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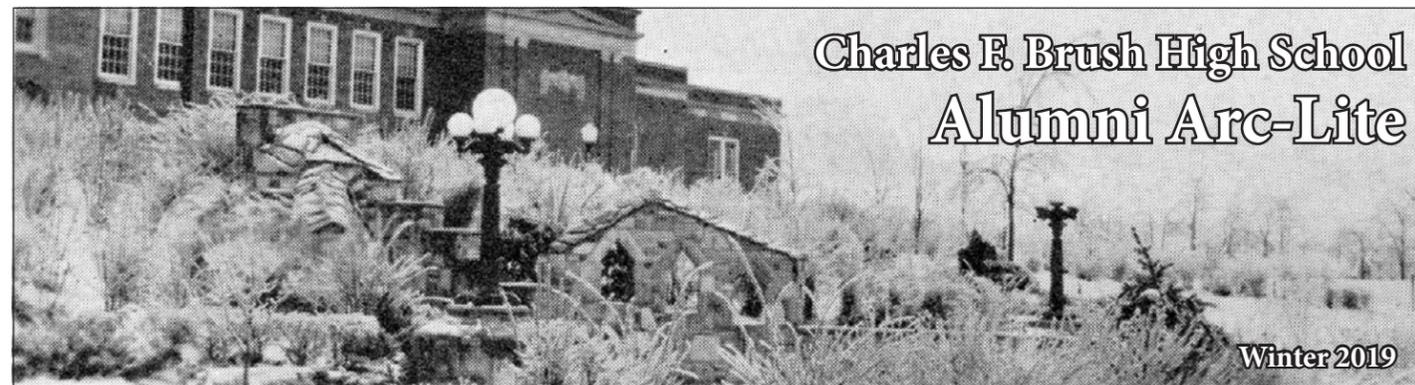


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Brush Alumni Association

Do You Remember Doris Govan?

Doris Govan was a social studies teacher and guidance counselor in the South Euclid-Lyndhurst schools for many years. I don't know the exact year she started with the district, but she did spend forty years at Memorial Junior High from when the school opened in 1949 until her retirement in the spring of 1988. Doris was an outgoing and enthusiastic person. She was an exceptional educator. Doris loved being with students and was always their advocate.

My relationship with Doris Govan began before I was born. My mother Jean Muenker Robinson '44 taught with Doris at Memorial from 1950 until 1954. A lifetime friendship was formed and I grew up knowing her as "Aunt" Doris. She was a loving and supportive influence in my life, especially when I was hired to teach in the SEL district starting in the fall of 1988. We just missed working together by a few months. That didn't matter because she continued her interest and support in my teaching career and in the entire SEL community throughout the rest of her life. If you were one of her students or "nieces", you were very fortunate to have known such a dynamic lady.

Patty Robinson Paine,
(Retired Family Consumer Economics Teacher)

In our last newsletter, we said David Chapman was the artist for the drawing Angela Lipuma Guarino '49 donated. His name is David Crawford '49.



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Judith Schwarz Gagat

The Little Unremembered Room

Just to the right, in the foyer on the right side of the auditorium in the Richmond Road Elementary School (now the Board of Education Building) is a narrow door. When I opened this door during a recent Class of 1958 reunion tour, memories of my elementary school days flooded back to me. I gave a little "hoot" when I remembered what this room was ... the DENTIST'S OFFICE.

To the Brush Alumni volunteers, there was disbelief and wonderment. No one had ever mentioned this to them before. Fortunately, there was another classmate of mine walking behind me who confirmed my exclamation.

There is still the sink on the wall where the dentist washed his hands. What a joy it was to remember this little room for the others. It didn't even make me feel old, just happy. Thanks go out to the Brush Alumni Association members who volunteered their time to open the office, History Gallery, and school to us "youngsters" on their day off so the Class of '58 could relive their memories.

(Judith Schwarz Gagat, Class of 1958)



Help Us Keep Music Alive in the Halls of our Schools

Brush ARCS Alumni - Remember the fun we had when given wonderful opportunities to learn our do-re-mi's as well as our A-B-C's? Do you have any old band or orchestra instruments sitting on a shelf, collecting dust in your house? Perhaps, your son, daughter, or even grandchild has outgrown their instrument.

If you no longer need your instruments, SEL district students could use your help. Please contact Deb DiLillo Betz at 216-691-2006, if you would like to donate any instrument, so that our current students can enjoy the magic of making music.

Can you help me?

Hi folks, in my role as Lyndhurst Historian, I've been given many objects. At Lyndhurst Homedays this past summer I was given a Brush '63 men's class ring with engraved initials. After contacting the only two people with these possible initials, I've come to realize I have a mystery on my hands. Maybe you can help.

The initials are "JPL". I've ruled out John Loeffler and Paul Lewis. There is no one else I can include. The ring is typical, not heavily worn, and resized once, a lot, perhaps a quarter inch.

It would be very cool if we could find this ring's home. Any help would be appreciated. Please email me at lyndhurstt@yahoo.com. Thanks.

Thom Treer, Brush '65, Lyndhurst Historian

Fifty Year Reunion for the Class of 1968

On September 15th, the Class of '68 celebrated its 50th Reunion. We began with informal gatherings on Friday night (Rowland School Reunion, girl-friend lunches, committee party, etc.). Saturday morning we toured Brush High School with two senior class guides, Aarykah Milton-Pace and Gabriella Nikiforov. Classmates took a memorable fountain photo! Our main party was at Pinstripes/Pincrest—bowling, bocce, live music, fabulous food, but most of all camaraderie! Our thanks to Class President Don Lewis for pulling it all together. We've already decided to celebrate again with a 70th birthday party in two years. (Bonnie Slabaugh Abbey)



(L-R) Claudia (Bevack) Cull, Kathy (Passalo) Welgos, Patricia (Redmond) Reid.



Liz (Bernstein) Roman, Don Lewis, Cassie Wolfe, Leslie (Collins) Thompson (L-R).

Twenty Year Reunion for the Class of 1998

It was a two-night affair on Friday September 14th and Saturday September 15th. On Friday night, some alums attended the Brush vs. Mayfield football game to watch fellow Class of 1998 alum Ross Bandiera coach the Wildcats to a very narrow 20-19 homecoming win over the Arcs.

Later in the evening, we gathered at Anthony's Place on Green Road, a local watering hole owned by Montrelle Byrd, another enterprising 1998 alum. There we enjoyed signature cocktails for the night, old school jams, and even a photo booth.

Saturday evening, the group gathered at Punch Bowl Social on the west bank of the flats for a spread of tasty food, drinks and even more photo ops (including photos taken of each group based on elementary school)! It was so exciting to see old friends, meet significant others, and reminisce about our South Euclid-Lyndhurst days. We all agreed that our time at BHS absolutely formed us into the people we are today. (Katie Kowall Reed, '98)



Mona Min, Jamie Sanders, Lisa Kosareo Chavel, and Carol Wendorf Parkinson.



Enjoying high school friends.



Reunion fun

Memories of Mr. Al Eich's Physics Class

As a newly-enrolled Brush High student transferring from Ithaca High School in New York in 1962, I was introduced to a school curriculum that was much more oriented toward science and math than the one I had left. In my Brush High senior year of 1963-64, I was in Mr. Al Eich's physics class. Stunned at first about his stated performance requirements to complete the course with any success, the need to buy a personal slide rule, and the daily homework he piled on us, I soon realized Mr. Eich was an extraordinary teacher. Looking back at my yellowing physics lab notebook after all these years, I can't believe I was capable of recording such detail, graphically computing results, drawing conclusions from extensive experimentation, and writing all of this out in a legible cursive long-hand. In ink, no less! But this was what Mr. Eich demanded from his students. No one who took his class would ever consider again that "weight" and "mass" were the same thing, or that "grams," "newtons," "slugs," "tangents," "vectors," "scientific notation," or "rotational equilibrium" were insignificant concepts in our lives, or that they would ever be understood or viewed the same again. Later, after my Brush High years, and enrolled as an English major at The Ohio State University, I took three quarters of college physics, got an "A" in all these courses, and never encountered an experiment or concept that had not been first introduced to me in Mr. Eich's high school class!

One of the first things he did was have us order a personal Pickett "Simplex Trig" yellow slide rule, and when we received it, he gave us instructions on how to use it. Before every test ("I want answers out to two numbers after the decimal point!"), he would check that our slide rule indices lined up with the hairline cursor and adjust them with the small screwdriver he carried, if necessary. Soon enough, all his students made it a point to keep their own alignments perfect rather than have Mr. Eich find out we might be a hairline off!

Class of '54 – 65th Reunion

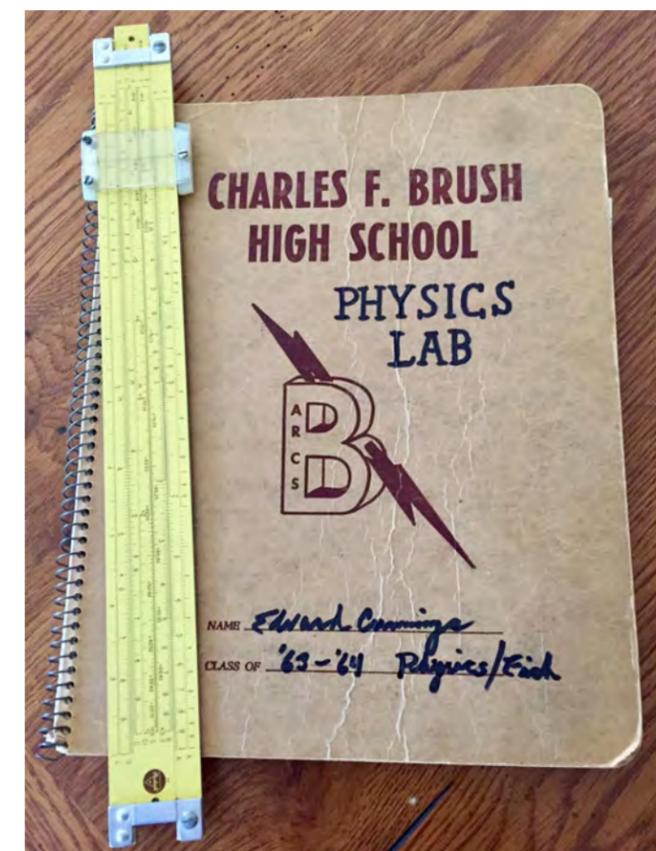
Brush High Class of 1954 will be celebrating their 65th Class Reunion the weekend of August 16, 17, and 18th, 2019. The reunion dinner will be held at Pine Ridge Country Club, in Wickliffe, on Saturday, August 17th. Details on Friday and Sunday will be sent at a later date. Call Marie Nero Bella 216-291-0387 for details.

Class of '59 – 60th Reunion

The 60th reunion will be held August 3, 2019 at Acacia Reservation Clubhouse on Cedar Road at 6:00 pm. Contact Phyllis Klee Harding at class59er@gmail.com or Helene Madorsky Grande at 440-460-1045. Please give your email address to Phyllis or Helene.

Some of the complex experiments I did with my lab partners are still amazing to me today: "Components of a Force," "Speed and Acceleration," "Collision in Two Dimensions," "Reflective Refraction of Water Waves," and "Interference from Two Point Sources" are just a few of the twenty plus experiments we did under Mr. Eich's careful teaching, reviewing, and grading. He was not shy with his pointed written comments on my experiments: "How were your conclusions calculated?" "You should have re-calibrated your spring scale." "Really? What results in your table show that your observation 'proves' this?" "Where do you show the variation of Sin 0 with n?" (To this day I am still trying to find out where I could have hidden that Sin 0 variation table!)

Mr. Al Eich was a tough, demanding teacher, but in retrospect he is likely the best one I ever had in my high school or college years. He was a man who was always very serious in class, but also one who happily manned the ticket sales booth at our home football games, admired student athletes' achievements, supported all Brush sports, and smiled and joked with our parents at various times. He was a teacher to beat them all in bringing us to levels of performance we never knew we had until we stepped into his classroom. Thank you, Mr. Eich! ~ (Edward B. (Buck) Cummings, Class of '64)



Ed Cummings physics lab book



Brush Alumnus Gives Scholarship

For a mathematician, calculus is the doorway into a world of unimaginable ideas and possibilities. Our everyday life is filled with its applications: Interest search engines, weather prediction, the study of the spread of infectious diseases, architecture, space flight, and our understanding of chemical reactions. Closer to home, calculus drives our personal computers and smartphones, makes Google maps possible, and assists our doctors in making diagnoses. Most agree it is the most important breakthrough in the history of mathematics.

In 1975 Mr. Ted Bell, Brush High's advanced placement math teacher, opened the door to calculus for me. His energy, enthusiasm, and love for the subject inspired me to begin what would become a lifelong embrace of mathematics. I went on to earn a Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Pennsylvania and spent thirty years with the U.S. Government as a codebreaker, researcher, and eventually senior executive. Along that path I was constantly reminded of my days in Mr. Bell's class, the joy it gave me in solving seemingly impossible problems, and the sense of accomplishment his nods and smiles always provided.

The Theodore Bell Math Scholarship is dedicated to my great math teacher and to recognize a Brush High student with exceptional aptitude, accomplishment, and joy in the study of mathematics. I hope this scholarship opens the door for its recipient even further into a world of great opportunity and fulfillment.

Michael A. Wertheimer
Class of 1975



Paul Norder

The Alumni Association would like to thank Paul Norder, Class of 1958 for donating his father's diploma. Paul's father, Joseph Norder graduated from South Euclid High School in 1926. His diploma was signed by Karl Keller, Principal and O. J. Korb, Superintendent.

We hope to hang Paul's diploma next to his father's.

If you have a family story about generation graduations, please let us know.



Brush Volleyball Team

Brush Retirees Turn To Farming

"At a time of life when most couples are planning retirements filled with golf games and cruises, Meg and Steve Lanphear '63 took up farming. In SO WE BECAME FARMERS, a warm and lively memoir that is informative and downright funny, they chronicle a retirement filled with new experiences, laughter, frustrations and just plain hard work. . . ."

"The Lanphears inadvertently joined the farm-to-table movement when they set about growing and selling food at local farmers' markets and on their own property at Sentinel Farm in Belchertown, Massachusetts where apples are the principal product. They rejuvenated an old orchard by planting some 200 new fruit trees and expanded their crop offering to include maple syrup, honey, free-range chicken, eggs, vegetables and goats. . . ."

"For soon-to-be retirees wondering what to do next, SO WE BECAME FARMERS offers a unique alternative—but only for the very brave and very committed."

Excerpted from a press release for the book, which is published by The Cheshire Press in Andover, Massachusetts and is available on the publisher's website and on Amazon. "And you can always pick up a signed copy at Sentinel Farm."

Class of 1963 has 55th Reunion

The Class of '63 held their 55th Class Reunion in September at the Pine Ridge Country Club. It was a happy scene, well attended, and filled with all the "older age comments" like "I remember the name, but not the face." or "I remember you. What is your name again?"

There was lots of reminiscing about activities and places and events. Classmates spent the evening refreshing friendships, renewing acquaintances, and catching up with lives and personal histories. As the evening progressed, there was more and more competition from the wedding celebration above the banquet room, but classmates just talked louder!

Brush memorabilia and gift certificates from local restaurants, which were still in operation, were awarded as door prizes.

Barb Cole Schaal and the reunion committee worked months in advance and received thanks from everyone who attended.

~ Wendy Nicholls



Fern Bauman Joseph, Nancy Edwards Nystrom,
Linda Lauren Russell, and Sandy Goldstein.



Eileen Howanyk McGinley, Marty Simpson Scaffide, Cindy Hebert Hartland, Sheila Lefkowitz Myers, Elaine Hybil Arndt, Mary Kay Wolfe Soptich and Barb Atwood Pryor.



Wendy Nicholls
and Jean Stockhausen Middleton.



Jennifer Stern Pedak
and Heather Wiseman Liccardi.



Jim Redmond, Ed Curtis, and John Bell.



Wall of Achievement inductees and the top twenty-five students.

Photos by Pollack Studios



Deb Betz introducing inductees.

Reunions

Class of 1958 has 60th Reunion

The Brush Class of 1958 celebrated their 60th Reunion on August 25, 2018. The entire weekend was magical, with everyone just wanting to "catch up" and spend time talking with one another.

Friday was spent golfing for some and visiting the wonderful "Legacy Gallery" for others. The Gallery presents a wealth of great pictures and information about Brush High School. In the evening, we gathered at Trader Jack's party room for more conversation time and food for grazing. Again, just being and chatting with each other was the order of the evening.

Saturday started with a great tour of Cleveland on Lolly the Trolley. We all saw things we had never seen before and enjoyed a bonus trip by our driver to the neighborhood around the high school. Our wonderful weekend ended with a delicious dinner at Alfredo's at the Inn and a wonderful slide show of our classmates over the years. Thus ended our last "formal" reunion.

In the future, we will have informal lunches or dinners in the area. The first one we are planning is a celebration of our collective 80th birthdays in 2020.

~ Barbara Camino



Tenth Wall of Achievement

The tenth Wall of Achievement Induction Dinner was held on November 8, 2018 at the Acacia Reservation Clubhouse (formerly Acacia Country Club). This year we honored five inductees and twenty-five Brush students. Everyone enjoyed our new venue and we will continue to use this facility. We know you will enjoy reading about our inductees.

Deb DeLillo Betz '76 and Bonnie Slabaugh Abbey '68 were co-chairmen of the dinner.

LINDA FOX LYMAN — CLASS OF 1974

Linda Fox Lyman began her complex career by earning an Associate's Degree in paralegal education. She worked as a paralegal for a law firm and then for corporations for twenty-five years. Linda used her "skills in operational, securities, and real estate law" to develop a strong business background. She discovered that her professional advancement would be limited unless she earned a B.S. in Business Administration. While working and raising her family, she went to night classes for thirteen years to earn her degree from Arizona State University in 1989. For seventeen years, Linda worked for the developer of the town of Fountain Hills, Arizona, "administering their legal services with corporate and outside counsel."

In 2002, she decided to change careers, "to do something more meaningful." She quit her job and returned to night school to earn a "Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership and Management" from Arizona State University in 2004. To gain experience in this field, she volunteered her time. Her first job was as executive director of a start-up nonprofit, the Arizona Mentoring Partnership in Tempe, Arizona. She then became president/CEO of an organization that mentors at-risk teenagers, New Pathways for Youth in Phoenix, Arizona. During her ten years, she greatly expanded this organization from serving 40 clients to serving 500 clients. Her most recent job was as interim executive director of the Arizona Foundation for Women.

Linda Lyman's contribution to her community was recognized by the Organization of Nonprofit Executives, which presented her the Organization Leadership Award and named her the Executive Director of the Year in 2011.



IRWIN HABER CLASS OF 1974 AND IDA SELIGMAN HABER CLASS OF 1975

Irwin Haber and Ida Seligman Haber are the first couple to be inducted into the Wall of Achievement. Irwin earned a B.A. and a B.S. from the Ohio State University in 1978. Irwin became the chairman and owner of the PDI Group in 1993. "PDI is a leading designer and manufacturer of a variety of weapons and weapons platform support systems." It provides equipment to the United States Air Force and Navy as well as to forty-five air forces around the world. The company has operations in Solon, Ohio and Fort Walton Beach, Florida. In 2017 PDI "was recognized by the U.S. Small Business Administration as the 'Exporter of the Year for Region 5.'"

Ida Haber worked as a court stenographer in Columbus, Ohio for several years. She returned to Cleveland with her husband and spent twenty years raising their three children. She is currently the vice president of the PDI Group and is involved in the strategic planning aspects of the company.

In 1998 Irwin was named the U.S. Small Business Administration's "Small Business Person of the Year" for the Northern Ohio Region as a result of his work at PDI.

Both Irwin and Ida have devoted their lives to serving others. "A proclamation presented to Irwin and Ida by the City of Beachwood states that they are 'passionate philanthropists who spend their non-working hours making significant contributions to our community.'"

They hold a long list of leadership positions. Irwin is the Vice Chair of the Board of Directors for University Hospitals Ahuja Medical Center and is a member of the University Hospitals Health System Board of Trustees. He serves on the National Council of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) and the Endowment Fund Committee of the Jewish Federation of Cleveland. Ida sits on the board of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun and the Cleveland Clinic Wellness Board.



JODY FORCHHEIMER — CLASS OF 1974

Jody Forchheimer earned a B.A. from the University of Michigan in 1977 and a JD from Harvard Law School in 1981. She is currently senior vice president and deputy general counsel at Fidelity Investments. She leads a unit that “represents the company in all litigation, regulatory investigations, and other complex legal problems.” Her career has allowed her “to have an important role in the development of legal rules affecting critical areas of our economy, such as retirement law. . . .” Before joining Fidelity, she was “one of the few female senior partners at a major national law firm.” She has also clerked for a federal judge.

Jody has spent her career trying to advance the role of women lawyers. She has “served as a mentor and role model to young lawyers, especially women, for over three decades.” It wasn’t hard for her to see that women lawyers are in the minority. She was often the only woman in the courtroom. She worked hard to demonstrate that women were “tough, committed, and able to handle the pressures of legal practice.” Jody also showed “that having children didn’t mean that your career as a lawyer is over.” She returned to work full time after her daughters were born. She wanted “to prove that encouraging women to return after maternity leave was in the law firm’s best interest. . . .”

Jody has served on the board of the Rashi School (K-8) in Boston and helped in its development. Among the organizations to which has devoted her time are the American Jewish World Service and Oxfam America.



STAN KOHN — CLASS OF 1965

After graduating from the Ohio State University with a B.A. in education, Stan Kohn began his teaching career at Brush High School in 1969. He taught industrial arts courses and vocational electronics. Stan earned an M.A. at Cleveland State University in 1975. He left Brush in 1985 and began teaching at Cuyahoga Community College. At the Tri-C Western Campus, he served as the Director of the Visual Communications Center of Excellence. He left Tri-C for the University of Akron, where he has been a senior lecturer since 2004. Stan has worked to advance the study and use of digital media for three decades. In his forty-nine year career, he has developed and taught courses in digital imaging, graphic design, photography, panoramic photography, video, and aerial drone photography. Stan has also accepted teaching positions at the Cleveland Institute of Art and Lakeland Community College.

Stan founded Stan Kohn Photography in the mid-1970’s. The company began with commercial photography and expanded to include consulting and training for corporate clients. Among his clients are the Cleveland Museum of Art, the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, and Nationwide Insurance.

Stan’s University of Akron biography states, “Although he divides his time between photography, college teaching and consulting, his teaching expertise and concern for student success is always the driving force. His main love is to share the arts and associated technologies with his students, colleagues, industry and business.”



Bonnie Abbey '68 and Deb Betz '76
WOA co-chairmen.

JASON PRYOR — CLASS OF 2005

Jason Pryor competed in epee fencing in the 2016 Olympics in Rio. Jason earned a B.A. in English, with honors, at The Ohio State University. At Ohio State, he was part of the 2008 NCAA National Championship Team. Jason was a two-time All-American. He has been on seven Pan American Championship teams and five World Championship teams. In 2015, Jason was a Bronze Medalist in the Pan American Games and a Gold Medalist at the U.S. National Fencing Championships. He was the only American to qualify in men’s epee fencing for the 2016 summer Olympics. At the time of the games, he was ranked first in the United States and twenty-first in the world in epee fencing.

Jason has been fencing since he was eleven years old. Fencing started out as a substitute for playing soccer, but became a major part of his life. He spent five and a half years training with the Olympic team. Fencing has allowed him to see a significant portion of the world. Like other Olympic athletes, he has, to quote his parents, “lived a life of personal sacrifice, dedication, Spartan living conditions, and unyielding pursuit of excellence.” Jason now teaches, trains, competes, and looks forward to the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo. At age thirty-one, Jason is the youngest inductee to the Wall of Achievement.



Wall of Achievement Inductees.



Svetlana Binshtok '05, Ryan Kutnick '03,
and Jared Pryor '03.



Neil and Roberta Brofman with Irwin and Ida Haber.



Alan Gershen '92 and daughter
Elena Flores.