

# TIGER TRACKS



The annual newsletter of the Amherst Central Alumni Foundation, Inc.

2008 EDITION      CHERISHING THE PAST, ENHANCING THE FUTURE

## Stone Tigers Project Moving Right Along



Larry Griffis III and the stone tiger model

### **It's not too late to make a donation.**

Our alumni gift to Amherst High School is almost a reality. The Alumni Foundation has undertaken the final phase of its 75th Anniversary gift to the high school by commissioning WNY artist and sculptor, Larry Griffis III, to design a pair of one-of-a-kind tiger mascots for the entrance of the high school. This well-known sculptor's local works can be found on the facade of HSBC Arena, in Forest Lawn Cemetery, at Canisius College, and throughout Griffis Sculpture Park.

The realistic features and enormous size of the initial model took weeks to complete, but it was well worth the wait. The 6'3" life size tiger model was first unveiled at Amherst High School's Go-To-School-Night in October and the response was incredible. The model will eventually be used as the mold for both tigers. Griffis recently met with Amherst art students to design the tails that will be used on the final design. If all goes as scheduled, the sculptures will be installed later this spring. Photos and a video are posted on our web site at [www.amherstalumni.org](http://www.amherstalumni.org).

"We are very fortunate to have this opportunity to be bringing these magnificent art pieces to our campus," said Ginny Fretz Rusk '71, President of the Alumni Foundation. "Not only will these mascots add beauty to the architectural design of the school building, but for the students who have never seen sculptures like these, it will truly be an educational experience. We thank our alumni and friends who have supported this wonderful Stone Tigers Project."

The Alumni Foundation continues to raise funds for the tiger mascots. Donor incentives are listed on our web site at [www.amherstalumni.org](http://www.amherstalumni.org). If you would like to make a tax deductible donation, please send your check made payable to the ACAF, Inc., and mail to 4301 Main St., Amherst, NY 14226. Please indicate that your donation is for the Stone Tigers Project.

# Here and There.

## Where are they now?

*You are reporters in the field. We invite your comments and news about you and other Amherst Alumni. We regret that we will not be able to include what we hear about spouses and children, or detail the myriad academic and extracurricular accomplishments of hundreds of alumni still in undergraduate colleges. We will report deaths, but not births or marriages. All information is gathered from what is believed to be reliable alumni sources. We apologize if erroneous information is included, but we cannot be held responsible. We will gladly print corrected information in the next TIGER TRACKS.*

### 1930's

**J. Paul Sheedy '33** recently sent us a copy of his wonderful memoir/love story *A Golden Thread*, which includes the narrative of how he reconnected with **Myrtle ("Sue") Winchell Haslach '33**. As some of you may know, Paul and Sue were friends in high school, married others, but kept in contact and stayed friends over the years. After Paul's wife Marie passed away in 2003, Paul started visiting Sue, also widowed, in Bradenton, FL. They fell in love and shared several years of happiness while living on opposite coasts in Florida. For a couple of years, Paul was able to take the long bus ride from Tallahassee and visit Sue every few weeks, but eventually, those bus rides proved too taxing for Paul and thereafter, the couple continued their relationship through letters and daily phone calls. Sadly, Sue passed away in September 2007.

**Herbert Farmer '38** is Professor Emeritus at the University of Southern California's School of Documentary Arts.

### 1950's

**Dr. Carl Staplin '52** retired from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa after 39 years of teaching as Professor of Organ and Church Music.

**The 50th Reunion of the Class of 1957** was held the weekend of July 27-29, 2007. Alumni came from all over the U.S. and as far away as Juneau, Alaska. Old friends were reunited and some were back for the first time in 50 years. **John Oehler** did a find job as MC for

the weekend. A brunch on Sunday was held at the home of **Mike and Carole Ferrick**. Among the retired faculty in attendance were **Morton and Norma Enia Klayman, Elenora Hildebrand, Walter Reitz and Donald Munson**. **Chuck Pettis** sang a song he wrote especially for the class. Couples who were sweethearts in their senior year and then married were recognized. They are **Dave & Cyndy Monroe Berry, Bill & Robin Askin DeKleine, Brad & Sally Paul Dunn, Chuck & Berta Wiggins Pettis, Bob & Carol Mueller Rhodes, Ron & Claudia Podbielniak Voisard, and Barry & Elaine Myers Wagner**.

**Peter Chudy '57** is still playing basketball and will be playing in the Senior Olympics in Kentucky representing New York State in the 65-69 age group.

**Steve Hauschka '58** writes that after 40 years he's still enjoying biochemistry research and teaching undergraduate and graduate students at the University of Washington (although, playing with his delightful grandchildren is becoming more enticing!)

**Sandra Skidmore Susten '58** says that she and her husband Allan are retired from the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. They spend summers on a farm in Indiana and winters in Florida.

### 1960's

**Richard & Leigh Truby Granger '62** are retired and traveling the country in their motor home.

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## HONORING ONE'S HEROES

## 2007 Distinguished Educator Emeritus Award Recipients

Heroes. We all have them...those people who inspire us, who motivate us, who shape us. We strive to emulate them in hopes of passing on their legacy.

Ask Michele D'Addario Moser '81 who her hero is and she will tell you that the guidance and inspiration of her 6th grade teacher, Ruth Westenfelder, helped to make her the woman she is today. As matter of fact, Michele's youngest daughter, Ruth, is named for Miss Westenfelder.

Miss Westenfelder, who taught at Eggert Road Elementary School from 1937 to 1975, along with three other exceptional Amherst Central School District educators were honored October 11, 2007 at the Fifth Annual Distinguished Educator Emeritus Award Reception.

Elenora Hildebrand, a former Home Economics and Nutrition teacher at the High School; Jack Duffy, who retired in 2005 as an English teacher at the High School; and Bob Hettler, beloved physical education teacher and coach, who passed away in 2006, were among the 2007 honorees.

Each of the recipients was nominated by a former student for exemplifying dedication to education within the Amherst Central School District.



2007 Educator Emeritus recipient, Ruth Westenfelder, with the late Ruth Symons Rohl '46

This special award is given out at a reception each fall; and alumni, students, teachers and friends are welcome to attend. Alumni, and retired and current faculty are encouraged to send in nominations for this year's event. Any teacher, administrator, or staff member, (from all grades and from any of the schools), who has made a significant difference in a student's life may be nominated.

Information and nomination forms are available by visiting our web site at [www.amherstalumni.org](http://www.amherstalumni.org), or calling the alumni office at 716-362-8259.



(Left to right): Dick Gernold '56; Michael Hettler; portrait of the late Robert "Het" Hettler; Mrs. Robert Hettler; and Cynthia Hettler Ingerson

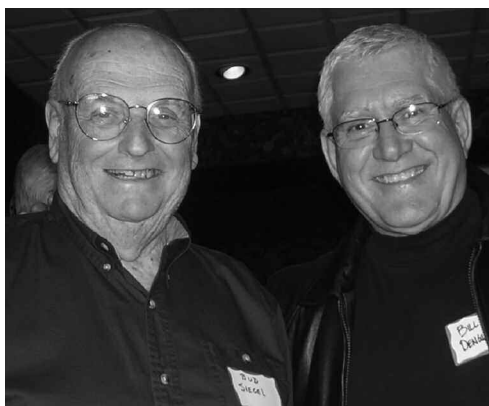
# Alumni's Hottest New Ticket

Since our last newsletter, the Amherst Alumni Foundation has sponsored three "Tigerfest" fundraising parties to support our grant program and special projects fund. These casual gatherings, held during Fall Homecoming Week, and in the spring, provided plenty of laughs and brought old friends together for an opportunity to reminisce and catch up on current happenings.



Our most recent event held in March at the Sonoma Grille, featured Amherst's very own School Board President, Bill Blanford and his band, "Fools Like Us" (aka FLU). Alumni reconnected and met several of the newest ACSD administrators. Joining us for the evening were Superintendent Laura Chabe; HS Principal Greg Pigeon; and Dean of Students/ Varsity Football Coach Pat Murphy.

The Spring Tigerfest was chaired by Marilyn Rohl '70 and raised significant funds for grants and special projects.



Left: Brad Bardo '73 and Ted Meyers '75

Top: "Friend of Amherst" Bud Seigel with Bill Dengler '67

Above: Amherst Parent, Janet Beamer with Alumni Board Member, Ginna Coon '60

Below: Sue Storfur Currie '84, Eric Genau, Anne Harding Joyce '70, Bill Joyce '68 and Sarah Joyce Genau '97





# Here and There (continued from page 2)

## 1970's

**Susan Degener Marty '70** says she's lost contact with friends from Amherst and would love to get back in touch. Email her at [Martys@ColoSprings.com](mailto:Martys@ColoSprings.com).

**Ann Coleman '73** opened the Ann Coleman Gallery in Wilmington, VT ([www.ArtistAnnColeman.com](http://www.ArtistAnnColeman.com)). It features her brilliant pastel work in landscapes and gardens. She also has an award-winning piece on a label for Honora Winery & Vineyards, and a top-selling bear she painted for a Mount Snow Valley Chamber Charity event.

**Rob Jaus '74** and his brother **Rick '72**, owners of Hayes Fish Co., marked the fish market's 130th anniversary in 2007. Hayes Fish, a fixture on Harlem Road in Snyder, has been in the Jaus family since 1922.

**John Schmid '75** says hi to all his old friends. He and his wife are planning on moving in the next few months.

**Jeff Gundlach '77** was named Morningstar's 2006 Fixed Income Manager of the Year. Jeff is TCW Brokerage Services Chief Investment Officer and Lead Portfolio Manager of the TCW Total Return Bond Fund (TGLMX).

**The Class of '77** celebrated their 30th Reunion. Over 100 alumni gathered on July 20th at Banchetti by Rizzo's. Classmates spent time sharing their experiences at Amherst and catching up since the last reunion gathering 10 years ago. The 30 years were toasted with a giant sheet cake under a class banner handmade by Sheila Rottger Devine. Alumni traveled from all over to attend and enjoyed a school tour hosted by Ellen Marshall '69. Thanks go to **David Goldberg, Linda LaDuca Domres, Sheila Rottger Devine, Lindsay Wolfe** (Class Director), and

**Tizzy Wallens Schechter** for chairing the event. It was a day enjoyed by all!

**Trey DiMartina '78** writes "common sense is an uncommon thing".

## 1980's and 1990's

**Peter Nusbaum '83**, a re-recording mixer for NBC Universal Studios in Los Angeles, and his mixing partner, John Cook, won Emmy Awards for their work on *Scrubs*. They won for Outstanding Mixing for a Comedy or Drama Series and Animation. Nusbaum and Cook were also nominated for an episode of *The Office*. Peter's other shows include three new comedies on ABC: *Cavemen*, *Samantha Who?*, and *Carpoolers*.

**Dana Joseph Beszczynski '83** has been umpiring baseball on all levels for over 30 years and writes that he will be umpiring the Final Olympic Qualifier in Taipei. The top three teams are guaranteed the final three berths for the Olympics in Beijing this summer.

**Rachel Doran Abramo '84** has been living in Alabama for 9 years with her three kids, who she says all have cute southern accents. "See ya'll at the next reunion".

Two Amherst grads were among the six International Chemistry Olympiad winners interviewed for a Where are They Now article in a weekly American Chemical Society publication in September 2007. **Jeff Snyder '87** and **Tom Snyder '98** (no relation) were among the Amherst students who represented the U.S. internationally.

**Adam '92** and **Jennifer Mordino Goetz '92**, along with **Ed Castine '92**, opened a restaurant on Allen Street in Allentown called Sample. It received 3.5 out of 4 stars from Janice Okun, food editor from the *Buffalo News* in April 2007.

# 2007 Golf Classic Brought Friends Together

Once again, golfers young and old gathered for the 6th Annual Alumni Golf Classic at the Glen Oak Golf Course on July 15, 2007. Recent grads, John Rusk '06, Andrew Bartz '06, Will Hays '06, along with Will's younger brother, Andrew '08, used the event as an opportunity to reconnect after spending a year away at college. They joined a record number of returning golfers who were treated to a perfect summer day of golf, food, a well-stocked hospitality cart, friendly camaraderie and competition.

"It was terrific seeing so many familiar faces again," said Bob Laskie, co-chairman of the event. It was a great occasion for alumni and friends to spend an enjoyable afternoon together while raising money for the Alumni Foundation. Marilyn Rohl '70, co-chairman of the tournament, presented first place prizes to the overall winners: Jim Gallery '69, Dale Ackerman, Brian Blake and Bill Ehmann '66. Our deep appreciation goes out to all the generous sponsors and golfers who supported this benefit.



(Left to right) Thomas Brown '66 next to three great "Friends of Amherst:" Russ Macaluso, Greg Macaluso and Henry "Hank" Olsen



Deon Drake, Dave Mosgeller and John Klepfer '65 help Mark Ahrens '73 line up his putt

## CLASSIC SPONSOR – \$3,000

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Marek Fludzinski '73

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## RANGE SPONSORS – \$100

Elenora Hildebrand (retired faculty)  
Anne '70 and Bill '68 Joyce  
James Hoddick and  
Thomas Balazs DDS, LLP  
Ginna Coon '60  
in memory of Judith Coon Kobee '57

# Amherst Central Alumni Foundation Grant Committee

This past year has been a very busy and successful one for the ACAF Grant Committee as more teachers and students have become aware of the grants available to them from the Alumni Foundation. For the 2007-08 school year, the Grant Committee has awarded over \$5,000 in grant funding for individual students and special projects. Some of the grants awarded include: funds for the BOSS Program (supporting students at-risk) to purchase a new computer projector specifically for their students; assistance with the tuition for a gifted music student to attend the Interlochen Arts Summer Camp; funds for the Diversity Focus Group (consisting of high school students & teachers) to attend a summer workshop which specifically addressed leadership issues within the African-American community; tuition assistance for two students to attend the People-to-People Student Ambassador Program to Europe and funds for the Middle School to purchase a new tiger mascot costume.



Amherst HS music student, Austin Oprean

Nathan Phillips, Middle School teacher and Student Council Advisor writes, "Thanks to the Amherst Alumni Foundation, the Middle School has a new celebrity to grace our hallways and spread school spirit. "Tigerman"



MS students Ellie Masters and Jada Barnes with Tigerman

appears regularly at many school functions and puts many smiles on the students, faculty, staff and parents."

Here is just one note of appreciation we have received this year:

*Dear Alumni Foundation,*

*On behalf of the students in the BOSS program, thank you so much for the grant for the purchase of new computer projector. Ann Schoellkopf (my co-teacher) and I are so thrilled that Alumni Foundation found the funds to support such a worthwhile cause. Your contribution has allowed us to provide our at-risk population with technology that will grasp their attention and inspire them in ways never thought before.*

*Your contribution has already made a big difference! I am happy to report that in the first three weeks of school, the projector has been used on a daily basis. The students absolutely love it (and the teachers too)! Most importantly, we are confident that it will have a big impact on students learning and help us reach Amherst's most neediest population.*

*Again on behalf of all the students, thank you for your generosity!*

*Rich Crozier and Ann Schoellkopf*

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# \$10 WILL KEEP US GOING

You, too, can share in the mission and accomplishments of the Amherst Central Alumni Foundation by supporting our annual \$10 Will Keep Us Going initiative.

This is how it works. We are asking each of you to please get out your checkbooks, or go to our web site at [www.amherstalumni.org](http://www.amherstalumni.org), and send the Amherst Central Alumni Foundation, Inc. a tax deductible, \$10 contribution. \$10 Will Keep Us Going is truly a very small amount to contribute for the valuable services we provide to all of you, and our alma mater.

What are these valuable services we provide? We maintain a current database of 20,000+ alumni worldwide, and update our web site regularly with the latest news and information. We assist you with organizing and planning your class reunions, coordinate an all-school reunion every five years, and publish our annual Tiger Tracks newsletter. We are the home of decades of yearbooks, pictures, and memorabilia, and invite you to stop into the Marie Nowak Fronczak '41 Alumni Foundation Office in Room #103 at Amherst High School and check it out any time. We also give back to the Amherst Central School District through our grant program, special projects, and Distinguished Educator Emeritus Award.

The reality is it costs money to make good things happen! Here's your opportunity to "give back" and make a difference in the Amherst Central community. And, if you would like to donate a little extra, it would be gratefully accepted.

Please make your checks payable to the ACAF, Inc., and mail to:  
ACAF, Inc., 4301 Main Street, Amherst, NY 14226.

Thank you!

## The Elenora Hildebrand Society **INCLUDING AMHERST IN YOUR ESTATE PLANS**

The Elenora Hildebrand Society recognizes generous individuals who have decided to offer a legacy gift through provisions in a will, trust, retirement plan or insurance policy. Legacy gifts, or "planned gifts," assure the future of the Amherst Central Alumni Foundation, Inc., and enables

benefactors to make a difference in the lives of Amherst students.

Please consider including ACAF, Inc. in your estate plans. For more information, or to advise us of your gift intentions, please contact the alumni office at 716-362-8259.



## Grants (continued from page 7)

All of these grants would not have been possible without the generous support of so many of our alumni. Each grant request is carefully reviewed by the Grant Committee and must meet certain criteria before it is recommended to the ACAF Board of Directors for final approval. The Grant Committee strives to award grants that benefit the greatest number of students throughout the Amherst Central School District as well as assist with individual grants to deserving students.

For the 2007-2008 school year, the Grant Committee consists of ACAF Board Members Susan Hens Smith '74, Chair; Carol York Weil '67, Ginna Coon '60 and Richard Mugal '78.

We encourage all alumni to make a donation so that we may continue to provide unique opportunities that otherwise would not be funded through the regular school district budget process.

Please be generous in your support!

Susan Hens Smith '74  
Chairman, Grant Committee

## NEW! ALUMNI MERCHANDISE

Now you can order cool  
Amherst alumni merchandise!

[cafepress.com/amherstalumni](http://cafepress.com/amherstalumni)

There are a variety of items  
to choose from. A percentage  
of the cost will be donated  
back to the ACAF, Inc.

## From the Alumni Office

### Reunions 2008 & 2009

If you're looking to plan an upcoming class reunion, the Alumni Office would like to know. We can provide you with some "start up" tips, class lists, and assistance with promoting your events.

### The "Eights"

From now until the end of the school year, the Alumni Office is posting the senior pages from *The Tower* on our website for every class which graduated in a year that ends with an "8".

### Update Your Records

Speaking of the website, take a few minutes and update your records online. The process is easy and keeps the ACAF connected with you. All you have to do is go the Alumni website, click on the "Alumni Records" link on the left, search for your record and update. If you don't have your secret number to access your record to update, you can email us and we will send you the code.

Once you have updated your record, the Alumni Office will review and the changes will go live within a week. It's as simple as that!

### Alumni Stories and Bulletin Board

If you have a story you would like to share with your fellow alumni, you can submit it to the Foundation and have it published on our website.

### Office Hours—Call or stop by!

Christopher Byrd, Office Manager  
Tuesday & Thursday: 9 am–1 pm  
Wednesday: 2 pm–6 pm

[www.amherstalumni.org](http://www.amherstalumni.org)  
716.362.8259

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May, 2008

Alumni of Amherst Central School  
Retired Teachers and Administration  
Teachers and Administrators

Dear Friends of Amherst:

The Amherst Central Alumni Foundation and the Amherst Central School District have embarked on an initiative to recognize retired educators. This recognition/award is titled "Distinguished Educator Emeritus". The honor will be bestowed upon an educator (teacher/administrator/counselor/etc.) who is held in the highest regard for his or her contributions to students while in service at Amherst. It is designed to embrace all staff, grades pre-K-12, whether at the High School, Middle School, Harlem Road School, Eggert Road School, Smallwood Drive School or Windermere Boulevard School.

The award winners to date have been as follows: 2004–Donald W. Munson; 2005–Philip A. Schweickhard and Walter E. Reitz; 2006–Dr. Peter Demmin; 2007–Ruth Westenfelder, Elenora Hildebrand, Jack Duffy, and Robert Hettler.

All alumni and current and retired faculty members may submit a nomination. The format encourages a statement that outlines the attributes of the nominee to be considered for this recognition. It may focus on a single encounter of guidance or inspiration that affected a "student" or a series of efforts over the course of a year or years that exemplifies dedication to education at an Amherst Central school. We greatly value the contributions of these educators at each grade level.

The selection committee includes:

Donald W. Munson, Retired Principal  
Virginia Fretz Rusk, Class of 1971

Robert Laskie, Class of 1958  
David Dengler, Class of 1974

Please submit all nominations by August 1, 2008 to Mr. Donald W. Munson, Amherst Central Alumni Foundation, Inc., 4301 Main Street, Amherst, NY 14226 or by email to [alumni@amherst.k12.ny.us](mailto:alumni@amherst.k12.ny.us). We welcome your nomination.

Sincerely,



Donald W. Munson  
Retired Principal, Committee Chair

P.S. Nomination forms are available by calling the alumni office at (716) 362-8259, or by visiting our web site at [www.amherstalumni.org](http://www.amherstalumni.org). You may also submit a nomination on your personal stationery.

# Thank You, Class Directors!

On Monday, March 19, 2007, the Amherst Central Alumni Foundation hosted a reception in honor of all of the class directors, thanking them for their hard work especially during the 75th Anniversary. The party was held at the Glen Oak Golf Course Clubhouse, giving class directors the opportunity to see where the Annual Amherst Alumni Golf Classic is held. It was an opportunity for the Foundation to highlight upcoming projects and introduce members of the ACAF Board of Directors.

Hats off to all of the class directors for continuing to promote and support the efforts of the Amherst Alumni Foundation, Inc.

## WHO ARE THE CLASS DIRECTORS AND WHAT IS THEIR ROLE?

The Class Directors are an important link between the Board of Directors of the Amherst Central Alumni Foundation, Inc. and each of the individual classes. They serve as liaisons and promote the activities and events of the Foundation to members of their class through letters, flyers, e-mails, phone calls, etc.—whatever it takes to get the word out. In addition, CDs are a great source of information for plans of upcoming class activities and reunions.

Most significantly, unlike many of the “jobs” connected to the Alumni Foundation, this is a role that can be assumed by someone living outside of WNY. Just ask Clay Pasternack ’68 or the enthusiastic Class of 1963 “team” of Clinton “Bob” Friday & John Farner—all of whom work electronically from Ohio, California, and Kentucky, respectively, to keep their classmates connected.

Under the leadership of Susan Hens Smith ’74 and Ellen Marshall ’69, the

Class Directors provide yet another valuable Amherst communication connection. To view the entire list of current Class Directors, you can visit our web site and click on that link for complete contact information. There are still a few classes who lack representatives: 34, 35, 41, 50, 51, 53, 61, 62, 66, 72, 88, 90, 94, 01.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to serve as a CD (or Co-CD) for your class, please contact Sue at [soozeeq@roadrunner.com](mailto:soozeeq@roadrunner.com) or 716-440-3438 or Ellen at [emarshall@roadrunner.com](mailto:emarshall@roadrunner.com) or 716-984-7015.

## YOU, TOO, CAN GET INVOLVED!

The Amherst Central Alumni Foundation is looking for enthusiastic individuals to join its Board of Directors. The organization is made up of a diverse and enthusiastic group of volunteers who are dedicated to keeping our alumni connected, and giving back to our alma mater.

The Alumni Foundation assists with class reunions, maintains archives, and oversees a web site, annual newsletter, grant program, and fundraising activities.

Can't commit to serving on the Board of Directors? Then consider volunteering your time and talents on a specific committee that interests you!

For more information, visit our web site at [www.amherstalumni.org](http://www.amherstalumni.org), or contact the Alumni Office at 716-362-8259.

# ACAF Treasurer's Report

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the alumni, parents, current and retired faculty/staff/administration and local businesses who have donated to the Amherst Central Alumni Foundation, Inc. again this past year. Without the generous support of our extended Amherst "family", it would not be possible to maintain our alumni office in the High School, publish our annual newsletter, and provide grants to students and faculty members.

Many thanks go to Chris Bechtel '67 and Joanne Wassinger of Bechtel, Kopin & Co., Certified Public Accountants, who generously donate their time and services each year to prepare our annual financial statements.

## Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2007

### Current Assets:

Checking Account	\$ 10,917.14
Special Projects Fund	\$ 1,175.90
Dorothy Coleman Volgenau Award Fund	\$ 4,960.24
Grant Fund	\$ 5,701.92
Vanguard Endowment Fund	\$223,240.03
 Total Assets:	 \$245,995.23

Annual campaign donations and memorial gifts were \$10,854 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007 with donations so far this fiscal year of \$6,789. Additional revenues were obtained from our 6th Annual Golf Classic and several other special events: Distinguished Educator Emeritus reception, "Tigerfest" fundraisers, 75th Anniversary/Oak Doors Project, Stone Tigers Project, and Graduation Flower sale. The ACAF Board of Directors voted to use the profits from the 2005 Reunion to fund operating expenses plus the Oak Doors & Stone Tigers Projects.

The Dorothy Coleman Volgenau Fund was established by Douglas Volgenau '55 and is funded by him in order to provide an annual award to be given to a graduating senior during the High School Awards Day ceremony.

The Alumni Foundation has awarded grants to students and faculty for many years and due to several restricted donations, a separate grant fund was established. The Endowment Fund is also a source of funding for the grant program.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fretz '73, ACAF Treasurer

## FOURTH ANNUAL AMHERST CENTRAL MEN'S LACROSSE ALUMNI GAME

**Sunday June 15, 2007 • Game Time 2:00 pm**  
**On the Dimp Wagner Alumni turf field**

FEATURING A FULL FOUR-QUARTER GAME  
50-50 raffle & more! After the game, complimentary buffet and entertainment.  
Contact Jim Durak at [jimdurak49@yahoo.com](mailto:jimdurak49@yahoo.com) for information.



## Here and There (continued from page 5)

**Ed Hershey '97** teaches high school physics and chemistry at Lindblom Math & Science Academy in Chicago.

**Tom Snyder '98**, valedictorian, was named the World Sudoku Champion in April 2007 in the Czech Republic, beating a field of more than 30 international teams. He is currently working toward a Ph.D. in biochemistry at Harvard University.

**Jennifer Hettler '98** qualified for the 2007 RockStar World Wakeboard Association World Championships in Sparks, Nevada in August 2007. She competed in the Pro Women Wakeskate Division and has been wakeskating professionally for two years.

### 2000's

**Staff Sgt. Samantha Angelo '02**, made her Kleinhans Music Hall professional debut with "The President's Own" U.S. Marine Band in October 2007. She has been a clarinetist with the 62-member ensemble since 2006.

**Amy Schroeder '02**, a violinist with the Attacca String Quartet, returned to Amherst to perform with the Amherst Symphony Orchestra in October 2007. All Attacca members are currently pursuing master degrees at the Juilliard School.

**Jill Battaglia '03**, a 2007 graduate of Cortland State College, is the girl's lacrosse coach for the Buffalo Wings Blue U17 team.

**Amy Cucinotta '03** won floor exercise as a member of the Kent State team at the Mid-American Conference Championships in March 2007. She was named to the All-MAC first team.

**Rebecca Elkin '03** had a starring role in Shakespeare in the Park's production of

Othello last August. Shakespeare in the Park is performed in Delaware Park each summer.

**Chris Rogerson '06**, a music student at Philadelphia's prestigious Curtis Institute, was featured in a *Buffalo News* article in June 2007 titled "Young Prodigies". Chris is studying cello and his most ambitious plan is to achieve success as a composer.

**Emily Warren '06**, a sophomore at Mercyhurst College, has been named as the Lakers' Field Hockey team's most valuable player. It's the second straight year she has earned the honor.

**Christine Domres '07** is the 2007 recipient of the Angela Coniglio Memorial Scholarship at ACHS. She played varsity field hockey and lacrosse.

### 2007 DISTRICT RETIREES

Administration:

Dennis Ford (Superintendent)  
Paul Wietig (Deputy Superintendent – Curriculum & Instruction)  
Jack Koch (HS Assistant Principal/Dean of Students)  
Barbara Marotto (Principal, Smallwood Drive School)

Faculty:

Carol Eberhardt (SDS)  
Lisa Hillman (MS)  
Pam Johnson-Koch (HS)  
Lawrence Kordasiewicz (HS)  
Marcia Lamb (MS)  
Eileen Markzon (SDS)  
Linda Miller (MS)  
David Ulrich (HS)

Clerical: Caroline Barth (DO)  
Virginia Hunting (SDS)  
Patricia Fox (HS)

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## Here and There (continued from page 13)

### RETIRED FACULTY

**Walter Reitz**, retired music director at ACHS, continues to direct the Amherst Male Glee Club, a group he started in 1948. The annual "Red Blazer Varieties" show will be held April 2008.

Since retiring from the High School faculty in 1991, **Truman Beckley Brown** has run a small financial planning business. Mr. Brown remembers teaching **Jeff Gundlach '77** in Economics.

### IN MEMORIAM

Edwin J. Hens — 1/15/2007  
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 Harry O. Brunn '37 — 1/7/2008  
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 Jeanne Cruse Vosseler '47 — 11/18/2006  
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 John S. Robinson '76 — 3/4/2008  
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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR HOMECOMING 2008!

Celebrated throughout the week of September 22, 2008  
 culminating with the Amherst Varsity Football Game  
 played "under the lights" on the Donald "Dimp" Wagner '48  
 turf field on Friday night, September 26 @ 7:00 PM.

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Please contact the Alumni Office with any info you have on reunions for 2008. Call (716) 362-8259 or visit the website at [alumni@amherst.k12.ny.us](mailto:alumni@amherst.k12.ny.us)

## CLASS OF 1948

Thursday, July 17, 2008. Contact Susan Ott at [susottsr@gmail.com](mailto:susottsr@gmail.com) for information.

## CLASS OF 1951

Informal gathering: Saturday, October 4, 2008, at Sonoma Grille, 5000 Main Street, anytime between 6–10 PM. Contact Nan Gravener Utter at [TwoUtters@aol.com](mailto:TwoUtters@aol.com) if you plan to attend or need additional information.

## CLASS OF 1955

46 classmates and partners attended a “destination reunion” over the weekend of May 16-18th, 2008 hosted by Class President, Bill Powell, in Santa Fe, NM. You can read Judith Larwood Hegg’s complete reunion summary which captures the spirit of this memorable weekend on our web site.

## CLASS OF 1958 – 50TH REUNION

A committee is forming to work on arrangements for a 50th Reunion to coincide with Amherst Homecoming Weekend, September 26-27th. If interested, you can contact Bob Laskie: [lask@roadrunner.com](mailto:lask@roadrunner.com) or (716) 689-6115.

## CLASS OF 1968 – 40TH REUNION

July 18–19, 2008. Friday will be a casual night at Brunner's Tavern on Main Street in Eggerstville, from 8 PM to ????. The Saturday evening event will be at the Pearl Street Grill (76 Pearl St.@Seneca St.) in Buffalo from 7–10 PM. A light food menu will be served with cash bar. This will be the main event for the reunion weekend. After-party event at Founding Father's (owned by 1968 class member / football team QB Mike Driscoll) from 10 PM to ????? Committee members are: Rich Morin, Don Houck, Tad O'Rourke, Craig Speers, Jeff Rausch, Laurie Steinmetz, Tom Kenney, Grant Golden, Ilene Rosenblat Gelber and Clay Pasternack. Contact Clay at [cp1968achs@cs.com](mailto:cp1968achs@cs.com) or (440) 333 2208 (home phone) or (440) 655 6180 (cell).

## CLASS OF 1973

35th Reunion: July 19, 2008 at Loughran's in Snyder. Contact Sue Fretz @ [bcc4007@roadrunner.com](mailto:bcc4007@roadrunner.com) or (716) 837-8688.

## CLASS OF 1976

Due to strong response from those who attended last summer's reunion, we've put together another Class of '76 event. Check out [www.amherst76.com](http://www.amherst76.com) for info. Because most of us are, or are about to turn, the BIG 5-0, this will be a 50th Birthday Party for us all! We'd love to know if you're coming, but we've worked it out so that the numbers at our events can be flexible. If you end up coming last minute, don't worry!

Friday, July 11, 2008: 11 AM (Tentative) Walk the Hallowed Halls of Our Alma Mater, Amherst Central; 8 PM Drinks at Brunner's. Saturday, July 12, 2008: 7 PM Informal Dinner at Chef's Restaurant ([www.ilovechefs.com](http://www.ilovechefs.com)). We'll have our own room and everyone can order off the menu. Your Class of '76 Party Team: Lance Mauro (50), Dennis Steiner (50), Sue Lojacono (50), Abby Palanker (49), Gary Marino (49), Carla Falbo (49).



## UPCOMING REUNIONS

### CLASS OF 1978

July 11, 2008, 6 PM: Loughran's Restaurant, 4543 Main Street in Snyder. July 12, 2008, 7 PM: A night of Comedy at Rob's Comedy Playhouse, 1340 N. Forest Road in Williamsville. Cost will be \$25.00 which includes 1.5 hours of open bar, appetizers, and the show. Contact Scott Cassety at (716) 480-8242 or Scott@verizon.net

### CLASS OF 1983 – 25TH REUNION

Saturday, August 9, 2008 at 8 PM at Brunner's Tavern. Contact: Morgan Wagner at (716) 510-6066; Bruce Grabenstatter at (716) 857-0338 or bwg525@netscape.net; or Patty Camp Barrett at (716) 633-6719 or pbarrett99@yahoo.com

### CLASS OF 1988 – 20TH REUNION

July 25, 2008. All information can be found at <http://amherst1988.myevent.com/> Jeremy Brown, Eileen Collins Testa and Nicole Michaels Saffire are organizing the event.

### CLASS OF 1998

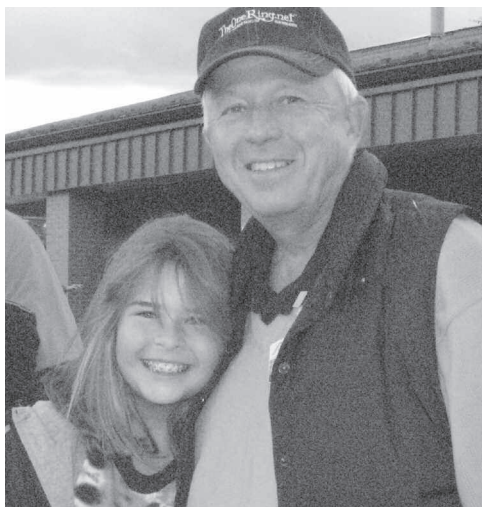
July 26, 2008 at The Stillwater. For information visit <http://www.freewebs.com/amherstreunion1998/>

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## TIGERS OUT AND ABOUT



Stone Tigers sculptor, Larry Griffis III with his wife Betsy, helping ACAF with fundraising for this special project.



Former HS Principal, Joe Podgorski, sporting his "orange and black" with daughter Megan at his side.

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Thursday, July 10, 2008  
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# 7TH ANNUAL AMERST CENTRAL ALUMNI GOLF CLASSIC

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### “Scramble”

Thursday, July 10, 2008  
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Registration 10 am  
Lunch 11 am  
Shotgun Start 12:15 pm  
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