

OAKWOOD

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

FALL/WINTER 2018

STAY IN TOUCH with the Oakwood Alumni Association

Share a story or your updates with your fellow Lumberjacks! We'd love to include your story and pictures in our next newsletter.

- Call Director Amy Martin at 937-371-1479
- Email alumni@oakwoodschoools.org

We look forward to hearing from you!

Robert Guizzo Retires After 4 Decades



After 43 years of teaching under the Dome, Mr. Robert Guizzo is hanging up his lab apron to do more. More *what?* you ask. Well, likely more of the same stuff he enjoys already - cooking, hiking, reading, swimming and spending time with his grandchild among other things. Travel eventually. After all, he has time to figure it out. 2018 grad Carston King sat down with Mr. Guizzo at the end of last school year to take a look back on how Guizzo came to be at OHS, what has changed, what hasn't and maybe NEVER will.

Where did you go to college and how did you end up at OHS?

I went to the University of Dayton (UD) and studied biology. I wasn't thinking of being a teacher in college. I worked at summer camps, did some tutoring and thought of teaching as a part-time thing. It didn't develop in my mind as a profession until halfway through college. I came to Oakwood right from UD, two weeks before school started. The summer of 1975 was a hard time to find jobs. I had two-and-a-half interviews all summer.

How do you have half of an interview?

I was living in Chicago and got a call from Dayton Public Schools. I went to the interview and they checked off a series of questions about address and education and then said, "Thank you" (as in the interview is done). And I say, "But wait, I have questions." What grade, what level, what school, etc? He tells me, "We don't have a job opening" and I ask, "Well then, why am I here?" He tells me, "We always want to have a face-to-face with those we put on our substitute list." When I heard that I tore up the paperwork and said, "Don't ever call me."

You taught at OHS for over 40 years. How has teaching changed? Technology. I can remember

when there were no phones in the classroom. You would collect your messages and find a phone to use in the principal or secretary's office, teacher's lounge - forget about privacy. The first computers came in '77 or '78 and today there's more computing power in your watch than in one of those big boxes. But the individual who made the biggest change in computing was Terry Spires. He got everyone K-12 on the same system and made a huge difference in the technological advancements at the school. He was a great teacher and took away the fear and loathing in using computers and made the technology very intuitive.

Grades are online and parents have access. I think it's a very healthy thing for people to be informed.

Coaching and Title 9: We had individuals tasked with implementing the Title 9 opportunities for women in sports. The Athletic Director, Floyd Ballinger and Carl Reichert did a helluva job ('75-'79) creating new programs - including women's gymnastics for three years. I started the Jr. High girls basketball program in 1975, coached junior high girls and then both girls and boys track over the course of 20 years. (Continued)

Full article can be found in the on the Oakwood Schools' website: <https://www.oakwoodschoools.org/district/departments/alumni/rob-guizzo-interview>



Lane Stadium Recognizes Donors with Art Installation

The seven, three-sided painted metal towers will serve as permanent recognition of approximately 150 individuals, businesses and organizations that helped make Lane Stadium a reality. Suzanne Ley, the designer and artist who created the piece alongside students and staff who added their talents to the artwork, were recognized at the event.

The Oakwood Schools Foundation contributed \$50,000 to the project, using money from their Endowment fund, earmarked for facility improvements. OSF also helped provide teacher grant funding, along with Oakwood Arts Bridge, for the artist-in-residence opportunity connecting artist Suzanne Ley and our current art and engineering students on the public art installation.



Recipients of Distinguished Alumni Awards 2017

Nominate an outstanding person for the 2019 DAA Awards

Do you have a friend, classmate or relative that has made an outstanding contribution to their community, or achieved at a high level in their career? Nominate them for the 2019 OHS Distinguished Alumni Award, and help us recognize their achievements among their peers. The Oakwood Alumni Association will honor these individuals on Thursday, October 3rd at the Dayton Country Club. To nominate an individual, please call Director Amy Martin at 937-371-1479 or email alumni@oakwoodschoools.org.



2017 Recipients, L to R: Alexander Williams (61), Sue Seifert Williams (61), Irvin Harlamert (48), Carolyn "Toni" Tonini Winger (53), Edward J. Schneider (47) and Douglas C. Lane (63).

HOMEcomings SCHEDULE 2019 Save the Dates!

Thursday, October 3

- **OHS Distinguished Alumnus Awards**
6 PM – Dayton Country Club

Friday, October 4

- **Booster Tailgate**, 5:30 pm – held on Schantz Ave., outside of Mack Hummon Stadium.
- **Come Back Lumberjacks party**, 9 pm to midnight
Hosted by Oakwood Schools Foundation, this party at the Dayton Country Club

Saturday, October 5

- **Tours of OHS**, 10 AM – meet in the Pit
- **Self-guided tours of Smith and Harman schools**
2 to 4 PM – the elementary schools will be open for you to roam the halls and enjoy.

Hotel Information

Room block at University of Dayton Marriott

The University of Dayton Marriott hotel is offering a special group rate of \$140.00 per night. Rooms are available from Thursday, Oct. 3rd through Saturday, Oct. 5th. You must book your room by September 15, 2019. Call 937-223-1000 and reference Oakwood Alumni Weekend 2019 room block.

Homecoming 2018 Celebrations



Class Updates



2018 OHS Athletic Hall of Fame brings back teammates and memories

On August 23rd, the Oakwood High School Athletic Hall of Fame recognized five individuals and one team at their annual banquet:

- Marianna "Kim" Kimmel Oliver, 1940
- Craig "Skip" Loucks, 1968
- Tom Jervis, 1974
- Rob Pine, 1986
- Leah (Henninger) Graves, 2006
- 1998 Softball Team
 - **Seniors:** Emily Badger, Angelina Ferraro Walther, Janie Gregory Sammons, Laura Gregory Leland, Kate Lohmeyer, Nicole Miller Martin
 - **Juniors:** Jennifer Burkardt, Sarah Kissell Schulte, Brooke Launius Rogers
 - **Sophomores:** Courtney Coomer, Cate DaPrato Berger, Colleen Ervin
 - **Freshman:** Erica Heppner Prather, Kelly McDonald Harms



Over the Thanksgiving holiday, the Class of 2003 hosted their 15th reunion at the Dayton Beer Company on Friday, November 23rd. Many thanks to Lauren Martin and Juliet Evans for organizing the event!

Class Updates, *continued*



Elli Karras' wedding a Lumberjack celebration in Pittsburgh

Oakwood High School Alumni celebrate the marriage of Elli Anne Karras (OHS class of 1909) to Kyle Wesley Glaser on October 6, 2018 in Pittsburgh, PA. The daughter of the late Nick Karras (OHS class of '71) was married in a traditional Greek ceremony at Saint Nicholas Cathedral.



OHS family & friends included: Man of Honor Adam Smith ('09), Matron of Honor Carol Harper Schwiebert ('09), usher A.J. Montesano ('09), bridesmaid Nicole Bacas ('07), Sue Bacas ('67), Louis Bacas ('70), Steve Robertson ('71), Randy Ballard ('71), Sheila Hinders Ballard ('74), Bob Coughlin ('71), Amy Hall Coughlin ('72), Nick Zois ('74), Pat Ioannou Karabalis ('72), Gina Ioannou Stathopoulos ('73), Christina Stathopoulos Moran ('07), John Lewis ('72), Pete Kordalis ('75), George Kordalis, Niko Kordalis ('10), Toulia Kordalis Stephanopoulos ('76) and Susan Srratis Montesano ('73).

1957 – Gorganne Morris Erickson: Married to Miles A. Erickson, MD, Children: Heather Lee Smith 53 and Kimberly Renee' Knobbe 52, Most memorable person: Bess Hayner, Varsity Field Hockey Team Coach. I was the only freshman on the first string Varsity Hockey Team and remained on that team all 4 years with undefeated seasons. We played hockey against the University of Cincinnati, Miami University and the University of Dayton along with all of the area high schools.



1958 – Beverly Brown Riverwood
Her daughter, Cassandra Tunick is an actor/improvisation teacher on stage in NYC. Son Seth Terman is a creative builder and naturalist in Sonoma County, CA. "I am eternally grateful to our teachers, who taught us how to think. I am most grateful to Mrs. Mariah Bender, the best of the best, for whom I was honored to student teach with while in college. She still inspires me!"

1960 – Dr. Robert Gaines returns to his "roots" with visits to Oakwood High School and the University of Cincinnati.

I graduated from OHS in 1960. I had grown up in North Dayton but my father became Vice President of NCR and moved us to Oakwood in 1958.

The academic stimulation and commitment I felt as soon as I walked into Oakwood High School put a fire in me that is still burning. I hadn't been back since 2000. My extremely busy career as a very successful and innovative Spinal Reconstructive Surgeon kept me busy and away from Dayton – and Cincinnati (where I went to 3 yrs of pre-med.)

Now that I've retired (but still teach actively internationally and serve as an expert witness), I decided to revisit both schools which did so much for me. The fact that Oakwood High School is still academically so very, very strong– in every phase of child development – is something I deeply admire.

I still use every day in my professional life the skills that I learned at Oakwood High School and UC. It's a tremendous achievement that the successive Oakwood Schools Boards of Education have kept their school system on the forefront of life in the state of Ohio. While I live in Missouri, I am also so very delighted to have been a Buckeye, a Lumberjack and a Bearcat!

In his best selling book, *The Wright Brothers*, David McCullough's first sentence is a quote from Wilbur Wright, "If I were giving a young man advice as to how he might succeed in life, I would say to him, 'pick out a good father and mother and be born and live your life in Ohio.'" (He didn't say OHS, but he should have!) I was so lucky to have that situation happen to me. Loved seeing everyone at Homecoming!

Linda Harney – Most memorable things about OHS: Lavender-haired Miss Miriam Page taught me never to use no double negatives; Jumpin' Ralph Juniper taught me that four out of every three people will never learn how to solve mathematical equations; and Ollie Johnson, Oakwood's American History guru, taught me this useful little rhyming reminder: "In fourteen hundred ninety-three, Columbus sailed the deep, blue sea."

1964 – Alan Schaeffer's best memories are of his graduating class. We hope to see them at Homecoming 2019!!

1966 – Cindy Chambers Schweikert's best memories are of those dances at the Y!

1971 – George Kruer recalls the autumn colors, OHS band members and the vibe of crisp Friday night football.

Jamie Sheehan remembers friends, class plays, choir, drill team.

1972 – Barbara Oliver Reinstedler remembers Mr. Andrews, Mr. Romick, Football games

Class Updates, *continued*

Oakwood "Fat Briar" (Classes of 1970-1972) Annual Golfing Soiree



Clockwise from bottom left: Roger Dalton-'72 (our host); Randy Ballard-'71; Doug Henness-'71; Dave McCune-'71; Tom Hack-'71; Bud Henry-'71; Dave Glossinger-'71; John Lewis-'72; Bob Coughlin-'71; Steve Robertson-'70

Due to the incredible generosity of Mark Dalton (class of 1968), this group of Lumberjack alumni (aka The Fat Briars) is relaxing during a fireside debriefing of the day's highly competitive links play. It's truly a golfing ordeal to "have to" play at "The Ultimate Private Club: Cherokee Plantation," as titled by *Links Magazine*. No need to worry about our pace of play as no one else has ever been on the course at the same time.

Mark's "little brother" Roger ('72), legendary hurler of our renowned Fat Briar softball team, coordinates logistics for this week-long endurance contest involving golf, sporting clays and boating on the Combahee. All of us privileged invitees are forever grateful for being included in such an event at an 8,000-acre rice plantation founded in 1710; 200 years before Oakwood became a city. Even Smith & Harmon rivals can find common ground when it comes to this triathlon of adventures in such idyllic scenery.

Analogizing the cliché of "appearances can be deceiving", this group is not the UN Security Council; however, all these gentlemen are former Lumberjack athletes (hoops, baseball, football, wrestling & tennis) yet none were on the 'Jacks golf team. Probably can't compete w/ some recent 'Jacks golf state champion teams, but we'll have more fun and I can guarantee that prognostication. Paraphrasing Brett Kavanaugh, "we like beer."

And then, of course, there's the incisive banter prevalent amongst good friends who've known each other since grade school. As our favorite teacher would say, each one of us has to "elucidate and elaborate" our position like Sam Andrews taught us back in World History class.



1975 – Jennifer Willis Bock recalls Sam Andrews, football games, being able to walk to and from school.



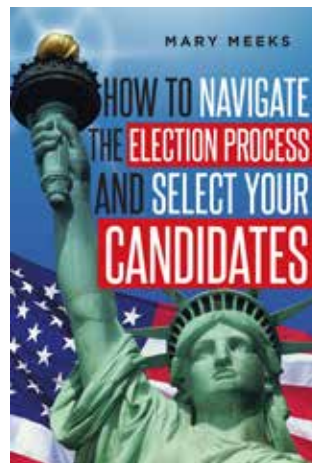
1977 – Patti Helmig Carnahan: The Posse I ran with including Pete Riffle, Mike Simmons, etc.; First yr Women's Basketball qualifying in Regionals, go Michelle!; Joe Gural History class.

1977 – Jean Taska Leatherman: Fred Walker, 1972 Olympic Band Tour to Munich and Mr. Ferguson.



1982 – Maria Schmidt's fond memories include: Jilletes, musicals, trips to NYC.

1987 – Melissa Castner Ryon's best memories are of Home Economics Chocolate Chip Cookie Pie Sales, Walking to the Bakery at lunch, Senior Year



Mary Meeks: My new paperback "How to Navigate the Election Process and Select Your Candidates" is a practical non-partisan guide to researching and selecting candidates that will best represent one's values. Available online at the Apple iTunes store, Amazon, Google Play, or Barnes and Noble.



2009 – Chris Wolcott's best memories are of Cross Country and Track Team Dinners; Cherry Pie Concert; France Trip

Class Updates, *continued*



2014 – Zach Joseph:
The most memorable things about OHS for me were the Marching Band halftime shows, giving a speech at Graduation and organizing Prom.

2018 – Connor Morris' most memorable: 1) conference championship comeback win senior year for baseball, 2) The Blue Barracudas, 3) Playing varsity football

Bridget Vaughn remembers Homecoming weekend, sports and Senior Skip Day.



Band Alumni:
Katherine Deddens Dalrymple (93) and Ruth Carey Deddens (64)

Recollections of a Good Friend and the Scholarship That Bears His Name: John C. White, (Dec. 25, 1943 - Nov. 1, 1968)



I first met John in the 7th grade, however we competed against each other in the Harman/Smith 6th grade football game the previous year. Throughout Jr. High and High School, John was a three sport athlete, a scholar and an involved citizen. Football, basketball and track were his sports and he excelled at all three. In his Senior year he was also President

of the National Honor Society, Varsity “O”, the Choir and The Greater Dayton Area Youth Council. He was liked, respected and looked-up-to by his peers.

John moved on to Yale University after graduating from OHS in 1962. He and Bob Brundige ('62) were roommates at Yale all four years. I know John ran track and competed in Debate. He was an English major and intended to pursue a post-graduate degree in law with thoughts of becoming an Ohio Senator. Vietnam disrupted his plans. Following graduation in 1966 he received his commission in the US Marine Corps. His training at Quantico, VA, included a surprise when John reunited with Steve Chappell ('62) as Steve was also in Officer Training at Quantico. In 1967 John and Sheila Wall ('62) were married and the last time I saw John was later that year when they stopped by to say “bon voyage” to Lucia (Schaeffer '63) and I as John was headed out on a Mediterranean “cruise” (amphibious landing training) compliments of the Marines, before he received his duty assignment.

On November 1, 1968, Lt. White gave his life, attempting to save the lives of three of his men. In 1969, President Nixon presented the Silver Star posthumously to Lt. White for his “heroic action while serving as a Platoon Commander with the First Marine Division in

the Republic of Vietnam”. The White family requested that Steve Chappell accompany John's body back to Dayton. As a fellow Marine, Steve was granted leave to perform this honorable duty.

Days after we learned of John's death, a small group of 1962 classmates met and agreed a scholarship in John's name would best recognize his life and what he meant for all of us. John was a leader, a scholar, an outstanding athlete and a good friend to all. John's life was filled with promise. His accomplishments and contributions were significant, but his time was tragically cut short.

The merit scholarship is managed by The Oakwood High School Lt. John C. White III Memorial Trust. A committee composed of student leaders and faculty select the recipient, who is “That Oakwood High School Senior, who, through his/her dedication, reached the highest ideals of scholarship, athletics and citizenship”, just as John did at Oakwood 56 years ago.

The names of each recipient can be found on The Lt. John C. White, III Memorial Scholarship bronze plaque in the main hallway of the school. On May 22, 2018 the 50th consecutive award presentation was made to the 51st recipient as there was a tie one year and 2 awards were presented.

John was a great friend, committed to every endeavor he pursued, dedicated to his family, friends, school and teammates. We will never forget him or his infectious smile. On the certificate that accompanies the scholarship, there is a quote, author unknown: “Dedication is expensive. It will cost you your life, but what else is life for.”

Rest peacefully, John.

Your friend,
Jeff Kunst '62

Be a part of the Alumni Plaza Honoring the Past, Present and Future of Oakwood Schools!

Alumni Plaza to enhance Junior High Entrance area and honor our alumni

We have exciting news to share with you! Thanks to a matching grant and the generosity of our alumni, The Oakwood Schools Foundation will construct an Alumni Plaza by the south entrance of Oakwood Jr. High on East Schantz Avenue this summer. This heavily travelled area will become a functional space for community gatherings, performances, outdoor classroom space and much more.

Donations of any amount are accepted and appreciated. Classes who raise \$1,000 will be recognized on the plaza, and an individual donation of \$500 or more will receive an engraved brick on the Alumni Plaza. This is a one-time opportunity to be a part of this project, and donations must be received by December 31, 2018 to be recognized with an engraved brick. We hope you will consider making a donation to honor your class. Be a part of the past, present and future of Oakwood Schools by helping to build our Alumni Plaza! Deadline for donation is 12/31/18.

TO MAKE A DONATION: Donate online at www.oakwoodschoools.org/community/osf/donate-now

Donor Information

We are grateful for ALL donation amounts. The Oakwood Schools Foundation and Oakwood City Schools will recognize our generous contributors as follows:

Platinum - \$10,000 and up

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Lumberjack - \$1,000 to \$2,499

Individual - A donation of \$500 or more will receive a brick on the Alumni Plaza.

Class Gifts: Classes who raise \$1,000 in donations will also be recognized on the Alumni Plaza. Any donation made by an individual will also go toward the class(es) of their choice, divided as desired. For example, a graduate of the Class of 1993 with two children in Oakwood Schools gives a \$500 donation. This gift could be split between the three classes or allocated to one class, at the discretion of the donor.



Questions regarding the Alumni Plaza project or your donation?

Please contact Emma Butler at emmabutler5@yahoo.com.

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In our next issue:

Share a favorite Spring Break photo or story with us, and you could win an OHS Tervis® Tumbler to take with you to the beach! Send your Spring Break memories to:

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In Remembrance

Class	Name	Deceased
1937	Philip Lorenz	5/14/2018
1937	George Lytle	3/1/2018
1938	Anne Munger Seavey	8/17/2018
1943	Bernard Baker	5/10/2018
1944	Richard Kearns	7/10/2018
1944	Phillip Wallick	3/29/2018
1946	Charlotte Bradford McKnight	6/8/2018
1950	Harry Ebeling	7/14/2018
1951	Joanne Oxrider	7/15/2018
1952	Ann (Sue) Goetz Doody	4/26/2018
1953	Sue DeMarse Hahn	10/6/2018
1954	Shirley Sonneborn	6/5/2018
1955	George Cavanaugh	9/7/2018
1956	Harvey Brickley	8/27/2018
1956	Ann Derby	4/25/2018
1957	Robert Williams	3/10/2018
1958	Julia McFetridge Sansone	4/23/2018

1959	Lynn Drury Womsley	4/25/2018
1961	Douglas Price	4/18/2018
1962	Jillian Alexander	8/13/2018
1962	Stephen Wolfe, Jr.	8/18/2018
1965	Dr. Robert Bruce	4/17/2018
1967	Kathleen Chamberlin	5/17/2018
1967	Michael Keady	4/6/2018
1968	Robert Stamper	5/22/2018
1969	Jennifer Zelik Wellinghoff	7/11/2018
1975	J. Randall Neff	5/25/2018

**We do our best to maintain accurate information on alumni deaths. If we have missed someone, please notify us.*

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