

# Perry High School Alumni Association

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Hello to all Alumni. The Perry Alumni Association continues to work hard to make your organization a resource for you. Here are some of the features we have to offer:

Assistance in planning your class reunion

News about your classmates

Social events - Homecoming parade and game

Fifth annual summer picnic to be held at 5:00 p.m. August 11th at Perry Park. Free Howie performing!

Signature event - a reunion for ALL Alumni on September 18th

Athletic and Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame awards dinner on September 17th

Pancake breakfast - our primary fund raiser

Provide one scholarship for a child/grandchild of a Perry Alumnus and one for a Perry Graduate (not necessarily the child/grandchild of a Perry Alumnus)

Your membership dues help to pay for these scholarships.

Bricks engraved with Alumni information and placed in the walkway at Alumni Stadium.

Alumni Website - linked to Perry Schools website at [www.perry-lake.k12.oh.us](http://www.perry-lake.k12.oh.us).

Click on District and then on Alumni. Let us know if you have ideas/suggestions for the website.

We need your help gathering information or news about Perry alumni. Please contact one of the Directors/Officers on the list below. Please do not hesitate to call or email if you have questions or need information. Also, let us know if you would like to be a Director/Officer or help on one of our committees.

Carole Compton Martin '61, President

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### DID YOU MISS A GOOD TIME???

If you didn't attend the September 2009 All Class Reunion/Perry Alumni Association event you missed a great evening. Nearly 135 classmates and significant others enjoyed a beautiful evening lakefront at the Perry Township Community Center near Perry Township Park.

Three classes embedded their class reunions within this event. The Class of 1949 celebrated its 60th while the Class of 1959 remembered its 50th year since leaving Perry High! The Class of 1988 has only had one class reunion (10th) and missed its 20th last year. However, a group headed by Karen Koch Sundy, Molly Church, Tami Gilson Roberts, Kristine Howard and Mary Kary Schveder Hardy decided not to go any longer without getting together with their classmates. The option to piggyback on the all-class reunion was the perfect opportunity to have an event. "The committee was very happy to be able to hold our individual class reunion within the Signature Event", said Karen Koch Sundy. "This eliminated any need for committee members to front money or guarantees for a hall or caterer. We just contacted the Alumni Association and other than contacting our classmates most of our work was done! We had a great time", said Karen. "Our class was the last to leave!"

Remember if your class has had difficulty putting together its own reunion our event could be the answer for you to have your reunion with minimal planning on your own. Whether you have 2 or 50 people that would like to get together, we can help!

Special thanks to all the alumni who helped so much to put this event together. Your dedication to the Alumni Association is really making a difference to help our organization grow. I would also like to thank Elizabeth Singer for allowing the Perry Buccaneers Show Choir to perform at our event. They were awesome as always - especially considering how early our event is in the school year and how little time they have to prepare. And, as always, special recognition needs to go to the Bob Rideout and his staff at Perry IGA. The food was great, the presentation was perfect and making it all happen is much easier because Bob and staff are so cooperative at every step. THANK YOU!!

We will be holding this event again this year on Saturday September 18, 2010. We hope you can be there!! If you want to find out how to have your class reunion as part of our event just get in touch!!

Rick Amos, Signature Event Chairman

### PANCAKES & BALLOONS!!

The pancakes and sausage were delicious at this year's Alumni Association pancake breakfast. More than 125 alumni and community members came out on a beautiful fall Saturday morning to be served a hearty breakfast. We had a special treat this year as Jeff Reid, named one of the top ten children's entertainers in Northeast Ohio by Cleveland Magazine, was our guest to put smiles on the faces of many of the kids who joined us that morning. Appropriately dressed in Pirate attire, Magician Reid performed his special balloon magic by turning ordinary balloons into works of art. Children and adults alike were charmed by Mr. Reid's performance and amazed by how quickly a balloon could become something else right before our very eyes!! We are hopeful that Jeff will be available for our pancake breakfast in 2010!

A big thank you for all the alumni who pitched in at this fund raising event to help support the Alumni Association and to help fund our scholarship program. A special thanks to the great support we receive from Perry Schools. Vicki Peters, director of food services couldn't have been more helpful. Also, I don't know how to thank enough the extra effort by food service staff members Robbie Gaiser and Melissa Bentley. Without their help this breakfast just wouldn't happen!!!

We hope to continue to grow this event to help raise money for our association so be watching for our announcements about the 2010 breakfast.

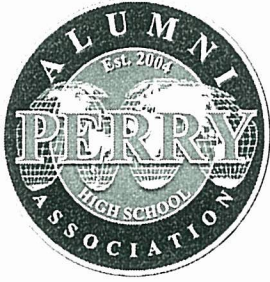
Rick Amos, Pancake Breakfast Chairman



Left: Megan Dobrzeniecki (3), granddaughter of Charon (Collins) '68 and Stan LeBail '66 with entertainer Jeff Reid.



Right: Owen (3), Grace (5) and Isabelle (5) McKoon, children of Susie (Ritley) McKoon '96 with Sparky of the Perry Fire Department.



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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

For additional information contact:  
Kathy Compton Homerick, Membership, 440-259-5622  
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Purpose: To Support Alumni and School Endeavors

Membership Type:  Contributing (voting) - \$10.00  
 Lifetime (voting) – one-time fee of \$100.00

**Ask us about scholarships for children of Alumni, memorial bricks, and Alumni clothing!!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Please Print (include maiden name if applicable)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

**If you have already renewed or are a lifetime member,  
Thank You! If you know other Alumni who might like to  
get this information forward it to them.**

Please use this form to make an address change or  
any other changes you would like to make.

## Classmate and Teacher News

**February 2010:** Sharon Monas, PE teacher and coach from 1980-2009, was inducted into the Ohio Fast Pitch Coaches Association Hall of Fame!

**January 2010:** Bob Dawson '69 earned the Ohio Department of Agriculture Outstanding Fair Supporter Award. Bob has been affiliated with the Lake County Fair for 32 years, including 23 years as the concession manager and 12 years as board president. Gene Lutz '80, has been appointed to the position of Fire Chief of the Madison Fire District. Gene was a Perry Township firefighter for 18 years where he achieved rank of lieutenant.

Kim Godfrey '04, directed *Forbidden Broadway* at the Ashtabula Arts Center. Performing in the show was retired PHS Choir Director, Bob Godfrey.

**December 2009:** Timothy Gufreda '01, was inducted into the Dayton C. Miller Honor Society at Baldwin-Wallace College during a ceremony on December 5, 2009.

**November 2009:** Navy Seaman Matthew D. Trevathan '04 PHS grad, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training in Great Lakes, Illinois.

**October 2009:** Tammy (Gillespie) Pescatelli '87 and comedian of Last Comic Standing fame, performed a fundraiser at the Cleveland Improv for The Andi Foundation. The Andi Foundation provides scholarships for female PHS graduates in memory of Andrea Parhomovich, Class of 1996, who lost her life when she was ambushed in Baghdad by an al-Qaeda coalition in 2007.

**August 2009:** Cara Champion, a former Alumni Association scholarship winner, was named to the dean's list at the University of Rochester for the spring semester. Cara is majoring in cell and developmental biology.

**July 2009:** Brittani Farinacci '04, graduated from the College of Arts and Sciences at Ohio Northern University. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology.

David Cassella '89, was recently promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army.

**July 2009:** Mike Mrozek '05 was named to the dean's list for the spring quarter 2009 at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and graduated with his Bachelor's degree in June.

Megan McGuire '06 graduated from Grove City College with a major in mechanical engineering.

**June 2009:** Lindsey Dorko '05, graduated cum laude from The College of Wooster with a degree in economics.

Mike Deas '05, graduated from Ohio University with a degree in telecommunications.

Ken Siegel '78, was recently appointed to fill a vacancy on the North Perry Village Council. Ken joined fellow Perry alums, Ed Klco '67, Dick Shreve '78, Bryce Tischer '80, and Mike Zinn '86.

Wishing Perry teachers and staff long, happy and healthy retirements: Greg Kochan, Instrumental Music (1981 to 2009); Bob Godfrey, Vocal Music (1991 to 2009); Roy Infalvi, Phys Ed (1988 to 2009); Sharon Monas, Phys Ed (1979 to 2009); Deb (Brainard) Kendrick '74, Media Associate (1989 to 2009); Rosemarie Maruschak, Food Service (1984 to 2009); Lynne Schultz, Transportation (1979 to 2009); Kathy (Lawson) Leasure '76, Transportation (1984 to 2009); Shelia McGonnell '66, Transportation (1987 to 2009); Jim Simmons '67, Custodian (1981 to 2009)!

**May 2009:** Navy Seaman Tim Klee '07, completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois.

**April 2009:** Sixty-seven years of wedded bliss - that's what Dutch '40 and Marilyn '41 (Burt) Johnson celebrated on April 5, 2009. They were married April 5, 1942, at Perry United Methodist Church. Dutch worked at the Industrial Rayon for 31 years and Lake County Memorial Hospital for 14 years, retiring in January 1985. He is a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in the European Theater. Marilyn also worked at the Rayon for nine years. Their family includes children, Dennis '62 (Judy) of Custer, South Dakota, and Donald '64 (Cathy) of Tallmadge; grandchildren, Brenda (Andrew) Pierce of Painesville, Russ Johnson of Perry, Adam (Tonya) Johnson of Torington, Wyoming, and Marcie (Robert) Kress of Stow; and great-grandchildren, Jeremy and Jessica Johnson of Perry, Christopher and David Pierce of Painesville, Lane Grant and Tessia Johnson of Wyoming and Decker and Bryn Kress of Stow.

**March 2009:** Toni Nocida Kramer '81 was selected to serve on the State Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council (PAC). PAC volunteers learn about education programs, policies and legislation that they can share with their communities. They also serve as liaisons between local school communities and the Ohio Department of Education. Toni is one of 47 members statewide to serve in this capacity.

## PHS Alumni Association Scholarships

The Perry High School Alumni Association is accepting applications for two \$1000 scholarships to be awarded in May 2 each year. The scholarships will recognize 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. Seniors who wish to apply for the PHS Alumni Scholarship must complete the official scholarship application (available online at [www.perry-lake.k12.oh.us/district/alumni](http://www.perry-lake.k12.oh.us/district/alumni)), plan to pursue post-secondary education immediately following graduation and possess a 2.5 or higher GPA. Applicants must also submit two letters of recommendation and an essay responding to the question: What have you done to make your school and/or community a better place?

Scholarship application, letters of recommendation, grade verification and essay must be postmarked by April 15th.

Susie (Ritley) McKoon, Scholarship Chair



## IN MEMORIUM

The Perry Alumni Association is saddened by the loss of Susan (Gyure) Rideout who had just recently completed her term as a director of the Alumni Association. Sue died December 9th 2009 at Cleveland Clinic. Sue was also just completing her four year term as a member of the Perry Board of Education. Sue was a 1977 graduate of Perry High School. She married Robert Rideout (also a PHS graduate) on July 1, 1978. In addition to her husband, Sue is survived by her children Robbie (Trisha) of Perry, Marcus (Karen) of San Diego and daughter Cassie of Perry. Also surviving are her grandchildren Raegan, twins Tyrus and Bronx, and Hanna; parents George and Violet Gyure and three brothers James, Thomas and Timothy. She is also survived by her grandmother Julia Gyure.

Sue enjoyed Florida beach vacations, cross stitch and sewing and was an avid snow skier.

Along with her husband Bob, Sue owned and operated Rideout's Perry IGA. The store was honored as the business of the year in 2004 by the Madison-Perry Area Chamber of Commerce.

She was active in the Perry PTA, the Perry Band Boosters and the Christ Child Society of Lake County.

Sue was very committed and generous with her time and donations while serving with the Perry Alumni Association. She will be deeply missed by the Perry community and her many, many friends.

## REMEMBRANCES

### 2010

Jeanette LeBaron, Class of 1949 passed away March 28, 2010  
Charles "Chuck" Sloban, Class of 1970 passed away March 22, 2010  
John F. Wienhold, Class of 1980, died March 13, 2010  
William Davis, Class of 1968 died February 16, 2010  
Cora Goldsmith Elliott, Class of 1938 passed away January 26, 2010  
David Dugan, Class of 1934 died March 1, 2010  
Ruth Kylmanen, Elementary School Teacher died January 3, 2010  
Carole Grace, PHS Secretary 1979-1995 passed away January 30, 2010

### 2009

Susan Gyure Rideout, Class of 1977 passed away December 9, 2009  
Victor Johnson, Class of 1932 passed away November 26, 2009  
Joseph Tatar, Teacher and Coach, 1950's and 60's died on November 13, 2009  
David Mehall, Class of 1990 died October 29, 2009  
Tina A. Lynn-Vibbert, Class of 1974 died October 7, 2009  
Donald James Getch, Class of 1977 died July 25, 2009  
Juanita Jersey Helwig, Class of 1954 died June 6, 2009  
Jay McCallion, Class of 1999 passed away June 2009  
Maynard "Mike" Whiting, Class of 1940 died March 4, 2009  
Diana Fluharty Andrikanich, Class of 1965 died March 10, 2009  
Elizabeth Koski, Perry Reading and Spelling Teacher in the 60's and 70's died February 17, 2009  
Dorothy Compton Weaver, Class of 1935 and former Food Service Employee died April 4, 2009

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**5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ALUMNI PICNIC**  
August 11<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 at Perry Park  
Burgers and hot dogs provided  
Bring a beverage & a dish to pass  
**FREE HOWIE performing!**  
Come join us.

**Address Service Requested**

## Periscope

In this edition of the PHS Alumni newsletter, our focus is on alumna Rachel Hofer, class of 1993. *Rachel* is an event and portrait *photographer* in the Washington D.C. metro area. In addition, Rachel does a lot of photography work for Friends of the World Food Program in D.C. as a freelancer and also volunteers her time with them for trips. She has been to both Kenya (Nov 2009) and Nicaragua (July 2008). Rachel coordinates fundraising events in the D.C. area to raise awareness about global hunger and at these events her work is for sale with proceeds going to the World Food Program. Rachel says "It's an issue that does not just take place 6,000 miles away in Africa and Asia, but in our own communities as well. Right now, there are more than 1 Billion hungry people in the world. It's so overwhelming, it's hard to imagine. But, it's also an issue that can be solved. (<http://www.wfp.org/stories/five-reasons-why-we-can-defeat-hunger>, or <http://friendsofwfp.typepad.com/friends/2010/04/hope-is-a-red-cup-a-cultural-exchange.html>."

"Hope Is A Red Cup" is a collection of images taken by Rachel Hofer that documents the field operations of the World Food Program in Northern Nicaragua. The book was created as a project to benefit Friends of the World Food Program. The sale of each book will provide 20 school meals. If you would like more details, you can contact Rachel Hofer at [rachel@rachelhofer.com](mailto:rachel@rachelhofer.com). To see her work, please visit [www.rachelhofer.com](http://www.rachelhofer.com).



Rachel Hofer, '93 and mother, Linda (Brigleb) Hofer, '68