

# Batavia Alumni Association

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## Letter from the Board

Dear Alumni,

Another year has passed and it's once again time to start planning the next Batavia Alumni Banquet to be held on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Did you ever wonder about how the Association got started? Let us share some information with you.

The first recorded banquet was held on May 4, 1907. (It does not appear however, this was the first banquet since the minutes reflect "After a lapse of many years

*the Batavia High School Alumni held a meeting at the Armory, May 4, 1907.*") As is the tradition today, the graduating class of 1907 was recognized in addition to prior classes including the class of 1881. Dinner was served, business was attended to and a musical quartet "*delighted those present with a selection.*" The first recorded scholarship was established in 1927 and awarded in 1928 to Miss Nell Lewis. It was also 1928 when the first by-laws were adopted. These by-laws established members of the Association to include: "*Former members of the*

*Batavia Schools, Honorary members, and Members of graduating classes who dropped out for some valid reason.*" Dues were set at twenty-five cents per year. From that point on, the Association met sporadically until 1974 after which time it has met yearly to present time.

Fast-forward to 1984..... The Association adopted new by-laws, establishing six Trustee positions in addition to the executive board members and also enabled the "Board" to appoint subcommittees as needed. (*cont'd. page 3*)

## Get Linked to the Association. . .

Have you friended the Alumni Association on Facebook. If not, join 1300 others who have.

If Facebook isn't your genre, then check out the Association's web page. We are excited about our new look which was designed by Alum, Amy Webb '09. You can check it out at:

[www.bataviaalumniassociation.com](http://www.bataviaalumniassociation.com)

If you would like to receive your newsletter by e-mail, please send an e-mail with your current address to Tim Young at [timoh313@hotmail.com](mailto:timoh313@hotmail.com).

Please indicate "Alumni E-mail Registration" in the subject box.

Each year we receive many newsletters back due to incorrect addresses. Please help keep our records current by sending us your change of address. This will help keep our operating expenses lower. Addresses can either be mailed to Martha Garner-Holman at 1629 Heritage Blvd., Maineville, Ohio 45039 or e-mailed to Martha at [marthagh@fuse.net](mailto:marthagh@fuse.net).

Did you know you can request a mailing list of classmates or post your upcoming reunion on the web site? For a class list contact Martha Garner-Holman. (A nominal fee is required to cover postage). For web postings, contact Tim Young.

If you would like a copy of the Financial Statement and /or list of 2013 Scholarship recipients, a copy can be requested on-line.

## Remembering Fellow Classmates. . .



If you would like to remember a fellow classmate or loved one, why not consider a scholarship in their name. Donations can be made to any existing alumni scholarship fund or perhaps you would prefer to start a new scholarship. Tim Young, Scholarship Development coordinator for the Alumni Association, can help in setting up your scholarship account. Please contact Tim at 513-724-3086 or at [timoh313@hotmail.com](mailto:timoh313@hotmail.com). Checks made payable to

Batavia Alumni Association can be sent to PO Box 294, Batavia, Ohio 45103. Please write on the memo line what scholarship fund you are supporting for proper credit.

The following deaths of Alumni have been shared with the Association since the last newsletter: Clinton Curfiss '40, Virginia Dominy Kinner-Patton '41, Paul Tabor '41, Douglas Ulrey '42, Joe Sinkking '48, Sarah Vance Anschutz '49, Nancy Boner Sinkking '50, Nancy Parrott

Bucher '50, Toni Antonetta Van Treuren Baker '53, Kay Dorsey Atkins '54, Lois Hoelle Hodges '54, Russell J. Speidel '54, Lee Wesley Finchpaugh '55, James Johnson '57, Ivan Bishop '59, Mary Jane Remley Imbus '59, Phillip Urban '64, Juanita Clift Terry '66, Mike Morris '70, Margie Smith Schauer '70, Deborah Ungethuem Barz '70, Nancy Charles-Brooks '72, Dale Weaver '73, Tom Collier '89, Angie High Gormley '91. Also Madeline Blocher who taught many years at Batavia High School and Mrs. Blanche Iker who ran the cafeteria at both the Elementary school on Broadway and then moved to the Middle School on Bauer Avenue until her retirement.

## Lifetime Memberships / Bulldog Club

Are you a lifetime member or have you considered becoming a member of the Bulldog Club? Lifetime members pay a one-time fee of \$35 and are then are exempt from annual dues. This money is used to support the Association and scholarships. We currently have 613 lifetime members including the following members who contributed in 2013: Patty Tyler Richards '67, Skip Parrott '60, Jeralyn Didday Meranda '63, Jordan

Skinner '13, Ross Pryor '13, Susan Underwood Reeves '65, and Teri Landwehr Vance '74. Perhaps you would like to join the Bulldog Club. This is a yearly donation with three different levels of support: Gold-\$100 or more, Silver-\$50 to \$99, or Bronze-\$1 to \$49. Since the majority of our funds are dedicated to the scholarship funds, these donations help support the general running of the association (printing, postage, bulk permit fees, post office box fees, and supplies.) If you

would like to contribute to any level, send a check payable to Batavia Alumni Assoc. to our PO Box, attention Bulldog Club. Be sure to include your maiden name and class year. Contributors in 2013 were: GOLD-Carroll Anstaett '43, Grace Roudebush Wilson '44, Mary Jane Hughey Richter '48 BRONZE-Bari & Martha Garner-Holman '67

*Did you know that the Alumni Association continues to be a large source of scholarships to graduating seniors?*

## Class of 1964 to Celebrate 50 Years

This year the class of 1964 will be celebrating 50 years at the banquet. Members of the class included: Lynda Beck, Lyn Beck, Boyd Billingsley, Victor Billingsley, Gerald Branch, James Franklin, Ronald Franklin, Ralph Glaze, Thomas Grace, Thomas Hause, Loren Henning, James Hodges, Robert Jones, Jonathon Kennard,

William Kennedy, Nancy Lawhorn, Edith Lung, Barbara Lutes, Janet Martin, William Martin, Maurleen Miller, Rita Moeggenberg, Joan Napier, Roberta Phillips, Ray Shields, James Shinkle, Donna Smith, Mary Ann Smith, Patricia Sparks, Richard Sutton, Diane Tanis, Thomas Thompson, Phillip Urban,

Robert Wilson and Michael Douglas Wolf. Congratulations to the class of 1964!



## RESERVATIONS

The Annual Banquet will be held Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm with social hour beginning at 6:00 pm. A buffet dinner will be offered once again.

Dinner reservations, \$15.00 per person must be received by Friday, May 9, 2014. **Sorry, reservations cannot be accepted after the 9<sup>th</sup>.**

*Note: All payments are tax deductible.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Alumni Pin \$5  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Lifetime Membership (\$35 per person)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Dues \$5/year  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Donation  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Bulldog Club  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Dinner Reservation(s) (\$15 per person)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Total (payable to:  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE LIST NAME(S) OF THOSE ATTENDING FOR NAME BADGES **(PLEASE PRINT)**

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## What do you think? *(cont'd. from page 1)*

Consistent with the 1907 banquet, there was dinner, a business meeting, graduating and other class recognitions, and entertainment. The banquet was held in the gymnasium. As you can see the Batavia Alumni Association is rich in history and tradition and has consistently been supported by its members.

Fast-forward once again to 2014..... Unfortunately attendance is dwindling from one year to the next and there have been more graduating seniors and their parents attending than past alum.

The board has tried different venues in attempts to increase participation. Three years ago, the board decided to move the banquet back to the school. Attendance was waning and the cost of the dinner was rising. While the association's financial accounts appear to have ample money, the majority of that money is for scholarships and cannot be used for operating expenses. As our older classes pass on, the younger classes are not filling the void in attending the yearly dinner.

As you can see, your Alumni Association and Board members are at a crossroad and need your valued input. What we need from you is your opinion! We need your ideas on how to better serve you our membership. Comments can be sent either to our PO Box or to [timoh313@hotmail.com](mailto:timoh313@hotmail.com). The Batavia Alumni Association has been the most active alumni in the county and hopefully will continue to do so, but it needs your commitment. We look forward to hearing from you.

### *School Tours*

If there are any classes that would like to tour any or all of the school buildings during alumni weekend, contact Tim Young at 513-724-3086 or by e-mail at: [timoh313@hotmail.com](mailto:timoh313@hotmail.com) to make arrangements by no later than May 14<sup>th</sup>.

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## Upcoming Fund Raiser – *New!!!*

The Board is offering a new fundraising opportunity to help off-set our operating expenses that we are certain you will want to take advantage of.

**The Flower Bed** greenhouse, located at 976 Ohio Pike will be hosting an Alumni plant sale on **Tuesday, April 29** after their business closes at 7pm.

You can come purchase items for any of your gardening needs from annuals, perennials, herbs, vegetables and shrubs, to pottery, soil and fertilizers. The Flower Bed will donate **20%** of the total sales back to the Alumni. You can pre-shop prior to 7pm however all sales will not be rung up until after 7pm. The Flower Bed, in business since 1987

is owned and operated by Alumni Kay Markle Wilmers, '79.



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## High School Memorabilia

Do you have any memorabilia from your days at the Batavia Schools? Don't know what to do with them?

Why not donate them to a good cause. In addition to the other duties of the Alumni Association, we maintain a history of the

school. Anyone wishing to donate old annuals, pictures, or any other memorabilia may do so by contacting the Alumni Historian, Barb Bruner at 513-732-1792 or any other board member.



## Mark Your Calendars!

The 2014 Batavia Alumni Association annual meeting and banquet will be **Saturday, May 17, 2014** at the Batavia High School gymnasium located at 2530 Old State Route 32 in Afton.

**Social Hour begins 6:00 pm**

**Dinner at 7:00 pm**

We hope to see you there!



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