

Reaching Out!

Fall 2023 Newsletter



Association of Ex-Pupils®



- December 9, 2023 - Christmas Dinner
- May 4, 2024 - Car Show
- May 25, 2024 - Memorial Day
- June 8, 2024 - Golf Outing
- July 5, 6 & 7, 2024 – AXP® Reunion



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The President's Corner (Robert Gilbert, Class of 1968)



Hello fellow ex pupils,

I am honored and humbled by the trust the membership has placed in me to lead our organization for the next two years. I am also excited about our new board and the fact that we are beginning our tenure without having to be involved with organizational crisis management. You will meet each of our new board members in this Newsletter, but I want to say that I believe you have chosen the right people in an optimal mix of generational members to make this next two years the best ever!

I have tasked myself with the following assignments:

1. Finalize our Strategic Plan, Business /Financial Plan and the foundation for our new museum lease agreement with Athletes in Action. We have a group that has already dedicated themselves to supporting the development of these documents. We will have them available for AIA's review before Thanksgiving and we'll be prepared to start negotiations for our new lease in January. Our plan is to have a new lease agreement signed before next year's reunion.
2. I want to unravel the issues we have with getting access to our records from the Home. By state law our records are to be available from the Department of Education; however, there is a bureaucratic problem that I will work hard to solve. I will keep you informed of my progress.

3. As you'll read, we have a slate of special events led by Jim Baas, 2nd VP, '74, that I believe will prove to be enjoyable and relevant to our legacy, by bringing in needed revenue. I will continue to encourage you all to get involved, if possible, with the planning and execution of these events and certainly participate in them.
4. Finally I have one administrative issue that I must pass on to everyone. As most of you know, we have spent the last two years working to secure and protect the identity of our organization so that there is no confusion about our official designation. As a result, we have secured trademark designations for the following:

ASSOCIATION OF EX PUPILS®

AXP®

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AXP® Logo



Please be aware that the Board is the only group authorized to use any of these designations. If you have existing clothing or artifacts with these designations, there is no need to change them. However, any existing digital or new clothing/artifacts exhibiting these designations without the expressed written approval of the Board is a violation of Federal Law. I trust you all understand the reason for this protection and will comply with the Law. I will canvas social media et al to ensure compliance with this issue.

That's all for now. Looking forward to seeing you all at the 'HOME Again' Christmas Dinner on December 9th!



REPORTS FROM THE BOARD



1st VP News (Steve Kelly '67)



As a former "lifer" Home kid and longtime ex-pupil, I am honored to serve as your new AXP® 1st Vice President. I hope you will be able to join us in the events we are planning this year. We hope to offer something for everyone to enjoy.

- Christmas Dinner - December 9 from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the Children's Dining Room (Schindler Hall). Planning is still in progress, and we will provide further details on both our website and Facebook page as they become available. The AXP will provide the meat. We will again have a potluck competition with three categories: Desserts, Hot Dishes, Salads/Cold Dishes. Please bring your favorite dish to be judged. Prizes will be awarded. We will again ask you to bring a toy to donate to a children's charity (yet to be determined). Anyone wishing to join in our "Pass the Present" game should bring a wrapped gift suitable for either gender. There will be a separate children's game, so each child should each bring a wrapped gift, too. There may be a few other surprises, including a visit from Santa, so mark your calendar and I'll see you there!
- Memorial Day Service & Cookout
May 25, 2024
- Reunion
July 5, 6, & 7, 2024

Hope to see all of you at these events!

2nd VP News (Jim Baas, '74)



I would like to share with you some of our successes for the 2023 year. The first event was our Silent Auction which netted about \$900.00. While a somewhat successful event, we have made the decision to not hold the silent auction again this year.

The next event was a day at Colonial Pizza Restaurant in Cedarville. We were given 10% of the restaurant's daily sales. This event did not require much effort at all on our part – we just had to let people know about it - and the AXP® made money.

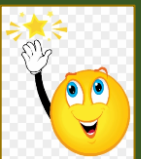
The car show was a success. It was a larger event than the previous year. We have scheduled a 3rd Annual Car Show for Saturday, May 4th at the Greene County Career Center. We hope to grow this event each year.

Our best event to date has been our Golf Outing. The next Golf Outing is scheduled for Saturday, June 8th, at Jasper Hills Golf Course.

We hope you'll join us at these events!

Calling All Volunteers!

Volunteer help is needed at each AXP event. If you can help once (even for an hour!), occasionally, or regularly, please let us know! Contact Judy Harrison. (See Directory for contact information)



**"Listen! The wind is rising, and the air is wild with leaves,
We have had our summer evenings, now for October eves!"**

~Humbert Wolfe



REPORTS FROM THE BOARD



**Treasurer
(Darlene Kelly Clark '70)**



Dear Members,

Thank you for electing me treasurer of the AXP®. Following in Pat Harris's footsteps will be a tough task, but I hope to keep the position up to the standard she has set. Don't forget this is a new fiscal year 2023-2024, where membership is due once again. Paying your dues now is appreciated and will help us through the next 12 months instead of waiting until reunion.

The strength of this organization comes from the unity of its membership. We need to provide support to each other and be loving and respectful of each other. There are already a lot of opportunities for everyone to take a more active role. So please say yes when you get a call from us. Here's to a new great year!

**Financial Secretary
(Carrie Samandar '91)**



Hello,

I am Carrie Best Samandar. I am from the Class of 1991. I am involved in dog rescue and currently have three (3) of THE WORST spoiled fur babies of my own!

I look forward to serving you and the AXP® as the new Financial Secretary.

**Executive Committee Chair
(Judy Harrison,
Community Member)**



Hello! My name is Judy Harrison. I am a community person volunteering for the AXP®. I am also going to be working with the Executive Committee. I am looking forward to the next year.

We have 4-5 folks on this committee to help with recruiting volunteers for our legacy events and fund raisers. This would involve phone calls, e-mails and texts. Also, we will be assisting, where needed, in the Home Museum and community-awareness of the Legacy that is the Home.

Anyone wanting to assist in these areas are more than welcome! We have already had a good turn out for the Legacy Christian Academy Grandparents' Day that was September 1st! Go to our AXP® Facebook page and see the photos. Good times!!!

If you have any questions/comments, please call me. My contact information is in the Directory.



**Membership News
(Jan Daulbaugh Gouch '69)**



Current Membership:

- 154 Paid Ex-Pupils – Increase of 26 over last year!!!
- 61 Paid Associates
- 8 Paid Junior Members
- 2 Paid Community Members
- 4 Paid Employee Members
- 8 Honorary Members





Chaplain's Corner (Barb Roe Roth '68)



Deaths Since Reunion 2023

- ❖ Terry Arden, 1960
Died: August 2023
- ❖ Bill Boivin, 1969
Died: October 2, 2023
- ❖ Wayne "Tony" Combs, 11960s
Died: September 5, 2023
- ❖ Jeff Denty, Husband of
Norma Baas Denty, 1970
Died: August 29, 2023
- ❖ Diane Kay Howard, 1960's
Died: July 1, 2023
- ❖ Jack Nickell, 1953
Died: June 18, 2023
- ❖ Warren Lee Smart, 1963
Died: September 4, 2023

Please contact Barb Roth to report deaths or for any special concerns.

barbroth4609@gmail.com or 937-546-0983

Museum News (James Koski '73)



I hope all of you enjoyed the changes to the museum this year. We honored John (Popeye) Norris this year with samples of his caricature drawings displayed in a trophy case. Next year we will be honoring the memories of Camp Cooper in the same way. If you have any photos of Camp Cooper with children in them, please let me borrow them! I will have them blown up to 8x10 photos to frame and display. Your name will be with your photo for everyone to see, and I will send the originals back to you. A copy will also be placed in our photo archives. Send your photos to me at:

James Koski
1744 Beaverbrook Drive
Beavercreek, Ohio 45432

The new museum hours are **every** Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Call me at 937-266-8255 if you need to set up a special visit to the museum. Ernie Sheeler, Class of '74, and his two granddaughters have been helping at some of our Sunday hours for their community service requirement at Alter High School.

We are still planning to plant a tree at the end of the building but with all the bee activity since Reunion, our thoughts have changed from planting a fruit tree to planting a beautiful ornamental tree such as a Japanese Maple.

Ever since we had the floor in the shed fixed, the groundhogs which once lived under it have moved to the back wall of the museum, making a huge hole for their den. We received a \$500 estimate from Terminix to trap and remove the varmints. But thanks to Jan & Jim Gouch and their live trap, we have captured three of them, so far.



The Board gave approval to buy LED bulbs to replace all the fluorescent tubes in the museum. By next Reunion, the museum will be brighter with clean, low-cost LED lighting.

Webmaster Report (Don Clark '68)



Hello to the AXP®...

We are aware that the link on the website that previously provided records of the OSSO and OVCH students is no longer valid and are working to find where the records are currently being stored. The records were previously stored by the State of Ohio, Department of Higher Education, but the specific department in charge of the Home's records ceased to exist a number of years ago.

These records are extremely valuable and some former Home students still need them to continue their education. Rest assured that even if it takes a trip to Columbus to sort out this problem, our President, Bob Gilbert, has already set the wheels in motion.



WHERE DO YOUR DONATIONS GO?

We plan to change our Membership Application for the next year to include a line for Museum Fund Donations. This will be in addition to the present line for Loyalty Fund Donations. Why would we do this? Well, there is a huge difference between the two funds. I'll explain.



The Loyalty Fund is the AXP® Operating Fund. Your dues go directly into the Loyalty Fund. We use this money to pay for Reunions, the Memorial Day Program, and the Christmas Dinner. Payment for the mailing of Newsletters, Directories, and other special mailings also comes out of the Loyalty Fund.

The Museum Fund supports our Museum. Operating our museum is the reason we are eligible to be a Non-Profit (501(c)) organization. Money in this fund can only be used for museum expenses like utilities, upkeep and renovations. For tax purposes, it is important that we keep these funds separated.

At the present time, our museum needs some major repairs and renovations. Supporting the Museum Fund is a more urgent use of money than added support for the Loyalty Fund. So, we are changing the Membership Application to allow for direct donations to the Museum Fund. We look forward to your continued support for the AXP®.

Announcements

- Directories are being printed as this Newsletter goes to print. You should receive your copy soon!
- At next year's Reunion, we will be honoring one of our most faithful donors of both time and financial contributions, Doris Wilson Mleczo, Class of 1950.
- We will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Class of 1974 at next year's Reunion. We will also honor the '82-'83 Girls' Undefeated Basketball Team. We hope members from that team will join us at the Reunion Banquet!
- The Museum is **open** for visitors and tours on **TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS** and now **EVERY SUNDAY** from **10:00 – 3:00**. We need our *former Home students* to help serve as tour guides! If you can volunteer once or twice a month, please contact **James Koski**.
- While visiting the museum, be sure to check out the AXP souvenir case. We have lots of great AXP items for sale.

“It looked like the world was covered in a cobbler crust of brown sugar and cinnamon.”

~ Sarah Addison Allen





ATTENTION:



Attached are two requests for which we need your input. First is a document that contains the Resolution Committee’s recommendations based on the survey that was conducted last year. Please carefully read this document and provide your position on each recommendation.

Additionally, we need your responses related to our AXP® Membership Dues. Please read carefully and provide your input on this important question as well. *What are your thoughts?*

Both documents should be mailed back with your responses in the enclosed, self-addressed, stamped envelope by October 27th.

We appreciate your assistance as the AXP® moves forward into the future.

We are proud to spread the word about our favorite non-profit organizations. Each of these three groups has a special meaning to our AXP.



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