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EHS ALUMS ACTIVE IN SAVING ALMA MATER

In a press conference held on Monday, July 12, 2010, Dr. Eugene T.W. Sanders, CEO of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) announced that despite the original verbiage in the CMSD Transformation Plan, our Alma Mater is scheduled to re-open in the fall of 2011. Two high schools (East and South High) were originally scheduled to close, based on various indicators noted in the Plan. Several meetings were held by community, political and religious advocates who all had one thing in common: they wanted to keep East open. Relentless in their efforts, something was said to foster a meeting at the Board of Education with Dr. Sanders. He met with a small group that would represent the larger groups. He listened with an open mind. Dr. Sanders stated this meeting afforded he and his team the opportunity to hear new information, and more meetings followed.

After careful consideration and more than one option being discussed, it was decided that East High School would not be demolished, and would re-open in the 2011-2012 school year. Dr. Sanders states the decision comes after many concerns heard through community forums, meetings & dialogue with community representatives.

EHS Alums active in these efforts were Robert Canady (Association President), Bishop John Hilton, Pastor Rufus Webb, Joe Kennedy, Barzella Canady (EHSAA Scholarship Chairwoman), Mittie Jordan, and Rhonda Young-Hurt (EHSAA Executive Board Chairwoman).

A "BLUE RIBBON" FOR BLUE BOMBER ALUMNI

As a result of their fervent efforts to save our Alma Mater subsequent to the announcement of the District's Transformation Plan, several alumni and members of the EHS Alumni Association Board of Directors have been selected by Dr. Eugene Sanders to participate on a committee whose formation derives from continuous dialogue with community representatives consisting of clergy, alumni and Ward 7 Councilman T. J. Dow.

A consensus was reached to establish a committee for the purpose of researching innovative models that would take advantage of the current East High location and community resources & propose options for East High School. The committee is titled the **East High School Blue Ribbon Committee**, and EHSAA President, Robert Canady will co-chair the committee, along with the CMSD's Christine Fowler-Mack. Renee Cavor, the CMSD's Transformation Plan Administrator as well as our own Executive Chairwoman, Rhonda Young-Hurt, will sit on the committee. Other EHS Alumni selected to participate are Bishop Hilton of Tabernacle of Faith Church, Pastor Rufus Webb of New Directions Church of God in Christ and Joe Kennedy, who works alongside Councilman Dow.

The CMSD and the Blue Ribbon Committee extend gratitude to The Cleveland Foundation for stepping in and partnering financially on this venture, as national travel is expected to be required.



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General Meeting Schedule

- Weds. Sept 8, 2010
- Weds. Dec 8, 2010
- Weds. Mar 9, 2011
- Weds. Jun 8, 2011

Board of Directors' Meetings

- Mon. Aug 16, 2010
- Mon. Nov 15, 2010
- Mon. Feb 21, 2011
- Mon. May 23, 2011

Those interested in joining a committee or becoming a Board member should contact the EHSAA.

All meetings are held @ 6:30 pm at the Shaker Heights Library's Main Branch @ Lee Road & Van Aken Blvd.

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Photo taken at the CMSD's Blue Ribbon Committee press conference, July 12, 2010. Bishop John Hilton, Christine Fowler-Mack, Councilman T.J. Dow (Cleve Ward 7), Dr. Eugene Sanders, Robert Canady, Rhonda Young-Hurt, Pastor Rufus Webb.

Photo courtesy of the CMSD

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2009 ALL CLASS REUNION PICNIC



Mr. Richard Francies



The Kenneth E. & Lynette O. Hoehn Endowed Scholarship will help African Americans and other underrepresented groups studying social work at The Ohio State University.

Photo courtesy of OSU.
Read full story at www.givetoosu.edu

HE SURVIVED A DEATH MARCH

Excerpts from article printed in Sun News (date unknown)
Photos and bios at <http://philippine-defenders.lib.wv.us>

Richard Francies (top middle photo) an Army technical sergeant who was installing radio stations in Bataan when the Japanese invaded, is one of an estimated 200 survivors of the Bataan Death March who are still alive to tell about their experiences. Approximately 12,000 American Soldiers became POWs and walked the Death March.

Richard Francies is a 1935 graduate of East High School. By the time he graduated, he was repairing radios and it had become one of his favorite things to do. When placed in front of a Japanese firing squad, it was this very skill that saved his life. Every August 29th, he celebrates the day a Japanese firing squad failed to kill him. Mr. Francies was a POW for 3½ years.

He walked the Bataan Death March...and survived. He survived the horrible conditions at a POW camp, overseas transport to Japan on a so-called Hell Ship and slave labor at a Mitsubishi copper mine – *only to face a firing squad.* After living 1225 days on a starvation diet consisting mostly of rice, Mr. Francies suffered from malaria, beriberi, two ruptured appendixes and more.

Joining the Army in 1937 (after attending The Ohio State University for one year), Francies was transferred to the Philippines in 1939 and was in the Signal Corps as a radio operator and later in radio maintenance. In December, 1941 he was slated to go home after his tour of duty, but stayed when the war began. He installed radio stations in Bataan, and was there when the Japanese invaded. Francies was among those on the Bataan Death March. While a POW, he became part of a crew that repaired radio and telephones in Manila where crew members sabotaged as much equipment as they repaired. Later he and other prisoners of war were shipped to Japan, where they were sent to Hanawa in Honshu to work in the copper mines of northern Japan from 1944 to 1945. While marching, the soldiers were told they would get food in the next town. For 11 days and over 60 miles, that never happened. The soldiers began disassembling their weapons and pitching them into the woods. At one point, Francies was so ill he hid out in the jungle, only to be found by a Filipino villager, who notified a Japanese soldier. This soldier gave Francies a shot of medicine that re-energized him. He wondered "How was I lucky enough to live and find a kind Japanese soldier?"

In 1945, his dream came true. He and the other soldiers were notified that the war was over. He and the other POWs painted a message: "Hanawa 550 POW's" on the barracks roof. He had done it. He survived the atrocities at the hands of the Japanese soldiers, as well as many medical issues that derived from being held captive.

Francies recalled the figure that, "In the Philippine theater, fifty-seven out of every hundred POW's died in captivity." After the war, Francies worked for 35 years for Ohio Bell. He tells his wartime story often at schools, churches, and civic organizations.

Excerpts from:

http://www.hofferthistoryclass.com/Mr._Hofferts_Class_Website/Richard_Francies.html

EHS ALUMNA ESTABLISHES ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP HONORING TWO FORMER EHS FACULTY

Thinking back to the 1980s and her years as an East High student in Cleveland, Ohio, Jacquelyn Meshelemiah (nee Cotton) doesn't immediately reflect on dances, boyfriends, or Friday night football games. Instead, her memories turn to a special chemistry teacher and his wife who taught home economics. Together, Kenneth and Lynette Hoehn opened their home, wallets, and hearts to students in need.

Jacquelyn credits Kenneth, who was also the school's director of athletics, with making chemistry fun and recalls how patient and encouraging he was with struggling students.

"I don't know how they provided help for so many students to play sports and participate in programs at East High, but they managed," said Jacquelyn, now an associate professor with the College of Social Work at The Ohio State University, where she earned three degrees. "Not only did they buy us little things, but they took us on trips and to visit colleges."

In her heart, Jacquelyn knew she would find a way to honor the Hoehns one day. That day arrived recently when she established the Kenneth E. and Lynette O. Hoehn Endowed Scholarship Fund to provide financial assistance to African Americans and other underrepresented groups studying social work at Ohio State.

Jacquelyn, her sister, and their children get together every year with the Hoehns, who are now retired, and talk with them frequently. She knows that many East High alumni consider the Hoehns to be extended family members and stay in touch. When the Hoehns heard about Jacquelyn's tribute to them, they cried. "I had called them and later they sent an e-mail and asked to pardon any typing errors because their vision was blurred with tears," she said.

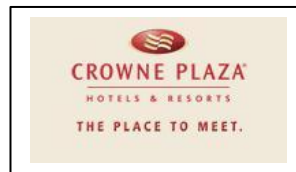
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The Official
East High School Alumni Association
2010 Scholarship Dinner Dance

Saturday, October 23, 2010

6:30 p.m. – 12 midnight

Crown Plaza City Centre, Downtown Cleveland
777 St. Clair Avenue



\$50.00 per person

Attire: After Five | Cash Bar | Includes Parking

Contact us for reservations:

Robert Canady: 216-570-6540 | Yvonne Pounds: 216-587-7411

Rhonda Young-Hurt: 440-232-7416

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A limited number of hotel rooms are being held for us for this event for Friday and Saturday nights. Please mention that you're with the East High School Alumni Association (or use block code AST) to reserve your room at a specially reduced rate of \$99.00. The price is per night, per room. You will be able to reserve the room with a credit card number and pay for it upon arrival. Discounted 24-hour parking for overnight guests (\$10.00 per night).

Please call the reservations line (1-877-208-2519) and reserve your room today!

EAST HIGH

2010 ALL CLASS REUNION



Sunday, August 22, 2010 from noon until 6pm

Euclid Creek Park – Upper Highland Picnic Area
ALL CLASSES are encouraged to attend!
 Bring your food & your family!

**BLUE & GOLD
 ALUMNI T-
 SHIRTS**
 Available at the
 Picnic!

\$15.00 each

EHS Commemorative
 Mugs will be available
 at the picnic
\$15.00
 (24 oz. stein in blue & gold
 with EHS Crest)

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The EHSAA Congratulates the 2010 Daniel W. Lothman Scholarship Award Recipients

Excerpts from President Barack Obama's speech at Kalamazoo (MI) Central High School, June 8, 2010

Rufus Cooke, BLT

Valedictorian

Mr. Cooke will be attending Walsh University, studying pre-veterinary medicine

"..give back, to be part of something bigger than yourselves. Hitch your wagon to something that is bigger than yourselves."

"Don't make excuses. Take responsibility not just for your successes; take responsibility where you fall short as well."

"True excellence only comes with perseverance."

Raymond Cooke, BLT

Salutatorian

Mr. Cooke will be attending the Art Institute of Ohio, Cincinnati, studying culinary arts

Jayme Thomas

Cuyahoga Community College

Early Childhood Education

Cierra Bolden

Wright State University

Pre-Med

Lucretia Harris

Cuyahoga Community College

Nursing

Congratulations to the following graduates for making the Who's Who in the CMSD:

Cierra Bolden | Raymond Cooke | Rufus Cooke | Lucretia Harris | Helen Johnson

The sole function of the Official East High School Alumni Association is to raise funds to grant scholarships and financial assistance to graduating seniors of our Alma Mater, East High School in Cleveland Ohio. Since 2001, We have awarded over \$40,000.00 with the help of our Alumni base, via membership fees, the Scholarship Dinner Dance, the Western Cabarets (make sure they're hosted by the Official EHS Alumni Association so you know your money is going towards scholarships!), and various other fund raisers. Without your help, these talented students couldn't receive our assistance. Each year, our Scholarship Committee Chairperson, Mrs. Barzella Canady, attends the commencement ceremonies and presents the Daniel W. Lothman Scholarship Award to between one and five students in an amount ranging between \$500.00 and \$2500.00 each (typically \$1000.00 to three students per year), payable to their school of choice. This year, five scholarships in the amount of \$1000.00 each were awarded. We have provided financial assistance beyond the scholarship award. We also provide the recipients with a complimentary one year membership into the Alumni Association. Recipients' names are kept secret from the rest of the Board each year until after the commencement ceremony, then published in the EHS Alumni Journal.

Visit our website for full details, criteria and the scholarship application.

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Please be sure when donating your money or purchasing Alumni or School merchandise, that you know who you're giving your money to. **There are fraudulent groups and sites out there**, misrepresenting themselves as the Alumni Association, or East High School, but they're not. The Official EHS site will have a direct link to the CMUSD (you can get to it from our website), and there will be a link on the CMUSD's website to the official EHS site. You can also reach the official EHS Alumni Association site via the CMUSD site. A fraudulent School/Alumni site will not have any official logos, the actual EHS Crest or the Blue Bomber.

Our funds go towards scholarships. Period. Who knows where these other groups are applying their revenues? If all else fails, you can always contact us to verify! We urge you not to support these unofficial groups' sites and functions. Our grads need the assistance!



The EHS
 Class of 1981
 30-Year Reunion
 August 5-7, 2011

Contact us for details
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**EHS Class of 1970
 40-Year Reunion**

Sept. 10-12, 2010
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**ALL CLASSES & FAMILY &
 FRIENDS WELCOME!**

WHAT AT TRIBUTE!

By Jacqueline Xavier

The Western Reserve Historical Society museum has agreed to house the EHS archives for future reference. Included are copies of all available yearbooks, newspapers and miscellaneous records from 1900 to 2009.

Two pieces of student art are also on display. They were created by students during the four year project funded by Young Audiences/ICARE. The project, Artistic Juncture explored history by the decade infusing the arts across the curriculum. The Great Migration Quilt (Cindy Evans - Special Education Teacher in charge) and the Civil Rights Quilt (Johnnie Smart - Art Teacher in charge) are also on display and will be used in the education department at the museum.

I would like to thank Janice Ziegler of WRHS, Dr. Richard Klein of CSU Department of Urban Studies, Annie McNally-Diennes/Young Audiences/ICARE, Dr. Karen Clark-Keys/CMUSD Art Department, Jessica Horne/UMADAOP, LaJean Ray/Fatima Center, the EHS Alumni, all teachers and administrators for working with us and facilitating the creation of many lasting memories for students at East High School from 2004-2010.

The display runs from 8/7/10 through the fall and admission is free.

Jacqueline Xavier is a former EHS Faculty member

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Whether you're from a Class from the early 1900's or the current class, or any class in-between – we need your contact information!

We salute our GOLD (LIFETIME) members:

Felicia Calloway '81
 Sam Coso '54
 Cynthia Felder '68
 Lynette Hoehn, Faculty
 Renee Mancino '68
 Ruth Rayle '49
 Tracy Kelly-Spears '84
 Angelia Williams '87
 Donna Snyder-Woody '63

Barzella Canady '64
 Elaine Dennis '65
 Joyce Harris
 Carolyn James '69
 James Novak Sr. '63
 Theresa Robinson '71
 David Walker '67
 Catherine Williams '66

Deborah Chapman, Fac.
 Willie Dunham '66
 Kenneth Hoehn, Faculty
 Teresita Jones '94
 Rosa Primous '71
 Lois Solomon '64
 William Thomas '69
 Beverly Wilson '72

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THE OFFICIAL
EAST HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Current single membership year is July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011



MEMBERSHIP FORM

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If you'd like further information about the activities of the Official East High School Alumni Association, please contact us via the address, phone number, or email address printed below, or visit our website at

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Did you know that 50% of all membership fees go to scholarships?

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Drivers License Amnesty is once again being offered to assist obligors who are in arrears in their child support and have their license suspended for non payment. Due to the state of the economy and rising unemployment, obligors representing over 10,000 cases are being given an opportunity to get their license back so they can pursue employment and participate in job training in order pay their child support.

The program will run from **August 16, 2010 through September 24, 2010** and allow an obligor to pay a minimum of one month's child support and \$50.00 towards arrears to have his license reinstated.

Over 10,000 obligors will receive a letter and a follow up post card. CSEA also has a dedicated voicemail for the program.

For details or more info, call 216-443-5183



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EHSAA Membership Levels & Benefits

Bronze - One Year (\$20.00)

Benefits: Limited access (your class only) to the Alumni directory / 10% off select items in the Bomber Cyber Gallery / Ability to reserve seats for the number of tickets purchased for the Scholarship Banquet / Opportunity to purchase advertising space on the website

Royal - Three Years (\$50.00)

Benefits: Partial access to the Alumni directory (your class and one class before & after), Bronze benefit, plus 15% off select items in the Bomber Cyber Gallery / Ability to reserve a table in advance for tickets purchased for the Scholarship Banquet / Opportunity to have a link placed on our website's homepage* / Honorable mention as Royal Member in Souvenir Ad Book

Gold - Lifetime (\$200.00)

Benefits: All the benefits of Royal, plus full access to the Alumni directory / 25% off select items in the Bomber Cyber Gallery / One limited time ad for free on the website and in the newsletter / Link placed on our homepage for one cycle at no cost / Honorable mention as Gold Member on website, in newsletter and in Souvenir Ad Book (when available).

REUNION ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Your EHSAA has available to class reunion committee chairs who are paid members, a Reunion Handbook, full of reunion & fund raising assistance and information (helpful sites, reunion planning & assessment, etc...). Contact us for yours!

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FREE Community Events 2010

August

- 7th – Lakewood Arts Fest
- 8th – Warehouse Dist Fest
- 13th – Tremont Artwalk
- 15th – Feast of the Assumption (Murray Hill)
- 29th - Latino Heritage Fest (Rock & Roll Hall of Fame)

September

- 3-5th – Polish Heritage Fest (St. John Cantius Church, Tremont)
- 6th - 11th Congressional District Caucus Parade/Fest (Luke Easter Park)
- 9th – Tremont Artwalk
- 18-19th – CMA's Cleveland Chalk Fest (Art Museum)
- 18-19th – Tremont Arts & Cultural Fest (Lincoln Park)

October

- 8th – Tremont Artwalk
- 10th – World Music Fest (Rock & Roll Hall of Fame)

November

- 12th – Tremont Artwalk
- 26-27th – Larchmere Holiday Stroll (Shaker Square)

December

- 10th – Tremont Artwalk

For details, visit us online! Links for these events will be posted on our website.



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