

MANCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BANQUET
(Reserve June 20th on your calendar)

Greetings Alumni,

The tradition continues – after 25 students had graduated from Manchester’s Union School, their desire to form an Alumni Association came to fruition when this small group held the first Alumni Reunion June 8, 1877. We can only imagine what a reunion in 1877 would have been like. Come and join us for the 144th anniversary of Manchester High School’s first graduating class and the 138th anniversary of the Alumni Reunion. This is your once a year opportunity to meet and mingle with some very special people, classmates and friends who have been privileged to graduate from Manchester High School.

The 138th Alumni Reunion Banquet will be held on Saturday, June 20, 2015 at Manchester High School, 20500 Dutch Drive. The social hour will begin at 5:00 P.M. and dinner will be served at 6:30 P.M. The cost is \$18.00 (includes cost of meal, postage, printing, mailing & misc.). Chartwells Dining Services will be preparing dinner.

Alumni books (that have only the list of graduate names) will be on sale at the banquet for \$6.00 each. Email any changes to address or names along with graduation year to **MHSDutchAlumni@yahoo.com**. The Manchester Historical Society will be selling their calendar at the banquet. The theme for their 2015 calendar is “*Manchester Memories.*”

Manchester is one of the few remaining schools that still hold an annual alumni reunion. This year special recognition will be given to the following classes: 1945, 1955, 1965, 1975, and 2015. This is also the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Varsity Choir. The Varsity Choir alumni will be performing at the banquet. Come join your classmates on June 20th and enjoy an evening of good food and reminiscing. You are encouraged to designate donations to the Alumni Association for the Scholarship Fund to benefit graduating seniors going on to college. **Please see enclosed form for details.**

We continue to have challenges covering the total banquet expenses. We are very grateful for your generous donations in 2014. The rising cost of postage, which is over \$1,000, is our major expense. Your donation to help pay for postage would be very helpful and greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Your *Alumni Association Board*:

Mary Kay (Schaible) Bailey (1963)
Marcia (Hudkins) Bunney (1965)
Betty Cummings (1958)
Jack Creech (1958)

Vicki Eisele (1970)
Jim Mann (1965)
Carol (Niehaus) Samonek (1966)
Sallie Schiel (1961)

Dawn (Brady) Steele (1988)
Gary Voegeding (1975)
Martha (Binkowski) Wenk (1964)
Judy (Kirk) Walz (1961)

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The reservation deadline is June 8, 2015

Please make check payable to: **Manchester H.S. Alumni Assoc.**

Mail to: **Manchester H.S. Alumni Association, P.O. Box 254, Manchester, MI 48158.**

Name: _____ Class Year: _____
(Please include **maiden name** if applicable)

Address: _____

Check if new address Guest Name _____ Class Year: _____

Number of people attending: _____ Cost: \$ _____ Table year seating desired: _____

Donation: \$ _____ (to help cover increasing expenses, especially postage, would be appreciated)

**MANCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

May 2015

Alumni Members:

We are celebrating the 17th anniversary of the Scholarship Fund. The generosity of alumni and the community has been outstanding. The Fund was established to award scholarships to graduating Manchester High School seniors (new MHS alumni). The scholarships are presented at the June commencement ceremonies and are designated to assist 2015 MHS graduates cover expenses associated with their continuing higher education. The scholarships are awarded to students based upon their academic records, community service, participation in school activities and economic needs. Many of you have a long and proud history of supporting scholarships for deserving MHS graduates. Your commitment to the youth of Manchester through the Scholarship Fund is commendable. **THANK YOU!**

We were able to award six graduating seniors with scholarships in 2014, and plan to award five scholarships in 2015. The scholarships will include the Marian Voegeding Valedictorian Scholarship, the Nellie Ackerson Award, and the Jean M. Ahrens Hieber (Class of 1948) Memorial Scholarship. Your donations to the Alumni Scholarship Fund are greatly appreciated by our Alumni Association and the new graduates. Thank you notes received from recipients attest to their gratitude for your concern and support.

In the past, donations have been received from alumni in memory or in honor of fellow alumni or loved ones. It has also become a tradition of classes celebrating their 50th anniversary to award scholarships. For example, the class of 1964 awarded two scholarships and the class of 1965 is also planning to award scholarships this year. Your donations are truly very worthwhile gifts and support the ongoing education of Manchester's youth (and future generations) with scholarships.

We are asking each of you to consider making a donation to the Manchester High School Alumni Association Scholarship Fund this year.

In grateful appreciation,

Manchester High School Alumni Association

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

1. Donate to the Scholarship Fund in memory or in honor of a loved one.
2. Donate in memory or in honor of a teacher or classmate.
3. Donate as an alumnus of Manchester High School.
4. Donate as a community member.

Thank you for your generous support since the Fund's inception, and we are counting on your continued support again this year. You make the annual scholarship awards for our MHS graduates possible.

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Please make checks payable to: **Manchester Alumni Association Scholarship Fund**

Return to: **Manchester H.S. Alumni Association, P.O. Box 254, Manchester, MI 48158**

Your Name: _____ Class Year: _____

Address: _____ Amount: \$ _____

Given in Memory/Honor of: _____ Year: _____

(Please circle **memory** or **honor**)

Please send a notice of donation to:

(Name and Address)