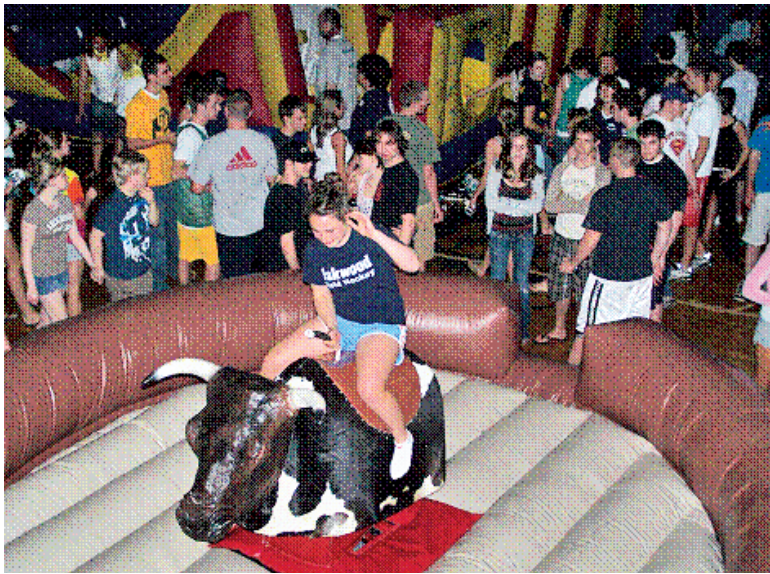


## Letters to the Editor

### Thank You, Oakwood



The Oakwood High School Prom was held on Saturday, April 25, 2009. It was a magical evening that ended with the traditional parent-organized After Prom. The theme of the After Prom was "Wild Wild Wood". The Oakwood High School Pit was transformed into the Wild West. There was something for everyone ... Game Crazy provided a video gamers paradise ... large inflatable games challenged everyone ... a DJ had the place rocking ... and yes, there was even a mechanical bull. Plus, raffle prizes kept everyone in a winning mood. None of this would have been possible with the devoted junior and senior parents and the business community. Parents donated their time, talents and money to help make the evening possible. Local businesses and businesses associated with Oakwood families help to create a wonderful event for our students.

Thank you to the following businesses for their support:

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Robert Deddens, Judge Oakwood Municipal Court  
Tudor Day Spa  
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Thank you to all of the parents and school administrators that helped to make this event fun for everyone.

**Anne Davis**  
**Lynn Denka**  
**After Prom Parent Committee**  
**Co-Chairs**

### That Day In May Thank you to all Oakwood Residents

On behalf of the entire Oakwood Rotary Club, we would like to thank all the members of our wonderful community who showed up to support our annual "That Day in May" event. We raise money to support our local Rotary Foundation, and we could not give away as much as we do each year without this big day.

We would also like to send out a big thank you to the City of Oakwood and its employees for all their help to make this day possible before, during and after the

event.

Also, please let us know what else we can do to make the day even better for you, your children and the community next year.

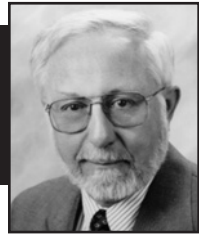
Finally, we did find an iPod ITouch at the event. If it yours, please call Rob Stephens at 293-6760 to describe and claim the item.

Thanks again,

**Rob Stephens & Perry Martin**  
**That Day in May Co-Chairs**

### Jay Haverstick – a life worth emulating

**Jim Uphoff**  
Ed. D.



The Uphoff family was deeply saddened to learn of the death of a good friend, Jay Haverstick, this past week. His love of the restaurant business and his success in this career was how we became acquainted decades ago. He was the type of local leader in his field and in his chosen profession that makes all Oakwood High School graduates proud of their fellow alum—for him the Class of 1958.

Harriet and I ate at his establishment in the Hyde Park area of Cincinnati back in the 1970s. Even though I was the Dean of WSU's Lake Campus and we lived in St. Marys, OH, my 40th birthday in 1977 was celebrated at his Yankee Tavern on St. Rt. 725 (a motel is now located there).

Then in 1979 when we

moved back to Dayton, the house we selected for our new home turned out to have been the boyhood home of Jay and his two brothers. Built by his father to be their family home, the four males and their spouses enjoyed a Sunday evening coffee and dessert with us as they reminisced about their own times living in this home.

In 2001, Jay became the president of the Ohio Restaurant Association just as I became the president of the Ohio School Boards Association. We used to joke that he was leading the state in feeding the mouths while I fed the minds! His love of photography and his knowledge of wines were two of his widely acknowledged talents.

When he opened Jay's in the Oregon District downtown, he helped bring new vitality and life to the center city. When he brought his daughter, Amy, into the business and gave her more and more leadership responsibility, he was building for a future that would hopefully go beyond himself.

My 70th birthday was a din-

ner at Jay's with Oakwood's Superintendent Dr. Mary Jo Scalzo and Treasurer Kevin Philo and their spouses. As always dining at Jay's was a pleasure for sure!

Last fall his '58 class celebrated their 50th graduation anniversary and had some very good times together in Jay's Seafood on 6th Street. Several times he shared with me how much he enjoyed the reunion and hosting many of his classmates at the restaurant. That same restaurant has hosted a FREE Christmas dinner for the homeless and poverty fellow citizens for a number of years. Last December about 500 folks were served with dozens of his friends helping out as servers, etc.

Yes, Jay Haverstick has a record of which all of us connected with Oakwood High School can be proud. His life has reflected well on all of us and he has given us - a model of a person who is good in his business, loves photography, and believes in serving others. We would all do well to emulate Jay Haverstick.

### WWII refugee rides with OSCA during TDIM parade DLM brand reigns at chocolate tasting

The Oakwood Sister City Association (OSCA) was honored with a special guest aboard its float in the That Day In May parade that made the renaissance of our city's global relationships truly meaningful.

Dr. Jean-Pierre Berwald, Professor Emeritus of French from the University of Massachusetts, rode along in OSCA Treasurer Ron Versic's 1959 Chevrolet flatbed truck, celebrating ties with Le Vésinet, France, that date back to World War II. A Jewish refugee from Belgium, Dr. Berwald was five when his family was welcomed by Oakwood's sister city at the beginning of a long and arduous escape from Europe that finally led him to the United States.

Closer to home, the OSCA's



**Dr. Jean-Pierre Berwald**

chocolate tasting during the festival on Saturday, May 16, produced some not-so surprising results. Of 177 tasters, the majority preferred the Dorothy Lane Market brand Belgian milk chocolate. Of the dark chocolates, the order followed cocoa per-

centage, with the preferred chocolates containing the least amount of cocoa.

"Thanks go out to our corporate sponsors, Dorothy Lane Market and Trader Joe's, and the Sister City officers and members who donated time and materials for the tasting and parade," said OSCA President Dr. Kirsten Halling.

Upcoming Sister City events include a Survival French mini language lesson taught by Dr. Halling of Wright State University on June 3 (6:30-7:30 p.m.) in the Wright Library Great Room, a Bastille Day party on July 12, and many more cultural and social events free to members. To join OSCA, send an e-mail to oakwoodsistercity@gmail.com or visit the groups Facebook page.

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