

# Sandusky Home Town News

August 14, 2012

## Sandusky High School Alumni Association

### Sanders Named Interim Superintendent

Dr. Eugene Sanders, a 1976 graduate of Sandusky High School and former superintendent of the Cleveland school district, has been hired as the interim superintendent of Sandusky City Schools. He also served as superintendent of Toledo schools before the Cleveland position.

He replaces Thomas Tucker, who has resigned to accept the position as superintendent of Lorain City Schools. A graduate of that district, Tucker has previously worked as band director, principal and human resources director in Lorain.

Sanders will serve a one-year commitment to Sandusky schools. Board members expect to start searching for a permanent replacement for Tucker in January.

"We have the utmost confidence that his leadership, combined with our strong team of administrators, teachers and staff, will help move our district forward in many positive ways," said board president Faith Denslow in a statement.

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### 2012 Scholarship Winners Named

The 2012 Sandusky High School Alumni Association Scholarship award winners are: Heather Gruhlke and John Pankow. Each will receive \$1,500 toward their education.

Congratulations to both and to the rest of the 2012 graduating class.

The following note was received from John Pantow: I would like to express my great appreciation for the Sandusky High School Alumni Association Scholarship which I received at the SHS award ceremony in May. I am certain that many deserving Sandusky High School students met the requirements to receive this scholarship. To be chosen by you as a recipient is truly an honor and humbling experience. With this being said, I can assure you that your incredible generosity will not go to waste, for I have definite goals and a will to better myself through the educational tools that will be available to me in my following years of college. This \$1,500 scholarship will greatly relieve my parents' financial situation and jumpstart my life. Once again, thank you to everyone who supported and continues to support this decision.

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## Letter from the President . . .

Greetings from Jim Corso:

I'm starting to believe that old saying, "the older you get, the faster time goes". Summer seemed to streak by and here it is, the beginning of a new school year, football, cross country, school open houses, and all those things that tell us those lazy, hazy days of summer are almost over for another year.

The SHSAA had a tasty summer potluck on Jeff and Laura Lee Krabill's beautiful rooftop setting. We met the new athletic director, Shawn Copley, heard a farewell speech from Tom Tucker, and talked about alumni plans for the coming year, including participation in the Homecoming parade on Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, a tailgate with the Booster Club and a cider and donut stand at the Homecoming football game against Shelby on Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>.

Through your memberships we continue to support scholarships to SHS seniors and provide a "bulletin board" venue for news and announcements from classmates with our newsletter.

I hope everyone has had a great summer, and I hope to see you at our beautiful Strobel Field, Cedar Point Stadium, cheering on our Blue Streaks. Go Streaks!

## Meet the New Athletic Director

Hello, my name is Shawn Coakley and I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself.

I earned my Bachelor's Degree from West Liberty University, Master's Degree from Ashland University and Superintendent Certification from Bowling Green State University.

I have been a teacher, coach, and administrator for the past 22 years. I have experienced the excitement of winning many team titles, from conference all the way to state championships, and the disappointment of losing the same. These experiences over the years have shown me how each win and loss, in their own way, can provide the energy and motivation needed to propel myself and my student athletes to conquer new challenges.

As your Athletic Director, I am excited to be a part of an athletic program that has such a rich history as Sandusky High School. I promise you, I will work hard each day with our students, staff, parents, and community to maximize our teams' potential.

On a personal level, I am the proud father of three daughters, all who have competed at the varsity level at various sports, while maintaining outstanding classroom achievement. Their mother and I value what a positive influence athletics has been in our lives and the lives of our children.

I invite you to come out this fall and see our student athletes compete. Whether you like golf or tennis, volleyball or soccer, cross country or football, cheerleading or the marching band, we have an exciting event waiting for you.

Please don't hesitate to stop by the athletic office or say hi at a game. I'll be the loud one on the sidelines yelling "Go Blue Streaks".

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## Reunion News . . .

The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter is Saturday, December 15. Please send your items to the Alumni Association newsletter at PO Box 2401, Sandusky OH 44871 or via e-mail to [sanduskyalumni@gmail.com](mailto:sanduskyalumni@gmail.com).

If your class is planning a reunion for the summer of 2013, please get as much information as possible to us for the winter issue – even if it's only a contact name or tentative information. The following issue won't come out until early May, which may be cutting it close in terms of getting the information out about your event. We will also be happy to include your list of missing classmates.

### 2012 Reunion News

**Class of 1950** - 62nd Reunion; September 15, 2012 - 1 pm; American Legion; Pat Caldwell, JPCALD51@AOL.COM, 419-625-1567

Last year was a great success and we hope that more classmates will come to this year's event. This is a very casual affair with just a "meet and greet" our classmates and friends. The invites are in the mail with details.

We will be having choice of 4 entrees plus the great salad bar and homemade cake. The cost per person is \$17 for any entree that you pick. Please send a yes or no and any change of address, e mail or phone number. Don't disappoint us or be disappointed if you don't come. It's a "party."

**Class of 1952** – The 60<sup>th</sup> reunion will kick off on September 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the Lakefield Manor picnic shelter 4904 W. Waterberry Drive, Huron, Ohio. BYOB and snack to share.

The following events are at Plum Brook Country Club. On Saturday, September 15, cocktails, dinner and music are scheduled starting at 6 pm for \$40 per person with a choice of perch, beef tenderloin or chicken picatta. On Sunday, a buffet breakfast will be Dutch treat for \$12.95 at 11:00 a.m.

For details and reservations, contact Char Kreimes at [kreimes@bex.net](mailto:kreimes@bex.net) or 419-433-3306.

### Class of 1967 – September 14-16

We will start on Friday, September 14, 2012. Plans include a SHS football game and a gathering in the VIP Room of the Quality Inn, 1935 Cleveland Road. For those not interested in the game, the hospitality room will open at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, September 15, we will return to the Quality Inn, the Royal Palm Room for cocktails, a buffet dinner, DJ and dancing. Sunday, September 16, we will gather at the Sandusky Yacht club for the Brunch/Buffer.

Contact Betsy Feick Wilber, 1519 Cedar Point Chaussee, Sandusky, Ohio 44870. 419-621-8703 for reservations.

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## Reunion News . . .

**The Class of 1970** is gathering in Sandusky for a celebration over the weekend of October 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. We are in the very preliminary stages of planning activities, gathering email addresses, & soliciting input from classmates on what they would enjoy doing. We hope to meet up for pizza & beer on Friday evening followed by going to hear some of the local guys make music. Saturday morning (tentatively) will be time to visit SHS to see what's new on campus & to visit with former teachers over brunch. Saturday evening we'll go out to dinner & other fun. Please contact us by email for updates & to give input on planning: Paulette Bogert [paulettebogert@yahoo.com](mailto:paulettebogert@yahoo.com) or Tom Butler [r.t.butler1@gmail.com](mailto:r.t.butler1@gmail.com) or Mark Martin [mimartin52@yahoo.com](mailto:mimartin52@yahoo.com) (also on Facebook).

**The Class of 1972** – 40th Reunion - September 28 & 29.  
Contact: Charla Johnson – [cdjhome@aol.com](mailto:cdjhome@aol.com)

## 2013 Reunion News

**The class of 1963** is working on their 50th reunion, to be held September 13th, 14th, and 15th, 2013. They're looking for lost classmates, e-mail addresses, and anyone who wants to work on the reunion. Please contact Steve Springer at [stevespringer@bex.net](mailto:stevespringer@bex.net)

**The class of 1973** is planning a 40<sup>th</sup> reunion in 2013. They are looking for updated home addresses and e-mail addresses for classmates. Contact Maureen (Kelley) Brown @ 419-627-8489 or Sharon (Hicks) Dubois [duboisskdgolf@aol.com](mailto:duboisskdgolf@aol.com) with your information.

**The class of 1978** is making plans for their 35<sup>th</sup> reunion to be held in July of 2013. Their next planning session is September 18<sup>th</sup>. To participate or offer an idea, call Kathy (Barnhart) Chestner at 419-547-8203.

**Class of 1983:** Please join the Facebook group "SHS Class of 1983" to connect with your classmates and share your news. Information about our 30th class reunion will be posted soon.

SHS **Class of 1998** reunion set for June 28 -29 2013. Stay tuned for details.

## Trophy Needs Home

Robert Fair (1972) has a 1982 trophy in his possession that he would like to pass on to someone that would appreciate it. Contact him at [allsfair2@netzero.net](mailto:allsfair2@netzero.net) or at his cell [616-318-4911](tel:616-318-4911) or home [419-626-4124](tel:419-626-4124).

## Class Pins Wanted

Dolores Rice, Class of 1958, is looking for class pins for 1958 and 1953. Contact her at 419-625-0464.

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## Secretary Needed

Due to the resignation of Heidi Henry, who has moved out of state, we are looking for a new secretary for the SHS Alumni Association. It doesn't take much time, just the willingness to take minutes at the quarterly meetings and being a little computer savvy. If you're willing to give it a try, contact Jim Corso at [JCorso2000@aol.com](mailto:JCorso2000@aol.com)

## Band Instruments Wanted

Although some of us continue to utilize our high school band instruments throughout our lifetime, many do not and the instruments themselves get pushed farther back into the closet or attic. Why not give that flute or trumpet a new lease on life by donating it to the Sandusky Band Program? Contact the high school band director, Daniel Klohn at [DKlohn@scs-k12.net](mailto:DKlohn@scs-k12.net) to offer your donation.

## Next Alumni Association Business Meeting

The next meeting of the Sandusky High School Alumni Association will be on Wednesday, October 10th, 2012 at Sandusky High School in Room 301.

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## SHS Alumni Association Officers And Trustees 2012

President	Jim Corso	<a href="mailto:Jcorso2000@aol.com">Jcorso2000@aol.com</a>
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## What Class . . .

Thank you so much to everyone that sent information for this issue's "What Class". Please keep us up to date on what's happening in your world by sending your information to the Alumni Association newsletter at PO Box 2401, Sandusky OH 44871 or e-mail it to sanduskyalumni@gmail.com.

### 1936

**Missi Jensen Bertholy** writes "I am 96 years of age and live with my beautiful granddaughter and namesake, Missi Winter, a very successful business owner. I have so many fond memories of Sandusky and all the students from Sandusky High who were there as my classmates – my husband from the 1933 class – Paul Bertholy, who was the president of his class–61 years of marriage we had and one beautiful daughter, Pamis (now deceased).

### 1943

**Warren Foster** writes that he had another great year as an All-American Master swimmer. "At the YMCA national championships in Ft. Lauderdale, swimming for the national champion Sarasota Y Sharks, I had four firsts – 1,000 free style, 500 free style, 200 free style, and 100 individual medley."

"At the end of April, my wife Jean and I drove to Greensboro NC for the US Masters Champs. Here I again won the 1,000 free style, 500 free style, 200 free style plus got a second the in the 200 yard backstroke while swimming for O\*H\*I\*O. I swim in the 85 to 89 age groups but just turned 87 on May 17<sup>th</sup>."

### 1947

**Marion Gierich Dumer** (Class of 1947) and her husband, Rev. Lester Dumer, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last December 16.

The Class of 1947 is very proud that the Oakland Cemetery Veterans Memorial has been cleaned and refurbished.

For years the Class of 1947's member **Audrey Shafer** has lamented the gradual decay of the memorial. It had been almost 40 years since the memorial was last renovated. Shafer, whose late husband William fought in World War II, believed the veterans deserved a renovation.

Erie County Leadership program participants were required to pursue a service project for graduation. Leadership program members, Jon Long and Anna Meyer joined Audrey in the effort to raise money for the project.

The group raised over \$12,000.00 for the renovation of this memorial, first dedicated in 1925. The leftover funds have been given to the City of Sandusky, to be put in a perpetual fund for further renovations.

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## What Class . . .

**1949** - See entry under 1981.

### 1954

**Lois Ebner Briggs** has lived in Murrells Inlet, SC (near Myrtle Beach) for 30 years so is considered a native. She writes: "I became a widow in 2000, have 3 grown children, and 4 almost grown (in their 20's) grandchildren...no great grandchildren yet...I can wait. Retired from work in 2008, and am now volunteering in the office at my church."

### 1961

**Donald Hammond** (Class of 1961) and **Carla Morine Hammond** (Class of 1964) celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on June 10th.

### 1963

See entry under 1965.

**1964** - See entry under 1961.

### 1965

The Class of 1965 celebrated their 65th birthday with a get together at the Sandusky Yacht Club in early August. Happy birthday was sung. Cake was shared and a good time was had by all.

**Cathy (Gentry** - Class of 1965) and **Jim Platte** (Class of 1963) are celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary this year on September 16.

After Jim's retirement in 2005, he and Cathy returned to the Sandusky area to live. They have a daughter, Andrea who resides in the Columbus area with her husband Chris and their 2 children, Alexandria and Kyle.

### 1968

**John Heminger** (1968) writes "I had the privilege of accompanying Mr. Clarence Gillard, a WW II Navy veteran, on the May Honor Flight from Toledo to Washington DC so he could visit the World War II memorial along with 79 others who served our country during that period of our history."

### 1970

See entry under 1973

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## What Class . . .

### 1973

**Sharon (Hicks - 1973)** and **Jeff Dubois (1970)** have two children Drew and Stephanie. Drew and wife Tammy have three children (Taylor 5 yrs, Isabella 3 yrs and Ava 8 mos.) and live in Brunswick Hills, Ohio. Stephanie is a kindergarten teacher at Perkins Public Schools. In July 2012, they celebrated their 35th Wedding Anniversary (8/13/77) with a European trip to England, France, Switzerland and Italy.

They write: "It is hard to believe that life has gone by so fast. When we read the Sandusky Register and the Alumni Association Newsletter we recognize so many classmates that have died. We thank GOD every day for the gift of life and the memories we share with so many friends and graduates of Sandusky High School."

**Jean (Galloway) Stump** writes "We (my husband Wayne and I) are living in Augusta, Georgia. It seemed like we would leave from Ft. Gordon, Georgia and go to Germany and then return to Ft. Gordon until he retired in 1991. As I write that I can hardly believe we have lived in this house for 21 years. Time does fly. I am working for the Dept of Energy at the Savannah River Operations Office located right across the state line in South Carolina."

### 1976

**Roni Camp Pridemore** writes "I've been married for 27 years to Rob Pridemore, we met at OSU 34 years ago. We have 3 children, ages 22, 20, and 16 and live in Atlanta (Roswell) GA. I work for a small technology PR firm which has given me the opportunity to travel to some great cities for trade show events. Most recently we are partnering with a radio program for those 50+. Since that is now my age group, I find the topics extremely relevant. I also write for the website's blog. If you're interested, go to [www.agelessmedianetwork.com](http://www.agelessmedianetwork.com) or AgelessMedia Network on Facebook for tips and information for those who are 50+

We come home every summer and stay at Lakeside for a week with my sister, **Lisa Robbins Van Dootingh (1983)**, her husband **Scott Van Dootingh (1983)**, their family and my Mom, **Beverly Fresch Robbins (1958)**. We love the area and are always excited to come home for a visit.

### 1981

**Jeffrey A VanDootingh**, son of John and **Pat (Runkle - 1949)** VanDootingh of Sandusky, has been promoted by the Air Force to the rank of colonel and selected commander of the 403<sup>rd</sup> Operations Group at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi. As commander, he is responsible for all matters pertaining to the operation readiness and effectiveness of 5 squadrons, including the 53<sup>rd</sup> Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, known worldwide as the "Hurricane Hunters".



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### 1981 cont.

Colonel VanDootingh is a 1981 graduate of Sandusky High School and was commissioned in 1985 upon graduation from the United States Air Force Academy. A 1986 Distinguished Graduate of Undergraduate Navigator Training at Mather AFB, CA, he served over six years on active duty before joining the Air Force Reserve as a full time technician in 1991.

A master navigator with over 7,200 flying hours, Colonel VanDootingh has amassed more than 420 combat hours in Panama, Southwest Asia and the Balkans, including the first transport mission into northern Iraq at the onset of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. As deputy group commander of DoD's only fixed-wing aerial spray unit, he flew numerous missions to provide relief from insect-borne diseases in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, eventually spraying a record 3 million acres and earning the highest award given by the Centers for Disease Control.

### 1998

**Christian Dendinger** (1998) and Dayna Hollier welcomed a daughter, Riley Isabella, on May 11.

**Sirka Westgate** (1998) & Truesen Schreck welcomed a daughter, Vivianna Iris, on May 16.

## Memorial Donations Received

### Honoree

Marvin L Byer – Class of 1937  
Paul R. Hartman – Class of 1947  
Dolores DeCaro Kern – Class of 1952  
Norma Scroggy Seifert – Class of 1952  
Robert Weedman – Class of 1952  
Thomas M Goodsie – Class of 1949  
Curtice V McCarthy Jr – Class of 1949  
Kurt Hofmeister – Class of 1980

### Given By

Howard & Raquel Byer – Class of 1945  
Lois A Hartman Sharrah – Class of 1944  
Anthony DeCaro  
Class of 1952  
Class of 1952  
Class of 1949  
Class of 1949  
John Hemminger – Class of 1968

## Other Donations Received

Betty J. Radcliffe – Class of 1950

Mary Francis Heminger's 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday –  
Class of 1946

## New Members

Linda Fultz Kerst – 1981 – Life Member  
Jayne E. Petersen Boos – 1965 – Life Member  
Lucas Widman – 2011  
Jean A Puckrin – 1965

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## In Memoriam . .

1933	Eleanor Sonnichsen Collumb	1966	James Burlovich
1938	Emily Carnegie Andrews	1967	Paul "Sonny" Silvis
1940	Robert J Houser	1969	Willie D "Bo" Young Knight Sherri Smith Hahn
1941	Joan LaPrad Brown	1970	Ronald J Burns
1942	Joan "Annie" Nesselhauf Brown Patricia Gilbert Shock John "Jack" Sprau	1975	Paul C. Hasenmeier, Jr.
1943	Audrey Alton Boesch Eugene Schlett Burniel O Schwartzmiller	1979	Shella "Niecy" Hearn Peggy Fultz Nejedly
1944	Dorothy Bahnsen Lamson	1980	Kurt E Hofmeister
1945	Thomas W Feick, Sr	1982	David L Clinton
1947	Rosemary Wilt Stamm Paul Hartman Mary Lou Kosbab Wieland Martha Pietschman Flippen Paul Garlock		
1949	Thomas M. Goodsite Curtice V. McCarthy Ruth Roberts Robison		
1950	Donald F. Boissoneault		
1951	Wilbert N. Deal		
1954	William M. Kellem		
1955	Samuel V. Blair		
1956	Mary Lou Miller Lizzi		
1957	Sandra Stookey Matter		
1961	Glen A Geiser		
1965	Linda Hoelzer King		

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## Treasurer's Report

### ECFCU Checking

Balance Forward	\$	513.10
Deposits		160.00
Transfer From Savings		3,206.37
Expenditures		679.47
Transfer to Scholarship Fund		3,000.00
Ending Balance	\$	200.00

### ECFCU Savings

Balance Forward	\$	4,515.83
Deposits		740.00
Transfer To Checking		3,206.37
Interest		.50
Ending Balance	\$	2,049.96

### Scholarship Fund

Balance Forward	\$	85,666.53
Receipts From Checking		3000.00
Interest		54.60
Ending Balance	\$	88,721.13

**TOTAL ASSETS** **\$ 90,971.09**

## Newsletter Information

What would you like to see in the Sandusky Home Town News? Let us know! Have information you'd like to have posted in the newsletters? Send it to us! Your information shapes our newsletter.

Send information to SHS Alumni Association, PO Box 2401, Sandusky OH 44870 or to sanduskyalumni@gmail.com or contact us at Judy (Lewis) Corso (1965) at 419-627-9964 or [mamcorso@aol.com](mailto:mamcorso@aol.com) or Pat (Thompson) Volz (1973) [pjvolz@bex.net](mailto:pjvolz@bex.net) 419-271-2606.



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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