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The Alumni Newsletter of Grand Blanc High School

Coach Doug Burroughs to be Honored

Longtime GBHS Boys and Girls Soccer Coach Doug Burroughs will be inducted into the Bobcat Sports Hall of Fame this Fall during Homecoming weekend. Coaching the Boy's Soccer teams from 1985 until 1998, Burroughs won 14 Big Nine Championships, numerous Regional titles, and took the Boys team to the State Finals in 1987. Doug was the first coach for the Girls Soccer team. He coached the girls from 1986 until 1998 - again winning numerous Big Nine and Regional titles.

Doug had the pleasure of coaching 13 First-Team All-State Soccer players.

The Bobcat Hall of Fame induction will be on Friday, October 1, 2010 during halftime ceremonies of the Homecoming Football game vs. Pinckney. On

Saturday October 2nd, former soccer players will attend the Alumni Banquet, where a special roast will take place honoring Coach Burroughs. The event will be held at the Elks Club at the corner of Maple and Vassar Road. Girls and Boys Soccer players and their families from the 1980's and 1990's are welcome to join us for the weekend festivities.

Tickets for Friday night's game are \$5 and can be purchased at the Athletic Office during the week of Homecoming. The Saturday night Banquet and Soccer Roast tickets can be purchased by calling our Alumni office starting August 1st at 810-591-6021. The Banquet ticket price will be finalized and listed in our Fall '10 Alumni Banner in August.



A "Class Reunion" for 50's Grads

By Bob Burek, Class of 1958

Graduates for GBHS in the decade of 1950's will meet at Creasey Bicentennial Park (on Grand Blanc Road, 2 miles east of Fenton Road) for an all-50's reunion at 12:00 noon on Saturday, August 14, 2010. Representatives from each of the classes have met on two occasions to plan the event.

A letter advertising the reunion went out in early February. Typically, those who have planned individual class reunions are part of the organization for August 14th. Questions should be directed to these individuals:

Bob Burek (Class of 58 - 810-750-6978)

or

Jack Miller (Class of 58 - 810-738-5423)

The 50's reunion came about as the result of very successful decade long reunions organized by classes in the 1970's and 1980's. Most of the classes in the 1950's, however, were smaller in comparison to the 70's and 80's with typical class graduating 100 students. Everyone knew everyone in what was then a largely agricultural community. We all look forward to renewing acquaintances with fellow 50's graduates on August 14, 2010.



Distinguished Alumni For "2010"

The Alumni Association is sponsoring its eighth annual Distinguished Alumni Awards. We are looking to honor Grand Blanc High School graduates that have excelled in their career or profession, made a significant contribution to their local community, or made an impact on the lives of others.

Tell us about it!!! We would like you to submit the names and accomplishments of those alumni that you think meet the qualifications above. It would be helpful if you have a current address and phone number to contact the alumnus you are submitting.

Nominations are due by June 1, 2010. Your Alumni Board of Directors along with the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Michael Newton will help select our fifth class of Distinguished Alumni. We will keep all nominations submitted on file for future consideration.

The Distinguished Alumni will be introduced at this year's Homecoming Football game on Friday, October 1st, and honored at the Alumni Banquet on Saturday, October 2nd. More information will be in our Fall Alumni Banner concerning the banquet, and how you can make your reservations to join us for a memorable evening. In addition, a picture of each inductee will be placed in the Distinguished Alumni Hall, located in the front entrance atrium at Grand Blanc High School.

Please send your nomination to:

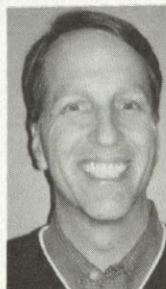
GBHS Alumni - Distinguished Alumni Award
12500 Holly Road
Grand Blanc, MI 48439



A Message from the President

Charlie Carmody '80
President, Alumni Association

Hello Fellow Bobcats!



Some of you will be receiving this newsletter for the first time. The Alumni Banner is published semi-annually by the Alumni Association. Your Alumni Board of Directors hope you enjoy hearing about your friends from GBHS. If you would like to continue receiving this newsletter, please consider donating

to the Alumni Association and we will put you on our mailing list.

The Alumni Board of Directors meet on a monthly basis to help classes start their reunions, develop stories for the Alumni Banner, plan the Alumni Banquet, and work on special projects like the Distinguished Alumni Awards, or the class composite pictures for Alumni Hall. If you'd like to join us, we will meet again on Wednesday, June 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in Room 234 at Grand Blanc High School.

The Alumni Association is on the web at: grandblanc.alumni.schoolfusion.us. We have many links and resources for you to enjoy. We have old yearbooks for sale, old athletic films to purchase, an alumni e-mail directory, and an alumni message board to name a few.

Our new daytime phone number is 810-591-6021. Mary Nerreter is the Grand Blanc Schools Communication Coordinator and our Alumni Secretary. She can help you during the workday with any alumni questions.

The Alumni Association is funded in part by your contributions and the help of the Grand Blanc Education Foundation. The GBEF supports the entire Grand Blanc School system by providing funding for special projects that are not funded by the school district. Your contributions help us repay the Foundation for its seed money. The Alumni Association is thankful for funding it receives from the Foundation and your contributions. We hope to start new alumni projects with your continued support.

Thank you!

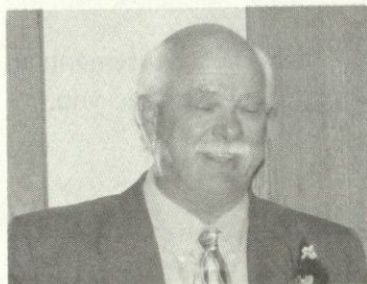
GB Educational Foundation Continues to Support Alumni

The Grand Blanc Educational Foundation is involved in funding many projects in the Grand Blanc Community Schools. Many students have benefited from the funds that were awarded to their teachers through the mini-grant process. The Foundation provides teachers with additional resources to enhance the classroom learning including: materials to join the elementary schools Lego League, classroom organizers for teachers, guest speakers for GBHS, software to enhance reading skills, and the 5th grade Bay Sail science trip to study water quality and the environment. For the 2nd year in a row, the foundation has sponsored the Flint Institute of Music's Troubadours

group going to each Grand Blanc elementary school to teach and enhance music education.

The GBHS Alumni Association is grateful to the Ed Foundation for its support. Along with Alumni donations, the Foundation helps fund our Alumni newsletter. In addition they provided the resources for the completion of Alumni Hall - which includes the class composite pictures of each graduating class. For more information about the GB Ed Foundation, check out their website at www.gbef.granblanc.schoolfusion.us

Homecoming and Distinguished Alumni Dinner

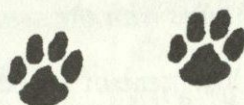


Larry Polzin, Class of 1963
recipient of
"Community Service Award"



Dave Dohrman, Class of 1969
recipient of
"Community Service Award"

"2009"



Keith Moreland, Nina Price, Dave Dohrman and
Larry Polzin prepare for Homecoming Parade.
John Schlaud is driving the vehicle



Nina Price, Class of 1989
recipient of
"Distinguished Alumni Award"



Keith Moreland, Class of 1973
recipient of
"Distinguished Alumni Award"



Kurt Craig, Dana Neff, Jerry Wolfgang, Christy Smith, Janice Eggert, Suzy Chandnois,
Laurie Berryman, Jan Johnson, Dave Dohrman, all members of "Class of 1969"



THANK YOU MS. MAWBY!

By Dana (Kneff) Thomas, Class of 1969

"In short there's simply not, a more congenial spot, for happy-ever-aftering, than here... in...Cam-e-lot!"



Carolyn Mawby, former
GBHS Choir Director

Ms. Mawby's 1966 Spring musical inspired me to take Glee Club and A'Capella Choir for all four years I attended Grand Blanc High School. Dale, my older brother, performed in "Camelot". While singing and enjoying it, Ms. Mawby got him to wear green tights and pointed slippers! There were very good times to be had in music classes, but first we had to do the work.

"Doe, a deer, a female deer

Ms. Mawby taught us how to sing, the skills, the passion, the heart. Pitch, scales, reading and tonal memory all made us better. During most competitions we received all "1's". My favorite memories are travelling overnight to other towns and visiting colleges for mass choir events. Even today, the times we sang at Christmas and in churches easily come forward to mind.

We worked hard - when you're an alto you have to! Music was a wonderful uplift from the requirements in academic classes; a time for looking outside ourselves to the wide world and the bigger picture around you.

"The hills are alive with the sound of music."

Senioritis set in hard for me in 1968-69. I lost some of my passion for school and longed to be out. Sometimes, I talked my way home "sick", with my mother being my accomplice. I didn't learn the music concerts as well as I should have. Although, Mom did help make the nun outfits the year we did "The Sound of Music".

"How do you solve a problem like Maria?"

I went off to college, married, had kids, and found my way back to music by joining my church choir. Music is the language of the soul, and my heart soared for over 12 years and in two church choirs. The fundamentals I learned under Ms. Mawby's guidance made me, a mediocre singer, into a good choir member. After a few years, my church choir director told me that he had noticed how much I had improved. I know the best singing comes out at a remembrance of Glee Club and Choir at GBHS with Ms. Mawby.

Thank you, Ms. Mawby, for your time, your patience, and the wonderful memories!



Ms. Mawby surrounded by former GBHS Choir Members

"The Lord God, Omnipotent, reineth!! Forever, and ever, Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hal -le-lu-jah! Amen."

Class of 1994 Reunion

Dear Fellow Classmates,

Success!! Our first class reunion went very well. Everyone had a good time catching up on the past fifteen years. Classmates met the evening of August 15th at the hall on the Genesys Hospital campus, in Grand Blanc. During the event, classmates had an opportunity to peruse the old yearbooks and memorabilia displays, including the senior video. Attendees also participated in a 50/50 raffle, and a silent auction. Over \$100 for a local children's charity organization was raised.

If you have any pictures, please email them to Megan Hogan at kehoemeg@hotmail.com. Megan will post the pictures on our website,

<http://gbhsreunion.danlhos.com>, to share with other classmates. We have also posted a survey on the site for you to share your comments about the reunion and offer suggestions for future events. Your thoughts matter!

Lastly, we will be posting updates and news about future reunion events in the Grand Blanc High School Alumni Banner. The Alumni Banner is published semi-annually and includes articles on alumni from across the generations, reunion information, and other GBHS alumni related information. If you would like to receive this publication, please contact the GBHS Alumni Association secretary, Mary Nerreter, at mnerreter@grandblancschools.org.

See you in five years? If we missed you this time around, be sure to send your contact information to Megan Hogan at kehoemeg@hotmail.com. Please put "GBHS Class of 1994" in the subject line.

Sincerely,

GBHS Class of 1994 Reunion Committee

"BATCH" Inducted Into The Hall of Fame

By Bob Burek, Class of 1958

On December 5, 2009, former GBHS coach/athletic director, Don Batchelor, was inducted into the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. Receiving the honor in her dad's name was Joan Kifer from Bend, Oregon. Close to 600 people crammed the Genesys Athletic and Banquet Center to see Batch, five fellow individual inductees, three teams, and one Special Service award winner.

Close to fifty friends of Batch were part of the celebration. This is a little amazing because he died close to 40 years ago and no member of his family lives in the Grand Blanc Area. Former athletes, spouses of fellow coaches and friends of Mrs. Kifer were part of the group of fifty. Mrs. Kifer was joined by her husband, two sons, and a daughter-in-law.

Batch was a beloved figure in the Grand Blanc community. He joined the staff in 1929 and retired in 1961. During the period, he was the football and baseball coach and, in the last stage of his career, he was the district's athletic director. Former students of Batch will never forget the infamous "observe your surroundings" admonition that he "regularly" shared with his students. A "gentle giant" of a man, Batch had a heart of gold and will live forever in the memory of Grand Blanc High School.

Go Bobcats!



50TH REUNION FOR "Class of 1960"

Hey "Class of 1960" Alums! Some of your class members are planning quite a weekend for your 50th class reunion. The reunion will be held during Homecoming weekend at GBHS, October 1st and 2nd, and will include lots of activities for everyone to enjoy.

On Friday, October 1st, class members will be walking and riding in the Homecoming Parade up Saginaw Street. The parade will begin at 5pm from the GBHS East Campus. After the parade, the class will sit together at the Homecoming Football game - tickets are \$5. The class will also meet Friday evening at the American Legion hall on Grand Blanc Road, near the railroad tracks.

The formal class reunion will be held Saturday, October 2, 2010 at the Brick Street Grill on Grand Blanc Road. The Class of 1960 has a website linked for the GBHS Alumni at:

<http://grandblanc.alumni.schoolfusion.us/>

Just click on "Your Graduating Class" and then the Class of 1960. Patty Rockafellow, 810-694-5062, and Vada Bryant Riederich, 906-296-8232, are coordinating the reunion.



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