Spring 2025 * www.BensalemOwls.org Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the Month at 6 PM.

From The President's Desk

by Ray Guim, '74

Scholarship

ur Association is proud to again give out \$20,000 to 11 graduating seniors to help them out a little with their college expenses. We give out these scholarships

to any Bensalem High School senior who is going for further education. We know that they are not the only graduates that deserve this honor because when we pick the winners each year, we find out that they all deserve a little help to get started. Everyone reading this will know what it was like to graduate

high school and know what it would have meant to have someone believe in you enough to help you out with a scholarship. Thank you to our supporters for helping us accomplish this!

Winners! As most of you know, the Alumni Association has installed a Veteran's Wall at Bensalem High School outside of the Auditorium. Unlike most veterans walls at schools and public memorials, we put up anyone's name who served our country, not just those veterans who gave their lives fighting for our freedom. Right now, we have 1,770 Veterans names either on the Wall, or waiting to be installed on the Wall. Our only requirement is that the Veteran has to want their name on the Wall. We just ask for some form of Military ID, and/or DD-214 (with social security number redacted), and we will add the name to the wall. When we laid this project out over 10 years ago, we estimated that there were approximately 2,100 who may have been in the service, so we are getting close filling the whole wall. If you know anyone who served, I would ask you to tell them to send us an ID or DD-214 so we can honor them for their service. This year, Chris Weidmann really went above and beyond his duties as Treasurer to search each name from every year from 1925 to 1948 and then double check to see if they were ever in the service. This took a lot of work and Chris is still moving up the years. As we

get to the different military campaigns, it gets harder to see who served in the public records. We will keep at it until we get every deserving name on the wall. We are also looking for a volunteer to photograph the Wall so that we can show it off on our site. The Wall has brass

plates that are very reflective so we are going to need someone who is able to figure out how to take this difficult shot. Let us know if you can do this for us.

Last year, on Saturday, September 21, 2024, we held our All-Year Reunion at Dockside Bensalem (see pictures, pg. 8) and we had a great time! I understand that people like to see their former classmates and I know that is always a special time because I recently had my 50th year reunion and it was really awesome to see some people who I have not seen in 50 years!

> The All-Year Reunion is a little different in that, since we get so many Alumni from so many different

> > you are connected to everyone at the event. You will see someone's brother, sister, aunt, neighbor etc.

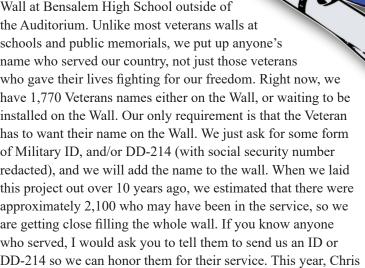
years, it takes a little bit to figure out how

You just never know who you are going to see at the All-Year Reunion. Another thing about the All-Year Reunion we are finding some classes are getting together to have everyone from their class come to the AYR.

It makes it simple for the organizers because we are doing the heavy lifting. All someone has to do is contact your class and get them to come out. We already have the decorations, location, food, and music already chosen. All anybody has to do is show up! Easy Peezy.

Next up is the 37th Annual Golf Outing (see pictures and results, p.3-5) held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024. We really have a nice Golf Outing every year. The purpose of this is to raise money to fund the scholarships. We think we have some unique features that makes our outing stand out from any others. First, we try to keep it a little on the small side: our outing is about 4 hours long; a 6-hour round of golf is not a lot of fun. We also provide a "swing shot" of each golfer. These are glossy printed action shots of each golfer that most people hold

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President's Message

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on to forever! This year we are really thinking of shaking this up with a new format and fun games. Stay tuned!

As a reminder, we only mail out our Newsletter to duespaying members. The dues are due from January to December. Dues are \$12 per year. We also have clubs that you can join. \$25-\$49 will get you in the Grey Owl Club, \$50-\$99 is the Blue Owl Club, \$100-\$499 is the Gold Owl Club, and \$500+ is the Platinum Owl Club. Remember, enrollment in these clubs is based on money donated AFTER DUES ARE PAID!! Just paying dues does not qualify for any of the clubs.

We also have a Facebook page that we just use for announcements and In Memory. We have almost 5,000 people checking out this page. We try very hard to keep the hackers off but some get thru. I never understand what people see in causing havoc on social media. Facebook is an easy way to get news of the day. Check it out.

For now, I think that is a wrap for the Newsletter. Remember to go to our sites to see what is going on.

Ray Guim, Presdent



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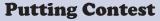
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Closest to the Pin (Hole 11)

Eileen Keba (14 feet)

On the Green (Hole 14)

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50/50

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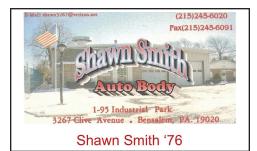






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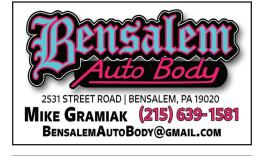
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- '77 Jim Heistand
- ADMIN Dr. Robert Dampman
- *Deceased



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In memory of Robert Allahand '62

'63 Janice Barth Lignore In memory of (Ruth) Ann Lignore '75 Carol Ann '63 Dolores Barth Montgomery '63

'74 Luanne Ashton DiPaolo
In memory of Pat Crossan '70

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If we missed anyone, please let us know!



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his is your friendly, neighborhood Treasurer reporting!!We are trying something new this edition, by including a blurb about common issues seen when using our website, Bensalemowls.org.

First of all, if you don't already have an account on our website, create one!! We're friendly! Our site is technically safer than Facebook, since we vet the people who create accounts. For example, we know Joe Schmoe 1976 is really Joe Schmoe and not a scammer. Believe it or not, we do receive an overwhelming number of scammers on Facebook and Bensalemowls.org every year.

Anyway, the topic of this Tech Corner is about Birthdays. We have a Birthday feature on our website. Lately, however, there have been issues regarding the ins and outs of this. After you create your account (if you don't already have one), to access the Birthday feature, you must be logged-in on our website to see the birthdays. In other words, you must input your username and password to see the birthdays. You used to be able to view the birthdays without being logged in, but we changed this last year due to concerns regarding privacy and data mining.

Next, you must input your birthday when you register on the website. If you want your fellow alumni to see your birthday in the birthday list, you must input that information yourself. Next, in order for people to see your birthday in the birthday list, you must want your birthday to be seen in order for it to be listed. You need to go

The "Tech" Corner

into your notifications ("Notify Me") and change/update your settings. Some alumni do not want their birthday listed in the Birthday section, and have therefore opted out of that feature. If you do not see a fellow classmates' name in the birthday section, this may be the reason. Also, in the "Notify Me" notifications, you must click that you want to see the birthday notifications, if you want to see them.

It is also good to note that you should update your notifications at least once a year. Our website sometimes likes to bounce people off their notifications from time to time. This has happened to me several times.

I hope this blurb was helpful. Have fun on our website, and GO OWLS!!

Chris
Chris Weidmann '09
Treasurer