

MARCH/APRIL 2021



It's beginning to look a lot like spring! At least it is here in the South.....in North Carolina! Your editor has recently moved to that state and the dogwoods are in bloom, as are azaleas and a number of other flowers & trees! Being almost a 10-year resident of Florida, this is such a welcome sight to see! Here is hoping that wherever you reside, you find a bit of "the welcome of spring" in your own backyard!

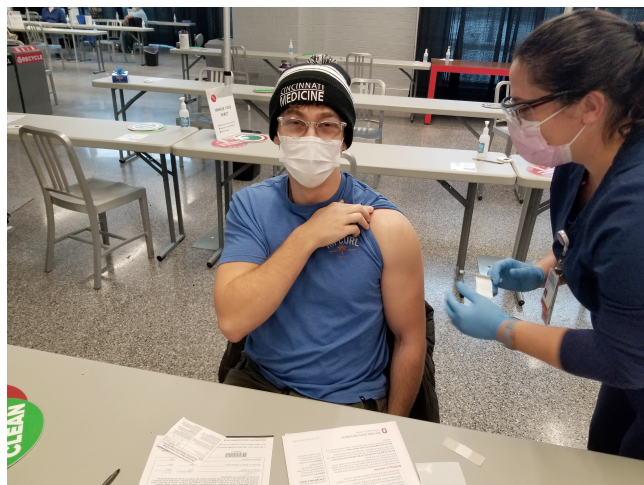
A Scholarship Success Story

In 2014, the Class of '67 awarded its Scholarship to Phillip Holovach. In March, Phillip contacted Garfield Heights City Schools asking for our contact information in order to provide us with an "update" of how he is doing after graduation from GHHS.

Phillip was a first-generation college student with very modest financial means, and has relayed to us that he was very grateful to receive our \$500 scholarship award.

Phillip graduated with a B.S. in Biochemistry from The Ohio State University, and then received an M.S. in Physiology from the University of Cincinnati. Since graduating from those schools, he has been doing clinical research & interviewed for medical school this past year. Due to its competitiveness, he never quit trying and persevered. He decided to attend the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine to obtain his MD this coming August. He now wanted to share that news with all of us!

Below are a few photos of Phillip you might find interesting. The first is Phillip in front of the Cincinnati medical school, the second is his getting his COVID vaccine shot, and the third is a general photo of himself in a café!



Thank you for reaching out to us, Phillip! Congratulations upon entry into medical school; you deserve it and we former GHHS graduates are certainly **proud** of you and happy that we could help with your career accomplishments!

Bulldog Banter

Our Traveling Alumni: Heard about two of our alums traveling now. **Tom & Janice Wroblewski** planned a trip to Florida vacationing April 12 thru 24. On April 17th, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Congratulations too!

Sharon Travagliante Weitzman was in Palm Springs, CA, with her grandchildren.

Kudos also to: **Tina Sparacio Iceman** and husband, Thomas, who celebrated their 51st anniversary in February, 2021, and **Peggy Terry Berteau** with husband, Bob, celebrating 51 years together in Myrtle Beach, SC, on April 11th. Hope all of you had a wonderful day together!

Kudos also to **Linda Capretta** who is proud to announce that her grandson, Joshua J. Clark, received the Krahling Journalism Award from the College of Communication at the University of Mount Union in Alliance, OH. This prize is awarded to a freshman, sophomore, or junior student who has demonstrated excellence in providing service to student media, and who shows promise of having a successful career in the Field. It was first awarded in 2000, and it honors the outstanding professional achievement of four Krahling brothers who graduated from the University of Mount Union – Robert, Edward, William & Ronald.

Congratulations, “JJ”. Keep up the great work!

Thinking of: **Dusty Bowling** who had a triple bypass & valve replacement around January 26, 2021. He is now recuperating from that surgery and feeling much better.

Former GHHS faculty member, **William “Bill” Toneff**, had a procedure on his hip in early February and has been moved to Crown Center in the care center where he resides which has a higher level of care. He also experienced trouble breathing....Mr. Toneff claims it was due to “old lungs”.

Marleen Krzywkowski Sooy who is having parathyroid surgery on April 23rd. Parathyroid surgery is surgical removal of a parathyroid tumor or overactive parathyroid glands.

And **Audrey Sopko** for her middle daughter, Barbara. On March 14th, Barbara was rushed to the hospital with an idiopathic subarachnoid bleed (bleeding on the brain from unknown cause). It will take her several months to recover, but she is doing well.

We hope all of you respond quickly to medical treatment with a full recovery!

Condolences to: **Carol Stolarski** and fiancé, Will, upon the passing of Carol’s mother, Rita Stolarski, 98, on March 26, 2021. Mrs. Stolarski was a long-time resident of Garfield Heights and mother of three, and grandmother of two. Funeral service & interment was private.

Our prayers are certainly with all of you and your extended family!

“Death leaves a heartache no one can heal. Love leaves a memory no one can steal”

Newsy Reflections & Tidbits: Another Zoom meeting for alumni took place on March 15, 2021. Those participating were **Nancy Levis Knowlton**, **Amy Roman Kostka**, **Stan Slempa**, and **Audrey Sopko**. The zoom sessions are by invitation only to avoid “Zoom bombers”. Another will be forthcoming. When the invitation is sent to alums and you would like to participate, simply send Audrey Sopko an email (asopko@sbcglobal.net). She will even provide a help session beforehand!

Ken Zielaskiewicz provided us with what he thinks might be appropriate for the Class of ’67! Reading his submission indicated below, I guess I just might have to agree with him. Thanks, Ken!

I changed my car horn to gunshot sounds. People get out of the way much faster now.

I didn’t make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row.

I decided to stop calling the bathroom the “John” and renamed it the “Jim”. I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning.

Old age is coming at a really bad time.

When I was a child I thought "Nap Time" was a punishment. Now, as a grown up, it feels like a small vacation.

The biggest lie I tell myself is "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."

I don't have gray hair; I have "wisdom highlights"! I'm just very wise.

If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would have put them on my knees.

Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet.

Why do I have to press one for English when you're just going to transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?

Of course I talk to myself. Sometimes I need expert advice.

At my age "getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for.

Actually I'm not complaining because I am a Senager (Senior teenager). I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 60 years later. I don't have to go to school or work. I get an allowance every month. I have my own pad. I don't have a curfew. I have a driver's license and my own car. The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant. And I don't have acne. Life is great.

I have more friends I should send this to, but right now I can't remember their names.

Now, I'm wondering: did I send this to you, or did you send it to me?

Kids say the darnedest things! For those alums who have grandchildren, **Joe Mack** brought our attention to several things that makes one smile:

My young grandson called the other day to wish me happy birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 80. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story. "What's it about?" he asked. "I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."

I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me, and she was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandma, I think you should try figuring out some of this stuff for yourself!"

A grandfather was delivering his grandchildren to their home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties. "They use him to keep crowds back," offered one child. "No," said another, "he's just for good luck." A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants."

And finally, **Audrey Sopko** sent the following:



Until the next issue, Go Bulldogs!!!

Your energetic editor,

Gail Russler Meyer