

TIGER TRACKS

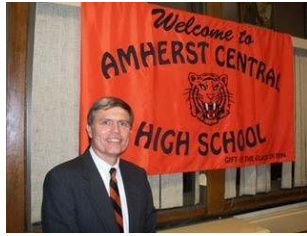


Official Newsletter of the Amherst Central Alumni Foundation, Inc
July 1st, 2012 - Mark Ahrens, President - www.AmherstAlumni.org

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Mark Ahrens '73 - President

WELCOME BACK ALUMNI. Maybe it has been 10, 20, and 30 or 40 years.....Could it be 50 years since you have been back to the Halls of Amherst High School? Does Time fly...it sure does but one thing you can count on and that is your Alumni Foundation is here to help find those classmates you have lost contact with and to help by giving tours of the school we all feel a closeness to. I hope all the reunion classes enjoy their time back at Amherst and always remember we are just a click away at www.amherstalumni.org.



The Amherst Golf Classic is fast approaching on Thursday July 26th. Make sure you are part of this great event that benefits our Grant programs. Get some friends together to play. They don't have to be Amherst Alumni to be able to play. Be proud of Amherst and share this special day.

The deadline for nominations for this year's Educator Emeritus Award has been extended to July 27th. We will have nomination forms available at the Golf Outing. This is where you have a chance to give kudos to that teacher who made a difference in your life, made high school bearable or was just someone you looked up to. Please take a moment to nominate that special person. Forms are also available at www.amherstalumni.com.

This November, the Amherst Central Alumni Foundation will honor those men and women who attended Amherst High School and served in the Armed Forces. Do you have a parent or sibling that served or is serving our Country? We are looking for photos & stories. All will be presented at a community night for our Veterans in November. Go to www.amherstalumni.com to register your veteran.

It has been an exciting 4 months preparing for our upcoming partnership with the school district on larger needs that are not able to be filled by the budget. The Alternative Funding Committee, made up of Alumni, Administrators, parents and business people will look to

go out to the community and partner with businesses and others in order to come up with dollars to fund those larger projects that are needed to keep our School District strong. A strong School District = a Strong Community. We will be hiring an Alternative Funding Coordinator who will be the point person with this project. If you are interested in applying for the position go to www.amherstschoools.org for a description of the position and where to send your resume. We plan on having this program operating by September 1st.

As you can see, a lot is happening. I hope all of you can become active in some way, to help provide opportunities to the student of today. Feel free to contact me at ahrgaph2@aol.com or call me at 716-870-1188 to discuss your feelings or ideas to help make us a stronger Alumni Foundation.

See you on the course July 26th at Glen Oak!

Mark Ahrens '73, President

EDUCATOR EMERITUS NOMINATIONS

By Christopher Byrd - Alumni Office



The Amherst Central Alumni Foundation and the Amherst Central School District have embarked on an initiative to recognize retired Amherst Central 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 it is at the High School, Middle School, Harlem Road School, Eggert Road School, Smallwood Drive School or Windermere Boulevard School. Deadline is 08/01/2012 for nominations. Visit our website for more details!

CLASS OF 1952 TOURS THE HIGH SCHOOL

By Christopher Byrd - Alumni Office



(Top: Francis Worth, Jack Foley, Ken Van Mechelen -
Bottom: Larry Miller, Don Worth)

The Class of 1952 held their 60th reunion the weekend of June 22nd. As part of the reunion, a group from the class toured the high school.

Here are reunions scheduled for 2012:

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.

ALUMNI NEWS

By Sue Fretz '73



In Memoriam:

Florence Rose Beam '33- 1/8/2011
Dorothy Allen Crowther '34- 1/27/2011
Richard Higgins '37- 12/30/2010
Ralph Hergenroder '39- 7/3/2008

Bernice Popper Wolf '40- 4/18/2012
Dr Richard Schwartz '42- 9/8/2010
Joan Steinmiller Richmond '42- 9/10/2010
Nancy Gibney Brost '45- 5/31/2011
George Hain '45- 10/7/2011
Allen Selby '47- 4/30/2005
James Mayer '47- 12/17/2011
Harry Loomis '47- 1/20/2012
Patricia Sykes Schuetz '49- 12/14/2009
Herbert Williams '49- 3/4/2010
William Hen '49- 11/8/2010
Frank Hossenlopp '49- 12/14/2010
Ruth Fiddler Short '49- 10/28/2011
Joy Pollock Wolf '50- 7/14/2011
Norbert Beyer '52- 2/21/2012
Roger Nicholson '53- 6/22/2012
William Armstrong '55- 9/24/2011
Robert Linkner '55- 4/14/2012
Robert Vanwagenen '56- 1994
David Jay '56- 5/18/2010
Virginia Hultberg Hardy '56- 3/3/2012
Kristin Kubala '61- 8/6/2010
Rebecca Wesson Michalovic '64- 1/1/2011
Michael Bakert '66- 11/19/2011
Barry Rothman '72- 7/22/2011
Elizabeth Morris Mendola '73- 10/25/2011
Andrew Brinkman '08- 7/3/2010

Retired Faculty:

George Notter- Amherst Junior High- 11/3/2010
Gail Eisen- Windermere Blvd Elementary- 11/14/2010
Werner "Whitey" Huber- Amherst Junior High- 12/1/2010

-special thanks to Lois Murray Carson '49 who sends the alumni office many of the names included in the "In Memoriam" section of Tiger Tracks. We apologize for any errors or omissions.

1960's

Sandy Amigone Sease '61 wrote to tell her classmates that she was sorry to miss their recent 50th reunion. She and her husband have moved many times over the years including time spent in Europe and Africa. Sandy wanted to give a "shout out" to Tom Bell, Peter Schuck, Charlotte Cleveland Harris and Barb Keefe Smith for making her high school years so special.

2000's

Jennifer Koeppel Acker '01, was the female winner of the JPMorgan Chase and Co. Corporate Challenge in Buffalo in June. She previously won the event in 2009. Jenny is currently a high school teacher at Amherst.

Sarah Rois '04, who moved to Los Angeles in 2009 to pursue a career in the entertainment industry, has

recently been promoted to story producer on the hit A&E award-winning documentary series *Beyond Scared Straight*. As a story producer, she helps shape and condense hours of raw footage into just forty-three minutes for television broadcast.

High School News- Students and Faculty

ACHS students Aaron Dietrich and Caroline Dillabaugh were included in the top 100 students in WNY by the Business First-Buffalo business publication.

Michael Milliman, teacher at Smallwood Drive School was named one of the 25 winners of Business First's 2012 Teachers of Merit awards. The awards spotlight outstanding work by Western New York teachers in the classroom and in extracurricular venues.

We welcome all alumni and retired faculty news. Please send info to alumni@amherstschoools.org.

LOOKING FOR INFO ON VETERANS

By Christopher Byrd - Alumni Office



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.

If you have any questions, please contact our office. 716.362.8259 Follow this link for more info---> <http://tinyurl.com/amherst-vets>

2012 ALUMNI GOLF CLASSIC THIS MONTH

By Ellen Marshall '69 & Lynn Ramsey '79

It's that time again! Preparations are being made for the 11th 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 Tacks*. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to call the Alumni Office at 362-8259 or e-mail us: alumni@amherstschoools.org

Best Regards,

Ellen Marshall
Sponsor Co-Chair

Lynn Ramsey
Sponsor Co-Chair

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

By Christopher Byrd - Alumni Office

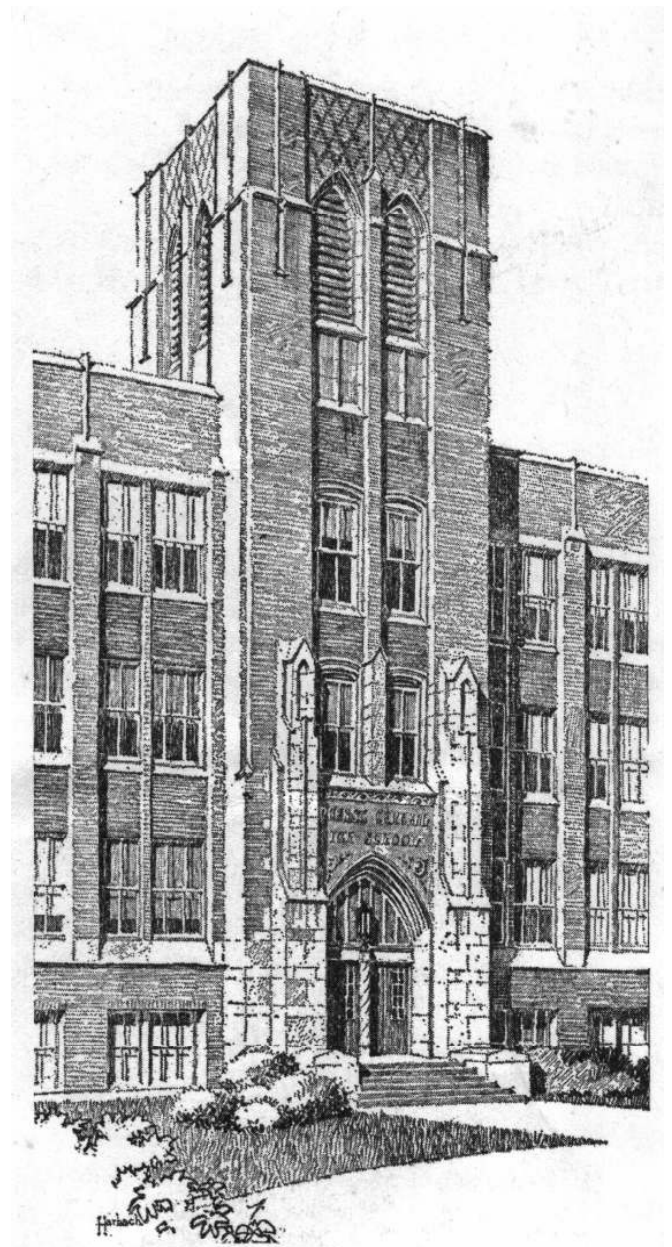
Hung throughout the first floor of the high school, there are various artworks that were added to the permanent collection of ACHS over the years.

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 Linda Carey '68.



**NEXT ISSUE OF TIGER TRACKS WILL BE
PUBLISHED ON 09/01/2012!!**



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

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.



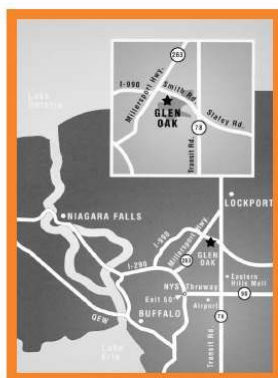
Don Munson
(1961-1980)

Joe Podgorski
(1980-2005)

Greg Pigeon
(2007-)

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 Youngman 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.

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 or
visit our website: amherstalumni.org

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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 \$ _____

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Company _____

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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
Amherst Central Alumni Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit foundation.
No monies are received from the Amherst Central School District.



11th annual Golf Classic

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