

Sandusky Home Town News

March 31, 2014

Sandusky High School Alumni Association

Which Class Was Actually the Biggest?

Have you ever thought about how many young adults graduate each year from Sandusky High School? A number of graduating classes claim to be the largest . . . but, which one or ones really were? According to school records . . .

Back in 1855, there were just 4 graduates while 180 graduated last spring as the class of 2013.

Graduating classes were much larger in the 1970's with the class of 1973 and the class of 1977 tied for the largest graduating class with 488 receiving diplomas. The classes of 1972 and 1976 tied for second place with 429.

The third largest graduating class was in 1965 with 419 students; followed by 1969 with 415 students; and 1978 with 414 students.

The other large graduating classes in the 1970's were 1970 with 397; 1971 with 391; 1974 with 383; and 1975 with 392.

Graduating classes first exceeded 200 in 1932 when 218 received diplomas and numbers remained in the 200's, 300's and 400's from 1931 through 2011. The class size then dropped below that 200-mark in 2012.

Who Was Your Favorite Teacher?

Recently, we asked the members of the Sandusky High School Alumni Association's Facebook page to share their thoughts on their favorite teachers. The answers start on page 14.

But, why should the Facebook fans only be the ones to get to share their favorites? This is an open invitation to all other Alumni. Who was your favorite teacher and why? Please include your name and class year. Send your information to the alumni association at PO Box 2401, Sandusky OH 44871 or via email to sanduskyalumni@gmail.com and we'll include it in the next newsletter.

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A Letter From the Superintendent

March 5, 2014

MEMBERS OF THE SANDUSKY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

I am honored once again to be able to bring you greetings from the Office of the Superintendent and Chief Executive Officer of the Sandusky City Schools. You will be proud to know that despite the challenging weather we have had during January and February, our faculty, staff, and students are working hard to meet our academic and organizational goals for the year.

We have a very busy spring and summer planned for 2014. Over the past semester, we have held dozens of community meetings focused on examining ways to improve our schools. We are anxious to listen to the feedback provided by our citizens. I can assure you that the great pride, tradition, and excellence that you have come to know that defines our schools is still very much alive and well. We are planning to provide a series of bold and innovative recommendations for the future of our schools in late March of this year. *The Transformation Plan* is designed to offer recommendations to ensure our students are able to meet and exceed the global expectations in the 21st century.

The financial stability of our schools has never been stronger. We are financially balanced through 2019 and we will continue to monitor our finances going forward. We are living within our budget while keeping our priorities focused on academic results. For all of our local alumnae, we have a renewal levy on the ballot for May 6, 2014. It is a renewal and not a new tax. It was first approved in 1989 and has been successfully renewed every five years since that time. I strongly encourage you to support this renewal, and remember that it will not raise your taxes.

We are proud of our winter sports teams and have had significant success including several Northern Ohio League championships. We are encouraging all of our students to stay or become active in an extra-curricular activity. Finally, let me thank Jim Corso and the officers of the Sandusky Alumni Association for providing me this opportunity to share a brief update with you. I also want to thank them for their dynamic and on-going support of all of the initiatives and efforts in our district. On behalf of the faculty, staff, students and parents of the Sandusky City Schools, we thank you for your support.

GO STREAKS,

Eugene T. W. Sanders, Ph.D.
Superintendent and CEO
Class of 1976

A Letter From the Alumni President

Greetings fellow alumni,

Here's hoping that by the time you receive this newsletter all the snow will be melted and signs of spring are appearing. It's been a long, cold winter.

Our annual meeting was held in early January at the Cameo. We had election of officers and are pleased to welcome Lisa Wilson, class of 99, as our new secretary. Many thanks to Trevor Hayberger for his fine job of keeping the minutes this past year. We had a nice turnout and pizza was enjoyed by all. We hope to see more next year.

Lots of exciting things are happening with Sandusky City Schools. Dr. Sanders' enthusiasm is contagious. He gives a lot and expects a lot. He is announcing his Transformation plan in late March, which will launch our schools into the 21st century and beyond.

Our alumni association is currently working with Harris Connect on the 2015 edition of Sandusky High School Alumni Directory. If you receive a post card in the mail or a phone call, please take a moment to respond. Patricia Thompson Volz, class of 1973, is our local coordinator. We are looking for class lists that include addresses, email contacts, and those deceased, if available. You can contact Pat at pjvolz@bex.net or 419-625-5952 or any alumni officer.

Sandusky City Schools will have a **RENEWAL** levy on the ballot on May 6th. This will **NOT** raise your taxes. Please support our school on Election Day with your yes vote.

On Saturday, April 26th, Sandusky Schools, along with the Lion's Club, will sponsor a pancake breakfast at SHS cafeteria. Alumni, staff, and students will be serving, so join us for those delicious Lion's pancakes and sausage.

Go Streaks,
Jim Corso, Alumni president

It's Mulch Madness Time . . .

The Blue Streak Booster Club is again sponsoring a "Mulch Madness" sale on May 3, 2014. The cost for a 2 cubic bag of dark hardwood is \$4.00, delivered free to Sandusky residents. Place your PREPAID order by April 28th for the May 3rd delivery at the Sandusky High School office or by calling Shawn Coakley, SHS athletic director, at 419-984-1075, or Ken Wolters, Booster member, at 419-627-1444.

Alumni Gear Sales Planned

Thanks to the efforts of John Schumm, we are in the process of arranging to have official Sandusky High School Alumni Association gear available for purchase. We had hoped to have the products finalized and the ordering information in this newsletter. Unfortunately, there were some unexpected delays and that didn't happen.

Full details will be in the August newsletter, but you don't have to wait until then to learn more and order. We will put information on our Facebook page once the information is finalized. You can also sign up to receive a flyer via email or mail by sending your request to the Alumni Association at PO Box 2401, Sandusky, OH 44871-2401 or sanduskyalumni@gmail.com. Please expect up to 60 days before the flyer is finalized and sent.

Substitutes Needed

The Renhill Group, which provides substitute teachers, educational aides, and secretaries to Sandusky City Schools, is currently in need of substitutes to work in the district. For further information, contact Joe Szczerbiak at 419-254-2814 or joe.szczerbiak@renhill.com. Applications can also be made online at www.renhillgroup.com - click "now hiring" on the left hand side.

A Scholarship Thank You

A thank you letter was received from Caleb M Hitchcock, a 2013 recipient of a SHS Alumni Association Scholarship. He is attending Marietta College with a goal of being admitted to Marietta's Petroleum Engineering program. He is double majoring in Geology and Studio Art and playing varsity football.

Class of 1947 – In Memoriam

Jean Hottmann Karbler (Class of 1947) sent a special list of classmates lost since February 2013. They are, Virginia Fischer on February 3, 2013; Audrey Van Wy on February 24, 2013; Milton Wagner on March 3, 2013 and his sister, Joann Wagner on September 4, 2013; Geraldine Canino on April 6, 2013; Dorothy Speir on April 10, 2013; Rollin Schwanger on June 16, 2013; Paul Hoelzer on June 27, 2013; James Gilbert on September 19, 2013; Carolyn Dye on December 8, 2013 and Earl McCormick on January 18, 2014. They are all missed.

History of the Fram

The Sandusky Library has a history of Sandusky High School's Fram on its blog page. Check it out at <http://sanduskyhistory.blogspot.com/2010/04/origins-of-sandusky-high-schools-fram.html>



Reunion News

The Sandusky High School **Class of 1947** plans to celebrate their 72nd luncheon reunion on Wednesday, July 23, at Sandusky American Legion, 11:15 am. No reservations are necessary. For further information, contact Don Leech at 419-625-4342.

The **Class of 1949** will hold its 65th Reunion on September 19, 20 and 21, 2014. They need location data on: Carol Charles Lesica, Jack Cox, Joan Fox, Henry Gast, Richard Glick, Arthur Hill, Ronald Hughes, Ramon McLaughlin, Larry Ruse, James Blough. If you have information on missing classmates, please contact Jim Huth - jmhuth@lrbcg.com or Jim Bertsch - cuuljuul@aol.com. Also, if you have moved or have a new e-mail address please let us know asap.

2014 Lunch Schedule for the SHS **CLASS OF 1953** - The class will have fewer luncheons this year at three locations starting at 11:30 a. m. No reservations necessary. The schedule is: Thursday, April 3 at AMVETS; Thursday, June 19 at Chet & Matts; and Wednesday December 3 at Sandusky Yacht Club. Please mark your calendars.

There will also be a Fish FRY for the **Class of 1953** in the picnic shelter at the Plum Brook Condominiums on Friday September 5 starting at 5:30 P M. We will eat around 6:30 P M. The cost is \$14.00 for perch and \$10.00 for chicken and this includes all the sides, potato chips/pretzels, baked beans, coleslaw, and potato salad. Bring your own drinks and some volunteers are bringing a dessert. **YOU DO HAVE TO MAKE RESERVATIONS AND PREPAY FOR THIS BY AUGUST 29th.** Send your payment to Jerry Ehrhardt at 5417 McCartney Road, Sandusky, OH 44870.

Reunion News continued

People with emails in the class database will receive reminders, but not those without emails unless a notice is put in the Register. This is being mailed ONLY to classmates who HAVE ATTENDED A CLASS EVENT IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS living in Ohio but do not have a current email address. Please share this with any classmate you know. If you have any questions OR WANT TO OPT OUT OF FUTURE CLASS NOTICES, contact Jerry at the above address, by phone at 419-626-4239 or via email at Shagbag@Bex.Net or Jude by phone at 419-625-0618 or via email at JJTheibert@Bex.Net

Class of 1954 will hold it's 60th reunion on Saturday, September 27th at the clubhouse at Lakefield Manor, 4901 W. Waterberry Dr, Huron. This is off of Bogart Rd -east of 250- We are having social hours from 2 to 4:30 and dinner at 4:30. We are having a choice of Perch (16.50) or Stuffed Chicken Breast (13.50) You may bring your own beverages. Reservations are needed. Please call either Glenda Schowalter -419-503-5527 or Eby Kotz -419-271-2413

The **SHS Class of 1962** is planning a "70th Birthday Party" Saturday, August 9th, 2014, from 12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM at Plum Brook Estates (picnic shelter) on Galloway Road. Please bring a covered dish to share, your tableware, and your favorite beverage. Meat will be provided by the committee. Mark your calendars now and save the date!! Any questions, contact Roberta Kessler 419-625-7903, Barbara Garrett 419-624-9878, or Marilyn Ward, 419-625-9719.

A 70th birthday party is being planned for the **Class of 1963** in September of 2015. Contact Jim Corso at jcorso2000@aol.com for more information.

The 30th Reunion of the **Class of 1984** will be held July 18-19. Saturday's events include dinner, DJ and dancing at the State Theater in downtown Sandusky. Plans are in the works for a Friday night event as well. Full details will be coming. Connect with them on Facebook at Sandusky High School Class of 1984. Send updated address information & questions to shsclassof1984bluestreaks@gmail.com.

Class of 1994 - 20th reunion is being planned for the weekend of July 11 - 13. A committee is currently putting together more particulars and announcements will be forthcoming. Please seek more information through the reunion's Facebook page - "Sandusky High School Class of 1994." Contact them at SanduskyHS94@gmail.com

Sandusky Education Foundation

An IRS 501(c) (3) Organization

The children of the Sandusky City Schools have a new friend!

After almost three years of preparation, The Sandusky Education Foundation (SEF) was incorporated on March 12, 2012. Then, in March 2013, the SEF received its letter of approval from the IRS as a 501(c)(3) organization. Presently, the SEF functions under the direction of an eight member Board of Directors. Serving are Jeff Krabill (Chair), John Schumm (Vice-Chair), Judy Corso (Secretary), James Hart (Treasurer), and Board members David Amerine, Ron Cantelli, Dan Poggiali and Dr. Eugene Sanders.

The purpose of creating the SEF is to provide a tax exempt, independent financial vehicle to benefit both the capital and the operating needs of the Sandusky City Schools. While the Sandusky City Schools receive dozens of contributions each month, most of these are in smaller amounts and are designated for particular purposes. Those donations that are larger are often targeted (e.g., support of the Frohman Planetarium or a scholarship). However, there is no formal development function within the District to identify prospective donors.

The SEF also solves a number of problems that donors often have when donating directly to an entity like a public school...

- Anonymity -- Many donors are not interested in publicity, but rather want to carefully structure how their contribution can best be made and best be used. Unfortunately, donor identities and the details of planned giving are subject to freedom of information requests made to public schools, thereby compromising anonymity. Now though, an independent foundation like the SEF can provide the anonymity and privacy often sought by donors.
- Return on Investments -- The District's investment options are strictly restricted by the ORC because public funds cannot be exposed to risk. Therefore, investments are restricted to FDIC-insured vehicles or the Ohio Treasurer's STAR Fund (currently getting around .1%). In fact, school districts are prohibited from investing in equities, mutual funds, corporate or municipal bonds. This leaves schools in the unenviable position of settling for low returns on their investments. In contrast, the assets of the SEF will be invested to both protect its corpus and get the best return.
- Flexibility -- The ORC closely defines how public entities like school districts can do business. For example, how school districts must bid construction projects is very tightly defined.

Foundation continued



Foundation Board Members

To illustrate this, look at the installation of the synthetic turf on Strobel Field at Cedar Point Stadium. It was better for the District that the Blue Streak Boosters, themselves an independent 501(c)(3) organization, actually raise the needed funds and contract the work. The Boosters then donated the field to the district once it was completed.

The SEF Board recently decided to invest its assets with the Erie County Community Foundation. At about the same time, the Randolph J. & Estelle M. Dorn Foundation gifted \$10,000 to the SEF. It was the first and largest contribution made to the organization to date. Obviously, contributions like this are most gratefully received.

Subsequently and with an eye to funding initial operations, the Board applied to a number of foundations for support. That process is currently underway and recently received its first grant from the Sam S. and Rose Stein Foundation in the amount of \$5,000.

While all of this is proceeding, the Board is also seeking a college intern for this summer to help establish a current database of SHS alums. This internship program is administered by the Erie County Community Foundation. April will be the time to interview potential candidates and the successful candidate will begin work the first full week of June.

What's left? SHS graduates everywhere need to contact one of the SEF's Board members with their ideas. With the well-organized outreach effort inherent in successful development work, there can be a re-bonding of many SHS alumni to their alma mater and, perhaps more importantly, the Sandusky community. Over time, that can only have a positive impact on the entire Sandusky community.

SHS Deceased - Reported August 01, 2013 to February 17, 2014

1931 J Elizabeth Waldock Bennett Jones
1939 Merriam Wolcott Washburn
June Ellen Betz
Ralph E Young
Dorothy Zimmerman Harrison
1941 Mary Lynn Armstrong
1942 Anna Schlottag Gysan
Thelma Anderson Marinello
1943 Marion Hartwig Michel
1944 Donald A Ohlemacher
1946 Robert Justi
Patricia Hunt Holz
1947 James E Gilbert
Joann Wagner
Carolyn Dye
Earl McCormick
Joyce Burns Powell
1948 Warren E Ruff
1949 Donald Duane Chime
1952 Alyce Ortman Anderson
1954 Grace Hahn Aull
1955 Beverly Ackerman Hoerner
Thomas F Macaluso Jr
1956 Thomas A Johnson Sr
Marlys Knutson Crum
Maribell Stierhoff Bauman
1957 Ronald Fox
1959 Earl Mikel Anderson
David W Graves
1960 Gary C Streng
Doug Meng
1961 Robert M Schmidt
1962 Ali Finley Westgate
1964 Anne Virginia Gilcher
1965 Ronald S Cooper
David Ebner
Harry Leon Kimberlin
Ann Stein Hart
1966 John K Stradtman
1968 Gary L Schuster
1969 Linda Mazza Berlekamp
Paul A McIntosh
1972 Linda J Orticari
Terrance L McCarley
John P Pheiffer

1973 Dale H Miller
1976 Duane D Ortolani
John Charles Lenke
1977 Anthony Quinn McKenzie
1979 Timothy James Barrett
1981 Karen Kiser Dicken
1982 Brad Fitzthum
1986 Ameer Meyer Grant
1994 Robert R McClellan
1999 LaTresha Gowdy Sowers

Hankamer Bequest

When Roberta Hankamer (Class of 1955) passed on June 10 in 2013, she made a special, long lasting contribution to the community with a \$700,000 bequest to the Erie County Community Foundation. This gift, which is the largest bequest ever received by the Foundation, will contribute to the good of Erie County for many years.

Born in Sandusky on September 7, 1939, she lived in Massachusetts for many years before returning to Sandusky when she retired. She was an avid bird watcher, an active volunteer at Old Woman Creek, a strong supporter of Back to the Wild, and a member of the Martha Pitkin Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.



What Class

The **Class of 1953** held their 60th Class Reunion in October. It was well attended and enjoyed by all. There were 83 classmates and friends at the Friday night Fish Fry, 67 at the Saturday Sandusky Yacht Club Dinner and 33 at the Sunday SYC Brunch. A memorial service was held Friday night honoring the 74 deceased classmates. Two classmates, **Charles "Chick" Acierto** and **Richard Rice** were lost in 2013.

Deanna Hastings Purcell (Class of 1956) is looking for information on her past in Sandusky and would be grateful for any information. She writes that the man who raised her had a trophy in the old SHS for diving or swimming. This was between 1954 and 1957 and she is curious as to the actual date of the trophy. Anyone interested in corresponding with her can reach her at 1294 Millen Highway, Sylvania GA 30467.

Douglas Meng (Class of 1960) and **Lenore Kaufman Meng (Class of 1960)** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 15, 2013

Brent and **Jessica (Schmidt, Class of 1994)** Ihns have welcomed two additions to their family in the last year-plus. Son, Heinrich "Henry", was born in November of 2012 and brother, Johann, was born in December of 2013. The boys are joined by big sisters, Clara (5) and Charlotte (3). Jessica and her family live in Lost Nation, Iowa and she continues to operate her private practice as a psychologist at Bear Creek Therapy.

Christ Hershiser (Class of 1994) was one of 10 teachers honored nationally by The Center for Green Schools last fall. The Trailblazing Teacher Awards are given to teachers who have demonstrated their commitment to advance Eco literacy and bring environmental sustainability into the classroom. A 5th and 6th grade teacher at Prairie Crossing Charter School in Illinois' Prairie Crossing School District, Hershiser has devoted his entire career to encouraging students to create a green society. His students examine the food system and its impacts on the environment, learn about water resources and conservation, study sustainability and their own environmental impact, and explore local habitats and ecosystems through outdoor field studies

Meghan Davlin Swarthout, PharmD., MBA, BCPS, (**Class of 2003**) has been elected as the Maryland Society Health System Pharmacists (MSHP) President-Elect for the 2014-2015 year. Dr. Davlin Swarthout is the Division Director of Ambulatory and Care Transitions for the Department of Pharmacy at The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD. She is an active member of MSHP and ASHP (American Society of Health System Pharmacists) and has served as the Co-Chair of the Legislative Committee for MSHP for the past three years, working with the Maryland Pharmacy Coalition to advocate for pharmacists across Maryland. During this time, she worked on legislation and regulations regarding expanded vaccine authority for pharmacists, sterile compounding, drug shortage management, and inpatient pharmacy operations. She also serves on the ASHP Council on Education and Workforce Development.

She earned her Doctorate of Pharmacy from Ohio Northern University, and her MBA in Medical Services Management from The Johns Hopkins University. She and her husband, Joey, reside in Dundalk, MD.

Be sure to send your news for our next edition by July 31.

High School Blood Drives Make a Big Difference

Did you know that high school bloodmobiles account for about 20 percent of all blood donations collected in the Northern Ohio Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross? Sandusky High School is a big part of that effort. After collecting 625 pints last year, the students are hoping to reach 630 this year. As of the Valentine's Day Blood Drive, they were at 436 pints.

Alumni and all community members are welcome (and encouraged) to help them reach their goal. The next Sandusky High School bloodmobile is from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 8 in the auxiliary gym. This year's senior bloodmobile coordinators are Kerstyn Pou and Rhian Jones, a role they started preparing for as sophomores. Faculty member Jeff Opelt has advised the bloodmobiles and its student coordinators since the mid-1980s. However, he is retiring at the end of the school year making the upcoming blood drive his last with the students.

Pancake Breakfast Planned

Sandusky City Schools will be sponsoring a Lions Club Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 26, 2014 7 am to noon in the SHS cafeteria. Tickets are \$5.00, available at any SCS school building and at the door. Students and staff will be serving and there will be a chinese auction. Contact Judy Corso, 419-627-9964 for further information.

Booster Golf Scramble Set

The 2014 Sandusky Blue Streak Boosters Annual Golf Scramble will be held Saturday, May 17, 2014, at Woussickett Golf Club. Contact Jeremy Bahnsen, 419-370-1044, or Shawn Coakley, 419-984-1075, for details. Sign up: SHS Athletic Office, 2130 Hayes ave. or at www.woussickett.com. See all Booster activities and/or membership opportunities at www.facebook.com/shsboosters

We Post News Between Issues

Although the next newsletter will not be published until August (deadline July 31), we can still help you post your reunion and event information between newsletters. Please send your updated information to the Alumni Association at PO Box 2401, Sandusky, OH 44871-2401 or sanduskyalumni@gmail.com. We will see that reunion information is added to the Facebook page and our page on the Sandusky City Schools website <http://www.scs-k12.net/AlumniHome.aspx> We can also use the information to respond to the reunion inquiries that we get.

Financial Report

Erie County Community Foundation Scholarship Fund

July 1st - December 31st, 2013

Beginning Balance	0
Earnings	3431.68
Realized Gains (Losses)	2973.82
Unrealized Gains (Losses)	(1022.06)
Management Fees	(533.55)
Additions – Class of 1963 Gift	465.00
Additions - Transfer in From Sandusky BOE	84,409.67
Withdrawals	0
Ending Balance	\$89,724.57

Treasurer’s Report

4th Quarter 2013

EFCU Checking

Balance Forward	96.26
Deposits	100
Transfer From Savings	200
Sub-Total	396.26
Expenditures	119.86
Ending Balance	\$276.40

ECFCU Savings

Balance Forward	2749.12
Deposits	265
Interest	.55
Sub-Total	3,014.67
Transfer to Checking	200
Ending Balance	\$2,814.67

New Members

Sandra S Nemitz Kieffer – 1963; David McKenzie – 1968; Marcia Niehm (Life Membership) 1972; and Donna Harman Hoffman – 1969.

Upgrading to Life Membership – Paul F. Ruess – 1950; Shirley J. Carmean – 1948; Margaret S. Drury – Teacher.

Memorials For	Class	From	Class
Alyce Ortman Anderson	1952	Class of 1952	
Ellen Weichel Amstutz	1952	Carlton W Mackey	1952
Gerald (Jerry) Maxon	1963	Betty J Radcliffe	1950
Peggy R Nejedly	1979	Sisters: Kathy, Sally, Nancy & Linda	
Gary L Schuster	1968	John F Heminger	1968
Margaret Bickley Shepard	1968	John F Heminger	1968
Elizabeth Waldock Bennett Jones	1949	Class of 1949	
Donald Chime	1949	John F Heminger	1968

Other Donations:

Betty J Masta – 1943; Donald & Peggy Davis – 1949; Class of 1963; John F. Heminger – 1968; and Scott A Wilkins – 1967.

New Alumni Directory Coming

The Sandusky High School Alumni Association has contracted with Harris Publishing to produce an updated version of the Sandusky High School Alumni Association Directory. Over the next year, you will receive mailings about this and, if you don't reply, they may try to reach you by phone. Not only does inclusion in the directory help former classmates to contact you, it also allows the Alumni Association to provide updated class lists to the various class reunion committees. So, when contacted, please take a minute to update your information. There is no obligation. They will offer you the opportunity to buy the book when it is published, but there will be no pressure to do so. If you want to be sure that your information is correct and haven't been contacted by July 1, please send a note to that effect to the Alumni Association at PO Box 2401, Sandusky, OH 44871-2401 or sanduskyalumni@gmail.com. Please also use those contact methods if you have any questions.

Alumni Elections Results

Elections were held at the January annual meeting of the Sandusky High School Alumni Association with the following persons chosen for leadership positions in the coming year: President, Jim Corso; Vice President, Ron Cantelli; Secretary, Lisa Wilson; Treasurer, John Nejedly; Past President, John Mears; and Trustees - Larry Showalter; Kathy Loris; David Volz; John Schumm; Jackie Collins and Matt Martin.

Who Was Your Favorite Teacher? Continued from Page 1

Answers are listed in the order of receipt.

John Seibel (1974) I don't know that he was my favorite at the time, but Mr. **Don Cope** started opening my eyes to the universe around us in 1973-74 and planted the seed to learn more about Physics in my brain. Now I teach it.

Terry Evans (1964) **Sam Shearer** - English. He made us THINK and then organize those thoughts and write them so the reader could actually envision and feel them.

Alison Haas Thompson (1997) **Mr. Johnson** in Biology

Sally Fultz Carter (1974) I say **Sam Shearer**, too. He always pushed me to do better and gave me a foundation of good, solid writing. His sense of humor was wicked! Thanks, Mr. Shearer and RIP.

Ashley LaRochelle - **Mr. Brattain**. Chemistry. Loved him. Made me cry on the last day of my senior year, when he read all the places you will go by Dr. Seuss. He was amazing. Such passion.

Denny Kotz (1968) **Mr. Coe**, welding. He was a fabricator at heart and made me realize I could build things on my own.

Martin Jeffery Howell (1990) Too many good teachers to choose just one. **John Schumm, Rod Buck, Ken Bracy, Don Cope, Bill Couch, Jim Johnson, Ben Schneider, Mike Scheeser, Gene Lenhart**. All great educators. Some I still call friends. All had a great impact on my life after SHS.

Kristy Hasenmeier (1999) **Mr. Brattain** will always hold a special place in my heart because he was not only our amazing 8th grade teacher who we always had a blast with but we had the joy of having him again in tenth grade and he always made learning fun! I would also say **Ms. Mellon** though too because I think I learned the most from her and many things I still carry with me today she always pushed us and it definitely wasn't easy but it was very rewarding!

Cindi Sarr Davidson (1973) Mr. **Michael Ryan**, one of the nicest teachers I ever had ever!

David Volz (1973) I can't possibly narrow it to one. At the risk of offending some great "honorable mentions", I at least need to make it a two-way tie: **Mr. Carver** (World History) for his calm, consistent, brilliant professionalism, and **Georgia (Lehman) Mackoviak** (Sophomore English), the most talented, passionate, inspired lecturer I encountered during my four years. She got married during her only year at SHS and moved away, which was Sandusky's loss.

Erica Hasselbach (2002) **Mr. Shannon** and **Mr. Penrose**. . .both great sense of humor.. made learning fun

Greg Meyer - **Bob Fial**...he and I became friends, he let me stretch my creative wings in his photography classes, doing projects not in his teaching plan!!...AND his recommendation got me my first professional photography job! I also love **Sam Shearer**. I never took his English classes, but had him as my homeroom teacher all four years.

Kathie Canada Breest (1968) **Sam Shearer**, hands down! Without his teaching us how to write, I may not have made it through college.

Larry Bloxham (1963) **Robert Brown**, Algebra 1 1959-1960, he tried very hard to teach math when he was a biologist, made algebra easy. **Benoit Snider** Chemistry 1960-1961, he gave very clear lectures and gave us the necessary foundation to understand chemical processes in the everyday world. Labs were great too. **Mr Carver** World History and Chess Club. Reading from original sources complimented his professional attitude.

Wendy Kamps Tsao (1997) **Mr. Ryan** (U.S. History) and **Mr. Schneider** (Chemistry) were my favorite teachers.

Connie Cathcart Kelly (1961) **Paul Dahnke** ignited my love of mathematics....it was fun to reconnect 30 years later and discuss strategy for integrating reform mathematics into our curricula in two different states. **Fred Garrabrant** introduced me to a foreign language and made it a life-changing experience. Merci beaucoup!

Susan Weber Zeier (1975) **Ken Blanton**. Loved his pottery class. **Linda Susana** for English. She was so nice and made class interesting. **Ken Bracy** and **Al Kuzell** for math. Both were funny and great teachers!!! I also had Ken Bracy for the driving part of driver's ed. He went beyond the norm to make sure his students were safe drivers. I used much of what he taught me when instructing my daughter on how to drive.

Francis Wesley Alexander I (1969) liked **Ms. Mellen** so much, I had her for Speech Class for my Senior year, Junior English where I learned about Paul Lawrence Dunbar and Countee Cullen as Black poets; and also had her as an Advisor in Dramatics Club for three years (acted in 'Arsenic and Old Lace' my Sr. year) and Forensics Club for two years. Also, **Mr. Iscman** for Algebra and as an Assistant Wrestling Coach.

Diane Springstead Cole (1977) Mr **Verlin Eash** - band director because he was a fun director and really cared that we did well in our half time shows and concerts.

Patricia Buckingham Evans (1969) **Mr. Carver** because of his passion for History and **Pam Mellon**. I had Ms. Mellon for Speech my senior year and her first year of teaching. I never thought that I would ever use what I learned in Speech class but I have used that information and the ability to stand up in a crowd of people and talk to an audience. Thank you Mr. Carver and Ms Mellon. Ms Mellon you still rock!!

Greg Meyer- I so loved **Verlin Eash** also...he once lost a silly bet to me....so he took me to Cedar Villa after one of the home games, to have pizza together with his family...What a GREAT man!!

Jessica Ihns (1994) **Mr. Kevin Lutz** - in a quiet manner, he supported and challenged my interest in biology and the question of why things work the way they do. **Mr. Jeff Opelt** - because who doesn't love great blood drives! **Mr. Jay Mackey** - who still rides in the passenger seat when I'm driving my family around, as much as he would guide us from the safety of the observation tower at the driving range. And, **Mr. Paul Dahnke** - whose love of math and way of translating it to us didn't stop after he retired, as he agreed to tutor a group of us who took calculus and were lost our senior year. QED!

Shirley Billman Hohler (1976) **Mrs Francine Newell**....she made learning fun and made us all feel our opinions matter and that we could accomplish anything. I feel like I made a friend in her. She's a wonderful person.

Carol Schee (1961) **Paul Dahnke** was a great teacher. He taught me and also bought my Uncle's home in Huron.

Kim Williams-Shaull - **Mr. Couch**, sophomore English. He let us express new ideas.

Michelle Rose Miller **Mr Shear**. I had him my senior year and not only did I learn a lot from him, I also like when we would have a relaxed class. He would sit on the edge of his desk and bring up a topic and off we would go discussing it.

Linda Fultz-Kerst (1981) **Mr. Carver**...World History. He brought lessons to LIFE! Amazing Educator.

Tina Bellitto-Ashakih - **Mr. Kaczoni**..the cool factor! And **Mr. Houghlings** too!

Sally Meng Maddox (1972) also **Mr. Carver** World History. He taught not just about history but how to learn via critical thinking. Who is the writer, what is there objective in writing, do they state a bias, do they use inflammatory words such as "the cancer of communism". I called him to thank him and he didn't know who I was. Isn't that amazing that a person can change someone's life without being aware of them? Not a mentor but a teacher. I love that man. My son who is a professor at Ohio State University can tell you about Mr. Carver.

Amanda Scheeser (1992) **Mike Scheeser** - but I might be biased. Actually, a lot of the teachers from my dad's era still have breakfast and/or play golf together regularly...

Kathy Loris (1966) **Miss Virginia Dahs** now **Mrs. Bertsch** and **Mrs Eloise Tom**. Two great Home Economics Teachers. They taught us so many things to use in everyday life!.....From decorating cakes to sewing on buttons and many other things that were so useful in my 47 1/2 years of marriage. I still use many of the recipes from my Home Ec Class especially the pie crust recipe!

Stephanie L. Adkins(1998) **Ms. Pam Mellen** helped me through a time of difficult decisions and to this day, I credit her with where I am now.

Rick Manner - A lot of fantastic teachers but I'd have to go with **Mr Carver** for his passion for teaching and his compassion for his students and staff.

Delores Ebner Flohr (1959) **Mrs. Larimer** - I had her for Freshman English and she made everything so interesting. Made us memorize Invictus, which I can still quote word for word today. She was a hard teacher, but a great one!

Susan Dibling Cochran (1981) **Mr. Carver**

Heather Drummond (1988) **Ms. Pretto** her door was always open if you needed to talk. **Mr.Pogialli** he just made class fun.

Debbi Ostheimer Mitchel (1984) - I liked all my teachers, but if I had to choose only one, I'd choose **Mr. Scheeser** in Accounting, etc. dept. (I can't remember what it was called) but he is a really great teacher & nice man (also the best smellingI think he used Old Spice products & just smelled nice). Anyway, he told me I should become a teacher (because I was good at helping the other students in class understand what the hell was going on). I didn't pursue teaching but became a teacher for my children. My son was diagnosed with autism when he was five so I would have "summer school" so he wouldn't lose anything over the summer & would be prepared for the next school year. He is currently attending the Art Institute in Cincinnati & doing well. Thanks, Mr. Scheeser.....you're awesome!!

Christine Volz Cook (1988) I'm with some of the others; it's hard to choose just one since I liked all of mine. However, **Sally Snyder**, guidance counselor, was the one who steered me to marketing, encouraged me and followed my progress both years. **Mr. Scheeser** was awesome, even though he was not very happy that I was not taking his business classes!

Steven White - **Mr. Pankow** was my favorite. he taught voc. electronics and was the coolest. He used to talk to you like you were a equal and not a student

Carolyn Hauenstein (1969) **Mr. Carver** - not only got me through World History, but helped me conquer geometry; **Sam Shearer** - I think of him, and what he taught me, every time I write a letter or type up meeting minutes; and **Ms. Asman** - I had her for shorthand for two years. I still use it every day.

Karen Bacni (1973) **Mr. Dahnke** - He was THE BEST math teacher I've ever had. He made math very interesting and easy to understand.

Kathy Failor (1973) **Mr. Dahnke** - He made math class fun! He believed in me and encouraged me to take calculus my senior year. It was my favorite class!

Elizabeth Johnson Bybee - **Francine Newell** and **Terry Wilson**. They didn't judge you because you weren't popular or poor. They were not just teachers, they became friends.

Vernon Seavers – (1969) **Don Forsythe**, A Cappella Choir Director. He wanted everyone to perform at the highest levels all the time!

Nicole Wilson-Fennell - I guess I'm biased to my dad **Terry L Wilson**, but the funny thing is I was never in any of his classes. I have to say everyone that taught with my dad, was awesome. What a great school that gave me a wonderful foundation for life...I'm thankful to all of them!

Susan Wright - **Rodney Litz**, he was very nice to me, when my Mother and Brother died in 11th grade. He helped me very much

Justin Roth – (1994) **Mr. Don Cope** for making "Physics Phun". I went on to become a mechanical engineer largely because of his teachings.

Chuck Smith (1968) favorite teacher was **Mr. Aldrich** with the varsity band.

Amie Long (1994) **Mr. Chris Haines** Varisty band

Jennifer David (1994) I have two...**Mr Schneider** and **Mr Cope**. They were goofy and made class fun!

David Springstead Sr (1973) **Jim Getty** and **Jack Aldrich**.

John Mears (1954) I had a lot of teachers that I really liked. However I would have to say **Harold Kaufman** was my favorite. Because of the Choir and other music classes I took from him, I probably spent more time with him than any other teacher. Also since he was my church choir director and he asked a number of the H.S. Choir members to join the church choir I actually had him as a director until he had to retire because of his sickness. He taught me a lot about music and life. After I got out of the Navy he asked me to continue on as a Navy Reserve Officer and I wish I had done that but hind sight is always 20/20. Other great teachers were **Miss Lehman**, **Mr. Malinovsky**, and **Mr. Tabler**. Although not teachers but administrators, **Mr. Glenwright** the Principal and **Mr. Blancke** the Asst. Principal were good people to work with.



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