

THE FLASH BACK

Flash Back...Do You Remember When?

Memories Shared at the 2010 All-Alumni Picnic

.....by Carolyn Stear '66

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Items to consider:

- Any photos or memorabilia to share with the Champion Alumni Association?
- Become a supporting member of the Champion Alumni Association—application on back
- Consider a gift to the scholarship fund
- Mark your calendar for the All Alumni Picnic August 13, 2011 at Willow Lake 1:00 p.m.
- Combined Achievement & Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet to be held November 12, 2011 at Enzo's Restaurant



Alumni posing for photo at All-Alumni Picnic 2010 are: Joe Stanislaw, '67; Kay Wolfe O'Donnell, '67; Troy Hutchins, '66; Cathy Collett Subity, '66; Darlene Durst Vasbinder, '67; Larry Dueber, '67; Keith Collett '67 and Bob Antil '67.

On Saturday, June 19, 2010, the years slipped away at Willow Lake on St. Rt. 45 as Champion alumni from many classes through the years assembled to talk about "the good old days" and relive memories from the past.

The Bayus Family welcomed all the alumni by giving everyone a special rate of \$3.00 to spend the day at Willow Lake. They graciously provided a large metal container for the soft drinks to be kept on ice. Pavilion #9 and several tents housed under-cover areas for getting out of the sun.

Hamburgers and hot dogs, provided by the alumni association, were grilled by Stan Petrick (Secretary of the Alumni Association) and Jim Ramsey (Ruby Kinnison Ramsey's husband).

The welcome table

was "womanned" by Ruthie Kiser VanSice, Ruby Kinnison Ramsey (who also purchased all the paper products), and Mickey Dicks Yartz. Anyone who knows this trio realizes that the smiles were warm and the friendly banter was a terrific start to their experience.

Table decorations (live flowers in canning jars) were a cooperative effort by Darlene Durst Vasbinder, Russella Carr Cheredar, Cheryl Elser Yogan and Phyllis Emery Berlic.

Many members helped with set-up... Stan Petrick secured a large-scale towable grill to cook all the burgers & dogs and put together a power point slide show on the Champion Alumni Association, Darlene Vasbinder arranged for the tents, tables & chairs and was the all-around coordinator for

the event. Bob Snyder put together musical selections on his IPOD. Edie Haines Sampson made all the planning arrangements with Willow Lake. Jack Mahan and Becky Miller took care of purchasing the meat. Thanks to all of the committee members for their hard work and planning.

Most of the attendees really enjoyed just visiting and catching up with former friends and classmates. The weather was very "hot" and the corn hole games did not see many adventurous participants.

Ruby Ramsey reports that a few people joined as new members of the alumni association. A 50/50 raffle was held and Tim Wolfe '65 was the winner, receiving \$116.00. A "Randy Gradishar" autographed red & white Ohio State University Football was raffled off...the winner was Bob Douce.

Photos were taken by Suzette Shaffer and available on-line from her website: www.photorelect.com. Her phone number is 330-898-4333.

"We find delight in the beauty and happiness of children that makes the heart too big for the body."

—Ralph Waldo Emerson
(1803-1882)

American Writer,
Philosopher

Trustees Champion Alumni Association 09/10

Russella Carr Cheredar '62
Nancy Weir Countryman '65
Larry Durch '60
Carolee Beard Fowler '57
Shirley Howard Horsley '55
Jack Mahan '62
Kay Wolfe O'Donnell '67
Stan Petrick '67
Ruby Kinnison Ramsey '55
Roger Samuelson '55
Robert Snyder '66
Carolyn Stear '66
Ruth Kiser Van Sice '58
Kay Dueber Verch '69
Cheryl Elser Vogan '62
Michele Dicks Yartz '60

A Message from the President...by Carolyn Stear, '66

I don't have to tell any of you that this has been a particularly "hot and humid" summer. On July 12th the planning committee met to critique the All-Alumni Picnic held on June 19, 2010 at Willow Lake. I am very sorry that I missed the picnic... sounds like the day was an enjoyable one, even if it was a very hot day!

Plans are in the works for An All-Alumni Picnic 2011 at Willow Lake on Saturday, August 13th. We will be limiting the hours of the event beginning at 1:00 p.m., with dinner at 1:30 p.m. We will ask each attendee to bring their own meat to cook on our fantastic big grill, secured by Stan Petrick. If every family brings a dish to share... we will have a great feast! If you are a contact for your class, please let us know so we can get info to you to send out to your classmates.

On Saturday, November 12, 2011, the Champion Alumni Association will host a combined Achievement and Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony at Enzo's Restaurant on Elm Road in Warren. Nomination forms will be accepted

until August 1, 2011 for both the Achievement and Athletic Hall of Fame. Several people have already submitted nominations. If you would like to nominate someone deserving of the honor, contact Carolyn Stear 330 847-2338 or carolyn.stear@neomin.org for nomination information.

The Champion Alumni Association presented four \$500.00 scholarships to deserving 2010 graduates on May 10th at the senior scholarship night. This year's recipients were: Chelsea Armstrong, Elizabeth Banks, Christopher Cesta, and Katie Simmons. Each of them has sent a lovely, sincere thank you note to the association...a sign of their good character. I encouraged each of them to "pay it forward" in their lives, as I urge each of my fellow alumni to get involved in helping others.

Consider joining as a member, if you haven't already. I hope to see you at future Alumni events.

Sincerely, *Carolyn Stear*

NEW MEMBERS of Champion Alumni Association

LIFE MEMBERS

Gene Cheredar '58
Russella Carr Cheredar '62
MaryLouise Dye Edwards '62

2 YEAR MEMBERS

Debra Lenney Nolfi '75

1 YEAR MEMBER

Frances Rodzen '74
Daniel Griffin '79
Judith Egner '67

"Education is not preparation for life;
education is life itself."

John Dewey, American Educator

Superintendents of Champion School District

1915-16	I.C. Meggitt
1916-17	Earl C. Weygandt
1917-22	Frank Morris
1922-34	Gordon H. Adams
1934-36	S. B. Daves
1936-63	Carl C. Kiser
1963-71	Harold C. Butcher
1971-74	Herbert G. Thomas
1974-90	John R. Leeper
1990-93	Lewis C. Strohm
1993-	Pamela F. Hood

**"Education is simply the
soul of a society as it passes
from one generation to
another."**

—G.K. Chesterton,
English Writer

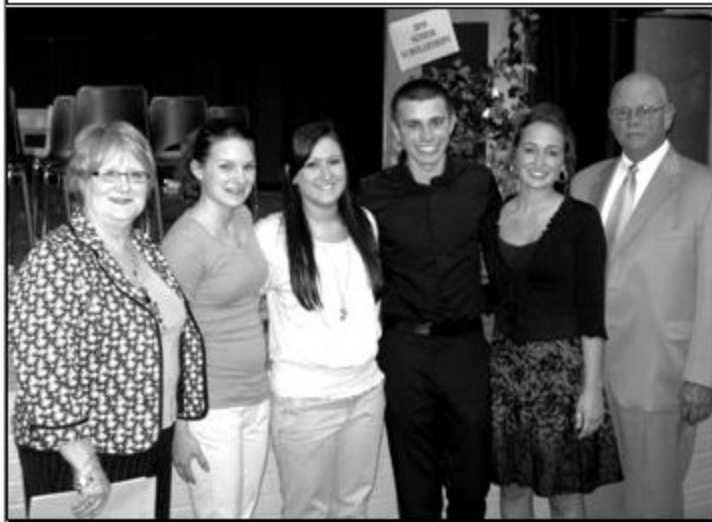


Do you remember when....

Klingemier's Store was at the southeast corner of S.R. 45 and 305 in this house? This is a photo of the original country store as it looked in the summer of 1896. The Klingemier Family has been serving the community of Champion for over 100 years at the same location, although the look of

the store has changed dramatically through the years. Cash money was in short supply in the early days, so much of the store trade was done by bartering. The Klingemier's would take in local produce from area farmers and ship it as far away as Pittsburgh for sale. Five generations of the family have been involved in the family business operation. A modern supermarket now stands on that same corner. The original house/store was moved to the back of the property where members of the Klingemier Family still reside. Note in the photo the rails for tying up horses and wagons out in front of the store.

2010 Alumni Association Scholarship Winners



Pictured: Carolyn Stear, Alumni Assn. President; Katie Simmons; Chelsea Armstrong; Christopher Cesta; Elizabeth Banks; and Jack Mahan, Alumni Assn. V. President

On Monday, May 10, 2010, four deserving graduates were honored at the Champion High School Senior

Scholarship Night. Each of the recipients received a \$500.00 scholarship, made possible through fund raising

and membership monies.

Scholarship winners were: Chelsea Armstrong, Elizabeth Banks, Christopher Cesta, and Katie Simmons...all who are planning on careers to help and serve others. Scholarship presentations were made by Jack Mahan, Ruby Ramsey and Carolyn Stear.

Many thanks to the scholarship selection committee which was comprised of Bob Snyder, Barb Wallingford Wilkinson, Russella Carr Cheredar, and Ruth Kiser Van Sice. Service to others was one of the main selection criteria for the alumni scholarships. Please consider a donation to the scholarship fund.

Classmates Gathered for All-Alumni Picnic - June 19, 2010



Some of the Champion alumni who gathered at Willow Lake on Saturday, June 19, 2010, to share memories of the past and catch up on what is going on in their lives today posed for a photo at Pavilion # 9. Even though the temperature was scorching, everyone seems to be all smiles!

Graduating Class of 1959 in the First Grade



Pictured at Left is the Class of 1959 as they appeared in the 1st grade.

Top row identified: 2-Dale Currington, 4-Dave Kipper, 6-Fred Double, 8-Duane Crumb

Row 2: Ray Sweeney, Ron Harkelroad, Ron Gradishar, Don Caldwell, Ron Goldner, Jim Wolfi, Dave Barns, Bruce Hunter

Row 3: 1-Connie Wood, 2-Janet Klingeman, 5-Devor Galpin, 6-Gwen Schelling, 7-Lynn Schelling, 8-Judy Russel

Bottom Row: 1-Marilyn Khoenle, 2-Allene Orr, 3-Delores McGuiney, 5-Diane Post, 7-Linda Johnson, 8-Patty Ady



Remember me

*Remember me when I have
gone away, Gone far away
into the silent land, When you
can no more hold me by the
hand...*

(“Rememberance” by Christine Rossi)

James C. Click '70

Allene Orr Howard '59

Carolyn Droncan Smith '58

Jerry R. Packman '66

Joyce Russell Peck-Rockwell '49

Arlow B. Wilson '32

Donald R. Yarr, '61

Larry Allen '67

Champion School Teachers

Echel Matson Rohrback

Long-Time Champion

Residents Remembered

Jessie M. Foos

Marilyn Shaw

Virginia “Dove” Calatin

Phares E. Richmond

Jennie Nydco

Jerald Leroy Katterman

George T. Niopolis

Kathryn Barreca

Elizabeth J. Dickson

Joseph A. Somshack

*Our Sympathy to Carmella
Ritz Jones on the Death of
her son:*

Brian D. Jones

Many thanks to Ruth Kiser Van-Sice '58 for hosting a Christmas party and Russella Carr Cheredar '62 & Gene Cheredar '58 for hosting a summer meeting of the alumni planning committee at their homes. They are really the “Hostesses & Host who think of every detail.”

**“Children are the living
messages we send to a
time we will not see.”**

*—John C. Whitehead
American Lawyer, Writer*

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**The Champion Alumni
Association**

Bridging the Past into the Future

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Membership Application for the Champion Alumni Association, Inc.

Make checks payable to: THE CHAMPION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

"Those were the days my friend, I thought they'd never end..."

Send to Carolyn Stear, champion Alumni Association-5759 Mahoning Ave. NW, Warren, OH 44483, FAX: 330 847-2336, PH: 330 847-2338

Name _____ Maiden Name _____ Class Year _____ Email _____
 Street _____ City _____
 State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
 Comments: _____

Life membership includes: Donor's name permanently inscribed on Life Member Plaque displayed at CHS, laminated Membership Card and future issues of newsletters sent to your address. Your name will be listed in a future issue of The Flash Back Newsletter upon becoming a member of the Champion Alumni Association.

Yearly Membership-(\$10) Number of years _____ @ \$10 = _____

I wish to become a Life Member. Enclosed is my check for \$100.00.

I am 65 years old or older. I understand my life membership contribution is \$50.00, check enclosed.

Other donation \$ _____ You can help by supporting your Alumni Association through financial gifts both large and small.

Champion High School Class of 1945

Pictured at Left is the class photo for the Champion High School Graduating Class of 1945

Top Row: Joan Switter, Sylvia Bogdan, Fred Banks, Edith Moore, Robert Black, Virginia Muresan, and Betty Griffith

Second Row: Donald Bush; Velma Loomis, Class Secretary; Thomas Letson, Class President; Mr. Carl C. Kiser, Superintendent; Virginia Khoenle, Class Treasurer, and Robert Cook

Third Row: Dwight Brown, Eleanore Welday, Miriam Morgan, and Russell Cain

Fourth Row: Howard McAllister, Gertrude Batzdorfer, Virginia Solinger, and Arthur Kiser

Bottom Row: Flora Flask, Charles Banks, Ruth Vesey, Bert Klingemier, Eileen Klinger, Alice Sando, James Mayhew, and Margaret Morgan

