

# TIGER TRACKS

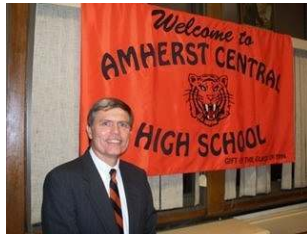


Official Newsletter of the Amherst Central Alumni Foundation, Inc  
May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 - Mark Ahrens, President - [www.AmherstAlumni.org](http://www.AmherstAlumni.org)

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Mark Ahrens '73 - President

I have to start by thanking those of you who contributed to our "Battle of the Decades" Fund Drive. We raised close to \$17,000 and received more grant requests this quarter than we have had in the past. We expect the grant requests to grow, and with this successful campaign we hope to provide the funds needed.



We will have our Annual Golf Classic on Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at Glen Oak Golf Course. I hope you can make it. It is a great day of golf and catching up with friends and family. Invite a friend. Show them what great people graduated from Amherst.

We will be honoring 2 teachers, and new this year, 2 alumni, at our annual Educator Emeritus dinner in October. Did you have a favorite teacher? That person who changed your life by caring who you were, or helped you decide what you wanted to do the rest of your life. Please nominate them by sending using the form at the end of this edition of *Tiger Tracks* or by visiting our website.

In November we are planning on honoring our Amherst Alums who have served our Country in the Armed Services. Plans are still in the works. You can help by providing us the names of people you know who served from WWII to today's conflict. We want to make this a special event. Please help us. Go register a veteran at [www.amherstalumni.org](http://www.amherstalumni.org).

Thank you!

On May 17<sup>th</sup> we will have our Annual Meeting at the Eagle House. Have you thought about serving on the Alumni Board or just want to see what we are up to? Contact the alumni office and let us know you will be attending. We would love to have you join us.

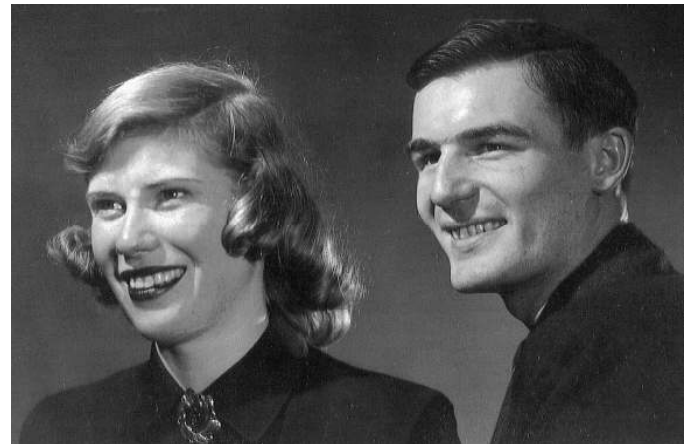
As you can see, we have your best interests in mind and hope you will be able to attend as many events that you can. Do you have a reunion coming up? Contact the alumni office. We can provide you with the information

you need to have a successful event. NO EXCUSES...Attend your reunions. Life is too short.

If you need to contact me, my email is [ahrgraph2@aol.com](mailto:ahrgraph2@aol.com). Thanks to those who contacted me during the Fund Drive. I love to hear about what you are doing and if you have suggestions, I am open to all. See you soon.

## FRANK AND JUDY HARDING

By Anne Harding Joyce '70



My dad and mom were the quintessential Amherst Alumni - graduating in 1946 and 1947 respectively, they were still in touch with many of their old Amherst buddies when they died in July 2011 - four days apart.

Judy Leonard and Frank Harding grew up blocks from each other in Eggertsville - shared many of the same friends and saw many of those friends marry each other - just as they did in 1951. My mom attended Harlem Road School (now the Harlem Road Community Center) and my dad Eggert Road School (now the Cantalician School). High School sweethearts, they were married for over 60 years. My father's brother, Bill '44, married one of my mom's best friends - Irene "Sis" Becker '46 in 1953. Ironically, Aunt Sis passed away just two weeks after my mom and dad. Bill Harding is alive and well living in Bethlehem, PA.

My parent's embraced Amherst life - both were popular and active - dad played football, baseball (his passion) and basketball and my mom participated in synchronized swimming and drama club. But my favorite story was of her "Home Economics" skills when

she snuck her unfinished pillowcases out from class under her sweater and took them to her best friend's (Betty Spangenthal '46) housekeeper to have her finish them....mom's lack of sewing skills was legendary and inherited by me and by her granddaughter, Sarah Joyce Genau '97.

Coming back to their beloved Amherst when I was a student was always a joy to them and when Sarah graduated, they were so thrilled to be part of three generations of Amherst High School grads, including my husband Bill Joyce'68. They went to all their class reunions and attended many of the all class reunions of the past 30 years. They lived within the shadow of the tower for nearly 60 years before moving to Williamsville in 1989 (I know they never rooted for the Billies....). They had high hopes that their great-grandson, Will Genau, would carry on the tradition and be generation #4!

They were one of the first supporters of the track and field construction project in 1999 and they faithfully supported the annual alumni golf tournament - and in their memory, I am proud to donate \$5,000.00 to the Alumni Class Challenge and Fund Drive recently announced by the Alumni Foundation - this gift goes to the decade of the 40's and hopefully will help boost them into the next round! My mom and dad would have been the first to step up to the plate.

Their community spirit and love of Amherst and their dear Amherst friends will always be remembered by those who knew them - and I hope will be an inspiration to all past and future Amherst graduates.

### REUNIONS SCHEDULED FOR 2012

By Christopher Byrd - Alumni Office

Class of 1952 - 60 Year Reunion  
Class of 1957 - 55 Year Reunion  
Class of 1962 - 50 Year Reunion  
Class of 1967 - 45 Year Reunion  
Class of 1972 - 40 Year Reunion  
Class of 1982 - 30 Year Reunion  
Class of 1987 - 25 Year Reunion  
Class of 1992 - 20 Year Reunion

More information is available on our website <http://AmherstAlumni.org> about dates and contacts.



### 2012 ALUMNI GOLF CLASSIC

By Ellen Marshall '69 & Lynn Ramsey '79

It's that time again! Preparations are being made for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Amherst Central Alumni Golf Classic on July 26, 2012 at the Glen Oak Golf Course. We would personally like to invite you to join us as we begin our second decade of hosting this golf outing -- and particularly, as we will be celebrating the past 50 years of leadership at Amherst Central High School under the stewardship of Donald Munson (1961 - 1980), Joseph Podgorski (1980 - 2005), and currently Gregory Pigeon.



If you are not familiar with our golf tournament, it is the primary annual fundraiser for the Alumni Foundation. The support of alumni, faculty, parents, students and "friends" of the district plays a very important role in its success. The proceeds from this year's event will go to maintaining and expanding the valuable services we provide to current students and teachers to further their educational goals and to assist with special projects through our ACAF Grant Program.

Our Alumni Foundation has received a record number of grant requests this past year and the financial support of ACAF, Inc. has increasingly become more and more important to our school district in these challenging budgetary times. This past year, we again provided over \$5,000 in grants to teachers and students in each of our four schools -- including funding for field trips at Windermere, technology enhancements at Smallwood, support for speakers at the MS Career Fair, assistance for HS students to attend the National History Bowl, and support for the graphing calculator loan program at the HS.

Our annual golf classic is a pleasurable way to bring individuals together, while raising much needed funds for our alumni organization. We hope you will join us! You can arrange for your own foursome, or come as a single -- and we will pair you up. And, if you are not a golfer, you are most welcome to join us on the patio later in the afternoon for beverages, raffles, awards and dinner.

If it is not possible for you to attend the day of the event, your sponsorship or donation will be greatly appreciated and acknowledged. Sponsorship levels starting with Classic Sponsor (\$2,000+) will be acknowledged in all pre-event publicity, and throughout the day in our program book, event banners, and on the golf course. ACAF, Inc. is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit foundation.

A copy of our brochure which details all of the sponsorship opportunities, schedule of events and registration form is located at the end of this edition of *Tiger Tracks*. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to call the Alumni Office at 362-8259 or e-mail us: [alumni@amherstschools.org](mailto:alumni@amherstschools.org)

Best Regards,



Ellen Marshall  
Sponsor Co-Chair



Lynn Ramsey  
Sponsor Co-Chair

### LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD PEOPLE

By Christopher Byrd - Alumni Office

The Amherst Central Alumni Foundation is looking for a few of our alumni who would be interested in joining our foundation board.

For more information, contact the Alumni Office at 716.362.8259.

### ALUMNI NEWS

By Sue Fretz '73



#### IN MEMORIAM:

Judith Leonard Harding '47- 7/12/2011  
Frank C. Harding '46- 7/17/2011  
John J. Krochmal '48- 12/3/2011  
Franklin Merrill '44- 1/30/2012  
Dennis A. Kahn '69- 2/6/2012  
Abby Palanker '76- 2/14/2012  
Gerald Friedman '61- 3/15/2012

### Retired Faculty

Sandra Taylor (Blackmore)-HS History- 12/27/2011

We apologize for any deceased alumni that have not been recognized in previous Tiger Tracks. Please contact the alumni office with information on any deceased classmates and/or family members so they can be recognized in the next Tiger Tracks.

### 1950's

**Bill Nicholson '54** writes that he is still active in California. He qualified for the 7<sup>th</sup> Senior Olympic National Championships held in Houston, TX last summer. He qualified in the CA State Championships in three swimming events in the 75-79 age group. Congratulations Bill!

### 1960's

**Lynn Wardour '60** had a Hole in One while vacationing in Hilton Head, SC on April 12, 2012. He was playing the Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort's Arthur Hills golf course. It was Lynn's 3<sup>rd</sup> hole-in-one.

### 1980's

Busted Stuff was named 2011 Duo of the Year by the Buffalo Night Life Music & Club Awards. **Cynthia McCaffrey '89** plays the violins (electric/acoustic & midi/electric). She and Dave Abbatoy recently celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the band.

We welcome all alumni and retired faculty news. Please send info to [alumni@amherstschools.org](mailto:alumni@amherstschools.org).

### YOU OUGHT TO BE IN PICTURES

By Christopher Byrd - Alumni Office



Would you like to shoot a short video telling us what Amherst Schools meant to you?

The Alumni Foundation wants to produce a series of internet videos of our alumni.

Contact our office and we will fill you in on the details.



**FROM THE AMHERST CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL  
PERMANENT ART COLLECTION**

By Christopher Byrd - Alumni Office

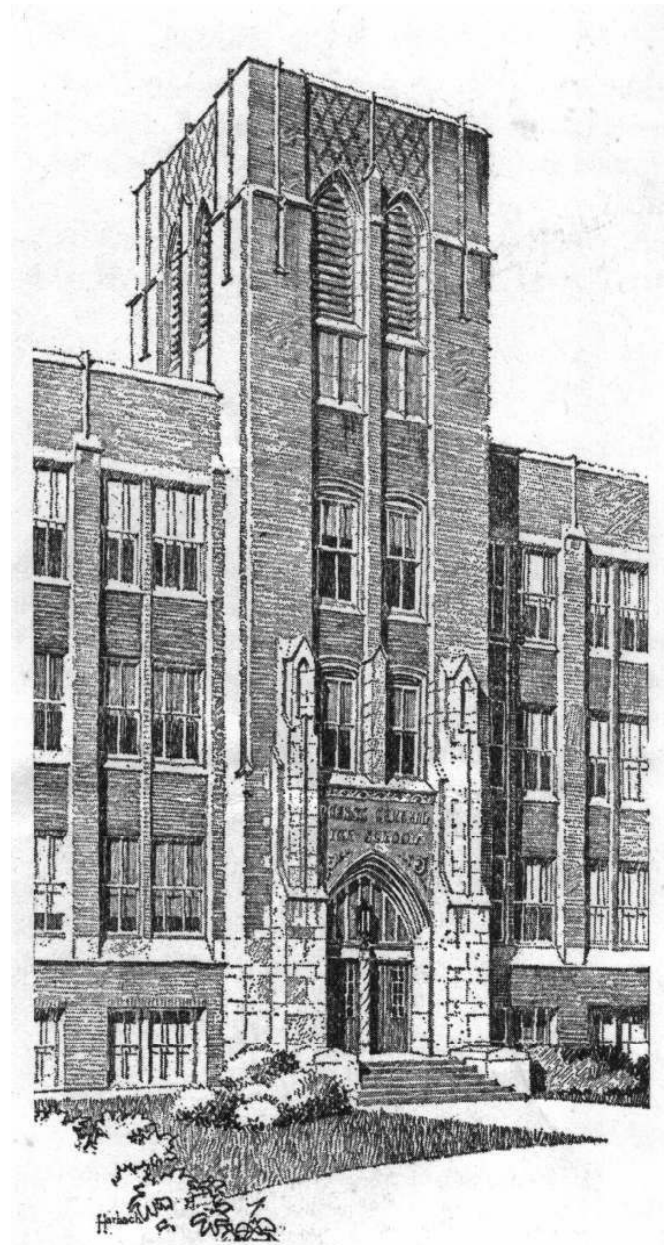
Hung throughout the first floor of the high school, there are various artworks that were added to the permanent collection of ACHS over the years.

In Tiger Tracks, there will be at least one of these pieces of art featured in our publication going forward.

This issue features a work by Elizabeth Schlegel '93.



The Amherst Central Alumni Office is open year-round on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am-1pm!



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**NEXT ISSUE OF TIGER TRACKS WILL BE  
PUBLISHED ON 07/01/2012!!**

**Amherst Central School District**  
**Amherst Central Alumni Foundation, Inc.**  
***Distinguished Educator Emeritus Award Nomination Form***  
**NOMINATIONS DUE 06/15/2012**

Nominee:

Position Held/Year:

Nominated By:

Award Nomination Description (To Support your nomination, please describe the special qualities you feel this person has demonstrated in his or her service to Amherst students):



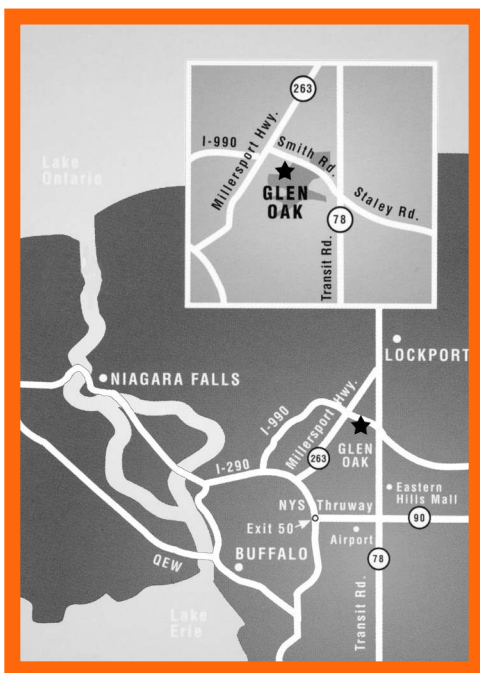
Please return this form to:

Or e-mail your nomination(s) to:

Amherst Central Alumni Foundation, Inc.  
4301 Main Street  
Amherst, NY 14226  
[alumni@amherschools.org](mailto:alumni@amherschools.org)

# GLEN OAK

Glen Oak is conveniently located on Smith Road between Transit Road and Millersport Highway, just 25 minutes from downtown Buffalo.



## DIRECTIONS FROM NEW YORK STATE THRUWAY

Take Exit 50 from the New York State Thruway onto I-290 West (the Youngmann Memorial Highway).  
Take Exit 4 off I-290 onto I-990. Go to the end of I-990 and turn left at traffic light onto Millersport Highway.  
At the next traffic light, turn right onto Smith Road.  
Glen Oak is approximately 1/2 mile on the right.

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Amherst Central  
Alumni Foundation

## 11th annual Golf Classic

**Honorary Chairs**

**Donald Munson, Joseph Podgorski  
& Gregory Pigeon**



Thursday, July 26, 2012  
Glen Oak Golf Course  
East Amherst, NY



# Schedule

## "Scramble"

Thursday, July 26, 2012  
at the Glen Oak Golf Course

Registration	10:00am
Lunch	11:00am
Golf Range	11 - 12:00
Shotgun Start	12:00pm
Raffles/Dinner/Awards	4 - 6:00pm

# Honorary Chairs

Celebrating the past 50 years of exemplary leadership at Amherst Central High School under the stewardship of three influential and revered principals.



Don Munson  
(1961-1980)

Joe Podgorski  
(1980-2005)

Greg Pigeon  
(2007-)

# Sponsorship

## Classic Sponsor

**\$2,000 & up**

Includes:  
Four golfers.  
Recognition in all publicity, event banner,  
program & two signs on course.

## Event Sponsor

**\$1,000**

Includes:  
Four golfers.  
Recognition in all publicity, program  
& one sign on course.

## Hole Sponsor

**\$500**

Includes:  
Two golfers.  
Recognition in all publicity, program & one sign  
on course.

## Tee Sponsor

**\$250**

Includes:  
One golfer.  
Recognition in program.

## Green Sponsor

**\$125**

Includes:  
Dinner.  
Recognition in program.

## Adult Golfer

**\$125**

Includes:  
18 holes of golf, lunch, refreshments  
on course, raffles, prizes & dinner.

## Student Golfer (under 21)

**\$75**

Includes:  
18 holes of golf, lunch, refreshments  
on course, raffles, prizes & dinner.

## Not a golfer? Join us on the patio for dinner & raffles

**\$25**

Questions? Please call (716) 362-8259,  
email [alumni@amherstschools.org](mailto:alumni@amherstschools.org) or  
visit our website: [amherstalumni.org](http://amherstalumni.org)

# Registration

Please check the appropriate level(s):

- ☐ Classic Sponsor (\$2,000 & up)
- ☐ Event Sponsor (\$1,000)
- ☐ Hole Sponsor (\$500)
- ☐ Tee Sponsor (\$250)
- ☐ Green Sponsor (\$125)
- ☐ Adult Golfer (\$125)
- ☐ Student Golfer (\$75)

☐ Dinner/Raffles (\$25) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Please accept my donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Amherst class of \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)

My group will include:

☐ Just myself, please pair me up.

The following members including phone numbers:

1 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_

4 \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to and mail to:

ACAF Inc., 4301 Main St., Amherst, NY 14226

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