

ALUMNI

Chas. F. Kettering Statue Project
Beans Family L-P Schools Legacy
Journalists of the Robinson Era
LHS Class of 1895
Firemen and EMTs are Generations
of Volunteers at Home and Away



Transformed from clay to bronze, the statue of "Boss Ket" stands in the Cleveland foundry of John A. Ranally, sculptor, before it is erected.

LPA TO DEDICATE BRONZE STATUE OF CHARLES. F. KETTERING 6/21/14

"This is as exciting for me as it must be for your town," exclaimed sculptor John Ranally, Jr. of Cleveland, who has created the bronze statue of Charles F. Kettering for Loudonville's Central Park.

Hired for the project by the Loudonville/Perrysville Alumni Association, Ranally, a high school friend of local teacher Jay Bitner and a graduate of Ohio University, was interested from beginning discussions soon after the alumni association was founded in 2005.

Neither Sue Banks, LPA president, nor Butch Pollard, who attended Perrysville and Loudonville schools, remembers who had the original idea. But, Banks, who put the project into action, credits Pollard.

The dedication ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. in Central Park on Saturday, June 21, 2014. The public is invited to attend both the ceremony and a reception afterwards in the basement of the Loudonville Public Library. If it rains, the ceremony will be in the library, too.

Kettering, 1876-1958, was a vice-president of research at General Motors, Inc., a famed engineer, prolific inventor, generous philanthropist, and writer and speaker of stories and words often quoted, who helped to establish the Sloan-Kettering Cancer Research Institute in New York, NY.

Specific to Loudonville, Boss Ket, as he later was known, was involved with many Loudonville initiatives in the business and the service world: Kettering Hospital, the Flixible Company, early remodeled school labs, Kettering Scholarships (Agricultural, Science-related, and Technology), and the Junior Fair. Long after his death, Kettering's local support continues through the Kettering Foundation in Dayton.

"Right now, nobody is more deserving than Kettering," stated Banks, LHS 1968. "This bronze likeness of a youthful Kettering, LHS 1895, can inspire new generations of young people as a reminder of Ket's gifts and talents that were cultivated in our simple, rural community."

"It seemed appropriate to have the statue finished before the village of Loudonville's Bicentennial celebration in August," said Banks, who indicated that the new statue, along with the park's Ohio Historical Society sign that has been relocated nearer to the statue, will be a great site for photo options and "selfies."

A Charles F. Kettering Statue Dedication page can be found on Facebook and all can post their statue and sign pictures.

Banks has enjoyed her work on the statue campaign with the help of her committee of Norma Stitzlein Snyder, LHS 1944, Ann Lingenfelter Bitner, LHS

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TIME Magazine January 9, 1933

Statue

1969, Michael Meek, retired LHS art teacher, and Jan Stitzlein Abee, LHS 1965.

"At this year's graduation, the statue committee gave a \$500 scholarship to Ty Young, LHS 2014, for an impressive application and a nice essay written as a tribute to Kettering," said Banks, whose committee voted on the winner of the one-time scholarship.

"Ket's continued presence in the bronze statue will draw in and influence those proud to express that they and Kettering, LHS 1895, attended the same high school and are blessed alumni,"

According to Ranally, the artist, "at this time through this process Kettering will soon resurrect as a bronze young man with his new world before him, and the changes he made in our world, from the wonderful place, Loudonville!"

LHS CLASS OF 1895

Mary Anderson, George Brecheisen, Herbert Case, Jessica Case, Mae Derr, Henrietta Donald, Gaillard Fuller, Grace Grauer, Blanche C. Hoover, Charles F. Kettering, Grace Oswald, Hoyland Pippitt, Abbie Quick, Marion Reed, Theodore Schauweker, Matilda Sharp, Lois Stentz, Edward Stitzel, and Edna Wolf.

Perhaps Kettering initiated the concept of class reunions because at his LHS graduation, Ket made the suggestion that each of his classmates make a mental note of the 15 members and date and that 40 years afterward, find out how many of their number were still living.

HOW TO DONATE TO THE STATUE PROJECT

Send to: (Tax Exempt only until June 30)

Mohican Historical Society,
203 E. Main St., Loudonville,
OH 44842 or LPA, Box 12,
Loudonville, OH 44842

THANK YOU!!



JIM BREWER
LOUDONVILLE TIMES

As a sports editor for the school newspaper, the *Redbird*, and the editor of the high school yearbook, Jim Brewer, LHS 1966, just retired as editor of the *Loudonville Times* after 40 years.

"Mrs. Robinson had a huge impact on me, starting as a sophomore journalism student, when she told me, 'You have a talent, a flair for writing, and you should do something with it.'"

In 1994 Dix Communications bought the *Loudonville Times* and partnered with the *Ashland Times-Gazette*. During his career, Jim reported for the *Times* weekly and for the *Times-Gazette* daily.



LOUISE SWARTZWALDER
LOUDONVILLE TIMES

If her memory is correct, Louise Swartzwalder, LHS 1964, was a *Redbird* news editor and she considers Mrs. Robinson "an icon." "She was always articulate in explaining and demonstrating what you should do as you sought news," explained her former student. "The main thing you took from being around her was that you wanted to excel. I still want to excel."

In the journalism field Louise worked her way through the ranks at the *Des Moines Register*, the *Detroit Free Press* until 1981, and then as a campaign press secretary in Washington, D.C. until her current position as editor of the *Loudonville Times*.



TED DANIELS
ASHLAND TIMES-GAZETTE

A former feature editor for the *Redbird*, Ted Daniels, LHS 1973, remembers Mrs. Robinson referring in class to Louise Swartzwalder at the *Des Moines Register*, as one of Mrs. Robinson's favorite students.

After spending 23 years at the *Indianapolis Star*, Ted has been the editor and general manager of the *T-G* for 12 years. His first stint at the *T-G* was as a summer intern, a job offered to him in 1974 because of Mrs. Robinson's reputation.

Ted, who worked with Jim and hired Louise, says, "It's a testament to teachers' lasting legacies that more than 40 years later Mrs. R. is still having an impact on local journalism."

TEACHER, JOURNALISM ADVISOR, MRS. ROBINSON, STILL INFLUENCES

THE NEWSPAPER TORCH IS PASSED LOCALLY



2014 SUMMER EVENTS

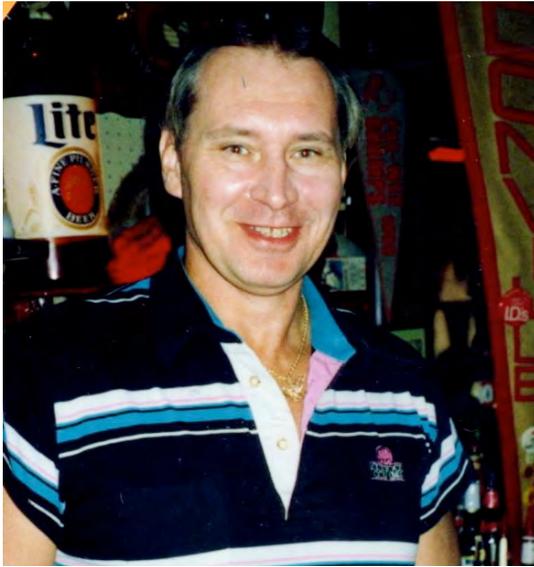
KETTERING STATUE DEDICATION	June 21, 2014
FLXIBLE BUS RALLY AND PARADE	July 19, 2014
BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION	August 6-10, 2014

"ALUMNI GATHERING" FOR ALL PERRYSVILLE AND LOUDONVILLE classmates and graduates, HOSTED BY THE LHS CLASSES OF '64 AND '69.

American Legion Hall

**5 - 7:30 p.m.
August 8, 2014**

Beans Family Creates Legacy in the L-P Schools



Beano in Beano's Buckeye Ballroom in the '80's.

A cardboard figure of Ryan Weber, LHS 2014, stands in the Farmers and Savings Bank as the new project of Bank President Brian Hinkle, LHS 1995, to highlight LHS students. To its side is Marsha Winters Siebert, LHS 1972 and a real bank employee posing in the bank lobby. Shelby VanSickle's cardboard figure recently has replaced Weber's figure.



Mike Beans, LHS 1967 and owner of Beano's Buckeye Ballroom at 121 N. Water St. in Loudonville, may be setting a record by sending all of his sons and daughters to the L-P Schools throughout a 40 year period.

Beano's first born, Jason, LHS 1991, began kindergarten when his mother Jean Brown Beans, LHS 1970, entered him into McMullen Elementary School in 1978. This next L-P school year of 2014-15, Beano and Sue Brown Beans, LHS 1985, will see their youngest child, Brooke, prepare to begin her freshman year (LHS Class of 2018), which reflects 40 years of dealing with teachers, administrators, homework assignments, and coaches plus conditioning, practices, scrimmages, and games.

Beginning with Jason, Jean and Mike raised three other children: Michael Suzanne, LHS 1994; Bobbi Jean, LHS 2002; and Richard, LHS 2004.

Ending with their youngest child, Brooke, Sue and Beano are the parents of Mike, LHS 2012, and Josh, LHS Class of 2015.

When in high school, Beano was active in sports and earned nine varsity letters. He would have been on a 10th team but then there was a rule against participating in two sports in one season. His favorite coach (track and football) was Herb Hartman, who was a "positive influence." His favorite teacher was (History/Government) Fred Boston who was a "smart character who taught me to love history."

Beano, a former Marine, credits his parents Dean Beans (US Marine Corps.), LHS Class of 1943, and Marilyn Leatherow Beans, LHS Class of 1948, with teaching him "to be fair with people, not to tolerate the breaking of rules, and to encourage everybody to have fun."

As an adult, Beano continued his interest in sports and working with young people because "I loved the interaction with kids, especially when I observed improvement." Also, he respected the "additional discipline in sports that non-athletes don't get." From scouting and running strength/conditioning programs to assisting varsity basketball and football squads, Beano became an asset beginning in '73-'74 and '74-'75 to then new LHS football coach Mike Warbel, a serious coach with winning records.

Managing, then owning the Stag Room in 1981 brought adjustments to the bar and restaurant business which included serving women and soon building a ladies restroom.

Advertised as a sports bar, Beano's business probably is the oldest bar in Ohio in the same building and is known for serving good sandwiches and appetizers (wings) in a strictly OSU atmosphere with a 112 year old pool table and lots of memorabilia.

A favorite of Beano's is his statue of Woody Hayes since only 100 of them exist. He also treasures Archie Griffin's first game ball. Beano is loyal to the local Sons of the American Legion and cherishes his dad's military flag. Sometimes when someone or some cause needs attention and financial support, a kind of clothes line is strung up across the bar area to which patrons can pin cash.

Beano has enjoyed formerly coached team members who frequent the bar even if they didn't drink. "People come in to have fun and don't have an attitude," he shared.

Over many years observing schools and kids, Beano sites the biggest "bad" change as the fact that now "kids don't communicate or develop camaraderie with all the texting," a view he shares with his wife Sue who is an elementary teacher in the Clear Fork district. And, there is "too much dependence on state tests and not enough emphasis on how to prepare for a career."

Beano's brothers and sisters are all LHS graduates with the potential for four generations to graduate from LHS since there is a grandson in the district now. Mike's siblings are Sharon Beans Ray, LHS 1964, married to Tim Ray, LHS Class of 1965, and parents of Vicki, LHS 1986, Kristi, LHS 1990, and Adam, LHS 2003, who is married to Kristie Charlton Ray, LHS 2004; John Beans, LHS 1970; Rick Beans, LHS 1979, and married to Mary Donelson Beans, LHS 1979; Jodi Beans Getz, LHS 1984, and married to John "Ghetto" Getz, LHS 1959; and Jamie Beans, LHS 1987.

ALUMNI FIREFIGHTERS & EMTS SERVE

VOLUNTEER AND CAREER, LOCAL AND AFAR

Generational Interest

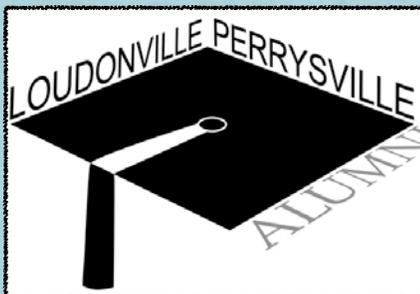
After Sarah Fromme Domyan '96, joined the Loudonville Fire Dept., her dad Lee, and sister Rebecca Fromme Barron '95, joined, too. Now, after teaching Fire Science at a Career Center and volunteering 17+ years for various depts., Domyan got a full-time position in Salt Lake City, Utah. Three generations of volunteer firemen were Leo Buzzard '39, his son Bob '70, and grandsons Jeff '92, and Chad '94; Ray Kiefer and sons Ron '62 and Bill '59 and grandson Joe '87 and Bob Stewart, Bob Stewart '69, and grandson Bobby (Bumper) '97. Other partnerships were Jim Dudte '43 and son Jerry '73; Charlie Anderson '49 and son Rick '81, now Fire Chief of the Ashland Dept., who both during Fire Prevention Week for years hung up posters and delivered ice cream bars to schools; Jack McElwain and son Todd '86; Ken Phillips, Jr. '57 and son KP III '84; Ken Rosser '64 and son Kevin; Bob Leedy and son Ned '85; Mark Burgess '75, former Ashland Fire Chief, and brothers Steve and Doug '82; Walter Nall and his son Barry '83, and brothers Mike Carey and Matt Carey '87. The Workman family of Don, Bob '49, Tom '56, and Ron were involved with various departments. John Paullin '64 and Jack Arnholt '64 had been classmates and partners on the local squad. Jeff and John Shearer '04 and Bob '64 and Scott Young also were active relatives. Some stayed in Loudonville and some moved around Ohio and elsewhere to EMS programs. Some are firefighters, EMTs, dispatchers, or combinations of those positions.



Brave, Loyal, and Always Ready

Tom Gallagher holds the position of Fire Chief now, but names like Jim Danner, '60, Chuck Getz, '31, and Burley Saunier are remembered. Much different from earlier chief jobs, Gallagher has his own WZLP 95.7 radio program on which he shares safety information once a month. Other familiar firemen were Ron Hans '48; Otis Huffer; Walt Wachtel '46; and Dick Hollinger '45 who with others traveled to NYC to pick up the village's first aerial ladder truck; and Moxie Augustine, '64. At the sound of the fire siren, downtown business owner Dick Peoples '49 and workers at the Flixible Co. like Bob Kettering, '42 and a 40 year veteran fireman,

would leave their jobs to go to help with fires and accidents. Demonstrations each year at the Loudonville Fair still interest folks and fire trucks are driven in local parades. Today, more difficult physical training and medical skills are important educational parts of serving the community. "Called Out" on a recent Cold Water Challenge were volunteers or probationary members Jeremy Edmondson '05, Lydia Trapp '06, Kara Pearce '09, Austin Young, Caleb Ross, Zach Eggerton, and Matt Burd '05. Failure to attempt the challenge resulted in paying \$100 to the National Fallen Fighters Foundation.



Loudonville/Perrysville Alumni Association
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 Sue Banks, LHS 1968, Cathy Lance, LHS 1987, Eric Koppert, LHS 1970, Norma Mowers-Zody, PHS 1952



Dan Robinson, LHS 2001, stated that "giving back to the community" is his motivation for working at Ashland Fire Local 1386 since April 2014.



KEVIN MCBRIDE, LHS 2007, IS SWORN IN BY COUNCILMAN STEVE STRICKLEN, LHS 1971, TO THE LOUDONVILLE FIRE DEPT.