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# Rhodes Alumni Association Newsletter



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**SUMMER 2018 ISSUE**

**RHODES BIENNIAL HALL OF FAME INDUCTION DINNER**

Please consider joining us this year for our Rhodes Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Dinner. It is always a good way to honor people who have been leaders in the Rhodes experience.

The honorees were introduced in the Spring newsletter but here are their names again.

Jack Belcher from the Class of 1951 is a large supporter of the University Hospital and Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital as well as The Cleveland Clinic. Jack is a Trustee of our Alumni Association.

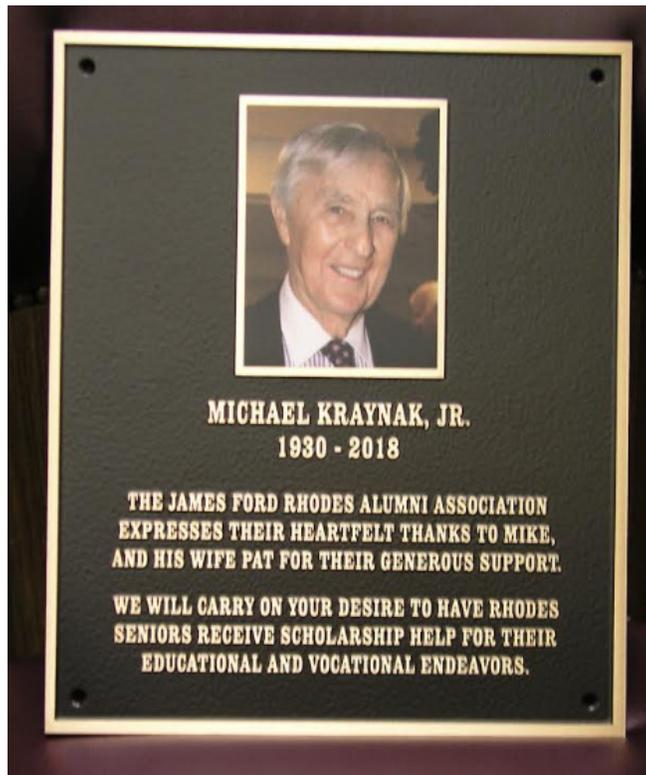
Coach Tyrone Owens who taught American Government and American History at James Ford Rhodes, He became Head Coach of the girls track team. In 1996 Tyrone started the Rhodes Alumni Association.

Nicole Antoinette Smith from the Class of 1988 where she was the Class President, Captain of the girls track team, girls basketball team and the girls volleyball team. She went on to work at several Fortune 500 companies and was also the author of 8 books. She was the first female student in the Cleveland Public Schools to receive a Division I athletic scholarship for basketball.

Coach Phillip Gary of Cleveland, Ohio was a teacher at Rhodes High School and began coaching football in 2003 and became assistant baseball coach two years later. Coach Gary was a Special Education Math teacher at Rhodes High School as well. Gary passed away from cancer on December 14, 2016. Posthumously: Coach Phillip Gary of Cleveland, Ohio.

There might be a couple of surprises at this Hall of Fame Induction Celebration -  
You don't want to miss it!

**There will be a form inside the newsletter for you to send in with your check to attend!**



Mike's wife, Pat, was very appreciative of the bronze plaque that the Alumni Association presented to her after his passing.

She felt that the best place to display the award is at the family summer home so that it can be viewed and enjoyed by all family members now and in the future.

Mike has made such an outstanding humanitarian contribution to the students of James Ford Rhodes High School.

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### Michael Zand—Instrumental Music Director for 31 years....

Michael Zand, age 81 of Independence passed away recently. Michael was a US Navy Veteran. He served as an **instrumental music teacher with the Cleveland Public Schools**, meeting his wife, Irene while at A.B. Hart Junior High School. Michael and retiring from **Rhodes High School** after 31 years. Michael loved playing his marimba with community bands and sought out music on family travels. He was a proud and active Beta Theta Pi brother and an avid builder and flyer of rubber-powered model airplanes.



## Stephen Hawking's Peaceful Death

The name Stephen Hawking is no stranger to the science community, from his well known theories on black holes to the discovery of black hole radiation, dubbed "Hawking radiation". He lived a long 76 years up until March 14, 2018. His death was a shock to many. For most people they had lost their idol, a man who was highly intelligent and had a disability that affected his everyday life; for others, they were in amazement he was still alive prior to his death due to the ailment he had. Stephen Hawking's death was caused by Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), which he was diagnosed with at the age of 21. Most people diagnosed with ALS die within 2 to 5 years after the original diagnosis, but Stephen Hawking was a special case, living a whopping 55 years after his diagnosis with ALS. Hawking's family confirmed his death was peaceful and a funeral was held on March 31, 2018. Stephen Hawking was cremated rather than buried, and his ashes were sent to Westminster Abbey to be interred next to Sir Isaac Newton's grave. To the man nicknamed Einstein, may Stephen Hawking rest in peace.

By: Ariana Osorio



## Changes in the Rhodes Alumni Association

As some of our members may have been aware, there have been some important changes in leadership. Bill Putich, our long-time President has passed the baton to Cynthia Anzalone-Fox, a 1982 graduate of JFR High School. and we are so happy to have her. She is the librarian at Rhodes High School as well as Coach for Girls Cross Country, Girls Outdoor Track and Girls Indoor Track.

Also, Margery Gerbec, class of 1988, is our Vice President and Secretary. Kimberly Regan, class of 1989, Treasurer, still hold those positions.

We are fortunate to have Carol Skutnik as our newest Trustee and Leo Aukerman and Jack Belcher are still Trustees

**We thank Cindy and Carol for stepping up to fill these positions!**

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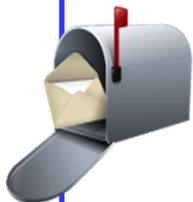
Cindy has arranged with the Cleveland Public Library to have all of the Rhodes Reviews from 1932 through 1980 digitized. This is Optical Character Recognition (OCR) and means that they will be able to be viewed by anyone interested.

This is due to a grant from **Connie Ewazen**—the President of the Historical Society of Old Brooklyn.

Also, coming soon all of our members will have the OPTION of a digital copy or a paper copy of the Rhodes Alumni Association Newsletter. Because of our recent change of officers due to Bill Putich's much deserved retirement, this newsletter is late and I apologize for that!

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION –PLEASE RESPOND!**

**DUES FOR 2019!!**



Dear Fellow Rhodian—by joining the Alumni Association or renewing your membership you will be providing a small (\$10.00 per year) but important contribution toward the fulfillment of the purpose of the Association. Our organization provides:

- Scholarship money for graduates
- Rewards for outstanding effort / success in school activities
- Improvement of equipment to aid students in academic and other school activities

**As a member, you will be notified of the progress of the Association via newsletter.**

Please make an effort to become a member and sustain it annually. We would appreciate you helping to keep Rhodes the best high school in the Cleveland District. Please make a commitment **now** to become a yearly member. Thank you.

**Your Membership Committee**

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**DUES FOR 2019**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 yearly membership dues  
\_\_\_\_\_ Donation for scholarship endowment fund  
\_\_\_\_\_ Donation for academic & extra curricular activities  
\_\_\_\_\_ Total

Please return this form with your check or money order— **no cash please.**

**Make checks payable to: RHODES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Class (year) \_\_\_\_\_ January \_\_\_\_\_ June \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address** \_\_\_\_\_

In order for us to estimate funds available for disbursements for the student programs would you please **respond as soon as possible !!!!** **Thank you!**

**Remember** all donations are tax deductible!! Your Alumni Association  
is a 501 (c)(3) organization recognized by the IRS!

**Make check payable to Rhodes Alumni Association and mail to:**

**P.O.Box 41463—Brecksville, Ohio 44141**

## Rhodes 2018 Golf Outing

Thanks to all of the volunteers who worked tirelessly on this years' outing!



Time to sign in!



Lung Foursome

Michael Valore, Mike Valore  
George Frazier, Rich Lung



Stepoway Foursome

Sal LoDolce, Mark Stepoway  
Dave Sabolsky, John Stepoway



Petkac Foursome

George Petkac, Paul Petkac  
Jeff Petkac, George Petkac Jr.



Craig Stalder Foursome

Tom Pauloski, Dan Radish  
Glenn Peterson, Craig Stalder



Lawson Foursome

Margaret Lynch, Karen Provenzano  
Faye Maloof, Michele Lawson

Here is our link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/jfrhs/>



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Dear Rhodes Alumni members, Faculty and Students:

Our Biennial Hall of Fame dinner honoring four new inductees is going to be held on Friday, October 12, 2018.

The induction will be held at St. Michael's Woodside Event Center located at 5025 E. Mill Road, Broadview Heights, Ohio 44147. There will be a buffet dinner with beer and wine included. We will once again enjoy the musical stylings of the Highlighter Trio (always a big hit) for your listening and dancing pleasure.

**JAMES FORD RHODES HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

**HALL OF FAME DINNER RESERVATION FORM**

(We will have a master list to check names upon arrival!)

**Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction Ceremony**

**Friday, October 12, 2018 from 6PM—11PM**

**St. Michael's Woodside Event Center—5025 E. Mill Rd.—Broadview Heights, OH 44147**

[\(Keep this part for location, time and date of the event!\)](#)

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**\$45.00 PER PERSON—BY MAIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PRICE INCLUDES DINNER, BEVERAGE, WINE AND BEER.**

Mail checks to: Rhodes Alumni Association—PO Box 41463—Brecksville, Ohio 44141

**(Return bottom portion with your payment)**

**Thanks so much for your continued support.**

**[CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 1st !](#)**

## Walter Goldbach—passed away at age 88

RIP

Walter Goldbach was the artist who drew something when he was a 17 year old senior at Rhodes High School in Cleveland that would follow him, a city and its baseball team for the rest of his life. The year was 1946.

He didn't draw it to offend anyone. He drew it for his hometown team, the Cleveland Indians. He drew it with the passion and love he had for his hometown team.

His love affair with the team started in 1946 when the Indians owner Bill Veeck approached Goldbach's family business, J.F. Novak Co., off West 25th St. in Cleveland. He wanted the logo changed. They had a logo of an Indian chief in full headdress. He wanted a character drawing. Veeck asked for five or six different options. They selected Goldbach's idea. "They gave me free reign," he said.

Goldbach said he was happy that they still used his logo after 70 years. The original logo was changed a little bit. Originally, it had an orange face. They did away with that and made it red. They also took away the pony tail and straightened out the feather. He was worried they would alter the logo again. There is some pressure to make it more politically correct. Goldbach was always a little leery about them changing it because of the die hard fans who would get upset about it. "When somebody wants to buy a hat, they're going to want Chief Wahoo. That's part of history. History stays with you, no matter what."

Walter lived long enough to see his rendering, drawn with the enthusiasm and innocence of a high school student, become embroiled in the adult world of protests, racism and lawsuits

Former MLB Commissioner, Bud Selig always took a hands-off approach to the Chief Wahoo question, saying a decision to do something about the logo rested with the team. Rob Manfred, his successor, has been much more aggressive in trying to ban the logo.

My hope is that this year—70 years since the Cleveland Indians won the World Series—we will win it again and I will be thinking of this man and his love for his hometown team which was the **ONLY** reason behind the drawing of the famous—**Chief Wahoo!**



## **End of Year Sports Wrap-Up 2017-2018 school year!**

### **Congratulations to these Coaches!**

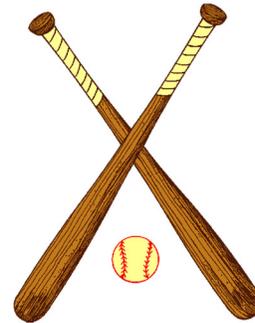
#### **Senate Championships:**

1. Girls Cross Country—Cindy Anzalone-Fox Coach
2. Boys Cross Country—Courtney Maher Coach
3. Bowling Team—William Meisinger Coach
4. Boys Baseball Team—Brian McHolland Coach
5. Girls Softball Team—John Whipkey Coach



#### **Coach of the year awards:**

1. Cindy Anzalone-Fox—Girls Indoor Track
2. Courtney Maher—Boys Indoor Track
3. Cindy Anzalone-Fox Girls Outdoor Track
4. Courtney Maher—Boys Outdoor Track



**Rhodes Rams Homecoming Game is  
October 19 @ 3:00 P.M. against John Adams**



**Visit our website for information on reunions, photos and classes**

**The website is: [www.jamesfordrhodes.org](http://www.jamesfordrhodes.org)**

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