

Sandusky Home Town News

March 2011

Sandusky High School Alumni Association

Letter From The Editor

Members of SHSAA,

Welcome to 2011! With the New Year you may see a few changes with the SHSAA, including this newsletter. I'd like to introduce myself as the new Sandusky Home Town News Editor. In addition to myself, Judy Corso and Pat Volz have also stepped in to help make this newsletter successful.

Our hope is to allow the SHSAA to meet it's full potential as a positive organization in the Sandusky community. Most everyone understands that we exist for the reason of passing on current event information along with providing scholarships to SHS graduates. Another focus is generating an interest to be an active member in the SHSAA, especially with the younger generation.

In trying to keep up with today's technology we are located on Facebook. For those unfamiliar with Facebook, it is a social networking site on the Internet. Although the Home Town News provides much information, implementing the use of our Facebook page allows for current, up to date information to be spread to fellow alumni. However, we depend on you providing information. We invite you to check out our Facebook page and hope you invite others too.

In addition to Facebook, we are investigating other opportunities in hopes of gaining interest in the SHSAA. We look forward to seeing you on Facebook and hope to see you at an upcoming meeting!

Sincerely,
Heidi (Roth) Henry (2001)

Newsletter Committee

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

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As always, feel free to send information to: or SHS Alumni Association
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Calendar of Events:

- March 17, 7:30pm, SHS Swan Club Performance, SHS Natorium
- March 24, 25, 26, 7:30pm, SHS Keynotes Musical, Guys and Dolls, SHS Auditorium.
- April 13, 7:00pm, SHSAA Meeting, Rm 301 SHS
- May 4, 7:00pm, SHS Spring Gospel Choir Concert, SHS Auditorium.
- May 6, 6:00pm, SCS Art Festival, SHS Auditorium
- May 10, 7:30pm, SHS A Capella Robing Concert, SHS Auditorium
- May 24, 7:30pm, All-City Orchestra Concert, SHS Gymnasium

What Class

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1956 – *C. Raymond Heitchler* is living in Modesto, CA and is retired from Glass Bottle Maintenance at the Gallo Glass Company there. He has one son, Billy. He can be reached at RHeitchler@yahoo.com.

1960 – *Ruth (Heitchler) Zeigler*, is living in Tampa, FL. She is a retired church & financial secretary for the First Baptist Church of Citrus Park and is currently working part-time at Wal-Mart. She volunteers as the Parade Organizer and sells vendor sponsorships for the Northdale Civic Association's annual Family Fun Festival and Parade. She is the mother of four sons, Andy, Tim, Matt & Jason and can be reached at RuZeFL@aol.com. She writes that she enjoyed attending her 50th High School Class Reunion in September and that it was wonderful reconnecting with friends and classmates from so many decades ago.

1961- *Donna (Heitchler) Mitchell* is living in Mansfield. She has a daughter, Karen, and a son, David. Having retired as a Quality Assurance Inspector at Therm-O-Disc, she is currently working part-time with mentally challenged individuals.

1962 – *Sandra (Riccelli) Sheets* and her husband Virgle, who live in Ft. Myers, FL, took a 45 day road trip for their 40th wedding anniversary in June. They visited relation in North Carolina, Ohio and Michigan and then traveled west to Alaska. They visited 28 states plus British Columbia and Alberta, putting 12,000 miles on their van. They tented in national and state parks, the majority of the time. The plan to take their next road trip to Maine.

1963 - *Dr. Robert P. Leber*, has been named Special Advisor to the Virginia Governor for Workforce Development and Deputy Commissioner of the Virginia Employment Commission. In addition, on July 1, 2010, Governor Bob McDonnell appointed Leber to the Governor's Economic Development and Jobs Creation Commission, where he chairs the workforce development subgroup. Dr. Leber retired from Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding's Newport News Operations on June 30, 2010.

1965 – *Dennis Cole* is a professor of criminology at Owens Community College, Toledo. Family members are: Julia; Bridgette, Donovan, Olivia, Victoria, Brenna, Donovan Jr., Derek, Braedon.

1972 – **Bob Jackson**, Sandusky High School's first black quarterback, was featured in a Sandusky Register article on the 75th anniversary of Strobel Field. Bob, whose wife **Beverly graduated in 1975**, says he is a Blue Streak for life. The article ran September 16, 2010.

1973 – *Ken Taylor*, a professor of philosophy at California's Stanford University, co-hosts the weekly program *Philosophy Talk* on National Public Radio. Learn more at <http://www.philosophytalk.org>

1973- *Lynne Wintersteller*, a Broadway star and gifted soprano, returned to Sandusky for the second consecutive year in December to perform a special holiday program with the Firelands Symphony Orchestra at the Sandusky State Theater.

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1973 – *Ken Taylor*, a professor of philosophy at California's Stanford University, co-hosts the weekly program *Philosophy Talk* on National Public Radio. Learn more at <http://www.philosophytalk.org/>

1973 – *Patricia Thompson Volz* is senior director of communications for the American Lung Association of the Midland States and is responsible for the association's websites, e-commerce, internal communications, and external marketing for the states of Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Tennessee. She recently took over typing this section of the newsletter and **strongly urges you to send information for the next issue planned for late summer**. People ARE interested. Send your submissions to sanduskyhighschoolalumniassoc@gmail.com or mail them to the association at PO Box 2401, Sandusky OH 44871-2401.

1979 – *Tamie S. Myers* has graduated from the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, cum laude, and plans to start a solo legal practice in Avon Lake with a focus on Wills, Trusts, Estate Planning, and Elder Law. Ms. Myers was employed by the City of Sandusky Fire Department from 1988-2008, retiring as a Battalion Chief.

1979 - *John M. Bier* has been appointed the Deputy Program Director for Command and Control, Battle Management and Communications Program, Missile Defense Agency in Huntsville, AL. Among his awards are the Secretary of Defense Service Medal for Exceptional Service and the Department of the Army's Commander's Award for Civilian Service. He and his wife, Beverly, have two children, Austin and Meghann. John's father, *John G. Bier*, is a **1951** graduate of SHS and his sister, *Sheryl Bier Bruens*, is a **1976** graduate. His mother is Nancy.

1980- *Gary Trent* is featured in a Sandusky Register article on the 75th anniversary of Strobel Field. Trent, the current groundskeeper at the stadium, grew up in a spacious apartment under Strobel Field's grandstand while his father, Cecil Trent, served as groundskeeper. That apartment no longer exists. The feature story ran September 16, 2010.

1982- *Ken Rankins* is a sergeant with the Cedar Point Police Depart and a Police Academy Commander.

1989 – *Tracy Shoemo*, is employed with the Sandusky Board of Education and is Pastor at Spirit and Truth Ministries. Family members are Sherma, Travis and Trina. He can be reached at sshoemo@aol.com.

2002 – *Ryan Brown* recently passed the test to become a Certified Landscape Technician. He is employed as a Field Manager for Ruppert Landscape and works out of their Baltimore office. Ryan lives in Ellicott City, MD.

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2011 Reunions

1941 - September 10

Contact: Peggy Scherer - reunionpeggy41@yahoo.com

1947 - Sept. 17 & 18

Contacts: Pat (Ryan) Camella, Betty (Roth) Roth, Jean (Hottman) Karbler, 419-625-9018
Jane (Laning) Meyer, jeim9129@bex.net or 419-625-9209

Sandusky Yacht Club

1951 - September 17-18 - 60th Anniversary Reunion Celebration

Contact: Mary Lou White - (419) 625-5475

September 17, Sandusky Yacht Club, Dinner and Dance Band

September 18, Brunch at Plum Brook Country Club

Reservation letter with information to classmates will be sent in April 2011.

1966 - August 13 - 45th Reunion

Contacts: Marra (Martin) Stookey, Cathy (Hummel) Didion, Randy (Bromm) Simmons,
Jacki (Boni) Wimer, Kathy (Fox) Loris

American Legion – Normandy Room – 3615 Hayes Ave – Rt. 4, Sandusky, Ohio

Registration: 5:00 PM-6:00PM

Dinner Buffet: 6:00 PM

Socializing After Dinner With 50/50 and Other Raffles

Buffet - \$22.50/Person Includes: Tossed Salad, Sliced Beef, Chicken Parmesan With Spaghetti, Green Beans, Red Skin Potatoes, Rolls and Butter, Cake/Cookies Cookies. Coffee, Iced Tea, and Soft Drinks Included – Cash Bar

Reservation Must Be Received By July 1 – No Refunds

Send Reservations to: Cathy (Hummel) Didion, 415 Scott Street, Sandusky, Ohio

Casual Attire

2011 Reunion Continued

1976 - July 9

Contact: Julie (Sehlmeyer) Dendinger - julie_dendinger@yahoo.com

Sandusky Yacht Club

1981 - August 12-13 - 30th Reunion

Contact: Linda (Fultz) Kerst - Lkerst@bex.net

Facebook Page: SHS Class of 1981

August 12, "Meet and Greet" – Time and Location TBA

August 13, Sandusky State Theatre for Dinner and DJ

Times To Be Announced.

Final letters and cost to be mailed this Spring

2001 - July 29-30 – 10th Reunion

Contact: Ebony Moore - sanduskyhighschool2001@gmail.com

Facebook Page: Sandusky High School Class of 2001 Reunion

July 29, Booze Cruise (There Are 100 Tickets On Hold)

Ticket price is \$20.00 and is not included in weekend Reunion fee.

July 30, (Noon) Field Day with Family – Refreshments Provided

July 30, Official Reunion Gathering at Cheap Seats in Sandusky, Ohio.

Cost: \$20/ Person for Park Rental/Refreshments (Due Friday at the Entrance of the Booze Cruise.) Any remainder will go into an account in the name of the Sandusky High School Class of 2001 Reunion for future Reunion Events. More details to come for times and Field Day location.

2012 Reunions

1984 - TBA

Contact: Traci (Both) Karbler - camelynn9@hotmail.com

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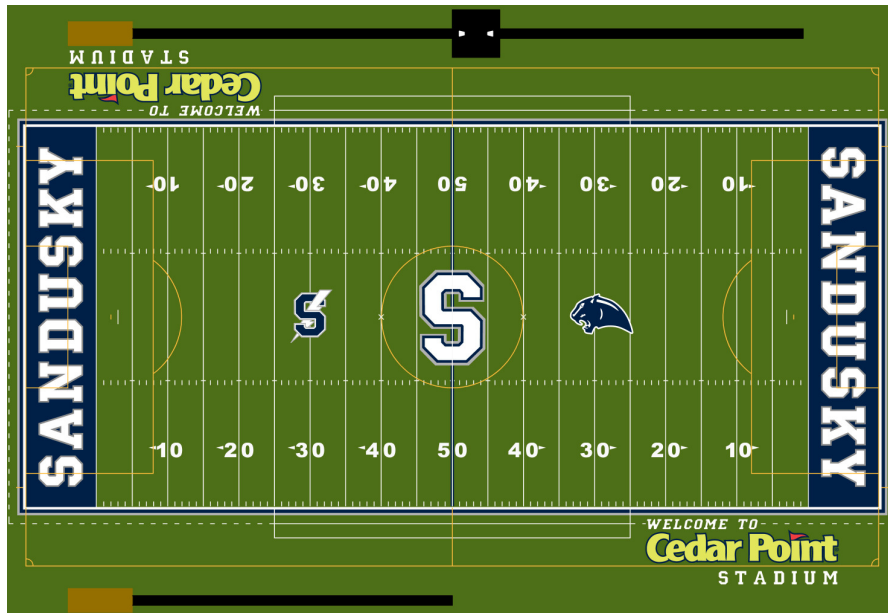
New Turf, New Name at Strobel Field

The Football teams of Sandusky High School and St. Mary Central Catholic High School will have a new playing field beginning this fall, with a new field turf project breaking ground May 24th. They'll now be playing on Strobel Field at Cedar Point Stadium. Due to the current field's fragile conditions play time is limited. However, with the new turf the schools can have practice and games nightly.

The project got started when Athletic Director Susan Sackett approached the Booster Club about the NFL Grassroots Matching Grant for new field turf. Once that application got rolling, Sackett and several booster members met with representatives from Wightman-Wieber Charitable Foundation who jumped on board with overwhelming support, committing to \$25,000 a year for up to 6 years. Soon after, Orlando Pace, SHS alum pledged \$100,000 toward the project. Right after the Thanksgiving Holiday, Cedar Point and CEO Dick Kinzel joined the community support with an astounding \$500,000 over four years! In December, the Frost-Parker Foundation contributed \$25,000 toward the turf. The NFL Grants will be doled out in early March so the schools will find out if they'll be receiving the original impetus of this entire project.

Plans for the field show that the new turf, along with the new name of Strobel Field At Cedar Point Stadium, will debut for the Sandusky-Fremont season opener on August 26th, 2011.

While it seems like the project is paid for, most of the commitments are for smaller increments over several years. The Booster Club will be taking out a loan, which will mean interest payments for several years. Many local business and individuals have jumped on board for contributions of their own. If you'd like to be part of this wonderful project in the community, please fill and submit the following pledge form provided by the Sandusky Blue Streak Booster Club.



Greetings Blue Streak Community Members and Alumni,

As most of you are aware, we recently announced the plans for installing new field turf in Strobel Field this summer. Thanks to generous donations from a number of businesses (Cedar Point), Foundations (Wightman-Wieber, Frost-Parker), and individuals (Orlando Pace), we have a great start to generating the funds for the new turf. We applied for a \$200,000 grant from the NFL and we are anxiously waiting to hear from them at the end of February. We also held a luncheon for local businesses to give them the opportunity to be corporate sponsors for this project. In return for their donations, everyone mentioned above will be recognized in the football programs, on the scoreboard, and on a permanent "Donor Wall" that will be installed at the stadium.

We have received quite a few inquiries from individuals on how they can contribute to this project. We are definitely excited to have community members and alumni involved with this project. We absolutely understand that our community members and alumni are our biggest fans and supporters. This pledge form is your opportunity to be involved with this incredible project.

Obviously, any donation will be greatly appreciated. However, listed below are varying benefits that you will receive based on certain levels of donation. We will also accept donations on an annual basis (maximum of five years). The five year time period coincides with our goal to raise funds for any maintenance or replacement needs for the turf prior to the end of the warranty period. Your level of donation will be determined by the overall total donation. Please take this opportunity to show your Blue Streak Pride by making your pledge to this project. Thank you!

Donation under \$1,000:

- Your name in the SHS programs and scrolling on the scoreboard during the 2011 season

Donation \$1,000-\$4,999:

- Your name in the SHS programs and scrolling on the scoreboard during the 2011 season
- Your name on the Lower level of the permanent "Donor Wall" to be installed at Strobel Field
- (4) free season tickets for the 2011 season (SHS games)

Donation \$5,000-\$9,999:

- Your name in the SHS programs and scrolling on the scoreboard during the 2011 season
- Your name on the Middle level of the permanent "Donor Wall" to be installed at Strobel Field
- (6) free season tickets for the 2011 season (SHS games)

Donation \$10,000 and above:

- Your name in the SHS programs and scrolling on the scoreboard during the 2011 season
- Your name on the Top level of the permanent "Donor Wall" to be installed at Strobel Field
- (8) free season tickets for the 2011 season (SHS games)

Please contact the Sandusky High School Athletic Department (419-625-3543) if you have any questions.

Please mail this form and your *tax-deductible* donation to:

Sandusky Blue Streak Booster Club

P.O. Box 1444

Sandusky, OH 44871-1444

Name (please print): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Pledge amount per year: _____ No. of years: _____ (5 year max.)

Pledges and payment are due May 1st. Check or money order will be accepted and should be made out to the Sandusky Blue Streak Booster Club. We will send you a receipt for your donation. For those paying in installments, we will send you a notice each April to remind you about your pledge due May 1 of each year.

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Treasurer's Report

As of June 30, 2010

PNC Checking Scholarship Fund

Balance Forward	\$3,870.44
Deposits	1,818.19
Interest	0.62
Sub Total	5,689.25
Expenditures	338.67
Transfer to Scholarship Fund	-----
Ending Balance	\$5,350.58

Balance Forward	\$85,125.19
Receipts from NCB Checking	-----
Interest	206.25
Sub Total	85,331.44
Expenditures	1,500.00
Ending Balance	\$83,831.44
Total Assets	\$89,182.02

If there are any questions concerning this report, contact John W. Nejedly at: treasurer.shsalumni@yahoo.com

New Members

2010 Logan M Farrar
1943 Robert (Bob) Hermes
1943 Betty (Rohrbacher) Masta
Ret. Teachers Robert L & Mary Toney

New Life Members

1962 Gary Lickfelt
1965 Joy K Jolliff Bogart
1959 Patricia A Grubbe Pennycook
1960 Virginia L Vanervorts Burns
1984 Don Roesch

Donations

Gary Lickfelt (1962)
Marion (Oliver) Werner (1937)
Walter J Bahnsen, Jr. (1967)
Judith (Justice) Lenz (1976)
Jerry O'Malley (1950)
Richard D Stradtman (1974)

Unable To Make The SHSAA Meetings, But Want To Be Kept In The Loop?

Our meeting minutes are sent out via email to anyone interested. Send us an email stating you'd like to receive the minutes via email, and we'll add you to the list!

Go Green? Why Not. Let's Give It A Try!

Would you like to help us go green by receiving your Sandusky Home Town News through your email inbox instead of your home mailbox? There have been some members who have shown interest in receiving an electronic newsletter to save paper, ink, busy work, and postage. If you're interested, contact us.

Please send correspondence to: sanduskyalumni@gmail.com

Anniversaries

25th

Todd (1978) and Colleen (Gallagher) Valli (1979)

50th

Kenneth H. "Skip" Ruthsatz (1958) and Sylvia (Poeschl) Ruthsatz (1958)

60th

Don (1947) and Reba Ross

Engagements & Weddings

Tracey Dennis (1984) and Jerome Tucker, Jr.
Matthew Frank Hart (2000) and Fawn Boos
Ian Miller and Julie McClure (2004)
Julie Didion (2004) and Mike Wambold
Brad Alan Fisher (2005) and Hannah Flory
Dustin Noftz (2006) and Kelly Butts
Nathan John David (2008) and Jessica Meyer
Brian Smith (SHS) and Angel Lewis
Molly McCall (2004) and Austin Bauman
Kevin Howell (1992) and Sean Osborn

Mark Your Calendar!

Next SHSAA Meeting

April 13, 7:00 pm
Rm 301 SHS

Is It Time To Pay Your Dues?

Please check your address label for the month that your dues are due.

One Year Single	\$10.00
One Year Couple	\$15.00
Life Member Single	\$75.00
Life Member Couple	\$100.00

Announcements

Christian Dendinger's new address:
1046 Camp Street Rear, Sandusky, Ohio 44870

Mary Steele is looking for a Fram from 1947 and 1950 and if you have one, contact her at 419-625-4006

Judy Morton Todi has a 1951 SHS Fram that she will give to anyone interested. Contact her at 3603 Galloway Rd., Sandusky, Ohio 44879

SHSAA coverlets featuring all of the local schools are still available for \$40.00 plus \$10.00 for shipping and handling. Contact sanduskyalumni@gmail.com if interested.

IN MEMORIAM

1934 Virginia Gassan Sexton
1934 Helen Smith Jaffary
1936 Marcella Kirner Kerber
1937 Doris Navarre Fox
1939 Mary Strauss Guendelsberger
1939 Irene Seibel Johannsen
1939 Martha Homegardner Koch
1940 Kathleen Hermes Ballard
1940 Juanita Ann Garlock Bloomfield
1942 Irene Johannsen Daniels
1942 Rev. John M. Stovall
1943 Honorable James Stacey
1943 Dorothy Rentsch Wiedeman
1944 Arthur Straub
1944 Joyce Schneider Mitnik
1947 Norman F Winkel
1947 George Hofstatter
1948 Lois Hand Petersen
1950 Ralph C Kessler, Jr.
1950 Joyce A. Bouy
1951 Gloria Warren Crabb
1952 Jean Miller Thompson
1952 Joanne Cunningham Somerville
1953 Paul Thomas Morton
1954 Floetta Ekstein Oeder
1957 Larry Corso
1957 Robert W. Skillman
1959 Kenneth C Christiansen
1959 Willie Webster Gambrell
1962 Janet Miller Held
1964 Judith Jones Walborn
1965 Richard J. Hummel
1965 Susan Brown Elliott
1967 Dorothy L Farris
1968 Kathy Gast Werner
1970 Brian Robert Oglesby
1970 John E. Rosino
1971 Sharon Carpenter
1971 Gary Richard Mischler
1972 Kevin Fuqua
1973 Joanna McDavitt Swint
1973 Cynthia Schwanger Dunn
1975 Lisa Donahue Phaneuf
1979 John L Malone
1981 William Polta
1988 Adry'an Edwards Hall
1992 Brian Willis

Memorials

For

Donald E Smith (1942)
James R Schock (1942)
Robert Cottey (1946)
Lavon Ward (1951)
Ronald C Hughes (1949)
Donna Elmer Sartor (1949)
Joyce Parker Orshoski (1949)
Alice Ramsdell Schnee (1926)
Jean Appell Cole (1942)
Ellen Wood (1954)
Paul N. Pfaff (1952)
Joanne (Cunningham) Somerville
Jean (Miller) Thompson (1952)

From

Ethel L Smith
Eugene F Fitzthum (1942)
Donald & Marilyn Cottey (1950/1951)
Donald & Marilyn Cottey (1950/1951)
Class of 1949
Class of 1949
Class of 1949
Joyce K Shaefer
Lois C Brickley (1942)
Ruth McCall Mallett (1954)
Class of 1952
Class of 1952
Class of 1952

Message From The President

To all the Alumni but especially those in the immediate area of Sandusky.

A year or so ago we had a meeting and it was decided that we would try to be a more active organization rather than just have the Newsletter to keep us involved. Since then we have tried to have our quarterly meetings and an annual meeting in 2009 and again in 2010. It has been very difficult to get a quorum and also to get anyone to chair any event. I guess I will ask again. Do you want an active organization? Is the time of our meetings not convenient? Will you give us some feedback so we can make decisions?

Thanks for your attention.

John Mears,
President and
Co-founder of SHSAA



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

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

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone () _____

E-Mail _____

Marital Status: Married Widowed
 Divorced/Separated Single

Activities: A Cappella Choir Band

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:

New Membership Renewal

Single: Annual \$10.00 Life \$ 75.00

Couple: Annual \$15.00 Life \$100.00

OTHER:

Email Directory (\$5.00) \$ _____

Scholarship Donation \$ _____

Memorial Contribution* \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

*Memorial Name and Class Year