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Alumni Create Two New Memorial Scholarships

It is said that the greatest loss anyone can suffer is the untimely and tragic death of a child. For two SHS alumni families, the deaths of their children have caused heartache and devastating pain. This life-altering circumstance is on their minds and hearts and will never go away but stay with them for the rest of their lives. Choosing to honor the memory of their children, each family has generously endowed the \$100,000 funding needed to develop a scholarship. Two new SHSAA scholarships are now available for deserving SHS students pursuing higher education goals.

E. Blair Yerkey Memorial Ohio State University Scholarship



The birth of Ethan Blair Yerkey was an undeniable blessing for Matt Yerkey, D.D.S., SHS Class of 1982, and Wanda Yerkey. Blair was born later in the lives of his parents, and they considered him their one true miracle. He was an active and happy little boy, so full of smiles who was always a bundle of energy. The toddler brought so much joy into the lives of his parents and two older siblings, Sarah Yerkey Parmenter, SHS Class of 2008, and Ryan Yerkey, SHS Class of 2012.

Blair suffered his first seizure when he was 10 months old. Most days were normal, but he soon began experiencing major grand mal seizures that required visits to the hospital via ambulance and even a medical life flight. But Blair remained resilient and bounced back every time. He loved spending time with his mom snuggling and cuddling on the couch. And he was always ready to join his family at a high school sporting event

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Elizabeth "Lizzie" Lowry Memorial Compassion Scholarship



If you had the privilege of knowing Elizabeth "Lizzie" Deming Lowry, SHS Class of 2005, then you were truly fortunate. She was described as the epitome of a compassionate person. Beautiful on the inside as well as the outside, Lizzie was kindness personified. Everyone acquainted with her would say she was one of the nicest people they had ever met. She was especially fond of animals and children, emulating their innocence and loving compassion, thus her ability to connect so easily with others. Lizzie would never deny anyone in need, whether it was helping a member of the family, a friend, or even a stranger. She was always willing to compassionately support people, believing that selflessly helping others was an integral part of a meaningful life.

Receiving a hug was a part of knowing Lizzie. If someone greeted her, she would give that person a hug and upon leaving, that person

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E. Blair Yerkey Scholarship continued

as his sister ran on the cross country and track teams and his brother competed on the golf team. Everyone on the Quaker cross country team loved Blair.

In the summer of 2005, the entire Yerkey family enjoyed a very memorable vacation to Hilton Head Island, even though Blair's doctors were concerned for him to be taken away from the area. But Matt and Wanda researched all the nearest medical facilities, and they were prepared in case of an emergency. Luckily, Blair did not experience any seizures. The family enjoyed the ocean, the pool, the beautiful sandy beach, and of course, the time spent together.

A few months after that wonderful vacation, Blair tragically passed away. He was only 21 months old. The Yerkey family never thought they would lose him so soon. They often wonder what he would be like today, as he would be graduating with the SHS Class of 2022. Matt and Wanda chose to create a legacy for their beloved son by the endowment of the E. Blair Yerkey Memorial Ohio State University Scholarship.

Matt explained, "Just like most families, we know the importance of education. I actually received a \$2500 SHSAA scholarship in 1982 and was on the SHSAA Board of Trustees at the time of Blair's passing. We were floored at the number of people who donated to the alumni association in his memory." Matt and Wanda had already started a college fund for Blair when he was born. Not long after his death, they decided to continue contributing to his college fund and eventually give it to SHSAA. "Wanda and I each contributed part of our salaries," Matt continued, "and some family members donated during various holiday seasons. Jeff Zimmerman from the SHS Class of 1981 who manages the portfolio for the alumni association, invested and guided the contributions for us. We hoped that we could reach the \$100,000 mark by Blair's graduation year. Everything has fallen into place, as Blair would have been part of the SHS Class of 2022."

The Yerkeys are excited to help Salem graduates continue their educations at The Ohio State University. Matt earned his bachelor's degree and a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from OSU and Wanda attended OSU for two years before completing her bachelor's degree in nursing at Kent State University. Realizing the financial need of students in their second, third, and fourth years of higher education, the Yerkeys have chosen to endow an SHSAA college scholarship. It stipulates that a Salem High School undergraduate or graduate student who is attending The Ohio State University can qualify to apply if they are completing or have completed at least one full year of education at OSU. The main requirement is for the applicant to draft an essay and explain how they have lived with or have overcome a life challenge.

Matt concluded by saying, "We are hoping to meet a ton of these recipients over the rest of our lives. We are excited to help students from our two favorite schools, Salem High School and The Ohio State University."

Elizabeth "Lizzie" Lowry Scholarship continued

would receive a second hug. She was a 2009 graduate of Ohio University's Scripps School of Journalism. During her junior year she was chosen to interview U.S. Senator Joe Biden, who was then in Ohio campaigning for the Obama-Biden presidential ticket. The interview went well, and at the conclusion, Lizzie hugged Mr. Biden, much to the surprise of the school administration and security personnel. But to those who knew and loved Lizzie, that hug was no surprise at all.

Lizzie's immediate family members are Salem High School alumni. Her father is William "Rob" Lowry II, SHS Class of 1973, her mother is Laura McCorkhill Cantini, SHS Class of 1974, and her brother is William Robert "Robbie" Lowry III, SHS Class of 2009. In December of 2021, Lizzie's father Rob contacted SHSAA Executive Director Audrey Cleveland Null '76 and inquired about leaving a legacy for Lizzie who passed away in October of 2020 at the age of 34. He and his son Robbie met with Audrey and discussed how important it was for them to honor her memory. Realizing a scholarship can significantly change students' lives for the better and give them the chance to pursue their higher education goals, the Lowrys agreed that they wanted to pursue this philanthropic gesture. "Lizzie was proud to be a part of the Salem Quaker family as a student and later as an alumna. She would be honored to gift a fellow Quaker graduate with a scholarship towards furthering their education in any field of their choice," said Rob.

The Lowrys chose to endow a high school scholarship for a graduating Salem High School student and created the Elizabeth "Lizzie" Lowry Memorial Compassion Scholarship. Applicants will need to have demonstrated acts of compassion during their high school experiences or in special activities either inside or outside the traditional high school environment and must be enrolled in a bachelor's or an associate degree program or in a technical program of study at an accredited school.

A compassionate and loving way to keep Lizzie's memory alive will now help students with their educations as they pursue their dreams. SHSAA President Frank Zamarelli, SHS Class of 1982, stated, "We are humbled by the generosity of these two alumni families and their desire to fund scholarships honoring the memory of their loved ones. We thank them for their trust in the alumni association, as both scholarships will make a positive difference by investing in future generations."

The first E. Blair Yerkey Memorial Ohio State University Scholarship and the first Elizabeth "Lizzie" Lowry Memorial Compassion Scholarship will be awarded at the Salem High School Alumni Association Scholarship Award Ceremony on Saturday, May 21, 2022, in the SHS auditorium beginning at 6:30 p.m.



FROM THE ALUMNI OFFICE

Audrey Cleveland Null '76

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed our lives – both for the worse and for the better. Routines and accepted practices have been disrupted, and individuals have had to pivot which means they have had to embrace new ideas and new beginnings. Every one of us has had to deal with so many “new normal” situations.

Change is difficult for some, but for me, it is a fact of life that I embraced many years ago. I enjoy a day that brings new experiences, and I enjoy trying new ways of doing things. With that in mind, it is refreshing to be a part of an organization that is willing to make changes.

The SHSAA Annual Meeting has traditionally been held during the association’s banquet. For the past two years, covid changed that routine. In 2020, the meeting was held in August at Waterworth Memorial Park, and last year’s meeting was held in August at the All Class Reunion at the Saxon Club. When the Alumni Relations Committee recently met, they determined that the time was right to make another major change. They decided that the long-standing tradition of an alumni banquet will not return this year. There was no banquet in 2020 and 2021 because of the fear of the coronavirus and its spread to a large crowd. In 2020, SHSAA announced the recipients of scholarship awards virtually on the association’s website, and last year a very successful SHSAA Scholarship Award Ceremony was held in the SHS auditorium.

On May 21, 2022, the alumni association will again hold the scholarship presentation in the SHS auditorium and the SHSAA Annual Meeting

will be a part of the program. Instead of the traditional banquet, a reception will be held after the scholarship ceremony in the SHS cafeteria. This event in the format of an SHSAA Open House will allow our alumni, scholarship recipients, family, and friends to gather in a relaxed and casual setting. The celebration will give everyone a wonderful chance to engage in conversation while enjoying catered appetizers and drinks. We will also announce all SHS classes holding 2022 reunions during a very short program and give special recognition to the Class of 1972 upon the occasion of that group’s 50 - year anniversary of graduating from SHS. This gathering will also allow everyone the opportunity to congratulate the 2022 Alumnus of the Year.

Whether in our personal life, our business, or our relationships, things are constantly changing, and we hope that this difference in the way we celebrate our students and alumni will be a positive one for all of us. On behalf of myself and the SHSAA Board of Trustees, we hope to see you at the SHSAA Scholarship Award Ceremony and Open House on May 21 and again this summer at the planned SHS Alumni Weekend in August! (See details of that celebration in the article below.)

With Quaker Pride and My Best to All,

Audrey

Audrey Cleveland Null '76
SHSAA Executive Director



Love Those Quakers!

Mark Your Calendars for the Second Weekend in August!

The Salem High School Alumni Association is currently making plans to sponsor SHS Alumni Weekend events for Saturday, August 13, 2022, and Sunday, August 14, 2022. The intention is to follow an original format that was planned last year and changed because of the covid pandemic. The event plans will be implemented during this year’s celebration with assistance from the Downtown Salem Partnership.

Last year’s All Class Reunion in August was to be held at 4-5 locations in downtown Salem. The initial plan included hiring out-of-town and local bands so that two bands could perform at each location. Contracts were signed for the out-of-town talent. The hiring of local bands did not happen because of the pandemic. Erring on the side of

caution, the SHSAA Board of Trustees voted to relocate the event to an outdoor venue and the 2021 SHS All Class Reunion was moved to the Saxon Club instead of being held at local downtown venues. It was believed that the outdoor location at the Saxon Club would be a less covid-friendly setting. Only the out-of-town bands who had received contractual down payments were scheduled to play, as logistically, the event’s schedule could not handle any local band performances.

This year’s festivities will not be titled as an SHS All Class Reunion, but instead as the SHS Alumni Weekend. On that second Saturday in August, Salem graduates and their family and friends are invited to come together and enjoy the celebration that will include art shows, Open Houses,

shopping, and a large amount of musical entertainment. The alumni association will be assisting local business establishments that wish to feature musical groups by providing grants of sponsorship dollars. SHSAA will also plan to promote the weekend event schedule via various marketing methods. Tickets will not be sold, as most activities will be free of charge unless otherwise advertised. Food and drink will be available at the attendee's own cost at the different venues.

On Sunday evening the fun will continue at Waterworth Memorial Park. The Summer Concert Series will feature an evening concert given by The Ovation Band along with an alumni classic car show. The nostalgic Frostop mug will also be on display. Alumni and their families and friends are encouraged to attend this "SHSAA Night" concert that will feature a band playing music from the 1940s to today's pop and dance favorites.

These sponsored weekend events will be fulfilling part of the Salem High School Alumni Association's mission which is to "honor the organization's past by nurturing friendships and enriching memories." A full schedule of the Saturday and Sunday musical performances and other sponsored events will be available and posted by July 1, 2022.



Friends from the Class of 1969 and the Class of 1970 posed for a picture at last summer's SHS All Class Reunion. Left to right: Wendy Nedelka Detwiler '70, Cindy Vogel Kenst '69, Diana Dominic Halm '69, Sue Taugher Gregg '70, and Carol Vogel Lantz '70.

A Salute to SHSAA Longtime Treasurer



Charles Gibbs, 95, died peacefully on Wednesday, October 20, 2021, in Salem. He was a graduate of the Salem High School Class of 1943 and the Honored Alumnus of the Salem High School Alumni Association in 1986. Charles and his longtime friend Daniel E. Smith, Salem High School Class of 1946, were instrumental in continuing the more than 100-year legacy of the association. Both men helped to find a permanent

home for the Salem High School Alumni Association and the office the alumni association currently occupies is a result of their foresight.

After his high school graduation, Gibbs served in the Navy, and during World War II, he served in the Pacific Theater before being discharged. When he returned home, he enrolled in classes at Adelbert College, now Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, and graduated in 1948 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology. Gibbs later enrolled at the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin. He married Margaret Works in 1950 and the couple had a son, Charles Pearce Gibbs, SHS Class of 1971, and three daughters, Ellen Gibbs Caruso, SHS Class of 1972, Emily Gibbs, SHS Class of 1975, and Margaret Gibbs Hoople, SHS Class of 1978.

Gibbs volunteered as a deacon, trustee, and as a member of the investment committee of The First Presbyterian Church of Salem. He was heavily involved in the community as he served as a city councilman for 12 years and as chairman of the city's finance committee. For 17 years, he was a member and chairman of the Salem City Utilities Commission. He also served as the treasurer of the Rotary Club of Salem and as a trustee for the Century House for aged men and women. He was a member of the Salem Golf Club, the selection committee for the Salem Hall of Fame, and a member of the Grandview Cemetery Board. Gibbs was President of RCG, a real estate development corporation, a board member of Peoples Lumber Co., and president of the American Laundry and Dry-Cleaning Inc.

Devoting 40 years to the banking industry, Gibbs was President of The Society Bank, Salem District, and later, he worked as Senior Vice President of The Firestone Bank in Lisbon. With his keen financial background, Gibbs skillfully helped to grow the alumni association's portfolio over his 25-year tenure as treasurer. When he retired from SHSAA in 2002, he left a portfolio of wise investments and an impressive legacy. The \$1,000 bond purchased by alumni in 1907, (the monetary principal of the first transaction), along with many alumni donations had grown to over 5 million dollars.

The members of the Board of Trustees of the Salem High School Alumni Association gratefully acknowledge Charles Gibbs and offer their thanks to him posthumously for an outstanding job in growing the investments of the SHSAA organization.

SHS Class of 1971 Celebrates 50 Years

Members of the Class of 1971 began their 50th Reunion activities on Friday, June 18, 2021, with a "meet and greet" held at the Salem Saxon Club. Approximately 50 classmates were in attendance. John Volio provided the entertainment.

Tours of the newly remodeled alumni office were available on both Friday and Saturday. The feature attraction was a Class of 1971 showcase decorated by Ron and Lorna Lucas Hannay. It displayed class memorabilia and photos.

On Saturday night, 51 classmates along with their guests enjoyed a catered buffet dinner at the Salem Golf Club. Decorations of red and black were abundant--balloons and tablecloths-- along with red and black frosted cupcakes and a Quaker Sam 3D cake. Favors included note pads with pens and Quaker Sam jigsaw puzzles. Drawings were held for the door prizes which included Quaker Sam blankets and bobbleheads and Class of 1971 garden stones. Other prizes were framed copies of the alma mater and two baskets of cash.

Along with a class photo, members organized themselves for photos according to the grade schools attended: 15 for Fourth Street School; 12 for Reilly; 9 for Prospect; 8 for St. Paul; and 5 for Buckeye.

Nine past choir members, accompanied by Jan Schaeffer Cox on the piano, sang the Alma Mater. Jan also provided musical entertainment following the Conkle Brothers.

Appreciation was expressed to the reunion committee and to longtime class coordinator Dorothy Drotleff Conser. The reunion committee consisted of Dorothy Drotleff Conser, Ron and Lorna Lucas Hannay, Debbie Snyder McKinley, Maureen Weikart Swiger, Jan Schaeffer Cox, Jean Kiliman Esposito, Don and Karen Getz Brown, Jerry Morrison, Randy Malmsberry, Ron Hrvatin, and John Volio. Thanks were given to all who donated to the class gift or who took part in fundraisers such as the Rotary Club of Salem's flag project. The total class donation to SHSAA was \$8050.



Seated on the floor: Don Brown and Terry Frazier.

(Left to right) Row 1: Rhonda Shaffer, Maree Colian Madgett, Maureen Weikart Swiger, Nancy Fultz McKenzie, Janet Vaughn Glasser, Marsha Foust DeVan, Linda Paxson Christen. Row 2: Cindy Coy, Nancy Owens Bigley, Jackie Montgomery, Pam Martin, Dorothy Drotleff Conser, Karen Getz Brown, Barb Lewis Hissom, Christie Myers Anderson. Row 3: Jan Schaeffer Cox, Karen Shanker Stroup, Jerry Morrison, Ron Hannay, Lorna Lucas Hannay, Lu Ann Limestahl Cole, Jean Kiliman Esposito, Mercy Smith Komar. Row 4: Cris White Swetye, Kathy Pinkerton Grazak, Karen Nedelka, Debbie Snyder McKinley, Mickey Smith Buck, Linda Migliarini Gullufsen, Chris Dimko Thomas, Lori Pastier Kainrad, Joe Beeson, Gary Cook, Debbie Vernon, Gary Herron. Row 5: Ernest G. Stephens, Jim Swetye, Gail Heineman, Jim Klemann, Dan Merrill, Frank Forkel, John Detchon, David Trimm, Mike Stewart, Brandon J. Snyder, Jim Mercier, Rich Charnesky, Jim Shoff, Ron Hrvatin, John Volio, Ed Eakin, Bob Lepley.

SHS Class Reunion *Events*

CLASS OF 1957/1958

The SHS Class of 1957 and SHS Class of 1958 will be holding a gathering at the Salem Golf Club on Saturday, July 9, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. for a breakfast buffet. Reservations may be sent to Mary Ruth Stamp by Friday, July 1, 2022. Money will be collected at the door that morning. More information will be available on the Class of 1958 website.

CLASS OF 1962

The SHS Class of 1962 will hold its 60-Year Reunion on Saturday, August 6, 2022, at the Salem Italian American Club. More details will soon be available. Contact Peg Panezott for more information at 330-332-5789 or email her at panezott@sbcglobal.net.

CLASS OF 1965

Save the Date! The classmates from the SHS Class of 1965 will be celebrating at a 75th birthday party at the Salem Elks Lodge (downstairs), on Saturday, August 6, 2022. More details will be sent from Class Coordinator Nancy Jensen Ciotti who can be reached by her email at nancy.ciotti@gmail.com.

CLASS OF 1970

The SHS Class of 1970 will celebrate the 70th birthday of classmates at a party to be held at the Salem Italian American Club on Saturday, July 30, 2022. The festivities begin at 6:00 p.m. Contact Class Coordinator Becky Skowron Grey at bskowrongrey@icloud.com. for more information.

CLASS OF 1972

Celebrating 50 years, the SHS Class of 1972 has planned activities for Saturday, July 23, 2022. Events will begin with a trip down memory lane via the Salem Historical Society's Quakertown Trolley. A tour of various sites of interest will include Salem Senior High School and Sebo Stadium. A golf outing is scheduled at Salem Hills Golf Course headed by Debbie Sommers Grupposo. On Saturday evening, the members of the class will gather at the Salem Italian American Club with a catered meal by Smokin' Marty's BBQ and music by Tune Weaver's Jeff Dunn. Classmates are reminded to update their addresses with the SHSAA office, as invitations will be mailed out very soon. Visit the Facebook page at Salem Class of 1972 and Friends and submit a friend request to join the group. SHS Class of 1972 Reunion Committee members include Sherry Ayers, Sue August Allenbaugh, Martha Richards, Jackie Pence Hannay, Cathy Raymond Hale, Linda Wickline Boyle, Sue Lederle Dattilio, Becky Wickersham Bricker, and Class Coordinator Barb Capel Shaffer who can be reached by email at Froga28570@aol.com.

CLASS OF 1973

Save the Date! The 50-Year Reunion is being planned for the weekend of August 11, 12, and 13, 2023. More details will follow. For more information contact Class Coordinator Sue Bricker Kyser at susan_kyser@att.net or committee member Debbie Pagani Fehr at sdpages1@yahoo.com.

CLASS OF 1977

The SHS Class of 1977 will hold its 45-Year Reunion on Saturday, September 24, 2022. A reception at the newly renovated Salem High School Alumni Association office on East State Street will be held from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. Light refreshments will be served. At 4:00 p.m. the class will meet at the home of Diana Monteleone Carli. A potluck dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. followed by a bonfire, games, and fellowship until 10:00 p.m. More details are being mailed to classmates. For more information contact Rick Fithian at rnfithian@ymail.com.

CLASS OF 1982

The 40-Year Reunion for the SHS Class of 1982 will be held during the third weekend of August. On Friday, August 19, there will be a Friday Night Mixer/Pool Party hosted by Joyce Minamyer starting at 6:00 p.m. for classmates and guests. On Saturday, August 20, there is a Class of '82 Golf Outing followed by a Class Reunion Celebration at the Italian American Club at 7:00 p.m. Check the Class of 1982 Facebook page for details regarding the golf outing. The celebration at the IAC requires no RSVP, but classmates are encouraged to bring a food item to share. Donations will be accepted at the door. On Sunday, August 21, class member Jim Harrington will host a brunch at his home at 11:00 a.m. The Class of 1982 Facebook page will have more details closer to the time of the event. For information please email the Class Coordinators - Frank Zamarelli at frankz99@aol.com or Matt Yerkey at myerkey@neo.rr.com.

CLASS OF 2002

The SHS Class of 2002 will be celebrating its 20-Year Class Reunion this fall for a weekend of fun. They will meet at the Homecoming football game on Friday, September 23, and then gather on Saturday, September 24 for an evening out. For more information, please join the Salem High School Class of 2002 Facebook page or email the class at salemhighschoolclassof2002@gmail.com. Class coordinator Amanda Jesko Miles can be contacted at amanda.jesko@gmail.com.

CLASS OF 2012

Plans are being made for the Class of 2012 10-Year Class Reunion. Classmates are discussing getting together on a Friday/Saturday night for a Quaker football game. Watch for more details and contact Class Coordinator Annie Saltsman-Zeno at aesaltsman@gmail.com for questions or information.

SHSAA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CEREMONY

This program will honor the students who are receiving SHSAA 2022 scholarships and include the SHSAA Annual Meeting. Special recognition of the 2022 SHSAA Honored Alumnus will also be a part of the evening's event. All are welcome and no tickets will be needed for admission.

Date: Saturday, May 21, 2022

Location/Time: SHS Auditorium – 6:30 p.m.

Contact: Scholarship Chairperson Jean Kiliman Esposito at jmkespo@yahoo.com or Exec. Director Audrey Cleveland Null at audrey@salemohioalumni.org



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SHSAA OPEN HOUSE

This celebratory reception will immediately follow the SHSAA Scholarship Award Ceremony. It will be an opportunity for all alumni, scholarship recipients, and family and friends to meet and greet each other and congratulate scholarship recipients and the 2022 SHSAA Honored Alumnus. A short program will recognize the 50-Year SHS Class of 1972, and we will announce the schedule of class reunion events. Catered refreshments will be served. All are welcome and there is no ticket needed to attend this gathering.

Date: Saturday, May 21, 2022

Location/Time: SHS Cafeteria – Following the SHSAA Scholarship Award Ceremony at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Contact: Alumni-Relations Chairperson Mickey Cope Weaver at mawweaver@aol.com or Exec. Director Audrey Cleveland Null at audrey@salemohioalumni.org

SHS Alumni Weekend

Plans are being made for a weekend of music, art, Open Houses, and activities that will bring together SHS alumni and friends! The Downtown Salem Partnership and the Salem Summer Concert Series Committee have joined together with SHSAA for multiple planned events for all to enjoy. There is no cost for these activities unless advertised by the venue in advance. A full schedule of events will be available by July 1, 2022.

Date: Saturday, August 13, 2022 and Sunday, August 14, 2022

Location: Downtown Salem venues and Waterworth Memorial Park

Contact: Alumni-Relations Chairperson Mickey Cope Weaver at mawweaver@aol.com or Exec. Director Audrey Cleveland Null at audrey@salemohioalumni.org

Please access the SHSAA website at www.salemohioalumni.org or the SHSAA Facebook page for changes or updates to these events and for other SHS reunion celebrations.



Another construction project will soon be started at SHSAA as the back wall of the historic building has suffered from age and needs to be repaired. Lencyk Masonry Company from Youngstown, Ohio secured the building's wall with wood supports in the fall. The structural engineering firm Barber and Hoffman from Cranberry Township,

Pennsylvania, and construction company Adolph Johnson & Son from Mineral Ridge, Ohio, were selected to aid the alumni association with the work that needs to be done. Local bids from Salem area contractors were obtained before Adolph Johnson & Son, the company who did the 2019 renovation, was awarded the bid at the end of March.

June 14, 1882



Happy Birthday, SHSAA! On June 14, 2022, the alumni association will be 140 years old. We can all be proud of its longevity and success. Alumni and friends are encouraged to

honor the occasion by purchasing a specially created SHSAA Founders' Day Birthday Box, full of Salem-centric items. Half of the cost of the box will be recorded as a donation to the association. Orders will be taken, and the boxes will be available for pick up or will be mailed at an added cost. Details about the Birthday Box will soon be posted on the website and SHSAA Facebook page.

The SHSAA Wall of Art Is a Work in Progress

The Salem High School Alumni Association has started to build a wall of art featuring pieces created by Salem graduates. It is hoped that many connections with SHS alumni, the artists, and the local community will be made by bringing alumni artwork into the association to be enjoyed and shared.

Late last summer, SHSAA Alumni Relations Committee Chairperson/Second Vice President Mickey Cope Weaver, SHS Class of 1960, collaborated with Executive Director Audrey Cleveland Null '76 to organize all the art that had been donated to the alumni association over the years. Various paintings and other pieces of art were hanging in separate locations throughout the office. "The second floor of the newly renovated office is where the Board of Trustees conducts meetings. The east wall of the room was blank and had track lighting attached to the ceiling from the former tenant. We decided it was an ideal spot for featuring alumni artists," Null said. "Mickey volunteered to assist in hanging the art, and the idea of completing the wall with other donations



SHSAA Alumni Relations Chairperson/Second Vice President Mickey Cope Weaver '60 is proudly standing beside a large variety of art pieces that were previously donated to the association. Alumni artists that are interested in donating to the SHSAA Wall of Art are asked to contact the office for more information.



Two unique glass art pieces of Quaker Sam and the Quaker Lady were donated in December 2021 by the Keener family. Carmen Keener from the SHS Class of 1991 began Only Carmen Designs after she started making handcrafted jewelry for herself and as gifts for family and friends. There was such a wonderful response and reaction that she decided to start selling her commissioned original glass medium art pieces. Carmen had her family help her when she worked on the Salem pieces. We thank the Keeners for this wonderful donation to the alumni association. (Left to right) Don Keener, Carmen Keener '91, Marilyn Tasker Keener, SHS Class of 1966, and John Keener, SHS Class of 2000.

from Salem graduates was born." Vicki DeJane Zeigler, SHS Class of 1965, helped Weaver with the project.

Now the objective is to solicit art from Salem alumni artists and complete the wall by this summer's SHS Alumni Weekend celebration in August. All donations will become the property of the alumni association. Also, donors will be asked to acknowledge that their piece of art will live on the SHSAA Wall of Art, thus finding its permanent home. SHSAA requests that the artwork be properly framed. Background information describing the piece and the artist should accompany the art, as a catalog/information guide will be created for those visiting and viewing the SHSAA Wall of Art.

"The association will be holding an SHS Alumni Weekend Open House on Saturday, August 13, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., and we invite our alumni and friends to stop in during the weekend celebration," said Weaver. "We will also be highlighting the display of alumni authors in one of our office's showcases. The donation of books from our alumni authors is very much appreciated, as it is one of our most popular displays."

Alumni artists and authors are encouraged to contact Null at the SHSAA office to arrange for art or book donations. Quaker pride is exemplified when we recognize the artistic and literary talents of our SHS graduates!



A popular showcase in the alumni association’s lobby is the display of fiction and non-fiction books written by SHS graduates. The Salem High School Alumni Association gratefully accepts donations from Salem alumni who have authored a book. We are proud to add them to our impressive display for all to enjoy.



Is this your artwork? We are trying to locate the artist who created these four pieces in SHS art class during the years 1972-1975. Sharon Janovec from the SHS Class of 1975 stopped into the alumni association office and said she found them and wanted to return them to their owner. We ask that the artist please contact us at SHSAA. We would like to return them or have the person who created them donate the artwork to the SHSAA Wall of Art.

Quaker *Scoreboard*

Congratulations to the Salem girls basketball team! We are proud of the Lady Quakers who won the Ashtabula Lakeside Division II district title and were the winners of the first regional semifinal game since the 2003-2004 season. Coach Sarah Hamilton, SHS Class of 2005, was selected as the 2022 Columbiana County Coach of the Year and successfully led the Lady Quakers to a 20-5 record. **Love Those Quakers!**



- Football - 8-4
- Volleyball - 14-10
- Boys Soccer - 10-6-1
- Girls Soccer - 15-3
- Boys Golf - 1-12
- Girls Tennis - 7-14
- Boys Basketball - 9-14
- Wrestling team - 16-7 - EOWL Division 2 Tournament Champions
- Boys Cross Country - 1st County - 3rd League 4th District - 12th Regional
- Girls Cross Country - 1st County - 2nd League 1st District - 4th Regional - 4th State



Please submit any alumni news or alumni accomplishments to audrey@salemohioalumni.org by October 1, 2022, for inclusion in the Summer/Fall 2022 SHSAA newsletter.



1961



Randy Strader has gained well-earned recognition for three very different endeavors. Throughout the Salem area, he is known for his local Tribute Band that plays concerts at a variety of venues and events. His former band, Randy and the Renegades, toured with Dick Clark's Caravan of Stars in the

'60s, playing at state fairs, county fairs, and clubs. Strader has been recognized by ASCAP (the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers) for 70 musical copyrights from 1961 to 2001, some of which were used in movies, TV, and for various recording artists.

His second achievement involves fluid power, which is the use of fluids under pressure to generate, control, and transmit power. He successfully advanced fluid power applications from 1981 through 2010 and received 2 hydraulic device patents while working with NFPA (National Fluid Power Association). Strader holds a 7th-degree black belt in karate and also has won many championship awards for shot put at the national level of USA Track and Field Association competitions. He is listed in the "Who's Who in Track and Field" and entered the Ohio Senior Olympics Hall of Fame in 2013.



1964



With more than 50 years of experience in system safety, reliability analysis, probabilistic risk assessment, and safeguards and security analysis, **Howard E. Lambert, Ph.D., P.E.**, has conducted numerous chemical process safety and availability studies. He worked eight years on a fault tree analysis (FTA)

study of the Defense Waste Processing Facility (DWPF) at the Savannah River Site (SRS), addressing fire and explosion

hazards. He is the author of the fault tree computer code IMPORTANCE that has been used by several organizations worldwide for conducting major process hazards reviews including Boeing Aerospace Company where IMPORTANCE was ranked number one in fitting the needs of the U. S. Air Force.

Dr. Lambert has also taught numerous training courses in reliability, safety engineering, and probabilistic risk assessment. He is a registered professional engineer in the State of California in the areas of nuclear engineering and safety engineering and holds a Ph.D. from UC Berkeley in Nuclear Engineering, an ME in Nuclear Engineering from the University of Florida, a BE in Chemical Engineering, and a BS in Mathematics from Youngstown State University. A listing of Dr. Lambert's publications and other information can be found at www.FTAASSOCIATES.com.



1980



Brian Barr was elected to the Explorers Club in New York City in July of 2021. The Explorers Club is an international organization dedicated to the advancement of field exploration and scientific inquiry. Barr was elected for his participation in several U.S. Air Force Advanced Range Instrumentation Aircraft (ARIA)

flights flown by the 4950th Test Wing from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in support of the NASA Space Shuttle in the late 1980s and early 1990s. ARIA crews flying out of WPAFB located near Dayton, Ohio, tracked Space Shuttle launches, provided communication links with ground controllers, and collected downrange telemetry data on shuttle missions. They also tracked the launch of unmanned space probes including the Galileo probe to Jupiter and the Magellan probe to Venus in 1989.

Barr is a pilot and was assigned to the 2750th Air Base Wing and Aeronautical Systems Center headquarters while at WPAFB. Other members of the Explorers Club include Jeff Bezos and Elon Musk and past members Neil Armstrong and Teddy Roosevelt.



1990



Effective as of January 3, 2022, **Gertrude "Gert" Wilms** joined the City of Akron's administration as the Chief of Staff. Her duties include overseeing all functions of the Mayor's office, managing messages and communications for the city, and overseeing strategic initiatives and special projects. Wilms graduated from

the Ohio State University with a double major in history and political science and received her Juris Doctor and Master in Public Administration from the University of Akron. She was admitted to the Ohio Bar in 2001.

While in law school, Wilms began her career in public service as an advocate with the Battered Women's Shelter of Summit County, helping survivors of domestic violence navigate through the local criminal and domestic relations courts. The following year, she took a position with the Akron Prosecutor's Office, and for nearly two decades Wilms served the Akron community as a municipal prosecutor. In 2012, she was appointed to Chief City Prosecutor and prosecuted more than 10,000 cases. Wilms performs volunteer service on numerous community councils, coalitions, task forces, and boards. She serves as the LGBTQ Liaison to Mayor Horrigan and as a founding member of the Akron Pride Festival.



2004



Two of the poems of **Elizabeth Tussey** have been selected for publication in *I Thought I Heard a Cardinal Sing: Ohio's Appalachian Voices*. Published by the Academy of American Poets and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the anthology was sent to 732 libraries in Ohio in March 2022. Tussey's poetry

may also be found in *Women of Appalachia, Volume 7*. A prose memoir book chapter connecting her experience as the daughter of two Kent State Shooting survivors to her love of horror films will be included in a collection of essays about philosopher Mark Fisher's concept of Hauntology and childhood experiences with horror films.

Tussey graduated in 2008 with a Bachelor of Arts in English from Kent State University, earned a Master of Fine Arts in 2012, and is currently working on a Master of Library and Information Science at the University of Pittsburgh.



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- Class of 1938 -		- Class of 1955 -		- Class of 1970 -	
Ralph Probert	11/17/21	Kenneth "Ken" Bosu	12/7/21	Charles Leaf	1/18/22
- Class of 1940 -		Kenneth Schwebach	2/3/22	Marilyn Shinn Smith	12/14/21
Evelyn "Louise" Ketterer Faini	1/22/22	Nancy Tullis Hough	1/3/22	Randy Hanzlick	10/25/21
- Class of 1941 -		Shirley Werner Katara	1/7/22	Sharon Mahouski Sobek	1/23/22
June Martin Bauman	3/22/22	William DeFavero	12/25/21	- Class of 1971 -	
- Class of 1942 -		- Class of 1956 -		Cheryl Bork Hicks	11/4/21
Deborah Beery	2/1/22	Richard Kelly	10/15/21	Judy Lydic Davis	1/6/22
- Class of 1943 -		Sally Hutcheson Bertolette	1/29/22	Mary Lou Dewan Kirsch	2/17/22
Charles Gibbs	10/20/21	- Class of 1957 -		- Class of 1972 -	
- Class of 1944 -		Audrey Votaw Firth	3/17/22	Rosemary Stepanic Roe	11/1/21
Arlene Johnson Kleon	1/17/22	Donna Rhodes Crosser	12/10/21	Sharon Loutzenhiser Moon	2/23/22
Gladys McDonald Johnson	1/12/22	Gerald Menning	11/22/21	- Class of 1973 -	
- Class of 1945 -		Joseph "Joe" Bryan	10/30/21	Robert James	11/4/21
Dolores Poorbaugh Volio	10/18/21	- Class of 1958 -		Sheila Sacco Weaver	9/18/21
Elaine Slosser Davis	12/8/21	Ronald Irely	12/24/21	Vicki Cowan	12/29/21
Elizabeth "Betty" Gibbs Thatcher	11/6/21	- Class of 1959 -		- Class of 1974 -	
Helen Haessly Frank	2/16/22	John Roberts	2/6/22	Michael Crouse	12/27/21
- Class of 1946 -		William "Bill" Reed	9/23/21	- Class of 1976 -	
France Sechler Tuel	3/16/22	- Class of 1960 -		Donald Sobotka	12/3/21
Gordon Roessler	3/20/22	Barbara Jeffries Thomas	3/5/22	Jill Votaw Molnar	3/15/22
Josephine Marino Saunders	3/15/22	Judith Lora Miller	9/29/21	- Class of 1977 -	
- Class of 1947 -		Robert Lambert	2/8/22	David Fowler	3/15/22
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James Laughlin	2/24/22	Theresa Viola Everson	12/1/21	- Class of 1980 -	
Joan Hannay Lora	3/8/22	- Class of 1962 -		Karen Keefer Humphreys	10/23/21
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Mary Lou Horning Whiteleather	2/27/22	Richard Huffman	3/25/22	Alan Price	12/24/21
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William "Bill" Salmen	10/28/21	Timothy McGaffick	10/12/21	Craig Diehl	12/2/21
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Helen Brown Meissner	2/25/22	- Class of 1968 -		- Class of 1998 -	
- Class of 1953 -		Carol Ware Hively	10/21/21	Shannon Leininger	12/2/21
Barbara DeRienzo Willard	12/5/21	Charles Price III	10/26/21	- Class of 2008 -	
Connie Gillett Tolson	3/28/22	Craig Smith	3/13/22	Erik Carlson	3/30/22
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Keith Dole	10/28/21	Thomas Patton	3/16/22	Ashley Hartt	12/17/21
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Dale Iler	12/1/21	Jannette Rickman Leatherman	1/15/22		
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