

## **FALL 1996 COLERAIN HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER**

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### **BOOSTER'S MONTE CARLO NIGHT**

The Booster's are holding their annual Monte Carlo Night on January 25, 1997 at Kolping Hall on Mill Road (not at Hartwell Country Club). This fun night of dancing and gambling raises important money for our extracurricular programs at Colerain High School and Colerain and White Oak Middle schools. If you are interested in an evening of fun for such an important cause, call Pam Rahn Schroeder '68, 385-5964.

### **ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAME**

This year's game will be held on November 22nd. We will let you know who played and won in the Spring Newsletter.

### **ALUMNI NIGHT 1996**

Alumni had our night on October 18th at the Colerain vs Western Hills football game. Alumni Band and Rhythmettes performed at half time. This was the tenth anniversary of performances by the Alumni Rhythmettes. One of the highlights of the evening was the Rhythmettes leading the crowd in the Macarena.

This year's special honorees were two groups of former Colerain athletes. The first group were former soccer players from 1924-1935. Before football started in 1936, men played soccer in the Fall. Colerain had outstanding teams and players. They won league championships in 1924 and 1925, and for eight straight years from 1928-1935. Games were played in the afternoon during school hours, and students were excused from class to attend. The original field was behind the old High School on Poole Road. Members of these teams honored at half time were John Eger '30, Ed Alfing '33, Charles Hoock '33, Herb Muehlenhard '33, Ray Rettig '33, Bob Muehlenhard '34, Harold Herrmann '35, Emerson Hoock '36, and Norman Muehlenhard '36

The second group honored were former women basketball players from 1924-1941. Women played basketball at Colerain starting in 1924. Since there were no reserve teams, the women's Varsity games were played before the men's Varsity games. Games during the 1920's were played in the second floor gym at the original High School, which was located at the corner of Poole and Springdale Roads. Today this school is Colerain Elementary. In the 1930's a new High School on Poole Road was built and games were moved to the newer and larger gym. Today this school is Colerain Middle School. Women's rules did not allow them to play full court. A team consisted of six players. Three played offense at one end of the court, while the other three played defense on the other end. The women won the 1940 County League Championship. In 1941 the State High School Athletic Association ruled that basketball was too strenuous for girls to play, and interscholastic play

was discontinued until the 1970's. The returning alumni honored were Katherine Meier Herrmann '33, Viola Herrmann Voegele '37, Ethel Wert Henderson '38, Ester Reckman Hasselbeck '38, Dorothy Wullenweber Nullmeier '40, Florence Muehlenhard Goetz '41, Irene Kramer Hammitt '41, Ruth Arnold Schiering '42, Mariam Mack Young '42, Irene Shealey Murphy '43, and Coach Lena Holmes Powers.

Quite a few alumni band members came out to "make music" with the Marching Cardinals. Alumni band coordinators would like to encourage all you musicians to dust off your instruments and join the good 'ole gang! You play with the current High School Band, so you don't have to worry about being a little rusty. Those participating this year had a great time: they were (Doris list the alumni band members.)

Alumni rhythmettes dazzled the crowd again this year with an always popular kick routine. This hard working group has a great deal of fun entertaining the fans with their half time dance routine. This years participants included (Doris list the alumni rhythmettes.)

Last, but not least, during half time two past graduates were honored into the HALL OF FAME. The 1996 inductees are: Mary Lee Meinerding Tracy '77. Mary was a 1977 graduate of Colerain. She has been coaching gymnastics for the last twenty years. Mary has coached six former members of the United States National Team. In addition she has coached American Gymnasts who have competed in the World Championships, Team World Championships, Pan American Games, and most recently the 1996 Summer Olympics. Her most memorable accomplishment has been coaching Amanda Borden and Jaycie Phelps on the 1996 United States Olympic Team, and helping win the Gold Medal for the United States. She has been Region V "Coach of the Year" five times, and USA Gymnastics "Women Coach of the Year in 1994 and 1995. Her Gymnasts placed first, second, and third on the Beam at the 1994 Elite Nationals and she qualified two athletes to the 1994 Team World Championships who won Silver Medals. Mary has a daughter Rachael Tracy.

Denny Hirsch '64. Mr.Hirsch was a 1964 graduate of Colerain High School. While attending Colerain, Mr.Hirsch was a honor roll student, President of Key Club, and a member of Varsity C Club. He also played basketball and baseball. Colerain's basketball teams in both his junior and senior years won league championships, and twice finished as district runner up. The 1963 team was the only Colerain Basketball team to go undefeated in regular season play posting an eighteen and

zero record.

In 1968 Denny graduated from Miami University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Studies, and he received his Masters Degree in History from Xavier University in 1973. Denny taught History and coached varsity basketball and baseball at Milford High School from 1968 thru 1977. After teaching Mr. Hirsch went into sales., and has won several sales awards for outstanding achievement as a pharmaceutical representative.

Denny and his wife Kathy have three children Tracy, Matt, and Scott. Tracy is a 1989 Colerain graduate, Matt a 1992 graduate, and hopefully Scott will be a 1998 graduate.

For the past ten years Denny has been very active in both the Colerain Alumni and Booster Associations. During this time he has served as both President and Vice President of both groups. Mr. Hirsch is proud that the Alumni Newsletter list has grown from 400 former graduates to its present size of over 14,000 Colerain Alumni. Over the last ten years the Alumni Association has given scholarships, recognized former teachers and administrators, and helped plan the annual Alumni Night activities.

Denny has also been very involved in Colerain Boosters. Mr. Hirsch notes that over the last ten years the Boosters have helped pay for numerous improvements for the school. Among these are band uniforms, gym floors, message boards, concession stands, weight rooms, fences, bleachers, and dugouts. The Boosters support many individual activity groups, pay for the athletic trainer, and give money to the athletic department for equipment, uniforms, officials, and transportation. Both groups support the students that attend Colerain High today.

(Doris you can shorten my hall of fame article.)

#### GOLF OUTING

The fifth annual Ken Baker Memorial Golf Outing was held this past June. There were numerous Colerain graduates among the 140 players. A great time was had by everyone that attended. We are planning to have this fun event on June 7, 1997. Cost is \$55.00 per individual or \$220.00 for a foursome. Tee times are 11:00-1:00 with dinner immediately following at the Fairfield Golf Center. We need prizes and hole sponsors! If you want to play contact Steve Schweitzer(385-2226), Jeff Ahr '84 (825-4207), John Schulthess (385-4207), Mark Powell '78, (825-7665), Eric Wullenweber '88 (741-7540), Tim Bollin '81 (385-3880), Eric Kraus '83 (431-1403), Joe Coombs (753-8030), or Joe Schweitzer '92 (923-4633).

#### ALUMNI SOCCER

The Varsity team defeated the Alumni. Participating for the Alumni were: Steve Braun '77, Rick Kleinschmidt '72, Jeff

Stefanopollos '82, Todd Stine '86, Greg Fox '87, Mike Brown '88, Dave Eads '89, Chris Slusher '91, Scott Miller '91, Shawn Beske '92, Tim Hilgeman '92, Kevin Sexton '93, Craig Copenhagen '93, Kevin Wiethe '93, Nathan Airgood '93, Bill Juenger '94, Mike Distel '94, Jason Edwards '94, Steve Stamper '94, Tim Kraus '94, Joe Buchert '95, Matt Lohman '95, Lee Crouch '95, Chad Beske '95, John Mirizzi '95, Jerry Tran '96, Greg Sparks '96.

#### RETIREMENT

Jerry Hill Physical Education teacher. Mr. Hill was the only teacher on the faculty who had taught at old Colerain High School on Poole Road and the new High School on Cheviot Road.

#### REUNION NEWS

The 1934 Graduation Class held its 62nd Reunion on June 12th. Those present were Elisabeth Stout Beatty, Eleanor Herrmann Greenwell, Hilda Voegeli Schneckner, Ruth Knost Schneider, Harold Siegert, Norman Purdy, and Robert Muehlenhard. The number of classmates has been reduced from 12 to 11 this past year due to the death of Bob Fellerman. Bob was a good athlete and a good student. He along with two other students resided in Florida. Our next highlight will be the splendid picnic area at the home of Chris Seibert on Banning Road. Also enclosed is a donation to the Alumni from me. Bob Muehlenhard '34.

1971 Our 25th reunion for the Colerain Class of 1971 was held on August 3rd and August 4th. From the response we received, everyone who attended had a great time. We still have some classbooks available if you did not get a chance to order one. They are filled with class pictures and information that was compiled on classmates. If you are interested in a class book, please call Sue at 737-4003. '71 Reunion Committee.

#### IN MEMORY OF

WE MADE A MISTAKE! In our last newsletter we listed Harold Siegert '34 as deceased. Harold called and assured us that he is alive and kicking. Unfortunately it was his brother Ralph who died.

Leo Brewsaugh '42, Ernie Todd '66, Lester Hereth '43, Ralph Siegert '38, Bob Pitakos teacher and coach, Jim Dougherty teacher and coach, Carl Prechtel '37, Don Streithorst '51, Bob Fellerman '34, Joseph Haffey '47.

#### SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS 1996

The 1996 Scholarships were awarded to the following graduates: \$200.00 Academic to Dan Brueggert who will attend Ball State to study Architecture. A \$200.00 Career Scholarship was awarded to Tameka Lewis to study Dental Hygiene at Raymond Walters. A \$100.00 Academic Scholarship from the Class of '53, was given to Heather Seale, who will attend Cincinnati State to study being a medical assistant.

#### SPRING BACK TO SCHOOL

(Doris write your article.)

#### CONGRATULATIONS

Goes out to

...Shannon Minor '93 for setting the single season assist record (172) at Northern Kentucky University.

...Linda Weyda '73 for being named Teacher of the Year. She teaches SAIL (Skill Acquired for Independent Living) at Colerain High School.

...Dan Moody '68 Colerain High Schools new Athletic Director.

...Mary Lee Meinerding Tracy '77 for helping coach the Gold Medal winning Women's United States Olympic Gymnastic Team.

...Kevin Smith '84, Tom Parsons '84, Bob Threm '85 on the release of their new compact disc "Intermission".

...Marcia Yager '74 for her success on the National In Line Skating Circuit.

...Geoff Hensley '66 for winning the Greater Cincinnati Chapter of the Southern Ohio PGA Match Play Championship.

... Chuck Murray '78 for being appointed new head baseball coach at the College of Mt. St. Joseph.

...Ed Westerkamp '62 for being appointed the new Athletic Director at Winton Woods high school.

...Doug Baines '85 (513-385-4285) for being the DJ at the Colerain Festival.

...Kristine Ochs Darlington '83 for being Colerain High School's new co cheerleading sponsor.

...Jenny Bernhardt Moody '69 for helping Mt. Healthy's School District win the Irene Bandy-Hedden Early Childhood Education Program Award.

#### CHATTER

Mrs. Colleen Haffey asked us to include the following about the death of her husband Joe. Mr. Haffey was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He left Colerain to fight in World War II, and then returned and graduated in 1947. He had been employed by the Hamilton County Board of Health as an environmentalist. In an effort to find a place for children to play, and to create a family environment, he founded the Northbrook Civic Association in 1958. The association is now known as the Olympian Club. Mr. Haffey also coached summer baseball at Northwest High School, as well as in the Colerain Township and Northbrook areas. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and a chaplain for the Hamilton County Corrections Facility. Mrs. Colleen Haffey

Sorry I couldn't attend the "Back to School Day" we were moving from California back to Colorado. I am sending a check to keep the Chatter and other information coming to my new address. Dorothy Ruehl Hoffman '38.

P.S. My grandfather was Christ Ruehl President of the School Board at the time Colerain Centralized School was built. Denny Hirsch tells me the board is still in that school with his name and other school board members.

This is towards expenses for the Back to High School 20's, 30's, and 40's Grads day - Great Fun!!! Irene Hammitt '41.

My wife and I would like to express our appreciation for the marvelous experience we had with you on May 2nd. We know of no other High school with a an alumni group that provides such an opportunity to bring several generations together after so many years. It was almost like a religious experience for some of us. What a joy it was to see again many that I knew so long ago. We were notably impressed with the enthusiasm and respectful attitude of the students and with the excellent quality of education they are receiving at Colerain. Please accept our sincere gratitude to everyone who made the memorable day possible and enjoyable. We offer our special thanks to the gracious principal, all the fine teachers whom participated along with us, to the lunchroom staff for the tasty and nourishing lunch, to the students and directors of the symphonic band for their spirited music, and to the school superintendent for being present too. What a day! We look forward to another invitation in forthcoming years! Calvin Robinson (and Betty too)' 42.

Thank you for inviting us "back to school" We truly enjoyed our time with the students, teachers, and friends. It was a glorious homecoming for us having lived the past 40 some years in four corners of the world! Special thanks for the Chatter. Go Cards! Muriel Schwartz Young '42.

Colerain High School Alumni Association is to be congratulated for the huge success of the first Back to School for a Day program. This day was so well planned. It was so exciting to see so many former students, but I wish more of the 40's had been there. Visiting the History/Citizenship Class of the advanced juniors was a real delight. Teacher and students were so friendly and provided such an interesting class. Intelligent questions were asked of the visitors which were a pleasure to answer because of the enthusiasm of the young people. Well mannered members of the Student Council gave our group a tour of the marvelous facilities. The Vocational School was outstanding with so many opportunities available. Viewing the pictures of by gone days at Colerain High School really held the interest of all. A delicious luncheon, followed by a delightful music program added to the joy of the day. Members of the Student Council and those who planned the get together spoke to us, and this was the end of a perfect day. God bless all who made this day possible. Sister Angela Betsch, OSF '43.

I really enjoyed the " Back to School for a Day" on May 2, 1996! Thank you very much for all the preparation that you did to make it a success. I enjoyed everything about it and have no suggestions to improve it, as you requested: I hope you will do it another time! Please give my thanks to the chairman and MC of the program. He was very good at MC'ing and at planning, along with all of you on the committee. I enjoyed the orchestra concert, and the interchange with the students, led so well by Kerry Coombs. One more thing: my brother Bill Laib, who accompanied me there and who also enjoyed the day very much, would like to be on your mailing list. He went to Colerain most of his school years until his

sophomore year, when we moved and he finished at another school. (Our family moved back later and my brother Roger and I were able to graduate from Colerain.) Bill was a member of the class of 1937. Jean Laib Katt '44.

We would like to thank you for the Alumni "Back to School for a Day." It all went very well. We were impressed with the school, the teachers, and the students. The band was good and we enjoyed the music. Thanks to all the people who organized the get together, Linda Schulte, and Kerry Coombs. It was greatly appreciated. Edward & Joanne Haffey '48.

Thank you for sending me the Alumni Letter. My career has taken me out of the Colerain Community, with 27 years in Colorado and the last five years in Florida. I treasure my years at CHS and the Alumni Letter and Directory have been a refreshing revival of my school spirit. Enclosed is a donation for the Alumni fund. Dale McCann '48

Just a short note to let you know just how much I appreciated the "Back to School Day" on May 2nd, for the grads from the 20's, 30's, and 40's. Those who missed it really missed a great day. The students that participated were very courteous, Colerain is still turning out great young people. Would love to hear from anyone from the Class of '49 that's interested in a 50th reunion in 1999. Thanks again for the great newsletter-- enclosed is my donation. Dot Gueterman Behrens '49.

My four years of high school and graduation were almost the best years of my life at old Colerain High - Springdale and Poole Road. Everytime I come back to Cincinnati to visit my kids (8 of them), I always make a couple of slow drives past my old alma mater. Sure brings back many happy memories. We had our 41st anniversary reunion last 4-22-95. Lord, what memories were lived there. Florida is about ready to do me in (Central & Southern parts). The panhandle is OK. I guess I am still an old Cincinnati German. Well, keep on sending your letter and correspondence. I really enjoy them. Ray Ballard '54.

The following article about George Fath '57 appeared in the Blue Ridge Virginia Regional Business Journal. George is an Executive Vice President/General Manager of Private Radio Systems. He now lives in Lynchburg Virginia. He grew up in Cincinnati where he became an all around high school athlete at Colerain High school. He earned an electrical engineering undergraduate degree from Miami, while holding down three jobs. He began work for General Electric in Utica New York and moved to Lynchburg in 1983. His company manufactures products used by utilities, and police forces across the United States and national police forces as far away as Estonia, Korea, Poland, China, Taiwan, and Russia.

Like the new format! Lois Wingerberg '58.

I enjoy reading your newsletter, through the waves of

nostalgia are incredibly powerful. I did not graduate with the Class of 61, but was a part of it from 8th grade to the summer of 1960 when my family moved to the Chicago area. I eagerly await your next edition. I'll put on my letter sweater with the "C"s from football and track ( it's a little light in the waist) and read the newsletter sitting in my '58 Chevy Impala - white with red interior. I'll be remembering the good times! Dick Driscoll '61.

Sorry we aren't able to make the reunion this year.. I joined a new company this year and have been keeping my nose to the grindstone. We are still hoping to take some time off for the mountains. Minneapolis may be home, but our hearts are in the Rockies. Sheryl Phillips '66.

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Although I have lived in Texas for twenty years now, I still consider Colerain Township my home and manage to get back periodically to visit family and friends and to attend an occasional alumni activity. Thanks for keeping me informed about upcoming events with your newsletter. Last night I attended an area high school football game which brought back memories of my days with the Colerain High School band. It's amazing that I can still remember the school fight song, but then we played it enough times. I have since learned to play the bagpipes and perform at various ceremonial occasions around town., Keep up the good work and please accept this donation to help with expenses. Don Casey '72

Christine Helton and I (Don Scarpinski) Class of 1972 were married to each other in Feb. 95. We both enjoy reading our issues of the Chatter. Please accept our donation toward keeping the Chatter alive, and thanks for taking the time to put it together for all of us. We would like to hear from our friends '72 via E-Mail. Our E-Mail address is Scarpinski@aol.com Don & Chris Helton Scarpinski '72.

I noticed in the Colerain Senior High handbook of graduates 1925-95 my name and address was missing. Please list my name if there is a class reunion. Charles Boehm '73  
3433 Lapland Dr. Cincinnati, Ohio 45239

Please remove my name from your mailing list. I married Dave Bauer '81 and he already gets Chatter. Thanks Rosemarie Badinghaus '77.

Nice work in bringing together the Alumni of Colerain High. Enclosed is a donation to help keep it going. Please note the change of address. E-mail 103164.143 @compuserve.com Bart T. Borkosky '77.

Thanks for the latest issue of the Chatter: here's a donation to help continue getting the word out to all of us Colerain

alumni. I'm looking forward to making a fool out of myself (again) at Alumni Night 10-18-96, and seeing all my classmates at next year's 20th reunion. For those of you on the information superhighway, my E-Mail address is Tim1258@aol.com. Tim Ashton '77.

Enclosed is my donation to help keep the Colerain Newsletter going. I really enjoy reading all the information and what other alumni's have to say. I was deeply saddened to read about my past classmate Steve Barclay. Although I never really knew Steve, I do remember him from past classes we had together. He was always smiling and making others smile as well. He will truly be missed. My sympathy goes out to his family and friends. Gena Meadows Lemmink '80.

My sister and I have birth announcements. Suzie Kleeman (Harmon) gave birth to Benjamin Alexander on December 9th, 1995. I gave birth to Logan Patrick on January 14th 1996. We both have a new found respect for our parents! Thanks mom and dad. Wendy Leahy (Harmon) '85 and Suzie Kleeman (Harmon) '86

Digging through an old box at my parents home I came upon some "old" photos of us crazy seniors from 1987. I don't know if you have use for them, but I thought that I would share them as our 10th reunion is right around the corner. Seniors pictured were Lisa Keller, Sandy Oschenschmidt, Patty Sanker, Kerry Dugan, Beth Sammons, Chris Bolte, Michele Grimm, Lisa Toepker, and Julie Innis. D. Becker '87.

I greatly appreciate the scholarship that was given to me! I am looking forward to college. I will be going to Ball state University studying Architecture. The scholarship will be of much assistance. Thanks again. Daniel Brueggert '96.

Doris:

1. Keep the color you used in the last newsletter.
2. We are going to use the 11x17 paper again.
3. We have two pictures if there is room. One for sure. The pictures are of the 1934 class and the get together at Chris Seiberts. You need to put where picture will go and put names. Dave at school said he can do it.
4. There are three new business adds. Keep all the ones from last time.
5. Doners We can list them all or just the ones from last time depending on space.
6. We need to get letter to Dave about November 1st.

Denny