



JULY/AUGUST 2022

The weather has definitely been **HOT** in Ohio during July with possibly the same forecast in August! News in this month's newsletter is also **HOT** so we hope you will enjoy the "news" indicated below! Continue to have a great summer!

IN MEMORY



With our upcoming reunion, a list of "lost alumni" was posted in our last newsletter. One of those alums who have been "lost" was **Cindy Murray**. **Ken Zach** then contacted us indicating that he believed Cindy passed away several years ago in Florida. After doing some research, etc., it was confirmed by **Nancy Shoaf Kupcik** that Cindy died June 26, 2017, in Florida from cervical cancer. During her years at GHHS, Cindy participated in Hostess Club, Intramurals and Tri-Hi-Y. She is survived by step-brother, John.



Janice Jelinek Szypulski passed away June 21, 2022. While at GHHS, Janice participated in Band, Booster Club, Concert Band, G.A.A., Intramurals, Library Club, Marching Band, Spanish Club & Tri-Hi-Y. She married another Class of '67 graduate, **Richard Szypulski**, and enjoyed 51 years of being together. Janice is survived by Richard, three children, 2 girls and 1 boy, and one granddaughter. She loved her "fur babies", going on cruises and especially attending the "Woolly Bear Festival" in Vermillion with her family.



James Stanley Murowsky passed away July 12, 2022, after a long battle with cancer. During his tenure at GHHS, James played football and was in Intramurals. James is survived by wife, Laura, to whom he was married for 50 years. He is the father of two sons, and grandfather of six. He was an avid sportsman who enjoyed the outdoors, and a proud U.S. Marine Corp veteran who volunteered his time and energy as an Honor Guard at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman, OH.



Susan Said, 73, passed away on July 31, 2022, while residing in Colorado from heart issues. When attending GHHS, Susan participated in Biology Seminar, Booster Club, Future Teachers, J.C.W.A., Latin Club and Spanish Club. Susan is survived by one sister, Diane Said Karash (also a 1969 graduate of GHHS), brother-in-law, Frank, nephew, Bryan, and niece, Sabrina, with husband & two daughters. She remained a long-term resident of Garfield Heights until 2014 when she moved to Colorado for health reasons and to be near her sister.

From your editor, Susan will always be special to me as we began our friendship in junior high school and remained friends until the day of her death. I have fond memories of her, such as when we boarded a plane & took our first trip to the "Big Apple" together a year after graduation from high school, seeing the Dave Clark Five when they came to Cleveland in the 60s (she preferred them rather than the Beatles), and being my car companion when relocating West to Los Angeles in 1980. I will miss her.

Our sympathies are extended to the families & friends of Cindy, Janice, James & Susan. They will not be forgotten!

Don't Forget.....

As a reminder, below is a copy of the invitation to our 55th reunion taking place on August 20, 2022! To date, there will be 81 in attendance. Come join the party!!!!!!



GARFIELD HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 1967
55 YEAR REUNION

Dear Bulldog,

A great deal has happened in the world since our last reunion! During Covid did you take up a new hobby or did you reserve a seat into outer space? Let's reunite our alumni family to share school memories and exchange what is new in our lives.

You and a guest are invited to a casual afternoon gathering celebrating 55 years since the graduation of the outstanding Class of 1967.

Class of '67 will be in Session

Saturday, August 20, 2022

3:00 pm

Fraternal Order of Eagles (FOE 2122)
237 Broadway Avenue
Bedford, OH 44146

Cafeteria Special
Cash Bar

ACCOMMODATIONS - Numerous hotels in Independence are available going west or in Solon going east all within 10-16 minutes drive time of the FOE hall.

55 Year Reunion

Make your check payable to: GHHS Class of 1967 Alumni Org.

\$20.00 per person x _____

Payment due August 6, 2022

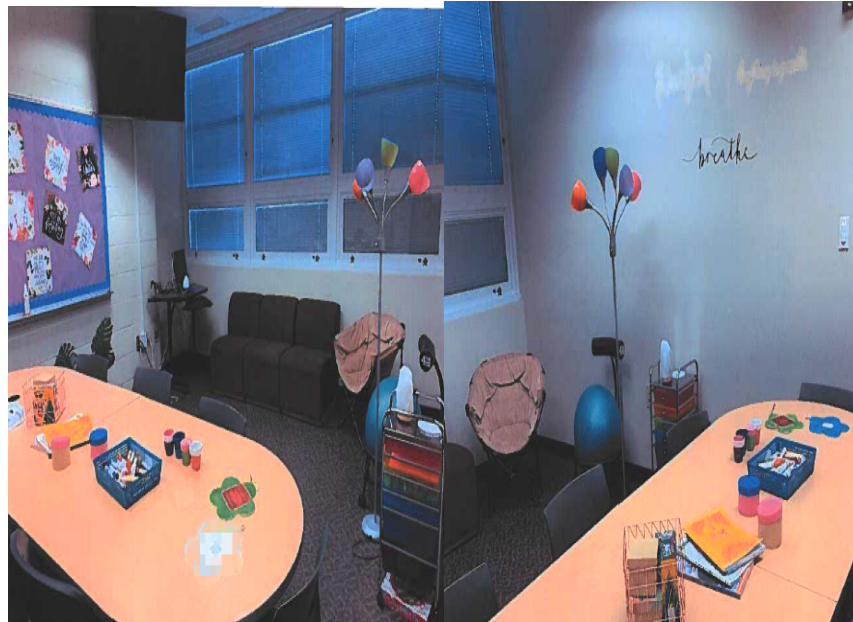
Send your check to:
Janice Hola
9899 Seneca Court
Brecksville, OH 44141

Please include your name (maiden if applicable) along with guest's name

Page through that dusty yearbook; then join in for an afternoon of fun with your fellow classmates!

We Continue Our Tradition - The Class of '67 Awards Another Grant!

On January 25, 2022, the Class of '67 awarded yet another \$500.00 grant that was issued to the GHHS Counseling Department for Social Emotional Development. The objective of this project is to create a safe space for students to come to when they are feeling anxious, stressed and/or overwhelmed and to have an opportunity to practice self-regulation & effective coping strategies. Those at GHHS who hosted this project were Guidance Counselors Robin Castagnola, Sherri Williams, and Bobbie Marksberry. Bobbie sent us a few photos of the "finished project" and they look very good to me! Once again, it makes me proud to be a graduate of the Class of '67 and to return something to fellow students following in our footsteps!



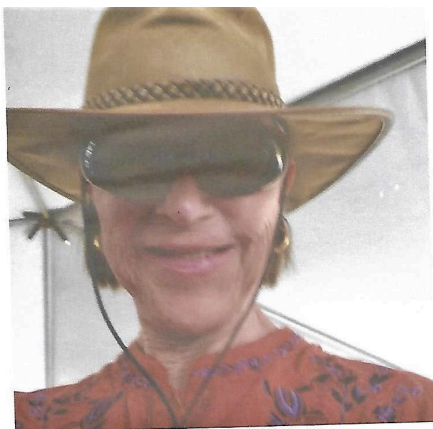
Bulldog Banter

Our Traveling Alumni: Three alums seemed to have done a bit of traveling during the last couple months – **Ruth Mendala Thompson** with husband, Ed, visited the Big Island of Hawaii. Other family members even joined them there!

Sharon Travagliente Weitzman with husband, Skip, enjoyed a visit with their son & his family, who were visiting for 10 days from CA. Plans were made to stay at the Breakers Hotel in Sandusky, experience Cedar Pointe, & even a day at the beach. Many activities were also "squeezed in" right in downtown Cleveland. And,

Gail Russler Meyer with hubby, Barry, traveled to The Villages, FL, their former place of residence, to visit friends and check out what was "new" in the neighborhood.

Kudos to: **Sharon Travagliente Weitzman** & hubby, Skip, upon meeting for the first time in June, 2022, their great granddaughter from California. Also, their grandson, Dominic Farago, graduated from North Ridgeville High School with an honors diploma. He obtained a 4-year Varsity letter in football and a 3-year Varsity letter in basketball. He was also a runner in track. Dominic will be attending Kent State University in August to study business.



Rhea Jones Ashmore was cast in a scene as “village folk” for *Yellowstone* Season 5. Rhea says it “twas a hot, dusty & interesting experience.”

More Anniversaries: Several of our alumni share June anniversaries and they are: **Linda Sindelar Kavaras** & husband, Mark, celebrated 27 years together on June 14; **Julie Solar Ogella** with husband, David, celebrated 51 years on June 19th as did **Randy Stakes** with wife, Kathy; David **Humpal** with wife, Marcia, were together 52 years on June 20th; **Gail Russler Meyer** & husband, Barry, enjoyed 30 years on July 11th, **Karen Parhamovich Felon** with husband, Darrell, celebrated 46 years together on August 1st and on August 18th, **Linda Bright Klimonek** & husband, Joe, will be together for 43 years.

Condolences to: **Doug Day** and his family upon the passing of his eldest brother, Donald Day, Jr., 77, on July 13, 2022, while on vacation outside of Glacier National Park that he loved so well. Don was part of the first graduating class of the “new” Garfield Heights High School in 1963, and he was a true “Who’s Who” regarding activities during his time there. He was President of Band Council, and participated in Activities Band, Basketball, Band, Orchestra, Intramurals, Valentine Honor Assembly, Pep Band, a Canteen Class Officer, a Homeroom Officer, did a “5 foot 2” skit in Showboat, Student Council of Representatives, voted a King’s Attendant and Most Likely to Succeed. His entire life was surrounded with music and he played a variety of instruments, or anything he could get his hands onto. He also loved the outdoors, was a great skier and successful using a camera! He is survived by his son and daughter, three granddaughters, and two brothers, Doug and David (also a GHHS graduate in 1972).

John Dombos & family upon the passing July 23, 2022, of his wife, Darlene Ann Dombos, 81. She was preceded in death by her two sons, but is survived by husband, John, daughter Marla (Wayne) Lucas, five grandchildren & and five great-grandchildren.

Donna Hodlik Smallman & family upon the passing of her sister, Sister Rosanna Hodlik, 71, on July 30, 2022. Sister Rosanna is survived by the Sisters of Saint Joseph, Third Order of Saint Francis, with whom she shared her life for 18 years, as well as five siblings (three sisters and two brothers with another sister being deceased).

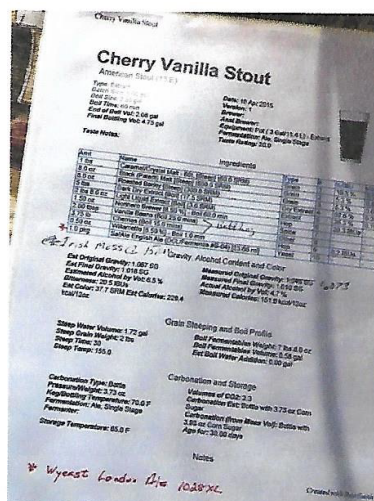
And condolences to **Richard Szypulski** upon the passing of his wife, **Janice Jelinek Szypulski**. See above.

Our thoughts are with all of you!

Newsy Reflections & Tidbits: It is always a pleasure to view “old photos”, especially of oneself. **Janet Benedetti** shared the photo below. Can you identify all of these cute looking gals??? Left to right: **Julie Solar Ogella**, **Candice King Konicki**, **Patty Scandrett Werle**, **Millie Gerak**, ??? (anyone know her?) and **Jan Benedetti**! So cool!!



It is always a pleasure to see folks working with a hobby. **Ken Zach** seems to like brewing beer.



Alumni dinners have returned! **YEAH!** Since COVID previously made it impossible to meet, Harry's Steakhouse has now agreed to waive their "15 person" maximum and allow our group to begin meeting there again. Consequently, the first Class of '67 dinner took place on June 29th, 6pm, at Harry's Steakhouse in Independence. Eighteen of fellow alumni attended and they were **Sue Baranovic Slesnick, Amy Roman Kostka, Janice Wroblewski Hola, Linda Sindelar Kavaras, Ken Zach, George Majczenko, Tom Atherton, Nancy Levis Knowlton, Linda Wike Calkins, Sharon Travagliente Weitzman, Tom Pavlinsky, Jim Blank, Dan Mihalik, Joe Mack, Doug Barto** with his daughter, **Tom Hola**, and **Bill Williams**. See below!



The Lady Bulldogs met for lunch on July 16th at the Mavis Winkle restaurant in Twinsburg. Those who attended are pictured below. If you are interested in attending a lunch, RSVP to **Audrey Sopko** at



Kathy Schneider Nowack, Sharon Travagliante Weitzman, Pam Poveroni Conrad, Linda Sindelar Kavaras, Jan Wroblewski Hola, Lora Finocchi Garrett, Karen Soika Palker, Karen Parhamovich Felon, Audrey Sopko, Linda Wike Calkins, Linda Maciaszek Fauble and Nancy Levis Knowlton.

Two of the above pictured ladies also seem to have the same taste in handbags! They brought them to the luncheon. See below!

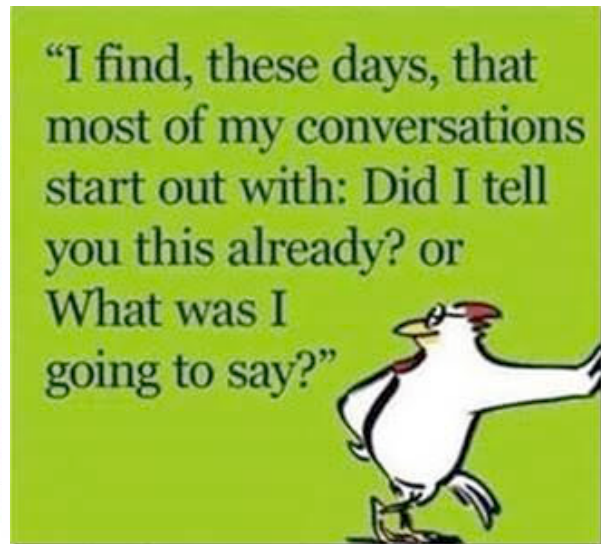
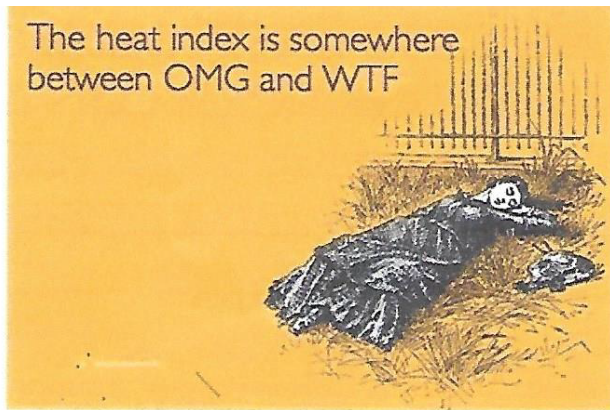


Nancy Levis Knowlton & Kathy Schneider Nowack

Zooming: **Audrey Sopko** also organized another Zoom session for our alumni. It was held on July 7th at 6pm and the attendees for it were: **Bill Williams, Jane Mencil Lapointe, Linda Wike Calkins, Stan Slempa, Rhea Jones Ashmore and Audrey** of course! Another call should be forthcoming in the future. Audrey will notify everyone via email with details as to how to participate.

Here is a funny concerning “zooming”: *MANDY: “People laugh at my jokes at the office but never on Zoom.” RANDY: “That’s because you’re not remotely funny.”*

Finally, this newsletter comes to a close with two “funnies” from **Gail Russler Meyer** and **Nico Bujak**, respectively:



Your loyal editor,

Gail Russler Meyer