a recognition process that honors alumni that embody the essence of the school district's mission...achieve personal excellence, pursue world-class standards and be self-directed lifelong learners.

See page 5 for a nomination form. If you know of someone worthy of recognition, please consider nominating them for this exceptional honor.

Recipients are listed on page 9.



## Perry Pirate Booster Club Golf Outing—August 14, 2005

The Perry Pirate Booster Club will host its third annual golf outing on Sunday, August 15 at Powderhorn Golf Course in Madison. The event will begin at 12:00 p.m. The format is a four-person scramble. Golfers must be at least 21 to participate.

The cost is \$80 per person, which includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, lunch, a steak dinner, beer and soft drinks. For tickets, stop by the Perry Community Fitness Center between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or call 440-259-9451.

The Booster Club is seeking hole sponsors. The cost is \$75. The deadline is July 25. Questions? Call Bill Kozane at 440-259-4513 or Kathy Keough at 440-259-4310.

**Don't miss our  
annual  
meeting!**

**When?  
June 22, 2005  
7:00 p.m.**

**Where?  
Community  
Fitness Center**

## Class of 1985 to Reunite in July

The Class of 1985 will host their 20-year reunion on July 23 at the Radisson Hotel in Eastlake. They're searching for the following classmates:

David Anderson  
Lori Caine  
Jim Castello  
Dan Cell  
Dale Compton  
Sissy Edison  
Lani Fowler  
Marion Gehring

Laina Hanien  
Angie Hurt  
Donald Jesson  
Brenda Johnson  
Robin Kerestman  
Archie Kimbrew  
Dwayne McCuiston  
Kelly McLaughlin  
Michael MenMuir  
Tammy Nelson  
Tiffany Ornelas  
Cathy Olhava  
Shawn Pajk  
Jon Potts

Tammy Rogers  
Lutricia Schultz  
Sandra Scrimshaw  
Cheryl Stanziale  
Wendy Swaney  
Arlene Taylor  
Terri Vibert  
Merle Walker

If you know the whereabouts of any of these PHS grads, please contact Marla Nocida Fabis at 440-350-6237.

P U B L I C  
**PERRY**  
 S C H O O L S

**PERRY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI HALL OF FAME  
 NOMINATION FORM**

CRITERIA

- Nominees shall be alumni of Perry Public Schools who have distinguished themselves at a high level of achievement in their particular field of study, life's work, or community service in areas such as, but not limited to, the arts, business, education, government service, community service, science and technology.
- Nominees must have graduated at least 15 years prior to the selection date. Individuals may be nominated posthumously.
- Nominations may be submitted by any Perry High School graduate, Perry community member or member of the selection committee.

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Perry Graduate—Class of \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Accomplishments \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Why I think this person should be nominated \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**All nominations must be received by September 1**

Send completed nomination form to:

Perry High School, Mrs. Peggy Born, One Success Boulevard, Perry, OH 44081



## Class of 1990 to Gather in August

A 15-year reunion is planned for the Class of 1990 the weekend of August 19-21. The classmates will gather for a social event on Friday night, a picnic on Saturday, and an Indians game on Sunday.

If you have contact information for any of the following classmates, please contact Tanya Blaich McInerney at

tanya@hocking.net or  
Angela Baldree at  
abaldree@  
lakecountyohio.org;

Mychael Boyce  
Gail Chandler  
Adam DiDomenico  
Alan Jordan  
Don King  
Nicole Lehman

Don MacDonald  
Michelle Moody  
Emily Myers  
Donnie Nesselrotte  
Holly Ozinga  
James Peters  
Danielle Smith  
James Waites  
Scott Whited  
John Wolf

Visit us online at  
[www.perry-lake.k12.oh.us](http://www.perry-lake.k12.oh.us)

Click on District  
then  
Alumni Association

## Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws

The following proposed amendments to the bylaws will be presented at the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 22. For a complete copy of the bylaws, please check out our Web site at [www.perry-lake.k12.oh.us](http://www.perry-lake.k12.oh.us). Click on District Information then Alumni Association.

### **Amendment 1**

Proposed change: Remove all references to The Perry Foundation (Article II. Purpose, Article IV. Organization, Article VIII. Finances, Article IX. Parliamentary Authority)

Reason: The PHS Alumni Association is a separate entity not affiliated with The Perry Foundation as was initially planned at the time the bylaws were written and approved.

### **Amendment 2**

Proposed change: Add Article III. Membership, Educator Members. New section to read: "Perry Public School faculty and administrators (past and present) may apply for membership, shall pay no dues, and shall be non-voting Educator Members."

Reason: Educators have inquired about membership. The bylaws do not address membership for educators. This would allow teachers to be members of the Association.

### **Amendment 3**

Proposed change: Remove Article VI. Committees, Special Committees: Awards

Reason: The Alumni Association is not responsible for coordinating the Athletic Hall of Fame or Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame events.

### **Amendment 4**

Proposed change: Change "Contributing Members" to "Board Members" in Article X. Amendments. Revision would read: "These bylaws may be repealed, altered, revised or amended by a two-thirds vote of the Board Members present, provided that a copy of the proposed change has been filed with the Board of Directors and read at the previous Board Meeting."

Reason: Contributing Members vote only at the Annual Meeting; therefore, with current wording, amendments may only be made on an annual basis. The change will permit the Board of Directors to make amendments at board meetings.



**Perry High School  
Alumni Association Mission:**  
  
**To assist with alumni  
and school endeavors**

**Membership Application**

**Perry High School Alumni Association**

PO Box 148, Perry, OH 44081

Forward completed form to the above address.  
Make checks payable to PHS Alumni Association.

Any graduate or former student of Perry High School will be considered an Associate (non-voting) member of the Association by submitting this completed application for inclusion in our alumni records. Contributing (voting) members shall be graduates or former students who have paid membership dues and have submitted application in full.

- Membership type:  Contributing (voting) Member (\$10 annually)  
 Lifetime (voting) Member (\$100 one-time payment)  
 Associate (non-voting) Member (free)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Class of \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Please DO NOT list my name on the  
Perry High School Alumni Association Web site

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Reunion Support Chairman: Linda Krivanek Clark '68  
 Phone: 440-428-2643

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 webteam@perry-lake.k12.oh.us

Newsletter Committee: Tim Kline '80, Reine Ignat Smirz '80, Marilyn Burt Johnson '41, Judy Miller Church '76

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Website: www.perry-lake.k12.oh.us  
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***If you received this newsletter and are not currently a member, you're the recipient of a courtesy copy. If you'd like to continue to receive the newsletter, please join the Association by completing the membership application to the left.***





## Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Recipients

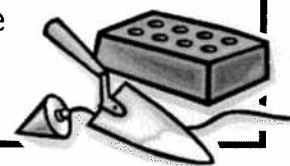
H. Russell Adams, '30  
 Lucy Kraws Banks, '61  
 Marvin Bihn, '54  
 Nancy Watson Brown, '65  
 James Cicero, '83  
 R. G. Few, '01  
 Phyllis Wilson Hudson, '36  
 Vernon Hull, '26  
 Jack R. Kless, '61  
 Carl Meglan, '55  
 Rebecca Moroose, '71

Ralph Rockow, '51  
 Raymond Sines, '69  
 Loyal Tillotson, '72  
 Leonard Trubisky, '52  
 Ann Cook Whitman, '25  
 David J. Winter, '57

Visit our Web site at [www.perry-lake.k12.oh.us](http://www.perry-lake.k12.oh.us) to learn more about these distinguished PHS grads.

### Help pave the way!

Our new engraved brick walk will be ready to be put in place in July. Volunteers are needed to assist with laying the bricks (no experience necessary). If you're able to donate some time to this project, contact Toni Nocida Kramer '81 at 440-259-3661 or [tntk@alltel.net](mailto:tntk@alltel.net). By providing some of the labor, we'll help defray the cost of installation.



## Teacher Feature

More than 4,000 students over three decades

have received instruction from this issue's Teacher Feature — Mr. Robert Trivisonno, a 32-year teaching veteran of Perry Schools.

"Mr. T" began his career in Perry immediately after graduating from Ohio University. It was a career he chose as a result of the teachers he had growing up in Madison. He says, "My teachers created an atmosphere and interest in learning that I wished to continue." And, so he did!

Not only did he expand the minds of students in the classroom, he also assisted them in honing their skills on the football field and basketball court. Many alumni will remember him as

part of Bob Ritley's football staff, working with Mike Ryan, Pat Giannell, Terry Weaver, Tony Hassett, Paul Kovats, Mark Lomasney, John Warner, Mark Hull and Bob Bals. He says this coaching experience was "an honor and privilege."

He spent seven years coaching middle school basketball and 15 years coaching Science Olympiad with Neil Flanigan, who he refers to as "a legendary coach."

"Some of my best memories are those at the Middle School on Narrows Road. At that time I had every eighth grade student (which I miss) and students and staff were in a relatively small space which led to more contact with each other."

The best part about teaching, according to Mr. Trivisonno, is two fold: "Observing students progress through their education and into successful careers; and the friendships formed over the years."

Mr. Trivisonno has just finished his last year of full-time teaching at Perry Middle School. His plans for retirement include coaching and teaching part time. So much for retirement!



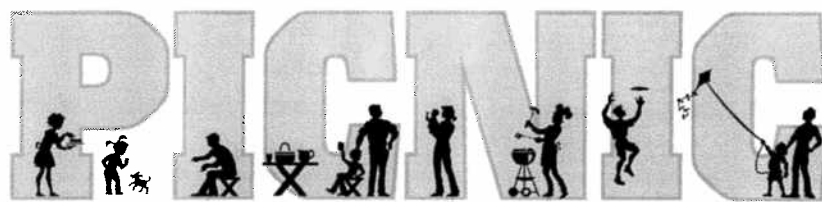
Kneeling: Head Coach Bob Ritley  
 Standing (L-R): Assistant Coaches: Pat Giannell, Mark Hull, Mike Ryan, Ken Bugbee, Mark Lomasney, Bob Trivisonno and John Warner (Photo from 1984)

**Best wishes for a happy retirement, Mr. T!**

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Mark your calendar for the  
PHS Alumni Association  
Annual Meeting  
Wednesday, June 22, 2005,  
7:00 p.m.  
Community Fitness Center



**PHS Alumni Picnic—Perry Township Park**  
**Wednesday, August 17, 2005—6:00 p.m.**

Hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, plates and silverware will be provided.  
Bring you own beverages and a dish to share.

Also bring lawn chairs or a blanket to  
enjoy a concert by \*Free Howie  
(concert sponsored by Perry Township)

\*Tim Kline, Class of 1980, performs in this band!

