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Association gains tax-exempt status, creates Eagle 100 Club

Donations to CHSAA now tax-deductible

Fund-raising Committee
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In the period since our association was formed, the Cleveland High School Alumni Association has accomplished a great deal, including:

- Creating a Washington nonprofit corporation, specifically setting forth the exclusive purposes of existence of supporting the students and staff of Cleveland High School; maintaining the Cleveland Memorial Forest as a living memorial for those Cleveland students who gave their lives in service of our nation; and supporting the forest for environmental education;

- Electing and maintaining a board of directors to oversee the organization;

- Establishing and maintaining a growing computerized database of more than 8,000 alumni;

- Holding annual alumni meetings of the entire association;

- Publishing several newsletters each year, many of which were sent to the entire alumni database;

- Organizing the 70th-anniversary celebration of the formation of the school;

- Updating war-death records and plaques of commendation;

- Filing for and receiving federal tax-exempt status as a charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, such that qualified donations are fully tax-deductible;

- Filing and receiving nonprofit status from the U.S. Postal Service, such that all future mailings shall be at nonprofit, standard mail rates; and

- Awarding two scholarships for the 1998-1999 school year and establishing

a procedure to award annual scholarships to deserving Cleveland students.

We also have assisted Cleveland High School financially with a new computer system for the Aquila yearbook staff, track uniforms for the girls' and boys' track teams and other expenses for the students and staff of CHS. And we are aware of many other worthwhile projects that are in need of funding.

Because of anticipated requests for financial assistance from the students and staff, as well as the obvious needs of the school and the increasing costs of maintaining our association, the board of directors has decided to hold a fund-raising drive so that we will be financially equipped to support the school and forest in the future.

As we continually add new alumni and classes to our database, it becomes more costly for printing and mailing our newsletter to all alumni in the database. We shall keep the yearly dues at \$5 so that all members who have contributed at least the yearly dues shall receive all our newsletters and mailings.

For this and future fund-raising drives, our goal is to raise \$50,000 each year to effectively help the students and staff of Cleveland High School. We will initiate this drive at the end of each calendar year for the upcoming calendar year, and we shall solicit all alumni in our entire database by newsletter for this fund-raising.

To give maximum recognition to those who donate \$100 or more in each calendar year, we are forming a special Eagle 100 Club within our association. If, in addition to the many who will donate lesser amounts, we can enlist 500 members (an average of a little more than seven alumni from each

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First scholarships awarded

This year the association established a scholarship for Cleveland students choosing to attend a trade or vocational school, college or university. In March, the board allocated \$3,000 to grant two \$1,500 scholarships over the next two years.

Elaine Comerford '45 headed the scholarship committee with board members Vera Chan '91, Louise Steggall '67, Joanne Smith '56 and Loretta Scott '48.

An application form was devised, criteria were established and a procedure was developed for the selection process.

After reviewing the applications, two members of the committee offered to finance a second scholarship for \$1,200 under the auspices of the alumni association.

The recipient of a \$1,500 scholarship is Shaun Murray. One of his teachers wrote, "I find him [to be] one of the most consistent in



Shaun Murray

scholarship, musical talent, sports and leadership abilities, but it is his kindness, compassion and ability to communicate with a large musical cast that I will never forget. This extraordinary young man is a gift to the next century because he will so enrich it."

Shaun served as director and accompanist for Cleveland's musical productions the last two years. While practicing diligently to become an accomplished musician he was a member of the Fish & Roses and Key clubs, played tennis for four years and ran for the cross-country team, for which he was voted "most inspirational athlete."

Shaun will study music and computer programming at the University of Washington.

The second scholarship for \$1,200 went to Maggie Woo, who demonstrated a commitment to her studies and a clear focus as to her career goals.

Maggie's strong work ethic was evidenced by her part-time employment throughout her high school years and her volunteer work the last four years.

Maggie's goal is to become a nurse. She will attend North Seattle Community College for two years before transferring to a university to complete her nursing studies.

Maggie reflected her caring for others in the last sentence of her personal statement: "There is nothing better in this world than to see everyone live a happy and healthy life."



Maggie Woo

Employers can match CHSAA donations

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of the 70 classes since 1928) for the Eagle 100 Club, then our goal for this year will be met and the association can effectively assist the students and staff of Cleveland High School in the manner which we believe they deserve.

There shall be no obligation upon anyone to be a permanent member of the Eagle 100 Club. Those who can we are sure will donate, and we shall specially recognize those who do donate in the CHS alumni newsletter and in alumni events.

The IRS has approved the changing of our federal tax-exempt status to a fully exempt charitable organization, such that all donations and contributions will be deductible to the fullest extent permitted under the federal tax code, effective Feb. 4, 1998.

The U.S. Postal Service also has approved nonprofit status for our alumni association, which shall enable our organization the least-expensive mailing costs for our newsletter and other mailings.

Also keep in mind that some of you are retired from or work for companies that will match your donation. Corporations that we have been advised that have such matching donation plans include Boeing, US West, Lucent Technologies and AT&T; we would like to be informed of any other such companies.

All matching company donations will be credited to the alumnus in whose name the matching donation was made for membership in the Eagle 100 Club.

We cannot emphasize enough how important all your donations are, regardless of amount, during this and future fund-raising drives. We must become financially viable and stable if we are to provide long-term, substantial and permanent help to and support for Cleveland High School and the Cleveland Memorial Forest, a living memorial to our classmates who gave the ultimate contribution to our great school and country.

Kings of Swing come 'Full Circle'

Cleveland's own Kings of Swing dance band has produced a CD and cassette tape titled "Full Circle." "Full Circle" is a trip down memory lane featuring such melodies as "A String of Pearls," "One O'Clock Jump" and "Autumn Leaves."

Playing classic jazz and swing of the big-band era, the band that originated at Cleveland High School during the 1940s is still going strong. They play public and private gigs, and for the fifth consecutive year, they will perform at the Space Needle Restaurant on New Year's Eve. (Tickets are

available through Ticketmaster.)

The CDs and tapes are available at Bud's Jazz Records, 102 S. Jackson St.; Borders Books & Music in Redmond, Downtown Seattle and at Southcenter; Backstage Music & Video in Ballard; Sound Waves in Burien; and the Sea-Tac Radisson Hotel gift shop.

Call the band's hot line, at (206) 622-3058, for further information.

This month's issue of the Heritage Music Review, a local publication, will feature an article about the Kings of Swing.

School officially dedicates Fish & Roses project

The Fish & Roses project at Cleveland marked a milestone in May with its official dedication.

The program — led by Karen Haggard, Bianca Linder and Wes Christianson — uses an aquaculture system, hydroponic gardening and land gardens to integrate lessons in economics, marketing, society and culture and the environment.

This project has been five years in the works.

Fish are being raised, having acquired 100 new tilapia fingerlings, bringing the total to approximately 700.

Horticulture students held demonstrations at the Puyallup Fair and visited the Orcas Island fish hatchery in October.

Also, a work party visited the Cleveland Memorial Forest, and in November, students planted trees on Beacon Hill with the help of the Earth

Service Corps.

Fund-raising activities included selling pumpkins in October and evergreen trees in December.

Current projects include growing pond plants and snails for science kits for elementary students.

The rose garden in front of the school is thriving, thanks to the hard work by Ms. Linder's horticulture class.

Paver bricks are laid on each side of the school's front steps, among the planting beds and benches. The planting beds and benches were constructed by Jim Nelson's wood-shop class.

Bricks are still available for purchase. The cost is \$35 for one line, \$45 for two lines and \$55 for three lines, with 20 characters per line.

Contact Cleveland High School, at (206) 768-3670, for an order form.

Volunteers are welcome.

Next general meeting

Saturday, Jan. 9
10:30 a.m.

Cleveland High School
lunchroom
5511 15th Ave. S.

Topics:

Cleveland Memorial Forest
election of board
members*

*Board members must attend quarterly meetings. To run for a board position, contact any member of the Nominating Committee:

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please cut along dotted line

1999 DUES & DONATIONS

To help with costs (including newsletters to more than 8,000 alums and former teachers — and growing), we invite you to join the Cleveland High School Alumni Association. Dues are \$5 a year.

Make checks payable to:

CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
P.O. BOX 50294, BELLEVUE, WA 98015-5294

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| PAYMENT OF 1998 MEMBERSHIP DUES AT \$5 EACH (PER YEAR)... | \$ |
| DONATION TOWARD CHS SCHOLARSHIP FUND..... | \$ |
| DONATION TOWARD CHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION..... | \$ |
| DONATION TOWARD EAGLE 100 CLUB..... | \$ |
| TOTAL CHECK ENCLOSED... | \$ |

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PHONE NO. () YEAR OF GRADUATION/ATTENDANCE

School shorts

A Cleveland High School class ring from the Class of 1942 was found. The ring has been sized down and has engraved initials.

If you've lost a class ring from that year, call Roger Baker, at (206) 762-2123, to identify.

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The Cleveland Foundry has been busy this past year. The foundry has participated in the Downtown Nordstrom remodel and the Columbia City rose path and made a plaque for the Cleveland Memorial Forest.

The annual Art Blast, an auction to support the Cleveland Foundry, was cancelled this year, so South East Effective Development, a sponsor of Art Blast, is gathering items to be auctioned at next year's event, to be held in November.

Gift certificates, services, weekend getaways and other items are sought for the auction. To donate items or to

volunteer, call Jerri Plumridge, at (206) 723-7333, or Marta Olsen, at (206) 768-3670.

The auction raised \$40,000 for the foundry each of the last three years.

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Celebrate Cleveland's 70th anniversary with the limited-edition 70th-anniversary T-shirt. Not many remain in stock; only large and extra-large sizes are available.

T-shirts are \$5 each, plus \$3 for shipping and handling. Checks should be made payable to Cleveland High School.

Mail checks, sizes and addresses to Cleveland High School, Attn: Class of 1999, 5511 15th Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98108.

Allow up to two weeks for delivery upon receipt of order.

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Elaine and Jim Comerford '45, Richard "Whitey" King '44, Ed Boprey '45 and Louise Steggall '67 traveled to the Cleveland Memorial Forest on June 6 to place two benches as roosting stops for tired Eagles. The benches were set in concrete to ensure their longevity.

After four and one half hours of digging and mixing and pouring concrete, the volunteers viewed the benches as a fitting tribute to their hard work.

The benches, similar to those in the school rose garden, were made by the Cleveland wood-shop class.

To submit items to the next Cleveland High School Alumni News, send them to:
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P.O. Box 50294, Bellevue, WA 98015-5294.

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Any individual who has attended Grover Cleveland Junior or Senior High School is entitled to be a member of the alumni association.

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