Distinguish Alumni for 2014

At the Cuyahoga Falls Schools Foundation and Alumni Association Scholarship Reception, three new members were acknowledged as Distinguished Alumni of Cuyahoga Falls High School.

Rodger Thompson, 1962
After graduation from Cuyahoga Falls High School in 1962, Rodger Thompson attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he earned both his Bachelor's and Doctorate in Physics. While at MIT, Rodger became interested in astrophysics and space sciences. He did early graduate work in space x-ray astronomy, but switched to infrared astronomy to avoid getting entangled in large space projects. After graduation from MIT, Dr. Thompson became a professor at the University of Arizona to exploit its ground based infrared astronomy facilities. After several years of work in the areas of stellar nucleosynthesis, star formation, and Active Galactic Nuclei (AGNs), the wisdom of his graduate student days eroded and he became the principal investigator of NICMOS for the Hubble Space Telescope, thus becoming hopelessly ensnared in the largest scientific space project of all time. Rodger Thompson is now utilizing the data obtained with NICMOS to pursue investigations in cosmology, AGNs and star formation. Prof. Thompson was awarded the National Resource Award by the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center for his work with NICMOS in 1999 and the Maria and Erich Muhrmann Award by the Astronomical Society of the Pacific in 2003 for the development of the NICMOS Infrared Detector Arrays. He is on the board of directors for the world’s largest optical and infrared telescope, the Large Binocular Telescope, and is a member of the NASA Standing Review Board for the Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy. He is currently doing both observational and theoretical work on fundamental constants and their impact on cosmology and new physics.

Malcolm J. Anderson, 1946
Malcolm Anderson spent 30 years serving as Attendance Officer, Visiting Teacher and a court liaison with the Juvenile Court for the Cuyahoga Falls City Schools. He retired in 1989 and started a private counseling practice where he did addiction counseling and mediation. During his career with the schools, Malcolm served as a member of the Summit County Adolescent Network, Children’s Advocacy Group and C.A.R.E. Mr. Anderson had a passion for helping young people and families, and he loved the students he worked with. Malcolm also served tirelessly in many organizations in Cuyahoga Falls while attending school for his Master’s degree and working a full time and part time job. Malcolm Anderson began serving in the community early, beginning with the DeMolay (where he was installed as Master Counselor) and the Junior Chamber of Commerce, where he was named Outstanding Young Man of the Year at one point. In his declining years Malcolm loved to talk about his years of working for the Cuyahoga Falls Schools and his years of counseling students. Malcolm J. Anderson passed away in November of 2008.

Diane Pidwell, 1968
Diane Pidwell graduated from Cuyahoga Falls High School in 1968. She went to Kent State University where she graduated Cum Laude with a degree in Biology. Ms. Pidwell worked for 13 years as a medical technologist at various hospitals in Ohio and Massachusetts before pursuing a PhD in Immunology from the University of Denver. That degree allowed her to do drug research in a small company in Slough, England, and to train at the Ohio State University Medical Center to direct Histocompatibility Laboratories. Diane Pidwell has directed labs at the Cleveland Clinic; in Charleston, West Virginia; the Jewish Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky; The Ohio State University Medical Center; and her current position at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. While at Jewish Hospital she had an integral part in a team that performed the first successful human hand transplant. Diane has two children, Eric, a West Point graduate and a veteran of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and Rebecca, a graduate of the University of Louisville. Ms. Pidwell recently became a grandmother of both families.

Falls graduates do great things.
Do you know a Falls graduate who is well accomplished in his/her field? Go to www.cfalls.org/CuyahogaFallsSchoolsFoundation/AlumniSupport&DistinguishedAlumni. Nomination forms are available to nominate for a Distinguished Alumni Award or a Distinguished Service Award.
In the category of “Did you know?”...

The Cuyahoga Falls Schools Foundation has a showcase inside the front door of the high school. We feature each month graduates of Cuyahoga Falls High School. This last month featured Nicole Jabbour Awad, a 1996 graduate. She and her husband own several restaurants in Kent, Ohio - Lazara was voted the number 1 restaurant in Kent, and the Continental Grill was voted number 1 for ethnic foods.

Unit Principal Mike Miller (2000) will take over the reins of Bolich Middle School in the fall of 2014.

Do you remember when Marion Lake was Beaver Pond?

Have you forgotten phosphates at Beeler’s Pharmacy or milkshakes at Hanna Drug?

Are you old enough to remember the metal tag stitched to your swimming suit for admittance to Water Works Swimming Pool?

A tasty memory........Hollywood Squares

For most people, the term “Hollywood Squares” means a celebrity game show that was popular in the 60s and 70s. However, for those of us who grew up attending Cuyahoga Falls schools, Hollywood Squares were those delicious peanut butter bars served as dessert by the lunch ladies in all of the school cafeterias. Here is Silver Lake Elementary School’s version. The Foundation would happily welcome and share other recipes from those good old days.

1/2 half cup vanilla cookie crumbs 2 & 1/2 cups powdered sugar 1/2 cup butter, melted
2 cups creamy peanut butter 1/2 cup brown sugar 1/2 tsp. vanilla

Topping: 6 oz. semi-sweet chocolate chips and 1 tbsp. butter

Spread crumbs in bottom of a 9 in. square pan. Combine the next five ingredients and mix well. Spread mixture over crumbs. For topping, melt together chocolate chips and butter and spread over peanut butter mixture. Chill. Cut into 9 squares.
Observe the changes in your old home town

State Road Shopping Center is gone and in its place will be the Portage Crossing. The buildings are beginning to take shape with a completion date of the fall of 2014. Some of the businesses involved are Giant Eagle Market District, Cinemark, Best Cuts, Fashion Nails, LA Fitness, Pet Supplies Plus, Chipotle, Menchie’s Frozen Yogurt, Aladdin’s Eatery, Burger Fi and the Huntington Bank. The old State Road Shopping Center was demolished in 2009 and it’s taken some time but change is coming.

Cinemark, near the old Montgomery Ward store

Giant Eagle Market District will anchor the south end while Cinemark with 10 screens will anchor the north end.

A view taken from behind the Ohio Savings Bank.

The old strip mall is gone and in its place will be a small village atmosphere. Parking should be close to where you want to shop. The entire project will cover 27 acres from Graham Road across Portage Trail.

In Memoriam...

Class of 1935 - Agnes M. Lyle; Class of 1939 - Henrietta C. Warner; Class of 1942 - Andrew Noall Couch; Class of 1944 - Jeanette Whittenberger, Doris “Bodi” Dieter; Class of 1945 - Colleen Rook McArthur, Doris Woods Waugh; Class of 1946 - Betty A. Howard, William “Bill” Musyt; Class of 1947 - Patricia Ann Ingersol; Class of 1948 - Dorothy "Dottie" Senn; Class of 1950 - Kenneth L. Graham; Class of 1952 - Ruth Ellen Peters; Class of 1958 - Howard Don Edwards, Wendy Staniforth Willey; Class of 1965 - Craig T. Hemsley, William C. Wilkinson; Class of 1969 - Gary Robert Arzt; Class of 1970 - Ronald R. Cooper; Class of 1973 - Raymond H. Sisco; Class of 1974 - Jeffrey J. Schutt; Class of 1975 - Renate White Frantz Simmons; Class of 1977 - Tamara R. Bray-Morgan; Class of 1980 - David R. Kerr; Class of 1985 - Sabrina Jean Antonetti-Ferguson; Class of 1991 - Todd W. Wollenzier; Mary Ellen Jones Klingenhagen

29th Annual Recognition Reception

Although the scholarship portion of our reception was interrupted by severe weather forcing us to move to interior hallways and the small gym, the enthusiasm of the students was undiluted. The Cuyahoga Falls Schools Foundation was able to present 55 scholarships totaling $126,000 to deserving seniors this year. With 304 students in the graduating class, the scholarships were awarded to 18% of the class. The Foundation would like to thank all of our continuing scholarship donors as well as our new donors this year, Emma C. Holmes, the family and friends of Joy Nehrer Wilson and Karen Lawrence the Robert M O’Herron family and Kathy Knepp. If you would ever consider awarding a scholarship to a senior, information is available in the Foundation office. The majority of our scholarships start at $1000.

At the Cuyahoga Falls Schools Foundation and Alumni Association Recognition Reception on May 12, 2014, the Foundation was able to present five mini-grants to teachers from Silver Lake, Richardson, Bolich, Roberts, DeWitt and Price Schools. The funds were provided by the John W. & Dorothy Irene Steinhauer family and the graduating classes of 1951 and 1958.

Mini-grants Presented to Teachers

Cuyahoga Falls Schools Foundation - 431 Stow Ave. 44221 : cf_foundation@cfalls.org ; 330-926-3800 (502089)
Class reunions, luncheons, other gatherings

The 44th non-consecutive, semi-annual luncheon for the Class of 1951 was held at the Sheraton Suites on June 7.

The ladies of the graduating Class of 1954 meet the third Wednesday of each month for lunch. They meet at 12:30. For further details contact Sandra Haas Raines (330-923-1172) or Billie Kennedy (330-686-9178). The June Class of 1954 will celebrate its 60th reunion on October 3, 4, and 5.

The female graduates of 1956 meet twice a year for lunch. The next scheduled lunch is in October. Contact Dale Halliwill at rehedh@aol.com.

The Class of 1958 meets at 11:30 am, the second Thursday of every month, at the Sheraton Suites in Cuyahoga Falls. For more information about the monthly luncheons, please contact Susan Galehouse Laubach at susan.g.laubach@gmail.com or by phone, 330-688-6883.

The Class of 1964 will hold its 50th class reunion on June 25, 26 and 27. Friday’s location is the American Legion, while Saturday and Sunday are at Silver Lake Country Club. See www.cfhss64.com.

The graduating class of 1974 from Cuyahoga Falls High School will hold its 40th class reunion on August 9, 2014, at Todaro’s. There will be appetizers, dinner, dessert and an open bar for $60 per person. The event is planned to run from 6-11 p.m., with a D.J. providing the entertainment. There will be golf for anyone interested on Friday, August 8th, at Brookledge Golf Club. Send your check made out to Cuyahoga Falls High School Class of 1974 to KIM RAINES COLTON, 6658 GIDDINGS ROAD, ROOTSTOWN, OHIO 44272. For further information, contact: Deborah Pickens Banks at dbanks1@neo.rr.com or Jim Noall @Jimnoall@yahoo.com

The graduating class of 1976 would love to have a picnic this summer and is currently in the planning stage of the event. The committee is working through Facebook currently, but would love some input. Contact Chandra Bramlett at chandra01@hotmail.com for information or if you would like to help.

The 35th reunion for the class of 1979 will be held at the Red Fox Party Room. Contact Hope Jones, 2962 Heatherwood Ct., Stow.

25 Year Reunion. The graduating class of 1989 will reunite at Johnny Malloy’s on Saturday, June 28th. Check out the Foundation website for more information or call Brian Gregory at 267-738-0538.

The Class of 1994 is planning its 20 year reunion to be held on September 20, 2014, at the Pavilion at the Falls River Square. E-mail Shannon Cunningham Hoover at shannonhoover2@gmail.com for more information or to update your address.

Why join the Cuyahoga Falls Schools Foundation?

1. The Foundation provided 55 scholarships this past year to graduating seniors amounting to $126,000.
2. We acknowledge Distinguished Alumni at our recognition reception each spring. Nomination forms are available.
3. We provide teachers with grants for special projects.
4. Each month we recognize two Top Tigers from each of our district’s schools.
5. We publish a quarterly written newsletter.
6. You will receive a monthly e-mail to keep you informed of Cuyahoga Falls Schools activities and Foundation news.
7. We sponsored a MAJOR PROJECT called the Tiger Trail.
8. The Foundation sponsors an All-Class Reunion each summer on the Front Street Mall. This year’s date is August 15th.
9. We help class leaders with reunion planning, addresses, e-mails and high school tours.

Send your address label, check & e-mail address in the enclosed envelope. $25 for 1 year: $250 for a lifetime.