

135th Meeting of the Perry High School Alumni Association

The 135th annual meeting of the Perry High School Alumni Association was held Saturday, May 6th, 2023, at the Perry Township Hall, 2770 West Ellsworth Road, Perry, Michigan. 195 graduates and guests were in attendance.

Jaime Pavlica, class of 1977 welcomed the group. Dr. Lori Haven, Superintendent of Perry Public Schools addressed the attendees.

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

Jaime thanked Brenda and her team for a wonderful meal, followed by a round of applause.

A moment of silence was observed for Alumni Board Member and Trustee Audrie Decator Polhemus, Class of 1961. Audrie passed away October 30, 2022.

No members of the 25-year class of 1998 were present.

Jane Thatcher Wilson and Tim O'Bryant from the Class of 1973 shared stories and highlights of their class' school years leading up to graduation on Thursday, June 7, 1973. Other class members in attendance were Conrad Morrison, Dale DeGarmo, Pamela Warren Gaffner, Gloria Horton, Mary Stuart Fain, Roger Duncan, Betty Patchett, Rosemary Johnson Southwell, Michael Jackson, Jennifer Church Herring, Pat Gaffner, Brion Stewart, Dick Bradley, Bob Timmer, Suzi LaMourie and Sharon Hill.

Betty Patchett, Class of 1973, recognized the **Honored Grads**, those in attendance who graduated prior to 1973: **Class of 1972** – Cliff Farr, Arnold Allen, David Hammond, Geri Koshmider, Pete Scribner, Diane Ryan Scribner and Joyce Wyman. **Class of 1971** – Denise Shepherd Albertson. **Class of 1970** – Debra Piper, Wayne Sheffield, Elaine Partridge Rosen, Dick Rosen. **Class of 1969** – Larry Warren, Melanie Paluch Burch, Kenneth Klem, Mike Carlton, Kathleen Hayt Flory, Rev Msgr George Michalek, Edward Arnold, Chari Utter Smith, Sue Wilson Hammond. **Class of 1968** - Paul Duncan, Fred Kline, Marjorie Jones Kline, Dave Stewart. **Class of 1967** – Ron Hammond, John Plowman, Roger Hill, Terry Cole Schanski, Dave Schanski, Jerry Polmounter. **Class of 1966** – Lynette Taylor Polmounter, Robert Lewis, Peggy Grennell Snell, Danny Cornell, Donald Gruesbeck, Phyllis Sheffield Alchin, Eric Alchin, David Hayt. **Class of 1965** – Bob Hammond, David T Smith, J Keith Ostien, Michael Bemiss, Barbara Kinsey, Vibeke Thomsen, Gary Hampton. **Class of 1964** – Sally Demerly Thompson. **Class of 1963** – Dale Thompson, Jackie King Gruesbeck, Gerald McDevitt, Jim Partridge, John Partridge, Pat Galbavi McDevitt, Jane Heminger Fortman. **Class of 1962** – Geraldine DeFrenn McDevitt. **Class of 1961** – Jackie DeFrenn Hurd, Sandra Austin White, Gertrude Disbrow Haas, Linda Clouse Smith. **Class of 1960** – Donna Cornell Nozar, Jerry Harkness, Linda Loomis Futon, Judy Hord Horton. **Class of 1959** – Janet Kever Carpenter, Ronald Smith, Diane Wilkins Colister, William Krieger, Sharon Case Richard, Louise Shook Arnold, Gary Apsey, Dale Grennell, Robert Davis, Gerald Sayles, Clarke Heminger. **Class of 1958** – Sal DeFrenn Harper, Maxine Shuart Burkhardt, Ruth Corn Payne. **Class of 1957** - Richard White, Bob Harper, Sandra Mills Michalek, Ron Chaney, Howard Locke. **Class of 1956** – George Dunn. **Class of 1955** – Nancy McKone Cox, Mary Lou Lewis Boucher, Dale Richard. **Class of 1953** –Walter Cords, Nyla Tefft Baldwin. **Class of 1952** – Robert Millis, Daniel O'Bryant. **Class of 1951** – Louis Gaffner.

Class of 1949 – Doris Nethaway Chaney, Bradford Cole, Jr. **Class of 1948** – Audrey Cornell Kraemer.
Class of 1947 – Patricia Nethaway Vogl. **Class of 1944** – Dale Beardslee.

Jaime Pavlica presented a Certificate of Recognition to Audrey Cornell Kraemer, class of 1948, honoring her as being 75 years graduated.

Mary Stuart Fain, Class of 1973, read the list of **Memorials**. Please see the list sent with the minutes.

Mary Plowman, Chairperson of the Perry Educational Foundation presented scholarship awards to seven seniors as follows:

Jonah Paul Smith – Sheehan Scholarship	Evelyn Mae Hinkley – McDevitt Scholarship
David Zheng – Kosier Scholarship	Abigail Marie Munro – Bradley Scholarship
Chloe Rose Douglas – Education Fund Scholarship	Elise Bawks – Alumni Scholarship

The **business meeting** was called to order by President, Jaime Pavlica.

Jane Heminger Fortman, Class of 1963, presented the past minutes. Motion by Roger Duncan, supported Debra Piper, to approve the 2022 annual and board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Pat Sego O'Bryant, Class of 1974, presented the treasurer's report. Motion by Mary Fain, supported by Dick Bradley to approve the 2022 report. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jane Wilson and supported by Debra Piper to increase the Board of Directors from five to seven members. (reference Article I – Section 2 of PHSAA Bylaws). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Laura Millhisler Young and supported by Louie Gaffner to elect Sal DeFrenn Harper, JoAnn Harper and Sally Curtis to a three-year term through 2026. Motion carried.

Motion was made by John Plowman and supported by Joyce Wyman to accept the following slate of officers presented by President, Jaime Pavlica: President Jaime Pavlica (term through 2025), Vice-President Jackie DeFrenn Hurd (term through 2025), Secretary Jane Heminger Fortman (term through 2024), Treasurer Pat Sego O'Bryant (term through 2024) and Trustees Sal DeFrenn Harper, JoAnn Harper and Sally Curtis (terms through 2026). Motion carried

Motion was made by Tim O'Bryant and supported by Betty Patchett to accept the members of the Perry High School graduating class of 2023 as members of the Perry High School Alumni Association. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Suzy Lamourie and supported by Bob Timmer to move forward with plans to hold the 136th annual Alumni Banquet on May 4, 2024. Motion carried.

Benediction was delivered by Rev. Msgr. George Michalek, Class of '69.

The closing song – God Bless America was lead by Mayor Sue Wilson Hammond, Class of '69.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Heminger Fortman, Secretary, Class of '63.