

**PINE GROVE AREA HIGH SCHOOL
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
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Dear PGAHS Alumnus/Alumna:

The 93rd Pine Grove Area High School Alumni Association Reunion and Banquet will be held in the Pine Grove Area **Middle School Cafeteria**, located on School Street, Pine Grove, PA, on Saturday, May 25, 2019. Social hour will begin at 5:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m., catered by Hess Catering, Inc., Schuylkill Haven, PA.

Tickets are \$22.00 per person and can be obtained through the mail from the Association Treasurer Wilson Aungst (see enclosed ticket order form) or can be purchased locally at the Werner Lumber Company, 29 S. Tulpehocken St., Pine Grove. **The deadline for reservations is May 18th. No reservations will be accepted after this date. No walk-ins without prior paid reservations will be accepted at the door. NOTE: If you make your reservation through the mail with the Treasurer, a ticket WILL NOT be returned to you. It will be placed at your seat at the banquet table.**

As a graduate of PGAHS, there are several things you might consider as a Pine Grove Area alumnus/a such as supporting one or more of our ongoing funds. Donations are certainly appreciated to support funding of the Association's Scholarship Awards, which are used to recognize our young students for academic excellence. You can use the appropriate section of the enclosed Ticket Form to record a donation to the Scholarship Awards Fund, General Fund, or should you wish to use your Scholarship Awards donation to honor or memorialize living or deceased alumni, please use the enclosed Honors Memorial Fund Form. All donations are tax deductible. Last year, because of your generous donations, we were able to increase the amount of scholarships given at graduation to \$5,000. We hope you will again consider contributing to the Scholarship Fund this year so that we can continue to increase the annual scholarships because, as many of you know, the costs of higher education continue to increase each year.

The Alumni Association also sponsors the Distinguished Alumni Award for the purpose of recognizing and honoring distinguished alumni of the Pine Grove High School or Pine Grove Area High School. The guidelines and the nomination form to be used in proposing a nominee for this award have been posted on the Pine Grove Area School

District's website (www.pgasd.com). Click on District, click on the PGAHS Alumni Association link, click on 2019 Banquet Letter, then click on the attachment at the bottom of the letter labeled PG Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award. On November 14, 2014, the Board of Directors also approved guidelines for Association members to nominate eligible individuals who graduated from the Pine Grove High School or Pine Grove Area High School for a Humanitarian Award. The guidelines, which include a description of this new award, and a nomination form have also been posted on the School District's website. Click on District, click on the PGAHS Alumni Association link, then click on Humanitarian Award.

Please note that it is the sole responsibility of the person making the nomination for any of the above-mentioned awards to complete the form in its entirety giving as much information as possible on the applicant for the selection committee to consider. The selection committee does not do any additional research or gather any additional information to use in selecting the successful applicant for these awards. The committee reviews all the applications received and scores them using objective criteria based on information presented on the nomination forms. **Deadline for submission of applications for both the 2020 Distinguished Alumnus/Alumna Award and the Humanitarian Award is December 31, 2019.** Send application forms to Rosemary Kramer, Association Secretary, PO Box 46, Pine Grove, PA 17963 (telephone 570-345-3293). If you have any questions about the process or need assistance in completing the form, please also contact Rosemary at the address or telephone number provided.

We continue to spend countless hours updating our database of alumni names and addresses. If you or someone else from your class has an updated roster of your entire class, we would greatly appreciate receiving a copy either at the address above or by email to me at rosedale1026@comcast.net. As our Association grows, it is becoming cost prohibitive to mail the reunion and banquet information to everyone; therefore we are attempting to update our database with alumni email addresses so that we may contact you more efficiently via email. If you are attending the banquet and filling out the ticket form, **please indicate your current email address on the line provided for that information.** If you are not attending the banquet and will not be returning a ticket form, **please send your current email address to me at the email address provided above.**

Will you please join us and other alumni who will attend the celebration on May 25th at the Pine Grove Area Middle School. Attendees will enter the school from the lower level parking area adjacent to the District Administration Offices or persons unable to use stairs may enter the building from the front main entrance to the Middle School which is handicapped accessible. **There will be a wheelchair available at this entrance for transport to the cafeteria.** Don't miss the opportunity to renew old friendships, have a good meal at a reasonable price, honor those receiving awards, and help raise money for the Scholarship Awards Fund. If you cannot attend, will you consider making a contribution to one of our funds supporting scholarship awards for our young students?

Most sincerely,

Rosemary Kramer
Class of 1956
Alumni Association Secretary