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HAROLD LEE BROWN, CLASS OF 63

2015 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS



HAROLD LEE BROWN has worked primarily in health care information technology and has extensively volunteered in his communities.

Harold attended The Ohio State University graduating in 1968 with a BS in Business majoring in Economics & Statistical Analysis. Upon enrollment in the Air Force ROTC, he was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. and assigned to HQ Logistics Command at Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton. As a Data Automation Officer, with top-secret security clearances, he started by supervising computer operators processing supply requisitions. He subsequently managed projects to automate the worldwide electronic transmission of requisitions and reporting. After training in computer programming & analysis, he developed systems to maintain one of the largest supply inventories in the world. While in Dayton, he participated in the Big Brothers of America program to mentor a young boy who had lost his father. He also supported the base's Christmas food program making deliveries to the homes of truly needy families.

Prior to discharge, Harold began taking courses in biosciences at Wright State, an

OSU branch campus. Upon discharge, he returned to Columbus to study Allied Medicine. Majoring in Medical Record Administration, he received a second BS in 1972 and became Assistant Director of Medical Records for University Hospitals. This was a facility position with a primary responsibility of proctoring students. He was responsible for record operations at OSU's inpatient Psychiatric and Rehab hospitals and at all OSU Clinics. His project management responsibilities included automation of the Medical Centers' massive master patient index and the electronic requisitioning & tracking of patient records through OSU's many clinics. Upon returning to OSU, Harold volunteered to assist handicapped students, transporting them to and from classes at the Medical Center. Post graduation, he studied for and successfully earned national certification as a Registered Medical Record Administrator.

In 1974, El Camino Hospital (ECH) in Mountain View, California, hired Harold to help develop the world's first automated patient care system. As the Director of the Medical Record Department, his role was to automate the storage and retrieval of electronic records for patients' continuing care. After years of working to develop first-ever healthcare automation, Harold met with visitors from around the world and shared his experience at many industry conferences. He also taught a class on Computers in Medicine and served as a faculty advisor at a local community college. Being a direct practice supervisor allowed him to hire top-notch students. In 1985, Harold implemented the hospital's first network of personal computers to optimize Medicare payments based on each patient's diagnoses

and procedures. This led to his becoming Manager of Business Information Systems. In addition to automatic billing and claims processing, his staff of software programmers and analysts developed complex algorithms to administer self-insurance programs with local companies.

In 1996, Harold became an employee of IBM when his department was outsourced to their new Global Services Division. For a year, he traveled extensively to help IBM expand its health information business.

In 1997, Harold was recruited to become the COO of Digital Records Corporation (DRC) a healthcare services start-up. This was a business that he had founded in the late 70's as a non-profit, shared service for six local community hospitals. A group of Silicon Valley investors had subsequently purchased the business and hired him to grow it for-profit. With the advent of the Internet, DRC developed software to automate the processing of digital voice, to distribute the audio securely to medical transcription employees working from their homes in nearly every US state, to electronically edit the transcribed reports and to securely deliver the reports to each customer's electronic medical record. In 2000, Harold was appointed President & CEO of DRC. Over the next 7 years, DRC became the largest medical transcription service in Northern California, servicing several large teaching/research hospitals and hospital networks. DRC was sold in 2007, providing a significant return to its investors.

Before retiring, Harold returned to ECH

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Harold Lee Brown

as a Project Manager. He helped to open their new hospital facility in Mountain View, installing the latest systems for digital imaging and robotics to automate specimen processing for the Clinical Labs and Pathology. He expanded core information systems to a second hospital campus in Los Gatos and shared patients' medical information for specialized treatment with nearby medical research centers in Palo Alto. ECH is now known as the "Hospital of the Silicon Valley". As a result of his early work at the hospital, he is permanently assigned medical record # 00000001.

In retirement, Harold has served as ECH's team captain to raise money for community mental health programs sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

This led to his becoming a Vice President of Santa Clara County NAMI. His latest passion is a NAMI mentoring program to match patients being discharged from local mental health facilities with "peers" who have experienced mental illness.

As a California resident, Harold campaigned to establish one of the first statewide deposit programs to promote beverage container recycling. As a League of Women Voters member, he has petitioned to reform state & national healthcare financing and to reform California's political campaign financing.

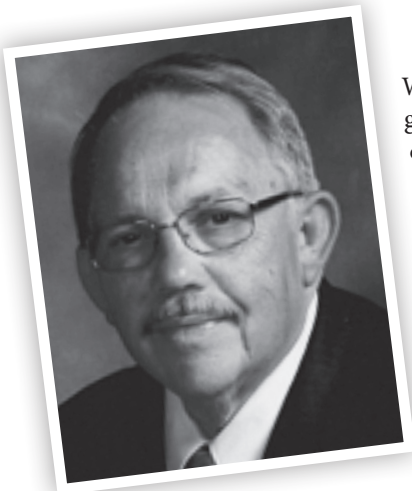
These activities led to him serving as Voter-Services chairperson and Vice President of the Cupertino-Sunnyvale LWV. He was also a local Democratic Precinct Captain. In this position he helped to

elect the first US Congress Woman from his California district. During his kids' school years, he served as Treasurer of the Sunnyvale Gymnastics Club. He is also a life long blood donor, now totaling over 16 gallons of whole blood.

Harold met his first wife, Linda, at OSU. His second wife, Barb, is an RN who retired after 40 years at ECH. His two sons, a daughter and five grandchildren live nearby in California. He continues to enjoy bicycling & swimming at his Sunnyvale home and sailing & windsurfing on California's mountain lakes.

Harold's mother, Mary Taylor Brown Webber, is a BHS Class of 1940 graduate. His sister, Lucy Brown Schleicher, graduated in 1968. Harold is a lifetime member of our Alumni Association.

Message from the President



Your President,
Dennie Bland
Class of 1964

Winter be gone! 2014-15 will go down in history as one of the coldest in recent history. I think I can speak for all of us when I say welcome to Spring and the warm sunshine.

Let me take this opportunity to thank the entire Board of Directors of the Alumni Association for making this year a smooth and productive one. I want to especially thank those who have so graciously stepped up and filled in for me during my recent illness. Much progress has been made and

I can honestly say that I have never worked with a more dedicated and hard working group of people who so unselfishly donate hundreds of hours to making the Alumni Association one of the premier alumni groups in the Ohio Valley.

We are looking forward to the normal Spring activities, the Annual Bellaire Relays, graduation ceremonies, and of course, our

annual Spring Banquet which is set for May 16th at Undo's West in St. Clairsville. We are excited to be able to provide you with all the amenities of the new venue. Make plans to join us for an evening of recognizing the Achievement Award winners, honoring an outstanding Bellaire Alumnus as well as highlighting the efforts of our Senior Service Award winners from the Class of 2015. Of course, other highlights of the banquet will be celebrating with the reunion classes who will share their special night with us.

Our Social Media sites are tremendous. Contacts have been made with alumni near and far. Sales of BHS items have been successful. Several folks have offered many good ideas for projects and fund raisers. Please take advantage of this wonderful tool to update your membership and contact information. If you have friends who never receive newsletters, but would like to, introduce them to our Facebook or Twitter sites as well to the BHS Alumni web page. All of these contain a wealth of information on the advantages of being a member of the Alumni Association. The memorial brick sale was a tremendous success. Thanks to all those who took the opportunity to honor family and friends with the purchase of an engraved brick.

Although Bellaire Schools still struggle with financial issues, the Alumni Association remains positive in its support of our Administration, Faculty, Staff and Students. We continue to foster the Pride, Spirit and Tradition that have made Bellaire Schools so special to all of us.

SENIOR SERVICE NOMINEES

The 2015 nominees for the Senior Service Award are:

Megan Booth

daughter of Andrea LaRoche and Scott Booth

Talia Duffy

daughter of Trent & Billie Jo Duffy

Stephanie LaRoche

daughter of Jeff and Leigh Ann LaRoche

Danielle Stoner

daughter of Rodney and April Stoner

Greg Mehlman

son of Greg and Tina Mehlman

Austin McConville

son of Keith and Elaine McConville

Tyler Ramsay

son of Bryan and Renee Ramsay

Nathan Steele

son of Tom and Amy Steele

Only 1 Girl and only 1 Boy will receive \$1000 each. The winners will be announced at the Spring Banquet.

REUNION NOTES

CLASS OF 2005

The class of '05 is in the early planning stages for its 10th year class reunion at the Central Grille in Shadyside on October 3rd which is homecoming weekend. More information forthcoming in the near future.

CLASS OF 1985

The class of '85 is planning its 30th class reunion for October 31st at the Bellaire Sons of Italy. We are hoping to attend the Bellaire/Ferry game together. We are still finalizing plans and will be sending out more information soon. Anyone needing information can contact Sharon (Kovalyk) Fisher at (513)305-3894 or e-mail her at sssdfisher2@embarqmail.com.

CLASS OF 1980

The class of 1980 is planning its 35th year reunion at the Sons of Italy in Bellaire on October 24th. Cost is \$15.00 per person which includes dinner (spaghetti with meatball or sausage, salad & bread with an open bar.) Plans are still being finalized. Contact Wendy Dobson at wdobsthree@aol.com

CLASS OF 1970

Bellaire High School class of 1970 will be having its 45th class reunion the weekend of August 14th, 15th & 16th. Besides the usual gathering on Friday and Saturday evenings, a golf outing, a tour of the high school and brunch on Sunday is being planned. For more information call Kathy Wallace at (740)676-9150 or e-mail Eddie Pollock at pollock20022000@yahoo.com

CLASS OF 1975

The class of '75 will be having its 40th class reunion September 5th at the Sons of Italy beginning at 6:00PM. The cost is \$25.00pp or \$50.00 couple. For more information contact Joyce (Greenwood) Liberati at joyce.liberati@yahoo.com, Brenda (Tuccio) Wallner at bwallner4bskts@hotmail.com or Marty Cochran at queenniemc75@yahoo.com

CLASS OF 1965

Bellaire High School Class of 1965 is about to have its 50th class reunion. We will have a Meet and Greet Friday, August 7th at the Sons of Italy, a reunion (dinner and dancing) Saturday, August 8th at Wheeling Island Gaming Resort and we will meet again for breakfast Sunday, August 9th.

Our class has annual picnics on the third Saturday in September (except reunion years). We find the casual atmosphere to be quite conducive to talk and laughter.

We have made it a practice at every function to have raffles and to raise money for the school. In the past, we have purchased a row of seats at Nelson Field, given monies for band instruments, contributed funds to purchase batteries for defibrillators, contributed money to the art department, and purchased a camera for a school bus. This year will be no exception.

Details will be mailed no later than June 27th. If you want advanced notice and have not heard from us in the past 5 years or if you have moved and not forwarded a new address, please do so. We can be reached at bhsclassof65@yahoo.com or mail to Linda Hepburn, 194 Dodd Dr., Washington, PA 15301, or call 724-225-0741 or contact Anita Masciarelli Smigill at 740-676-0780.

FAITHFUL AND TRUEHEARTED



Row 1: Luca Magistro '06; Arleen Brunori Sabatino '76, 2nd Vice President; Dennie Bland '64, President; Shauna Ray Walker '74, Membership Secretary, Past President; Bob Koteles '64, Past President

Row 2: Ben Doyle '02; Kathy Wallace '70, Past President; Cindy Badia Martin '74, Treasurer; Amy Busic '89, 1st Vice President; Toni Brunori Sechrest '68, Corresponding Secretary; Catherine Bocabella Tuttle '53; Forrest Merryman '08

Row 3: Erica Booth '02; Cheryl Badia Wallace '70, Past President; Lorrie Althar Palmer '99; Penny Smelko Frizzi '71, Past President; Brooke McVey '07, Recording Secretary; Frank Hibbits '00

BHS Alumni Association Board of Trustees 2014 - 2015

Class REUNION Booklets

Class reunion committees are reminded to submit their class reunion books/ mailing list to the alumni association so we can keep our mailing list up-to-date!

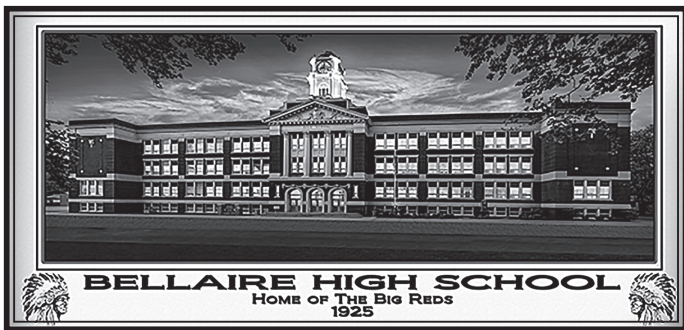
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BHS Alumni Association
PO Box 307
Bellaire, OH 43906

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Alumni SPOTLIGHT

Mary Rataiczak class of '56, Scott Rataiczak class of '84 and Paul Marchese class of '74, of R & C Photography are all proud and loyal Big Reds.

For many years, R & C Photography has been taking photographs of BHS students and their many activities.

Scott is a past president of the BHS Alumni Association and presently serves as a trustee on the BHS Endowment Board.

For some time, Scott has been trying to come up with a way to use his time and talents to bring positive attention to our town and to support the Bellaire Local Schools. Scott said, "I have wanted to do a high quality image of the high school for a long time. We have one of the most beautiful schools in the entire state. I thought we needed to show it off. This past summer I was doing some commercial work for a couple of national hotel chains. I needed to rent a very expensive lens to use during those jobs. It made sense to me to do the picture of the high school at the same time."

"A problem I had to overcome to get the picture was the proximity of the high school to the city park. It makes it impossible to do a professional photograph from an angle that shows the entire school unless you take it from a strong side angle. The final image is actually seven different images that are combined into one."

"Prior images of the high school are daytime images, so I decided to make the project even more difficult and do the photograph at dusk"

"Mr. Roseberry, the principal of the high school, was nice enough to meet me one evening at the school and turn on every light on in the front side of the building. Without his cooperation, the image wouldn't have turned out so nice"

Now that the picture is a finished product, Scott is partnering with the Alumni Association to sell ink jet reproductions. All profits from the sale of the picture will go to support our schools.

The photograph is on display at the high school and can be checked out on our website at www.bellairebigredsalumni.com. (The color version may also be viewed on www.ratandcheese.com.)

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Prices are as follows and are available immediately:

20"x 30" print \$55.00 plus the cost of shipping

20"x 30" black framed print \$85.00 plus the cost of shipping

11"x 17" laminated print \$10.00 plus the cost of shipping

Special orders available upon request

If you would like to purchase a photo, send your request to BHS Alumni Association P.O. Box 307 Bellaire, OH 43906 or e-mail us at www.bellairebigredsalumni@gmail.com or contact Kathy Wallace at 676-9150

Graduates Selected For ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Since 1985, The Bellaire High School Alumni Association has honored graduates who have made significant contributions to the school, community or organizations to which they belong. This year your Alumni Association will honor the following graduates:

CIVIC

Jerry Olack '75

EDUCATION

Mike Sechrest '92

SPORTS

Chris Arno '90

HEALTH AND MEDICAL

Lisa Houston '96

BUSINESS

Denny Beltrondo '73

ARCHIVES ROOM

The Alumni Association was given the opportunity to move the Archive Rooms from the basement of the high school to the 3rd floor. We decided it was a great opportunity for everything to be in one room as opposed to having two rooms. Depending on your age, you may remember this room as the old band room, then in later years it was the typing room.

This will be a major, but much needed move. If you have never toured the archives at BHS you are truly missing out on some really neat memorabilia. Tours are given during our Spring Banquet weekend and also during Homecoming Weekend in the Fall.

If you have items you would like to donate to the archives, please call Bob Koteles at 676-5490

February LOTTERY FUNDRAISER WINNERS!

Members sold lottery tickets based on the nightly Ohio 3 digit lottery drawing for the month of February. The following people were the lucky winners. We would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets. The profit from this fundraiser will help our school.

Kasey Tuttle

Danielle Babb

Mike Sechrest

Ryan Tichenor

Toni Sechrest

Cindy Badia

Beth Wade

Lorrie Palmer

Lori Doyle

Spring BANQUET

Start making plans to attend this year's spring banquet on **May 16th at Undo's West in St. Clairsville**. The alumni will honor the Class of 1965, the Outstanding Alumnus, Achievement Award winners and announce the 2015 Senior Service winners and Endowment Scholarship winners. For anyone needing hotel accommodations, a Hampton Inn is right next to Undo's (740) 695-3961. Also there is a Holiday Inn Express (740) 699-0010 and a Microtel (740) 695-5237 within a half mile to Undo's.

Alumni DUES

BHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 2015

Please complete form entirely, then cut out and mail to BELLAIRE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION P.O. BOX 307, BELLAIRE, OH 43906

ANNUAL DUES

- _____ Dues \$10
- _____ Associate Members \$10

LIFETIME DUES

- _____ \$25 Class of 1964 and earlier
- _____ \$50 Class of 1965-1984
- _____ \$75 Class of 1985-2004
- _____ \$100 Class of 2005- 2014

DONATIONS

- Special Gift Fund \$ _____
- Bell Tower Maintenance Fund \$ _____
- Class of 1949 Fund \$ _____
- Reverse Raffle Ticket \$25 each \$ _____
- Spring Banquet Reservation(s) \$25 each \$ _____

1965- 50 Year Class Banquet Reservation(s)

Classmates whose 2014 dues were paid by November 1, 2014, dinner is FREE. All other 1965 classmates, dinner is \$25.00 each. Spouses and guests, dinner is \$25.00 each. Even if your dinner is free, you must mark the total number of reservations you are making.

Banquet Held: Saturday, May 16, 2015 at Undo's West in St. Clairsville

Reservation Deadline: May 8, 2015

(Dinner tickets are NOT mailed.

Your reservation will be at the door.)

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

Name _____

Maiden Name _____

Address _____

City State Zip _____

Phone _____

Class Year _____

E-mail _____

To electronically complete the above, visit www.bellairebigredsalumni.com

COMMEMORATIVE BRICK SALE

Since the half price brick sale was such a success, we decided to keep the sale price of these in hopes to keep this project going. If you have not purchased a brick for yourself or a family member, now is a great time to do so. Personalize it with a name, date, in honor of or in memory of or whatever you wish it to say. They also make a great gift for that hard to buy for person. The 4"x 8" brick is \$50, the 8"x 8" brick is \$125. If you ever get a chance, stop by the school and check out this beautiful project on Alumni Way.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

_____ 4" x 8" Brick @ \$50⁰⁰ (3 lines, 15 characters each)

_____ 8" x 8" Brick @ \$125⁰⁰ (6 lines, 15 characters each)

Please call for pricing on 16 x 16 and 32 x 32 granite pavers.

Please print clearly in the boxes below. 4"x 8" bricks can have up to 3 lines of type. 8"x 8" bricks can have up to 6 lines. Each line can have up to 15 characters, including spaces and punctuation. If ordering more than one brick, please make copies of this form.

All purchase are tax deductible. Make check payable to the Bellaire High School Alumni Association and mail to: Commerative Brick Project, P.O. Box 307, Bellaire OH 43906.

TO PURCHASE BRICKS, USE THE ATTACHED ORDER FORM OR GO TO OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.BELLAIREBIGREDSALUMNI.COM

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO **BELLAIRE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND MAIL TO P.O. BOX 307, BELLAIRE, OH 43906**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT **BOB KOTELES AT (740) 676-5490**

HOME COMING 2015



Friday, October 2nd
Alumni Social Sons of Italy Lodge

Saturday, October 3rd
Parade, Football Game, Reverse Raffle
- watch for details in fall newsletter -

BELLAIRE'S ARNO TO RECEIVE DAFLER COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR CC

By SETH STASKEY Times Leader Sports Editor

From the Times Leader January 18, 2015

BELLAIRE — It's cliché to hear that coaches and/or teachers are all about the kids.

When you hear it about Chris Arno, it's 100 percent accurate.

The long-time Bellaire High cross country coach didn't know much about running when he took the job over 19 years ago.

"I'm far from a runner," Arno smiled. "I wasn't even a good athlete in high school."

But, because of his commitment to his alma mater and the student-athletes, Arno has worked himself into a knowledgeable running coach.

Don't believe me?

Check out his resume because it speaks for itself.

"I think it's one of those things that if you just find a passion for whatever it is you're doing and find the right kids who want to succeed and be a part of something, it helps," Arno said.

His work has been recognized once again. He will receive the Fred Dafler Career State Coach of the Year for girls cross country at the Ohio Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches track clinic later this month.

"This is very humbling," Arno said. "These awards aren't just about the

individual. They're a tribute to all of the athletes who've put the time in; all of the assistant coaches I've had over the years and the support we've received from the school administration and community. Everyone's played a role."

Arno learned of the award last week and believes he was nominated through the Eastern District Track Coaches Association.

"It's based on career, longevity and success over a period of time," Arno said. "All of the good teams we've had over the years played a role in this."

In 2011, Arno received the OHSAA Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Award, but was unable to attend the banquet because it was on the night he proposed to his wife, Ann. So, when he received his latest notification, his first thing was to check the calendar.

"I'll be there this time," Arno smiled. With his 20th season set to unfold in the fall, Arno can hardly believe he's been in charge of the Big Reds' harriers for two decades.

Especially, when you consider that he had accepted the job as an assistant volleyball coach. "The cross country job came open and by brother, Nick, encouraged me to coach cross country," Arno said. "I had signed a contract to coach volleyball and five days later, I resigned to coach cross country."

Basically, the rest is history.

Like most coaches, Arno's had some ups and downs during his career, but the ups have far outweighed the downs.

"I've learned that it's like putting a puzzle together and things run in cycles," Arno explained. "The first year I coached our girls team went to the regional and I had no idea what I was doing, but our boys finished 24th out of 24 teams at the OVAC. We've been anywhere from winning the OVAC, qualifying for the state meet to not even fielding a full team a few times, so things definitely go in cycles."

For instance, he's led the Big Reds' girls program to five OVAC titles, seven regional appearances, three state berths and a regional championship in 2005.

Good athletes always help coaches and Arno's had plenty, including eight individual state qualifiers and two all-Ohioans.

On the boys' side, his teams have captured four OVAC titles, won five district titles, qualified for six regionals and advanced to the state meet twice.

Individually, Arno has coached five state qualifiers and one all-Ohioan.

"I've had some very talented runners," Arno said.

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