



Putnam City High School
Alumni Association

Annual Newsletter 2009 Issue

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Join us for a historic and exciting weekend
October 24 and 25!

Saturday, October 24

Annual Putnam City High School Alumni Association

Pancake Breakfast

7 a.m. – 11:a.m.

Putnam City High School Cafeteria

NW 50 and Ann Arbor

\$5 per person – all proceeds benefit the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund and pay for expenses for the Annual Newsletter

Then, join in the official dedication of the Putnam City Schools Museum

1 p.m.

James L. Capps Middle School Auditorium

NW 40th and Grove

Formal ribbon cutting and grand opening immediately following at the Museum across the street

Sunday, October 25

Annual Putnam City Alumni Association All-Classes Reunion

Registration 12:30 p.m.

Program 1 p.m.

Putnam City High School Auditorium

NW 50 and Ann Arbor

\$10 per person

Honoring the Class of 1959

Your History – Your Museum

The Putnam City Schools Museum is now a reality.

Thanks to hundreds of donations of memorabilia and countless hours of work by volunteers, the Museum, housed in the former Wagner Book Store building at NW 40 and Grove, contains the most definitive collection of items reflecting Putnam City's history ever assembled.

"It is full of memories and moments," said Jim Shields (PCHS 50), Museum Committee Chairman.

Shields said the Museum will reflect the history of all Putnam City schools, not just the original ones. Its growing collection includes the only known copies of the first Putnam City yearbook, the Afterglow, printed in 1924, down to yearbooks from all three high schools, middle schools and elementary schools to the present day.

Other items in the collection range from Leo Mayfield's desk to a bench from the old Shields Book Store, graduation programs dating to the 1920s, group and class photos, school newspapers, letter jackets and cheerleader uniforms – even the concrete class roll from 1929.

"We are continuing to receive donations and we have already gathered a collection that is overflowing our available display space," Shields said.

The Museum is especially in need of items and artifacts from Putnam West and Putnam North, as well as the five Putnam City middle schools and the 18 elementary schools.

"Our museum will reflect the entire district's history," he said.

Current Museum hours are 10am-2pm on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month, although plans are underway to expand those hours. Anyone wishing to donate items can bring them to the Museum during open hours of call 787-2207. Volunteers are always welcome. To donate or volunteer, contact Jim Shields (787-7029), Sheron Rodgers (721-5531) or David Apgar (946-3382).

The Museum will be formally dedicated on Saturday, October 24, in a ceremony that will begin at 1 p.m. at Capps Middle Schools across the street, then conclude with a ribbon cutting. Admission to the Museum is free. The Museum Committee has also collected a large number of bricks from the old Putnam City Central Elementary School, which was demolished this summer, and those are available for a minimum \$5 donation.

New Officers

The Putnam City High School Alumni Association Nominating Committee has recommended the following slate of officers for the coming year:

- President – David Apgar, '76**
- Vice President – Don Long, '62**
- Secretary – Janet Sears Gingerich, '62**
- Treasurer – Sheron Folsom Rodgers, '64**
- Historian – Mary Ann LeGrange Vance, '59**
- Webmaster – Jackie Cole Simpson, '61**

A copy of the Alumni Association Bylaws will be available at the All Class Reunion.

'59 Celebrates 50th

The Class of 1959 - the first to graduate from the NW 50th PCHS building – will be guests of honor at the All Class Reunion as they celebrate 50 years.

Reunion weekend activities include a Friday lunch for the women of the class, a Friday evening barbeque, attendance at the Pancake Breakfast on Saturday morning, and a tour of the school. Class members will also attend the Museum dedication before their Saturday evening dinner at Coles Garden. The class will then receive their 50-year medallions at the Sunday All Class Reunion.

President's Column

Go Pirates!!!!

Have you been to the museum yet?

Whenever I meet an alum somewhere, that is usually my first question.

We've come so far with it and there is still so much to do. If you don't know what to do with your school days memorabilia, please consider donating it to the museum. It will be taken care of and displayed or stored in a controlled environment. It will be cataloged for future generations to know its' history. Not a better deal anywhere.

Special thanks to the class of 1958. When it was all said and done, they contributed over \$3,000 to the museum. That has gone a long way in getting us set up. As you can imagine, we do have other needs and wishes, so please consider us on your donation list.

We also are always in need of donations to the scholarship fund. That has always been one of the main goals of this association—to provide at least two scholarships each year. Thanks to the class of 1969 who raised \$6,000 for that purpose.

We also could really use your help in the every day running of the Alumni Association and the museum. If you have a little extra time, come join us on the third Monday of each month for the museum committee meeting and/or the fourth Monday for the PCHS Alumni Association meeting. Both meetings begin at 7pm at the museum, 4101 N. Grove.

Remember, the museum is open the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 10am to 2pm. As soon as we have more volunteers, we hope to be open more often.

Sheron Folsom Rodgers '64

PCHS Alumni President

'64 to Celebrate 46th

1964 classmates will have a 46th year reunion in June 2010 because they were the 46th graduating class (and because they didn't get around to it for the 45th). Email or send your current info to: sheronrodgers@cox.net with "Class of 64" on the subject line. A class info link will be at www.pchs4allyears.com.

Scholarship Winners Named

The PCHS Alumni Association annually awards two \$500 scholarships to help PCHS graduates begin their college careers.

Recipient of the 2009 Ralph Downs Scholarship was Emily Burrows (bottom right), who will attend the University of Central Oklahoma and major in mathematics. Emily is



the daughter of David and Kathy Burrows, both of whom graduated in the Class of 1971.

Lauren Coffman won the Nell McMillin Scholarship and will attend Georgia Gwinnett College. She is the daughter of Chris and Marcia Linse Coffman, both of the Class of 1980.

To apply for a scholarship, go to the Grants and Scholarship tab on the Student Life page on the Putnam High School web site, or contact Brenda Stinnett at bstinnett@putnamcityschools.org.

Driving in PCHS Style!

Pirate alumni, students and supporters may soon have a chance to show support for PCHS with distinctive auto license plate. The Oklahoma Tax Commission will issue special plates bearing the name "Putnam City High School" if they receive at least 100 pre-orders.

These are actual state license plates. The cost is \$17 in addition to the standard tag cost, plus an annual renewal charge of \$15. The official design and an order form will soon be posted on the Alumni Association website at www.pchs4allyears.com, and order forms will be available at the All-Class Reunion on October 25, 2009.

You can start ordering the PC plates as of November 1, 2009.

IMPORTANT!! Like everything else in today's society, the costs just keep going up! In an attempt to try to hold down the expense of printing and mailing the newsletter, the association would appreciate your input by completing this survey. Each year the association mails out approximately 14, 000 newsletters.

_____ **I wish to continue getting my newsletter through the regular mail, as in the past.**

_____ **I will read my newsletter from the website.**

_____ **I no longer wish to receive the annual newsletter from the PC Alumni Association.**

If we get enough responses to utilize the website or email, we could possibly produce more than one newsletter each year.

The PC Alumni Association survives from the membership dues, special fundraising projects each year and the generosity of the graduates and patrons of the school district. The dues are \$10 per person. However, the lifetime membership dues remain at \$100. AND ... Contributions for Scholarships or Honor/Memorials are always welcome in any amount. Donations made to the association are tax-deductible. Checks should be made to the PC High School Alumni Association, P.O. Box 34, Bethany, OK 73008.

Do you have information about class members who are now deceased? Please let us know.

Do you need to update your personal information?

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