

April 2011

Spring Banquet date is Sunday, May 15, 2011 at the new high school. As in years past, the day will start with a social hour at 2:30, followed by a group photo at 3:00 and then our business meeting at 4:00 in the auditorium. Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m.

Newsletter: as with all things in life, the cost of printing and mailing the Spring newsletter keeps going up. Your annual dues for the alumni association cover these costs. With this in mind, we must announce that unless you are a paid-up alumni member, this will be your last newsletter. Please renew your membership by filling out the attached form and sending it in with your banquet registration.

Bleacher BASH: we will hold a bleacher bash this year at the homecoming game on September 23rd vs. Circleville. We will reserve the east end of the stadium for alumni, mark your calendar and we'll see you there!



HTHS Alumni Association News

Dear Alumni,

The HTHS Alumni Association officers were invited to attend the inaugural State of the Schools luncheon and presentation by Superintendent Christopher T. Lester on Friday, November 19, 2010 at the Education Center. Some of the highlights of information were: Since the 2003-04 school year, Hamilton improved their graduation rate from 84.7% to 91%; for the second straight year Hamilton Local Schools are rated "Excellent" by the State Board of Education; HTHS earns academic trifecta (received 5-yr. national accreditation, received rating of "excellent" on 2009-10 report card, and was named as a "school of promise" by the State Superintendent and ODE) and the class of 2010 completed more than 22,000 hours of volunteer service prior to graduation. Superintendent Lester shared the Hamilton Local School District Mission Statement: "Improving Achievement through Total Accountability and High Expectations." The alumni officers were impressed with the presentation and proud of the accomplishments of Mr. Lester, the administrators and instructors of Hamilton Township Schools.

More reason to be proud to be an alumni: Nate Hillerich, the new high school football coach, lead the HTHS Rangers to an 8-2 record in his first season. Nate was named Division II co-coach of the year on the all-Ohio team by the Associated Press. On behalf of the HTHS Alumni Association, the Alumni officers purchased a \$50 gift certificate and presented it to Nate at the high school on December 2, 2010.

Want to meet other alumni on a regular basis? The first Wednesday of each month alumni meet for lunch at 2:00 p.m. Call or email Hilda Turner for details hturner32@columbus.rr.com and 614-491-3498. The last Saturday of each month, alumni meet at the Golden Corral in Grove City at 9:00 am for breakfast. Call Theresa Lehr for further details (614) 322-9809.

Library Fund:

Library Media Specialist Pat Howell conveys her heartfelt thanks to the Alumni Association for their continued support of the HTHS Library/Media Center. Recent donations from Alumni enabled the Center to establish a *College and Career Corner*. The area provides access to instructional material such as study guides for ACT exams. Also, the Center now provides “high interest/low level” books for students who struggle with reading skills. Both additions are valuable assets to the Media Center.

With the average cost of a new book about \$23.00, the emphasis is on replacing older or damaged books and resource materials in addition to expanding the variety of reading material. New purchases are high on the wish list. Most English classes require each student to read at least one novel outside the classroom. Supply and demand can be a dilemma at times.

The Alumni Association extends their thanks to those who support the Library/Media Center with their donations and encourage your continued participation in this endeavor.

Alumni officers and their contact information:

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Speaking of Officers, how would you like to step up and take on an office and lead the

association into the next decade? Just fill out the enclosed nomination form and send it in with your registration. If you have questions, please call or email Hilda Turner, chair of the nominations committee at (614) 491-3498, hturner32@columbus.rr.com.

We need nominations for the HTHS Alumni Hall of Fame. Put on your thinking cap and nominate one of our deserving alumni for this honor. Please keep in mind that the nominee must meet the following criteria: a) be a graduate of HTHS; b) be a paid member of the association for at least one year; and c) has provided outstanding service to the association and the community. If you have questions, please contact Mike Morbitzer, chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee at (614) 207-9660. A Hall of Fame nomination form is attached to this newsletter and can be returned with your banquet registration.

THANK YOU to: Hilda Turner, Ruby Greenwalt, Mary Knightstep and Linda Dillman for leading the HTHS alumni association the past few years. Their hard work, creative flair, positive attitude and fun personalities made each event very special. Ladies, you left big shoes to fill and the current officers are doing their best to step up and continue providing quality events.

Update on the 2010 Scholarship Fund Recipients. Mike Elfers, HTHS guidance counselor, reports that Michael Sutherland is attending Otterbein University in Westerville Ohio and doing very well. Although he is not playing soccer, he has adjusted very well to campus life and is maintaining a 3.0 grade point average. Dominic Gray is attending Miami University in Oxford, Ohio and is also doing very well. Dominic really likes the independence of college life and is maintaining good grades. Dominic is also a member of the armed forces. Michael and Dominic are very grateful to the Alumni Association for their scholarships.

HTHS Alumni group photo update. Each year at the Spring Banquet, Harlan Hoover Photography takes a group photo and has them for sale before the start of the dinner. Please be advised that the price for this photo has been **raised to \$17.00 this year**. Payment must be made by cash or check...no credit or debit cards will be accepted.

Banquet caterer: Barbie Weidner of Blue Moon Catering will prepare the meal again this year. Those in attendance last year can attest to the taste and quality of the food. You will not be disappointed. The menu for the dinner will include: Chicken Marsala, Roast Pork Tenderloin, Tossed Italian Salad, Spinach Salad, Smashed Reds with Garlic, Old Fashioned Green Beans, Baby Carrots with brown sugar, dessert, coffee and iced tea.

HTHS Alumni Association committees: Nominating Committee, Hilda Turner chair; Hall of Fame Committee, Mike Morbitzer, chair; Scholarship Essay Contest, Helen Wilk, chair; Decorating Committee, Judy Stimpfle Lund, chair; and Handy-Man Committee, Alfred Bower, chair.

Classes being honored this year: 1961 (50th year) and 1986 (25th year)

The Class of 1961 will hold a "Get Together" as part of their 50th Class Reunion. Members of the classes of 1960 and 1962 (or anyone else that is interested) are also invited to attend. The "Get Together" will be held on May 14, 2011, from 11:00 am to about 5:00 pm at the The Columbus Dispatch Party House, 5300 Crosswind Dr., Columbus, OH 43228. Hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, chips & condiments will be furnished by the Class of 1961. Attendees are asked to bring their own drinks (no alcoholic beverages please), picnic type plates, napkins and dinnerware....and maybe a covered dish (i.e., baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw etc.) or a dessert. We are asking everyone who is coming to please contact Shari Lares Elias at 614-873-8734 or selias@columbus.rr.com to let her know so that we can make sure there will be enough burgers, dogs and stuff. We also are asking if you are going to bring a covered dish or dessert to also let Shari know! For any other information. please feel free to contact either Sandy Denny Lowery at 614-871-2207 or Joe Fetsko at 614-861-3666 or jfetsko@insight.rr.com.

Alumni Officer Nomination Form (can be returned with your banquet registration)

Alumni Name: _____

I am interested in the office of:

President _____

Vice President _____

Secretary _____

Treasurer _____

Your phone number: _____

Your email address _____

Call Hilda Turner, chair of the nominations committee if you have questions. 614-491-3498

HTHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SPRING BANQUET
Sunday, May 15, 2011 (2:30)
Membership Dues and Banquet Reservation

RESERVATIONS DUE: MONDAY, MAY 2, 2011

Alumnus Name _____ Maiden _____ Class of _____

Alumnus Name _____ Maiden _____ Class of _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone number _____ Email (optional) _____

Guest Name: _____

Dues Only _____ @ \$ 5.00 = \$ _____

Dues and Dinner: _____ @ \$20.00 = \$ _____

Guest Dinner _____ @ \$15.00 = \$ _____

Donation to: HTHS Alumni Library Fund: \$ _____

Donation to: HTHS Scholarship Fund: \$ _____

Total Amount of Check: \$ _____ **(Make check payable to: HTHS Alumni)**

Mail check and reservation form in the enclosed envelope to:
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