

"The Archive" was the name selected by votes cast by the Junior Class (Class of '63) on May 3, 1962 for Valley Forge High School's yearbook.  
"The Heritage" was the runner-up and now appropriately names our alumni newsletter.



# The Heritage



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## ASSOCIATION NEWS

So many wonderful things are happening this spring that I hardly know where to start!

Starting off, most classes ending in a 4 or a 9 can be looking forward to reunions in 2014. For the very first time, only one class has not planned (so far!) a reunion that end in a 4 or 9. And that might be because they do not have one every five years. Some classes prefer every ten years.

Here is the rundown of dates. If you have not heard from your class, check our website for contact info!

1964: 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion - July 25-27, 2014  
1965: 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion - July 10-11, 2015  
1969: 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion - September 27, 2014  
1974: 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion - August 1-3, 2014  
1979: 35<sup>th</sup> Reunion - July 19, 2014  
1984: 30<sup>th</sup> Reunion - August 9, 2014  
1989: 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion - August 2, 2014  
1994: 20<sup>th</sup> Reunion - In planning stages  
2004: 10<sup>th</sup> Reunion - August 23, 2014

Reunion account statements were mailed in January so if you did not receive yours, contact us at patriots@vfalumni.org or call 216.225.0585.

If your class needs some help with their reunion planning, please contact us at the address or phone above and we'll be glad to let you know how we can help you!

**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday, July 15, 2014**  
**7 pm**  
**Parma Heights Library**

Next is our first fundraiser for 2014. You will find the details for our Casino Bus Trip on the next page. We need to raise funds so we can grow the size of the scholarships we award each year. Currently we give two \$750 scholarships to two seniors each year. **WE NEED TO GROW THAT!! WE NEED YOUR HELP!** If you cannot attend, please consider a cash donation to be earmarked for scholarships.

We are holding our first golf outing for scholarships on Friday, August 8th at Ridge-wood Golf Course. There will be great food, contests, and opportunities to support the scholarship program. Watch for details!

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## REUNION DO's!

~ call special friends before the reunion to arrange extra time together to catch up — perhaps arrive a day early. Then, you'll be free to circulate at the reunion instead of talking to just one or two people all night.

~ go shopping for something to wear that makes you feel attractive. Forget about designer labels. Look for something that's flattering, comfortable and appropriate for the setting (picnic, dinner or dance). Also plan ahead for shoes (you'll be doing a lot of standing and dancing) and accessories.

~ practice a facial expression in front of a mirror to maintain in the event you encounter an old nemesis, the captain of the football team, head cheerleader or anyone who arrives in a Jaguar, Porsche or Mercedes. Achieve a countenance that conveys your disdain for material possessions.

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## 2013-14 Officers

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**History of the Parma Schools**  
(continued from January *Heritage*)  
by **Kenneth J. Lavelle, Local Historian**  
VF Class of 1975

On November 22, 1853 there was a vote taken for the construction of local High School. Only 16 men voted for it and it was not built. Thus, for many years students who attended high school continue to their education, traveled into Cleveland with the township school board paying for their continuing education. Over time the importance of the sub-district numbers was replaced by local names given by local residents. For example, sub-district number 8 was called 'Center School' or 'Town Hall School' and number 1 was 'Maple Grove'.

With the passage of the 'Workmen Law' in 1892, the sub-district school elected members began to lose local control of the school house. Each school house was considered a 'district school' in the township with an assigned district number. In 1900, the sub-districts were abolished and they had no influence in school board decisions by 1904. All

five members of the school board were elected by the residents in 1905. This was one of the root causes that led to the establishment of Parma Heights Village Board of Education in 1912. It existed only until 1917 and students in Parma Heights Village returned to the Parma Rural School District. Students in Seven Hills Village began to attend classes in the Parma Schools in 1928. Parma became a City in 1931, the name was changed to the Parma City Schools.

In 1919, a special election was held and approved to issue bonds to build three consolidated schools to replace the nine individual school houses. The old district school houses were sold. In 1921, the three new consolidated schools were opened on Pearl, Ridge, and State Rds. The school age population kept growing and more buildings had to be built, with that trend continuing to the present day. The Parma schools are one of the few districts to have built six high schools: No. 8, Ridge, Schaaf, Parma Sr., Valley Forge, and Normandy. *(to be continued)*

**Valley Forge Alumni Association presents a  
FUN-RAISER For Scholarships!**



**Monday, May 19, 2014  
Casino Bus Trip**

**\$35 per person includes \$25 Casio Bonus**  
Depart from VF front parking lot at 9 am; Return approx. 7 pm

**ON THE BUS...Games, Contests, Raffles!**  
**Refreshments available for sale.**

Send check (payable to *Valley Forge Alumni Association*)  
to Linda Brown, 3418 W. 127 St., Cleveland 44111 OR go to  
[www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com) and send your payment to [sales@vfallumni.org](mailto:sales@vfallumni.org)



**DEADLINE 4/18/14 ~ No Refunds after 4/18/14**

## Hall of Fame Upgrade

As we represent over 25,000 graduates of Valley Forge High School, we have a number of important programs in place to serve everyone. We offer Reunion Planning: counseling, tax exemption savings, service at reunions; Scholarships for VF seniors; VF Hall of Fame; Database maintenance. We maintain a FaceBook page with over 2500 followers and a website where you will find valuable information about classes, association news and this newsletter.

We are currently raising funds to refurbish our Hall of Fame display in the hallway at Valley Forge. It has grown over the years and now needs some updating. So we are reaching out to you for donations towards our goal of \$1000 for this purpose. We are asking for a \$20.00 donation toward the Hall of Fame Refurbishment. If you would like to give at the **Gold level for \$50.00** or the **Diamond Level for \$100.00**, you will be acknowledged on a special plaque in the display.



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**Thank you for supporting this project. Checks should be made payable to Valley Forge Alumni Association and mailed to Linda Brown, 3418 West 127 Street, Cleveland OH 44111. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 216.225.0585 or [patriots@vfallumni.org](mailto:patriots@vfallumni.org).**

### REUNION DO'S *continued from Page 1...*

~ think in advance about answers to questions you'll inevitably be asked. Have ready replies to such boners as "Weren't you the one with the humongous braces?" or "Remember when you threw up on the bus in third grade?" or "Wasn't it you who slipped and fell during the finale of the senior play?"

~ take your spouse if 1) you're attending just to observe and don't plan any prolonged reminiscences with old buddies; 2) s/he is able to entertain him/herself; 3) you know for certain your old girl/boyfriend isn't going to be there; 4) s/he was a classmate.

~ indulge yourself in recollection. Pack yearbooks and scrapbooks if you're driving to the reunion. If there's going to be an informal get-together like a picnic, take the books along to share with others who will appreciate being reminded of common memories. It's not suggested that you drag the books to a formal dinner dance.

~ make a real effort to express your thanks to those who organized the reunion. Who knows? Enough appreciation and flattery may make them overlook the headaches of planning the event and they may volunteer to organize the next one.

~ remember that when people exclaim, "You haven't changed a bit," they're only dealing with externals. No doubt about it: you have changed and likely for the better. A reunion will return you to scenes of your adolescence, when you worried about wardrobe, hair and complexion. By the 20th reunion you'll still be wondering about hair (where it's going), and your complexion (where the lines are coming from). No matter which reunion it is, you should use the opportunity to reflect upon where you've been, how far you've come ... and, of course, where you're going.

*From reunionsmagazine.com*

## What We Do...

The Valley Forge Alumni Association, Inc. is a 501(c3) organization created to help graduates work together for the common good of both the graduates and the high school. Our priorities and goals are as follows:

~ To Alumni by maintaining database for reunions, assists with reunion planning and at the reunions themselves, if desired, and maintains class reunion funds. Also a newsletter and website. Preserves the history and traditions of Valley Forge High School.

~ To Current Students by providing scholarships to seniors and future programs of grants to teachers and funds for school functions, projects, clubs and building in general.

~ To The Community by being an active member of the Parma Area Chamber of Commerce and participating in as many community events as possible.

**Valley Forge Alumni Association Freedom Scholarship** is awarded annually through the Parma Council of PTAs Scholarship Program. We require each applicant to submit an essay describing why they are proud to be a Valley Forge graduate.



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## Calendar of Events

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| Tues, 4/15/14  | General Membership Meeting—7 pm—At VF in Room 101 at the Auditorium side<br>Election of Officers |
| Sun., 5/3/14   | First Induction of members to the VF Athletic Hall of Fame                                       |
| Wed, 6/4/14    | Senior Checkout                                                                                  |
| Sun, 6/8/14    | 2014 Commencement and Alumni Hall of Fame Induction                                              |
| Tues, 7/15/14  | General Membership Meeting—7 pm—Parma Heights Library                                            |
| Fri, 10/3/14   | Valley Forge vs Parma Football Game and Tailgate Party                                           |
| Tues, 10/21/14 | General Membership Meeting—7 pm— At VF in Room 101 at the Auditorium side                        |
| Fri, 10/31/14  | Valley Forge vs Normandy Football Game                                                           |

## Valley Forge High School Hall of Fame

Do you know someone who has made a significant contribution to our school, our community or our world? Nominate them for this honor and tell us about their post high school accomplishments in Academics, Athletics, Career, Cultural/Performing Arts or other endeavor. You will find the form online at [www.vfalumni.org](http://www.vfalumni.org)

## How Can You Help ?

- **Donate Funds for Scholarships:** We awarded \$500 scholarships in the past. We want to increase the amount or number of scholarships.
- **Fundraising:** Suggest fundraising strategies and/or be ready to jump in and help or implement one.
- **Attend Meetings:** Help us make decisions that will shape the future of the Association as well as socialize with other alumni.

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Visit Our Website!  
[www.vfalumni.org](http://www.vfalumni.org)



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