

Independence High School Alumni Association

6001 Archwood Road, Independence, Ohio 44131
"PROMOTING EDUCATIONAL MEMORIES, ONE CLASS AT A TIME"

Alumni Spectator
Spring 2011



Teaching Others to Enjoy Nature

He is a legend in Independence High School, a former biology teacher for 44 years, a lover of nature, a friend to many. Always generous of his time and talent in opening up the wonders of nature for his students, he developed his legacy – an outdoor land lab on the banks of the Cuyahoga River. He once proudly stated that so many of his students went on to become nurses and doctors that “we could staff our own hospital”.

But **Bill Taylor**, 76, who retired from teaching 10 years ago, has not really retired from teaching others how to enjoy nature.

To be near family, he moved to Friendship Village of Columbus, a retirement community, and it was there he envisioned a landscaped two-acre wooded plot to be used for relaxation and recreation. And so Friendship Woods was born, a naturalscape designed by residents that includes a paved walking trail, gazebo, deck and benches. In an interview with a reporter of *Ohio Magazine*, Bill said “It’s great therapy to be able to sit out there. Whether you’re watching the leaves sway on the trees or the squirrels scampering around, being one with nature really takes your mind off your troubles.”



(Excerpts from the article “Age of Enlightenment” written by **Steve Herrick**, Nov. 2010 edition of *Ohio Magazine* with permission from **Great Lakes Publishing**. Photo courtesy of Friendship Village of Columbus.) (see Taylor Pg. 2)

Class of 1975 Produces Award Winning Journalist



Linda Feagler graduated from IHS with the **Class of 1975**. Then it was on to **Cleveland State University**, where she earned a bachelor of arts degree in communication, and worked in the college’s marketing department. For 10 years, she was the lifestyle and entertainment editor at *The Chronicle-Telegram*, a daily newspaper in Lorain County. In 1996, she came to **Great Lakes Publishing**, serving as Senior Editor of *Cleveland Magazine* for four years before migrating to the staff of *Ohio Magazine* in 2002, where she now holds the title of Senior Editor, covering arts, travel, history and life in Ohio. In addition, Linda is the editor of *My Turn* magazine, a publication designed for northeast Ohio readers age 50-plus.

Through the years, Linda has written about a variety of topics, ranging from the Beatles 1964 Cleveland concert to the closing of Dillard’s downtown department store. Other memorable stories

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The IHS Alumni Association is a 501(3)(c) organization with meetings held at 7:00 pm in the Independence High School, Media Center, on the following dates:

June 13, 2011
Sept. 12, 2011

Nov. 14, 2011
March 12, 2012

Welcome to the Spring 2011 issue of the Alumni Spectator! We are always searching for people who are passionate about their Alma Mater and wish to join our Alumni Spectator staff. If you are one of those people, we need you. Contact **Bonnie (Jorasch '69) Pandin, Editor**, at Bonnie.Pandin@att.net or telephone 216-524-2461.

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Not only is Bill giving back to his retirement community, he continues to give back to his students. Several years ago, Bill endowed a scholarship at **Ohio University** in Athens which he called **The River Bend Heritage Arts and Sciences Scholarship**. The name stems from the fact that he always lived near a bend in the river, be it the Ohio River when he was a youth, the Hocking River at his alma mater Ohio University, the Cuyahoga River in Independence and now Alum Creek in Columbus. The \$1,000 scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating senior from either Independence High or Meigs High School, his alma mater in southern Ohio. The student must apply to Ohio University to be considered for the scholarship. The main focus is on students planning careers in the sciences but also includes creative writing, journalism and theater which are other areas in which Bill has an interest.

In an email to me last December, Bill stated "So glad you let me join the organization (under Education Membership) even though I am not an alumnus. Sometimes I feel like I was, having been under contract with the school for 44 years. Calling the newsletter *Alumni Spectator* brings back memories of my days as Advisor to the *Spectator* during some very crucial times in its history."

Thank you for your kind words, Bill. You've shaped the lives of countless students and your scholarship will continue to do so for many years to come. ~ Editor

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include profiles of Cleveland Indians president Mark Shapiro, and interviews with descendants of *Titanic* passengers. Linda also works closely with **PlayhouseSquare**, editing playbills and promoting the theater district. She has won many awards for her work from the **Society of Professional Journalists** and **The Press Club of Cleveland**. Linda confided to *Alumni Spectator*: "I owe a lot to my English teachers in Independence, beginning with my first-grade teacher, **Mae Ohlrich**, and continuing through high school with **Henry Czekalinski, Tom Pae, Joe See, Carol Heskett** and **Geraldine Kaftan**. These wonderful educators helped me craft my career path. I will never forget them."

Linda and husband, **Steve Herrick**, a sportswriter for **The Associated Press** and **Major League Baseball**, live in North Ridgeville. Steve wrote the article "**Age of Enlightenment**" which appeared in the November 2010 edition of **Ohio Magazine** and featured **Bill Taylor**.

The Class of 2000: Where Are They Now?

Amber Veverka (Class of 2007) knows that college applicants are frequently asked where they see themselves in ten years. She has now discovered the career path for four of the top 10 graduates of the **Class of 2000** – **Jessica (Dell'Omo) Amman, Steve Davenport, Jennifer D'Atri** and **Anne MacClean**.

Valedictorian **Jessica (Dell'Omo) Amman** obtained a degree in chemistry from **Miami University** in Oxford and then her doctorate in pharmacy at **The Ohio State University**. Jessica now lives in Chicago, working as a

clinical science manager for Abbot Laboratories, consulting with dermatologists for the treatment of psoriasis. Married last year, she now spends her free time cooking, traveling and playing intramural volleyball.

Steve Davenport received his degree in education from **Kent State University** and a master's degree in sports management from **The Ohio State University**. After living in Columbus for a while, he returned to the Cleveland area and is currently employed in the athletic department of Kent State where he creates game programs, media guides and Web stories in his career as a sports information associate.

Jennifer D'Atri obtained her neonatal nurse practitioner master's degree from **The Ohio State University** and moved back to the Cleveland area. She is currently employed as a neonatal nurse practitioner (NNP) at MetroHealth Medical Center in the Neonatal ICU. As an NNP, Jennifer works with physicians in determining the best care for premature and ailing neonates. Newly engaged, she and her fiancé spend much of their free time remodeling their home.

Anne MacClean graduated from the **University of Dayton** in 2004 with a degree in marketing and economics. The following year, she took a job offer in New York City to develop retail for a Broadway production and merchandising company. She is now the creative director for the company and has worked on both domestic and international shows such as *Wicked* and *Jersey Boys*. Even though Anne has had the chance to travel around the world, she still enjoys coming back to Independence to visit family and friends.

(From the article "Checking in with the Class of 2000 Top Ten" by **Amber Veverka**, excerpts with permission from the June 2010 edition of *Independence Today* and **ScriptType Publishing**.)

Alum's Grandson Qualifies in National Geographic Bee



We can see the glow over the horizon and it seems to be coming from Rose (Pedal '56) Spuset's home since she is beaming – and she has every right to be! Her grandson, Benjamin Spuset, who attends 6th grade at Parkside Intermediate School in Westlake, had qualified to represent his city at the state-level **National Geographic Bee** on April 1st at The Ohio State University Mansfield campus. He qualified as one of the 10 state finalists by taking a 70-question test and earning one of the top scores. In Ben's first attempt at the State of Ohio National Geographic Bee, he placed 5th of the 10 finalists. Over 500,000 kids overall competed in Ohio school bees this year and Benjamin, only a 6th grader, placed fifth in the state, even though his peers were in 8th grade.

He, his parents and grandma were extremely happy with his amazing finish, but then, he's an amazing young man! He's excited and looking forward to competing again next year for the opportunity to go to Washington, D.C. and represent Ohio in the National Geographic Bee, which was developed in 1989 by the National Geographic Society to further interest in geography.

As the sixth state finalist from Parkside, he's preceded by Ingold Huang (2002), Ben Aghajanian (2003), Jason Linger (2004), Ryan Milowicki (2006) and Vinay Manayathara (2007). Way to go, Ben! Grandma's proud of you!

(Excerpts with permission from *The Westlake/Bay Village Observer*, Vol. 3, Issue 5, article by Kim Bonvissuto.)

Independence High School – Athletic Hall of Fame

Jessie Crooks – Class of 2003

- * Inducted in 2010
- * Volleyball (3 letters)
 - o Plain Dealer Player of the Week (2000)
 - o Team Captain (2002)
 - o Team MVP (2002)
 - o 1st Team All-Conference (2002)
- * Basketball – Guard/Forward (4 letters)
 - o Plain Dealer Player of the Week (2003)
 - o Team Captain (2003)
 - o Team MVP (2001, 2002 & 2003)
 - o 1st Team All-Conference (2001, 02 & 03)
 - o 1st Team All-Sun (2001, 02 & 03)
 - o 1st Team All-District (2001, 02 & 03)
 - o 1st Team All-Ohio (2002 & 2003)
 - o MAC-8 Conference MVP (2003)
 - o Conference Team Champions (2000)
 - o Holds School Record in:
 - Most Points – Single Game (48)
 - Most Points – Season (494)
 - Most Points – Career (1526)

Nicole Palus French – Class of 2002

- * Inducted in 2010
- * Volleyball (1 letter)
- * Cheerleading (3 letters)
 - o Team Captain (2001)
- * Softball – Centerfield (4 letters)
 - o 1st Team All-Conference (1999, 2000, 2001 & 2002)
 - o 1st Team All-District (2001)
 - o 1st Team All-Ohio (2001)
 - o Conference Team Champions (1999 & 2001)
 - o Holds School Record in:
 - Home Runs (2001)
 - Stolen Bases (2002)



- * Softball – 1st Base (2 letters)
 - o Conference Team Champ (01)
- * Akron University
 - o Played Basketball for 4 years
 - o Team Captain for 3 years – 1,000 Career Points Scored

Tiffany Smejkal – Class of 2000

- * Inducted in 2010
- * Volleyball (2 letters)
 - o Conf. Team Champions (1997)
- * Basketball – Guard/Forward (4 letters)
 - o Plain Dealer Player of the Week (1999 & 2000)
 - o Team Captain (2000)
 - o Team MVP (1999 & 2000)
 - o 1st Team All-Conference (1999 & 2000)
 - o 1st Team All-Sun (2000)
 - o 1st Team All-District (1999 & 2000)
 - o MAC-8 Conference MVP (1999 & 2000)
 - o Conf. Team Champs (98, 99 & 2000)
 - o All-Ohio (2000)
 - o Held School Record in:
 - Most Points – Single Game
 - Most Points – Season
 - Most Points – Career
- * Track & Field (2 letters)
 - o Conf. Team Champions (1997 & 98)



Attention! Alumni Sports Achievements to be Recognized

The Independence Athletic Department and Athletic Boosters would like to recognize past IHS graduates who have achieved the highest honors in their respective sports. Here are the categories:

State Champion or State Runner-up:

Cross Country (boys/girls)
Golf
Swimming (boys/girls)

Track & Field (boys/girls)
Wrestling

All Ohio Recognition – Indicate level of recognition (1st team, 2nd team, 3rd team, Honorable Mention or Special Mention):

Baseball
Basketball (boys/girls)
Cross Country (boys/girls)
Football
Golf (boys/girls)

Softball
Swimming (boys/girls)
Track & Field (boys/girls)
Volleyball
Wrestling

If you were recognized in one of these categories, or know of a student that was recognized, please notify Tim Skoczen, Athletic Administrator:

tskoczen@independence.k12.oh.us
216-642-5861 (work)
216-701-0502 (cell) 216-642-5886 (fax)

It's Time to Play "Mystery Alum"

After graduation, I started a career as an Apprentice carpenter. I became a Journeyman carpenter a few years later. I advanced to Foreman with two different companies. In my "spare time", I began building houses in Independence and surrounding communities. I also developed a garage door business. In mid 1980, I became a general contractor doing commercial work. If you shop at Marc's, my company probably remodeled the building. Two of my siblings also graduated from IHS, one in 1965 and the other in 1967. While at IHS, I enjoyed working on a car. Who am I?

If you think you know the identity of this Mystery Alum, send your guess to the editor **Bonnie.Pandin@att.net**. We promise that the answer will be revealed in the next issue of the *Alumni Spectator!*

Alumni Quarterly Meeting Highlights

At the March 14 quarterly meeting, **Matt Baker, Class of 1999**, gave a presentation on the upcoming **Relay for Life** sponsored by the American Cancer Society to be held in Independence in June. He urged all alums to become involved in this event, either by running or purchasing a luminary to honor someone who has died from this disease.

The Alumni Award, presented to a graduating senior who responded to the essay question: "My years at Independence High have prepared me for my future in the following ways" increased from \$250 to \$500. Thank you to the **Class of 1978** for contributing a \$100 Award to a graduating senior.

As of March 14, 2011, we have 171 paid members in the alumni organization. Membership dues are up for renewal on June 1st, so if you haven't already renewed, please do so as soon as possible. An application form appears at the end of this newsletter. **Your membership makes the IHS Alumni Spectator possible!**

The upcoming **June 13th meeting** is very **important**, so we urge any members (or those who want to become members) who will be in the area to attend. It will be held at the new High School, media room (library) at 7:00 pm. At this meeting, we will honor the 3 most senior graduates with a **Golden Diploma** of distinction. Also, the organization will present a slate of officers for 2011 to be voted upon by the attending membership:

For President – **Dale Veverka ('70)**

For Vice President – **Rhonee (Trakas '75) Iula**

For Treasurer – **Bob Wagner ('66)**

For Recording Secretary – **Lisa (Topolski '84) Polak**

For Corresponding Secretary – **Elaine (Wisnieski '57) Kukawka**

Elaine Kukawka states that the association is still looking for class photos and yearbooks. If you have any to donate, please contact Elaine at elainekukawka@yahoo.com or telephone her at 440-526-2184.

Independence Home Days 2011

The IHS Alumni Association will again have a tent in front of **Historic Hall** for this year's **Home Days** on Friday, August 5 and Saturday, August 6. This year's theme is "It's All About Family – An Independence Family Reunion". You are invited to stop by and introduce yourself, view class photos, and learn about the organization. The Alumni Association will feature a car in the parade which takes place on Saturday at noon.

If you are willing to volunteer for some "tent duty", please alert Elaine (Wisnieski '57) Kukawka at elainekukawka@yahoo.com or telephone her at 440-526-2184. Don't forget about the Alumni Breakfast in the Park on Sunday, August 7th (see enclosed flyer).



American Cancer Society Relay for Life

On June 17 and 18, the American Cancer Society is featuring a **Relay for Life** in Independence. If you can run between 3 and 12 miles, you are invited to join "Team Ultra-Freedom Runners. The goal as a team is to run an average of 10 minute miles for 18 hours straight. Though some will run slower or faster, longer or shorter, collectively the team wants to finish 108 miles in 18 hours. The relay will be run on the Independence High School track. There are fees involved for this event. If interested, email Matt Baker at matthew.baker216@gmail.com or telephone him at 440-773-6489. He will schedule everyone for a specific starting time during the event and yes, they DO NEED people to run during the wee hours of the morning! You can also purchase a luminary to honor a deceased person.

Graduation and Certifications

Amber Veverka (IHS 2007) graduates in May with a degree in English from the **University of Mount Union**. **Amy Veverka (IHS 2001) Parker** who graduated in 2005 with a BS degree from Mt. Union completed her **Registered Nurse** degree from **Excelsior College**. **Neal Veverka (IHS 2004)** who graduated in 2008 with a BS degree from Mt. Union completed his **Paramedic** certification through **Altman Hospital** in Canton. Congratulations to all!

Places We Remember

The Willow Theater

by Dale Veverka, Class of 1970.

As I drive down Route 21 (I hate to call it BRECKSVILLE Road) through the center of town, I am taken back to Independence in the 1960s and the **Willow**, a 950 seat Art Deco movie theater that opened on June 22, 1950. The Willow was situated in the middle of the block surrounded by Brecksville Road on the east, Daisy Avenue on the north, Anderson Avenue on the west and Chestnut Road on the south.



Decommissioned as a theater when this photo was taken, the Willow's marquee alerts the public that Packard Independence True Value Hardware will soon be built.

Going to the movies was an infrequent treat in our family. In the rare instances that my parents consented to a trip to the movies, I was frequently reminded not to lay my head back on the seats (I think that admonition harkened back to fear from a long forgotten head lice outbreak back in the "old neighborhood"). One movie I remember attending with my parents was *Lawrence of Arabia*. That film, I recall, seemed to last fifteen hours. The bone dry desert sandstorms assailed the screen and the line at the lukewarm drinking fountain seemed to stretch across the lobby from one side to the other.

One of the Willow's best qualities was the value of a quarter at the concession stand. I could purchase a box of popcorn for fifteen cents. The remaining ten cents went for a sidewalk sundae. For any of you that may have forgotten, it was a waffle cone with a nut-garnished cylinder of ice cream filled with a tasty cherry center. What a treat!

My strangest Willow Theater adventure involved a 1968 spaghetti western with the big star, Clint Eastwood. One of my friend's brothers worked at the theater and he promised a few of us "free passes" to the movie *Hang 'Em High*. We were handed tickets and were to proceed to the ticket taker stationed inside the main doors. For some reason, it seemed to me that something fishy was going on so I went back to the box office and bought a ticket and went into the theater. A few minutes later my friends were hustled out of the theater and into the hands of an Independence police officer. It seems that the tickets were ones that a ticket taker had pocketed. My friends got "busted" while I enjoyed Clint's antics on the big screen.

But the Willow Theater succumbed to one of the largest fires in Independence history. Even though Indy firefighters received assistance from area communities, it was deemed a total loss on December 10, 1976. The remnants of the building were razed several years later to make way for the Packard True Value hardware store. The last movie shown on the Willow's big screen was "Two Minute Warning" starring Charlton Heston.

Do you have memories of the Willow or **Cloverleaf Lanes** (for the Fall 2011 issue)? Send them to the editor **Bonnie.Pandin@att.net** or telephone 216-524-2461 or mail to: Independence High School Alumni Association, 6001 Archwood, Independence, OH 44131. Photo courtesy of the **City of Independence**.

Scheduled Reunions:

The Class of 1959

Please save the date of **Saturday, August 27, 2011** since the class is planning a **52nd Reunion** at the Independence Kiwanis Pavilion in Elmwood Park. Further details will be forthcoming. The Planning Committee asks that you update your contact information and that of your fellow classmates by sending an email to **imzand@hotmail.com** and put "IHS '59 Reunion" in the subject line or contact Irene Sebek Zand at 216-524-3480.



The Class of 1959 needs contact information for the following classmates. If you have information, please alert Irene Sebek Zand:

Carol Bates	Lana Bodolay	Judy Chech	Jim Christ
Noreen Dieke	Jerry Diamond	Tom Duda	Jerry Fields
Jill Gimbel	Linda Giovanelli	Joan Hitchcock	Tom Kallberg
Gail Koran	Art Kuminski	Linda Lambacher	Doris Lipinski
Bob Luecht	Virginia Lustik	Richard Malafa	Pat Marsh
Gay Meyer	Richard Montgomery	Rich Mondry	Judy Nemec
Frank Opatrny	Bonnie Otto	Fred Pashko	Bob Pazul
Jerry Piezer	Donna Roll	Dave Schapson	Diane Sekura

Our **condolences** to the families of **deceased members** from **The Class of 1959:**

Marcia Belser	John Foliano	Thomas Kohara	Judith Sutton
Leonard Wracher	Alan Witwer		

The Class of 1961

A **50th Reunion** to be held on **August 5-7, 2011** is being planned. For further details, please send an email to Gayle Baron Cinke **gcinke@yahoo.com** or contact Gayle at **847-223-9087**.

The Class of 1961 needs contact information for the following classmates. If you have information, please alert Gayle Baron Cinke.

Roger J. Droll	Lucille Kurzynski	John Lekan
Marcia Ann Malafa	Alexandria Maresh	Richard Rolnicki
Theresa Krakowski Saiya	John Simms	Jeanette Burns Swisher
Gerald Szymanski	William Tessmer	James Vessely

Our **condolences** to the families of deceased members from **The Class of 1961:**

1964 Leonard Semple	1997 Joanne Ezzo	2008 Mary Ann Mille
1973 Richard Toronski	1998 Michael Potopsky	2008 Dorothy Topolski Ornas
1988 James Loschelder	2000 Eric Waldermarson	2009 Rita Marie Kaiser Prokopius
1997 Thomas H. Deyling	2004 Warren Mostek	2010 Douglas Luczywo

The Class of 1954

A **57th Reunion** and celebration of **Classmates Turning 75 Years Young** will be held the weekend of Independence Home Days this year. **John Galik** states that members will be attending the Breakfast in the Park brunch on **Sunday, August 7**. Stay tuned to the Fall Alumni Spectator for photos of this happy event.

Donate Your Class Ring to the IHS Alumni Association

Anyone wishing to donate their IHS Class Ring to the Alumni Assn., contact Elaine (Wisnieski 57) Kukawka elainekukawka@yahoo.com or telephone 440-526-2184. Rings will not be sold for gold value. They will be displayed with donor's name and photo. Your gift is tax deductible.



Simple Ten Commandments

Eric Chlebisch ('61), who resides in Tennessee, found **The Hillbilly's Ten Commandments** posted on the wall at Cross Trails Church in Gainesboro, Tennessee.

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|------------------------------------|--|
| (1) Just one God | (6) No killin' |
| (2) Put nothin' before God | (7) No foolin' around with another fella's gal |
| (3) Watch yer mouth | (8) Don't take what ain't yers |
| (4) Git yourself to Sunday meetin' | (9) No tellin' tales or gossipin' |
| (5) Honor yer Ma & Pa | (10) Don't be hankerin' for yer buddy's stuff |

Babies are Everywhere!

This little darling is Rachael Kathryn Dresbach, daughter of Nadine (Dross) Dresbach and Chad Dresbach of Rock Hill, SC. Rachael has two other siblings, Benjamin and Gabriel. Grandparents are **Jacqueline (Jorasch '58) Dross** and **David Dross ('58)**. Proud Auntie is **Bonnie (Jorasch '69) Pandin**.



Congratulations to **Lisa (Bodrock '99) Campbell** on the birth of baby Mikayla Lynn Campbell and **Emily (Fritz '99) Bridges** on her newborn James Fritz Bridges.

In Memoriam:

	Charlotte Chech	Alum- Class of 1960
	Jon Clendenning	Alum - Class of 1960
	Linda Gunar Winter	Alum - Class of 1960
	Leila Sadick Marak	Alum - Class of 1960
Mar. 2010	Doris Harenski Filipowicz	Alum - Class of 1943
Oct. 2001	Thomas Carlisle	Alum - Class of 1962
Nov. 2010	Bernice Hines Slygh	Alum - Class of 1951
Jan. 2011	Maryann Zdunczyk Petruska	Alum - Class of 1967
Feb. 2011	Edward F. Kukawka	Husband of Elaine Wisnieski Kukawka - Class of 1957
Feb. 2011	Louis T. Popek	IHS Earth Science Teacher
Feb. 2011	Robert Toth	Husband of Carol Vistein Toth - Class of 1956
Feb. 2011	Carol A. Onders Williams	Alum - Class of 1978
Mar. 2011	Douglas J. Cahal	Alum - Class of 1975
Mar. 2011	Madeline Snodgrass Hasman	Alum - Class of 1941
Mar. 2011	Richard W. Jasinski	Husband of Georgene Fadenholz Jasinski - Class of 1956
Mar. 2011	Jayne Mislinski Kniola	Alum - Class of 1968
Mar. 2011	Peter William Trakas	Father of Bruce (71), Rhonee Iula (75) and James (83)
Mar. 2011	C. John Urban	Husband of Marilyn Volk Urban - Class of 1953
Apr. 2011	Robert Biondi	Alum - Class of 1964
May 2011	Betty J. Curatola	Mother of Donna Narduzzi ('82) & Diane Wozniak ('85)
May 2011	Bernard S. Grenczewicz	Father of Cynthia Weis ('66)
May 2011	Henry Rondina	Alum - Class of 1957

IHS ALUMNI REUNITE BREAKFAST IN THE PARK GATHERING



SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2011

(Home Days weekend)

**Food served from 10:00 AM until Noon
New Menu!**

**Scrambled Eggs, Country Potatoes, Link Sausage,
Rolls, Muffins, Croissants, Danish,
Orange Juice, Coffee, Tea, Milk**

(Elmwood Park, Kiwanis Pavilion)



ADULTS - \$10.00 CHILDREN - \$5.00

Advanced Tickets Only
Until July 30th

**Contact Dale Veverka 216-524-5977 or
squirrel70amx@sbcglobal.net**

Records Update:

If you have information on reunions, deaths, births, marriages, anniversaries, major birthdays, etc., or photos and suggested stories, please email the editor or contact any Alumni officer below. You don't have to be a writer – just send us the specifics. Remember, this is YOUR newsletter so be creative!

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Membership, Chair	John Galik (54)	440-526-3841	jkgsag@sbcglobal.net
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(Please print legibly)

NEW _____

RENEWAL _____

Class of: _____ Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ M__ F__

Maiden Name: _____

Street Address _____

Apartment / Suite No. _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____

Cell / Work Phone _____

Email Address _____

Spouse's Name (Include Maiden Name) _____

Is your spouse an IHS grad? _____

Year Graduated _____

Please circle your preference if you are interested in serving on a committee:

Alumni Spectator

Class Representative

Fund Raising

Historical

Membership

Nominating

Phone Calling

Public Relations

Other _____

Relatives

We would like to include IHS graduate family members in our mailing list. Please provide their information on an additional application or the back of this form. Include relationship, maiden name, class, and if applicable, deceased date.

Disclaimer

Membership information will not be released to any outside interests with the exception of a duplication company to publish an Alumni Directory. With your approval, membership information may be published in our Alumni Spectator. Access or use of a member's information other than for Alumni purposes is strictly prohibited.

I Approve/ Do Not Approve/ to publishing my information. _____
Circle One Initials

ANNUAL DUES \$10 PER YEAR

5-YEAR MEMBERSHIP \$40

Annual Dues cover the period from June 1ST to May 31ST the following year

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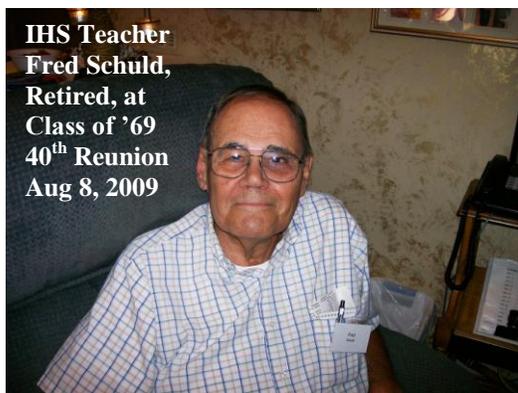
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Total Amount Enclosed

Thank you for helping us give back to our alma mater. This year (2010) we were able to provide a monetary award to a graduating senior and purchase a banner for the high school cafeteria.

**Independence High School Alumni Assn.
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Independence, Ohio 44131-4965**

**THIS MAY BE YOUR LAST ISSUE. CHECK YOUR ADDRESS LABEL
TO SEE IF YOUR DUES ARE CURRENT**



**IHS Teacher
Fred Schuld,
Retired, at
Class of '69
40th Reunion
Aug 8, 2009**

One of the benefits of becoming a member of the Alumni Association is receiving the IHS *Alumni Spectator*. If your dues are paid up, “2012” or higher will be printed next to your name, as in this example: GALIK (54) 2014.



**Class of 1960 50th
Reunion Picnic in the
Park Aug. 8, 2010**

If you see “2011”, (or lower) then you must renew. If no number appears, you are not a member but we hope you will consider joining our organization. To save us postage and printing fees, you can receive this newsletter electronically. All you need do is provide us with your email address. It will be protected by our privacy policy.

Don't miss out on future issues. Fill out the application included in this newsletter and send in your dues today!

Next Meeting June 13, 2011, 7:00 PM AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

**YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
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