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CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI NEWS

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Looking forward to another good year

Dear fellow Eagles,

It has been an exciting year as president for the Alumni Association, and I am looking forward to the next year with new board members bringing fresh blood to the board.

The board this past year spent a huge effort reaching out to the membership by attending various reunions, sending out personalized messages to members and developing a grant program for the teachers at Cleveland High School.

Since we reset the count on our website at the beginning of July, there have been more than 2,500 hits on our site.

There has been serious discussion about what do members get for their membership dues and to the many people who have donated monies toward our scholarship funds. We as a board are here to serve you, but we also need to hear from our membership as to what kinds of things you'd like changed or added to what we are doing as an association.

So I encourage everyone to attend our annual meeting, where you can catch up with old friends and classmates and help move the agenda along for our association. Discussion about use of membership funds, activities and bylaw changes or additions will be addressed. There will be reports out from our various committees and recruitment of people interested in serving on various committees.

Sending in your \$10 membership dues assures you of receiving the newsletter, any mailings that we do to the membership and help provide necessary funds for the various activities surrounding the various anniversary celebrations at Cleveland.

We have some people who are running for open board positions, and they are now posted on our website (www.clevelandalumsea.org). Keep checking back as we add candidates to the list up until the Saturday, Dec. 6, 2008, general membership meeting.

I look forward to serving you for the next year.

Peggy J. Soong-Yaplee '71
CHSAA Board President

CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Annual Membership Meeting

Saturday, Dec. 6
10 a.m. to noon
CHS, 5511 15th Ave. S.
Building 2, Second Floor
Commons Area

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Peggy, (206) 723-4138

There will be a quick tour of the building for those who wish to see the improvements and to see if any of your old haunts still exist. There is an elevator for those who might be in wheelchairs as well as those who are physically challenged. There are also several handicapped-parking areas, as well as parking for others in the back of Building 2 (see map on back page).

We are still open for people who wish to run for several open board positions, and there are two officer positions open (treasurer and secretary). If you are interested in serving the Alumni Association, please e-mail chsaaboard@gmail.com. Please submit a short bio and reason why you wish to run, as well as contact information and the year you graduated. Your name will then be placed on the ballot and on the website (www.clevelandalumsea.org) general meeting and you will be contacted by an Election Committee member.

The tentative agenda can be found at www.clevelandalumsea.org.

CHSAA Golf Scramble returns for seventh tournament

"Beautiful day, great golf course, lots of fun and great friends."— Jack Avery, tournament player

By John Christiansen '64

Thanks to Barbara (Mar) Van Eynde '71, her husband Phil Van Eynde and the Golf Committee members, the 2008 CHSAA Golf Scramble was resurrected after a two-year hiatus. The seventh-annual CHSAA Golf Scramble was conducted Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2008, at the Willows Run Golf Course in Redmond, Wash.

"Beautiful day, great golf course, lots of fun and great friends," said Jack Avery, a first-time participant.

It was indeed a beautiful, brisk fall morning, and 45 CHS alumni and friends of CHS gathered for a fun-filled day of golf, renewing old friendships and making new friends.

Once again, the scramble format was used. A new twist this year was using a "licorice rope" on the greens. The team was allowed to use the length or a portion of the licorice rope to save a putting stroke on an individual hole. This innovation made every team competitive, added another strategy to the game, was lots of fun and was a tasty snack. The caveat was you could buy extra ropes to enhance your chances of victory.



Members of the third-place South Beacon Hill Hackers, after their round of golf at the CHSAA Golf Scramble. photos/Alison W. Sing

Another innovation this year was a silent auction. This was very well-received by the participants.

There were several thousand dollars of prizes and awards. Once again, we had closest to pin, longest drive, straight drive and putting contests.

The entry fee was \$100 and included green fee, golf cart, lunch, awards and prizes.

When all was said and done and all the bills were paid, we had a profit of \$2,000 for the CHSAA Scholarship Fund. This will be matched with a grant we received for \$2,000 from the state.

Following is a list of winning teams:

First Place

"Old School Eagles"

Robert "Skeeter" Keene '72
Charles Allen Keene '64
Brian Ogishima
Eugene Kato

Second Place

"So. Beacon Hill Hackers"

Bob Jurcan '64
Don Deschenes '64
Bill Landry '64
Tom Steinbach '64 (NS)

Third Place

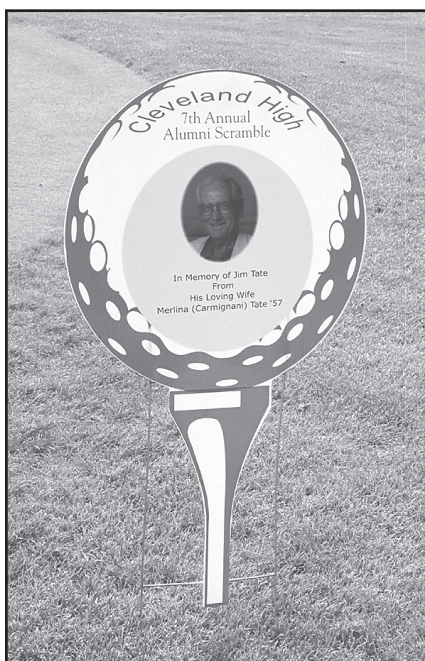
"Billy Bob Bangers"

Bill Jones '64
Bobby Jones
David Murakami
Matt Haines

If you were unable to participate in this year's tournament, please plan to enter the eighth-annual CHSAA Golf Scramble. Mark it on your calendar tentatively for Friday, Aug. 7, 2009. We are trying to schedule the Jefferson Park Golf Course. That's right, folks: We are going home again.

More information and an entry form will be in our next newsletter.

If you are interested in playing, volunteering or being a sponsor, please contact our chair, Barbara (Mar) Van Eynde at vaneinde_family@yahoo.com, or CHSAA president Peggy J. Soong Yaplee, at jsoong@comcast.net.



At left, one of the sponsored holes at the 2008 Golf Scramble. photo/Alison W. Sing



At left, CHSAA Golf Scramble founder John Christiansen '64 talks logistics with Mary Lou (Zarkades) Barton '54 (wife of CHSAA board member John Barton '54) and CHSAA board member JoAnn Victor Smith '56 (seated). Below, JoAnn Victor Smith is the Queen Bee to her sons, The Drones. The team confers on strategy at a hole (below left). photos/Alison W. Sing



Above left, CHSAA board member Alison W. Sing, with his Eagle Aces team.

At left, the Old School Eagles.

Above, two of the '61 Misfits team take a ride to their next hole at the Willow Run Golf Course.



photos/Alison W. Sing

Eagles in flight



What a great ride high school was — so many memories.

Our class did an historical retrospective of the area called “Duwamish Dream,” which explored how the area from Elliott Bay to Georgetown was developed. I had a small role. However, I played second lead in the senior play called “Too Many Dates” (boy, we were tame then). All I can recall is that we did a sketch in the play where one of the male actors dressed as a female, and I dressed as a male. I remember we were sitting in a toy car onstage, where we made fun of dating mores of the day.

One of the jobs I had (aside from getting good grades) was being the “banker” for our class. Remember when we collected money from the kids who participated and took them to a central deposit near the gym? These deposits

were then transferred by a teacher to Washington Mutual Bank.

I was Miss Walthew’s assistant in her class and secretary to the vice principal for two years. Once a week, my schoolmate and I could afford to stop at the Eagles Roost nearby and have a lime sherbet ice cream cone — a nickle. Money was sure tight back then. My allowance was \$1 a week. Wow!

The scariest moment was in September 1949, when I looked at the 10th-grade math book and saw my first algebra problem. Uh-oh! It made no sense to me that you could add up letters and get a number answer. I ran (did not walk) to the guidance counselor’s office and told him I’d never pass any algebra or geometry class. So he suggested I take a commercial course.

Since I was already taking shorthand

and typing, it was easy to add in book-keeping and office machines. When I graduated, my typing speed was a gigantic 45 wpm, but by 1975, it was 90 wpm. And I worked at a job I loved for 25 years: executive legal secretary.

My one claim to fame is that I typed up the incorporation papers for the Westin Hotels when they opened the very first one in Seattle. Did you know that’s where the chain originated? I believe the location was where the old Orpheum theater was located near The Bon Marche.

What fun we all had at the 50-year reunion in 2001. Who could believe it had been that long.

My family was poor, even by ’51 standards, but I received a great education at my alma mater — and had a wonderful time in the process.

— *Jannis Urena* ‘51



**Share your memories
of your years at
Cleveland High School
with other alumni.**

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Mr. Dolstad was my junior and senior high school, homeroom teacher, class advisor and my typing teacher. The impact he had upon my life has left an imprint never to be erased!

I remember feeling shy and lacking in confidence when I entered Cleveland High in the seventh grade. But that would soon change. Little did I realize my world was about to be turned upside-down by a certain teacher. I would never be the same during those six years [or] after my 1958 graduation.

Each time I met with Mr. Dolstad for different reasons, he took time to instill confidence, hope, encouragement and a purpose for my life. He invested his time in me and believed in me more than I believed in myself.

Knowing my parents were divorced when I was a young child and [that I] didn’t have a father influence, I think Mr. Dolstad made up special meetings just to help me feel special and to discover I had something to offer. Because of his influence, I wanted to contribute and even somehow make a difference. He pushed me to work hard, to learn how to organize activities, to be a leader and even [be] the president of my sophomore class!

I never dreamed something like that would happen. Under protest, Mr. Dolstad placed my name on the ballot just to prove to me I could win the position of the president. And I won!

He became like a father to me, a father I never had to lean on. He was my dad at every father-daughter banquet. He made me feel important and special, and I was so proud to be with him — just like a daughter should be with her father!

Everyone needs a special teacher to help make a difference in the life of a student, a difference like Mr. Dolstad made in my life. If he had not been my teacher and mentor, I would have remained uninvolved, shy and a stay-in-the-background kind of person. But God blessed me with a teacher, a teacher named Mr. Dolstad, who valued me, and he, in turn, became a treasured gift I continue to value to this day.

— *Dorothy (Bosnich) Clausen* ‘58

A journey ends

By Alison W. Sing '64
CHSAA Treasurer

There is an old Chinese saying that "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step...." My journey began when I was first elected to the Alumni Association board of directors in 1998. During this journey, I have had the wonderful privilege serving you. It was wonderful watching our organization grow, struggle and change to meet the needs of our membership.

Throughout my civic, community and professional career, I have set a personal term limit in my service obligations. At the end of this year, I will have given the Alumni Association a total of 11 years of dedicated service.

Since 2004, I have been contemplating taking a less active role with the organization. However, following the sudden death of our long-serving treasurer Terence L. Wong in 2005, I chose to fill the treasurer's role and help stabilize our organization until we had recovered from losing Terry.

I leave knowing that we have built a wonderful organization that is supportive of our alma mater and is working to fulfill the missions outlined in our organization's bylaws. We have faced many challenges, and in the end, we have made the right decisions on behalf of our fellow alumni base.

I am not disappearing entirely from the scene. I will continue to mentor and assist new board members and board officers in the future. I also plan on training our new treasurer, whomever he or she may be.

We have accomplished much together, and we should all be proud of these achievements:

- Fantastic CHSAA website
- Annual golf tournament
- Annual Memorial Day observance
- Six years of HECB (Higher Education Coordinating Board) matching scholarship grants
- Scholarship Endowment Fund (\$25,000+ and growing)
- Scholarship awards (13 years running, for more than \$60k)
- Strong treasury of \$100k+ with solid investment plan (CD ladder)
- Great newsletters — continuous publication for more than 12 years.

The most wonderful memories I have are working together to accomplish so much good. Yes, we have had our differences, but that says we are working together to solve issues.

This Eagle has finished soaring and is now coming home to roost. I will watch you from my perch.

My best to each of you and for what you do for our Alumni Association.

Year-end tax note

By Alison W. Sing '64
CHSAA Treasurer

I want to extend on behalf of the Alumni Association our heartfelt thanks to all of our contributors. Your continual support enables us to carry out the vision of our leaders who founded the Alumni Association in 1995.

Since 1998, we have helped a number of talented students achieve their educational dreams. Over the last 10 years, our annual scholarship program has awarded scholarships totaling \$61,565 to 33 deserving Cleveland students. For 2008, the Ed Landon Scholarship Committee pledged \$6,000, which was matched by the Alumni Association board. The combined award is the largest allocation in our 10-year history.

Our permanent irrevocable Scholarship Endowment Fund, established in 2004, has steadily grown

with a current balance of \$25,287 as of Sept. 30, 2008. Our long-term goal is to use the interest earnings from this fund to support our annual scholarship program. All alumni contributions to this fund are preserved and served as the principal for compounding our interest earnings over time.

This fund has been supplemented by a \$2,000 matching scholarship grant award from the Washington state Higher Education Coordinating Board's Community Matching Scholarship Program. The funds raised from our successful annual golf tournament have been used to serve as our annual match.

Please note that your contributions to the Alumni Association are tax-exempt to the fullest extent permitted by the tax code of the Internal Revenue Service. Dec. 31, 2008, is the final deadline for qualified tax-exempt donations to your favorite charitable organization.

Assets are safe amidst economic turmoil

By Alison W. Sing '64
CHSAA Treasurer

Thanks to all of the alumni who supported the creation of the Ed Landon Scholarship fund at the end of 2007. The Alumni Association matched the Ed Landon Scholarship commitment of awarding two \$3,000 scholarships.

This summer, four deserving Cleveland students began their educational dreams. The combined total of \$12,000 is the highest amount ever awarded by the Alumni Association in a single year.

As we approach the end of summer, the Alumni Association's assets now total \$99,215. Here is quick synopsis of our current holdings:

Checking	\$12,696
Savings	\$ 7,060
Scholarship Endowment Fund	\$25,287
Invested CDs	\$54,172

Currently, we conduct our banking with Washington Mutual Bank, which was recently sold to JPMorgan Chase.

Our deposits and financial investments are protected by Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). All of our investments are in short-term Certificates of Deposits varying from seven to 12 months.

The federal government recently took additional steps to increase the protection from \$100,000 to \$250,000. Therefore, it is my recommendation that we continue banking with our current financial institution.

2008 Eagle 100 Club

(through Nov. 10, 2008)



PLATINUM EAGLE

(\$1,000-\$4,999)

Dixon J. Smith '61
Steven T. Mikami '80

GOLDEN EAGLE

(\$500-\$999)

Jim D. Burns '50
Joanne (Janie) Winstead Roaf '55
Joseph Bellotti '57

SILVER EAGLE

(\$200-\$499)

Frances Williams Renfrow '36
Bob Traina '39
Howard R. Myers '41
Alex J. Carmichael '43
Ruth Fauconnier Cotter '43
Margery Maurer Swartz '43
Stanley G. Ridings '44
Dorothy Regis Sales '44
Lois Allan Olson '45
Mary Jylha Stuard '45
Phyllis Anderson Jurkovich '46
Lois Eisenhardt Coates '47
L. Dale & Jeanette Erickson '47
Leo Utter '48
Louise Bianchi Bullington '49
Debra Lenci Pietromonaco '49
Akira Suwabe '50
F. Ross Burgess '51
Forrest (Bill) Bullington '52
Darrell Gookstetter & Norma Rossart '52
B. Joyce Gemmill McCall '53
Anita Traverso Sullivan '53

John & Mary Lou Barton '54
Joan Kalyk Eble '55
Kay Elmore Henry '55
Frances E. Brunie McDaniel '55
Richard G. Vandemore '55
JoAnn Victor Smith '56
Judy Mc Donnell Keithley '57
Jim E. Martinson '57
Merlina Carmignani Tate '57
Dorothy Bosnich Clausen '58
Lee Medley '58
Barry J. Van Trojen '58
Susan Araki Yamamura '58
Patti Williams Estrada '60
Linda Garbini Manning '61
Sun Pang '62
Randy T. Hikida '63
Rosann M Smith Lewis '63
Jon C. Vigre '63
Robert J. Baugher Jr. '64
John L. Christiansen '64
William C. Jones III '64
Diane J. Kero '64
Mary Ann Guhra Mahler '64
Alison W. Sing '64
Maryanne Reichle '67
Ric Landon '69
Barbara A. Mar Van Eynde '71
Robert Keene '72
Roxane Sklar Jonson '84
Sandi Fridley Hunt '85

BRONZE EAGLE

(\$100-\$199)

Walter E. Berg '37

Mike & Shirley Yellam '38
Emil Martincevic Martin '40
Edgar L. Combs '41
Irene Zuger Hilborn '43
George W. Miller '43
John R. Moser '43
Miriam Del Duca Adlum '49
June Drennan Whitson '50
William C. Lantz '51
Lola Ross Simmons '52
Eleanor Fetters Zeek '54
Jerry & Carol Rosso '56
William G. Rogers '58
Kathleen Gemmill Stremick '59
(Ira) Wes Reynolds '61
Charles Widger '61
Ben Wakefield '62
Valerie Menzel Peters '64
Gerald R Robinson '64
Janie Genovese Craig '67
Wendy Tokuda '68
Peggy J. Soong-Yaplee '71
Judy A. Eng '71
Terri L. Nakamura Horsefall '71
George B. Bojko '89

MEMORIALS

In memory of **Theresa Yellam Postel Lytle '42**, who passed away in May 2008 — Phyllis A. (Donald) Vallade '44

In memory of **Jackie (Smith) McCoy '49**, who passed away in August 2008 — Roberta (Skerry) Tomkinson '48, to the scholarship fund

Fallen Eagles

(since July 2008, *denotes death prior to 2008)



1929

M. Montana Williams

1934

Lawrence Ankrum Sr.*, Clodall Marckx Wilson*

1935

Richard Lawrence*, Erling B. Sundby*

1937

Louis O. Du Long

1938

Harry D. Christiansen, Dorothy Olson Mutchler*, Robert Mutchler *

1939

Edsel Byers*, Robert Edelbrock*, Jean Newman Hanson

1940

Yoshiko Nobuyama Fujihara*, Maxine Allan Peterson*

1941

Eva Di Luck Borak, Katherine Schuehle Grigg*, Joe Y. Yabu*

1942

Peter Dunn*

1943

Mary Lou Baumann Bash*, Eugene Boileau, Donald De Vos, Irene Zuger Hilborn, Irene Chichetti Wicorek

1945

George Wedell*

1947

Hardy Schmidt*

1949

Jacquelyn Smith McCoy

1950

Walter Prall, Ellen Spendlove Taylor*

1951

Pat Salvino Bergstrom, Carol Wenger Bish

1953

Juanita Alba Chopp*, Donna A. Glitschka Coleman*, Marilyn Farrar Erlwein*, Beverly Snyder Pasqual*, Joanne Jopling Sharp*

1954

Patsy Homiston Murray

1955

Gary J. Nee *

1956

Harvey F. Parker

1959

Ted Hart, Gerald D. James*, Carl M. Okamura*, Donna Torcaso Parker, Mary Ringos, Jim Yant

1961

James A. Kallas*, Jerry Rents

1962

Sharon Sroke Lyons, Robert F. Mitchell

1963

Kenneth K. Usui

1964

Debbie M. Bailey Maugatega

1965

Jon E. Moore*

1969

Pat D'Ambrosio

1980

Victoria Wong

Staff

Louise Gray*

CHS Alumni Association Donation Form

We are suggesting \$10 be included with your donation to help defray our mailing expenses.

Please make your check payable to: **CHSAA or Cleveland HS Alumni Association.** Mail your donation to: **PO Box 94004, Seattle, WA 98124-9404.**

I would like to support the work of the Alumni Association with a donation as indicated below:

Mailing expenses – (\$10 suggested)	\$ _____
Alumni Association General Fund (unrestricted)	\$ _____
CHS Athletic Fund	\$ _____
Memorial Forest Fund	\$ _____
Scholarship Fund	
Annual Scholarship Fund	\$ _____
Endowment Fund (Restricted)	\$ _____
My Total Donation is	\$ _____

Alumni Donations totaling:

- \$100 - \$199
- \$200 - \$499
- \$500 - \$999
- \$1,000 - \$4,999
- \$5,000 - \$9,999
- \$10,000 plus

Eagle 100 Club Designation:

- Bronze Eagle
- Silver Eagle
- Golden Eagle
- Platinum Eagle
- Diamond Eagle
- Special Honors

Note: You may choose to make multiple donations over the course of the calendar year. If your cumulative total equals \$100 your name will be added to the Eagle 100 Club list.

Contributor Information:

Member #1 _____ Class _____
 Enter First, Maiden Name, and Last Name

Member #2 _____ Class _____
 Enter First, Maiden Name, and Last Name

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Area Code _____ Telephone Number _____

___ **Check here if this is a new address change.**

My E-mail address is: _____

[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 your alumni association.]

Volunteer Opportunities:

I would like to help build a strong alumni association,
I am interested in the following:

- ___ I can serve on the Board.
- ___ I can serve on a board committee -*Alumni Relations, Scholarship, Golf Scramble, Finance & Budget, Memorial Forest, Audit, Bylaws Review, and/or Nominations/Election.*
- ___ I would like to help out with an event, activity, or a specific project.
- ___ I would like to help in some other way.

Cleveland High School Alumni Association, PO Box 94004, Seattle, WA 98124-9404.

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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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CLASS reunions

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Class of 1959 (50th-year reunion)
Saturday, September 26, 2009
Rainier Golf and Country Club

Contacts:
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lucyleno@aol.com

Karen (Schuehle) and Richard Frank
(425) 413-0422
rk_frank@msn.com

Class of 1968 (41st-year reunion)
Saturday, August 22, 2009
Time and place TBD

E-mail your name (plus maiden name),
current phone number and address to:

Gail (Simon) Donaldson
classof68reunion@comcast.net

