



# The Buzzin' Hive

## 2024 Newsletter

### Special Notes

#### GENERAL MEETING ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Open to ALL alumni  
**TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024, 6:30 p.m.**  
 BGHS Training Room  
 Use the Churchman Entrance  
 Directions are on our web site  
 bghsalumni.org

#### DON CHALLIS MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2024

**Tee Time 8:00 a.m.**  
 Reservation Form on page 8  
 Sarah Shank Golf Course  
 2901 South Keystone Avenue  
 Indianapolis, IN 46203

#### 48th ALL ALUMNI REUNION CELEBRATION DINNER

**SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024**  
**5:00 p.m. – Social Hour**  
**6:00 p.m. – Dinner**  
**7:00 p.m. – Program**  
 Reservation Form on Page 9  
 Primo Banquet Hall  
 2615 National Ave.  
 Indianapolis, IN 46227

#### THANKS to our "Heros Behind the Scene"

Thanks to David Sanders for organizing the Alumni Basketball Day.

Thanks to Patty VanSickle Chandler and Marleah Lawson Hollander for sharing their Alumni Keepsakes to help fill in missing Newsletters and Reunion Programs for our history records.

Special Thanks to Kelly Collins Sawyers for her many talents and great patience in putting our newsletter together each year.

Barbara "Cookie" O'Neill Simmerman  
 Buzzin' Hive Editor

Kelly Collins Sawyers  
 Layout & Design

### President's message ....

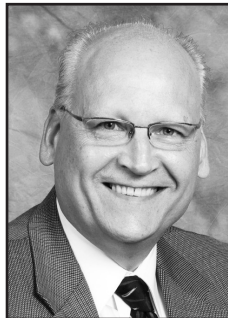
Let's sing The Beech Grove War Song. Do you remember it? How about when you see the colors Black and Orange together, do you think of the Hornets? Do you remember your time in The Grove?

I hope you do, because we need you! The Beech Grove Alumni Association consists of graduates that appreciate what the city, the schools, our teachers, and school leaders did, and still do for us. We not only want to give back, but we also want to contribute in continuing the excellence that emanates from Beech Grove City Schools.

For example, in the last year, your alumni association has celebrated the success of students, graduates, faculty, and administrators. We have also encouraged students and their families in a variety of ways.

The Alumni Association:

- Participated in the 2023 commencement process celebrating 226 graduates.
- Provided scholarships for nine graduates with a total scholarship amount of \$36,000.
- Organized and hosted the annual Don Challis Memorial Alumni Golf Outing. 147 golfing alumni played and dozens more helped as volunteers and sponsors resulting in raising more than \$17,000 for our scholarship fund. This year's golf outing is scheduled for June 7, 2024.
- Organized and hosted the 47TH Annual Alumni Banquet. 151 alumni and guests enjoyed a wonderful meal prepared by Beech Grove High School's chef, Dulcie Holcomb. During this event, scholarships were presented, and we honored Mr. Steve Akers (class of 67) as the Alumnus of the Year, and Mr. Larry Williams as the Teacher of the Year. This year's Alumni Banquet is scheduled for June 8, 2024, at Primo Banquet Hall.
- Participated in the annual Music on Main, the Beech Grove Fall Festival Parade and hosted our 32nd Annual Beech Grove High School Homecoming Tailgate.
- Hosted the annual "Coach Matt English We



David Wright

Before Me" traveling trophy basketball game when the Hornets began their 2023-2024 varsity campaign versus Coach English' alma mater, Greenfield Central.

• Beech Grove coach and alumnus, David Sanders organized and hosted an Alumni Basketball Day on December 9, 2023. This gathering will happen again in 2024. Watch our website for the date.

In the coming year, I hope to communicate more with you. That will happen through E-Blasts, social media, and alumni association meetings. I want to share with you several alumni association initiatives that your board of directors believes will help the association expand in the near and distant future.

We need your support. This includes financial support, words of encouragement, participation, and your ideas.

One last thing: On October 31, 2023, a very special Beech Grove High School alum graduated to her eternal home. Sarah Lucille Starks Dennis was in the class of 1938. At the time of her passing, she was our oldest alum. Five years ago, while being interviewed by me she asked me a question to close the evening. She asked, "Could we all sing The Beech Grove War Song?" 160 alumni and guests rose to sing loudly and proudly. May Lucy rest in peace. And as she did for decades, may we continue to bring honor to our alma mater, Beech Grove High School!

We'll sing the Beech Grove war song,  
 We'll give a fighting cry;  
 We'll fight the Beech Grove battles,  
 Black and Orange will never die.  
 And in the glow of the golden twilight,  
 History cannot deny  
 We'll add a page or two  
 For the Beech Grove fighting crew  
 Beneath the Hoosier sky.

David Wright (Class of 1969)  
*President*

### BOARD of DIRECTORS & DECADE CHAIRPERSONS (continued on Page 6)

David Wright	Class of 1969	President	2023 - 2024
John Sharkey	Class of 1963	First Vice President	2023 - 2024
Sharon Miller Oelgoetz	Class of 1961	Second Vice President	2023 - 2024
Kathy Thomas Hensley	Class of 1967	Treasurer - Operating Funds	2022 - 2025
Marleah Lawson Hollander	Class of 1962	Treasurer - Scholarship	2021 - 2024
Amy McMorrow Jennings	Class of 1987	Recording Secretary	2021 - 2024
Arilla Duffer Gullans	Class of 1971	Asst. Recording Secretary	2022 - 2025
Donna Baxter Roller	Class of 1970	Membership Secretary	2023 - 2026
Tom Moriarty	Class of 1958	Assistant Membership Secretary	2022 - 2025
Kay Little Denning	Class of 1962	Scholarship Chairperson	2022 - 2024
Cathy Dunlap Chappell	Class of 1969	Historian	2022 - 2025

## Beech Grove High School Alumni Association's 2024 Teacher of the Year Mary Beth (Flanders) Wolfe

Mary Beth (Flanders) Wolfe was born to Jim and Judy Flanders on November 20, 1966. "Beth" attended Beech Grove City Schools for all of her schooling and graduated from Beech Grove High School in 1985. Beth was deeply influenced by her parents and her father was her principal when she attended BGMS as a student. She assisted her mother occasionally at Beech Tree House Center for Child Development when she was in middle school. She attended the University of Indianapolis, known as Indiana Central University at that time, and earned her Bachelor's degree in 1989 in elementary education with endorsements in both mathematics and English. Beth waited tables during high school and college to help pay for her education. She later attended IUPUI and earned her Master's degree in 1993.

Beth began her teaching career at Fulton Junior High School in Wayne Township in the fall of 1989 where she taught for 10 years. She coached the Future Problem Solving team and The Odyssey of the Mind teams. She was also the school improvement coordinator and hosted several student teachers. During this time, she also taught college Algebra and college English for Ivy Tech at night. She married her husband, Ross Wolfe, in the summer of 1991. They have two daughters, Katelynn 'Katie' Ann Meguschar, born in 1993, and Molly Elizabeth White, born in 1996.

When Katie began first grade in Beech Grove, Beth was thrilled to accept a position at Beech Grove Middle School so she could give back to this small-town community that gave so much to her. She taught a newly created communications course. During her 8 years at BGMS, Beth taught various English and math courses. After this, she accepted a position at Beech Grove High School as the English department chairperson and teacher. When she moved to the high school, she also began coaching cheerleading as an assistant coach with Sheila Smith. She continued coaching for 7 years until her youngest daughter, Molly, graduated in 2014. Beth was able to have both of her children as students. She states, "Having my children as students and getting to know their friends better was just such a blessing." Beth has been very involved in the Beech Grove Schools and Community. She has sponsored the spell bowl team, National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, English academic team, and various other organizations. One of the things that makes Beth unique in education is that she has been in two different departments during her time at MSD Wayne Township and Beech Grove.

Both of Ross and Beth's daughters are teachers as well. Katie Meguschar is the English department chair at BGHS and teaches several advanced English courses. This is Katie's 9th full year of teaching. Molly teaches third grade at Blue Academy in Decatur Township and this is her 6th year teaching. Ross retired from teaching elementary school in Hamilton Southeastern in 2020 after spending 35 years in the classroom. Beth is excited to be able to join him in the fall of 2024 in also caring for the grandchildren.

Ross and Beth enjoy cruising and have spent the last 5 years cruising the Caribbean every chance they get. They also love going to Siesta Key, Florida, where they enjoy time with family on the beach. Beth enjoys reading and traveling when not teaching. Ross and Beth are actively involved in their church, Faith United Church of Christ on Thompson Road. They have been given so many wonderful opportunities and hope to continue to bless others with their God-given gifts in the years to come! She stated that she was so honored to be named as teacher of the year because she admires and looks up to the previous teachers of the year. She stated, "Those are some of my favorite teachers, and I am truly humbled to be listed among them." She will retire from Beech Grove City Schools at the end of this school year after 35 years of teaching to spend more time with her family and her grandchildren.



### 2025 Teacher and Alumnus of the Year Awards Committee

Nominations for Alumnus and Teacher of the Year may be submitted in writing at the 2024 Celebration Dinner or mailed to Barbara O'Neill Simmerman, 8439 Chateaugay Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46217.

If you have questions please call her at 317-850-5804 or 317-881-1537.

**Nominations will close November 1, 2024.**

# Beech Grove High School Alumni Association's 2024 Alumnus of the Year William (Bill) Boone Class of 1971

Bill was born June 1, 1953 to Thomas and Esther Boone. In 1958, the family moved to 310 North 16th Avenue, Beech Grove where he, along with his sister Becky and brother Bob were reared. They all attended Beech Grove schools. Bill graduated in 1971.

While attending high school, Bill worked in the Housekeeping Department at St. Francis Hospital. After graduating high school, he worked for Service Engraving preparing art work to be photographed for newspaper printing plates. He later worked at Wavetek and The Liberty Bell store. He also attended classes at IUPUI, and later in life, he attended Crossroads Bible College.

Bill started dating his classmate Paula Gossage when they were juniors at BGHS. Their first date was a bowling outing. Bill was somewhat surprised to learn Paula's dad owned the bowling alley. Even though she turned out to be a much better bowler than he was, he was smitten and the two were married June 10, 1972.

While growing up, Bill was able to observe the operations of the machine shop owned by his father. He worked for his dad from 1972 to 1988. After leaving there, he worked as a service engineer and machine programmer for Joachim Machinery.

Having worked in his father's shop for 16 years, Bill had gained the skills and knowledge (of the machining business) necessary to embark on a new business venture. In 1993, he and Paula formed W.T. Boone Enterprises. They sold that business in 2002 and in March of 2003, reopened in Franklin, IN. The business remains active with his wife and son as primary officers.

In 1999, Bill was a Charter Member of the Big Four Sertoma Club of Beech Grove. While serving in the Christmas project of 2000, Paula and Bill were collecting information for Christmas needs from families in Beech Grove and the surrounding areas. From their service with the Sertoma Club, they realized the desperate needs of local families, some of whom were going hungry without help.

Bill led the Thanksgiving food drive sponsored by the Club. He was touched in a significant way when he learned from Fire Chief, Dennis Buckley, the employees of A.D.M. Milling had a food drive and had collected a truck load of food. Chief Buckley entrusted Bill to make certain this food was distributed successfully.

That event changed his life forever. It was later in the year 2002, when Bill recognized he was being pursued by God to what he considers a higher calling. God gave him the courage to follow the teaching voiced by Jesus in Matthew 25:35-40 (shown below).

At the end of the holiday season, Bill was troubled realizing many organizations work diligently to serve the needy during the holidays; but when the holidays are over, the urgency seems to wane. With that concept weighing heavy on his heart, the idea of Servant's Heart was conceived, and in the summer of 2003, it became a reality.

In October of that year, with only \$2,000 to pay a building deposit and the first month's rent, and with only 100 pieces of food, it was with great faith and high hopes they planned to open the food pantry in November, 2003.

As word spread of Servant's Heart opening, many joined in to get them the food needed to be successful. Nancy Wilson, Bill's cousin, had made Melissa Keeley, Home School Advisor for South Grove Elementary, aware of the pantry's opening. She was in charge of a food drive that had collected more than 4,000 cans of food. All of these donations allowed the pantry to serve families from the very first day of active service and for months to come.

From 20 families being served on opening day in 2003, 20 years later the pantry serves approximately 180 families each week, with 500 families being served at Thanksgiving, and 200 families at Christmas. There are 24-36 volunteers serving regularly. Additionally, there are several part time volunteers including students from several high schools and colleges as they fulfill their community service requirements. During the Covid pandemic, the pantry was serving 240 families a week with services provided by a well-organized drive-thru system.

In addition to the food pantry, Servant's Heart now offers other services including furniture, clothing, and often domestic violence assistance. Servant's Heart has a Board of Directors consisting of 13 to 15 members from different walks of life. It serves the residents of an 8 zip code area. Regular providers to the Pantry are Beech Grove Wal-Mart, as well as the Thompson Road and Southport Road Kroger stores. Servant's Heart does buy some of their food from Gleaners and Meijer. Monies and additional contributions are received from supporting area churches, businesses, civic groups and individuals.

When asked, "When did you first feel led to become dedicated to serving others?" Bill states, it started at the age of 12 while attending church. When an invitation was extended to accept Jesus, he responded to the call and has been on that journey ever since.

Bill credits his teachers, Jim Flanders and Ron Melbert with pointing him in a purposeful direction. Mr. Flanders took him to the youth group at the Beech Grove Methodist Church and personally directed him in becoming a strong believer. Additionally, Bill mentions Dave Topping, head football coach; and Bill Baine, wrestling coach as being strong influences in his formative years. Bill was manager for both of those teams and played on the golf team during high school.

Bill's vision for the future of Servant's Heart includes offering employment opportunities, counseling services, donations to homeless camps, financial guidance, a thrift store and a worship center.

Bill hopes to be remembered by his desire for God to use him to guide people to Christ and show what change is possible when we maintain an ongoing relationship with God in our day-to-day walk; and, even more important to him, he strives to leave a Legacy from Jesus' teaching in the Gospel of Matthew 25:35-40 (paraphrased)

"I was hungry and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger, and you welcomed me. I was naked and you clothed me. I was in prison and you came to me." They will ask "When did we see you hungry, thirsty, naked and in prison." Jesus will answer them, "Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me."

From these verses came the mission of Servant's Heart: To share God's abundance and demonstrate Christ's love by serving the needs of families.

Bill loves and is dedicated to his wife of 52 years, Paula; their three sons; Mike, Jason, and Jon. Bill and Paula are also the proud grandparents of seven.



# 2023 BUSINESS CONTRIBUTORS

**Little & Sons Funeral Home \*\*\*\*\* Holwager & Holwager, P.C.\*\*\*\*\***

Donation tiers \*\$50-\$99 \*\*\$100-\$199 \*\*\*\$200-\$299 \*\*\*\*\$300-\$999 \*\*\*\*\*\$1000 and above

## Scholarship News

Hi, dear friends. I hope everyone is doing well. Your faithful contributions for 2023 enabled us to award nine Scholarships. All of these young students were very deserving of your gifts.

They are all going back for their second semester, with the exception of one young man who has decided to change to Central 9 vocational training to become a Fire Fighter. I commend him for his decision.

All of them were very thankful for the monetary help you gave them, and wanted me to convey their thanks to all of you.

As always I want to thank Bob Thomas for the generous monetary gift from the golf outing. Also, I want to thank the class of 1973 for their generous donation to our young scholars.

Your donations are more than just money to these young people. It shows them that we care about what they have done at BGHS and what they are going to achieve in the future.

As always, my thanks to you!

Many blessings,  
Kay Little Denning  
*Scholarship Chairperson*

### Congratulations to our 2023 Scholarship Recipients

- Liam Carney
- Aeden Crawley
- Dawson Flanery
- Christopher Hammer
- Rylan Horen
- Joseph Mitzelfelt
- Jaylin Richard
- Erica Settles
- Sarah Tepp

## 2023 ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATIONS

### NAME

Donna Wurz-Metallic '82 \*\*  
Class of 1962 \*  
Class of 1962 \*  
Class of 1963 \*  
Bob Buccieri '80 \*\*  
Tom Moriarty '58 \*  
Kay Little Denning '62 \*\*\*\*  
Jim Day '60 \*\*  
Karen Foley Bosley '60 \*\*  
Rosemary Herzog Douglas '61 \*  
Rich Kidwell '73 \*  
Wilma Worrell Green '44  
Christopher Winkler '89 \*\*\*\*\*  
Karen Dible Nelson '63 \*\*  
Larry Hardesty '61 \*\*\*  
H. Keith Morgan, Phd '60 \*\*  
Roger L. Smith '58 \*\*  
Pam Smith Starks '64 \*\*  
Jack A. Charnley '59 \*\*\*\*  
Robert Rund '66 \*\*\*  
Richard Pflanzner '58 \*\*  
John Bailey '63 \*\*  
Bill & Jackie Day Brown '59  
Roseann Marschke Gary '58  
Sally Taylor Todd '56 \*  
Jon Smith '65 \*\*  
Donna Baxter Roller '70 \*\*  
Bud & Barb Fallowfield '56 \*\*  
Foster McMasters '66 \*\*\*\*\*  
Judy Mandabach Hensley '64 \*\*\*  
Barbara O'Neill Simmerman '62 \*  
David E. Weiger '61 \*\*\*\*  
Marcia Wright Payne '63 \*  
Karel VanHorn Seldner '63 \*\*\*\*  
Thelma Hunter Harkness Thompson '55 \*\*  
Jim Little '56 & Vicki Cain Little '76 \*  
Janice Fletcher Woempner '57  
Don Smith '67 & Elizabeth Moll Smith '65  
Vickie Sue Terrell Kieflner '67  
Steve Yeager '67 \*\*\*\*\*  
Wayne Sigman '42  
Class of 1963 \*  
Class of 1962 \*  
Class of 1962 \*  
Class of 1962 \*

### NAME

Larry Hardesty '61  
Charles Holder '69 \*  
Pam Smith Starks '64 \*\*  
Jack A. Charnley '59 \*\*\*\*  
Susan McConnell Leonard '67 \*  
Merritt J. Webb '79 \*\*  
Clayton (Kit) Collins & Ann Collins '63 \*\*  
Barbara O'Neill Simmerman '62 \*  
Linda Pflanzner Dean '62 \*  
Patricia Chandler VanSickle '57 \*  
Steering Committee Class of 1973 \*\*\*\*\*

### CONTRIBUTOR

Cary Tinley '66 \*  
Dave Abbott '70 \*\*\*  
Dennis Herzog '75  
Lou Weidman '80 \*\*

### IN MEMORY OF

John D. Wurz '83  
Jim Johnson '62  
Jim Skirvin '62  
Sandra Sue Hahnert Lewis '63  
Lynn Buccieri Wilson '79 & Craig Williams '80  
Deceased Classmates 1958  
Deceased Classmates 1962  
Bill Emmert '60  
Loved Ones  
Faye Graves Meguiar '61  
Dan Rieman '73  
Deceased Classmates 1944  
Glenn McManama  
Deceased Classmates 1963  
Deceased Classmates 1961  
Curt Eibling '60  
Steve Smith '56  
Gary L. Starks '62  
George Bultman, Bob Leffler, David VanHorn '59  
Delmer & Elizabeth Rund  
Raymond & Alice Pflanzner  
Shirley Worrell Bailey '63  
Joanne Day Wright '62  
Carl Marschke '60  
George Bultman '59  
Ronald Lee Smith '66  
Deceased Classmates 1970  
Janice Emmert Fallowfield '55  
Julia McMasters Holdorf '52  
Jim Hensley '63 & Kathy Mandabach Deckard '61  
Nick O'Neill '58  
Sharron Rae Weiger Roessler '55  
John Wright '61 & Charles K. Larkins '63  
Ann & Olin VanHorn  
Tom Thompson  
Vernon & Alma Little  
Deceased Classmates 1957  
Ron Smith '66  
Don Spurlock '67  
Steve Pershing Smith '67  
Joellen Sigman Castetter '49  
Joe Gilliland '63  
Mike Williams '62  
Bonnie Acton Jackson '62  
Linda Rogers-Kingsbury '62

### IN HONOR OF

Fellow Classmates 1961  
Pete McNamara (Teacher)  
B.G. High School Basketball Team  
Henri Gift Shop McLaughlin & Tommy (Coach) Thompson  
Steve Akers '67  
Class of 1979 Wrestlers & Team  
Betty Collins  
Richard Pflanzner '58 & Tom Moriarty '58  
Classmates 1962  
Grandchildren  
Class of 1973

### CONTRIBUTOR

Donna Patrick Joyce '63 \*\*  
Cathy Chappell '69  
JoAnne Hommel Willits '58

2023 OPERATING FUND DONATIONS

NAME

Rosemary Herzog Douglas '61 \*
Greg Bates '67 \*\*\*\*
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Michael Cahill '74 \*\*
Jack A. Charnley '59 \*\*\*\*
Jim & Tina Blazek '56 \*
John Bailey '63 \*
Sally Taylor Todd '56 \*
Bud & Barb Fallowfield '56 \*\*
Donna Patrick Joyce '63 \*
George Fallowfield '55 \*\*
Mary Kay Craig Croisant '66 \*\*
Clayton (Kit) and Ann Collins '63 \*\*
Barbara O'Neill Simmerman '62
David E. Weiger '61 \*\*\*
Mary Etta McMasters Boren '55 \*
Marlene Taylor Bultman '59 \*\*
Janice Fletcher Woempner '57
Thelma Hunter Harkness Thompson '55 \*\*
Karel VanHorn Seldner '63 \*\*\*
Jim Little '56 & Vicki Cain Little '76 \*
Vickie Sue Kiefner '67
Cathy Chappell '69
Judith Byrum Pieper '61
Sharon Miller Oelgoetz '61
Wayne Sigman '52

IN MEMORY OF

John Lyzott '59
Valerie Whiteside Bates '67
Deceased Classmates 1964
Delbert Dennis, Nick Egan, Scott Dillow '74
Gerry Charnley '53
Deceased Classmates 1956
Shirley Worrell Bailey '63
Deceased Classmates 1956
Sally Byland Dickson '61 & Deceased Classmates 1956
Edythe & Morris Joyce '38
Janice Emmert Fallowfield '55
Bill Gregson '66 & Linda Albertson '66
Betty Collins
Deceased Classmates 1962
Bobbie & Gene Weiger
Julie McMasters Holdorf '52
Bill Emmert '60, George Bultman '59 and Classmates 1959
Bob & Margaret Fletcher
Charles A. Hunter '52
Dave VanHorn & John Lyzott '59
William Cain
Linda Adkins Hubele '67
Carl Robert Dunlap '38
Fred & Teech Byrum '35, Little Freddie Byrum
Donna Gilliland Sluder '45
Daniel Niccum '60
Joellen Sigman Castetter '49

CONTRIBUTORS

Karen Foley Bosley '60
Chris Winkler '89 \*\*\*\*
Tom Moriarty '58 \*
Roger L. Smith '58 \*\*
Arilla Duffer Gullans '71 \*\*
Merritt Webb '79 \*\*
Bill & Jackie Day Brown '59
Wilma Worrell Green '44
Donna Rambo Wehmeier '58 \*
Dave Abbott '70 \*\*\*
Kathryn Akers Nagel '70
Wayne Lashbrook '61 \*\*
Roseann Marschke Gary '58



Save the date ...

This year's Fall Festival Parade will be on Saturday, Sept. 14th. It's a fun event for the whole family!

2023 Teacher and Alumnus of the Year in the Fall Festival Parade



Arlilla Gullans congratulates 2023 Teacher of the year, Larry Williams, prior to the start of the Fall Festival Parade.



Steve Akers, 2023 Alumnus of the Year, was driven by Donna Baxter Roller in the Fall Festival Parade.

**B.G.H.S. Alumni Association Inc. Board** *(continued from page 1)*

Barbara O'Neill Simmerman	Class of 1962	Public Relations	2023 - 2026
Jarrett Hill	Class of 1998	Webmaster	2021- 2024
Dave Weiger	Class of 1961	Ex-Officio	2023 - 2024

**Decade Chairpersons (Board Appointed)**

Marleah Lawson Hollander	Class of 1962	1920's-1930's	2021 - 2024
Marleah Lawson Hollander	Class of 1962	1940's Decade	2021 - 2024
Janice Fletcher Woempner	Class of 1957	1950's Decade	2022 - 2025
Sharon Miller Oelgoetz	Class of 1961	1960's Decade	2021 - 2024
Donna Baxter Roller	Class of 1970	1970's Decade	2022 - 2025
Amy McMorrow Jennings	Class of 1987	1980's Decade	2021 - 2024
Crissy Spurgeon Kuhn	Class of 1991	1990's Decade	2022 - 2025
Nichole Bridgens	Class of 2005	2000's Decade	2021 - 2024
Kelly Weller Habig	Class of 2004	2000's Decade	2021 - 2024
Jasmin Thomas	Class of 2010	2010's Decade	2022 - 2025
OPEN	Class of	2020's Decade	2023 - 2026

**Buzzings from the Hive**

**2024/25 Meeting and Event Dates**

April 16, 2024	Decade Chairpersons & Class Representatives Recognition
May 21, 2024	Election of Officers
June 7, 2024	Alumni Golf Tournament
June 8, 2024	48th Annual Celebration Dinner
June 18, 2024	Board Meeting
July 16, 2024	(Incoming/Outgoing Officers
July 20, 2024	15th B.G.H.S. All Class Bash*
August 20, 2024	All Alumni Annual Meeting
September 14, 2024	General Meeting
September 24, 2024	Fall Festival Parade*
September TBA	General Meeting
October 15, 2024	33rd Alumni Homecoming Tailgate
November 19, 2024	General Meeting
December 2024	Executive Board Meeting
January 21, 2025	No Meeting
February 18, 2025	General Meeting
March 18, 2025	General Meeting
	Newsletter Mailing Party

\* This is not an Alumni Association sponsored event.

Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. in the

**B.G.H.S. Training Room**

**Use the Churchman Avenue Entrance**

"Let's Keep in touch"

For current information check our web site; [bghsalumni.org](http://bghsalumni.org) or Facebook page; BGHS Alumni Association, Inc.

**2023 MUSIC ON MAIN STREET**



Kay Little Denning, Barbara O'Neill Simmerman and Tom Moriarty were among several alumni who worked at the BGHS Alumni Association's Toilet Paper Toss game during the 2023 Music on Main Street. It was great fun for all ages.

**To date we have awarded**

**\$376,600 to 295 scholarship recipients.**

*Thank you for your continued generous donations!*



## 2024 CLASS MESSAGES



**Class of 1957** - Hello Classmates, Hope everyone is well. The Beech Grove High School reunion will be June 8th. Looking forward to seeing you there. Sorry to report that we lost one of our classmates, Julie Murly Huser. If you have a change of address, please email it to me so we can keep our records updated. My email address is jerrywoempner@comcast.net I would love to hear from you. Till then, Janice Woempner, Your Class Rep.

**Class of 1958** - Greetings to all. Several of us "locals" get together for a class luncheon every 5 or 6 weeks. If any of you "out of towners" are going to be back home, please let me know. I can arrange a lunch at the time you are here... We would love to see you.... I hope this Newsletter finds you well... Your Class Rep, Tom Moriarty

**Class of 1959** - Hello 1959er Classmates, the time/date has come for Our 65th Class Reunion! Wasn't it just Y2K? We had from TX and Bob & Patty (Dunham) Clark had not seen since graduations 59/60. Had to "Kick us Out" into the parking lot - finally - new group needed to be seated... Imagine! Thanks, LaDonna, '60 rep! 2023 News... Remembering our "past classmates" ... Sandra (Walls) Bahret, 6-27-2023 and Larry D. Brune, 5-17-2023. We donated \$59 each to Alumni Association in their memory. Our NEW PLANS 2024: to meet at 5:00 P.M. on Friday Nite, June 7, 2024, at Napoli Villa Italian Restaurant, 758 Main Street, Beech Grove, IN 46107 (317-783-4122) off street parking so come early... by the ole City Hall. Then to reconnect with everyone on Saturday evening at Primo's. \*See reservation pages for our 48th Annual Alumni Gathering and our Golf Outing in this newsletter. Hope to see "ALL of YOU" soon for a great weekend of fun and fellowship. Please be sure I have your "updated" info including an email address for new info. Your Class Secretary -- STILL! Marlene (Taylor-Emmert) Bultman, justmeonkb@aol.com, 317-604-8291, 12131 Briarway, N. Dr. Indianapolis, IN 462'59"

**Class of 1960** - It was great to see many classmates at our last gathering. We had lunch together on June 10th at Happy Days Pancake House (the old Edwards Drive-In) and enjoyed catching up with those we had not seen for a while. Please check your email and FB information regarding our plans for this year. It would be very helpful to have your updated address and email. We remember with fondness the classmates who passed away this year, Monte Brown, Joyce Porter Wasson and Sally Burkhardt Wright. Let's keep in touch. Your Class Rep. LaDonna Lawson Hall, dlhall1020@sbcglobal.net, or call or text, 812-371-1468

**Class of 1961** - Hello fellow classmates. I am very pleased to report that we did not lose any of our classmates in 2023. Our class luncheons are held on the first Tuesday of every month at Whiskey Business on Southport Road across the street from Meijers at 11:30. We did have some new classmates attend in 2023. Just a reminder, please take a minute to send me any changes to your address, phone number or e-mail you may have so our records are up to date at Sharon. oelgoetz@att.net or 317/750-0307. Our next alumni dinner is Saturday, June 8, 2024, at Primo's on National Avenue behind Walmart on Keystone. Sharon Oelgoetz, Class Rep.

**Class of 1962** - Hi 1962 Classmates, it seems like just yesterday I wrote an article for our newsletter. How time flies as we get older. I hope all is well with all of you and you are keeping busy with family and friends. Which reminds me to let you know that our class still meets every month for lunch, and we would love to see all of you. Cookie sends out a reminder e-mail every month, so look for it and please join us. Also, our all Alumni Dinner will be at Primo's on June 8th. It is always a good time and a time to visit with other classes. Looking forward to seeing you. Stay safe and many blessings to you and yours. Kay Little Denning '62, kldbg62@gmail.com

**Class of 1963** - Our class continues to be an active group. In 2023, we found out the Eagles Lodge on Main Street offered accommodations to fit the needs of our monthly lunch meetings held on the last Thursday of the month (except for November and December). We had outings to Garfield Park's Conservatory in May for their beautiful display of tulips, and again in December for the poinsettias. We continue to be supporters of Servant's Heart by donating nonperishable food, clothing and monetary gifts for their pantry which serves south side families in need of assistance. We were well represented at two of their fund-raising events and in assisting with their Christmas gift distribution. We are strong supporters of the BGHS Alumni Association by attending monthly meetings and activities, including the annual alumni dinner held in June. Once again, the Class of 1963 very generously contributed school supplies to Hornet Park Elementary School. The most exciting event of the year, however, was the celebration of the 60th anniversary of our high school graduation. Approximately 60 (including spouses, friends and special guests) attended the event held at the 524 Event Center (the building we knew as Beall's Department Store) on September 30th. On Friday, prior to the reunion, several of us enjoyed touring our old high school at 1248 Buffalo Street (now the middle school). Lots of reminiscing occurred during this special time. Please keep us updated with your address and phone number. We would love to see you at our monthly lunch gatherings. Check Facebook posts (BGHS Class of 1963) for details of activities. We would love to hear from you or see you there. Blessings in 2024. Marcia Wright Payne

**Class of 1964** - Hi Classmates, this year is our 60th Class Reunion. We are planning to gather on Friday, June 7th. Watch for an email with details in the near future. Your Class Rep., Pam Bourff Cathcart (317)787-8683

**Class of 1965** - Plans for our 60th Reunion in 2025 are beginning to take shape. It will be held in conjunction with the annual BGHS Alumni Dinner which is held the second Saturday in June each year. Our dinner will be held the Friday evening before (June 13/June 14). Our committee will be working hard trying to find everyone. Please contact Liz Moll Smith at 317-509-4521 or email lsmith5807@indy.rr.com or Dave Ruehrschneck at scubader@aol.com to make any address changes or inquires. At this time, we have hopes of giving a record high donation to the Scholarship Fund. We hope you will dig deep and give generously! We also hope you will plan to attend our celebration on Friday and the Annual BGHS Alumni Association Celebration on Saturday. Looking forward to seeing you all again. Your Class Rep., Liz Moll Smith

**70's Decade** - Hello classmates of the 70's. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and a Happy New Year! As always, we would love for everyone to plan to attend our Alumni Dinner in June and support our scholarship winners, Alumnus of the Year and Teacher of the Year. You will find the registration form in this newsletter. Please fill it out and mail with your check. Since the Alumni Association runs solely on contributions from our past and present classmates when sending your check for the Alumni dinner, if you would include an amount for our Operating Fund or Scholarship Fund, it would be appreciated. When helping our kids with caps and gowns or renting musical instruments or whatever the need might be, sometimes our resources get low, and we must decline to help. So as long as we are able to help, we always do! Please make that possible for us! Just a reminder that this year is the 50th reunion for the class of 1974. If you are a member of that class, please attend our dinner and stand up to be recognized with your class! This year's dinner will be back at Primo's, and they always serve a great dinner. We also have a monthly breakfast for any BGHS alumni class. Come join us at 9:00 AM the last Saturday of every month at the "Happy Days Family Pancake House" (the old Edward's Drive-in at Sherman and Raymond). Hope to see you there! Wishing you all good health and many blessings! 70's Decade Chairperson and Membership Secretary, Donna Baxter Roller

**Class of 1974** - This year is our 50th Class Reunion! Watch Facebook for when and where.

**Class of 1973** - Please mark your calendars for an informal Get-Together on Friday, June 7th. We will be meeting at O'Gara's Pub at 522 Main St. any time after 6:00 P.M. Any questions feel free to contact me at rlkidwell@aol.com or 317-408-1694. Hope to see you there. Rich Kidwell

**Class of 1977** - Hello everyone! Just a quick note to let you know that I am the Class of '77 representative for the Alumni Association. Please email me at delcie\_s@hotmail.com if you have any updates in your contact information. I am also the Administrator for the Facebook page "BGHS Alumni Association - 1977" and encourage you to join this group as well. I really appreciate the responses that I have received from so many of you already. Thank you and PLEASE keep in touch - our next milestone reunion will be here before you know it! Your Class Rep., Delcie Ingram Shipman

**Class of 1999** - Hey Classmates, we will be celebrating our 25th Class Reunion Saturday, August 17, 2024, at 524 Events which is located at 524 Main St., Beech Grove, IN. The evening will start at 6:00 p.m. with a cost of \$20 per person. Food will be available from the Julicious Groovy Food Truck. Drinks including a full bar are next to our event and they accept cash or credit card payment. The \$20 will go towards renting the event space, the DJ, water and soda, table snacks and decorations. We hope to have 110 total (classmates plus ones) to cover this cost. We would prefer you pay before the event to our Venmo account, but paying cash at the door is an option. We would love to have any teachers or coaches we had to join us. They will not be charged the \$20 fee. VENMO is @bghs1999 (it will say my daughter's name, Amelia Sheets) there are no charges, so we chose this way for online payment. Also, we have an email account if you need to get in touch through email: BGHSClassof1999@hotmail.com Looking forward to seeing everyone, Alana Sheets (Coombs), Class of 1999

**Class of 2005** - I am happy to represent our class as the alumni rep. I have tried to make suggestions in the past for reunions but did not have many responders. I realize that it is easy to connect with high school friends via social media. It still would be nice to see each other in person and catch up after all these years. There is a BG Bash for all classes that meets every year in July, the details are in this newsletter and on their Facebook page. I have attended but have never seen any of our classmates. If you have any suggestions for a reunion, please email me at nicolebridgens@gmail.com. We might consider meeting in the Fall at Homecoming or attend the Spring Spectacular (choral alumni), small group gatherings are also fine for reconnecting. I hope all of you are doing well and maybe we can reunite soon as a class. Best regards, Nicole Bridgens



## 15th ANNUAL BG BASH

Mucky Ducks at Southport Crossing  
6:00 PM to Midnight, Saturday, July 16th  
All Alumni Welcome! No Cover Charge.





2024 BEECH GROVE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI

"Don Challis Memorial Golf Tournament"

Friday, June 7, 2024 - Tee Time 8:00 a.m.

Sarah Shank Golf Course • 2901 South Keystone Ave 46203 • 317 784-0631

Please arrive EARLY!

This year's tournament will be a Florida Scramble format open to ALL alumni, family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, that's right we welcome EVERYONE!

Team and individual entries are welcome.

Entry fee \$60 per golfer includes green fees, cart, lunch, soft drink and prizes.

Note: If you wish to donate a prize or Sponsor a Hole for this event:

See below for hole sponsor information

PLEASE contact Bob Thomas 317-752-8970

2023 Winning Team



The 2023 Beech Grove High School Alumni Association's Don Challis Memorial Golf Tournament winning team consisted of Tom Davidson (class of 1969), Mike Soult, Jeff Parker and Stan King..

GOLF TOURNAMENT ENTRY

Player (1) \_\_\_\_\_

Team captain E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Player (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Player (3) \_\_\_\_\_

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BEECH GROVE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

48th REUNION CELEBRATION
SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024
PRIMO BANQUET HALL

2615 National Ave., Indpls., IN 46227

5:00 PM Social Hour / School Tour • 6:00 PM Dinner • 7:00 PM Program

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Please note that our Operating Fund covers the cost of our newsletter, printing, postage, website and insurance. Your donation will also allow us to help support school projects such as the Graduation Flowers and Key Fobs, the Hornet Nutrition Club, the Renaissance Program, plus various other projects during the year.

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DINNER RESERVATION: Please have reservations in by Friday, May 24, 2024.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Dinner Reservations Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

BGHS Military Veterans dinner ticket: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

No confirmation will be mailed to you. Check in at the door will be required.

Dinner Tickets will be available at the door for \$45.00 each

FOOD ALLERGIES?
Please note:
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NAME \_\_\_\_\_ (MAIDEN) \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Summary table with columns: CATEGORY, PEOPLE, AMOUNT. Rows include SCHOLARSHIP DONATION, OPERATING FUND DONATION, DINNER RESERVATION, VETERANS RESERVATION, and TOTAL ENCLOSED.

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It is the mission of the Beech Grove High School Alumni Association to recognize the common bond that unites all alumni, stimulate loyalty and interest in the Beech Grove School System and provide a channel of communication whereby school friendships can be perpetuated.