

# Batavia Alumni Association

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## Letter from the Board

Dear Alumni,

Time to start planning on attending the 2016 Alumni Banquet. This year's banquet will be on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

Those who attended last year enjoyed an evening of fellowship and rekindling friendships. We were happy to hear favorable feedback from those who attended.

If you weren't able to make it, take a look at the fun you missed!

## 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 Jennifer Stewart, P.O. Box 294, Batavia, Ohio 45103 or e-mailed to Jennifer at [bataviaalumniassociation@gmail.com](mailto:bataviaalumniassociation@gmail.com). \*\*

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 Jennifer Stewart. (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 2015 Scholarship recipients, a copy can be requested on-line.

*\*\*All information you provide is kept in strict confidence and will be used solely for the purposes of communicating Batavia Alumni Association business and will **never** be sold or given to a third party for any reason.*

## 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: Donald Schultz '40, Myles Elstun '47, William B. Ankrom '47, William E. Woods '49, Mary Leona Lee Deutenberg '50, Geraldine Rose Gibbs Weaver '53, Dennis B. Nash '56,

Pamela Bitzer Ashley '65, Harley "Tom" Brown '65, Beverly Bauer Moon '67, William W. Crouch, Jr. '72, Vicki Jett Oberschlake '75, Ken H. Spurlock '77, Lori Lea Kelch Evans '88, Monica Chenoweth Warren '95, Rhett "Andy" Carmen '04, Synthia Smith '06, and Jack Maddox. Mr. Maddox was a coach, teacher and superintendent for Batavia Local Schools and a friend to many in the Batavia community.

## 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 exempt from annual dues. This money is used to support the Association and scholarships. We currently have 621 lifetime members including the following members who contributed in 2015: Julie Retzler Burger '63, Eric Holman '65, Helena Ramos '82, June Cole '55, Tyler

Hawk, Haley Kilgore '15, Karl Klopstein '15, and Scott Runck '84. 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 2015 were: GOLD-Carroll Anstaett '43, Betty Bruner Howell '75 SILVER-Julie Retzler Burger '63 BRONZE-Tina Cowdrey Freyhof '79, Barbara Bruner '71.

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



## Class of 1966 to Celebrate 50 Years

This year the class of 1966 will be celebrating 50 years at the banquet. Members of the class included: Anita Amon, Connie Anstaett, Steve Ashley, Danny Bare, Greg Bernard, Peggy Brunner, David Chaffin, Diane Christman, John Christie, Juanita Clift, Joan Duncan, John Fortney, Barbara Gilpin, Benjamin Graham, Steve Hahn, Joyce

Henning, Carolyn Hull, Sandra Jones, Sharon Keel, Linda Dress, Jan Lahmann, Barry Lewis, Carol Lewis, Russell Lutes, Michele Mullen, Nancy Nichols, Donald Ogletree, Illa Kay Prine, Dennis Richards, Becky Robbins, Rick Rolph, Jay Tashiro, Frank Taylor, Anthony Trasser, Doug Ulrey, Jeff Van Hook,

William Walker, Edward Waltz, Linda Wiggins and Sandra Yantz.

Congratulations to the class of 1966!

## RESERVATIONS

The Annual Banquet will be held Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm with social time 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 6, 2016. **Sorry, reservations cannot be accepted after the 8<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)

\_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor a Senior(s)  
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PLEASE LIST NAME(S) OF THOSE ATTENDING FOR  
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## "Sponsor a Senior"

The Board continually looks for ways to cut costs or help defer our operational expenses. Each year the Board absorbs the cost of the meals for every senior attending the banquet. As a result we barely break even on the banquet expenses and some years the cost has not been covered by the reservations. Would you like the opportunity to sponsor a senior(s) at the upcoming banquet? You may do so, regardless if you plan on

attending or not. To sponsor a senior(s) just indicate the number to be sponsored on the above reservation form and include it in your total. Remember all donations are tax deductible.



## Harris Wright Scholarship Awarded by U.C.

In 1948, Harris Wright graduated from the University of Cincinnati College of Education. His UC story, however, did not end at graduation. Wright went on to earn his master's in education and began his 32 year teaching career at Batavia High School, serving as principal for seven years. Harris retired in 1987 but

continued to serve the school as a member of the Board of Education. He also gave back to his community by volunteering more than 30,000 hours at Clermont Mercy Hospital. In 2005, he was named Citizen of the Year for the Village of Batavia. In May 2004, he began the process of giving back to his alma mater by establishing an endowment

fund to be fully funded from his estate upon his death. Harris asked that the fund be used to create scholarships through UC, for graduates of Batavia High School.



### 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 6<sup>th</sup>.

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"While I was attending Batavia High School's graduation ceremony, I realized how many students were relying on scholarships to get through college. I began thinking about how college is more expensive today, and that most of the scholarships the students had earned would not cover all the costs of an education."

■ Harris Wright

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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 2015 Batavia Alumni Association annual meeting and banquet will be **Saturday, May 14, 2016** at the Batavia High School gymnasium located at One Bulldog Place, Batavia, just east of the village.

**Social Time begins 6:00 pm**

**Dinner at 6:30 pm**

We hope to see you there!



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