

## President's Letter

### Did you know

that there are over 9,000 Alumni? We need help keeping the GHHSAA database accurate. Could YOU volunteer as a class rep to work on database updates for your class? If so, please email [GHHSAA@hotmail.com](mailto:GHHSAA@hotmail.com).

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to participate in the Grandview Memorial Day Parade! May 30th @ 10 am. Watch the website for more info.

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Dear Fellow Bobcats:

Happy New Year and Welcome to 2010.

Please let me take a moment in this new year to thank all of you whose contributions make it possible for the GHHSAA to thrive and carry out our mission. Your annual dues and the income generated from lifetime memberships make it possible for us to print and mail out over 3,000 newsletters and manage a website. Both keep us connected with our alma mater and our classmates.

Scholarships and grants are also made possible thanks to your generous support. We appreciate your gifts given above annual membership levels. Occasionally, our graduates give somewhat spectacular gifts that add to our endowment fund at the Columbus Foundation. Recently, **Marsele (Nehr, '48) and Harley Rouda** gave a generous undesignated gift that added to the endowment and made possible more scholarship support. A one-time scholarship was named in their honor. **Charles ('63) and Debra Penzone** gave a generous undesignated gift in the name of the Class of 2008. Charles spoke at their graduation. The Penzones hope that their generosity will serve as an example to the Class of 2008 and that they, too, might make a contribution in the future. An **Anonymous Donor**, who is GHHS graduate, gave a projector system directly to the high school in honor of Stanton Jones. This will allow the newly upgraded auditorium to be used for many educational opportunities. Thank you.

We hope we can count on everyone's support in 2010. We will do our best to continue serving you, the GHHSAA membership, and to help keep Grandview Schools among the best in Ohio.

Sincerely,  
Ron Harris '56

The photo (right) is of the 1921 Grandview High School girls basketball team. Their coach, at the upper left in the photo, was Ira Stanton Jones, who started as the boys football coach in 1919, and was also the athletic director and boys and girls basketball coach. He retired from coaching in 1926, after a successful several years, including coaching both the boys and girls teams to the Franklin County championship in 1922.



# Auditorium Project Update

Phase 1 of the GHHS Auditorium Project is nearing completion. We painted the auditorium walls and replaced the sound-deadening panels with 20 new custom-made acoustical panels. We added a new sound system, which includes 3 large front-of-the house speakers, 6 under balcony speakers, 4 above balcony speakers and 2 new subwoofers. There is a new electronic projection screen and a new ceiling mounted projector - a gift from an anonymous donor in memory of Stanton Jones. We completed a significant upgrade to the audio equipment in the sound room and behind the stage. Computer capabilities were also added. Teachers can now utilize the auditorium for teaching purposes. They began scheduling the auditorium for use early in 2010. The old carpet was removed as was the existing tile floor. New carpet will be installed down all

aisles and in front of the stage at the end of January, which signals the completion of Phase 1. Now we focus on Phase 2 fund-raising efforts. Phase 2 includes restoration of the auditorium chairs - refinishing of the wood back, the addition of a pad for the seatback, a new padded seat and painting of the metal frames. We will also build 2 platforms for handicapped seating. The final element of this phase is to build a new stagefront. This project could not have occurred without the generous support of the Alumni Association and their members. We offer our utmost thanks and invite everyone to consider sponsoring a chair. We intend to complete Phase 2 during the upcoming summer months. Follow updates of the Auditorium Project and see a list of donors at [www.grandviewheightsalumni.com](http://www.grandviewheightsalumni.com).

-Mitch Levitt, Project Chair

# Contributions in Memory of

Name	In Memory of
Al Andrews '45	Skip '43 & Tank '45 Karlovec Stan Jones '51
Rod Stock '49	Skip Karlovec '43 Jim Newdick '48 Donn Mauger '50 Jack Schmidt
Maureen & Don Christopher '52	Carole Fowler Herriott '52
Ned Herriott '52	Marie Alban Clark '46
Virginia Alban Clarke '55	In memory of my GHHS buddies
Bill Neal '55	Stan Jones '51
Jerri Williams Lawrence '56	Class of 1959 deceased
Mary Ann Arrigo Christoffersen '59	Donna Stafford '63
Donna Sheeta Romorini '65	My son Samuel
Tory Harper '89	Gene West Wall '37
Betty West Hanna '40	Gene West Wall '37
Cindy Hanna Burton '61	Gene West Wall '37
Joe Hanna '63	Gene West Wall '37
Billie Hanna Greer '67	Gene West Wall '37
Sylvia Hanna Prato '72	Gene West Wall '37
Jack Hannah '74	Al Lane '51
Richard & Joanne Nardone Miller '68	Al Lane '51
Jerri Nardone '68	Al Lane '51
Ken and Judy Pierce '51	Emily "Pete" Peterson
Carolyn Griffin '52	Paul Damiani '80
Dori Voelker Easdale '82	Virgil Snowball '47
Dolores D. Henney	Virgil Snowball '47
Herman & Lee Davis Goldenbagen '47	Phyllis Rolfe, Elem. teacher
Judy Kibele Isaac '64	

## Distinguished Alumni Nominations

GHHSAA created the Distinguished Alumnus Award to recognize and honor those GHHS graduates, living or deceased, who have achieved extraordinary success in their chosen careers and fields of expertise. Those honored serve as great role models for current students. Typically, at least 4 Alumni are recognized each year. Who would you recommend for this award? Complete the nomination form below.

### Nominee:

Last (Maiden Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
 First \_\_\_\_\_ Year Graduated \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: No. and Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone (If Known) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year Graduated \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: No. and Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Basis for Nomination (Accomplishment) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a brief statement, no more than 1 page, explaining why you believe the nominee should be recognized with a Distinguished Alumni Award. Mail form and statement to:  
 GHHSAA, PO Box 12116, Columbus, OH 43212.

**DEADLINE - APRIL 30, 2010**

# Reunions

## Class of 1960

They will celebrate their 50th reunion October 16th, 2010 attending the Friday night football game and later meeting at the Knotty Pine. A Sunday tour of the high school is also scheduled. Contact Mary Lou Ricciardi, [fricciardi@att.net](mailto:fricciardi@att.net) or Mary Lou Melaragno, [melar-agn@columbus.rr.com](mailto:melar-agn@columbus.rr.com).

## Class of 1965

Its 45th class reunion is Saturday, July 31, 2010 at the Villa Milano. An informal Friday evening event is also being planned. Contact Alice Mckeever, [amckeever@rgbarry.com](mailto:amckeever@rgbarry.com) or 614-729-7067, or Nick Cardini, [njc@columbusappraisal.com](mailto:njc@columbusappraisal.com).

## Class of 1961

Starting to plan for their 50th reunion in 2011, organizers want to update classmate contact info. Please submit your current phone, email and mailing address. Include any other classmate's contact info, too, if known. Send to:

Penny Elliott Leese  
 9034 Cascade Ave  
 PO Box 217  
 Beulah, CO 81023  
 (719) 485-3784  
 Email: [please@socolo.net](mailto:please@socolo.net)

# Annual Membership Contributions

Name	Class Year	Name	Class Year
Robert Wallar	'36	Sharon McCloskey Hahn	'57
Jean Ann Didway King	'39	Sharon Riggs Hendershot	'58
Gladys Mason Williamson	'39	Joyce Coonfare Hamilton	'59
Betty West Hanna	'40	Sali Spangler	'59
Constance Zeller Hollingsworth	'40	Bob Long	'60
Carl C. Walker	'41	David H. White	'61
Paul F. Wiess	'42	Thomas Smith	'63
Mary Ellen Crepps Bentz	'43	Suzanne Cooksey Mullenix	'65
Sylvia Deferro Heintzelman	'43	Jim Buchanan	'67
Rosanne Singleton Kopf	'43	Toni Ann Ciardelli Wickham	'69
Wally Cash	'46	Chris Tobey	'72
Beverly Wishart Moore	'49	Jeff Howard	'73
James R. Millisor	'50	Lisa Milano Lancia	'77
Bette DeBeck Dugger	'51	Cherie Kipp	'82
Suzie Lane Jessop	'51	Renee Hall-Vimmerstedt	'82
Connie Conklin Bell	'52	Tory Harper	'89
Maureen & Don Christopher	'52	Grant Heydinger	'06
Carolyn Griffin	'52	Andrea Jarvis	'06
Ned Herriott	'52	Ally Heydinger	'08
Martha Hager Berlin	'53	Robin Priday	Faculty
Diana Flick Viehweg	'53		
Kathryn Thurness Levering	'54		
Terry Smith	'54		
Virginia Alban Clarke	'55		
Judy Jones Walker	'55		
Ray Stevenson	'55		
Rick Yearick	'55		
David Handel	'57		

Bill Neal	'55
Ray Stevenson	'55
Donna Sheets Romorini	'65
<b>Top Cats Club</b>	
Suzie Lane Jessop	'51
Ray Stevenson	'55
<b>Life Membership</b>	
Marcia Thurness Weaver	'47
Charles L. Galbraith	'54
Dick Sutterfield	'55
Beverly Burk Nagy	'55
Charles Handel	'63
Margaret Shelton Waltz	'57
Charles Matthews	'59
Sharon Clark Wheeler	'61
Barbara Wheeler Hoyer	'61
Jon Schmidt	'63
Lisa Antolino	'76

<b>Deceased</b>	
James M. Davis	'32
Mary Reeder Lawless	'34
Gene West Wall	'37
Lane E. Benadum	'41
Rosemary Kuhn Hackbarth	'41
Charles A. Whipple, Jr.	'42
Virgil Snowball	'47
Al Lane	'51

**Correction**  
The death of W. H. "Tippy" Dye was erroneously reported in the Fall '08 Newsletter. We are delighted to confirm that he is alive and well in California. Our apologies for this error.

## Life Members

GHHSAA Life Members were listed in the Fall '09 newsletter. Unfortunately, the list was outdated. The GHHSAA sincerely apologizes to all Life Members omitted in that publication. It is believed that the listing at [www.grandviewheightsalumni.com](http://www.grandviewheightsalumni.com) is accurate. Should you find an error, please email [GHHSAA@hotmail.com](mailto:GHHSAA@hotmail.com) for resolution. The Fall '10 newsletter will include an updated published list. Again, please accept our apologies.

# News from Class of '62

## GHHS Class of '62 Annual Scholarship

The first recipient of this scholarship was Steven Daniel-Hamburg in the amount of \$1,000.



Steven played on the basketball team, was a member of the Science Club and was a 4-year member of the school band where he was squad leader. He also played drums in a jazz band. Steven was a summer volunteer for TAASC, an organization which serves physically and mentally handicapped people. Steven is attending the Uni-

versity of Cincinnati. He writes, "Thank you so much for the scholarship. It is really going to help me out. I appreciate your kindness and generosity."

## Appalachian Trail Hike Challenge for Scholarship Funds

Dick Calkins reports that he completed 400 miles on his challenge hike. He was waylaid from completing the climb by the need for a toe amputation. Dick plans to attempt the hike again next year.

## Donate

Anyone wanting to contribute to '62 Scholarship Fund, and/or pledge scholarship funds for Dick's hike, can send your donations to Milly Moore, 3280 Whitehead Road, Columbus, OH 43204, checks payable to GHHS Class of '62 Scholarship Fund. Please indicate if your donation is "In Honor Of" or "In Memory Of" someone.

## Bronze Bobcat Memorial

After discussions among '62 classmates about providing a permanent memorial to GHHS



alumni, an anonymous classmate donated a bronze bobcat sculpture to GHHS. Mike McCourt had the statue engraved:

DEDICATED TO:  
Those Bobcats who came before us, Those who were with us, and Those who will come after us.  
-GHHS Class of 1962

## Scandalous Secret Revealed!

Members of the Class of '62 are shocked as Bonne Holden recently admitted that in high school she claimed to play the clarinet as a means to be a majorette. In the early 60's, majorettes had to also play an

instrument and participate in the concert band after football season. Band Director Mr. Burns finally suspected that Bonne couldn't read music. He confronted Bonne, "You're playing by ear, aren't you?" At first Bonne tried to deny the accusation, claiming she played with her mouth like everyone else. She confessed



when Mr. Burns assured her that she could continue as a majorette. He kept her secret, but the guilt weighed heavy on her heart all these years, causing her to finally admit all. Despite her deception from the past, Bonne continues to be a beloved member of the "Our Gang" alumni group.



**Jean Ann Didway King '39**

Would love to hear from friends. We were all very happy growing up in Grandview.

**Betty West Hanna '40**

My sister Gene West Wall '37 passed away August 24 at age 89. Gene lived in Columbus all of her life and firmly believed in higher education. She instilled that belief in her 7 children, all university graduates. Gene loved to travel, often visiting her children in this country and abroad. Her ashes were scattered from the Queen Mary in California and also into the Atlantic Ocean. I am missing her and my sister June Day West France '44, who passed away 3 years ago in June '06.

**Constance Zeller Hollingsworth '40**

At my age, I think it's a little late for a Life Membership! Really have lots of fond memories of GHHS. Played piano in Orchestra and did all chorus activities during my 4 years. I started at Grandview in Jr. High. Had hoped to get back to Ohio this year, but Ross is in 4th stage of cancer so don't think we'll make it. Worked until April '09 and really miss being with lots of people. Are many of the 40's grads still around? Look forward to the newsletter. My 2 brothers Herbert and Stanley Zeller are still around. Herb now lives in Florida and Stan has place at Buckeye Lake.

**Rosemary Kuhn Hackbarth**

'41 Patty Pechiney writes, "I am the daughter of Rosemary Kuhn Hackbarth. I received your newsletter at my home for my Mom. I just wanted to let you know that my beautiful mother passed away December '08. My mother always looked back at her days at GHHS with very fond memories and joy."

**Dorothy Mercer Taylor '43**

Still living at Stygler Village, a senior facility in Gahanna. I have 13 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Still miss Rube, class of '44.

**Rosanne Singleton Kopf '43**

Congratulations on the newsletter. Makes me proud to see that Grandview continues to be a wonderful school!

**Al Andrews '45**

Have always felt that Grandview Graduates were the Best in the World. I am a retired general contractor and live on a lake south of Elyria. I play U.S.T.A. "Super-Senior" Tennis 5 days a week. I keep in touch with Bob "Nero" McNabb and miss all of my good Rook Brothers very much. Love Grandview!

**Bob "Nero" McNabb '45**



Annie has bounced back following open heart surgery and we've resumed our travel passion. Wondering where we are? Check our blog: <http://getjealous.com/nero>.

**Marcia Thurness Weaver '47**

Congratulations on the new look for the newsletter! Very well done. Good for the board to use Grandview graduates for the newsletter. Great choice! I have good health

and I am happy to be living in our wonderful Florida town of "Delightful Dunedin" since '93. I also want to say "Hi" to all the '47 classmates.

**Beverly Wishart Moore '49**

Enjoy receiving the newsletter. Work as secretary for past 32 years at Walnut Hill UMC. Husband Don passed away in '07. Feel blessed we were able to celebrate 56th wedding anniversary.

**Rod Stock '49**

I've been renewing old haunts up in Idaho and Montana photographing ghost towns. Carol and I will be in Rapid City for our 52nd wedding Anniversary and my 24th Infantry Division Reunion. The late Jim Newdick was also a member.

**James R. Millisor '50**

Great new look for the newsletter!

**Suzie Lane Jessop '51**

My husband Kim and I have been retired from the Boeing Company in Seattle and living in Ocala Florida for 14 years. I am so very proud and thankful for the lovely job and hard work you are doing to maintain and preserve my memories of GHHS.

**Connie Conklin Bell '52**

We continue spending January to April in Green Valley, AZ. We are involved with the Green Valley Samaritans and take food and water to immigrants at risk of dying in the desert. I'm also involved in the Green Valley Camera Club and have displayed some of my photographs. I recently found my old high school scrapbooks and enjoyed sharing them with my grandchildren.

**Carolyn Griffin '52**

I like the new newsletter. Grandview and Columbus still remain home to me even though I live in Arizona. I live only 7 minutes from one of the most beautiful

places in the state, Sedona. Too bad 25 years of carrying the U.S. Mail ruined my knees and hips. Can't do the hiking I used to love so much. If visiting Sedona, come look us up in Cornville!

**Ned B. Herriott '52**

Four years in Fishers, a suburb of Indianapolis. Daughter and 2 great-grandchildren 5 minutes away. Play golf and travel with lady friend every summer. I winter in Ft. Myers at Lexington Country Club. Golf and tennis in winter. Enjoying good health.

**Martha Hager Berlin '53**

Like many others attending Grandview schools, ours is a family tradition. My children Karla, Craig and Curt are alumni and now Craig and Curt's children attend Grandview schools. Ryan graduated and is attending OSU. Three still walk some of the same halls that I did and I know they will come away with fond memories. Karla and her children Matt and Marc are in Lexington, KY and enjoying life there. Thanks to all who work on the newsletter and to Jane Gladwin who keeps our class informed and together.

**Virginia "Ginny" Alban Clarke**

'55 I have been retired from Department of Defense for 15 years, after almost 40 years of service. I have 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren. Spend most of my time maintaining over 3 acres of property since my husband passed away in '98. I enjoy reading about classmates and old friends. Proud to have nieces and nephews who graduated from Grandview carrying on the Alban family name. Newsletter has always been great, but new look is fantastic.

**Raya Stevenson '55**

I have been a Life Member for many years. Good job with the newsletter.

**Rick Yearick '55**

Getting ready for ski season with trips to Aspen and Telluride, Colorado. Great Bobcat alumni newsletter!

**Lynn Welker '56**

Very nice newsletter. Enjoyed the new look to it. Keep them coming!

**Margaret Shelton Waltz '57**

After 30 years in Southern California, I have packed up what's left of my "kit and caboodle" and returned to Columbus. I love chitchatting and catching up with old friends. My children are still in CA so lots of trips west are still in the future.

**Sharon Riggs Hendershot '58**

I retired June '09 after 46 years in education. Last year I tutored 4 hours a week at my old school. This year I'm volunteering at the senior center. I enjoy lunch at the Knotty Pine with classmates from '58 each first Wednesday at 12:30. Join us!

**Bob Foster '59**

I have 75 pictures posted online of GHHS students in the 50's along with my Stories and Readers' Comments. Hundreds of people have looked and enjoyed. (Link to the pictures at [www.grandviewheightsalumni.com](http://www.grandviewheightsalumni.com))

**Charles Matthews '59**

Been the official photographer for Upper Arlington Schools last 25 years and doing sports and reunion pictures in the Columbus area. Have 4 children and 3 grandchildren. Love travel especially to Europe. Being close to Grandview is my greatest pleasure.

**Bob Long '60**

Retired and moved to The Villages, FL in '06. Survived a direct hit in the '07 tornado here and this is still the best place for seniors anywhere!

**Barbara Wheeler Hoyer '61**

I am still a realtor with the Waggenbrenner Company, specializing in selling Bexley houses, where I have lived for 41 years with my husband Bill. We have 6 grandchildren who also live in Bexley. We attend many soccer games. I take 2 of my granddaughters to dance lessons. Every summer we all enjoy our home at Lakeside, OH on Lake Erie. Life is GOOD!

**Tom Smith '63**

Met classmate, Bonnie Brown at 40th reunion and been together ever since. Got married in '07. Between us we have 6 kids and 14 grandkids. Five grandsons are in Grandview schools. Had a great time at the Rook reunion. Over 90 showed up. Grandview is the best place in the world to grow-up...or not grow-up.

**Jon Schmidt '63**

Wife Dana and I reside in Wenatchee, WA, located in the Columbia River Valley of central WA, which is touted as the "apple capitol of the world". Fruit industry is king here, recreation opportunities abound and weather is 4 seasons. Love it here. Guests welcome! Jon is retired 10 years from WA State Parks and spends his time golfing and fishing. Dana is working 1 more year as office manager at a large retirement complex where her father still resides independently at age 99. We have 2 married daughters (nurse and tri-athlete trainer) who are rearing our 4 grandchildren. Jon's mother, now 92, is doing well at Thurber Towers on Neil Avenue.

**Donna Sheets Romorini '65**

Thank you for all your great work to keep Bobcat alums in touch. Please know how much it's appreciated, especially by those of us living outside Columbus.

**Robin Priday, Faculty**

I feel very much honored to have had a GHHSAA scholarship award named in my honor at the end of the '09 school year ceremony. It was my pleasure to have lunch with Garrison Graves and his mother a few weeks later and I was favorably impressed with the selection.

**Toni Ann Ciardelli Wickham '69**

Looking forward to any news I can read.

**Bronwyn West '74**

I would love to hear from former classmates and teachers. Please email me at [Bronwyn@rock.com](mailto:Bronwyn@rock.com).

Read more alumni updates at  
[www.grandviewheightsalumni.com](http://www.grandviewheightsalumni.com).

### Bill Wall, former GHHS boys basketball coach, inducted into the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame!

*By Chris Oberholtz, The Kansas City Star*  
Bill Wall, former GHHS boys basketball coach, was inducted into the National Collegiate



Inductee Bill Wall during the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame induction ceremony

Basketball Hall of Fame Sunday evening, November 21, 2009 at the 2009 National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame Induction Celebration.

Bill Wall had a plate full of basketball in 1975, not only as the head coach and director of athletics at MacMurray College in Illinois, but he was also the second executive director in the history of the National Association of Basketball Coaches. He left both posts in that same year to accept the position of executive direc-

tor of the Amateur Basketball Association of the United States of America (ABAUSA), a position he held for 18 years. During his tenure, Wall led a transition to have NBA players eligible for international competition and ABAUSA changed its name to USA Basketball. The first USA team of NBA players during Wall's tenure was the historic 1992 "Dream Team" that captured the gold medal at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. The USA teams enjoyed tremendous success with Olympic gold medals in 1976, 1984 and 1992 for the USA men and 1984 and 1988 for the women. Wall, who has won numerous awards including the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame's John Bunn award (1994) and the FIBA Order of Merit (1994), was responsible for developing and administering foreign basketball team tours of the USA and USA team tours overseas. He also developed and administered international basketball coaching seminars for coaches and officials.

Wall taught Geography and Driver Education at GHHS from 1955-56, and coached varsity boys basketball, reserve football and golf. Congratulations Bill!

# History of the Schools in Grandview Heights and Marble Cliff

By Wayne Carlson, Grandview Heights Marble Cliff Historical Society

As the 19th century came to a close, development was rapidly proceeding in the area of Columbus between the Olentangy and Scioto Rivers. This area, now known as Grandview Heights, Marble Cliff, and Upper Arlington included parts of three Franklin County townships. The area to the west, north of Fifth



Harding School

Avenue, is Perry Township; to the northeast, Clinton Township; and south of Fifth Avenue is the northernmost portion of Franklin Township. With this new development came the need to educate the children of the families that were moving into this area. These new resident families had the responsibility of establishing the local school districts and building the schools. In the early days of the region there was a Perry Township school, called Fairview, on the northeast corner of Tremont and Lane Avenue. A Clinton Township school, nicknamed the "Polka Dot School" because of its equal racial mix, stood until about 1913 on Virginia Avenue south of Chambers Road, where it served families of the Sells Circus among others. Preceding this time, a one-room

log building served the area in Franklin Township on the corner of Grandview Avenue and Dublin Road. It was constructed around 1850 and was replaced by a brick building in 1872, according to former Marble Cliff resident and school board member P. S. Skeeles, speaking at the dedication of what is now known as Edison Elementary in 1912. He indicated in the

same address that the school was called the Walcutt School, named for a prominent area family.

## HARDING SCHOOL

In 1895 a new building was constructed on a site at the corner of Fairview and First Avenues. The school was called the Harding School and originally had two rooms on the south side.

It was expanded to four rooms sandwiching the tall central tower in 1898. The tower contained a large brass bell, which was melted and used in the war effort after the building was razed in 1930. (The entire building was sold as scrap for \$300.) In 1901, Marble Cliff legally incorporated as a village. After Grandview split away, the two communities maintained their own school districts until Marble Cliff dissolved their district in 1915. After a year under the Franklin Rural School District, the Marble Cliff schools were transferred by the Franklin County Board of Education to the Grandview Heights School District, where they have remained since.

In 1911, the need for additional facilities prompted the construction of the Grandview Elementary School (now Edison Elementary) for \$50,000. When it was completed, the Harding School became the High School, and the first class of seniors in the district (five girls and two boys) graduated in 1916. The elementary school had a 350 seat auditorium, which was used as a community movie theatre, showing "Paramount Moving Pictures" reels.

## GRANDVIEW ELEMENTARY (EDISON)

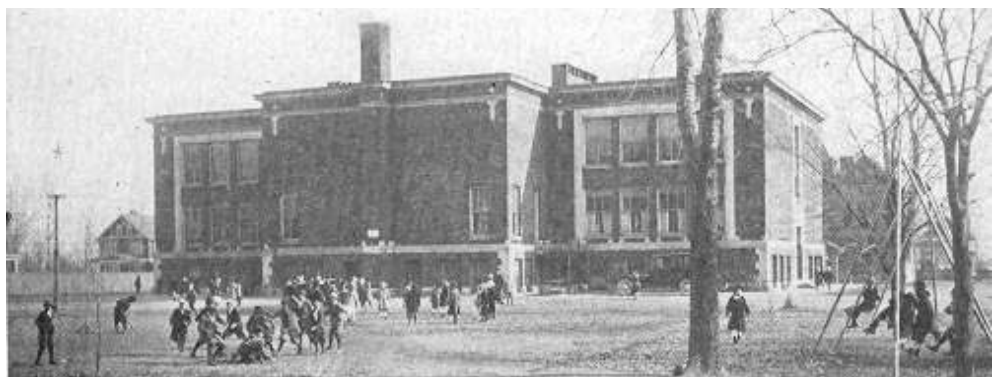
By 1917, even these facilities were inadequate. Enrollment in the district by this time had

## Part One of Three

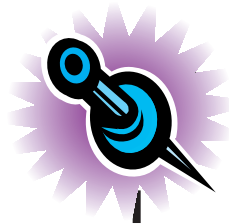


Broadview School

grown to 529 students. High school enrollment alone had increased 446% in the five-year period from 1913, when there were 17 high school students. For the 1917/18 school year, grades one through three were located in the four room Broadview School (Fifth Avenue School,) near the corner of 5th and Broadview Avenue, grades four through eight in the elementary on Fairview, and the high school classes were in the Harding School. In addition to these students, Miss Mary Boyer privately schooled thirteen children from the district. Miss Boyer would later become one of Arlington's first elementary school teachers. She also conducted after-school foreign language classes for Grandview students, as well as for adult residents. Some parents chose to send their children to schools in the Columbus system, due to inadequate facilities and some necessary limitations to the breadth of the curriculum. In 1918 the district's first two principals, Mr. P.A. McCarty at the high school and Mrs. Ethel Layland at the elementary level were appointed.



Grandview Elementary (Edison)



# Grandview Heights High School Alumni Association 2010

## What's this?



This undated photograph shows former GHHS principal Ralph D. Beery in very unusual and comic circumstances. He is wearing a short jumper and scarf in what appears to be a skit. The man in the background with the microphone is unknown. This was quite out of character for the usually austere and conservative Mr. Beery who started his career as a math and science teacher in '35. He was named principal in '48 and served until '71. He has the distinction of being the longest-serving GHHS principal. If anyone knows the background of this unusual photograph, please contact the GHMCHS at [tdemaria@columbus.rr.com](mailto:tdemaria@columbus.rr.com).

Name (include maiden name) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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### Annual Membership Contribution

\$25.00  Life Membership \$150.00 per individual

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_  In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In addition, I would like to make a contribution to the Annual Fund of:

\$50-99 **Paws Club**  \$100-499 **Big Cats Club**

\$500 or more **Top Cats Club**  \$1000 + **Special Recognition**

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_  In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: GHHSAA, PO Box 12116, Columbus OH 43212

*Let us hear from you so we can keep your fellow Bobcats updated!*

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Please submit updated addresses for you, siblings and/or your GHHS Alumni children. Contact us via U.S. mail, at [www.grandviewheightsalumni.com](http://www.grandviewheightsalumni.com) or email [GHHSAA@hotmail.com](mailto:GHHSAA@hotmail.com). Database updates keep costs down and ensure valid contact information for reunions!

## Nonagenarian's Acclaimed Novel Wins Prestigious Award



Kay Williams '51, Mardo Williams and Jerri Williams Lawrence '56

On September 11, 2009, the Ohioana Library Association announced that Kay Williams '51 and Jerri Williams Lawrence '56 were awarded its '09 citation for "unique and outstanding accomplishment in the field of writing and editing." The award is for finishing *One Last*

the Atrium of the Ohio State House in Columbus. In May '06, Mardo Williams was inducted posthumously into the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame.

A story about finding love at any age, *One Last Dance* is the delightful tale of Morgan, aged 89, and Dixie, 79, two "mature" individuals on seemingly divergent paths. Despite their disastrous first meeting, complete with a ruined birthday cake, broken eyeglasses and insulting remarks, it was obvious to bystanders that the two were fated for each other. Written with great humor and a deep understanding of the challenges associated with aging in America, *One Last Dance* is a joy to read and an inspiration to all generations, reminding us to live every day and always be in search of new experiences, regardless of age. Author Mardo Williams lived that philosophy by writing this, his first novel, at age 92. For more about the author and his GHHS daughters go to [www.calliopepress.com/maude/about author.shtml](http://www.calliopepress.com/maude/about_author.shtml).

*Dance: It's Never Too Late to Fall in Love*, a novel penned by their late father, Mardo Williams, when he was in his nineties. The sisters were honored October 17 during the Ohioana Award Ceremony held in

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## The Principal's Office

*by Jessie Truett*

GHHS continues to excel even as we face increased accountability and policy and funding changes at the state and federal levels. Our teachers and students are some of the best which allows us to maintain our excellent rating on the state report card.

We hired 4 new teachers chosen from a field of many qualified applicants. It is exciting to be a school district that attracts the highest caliber instructors.

Today, GHHS is a 4-year comprehensive high school with approximately 370 students. The school is fully accredited by the State of Ohio Department of Education and enjoys a teacher/pupil ratio of 1:16. The average faculty experience level is 13 years with 67% holding advanced degrees. We currently offer 9 Honors and 4 Advanced Placement courses. The diversity and rigor of our coursework allows our students

to take advantage of numerous post-secondary opportunities. Members of the Class of '08 are attending the following colleges:

Baldwin-Wallace College  
Bellarmine University  
Bowling Green State University  
Capital University  
Case Western Reserve University  
College of Wooster  
Colorado School of Mines  
Cornell University  
Columbus College of Art & Design  
Columbus State Comm. College  
Franklin University  
Goshen University  
Hocking College  
John Carroll University  
Kent State University  
Malone College  
Marquette University  
Miami University  
Muskingum College  
Mt. Vernon Nazarene College  
Ohio University  
Otterbein College

Purdue University  
Shawnee State University  
The Ohio State University  
Tulane University  
University of Akron  
University of Cincinnati  
University of Dubuque  
University of Maine  
Wilmington College  
Wittenberg University  
Xavier University

GHHS continues to excel in the area of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. Most of the student body is involved in at least one activity. Our coaches and athletic director work hard to encourage our students to become well-rounded, multi-sport athletes. We have numerous student clubs and

organizations and our marching band continues to thrive with 1/3 of our student population participating. The Grandview Singers often perform for community groups and the quality of their performances is second-to-none.

GHHS, your alma mater, continues to thrive, mainly because of the support from the Grandview Heights and Marble Cliff communities and from the Alumni

Association. It is truly a pleasure to work and live in such a fine community.

