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Looking forward

By Alison W. Sing '64

Life of a nonprofit organization has been described by others to be like a married family, in this case, the bonding of 12 dedicated board members, working in concert for the benefit of our alumni association. Like a marriage, sometimes relationships hit a bumpy road and individuals part for a number of personal reasons.

Recently, the Alumni Association lost three board members: **James Louie '43**, **Christine Ficker '70** and **Ernie Dolan '79**.

Although we regret their decision to leave, the board is moving forward on the decisions formulated at the January 2006 board retreat.

Board appointments

At the April 8 board meeting, **JoAnn Victor Smith '56** was elected unanimously to serve as interim president until formal elections are held later this year. JoAnn also will continue her duties as membership/database secretary.

John Christiansen '64 was elected to fill the vacant vice-president position.

Last year, Cleveland High School's leadership also underwent a change with its principal; **Donna Marshall** was appointed in December 2005.

The board is rededicating its efforts to strengthen our Cleveland High School relationship. To this end, each has designated a liaison person as a point of contact. The Alumni Association liaison is vice president **John Christiansen '64**, and activities coordinator Carol J. Coe is the liaison for Cleveland High School.

It was felt by both parties that this would eliminate some of the confusion we experienced last year and would create better efficiency in allocating resources for our various mutual interests and projects.

Annual meeting

It's that time of year again for our annual meeting. We have scheduled it for Saturday, Sept. 9, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Cleveland High School's interim site, at 5950 Delridge Way S.W.

Take the Spokane Bridge exit from Interstate 5 and exit on Delridge Way. Follow Delridge

Way for approximately 1.5 miles. The high school will be on the left.

Board elections

As defined by our bylaws, six board positions are up for re-election, in addition to any open vacancies. This year, we have a total of eight seats under consideration. We have five seats that are currently filled by incumbents and up for re-election. We also have three open seats.

Board members are elected to serve two-year terms. In accordance with our written bylaws, every effort is made to ensure that there is reasonable representation from all class years on the board.

Our board is seeking dedicated individuals who are interested in building a strong and resilient alumni association, who are also interested in forging a committed relationship with our alma mater and its students.

The board meets approximately four to five times a year, and board members are encouraged to attend alumni-sponsored events.

If you do not have the time commitment to serve on the board, we have a number of standing and ad-hoc committees that may fit your time schedule and expertise. These committees include:

Standing Committees: Membership/Alumni Relations, Finance/Budget, Memorial Forest, Fundraising and Scholarship

Ad-hoc Committees: Bylaws Review, Audit, Nominations/Election

If you are interested in serving, please contact our interim president, JoAnn Victor Smith, at chsajjo56@comcast.net, or call her at (425) 487-3952.

Challenges and opportunities

We are facing exciting times and new challenges. Our alma mater is scheduled to reopen in 2007, and the Alumni Association has taken on a goal to raise \$200,000 for its permanent irrevocable Scholarship Endowment Fund; we have set aside \$10,000 toward that goal.

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Reaching out to the alumni

LOOKING FORWARD, from Page 1

Upon reaching the fundraising goal, it is our hope that this dedicated fund will be a steady source of scholarship grants for future graduating Cleveland High School students. We need your help in building this endowment fund.

The Alumni Association is looking forward to and working on proposals to bring more value to alumni membership in the coming year. We are re-vamping our website in conjunction with Cleveland High School information technology teacher and CHSAA board member **Peggy Soong-Yaplee '71**. (See Page 3 about the new changes and when our new website will be available.)

In addition to our printed newsletter, the Alumni Association is seeking new ways to electronically communicate with our alumni through the use of e-mail, about school activities and events that you may be interested in attending.

JoAnn Victor Smith, our membership/database coordinator – who also handles information for all class reunions for the Alumni Association – would love to hear from you. Send a short note to her at chsaaajo56@comcast.net so that we can validate you e-mail address.

Please note that your e-mail address will not be shared with anyone else and will only be used to advise you of Alumni Association-sponsored activities or school-related events and activities. This is an adopted policy and is strictly adhered to by the board.

The future holds many wonders. Each of you can make a difference in our alumni association and in our beloved alma mater, Cleveland High School. Be that difference!

Alison W. Sing '64 is the current treasurer and former CHSAA president (1999-2005). He can be reached via e-mail at alisonwsing@comcast.net or (425) 742-1782.

Help wanted!

By **Bernie Moskowitz '57**

Alumni are encouraged "to step up to the plate" and get involved. The election for new CHSAA board members will take place Saturday, Sept. 9, at the annual meeting. We ask that you commit four Saturday mornings per year. Interested? Call Bernie Moskowitz at (206) 772-6285.

The annual meeting will take place at 10 a.m. at the interim school, 5950 Delridge Way S.W., in the cafeteria.

Here's something else to think about. We need your involvement by joining a standing committee.

CHS Memorial Forest

Pat Coluccio: p.coluccio@comcast.net or (253) 852-4229

This committee is responsible for overseeing the Alumni Association activities associated with the Cleveland Memorial Forest.

This committee works closely with the Seattle School District's Forest Oversight Committee and keeps the board and membership advised of emerging issues, programs, services and activities related to the Memorial Forest.

Membership & Public Relations

John Christiansen: jcl4glf@comcast.net or (360)493-1440

This committee is specifically responsible for recruiting and retaining alumni members. It also develops new strategies for ongoing means for nurturing past, current and future contributors.

Nominations / Elections

Bernie Moskowitz: (206) 772-6285

The president selects a non-board member alumnus to chair this committee.

The Nominations/Election Committee will work with the board and alumni to identify and recruit interested members to fill board positions at the annual meeting of the membership. The committee will prepare the candidates' biographies and appropriate ballot for the annual meeting.

It is the responsibility of the Nominations/Election Committee to ensure that representation on the alumni board is not unduly over-represented by any one decade and that every effort is made to achieve a balanced distribution of class representation.

Golf Tournament (fundraiser)

John Christiansen: jcl4glf@comcast.net or (360)493-1440

This committee is responsible for overall planning, scheduling and conducting the Alumni Association's annual golf scramble. This committee shall determine the date, location and annual fee for this event.

This committee also is empowered to determine how the proceeds shall be distributed at the end of each annual event.

The Alumni Association shall work closely with the Golf Committee to ensure adequate participation and success.

Scholarship Committee

JoAnn Victor Smith: chsaaajo56@comcast.net or (425) 487-3952

This committee is responsible for soliciting, reviewing and granting scholarship awards to Cleveland High School students who seek to continue their education at a post-secondary educational institution following their graduation from Cleveland High School.

Ad-Hoc Committees

We are also looking for volunteers who would be willing to serve on one of our ad-hoc committees: bylaws, audit and finance/budget. If you are interested, please contact interim president, **JoAnn Victor Smith**.

Thanks to our alumni's generosity, we have a strong financial base. However, the strength of any organization is the willingness of its members to step up and help. As we look forward, our association is looking for individuals with critical experience who are willing to help staff our various standing and ad-hoc committees.

A tribute to Stella M. Drager '31

At the age of 91, another one of our beloved Cleveland High School alumnae Eagles has soared to her final roost. **Stella M. (Franckoviak) Drager** passed away on Sept. 8, 2005.

A graduate of the Class of 1931, Stella completed an enviable 33 years of public service as a principal clerk with the Seattle Police Department.

Throughout her life she was a generous supporter of a large number of charitable causes, such as education, nature, the environment, hunger, homelessness and public broadcasting.

During the last years of her life, she spoke passionately about the Cleveland High School Alumni Association's work and its efforts to support students through its scholarship program. Stella left final instructions with her executor, Melissa Laird, to donate \$5,000 toward the association's scholarship program.

Stella was married to William C. Drager, who died in 1999. She was the youngest of five daughters of Joseph Franckoviak, of Posen (Poznan), Poland, and Veronica Lepkowska, of Gotakovo, Poland. Her sisters include Bernice, Helen, Sophie and Elizabeth.

Her friends noted that Stella had the unique ability to see the best in everyone and, even into her 90s, had a contagious sense of humor.

The Cleveland High School Alumni Association extends its condolences to Mrs. Drager's family. Her generous gift will help many future Cleveland High School students fulfill their educational dreams.

— Alison W. Sing '64

Fallen Eagles honored

By Pat Coluccio '47

Cleveland High School students and alumni gathered at the school to make the 10th-annual Memorial Trek to the Cleveland High School Memorial Forest in Issaquah to honor former Cleveland students who gave their lives in defense of our country.

Cleveland seniors **La Sharon Walker '06** and **Clara Ulvgalu '06** served as the honor guard. Thirty-five of Cleveland's music and drama students attended the ceremony, a choir sang the "The Star-Spangled Banner" and the drum line performed. Students then read short biographies of some of the Fallen Eagles.

However, weather did not permit the

annual walk to the rock.

Cleveland teachers **Faith Beatty** and **Rebecca Emanuel** also supported the Memorial Trek. Ms. Beatty handed out poetry books and poems to the alumni.

Veterans who attended include **Dick Kennewick '41**, whose twin brother, **Bob Kennewick**, was killed over Germany on Dec. 9, 1944; **Emil Martin '40**, **Ed Boprey '45**, **Alison Sing '64** and **Bernie Moskowitz '57**.

The Seattle Times surprised those gathered by sending a reporter and a photographer to the event, with the story appearing later that day.

On behalf of the Cleveland High School Memorial Forest Committee, we thank all who attended the trek.

CHS students to look at Past Times

By Carol Coe

Past Times is an oral-history project that encourages students to discover and help preserve local history while understanding it in the context of important national and world events. The project asks students to "think globally and act locally."

Think globally, for example, about the history of World War II, but act locally by interviewing a veteran and writing his or her story.

Think globally about human rights, but act locally by interviewing a grandparent who came of age during the civil-rights movement of the 1960s.

Past Times began at Puyallup High School in the mid-1990s, but it will come to Cleveland High School in the 2006-07 school year. In an effort to discover and preserve CHS history, students participating in the program will conduct an in-depth interview with one CHS alumnus. That is where the alumni association can help.

See PAST TIMES, Page 4

New website to go on-line in August

By Peggy J. Soong-Yaplee '71

As the new webmaster for the new CHSAA website, I would like you to know that the association's website will move permanently to the main Cleveland High School webpage: www.cleveland.seattleschools.org/default.aspx.

There will be a link directly to the new site, effective August 2006. The new site will contain information about the association, contact information and other information that is of interest to association members.

Here are highlights of the new site:

- Contact information for each board member
- Fallen Eagles
- Highlights of reunions
- Articles about what is happening with former Eagles
- Minutes of the board of directors meetings
- What's new
- Activities with CHS
- Volunteer opportunities with CHS and CHSAA
- Eagle 100 members
- Newsletter archive

Those who would like to submit items to the website can e-mail me articles or pictures, and you can specify where you would like the items to go. As the webmaster, I will edit and reformat items so that they will fit on the website.

All items must be in electronic form (preferably Microsoft Word) if you want items placed on the web in a timely manner. If you send hardcopies or handwritten copies, it takes time to reformat the items for the website.

If you have an idea for the site, the board members will entertain it, and if it benefits the membership, it will be added to the site. My e-mail is jsoong@comcast.net.

Turn out for the golf tournament, auction

By John Christiansen '64

The sixth-annual CHSAA Golf Scramble has been scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 6, with a noon shotgun start.

We have moved the location to a golf course closer to Seattle. This year, the tournament will take place at the Riverbend Golf Complex in Kent.

The entry fee will be \$100 per player, \$400 per team. The entry fee includes green fee, power cart, tee gifts, dinner buffet, raffle/auction (started last year) and prizes.

In the last five years, the golf tournament has earned more than \$20,000.00 for the CHSAA Scholarship Fund.

In the past, the tournaments have taken place at the Fort Lewis Golf Course and The Golf Club at Hawks Prairie, both of which are located in the Lacey/Olympia area. It was suggested that the association move the tournament to a golf course more central to local alumni.

The Riverbend Golf Complex is a championship golf course, located just off

of Interstate 5 and should be more convenient for the majority of our golfers.

Last year, we had 22 teams (88 players). This was our lowest number of participants since the inception of the tournament in 2000.

All golfers are invited to join in the fun. You do not need to be an alumnus of CHS to play in the tournament; friends and family of alumni are welcome. Non-golfers are invited to attend the dinner buffet and raffle/auction. Cost is \$25 per person.

For golfers and non-golfers alike, the tournament has thousands of dollars' worth of prizes that are raffled and auctioned off. Last year, we had television sets, DVD players, gift baskets, rounds of golf at local golf courses, trips, golf clubs, Mariners tickets and Seahawk tickets.

We also had an NFL football signed by NFL Hall of Famer and ex-Seattle Seahawk wide receiver Jerry Rice and a jersey signed by Seattle all-pro tackle Walter Jones.

So remember to bring your checkbooks for this fund-raiser.

We are looking for new sponsors. Many of our sponsors are CHS alumni, including **Jay Turner '75** (Redbird Sports), **John Foley '79** (Time-Out Ale House and Grill), **Dr. Charles O. Holmes '61**, **Jim and Merlina (Carmignani) Tate '57** (Jamer Farms Inc.) and **Greg Kessler '75** (Bob Bridge Auto Center).

Sponsorship costs \$400 each and are 100-percent tax-deductible. The sponsor will have a sign with its name and company logo erected on one of the golf holes.

The sponsor also will have one "free" entry fee into the golf tournament. Sponsors will be given recognition in the souvenir program and a certificate of appreciation signed by the CHS principal and CHSAA president.

For more information or if you would like to volunteer to be on the Golf Scramble Committee, contact **John Christiansen '64** at jlc4glf@comcast.net or at (360) 493-1440 or (360) 451-1761.

Hope to see you at the tournament.

Help students with Past Times

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Members who are willing to be interviewed or simply wish to receive more information about the project are invited to contact Cleveland High School activities coordinator **Carol Coe**, at (206) 932-2637 or cjcoe@seattleschools.org.

Or contact the association's Jo Ann Smith, at (425) 487-3952 or chsaaajo56@comcast.net.

REQUEST FOR DONATIONS

The Alumni Association welcomes and appreciates donations. You may use the coupon in the newsletter to make a donation. However, the cost and postage has increased over the years; we are now asking for a \$10 donation to keep up with the costs. The association will continue to mail the newsletter, but it also will be available on-line for viewing and downloading.

Treasury continues to grow

By Alison W. Sing '64

The association's finances are healthy and growing as the result of the generous contributions from our faithful alumni.

Here is a quick synopsis of the association's finances so far this year.

As of June 30, 2006, the association's assets include a bank balance of \$77,791.08

The total alumni contributions are at \$18,849.34, with Eagle 100 contributions totaling \$13,980.00 from 63 contributors. The Eagle 100 contributions include a generous donation of \$5,000 from the estate of **Stella Drager '31** (see Page 3).

For expenses, administrative costs were at \$2,943.06 (63 percent of total expenses); the newsletter, at \$1,636.57 (35 percent); scholarships, at \$0 (0 percent; none dispersed yet); and programs, activities and events, at \$94.24 (2 percent). Our total expenses are at \$4673.87.

The administrative costs include a one-time, overnight board retreat that took place

at the IslandWood Conference Center. Costs of \$2,515 cover the expenses of a facilitator and facility rental. Attending board members contributed personally to their own housing expenses.

Also, scholarships totaling \$5,600 will be dispersed in August 2006.

In 2004, the Alumni Association established a permanent, irrevocable Scholarship/Endowment Fund for the purpose of building a resource in the future that would provide annual scholarship awards on a sustainable basis from interest earned on our principal in this fund.

We now have \$14,137.95 in the Scholarship/Endowment Fund.

Last year, we set an ambitious goal of \$200,000. If you would like to help make a difference in the futures of Cleveland High School students, please help us reach our goal.

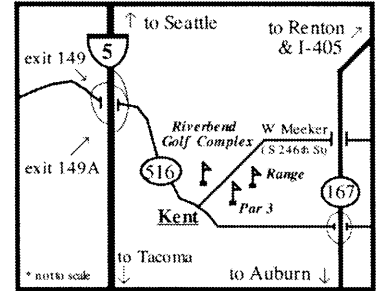
Current scholarship donations not earmarked for this fund are currently being used to fund our annual scholarship awards.

6th Annual Cleveland High School Alumni Golf Tournament

Date: Wednesday, September 6th, 2006
Time: 12 o'clock Shotgun Start
Format: 4 Person Team Scramble
Where: Riverbend Golf Complex
www.ci.kent.wa.us/riverbend
Entry Fee: \$100 per person or \$400 per team.
(Dinner Only \$25.00 per person)
Entry Deadline: September 4th, 2006



Riverbend Golf Complex, Kent, WA



Entry Fee Includes: Green Fee, Power Cart, Tee Gifts, Buffet Dinner & Prizes.

- All profits from this tournament will benefit the **Cleveland High School Alumni Association**.
- Field will be limited to the first 36 paid teams.
- Friends of CHS also welcome. You don't have to be an alumni to play.
- Format will be 4-person team scramble. All players hit a tee shot, the team captain chooses the best shot and all players play from that spot. This process continues until the ball is holed.
- Team prizes will be awarded for low gross and low net scores. Prizes will be Gift Certificates.
- Practice rounds (not included in the entry fee) may be scheduled by calling the pro shop for a tee time.
- You or your company can sponsor a hole for \$400. Includes one entry fee into the tournament, plus sign on tee, program and awards ceremony acknowledgement.
- For more information contact John Christiansen "64" at (360) 493-1440 or (360) 451-1761 or jlc4glf@comcast.net.

Directions:

From I-5 North & South:
 Take exit #149 to HWY 516 eastbound. Travel east for 1.3 miles to West Meeker. Turn east on Meeker to the Golf course, located on your left, the range and par 3 course will be on your right hand side.



6th Annual Cleveland High School Alumni Golf Tournament Entry Form

Team Captain _____ Year Graduated _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

My Team Name _____	Year Graduated _____	USGA HDCP or Average Score
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____

Important: Each team must have an entry form. Be sure to enclose your entry fee of \$100 per player or \$400 per team. If you don't have a team we will pair you with another team. Make checks payable to **CHSAA Golf**.

Yes _____, I/my company would like to sponsor a hole at the 6th Annual CHS Alumni Golf Tournament. Enclosed is a check for \$400 which includes one (1) player entry fee. (please include company logo or information for tee sign/banner.)

Mail your entry to:
CHSAA Golf
 1341 Paradise Court SE
 Olympia, WA 98503

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ALUMNI DONATION FORM

To help with costs (including newsletters to more than 8,000 alumni and former teachers – and growing), we ask you to join the Cleveland High School Alumni Association. A suggested donation of \$10 per year is requested.

Please make your check payable to: **CHSAA or Cleveland HS Alumni Association.**

I would like to support the work of the Alumni Association with a donation in the amount of \$_____ (enter total amount of your check here).

Please allocate my donation as follows:

Mailing expenses – (\$10 suggested)	\$_____
Alumni Association General Fund (unrestricted)	\$_____
CHS Athletic Fund	\$_____
Memorial Forest Fund	\$_____
Scholarship Fund	\$_____

Contributor Information

1st Member (First, (Maiden Name), Last): _____ Class: _____

2nd Member (First, Maiden Name), Last): _____ Class: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: Area Code _____ Telephone Number _____

E-mail address: _____

[NOTE: We are updating and adding e-mail addresses to our membership database and have found this to be an effective way to quickly communicate information regarding what is happening at our alma mater, as well as time-sensitive information about the alumni association.]

Volunteer Opportunities

I would like to help build a strong alumni association, please contact me at (____) _____ . I am interested in the following:

_____ I can serve on the board.

_____ I can serve on a committee (*Alumni Relations, Scholarship, Golf Scramble, Finance & Budget, Memorial Forest, Audit, Bylaws Review and/or Nominations/Election.*)
Please state your preference: _____

_____ I would like to help out with an event or activity

_____ I would like to help in some other way.

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**CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

Mission Statement

A nonprofit organization, Washington and United States 501(c)(3), founded for the exclusive purposes of: (1) preserving the Cleveland Memorial Forest as a memorial in perpetuity to those Cleveland students who gave their lives in the service of the United States of America, (2) supporting the educational uses in forestry, ecology, botany and environmental studies of the forest and (3) supporting and assisting the students and staff of Cleveland High School in Seattle, Wash., in their educational purposes.

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

Please help us to keep the database current by sending a post office change-of-address form or contact the membership secretary when you move. In order to protect privacy the list of memberships will not be distributed to anyone unless it is used specifically for the purposes of class reunions or other such gatherings.

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UPCOMING events

SEPTEMBER

- 4 **Sixth-annual CHS Alumni Golf Tournament**, Noon
Riverbend Golf Complex, Kent
\$100/person, \$400/team; \$25/dinner only
Contact: John Christiansen, (360) 493-1440 or
(360) 451-1761 or jlc4glf@comcast.net.

- 9 **Class of 1966 reunion**
Contact: Rosemary (Rene) Swayne Storaasli,
(253) 852-8848 or reneswayne@comptechpros.com.

CHSAA annual meeting/board elections, 10 a.m.-noon
Cleveland High School (interim site), 5950 Delridge Way
S.W. (cafeteria)
Contact: Contact: Jo (Victor) Smith, (425) 487-3952 or
chsaajo56@comcast.net.

- 16 **Class of 1956 reunion**
Glen Acres Country Club, Seattle
Contact: Jerry Rosso, (206) 762-4375 or
jerry0716@mindspring.com; or Jo (Victor) Smith,
(425) 487-3952 or chsaajo56@comcast.net.

NOVEMBER

- 18 **CHSAA board meeting**, 10 a.m.-noon.
Location: Cleveland High School (interim site),
5950 Delridge Way S.W.

Contact: Contact: Jo (Victor) Smith, (425) 487-3952 or
chsaajo56@comcast.net.

IN PLANNING STAGES

- **Class of 1976 reunion/picnic**
Contact: Bev Akada, (425) 369-2289 or bakada@costco.com.

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- **Class of 1986 reunion**
Contact: Jo (Victor) Smith, (425) 487-3952 or
chsaajo56@comcast.net.

Request for e-mails

The Alumni Association is requesting that you send your e-mail address to the membership secretary. There are occasions the Alumni Association would like to inform you of an alumni activity or an activity at the school. We would only do this type of notification if the timing were such that a newsletter couldn't cover it.

Examples include drama presentations and the new auction fund-raiser at the school.

This information is also a great cost-saver for reunion committees when planning a reunion. Send to
chsaajo56@comcast.net.