



The RED & BLACK



CONNIE CROZIER BOBO, CLASS OF 1968

2019 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE BROKER TO ALS ADVOCATE

THE DAUGHTER OF A LOCAL home builder, Connie sold her first parcel of land at age 16. In 1973, compliments of the U.S. Air Force, Connie found herself in Las Vegas, Nevada, where she became the first real estate broker in the State of Nevada to earn both the CCIM (Certified Commercial Investment Member) and SIOB (Society of Industrial and Office REALTORS) designations.

Her career in commercial real estate included negotiating the sale of a 7-story office building to the United States of America; development of a conceptual masterplan and receiving zoning

approval for a 332-acre industrial park (sold the plan and the site); negotiated major land assemblage for a Las Vegas Strip Hotel and Theme Park; negotiated land assemblage of a downtown city block for a redevelopment project (Fremont Street Experience).

She was recognized as one of twelve “Brokers of the Year” by Howard Hughes Properties (1988 & 1996); appointed by Clark County to serve on “Overall Economic Development Committee” (1990-1994); Recognized as one of the “Top 25 Commercial Brokers in the United States by the Real Estate Times (1988); served on Nevada State Economic Development Association (1987-1991) and more.

At the peak of a commercial real estate career that had spanned nearly twenty years, Connie was forced into a new role – that of an ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) caregiver. Perry, her husband was diagnosed with the progressively paralyzing, always-fatal illness at age 38. Inch by inch, day by day, her husband lost body functions as his muscles atrophied. During Perry’s illness, no help was available. Despite being identified in 1869

(some 123 years earlier) no research had begun for ALS (also known as Lou Gehrig’s Disease). There was no treatment – no cure and no information available as to how to deal with the daily challenges of each loss.

Perry died seven months following diagnosis. Journals had been kept during that lonely battle against ALS. What started to be a caregiver’s “tip sheet” to be shared with others battling ALS, grew into a book.

In 1998, following the publication of her book, “On Eagle’s Wings, a Caregiver’s Guide for the Terminally Ill”, Connie chartered the not-for-profit Nevada Chapter of The ALS Association. Under her leadership, the ALSA Nevada Chapter was but six months old when it was recognized with two national awards for its patients’ programs. In 1999, Connie received the distinction of being named “Volunteer of the Year” by the National association. In 2000, she received recognition as a Citizen of Distinction for the State of Nevada. In 2004, she received the Local Hero Award from Bank of America.

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Spring BANQUET 2019

The Annual Bellaire High School Alumni Association Spring Banquet will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2019, at Undo’s West in St. Clairsville, Ohio. We will be celebrating 114 years of Pride, Spirit & Tradition.

In addition to honoring the 2019 Outstanding Alumnus Connie Crozier Bobo ‘68, alumni, Dr. Michael Kovalyk ‘75, Larry Tuccio ‘72, Mike Dunfee ‘93, Aaron Perzanowski ‘98, Danny Young ‘81, and Michael Murphy ‘11 will be honored for their achievements in the fields of Business, Civic, Arts, Sports & Law.

The Alumni Association will welcome new members of the Class of 2019 and will honor two of those members with Senior Service Awards. The BHS Endowment Board will also present various scholarships during the dinner ceremony. The Class of 1969 will be honored.

Social and cocktail hour begins at 5:00 p.m., with dinner at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30.00 per person and must be purchased in advance either by mail or on our website at www.bellairebigredsalumni.com.

Message from the President



Your President,
Ed Good Class of 1977

Greetings Big Reds Alumni!!

At the time of this writing, we just survived a polar vortex and are hopefully at the end of a record setting wet season here in Big Reds country. Spring is in the air and it is time again for our event planning season.

Our Annual Spring banquet will be held on Saturday May 18, 2019 at Undos West St. Clairsville, OH starting at 5:00 pm.

We have another great list of

Alumni Award recipients to honor who have excelled in a variety of fields. We will also be recognizing and celebrating members of the BHS Class of 2019. It gives me great pride to report that we continue to be impressed with the quality and character of the young women and men BHS produces. They are a true testament to the meaning of Pride, Spirit and Tradition of BHS!!

On a sad note I would be remiss if I did not share our regrets of the announced closure of Bellaire St. John Central High School and the Bellaire (Belmont) Community Hospital. These two staples of the Bellaire Community will sorrowfully be missed. We all have ties and memories of these two institutions and things simply will not be the same in their absence. In true Big Red fashion and respect, BHS winter sports teams honored SJC by donning their colors before their final athletic meetings.

As reported in my last message, we continue to update our membership list. We have scoured many Beljuans identifying years of class officers and graduates attempting to produce a good contact list of alumni. We would certainly appreciate any assistance from anyone who can help in this endeavor. Our Association is only as good as our contact list.

I would like to take this opportunity to give a special thanks to retiring Board Member Mrs. Catherine (Boccabella) Tuttle (Class of 1953). Mrs. Tuttle was one of our longest serving board members and words cannot describe her value to the BHSAA over the years. Filling her vacancy on the board is Dan Angus (Class of 1974). Dan is a regular attendee at our events and we look forward to his continued support in his new role as a board member.

Please be a true Big Red and join or renew your membership by visiting our website or by checking out our Facebook page. Hopefully you will consider attending one of our upcoming events and joining in the fun!! Your generosity and participation enables us to continue the BHSAA's good work.

Please keep in mind the Association was formed to promote the interests of the Bellaire Local School District and its High School Alumni. This past year we have contributed to after school programs, classroom materials and assisted with other educational opportunities for students. If you were fortunate enough to be a recipient of one of those programs and received assistance from the Association in the past, please consider paying that generosity forward.

GO BIG REDS!!!!

Fraternally yours,
Ed Good Class of "77"

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In 2002, the Nevada Chapter began providing services statewide. Programs and services now included: 16 hours per month, per patient of respite and personal care assistance; the loan of AAC (Alternative Augmentative Communication) and ADL (Aids for Daily Living) devices; monthly support groups; annual "Ask The Experts Education Symposium"; publication of a "Patient Resource Manual" and monthly Newsletters; home visits for family in-services; Home bathing services; Grief Counseling and an equipment loan closet. Monthly multi-disciplinary medical clinics were established in Reno and Las Vegas with the University of Nevada Medical School.

A program with Nevada Power Company allowed registered ALS patients to avoid interruption of power due to delayed payments insuring consistent use of medical equipment. A 911 program with Clark County allowed the registration of ALS patients and their conditions (unable to speak; on ventilator; paralyzed; etc.) to assist EMT's during emergency calls.

And for those ALS patients for whom research was too late, Memorial Parks were

established in both northern and southern Nevada.

Connie was appointed to serve on the Governor's Disability Task Force. The "Strategic Plan for People with Disabilities" which was adopted by the State Legislature in October 2002 included twelve (12) bullets authored by Connie. She formed a Nevada State Respite Coalition comprised of not-for-profits and various governmental agencies. Later she served on the State Respite Focus Group determining recommendations to six State agencies future grant funding, parameters, needs assessments and gaps. She also served as Nevada's State representative on a National Respite Coalition.

Advocacy efforts continued on a National level. Between 1998 and 2002, many successes occurred on Capitol Hill. ALS patients received "presumed disability" under Social Security and after the initial 5 month waiver period, were no longer required to wait an additional 18 months to receive Medicare benefits.

A 10 year study by the VA proved conclusively that our Veterans were twice as likely to be stricken with ALS. ALS was listed as a disease entitled to

"presumptive service connection" opening access to a host of additional services. Perhaps one of the greatest honors was Connie providing language input to U.S. Senator Harry Reid for introduction of "The ALS Registry Act of 2005", Senate Bill 1382, which was signed into law in October 2008. Comprehensive medical information on ALS patients would now be available to any and all ALS researchers.

Connie comes from a family of Big Reds. Grandfather, Robert I. Crozier, Class of 1919; Father, Robert L. Crozier, Class of 1943; Brother, Robert C. Crozier, Class of 1972; Sister, Cathy Crozier, Class of 1974; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins who also cheer the Red and Black.

Connie is the proud mother of a 1995 Air Force Academy graduate and three granddaughters and has recently relocated from Las Vegas, Nevada to Chattanooga, Tennessee to be near them.

Connie is a lifetime member of our Alumni Association.

CLASS REUNIONS

SAVE THE DATE CLASS OF 1974!

THE BELLAIRE HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1974 will be celebrating their 45th class reunion on Saturday, September 7, 2019. The event will be held at the Bellaire Sons of Italy in Bellaire, Ohio. More details to follow. For any questions, contact Dan Angus at 740-676-3746 or Shauna Walker at 740-676-6971.

CLASS OF 1969 - 50th REUNION

THE CLASS OF 1969 will celebrate their 50th class reunion the weekend of October 11th and 12th.

Friday night will begin with a tour of our high school at 5:30. A class photo will be taken on the front steps followed by a walk through the park for a social time at the Sons of Italy from 7-11 pm. Included will be finger food, snacks, and a Chinese auction.

Saturday brings a game at Nelson Field with kick-off at 12:30. Then we will have a dinner buffet that evening at Stratford Springs with cocktails at 6:00 pm and dinner at 7:00. A group photo will be taken there also.

ROOMS AVAILABLE...

A block of rooms are reserved at Wilson Lodge and The Hampton Inn for out of town

classmates. Call Nancy at 740 676-4920 for registration information.

Our class also has an annual picnic on the "Second Sunday of September" from noon till we get tired. Casual conversation, covered dishes, laughter and memories are all included. Join us at the Triadelphia City Park every year that is not an actual reunion year.

Our 1969 classmates always return home with a great turnout for our events.

**God Bless
the Bellaire High School
Class of 1969.**

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!

Send to: Shauna Walker



BHS Alumni Association
PO Box 307
Bellaire, OH 43906



Left to right: Dan Angus, Ed Good, Cheryl Wallace, Shauna Walker, After School Coordinator, Dorothy Vannest, Cathy Stack and Bob Koteles

Bellaire Alumni Association Donates to the Bellaire After Hours Academy Programs

THE BELLAIRE AFTER HOURS Academy Program (AHA) has sites at the elementary, middle and high school through Bellaire Schools. These programs are run through 21st Century Grants from the Ohio Department of Education. Students are provided with enrichment help in Reading and Math and also Positive Youth Development Activities/Clubs. The programs run Monday through Thursday

each week and follows the Bellaire School District Calendar.

The grant monies are used for staffing, supplies, outside programs, technology and busing etc. The school provides a small snack and drink each day. The one thing the grant does not cover is the cost of food.

That's where the Bellaire Alumni Association (BAA) helped with AHA. In November, the BAA

donated \$500.00 to the after school programs to use for dinners to feed all the students throughout this school year. The middle and high school had a Thanksgiving Dinner for the students and their families. The elementary school had a Christmas Dinner for their families. At different times, the students have had hot dog dinners and pizza dinners so they are fed before they go home for the evening.

Site Coordinator, Dorothy Vannest, cannot thank the BAA enough for their donation so these students can do their work on a full stomach, which makes all the difference in the world. If there is a club or program that would like to donate to this cause please call 740-695-9773 ext. 8410, to hear more about this worthy cause.

HUGH O'BRIAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP - HOBY 2018



THE HUGH O'BRIAN LEADERSHIP Program (HOBY) was created as a leadership development training program for high school Sophomores across the country. It is designed to be a "fun, life changing experience and cultivates leadership skills that will serve students long into the future.

At Bellaire High School, students are nominated for HOBY by a faculty vote. Teachers were asked to provide the names of two Sophomores who best exemplify potential leadership qualities and who are a positive example to others within the school and in the community. The votes are tabulated and the

students with the most votes are chosen as the HOBY representatives.

This year, Andrew Masciarelli and Madelyn Crawford received the most faculty votes and will be representing Bellaire High School at the HOBY Leadership Summit.

Presenting the check to Andrew Masciarelli and Madelyn Crawford is Alumni Association Trustee Kim Hart

Give Back to BHS...

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GIFT DONORS

Thank you to the following individuals for your gifts to the Alumni Association. Your continuing support is appreciated.

The Special Gift Fund:

BHS Class of 1951

Albert Piatt

(In memory of Albert "Poochie" Crum)

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(In memory of Josephine Busack)

Annette Ice

(In memory of Josephine Busack)

Seniors Nominated for SENIOR SERVICE AWARDS

The 5 nominees are asked to fill out a detailed activity sheet and a personal bio that includes community service and activities, awards and honors based on their 4 years at BHS. All 5 nominees will go through an interview process with the Senior Service Committee. The committee then votes on a male and female student. The two winners are announced at the spring banquet in May. Good luck to the following nominees:

Female Nominees

Maci Crozier

Natalie Stoner

Male Nominees

Nick Beckett

Zachary Kolenich

Cole Runyan

SPOTLIGHT ON A BIG RED!



BISHOP MICHAEL TOLLIVER

Bishop Tolliver leads Bellaire athletics spiritually. Bishop Tolliver brings the presence of God to athletic events. Bishop Tolliver is filled with the spirit of God and infuses the athletics and coaches with joy and peace. With young athletes today, they face many issues, and having someone spiritually to talk to can make a huge difference in their lives.

Bishop Tolliver assumed this duty 14 years ago, continuing an effort that began with two others. He was a bit hesitant to take on the role, but has realized it was his calling. He continues to give his all to all sports in Bellaire, despite having a full time job and serving two churches.

Despite long hours, he is devoted to God and the youth of Bellaire. Bishop Tolliver knows how important it is for an athlete to have a person they can go to if need be. He is not just interested in athletes going to college and becoming the best athlete. Bishop Tolliver is interested in the athlete once they take the uniform off. He encourages them to keep their eye on God.



Give Back to BHS... SUPPORT YOUR ALMA MATER

JOIN THE Bellaire Alumni Association

WE ARE WRITING TO INVITE you to join The Bellaire Alumni Association. The Bellaire Alumni Association is comprised of former graduates of Bellaire High School who are interested in making a difference in the community. The association supports all students of the Bellaire Local School District in the elementary, middle, and high school. We are a very active organization who prides itself on upholding the Pride, Spirit and Tradition of all Big Reds.

As a member of the Alumni Association, your support would be used to provide much needed services to the current students of Bellaire Local Schools and for future students

of Bellaire High School. During the 2017-2018 year, the Alumni Association donated \$9,300 to the students of the district. Two senior students at Bellaire High School were awarded \$1000 toward their future endeavors. The Education Assistance Fund granted \$2000 to each school in the district to purchase much needed items to enhance the educational opportunities of our students. The Alumni Association proudly supports The Thespians, it sends 2 students to the Hugh O'Brian Youth Program known as "HOBY" and other organizations within the school district. We could not do this without our membership support of their dues and donations.

We need continued support from current members and help by asking your family & friends that have graduated from BHS to become members. We would love for them to join with other alumni in supporting their Alma Mater. Yearly membership dues are \$10 per year and are due annually. Lifetime membership is also available at a rate of:

- \$100 - 51 years since graduation**
- \$150 - 31-50 years since graduation**
- \$175 - 11-30 years since graduation**
- \$200 - <10 years since graduation**

Currently you can pay dues by mailing them to P.O. Box 307 Bellaire, OH 43906 or by going to our website at www.bellairebigredsalumni.com and complete your transaction through PayPal. Being a member of the Bellaire Alumni Association also provides its members with a great way to stay in touch with friends and classmates, receive reunion information, and remain connected to your hometown and Alma Mater.

If you have any questions about the benefit of becoming a member of the Bellaire Alumni Association, please don't hesitate to let us know. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
BHS Alumni Association Board of Directors

HOMECOMING 2019



Friday, September 27th
Alumni Social, Sons of Italy Lodge, 7pm-10pm

Saturday, September 28th
Tours of BHS & Archives Room 9-10:30 am,
Parade 11am, Football Game 12:30 pm, Reverse Raffle held at the Sons of Italy Lodge 7 pm

Nominations for Outstanding Alumnus

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IS seeking nominees for its Outstanding Alumnus Award. A BHS graduate who are distinguished in a chosen field of work along with service to Bellaire Local School District and the community. Recognizing outstanding alumni is a way the Alumni Association shows its commitment to making Bellaire Local School District strong. Our outstanding Alumnus represents just a few of the thousands of alumni who contribute in countless ways to their fellow alumni, BHS, to their communities, to their profession and to mankind.

If you know a graduate that should be recognized please send the Alumni Association a letter of recommendation for this graduate, along with a current detailed resume outlining their work history and service to BHS and their community.

Nominations must be received by January 2, 2020 to be considered for the 2020 Outstanding Alumnus Award. Please send the required biographical information on the nominee to: **BELLAIRE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, P.O. BOX 307, BELLAIRE, OH 43906**

Do you have BHS MEMORABILIA?

Do you have BHS memorabilia, like a game ball or band uniform? Or perhaps you have come across your high school graduation program? Don't throw it away! The Alumni Association maintains the Archives Room and displays BHS memorabilia on the third floor of the High School. Please contact Bob Koteles at 740-676-5490, if you have items you wish to donate.

Also, if you are having a Class Reunion and would like to tour the Archives Room and high school, please contact Bob in advance to make arrangements. The Alumni Association wants to keep you connected to BHS.

COMMEMORATIVE BRICK SALE

Since the half-price brick sale was such a success, we have decided to keep the sale going for a while longer. If you have not purchased a brick for yourself or for 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. The bricks 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: Commemorative 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**

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