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Save the Dates for Upcoming Fundraisers



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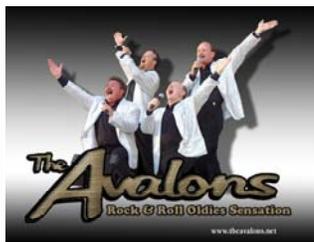
8 p.m.—Midnight

Duke Energy Center

Buy tickets and name Ross High School Alumni Association as beneficiary and a major portion of the ticket price comes back to us! Contact us for ticket information.

March 12, 2011

Back by popular demand!



They will again perform in the High School's Performing Arts Center, 7-9 p.m. Tickets will be \$10 each. Send us your email address and you'll be notified when tickets go on sale. We also need sponsors!!

It's Finally Here!!

Dear Ross High School Alumni,

You are holding in your hands the first newsletter for the Ross High School Alumni Association.

The Alumni Association was formed in May 2007. After many meetings, it all came together and we have been striving to be more visible in the community and in the school. You may be confused and think that there is already one on-line. That is not us! We are actual alumni, meeting the third Wednesday of every month in the high school's cafeteria. If you go to the school's official website (www.rossrams.com), we have a link there. We would love to see you at the meetings. The need for more ideas and more hands to work is crucial for the success and future of the Alumni Association. Please give this some consideration.

Homecoming is approaching (October 1st). One of the fun things we do is participate with a float in the parade and set up a booth at the football game. We could use many more alumni on the float...so won't you come join us?

One of our organization's main goals is to provide scholarships for Ross HS seniors. We made the decision to award these scholarships to seniors who will carry out their secondary education in trade schools.

In 2009 our scholarship was awarded to

Andrew Hopkins who attends Cincinnati State.

For 2010 we awarded two scholarships. The recipients were Dylan Egbert and Samuel Wurtzelbacher.

These first scholarships were small in denomination, but we believe they helped these young men to pursue their dreams. With your support, we hope to increase these amounts every year.

We were also able to send a contribution to the After-prom Committee for the past two years.

Joining the Alumni Association is FREE!! We rely solely on donations and fundraisers. Read on to find out the details.

We hope you enjoy our first endeavor. Looking forward to hearing from you!

Your current Alumni Board Members:

President:	Cara Lee Sullivan	'68
Vice-President:	Diane Jacks	'71
Treasurer:	Darryl Huff	'70
Secretary:	Connie Sullivan	'70
HS Liaison:	Greg Young	'71
Trustee:	Donna Pittman	'71
Trustee:	Lyn Godsey	'71
Trustee:	Kathy Lauer	'71
Associate:	Randy Alvis	'71

Non-Profit Status

At the end of August, we submitted our application to the state to become an official non-profit organization. What does that mean for you? Any money donated to the Ross High School Alumni Association will be tax deductible! We hope that helps you make the decision to donate to your alumni association. We will keep you posted as to when our application is approved...keep in mind that our status is retroactive to our application date.

Multi-Year Reunion in the Planning Stage

A group from various Ross High School classes will join forces to celebrate their reunions in the fall of 2011. Our first planning meeting will be September 29th at Pier 27, 7 p.m. We will open our reunion to all Ross Alumni who wish to attend. We would appreciate help from anyone who wants to participate and help plan this project. For more information or general questions, please contact Diane Jacks (513-237-2080) or Donna Eschenbrenner Pittman (513-738-2690).

The picture to the right was taken at a blended reunion held in October of 2006. Everyone there had a great time!



ROSS HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES OF 1968-1973 REUNION
October 14, 2006 - Knights of Columbus

In Memoriam

In memory of former students and friends who attended Ross and Morgan Schools, we have compiled a list to the best of our ability of those who died this year. If we have left anyone off, please accept our sincere apologies. We appreciate any help in keeping our list current, so please send your information to us at rossalumni@fuse.net.

Ross High School

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Date Died</u>
Louis "Dan" Loman	1965	1/23/10
Karen Spurlock Mullins	1971	2/18/10
Jane Eschenbrenner Crawford	1963	3/13/10
Richard Johns, Jr.	1957	3/15/10
Gary A. Landrum	1958	3/29/10
Roderick "Rick" Jones, Jr.	1965	4/13/10
Marcella Maybury Ferneding	1935	4/23/10
Pat Ann Mehl O'Connor	1950	7/7/10
Steve Clay	1968	7/15/10
Jean Gabriel Stamler	1944	7/22/10
Colleen McCreadie Hamilton	1945	8/6/10
Dorothy Blankenship Withrow	1943	8/8/10
Dorothy Perpingon Ervin	1952	8/22/10

Morgan High School

Marcella M. Roell Schoultheis	1944	2/12/10
Chester L. Starr	1942	5/11/10
Arnold P. Reinhardt	1934	8/1/10

Teachers

Helen L. Snyder	4/23/10
Andrew A. Ennis, Jr.	8/4/10



We Need Your Help!

The Ross Alumni Association is funded completely through donations and fundraisers. We have several fundraisers through the year to build our operating and scholarship funds and would love to have your help and support!

You may have seen some of your friends wearing the RHS Alumni T-shirts and sweatshirts! You can only purchase these through our organization, so call us, email us or stop by our table at football and basketball games and order a few shirts. Show the community that you are proud to be a Ross Alumni and support a good cause at the same time.

Last year a "Class Challenge" was initiated to spur a little friendly competition between all alumni classes. The object is to see which class would bring in the highest donations (all of which go to our scholarship fund). The winning class gets their class year added to a plaque which commemorates the challenge and will be

displayed in the high school. The 2009 winner was the class of 1971. Please join in the fun with your classmates, and perhaps your class will earn the bragging rights for 2010!

Another way to donate is by establishing a scholarship fund in memory of a loved one or family member. What a worthwhile tribute that would be! Ask us how to get that started for you.

Our biggest event so far has been The Avalons' Concert this past March. It truly was a "blast from the past!" Mark your calendar for March 12, 2011 because The Avalons will be back!! If you know someone who can help us with printing of posters, programs and tickets for this event, please let us know. We also need sponsors.

See the back of this newsletter for contact info and please get involved. Help us make a difference in the life of a future Ross graduate!

Where Are They Now?

By Lyn Godsey



Shortly after we started the Ross High School Alumni Association, Cara Lee Sullivan (our president) received a very nice letter from a 1943 Morgan School alumnus, Dr. Bernice Cullinan, who lives on Park Avenue in New York City. This not only intrigued me, but the whole

alumni committee, as we read the letter. What really surprised us was that we couldn't remember ever hearing her name when we should have. How many people attended Morgan or Ross live on Park Avenue and retired as emeritus professor of reading from New York University?

"Bee" graduated from Morgan as Bernice E. Dees. She graduated from Ohio State in 1947 and began her teaching career. For fifteen years, she taught primary-grade students how to read. Being fascinated by the process of children learning to read and write, she continues to study it to this day.

This Morgan Alumni has over 140 published works in children's literature, and has written more than 30 books on literature for classroom teachers and librarians. She also has written a book for parents, [Read to Me: Raising Kids Who Love to Read](#). And, she has written or co-

written children's books such as [Mortimer Frog](#).

Her master's and doctorate degrees are from Ohio State University, where she became the study director for the federally funded Critical Reading Project. She also taught as an assistant professor at Ohio State before she moved to New York University. She taught at NYU for thirty years as associate and full professor, retiring as emeritus professor of reading. Bee is a past president of the International Reading Association, received the 2003 Outstanding Educator Award from the National Council of Teachers of English, inducted into the Reading Hall of Fame and The Ohio State University Hall of Fame, and selected as the recipient of the Arbuthnot Award for Outstanding Teacher of Children's Literature.

The Charles Dees (Morgan Class of 1942), Delores Dees Kees (Ross Class of 1947) and the Bernice Dees Cullinan Award is a scholarship available to a resident of Morgan Township attending Badin, Harrison or Ross High Schools and majoring in education to become a teacher.

This alumnus has had a distinguished career in education that started at Morgan school in 1943 and continues to this day at New York University. If you would like to get in touch with her, her address and email are in the Ross High School Alumni Directory, 2007.

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