

Perry Alumni News

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Have you heard?

Congratulations to the newest inductee in the Perry Athletic Hall of Fame: Jim Adams '87. Read more about his athletic prowess on page 7.

With sadness we report the loss of Florence Gibbs West '30 (June), Virginia Baxter Gilmore '35, Cathy Courtwright Norris '59 (July), Patty Osborne White '76 (September), Danny Criss '81 (October), David Erkila '78 (November), Harold "Howie" Whitehair '75 (November), and food service employee during the 70's and 80's, Joy Wheeler (August). Obituaries for our lost classmates can be viewed on our Web site by clicking on Remembrances.

If you have a chance to catch Paula Dean's new program, "Paula's Party," airing on the Food Network, you'll want to scan the audience for Perry alumni. The mother/daughter team of Cindy Kline Gerak '66, Tami Gilson Roberts '88 and Juli Gilson '92 visited Savannah, Georgia to be a part of the new show. About halfway through the program on the topic of butter, Tami steals the spotlight by asking what she should order at Paula's restaurant. Tami's the cute 30-something blonde with glasses wearing an orange top. Cindy can be seen over Tami's left shoulder. You'll catch close-ups of Juli throughout the program. She's

seated to Tami's right and is wearing turquoise.

Anna Lucic '01 married James Shostrand on August 12, 2006 at the Perry Community Center.

Bethany Weeder '01 earned the Melvyn J. Feinberg Outstanding Senior Award at Kent State University.

Joshua Kenesky '00 married Amanda Rieman on July 15, 2006 in Prout Chapel at Bowling Green State University. Josh is a teacher at Perry Middle School.

Important Dates

Athletic Hall of Fame Nomination Deadline.....	January 31, 2007
Scholarship Application Deadline.....	April 1, 2007
Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Induction.....	May 29, 2007
Engraved Brick Order Deadline.....	July 15, 2007
Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Application Deadline.....	September 1, 2007

A message from the president:

I'm glad to be heading up the third year of existence of the Perry Alumni Association. My two predecessors, Rick Amos '68 (#2 President) and Judy Miller Church '76 (#1 President), along with the Board of Directors, have all done an excellent job in the formation and development of our Alumni Association.

We are all looking at increasing the membership to get as many PHS graduates involved in all the activities we are planning for the future. This association is meant to help all of us keep in contact with classmates and to afford us the opportunity to meet older and younger PHS graduates. If you have ideas, please feel free to share them with us. We'd also appreciate receiving news for the newsletter.

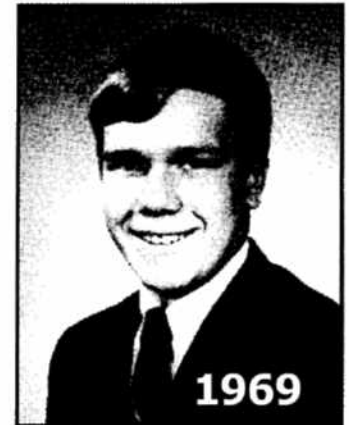
In this newsletter you will read of upcoming events and news on graduates from many different classes. Our membership stands at approximately 300—we need to work on increasing this number. We are planning a signature event for the coming year. At this event we would like to see graduates that span decades. Who cares if you've gained a few extra pounds or your hair is thinner or grayer—I've got all three, and I'm participating!

If you know PHS graduates who don't belong to our association, please encourage them to join at the \$10 per year membership level. I know a few people who have said they are going to join and haven't. I just might start naming them—Bob Lyons '63, for starters. Get your PHS graduate friends and

family to join. Felix Padula '59, try to get your cousins to become members. Let's all work together to get this Perry Alumni Association to a level that we can recognize graduates not only for their achievements in and out of school, but that we can all gather to share the common denominator of being PHS graduates and proud of it. Go Perry!!!!!!!

To close this, my best friend would say, "God Bless America," Tom Advey '67, PHS Voice of the Pirates for many years.

Larry Advey '69
President



1969 Senior Class President &
2006-07 PHS Alumni
Association President

The *PHS Alumni News* is published periodically for Contributing, Lifetime and Educator members of the Perry High School Alumni Association. If you received this newsletter and are not a member, you're the lucky recipient of a complimentary copy. To remain on our mailing list, please become a member by completing the application on page 9.



PHS alumni gathered in August to spend a fun-filled

**Annual Picnic...
Another Great Success**

evening on the shores of Lake Erie, indulging in delicious food and sharing fond memories of their common bond — days at Perry High School. They were well entertained by the band, Free Howie, featuring our own alumnus, Tim Kline '80.

Plans in progress for third annual scholarship

The Perry High School Alumni Association Scholarship recognizes a graduating senior who is the child or grandchild of a Perry High School alumnus and who has exhibited commitment and loyalty to his/her school and/or community. The student does not have to be a Perry resident. The deadline for application for the \$500 scholarship is April 1. If you need more information, please visit www.perry-lake.k12.oh.us/district/alumni/index.php or contact committee chair, Carole Martin at carole@neffp.com.

The 2006-07 committee will be meeting soon to discuss publicizing the scholarship. New committee members are: Rick Amos '68, Larry Brainard '79, Linda Chapman '80, Linda Krivanek Clark '68, Becky Miller Garry '80 and Carole Compton Martin '61.

Alumni Attire Available

Show your Perry Pride by purchasing an Alumni T-shirt, sweatshirt or hoodie!

To order, complete this form and mail it with your payment to the PHS Alumni Association.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____



Red hoodie with original pirate logo:	___ M	___ L	___ XL	___ XXL
Red sweatshirt with original pirate logo:	___ M	___ L	___ XL	___ XXL
Red T-shirt with original pirate logo:	___ M	___ L	___ XL	___ XXL



Red hoodie with current pirate logo:	___ M	___ L	___ XL	___ XXL
Red sweatshirt with current pirate logo:	___ M	___ L	___ XL	___ XXL
Red T-shirt with current pirate logo:	___ M	___ L	___ XL	___ XXL

Quantity of hoodies ordered: _____ x \$25.00 = _____

Quantity of sweatshirts ordered: _____ x \$20.00 = _____

Quantity of T-shirts ordered: _____ x \$15.00 = _____

Shipping: \$4.50 for first item; \$2.50 for each additional item: _____

Allow five weeks for delivery Total: _____

Make checks payable to PHS Alumni Association and mail with order form to:

PHS Alumni Association, PO Box 148, Perry, OH 44081

For additional information, contact Holly Such Egolf '68 at 440-428-3692

Where are they now? Donna Simmons Nowak '70

She may be most remembered for getting married between her junior and senior years in high school and being crowned Prom Queen as a married woman, or maybe for being an accomplished musician, or for possessing an abundance of school spirit and exhibiting great cheerleading skills.

After reading this article, you'll find she's accomplished many other noteworthy acts since her days at Perry High School. For instance,

- She was recognized as an ATHENA Award Finalist by *Inside Business Magazine* for her professional excellence, community service and assisting women in the attainment of professional excellence.
- She was the first female certified as a Turnaround Manager by the Association of Certified Turnaround Professionals.
- She was selected Cleveland Women's City Club Member of the Year.

- She was awarded the Outstanding Individual Contribution to the Industry award by the Turnaround Management Association.

- She earned the Account Executive of the Year award from the United Way.

- She was recognized as Marketing Person of the Year while employed at Avery Dennison.

Today Donna is a certified hypnotherapist, certified regression therapist, and founder/advisor of a non-profit organization, Mind•Body•Spirit Connected. Her organization educates the public and conventional healthcare providers about complementary medicine.

A common thread is woven through Donna's personal and professional life, and that thread is *helping*. Before transitioning into her holistic practice, Donna spent nearly 20 years as a

business turnaround manager, helping troubled companies become profitable, saving jobs and boosting the economy.

"Instead of filing for bankruptcy, they retained me as interim general manager to 'fix their problems.' It was exhilarating to take a company from the brink of disaster

to a strong, solid state of performance and profitability. But now it's exhilarating to use hypnosis to help a person who is

confused, lonely, sad, addicted, suffering from pain, or just stuck in life somehow."

Donna's helping ways extend past the world of work. In 1976, she co-founded the Lake County Sexual Assault Center, again helping others.

In her leisure time, Donna enjoys reading self-help books, gardening, exercising and spending time with her family. Her proudest accomplishments are her children: Rodney and Denise. "They are two wonderful contributions to the world and both are very good friends of mine." Donna also has two grandchildren, Michayla and Dawson.

Church activities and volunteering for nonprofits have always been priorities in Donna's life. She has served as organist and choir director for several churches, getting her start by lending her musical talents as a gifted pianist at Faith Baptist Church in Perry at the tender age of 11. She has also shared her leadership and fundraising skills on numerous nonprofits boards.

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Donna today

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Her most valuable lesson learned at Perry High School was, "Anything is possible if your intentions are good, effort consistent, and you rally support."

Her fondest memories of PHS:

"1) Cheerleading – nothing else comes close!
2) Flirting with the upper classmen!" And Donna names names: "Greg Kane, Scott Strong, Rick Ramos, and, oh my, Rob Ramsey. And those Rich twins were adorable."

She recalls her most embarrassing moment: "I was really pretty straight-laced when it came to following rules and being 'proper.' But one day, dressed in my ugly blue gym suit, I was in the

hallway alone and slid down the banisters. When I reached the bottom, Charlie Cooper appeared, scolding, 'Miss Simmons, turn around, walk up those stairs and come down like a lady.' I was mortified!"

Donna commented, "Many of my classmates will remember how important a role the Baptist Church (and fundamentalist religion) played in my life. I now believe that there are many paths to God, and I love the fact that I can see Christ in others, regardless of whether they are a Protestant, Catholic, Jew, Buddhist, Muslim, Hindu, etc. Opening my heart and mind took hard work and courage, but I like myself much better the way I now am."

Favorite book: "*You Can Heal Your Life*, by Louise Hay. It profoundly shows the connection between our thoughts/beliefs and our physical health."

Favorite movie: "I still remember how hard I laughed the first time I

saw *Airplane*, so maybe that would be my all-time favorite."

Favorite food: "Most any kind of potato, followed closely by almost any dessert."

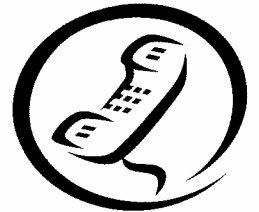
Favorite teacher: "Mr. Lemmon in sixth grade. He made learning math fun and he had a great

personality and a fabulous way with kids."

You can learn more about this highly motivated alumnus and her business at:

www.DonnaNowak.com
and
www.MBSOnline.org.

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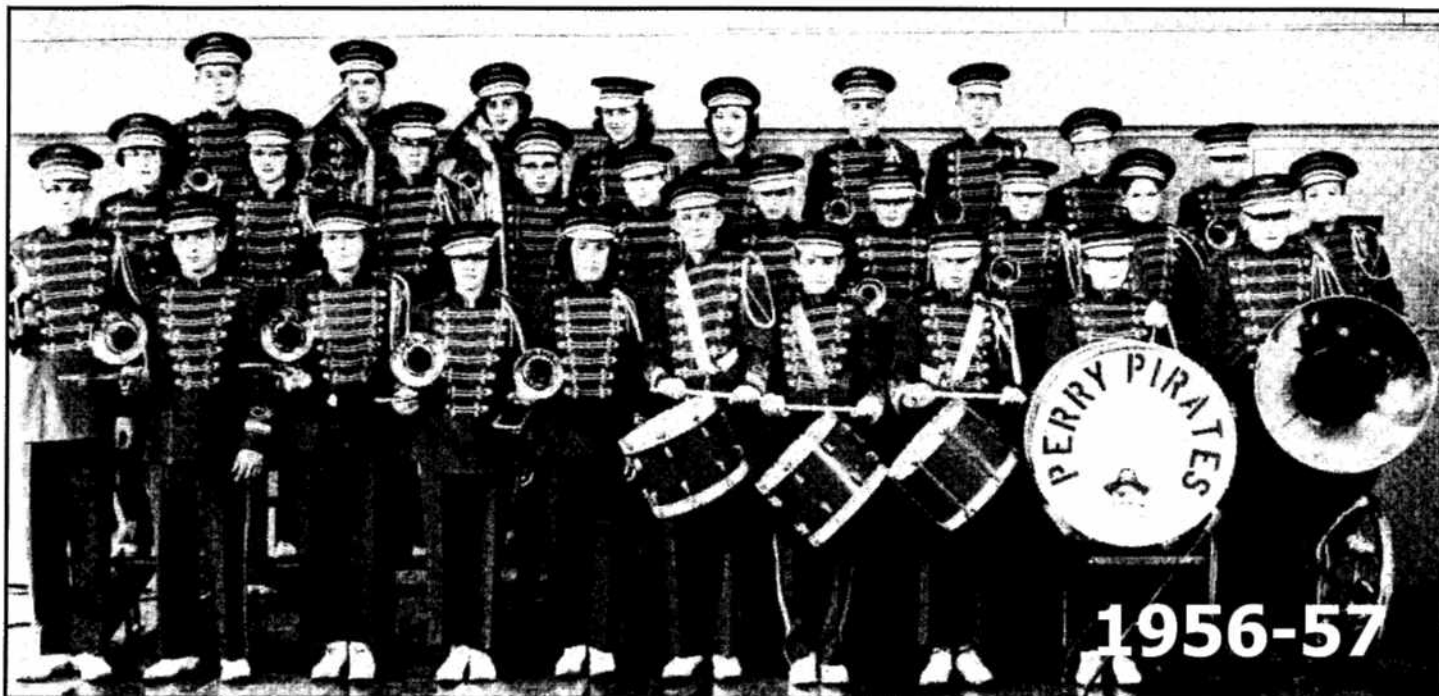
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A piece of PHS history up for grabs!



Row 1: J. Christian, T. Davis, P. Schmidt, A. Melkerson, C. Peterson, D. Champion, J. Mantle, P. Chapman, C. Hahn, B. Pierce; Row 2: M. Gleason, K. Hahn, T. Langshaw, B. Chapman, G. Leasure, J. Goundry, R. Morris, G. Traxler, B. Winters, C. Eldridge; Row 3: D. Winters, R. Peltoma, M. Cunningham, L. Beers, D. Makuc, J. Craine, R. Nute, D. Adams, R. Norris

Do the band uniforms in the above picture look familiar? If you were in band in the 1950's and early 1960's, you likely wore the uniforms in this picture. A limited number of them are available on a first-come, first-serve basis for the cost of shipping. If you would like one of the uniforms, please contact Judy Miller Church '76 at 440-259-2926 or via email at jchurch@ncweb.com.



Mini reunion held in North Carolina

Perry Alumni scattered across the US took time out for a mini reunion at the beautiful lakefront home of Wally and June Brown. Pictured are Reine Ignat Smirz '80 of Gastonia, NC; Jeanette Platko Kinnee '80 of York, SC; Wally Brown '49 of Seven Lakes, NC; Lori Brown Grusell '80 of Perry; Dee-Dee Long Wallis '80 of Emerson, GA; and Jay Grusell '80 of Perry. The group had a great time sharing memories of the good old days in Perry.

Jim Adams '87 Inducted Into 2006 Athletic Hall of Fame

Jim Adams '87 was an outstanding athlete, playing three varsity sports at Perry. As a football player, Jim was selected the team and league MVP his senior year. He was also Special Mention All-Ohio his junior year, and Honorable Mention his senior year.

As a basketball player, Jim was chosen the team's defensive player of the year. He was selected to play in the Western Reserve Coaches Association All-Star Game. He was a key member of the 1986 and 1987 basketball teams that put together back-to-back winning seasons.

On the baseball diamond, Jim was selected All-League his

senior year, as well as First Team All Lake County.

After high school, Jim served two years in the Army National Guard during Desert Storm. He is currently employed by the Lake County Department of Utilities.

Jim's a family man who loves spending time with his wife, Nicole (Gentiluomo) '90, and daughters Paige and Sydney. They reside in Madison.

He wasn't a golfer in high school, but has found this to be his sport of choice as an adult. He plays whenever time permits and he marshals at Erie Shores Golf Course in Madison.



Athletic Hall of Fame Criteria



There are three categories of eligibility:

1. **Athlete:** An athlete's class must have graduated at least 10 years prior to selection.
2. **Coach/Administrator:** A coach or administrator must have served on the Perry Schools staff for at least 10 years and must have retired or left the school system prior to selection.
3. **Honorary:** An alumnus or non-alumnus Perry resident may be chosen for having a significant impact on the Perry Schools athletic program.

One or more criteria should be of exceptional quality to justify a nominee's selection. Those nominated in the athlete category must meet several of the listed criteria to be chosen for selection.



1. Varsity level competition
2. Leadership roles
3. Impact on athletic team success
4. Scholastic achievements
5. All-Ohio, District, County selections
6. School, County, District or State records
7. All-League selection
8. Post-graduate achievements
9. Coaching achievements
10. Community achievements

Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame Nomination Form

Name of Nominee: _____

Current Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Nomination Category: _____ Athlete

_____ Coach/Administrator

_____ Honorary

Outline on an attached sheet the selection criteria that qualifies this individual for induction (selection criteria can be found on page 7 of this newsletter).

Provide a comprehensive listing of all known and verifiable data covering any of the selection criteria areas. Attach any supporting data or information, if available.

Person making this nomination: _____

Address of nominator: _____

Phone Number: _____

Nomination Deadline: January 31, 2007

Submit nomination to:

John Dorko, Athletic Director
Perry High School
One Success Boulevard
Perry, OH 44081

Help our association grow!

Interested in...

- renewing old friendships,
- discovering what your classmates have been up to,
- reconnecting with your past, or
- participating in alumni activities?

Then consider membership in the Perry High School Alumni Association.

Membership is open to any former Perry High School student or current or former educator.

There are four types of membership:

Contributing Member

Lifetime Member

Associate Member

Educator Member

Contributing Member:

These members pay annual dues of \$10. They are entitled to have their name and profile included in the alumni database, have voting rights at membership meetings, receive the alumni newsletter, and have access to all pages of the alumni Web site.

Lifetime Member:

Members at this level pay a one-time payment of \$100 and enjoy the same rights and privileges as Contributing Members without paying annual dues.

Associate Member:

These members pay no dues. The main benefit to being an Associate Member is that these individuals are listed in the alumni database making them easier to locate for reunions and alumni events. They will be listed with a profile on the alumni Web site, but will have limited access to the site, will not receive the alumni

newsletter, and will not be able to vote at membership meetings.

Educator Member:

Current and former Perry teachers are eligible for free membership. They do not have voting rights, but do receive the newsletter.

To become a member, complete the application on this page.

If you have questions about membership, contact Holly Such Egolf '68, Membership Chairman, at 440-428-3692 or hegolf@ncweb.com.

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 annual dues Contributing Renewal
 Lifetime (voting) Member — one-time fee of \$100
 Associate (non-voting) Member — free
 Educator (non-voting) Member — free

Name _____ Class of _____ Phone (____) _____
Please print (include maiden name, if applicable)

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

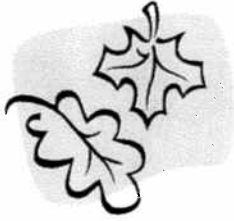
Email address _____ Birthday _____ Date _____

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

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*May the blessings of the season
fall all around you!*



Engraved bricks make great gifts!

Need a reason to buy a brick? Engraved bricks make wonderful gifts for graduations, birthdays and holidays. They're an excellent way to memorialize someone or offer congratulations for an achievement.

What do the bricks cost? Personalized paving bricks can be ordered for \$40 each.

Where are the bricks located? The engraved bricks are incorporated in the sidewalk in front of the home bleachers at Alumni Stadium.

Who receives the proceeds? All proceeds from the sale of bricks benefit the Perry High School Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.

Who is eligible to have his/her name engraved? Bricks can only be engraved with the names of former Perry High School students, teams, clubs/organizations or Perry School faculty.

When is the order deadline? Brick orders must be received by July 15 for placement by Homecoming (subject to brick vendor production schedule).

Engraved Brick Order Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Write exactly what you want engraved. Lettering will be centered on the brick.

Make checks payable to: PHS Alumni Association

Mail to: PHS Alumni Association, PO Box 148, Perry OH 44081