



# Bridgeport High School Alumni Association 2016 Newsletter

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BHS Alumni Association

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## 2016 Alumni Weekend Plans

The Bridgeport Alumni Association proudly announces its Alumni Weekend 2016 Plans, which will be held Friday and Saturday June 24th and 25th.

The events kick off with the Annual Niekro Classic Golf Scramble at the Belmont Hills Country Club in St. Clairsville. The scramble begins with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. That evening from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the 3rd Annual Alumni Social Time will be held at the Skyliner (old Bridgeport Eagles). The main downstairs hall will be available to all BHS Alumni with pizza, pop, and water being served; the event is BYOB. A donation of \$5.00 is asked to help offset the evenings costs. All who donate will be eligible for a \$50.00 gift card door prize. There will be a 50/50 Raffle and a Chinese Auction. Some private rooms are available for class reunions that night. Any class interested should call Don at the Skyliner at 740-338-7902, for cost and availability. Any class renting one of the rooms would be responsible for tableware and food specific for their reunion. Alumni are invited to the main room for the evenings events including class roll call and prize drawings. Tours of Bridgeport High School will be available from 12 - 2 p.m. on Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup>.

The weekend concludes at the Annual Alumni Banquet on Saturday, at the Skyliners upstairs ballroom. The class photos begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. And the dinner buffet will be served at 6 p.m. Inductees into the BHS Alumni 2016 Hall of Fame will be Carol Connelly Wilson '54, Bill Hooker '55, Joan Morgan Russell '58, Frances Kotopka Delande '58, and Bill Krahel '66. Please note that in order to insure a proper number for seating and dinner, reservations are required. The cost for the banquet is \$30.00 per person. There is NO CHARGE for the Class of 2016 and the Golden Anniversary Class of 1966; however, the Alumni Association now requires all those receiving a complimentary dinner to pay their \$5.00 annual dues. This will help us continue to offer the traditional free dinner to the 50 year class in the future. You must send in the reservation form to insure seating needs are met. The reservations deadline is June 15th. It is also time to support the Bridgeport High School Alumni Association with your membership renewal. Membership dues are \$5.00 per year. We ask that you pay your dues whether you are planning to attend the banquet or not. These funds allow continued

## Hall / Wall of Fame Weekend and Alumni Band news

Hall / Wall of Fame weekend was held on September 11th and 12th, 2015. Inductees to the Wall of Fame were introduced during halftime of the game on Friday night, before being formally inducted on Saturday night at the Hall/Wall of fame Banquet. Inducted were: Carl and Earl Duncan '28; 1963 Basketball Team; 1965 Football Team; 1966 Basketball team; Matt Marshall '84, for track; Nikki Green Weigand '90, third ever Lady Bulldog to score 1,000 career points in Basketball; and long time statistician, Bill Pahl, who kept stats for Bulldog Basketball for 30 years. This also marked the 5th annual appearance of our Alumni Band, as 28 members returned and performed pre-game and halftime activities at the game on Friday night.



## 2015 Alumni Hall Of Fame Inductees

From Left, Inductees Steve Kish Jr. '65, Carol Grandstaff '55, Alumni Committee Member Bob Weaver '62, who presented the inductees, Gordie Longshaw '65, and Alan Ketzell II '63



## 2015 Alumni Scholarship Recipients

From Left, Alumni Committee Member Sean Caruth '88, presents Scholarships to Class of 2015 Winners Brianna Massey, Vivica Foster, and Keri Renzler



## Class of 1965 Brunch during Alumni Weekend

Members of the Golden Anniversary class of 1965 conclude their Alumni Weekend reunion gathering for Brunch at the Belmont Hills Country Club.



## Move to Skyliner proves successful for alumni weekend

Attendance up at Banquet, Friday night event continues to grow.

Following the success of the initial Friday Night Alumni Social night, in 2014, the Bridgeport Alumni Association made the decision to hold all Alumni weekend Festivities at the Rhodes Skyliner in downtown Bridgeport starting with 2015 Alumni Weekend. Friday night saw a record attendance for the 2nd Annual Alumni Social Time. The class of 1960 held their 55th reunion during the event. The Alumni Association held a chinese auction, with a number of Alumni, classes, and local businesses donating items for the auction, a 50/50, and a drawing for a \$50 Riesbeck's gift card door prize. A number of School Organizations had tables set up selling Bulldog memorabilia, and the Alumni Band had a drawing for a nice basket. Class Roll Call was held, and DJ Bill Talik '81 played tunes from the past.

Saturday nights Alumni Banquet saw its largest turnout in a number of years with over 250 Alumni, and guests in attendance. The upstairs ballroom was beautifully decorated in Bulldog colors. The food, service and staff of the Skyliner were top notch. Speakers from the 25 and 50 years classes, along with the Hall Of Fame Inductees, shared their memories of Dear Ole' Bridgeport High. Scholarships were awarded to three Seniors. Bridgeport HS Girls Ensemble performed the National Anthem, and Alumni were introduced to New School Superintendant, Mr. Zach Shutler. A class roll call was held, with the remainder of the evening spent with Alumni socializing and dancing to their favorite tunes from the past.

The Alumni Association is looking forward to our weekend events continuing to grow and invite all Alumni to attend our events during Alumni Weekend 2016. Friday Night June 24th will be the 3rd annual Alumni Social Time, and Saturday Night June 25th will be the 132nd Annual Alumni Banquet. Go Bulldogs!

Alumni Association would like to thank the class of 1963 for their generous donations in 2014.

\$25 to the Alumni Scholarship fund in memory of Barbara Menoski Weirzbicki  
Gift Basket to the Alumni Weekend Chinese Auction  
\$600 to the I-Pad Initiative  
\$100 to the Alumni Scholarship fund, in memory of Coach Frank Baxter

Thanks to all class members who donated, so generously. Any member of the class of '63 wishing to contribute to class causes may do so, by making your check payable to: Class of '63, and mail to Pat Ketzell, 3 Poplar St., Bridgeport, Ohio, 43912. The class of 1963 would like to challenge other classes to donate to Alumni and School causes.

# BHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 2016

## Annual Banquet and Membership

### Annual Dues

# \_\_\_ Dues @ \$5.00

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Donations

\_\_\_ BHS Scholarship Fund

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ BHS Alumni Fund

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### Reservations

# \_\_\_ Banquet Reservations @ \$30.00 Each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_ Banquet Reservations - Class Of 1966 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_ Banquet Reservations - Class Of 2016 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:

Even if your dinner is free....you must still make a reservation.

BRIDGEPORT HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Reservation Deadline is June 15th

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Total Ammount Enclosed

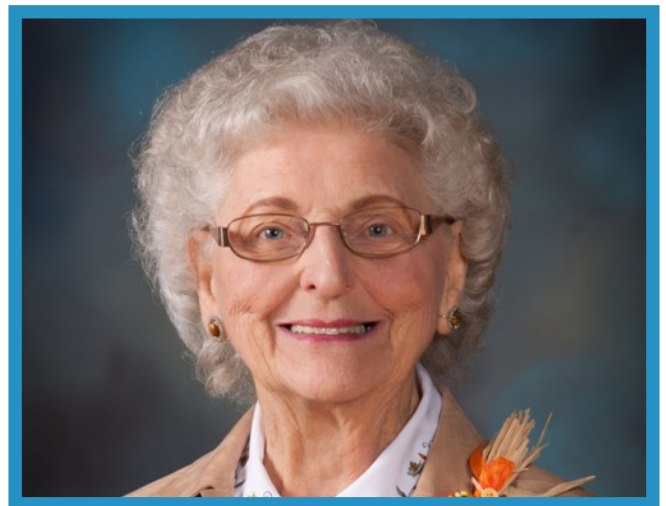
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## In Memoriam Mr. Frank Baxter and Mrs Irene Windshiemer

Mr. Frank Baxter passed away on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Frank graduated from Bridgeport High School in 1949. He was part of the Bridgeport School System more than 60 years as a student, athlete, teacher and administrator for 47 years, retiring in 2004. From 1962, he was a Basketball Coach, guiding the team to an outstanding 269 - 128 record. His teams won five OVAC Championships, 11 Sectional Titles, 2 District and one Regional Championship. Bridgeport posted an unbeaten regular season in 1966, ending with a final 23-1 record and UPI Class A Champs and finished as the 1969 Ohio Class A runner up with a 25-2 record at a time when there were only two classes in the state, and he became the first recipient of the OVAC All Sports Coach of the Year award. He was also selected Eastern "Coach of the Year" on several occasions, and when the new Bridgeport High School was constructed the floor of the John C. Havlicek gymnasium was named after Frank Baxter.

Mrs. Irene Windsheimer passed away on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015. She started her career with the Bridgeport School District in 1970. She was the Secretary for Bridgeport School District for 45 years, and in that time she has touched the lives of thousands of children. She would greet every student, co-worker, and visitor with a warm smile. She loved being a Bridgeport Bulldog. About 10 years ago, she began a gift giving program for district students who may not otherwise receive Christmas gifts. When she saw that staff members were buying each other gifts she said "Why are we doing this, why don't we take care of our children?" Due to her passion for the human spirit, the staff with the help of several donors, is now able to provide gifts to about 70 students in the district's elementary school. This program will continue in her honor for many years to come.





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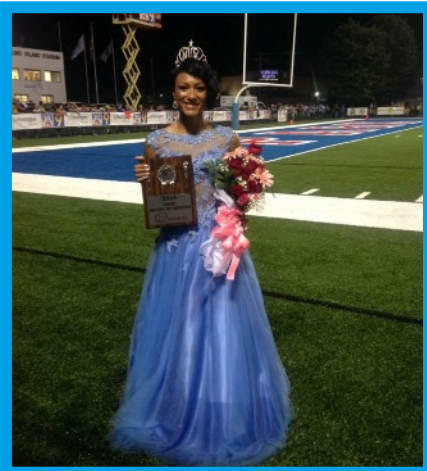
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## Caitlyn Kroll becomes Bridgeport's all time leading scorer in Basketball

History was made on Monday January 4th, 2016 inside the John J Havlicek Gymnasium as Caitlyn Kroll became the all-time scorer no matter gender - at Bridgeport High School. The Senior scored 38 points in leading the Bulldogs to a 72-51, victory against Steubenville Catholic on Frank Baxter Court. That gave her 1,853 for her career, shattering the old mark of 1,827 which was held for 35 years by Marilyn Primovic '82. John Havlicek stands in third all time with 1,598 career points. Caitlyn went over 2000 points on Saturday, January 16th becoming only the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) female in Ohio Valley history to score 2,000 points. Caitlyn finished her stellar career with 2,130 points. Congratulations to Caitlyn from the Bridgeport HS Alumni Association.

### Bridgeport's Brianna Massey named OVAC Queen of Queens

Briana Massey was crowned the 2015 OVAC Queen of Queens at the annual Rudy Mumley All- Star Football Game held on Sunday, July 26th at Wheeling Island Stadium. Briana was also voted Miss Congeniality and is the first ever Queen of Queens from Bridgeport HS.



### John Havlicek inducted into College Basketball HOF

John Havlicek '58 was inducted into the College Basketball Hall Of Fame on November 20<sup>th</sup> 2015, in Kansas City, Missouri, as part of the 2015 HOF Class. Pictured are John and His wife Beth at the Hall of Fame ceremony.



### Alumni Association appears in Bridgeport Christmas Parade.

The Bridgeport Alumni Association took part in the Bridgeport Christmas Parade on Sunday December 6th. We had an antique theme with a classic pickup truck coming home from a fun day of sled riding and picking out the perfect Christmas Tree.

