



November/December, 2022

Thanksgiving is now past and at the present hour, “it’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas.....” Well, we are at that time of the year once again! For most, it was still a difficult year, but we hope that there will be some “light at the end of the tunnel” for 2023!

Hoping each of you had a pleasant Thanksgiving holiday & wishing you & your families a peaceful, happy and healthy upcoming holiday season.

IN MEMORY



It is with sadness that we report another of our alumni, Allan John Janke, 73, passed away Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 2022. While at GHHS, Allan participated in Intramurals, Baseball & Bowling. As a bowler, Al was instrumental in bringing our varsity team to victory. On October 6, 1966, he was high man for the Bulldogs when the team opened its '66-'67 season by whitewashing Glenville. On March 30, 1967, the Varsity bowlers swept the scratch division of the Greater Cleveland Inter-Scholastic Bowling League making it the first time a Garfield team ever won the bowling title. Leading the champions was Allan who finished 7th in the league with a 181 average. Allan is survived by wife, Nancy, two daughters, Michelle & Dawn and five grandchildren. He was brother to Nancy, and deceased brother, Robert, and deceased sister, Linda. Linda was a 1969 graduate of GHHS. Allan was also the former husband of 1967 graduate, Mary Ann Musarra, who passed away in November 2005, from breast cancer.

Saying Goodbye

As reported in our September/October newsletter this year, former faculty member, William Toneff, passed away October 11, 2022, at the tender age of 103. Friends gathered for a memorial service on December 3rd, arranged by six friends of Mr. Toneff's who helped him navigate the last years of his life; they were known to Bill as the "Super Six", a name he personally gave them.

In Loving Memory



William Milan Toneff

February 22, 1919 - October 11, 2022



Brecksville United Church of Christ
23 Public Square, Brecksville, Ohio 44141

Audrey Sopko was approached by one of the "Six" as to whether former members of Triple Trio might be able to come together & sing at the Memorial. Mr. Toneff began his career at GHHS as a music & choir teacher in 1947, and was the first director of Triple Trio that began during the 1956-57 school year. Audrey was happy to accept the challenge, and with Doug Day accompanying, the following performed: Altos: Lee-Ann Franko Spacek (GHHS Class of 1966), Carol Kus Adornetto (GHHS Class of 1965), 2nd Soprano: Janet Scaparotti Grimm (GHHS Class of 1969), Connie Glazewski Adams (GHHS Class of 1965), Diane Hitch Chesko (GHHS Class of 1965). 1st Soprano: Karen Parhamovich Felon (GHHS Class of 1967), Audrey Sopko (GHHS Class of 1967). Six of these ladies were former Trio members and one was a former member of the 1967 A Cappella Choir. They performed "Mr. Wonderful", the song that all alumni heard sung by Triple Trio during the Tri-Hi-Y King & Attendants assembly usually performed near Valentine's Day.

The Memorial attested to the fact that Mr. Toneff led a fascinating life during those 103 years and was an exceptional person and mentor to many, especially to his students. While this editor did not experience his teaching while at GHHS, those of you who did will probably agree that the music and English literature that he taught remains special. He will be missed by many!

Bulldog Banter

Alumni "On the Go": Some folks are still "on the move" during this time of year.

Peggy Terry Berteau, with husband, Bob, visited Nashville & Louisville, KY, in October, with the Local 38 Electrician Retiree Club seeing the Corvette Museum, Churchill Downs, Country Music Hall of Fame and many bars in both locations! They also cruised to Key West & Cozumel via Ft. Lauderdale, FL, and due to a storm, got "stuck" in FL! Peggy said in any event the cruise was great!

Randy Stakes and wife, Kathy, had a wonderful visit to Mazatlan, Mexico in early November;

Gail Russler Meyer with husband, Barry, traveled to Seattle, WA, and Elkton, OR, visiting friends in early November, before heading to Northern CA where Barry celebrated his 70th birthday where they visited Barry's son, daughter-in-law & 10-month old granddaughter, Rayla;

Stan Slempa found himself viewing Perth, Australia and the Indian Ocean during mid-November through the eyes of his daughter, who was touring that beautiful part of the world, and,

Sharon Travagliante Weitzman with husband, Skip, shared the holidays with family in Temecula, CA.

In Our Thoughts: Several of our alumni have had some health issues these past few months, so we want those folks to know that we are thinking of them & hoping they have had a quick recovery! They are: **Tawny Owens Rollheiser** has been having some severe cardiac issues. We hope, Tawny, that medical care straightens everything out for a quick & speedy recovery.

Linda Sindelar Steffen had a CAT scan the end of November for extreme pain & muscle spasms in her lumbar region which sent her to the ER. MRIs were scheduled to rule out any progression of cancer and fortunately, they were negative!

Jim Embrescia was again in Hillcrest Hospital the end of November for more foot surgery, and,

Kathy Schneider Nowack was diagnosed with endocarditis in October which led to open heart surgery November 7th. She had a valve replaced and another one repaired with the pacemaker replaced. She is presently in a rehab facility for several more weeks.

We know that there are probably other alums who are having or have had health issues that are unknown to the rest of us. In a true Bulldog spirit, we would like to also reach out to you and hope that those conditions can be managed to a full recovery!

Kudos! November 5th was the 51st wedding anniversary celebrated by **Jane Mendat Yurichak** and husband, James, and **Linda Reed Strauss** with husband, Tom, celebrated their 50th anniversary on December 16th.

Linda Sindelar Kavaras & husband, Mark, welcomed their second granddaughter, Rosalie Mary, on December 2, 2022. Linda's daughter, Lindsey, and son-in-law, Ben, are doing just fine!

Congratulations all!

Newsy Reflections & Tidbits: The “Lady Bulldogs” held their October luncheon on the 15th and their “Ugly Christmas Sweater” luncheon on December 10th. October's lunch was held at On Tap Grille & Bar in Medina, while the December lunch took place at Danny Boys in Broadview Heights. The photos below show these ladies again having a wonderful time:

At the October lunch were: **Leslie Mroz Readinger, Karen Kuderna Kudley, Jan Wroblewski Hola, Ruth Mendala Thompson, Karen Soika Palker, Gayle Glowick Konet, Tina Sparacio Iceman & Linda Wike Calkins.**



Attendees at the "Ugly Sweater" luncheon: 1st row: **Karn Parhamovich Felon, Helen Steblinski Cejer, Amy Roman Kostka, and Linda Maciaszek Fauble.**

Back row: **Janice Wroblewski Hola, Ruth Mendala Thompson, Karen Soika Palker, Pamela Poveroni Conrad, Gayle Glowick Konet, Nancy Levis Knowlton, Audrey Sopko, Linda Wike Calkins, and Peggy Terry Berteau.**



Kathy

The next luncheon will be January 21, 2023. Check the facebook page (Class of '67 GHHS Lady Bulldogs) for details concerning it. Join us if you can!

Newsy Reflections & Tidbits: Everyone enjoys watching movies, especially during the special time at Christmas. However, Hollywood always has some special ways to make those movies unique. Here are a few tidbits in the making of five Christmas themed movies:

- 1) The department store in '**A Christmas Story**' "cleaned up" the script for this movie. Director Bob Clark reportedly scouted more than 20 different cities. He ultimately chose Cleveland, Ohio, for its department store. Higbee's was the only flagship store willing to permit filming, but on one condition: the movie could not contain any profanity.
- 2) '**It's a Wonderful Life**' created a new kind of snow for the movie. Before the 1946 film, movie makers had used untoasted cornflakes to substitute for snow on set, but the crunchy stuff actually made such a racket under actors' feet, dialogue needed re-dubbing. Afterward, RKO's head of special effects, Russell Shearman, came up with a much better solution for faking the white stuff: a combination of water, soap flakes, foamite and sugar called "chemical snow."
- 3) '**Miracle on 34th Street**' was filmed during an actual Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade. Shot on location in New York City, *Miracle on 34th Street* had one chance to get the parade scene right when they filmed live during the 1946 parade. As Maureen O'Hara who starred in the movie wrote in her memoir, "It was a mad scramble to get all the shots we needed, and we got to do each scene only once," "It was bitterly cold that day, and Edmund (who played Santa Claus) and I envied Natalie (Wood) and John Payne, who were watching the parade from a window."

- 4) Tom Hanks played five characters in '**The Polar Express**'. The actor originally optioned the book hoping to play the conductor and Santa Claus. Later, director Robert Zemeckis considered having him play every role — an incredibly ambitious goal that proved too exhausting for Tom. He ultimately is credited as the hero boy's father, conductor, hobo, Scrooge puppet, Santa Claus and the narrator.

- 5) Jim Carrey's **Grinch** makeup took up to eight hours to apply. In addition to having to wear a costume made with dyed yak hair, Jim Carrey also had to sit still for hours at a time to transform into the cold-hearted creature. Other cast members had a much easier time transitioning into the residents of Whoville, wearing prosthetic noses that connected to an upper lip along with dentures, ears and wigs.

Happy Holidays, Everyone!

Well, that's about all the news for now. In true Bulldog spirit, Ho, Ho, Ho!

Until the next issue, [Go Bulldogs!!!](#)

Your loyal editor,
Gail Russler Meyer