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The Alumni Newsletter of Grand Blanc High School

Class of 1983 Makes a Gift "25th Reunion Sparks School to Go Green"

By Dr. Peter Farrehi, GBHS Class of 1983



Dr. Peter Farrehi & Leeanne

Leeanne (Tennant) Alonso '83 was inducted into the Grand Blanc High School Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame in September 2008. Several of her classmates traveled to Grand Blanc for the Homecoming parade, football game and to celebrate her award (see photo).

To honor her body of work toward global environmental

conservation, the Class of 1983 has donated more than \$1000 to the high school to help it Go Green!

The school has long recycled paper products but has had no method of recycling the abundance of plastic containers. Thanks to the Class of 1983 on its 25th reunion, the school will purchase a dozen recycling bins especially designed to collect plastic. These containers will first be placed in both high school campuses and if the project takes off, additional recycling bins may be purchased for the Middle Schools and other buildings as well.

Ultimately, the school would like to meet several other criteria before applying to the State to become "Green Certified" under Public Act No. 146 (Public Acts of 2006) which was signed into law in 2006.

Congratulations Leeanne and the Class of 1983!



Leeanne is surrounded by several of her classmates from 1983

Distinguished Alumni Award Nominations

The Alumni Association is sponsoring their 7th 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 alumni you submit.

Nominations are due by June 1st, 2009. Your Alumni Board of Directors along with the Superintendent of Schools Dr. Michael Newton will help select our seventh class of Distinguished Alumni. We will keep all nominations submitted on file for future consideration.

The Distinguished Alumni will be introduced at halftime of the Homecoming Football game on Friday, September 25th, and honored at the Alumni Banquet on Saturday, September 26th. Reservations for the banquet can be made by calling 810-591-6021 in August. The Banquet will be held at the Atlas Valley Country, and the cost is \$30 per person.

In addition, a picture of each inductee will be placed in the Distinguished Alumni Hall, located in the front entrance atrium at GBHS.

Please send your nominations to:

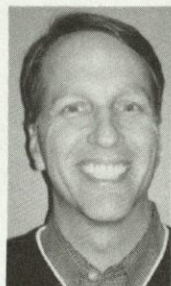
GBHS Alumni - Distinguished Alumni Award
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Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Or email the nomination to Charlie Carmody :
ccarmody@grandblancschools.org



GB Educational Foundation Continues to Support Alumni

The Grand Blanc Educational Foundation is involved in funding several 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, 5th grade Bay Sail science trip to study water quality and the environment, and many other wonderful projects.



The GBHS Alumni Association is grateful to the Ed Foundation for its support. Along with 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.grandblanc.schoolfusion.us

Miss Mawby's Choir Students Reuniting

Where you a student in choir class during the 1960's or 1970's with Miss Carolyn Mawby? Well, we have quite a gathering for you to attend. All of Miss Mawby's students are invited back to GBHS for Homecoming 2009 for a Choir Reunion. We are hoping for a big turnout of singers, and we have a fun weekend planned for you. On Friday, September 25th, we will attend the Homecoming parade and game. On Saturday, the group is invited to attend the Alumni Dinner at the Atlas Valley Country Club.



Miss Mawby, circa 1968

Miss Mawby is quite active in the Flint area with her singing group, and she will be attending the festivities. This will be opportunity for you to see her, and your former classmates and reminisce about your days at Grand Blanc High School. We will be posting more information on the Alumni website, and have additional details in the Fall '09 Alumni Banner. Please spread the word about this Choir Reunion! Questions - contact Alumni President Charlie Carmody: ccarmody@grandblancschools.org or Bob Burek: bobsallyburek@aol.com

Celebrating our 73rd Annual Bobcat Homecoming Our Grand Marshall will be announced in the Spring '09

Thurs - Sept 24th

Queen's Court Assembly 8:00am Tartoni Athletic Center

Fri - Sept 25th

Interclass Games 8:45am Tartoni Athletic Center
Parade 5:15pm Saginaw St. Downtown GB
Game vs. Brighton 7:00pm Frank Thomas Field
Half-Time Festivities 8:15pm Frank Thomas Field

Sat - Sept 26th

Alumni Banquet 6:00pm Atlas Valley Country Club

Homecoming Notes

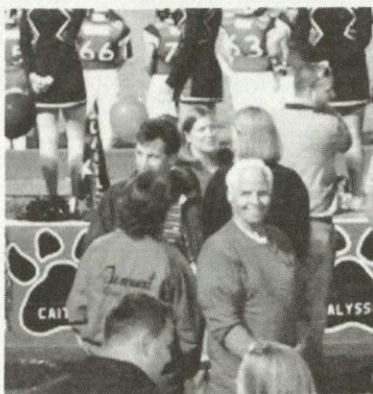
- Tickets are on sale for the game during the entire week of Homecoming in the Athletic Office. Please get them in advance and save waiting in long lines at the gates. The cost is \$5 per person.
- The Parade begins at the High School West Campus at 5:15pm and works it way to the High School East Campus lower parking lot as a finishing area.
- Half-Time festivities include the introduction of our Alumni Award Winners and team reunions, the crowning of the Homecoming Queen, the Marching Band, and the announcement of the winning class float.
- Alumni Banquet tickets are available by calling the Alumni Office at 810-591-6021 by September 11, 2009. The cost is \$30 per person. You can charge them using your VISA Card, or stop at our Alumni Office and pay by cash or check. Please don't send your payment in the mail.



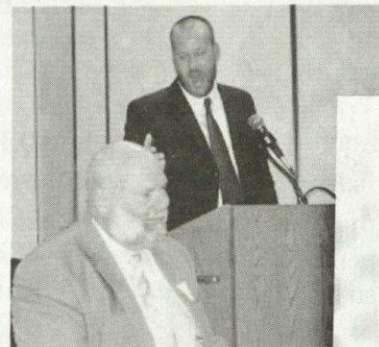
PICTURES OF '08 HOMECOMING PARADE AND DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI DINNER



Del Grainger, '58, Leeanne Tennant, '83, Charlie Carmody, '80, Jack Scruggs, 48 riding in car during Homecoming Parade



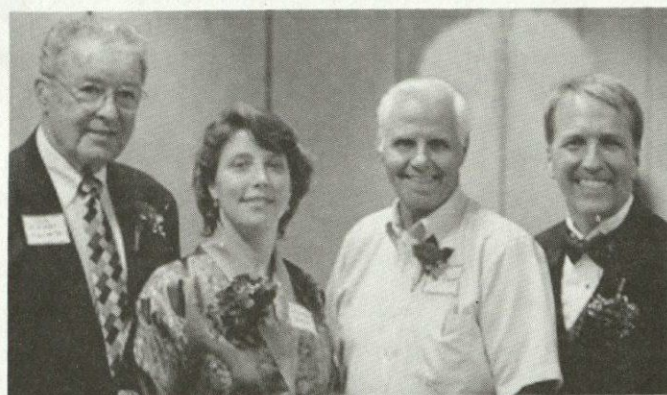
Leeanne (back to camera) and Del at Homecoming football game



Coach Matt Pearce introducing Coach Oldham



Coach Oldham (center) with former Swim Team members after awards ceremony



Jack, Leeanne, Del and Charlie at awards ceremony



Many guests enjoying themselves at Distinguished Alumni Dinner

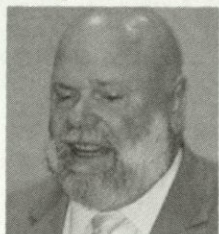


Leeanne (Tennant) Alonso (center) with several members of her Class of 1983

Homecoming 2008 Recap

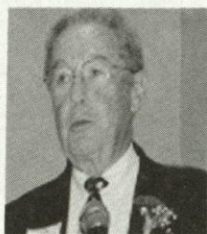
What a wonderful weekend in September we enjoyed for our Homecoming celebration! Not only was the weather fantastic - Sunny and 70° for the Homecoming parade and the football game, but nearly 10,000 people turned out for the parade and more than 5,000 for the game - which the Bobcats won!

Longtime Bobcat Swim and Dive Coach Craig Oldham was the Grand Marshall for the parade, and he was honored at halftime with his induction into the Bobcat Sports Hall of Fame. A large group of former swimmers and divers returned to GBHS to be a part of Coach Oldham's Hall of Fame weekend. It was reported that the Friday night swimmers party after the game lasted well into Saturday.

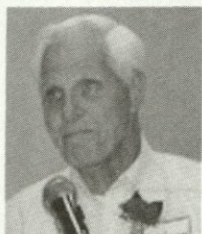


The Alumni Banquet was a great evening for all who attended. Four Alumni received the Distinguished Alumni Award at the Banquet and each had a unique story about their experience as a student at GBHS.

Jack Scruggs '48 spoke fondly of Bernice Berdan, a former teacher, who saw in him the ability to succeed in higher academics. She pushed Jack to apply to the University of Michigan when he wasn't even thinking of college. Jack ended up with his B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of Michigan.



Del Granger '58 had the crowd in stitches! He told of how he was the key to the football team winning the County 'B' championship. Since he could read lips, Del would line up on defense and focus on the quarterback calling the signals. He'd then tell the defense what play the offense was running and the Bobcat defense could easily make the stop.



Leeanne (Tennant) Alonso '83 said that the weekend in Grand Blanc, with her old high school friends joining her for the award, made for wonderful memories. She recounted on thinking daily of her high school friends, her teachers, and all the good times she had at GBHS - and what a positive experience she had.



Charlie Carmody '80 spoke of just how much fun it is to still be a part of Grand Blanc High School. Teaching mathematics and announcing sports for GBHS is very rewarding and exciting - the old school spirit is still alive!

GB GRAD CELEBRATES 100!

Last November, with family and friends present, Lucille Ione (Hill) Michelson, GBHS Class of 1927, celebrated her 100th birthday. Born Nov. 14, 1908, to J. Roy Hill and his wife Lu (Johnson) Hill, Lucille was raised on the 16-acre family farm located on Fenton Rd. near Reid Rd. The home was demolished several years ago to make way for I-75, but some of the land still remains with the family. The family name is well-known to the Grand Blanc community because Hill Rd. was named after Lucille's father.

Lucille graduated as valedictorian from GBHS in 1927 and then earned her teaching degree from Detroit Teachers College. She taught at Grand Blanc schools for forty years, joking that she "taught for forty years and never got out of the fourth grade." The Hill legacy is a vital part of the Grand Blanc Heritage Museum. Lucille's father donated one of the earliest used telephones to the museum and children use it today to learn about how an operator was required to make all calls. Lucille would make bread and rolls to be used in bake sales which generated funds used to establish the museum in Grand Blanc.

Lucille Hill married Samuel Michelson in 1933, who died in 1942. Together they had two sons, David and Ron, both of whom are deceased. Lucille never remarried; she raised her sons with the help of her parents. She has four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren and has been a member of the First Congregational Church in Grand Blanc for more than 65 years, although due to her physical limitations, she is no longer able to attend.

While her hearing and eyesight are diminished, Lucille's mind is sharp and her spirit is strong. We wish her many more years of joyful life.

Class of 1958 Celebrates 50th Reunion with a Bang!

By Bob Burek, Class of 1958

The GBHS Class of 1958 celebrated its 50th class reunion with a "bang" the weekend of September 26-28, 2008. The multiple activities scheduled that weekend were attended by a significant number of class members.

- A tour of the Grand Blanc Heritage Museum was a major feature of the weekend. We received information on nineteenth and early twentieth century Grand Blanc.
- Participating in the Homecoming Parade and attending the game Friday night (which was won by the Bobcats) brought back many memories of our years at GBHS. It was a great experience for all of us.
- The class dinner at Atlas Valley Golf and Country Club was five hours of renewing acquaintances and reminding ourselves of how lucky we were to be a part of this great high school and to live in such a supportive community. Featured events at the dinner included a visit by 'Elvis', seeing our class sponsor, Dave Moorhead, and one of our football coaches, Jack Pratt, and the hosting of the wives of two Grand Blanc coaching legends, Donna Pitock and Teresa Tomas. Mr. Moorhead brought a lot of tears in his singing rendition of "Friends" and Mr. Pratt reminded us of his motivational skills with his stirring comments on the power of "believing."
- The weekend wrapped up with a breakfast at a local restaurant and one final opportunity to renew friendships.

The class is already planning its 55th reunion and discussing the possibility of an "All 50's" reunion. The memories of this weekend will last for a long, long time.



A "Womanless Wedding" Presented in 1930

Submitted by John Schlaud, Class of 1952

"The Womanless Wedding", a play by Hubert Hayes, was sponsored by the Grand Blanc PTA in 1930, and cast with only male actors. Some of the cast members were seniors in school, others were recent graduates. Still other members of the cast included School Superintendent Harold Schneiderwind and School Principal Howard Pepper. The remainder of the characters was cast from men within the community such as Homer and Cash Day, owners of Day Brothers' Hardware, Francis Corr, who owned the local feed store on Grand Blanc Rd. which was located behind where the Big Boy restaurant now sits, and T.J. "Doc" Conquest, who eventually owned the Shell gas station where a Citgo service station now sits.

"The Womanless Wedding"

Presented by

Sympton Levie Producing Company

Bardstown, Kentucky

Sponsored by the Grand Blanc P. T. A.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Butler—Howard H. Pepper	Henpecked Husband—Roy Babcock
Punch Girls—Clayton Olson, Donald Anderson	His Devoted Wife—Charles Stone
Present Takers—Charles Fuller, Donald Day	Annie Laurie—Harold Myers
Weeping Mother—Stuart Cheney	President Hoover—William H. Marshall
Comforting Father—Michael Nolan	Mrs. Hoover—Claude McNeil
Bad Boys—Victor Williams, Kenneth Myers	Sir Harry Lauder—Francis Corr
Ikey Rosenstein—Joe Gimbin	Marshall Field III—A. L. Taylor
Old Maid Aunt—Cash C. Day	Mrs. Field III—Kenneth Bibbons
Bride's Grandmother—Floyd Babcock	Negro Mammy—Wallace Smith
Bride's Grandfather—T. J. Conquest	Bride's Baby Sister—Nelson Defendorf
Charlie Chaplin—Charles Stuart	Rastus—Burt Gray
Uncle from Newark—Arthur Jeffry	Kentucky Colonel—Ernest A. Pederson
Aunt from Newark—William W. Darling	His Lady—George Chapel
Twin Sisters—Lynn Taylor, Neil Siver	General Pershing—Linus Bush
Fritz Kreisler—Kenneth Smith	Col. Charles Lindbergh—Robert Dewey
Mary Pickford—James Atkins	Theda Bara—H. Mohan
Groom's Haughty Mother—Roy Hill	Governor Green—George Sharland
Groom's Haughty Father—Ernest B. Clark	Mrs. Green—Arnold Nelson
Fashion Plate—William McCloud	Irving Berlin—E. W. Severance
Country Cousin—William S. Callen	Groomsmen—Oscar G. Anderson, Alton Clark, Harry Crosby, L. V. Taylor
John D. Rockefeller—Edward Fletcher	Best Man—Homer W. Day
Mrs. Rockefeller—Louis Selenky	Bishop—Ivan Parsons
Sis Hopkins—Joseph Dewey	Bridesmaids—Charles Stone, Alfred Elliott, Earl Muehler
Jay Gould—Alex Gundry	Maid of Honor—Arthur Couke
Mrs. Gould—Homer L. Wade	Matron of Honor—Camden Chapel
Village Schoolmarm—Leon L. Budd	Flower Girls—Milton Kipp, Robert Adamson
Pat O'Grady—Leslie K. Davis	Ring Bearer—George Mitchell
Rolie O'Grady—L. Roy Perry	Bride—Frank Sawyer
Flapper of 1929—Harold W. Schneiderwind	Groom—Guess Who??
	Train Bearer—Robert Conquest

Directed by MISS ANN F. McKENNA

MISS FLORENCE CRAPSEK, Pianist

HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

Wednesday and Thursday, March 27 and 28

The members of the Grand Blanc P. T. A. and the Sympton Levie Producing Co. wish to thank each and everyone who has contributed in any way to the success of "Womanless Wedding."

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Classes of 1923 and 1963:

Yearbooks from these two classes are desperately needed to complete the Alumni Association library. Please contact Charlie Carmody, GBHS Alumni Association President, at ccarmody@grandblancschools.org

Class of 1939:

Ronald Richards writes - "Let's have a 70th class reunion! Our class is getting smaller each year."

Class of 1960:

Joan (Schwartz) Ferrell writes - "I really enjoyed the story on Avery Warner. There are a lot more interesting stories out there."

Class of 1964:

Beverly (Marsh) Wooten writes a note to Charlie Carmody, President of the Alumni Association - "Thank you for all you have done to keep the GB Alumni so well informed. Your hard work has been appreciated by many."

Class of 1982:

Tamara (Cooke) Mulanix writes to Bruce Moody - "My momma said to tell you everybody missed you at Sharon's party. They wish you could have been with them."

Class of 1984:

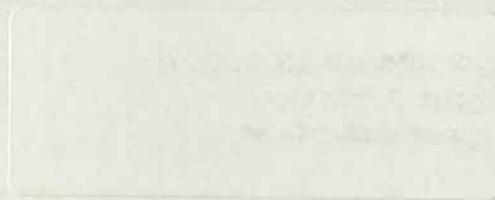
The 25th reunion for the class of 84 is Friday July 31st at Woodfield Country Club. The Bobcat Bash will take place the following evening Saturday August 1st, at the Grand Blanc Golf/Country Club. (Jerry the owner of Sharkeys just purchased it) We will be having a live band, food, drink discounts, t-shirts, etc. The www.bobcatbash84.com website is back up and running and we can also be found on Classmates and Facebook.

Class of 1991:

We are in the very early stages of planning our next reunion. Right now, finding our missing classmates (and teachers) and generating interest in a reunion is a top priority. We are also seeking individuals willing to assist on the Reunion Planning Committee. We have a group on Facebook, we've already found approximately 100 of our classmates! Come join the fun and LET'S GET THIS PARTY STARTED! For more information please contact: Lynn (Ardahl) Ingram at 989-288-2124 or email: gbhs1991@live.com

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