



Salem High School Alumni Association

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Millenium reunion brings in \$15,000 for boosters

Renewing old friendships, forging new ones with a common bond

B. J. Cooper Abrams ('68) tells us that \$15,000 was raised from the millenium reunion, an amount split between the Band Boosters and the Athletic Boosters. For graduates who wanted to, but couldn't make it, she's written up a reprise of the event:

"Well, it's all over and what an event it was! Renewing old friendships. What a busy weekend. We started by decorating downtown Salem, took tours of Salem junior and senior high school buildings, the historical museum, Butler Institute of Art, the Burchfield Museum and the alumni office. Frank Zamarelli headed up our pancake breakfast, an all class photo was taken and the biggest, best dance ever at the Saxon Club featured the New Breed and five other bands.

"Two hundred people attended the banquet Friday night, with Coach Earle Bruce the speaker.

"A plaque designed by Don Wolfgang ('67) was unveiled, honoring all coaches, athletic directors and band directors for the past 100 years. The plaque was signed by everyone attending the banquet, which was emceed by Tom Vacar ('67).

"Don also designed a commemorative plate with the alma mater on the back. The plate was signed by the author, Barbara Butler Greene ('44). A commemorative book researched and donated by the Salem News was given to everyone who purchased a ticket for any of the events. Gary Bielski ('68) designed a sign used in city parades for advertising. Mayor Larry DeJane

('60) made a special proclamation for the event, and Jerry Wolford ('57) video taped the banquet, breakfast, dance and bands. Larry Shields gave the millenium great press coverage in the Salem News, with about a dozen articles. Gary and Cheryl Kekel ('66) planned the music entertainment.

"A time capsule was sponsored by Connie Bowman Rowe ('62). The capsule was buried Oct. 20 in a special ceremony at the high school by Tom Wright ('66) and Gary Abrams ('64) and marked with markers donated by Logue Monument and The Salem High School Alumni Association. Items in the time capsule include the millennium plate, booklet, photos and video to be opened in July 2050. The Salem High School Marching Band participated in the ceremony."



Speaker Coach Earle Bruce, former Salem High and Ohio State University coach, and Charles Alexander ('68) chat during one of the millenium reunion weekend functions.



Tom Vacar ('67) and Babara Butler Greene ('44) enjoyed comparing notes about their school days at one of the millenium reunion events.

Nancy Gilbertson featured artist in Kent series

Nancy Cody Gilbertson ('72) presented a piano recital as a featured artist for the Kent State Salem Artist-Lecture Series at the local campus on Sept. 28. Music of Haydn and Brahms was featured as well as selections from her current CD.

She received her first musical training from pianist Helen Timm in Salem. She was active in the high school music department as an accompanist in choral programs under F. Edwin Miller. She also played the saxophone and timpani under band instructors Dr. Howard Pardee and Richard Howenstein.

A member of the music faculty at Wells College in Aurora, N. Y. since

1986, Nancy teaches piano, piano pedagogy, music theory and composition. She maintains a private piano studio in Moravia, N. Y.

She was staff accompanist at Ithaca College from 1988 to 1998. An active performer in the New York Finger Lakes area as a soloist and chamber musician, she has premiered works by Ruth Lomon and Margaret Fairlie-Kennedy.

A graduate of the Hugh A. Glauser School of Music at Kent State University, Nancy received a bachelor and master degree in piano performance. Her teachers include the late Lois Ozanich, Frederick Schoettler and Hugh A. Glauser.

She founded Horizon Performances, a chamber music series funded by the National Endowment of the Arts through the Cayuga County Arts Council.

She serves as a judge for the National Federation of Junior Music Festivals, National Piano Guild Auditions and the Central New York Music Teachers Association Senior Piano Competition.

Nancy recently released her first CD recording, "Mediterranean Magic," featuring the music of Israel, Greece, Egypt, Spain and Italy. The CD also includes work by Kent State University emeritus Professor Halim El-Dabh.

Report of the Y2K reunion in September

By Marguerite Fultz Miller ('48)

When members of the class of '48 held their 50th reunion in 1998, they decided that they did not want to wait another five years before celebrating again. With all the publicity centering around the millennium, they wanted something to commemorate this once-in-a-lifetime event. Rather than plan another reunion for just the Class of '48, they decided to host a reunion for the decade of the 40's. All classes graduating from 1940-1950 were

represented in the planning and all graduates from the decade were invited to the reunion held at the Salem Golf Club September 23. Two hundred eighteen graduates and guests attended and shared a wonderful evening greeting friends from their own class and those they knew from other classes. It was a truly great opportunity to renew friendships with the many SHS graduates who attended from Salem and many states across the country.

More news items from Salem High alumni

Alumni of the Year Lou R. Slaby has a warm thank you for the alumni association for the honor: "I want to thank you for your naming me the year's honored alumnus and for giving my wife, my family and me a most memorable evening. I was deeply affected by the award.

"The city of Salem and the high school students are truly blessed by your efforts in the awarding of the scholarships. It was evident that a tremendous amount of work, planning and effort went into the event. I was also very impressed by the quality and character of the students who received the scholarships. The students are a compliment to both their parents and the community.

"I also wish to thank you for your thoughtfulness in personally inviting members of my graduating class to the affair. It was especially nice since I do not get an opportunity to see and talk with them very often. Again, many thanks for an evening my family and I will always remember.

The Class of 1961 is trying to locate Althea Patterson McPherson, Carl Dunn, Carol Murphy Wunderle, Darlene Hazen Faith, Halle Goard Brady, James Copely, Judith Bailey Smith, Michael Boyd, Nancy Robbins, Paulette Severs, Sally McNickle Skinner, Timothy Reynolds, and Gerald Harris. Contact Polly Begalla Schaffer at 330-332-9728 or the alumni office at 877-332-1427.

Salem calendars are available

The Salem Community Calendar is again available by mail order.

From 1984 to 1991, the proceeds were given to SAGE, the Salem Association for the Gifted Education which is now affiliated with the Salem Public Schools.

Since 1992, the beneficiary has been the Episcopal Church of Our Saviour.

This year's calendar will feature sketches by eight local artists, Jock Buta, Erma Eaton, Jim Gow, Joanne Holt, Sam Kirkland, Ron Roberts, Ed Sullivan & Linda Sutter. The buildings featured include historical homes on South Lincoln Avenue, East State Street and Newgarden Ave., churches and Sandy and Beaver Canal.

To place an order, write Mrs. John Buta, 663 S. Lincoln Ave., Salem, 44460 and include a check for \$9, which will cover the postage.

Class rings, anyone?

We would like to display rings belonging to various classes through the years.

Now there's a place to preserve some history of Salem High School. Please send the rings to the Salem High School Alumni Office, 328 E. State St., Salem, 44460.