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A Lasting Tribute: Alumni Create Two Memorial Scholarships

An endowed SHSAA scholarship established in memory of loved ones is a powerful gift of remembrance. It is a deeply meaningful and enduring way to honor a person's legacy, while supporting Salem students who are in pursuit of education.

Ensuring that the memory of family members is celebrated and lives on in perpetuity, two alumni have made the thoughtful decision to develop scholarships that will make a positive impact upon the lives of current and future students.

Arthur and Gladys Wright Votaw Memorial First Responder Scholarship



In January of 2025, alumnus Jeff Votaw, SHS Class of 1974, contacted SHSAA Executive Director Audrey Null to inquire about endowing a scholarship in memory of his father, Arthur "Art" Votaw, SHS Class of 1947. A meeting was then arranged with Jeff and his mother, Gladys Wright Votaw, SHS Class of 1950. During that conversation, it was decided they would move forward with this meaningful tribute to Art, a dedicated Salem firefighter who served the community for 32 years.

Unfortunately, Gladys became ill with pneumonia in February, and a second meeting with Jeff and his mother to discuss plans did not take place. Sadly, Gladys passed away on February 26, 2025.

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Cindy O'Brian Memorial Education Scholarship



Doug O'Brian, SHS Class of 1970, walked into the SHSAA office late last spring after making an important decision to honor his beloved wife. It was clear to SHSAA Executive Director Audrey Null that Doug was still grieving the loss of Cindy Kersmarki O'Brian, SHS Class of 1972 - a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and dedicated educator, who had passed away in the fall of 2024.

Doug had read the Winter/Spring SHSAA newsletter and learned that his classmate Tom Kornbau '70 had recently endowed two scholarships. He felt that remembering Cindy by endowing a scholarship in her name would be a meaningful tribute. What better way to honor

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Arthur & Gladys Wright Votaw Memorial First Responder Scholarship continued

But an SHSAA scholarship remained at the forefront of Jeff's intentions, and he met with Executive Director Null in March to finalize the scholarship details. Following the loss of his mother, Jeff decided the scholarship should honor both of his parents.

The **Arthur and Gladys Wright Votaw Memorial First Responder Scholarship** was created to assist a student pursuing the education or initial certification required to become a first responder. Eligible students must enroll in an accredited specialized education or training program leading to a certificate, license, associate degree, bachelor's degree, or advanced degree in a first responder field.

Jeff Votaw knew his mother wanted the scholarship to support students seeking careers as first responders—those who are among the first to arrive and provide help at the scene of an emergency. His father, Art, served as a medic in the U.S. Army during the Korean War where he drove an ambulance for the MASH unit to which he was assigned, demonstrating his bravery and commitment to serving others.

After returning home from the war, Art began a distinguished career with the Salem Fire Department. Among his most notable firefighting efforts were responses to the fires that destroyed two popular downtown Salem establishments, the Metzgar Hotel and the Lape Hotel. He was also heavily involved in the McKinley School arson case. One of his most memorable accomplishments was being credited with helping to save two children from a house fire.

Art Votaw retired in 1985 and later worked for several years as a deliveryman for Endres-Gross Florist. He was a former deacon at the First Christian Church in Salem and a devoted member of the First Presbyterian Church of Salem. He was an avid fan of the Cleveland Indians and the Cleveland Browns, and he had coached for many years for the Salem Junior Baseball League. Art was a loyal family man who shared 72 years of marriage with his wife, Gladys.

Gladys Wright Votaw graduated from Salem High School in 1950 and married Art in February 1952. She lived her life with deep faith, a strong work ethic, and a devoted love of family. Gladys built an excellent reputation as a dedicated beautician, having worked for many years at Bonfert's Beauty Shop.

Her steadfast faith was reflected in her long-time membership at the First Presbyterian Church of Salem, where she served as an elder, deaconess, and Sunday School teacher. Gladys loved nature and was also a member of the Salem Garden Study Club. She especially enjoyed visiting Molnar Farms, where her daughter, Jill Votaw Molnar, SHS Class of 1976, lived for many years. Gladys was well known for her talent in creating beautiful quilts, many of which she lovingly shared with others.

Both Art and Gladys deeply cherished family life. In addition to their son Jeff, their family includes son Alan Votaw, SHS Class of 1972, and his wife Darlene; their late daughter Jill; son-in-law Rick Molnar; nine grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren.

Cindy O'Brian Memorial Education Scholarship continued

someone who devoted her life to improving the lives of so many students?

The **Cindy O'Brian Memorial Education Scholarship** was established for students with a 3.0 or higher GPA who will be pursuing a bachelor's degree with a major in education. Examples of programs include, but are not limited to, early childhood, middle childhood, adolescent/young adult, physical, gifted, and special education.

After graduating from Salem High School, Cindy continued her education at Youngstown State University, where she received her undergraduate degree in K-8 Elementary Education and later a master's degree in Gifted and Talented Education. She was a passionate educator and a highly admired teacher in the Salem City School District. Cindy absolutely loved her job at Southeast School, where she made a lasting impact during her 22-year career by touching the hearts and minds of countless young lives.

Doug fondly recalled that Cindy was excited to get to her room every day. She had an old-style telephone booth in her classroom - exactly the one that is now on display at the Salem Historical Society Museum. Students loved the booth, and each hoped to be selected for a special reading time inside of it. Cindy encouraged her students to be creative, and Doug related that the students in her classes remembered her for the imaginative ways she inspired them.

Cindy had numerous decorations on special days like St. Patrick's Day, Thanksgiving, Easter, and many others. She strived to think of ways to motivate and inspire her students. Doug shared that the extra effort she expected from her students is one of the reasons so many remember her as their favorite teacher.

During her four years at Salem High School, Cindy sang in the choir and was active in Art Guild, German Club, and Pep Club. She was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church in Salem, and she is remembered for her friendly nature and cheerful smile. Cindy and Doug enjoyed many adventures and travels. She greatly enjoyed raising a family. Cindy's lasting legacy lives on through their two sons, both Salem High School graduates: Michael O'Brian, SHS Class of 1995, and Matthew O'Brian, SHS Class of 1999, and her four grandchildren.

SHSAA Scholarship Chairman Dr. Peter Apicella '82 gave his gratitude for this year's two new scholarships, stating, "We are so grateful to our generous donors, who since 1903, have provided more than \$10 million in scholarship funds to our fellow Salem High School graduates. The new **Arthur and Gladys Wright Votaw Memorial First Responder** and **Cindy O'Brian Memorial Education Scholarships** will continue that proud legacy. We invite others to make a lasting gift through our association to benefit future graduates." Specific details of these two new scholarships are outlined below. Applicants are encouraged to apply online at www.salemohioalumni.org.

The **Arthur and Gladys Wright Votaw Memorial First Responder Scholarship** supports the education and initial certification of individuals pursuing careers as first responders. Those careers include firefighters, law enforcement officers, EMTs and paramedics, search and rescue and technical/heavy rescue personnel, and public works employees. Funding will assist with specialized training, credentials, or degrees these fields require. Open to graduating Salem High School seniors and alumni at any stage of life, the scholarship provides one annual \$2,500 award to a current student and up to \$2,500 total each year for alumni seeking specialty education or initial certification on a first-come, first-served basis, with requests accepted outside the regular scholarship timeline. Any funds not awarded will roll forward to support future general scholarships and grants.

Graduating High School Student:

- Enroll in an accredited specialized education or training program that leads to a certificate, a license, an associate degree, a bachelor's degree, or an advanced degree as a first responder.
- Complete the online Applicant General Information form.
- Write an essay explaining your plans after graduation and why becoming a first responder is important to you (250-500 words).
- Obtain one letter of recommendation from an individual who knows you well and can speak to your qualifications for this scholarship.
- Upload a copy of your acceptance letter from the accredited educational or training program.
- Upload a copy of your high school transcript making sure it includes your first semester grades of your graduation year and your ACT scores. Please consult with your guidance counselor if unsure when transcripts will be ready.
- Upload a copy of your Student Aid Index (SAI) from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Upload a recent photo for publication.
- Acknowledge your application is complete and accurate and that you agree to SHSAA's scholarship policies and terms.
- Note, for all high school-level scholarships, your parent or guardian will be notified of your scholarship submission.

Postsecondary Student:

- Be a graduate of Salem High School in Salem, Ohio.
- Be enrolled in an accredited specialized education or training program that leads to a certificate, a license, an associate degree, a bachelor's degree, or an advanced degree as a first responder.
- Complete the online Applicant General Information form.
- Write an essay explaining your plans after graduation and why becoming a first responder is important to you (250-500 words).
- Obtain one letter of recommendation from an individual who knows you well and can speak to your qualifications for this scholarship.
- If you have already begun your postsecondary education, upload a copy of your postsecondary transcript to date. If you have not begun your postsecondary education, upload a copy of your Salem High School transcript. An unofficial transcript is acceptable but must contain your name, the school name, and all completed grades.
- Upload a letter of acceptance or proof of enrollment into an accredited specialized

education or training program that leads to a certificate, a license, an associate degree, a bachelor's degree, or an advanced degree as a first responder.

- Upload a copy of your Student Aid Index (SAI) from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This scholarship considers financial need.
- Upload a recent photo for publication.
- Acknowledge your application is complete and accurate and that you agree to SHSAA's scholarship policies and terms.

For any alumnus interested in applying for a scholarship that will help fund specialty training or the initial certification examination, please access the website at www.salemohioalumni.org and click on the Scholarships section and the heading Votaw First Responder Scholarship Application.

The **Cindy O'Brian Memorial Education Scholarship** was created for students with a 3.0 or better GPA who will be pursuing a bachelor's degree with a major in education. Students pursuing a teaching career in any subject field are encouraged to apply.

Graduating High School Student:

Applicants must have a minimum 3.00 high school GPA and must be pursuing a bachelor's degree with a major in education.

- Earn a high school GPA of 3.0 or above as determined at the end of the first semester of the graduation year. Please consult with your guidance counselor if unsure.
- Enroll in a college or university program that leads to a bachelor's degree with a major in education.
- Complete the online Applicant General Information form.
- Write an essay which discusses why you have chosen a career in education. Consider discussing your passion for learning and sharing, creativity, desire to make a difference, and lifelong learning commitment to this important profession. Please include financial need information if pertinent. (250-500 words).
- Upload a copy of your acceptance letter from the college/university.
- Upload a copy of your high school transcript making sure it includes your first semester grades of your graduation year and your ACT scores. Please consult with your guidance counselor if unsure when transcripts will be ready.
- Upload a copy of proof of majoring in education.
- Upload the page showing your Student Aid Index (SAI) from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This scholarship takes into account financial need. Only the page showing the SAI is required for your application.
- Upload a recent photo for publication.
- Acknowledge your application is complete and accurate and that you agree to SHSAA's scholarship policies and terms.
- Note, for all high school-level scholarships, your parent or guardian will be notified of your scholarship submission.

Postsecondary Student:

- Be a graduate of Salem High School in Salem, Ohio.
- Be completing or have completed at least one postsecondary educational year at an accredited college or university in a bachelor's degree program in education.
- Maintain at least a 3.0 GPA in your postsecondary education.
- Complete the online Applicant General Information form.
- Write an essay which discusses why you have chosen a career in education. Consider discussing your passion for learning and sharing, creativity, desire to make a difference, and lifelong learning commitment to this important profession. Please include financial need information if pertinent (250-500 words).
- Upload a copy of your postsecondary transcript to date. An unofficial transcript is acceptable but must contain your name, the school name, and all completed grades.
- Upload proof of your declared major or advanced degree in education.
- Upload a copy of your Student Aid Index (SAI) from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This scholarship takes into account financial need.
- Upload a recent photo for publication.
- Acknowledge your application is complete and accurate and that you agree to SHSAA's scholarship policies and terms.



FROM THE ALUMNI OFFICE

Audrey Cleveland Null '76

SHSAA has made it a tradition to honor the Salem High School class celebrating its 50th year since graduation. Special recognition is given during the organization's Annual Meeting, and the 50-year class is invited to showcase memorabilia from that year in one of the alumni office displays. It is somewhat inconceivable to me, but it is now my turn to celebrate this milestone with my classmates!

Alumni Weekend in August will bring the SHS Class of 1976 together for a time of reunion, reflection, and memory-making. I find myself wondering how this can be, as it seems like only yesterday that I was walking through the halls of good old Salem High and living the idyllic life of a teenager in the 1970s.

I am often asked, "Don't you want to retire?" It is a legitimate question, as I will soon be 68 years old. Most of my high school and college friends are enjoying retirement, and my husband is also retired. My reply is always, "I love my job, and unless I feel I can no longer assist the Board of Trustees in making a difference, I will continue working."

That answer is deeply important to me - making a difference. I only wish I could fully convey the impact of SHSAA's work and how it is creating opportunities for Salem students in so many meaningful ways. Through SHSAA scholarships, students are able to pursue higher education with greater confidence and fewer financial barriers. Funding from Classroom Grants and Named Grants awarded to teachers and students brings creative, innovative ideas to life. These additional resources make possible projects, programs, and materials that otherwise would not exist, and they are truly appreciated by our Salem teachers.

It is a privilege to serve as Executive Director of SHSAA and to witness the generosity of our alumni. The heart of a Salem Quaker beats strong - forever filled with pride and, in so many of you, with extraordinary generosity. In this newsletter, you will read about the philanthropic gifts of Jeff Votaw '74, Doug

O'Brian '70, and Drs. Austin '08 and Liz '08 Fredrickson. Their investments will make a lasting difference and demonstrate to our students that an entire community of alumni believes in their success and is committed to their future.

And what about those classes that have banded together to create new scholarships? I would be remiss if I did not mention the SHS Class of 1977, whose members have been diligently working toward a new scholarship and have achieved their goal a full year before their 50th reunion. How inspiring it is to see Quaker alumni open their hearts in support of this most worthy cause.

Equally inspiring are the classmates from the SHS Class of 1975. After celebrating their reunion last summer, they set a goal of establishing a scholarship by their 55th class reunion in 2030. In just one year, they are already nearly halfway to the \$100,000 needed to endow it. This generosity is second to none and reflects a deep and lasting commitment to Salem students.

Have you thought about making a difference? The SHSAA Board of Trustees has recently introduced a new sustained giving program, **ALWAYS A QUAKER** (see below). Giving what you can each month is a simple but powerful way to demonstrate your belief in our mission and support the work of SHSAA.

On behalf of the SHSAA Board of Trustees and myself, thank you to all who make a difference and continue to show love for our Salem Quakers!

With Quaker pride and gratitude,

Audrey

Audrey Cleveland Null '76
SHSAA Executive Director



ALWAYS A Quaker

DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

- Create year-round impact with effortless monthly contributions.
- "Pay it Forward" with dollars funding future scholarship recipients.
- Help ensure consistent support for Salem students, classroom grants, and other sponsored programs.
- Be part of a dedicated group of alumni investing in what comes next.

Check out the Donate Tab on our website or scan the QR code to get started.
Any questions? Email: Info@salemohioalumni.org or call 330-332-1427

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Creating Opportunities Through Grants

The Salem High School Alumni Association supports its mission of fostering student development by offering **Classroom Grants** of \$100–\$500 to K–12 teachers in the Salem City School District. This program helps enhance educational opportunities, enrich the classroom environment, and support the academic, physical, and mental growth of Salem students.

Grant recipients are selected by the SHSAA Scholarship and Grant Committee with approval from the Board of Trustees. Awards are made on a first-come, first-served basis, and funds are disbursed directly to the school district. In 2025, SHSAA proudly provided \$11,282.82 to Salem classrooms. Since 2024, 56 grants have been awarded, totaling \$22,821.61.

The **Career Education Grants**, also in the amount of \$100–\$500, support groups of eligible K–12 students and alumni by funding educational events or materials that expand career awareness, enhance learning, and provide meaningful, lasting impact.

Named Grants are established to create a permanent source of annual support for eligible K–12 classrooms, school-sanctioned organizations or events, and association-sponsored programs or services. A restricted gift of \$10,000 or more creates a permanent fund, with 5% of the principal (\$500 each year) distributed to support a purpose developed in partnership with the donor and approved by SHSAA. Named Grants may honor the donor, a loved one, a class year, an organization, a business, a foundation, or be created in memory or recognition of an individual or family.

Current Named Grants include:

- **Dr. Peter Apicella Salem High School Biology Grant (2024)** – established by Dr. Peter Apicella '82 - Funds to be used by the SHS Biology Classes to encourage healthcare careers including doctors, nurses, and other wellness-related fields of study.
- **Kelly Janofa K-8 Gifted and Talented Education Grant (2025)** – See information on this page.

Alumni Honor Influential Educator

A check presentation was recently held at the Salem High School Alumni Association office to celebrate a generous \$10,000 gift made in fall of 2025 by Drs. Austin and Liz Fredrickson, members of the SHS Class of 2008. Their contribution establishes the endowed **Kelly Janofa K-8 Gifted and Talented Education Grant**. Annual proceeds from this fund will provide teachers with the resources needed to create challenging, engaging learning opportunities for gifted and talented students.

Kelly Finch Janofa, a 1983 SHS graduate, retired after 32 years of service to the Salem City School District. She earned her bachelor's degree from Miami University and her master's degree from Ashland College. During her career, she taught grades 3, 5, and 6 for 22 years and spent 10 years working with gifted and talented students in grades 4–8.

"I am incredibly touched that Drs. Austin and Liz Fredrickson are sponsoring this grant in my name," Janofa said. "Teaching has always been about making a difference in students' lives. It means the world to know that Liz and Austin remember our time together so fondly and that I had a small part in the people they have become. I am so proud. This grant, designed to help Salem's educators meet the needs of our students, means more to me than words can express."



The Fredricksons and Janofa (middle of photo) with SHSAA Executive Director, Audrey Cleveland Null.

Classroom Grant Is Appreciated

Salem teachers who receive SHSAA Classroom Grant monies are deeply appreciative of the opportunity to purchase enrichment materials and innovative resources that enhance their classroom curriculum and expand student learning experiences.

Dear Salem High School Alumni Association,

I would like to sincerely thank you for awarding my classroom grant this year. Your generosity will directly impact 134 seventh grade Social Studies students and help ensure they have the tools and resources they need to be successful.

The colored pencils, earbuds, and computer mice will support daily instruction and provide important supplies for students whose families may be unable to purchase them. The batteries for our interactive globe will allow us to continue using one of our most popular weekly learning stations, where students strengthen their geography skills while exploring countries' languages, currencies, and cultures in an engaging, hands-on way.

In addition, the games and "non-tech" activities will help me continue building motivation, morale, and a strong sense of classroom community. These activities allow students to practice collaboration, critical thinking, and sportsmanship while being rewarded for their hard work and positive behavior.

Thank you for investing in our students and supporting meaningful learning experiences at Salem Junior High. Your generosity truly makes a difference in our classroom.

With appreciation,
Ashley Kekel
7th Grade Social Studies
Salem Junior High School



Students in Ashley Kekel's classroom enjoyed the delivery and unboxing of special learning materials purchased with funds from an SHSAA Classroom Grant.



The Salem High School Alumni Association, founded in 1882, established Ohio's first high school alumni scholarship fund in 1903. Since 1908, more than \$10 million has been awarded to 2,730 students. Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of our alumni and donors, the alumni association's investment portfolio has grown to nearly \$15.5 million.

To honor the individuals whose leadership and philanthropy continue to advance our mission, the Salem High School Alumni Association has established the following **Recognition Societies**:

Lifetime Society

Membership for continuous annual donations of at least \$100, recognized after three years of giving, determined on January 1 of each year - (2023-2025)

Marion Ackerman '56
 Peter '82, M.D., and Sherri Apicella
 Steven J. '92 and Angela Sabatino '93 Bailey
 Matthew '98 and Addie Clutter '96 Bender
 Linda Sue Benson '77
 Frank '86 and Lisa Bezon
 BOC Water Hydraulics, Inc.
 Timothy Breit '71
 Kevin '74 and Linda Bush
 Butech Bliss
 Molly Merrill Buursma '77
 Roberta Chamberlain
 Nicholas Costa '12
 Tim '78 and Melissa Moffett '78 Costa
 Scot Darling '80
 Thomas Darling '80
 Adna Day '57
 Steve and Sarah Krichbaum '66 Decatur
 Larry '60 and Marsha Elrod '64 DeJane
 John '84 and Georgina Apicella '85 Dermotta
 Chris Dowd '75
 Susanne Earlaugh '64
 Richard Elliott '66
 Bill and Jean Kiliman '71 Esposito
 Max & Marjorie Fisher Foundation
 Charles Fox Fund
 Pauline French Fund
 William W. '58 and Esther Goodchild
 Honorable Dean Hansell '70
 Kristy Hinchliffe '04
 Edward Jones III and Carolyn Gordon '61 Jones
 Richard Karlis '77
 Trevor Lewis '60
 George Limestahl '66
 Millenium Machinery
 James Miller '66
 George Ansley '46 and Lynn Mitchell
 Daniel T. Moore '95

George W. Morris III '82
 The Moore Agency
 William Mowery '75
 Peter '76 and Audrey Cleveland '76 Null
 M. Jay '66 and Mary Oana
 Clete '82, M.D., and Amy Paumier
 Peter J. Riley '69
 Richard Rogers '58
 Joseph '66 and Cindy Mancuso '66 Rottenborn
 Steven Sabol '62, M.D., Ph.D.
 Cari Sanchez-Potter '99
 Bonnie Campbell Sarginger '53
 Gary '72 and Vivian Knight '72 Saunders
 Bob '54 and Linda Sebo
 Bobbi Pauline Seguin '82
 John '81 and Carlotta Sheets
 Mary Beth Lowdermilk Shirk '79
 Joe '66 and Madeline Patton '77 Shivers
 Joe and Pamela Cabas '68 Sigurani
 Jon Steele '64
 David '75 and Patti Elrod '74 Stevenson
 Janet Falkenstein Taylor '66
 Beverly Thomas '67
 Richard Treleven '63
 Thomas '75 and Barb Coy '74 Wagner
 Darrin Ward '89
 Robert Woolman '99
 Harry and Bessie Young Fund
 Frank '82 and Glory Zamarelli
 Jeff '81 and Jennifer Secrest '82 Zimmerman
 Terry Zocolo '65
 John '81 and Pamela Moore '81 Zornick

Leaders Society

Membership for living donors of funds totaling at least \$10,000 but less than \$100,000

Anonymous
 Peter '82, M.D., and Sherri Apicella
 Nancy Cope Murphy '58, Michele Cope Weaver '60, and Susan Cope '65
 Drs. Austin '08 and Liz '08 Frederickson
 Philip '61 and Marjory Greenisen
 Honorable Dean Hansell '70
 Todd '81 and Julie Olson

James and Sarah "Sally" Boone '75 Sexton
 Mary Beth Lowdermilk Shirk '79
 Beverly Thomas '67
 Gene Tullis '68, M.D.
 Salem High School Class of 1975*
 (*Denotes working toward \$100K for an SHSAA Named Scholarship)

Memorial Society

Membership for deceased individuals or families who have given or bequeathed funds, or for whom memorial donations have been made, totaling at least \$10,000 but less than \$100,000

Ruth Ann Altenhof '53
 D. Nelson and Marion Bailey
 John George Birk '36
 Burt (Carl) '42 and Mary Capel
 Fred E., Class of 1925, and Doris S. Cope
 Richard M. Coppock '56
 Mary Anderson Dunn, Class of 1897
 Donald and Betty Roessler '42 Greenamyner
 William Guappone '35
 Harold F. Hoprich '38, M.D.
 Betsy Young Johnson '59
 David W. Jones '43, M.D.
 Henry '37 and Aliliva Juhn
 Joseph F. Kelley '45, M.D.
 Wade '29 and Stella Loop
 Russell C. Loudon '46
 Jack B. Lozier '48
 John Mulford Sr., Class of 1917
 Mildred Barber Schuster '33
 J. Floyd Stamp '32
 Dorothy Failer Sullivan, Class of 1921
 Eleanor Szkola '37
 Olive Tetlow
 Harvey Walken '46
 Edith Lynn White, Class of 1917
 Eugene, Class of 1927, and Virginia Young
 Harry and Bessie Lease Young, Class of 1893

Quaker Sam Society

Membership for donation of funds totaling at least \$100,000

Marion Ackerman '56
C. Richard and Dorothy Pozniko '52
Beam
Janet Schuster Cummings '65
Joel E. Greenisen '54
Emma Bauman Holmes '43, Ph.D.
Thomas '70 and Mildred Lohri Kornbau
W. Robert Lowry II '73 and Family
Carolynn "Lynn" Mitchell for George
Ansley Mitchell '46
Doug O'Brian '70
Howard (Doc) Pardee Family and
scholarship benefactors
David '66 and Kathleen Scahill Roberts
'68
Florence C. Schafer, Class of 1923
Virginia E. Snyder '43 and scholarship
benefactors
John R. Stratton '64, M.D., and Carolyn
Webster-Stratton, Ph.D.
Doris Tetlow, Class of 1922
Jeffrey Votaw '74
Matt '82, D.D.S., and Wanda Yerkey
Salem High School Class of 1966
Salem High School Class of 1968
Salem High School Class of 1977

Quaker Lady Society

Membership for donation of funds totaling at least \$250,000

John F. Cone '44, Ph.D.
Max M. Fisher, Class of 1926
Charles F. Fox
Frederick E. '46 and Dana A. Notman
Gaunt
Robert '50 and Nancy Howell '53
Hickey, Leo '74 and Suzanne
Hickey, Keith Hickey, Adam '06 and
Caitlin Hickey, Robert "Nick" '73
and Lois Hickey '77 Peters,
Nicholas A. Peters '98, Benjamin
Peters, and Hickey Metal
Fabrication
J. Robert Sebo '54
Floyd W. Stone, D.D.S., and Cora May
Reich Stone '35

1882 Founders Society

Membership for donation of funds totaling at least \$500,000

Leon H. and Enid Colley
John P. Sharp Jr. '46

Legacy Society

Membership is for living individuals who commit to leave a legacy through estate planning

Peter '82, M.D., and Sherri Apicella
Timothy '78 and Melissa Moffett '78 Costa

Larry A. Davis '69 and Maureen Ryan
Honorable Dean Hansell '70
Daniel T. Moore '95
Peter '76 and Audrey Cleveland '76
Null
Edward and Bonnie Youtz '64
Verminski

Named Scholarships are bestowed in recognition of donation of funds totaling \$100,000. The year the scholarship was first awarded is given in parentheses.

Arthur and Gladys Wright Votaw
Memorial First Responder
Scholarship (2026)
Charles F. Fox Medical Scholarship
(1993)
Cindy O'Brian Memorial Education
Scholarship (2026)
Doris Tetlow Award (2014)
E. Blair Yerkey Memorial Ohio State
University Scholarship (2022)
Elizabeth (Lizzie) Lowry Memorial
Compassion Scholarship (2022)
Emma Bauman Holmes Vocational
Scholarship (2008)
Ernest and Lois Hill Kornbau STEM
Scholarship (2025)
Florence C. Schafer Award (2014)
Floyd and Cora May Reich Stone
Vocational Scholarship (1987)
Fred and Dana Gaunt Pharmacy
Scholarship (2021)
George Ansley Mitchell Memorial
Engineering Scholarship (2025)
Greenisen College Leadership
Scholarship (2008)
Greenisen Leadership Scholarship
(2004)
Hickey Vocational Scholarship (2007)
Howard (Doc) Pardee Music
Scholarship (2007)
J. Robert Sebo Achievement
Scholarship (1999)
J. Robert Sebo Bowling Green State
University Scholarship (2001)
J. Robert Sebo College Scholarship
(2002)
John F. Cone Humanities Scholarship
(2011)
John Michael Pozniko Engineering
Scholarship (2011)
John P. Sharp Jr. Engineering
Scholarship (2019)
John P. Sharp Jr. Entrepreneurship
Scholarship
John P. Sharp Jr. Outstanding
Performance Scholarship (2019)
John P. Sharp Jr. Scholarship of
Promise (2019)
John R. Stratton and Carolyn Webster-
Stratton Medical Student
Scholarship (2019)

Leon H. Colley Award (2014)
Lois A. Peters Memorial Business
Scholarship (2014)
Marion Ackerman Vocational
Scholarship (2024)
Max M. Fisher Athletic Scholarship
(1973)
Memorial Society Award (2012)
Nancy Hickey Memorial Healthcare
Scholarship (2012)
Nina J. Cone and Stephen F. Cone
Music Scholarship (2012)
Rudy Schuster Memorial Scholarship
(2025)
Salem High School Class of 1966
Scholarship (2007)
Salem High School Class of 1968
Education Scholarship (2018)
Thomas and Mildred Lohri Kornbau
Engineering Scholarship (2025)
Virginia E. Snyder English Scholarship
(2019)

Academic Merit Scholarships (1908) are provided to graduating Salem High School seniors with 3.75 or higher grade point averages through the generous donations of all donors to SHSAA.

Named Grants are bestowed upon donors who make restricted donations in the amount of at least \$10,000 to create perpetual Named Grants which will provide annual funding for a grant created in conjunction with the donor and approved by the association, either (a) in the name of the donor, family, friends, class year, organization, business, foundation, or (b) in recognition, honor, or memory of an individual or family.

The goal of Named Grants shall be to make a lasting impact on K-12 students and/or alumni and may provide annual support for eligible K-12 schools or classrooms, school-sanctioned organizations or events, or association-sponsored programs or services.

Dr. Peter Apicella Salem High School Biology Grant (2024) - gifted by Dr. Peter Apicella '82

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Salem City Schools Holds Groundbreaking Ceremony for New Facility

It was an unforgettable, history-making day for Salem City Schools on August 8, 2025! Hundreds of teachers, students, alumni, and community members gathered at the farmland site of the future kindergarten through eighth grade school to mark the official groundbreaking of the district's \$57 million facility, which is scheduled for completion in 2027.

The 65-acre property - known as the Whinnery Farm - was generously donated to the district by the Salem Community Foundation in 1990. The project is funded 66% by the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission and further strengthened by a \$10 million contribution from the Salem Community Foundation. The groundbreaking marked an exciting new chapter for Salem City Schools, and it reflected a shared commitment to investing in the future of Salem students. GO QUAKERS!



A sign of the times stands proudly at the site of the new K-8 school, now under construction across from Southeast School in Salem.



Quaker Sam joined school and community officials as they prepared to turn the first shovels of dirt at the August groundbreaking ceremony.

In Memoriam

Forever
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Our alumni remembrance honors those we have lost since our last newsletter in Fall 2025, including others recently brought to our attention who were not previously listed. Please note this listing is through February 28, 2026.

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- Class of 1955 -

Barbara Durand 11/8/25

Fred Capel 12/17/25

Gloria Colananni Gilles 2/11/26

Thomas Covert 12/26/25

- Class of 1956 -

David Steffel 9/4/25

Walter Pim 10/8/25

- Class of 1957 -

Denny Wright 9/25/25

Michael Harrold 10/3/25

Paul Reinkenberger 9/28/25

- Class of 1959 -

Daniel Miller 12/14/25

Ronald 'Ron' Cushman 9/7/25

- Class of 1960 -

Marvin Lutsch 9/13/25

Russell Miner 12/31/25

- Class of 1961 -

David Rice 8/18/25

James Steele 11/12/25

Larry Shaffer 1/8/26

Linda Loop Smith 9/26/25

Paul J. Leach 8/4/25

Robert Elsner 8/25/25

- Class of 1962 -

David Edling 11/14/25

David Hamilton 4/14/25

Lonna Muntz Cope 10/24/25

Manfred Meine 11/13/25

Marilyn Cope Lutsch 12/10/25

Robert Abrams 1/20/26

Shalimar Harris Long 10/13/25

- Class of 1963 -

John L. Good 1/6/26

Larry Deitch 9/6/25

- Class of 1964 -

George Begalla III 9/24/25

Robert "Bob" Brown 10/23/25

Twila Willard Shoaff 10/9/25

- Class of 1965 -

Linda Leininger Scheuring 10/14/25

- Class of 1966 -

Christa Klamer Marshall 6/12/25

David Bradley 1/6/26

Lynda Barnes Beamer 9/5/23

Lynn Kelly 9/7/25

Roberta Thomas Blankenship 10/29/25

- Class of 1967 -

Charlotte Vaughan Davis 11/1/24

Tom Hicks 11/8/25

- Class of 1968 -

Jim Whinnery 10/17/25

Marilyn Russell Paulini 12/31/25

Rebecca Ahead Stearns 11/11/25

- Class of 1969 -

David Bodendorfer 12/31/25

Dennis Devan 12/27/25

- Class of 1970 -

David Boone 11/25/25

Debbie Mckinney Miller 10/20/25

Maria Pucci Martin 9/1/25

Tina DeJane 1/17/26

- Class of 1972 -

David Cowie 1/25/26

Rick Lippiatt 11/7/25

Walter Hendricks 11/20/25

- Class of 1973 -

Debbie Barnes Stewart 8/3/25

Rohn Riley 10/14/25

- Class of 1974 -

Danny Bartels 1/4/26

Loretta Pshsniak 2/2/22

Mario Carreon 1/6/26

Mickey Knepper 12/7/25

Randy Bleakley 11/8/25

Scott Brooks 12/9/25

- Class of 1975 -

Scott Guiler 11/12/25

Class of 1976 -

Deborah Herron Sanor 11/11/25

Patty Knavel Murphy 7/23/23

Philip Wilson 11/21/25

- Class of 1977 -

Alice Zatko Treiber 8/20/25

George Thomas 1/30/26

- Class of 1978 -

William Brown 12/24/25

- Class of 1979 -

Jay A. Hissom 9/9/26

Rebecca Burson Hostetter 1/22/26

- Class of 1980 -

Paul Taylor 12/26/25

- Class of 1982 -

Bart Schrode 1/16/15

- Class of 1988 -

Jason Maenz 9/1/25

Tracy Lynn Early 1/6/26

- Class of 1991 -

Robert E. Baker Jr. 8/24/25

- Class of 1993 -

Jerry Timmann 8/25/25

- Class of 2010 -

Jasmine Steffey 2/16/26

Sylvia Torti Named 2026 Honored Alumnus

Sylvia Torti, SHS Class of 1986, has been chosen as the 2026 SHS Honored Alumnus. Torti is an ecologist, author, and higher education leader who serves as president of the College of the Atlantic. Torti earned her Ph.D. in biology from the University of Utah, where her research examined the little-understood ecological phenomenon of tropical monodominance in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

In addition to her scientific work, Dr. Torti is an accomplished creative writer. Her debut novel, *The Scorpion's Tail*, received the Miguel Mármol Award for best first work of fiction by an American Latino/a writer. Her second novel, *Cages*, earned the Nicholas Schaffner Award. Her short stories and essays have appeared in numerous magazines and anthologies.

From 2012 to 2023, Dr. Torti served as dean of the Honors College at the University of Utah. Her earlier leadership and academic roles include directing the university's Bonderman Field Station near Moab, serving as president and vice president of Writers at Work, and working as conservation biologist for Red Butte Garden. A native English speaker, she is also fluent in Spanish and Danish.

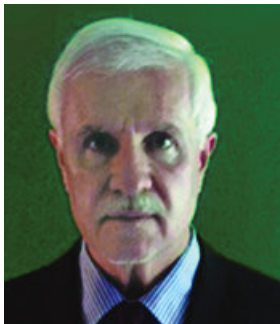
Torti will be honored at the SHSAA Scholarship Award Ceremony -145th Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Salem High School auditorium. A catered Open House reception in the cafeteria will follow.



Alumni Notes



1969



Michael F. Walker is a former CIA Senior Intelligence Service (SIS) operations officer. As director of the CIA's largest division – the Near East and South Asia Division - Walker was responsible for overseeing high-impact intelligence operations in Afghanistan, Iraq, and other countries across the Middle East and South Asia in the late 2000s. His two other

senior leadership assignments at CIA headquarters were deputy director of the Special Activities Division (worldwide paramilitary operations) from 2000 to 2002 and chief of operations in the Counterterrorism Center from 1990 to 1991.

Walker served abroad for 18 of his 29 years with the CIA, living mostly undercover in various locations in the Middle East, South Asia, and Europe. He was chief of station in five countries. He lived in Afghanistan in the mid-1980s during the Soviet–Mujahideen War, in Beirut in the late 1980s during Lebanon's civil war, and again in Afghanistan in 2002 at the onset of the U.S. - Taliban war. In 2010, he was awarded the William J. Donovan Award for exceptional leadership.

Walker earned a Master of Arts in international affairs (Asian studies) from Ohio University and a Bachelor of Science in zoology (ichthyology and entomology) from The Ohio State

University. Prior to joining the CIA in the 1970s, he served as an infantry officer in the United States Marine Corps and as a Peace Corps volunteer on a fisheries project in Rajasthan, India. As of 2025, he is an advisor and consultant to several U.S. government agencies and corporations.



1977



Cheryl "Cher" Stone Beall is a Newport Beach, California-based designer and lifestyle creator whose Salem roots continue to influence her creative work. A proud Salem High School graduate, she has been featured in six episodes of *Homeworthy*, a popular YouTube and social media platform that offers video tours of celebrity and notable homes, including special Thanksgiving and Christmas programs. In her episodes, Beall highlights her signature style of gracious hosting, thoughtful décor, and meaningful holiday traditions, and is widely recognized for her inspiration in lifestyle, home design, and entertaining.

Following her graduation from Salem High School, Beall was selected as an AFS exchange student and later studied design at Arizona State University. After starting a family and seeking greater career flexibility, she founded her own

design firm, Cashmere & Company, completing residential and commercial projects across the country. Her work has earned numerous ASID (American Society of Interior Designers) awards and has been featured in more than 50 national magazines and two books.

While maintaining her full-time design career and active community service work, Cher recently returned to school to earn a master's degree from Stanford University. With plans to publish in the future, she launched an Instagram platform that has grown to more than 550,000 followers in just two years.



1984



Scott Shaffer serves as a Historic Preservation Specialist for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), working across all districts in the Commonwealth with a focus on the North-Central Region. He earned a bachelor's degree in anthropology from Kent State University in 1989 and a master's degree in applied

anthropology/public archaeology from the University of Memphis in 1992.

Shaffer's extensive archaeological experience spans investigations of both pre-contact and historic sites in 13 states and U.S. territories. His professional interests include Native American consultation, contact and historic-period archaeology, acculturation processes, and farmstead archaeology. In addition to his work with PennDOT, he teaches Introduction to North American Archaeology at Penn State DuBois.

In July 2025, Shaffer was part of the team that identified the site of a 1758 "friendly fire" incident involving George Washington's troops near Fort Ligonier in western Pennsylvania. The discovery confirmed the location of a long-overlooked French and Indian War battlefield. An authority on 18th-century musket balls, Shaffer analyzed key artifacts recovered from the site, which are now featured in a display at the Fort Ligonier Museum in Ligonier, Pennsylvania.



1992



Jonathan McNeal has served as general manager of The Neon movie theater in Dayton, Ohio's Oregon District for 25 years. A nonprofit cinema specializing in independent, foreign, and documentary films, The Neon is a magnet for prestige pictures and movies that earn critical acclaim on film festival circuits across the country and around the world.

After graduating from Salem High School, McNeal moved to Dayton to attend the Motion Pictures program at Wright State University. Passionate about film and a firm believer in cinema as the ultimate art form, he oversees film selection, staffing, marketing and scheduling, as well as community relations and private theater rentals.

Open 365 days a year, The Neon offers Dayton audiences access to independent cinema at a reasonable cost - something McNeal is proud to sustain. In December 2025, McNeal and his board members encouraged patrons and friends of the theater to contribute to the annual "Silver Streak" campaign, a fundraising effort that supports The Neon's long-term financial stability.

More Alumni Moments

SHSAA was well represented at the SHS Alumni Night concert and car show last August. Gathering for a quick pic are (left to right): board member Brad Stephens '91, SHSAA 1st Vice President Dr. Peter Apicella, board member Liz Fredrickson '08, board member Anthony Shivers '13, SHSAA Executive Director Audrey Cleveland Null '76, SHSAA 2nd Vice President Frank Zamarelli '82, board member Macey Austin '19, and SHSAA administrative assistant Alyssa Bricker '20.



SHSAA co-sponsored the SHS Career Day with The Rotary Club of Salem in November of 2025. Attending were 128 students who gathered for a day of career exploration, engaging with professionals and gaining valuable knowledge to help shape their career decisions. The morning session provided students with essential career skills and guidance. Retired Salem High School teacher and coach George Spack '69 led a discussion on career planning, emphasizing the importance of soft skills in the workplace.



Reuniting & Reminiscing

at SHS Class Reunions & Events



Salem High School Class of 1960 65-Year Reunion

The Salem High School Class of 1960 gathered for its final formal reunion during the SHS Alumni Weekend in August 2025. In addition to a wonderful lunch hosted by classmate Joe Good, the group met at the Burchfield Homestead Museum for a presentation by class member Tim Burchfield, nephew of Charles Burchfield. The following day many classmates attended the SHS Alumni Night at Waterworth Memorial Park and enjoyed the concert and car show. All agreed that a good time was had by all, and that class members would stay connected every year during the SHS Alumni Weekend activities that are held annually during the second weekend of August.



SHS Class of 1960 members enjoyed a Saturday luncheon during the 2025 SHS Alumni Weekend.



Salem High School Class of 1965 60-Year Reunion



Members of the Salem High School Class of 1965 marked their 60th reunion with a wonderful dinner at the Salem Golf Club on Saturday, August 9, 2025. Nearly 70 Quaker alumni and guests were in attendance.



Salem High School Class of 1968 Classmates Celebrate 75th Birthdays

Members of the Salem High School Class of 1968 celebrated their 75th birthdays with a party on August 9, 2025, at the VFW Hall, hosted by classmate Blair Whitman with coordination by classmate Rick Berg. Becky Leider Hamilton registered the 44 class members in attendance, while Cathy McGaffrey McKinley volunteered to create the memorial table, decorations, and charcuterie board. Patty Colian arranged musical entertainment provided by Stormn' Normn.

On August 10, 2025, classmates attended the SHS Alumni Night concert at Waterworth Memorial Park, featuring the band Jimmy and The Soul Blazers and a classic car show. Out-of-state classmates traveled from Florida, Georgia, and New York to join the festivities.





Salem High School Class of 1970 55-Year Reunion

The Salem High School Class of 1970 reunited on July 26, 2025, for an enjoyable reunion dinner at Ezio's in downtown Salem.

Row one: (Ladies-left to right): Dorothy Tolson Stahl, Kris Miles Conrad, Carol Fronius Straub, Debbie Holt Manis, Wendy Nedelka Detwiler, Sandy Jackson Hoerig, Susan Taugher Gregg, Cathy Kenreigh McGath, Mary Caye Mauro Bixler, Denean Ellyson Yoder, Becky Skowron Grey, Susan Miller Dean, Carol Vogel Lantz, Becky Englert Dennis.

Row two: Dan Palmer, Jack Detwiler, Tom Drotleff, Terry Manis, Jon Pukalski, Gary Bauman, Pete Johnson, Doug O'Brian, Don Haselow, John Lantz, Mike Mehno, Rick McGee, Dale Cody



Salem High School Class of 1975 50-Year Reunion



The Salem High School Class of 1975 celebrated its 50-year reunion on July 26, 2025, at Boneshakers in Salem. The evening marked the class's largest turnout to date, with 86 classmates attending and 125 guests in total. For many alumni, it was their first reunion. The Class of 1975 has held reunions every five years since 1980, missing only their 45th.

Music was provided by STEW Event DJ, and Alberta Totani Bowman created a touching slideshow in remembrance of deceased classmates. She also compiled a second program featuring photographs submitted by classmates that captured their years at SHS. Sally Boone Sexton shared a presentation on the effort to establish the SHS Class of 1975 Scholarship. Anyone interested in contributing a donation is encouraged to contact the SHS Alumni Association.



A photo booth was a part of the Class of 1975 reunion fun. Posing with smiles and Quaker pride are (left to right) Alberta Totani Bowman, Sally Boone Sexton, Gail Rutkousky, Michele Hiltbrand Miller, Cami Armeni Franzen, Shawn Votaw Moore, and Mary McCorkhill Harriman.



Salem High School Class of 1980

45-Year Reunion



The SHS Class of 1980 welcomed classmates for a weekend of enjoyable activities during the SHS Alumni Weekend – August 8, 9, and 10, 2025.

Row one: Kerry Franzen, Dorothy Reese Demeo, Renae Anderson Nielsen, Barbara Walker Bell, Kim Crosser, Pamela Huffman Gerace, Robyn Finch Meals, Anne Jones Smith, Lynne Centofanti Alesi, Jill Lofland Berger, Beth Benson, Mindy Danklef Schwingle, Terri Smith Payne

Row two: Michael Demeo, Trudy Isaacs Douglas, Wade Batch, Debbie Fortney Perry, Amy Madison Homich, Devon Iler

Williamson, Linda Faieta, Caroline Vogt Stone, Patty Ward Buttram, Wendy Toulmin Broache, Christina Toot Thompson

Row three: John Armeni, Beth Dunlap Golden, Gene Calai, Joe Hartzell, Lisa Stanga Thompson, Scot M. Darling, Susan Conn Sachtleben, Lori Ritchey Smith, Brenda Pool Wahl, Genie Wendel, Trudi Wilms Young, Debbie Randolph Vogt, Robin Hoffman Good, Lisa Landwert Smith, Bruce Smith

Row four: Phillip Wickersham, David Plummer, Sean Hart, Jeffrey Walter, David Flood, Joe Vuksta, Timothy Bergman, Dayne Myers, Dennis Ulrich, Richard Spack



Salem High School Class of 1985

40-Year Reunion



The SHS Class of 1985 classmates gathered in downtown Salem in the Courtyard Square after attending many of the events held during the SHS Alumni Weekend. (Picture courtesy of Facebook.)





Salem High School Class of 2000 25-Year Reunion



Last summer the SHS Class of 2000 members had a wonderful time celebrating 25 years since graduation. They held their reunion dinner at Ezio's Italian Restaurant.

Front row: (left to right) Tina Kastanek Clark, Carissa McKinley Nichols, Jeff Davis, Aileen Vogel Raption, Kristin Elze Piava, Suzanne Mason, Caroline McDermott, Tina Crouse Barry, Leigh Peterson Gage, Katherine Ventresco Farrar, Mary Bauman Cook, Julie Bedell Eicher, Tracy Stapf Rees, Jennifer Merry Hardy, Lauren O'Donnell DeMarco, Emily Gibson Almy, Abi Willeman Getzinger, Peter Berlin, Katie Yoder Bagley, Ashley Votaw Brookey, Jillian Bestic Toomay, Brett Simon, Michael Douglas, Brian Rea, Greg DeCarlo, Bill Getzinger (Brandon Smith attended - not in picture.)



Salem High School Class of 2005 20-Year Reunion



Members of the SHS Class of 2005 had a blast together as they celebrated a two-decade reunion during the weekend of August 29 and 30, 2025. They enjoyed a tour of the high school, an SHS football game, family day activities at the Salem Country Club, and drink and dining experiences at The OG and The Rumpel Queen.



Salem High School Class of 2015 10-Year Reunion

Classmates from the SHS Class of 2015 gathered together to celebrate 10 years since graduating from SHS on Saturday evening, July 26, 2025. Almost 50 class members enjoyed the evening spent at various Salem restaurants. Classmates and others in the picture include (left to right) **Christina Mitchell, Kelly Barley, Zach Morris, Emily Cook, Zach Poppino, Sean Brown, Branson Wilms, Reagan Wilms, Owen Ellis, Bryce Hendricks, Kailey Workman, Cameron Turney, Dylan Cook, and Matt Stephens.**



SHSAA *Calendar of Events* and Reunions

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Saturday, April 25, 2026

SHSAA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CEREMONY and SHSAA OPEN HOUSE

The SHSAA Scholarship Award Ceremony will honor students receiving 2026 scholarships. The SHSAA 145th Annual Meeting will include the organization's election of board members and officers. The SHS Class of 1976 will be honored for its 50th reunion, and SHSAA will celebrate 2026 Honored Alumnus recipient, Sylvia Torti. An Open House in the SHS cafeteria will be held afterwards with all alumni, family, and friends invited to this catered event. Ceremony begins at 6:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium with the Open House immediately afterwards.

Wednesday, July 1, 2026

AMERICA 250 CONCERT – "AMERICA REMEMBERS!"

The Salem High School Alumni Association proudly presents a tribute to our country's 250th birthday! The Dave Banks Big Band will perform a USO variety show – "America Remembers!" – in the SHS auditorium in anticipation of the Independence Day holiday. This free concert is for all Salem alumni and our many friends from Salem and the surrounding area. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with the concert from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 18, 2026

Class of 1961 • 65 - YEAR CLASS REUNION

Join us for our class reunion at the Salem Golf Club from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. - There is no charge for classmates. An official invitation letter will be mailed on May 15, 2026. Please RSVP by June 15, 2026.

Class Coordinator: Sandy Herbert Crumbaker

Friday, August 7, 2026

Saturday August 8, 2026

Class of 1966 • 60 - YEAR CLASS REUNION

Information regarding the reunion was sent out via email.

Contact: Cindy Mancuso Rottenborn at 330-853-4115 or email Crottenb@gmail.com

Cathie Cantwell Melitschka at 330-277-9035 or email Cmel2@sbcglobal.net

August 7-9, 2026

Class of 1976 • 50 - YEAR CLASS REUNION

Join members of the SHS Class of 1976 as they celebrate 50 years since graduating from Salem High School!

Friday, August 7, 2026

Armvets - '76 Mixer Celebration

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Music & Snacks - Cash Bar

Saturday, August 8, 2026

SHS Building Tour - 10:00 a.m.

SHS Alumni Office Open House - 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Reunion Dinner & Program @ Boneshakers - 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 9, 2026

SHS Alumni Night Concert - New Wave Nation & "Cars of the Decades" display

Waterworth Memorial Park - 6:00 p.m.

Watch for a mailing in May of 2026!

Contact: Melissa Bork Niederhiser at 330-692-8369 or email mnieder58@yahoo.com

August 7-9, 2026

SHS ALUMNI WEEKEND

SHS Alumni Weekend will begin on Friday, August 7, 2026, and continue until Sunday, August 9, 2026. Held in conjunction with the annual Freed Fest, Salem alumni and friends are encouraged to participate by enjoying the free musical entertainment at various venues. Other planned activities will be announced, but alumni and friends are invited to shop and dine around our lovely Quaker town, while reuniting and reminiscing with classmates and friends. SHSAA will hold its annual SHS Alumni Weekend Open House on Saturday, August 8, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

A Sunday "SHS Alumni Night" concert with the popular '80's band, NEW WAVE NATION, will be held at 6:00 p.m. at Waterworth Memorial Park in conjunction with a classic car show. GO QUAKERS!

Saturday, August 8, 2026

Class of 1964 • CLASS OF 1964 - 80TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Time: 5:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Location: Salem Saxon Club, State Route 9, Salem, OH

Hors d'oeuvres and Cash Bar - \$25.00 to be paid at the door.

No further mailings.

Contact: Bill "Tasi" Carter at 330-332-4959 or email tasicarter@att.net

Saturday, August 22, 2026

Class of 1986 40 – YEAR CLASS REUNION

Watch for detailed information to follow in a mailing.

Contact: Dena DiPasquale Miller at 330-915-1765 or email dd120467@gmail.com

*Other class reunion information will be posted on the SHSAA website as it is received.
Visit www.salemohioalumni.org for current updates.

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