

Brush Alumni Association



your NEWSLETTER

This is **your** newsletter! Although we are here to facilitate its publication, we cannot be entirely responsible for its content. That's up to you! Doing something interesting that you think other alumni might want to read about? Getting together with some classmates for a dinner? Weekend? Vacation? Take some pictures, write an article, and send it in! Articles and photos can be submitted to our email: office@brushalumni.com We look forward to hearing from you and ask you to help us keep the ARC spirit alive!

Yearbooks Needed

In order to keep a complete set of yearbooks, we are in need of yearbooks from the following years: 1932, 1933, 1934, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1943, 1952, 1956, and 1992. If you have a yearbook from any of these years you would like to donate, we would appreciate it.

Join Us!

To Join the Alumni Association and/or to sign up for our electronic newsletter, visit <https://www.brushalumni.com/>

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ALUMNI ARC-LITE



CHARLES F. BRUSH HIGH SCHOOL

SPRING 2024

Highlighting the Past, Illuminating the Present, Sparking the Future

How Many Faces Do You Recognize?



Local Alumni Business Spotlight ~ Forest City Tree Protection

In 1902, William P. Lanphear started trimming and caring for trees in Cleveland. His work took him to many areas on the eastside of Cleveland. By 1910, he had founded the *Forest City Tree Company* and moved his headquarters to South Euclid, Ohio in 1918.

His sons, John and William III, and eventually his grandsons, grew up in the family business. In 1979, Brush graduate Lauren Lanphear ('74) became involved in the business and remains involved today.

The tree service also operates *The Lanphear Supply Division* to provide tree care and landscape supplies to the tree industry. In 1979, the *Chim, Chim Cheree Professional Chimney Sweeps* was added to the company.

Forest City Tree Protection service has provided the Cleveland community with quality tree care and services for three generations. They have an established a reputation for excellent, reliable work. The *Forest City Tree Protection* employees work throughout the Cleveland area. They prune and remove trees, for tree health and safety, install cabling and bracing to prevent potential damage, and offer tree health care programs to preserve trees.

The Lanphear family has a proud Arc history, Lauren '74, his wife Susan (Stone) '74, his two children, Will '99 and Clare '03, are all proud Brush grads, as are his siblings, Bill '65, Mary Clare '67 & Warren '73 and their father, William P. Lanphear, III '34.

FOREST CITY TREE PROTECTION CO.

W. P. LANPHEAR, President

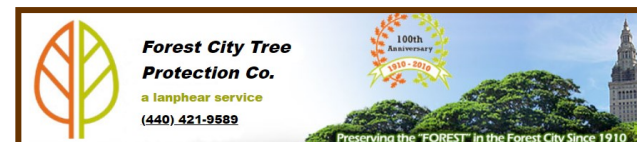
*Foresters to Western Reserve
University and*

and

City of Cleveland Heights

1884 Green Road South Euclid, O.
FAirmount 3506

Ad from the 1929 Brush Yearbook



A group of five women are seated on a light-colored sofa, smiling at the camera. From left to right: the first woman wears a light blue long-sleeved top and a dark skirt with a white floral pattern; the second wears a bright lime green jacket over a black top; the third wears a white vest over a black top and white pants; the fourth wears a black and white floral patterned top; and the fifth wears a black and white geometric patterned jacket over a white top. In front of them is a dark wooden coffee table holding an open jewelry box filled with small earrings, a smartphone, and some papers. The background shows a home interior with bookshelves and decorative items.

A group of men are seated around a round table covered with a white tablecloth, likely at a formal dinner or banquet. The table is elegantly set with white plates, glassware, and silverware. Several men are visible, dressed in semi-formal attire. An inset image in the top right corner shows a close-up of a hand holding a small object, possibly a piece of jewelry or a small gift.

P. FARNHAM '50
"PLAY THE HAND
YOU WERE DEALT"

An aerial photograph showing a large, mature tree with a wide canopy in a landscaped area. The tree is surrounded by a circular path made of light-colored material, with a red brick or mulch border. A black metal bench is positioned near the tree. The surrounding area is green grass, and a paved road is visible in the background.

Choices are:	~ Alumni Paver	4" x 8"	(1-3 lines)	\$50
	~ Premium Paver	8" x 8"	(1-6 lines)	\$100

Pavers are installed in the spring. Orders must be received by January 31 to be installed in the spring.



Brush High School Choir Alum

Do you miss singing in a choir? Encore Creativity for Older Adults is the nation's largest choral arts organization for adults 55+. Their mission is to create meaningful arts experiences supporting life-long learning, wellness, and fun for all older adults. **Encore Chorale** of Northeast Ohio is a non-auditioned choral group that meets in Chagrin Falls on Wednesdays, from 10:30 AM-12 PM. Their repertoire may include selections from the American Songbook, Broadway show music, classical, opera, and secular or religious holiday music. If you cannot attend all rehearsals, you are welcome to participate in virtual, online rehearsals. The choir currently consists of approximately 45 singers, and they typically perform two to four times per year. A creativity and aging study funded by the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Institutes for Health found that adults receive tremendous physical, mental, and emotional benefits by participating in a professionally-led choral arts program. Encore is fun! Encore singers love the music, love to sing, and thrive on the camaraderie that comes with the Encore experience.

Interested? Visit encorecreativity.org or contact Paula DePasquale Amicarelli ('78) at paula.amicarelli@gmail.com

Upcoming Reunions

CLASS OF 1974 50th Reunion

Friday, 10/4, 2024

6—10 PM

Beachwood Food Truck Park
24619 Chagrin Blvd., Beachwood
Informal-Cash bar & food trucks

Sue Flowers

sflow239@yahoo.com

Saturday, 10/5, 2024

Tour of renovated Brush High
Time: TBD (morning)

6-10 PM

Pinstripes at Pinecrest Contact:

111 Park Ave., Beachwood

Price: TBD

CLASS OF 1984 40th Reunion

Saturday, August 10, 2024

Shooters on the Water
Marc McCann
814-880-5183

CLASS OF 1969 55th Reunion

Saturday, 9/7/24

6-10 PM

Winking Lizard
25200 Miles Rd.

Reunion Contact
Michael A. Cesa

michaelcesa@yahoo.com

CLASS OF 1954 70th Reunion

Wednesday,
8/14/2024
12:30—3:30 PM

Mayfield Country
Club Veranda
Valet Parking
available

CLASS OF 1994 30th Reunion

Saturday, July 27, 2024

Location TBD

To receive latest updates
Text name and email address
to
216-245-9701

CLASS OF 2004 20th Reunion

Friday, September 13, 2024-
Sunday, September 15, 2024

For more information & how
you can help out:
BRUSHHS2004@gmail.com

CLASS OF 1971

For information go
to
Classcreator.com

A Class of 1960 Love Story

Class of 1960
alumni Jim
Makee and Linda
Meredith, have
been sweethearts
for 66 years!



A very “progressive” Linda, invited this super cute guy to the Heart Hop in their sophomore year at Brush. In their senior year they were crowned King and Queen of the Heart Hop. According to Linda, he still makes her ❤️ hop!

Wall of Achievement Save the Date

The Brush High School Alumni Association is hosting the 2024 Wall of Achievement Induction Banquet on Thursday, November 14, 2024 at La Vera Party Center. Among those that have accepted the nomination for this year are Jim and Linda Makee (1960 and staff members), Philip Setzer (1969), John Slosar (1974), Richard Rood (1974), Earl Miller (1981), and Jeanne Johns (1981). Check our website and Facebook page in the upcoming weeks for information on how you can attend to support your friends and classmates.

2nd Annual Alumni Night on KorbField~~~Homecoming 2024

The Brush High School Alumni Association is hosting our 2nd Annual Alumni Night on Korb Field. Plan on joining us on Friday, October 4, 2024 as the ARC's Varsity Football team plays against John Hay High School. Tours of the partially-renovated high school will be offered, as well as the opportunity to visit the Alumni Museum. Enjoy light snacks and the opportunity to connect with Alumni from all years. Festivities will start at approximately 5 PM.

For updates and further information on these upcoming events continue to check our webpage <https://www.sel.k12.oh.us/PreviousWallOfAchievementInductees.aspx>

An ARC Thank You to Joyce Simmelink



Joyce Simmelink was recording secretary of the Brush Alumni Association from 2006 through 2022. During those years, she faithfully recorded all of the business conducted at the Association's monthly meetings.

Joyce attended Bolton Elementary School, Memorial Junior High School and Brush High School, graduating in 1960. Joyce spent many more years in the classroom teaching English in both the East Cleveland and Mentor school systems.

She continues to live in Lyndhurst with her husband Jim, Class of 1960. Joyce and Jim have two grown sons, Rob (Class of '88) and Peter (Class of '90).

Joyce says that she enjoyed the sixteen years she served as recording secretary. She continues to connect with her classmates, having celebrated a delayed 60th Class Reunion last summer.

Many, many thanks and much appreciation to Joyce for her many years of service.



How the Brush Alumni Association Serves You

The Brush Alumni Association provides services only through dues paid by the alumni members. Financial support each and every year is important to keep our programs viable.

The volunteer alumni staff make possible the following activities to serve our alumni:

The **Alumni Arc-Lite** is typically published twice a year featuring class activities, historical and current news. If you have a group of friends from high school with whom you get together for brunch, vacations or for a reunion, we would like to hear about it. Please email photos to the alumni association. Be sure to identify who is in the picture and the occasion. (office@brushalumni.org)

The alumni staff recently opened the **Brush Alumni Museum**. The museum is housed at Brush and contains many fond reminders of our years at the high school. Each class has a spot in the museum to keep specific memories. Come and visit.

The association also worked hard to create the **Legacy Gallery** on the second floor of the Administration Building. Years of school history come alive through pictures and display cases.

The **Alumni Wall of Achievement**, now housed within the museum recognizes those graduates who have achieved excellence in their chosen field. The inductees are honored at a dinner every other year. The top juniors and seniors are also honored at the dinner for their academic excellence. The application to nominate an alumnus for the Wall of Achievement is on the alumni website.

[Wall of Achievement \(sel.k12.oh.us\)](http://sel.k12.oh.us)

The association also provides and maintains the pavers on the **Alumni Walkway**. A paver on the walkway is your chance to commemorate your high school years. Order form for pavers can be found in this newsletter as well as on the website. [Alumni Pavers \(sel.k12.oh.us\)](http://sel.k12.oh.us)

Each spring we typically award approximately **\$20,000 in scholarship** money to deserving seniors.

Reunions can be announced via the Alumni newsletter and website. We love to print pictures of your celebrations after that fact. Please send us your reunion pictures.

As part of your reunion, by request, and with prior notice, the association conducts tours of the school. Make a tour part of your reunion weekend. Come see all of the changes.

This year we will again be sponsoring **Alumni Night** at the homecoming football game. Please check the website and Facebook for the date and all other information.

Stay connected to Charles F. Brush High School by joining the Alumni Association and referring to the website for all activities.

All members of the Executive Board participate in and help with all of our initiatives. The areas highlighted under their pictures identifies their primary area(s) of responsibility.



Michael (Mac) Palermo was a 1925 graduate of the old South Euclid High School, the predecessor to Brush High School, where he became an outstanding athlete. He attended Albion College and was named to the All-Michigan football team. He returned home in 1929 and was hired as a history teacher at the newly-built Brush High School. He then became an assistant football coach under Coach John Welser.

In 1931, he left teaching and coaching to help his father operate the nursery business. In 1993, realizing landscaping wasn't his calling, he returned to teaching and coaching. He soon met his future bride, Velma Kibler, a teacher at Victory Park Elementary School. (located on the property of what is now the Giant Eagle on Mayfield Rd. in South Euclid). Mac and Velma married and had a son and daughter. Mac went on to grad school earning his master's degree in educational administration.



John Welser



Michael "Mac" Palermo



Angelo Palermo

From 1933 to 1948, Mac taught and coached at Brush. He became head coach when John Welser returned to teaching full time. In 1948, Mac's football team won the conference title. That same year he was named principal at the newly-completed Memorial Junior High School. In 1961, he became the Director of Secondary Education for the district.

He was so beloved and respected that the school board wanted to rename Memorial Junior High after him. Humble man that he was, Mac thought it inappropriate to change the name meant to honor American soldiers who died for their country and respectfully declined. Eventually, the Memorial library was named in his honor.

Mac died in 1972 leaving behind a legacy second to none in our school system history. He was the first inductee into the Brush Hall of Fame.

His calm, easy demeanor was perfect for dealing with junior high kids. Those of us lucky enough to remember him personally are much better for having known him.



A Palermo Family Legacy

Excerpts from article written by **Thomas S. Treer**-Brush '65-Lyndhurst Historian

A spring day in 1965 would have found Brush High students dripping off the fountain (as we called it). What a great place to hang out and we all have a mischievous tale to tell from there. It's been the prop for yearbook pictures since it was built in 1928-1929. But, in fact, it's a gift from a native son.

Angelo Palermo, Mac Palermo's Dad, donated the time and material, estimated at \$3,000, to build this garden area. He called it Martha Garden, to honor his wife. It became the center piece of what had become one of the most beautiful high schools in the Greater Cleveland area. However, over the next six decades it had become "loved to death" and fell into disrepair.

Along came the newly formed Brush Alumni Association, who broke ground for the fountain restoration project in 1992. Formally dedicated on 9/13/92, by the spring of 1993 final landscaping was completed. The goal of recreating the grandeur of the 1930-1940's look would be realized.



The project, initiated by Connie Askue Sabetto, was aided by President Fred Wendel, with help from Don Mungall and Clyde Hawthorn. William and Lauren Lanphear of Forest City Tree Protection donated trees and shrubs. Anthony C. Wancone donated stone work and landscape planning. Michael DiLillo donated his time and the equipment used in preparing the ground for planting.

But, Angelo and Martha Palermo gave us Mac, for which we will be eternally grateful.



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(not pictured) Sally Shortle Miller
Class of 1971
Arc-Lite Newsletter

How Many Faces Do You Recognize? All from the 1974 Yearbook

#1: DIVERS, Doug Cole, Scott Kahn, Randy Nemecek, Dave Mangus (not pictured: Lenny Phillips) **#2:** Mr. Al Eich
#3: Mr. Ron Yarian **#4: SILVER TWINS**, Kim Feneli and Rae Ann Kinkoph **#5:** Mr. John Florentine **#6:** Mr. Frank Sheranko
#7: OFFICE AIDES, Janet Spector, Karen Carter, Ruthanne Brofman, Jeanne Norton, Barbara Koelling, Gwen Schellentrager



Faces and Flashback ~ Class of 1943

This past holiday season the Alumni Association received a holiday greeting from 1943 graduate

Bernice Bodenweber, as she celebrates her **98th birthday!**

To honor Bernice and her classmates, we feature some of the fabulous faces from the **Class of 1943.**



Bernice

Then and now.

She hasn't changed a bit!



Merry Christmas! I turned 98 this past May and I am still hanging in here on Cape Cod! The other photo is of me giving one of my great grandchildren, Jack, a hug. I wish you a very happy, healthy New Year!

Hugs, Bernice

1943

Cost of a first-class stamp: \$0.03

World Series:

NY Yankees vs. St. Louis Cardinals



1943

Rodgers & Hammerstein's **Oklahoma** opens

Amos 'n' Andy canceled after 15 years and more than 4,000 consecutive shows



CLASS WILL FOR 1943

MILDRED ABELL leaves her glamour to Ernestine McLanahan.
JOHN ADIE leaves his athletic prowess to Tom Farrell.
ROSE AMATA leaves Bruil McKinney to argue alone with Miss Robinson.
RICHARD ATTANERO leaves, as usual, during lunch period.
BETTY BAEHR leaves her temper to Florence Haserodt.
BILL BAILEY leaves his car to Mr. Keller.
JOE BAIR leaves the Arc-Lite business in the same muddle that he found it.
GORDON BELL leaves his attendance record to Julius Paglio.
JEANNE BEW leaves her long braids to Elsa Talmadge.
AMY BISCHOFF leaves her grades to Polly Bailey.
BERNICE BODENWEBER leaves her typing ability to Florence McNearney.
MARIAN BOSLER leaves her prejudices to some broad-minded soul.
JOAN BOWMAN leaves her place in the lunch line to Ruth Houck.
HELEN BURNER leaves her mother to carry on alone.
CARL BROBERG leaves with Connie Zeman still hoping.
ANNIE BURRIS leaves for greener pastures.
NESTOR CELLEGHIN leaves wishing that he'd been drafted long ago.
LYLE CHASE leaves his profile to Mr. Shupp.
DORIS CHICKLETT leaves her quietness to Martha Tripi.
ANTHONY CICERELLA leaves still lending the girls his brother's sweater.
NANCY COX leaves for the Air Corps.
BOB CRAWFORD leaves Pat Herring's show, period.
WAYNE CULP has already left, so why worry?
BERYLE DEMPSEY leaves to the tune of the "Wedding March."
WILLARD DAIBER leaves still reading civics in Spanish class.
AURORA DICOLA leaves her fluffy hair to Mr. Weinmann.
LLOYD DOEHRING leaves still reading "Macbeth."
DOROTHY DOMAN leaves her false tooth to Herbert MacMichael.
GLENN DRAKE leaves his sharp clothes to Mostyn Davies.
FRED DROTLEFF leaves to fight the Japs.
BILL FIBICH leaves his "Sewage Disposal" report to next year's civics class.
NICK FLOWER leaves Mary Malone trying hard to be faithful.
BRYANT GATES leaves still insisting on playing "O Sole Mio" at class parties.
PAUL GIESLER leaves wishing he had all that gum he had to throw away in English class.
EUGENE GIGLIO leaves his books in the "Lost and Found."
PAT GOURLEY leaves her kelly green suit for someone to wear next St. Patrick's Day.
FLORENCE GRAND leaves the alto section to Jean Brocklehurst.
BETTY GRANO leaves to join Bill Fenell.
RICHARD GUEST leaves trying hard to keep awake.
LEROY HALE leaves still cleaning up after the Hi-Y party.
HARLAND HALL just drags himself away.
DOROTHY HENDERSHOT leaves still struggling over her shorthand.
PHYLLIS HOOK won't leave anything because she wants all she's got.
CARL HUSTON leaves still opposing all motions at class meetings.
KEITH HUSTON leaves to become a doctor—if the army doesn't get him first.
GEORGE JARDINE leaves his shyness to Don Booth.

BERNICE BODENWEBER
Student Council (1, 2, 3, 4), Chorus (4), Operetta (4), Gym Leader (3), "21" Tournament Champ (1), Hall Guard (3), Student Court (4), Orchestra (1), Basketball (2, 3, 4), Victory Corps (4)

MARIAN BOSLER
Gym Leader (2, 3), Chorus (2, 3), Operetta (2, 3), National Honor Society (3, 4), Class Play (4), French Club (2), Athletic Board (3, 4), Annual (4), Honor Roll (3), Merit Roll (2), Football Queen's Attendant (4)

JOAN BOWMAN
National Honor Society (3, 4), Arc-Lite (3, editor 4), Editor, Annual (4), Class Play (2, 4), Record Club (2), Press Club (4), Gym Leader (1, 2, 3), Band (1, 2, 3, 4), Hall Guard (4), Spanish Club (4), Basketball (1, 2, 3), Operetta (2)

HELEN BURNER
Whirl Club (3), Press Club, Treasurer (4), Chorus (4), Arc-Lite (4), Annual (4), Operetta (4)

ANNIE BURRIS
Arc-Lite (4), Annual (4), Press Club (4), Chorus (4), Operetta (4)

CARL BROBERG
Football (3, 4), Basketball (3), Hi-Y (4), Round Table (4), Annual (4)

NESTOR CELLEGHIN
Football (3, 4), Round Table (4), Hi-Y (4)

LYLE CHASE
Hi-Y (4), Football (4), Class Play (4), Baseball (2, 3, 4), Hall Guard (1), Band (1, 2, 3, 4), Speacnact (4), Orchestra (1)

ANTHONY CICERELLA
Hi-Y (4), Speacnact (4), Whirl Club (3), Round Table (4), Cheerleader (4), Victory Corps (4)

ROBERT CRAWFORD
Hall Guard (2), Hi-Y (4), Golf (2, 3, 4), Round Table (4), Biology (2)



1943 The Pentagon is completed and becomes the largest office building in the world.

Minimum wage \$0.45

Adios - Por Siempre
GOOD-BYE - FOREVER