



# Salem High School Alumni Association

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## Greenisens create second leadership scholarship

A new scholarship to encourage Salem High School alumni to take on leadership roles while in college was created in December by Joel E. Greenisen '54 of Ypsilanti, Mich., and Philip Greenisen '61, (Joel's brother) and Marjory Greenisen (Philip's wife), of Salem. Their contribution of \$100,000 was made to the Salem High School Alumni Association (SHSAA) in memory of Greenisen relatives.

The Greenisen College Leadership Scholarship will be given for the first time on May 31 at the alumni reunion and banquet to an individual who has demonstrated leadership at his or her college or in the community where the college is located.

Scholarship applicants must have a grade point average of 3.0 or better, must be completing at least the sophomore year of an undergraduate program, and must be enrolled full time at an

accredited baccalaureate-degree granting institution. The Greenisens said their priority is helping students complete bachelor's degrees, but they are open to the alumni association board considering applications from individuals enrolled in professional and graduate programs.

"The board and I are so happy the alumni association can be a part of the Greenisens' newest effort to cultivate leadership attributes among Salem alumni. We thank them for their trust in the association to carry out their vision. We hope it moves college students to a higher level of engagement in their colleges and communities," said SHSAA President Janie Cleveland Mowery '72.

The key criterion for the scholarship is leadership.

"We just think it's an exceedingly important trait and skill that needs to be developed and encouraged," Philip said. In their conversations about the scholar-

ship, he explained, the three Greenisens focused on the important need for leaders in America. Philip listed workplaces, homes, government, volunteer organizations, and churches as places where people seem reluctant to invest themselves as leaders. "Leadership is a quality that is needed every place," he said.

Applicants for the Greenisen College Leadership Scholarship will be required to submit two letters of recommendations and complete three essay questions along with an application form that will soon be posted on SHSAA's Web site. One recommendation must come from a representative of the applicant's college, and the other from a representative of the college or community organization in which the applicant is involved.

The essay questions will focus on students' leadership experiences, why and how they took on leadership roles, and

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## Eleanor Szkola's bequest directed to renovation, scholarships

Eleanor "Beany" Szkola '37 was known to many people in Salem as the city health department clerk who walked with crutches. Despite a childhood bout of polio that disabled her, she often walked from her North Broadway Avenue home to City Hall during her 25 years as a public employee.

On October 19, the Salem High School Alumni Association became the beneficiary of a \$59,475.54 check that was hand-delivered by Dee Stryzinski, the administrator of Eleanor's estate.

"I had no idea it was coming. It was a wonderful surprise," SHSAA Treasurer Jeff Zimmerman '81 said of the check. Stryzinski has asked that the association divide the bequest between its office renovation project and its scholarship endowment.

SHSAA President Janie Cleveland



*Eleanor Szkola*

Mowery '72 said the alumni board is grateful for the gift. "It was so kind and thoughtful of Miss Szkola to name the alumni association as her beneficiary. We hope to honor her memory in our

new display area. It is wonderful that her legacy will continue with our general scholarship fund as well," Mowery said.

Stryzinski said she felt good fulfilling Eleanor's wishes by delivering the check to the association. "People can benefit from her generosity," Stryzinski said.

"She was very big on education," Stryzinski said of Eleanor's desire to help the alumni association with its mission. Helen Potter Hayes '57, SHSAA office coordinator, remembers Eleanor climbing the steps to visit the second floor office once in the past decade. She told Hayes she wanted to see the office and learn about the day-to-day activities.

Eleanor was a member of St. Paul Church her entire life. Though not a Rotary Club member, she was grateful to the local club's members who made it possible for her to attend a summer

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## Renovation of association's 1st floor nears completion

Renovations to the first floor of the Salem High School Alumni Association's building at 330 East State Street are almost complete.

The association's office will operate from the first floor by March, according to Jeff Zimmerman '81, the association's treasurer and the board's point man for the renovation project.

Stittle Construction Corp. of Salem began construction on November 13, 2007. Eric Stittle '02, the project estimator and overseer, said in January he anticipated construction will be completed in February within the 120 days stipulated in the Salem firm's contract with the association. Stittle Corp.'s bid of \$204,350 was the lower of two submitted. Four local contractors were invited to bid on the project.

Stittle's workers gutted the 2,800-square-foot space prior to beginning the renovation. The new construction includes installation of new wiring, plumbing for two handicapped accessible bathrooms and a small kitchen, walls, drywall, dropped ceilings, carpeting, air ducts, cabinetry, case work, and a sprinkler system.

In addition to Eric Stittle, several of the subcontractors who participated in the project are Salem High School alumni. They include Ken Gross '77, owner of Julian Electric, and Steven Kastenhuber '77, owner of Salem Mill & Cabinet Co. The suppliers included Peoples Lumber Co., owned by Bonnie Campbell Sarginger '53. Ken Kenst '68, a project manager at Stittle, is a member of the alumni association's board. Kenst did not participate in the board's planning or discussions of the project because he anticipated that the firm would bid on the project.



*Jim Stittle, co-owner of Stittle Corp., and Eric Stittle '02 talk about the installation of a dropped ceiling in the first floor of the Salem High School Alumni Association's building during a site visit by David L. Sommers '87, architect for the renovation and Jeff Zimmerman '81, SHSAA treasurer.*

"It's gone very smoothly. I'm happy with the outcome," architect David L. Sommers '67 said in early January. "I think it is going to look sharp."

Sommers, of Kent, met with the board multiple times in 2007 to plan the renovation and prepare the specifications for the bids. During construction he served as the contract administrator, which involved periodic visits to the worksite to monitor progress and deal with any construction issues. Since it was built in 1900, the building has been used as a saloon, billiard hall, tobacconist, hardware store, photography studio, cosmetology school, and shoe store.

New furniture for the conference room, offices, and welcome area will arrive in late February. Interior decorator Gary Rist '58 of Canfield helped the board select furniture and window treatments.

The upholstered furniture purchased to

match the Williamsburg decor of the second floor when it was renovated in 1982 will remain there. The board plans to rent the second floor office.

### Interested in donating to the new office?

In 2007, two contributions of more than \$1,000 were designated for the renovation. The Class of 1977 asked that its \$1,350 gift purchase a flat panel television to show recordings of SHS musical performances and sporting events.

Half of Eleanor Szkola's \$59,475.54 bequest will be used in the new display area.

For information about naming opportunities in honor of, or in memory of, or in celebration of alumni, family, friends, or teachers call 330-332-1427.

## Six alumni receive Charles Fox Memorial Scholarships

In August, the Salem High School Alumni Association awarded six, \$1,000 Charles Fox Scholarships to Salem High School graduates who are preparing for health care careers.

The scholarship recipients are Matthew James Ciotti '02, who is enrolled at Case Western Reserve University; Damien Earl '01, who is enrolled at the University of Toledo College of Medicine; Jason Weingart '00, who is enrolled in the University of Toledo College of Medicine; James

Dombroski '03, who is enrolled at Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine; Ryan Goerig '00, who is enrolled at the Boston University School of Medicine; and Angela Rank '99, who is enrolled at the Medical University of South Carolina.

These awards are made available from the Charles Fox Memorial Scholarship Fund held by the Salem Community Foundation.

Charles Fox was born in Lisbon in 1903. He attended Lisbon public schools

and East Liverpool Business School. Fox was employed from 1925 until 1950 by the Salem China Company. He then worked at the Salem Label Company, from which he retired in 1969 as secretary-treasurer.

Fox enjoyed music and encouraged community residents to support talented young people. Fox designated that the income from his estate support community concerts in Salem and the SHSAA scholarships. He died in 1972.

# 1977 classmates become brigadier generals

Two graduates of Salem High School's Class of 1977 became brigadier generals in 2007.

Brigadier General Robert R. Ruark '77 was nominated for promotion by President George Bush in January 2007. He was then serving as the commanding officer of the 3rd Materials Readiness Battalion in Okinawa, Japan. In June, Ruark became the commanding general of the 1st Marine Logistics Group at Camp Pendleton in California. He began a 13-month assignment in Iraq in January.

Brigadier General Jay G. Santee '77 was nominated by Bush in April 2007. He was then serving as the commander of the 21st Space Wing at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado. In July, Santee became the vice commander for the 14th Air Force, Air Forces Strategic-Space, at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California. On November 24 - the same day the Class of 1977 gathered for its 30th reunion in Salem - Santee's daughters pinned a star on the epaulets of his uniform during a ceremony attended by 40 relatives and friends.

Mike Pierson, an Air Force public affairs officer at Peterson Air Force Base, checked with Pentagon personnel, on the precedent of two public high school classmates making flag rank. Unfortunately, military records do not track this data.

At Salem High, Ruark and Santee were well-liked by classmates who recognized their genuine kindness and the leadership qualities they exhibited in classes, varsity sports, and clubs. Ruark was selected by classmates as the boy most likely to succeed. Santee was among the top 10 graduates in a class of 299 students. Strategic thinkers even as teens, both men did the academic work and planning necessary to begin their military career paths before high school graduation. The announcements of their recent promotions helped Ruark locate Santee. They have renewed their friendship and hope to meet soon in California.

## Ruark

Ruark attended Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, on a Navy ROTC scholarship. As he rose through the ranks, Ruark served in six Marine Expeditionary unit deployments that placed him in several of the world's most volatile hot spots. He



U.S. Marine Corps

Brigadier General Robert R. Ruark



U.S. Air Force

Brigadier General Jay G. Santee

was involved in the following operations: Desert Storm during the First Iraq War, Provide Promise in the Adriatic Sea, Guardian Assistance in Rwanda, and Stabilize in East Timor.

"Today's marines are accomplishing incredible things in Iraq and indeed are part of a generation that in its own right is a great one," Ruark wrote in an email response to questions for the alumni newsletter.

The Marine Corps News reported in November 2006 that Combat Logistics Regiment 35, which Ruark then commanded in Okinawa, won the Phoenix Award, the Department of Defense's top honor. It was only the sixth time in the award's 26-year history that a Marine Corps unit had been selected as the best maintenance unit. In his statements at the time, Ruark attributed the unit's success to the marines in the shops who maintain and rejuvenate equipment used by the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF).

"Day in and day out, these young Marines do an outstanding job because they know they're not just supporting their battalion, they are supporting the MEF," Ruark said in the press release. Ruark's use of mentors to develop leadership skills and cohesiveness among his troops was recognized in a 2005 Marine Corps News story.

His assignments have included joint duty as the Civil-Military Coordination Officer in Humanitarian Assistance at the office of the Secretary of Defense. In addition to his bachelor's degree from

Miami, Ruark graduated from the Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare School, and the Marine Corps Command and Staff College. He also completed the Marine Corps Logistics Fellowship at Penn State University.

The 1st Marine Logistics Group that Ruark now leads provides various types of logistics support for everything from transportation to medical supplies and engineering to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force. It is an air-ground-logistics team with over 40,000 marines and sailors. Most of the logistics group's 8,000 people are based at the Camp Pendleton headquarters. At any given time, the group is deployed in several overseas locations and in the U.S., Ruark explained. The typical marine deployment to Iraq is seven months; however, generals and their staffs stay 13 months.

"I would like to tell [SHS alumni] that things are going very well in Iraq, and all indicators are that the Iraqi Army, police, and security forces are taking more and more responsibility on and becoming very capable, competent forces. Casualties are down incredibly, and there is a heavy focus on governance and economics," Ruark wrote before leaving for Iraq.

He and his wife Chris have been married for 16 years. She is a Marine veteran who works as a Navy physician's assistant. His sister, Kim Ruark Geyer '76 resides in Columbus where she is senior vice president of human resources for Nationwide Insurance. Ruark's father,

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## Two brigadier generals from one SHS class

George R. Ruark, lives near Bradenton, Fla. His mother, Donna Ruark, died in 1999.

### Santee

A distinguished graduate of the Air Force Academy, Santee is living his childhood dream. "I always wanted to be in the military," he said in a phone interview from California. His enthusiasm "for being part of something that's vitally important" is stronger than ever. He marvels that in a time of war an entirely volunteer force of committed, well-educated individuals serves the nation. "It's just wonderful to work with people like that every day," he said.

Santee's daily routine includes overseeing the operations, policies, and readiness of the Air Force's space forces and 28 weapons systems. He guides 12,000 people in 155 units in 44 locations worldwide as the leader of the 14th Air Force's staff, its five space wings, and the 614th Air and Space Operations Center. "We must be in places with visibility to space and satellites," he explained of his units' assignments in remote locations like Greenland.

According to its Web site, the 14th Air Force "plans, tasks, and directs space lifts, on-orbit satellite operations, global missile warning systems, and space control." With most of the world's military and commercial satellites operating from the same geosynchronous belt around the Earth, one of the 14th Air Force's key responsibilities is detecting and dealing with intentional and unintentional interference with U.S. satellites.

"A lot of the work we do is for the benefit of the entire community, not just the military," Santee said. The growth of global positioning systems and other new technologies makes space a more crowded place where signals can be inadvertently blocked as a result of miscues sent from humans on Earth.

Intentional interference is of greater concern to Santee. Some nations have blocked news broadcasts they do not like. China's use of a missile to destroy a weather satellite in January of 2007 not only created thousands of pieces of debris, it let the world know it possesses capabilities previously held only by the U.S. and Russia.

"A lot of our lethality is being delivered via space," Santee said. For instance,

the Air Force's space wings work with several branches of the military in combat zones to find targets, communicate with troops in the field, and direct people to targets. "What we're up against is a lack of understanding by the American people about the importance of space, and that it is a fragile area with real threats," he said.

Though he has not been "boots on the ground" in a combat zone since he flew 120 hours as a master navigator during Operation Desert Storm, Santee has had leadership roles in various war, anti-terrorism, and humanitarian efforts.

As the director of the 14th Air Force Air and Space Operations Center from July 2002 to July 2004, Santee planned, tasked, and directed joint space forces in support of worldwide military operations during the first years of the Second Iraq War, also known as Operation Iraqi Freedom. During the relief and recovery operations after hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2004, Santee was director of Space Forces at the 1st Air Force Combined Air and Space Operations at Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida. Earlier in his career he served on the Pentagon staffs of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force and the Assistant Secretary of the

Navy.

In addition to many awards and decorations, Santee has earned several academic credentials. These include recognition as a distinguished graduate of the National War College in Washington, D.C., and a master's degree in business administration from Golden Gate University in San Francisco, Calif.

Santee said his Salem High education "allowed me to compete very well at the Air Force Academy." As his public role has grown in recent years, he said, "I'm really glad I took the speech classes I did." Julianne Miles taught speech in the 1970s.

Frequent relocations came with Santee's ascent in the Air Force. Fortunately his wife of 25 years, Teresa, and their daughters, Emily and Rachel, approach each move with a sense of adventure.

Santee's brother, Drew Santee '81, resides in Edwardsville, Ill. He is national sales leader for Coventry Health & Life Insurance Co. Their parents are Don Santee of Salem and Robin Santee of Greenford.

### Eleanor Szkola's bequest

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camp for polio victims when she was a child. When she was a young woman, the club paid the fares for a taxi to take her between her home on Liberty Street and the Salem Business College, which was located on East State Street in the 1930s.

Eleanor's father, Frank Szkola, a Polish immigrant who worked for National Sanitary, encouraged his daughter to get additional schooling after high school. He wanted her to be able to secure a position in the workforce that would afford her financial security throughout her life. He also encouraged her to save and invest her earnings.

After completing her secretarial studies at the business college, Eleanor worked for the late Raymond T. Holzbach, M.D., for several years. She then spent 25 years working for the city health department.

"Even with her condition, she was able, and she did a lot of things with her life," Stryzinski said. Eleanor learned to

drive and enjoyed many road trips. She traveled through several Western states as well as a trip through Mexico with a friend. Her travels took her to Poland and Egypt as well.

Stryzinski did not know Eleanor then, but she saw her photos and listened to her recollections. "She was a very determined person," Stryzinski said.

Stryzinski met Eleanor in November 2005 while taking Holy Communion to St. Paul parishioners who resided at nursing homes. The two became friends.

A few months later Stryzinski and her husband Ray along with Gary and Donna Dermotta helped Eleanor make the transition from the nursing home to the Century House. When Eleanor decided that it was not feasible to return to her house, she made the decision to make her home in an apartment at the Smith Center. They helped her move into her apartment in June 2006. Eleanor was 87 years old when she died six months later.

## Biology teacher's textbooks gain new appreciation

In her biology textbooks, Ella Thea Smith Cox '16 tackled evolution and related issues of the mid-19th century in a thoroughly scientific manner that put years ahead of her peers.

A flattering reassessment of Smith's texts appears in the current issue of *The Journal of the History of Biology*. Smith used her family name professionally throughout her life.

Ronald P. Ladouceur, the graduate student who authored the article, calls Smith "a surprising autodidact" who read voraciously to remain current in her field and who continuously revised her instructional materials based on what she found successful with her Salem High School students.

To Ladouceur, Smith's knowledge of biology and her zeal to craft an effective textbook that would help her and other educators teach biology made for "an amazing story" of a woman from a small Midwestern town excelling in a male-dominated field.

"She's unlike anyone else I've been able to find," Ladouceur said during a telephone interview from New York. He is pursuing a master's degree from the State University of New York-Empire State College. He came across Smith's textbooks during a history of science project that involved checking how biology textbook authors handled the subject of evolution before and after the 1925 Scopes Trial.

His research led him to the Salem Historical Society and the discovery in its collection of a typewritten copy of Smith's textbook dated 1932. The museum also has a hand-laced workbook with lab exercises Smith compiled. The Salem school board approved Smith's use of her own text in 1932.

The story passed down locally, which Ladouceur recounts in his article, is that Salem's superintendent was so impressed with Smith's book that he showed it to a Harcourt, Brace and Company textbook salesman. Within a few weeks Smith had her first publishing contract. Ladouceur said he tried several times to find out how much the publisher paid Smith, but was told the publishing house's records no longer include this information.

During the 1950s, Smith's *Exploring Biology* was used in one-quarter of the

### *Ella Thea Smith Cox excelled throughout her life*

Ella Thea Smith Cox was a singular individual whose intellect was nurtured by her Quaker upbringing in Salem, her education at Salem High School, and her undergraduate studies at prestigious colleges.

She received her early schooling at the Friends' Select Meeting House, according to local historian Dale Schaffer. When her family eventually enrolled her in the public school, she excelled.

Smith was valedictorian of the Class of 1916, and received the SHSAA's scholarship that year. It was \$200. She attended the College of Wooster



Salem Historical Society

*Ella Thea Smith Cox*

nation's high schools, and was highly regarded by academics of the period. Harcourt, Brace and Company first published her textbook in 1938 and issued editions substantially revised by Smith in 1943, 1949, 1954, 1959, and 1966. Smith's husband, Marion Cox '25, drew the diagrams, took the photographs and was otherwise responsible for illustrating the textbooks.

Smith's books, along with those of other educators not affiliated with research universities, fell out favor in the 1960s when the Biological Sciences Curriculum Study (BSCS), a National Science Foundation-supported effort, developed a series of textbooks intended to boost America's science education following the Soviets' launch of Sputnik. It was quite a turn of events for Smith who was invited to serve on the original steering committee overseeing the new textbook series. She was the only woman and only non-PhD to serve in this capacity, but resigned in 1960 for reasons that are currently not known.

In the 1970s, Smith was among the textbook authors criticized by science historians for downplaying the theory of evolution. In his academic journal article, however, Ladouceur argues that historians exaggerated the influence of

in Wooster, Ohio, for two years, then transferred to the University of Chicago in Chicago, Ill. She received Summa Cum Laude honors with her bachelor's degree in botany in 1920. She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, the selective national honor society.

As the first editor-in-chief of *The Quaker* yearbook, Smith wrote in 1916: "We cannot have a high standard of citizenship without the education of the masses. The high school is a very important branch of our educational system. One of the primary objects of the curriculum is to teach the pupil to think logically and independently, another object is to develop his individuality. Yet another is to give him a broader outlook upon life."

As a teacher and author, Smith endeavored to accomplish all these goals. She died in 1972 in Arizona.

religious fundamentalism on textbook authors. He also documents that Smith, unlike several other prominent authors of the period, rejected eugenics theories that permeated some aspects of biology education in the middle of the last century.

He points out that in the 1943 edition of *Exploring Biology*, Smith includes a 10-page chapter on race that knocks down the stereotypes then circulating about the predetermination of biology and genetics including the assertion that race determined one's aptitude and vocation. Ladouceur thinks it is noteworthy that the U.S. Marine Corps used Smith's text during the 1940s.

Most importantly, the 1949 edition contains a discussion of the synthetic theory of evolution now known as modern synthesis. Ladouceur said Smith's textbook was the first to cover the theory, which is the one generally accepted by present-day scientists, and she was the only textbook author to mention the synthesis theory until the BSCS issued its textbooks in 1963.

Though none of her papers survived the dispersal of Marion Cox's belongings following his death in 1997, Ladouceur's analysis of the original text and workbook in the Salem Historical Society's

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To provide future Salem High School graduates with scholarships, Salem High School alumni and friends donated \$196,132.16 from June 30, 2007 to December 31, 2007, through memorial gifts, bequests, designated and undesignated contributions, and class gifts. Individual donations are listed below:

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## Smith's textbooks receive praise in new evaluation

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collection concludes that Smith was "very clinical" in her analysis of students' learning. Clearly, she began writing her own textbook and laboratory workbook out of frustration with the biology textbooks available in the 1920s and early 1930s.

Without her personal papers, Ladouceur said he does not know how Smith managed to write a textbook while teaching fulltime, serving as an advisor for several SHS extracurricular activities, and working part time as a laboratory technician at the Salem Clinic. From 1948 to 1952 she was also a regular contributor to the *Quarterly Review of Biology*, a noteworthy national journal. She also served for several years as a "reader" for George Gaylord Simpson's breakthrough biology textbook *Life*. Simpson is credited with updating Darwin's theory and developing the modern synthesis theory. In return for Smith's assistance, Simpson served as a reader for her.

## Banquet Patrons

For several years the association has sought the financial assistance of local alumni and friends to help defray the cost of the annual reunion and banquet.

The association pays for the dinners of all the scholarship winners.

If you would like to contribute, please send a \$25 donation to the office by May 1, 2008. Please specify how your name should appear in the program.

## Class reunion donations

The classes which held reunions during the summer and fall of 2007 gave a total of \$3,975 to the Salem High School Alumni Association. The board offers its heartfelt thank-you to alumni from these classes, and to all classes for their support.

### Class of 1952

**\$600**

This gift is from the members of the Class of 1952 from their 55th reunion.

### Class of 1972

**\$500**

The Class of 1972 made a donation in honor of its 35th reunion. The reunion organizers sends their thanks to SHSAA for its assistance in preparation of the reunion events.

### Class of 1977

**\$1,350**

The Class of 1977 made a donation in honor of its 30th reunion. Those at the dinner on November 24, 2007, voted to designate the gift for the purchase a flat panel television at the SHSAA office. It will be used to show recordings of SHS music and performances. The following class members donated: Dave Bennett, Salida, CA; Linda Benson, Chicago, IL; Dave Chappell, Lisbon, OH; Michael Cook, Wellington, FL; Marcie Danklef Madden, Pataskala, OH; Doug Gordon, Dayton, OH; Ann Flood Horton, Worthington, OH; Don Kubas, Youngstown, OH; Kim Leipper Ackerman, West Chester, OH; Buffy McCorkhill Hogan, Chagrin Falls, OH; Diane Monteleone Carli, Homeworth, OH; Louise Moore Highman, Hickory, OH; Dawn Olson Elliot, Westerville, OH; Kay Schehl Filer, Volant, PA; Marilyn Schmid, North Olmsted, OH; Denise Sisler Dean, Cleveland, OH; Cheryl Stone Beall, Newport Beach, CA; Clay Tice, Stow, OH; Chuck and Kim Weikart Wright, Greenwood, IN; Nick Whitacre, Stow, OH; Alice Zatko Treiber, Strongsville, OH. And the following classmates from Salem: Becky Berger Palmer, Sue Bosu Buckley, Ernie Cameron, Ken Double, Rick Fithian, Ken Gross, Sue Hull Dye, Becky Little Cassinger, Laura Loudon Nestic, Lydia Maniscalco Gross, Diane Mehno Bates, Mike Murphy, Denise Patton, Madeline Patton Shivers, Karen Plegge, Don Rickman, and Jeff Saltsman, and Wendy Storey Saltsman.

### Class of 1982

**\$1,525**

This gift is from the members of the Class of 1982 on their 25th Reunion.

## Gift from 3 Greenisens for new leadership scholarship

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what their plans are upon completion of their degrees. The Greenisens see the scholarship as their way of "doing a little, tiny bit to encourage people," according to Philip.

In 2004, Joel created the Greenisen Leadership Scholarship to encourage leadership skills among Salem High School students who are eligible to apply for the scholarship during their senior year in high school. He gave the \$100,000 gift to the SHSAA in memory of his father, Galen Greenisen '25; his mother, Marguerite Schmid Greenisen '25; and his aunt, Mina Greenisen McComb '28.

"Dad was probably the leadership influence in our lives. He was very much a community leader," Philip said. Galen Greenisen served as a Columbiana County commissioner, Perry Township trustee, Columbiana County Fair Board member, and a leader in local farm organizations.

Philip has been active in the Salem community for many years. For a 17-year stretch beginning in the 1970s, he was either a Salem city council member or the clerk to the city council. He is now president of the Columbiana County Farm Bureau. He worked at the Electric Furnace Company for 38 years, retiring in 2003 as president. He earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Cincinnati in 1966 and continues to work as an engineering consultant.

Marjory is a supervisor at the Salem Area Visiting Nurses Association. She has served on her church's council and as a Salem school volunteer, and was a member of the League of Women Voters. Marjory received her bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Cincinnati in 1967.

Joel held numerous leadership positions during his 35 years with the Kroger Company and in civic organizations. He had been president of the Kroger Co. of Michigan for 11 years when he retired in 1993. When he resided in Kentucky he served as a director of the Greater Louisville Chamber of Commerce. While working in Michigan, he was director of the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce and served as vice chairman of government affairs. In his retirement, he was the founding president of the American Haflinger Registry. Joel used the \$500 academic scholarship he received from the Salem High School Alumni Association in 1954 to attend Ohio State University. He graduated in 1958 with a degree in agricultural economics.

## SHS Coach Don Conser wins national, state coaching honors

Salem Girls Volleyball Coach Don Conser recently won national and state coaching honors following two consecutive, undefeated regular seasons.

The 2007 season was Conser's thirtieth as head coach at Salem High School. His career win-loss record is 548-174. For the past five years, his record is an amazing 110 victories and just 20 losses. In the 1990s, Conser's teams made it to regional tournaments eight out of 10 years, and the state semifinals in 1999. His teams have been league champions every year for the past 30 years.

Conser was one of two coaches selected as Coach of the Year by the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA). It was the first time the college-focused association honored high school coaches. He received the award during a December luncheon in Sacramento, Calif., that was part of the 27th Annual AVCA Convention. The convention coincided with the Division I college volleyball tournament, which Conser and his wife, Bonita, attended as part of the award.

In November, Conser received the Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association's (OHSVCA) Coach of the Year award for Division II in Wooster, Ohio. Conser was the 1992 Coach of the Year, too.

In the 2006 season, Salem's only loss was at the regional tournament to Walsh Jesuit High School, which finished second at the state finals. In 2007, the Salem girls made it to the state semifinals before losing to eventual state champion, Toledo Central Catholic High School.

Conser appreciates the personal honors, especially the trip to California. However, he said, "I would trade them all for that victory."

Salem suffered an excruciating defeat to Toledo Catholic on November 9 after winning the first two games of the five-game match at the Division II state tournament at Wright State University.

Though still shaking his head about the loss Conser, in a January interview, was also strategizing about the next few years when he expects this year's sophomores and juniors to take the place of three seniors on this year's squad. The school board votes on all coaching contracts annually, so nothing is certain until



Morning Journal

*Volleyball Coach Don Conser confers with SHS team members moments before their exciting victory over Padua Franciscan on November 3 at the Division II Regional Championship in Stow, Ohio.*

the vote is taken, but Conser said he would like to continue coaching in Salem.

"If we don't make it back [to state] next year, there's the possibility of making it back their senior year," he said, referring to the rising sophomores. These players include Amy Scullion, who made the USA Volleyball Select team last summer and first-team All Ohio in the fall.

Conser's coaching style is very self-contained. He never raises his voice or shows that he is worried from the bench, which keeps the girls calm in close games. A Salem High School teacher for 35 years before retiring in 2003, Conser's no-nonsense style conveys his high expectations and his low tolerance for bad attitudes. Conser taught wood shop and photography for 27 years and was the occupational work experience teacher for eight years.

Conser attributes much of his teams' strength to the fact that most of the varsity players hone their skills in the off-season by participating in USA Volleyball's feeder system known as Junior Olympic Volleyball. He started a JO team several years ago in East Liverpool but Conser no longer coaches any team except SHS's varsity.

Conser became interested in volleyball while attending the Salem School of Technology after he graduated from United High School. His co-op assignment was at the Electric Furnace Company, where a co-worker asked him to play on an adult team at the Memorial

Building because he was tall. "It was really the only sport I could excel in," Conser said. (In addition to completing the three-year tech program, Conser earned a bachelor's degree in industrial arts, and a master's degree in technology from Kent State University.)

In the 1960s and early 1970s Conser played on various adult teams, learning the intricacies of the sport, competing against several individuals who went on to coach at the college and Olympic level. Unfortunately, three back surgeries in the 1970s put an end to his playing in 1977.

Coaching has kept him immersed in the sport. "I liken volleyball to getting hooked on drugs because once it gets in your system, and you learn how to play the game, you've just got to have it," he said.

Conser's three children share his love of the game and coaching. All three played volleyball in college. His son Curtis Conser '93 is the assistant volleyball coach at Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Pa., and he coaches several Junior Olympic teams in the Salem area. Danielle Conser Siembida '95 is the volleyball coach at Glenwood Junior High School in Boardman, Ohio, where she teaches physical education. Dawn Conser Arthurs was the freshman coach at Crestview High School in Columbiana, and the head volleyball coach at United High School in Hanoverton before taking a leave from teaching to be a stay-at-home parent.

## Volleyball team goes to State semifinals



Salem News

Celebrating their victory at the Division II Regional Finals are (front row left to right) Seniors Sarah Brobeck, Emily Winn, Paige Kenreigh, (Second row) Senior Erika Smith, Juniors Bri Wagner, and Taylor Toothman, (Third row) Coach Don Conser, Sophomore Amy Scullion, Juniors Jessie Dillon, Allison Ward, Sophomores Lydia Shivers and Dana Ackerman, and Senior Katie Scullion.

The Salem High School Girls Volleyball team capped an undefeated regular season by qualifying for the State Division II Semifinals.

The team dispatched its competitors at the regional, district and sectional tournaments with efficient, skillful play that had typically yielded quick victories throughout the autumn.

At districts, Salem first beat Southeast (25-17, 22-15, 25-17, and 25-20), and then Field (25-12, 25-14, 25-15). At sectionals, the Quakers defeated Akron East (25-6, 25-10, 25-7), and then Struthers (25-5, 25-13, 25-19).

The regional semifinal match on Nov. 1 against Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit was intensely close. Tension in the Stow Munroe High School gym was especially high because Walsh knocked Salem out of the tournament last year. The rematch went 25-15, 16-25, 22-25, 25-13 before Salem won the tie breaking game 17-15.

The Quakers' score against Parma Padua Franciscan was 25-23, 20-25, 25-23, and 25-17 at the regional finals in Stow on Nov. 3.

The Quakers seemed to have their usual control early in the State semifinal match on Nov. 9 at Wright State University in Fairborn, Ohio, when they won the first two games 25-22 and 25-19. But the girls from Toledo Central Catholic High rallied back 25-15 and 25-6. In the fifth game, the

Salem girls regained their rhythm and tied the score five times before the crushing 15-13 loss.

It was only the second defeat the Quakers suffered in two years. They lost at the regional semi-final game in 2006 after an undefeated regular season.

The Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association (OHSVCA) recognized three players' outstanding performances during the regular season. Amy Scullion was the only sophomore to receive All-Ohio first-team honors. Senior Katie Scullion, Amy's sister, made third team. Senior Sarah Brobeck won honorable mention honors for the third year in a row.

The OHSVCA also chose Head Coach Don Conser as Coach of the Year. (See page 9.)

The other members of the team were Seniors Paige Kenreigh, Erika Smith, and Emily Winn; Juniors Jessie Dillon, Taylor Toothman, Bri Wagner, and Allison Ward; and Sophomores Dana Ackerman and Lydia Shivers.

Conser likes to point out that everyone on the team excels in the classroom as well as on the court. Eight of the 12 players who dressed for the tournament games have a 4.0 grade point average or better. The average of team members' GPAs is 3.8.

## Alumni in the news

The work of **Bruce Zellers '72**, a landscape architect in Stamford, Conn., was featured in the cover story of May 2007 issue of *Connecticut Cottages and Gardens*.

**Barbara Johnson Whelan '68** of Orange Park, Fla., was crowned Ms. Clay County Freedom 2008 in November. She was the oldest contestant in the Freedom Pageant.

Major League Baseball Umpire **Jerry Meals '79** of Salem was calling balls and strikes at home plate in Yankee Stadium on August 9 when Alex Rodriguez, New York's third baseman, hit his 500th career home run.

The good-natured rivalry that **Louis R. Slaby '59** of Denville, New Jersey has with Erwin Storz was the subject of an October story in *The Star-Ledger* of Newark, New Jersey. Slaby and Storz originally competed in the 1960s on the gridiron when Slaby was a defensive tackle for the University of Pittsburgh and Storz was a linebacker for Navy. They now bicycle long distances with two other hard-working athletes who are also in their 60s. The quartet has cycled through the Eastern United States and the Rocky Mountains, and France, Italy, and Slovakia. Slaby told the newspaper the in-group competition pushes the men to stay fit.

**Jamie M. Ostarchvic '94** has received initial certification from the American Board of Anesthesiology. Ostarchvic, of Upper Arlington, Ohio, received his undergraduate and medical degrees from Ohio State University. He is an attending anesthesiologist at Riverside Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

### Fall 2007 Scoreboard

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Boys Soccer	5-8-1
Girls Tennis	9-9
Boys Cross Country	3rd in County
Girls Cross Country	1st in Early Bird, County, MAC, Sim Earich, & Districts, 3rd in Regionals, 6th in State
Volleyball	27-1
	MAC, Sectional, District, Regional Champs
	Tied for 3rd in State

## Reunion events

This is a special time for those classes that will have their reunions in 2008. If you have moved, please help your class find you by updating your address online at [info@salemohioalumni.org](mailto:info@salemohioalumni.org) or by calling 330-332-1427. Please set aside these dates if you are a member of these classes:

**1943 - 65 Year Reunion:** Dinner May 30 at Salem Golf Club. More information will be mailed. Contact Aggie Tullis at 330-332-5631.

**1948 - 60 Year Reunion:** 5 p.m., September 6 at Salem Golf Club. Details have been mailed. Contact Marguerite Fultz Miller at 234-567-4111 or [mmiller@neo.rr.com](mailto:mmiller@neo.rr.com).

**1953 - 55 Year Reunion:** July 12 at Salem Golf Club. More information will be mailed. Contact Joyce Cosgrove Ehrhart at 330-337-9358.

**1957 - Biannual Luncheon:** Noon, April 12 at Salem Hills Golf Club. All class members welcome.

**1958 - 50 Year Reunion:** July 4 at a classmate's home, July 5 at Salem Golf Club. More information will be mailed to classmates. Contact Penny Parker Lippiatt at 330-533-6934.

**1963 - 45 Year Reunion:** July 18 at BBRooners, July 19th at Eagles. More information will be mailed. Contact Lora Edwards Herbert at 330-337-9246.

**1968 - 40 Year Reunion:** July 12 at a time and place to be announced. More info will be sent to classmates. Classmates with email are asked to send contact info to [classof68shs@yahoo.com](mailto:classof68shs@yahoo.com).

**1973 - 35 Year Reunion:** July 11 Mixer at Stooges, July 12 dinner at Saxon Club. Preliminary information will be mailed to class-

mates. Contact Sue Bricker Kyser at 330-332-5208.

**1978 - 30 Year Reunion:** 6 p.m., June 21 at Salem Saxon Club. More information will follow. Contact Melissa Moffett Costa at 330-337-1421.

**1983 - 25 Year Reunion:** July 4 and 5 at a time and place to be announced. Information will be mailed. Contact Kelly Finch Janofa at [janofak@salem.k121.oh.us](mailto:janofak@salem.k121.oh.us) to provide input or for more information.

**1988 - 20 Year Reunion:** 7 p.m., August 30 at Little Quaker Hall. Contact Kerry Bricker Thomas at 330-332-2087 or by email [katinsalem@aol.com](mailto:katinsalem@aol.com).

**1993 - 15 Year Reunion:** No information yet.

**1998 - 10 Year Reunion:** No information yet.

### All Alumni Fundraiser & Dance Party:

6 p.m. to Midnight, August 9 at Salem Saxon Club. Proceeds from the event will be split evenly between the Salem High School Alumni Association, Salem Band Boosters, and the Salem Athletic Boosters.

### 128th Annual Reunion and Banquet 6 p.m., May 31, 2008 in SHS Cafeteria

All alumni welcome. Dinner tickets will be available at the association's office in May.

Anyone who would like to become a banquet patron, please send your \$25 contribution to the office BEFORE May 1. Please indicate how your name should appear in the banquet program.

## Miscellany

The class ring collection is nearly complete. The only spaces left on the velvet are for rings from 1920, 1921, 1932, 1933, and 1976. Thanks to all who sent rings for this lovely collection.

If you move or take an extended vacation that coincides with our newsletter mailings in February and August, please update your contact information by calling or emailing the office. The postal service charges 75 cents for each returned newsletter.

We regret the error that resulted in the omission of Nancy Swartz Gagnon '57 and Brooke Anderson '57 from the list of class members who contributed to the Class of 1957 gift. Our sincere thanks to them and all who support the alumni association.

When sending photos to the alumni association for possible inclusion its newsletter or Web site, please send prints or high-resolution digital photos (JPEG or TIF formats). Please send identification information for everyone pictured, and make sure they know you plan to share the photo with SHSAA for dissemination.

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SHSAA Office Coordinator Helen Potter Hayes '57 (far right) shared many happy memories with Mathilda "Tillie" Umbach Beeney '57 during a grand lunch in San Francisco, Calif., near Beeney's home. Heidimarie Hayes Rambo '79 (left), Hayes' daughter shared in the fun this fall. Rambo is a professor of education at Saint Mary's College of California in Moraga, Calif.

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