

Galion Alumni Association News

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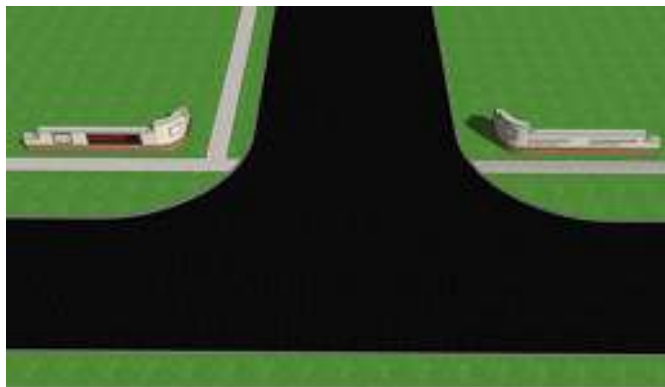
Entryway project underway!

The Galion Alumni Association has taken on its first major project and it's a big one!

As part of the new campus for all Galion City Schools, your Alumni Association has taken on the task of raising \$65,000 for a dramatic entryway sign (drawing shown at right).

This new sign will feature a 13' electronic message board and clearly identify the buildings. This sign will be on SR 598.

"We are asking alumni and community members to donate to



this project," said committee co-chair Joe Kleinknecht ('60). "As of Jan. 16 we have \$19,778.15 pledged or already donated."

Donors will be listed on the new structure. Donation requests have been sent to Association members and to members of the

community.

A donation form is enclosed in this news letter. Please share this with a friend!

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Announcements!

- Annual Meeting is February 19, 2007
- Election of Board and Officers is set for Annual Meeting
- Homecoming 2007 is September 28, 2007
- Alumni Picnic is planned for July 14, 2007
- Don't forget that annual membership is due!
- Tell a classmate about the Galion Alumni Association!

Academic Award Breakfast Great Success

One of the projects of the Alumni Association is sponsoring an Academic Awards banquet for high school students earning a 3.00 average or higher for each grading period.

The breakfast was

started last school year at the suggestion of high school principal Joe Gotchall. He was looking for a means to reward academic achievement and provide recognition for positive academic improvement.

The breakfast serves about 120 students each grading period. The Alumni Association provides the meal.

The program has been well received and will continue.



First Alumni Picnic a success!

The first annual (we hope!) Alumni Picnic was held on July 16 as part of the Galion 175th Birthday celebration. Graduates from Galion and across the country came to share memories and fun at Heise Park.

Prior to the Alumni get together, a vintage baseball game between the Ohio Village Muffins and a Galion team, the Orangemen, was held. The game was played under 19th century rules and

was watched by a good crowd of local citizenry. The Muffins defeated the locals.

During the picnic door prizes were given to alumni members for farthest distance, oldest alumni and newest alumni. Prizes were donated by Galion merchants and the Galion Historical Society. Over 100 attended the game and the picnic

Plans are underway for the 2007 version of this fun

outing. The confirmed date for this event is July 14, 2007. The Muffins will again take the field against the Orangemen in a rematch. Festivities will begin at noon.

Tours of the new building are being arranged for this date. Come and see this great new facility.

Craig Clinger is organizing this event. Watch for more information about this outing.

Alumni Band Night a fun night!

The annual Alumni Band Night was a terrific success this year. Over 50 former Tiger Band members returned to Galion to march down the field one more time.

Joining the current Tiger Band, the Alumni performed both at pregame and at halftime. A special

event was the combined bands performing "Script Ohio". Dotting the "I" were alumni band member Paul Heiser, class of 1942 and senior Tiger band member Meg Plummer. Meg was voted the Outstanding Marching bandman of the current band,

and Paul was the oldest alumni member marching that night.

Alumni Band night 2007 will be September 28. This will be homecoming and more events are in planning. Watch for details!

Galion's Alumni Band may be the oldest continuous high school alumni band in the state. Formed in 1975, the band is active year round. If you play, come join the fun!

Call Brian Treisch at 419-462-2209 and get on the list to contact for play dates.

**Annual Meeting
Galion Alumni
Association
Monday, Feb. 19
7:00 p.m.
Peace Lutheran
Church
Please attend!**

Annual Meeting will be February 19, 2007

The annual membership meeting for the Galion Alumni Association will be held on Monday, February 19 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at Peace Lutheran Church, 129 W. Walnut, Galion, Ohio.

This meeting is very important because of the election of new directors and officers. "We are growing and have the opportunity to work on many projects," said Joe Kleinknecht, association vice

president. "The more people we can involve means more projects can happen. Pick your project and pitch in!"

Mark your calendars to attend this important meeting!