



NEWSLETTER 2007



Welcome to the Class of 2008

The Pride Alumni Band Association would like to welcome the Class of 2008:

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Cady Bruce
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Holly Graham
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Kylie Walter
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Please join me in welcoming our 2008 seniors into "The Pride"!

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As President, I'd like to start off by thanking the alumni committee for really putting together a great program for 2007 and wait till you see what's on tap for 2008!

This year we saw a nice increase in our alumni who turned out for the Cuyahoga Falls Memorial Day parade, and the Stow Fourth of July parade. This year, we also played at the Italian Fest and hope to make this a yearly event!

The annual Parade of Bands Show was especially exciting as we saw the return of ALL past directors. Scott Curfman, Don Turoso, Chris DeMarco, Bob Felbush, and even Mrs. Reynolds came to represent R.O. Unfortunately, our practices were all but rained out and only the truest diehard alum's attended, but the rain did hold off for the band show.

We were very fortunate to see many of our recent 2006 and 2007 graduates join us for several events this year. This is great and we need to see this trend continue!

For 2008, we will be marching in both parades again, take part in the annual Parade of Bands Show, playing at the Italian Fest, and for our 2008 Pride Alumni fundraisers, we have been asked to pour the suds at two Rockin' on the Rivers!

We cannot continue to do this without you! 2008 is the year to get re-involved and reacquainted with the Pride! This organization exists for you and because of you! Please review our 2008 calendar on the back page and make plans to attend some of these exciting events to show your continued pride and dedication!

Please help the Pride to thank CIC who came through with instruments after Lentine's sudden closure, Reiter Dairy who supplied Chilly Willy for the band show, Doug Flinn at Acme, Terri Reinhold- IMP President, Brandon Duvall and Dustin Harris who always allow us to come home and use the band room, Superintendent Ed Holland and CFHS for their recognition of our past directors, Mr. Dick Swinehart- Band Manager Emeritus, Jim Stanley- our new Pride photographer, Marsha McKenna at the Falls City Press, Anne Fassnacht at PRIME Business who supplies our t-shirts and finally, thank you to all who attended this years' events. It is truly my honor to serve as your president! I hope to see you in 2008!

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Bowers, President
The Pride Alumni

2008 Officers

Congratulations to your 2008 Officers: Mark Bowers ('85), President; Tom Cunningham ('73), Vice President; John Walk ('72), Treasurer; Sue Madigan ('69), Secretary

Entertainment Committee

Another Year Another Party

(Phil Frederick)

Another show has come and gone and we all survived. The parties were a little smaller than in the past but just as much fun. I'd like to thank Doug Flinn and ACME for donating the Dan Dee chips and always being helpful with our subs. I would also like to thank Joe at the Italian American Citizens Center for giving us a good price and always being helpful. And Rocco's pizza for Tuesday nights pizza extravaganza. And of course I cannot forget Steve Pasch and Becky McArthur at Reiter Dairy for the donation of the fruit punch.

I would like to hear from anyone who has suggestions on how to make our parties better. Would you prefer a DJ or Karaoke, A band or just a radio? If you have suggestions send me an e-mail at tubaguy1989@yahoo.com.

Instrument Rentals and Donations

(Mike Price)

The Pride Alumni Committee would like to thank all of the people who used the instruments this year for taking good care of them and returning them in the same condition as they were borrowed in. We would also like to thank CIC for donating the usage of those instruments to us this year as Lentine's has gone out of business. It is our hope that we can continue this relationship with CIC for as long as we can.

We are also always looking for donations of instruments from you, your friends/family, and the community. If you are someone who is no longer able to participate with the alumni band and would like to see your instrument put to good use, please donate it to us. We have received many instruments from members and the community which we are currently fixing and putting to good use. If you or anyone that you know would like to donate an instrument, please contact The Pride Alumni Committee. We are a 501c3 (non-profit) organization which means you can use the donation as a tax deduction. Please help us to gain more instruments as we would like be able to provide for any instrument need in the future. With your help we can make this possible.

Cuyahoga Falls Memorial Day Parade

(Karla Hess)

State Road Shopping Center.....Portage Trail to Fourth Street.....Reviewing Stand.....High School.....Oakwood Cemetery

These are the major highlights of the annual Cuyahoga Falls Memorial Day Parade. Each year with grace, enthusiasm, and talent, The Pride of the Pride of Cuyahoga Falls High School joins together for our first summer event. We don our gold number shirts, (no matter what our year!), black shorts and tennis shoes to march in front of our town and our friends and relatives.

We had approximately 50 marchers this year under the direction of Scott Curfman, including several 2007 graduates who decided to march with us! We were escorted by Forsheys in their yellow and black convertible, and were handed water by several young band enthusiasts while playing Tiger Rag down Portage Trail.

The crowds cheered loudly when we passed several intersections and were on their feet as we went by the high school. As we passed the reviewing stand and finished Tiger Rag, we started a very spirited version of JW complete with high knees and flourished instruments with pride! Needless to say, when we got to the cemetery, some of us were very tired and chops were sore, however it was a good tired and always exciting to be in front of the home crowd.

This year was our fourth consecutive year in the parade and we are looking forward to many more! Please join us in 2008 on Monday, May 26. Keep an eye on your mail for the annual postcard and our website: www.pridealumni.org for further details about practice times, instrument rental and the parade. Let's keep the Pride of the Pride of Cuyahoga Falls in the Memorial Day Parade for many years to come!

4th of July Parade

(Steve Mietus)

The annual 4th of July Parade in Stow was once again a highlight in the year of the Pride Alumni Band. If you weren't there, you should have been. There's only one non-mandatory practice, and then the big event. We want all of you there. Each year we seem to move up a little further in the line up; don't wait until we're the second unit in the parade before you join us!

OK, now that the recruitment solicitation has been made, here's a quick review of the event. Scott Curfman directed the Alumni Band for this spectacular event. For the second year in a row, the weather was extremely cooperative. It was partly sunny, or partly cloudy, depending on your point of view. In any case, there was sun to make the day feel alive, and some cloud cover to give us marchers some reprieve.

The crowd was as appreciative as it was large. With a parade as long as this one is, one might expect a sparse gathering of spectators along the route. This is not the case with the Stow 4th of July Parade. There is rarely a

spot empty of fans along the route. Even with the huge crowd, we are able to see those of you who should be marching with us and not watching! That's OK, we know you'll be with us wearing your Pride Alumni shirt next year.

Nobody is exactly sure how many times we played Tiger Rag this year. At least nobody shared the exact count with me! But rest assured that each and every time Mr. Curfman blew the whistle the Pride Alumni Band stepped up to the plate and played Tiger Rag with the same zeal and gusto as we did when we were seniors. Granted, some of us are senior citizens now, but that doesn't stop us from being the biggest and best alumni band in the nation! And you can be a part of this too. All you have to do is show up! We hope to see you here next year!

The Alumni would also like to thank the Forsheys for once again having the Mustang available. Also, thanks to Anne Fassnacht, and her passenger Shannon Fassnacht, for manning the water van, C. J. Forshey for helping with the banner, Emily Kate Fassnacht for leading the banner onward and our ever-present Alum-Youth for passing the water bottles – Jason Madigan, Stephen Fassnacht and Kyle Spessard.



Italian Festival
(Steve Mietus)

This year was also the first year of what we hope to be an annual performance and fund raising opportunity. The Pride Alumni Band was offered a job playing at the annual Italian Festival on the Falls Mall. There was no marching involved, just sitting down and playing a lot of marching tunes. There was a brief rehearsal in the band room before we all walked down to the mall and took our places.

Scott Curfman was once again our leader, but he also joined us in performing for this event. It was truly a pleasant event that was low key and you didn't even have to break a sweat. On top of that, the alumni band earned some money that will help pay for our mailings, the shirts for graduates, donations to IMP, and the many other items that we support. Please know that all money earned by the alumni band goes directly to supporting the Tiger Band, IMP, and the alumni.

Band Show
(Steve Mietus)

Every year the Band Show gets better than the last, and this year was no exception. OK, that was my opening line to this section last year, but it still holds true. If you missed it, please refer to the recruitment solicitation in the 4th of July Parade article.

The even begins, as usual, with the Sunday afternoon practice. After rehearsing in the band room we went outside for our first rehearsal. Al Gore can say what he wants about global warming, but it was cold and wet for us on the parking lot! And Scott Curfman, in true Tiger Band Director form, did not cancel the practice. Instead

he had us practicing in the cold and rain and while we complained amongst ourselves, we really did enjoy it. And the hot dogs after the rehearsal were a welcome treat and gave us all a chance to reminisce.

The Monday evening practice was much more dry, but still cold. But we did add some additional marchers and fine tuned our half-time spectacular. In true alumni fashion, the rehearsal was followed by a gathering at the Italian-American club for some beverages, food, and entertainment.

Finally, the night of the big show arrived. While some of the events are routine (finding a close parking space, the annual picture under the tiger, buying an arms length of raffle tickets from Doug Flynn, etc.) this evening was very special. We had all of the directors of the Tiger band for the past 70+ years. While R.O. Reynolds could not be with us, his wife represented him well. Directors present in chronological order were Mrs. Reynolds, Bob Feldbush, Don Turoso, Chris DeMarco, Scott Curfman, and Brandon DuVall. It was truly impressive to see all of that history receiving a certificate of appreciation from Superintendent Ed Holland on the 50 yard line!

As tradition dictates, the Pride Alumni Band takes the field just before intermission. And as usual, the crowd showed their appreciation with thunderous applause and cheers – and that was before the first whistle was sounded! The sound level increased to the point that you almost couldn't hear the Buddy Rich cadence as the drum and tuba line came on to the field! The running cadence brought the rest of the 2007 alumni on to the field and the show was under way.

After marching half-way through Tiger Rag it was time to perform the traditional song, "More." Whether you end up in a squad that does the hot dog or the pin wheel, you can't help but to love this song. After the final push into the closing, the crowd was on their feet cheering.

The concert number this year was "Shine Down" and featured a trombone duet. Once the concert number finished it was time for the conversion back into the block and the last half of Tiger Rag. After the 3 count turn around and the bow, the fans were waiting in anticipation for the finale. After the words "One more time" came over the speakers, the tubas gave those infamous pickups into the finale of Tiger Rag that had the entire stadium roaring with excitement. But it wasn't over yet.

After the bow comes the running cadence off the field that takes us into the JW cadence. Having John Walk (the writer of that famous cadence) leading us down the field makes us push ourselves that much harder. After the halt, while many were gasping for air, there were no injuries and even though many of us were asking ourselves why we would ever agree to do this, we all know we'll be back again next year. And we expect YOU to be there with us!

ATTENTION ALL ALUMNI

(Tom Cunningham)

We are trying to put together a history and resource center of the Cuyahoga Falls Tiger Band. If any of you have old pictures, new pictures, programs, slides, video tapes, 8 mm movies, DVD'S, etc., of the Tiger Band, we would appreciate your scanning pictures, documents, trip itine4raqries, etc., or letting us borrow them to make copies. When the book is finished, we will add it to the collection of available materials to look at or send copies to the local libraries.

Please don't hoard your materials. Share them with anybody and everybody. If sending pictures, please try to include who is in them if you still remember! Send the to: TOM CUNNINGHAM terc@neo.rr.com. Thank you

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(Visit their website at www.cftigerband.org)

The Tiger Band is taking donations of all old cell phones, empty ink cartridges, Acme receipts and box tops. These can be dropped off at the band room anytime, or, please make arrangements with one of the Pride Alumni Committee members.

The Tiger Band will be selling fresh-cut Christmas Trees again this year at Laybourne Track behind Bolich Middle School. Sales will begin December 1: Monday through Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Please call Mark Menegos @ 330.940.3391 for details.

Join the IMP at their ANNUAL Reverse Raffle on February 2, 2008. This is a wonderful way to support the Instrumental Music program at Cuyahoga Falls. The event will be held at the Natatorium and begin at 7:00 p.m. The theme will be Margaritaville, so dress appropriately. Tickets are \$60 for a single ticket (dinner included). Additional dinner tickets can be purchased for \$30. Please call Michelle Grimes at 330-686-6696 for details and to purchase tickets.



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Shirts are the gold t-shirts with our Official Pride Alumni logo on the front.

S___ M___ L___ XL___ 2XL___ 3XL___

Please indicate quantity and size

qty_____@\$15.00 Total_____

Polo shirts \$25.00

Again, we have our polo shirts. These are no pocket shirts in gold only with our logo proudly embroidered in black on the left side.

S___ M___ L___ XL___ 2XL___ 3XL___

Please indicate quantity and size

qty_____@\$25.00 Total_____

2004 End Zone Picture \$10.00

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2004 Performance DVD \$10.00

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Total Merchandise _____
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Please make checks payable to **Pride Alumni Band Association** and mail to:

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Events to Remember

Cuyahoga Falls Memorial Day Parade – Monday, May 26, 2008 9:00 a.m. This will be our fifth year. Not as long as the Stow parade, but we still need all the marchers we can get. Instrument rentals limited to tubas and drums. Rehearsal scheduled for Sunday, May 25 1 p.m. at the High School.

Rockin' on the River – Friday, May 30, 2008 and Friday, August 29, 2008 – The Pride Alumni Association has been contracted to handle the “beer pouring” at two Rockin' on the River events. We will be soliciting help from YOU. In order to serve behind the counters, you must be 21 years of age. This is a BIG, HUGE fundraiser for us. Please come and help us support this organization. Proceeds benefit the high school band and helps defray the cost of the senior t-shirts and newsletters.

Stow Fourth of July Parade – Friday, July 4, 2008, 9:00 a.m.. Always a crowd favorite! Come and join us. Again, only tubas and drums will be available for rental. Rehearsal scheduled for Sunday, June 29, 1:00 p.m. at the high school.

Falls High Band Show - August 19. Practices scheduled for: Sunday, August 17 - Registration from 12 noon to 2 p.m., practice from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, August 18 – Registration 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., practice 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., after practice party at the Italian Center. Band show, Tuesday, August 19 at 7 p.m. Please be in the High Schoolside end zone at 6:30 for the group picture. Come and join old and new friends for our annual show. We are again trying to hit the 200+ mark! Instrument rentals will be available. However, as we cannot get piccolos, we suggest you make arrangements to borrow one from a friend! Sorry!!

Check out our website at www.pridealumni.org for further information on all of the above events.

CALLING ALL PAST BAND PRESIDENTS!

We need your help in tracking down your graduating class and updating the Pride Alumni database. Please call Mark Bowers at home (330-928-1587) or cell (330-289-0775). We will provide you with our current information to review and update.

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