



ON TRACK

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Garrett Schools Alumni Association Newsletter

Spring 2019/Vol. 1, Issue 1

Alumni Weekend Schedule of Events

Friday, July 19th

- 8:00 a.m. Scholarship Golf Outing
Garrett Country Club
- 12:30-4:30 p.m. Welcome Center at JAM
1200 E. Houston St.
- 3:00 p.m. Horse-drawn wagon tours
boarding at the JAM
- 5:00-8:00 p.m. Garrett Museum of Art
100 S. Randolph St.

Saturday, July 20th

- 9:00-11:00 a.m. Open House at Library
Creek Chub Room
- 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Garrett Alumni Celebration
Garrett High School, door 20
- 12:00-8:00 p.m. Free Swim at Garrett Pool
Feick Park
- 1:00-3:00 p.m. Tours of Garrett High School
Meet at cafeteria, door 20
- 2:30-4:00 p.m. St. Joseph Alumni Reunion
Mass at 4:30 p.m.
- 6:00-8:00 p.m. "Choice" Concert in the Park
Eastside Park
- 6:00-8:00 p.m. Food Trucks in the Park
Eastside Park
- 6:00-10:00 p.m. ... Welcome Center at Cup of Blessing
133 S. Randolph St.

Sunday, July 21st

- 10:00 a.m. Community Church Service
Performing Arts Center
Garrett High School
- 1:00-3:00 p.m. Open House at Historical Society
Museum, 300 N. Randolph St.

Note from the President

To all of the alums who carry the legacy of Garrett Schools - welcome to this spring 2019 edition of *On Track!* In this issue we describe the schedule of activities we have planned for the Alumni Reunion Weekend (July 19-21, 2019), a rich potpourri of experiences. We have two strong purposes for the weekend: first is: to maximize the space and time for informal socializing, simply spending time with old friends; and the second is: to substantially increase the scholarship funds in the Alumni Trust. We encourage all who come to the reunion weekend (and those who can't make it) to dig deep. Deserving GHS grads have been awarded alumni scholarships for decades. We must not only continue this, we must increase the financial amounts we award. Join us as we're doggedly determined to increase the scholarship fund this year!

The 2019 executive board plans to move the association forward, but without sacrificing our history and tradition. Some activities are continuations of past traditions (golf outing Friday morning and lunch on Saturday) but we're trying some new ways in carrying them out.

The board needs your vote on new bylaws during the weekend. Ballots and ballot boxes will be easily found, as you'll see on the schedule of events. We're grateful to the City of Garrett and community businesses and organizations for their support; they're identified and thanked on the schedule.

Send in your lunch, golf, and membership forms, and we'll see you in July!

Carolyn Ridenour
President, Garrett Schools Alumni Association

Alumni Membership & Scholarship Donations

Once again it is time for your Garrett Schools Alumni membership dues. Membership remains at \$5. You will notice the form is different this year. You are able to send in up to two memberships with this form and make a contribution to the scholarship fund.

There are two types of memberships: *Alumni Members* are those who graduated or attended a Garrett School. *Affiliate Members* are spouses of alumni, teachers or administrators of Garrett Schools. (Affiliate Members are supporting the association, but do not have voting privileges or able to hold office.)

Be proud of your alumni association! Thousands of dollars from the Garrett Schools Alumni Association (you) have gone to GHS graduating seniors for further education. If you have contributed, thank you! If you have not yet given, do it now! The Garrett Schools Alumni Trust Association (an arm of the alumni association) usually awards four scholarships, each between \$1000 and \$2000, every spring. Let's make that even higher in the next few years! Help support the scholarship fund by giving whatever you are able to. Make checks out to ***Garrett Alumni Trust Fund*** and mail to:

Garrett Schools Alumni Association
Box 55
Garrett, IN 46738

Donations are tax-deductible.

The "Garrett Alumni Celebration" and Lunch Reservations

Gathering together with old friends and former classmates is the most important purpose of the 2019 alumni reunion. This celebration on Saturday, lasting from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., is the core of the weekend. Come hang out here for the day or come and go as you please.

We planned the celebration to be a mostly open format, but with some specific activities within it. If you haven't seen inside the new GHS, student-led tours will be available during the celebration, details on following pages. Other parts of the celebration include coffee and donuts available in the morning, sponsored by the Garrett State Bank, box lunches around 11:30 a.m., followed by remarks by key school and alumni officers and the honoring of recent alumni scholarship award recipients at 12 p.m. The GHS classes of 1969 (50 years) and 1994 (25 years) will also be honored at this time.

You'll be enlightened by a display of the work of the GKB Educational Foundation's latest project; and you'll be participating in alumni association governance by taking advantage of the available ballot box to vote on new by-laws between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Beverages will available throughout the afternoon so come and stay while you enjoy conversations with old friends!

Lunch Reservations: See the form on page 4 of this newsletter to order your lunch. This reservation, along with other forms (membership/scholarship donations and golf sign-up) need to be returned no later than July 1.

Garrett Alumni Scholarship Golf Outing Information and Registration

The Alumni Association will once again host a golf outing for Garrett Alumni at the Garrett Country Club. The outing starts at 8 a.m. on Friday, July 19 in a scramble format as usual. Come early and enjoy coffee and donuts. Aaron "Sneezy" Smith continues as chairperson of this event.

NOTICE CHANGES TO REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP FORMS FROM PREVIOUS YEARS.

Golf registration is now \$10 per person. Proceeds from the event benefit the Alumni Scholarship Fund. The *Alumni Scholarship Golf* registration form is located on page 5 of this newsletter. It can also be picked up at the Garrett Country Club. The deadline to get your team registered is July 1, unless the event fills up before this date. Golf registration and green fees will be collected at the Garrett Country Club the morning of the event.

Alumni membership should be sent in with the *Membership Application/Renewal* form, found on page 3 of this newsletter.



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

I wish to join the Garrett Schools Alumni Association.

Memberships are in effect from July 1 of the current calendar year through June 30 of the following calendar year.

Dues paid after August 1 are for the upcoming year.

Please fill in completely, even if no changes - Thank you!

1ST ALUMNI MEMBER

- \$5.00 Alumni Member
graduated or attended a Garrett School
- \$5.00 Affiliate Member
*spouse of Alumni, teacher or
administrator of a Garrett School*

2ND ALUMNI MEMBER

- \$5.00 Alumni Member
graduated or attended a Garrett School
- \$5.00 Affiliate Member
*spouse of Alumni, teacher or
administrator of a Garrett School*

Name (first, maiden, last)

Name (first, maiden, last)

Graduation Year (if Garrett Alumni)

Graduation Year (if Garrett Alumni)

Primary Address

Primary Address

City State Zip

City State Zip

Phone

Phone

Email

Email

I am willing to help as a volunteer.

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\$ _____ In addition to my dues, I wish to contribute to the Scholarship Fund

\$ _____ **Total Enclosed**

Make check payable to: GARRETT SCHOOLS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Mail to: Garrett Schools Alumni Assoc.
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ALUMNI CELEBRATION GARRETT HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

- 10:00 a.m. Coffee and donuts provided by Garrett State Bank
Visit with old friends. Plenty of seating available!
- 11:30 a.m. Box lunches available for purchase, prepared by T&R Junction
Open seating format. More information on page 2 of this newsletter.

ALUMNI LUNCH RESERVATION \$12 PER BOX LUNCH RSVP BY JULY 1

Please complete and return this form with payment to:
Garrett Schools Alumni Assoc.
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Make check payable to: GARRETT SCHOOLS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

BOX LUNCH INCLUDES:

Sandwich, chips, salad and fruit cup. Dessert and beverages will also be provided.

Please choose your sandwich from the following selections (write in your selection below):

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|-------------------------|------------|
| Roast Beef | Ham |
| Turkey | Vegan |
| Chicken Salad Croissant | Vegetarian |

Please complete the registration for all attending:

Name (first, maiden, last)	Grad Year (<i>N/A if guest of GHS grad</i>)	Sandwich Choice
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____



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ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING AT GARRETT COUNTRY CLUB

REGISTRATION FORM RSVP BY JULY 1

Please complete and return this form with payment to:
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P.O. Box 55
Garrett, IN 46738

Registration, \$10 per golfer, and green fees to be collected at the golf course.

Proceeds benefit the Alumni Scholarship Fund

Make check payable to: GARRETT SCHOOLS ALUMNI TRUST ASSOCIATION

TEAM OF FOUR

1. Name _____ Grad Year _____
2. Name _____ Grad Year _____
3. Name _____ Grad Year _____
4. Name _____ Grad Year _____

TEAM CAPTAIN

One contact person needed per team.

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____

Shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. Come early to get your registration and green fees paid at the club house.

Alumni Weekend Schedule of Events

Listed below are all of the details of the activities that will be going on during the Alumni Weekend. There is sure to be plenty for everyone, young and old. Do not miss out on the fun... Everyone will be talking about it on Monday!

Friday, July 19, 2019

GARRETT ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING*

8:00 a.m.

Garrett Country Club
401 N. Walsh Street

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WELCOME CENTER FOR ALUMNI

12:30-4:30 p.m.

Judy A. Morrill (JAM) Community Center
1200 E. Houston Street

Our Welcome Centers are places for meeting with old friends! Arrange to join with friends, sit and chat. At least one alum will be there as host and we'll have some cold drinks, too. While you're there, take a tour of the JAM Center and learn all about this wonderful and valuable asset to the Garrett community!

HORSE-DRAWN WAGON TOURS*

3:00 p.m.

Judy A. Morrill (JAM) Community Center
1200 E. Houston Street

Enjoy a tour of your hometown from a horse-drawn wagon with the DeKalb County Horsemen Association! The tour will board at the JAM Center, just down the street from GHS. Please note the tour is **not** wheel chair accessible.

GARRETT MUSEUM OF ART

5:00-8:00 p.m.

100 S. Randolph Street

You'll want to experience this museum; it's the former Garrett Bank building on Randolph Street downtown, a beautiful venue for your visit this weekend. On this night, between 6-8 p.m., is a reception (free and open to all) for the new show featuring Diane Schafer-King, a Fort Wayne artist who uses a marbling technique in paintings, silk scarves, and jewelry, among other items.

Saturday, July 20, 2019

OPEN HOUSE - GARRETT PUBLIC LIBRARY

9:00-11:00 a.m.

Creek Chub Room - Garrett Public Library
107 W. Houston Street

You've always known the Garrett Library, an amazing place in the past and even more amazing in 2019! Drop by this room, in which is a collection of documents and photos of both our city's history and the history of Garrett schools. Photos of graduates of GHS over the decades adorn the walls. Katrina Custer will be the host and guide for your visit, a knowledgeable Garrett historian and past president of your alumni association.

GARRETT ALUMNI CELEBRATION

10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Garrett High School
Enter door 20

- **GKB EDUCATION FOUNDATION**
GKB Education Foundation project and display on Children's Vision will be on display during the celebration.
- **STUDENT-LED TOURS OF THE SCHOOL DURING THE CELEBRATION**
1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m.

FREE SWIM DAY

12:00-8:00 p.m.

Garrett Municipal Pool
1300 S. Cowen Street

The City of Garrett invites you to enjoy a free swim all day for everyone in honor of 2019 Garrett Schools Alumni Reunion Weekend! Jump in to live out your many memories of summer days at the pool!

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL ALUMNI REUNION

2:30-4:00 p.m. | Mass 4:30 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic School Gymnasium
310 W. Houston Street

Refreshments, conversation and tours of the school. Mary Rose Kimmel, chairperson.

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GARRETT MUSEUM OF ART

4:00-7:00 p.m.

100 S. Randolph Street

Stop by this beautiful museum, the former Garrett State Bank, and enjoy the new show featuring Diane Schaffer-King, a Fort Wayne artist who uses a marbling technique in paintings, silk scarves, and jewelry, among other items. See the permanent collection as well!

CHOICE | MUSIC IN THE PARK*

6:00-8:00 a.m.

Eastside Park

East Houston Street, opposite GHS

Enjoy live music by the band, **Choice**, at Eastside Park. Entertainment is provided by the City of Garrett, to celebrate all Garrett Alumni! Food trucks will be on site for purchasing your refreshments. Bring your old friends and classmates!

WELCOME CENTER FOR ALUMNI

6:00-10:00 p.m.

Cup of Blessing Coffee Shop

133 S. Randolph Street

Our Welcome Centers are places for meeting with old friends! Arrange to join with friends, sit and chat. At least one alum will be there as host and if you want to buy your favorite coffee drink or smoothie, a barista will be there, too!

Sunday, July 21, 2019

COMMUNITY CHURCH SERVICE

10:00 a.m.

Garrett High School Performing Arts Center

Enter door 10

Join with alumni and the Garrett community for this service, led by Dave Mix with the Garrett Ministerial Association.

GARRETT HISTORY

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Garrett Historical Society Museum

100 N. Randolph Street

Enjoy a final stop of the weekend at the Garrett Historical Society Museum, a collection of railroad memorabilia and archives that tell the story of our hometown! You'll learn a lot from Katrina Custer, noted historian of Garrett, who will be your host!

Bylaws Voting

GARRETT COUNTRY CLUB

Friday, July 19 | 7:00-10:00 a.m.

401 N. Walsh Street

ALUMNI CELEBRATION

Saturday, July 20 | 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Garrett High School cafeteria

During Alumni Reunion Weekend, the Executive Board is asking active dues-paying members to vote on revised association bylaws. Prior officers and several active members had identified the need to bring the bylaws up to date. To remain viable and relevant, all organizations need to study and revise their bylaws from time to time. As a result, a task force made up of Bob Johoski, Mark Claxton, and Kyle Branscum, was established to present improvements to the Board. After several months of serious work and meetings filled with thoughtful deliberation and debate, the new bylaws for the Alumni Association were approved on April 10, 2019 for presentation to the dues paying members for their approval.

For questions or comments about the new bylaws please contact Bob Johoski at rjohoski@gmail.com.



Show your Alumni Pride

Wear the maroon and blue proudly and do something good for GHS grads at the same time! Purchase a Garrett Schools Alumni sweatshirt or t-shirt. Proceeds benefit the *Alumni Scholarship Fund* for GHS graduates.

Make sure you are supporting the *Alumni Scholarship Fund* by only purchasing shirts with the Garrett Alumni logo on them, as shown above.

For more information on purchasing Alumni spirit wear, contact us at GarrettSchoolsAlumni@gmail.com.

* *Inclement weather could dictate changes in this event.*



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