

# Sandusky Home Town News

January 2024

Sandusky High School Alumni Association

## Message from the SHSAA President:

Happy New Year!

I hope you all were able to enjoy your holiday season with family and friends. I also hope it was a nice homecoming for those out-of-towners who were able to come home to

Sandusky and enjoy its small-town charm at this time of year. I personally enjoyed the lights throughout the town- so many awesome displays!

Often with a new year it brings change and it has with the SHS Alumni Association. I am happy and honored to have stepped into the role of President as I have been serving as Secretary for the past several years. Past president Trevor has decided to step away from the role and we thank him for his years of service. Trevor has always been a wonderful Blue Streak and will be forever!

Also new to their roles on the board are Vice President, Tom Sharrah, and Secretary, Stephanie Schlett. They are both highly active in Sandusky City School programs and will be excellent assets to our association. Treasurer John Nejedly has graciously agreed to continue being our treasurer. We as a board are looking forward to serving our alumni population and show our support to the current students of SHS as much as possible.

We will continue to share current happenings in our schools and with our alumni in these newsletters and on our Facebook page- Sandusky High School Alumni Association. If you haven't already, be sure to like and follow us! We will also share any news regarding upcoming reunions and events as we receive information.

Have a very happy and healthy New Year!

**Lisa Wilson**, Class of 1999  
SHS Alumni President

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## Have News to Share?

## Planning a Reunion?

## Let Us Know!

The deadline for articles for the next issue of the newsletter is May 15, 2024.

Send articles to:

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or

Alumni Association

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Sandusky High School Alumni  
Association

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January 2024

## Treasurer's Report – 3rd Quarter 2023

Checking Account Balance	\$185.14
Savings Account Balance	\$1,716.53
Shirt Sales Account Balance	\$1,715.60
All Class Reunion Account Balance	\$972.12
Main Alumni Scholarship Fund at Erie County Community Foundation	\$90,540.38
Seitz Scholarship Fund at Erie County Community Foundation	\$19,640.55

## Alumni Donations

The SHSAA is grateful for the following donations:

### Donations:

Date	From	Class
July 2023	William Zimmerman	1973
July 2023	Rudolph Gierich Jr.	1949
September 2023	David W. McDowell	1969
October 2023	Class of 1963	1963

### Memorials:

For	Class	From	Class
Mary Lou (White) Monaghan	1951	John B Parker	1951
Deloris (Cooper) Johnson	1968	John F Heminger	1968
Conrad Rowe	1968	John F Heminger	1968
John Newton	1968	John F Heminger	1968
Robert W McDowell, Jr	1963	David W McDowell	1969
Janice E McDowell Logar	1962	David W McDowell	1969
Edward Bailey	1941	Peggy C Scherer	1941
William K Kraus		Class of 1978	
Edward Ashley	1968	John F Heminger	1968
Robert Helfrich, Jr.	1968	John F Heminger	1968
Toni Buiting Camella	1941	Linda A Scherer	1968

### In Honor:

Peggy Schaufelberger Scherer	1941	Linda A Scherer	1968
Virginia Hitchcock Pollack	1941	Linda A Scherer	1968
Gloria Bluhm Helfich	1941	Linda A Scherer	1968

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## Welcome New

## SHSAA Members!

Laura Hart Factor 1983  
David W. McDowell 1969



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*Office of the Chief Executive Officer and Superintendent*

Alumni Newsletter December 2023

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of the first semester of the 2023-2024 school year in Sandusky City Schools. The Blue Streak alumni's commitment to supporting the educational, athletic, and extracurricular experiences for our students has not gone unnoticed. Thank you for your generous contributions, for your time, and your dedicated efforts to be our partners in education. Whether through financial contributions, volunteering, attendance at academic and athletic events, or other forms of support, your ongoing commitment continues to significantly impact our students. The Blue Streak alumni carry on the strong tradition of pride and loyalty for the Sandusky City Schools and help us achieve our mission of providing a high-quality education for all our students.

This year, with your support, we overwhelmingly passed Issue #7, the renewal levy for operating funds. These funds will continue to finance a wide range of educational initiatives, resources, and staff, including: educational materials (such as updated textbooks, technology, and teaching materials); highly qualified certified and classified staff; and day to day expenses like utilities. In addition, the SCS began to implement the One Plan in each school building. Our commitment to improving academic achievement, and increasing positive behavior and attendance has been the focus of our district strategic plan and professional development. We will soon report the data on the progress of this plan to the community.

We hope you were able to join us for the wonderful holiday concerts our students performed. Our students, from preschool through twelfth grade, performed throughout December to celebrate the season and display their gifts and talents. We are proud of the many student achievements this year. Our student-athletes are continually performing and competing within our community. We are so proud to view their athletic abilities. Our football team once again had a remarkable season, and we are anticipating a strong winter athletic season. Please come out to join in our celebration of our students.

Again, thank you for your continued support and dedication to our students. Truly, we are better together. For any questions or concerns, please email me at [drambler@scsbluestreaks.net](mailto:drambler@scsbluestreaks.net)

Go Blue Streaks!

Daniel Rambler

**Follow Your Dreams!**



## Follow Your Dreams

-Julie Bittinger

Sandusky's reach can be as far as your dreams can take you, and here's a story of one such alum whose dreams have taken him far:

Sean Bittinger, a member of the SHS Class of 1999, has built an interesting and successful career in technology arts and special effects (VFX) in San Francisco, CA. He may be far from home but not our hearts.

In 2003, Sean earned a BA in Media Technology and Arts from Denison University in Granville, OH and moved to San Francisco to begin his career. After a couple years in the computer tech field at various SF companies, he landed his dream job at ILM (Industrial Light and Magic, the premier VFX studio division of Lucas Films, later bought by Disney.)

Sean's career at ILM took him through the ranks of VFX roles (graphics, tech directing, and compositing) for films such as **Avatar**, **Avengers**, **Black Panther**, **Deep Water Horizon**, **Ready Player One**, **Star Trek**, **Star Wars**, **Unbroken**....the extensive list goes on and on. (Look for his name to roll by in the end credits of these movies, or to see a demo reel of some of Sean's past VFX work, go to [vimeo.com/284265073](https://vimeo.com/284265073) or visit his [IMDb.com](https://www.imdb.com/name/nm1045144/) page for a full list of his film projects.)

Sean more recently moved to Microsoft & Arcturus Studios as a technical artist and product specialist in virtual reality production. If asked what drives him, he would likely respond, "I've always had a good work ethic, but ultimately, if 12-year old Sean would 'high-five' present day Sean, it's a win – because, seriously, who wouldn't want to create cool effects for the big screen and play with new technology and computers all day!"

Sandusky, DREAM BIG!



## Teamwork Makes the Dream Work

**-Barbara Bishop**

Next December, for the first time in 67 years, the Sandusky Blue Streaks swim team will be competing in a beautiful new pool at Sandusky High School. They will be the first team to jump off the new starting blocks.

But it is the work of another team –ThenDesign Architects and Mosser Construction—who not only installed the swim team’s starting blocks, but designed and built the entire Sandusky Aquatic Center to accommodate all swimmers, young, old, and in between, for many years to come.



And all of this was made possible by another team who jumped in first and foremost— the extraordinary visionaries who shared the dreams of the swimmers, the builders, and our community. The City of Sandusky, the Randolph J. and Estelle M. Dorn Foundation, the Mylander Foundation and the Sandusky YMCA Foundation provided more than half of the \$5M in philanthropic support of the project, with the school district contributing the remaining \$4M in necessary funds. This spirit of enthusiastic, optimistic and enduring generosity is deeply rooted in our community, and the way that we share and care for others is what makes Erie County such a special place to live. Many thanks for the time, talent and treasure—and patience---to all. We look forward to celebrating with you at the Grand Opening in December 2024.  
-Go, Streaks!



## Sandusky High School Class – 2024 Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership

From The Sandusky High School Guidance & Counseling Department

The Sandusky High School administration, staff and students would like to congratulate sophomores Dallas Harris & Hunter Straub for being selected to represent Sandusky High School as the 2024 HOBY Ambassadors!



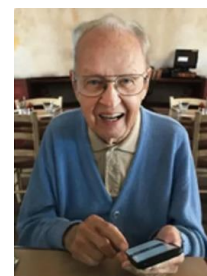
Hunter Straub and Dallas Harris

HOBY stands for The Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership Academy and was founded in 1958. HOBY’s mission is to inspire and develop a global community of youth to a life dedicated to leadership, service and innovation. More than 10,000 students across the United States participate in HOBY each year. Sandusky High School prides itself in having sent an ambassador to HOBY each year for the past 38 years! Hunter and Dallas will travel to Ohio Northern University in June to represent Sandusky High School and take part in this prestigious leadership seminar. This is a tremendous honor for Hunter and Dallas. They will no doubt they will represent SHS proudly.

### Class of 1941

The SHS Class of 1944 is in the news! Peggy Schaufelberger Scherer turned 100 on September 7<sup>th</sup> and Virginia Hitchcock Pollock turned 100 on October 2023. Class member, Gloria Bluhm Helfrich will turn 100 in May of 2024!

Ed Bailey turned 99 in January 2023 and passed away on May 3. He was a graduate of Ohio State with a degree in engineering and later was drafted into the Army during World War II. He was sent to Oak Ridge, TN to work on the Manhattan Project as one of the Special Engineering Detachment Supervisors responsible for the top-secret program to make the first atomic bombs during World War II.



Edward Wilson Bailey

### 2023 SHS Alumni Memorials -

#### Deceased Alumni 5/29/2023 – 12/25/2023

\*This list, by Julie A. Sehlmeier Dendinger, is available on the SHSAA Facebook page.

1939 Alice (Moosbrugger) Blakely 10-12-23	1944 Patricia M. (McLoughlin) Lukac 11-14-23
1940 Carl A. Wilken 10-13-23	1945 Jay L. Bickley, Jr. 11-19-23
1941 Gloria R. (Bluhm) Helfrich 11-11-23	1945 John Collings 1-2-23
1942 Mary Lou (Hess) Kirner 5-30-23	1946 Virginia Lou (Ernst) Gerhart 12-21-23
1943 Ruth C. (Blade) Nemitz 10-10-23	1946 Robert W. Schrader 6-25-23
1943 Elaine (Leibacher) Maillard 6-18-23	1946 Judson P. Spore 8-4-23
1944 Lois (Hartman) Sharrah 9-5-23	1947 Lynnette M. (Geiser) Galloway 6-15-23

1948 Eugene 'Gene' D. Fresch 12-4-23  
 1948 William 'Bill' Smith 5-16-23  
 1949 Naomi (Lippert) Hoppe 10-22-23  
 1949 Yvonne D. (Oglesby) Muckle 1-28-23  
 1949 Jack A. Peters 11-6-23  
 1950 June Rose (Roll) Rupp 12-8-23  
 1950 Kathleen E. Rudiger 7-8-23  
 1951 Marlene (Bremer) Roberts 11-21-23  
 1951 James R. Cremean 10-7-23  
 1951 Douglas A. Hogrefe 10-1-23  
 1951 Joanne M. (Speir) Hoelzer 12-21-23  
 1951 Janet L. (Starr) Keimer 8-13-23  
 1952 Barbara (Hemmer) Baaske 12-1-23  
 1952 Edmund D. Schwanger 6-23-23  
 1953 Christean (Bennett) Rogers &-9-23  
 1953 Judith (Bohn) Lippus 6-15-22  
 1953 Howard Cutcher 6-29-23  
 1953 James H. Irby 6-12-23  
 1953 Richard W. Kruse 8-7-23  
 1953 Frank V. Muscioni 6-14-23  
 1953 Jude J. Theibert 8-12-23  
 1954 Nancy Jean (Graves) McPeck 11-26-23  
 1954 C. William 'Bill' Harple 9-15-23  
 1954 Bernard J. Neidler 7-27-23  
 1954 Frances (Sausser) Johnson 8-12-23  
 1955 Juanita (Stark) Hershiser 10-23-23  
 1955 Charles G. Troike 6-18-23  
 1955 Sandra L. (Walker) Elgart 10-9-23  
 1956 Douglas (Duke) M. Biechele 6-13-23  
 1956 Jessie R. (Crayton) Carter 9-7-23  
 1956 Herman C. Daniels 7-8-23  
 1956 Carol (Hood) Kromer Hemker 5-30-23  
 1956 Daniel B. Klinger, Sr. 6-19-23  
 1956 James 'Jim' Mazza 6-20-23  
 1957 Jerry Kessler 6-23-23 new)  
 1957 Lloyd L. Miller 9-15-23  
 1957 Alan Richard Payne 8-28-23  
 1957 Sondra (Brunow) VanCauwenbergh 10-7-23  
 1957 Joseph J. Voight 9-18-23  
 1958 Rosalie S. (Joerger) Arthur  
 1958 Lois 'Jane' (Tipper) Palmucci 9-23-23  
 1959 Carol (Farrell) Fresch 6-25-23  
 1959 Bonnie C. (Hanck) West 9-11-23  
 1959 Ronald L. Pendleton 12-10-23  
 1959 James C. Wendt 11-27-23  
 1959 Gene L. Zess 8-30-23  
 1960 Linda (Conklin) White 12-20-23  
 1960 Linda Jean (Grubbe) Fox 7-2-23  
 1960 John R. Luipold 9-19-23  
 1960 Catharine (Weis) Price 9-1-23  
 1961 Diane L. (Hay) Burley 10-19-23  
 1961 Robert G. Parker 5-19-23  
 1962 Kathleen (Callan) Hilton 7-10-23  
 1962 Karen Levine 7-18-23  
 1963 Daniel Lee Allen 7-7-23  
 1963 Jane R, (Link) Nagel 9-17-23  
 1964 Charles D. Jenkins 12-3-23  
 1964 Joanne M. (LaGrass) Scally 11-8-2023  
 1964 John D. Roberts 10-10-23  
 1964 Betty J. (Smith) Simmons 9-26-23  
 1965 John C. Kautz 12-21-23  
 1965 Peggy (Siegel) Batz 5-17-23  
 1966 Patrick Lee Beatty 6-25-23  
 1966 Terrence "Terry" L. Boesch 12-15-23  
 1966 Susan D. Crandall 8-9-23  
 1966 Kathryn (Erdman) Matuszewski 10-28-23  
 1966 Jerry Szekely 9-16-23  
 1967 James Young 12-14-23  
 1968 Delores R. (Cooper) Johnson 5-29-23  
 1968 John L. Newton 6-21-23  
 1968 Conrad H. Rowe 6-21-23  
 1968 Daniel L. Taylor 10-21-23  
 1969 Patricia A. (Alderman) Edgington 11-10-23  
 1969 Richard C. Fink, Jr. 6-30-23  
 1969 John F. Grant 9-1-23  
 1969 Sally Ruth (Hohler) Colvin 12-7-23  
 1969 Lavon Jackson 10-10-23  
 1970 Rebecca 'Becky' (Halladay) Bluhm 8-24-23  
 1971 James M. Powers 8-21-23  
 1972 Linda (Wightman) Artino 7-24-23  
 1972 Sharon Sue Tabler 7-30-23  
 1972 David G. Graziani 7-31-23  
 1973 Robin (McCoy) Appell 9-2-23  
 1973 Doug Roth 6-26-23  
 1974 Shelley E. (Whittaker) Coe 8-9-23  
 1974 Susan Gail (Wright) Shafer 9-26-23  
 1975 Bradford McPhillamy 11-15-23  
 1976 Susan (Ferguson) McKenzie 12-10-23  
 1977 Peggy S. Kuhlman 10-23-23  
 1977 Linda L. (Waggoner) Larger 6-23-23  
 1978 Scott E. Blair 8-10-23  
 1978 Carolyn F. (Crouch) Mitchell 5-13-23  
 1978 Patricia A. Pou 9-11-23  
 1979 William J. Lyons 10-6-23  
 1979 Jeff D. Strohm 7-16-23  
 1980 John E. Grant, Sr. 9-6-23  
 1981 Bradford T. Newcomb 10-1-23  
 1982 Darrell R. Gant 11-13-23  
 1982 Robert VanScoy Jr. 10-11-23  
 1983 Melondy Wright 8-30-23  
 1984 Tyrone S. Fenderson 11-1-23  
 1984 Ervin L. Owens 11-30-23  
 1985 Allan E. Pollard 10-20-23  
 1986 Terry J. Hodgkinson 10-29-23  
 1987 Kim (Burchett) Alexander 8-28-23  
 1993 Jeffrey W. Rosekelly 12-9-23  
 1993 Andrew P. Ward, Sr. 12-11-23  
 1996 Kimberly Rosin 7-25-23  
 2000 Justin A. Burling 7-7-23  
 2003 Lavoro Hills 11-27-23  
 2004 Dawn A. Hicks-Philon 11-29-23  
 2022 Davieon Brown 10-28-23



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## SANDUSKY HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Year Graduated SHS \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Please print) First Name Middle Initial (Maiden Name) Last Name

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Is spouse SHS Alumni? Yes / No  
 First Name Middle Initial (Maiden Name) Last Name Year Graduated SHS \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status:  Married  Widowed  
 Divorced/Separated  Single

Activities:  A Cappella Choir  Band

**TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:**

New Membership  Renewal

Single:  Annual \$10.00  Life \$ 75.00  
 Couple:  Annual \$15.00  Life \$100.00

**OTHER:**

Email Directory (\$5.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Scholarship Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Memorial Contribution\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \*Memorial Name and Class Year