

Our Alumni Association President, Bobbe Maher Kugele has turned over the publication of our Newsletter to the "Pioneer Old Fogies" group effective with this issue. Bobbe has had the responsibility of producing the Newsletter since 1995. We want to express our sincere appreciation for her work for all of those years. Bobbe has agreed to assist us in the future as needed. Also, we want to thank Jackie Krebs Noble for her work with the membership, the collection of the dues, and providing the mailing labels for our Newsletters. Thanks also go to our Treasurer, Jim Steinway, for all the work that he does in addition to assisting in the mailing of our Newsletters.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Approximately 14 years ago, I asked a group of Alumni gals, who were assembling the newsletter, if they needed any help. At that time the process of typing, printing, folding, stapling, labeling, sorting zip codes and mailing was done by a group of about 6-8 people. What I should have asked was "can I help affix the postage?" All at once, one of the gals said, "sure, I am leaving for Florida next month, so how about taking over for awhile." Then the journey began.

I'm not sure how many newsletters have "gone to press" since then, but it has been a joy to send one out each time. Lots of information has been shared and I feel most of the news was good news and hopefully, some of the stories have brought a smile to your face and jogged a memory or two.

Unfortunately, our "Lives Remembered" page brings sadness as the names of classmates, former teachers, parents and siblings of classmates continue to grow. In the very near future (probably the first part of 2010), we hope to have our website up and running. This will not be a "chat room", but rather a website that will include information such as the newsletter, scholarship, Hall of Fame, reunion news and notes. Each one of you will be able to submit information on upcoming reunions, let us know when you move or change an email address, share congratulations on special birthdays or anniversaries, nominate alumni for our Hall of Fame, or have a family member apply for one of our scholarships. We know that not everyone has access to a computer and we are asking you to please let us know if you still need your newsletter mailed to your home address. You can do this by sending a note to Jackie Noble, our membership chair, at 42 Andover Road, Cincinnati, OH 45218. We plan to publish the Alumni newsletter in the spring and fall of each year. Now, for the time being, a group of alumni called the "Old Fogies" (you know who they are), will be taking over the newsletter.

I thank everyone who has contributed articles, pictures, stories, poems, etc. over the years who made the newsletter an enjoyable and hopefully informative publication.

PIONEER NEWS

Michael Pierce, Class of 72. Getting ready to retire next year after 29 years as a public safety communications officer (911), also served 15 years as a volunteer/part-time firefighter/EMT. Just celebrated my 33rd anniversary with my wife Christine, whom I met after serving in the Navy. Still live in Cincinnati area, but plan on moving to SC after my wife retires in 4 years.

Robin Roach Rathmell Class of 72. Left Cincinnati in 73 and moved to Florida, now in Tennessee. Two grown children and one grandson; now finishing my psychology degree after 30 years.

Barbara Alison Himes Marinakis Class of 72. Married an Australian, live in Melbourne. He's writing a long, hilarious fantasy story, I'm doing the art, and we're planning on turning it into a story-telling show and touring it around.

Sandy Gerrietts Dunn, Class of '65. Hi classmates. Hope all is well with everyone. I have put photos from our 40th reunion on Facebook. Please get the word out that right now Facebook is a place we can keep connected if you are interested.

Doug Smith, Class of '89 Work as General Sales Manager for a radio group in West Texas. Spent Time Working for CBS Radio in Cincinnati (WGRR-FM) and Cox Radio in Dayton before coming back to Texas in 2006.

Marti Andrew, Class of '63 live in Black Jack Missouri and still married to my high school sweetheart who graduated in 1962. Just visited Greenhills for the Pioneer Festival, parade and Alumni Brunch. I like to see more alumni come to the brunch. It is once a year on Sunday of the Pioneer Festive weekend. During the brunch the Alumni Association inducts one or more graduates into the Alumni Hall of Fame. It's a lot of fun.

Amy Gurska West, Class of 81. Was involved in band, choir and orchestra. Favorite high school memories are those Friday night half-time shows and fun with the band in the stands! Am a mother of three now and go watch two of my kids perform in marching bands (one is now in the Million Dollar Band at University of Alabama!).

Larry and Saunnie (Fancher '53 iZiliox celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary on October 27m. Rick '52 and Audrey (Vane '53) Case celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary on November 21st. Roger '52 and Sue (Bergen '56) Petering celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary January 24th.

We are happy to report that Judy Fisher's binders pertaining to the history of Greenhills have been found and returned to her (see March 2009 Newsletter). These binders had originally been placed in the Alumni Room. By the way, Judy has agreed to continue to write the biographies of our Hall of Fame inductees each year for our Newsletter. We appreciate her contributions to the Newsletter in the past and want to thank her for continuing to write the biographies.

Bob Shanklin ('49) will speak to The Historical Society about his memories and some history of Greenhills at the Community Building on November 30th at 7:30 PM. All are welcome.

Our annual \$500 scholarships were awarded to Chelsea Elizabeth Obrelski of Hamilton, Ohio and Rebecca Barclay of 22 Jewell Lane, Greenhills. Ms. Obrelski is the granddaughter of Ima Joan Woodrey Foley ('42) and is attending Miami University. Ms. Barclay is the daughter Lisa Martinson ('80) and is attending the University of Cincinnati.

Applications for our scholarships must be related to a GHS attendee or a GHSAA member.

REUNION NEWS

We have not received any news about the class reunions held this year for the Class of 1959 (50th year), Class of 1964 (45th year), Class of 1969 (40th year) and the Class of 1974 (35th year).

The Class of 1954 held their 55th reunion at the mill Race Banquet Center in Winton Woods on July 3rd. Unfortunately for the class, the annual Village Pioneer Days which were always held on the July 4th weekend were moved up to June 26th & 27th. In the past, the 4th of July weekend was a favorite reunion weekend because of the Village festivities. If there are any reunion plans next year for the 4th of July weekend, it would be advisable to contact the Village office for the dates of the Pioneer Festival.

We want to thank the class of 1984 for their generous donation to GHSAA and for the souvenirs purchased for their reunion favors.

The '49ers celebrated their 60 year reunion on June 26-27. The Class of 1949 had a good turn out and invited others to join them. Jack & Marjorie (Underwood) Randolph held a barbecue for the class at their home on Friday evening. On Saturday, the class met for dinner at Symmes Tavern in Fairfield. Class members who attended were: Bob Shanklin, Fred Gill, Dorothy Girton Gill, Anette Watkins Hegner, Shirley Stonefield Venable, Pat Woodrey Shanklin, Alice Rupp Lahmer, Marie Staverman Foltz, Darrell Kearney, Maurice Fisher, Ruth Gregory Williams, Gene Brown, Don Paul and Jackson Randolph.

It was good to see them again. They contributed much to our heritage.

PIONEERS VISIT COACH REX HOON

On September 18 and 19 several Pioneers and their wives visited their former football and track coach, Rex Hoon (GHS 1948-1955) and his wife, Joan, at their home in New Concord, Ohio. The group included: Ron ('51) & Pat Loebker, Tom ('51) & Jo Ball Smith ('52), Don ('51) & Flo, Gregory, Bob ('51) & Rose Dinkelacker, Don ('51) & Sharon Kerns, Joe ('52) & Glenda Lechler, Roger ('52) & Sue Bergen ('56) Petering, Jack Randolph ('49), Andy Lechler ('53), and Joe Cushing ('56).

The group had dinner with Coach and Joan at Ruby Tuesdays Restaurant on Friday night. They presented Coach with a football enclosed in a clear plastic case with a green and silver label with the inscription "Presented to Coach Hoon GHS 1948-1955". "Thanks for all your time and dedication and for teaching us the values of pride, humility honesty, integrity, and sportsmanship from your old Pioneers." The ball contained the names of several Pioneer athletes from Coach Hoon's era.

On Saturday, a luncheon for all was hosted by Coach and Joan at their home. After lunch, the entire group attended the football game between Muskingum College and Otterbien College on the Muskingum campus which is about two blocks from the Hoon's home.

Coach Hoon was a three sports star at Muskingum in the early 1940's. Coach was also the recipient of many medals, including the Purple Heart for his service in World War II. In addition, on July 29th of this year, he received his newest medal at the Ohio Statehouse from the French Republic for what he and other U.S. soldiers did for the people of France. Coach Hoon is also honored with a display in our Alumni Room.

Article from the Times Recorder Zanesville, Ohio

New Concord World War II veteran honored Times Recorder - Zanesville, Ohio Author: BRIAN GADD Date: Aug 1, 2009

NEW CONCORD -Rex Hoon has scars from his time in World War II.

He also has his share of medals for his U.S. Army service in Italy and France.

And now he can add one more award of distinction next to the Purple Heart on his fading service uniform.

Hoon, 87, of New Concord, was named a Chevalier (Knight) of the Legion of Honor of the French Republic earlier this year. He received his newest medal at a ceremony July 29 at the Ohio Statehouse.

Eight other World War II veterans also received the award from Ohio Lt. Gov. Lee Fisher, including Herman Zerger of Woodsfield.

The award is the highest honor bestowed upon individuals by the French government and is akin to receiving the U.S. Medal of Honor.

"It is a great honor," Hoon said. "I think the French are trying to do what's right by recognizing a lot of veterans because a lot of them are dying off. I would kind of hope the Italian government would recognize what we did as well."

In a letter to Hoon, Jean-Batiste Main de Boissiere, consul general of France in Chicago, said the award "pays tribute to the soldiers who did so much for France and Western Europe More than 60 years ago, you gave your youth to France and the French people Many of your fellow soldiers did not return, but they remain in our hearts.'

Hoon almost didn't make it to take part in the push to liberate France from the south.

Right out of college, he enlisted in August 1943 as a rifleman in the 141st Infantry Regiment of the 36th Infantry Division and was first sent to Italy

"Training at Camp Croft in south Carolina, I was going to go into a special outfit, sort of like special operations. They wanted guys who spoke French to work behind the lines," Hoon said "But I got the mumps and ended up in Italy."

"It was so cold up there, guys were afraid of their feet freezing," he said. "I carried four extra pair of socks under my uniform."

Hoon and five other members of his platoon were later hit by artillery from a German tank, and he suffered a wounded hip.

After 15 days of R & R and barely being able to walk, he was sent back to his old outfit as they prepared to "hit the beach" in southern France. "I could hardly walk, but I was never one to cut out on a hike," he said

Hoon would fight in battles throughout southern France, Provence and the Rhineland as the Germans were pushed out of France That service is what led to the Legion of Honor award

Boissiere said France has been living in peace for six decades thanks to the Allied efforts.

"They saved us and we will never forget I want you to know that for us, the French people, they are heroes..." Boissiere wrote. "You Mr. Hoon, are among these heroes."

THE HONOR

The Chevalier (Knight) of the Legion of Honor award was created by Napoleon in 1802 to acknowledge services rendered to France by people of great merit

In addition to the Legion of Honor, Rex Hoon has the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Arrowhead, Good Conduct Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, four Bronze Battle Stars and the World War II Victory Medal.

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Coach Rex Hoon was at Greenhills High School from 1948 -1955.

Charlie Sheen's "carefully messy" hair 'do is a point of pride for GHS 1985 grad, Jane Zoladz Allison who does Sheen's hair for the Emmy nominated TV show "Two & a Half Men." She received her cosmetology training at Great Oaks.

"EITHER SIDE OF '55"

The class of GHS 1955 invites any graduates "either side of '55 to have lunch with them. We meet monthly, usually the 4m Wednesday of the month.

Call Barbara Rouff Koch for more information at 513-520



WINTON WOODS ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME Greenhills Pioneer Members:

Tom Smith	1951	Football, Basketball, Track & Baseball
Steve Applegate	1966	Football
Joe Frederick	1986	Basketball
Charlie Frederick	1967-1996	Athletic Director-Greenhills Forest Park and Winton Woods
Maureen Frederick-Davin	1983	Basketball
Earl Edmonds	1968	Basketball
Andrea Niemann-Young	1982	Soccer, Softball, Volleyball and Track
Kelly Kerin	1973	Football, Wrestling and Baseball
Bob Hans, Jr.	1967	Track and Basketball
Pam Evans-Smith	1978	Basketball, Volleyball and Track
Tom Elfers	1968	Golf
Dick Kerin	1971-1983	Greenhills Coach-Football and Wrestling
Dale Heidotting	1959	Basketball and Baseball
Joe Cushing	1956	Football, Basketball and Baseball
Bob Amburgey	1964	Football
Holly Hanna Speckhart	1983	Tennis
Brian Gibson	1976	Basketball
Dave Hockaden	1960	Football and Basketball
Bev Ventura	1974	Basketball
Leroy Williams, Jr.	1984	Track, Football and Basketball
Cedric McDonald	1984	Football, Baseball and Track
Maurice Fisher	1949	Baseball, Basketball and Football

The most recent Pioneer inductees to the Winton Woods High School Athletic Hall of Fame were: Holly Hanna Speckhart ('83), Brian Gibson (76), Leroy Williams, Jr. ('84), Maurice Fisher ('49), and Cedric McDonald ('84).

The former Pioneer stars joined seventeen other Pioneer members in the Athletic Hall of Fame. Winton Woods Athletic Director, Herb Woeste, initiated the Athletic Hall of Fame after the merger of Greenhills High School with Forest Park High School. The Hall includes former athletes from both schools.

The annual induction ceremony takes place at the half-time of Winton Woods first home football game. A plaque for each member is permanently displayed on a wall outside the stadium located at Winton and Kemper Roads in Forest Park. Nominations to the Hall of Fame are accepted at the athletic office next to the stadium and selections are made each March.

MAURY FISHER (Greenhills High School, 1949)

One of the finest basketball and baseball players to come out of Greenhills High School, Maury Fisher earned nine varsity letters while participating in football, basketball and baseball for the Pioneers. During his junior year in basketball, he was named to the "All City" 1st Team as Greenhills went 22-6. As a senior on the hardwood, Maury again was 1st Team and led the Pioneers to a sterling 23-4 mark. On the baseball diamond he was a dominant pitcher. During his senior season in 1949, he pitched two no-hitters, one of which was a perfect game! In both games he struck out 18 batters. A member of the National Honor Society, Maury graduated from Greenhills in 1949 and immediately signed a contract with the Cincinnati Reds as an amateur free agent. He was invited to three spring training camps by the Reds and never allowed an earned run in any of the exhibition games that he pitched in. During the 1955 season, he made his only big league appearance by pitching three innings in relief for the Reds against a Milwaukee Braves lineup that included future Hall of Famers, Hank Aaron and Eddie Mathews. Maury possessed a blazing fastball, but an eye injury ultimately cut short his baseball career.

CEDRIC MCDONALD (Greenhills High School. 1984)

Cedric McDonald earned six varsity letters during his athletic career at Greenhills High School and was a captain on the football Pioneer squad that earned a perfect 10-0 regular season mark and the school's first ever play-off berth in 1983. Cedric earned two letters in baseball and another one running track for Greenhills. It was on the football field however, that he truly excelled, earning three letters. As a junior in 1982, he was named "All-League" on defense as a linebacker. As a senior during the magical 1983 season, he played offensive tackle as well as linebacker and was named "All-League" at both positions. That season the Pioneers qualified for their first state play-offs in Division II and finished fifth in the city poll conducted by the *The Cincinnati Enquirer*. In recognition of his efforts and exploits, Cedric was also named to the "All-City", "All-Metro", "All-Southwest Ohio", and "All-Ohio" teams as a linebacker. Following his graduation from Greenhills, he received a scholarship to play football at Carson-Newman College in Tennessee.

LEROY WILLIAMS, JR. (Greenhills High School. 1984)

Leroy Williams, Jr. participated in track, football, and basketball during his high school career. His performances on the track were legendary as he dominated the city in all the sprint categories, the 100, 200, and 400 meter dashes. During his junior year, Leroy was regional runner-up and state champion in the 400 meter dash. His high school exploits in track earned him the most valuable runner, "All-City" (both Cincinnati Enquirer and Post) and "All-State" honors in both his junior and senior year. In 1984 he finished third in the 400 meter dash and 1st in the 1600 meter relay at the Midwest Regional Meet of Champions. On the football field, Leroy was the 1983-84 "Best Offensive Back" while in basketball, he was named as the "Best Defensive Player" for his work for the Pioneers on the hardwood. He finished his basketball career with a school record 85.5% free throw percentage. Leroy is currently employed by the Cincinnati Public Library, downtown branch.

HOLLY HANNA SPECKHART (Greenhills High School. 1983)

One of the best tennis players in school district history, Holly Hanna graduated from Greenhills High School in 1983 after winning eleven varsity letters in three different sports. She earned three letters as a member of the Lady Pioneers basketball squad and was a four year starter on the softball team. On the softball diamond, she was the team's "Most Valuable Player" three times and was named "All-League" in 1981 and 1983. It was on the tennis court, however, where Holly's star really shined. She was named team MVP all four years as she played #1 Singles. Her 65 singles wins established a new Greenhills High School record and she was named to the "All-League" team all four years as a varsity player. As a senior in she earned 1st Team "All-Southwest District 83", "All-City", and "All-State" honors. Holly also played doubles, and teamed up with fellow Winton Woods Athletic Hall of Famer, Maureen Fredrick, to reach the state quarterfinals as juniors in 1982 and then the state semi finals in 1983. Northern Kentucky University offered her a full scholarship to play both tennis and softball and Holly accepted the offer to continue her education and athletic career. While at NKU, she earned three letters in tennis and four letters in softball. She capped her collegiate career by being named to the 1987 Great Lakes Valley Conference "All-League" team as a member of the Lady Norse softball squad as well as receiving her undergraduate degree in Political Science and History.

BRIAN H. GIBSON (Greenhills High School. 1976)

Brian Gibson's basketball and academic abilities have helped to propel him into a life of success on many different levels and locations. As a member of the highly successful Greenhills High School basketball teams of the early-to-mid 1970's. Brian was the point guard on the team that finished with a city best 21-2 record, and led the squad in scoring average and assists. Brian finished the 1976 season by earning "All League", and "All-District" recognition and was also named to the "All-State" 2nd Team. Upon graduation from Greenhills in 1976, Brian enrolled at Northwestern University where he was a four year letterman and academic "All-American". As a senior point guard for the Wildcats in 1980, he helped engineer a two game sweep of defending national champion Michigan State as well as additional upsets of nationally ranked Michigan and "Final Four" participant Purdue. His highly successful senior year included his being named Co-Captain, handing out eight assists against Michigan (the eighth best total in school history) and finishing 15th in the country for free throw percentage (the fifth best total in Northwestern history). He concluded his collegiate athletic career by being named Northwestern's winner of the "Billy McKinney Award" which is bestowed on a graduating Northwestern senior in any sport and is based on leadership and constant effort. Brian earned his B.A. in Political Science in 1980, a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Law in 1983 and a Master in International Law in 1985 from the London School of Economics.

Lives Remembered

Jim Durham - ('54) husband of Jackie, father of Vicki & J. Todd, brother of Gayle ('57)

Catlett Helm - ('43) Husband of Olga, father of Libby, Mary, Joan, Lynda, Kathy, Lou, Dan & the late Ann

Erma Ralph - mother of Betsy, Rita, John & Douglas

Ada Ball - mother of Jo, Ben, David, the late J.C., Helen & Kay, mother-in-law of Tom Smith

Pat Murphy Mayer ('45) - sister of Don & Dan Joyce Oatman - wife of Tom Oatman ('52)

Brian Hughes - ('81)

Nancy Peterson - ('55)

Dick Ries ('48) - husband of Marian Tullis and brother of Tom Ed Oliger - former teacher & coach

Ruth Maher Schuehler - mother of Bobbe and the late Carolee, Janet & Arlene, stepmother of Charlene, Lois and Mel

Paul Wallace - husband of Betty Lutz ('45)

Dave Tilford ('65) - brother of Joe ('67) & Debbie '71)

Kevin Detherage ('77)

Tom Sutphin - brother of Dick ('69) and Marsha

Frances Cruse - mother of Marlene, Debbie, Earl & Diana

Mike Sweeney ('59) - brother of Kate ('62)

John Baker - husband of Carolyn Watkins ('53), brother-in-law of Bill Watkins ('48) & Annette Heger ('49)

Bill Tebben - husband of Alice ('44) Helen Wilson Schumard ('52) - sister of Art ('62) Frank Smith ('48) - brother of Tom ('51) Ed Sobotka ('60)

Gilbert Browning - father of Ben ('57) & Sally ('61)

Jane Medary Woodard ('66) - sister of Bob ('63)

Paul Bartee - son of former teachers Margie & the late Jim Bartee brother of Tim & Joe Larry Cramer - father of Than & Greta

Sally Weddington Ambrosius - mother of Bill ('73), Karen ('80) & Jenny ('82)

Ann Helm Singelton ('70) - daughter of the late Catlett Helm, ('43) and sisters, Libby, Mary & Joan