

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.org** 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.

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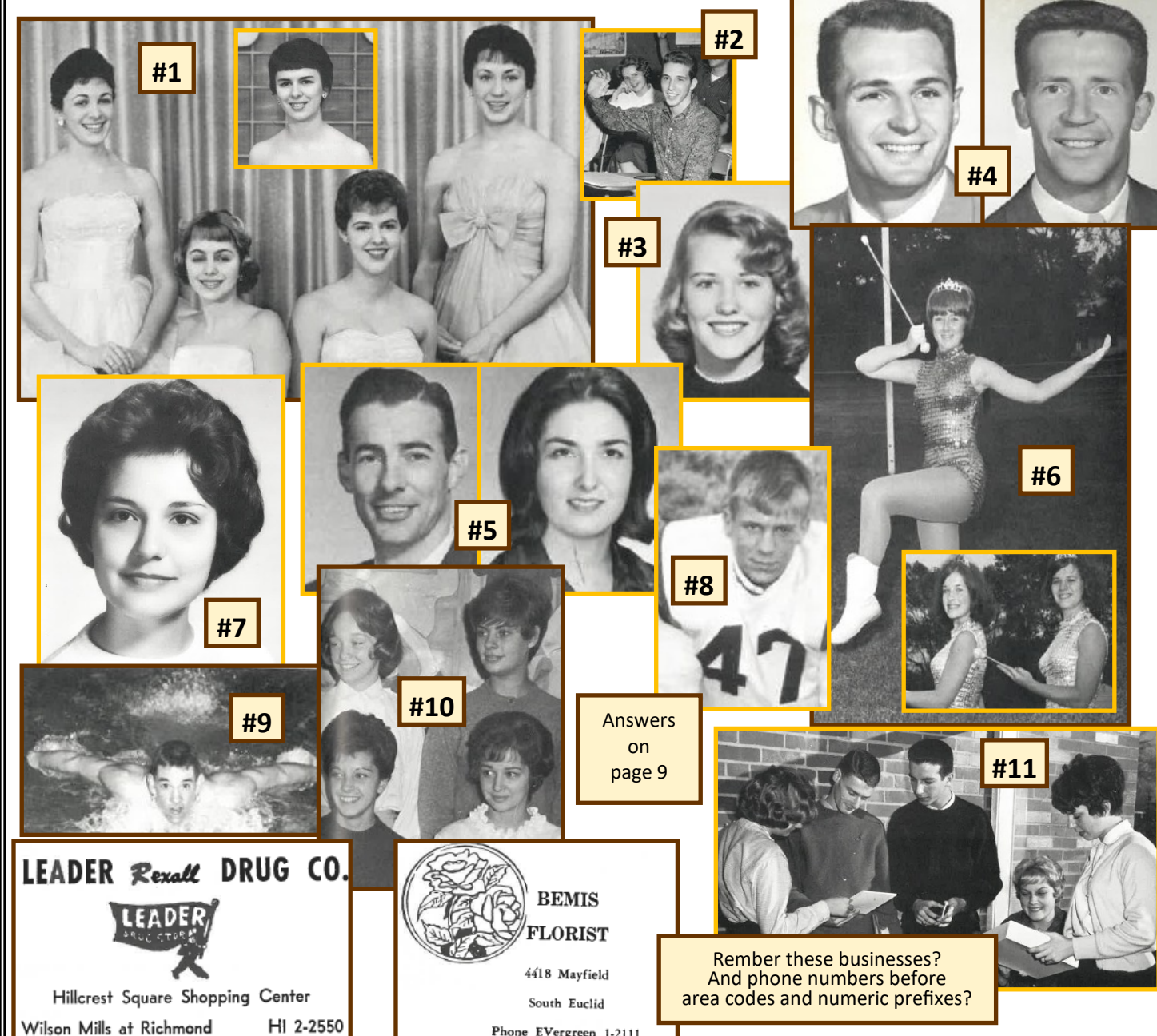
ALUMNI ARC-LITE

CHARLES F. BRUSH HIGH SCHOOL

SPRING 2025

Highlighting the Past, Illuminating the Present, Sparking the Future

How Many Faces Do You Recognize? (1960, 1963, 1968 yearbooks)



Answers on page 9

Remember these businesses?
And phone numbers before
area codes and numeric prefixes?

LEADER Rexall DRUG CO.
Hillcrest Square Shopping Center
Wilson Mills at Richmond HI 2-2550

BEMIS FLORIST
4418 Mayfield
South Euclid
Phone EVergreen 1-2111



Remember?! Class of 1943

1943

HI-LITE
BRUSH HIGH SCHOOL
SOUTH EUCLID, O.

CLASS OFFICERS



BOB MACKIE
President

SAM JOHNS
Vice-president

MARY JO MAIN
Secretary

CLASS WILL FOR 1943

MILDRED ABELL leaves her glamour to Ernestine McAnahan.
JOHN ADIE leaves his athletic prowess to Tom Farrell.
ROSE AMATA leaves Bruili McKinney to argue alone with Miss Robinson.
RICHARD ATTANERO leaves, as usual, during lunch period.
BETTY BAHR 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 Pelly 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 Herringshow, 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 DOHRING 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 FBICHE 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.
SAM JOHNS leaves Grace Harrison to Kenny Lechner.

Best Speaking Voice	Bob Oliver	Best Looking
Neatest	Carl Broberg	Mildred Abell
Best Sense of Humor	Bill Bailey	Joan Bowman
Coziest Jokes	Don Keister	Joan Bowman
Most Domestic	Tom Murray	Jeanne Bew
Laziest	Harlan Hall	Wanda Lee Young
Silliest	Don Keister	Margaret Schneide
Best Personality	Sam Johns	Joan Bowman
Whom You Would Like to Marry	Sam Johns	Doris Simmons
Most Likely to Be a Movie Star	Sylvester Meola	Mildred Abell
Most Versatile	Ray Mills	Joan Bowman
Most Daring	Richard Negrelli	Wanda Lee Young
Sillest Laugh	Donald Wheeler	Florence Johnson

THE FACULTY

Seated: Mr. Evans; Miss Ingram; Miss McDonald; Mr. Weinmann; Mrs. King; Miss Robinson; Mr. Sheats.
Standing: Mr. Moore; Miss Reppert; Mr. Palermo; Miss Folger; Mr. Welser; Miss Bird; Mr. Miller; Miss Ruth.



Most Likely to Succeed	Leland Salinger	Bryce Jennings
Best Looking	John Adie	Lois Shields
Nicest Eyes	Sylvester Meola	Lois Shields
Prettiest Hair	Sylvester Meola	Evelyn Tietz
Nicest Complexion	John Norbo	Amy Bischoff
Best Figure	John Adie	Mildred Abell
Nicest Legs	John Adie	Doris Simmons
Best Actor	Bryant Gates	Mildred Abell
Best Artist	Sam Johns	Ingrid Secretan

FLORENCE JOHNSON leaves with exactly sixteen credits.
DON KEISTER leaves his innane expressions to Fred Gelsheimer, who really doesn't need them.
WILLARD LAMB leaves not quite so shy.
MARY LICURS leaves hot on the trail of a good job—or just a job.
BILL LYONS leaves, period.
BOB MACKIE leaves the junior girls with no one to fight over.
MARY JO MAIN leaves Art Cunningham all alone and lonely.
ROSE MARRA leaves her "hep steps" to Frank Holzkamper.
RUTH MARTIN leaves hoping her sister won't have as much trouble as she had.
SYL MEOLA leaves still looking for the ping-pong balls.
BETTY LOU McDONALD leaves her sweet disposition to Mary Lou Goebel.
JACK METCALF leaves in the same old rut.
RAY MILLS leaves Miss Ingram with no one to hate.
ROGEE MOLTER leaves her sewing ability to Miss Folger.
MARIAN MOORE leaves for the Post Office in a hurry.
MURIEL MULAC leaves her inferiority-complex to Virginia Bowman.
TOM MURRAY leaves Bob Beck to "wolf it" alone.
RICHARD NEGRELLI leaves still trying to make time with Marilyn Goddard.
BETTINA NICHOLS leaves gladly.
JOHN NORBO leaves trying to keep his reputation for being shy—or just his reputation.
DOROTHY OKKERSE leaves with her sister Marian.
MARIAN OKKERSE leaves with her sister Dorothy.
BOB OLIVER leaves his height to Melvin Prasen.
JOE RAINALDI leaves the Arc-Lite sport page to anyone who is fool enough to want it.
DON REHOR leaves his confidence to Jack Healy, who really doesn't need it.
AL RICHTER leaves his long hair to Bill Hoge.
MARTIN RINI leaves with his pants still sadly in need of a pressing.
DOROTHY ROBINSON leaves to become an "Angel of Mercy."
RAY ROUGHTON leaves wondering how HE got on the National Honor Society.
GERALDINE RUBERTINE leaves still being mistaken for a seventh grader.
MARIAN SADDLER leaves with a one-way ticket to Hawaii.
LELAND SALINGER leaves his "Daily Aid" to Donald Sargent.
HERB SALTERS leaves the girls on his car to Mr. Sheats.
INGRID SECRETAN leaves her "Swan Dance" to Clara Plitt.
DONALD SCHEPLEY leaves with Eileen Evans still tagging along behind.
LOIS SHIELDS leaves her singing ability to Dorothy Dwyer.
MARGARET SCHNEIDER leaves her piccolo for "Pudge" Gourley to play.
DORIS SIMMONS leaves after numerous unsuccessful attempts to blow up the chemistry lab.
MILDRED SNIDER leaves as quietly as she came.
LOIS SNOW leaves trying vainly to get to school at least three days a week.
JENNIE STANKO leaves still trying to drop typing.
LEONARD STROTH leaves his dear old car in the scrap heap.
EVELYN TIETZ leaves her nylon stockings to Miss Bird.
ANNADELE WALLETT leaves her laugh to Doris Dawson.
DONALD WHEELER leaves fighting for the back seat in Bailey's Buick.
DICK WRIGHT leaves his convertible to Walter Keller.
WANDA LEE YOUNG leaves the "Honor Study Hall," to regain its honor.



Commemorative Pavers...A Perfect Gift for Your Brush High Alum

Want to commemorate that special person, family, or class? Purchase a paver!



What? A personalized, engraved, brick paver bearing an alum's name, a family name, or good wishes for past, present, or future generations.

Where? Pavers are prominently located in the front of the bulding between the circle drive and Korb football field, adding to the beauty of Brush High School.

When? Pavers may be purchased at any time during the year, and are installed early in the summer of that year. Pavers purchased by February 1 will be installed in the summer of that year. Pavers purchased after February 1 will be installed the following year.

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

All orders must be accompanied by a check made payable to **Brush Alumni Association**. Proceeds will be used for operating expenses, special projects, and/or scholarships. Questions can be directed to **Scott Andrew Mills** (scottandrewmills@gmail.com). Or you can reach Mr. Mills at 440-477-5883. Order form and check can be mailed to: **Brush Alumni Association**, South Euclid Lyndhurst City Schools, 5044 Mayfield Road, Lyndhurst, Ohio 44124.

Memorial Walkway Paver Order Form

Please use a separate form for each order. Mail completed form and check to: **Brush Alumni Association**, South Euclid Lyndhurst City Schools, 5044 Mayfield Rd., Lyndhurst, Oh 44124.

Purchasers Name	Current Date		
First	Maiden (if alum)	Last	
Purchasers Address	City	State	Zip
Purchasers Phone #	Purchasers E-Mail		

Print name/message as you wish for it to be engraved. Be certain to leave blank spaces between words.
Adhere to either 3 lines for \$50 or 6 lines for \$100. Each line has 14 spaces. Do not exceed number of spaces.

Pavers are installed in the spring/summer.

Orders must be received by May 31 to be installed in the current year.

Orders received after May 31 will be installed the following year.



Kudos to Current ARCS from an Alumni ARC

Submitted by Rick Bloom, '80, and current assistant to the athletic director: While it seems much more commonplace for individuals to proactively contact the district to complain, it is a welcome surprise to receive positive calls. **Frank James**, Class of 1964, attended the Brush-Elyria Catholic football game this past fall. This Avon resident called and could not say enough positive and encouraging things about the Brush football team, cheerleaders, and marching band and how they all behaved on the Elyria Catholic campus and football field. Frank sat on the visitors (Brush) side, so he noticed several players and guests picking up trash on that side and taking it to trash cans. He felt the students were classy and polite. He mentioned that it had been some time since he saw a group of cheerleaders having as much fun and showing such "great spirit" on the sidelines. When he congratulated them at the end of the game they were very polite and thankful to him, which he found uplifting! Last, but not least, Frank took note that as the PA announcer recited a prayer before the game (as parochial schools do), the Brush band and players were very reverent and respectful. All of this gave Frank great PRIDE that he is a Brush ARC at heart, all these years later!

The bottom line? As coaches/players/administrators/fans, we never know who might be watching. We never know how we can inspire or even alter the opinions and perspectives of those in our community or even elsewhere in NE Ohio when we are "on the road". It really does matter how we carry ourselves even when the scoreboard might not be our best friend on any given day. Congratulations and THANK YOU to Brush students, staff, coaches, and others in the Brush "traveling party" for modeling exemplary leadership and behavior while representing Brush. It really does matter how we carry ourselves at "home" or "far away" and Arc alum Frank James is proof of that!

CLASS OF 1975

50th Reunion

Friday, August 29, 9 AM
Golf Scramble
Sleepy Hollow Golf Course
\$75 per golfer

Saturday, August 30

10:30 AM
Tour Brush High

5-11:30 PM

The Main Event

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo
\$80 per person due by 8/22/25
\$70 if paid by 8/1/25

Sunday, August 31, 2 PM-6 PM

After Party
Cavotta's Garden Center
Minor cover charge/cash bar

For more info contact: Bernie Capriato
440-667-4571 capriato1@gmail.com

Upcoming Reunions

CLASS OF 1995 30th Reunion

Saturday, August 9, 2025 6-9 PM

Panini's

6237 Wilson Mills Rd.

For more info contact:

Courtney Friedman Ricchetti
Courtney.ricchetti@gmail.com

or

Erika McLaughlin
eamclaughlin9@gmail.com

CLASS OF 1968

75th Birthday Party

Friday, July 25, 2025

6-11 PM

Black Forest Inn

4368 Mayfield Rd., So. Euclid

For more info contact:

Bonnie Slabaugh Abbey
blabbey@aol.com

Charles Blanchard ('60) ~ Doctor of Golf

Class of 1960's **Dr. Charles Blanchard** recently received a proclamation from the State of New Mexico Lieutenant Governor as a "Doctor of Golf". Dr. Blanchard's business card titles him as a performance psychologist, speaker, and golf writer. The following is an excerpt written by Richard Coltharp, opinion columnist for the Las Cruces Bulletin.

"Charlie has written for the *Las Cruces Bulletin* since 2006, and has written in the range of 800 columns. Those columns typically take up about 50 square inches, which in the current size of the Bulletin is about a half page. In terms of square footage, that's roughly .35 square feet per column. All told, Charlie has written around 300 square feet in columns. I recently saw a video of a 300-square foot apartment in New York City...it's 300 square feet. The monthly rent for that apartment? \$2,300!

I've gotten to know Charlie over the years, and really appreciate him as a person, as well as a golf expert. Not only is Charlie a clinician in terms of the sport, he is also an actual doctor, and has done work in sports psychology. I regularly find useful concepts in Charlie's columns, not necessarily to help my shoddy golf game, but to apply in business and everyday life. In one of his columns, Charlie included this quote from the late architect and futurist R. Buckminster Fuller: 'You never change things by fighting the existing reality. To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete.' That rings true in so many walks of life.

In the walk of the golf course, Blanchard regularly does one of the hardest things for anyone to do in golf: Hit your age.

Blanchard is 80, an age where many people are under the green grass instead of walking on it with a golf club. And his score at the end of a round is almost always under 80 these days.

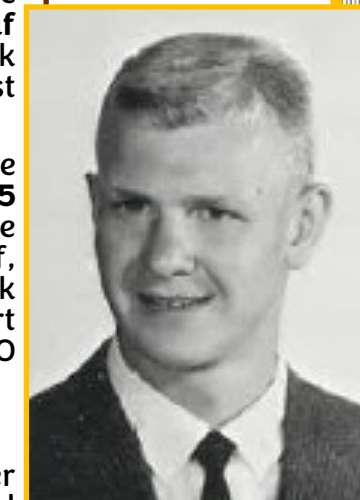
Congrats, Doc Blanchard, and we at the Bulletin express our sincere appreciation for your contributions to our newspaper, and to the Las Cruces community these many years."

SEL Athletics Golf Scramble

Saturday, May 31, 2025 at 9 AM at the award-winning **Fowler's Mill Golf Course**, recently ranked by Golf Week (2024) as one of the top three best public courses in the state of Ohio.

The outing is a four-person scramble with a shotgun start and the **\$125 entry fee** includes a golf cart, range balls, player gift, 18-holes of golf, Chick-fil-A lunch and a steak dinner. Contest prizes include a resort stay, a 5-day cruise, and a \$10,000 cash prize for a hole-in-one.

Players and sponsors can register online at www.selscramble.com, and all proceeds go towards supporting our youth, middle school, and high school athletic programs.





Class of 1981 Travels Through Italy

2024 was the year of “Roots Tourism,” as declared by the State Department of Italy. Several events were conducted throughout Italy, commemorating the special attention paid to descendants of Italian emigrants coming to the “old” country to explore their heritage. Phil~italy, owned and operated by Class of 1981 entrepreneur Philip Micali, conducted two special Phil~italy trips. The first was in April of 2024, in which 12 Italian-Americans searched for their roots in Sicily. Cleveland native, Don (Domenico) Sabatino ‘81, his brother, Paul ‘74, and their respective spouses were part of a group of 12 American travelers to Sicily who covered a large part of the island, including Palermo, Cefalù, Agrigento, Taormina, and Villa Romani in Piazza Armerina.

The Sabatinos wanted to meet their cousins in Alimana, their ancestral town, and witness the glory of this small village of approximately 2,000, in the province of Palermo, nestled in the awe-inspiring Madonie mountains. The travelers were greeted with a warm embrace by the local Sabatino family, cousins of Don and Paul, which was followed by a stroll around the village of Alimena. One of the few local restaurants provided a delicious meal and unforgettable customary Italian affection.

Typically, Phil~italy organizes these roots tourism visits with the Mother Church pastor, mayor, and pro loco (town historian). However, in this case, the local family, with whom the American Sabatinos had contact with over the years but not yet met in person, were able to provide the group with the opportunity to locate birth certificates, baptism records and other anagraphic information of those Sabatinos who emigrated to America in the very early 1900s.

The second trip was organized for Donna Prigosin Musilli ‘81 and her husband Andy's family, focusing on a heritage tour in San Pietro Avellana, a small village in Molise with a population of fewer than 1,000 residents. Many American descendants from this town reside in Cleveland, Youngstown, and Pittsburgh.



(L-R: Don Sabatino ‘81 (wife Kris), Kim Voelker LaRiccia ‘81, Lou LaRiccia ‘81, Deb Sbracco Piteo, Tom and Beth O’Reilly, Nada Norval, Linda and Mark Perko, Jeff and Julie Fratianne, Todd Norval, Andy Musilli, Donna Prigosin Musilli ‘81)



(L-R: Tom and Beth O’Reilly, Andy Musilli, Donna Prigosin Musilli ‘81, Jeff and Julie Fratianne, and local hosts)



Local Alumni Business Spotlight ~ Hillcrest Jewelry

Located on Mayfield Rd. in Lyndhurst, Hillcrest Jewelry was established in 2000 by a Brush graduate who had already spent 30 years in the jewelry business. At the age of 11, Ken DiSanto, class of 1977, started sweeping floors for a neighbor in the jewelry business. He worked Saturdays helping out in the shop and began to learn the business. He spent the next 30 years working at William Evans Jewelers at Hilltop Plaza. When he decided to venture out on his own, Ken discovered that running his own business involved a lot of details: laying out and designing the space, what merchandise he wanted to carry, and ordering everything from watch bands to repair envelopes.



Running his own shop, and being the person who orders inventory, Ken has to keep on top of trends. Although classics, like diamond earrings, are always a good sell, the popularity of other items tend to ebb and flow over time. There are also cultural changes in the industry. According to Ken, “People used to just wear jewelry and watches out for special occasions. Now that it’s come down in price, people have multiple watches and tend to wear jewelry everyday.”

Ken, who grew up on Hartley Rd. in Lyndhurst, attended Anderson, Memorial, and Brush. After graduating from Brush, Ken earned a BA in business management from Dyke College. He still fondly remembers many staff members including Larry Cirillo from Memorial, Robert Smith, Jim Smith, and Bob Casey from Brush. He also says that Candy Clemson always provided great support. He has been married for 40 years to Carol, who graduated from Rocky River in 1978. They have two grown children, Joey and Christina.

According to Ken, “This is a fun business, because jewelry is basically a luxury item.” If you live locally, the next time you need something special for that someone special, stop in and say hi to Ken!

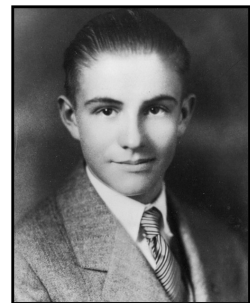


Hillcrest Jewelers~5652 Mayfield Rd., Lyndhurst





How Lyndhurst Got its Name



By Thomas S. Treer, Lyndhurst Historian, Brush '65

William M. (Billy) Emshoff is credited with giving the city of Lyndhurst its name. Born on May 19, 1910, in his parents' home at 5225 Mayfield Road, just to the left of the village hall, he attended classes at the "Little Red Schoolhouse" and graduated from Charle F. Brush High School in 1928.

His claim to fame comes from living in Euclidville, Ohio in 1920. As this area was part of Euclid Township and so many towns incorporated the name Euclid in them, the resulting confusion within the postal system at that time, was a nightmare.

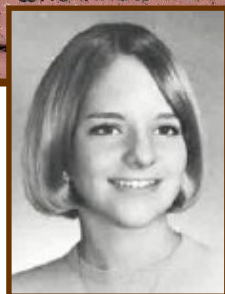
Euclidville Council decided that a name change contest should be held for the local school children and operated by the town moms. A \$5.00 prize and bragging rights were offered to the best entry.

Billy saw Lyndhurst, New Jersey on a map at school, thought it "was a pretty name", and submitted it. He won and on June 8, 1920, the town council officially adopted the name of Lyndhurst, Ohio.

Legend has it that young Billy deposited that \$5.00 into the bank, and saved it through the years to help buy his gas station, at the N.E. corner of Parkview and Mayfield roads, which he ran for decades.

A Celebration of Life—Leslie Collins Thompson '68

By Bonnie Slabaugh Abbey: With the passing of our friend in July, a group of classmates reunited to remember the life of our friend Leslie. Leslie was a friend to all and would always be there when you needed her: she had a heart of gold! We began at Tasty's Pizza, a long-time hangout from our time at Brush, and then we headed to Brush and the Alumni Paver Walkway. We had purchased a paver for our friend and loved looking at the various pavers created by many others. Deb DiLillo Betz provided a tour of Brush, which included the Arc Workout Facility staffed by Cory Morrow. We then visited the Alumni Museum and reminisced about our time at Brush. Afterwards, we traveled to each of our childhood homes, rekindling memories, and ended up at the home of one of the classmates. Honoring Leslie were: Cathy Caruso Pinter, Corey Caruso Peoples, Claudia Bevac Cull, Paige Larkin, Maureen Hughes Fitzpatrick, Liz Bernstein Roman, and Bonnie Slabaugh Abbey.



Don Sabatino '81



The Sabatino Family: Paul '74, Gianni, Gabriele, Don '81, Annamaria, and Sara

Stacy Gill Leo '81, Sue Apple Schlessinger '81, Linda Goddfried, Carol Haber Wolkoff '81, Lisa Tucker '81, David Wolkoff, Donna Prigosin Musilli '81



"Phil-italy curated a visit to my ancestral village in Italy. This was an experience for which I am incredibly grateful. Phil arranged everything including a translator, a driver, and a local historian to accompany me. I am truly grateful for this experience. While there, I discovered an original photo in the town museum—a copy of which has been displayed in my home for 40 years."

— Andy Musilli

Interested in your own customized or shared group trip to Italy, whether it's your own heritage tour, or not? Consider letting Phil '81 help organize your adventure.

Contact info: (917) 523-9068 or philitaly100@gmail.com. You can also learn more at www.philitaly.com.



2024 Wall of Achievement

By Bonnie Slabaugh Abbey:

The Brush High School Alumni Association recently honored eight inductees into its Wall of Achievement. The purpose of this “wall” is to recognize and honor graduates of Brush who have displayed outstanding achievement in areas such as leadership, service to the community, service to Brush High School, humanitarianism, creativity, courage, and careers which have benefited others. Brush staff members who may not have graduated from the high school may also be honored.

On November 14, at La Vera Party Center, inductees included **Jeanne Johns '81, Earl Miller '81, John Slosar '74, Richard Rood '74, Philip Setzer '69, Jim & Linda Meredith Makee '60, and Norm Rogozin '63.** Also honored were the twelve highest achieving juniors and seniors at Brush High School. Prior to the dinner, inductees meet with the current Brush students to pass on the legacy and tradition of Brush High School and to share how their journey from Brush High School led them to where they are today.

Jeanne Johns spent most of her career with BP, including as President of North America Natural Gas Liquids, overseeing a \$12 billion business with 850 employees, forty-five locations, 12,600 miles of pipeline, and marketing of 485,000 barrels a day of ethane, propane, butane, condensate, and sulfur. She tripled the profitability of the business and improved safety 40% during her tenure. She finished her career as the CEO and Managing Director of IncitecPivot, a global leader in civil explosives and the leading Australian fertilizer company.

Earl Miller, an MIT neuroscientist and professor, has changed the way people think about the brain's working memory. Besides making frequent appearances in the popular press and being profiled in *Discover Magazine* and *The New Yorker*, he has bequeathed \$4 million to establish a charitable trust creating scholarships for disadvantaged students at Kent State University.

John Slosar returned for this event from Hong Kong where he has lived and worked for the past 44 years. He was recruited out of college at Cambridge, England to work at The Squire Group, becoming the first American Chairman of the company. The most notable business of The Squire Group is Cathay Pacific Airways, Hong Kong's major international airline, and the Coca Cola bottlers in China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Vietnam, Laos, Thailand, and the USA. Also, in what has become somewhat typical of Brush grads, musicianship prevails---John has, on more than one occasion, sung and played keyboard on stage with The Beach Boys!

Richard Rood is a Grammy Award-winning violinist based in New York City. His career has spanned classical music, chamber music, contemporary jazz, and commercial music including Broadway and motion picture soundtracks. He is on the music faculty at Columbia University and Sarah Lawrence College. Richard is currently Associate Concertmaster of the Santa Fe Opera, a member of the American Ballet Theater Orchestra, and a principal player with the American Symphony.

Philip Setzer is a professional violinist, having formed The Emerson String Quartet in 1976. The Emerson String Quartet has won 9 Grammy Awards including two for “Best Classical Album”. *Time Magazine* calls the group “America's greatest quartet!” Having both parents as professional violinists with the Cleveland Orchestra, Philip began playing and studying violin at age 4. He graduated from The Juilliard School, and holds five honorary doctorate degrees.

Jim & Linda Meredith Makee have been sweethearts since the “Heart Hop” in 1958! Jim started his career as a teacher in the SEL system, and became the youngest principal ever hired by SEL. He was instrumental in the reopening of Greenvue as an upper elementary school. He is a Jennings Scholar, a Weatherhead Scholar, and a Dale Carnegie Scholar. Linda became certified as a gifted education teacher, and further studied abroad in Switzerland and Paris. She served SEL as an ESL tutor, taught French and English at two schools, and served as the district's gifted education coordinator. In what Linda calls the “best of ALL professions,” she is the mother of four, the grandmother of fourteen, and the great-grandmother of one! Both were instrumental in the creation of the Brush Alumni Association in 1991.



More From the Archives

Early 1950's



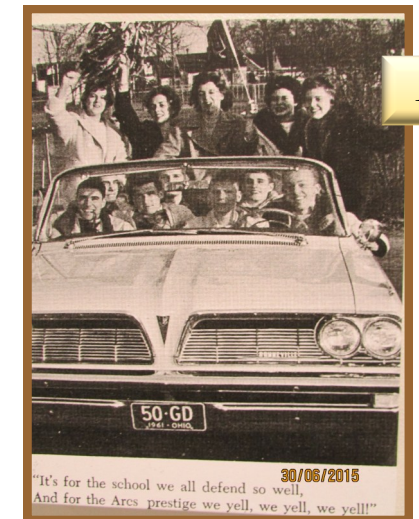
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1926



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Staff Members~recognize anyone?

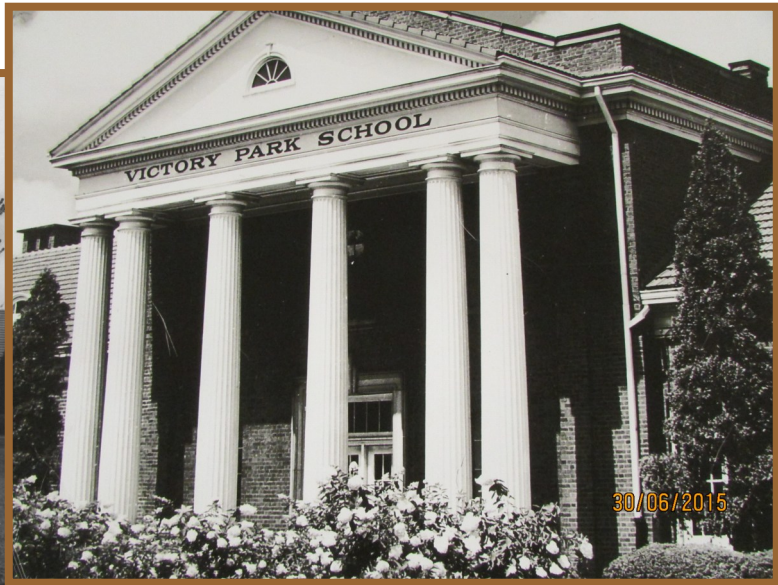
Louis Reker, Joe Price, Frank Curtiss, Charles Schlaff, Joe Maddox, John Jacque, Al Piccuta, Eugene McPherson, Russell Hobart, Howard Roberts.

From the Archives



1941 photo of the Victory Park School.

Photo by James J. Kelley, staff photographer of the South Euclid Citizen.



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LITTLE RED SCHOOL
NEAR CORNER MAYFIELD AND
RICHMOND ROADS, 1910



RICHMOND ROAD SCHOOL
S.W. CORNER MAYFIELD RD.



Norm Rogozin graduated from Brush and retired as a Brush English teacher after more than 35 years with the SEL system. He began teaching Language Arts and Honors English in 1973. Known for his razor-sharp wit and sense of humor, he became a favorite among students and faculty. He was an advisor for the National Honor Society the award-winning yearbooks. After his retirement, he became a trustee with the Alumni Association, later accepting the Presidency. He created the Wall of Achievement, directing the placement of the inductees' plaques in the new Alumni Museum.



Linda and
Jim Makee

Richard
Rood

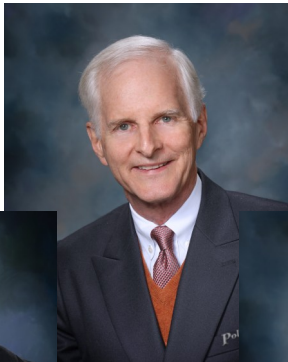


Philip
Setzer

Norm
Rogozin



John
Slosar



Jeanne
Johns



Don Mastrobuono, '69 introduced the Makees and Norm Rogozin. Don is also a retired Brush teacher AND a 2013 Wall of Achievement inductee. A die-hard ARC! **Scott Andrew Mills, '81** introduced Jeanne Johns and Earl Miller (not present).



Lauren Lanphear, '74 introducing John Slosar and Richard Rood. **Cherie Thomas Pencak, '76** introducing current Brush students, **Neil Brofman, '73** leading the Brush Alma Mater, and **Deb DiLillo Betz, '76** introducing Phil Setzer.



More 2024 Wall of Achievement



The evening would not have been complete without a performance by these Grammy award-winning artists. As a student, Setzer ('69) accompanied other Brush musicians on a tour of the elementary schools. While watching their performance at Victory Park Elementary, a young Rood ('74) was so impressed by Setzer's performance, that he decided then that he also wanted to play the violin! Lucky us to have the opportunity to see these ARC virtuosos perform!

Wall of Achievement Inductees (by class): 1946: Bob Hamrich 1948: Sheldon Lambert, Ph. D. 1951: Robert Baumgartner, Joseph Linn, Roy Berko, D. Ed., 1954: Col. Joseph A. Lazzaro, Mort Tucker 1955: John Henderson 1957: Toni Cistone Costabile & the Poni Tails 1959: John Ferguson, DMA 1960: Jim Makee, Linda Meredith Makee, JoAnn Soderquist Kramer, Carl Calandra 1961: Larry Bloom, Karen Weaver Spero, Haydn "Jiggs" Whigham 1963: Richard Levin, Judith Tishko Schalders 1964: Lucie Mady Salhany, Peggy Siegel, Ph.D., Donald Barr, Les Levine 1965: Stuart Markowitz, M.D., David Chilson, Ph.D. 1966: James Goldfarb, M.D., Donald Korb 1968: Barbara Roman, Donald P. Lewis Jr., DDS 1969: Philip Setzer, Justice A. John Pelander 1970: General Carter F. Ham 1971: Lynn Garvey Hodge 1974: John Slosar, Richard Rood, Michael Matoney, Mark Agrast, Jody Forchheimer, Linda Fox Lyman, Irwin Haber 1975: Jim Mantel 1976: Carl Tyler, Jr., M.D., James Leslie, M.D., Karen Politz, Ida Seligman Haber 1977: Constantina Tsolainou (Connie Tsolainos) 1979: Robert Kain 1981: Jeanne Johns, Earl Miller 1982: Gregg Rickman, Ph.D., Elisa Kriss Jackson, M.D. 1984: Varun Gauri, Ph.D. 1985: Joseph Anselmo 2000: Joe Hennes 2004: Simone Jelks 2005 Jayson Pryor **Staff:** David Nichting, Sheila Murphy Crawford, Seymour (Sy) Levine, Karl Keller, Richard Love, Franklin Smith, James Fanger, Hugo Zappa, Alfred Eich, Edwin Hill **Staff AND Alumni:** Donald Mastrobuono ('69), William Kingzett ('49), Stanley Kohn ('65), Norm Rogozin ('63)

NOMINATE AN ARC FOR THE WALL OF ACHIEVEMENT

Please consider nominating a deserving ARC for the Wall of Achievement.

We look for ARCS who have displayed outstanding achievement in leadership, service to the community, service to Brush High School, humanitarianism, creativity, courage, and careers which have benefited others.

For a nomination form, visit the Alumni Association page on the South Euclid Lyndhurst City Schools website. <https://www.sel.k12.oh.us/WallofAchievement.aspx>



Soccer

CALLING ALL BRUSH SOCCER ALUMNI! Kick off your summer by joining your fellow Brush High School alumni for an afternoon of food, fun, friendly competition, and catching up with old friends at the Alumni Social and Soccer game. This event is the primary fundraiser supporting the annual Brush High School Soccer Alumni Award, recognizing an outstanding senior female and male soccer player, based on a personal essay.

Want to play? The game is open to all alumni members. To register, visit the website below to purchase your \$50 ticket for the game and select your jersey size. Or you can just register for the social and have fun strolling down memory lane with your alumni friends!

brushalumnisoccer.org

The event is scheduled for **Saturday, June 14, 2025** at Korb Field from **11 AM–3 PM**.

Established in 2018 by former Brush High School soccer player, Frank Fantozzi (Class of 1981), the Brush High School Soccer Alumni Award recognizes the positive role the team sport of soccer can have in building character, teamwork and leadership skills among young men and women. The \$1,000 award is presented each fall to two deserving players. The goal for 2025 is to raise \$10,000.



Frank Fantozzi with 2024 Scholarship winners Roberto Washington and Dawnelle Blake

How Many Faces Do You Recognize? (see cover page) #1: 1959 Homecoming Queen and her court: Peggy Collins, Patti Sharillo, Judy Spillard, Kay Zollar, Karin Lawrence **#2:** Fred Larino, 1960 senior class president **#3:** Charlotte Anderson '60 **#4:** Teachers William Kingzett and Jay Alexander **#5:** Teachers John McGeary and Diedre Stofan **#6:** '67-'68 Golden Girl, Marie Carrie and Silver Twins, Molly Butler and Betsy Cuthbertson **#7:** Judith Bush '63, NHS Society winner **#8** Bill Belt '63 **#9:** Tim Brady '65 **#10:** '62-'63 Booster officers, Cindy Hebert, Linda Gold, Linda Laurin and Jackie Sturm **#11:** Class of '63 seniors, Elaine Hopkins, Pete Vaughn, Gary Gregg, Carol Kane, and Linda Goodman