

2016 Membership Drive News Letter

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Â 2015 in Review

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It is time once again for our annual membership drive.Â In this Alumni update you will find the results of the efforts of the Galion Alumni Association during 2015.Â These projects were accomplished in large part through memberships, which allowed us to contribute financially and physically to alumni activities involving the Galion City Schools and the Galion Community. Thank you for your continued support.

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Membership UpdateÂ

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In 2015, there were 157 dues paying members, of which 75 were Lifetime Members.Â This year, four of our members chose the Lifetime Membership option.Â For that we are very grateful.Â Though most of those Annual Members have been loyal members through the existence of the organization we have seen a few new members come on board.Â We, as an organization, greatly appreciate the loyalty of our current members and encourage the participation of these members to become actively involved in the activities of the organization.Â For local members we encourage participation by becoming a member of the Board of Directors and participating in the activities of the Alumni Association.Â There is always the opportunity for all to relay suggestions for activities that would appeal to you.

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During 2015, the Galion Alumni Association continued to pursue opportunities to aid in building a better school system and community.Â We have been involved in providing funds for small projects that benefit current students and recognize the contributions of Galion Graduates.Â Some of those efforts are covered below.

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Galion Alumni Association

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The Alumni Association held two fund raisers during 2015. A Wine Tasting and Silent Auction were held on Saturday, March 14th. This event was held at the Galion Country Club and featured California wines paired with foods that might be served with each wine.Â Proceeds from this event were a part of a donation to the Galion City Schools Campus wear fund. This fund provides vouchers to aid less fortunate families for clothing that meets school dress code requirements. Â We will be holding the 2016 Wine Tasting and Silent Auction on Saturday, March 12, 2016.Â The event will take place at the Galion Country Club from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Â Wines from around the world will be featured along with foods that might accompany each wine.Â In addition to the wines, there will be four craft beers available.Â This has proven to be a fun time and all are invited to attend. Proceeds are intended for the Campus Wear Fund.Â Â The Alumni Association has taken over the 300 Club ticket sales. For those not familiar with the 300 Club Ticket, it involves the sale of 300 tickets at \$20.00 each.Â At each home game in both football and basketball, two tickets are drawn to determine winners of \$100.00 each.Â Â Those tickets are then returned to the container and are eligible to be drawn in the future. We sure could use some help with the sale of the 300 Club Tickets.Â Total income from all sources including the Wine Tasting, membership dues, 300 Club Ticket sales, donations and account interest amounted to \$8,519.60. Â

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Cash donations to the Galion City School System this year included \$1000.00 to the Campus Wear Fund, \$2500.00 to assist in the cost of a sports assets study and \$2100.00 for a Connections Weekend Sponsorship.Â Money was also spent to promote the Association through ads in the Drama Department program and Yearbook. Expense Items this year included \$303.00 for Post Office Box fees and postage and \$75.00 to maintain our Chamber of Commerce Membership. Â A \$500.00 donation was made to sponsor the establishment of the Galion Graders, a college level summer baseball team and \$3623.80 in prize money to 300 Club drawing winners and ticket printing costs. Â Â Total expenses came to \$9976.80, about \$1657.20 more than income for the year 2015.

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The Galion Alumni Association is a participating member of the Connections Weekend Committee. This Committee is responsible for the production of the Galion Connections Weekend. This weekend features a Thursday, Homecoming Bonfire (Weather permitting), Friday, Career Day for Middle School students and the Homecoming Game in the evening. Saturday features a Kiwanis sponsored Pancake Breakfast, and the Hall of Fame Banquet. The Alumni Association plays a large role in the Hall of Fame event. All of these events are open to the public and are not restricted to Alumni.

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Since the creation of the Association in 2004, there has been only one significant project that required solicitation of funds. That was the Entryway Project. Alumni responded and the result is on display at the entrance to the Galion City School Campus on Portland Way North. We would like to our membership more involved in the workings of the Association. We are seeking input from Galion Alumni as to what they would like to see from their Association. Send us your thoughts or attend one of our meetings.

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In an effort to reach more people, a Galion Alumni Association page has been created on Facebook. Anyone wishing to contact us with ideas may do so, by using the Contact Us menu item on the Galion Alumni Association website, or leave a posting on Facebook. You may write us a letter and send it to us at PO Box 22, Galion, OH 44833. The Alumni Association Board generally meets the third Monday of every month unless there is a cancellation or rescheduling. The meetings are currently being held at the Pizza Hut in Galion usually at 6:30 p.m. All who wish to participate are cordially invited to attend.

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