

## 134th Meeting of the Perry High School Alumni Association

The 134<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Perry High School Alumni Association was held Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at the Perry Township Hall, 2770 West Ellsworth Road, Perry, Michigan. 139 guests and friends in attendance.

Jaime Pavlica, class of 1977 welcomed the group. Tom Lewis, class of 1990, coach of the Williamston High School Boys Basketball Team and 2022 Michigan Division 2, Class B State champions reflected on his pride as a Perry Grad and shared some personal experiences relative to his accomplishments with close ties to PHS.

Rev. Msgr. George Michalek, Class of 1969, gave the invocation prior to dinner being catered and served by Brenda Hart.

Jaime thanked Brenda and her team for a wonderful dinner followed with unanimous applause. He also noted the passing of so many members from Covid, the struggles and pain of the past 2 years and the passing of past President William Colby last year. It was noted that a complete list of memorials appears on each table. (attached) He offered a moment of silence for all. Also noted were most recent losses of John Grider, class of 1950, Ted O'Bryant, class of 1943, and Sue Pierce-Mills, class of 1963.

Rick Szedlak, class of 1972, introduced classmates as well as recognizing attendees from the classes of 1995, 1996, 1970 & 1971 who missed their banquet the past two years due to Covid. He also gave a pleasant insight on the past 50 years since his class's graduation. In attendance were Arnold Allen, Helen Bartkowiak-Farr, Cliff Farr, Paulette Cornell-Johnson, Nancy Griffith, David Hammond, Darlene Harvey-Szedlak, Michael Heeg, Steve Hill, Kevin Kell, Michael Kline, Geraldine Koshmider, Duane Reyhl, Diane Ryan-Scribner, Peter Scribner, Rick Szedlak, Annette Towsley, Joyce Wyman-Kapeluch.

JoAnn Harper, class of 1975, recognized the honored grads, those in attendance who graduated prior to 1972: **Class of 1970** – Jeffrey Church, Tom Johnson, Bill Newman, Debra Piper. **Class of 1969** – Edward Arnold, Mike Carlton, Kathleen Hayt-Flory, Katherine Hosmer-Denton, Kenneth Klem, Msgr. George Michalek, Melanie Paluch-Burch, Barbara Spayd-Szedlak, Chari Utter-Smith, Rosann Utter-Sinke, Sue Wilson-Hammond, Larry Warren. **Class of 1968** - Jack Hart, Paul Duncan, Fred Kline, Marjorie Jones-Kline, Dave Stewart. **Class of 1967** – Ron Hammond, John Plowman. **Class of 1966** – Eric Alchin, Donald Gruesbeck, Phillis Sheffield-Alchin, John Bartkowiak, Danny Cornell, Peggy Grennell-Snell, James Hosmer. **Class of 1965** – Barbara Kinsey, Michael Bemiss, Bob Hammond, Keith Ostien, Marilyn McDevitt-Matice, Linda Saunders-Putnam. **Class of 1964** – Barb Gruesbeck-Davis, Sally Demerly-Thompson. **Class of 1963** – Gary Davis, Jackie King-Gruesbeck, Gerald McDevitt, Jim Partridge, Dale Thompson. **Class of 1962** – Karol Spayd-West, Geraldine DeFrenn-McDevitt. **Class of 1961** – Jackie DeFrenn Hurd, Sandra Austin-White, Joe Ocenasek, and Gertrude Disbrow-Haas. **Class of 1960** – Donna Cornell-Nozar, Judy Case-Cronin, Jerry Harkness. **Class of 1959** – Henrietta Clark-Sparkes, Louise Shook, Bill Krieger, Ed Demerly, Sharon Case-Richard, Robert Davis, Gerald Sayles, Dianne Wilkins-Colister, Janet Keaver-Carpenter, Dale Grennell, Ron Smith. **Class of 1958** – Sal DeFrenn-Harper. **Class of 1957** - Richard White, Bob Harper, Sandra Mills-Michalek. **Class of 1956** – Kathleen Austin-Briggs, Joyce Dunn-Polhemus, Rodney Weinert.

**Class of 1955** – Nancy McKone Cox, Mary Lou Lewis-Boucher, Dale Richard. **Class of 1953** – Robert Bjornseth, Walter Cords. **Class of 1952** – Robert Millis, Daniel O’Bryant. **Class of 1951** – Rick Talbert, Louis Gaffner. **Class of 1949** – Doris Nethaway Chaney, Bradford Cole. **Class of 1944** – Dale Beardslee.

Jaime Pavlica presented a certificate of recognition to Patricia Ann Nethway-Vogl, class of 1947, 75 years graduated.

Pat Segó-O’Bryant, class of 1974, introduced a special guest, Mr. Henry Nelson, beloved former PHS band director from 1959 to 1973. She presented him with a plaque recognizing him as an honorary Rambler.

Mary Plowman, chairperson of the Perry educational Foundation gave a few comments and Introduced 2022 scholarship winner, Ms. Embre Wilson and presented her with a check.

The **business meeting** was called to order by President, Jaime Pavlica. He introduced Vice-President Jackie Hurd, class of 1961 to conduct the Election of Officers. A slate of officers was presented:

**President:** Jaime Pavlica, class of 1977. **Vice-President:** Jackie Hurd, class of 1961.  
**Secretary: (vacant).** **Treasurer: (vacant)** **Trustees:** Pat Segó-O’Bryant, class of 1974, Audrie Polhemus, class of 1961. Motion by John Plowman, supported by Deb Piper to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

Sally Fortman-Curtis, class of 1987, presented the past minutes and Treasurers reports. Motion by Pat O’Bryant, supported by Dianne Colby-Norton, class of 1977, to approve the 2019 annual meeting minutes. Motion carried. Motion by Keith Ostien, supported by Rodney Weinert to approve the June 22, 2021 committee meeting minutes. Motion carried. Motion by Dave Stewart, supported by Sue Hammond to accept the Treasurers report. Motion carried.

The classes of 2020, 2021 & 2022 were presented for consideration. Motion by Sandy White, supported by Sue Hammond to accept them into Membership. Motion carried.

It was noted that the over 50-year Grad gathering will be held in September here at the Township hall.

The meeting ended with Mayor Sue Hammond, leading us all in signing God Bless America.

Pastor Eric Strattan closed with Benediction and prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Heminger-Fortman, Secretary, class of 1963

***(Note: The Alumni Association recently purchased a Portable P.A. system for events like this)***