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From the President's desk ...

Thank you for taking a little time out for your old school. Some people say, "You can never look back," but really it's just a matter of knowing where you come from that helps determine where you want to go in the first place.

Next year we will have our 26th annual golf outing on June 22, 2011 at Bensalem Country Club. We were among the leaders in establishing this kind of fundraiser 25 years ago and we are still leading the way. Details on the outing are inside this newsletter. You can be sure that if you attend the event, you'll be glad that you did. You will not find a better group of people to tee it up with, and I am sure that you will see some old faces you haven't seen in a while. And it is all in the name of trying to raise money for our scholarship fund.

The alumni committee went to the Bensalem Fall Festival again this year. For those of you who are out of the area, this is an annual event held by Bensalem Township. It attracts over 40,000 people. There are lots of free items and some great shows, from cheerleaders to karate demonstrations. There is also a very big car show and a circus with tigers, lions, and dogs. This is our eighth year there, and it's really turning into a meeting place for alumni. At the 2010 event, we sold shirts, umbrellas, mugs, and golf ball markers. It was a great event for us! Maybe you can join us next year.

Our web site is quickly approaching a significant mark; nearly 17% of graduates have profiles. I know that is a long way from 100%, but in just two short years we are almost at the point where one out of every five people that you went to school with is on the site! What's going to happen in another two years? Well, for one, the site is about to go through some major changes. If you have been on lately, you know that you can now instant message to anyone on the site. I have made a lot of new friends this way. There will also be a search engine overhaul. You may not notice any changes, but it will make the site much more powerful and help drive us into the future.

Our teachers list is also a work in progress. We have had to put a lot more work into this than we originally thought, but I think the results will be worth it. This list should be up and running on the site soon, and when it is I will ask everyone to let me know if I am missing any teachers' names so that I can add them. Although it is intended to be a list so that everyone can view past BHS teachers, any of these teachers can create a profile if desired, too.

Our website is free to anyone who attended our school; however, we encourage you to become a paying member. This helps us give out scholarships every year. All of the work that our committee does is for the graduates of Bensalem High School. We want to be able to give out scholarships for many years to come. We are getting ready to have another

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2010 a Great Year for BHS Alumni Association

Big Events, Fundraisers Planned for 2011

Bensalem High School alumni came out in support of their association this year, making 2010 one of the most successful years in the organization's history.

Regular fundraisers – such as the annual golf outing – were well attended, and new events like the All-Year Reunion Fund-raiser continued to generate good "buzz" about the BAA's mission of awarding scholarships to deserving BHS graduates long after the party ended.

The 26th Annual BAA Golf Outing will be held Wednesday, June 22, 2011 at Bensalem Country Club. We raised more than \$3,500 in 2010 as we competed for donations against our own All-Year Reunion Fund-raiser and a slumping national economy. We're excited for 2011's outing, and expect it to be one of our best ever.

"We're expecting a full field of

golfers next year," said association president, Ray Guim. "This annual event is successful thanks to the golfers, sponsors and volunteers who give unselfishly for our students."

Other events on the 2011 horizon include participation by the BAA at Bensalem's annual "Pride Day." This all-day festival features food, music, police and fire squad demonstrations, and many fellow alum.

"It's always great to see the alumni who stop by our table to pick up information, buy mugs or t-shirts, and reminisce about Bensalem," said Guim.

Of course, we're always looking for volunteers to help at our events and fundraisers. If you'd like to take part, please visit the alumni website (www.BensalemOwls.org) or contact Ray Guim, BAA President, by phone at 215-245-2106 or by email at president@bensalemalumni.org.



BENSALEM HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2011

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REUNION NEWS



Complete reunion details – including venues, pricing & contact information – are available at www.BensalemOwls.org. Click on “Reunion Tab” (or “Reunion Archive” to see what you missed).

Class of 1970 Reunion

September 25, 2010
Core Creek Park



Bensalem High School Class of 1980 30-Year Reunion.

November 20th, 2010

Georgines Restaurant



The Bensalem Class of 1980 celebrated its 30-year reunion on November 20th at Georgines. There were 105 alumni and 30 guests, including alumni from the classes of 1979 and 1981. Mr. Mark Banchi, a favorite teacher at Bensalem, also attended. The last reunion the Class of 1980 had was in 1990. Many of the Bensalem alumni had never attended a reunion before and had been eagerly awaiting the get together. The night was filled with dancing and reminiscing about the good times at Bensalem High School. The Class of '80 also donated \$500 to the Alumni Association's scholarship fund.

All-Year Reunion Fundraiser Kudos Keep Rolling In...

Dear BAA –

Six members of our family - all BHS grads - attended the All-Year Reunion, representing Classes of '36, '55, '57, '60, '66 and '74. It was a nice occasion to share, and for a good cause. It was fun to see some old

friends, too. Unfortunately, I was unable to stay in PA for the 50th Reunion of the Class of 1960, but I'm sure that occasion was enjoyed by all attending.

Mary Gruver Newcomer, '60, Mill Valley, CA

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Email information and photos to Ray Guim at president@BensalemOwls.org (please include "Alumni Update" in the subject line), or mail pictures to Bensalem Alumni Association, PO Box 26, Bensalem, PA 19020. Pictures will be returned when accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Scholarship Winners Say "Thank You"...

Dear BAA –

Thank you so much for the scholarship award. It means so much to me and I am grateful. My favorite part of this award is that it is the Cecilia Snyder Alumni Award. Since I am a Snyder Alumni, I am proud. Thank you, again.

Remi Koffs, '10

Dear BAA –

I am very proud and honored to receive the "Samuel K. Faust Memorial Scholarship." I am excited to begin college and bring everything I've learned from Bensalem with me. After college, I plan to come back to Bensalem to teach. Like the Bensalem Alumni Association says, "Once an Owl, always an Owl."

Stormy Milburn, '10

Dear BAA –

Thank you for honoring me with the Florence Gerhart Muller Memorial Scholarship. Receiving this award was a pleasant surprise, and will be most helpful in paying my college tuition.

Brittany Butka, '10

...And Make The Grade!

Jamie Bauman ('09), winner of the Cecilia Snyder Alumni Scholarship, was one of five Temple University freshmen to make Dean's List (2009-2010) for the school's College of Science and Technology.

Congratulations, Jamie!

Alums Celebrate 70th Wedding Anniversary



Tom and Gladys Adams (Bensalem, PA), celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary this past June. Both are BHS graduates – Class of 1937!

Congratulations, Tom & Gladys!

From One of Our Fans!

Dear BAA –

Love the newsletter! You all do a great job!

Peggy A. Parker Foley, '61

BAA Salutes Alumni in the Military



Air Force Airman Matthew J. Dodaro ('08) graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He is the son of Russel & Lori Dodaro of Bensalem.



Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Charles J. Trost ('06) graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He is the son of Daniel Trost of Bensalem.



Navy MC Seaman Apprentice Zachary D. Bell ('06) has graduated from Basic Mass Communication Specialist course, and will be stationed in San Diego, CA. He is the son of Lisa & David of Bensalem.

Army Pvt. Timothy M. Kolletzki ('09) has graduated from the Fire Support Specialist Advanced Individual Training course at Fort Sill, Lawton, OK. He is the son of Linda & Michael Kolletzki of Bensalem.

Army National Guard Pvt. Anthony G. Daye ('07) has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, OK. He is the son of Althea Daye of Bensalem.

This section of The Owlmanac is dedicated to our alumni who serve/served in the armed forces. Please email information and photos to Ray Guim at president@bensalemalumni.org (please include "Bensalem Military" in the subject line), or mail pictures to Bensalem Alumni Association, PO Box 26, Bensalem, PA 19020. Pictures returned with a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Army National Guard Pfc. Vernon S. Kalugdan ('98) has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, GA. He received an associate degree in 2004 from the Community College of Philadelphia. He is the son of Evangeline Kalugdan of Bensalem.



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RATES: * Business Card - \$25; Quarter Pg - \$35; Half Pg - \$65; Full Pg - \$125

* Your ad appears in both the Spring and Fall issues. For more information, please contact Ray Guim at president@bensalemalumni.org or by mail: BAA, PO Box 26, Bensalem, PA 19020

In Memory

The Owlmanac accepts pictures for this section. Please email photos to Ray Guim at president@bensalem-alumni.org (please include "Bensalem Obit" in the subject line), or mail pictures to Bensalem Alumni Association, PO Box 26, Bensalem, PA 19020. Pictures are returned when accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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 Elmer F. Bud Storms, '41
 Albert E. Settle, '42
 Victor T. Black, '43
 William "Bill" Johnsen, '44
 Samuel P. Robinson Sr, '44
 John Albert Stephenson '47
 Harry J. Aikens, '48
 Margaret A. "Peggy"
 (Robinson) Washington, '48
 Evelyn M. Stemmer Bearmore, '49
 Bob King, '49
 Anna May Matthew, '49
 Samuel R. Ray Rose, '49
 Anna Rita (Mikelaites) Shaffer, '49
 Myron E. Mattocks, '51
 Charles Walters, '54
 William R. Ludlow, '59
 Alice Schoenleber Simpkins, '60
 Kenneth Boynto, '67
 Robert E. Creely, '67
 James C. Dando, '67
 Harold W. Maddocks, '67
 James I. Parham, '67
 Frank L. Young, '69
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 Edward Sansores, '71
 Chet Gratkowski, '73
 Donna M. Jensen, '73
 Paula J. Fleming, '74
 Charlene P. Haughey Yocum, '74
 Stephen R. "Moose" Schueller, '76
 William G. Gregory, '77
 Debbie Bohns (Davis), '78
 Lisa Jane Hornickel, '81
 David M. Martin '82
 Martin A. Redman, '83
 Virginia E. Kneece, '89



Walter Leo "Chip"
Adams III, '80



Robert C. Brandley,
Jr., '75



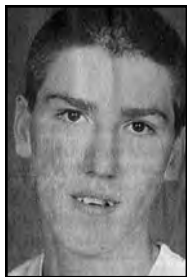
E. Albert "Buddy"
Checchia, Jr., '64



Robert J. Earl, Sr.,
'64



Elmer F. Storms
Jr. '41



Thomas E. Ritchie,
Jr., '10



Bertha Lee Green,
'64



James A. Mininger,
'68



John J. Sullo, Jr.,
'68



Toby William Tarlini,
'90



Robert Lake, '55



Donald J. Potts, '97



Donna M. (Bramble)
Jensen, '73



Jeanne Stackhouse
Landean, '38



Edward Tinsman,
Jr., '48

Jessica M. Foster-Belson '98
 Kelly F. Chilcote, '99
 Shellane Kristan Pease '04

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 Jamie Beveridge,  
 Special Ed.  
 Learning Support

## BHS Sports Hall of Fame ~ Class of 2011

### Womens:

Samantha Tu - Softball - Class of '00  
 Heather Tu - Softball - Class of '99  
 Amy Milavsky- Brander - Swimming - Class of '84  
 Valerie Hartman - Swimming - Class of '83  
 Kim Evans - Track & Field - Class of '89  
 Christina Thompson-Rush - Track & Field - Class of '90  
 Tycinia Richardson - Track & Field - Class of '90  
 Cherrisa McCoy Gibson - Basketball - Class of '01

*Congratulations to all the Inductees!  
 Check out our website for information  
 about the Induction Dinner!*

### Mens:

Brandon Davis - Basketball - Class of '05  
 Joe Rodgers - Football - Class of '05  
 Tim Downey - Football - Class of '86  
 Jamar Gordon - Wrestling - Class of '94  
 Jerry Howard - Track & Field - Class of '81  
 Paul Garber - Baseball - Class of '01  
 Jim Boell - Wrestling - Class of '98  
 Carl Hinricks - Football - Class of '81  
 Mike McKenna - Swimming - Class of '80  
 Jimmy Cooper - Track & Field - Class of '87  
 Dante' Austin - Track & Field - Class of '87  
 Anthony (Gus) Hartman - Diving - Class of '89

## BAA Goes 'Green' with Golf Squad



The Bensalem Alumni Association recently gave 12 customized BAA greens repair tools to the Bensalem High School Golf Team.

**"We can't wait for Spring!"**

The Bensalem Alumni Association holds meetings the first Tuesday of the month (Sept. to June) at 6:30pm. Meetings are held at Bensalem High School, and are open to all BHS Alumni. Join Us!

## President's Message

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reunion fundraiser for all graduates. If you are interested in being on the committee, let us know. Details to follow!

Enjoy the newsletter, and I hope you will visit and sign up on our site. Dues are \$10 for 2011 and as always, any donations are gratefully accepted. See you on the web!

*Ray Guim*

Ray Guim, '74

[president@bensalemalumni.org](mailto:president@bensalemalumni.org)

### **Bensalem Varsity Football Team Defeats Pennsbury -- 23-12!!!!**



*This is the first time  
the Owls have beaten  
the Falcons since 1998!*

**Way to Go,  
Fightin' Owls!**

## Birds of a Feather....



*Joan M.  
(Moore) Zalot,  
'86, stands  
proudly with  
Ulysses  
at the  
Pennsylvania  
Renaissance  
Fair in 2007.*

*"Once an  
Owl...Always  
an Owl!"*

*And that  
goes for  
Ulysses, too!*

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*visit our FREE website at [www.BensalemOwls.org](http://www.BensalemOwls.org) and SIGN UP TODAY!*

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## MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE YEAR 2011

\_\_\_\_\_ Dues for 2011    \$10.00 enclosed

## DONATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2011

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 - \$49.00    Grey Owl Club  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00 - \$99.00    Blue Owl Club  
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- \_\_\_\_\_ Place me on the mailing list for the golf tournament
- \_\_\_\_\_ Contact me about sponsoring or contributing to a scholarship
- \_\_\_\_\_ Contact me about becoming involved in the "All-Year Reunion" Fundraiser
- \_\_\_\_\_ Contact me about becoming involved in the Alumni Association

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*If you have already contributed, please disregard this form...and Thank You!*

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