

# The Alumni

## NEWSLETTER

CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



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### CHS WINS TECHNOLOGY GRANT

### CHS Memorial Forest FUNDRAISER



The Cleveland High School Memorial Forest is unique. Our high school is probably the only one in the universe that has a Memorial Forest dedicated in perpetuity to its fallen alumni heroes. But this 132-acre site requires maintenance and improvements to meet future needs.

One of our fallen heroes is Yoshito Noritake. Through his niece, Wendy Noritake, our alumni association



**Raising money for the  
CHS Memorial Forest while  
evaluating in-flight comforts**

Cleveland High School receives a \$200,000 technology grant from Microsoft. School Principal Princess Shareef, left, accepts a ceremonial check for \$200,000 on Nov. 18 from Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer and COO Kevin Turner. The award is from a Microsoft software technology grant to be exchanged for Microsoft educational software. The presentation was made during the opening of the Microsoft store in Bellevue.

has been given the opportunity to do a fundraiser for our Memorial Forest through a project that is funded by the Boeing Company.

The purpose of the Boeing study is to evaluate passenger comfort and satisfaction while experiencing a simulated 767 wide-body airplane flight. The funds raised by our participation will be used for improve

See **CHSMF Fundraiser** (page 2)

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**CHSMF Fundraiser** (continued from page 1)

ments and/or maintenance of the Forest. Several members of CHSAA have volunteered and are waiting to be contacted or scheduled.

On April 9th, Wendy Noritake and two friends (non CHS graduates) participated in this project and raised \$450 for the Memorial Forest. For each CHSAA participant Boeing will donate \$150 to the CHS Memorial Forest fund.

The Boeing project simulates trans-Atlantic flights, complete with meals, snacks and in-seat entertainment. Participants are periodically asked to fill out a short questionnaire to document passenger comfort and satisfaction with the flight. All flights will be different as a variety of wide-body seating configurations are being tested.

Participants will be scheduled as needed for specific tests. Your name is still on the list if you have volunteered and meet the project passenger criteria. Don't give up. Hopefully you will be contacted soon. Testing will continue every Wednesdays and Saturdays through mid September.

If you are interested and would like to help raise money by participating in this fundraiser, then contact the following:

Email: [chsaaseattle@yahoo.com](mailto:chsaaseattle@yahoo.com)

Provide: your name, class year and number of people

Your participation dollars will be used exclusively for the CHS Memorial Forest in honor of our fallen heroes.

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# From the Principal's Desk

**Soaring Eagles.** Last Thursday, April 27th, members of the Class of 1970 were in attendance at our fourth annual Soaring Eagles Award ceremony. This wonderful ceremony is the brain child of Assistant Principal Marjorie Milligan. I had the privilege of attending the first ceremony, that took place four years ago, during the Spring before I became principal here at Cleveland. On that day, eighty-eight students were honored for having earned a 3.2 grade point average or above. This year two hundred students were recognized for that accomplishment and another thirty-three were recognized as Rising Eagles for having improved their grade point average by at least a full point.



Princess Shareef

Each student received a certificate and a medal. Those students having received a 4.0 grade average were given ipod nanos and those seniors having maintained a 4.0 grade average received an ipod touch. The class of 1970 helped make it all possible with a generous donation of \$7,000.00.

**Youth in Government.** As I write this, eighteen Cleveland students are in Olympia participating in the Youth in Government program, wherein students have been preparing bills for the legislative and presenting them to a panel of legislators.

**Guatemala Mission.** A group of Cleveland students spent mid-winter break in Guatemala working side by side with doctors and nurses in the Guatemala Village Health. Students were given real-life experience in running a clinic, entering data on patient charts and performing lab tests. In preparation for the trip students had done research on Dengue fever and its causes. As a result of learning that the primary source of infection is worms entering the bare feet of their victims, the students gathered two hundred pairs of shoes to donate to the community. These students will be entered into the Bio Expo this year and are hoping for a good showing.

**Robotics Team.** This year, Cleveland fielded its first Robotics Team. Engineering teachers Kelly Clark and Doug Hartley were advisors to a group of dedicated students who worked many, many hours after school to create a robot to enter their First Robotics competition. On this, their maiden voyage, they came in 11th in a field of 50 teams. With valuable experience gained, the team is looking forward to participating in next year's event.

**Auction.** Thursday, May 12th is our Fourth Red and White Auction. It takes place at the Museum of Flight

from 5:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. The School of Life Sciences is looking to find funding for video equipment to help document projects like the trip to Guatemala. The School of Engineering and Design is seeking funding to continue the work of the Robotics team. We are looking forward to having CHS alumni come out and support our efforts !!! For more information call Dick Lee at (206) 252- 0476 or e-mail at [rjlee@seattleschools.org](mailto:rjlee@seattleschools.org). [Note: This newsletter will be published after the event.]

## 2011 EAGLE 100 CONTRIBUTIONS

### Golden Eagles (\$500-\$999)

'54 John & MaryLou (Zarkades) Barton

### Silver Eagles (\$200-\$499)

'45 Lois (Allan) Olson

'57 Ralph Yocum

'59 Sam & Sharon (Robinson '61) Ronie

'63 T. Lewis Anderson

'67 MaryAnne Reichle

### Bronze Eagles (\$100-\$199)

'40 Helen (Cleveland) Koenig

'42 Gordon J. Glockner

'45 Dorothy J. Swanson

'49 Donald Armeni

Veronica (Mennie) Tutino

'51 James W. McArthur

'52 Forrest L. "Bill" Bullington

'53 Loretta (Vanzile) Cook

'56 Ronald & Virginia (Crisp) Fairbairn

Daniel E. Lowe

'58 Susan (Araki) Yamamura

'59 Kathleen (Gemmill) Stremick

'60 Patricia (Bosnich) Reindel

'63 Randy T. Hikida

Rosann M. (Smith) Lewis

'70 Allan J. Ohlsen

'73 James Dilonardo

'74 Patsy J. (Aragon) Connors

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CHSAA Memorial Ceremony Moved to  
Tahoma National Cemetery

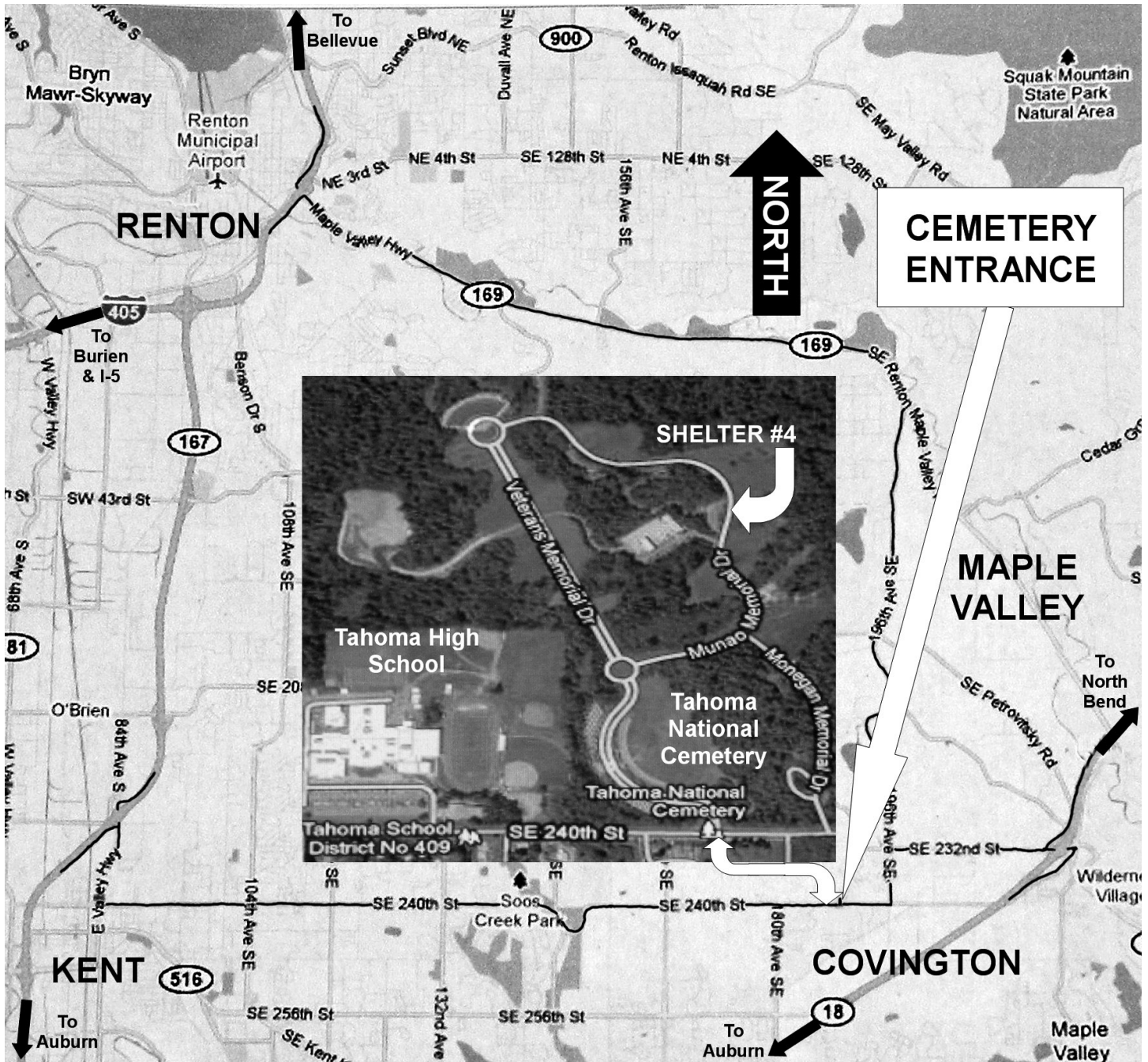
Please note that this year's ceremony honoring our CHS fallen heroes will not take place at the CHS Memorial Forest. We were notified by the school district that the Memorial Forest site would not be available because the restrooms will be in the process of being rebuilt. Instead we will go to the Tahoma National Cemetery, which is located in the City of Covington at 18600 SE 240th Street. Covington is located in the southeast corner of King County near Maple Valley and just north of Black Diamond. (See map. The cemetery is just to the east of Tahoma High School).

We will meet at Shelter #4 at 10:45AM on Wednesday, May 25th, 2011. There is plenty of paved parking and . . . . NO MUD !!!

The one hour-long program will include: students folding the colors, military volleys, taps, a flag presentation, speakers and a history of the CHS Memorial Forest and the Tahoma National Cemetery.

The Tahoma National Cemetery should be quite the site for our Memorial ceremony. The cemetery includes over 22,000 grave sites and we expect that all grave markers will have flag decorations as well as the Street of Flags, which points to Mount Rainier.

A map and directions are provided on the adjacent page.



**From Interstate 405:**

1. Drive to east Renton on I-405
2. Take exit 4
3. Turn east onto WA-169 S/Maple Valley Hwy (sign to Enumclaw)
4. Cont. to follow WA-169 S for about 6 mi
5. Turn right onto 196th Ave SE, cont for 3.1 mi to Y in the road
6. Turn right to stay on 196th Ave SE, cont for 2.2 mi
7. Turn right onto SE 240th St, cont for 0.6 mi to entrance

**From Hwy 167:**

1. Drive to Kent on WA-167 S
2. Take the 84th Ave S/N Central Ave exit
3. Turn south onto 84th Ave S, cont for 0.7 mi

4. Turn left onto E James St, which becomes S 240th St
5. Continue eastwardly for 6.5 mi to entrance

**From Hwy 18:**

1. Drive to the Maple Valley area.
2. Take the SE 231st St exit
3. Turn west onto SE 231st St, which becomes SE 232nd St
4. Continue westwardly for 1.4 mi
5. Turn left onto 196th Ave SE, cont for 0.5 mi
6. Turn right onto SE 240th St, cont for 0.6 mi to entrance

**If you have a GPS the address is:  
18600 SE 240th St Covington, WA.**

# ANYONE FOR GOLF ???

It's that time of year again. Time to make your plans for the 10th Annual Cleveland High School Alumni Association Golf Tournament.

## YEE-HAW !!!

The tournament will take place on Saturday, August 13th at Jefferson Park Golf Course. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the CHSAA college scholarship fund for CHS graduates.

This year's tournament will feature a reverse shotgun start. If it's anywhere close to last year then we will have about a dozen 4-man teams competing for the best team score. The entry fee is only \$100 per player and includes:

- Your greens fee
- Golf cart
- Coffee & donuts on arrival
- A hot lunch
- Prizes (if you win)
- Fun !!! Fun !!! Fun !!!

This is a great activity to spend with your classmates, meet other alums from the 1940s through the 2000s, and play some friendly, competitive golf.

If you have any questions about the Tournament, please email:

**Barbara VanEynde** [vaneynde\\_family@yahoo.com](mailto:vaneynde_family@yahoo.com)

The registration form is on page 7. We look forward to seeing your **smiley face !!!**

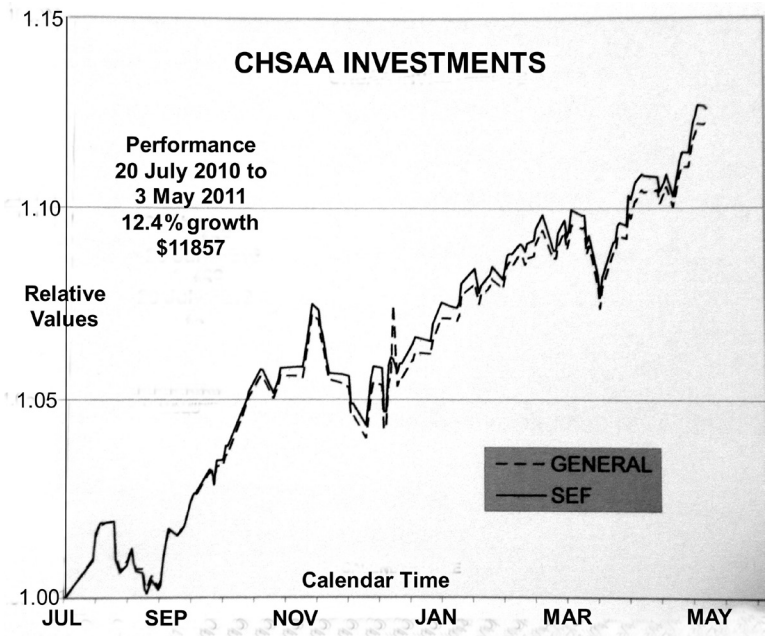
## Treasurer's report

We are pleased with the ongoing contributions. Thanks to one Boeing employee plus the Boeing matching gift we have added over \$5000 to the Scholarship Endowment Fund. And our investments have done well as one would expect from the market gains (see chart below).

This year we have already given \$2500 to CHS Journalism and \$2500 to CHS Athletics.

I have completed a 2010 report that shows that income and expenses are accounted for. And the expenses are detailed. For those who are interested I can mail or email the document. My contact information is given on page 2.

Allen Storaasli



# REGISTRATION FORM

## 2011 CHSAA GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Date:** Saturday, August 13, 2011  
**Time:** 7:30 AM , Reverse Shotgun  
**Format:** 4 Person Team

**Where:** Jefferson Park Golf Course  
 4101 Beacon Avenue South  
 Seattle, WA 98108  
 Tel: 206-762-4513

**Entry Fee:** \$100 per player by July 20th  
 \$110 per player after July 20th



### Essential Information:

- Golfers receive: green fee, golf cart, morning coffee & donuts, and a hot lunch at end of tournament
- Prizes will be awarded for both individual and team achievements
- All profits go to our tax-exempt 501(c)(3) CHSAA Scholarship Fund
- Sponsor a hole for \$200 and receive a sponsorship sign on a hole and program acknowledgement too!

### Annual CHSAA Golf Tournament Entry Form

Team Captain \_\_\_\_\_ Year Graduated \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

My Team	Year Graduated
1. _____ (Team Captain)	_____
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 do not have a full team we will pair you with another partial team. Make checks payable to CHSAA and note 2011 Golf on the memo line. A **Mulligan Package for \$10** can be purchased on-site during registration. A **Mulligan Package** consists of two (2) mulligans.

**Mulligan packages** can be added to your registration fee. **Limit: One Mulligan package per player.**

Mail entry forms to: **CHSAA**  
**c/o Barb Van Eynde**  
**2625 183rd Avenue NE**  
**Redmond, WA, 98052**

Entry forms must be received no later than **Wednesday, July 20th, 2011.**  
 Late entries will be charged an additional **\$10 per player.**

Sponsor: Yes \_\_\_\_\_, I/my [company/class] would like to sponsor a hole at this year's Annual CHSAA Golf Tournament. Enclose a check for \$200. Please include company logo or information for tee sign/banner.

For more information contact:

**Barb Mar Van Eynde '71:** Phone **425-861-7442** or email = **vaneynde\_family@yahoo.com**

# CHS CELEBRATES "TEAM OF THE CENTURY"

Seattle Times January 6, 2011, article by staff reporter Mason Kelley

Carl Ervin considers the memories of his playing days at Cleveland High School some of the fondest he's experienced.

For two seasons, 1974-75 and '75-76, the Eagles were hoops heroes. They won back-to-back state titles while going 50-1, with four players going on to play Division I college basketball.

"We really stayed close and those were some of the best times of our lives," said Ervin, who played at Seattle University and is an assistant coach at O'Dea. "The bonds we made with those two teams and the times down at Cleveland are something that's lasted a lifetime, really."

The success of those teams and the leadership of the players helped spark a renaissance of school pride.

For their accomplishments both on and off the floor, the 1975-76 team was named The Seattle Times' Team of the Century in 1999. On Friday, the school will retire the jerseys of Ervin, James Woods and Jawaan Oldham between boys and girls varsity games at Cleveland against Chief Sealth. The boys game starts at 6:15 p.m. and the girls game at 8.

"When the season's over, things are forgotten pretty fast at a high school," said former school principal Bill Maynard, who will emcee the event. "But, in this case, by the time these kids were juniors, we were able to parlay what happened in basketball to building pride in the school."

"We went from having fights every day to two fights an entire year. It was just incredible. Our absentee rate went down. Our dropout rate went down. It had a huge effect in carrying over to building pride in the school."

Members of the Seattle basketball community, including Lenny Wilkens, Lorenzo Romar and Cameron Dollar, will join faculty and alumni in celebrating the accomplishments of a group that remains close.

"For those people in the basketball community to come and pay homage and give respect to our teams and our accomplishments 30-some-odd years later is a great honor," Ervin said. "It really means a lot. It just shows those really were some special times."



Carl Ervin

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## Young, budding artist motivated to succeed

By Jhonae Brown,  
Cleveland Journal reporter

Cleveland has a budding artist, and his name is Ronald McGrew. [Photo on page 9]

The sophomore said the Disney channel is his biggest inspiration and watching "High School Musical" sparked his interest in being a part of a musical.

McGrew's two-year goal to perform in a musical didn't become reality until his recent participation in the musical "Hairspray" through a program called Broadway Bound. McGrew took an active role in the production as a background character, a singer and a dancer.

McGrew is well-grounded despite his talent, accord-

ing to his friends.

"Ronald is a good friend," said sophomore Sean Wilson. "I find it surprising how he remains humble with the amount of talent he has."

McGrew has his future planned. He would like to take a year break from his studies after completing high school. Then he'll be ready to enroll in either a performing arts college or a college with a great performing arts program.

Although McGrew's family tells him that being a singer and/or actor is not a wise career decision, McGrew still strives to become the entertainer he's destined to be. McGrew said he uses people's doubts in goals to find motivation to succeed.

"Ronald is stubborn, but sometimes it's a good thing because it helps fuel his singing and makes him persistent when people tell him he can't do something," said sophomore Khyree Smith.

# Biomed entices students through hands-on learning

By Nia Camilon  
Cleveland Journal reporter

Similar to every story, there are two sides to Cleveland High: the School of Life Science (SOLS) and the School of Engineering and Design (SOED). What do students know about SOLS? The academy has the basics math, humanities, gym. But then there's the most important subject, science.

What purpose does the SOLS academy serve? It prepares students for jobs in science and medicine.

Biomed is one of the classes offered. "Bio" means life and "med" means medicine. Biomed is mandatory for all SOLS students. The class teaches students about the anatomy, how to perform an autopsy, and labeling the different parts of the heart. It also explores the different professions having to do with the medical field.

If you're not in the SOLS academy, you've probably heard things like, "I hate Biomed, the teacher talks too much" or "That class could be better if only he was better at explaining."

Admittedly, the class is difficult, and some students claim that often times they feel very lost. The instructor for Biomed recognizes the level of difficulty.

"The students in this class work very hard," said Dr. Shaver.

Students can see that the class is beneficial in demonstrating how things flow in the real world.

"Biomed is a good class," said Biomed student Savannah Daniels. "Lessons we take now may be challenging, but they will benefit us later. What we are learning now will have us more ready for the jobs we want later."



Freshman Dellannah Collins Wright watches how biofuel is created on a recent Targeted Growth field trip.



Ronald McGrew has a passion for music and singing

One of the more positive aspects of the class is the hands-on learning. Students have dissected hearts and practiced other medical procedures. At the end of the year, students are expected to write a 10 to 15 page essay.

Biomed may seem like a hassle, but it all works toward the greater good of the student. The class can help put students on the path to a very successful profession.

# CHS ALUMNI EVENTS

## **REUNIONS 2011**

### **Class of 1956**

Join us on September 24, 2011 at Foster Golf Links from 12:30 PM until 5 PM.  
13500 Interurban Ave S., in Tukwila. Lots of free parking.

We'll have a delicious buffet lunch. No-host bar. The cost to you will be \$15.

Please send your check made out to "CHS Class of 1956" and mail to:

JoAnn Smith, 4512 196th St SE, Bothell WA 98012

Contact: Jo Smith - josmitty3952@yahoo.com or 425-487-3952

Contact: Jerry Rosso - rjerryrosso@gmail.com or 206-762-4375

### **Class of 1959**

70th Birthday Celebration Luncheon: The Classmates in the Class of 1959, decided turning "70" might be less painful for us if we celebrated our 70th birthdays together so we hope you can all attend the following event:

Flight Museum at Boeing Field

Date: September 24, 2011 Time: 11:00 AM - 3: PM

Buffet Lunch \$47.50 cost includes admission to the museum.

Further information contact:

Dennis and Pat (Neumeyer) Primoli at 253-445-1645 lucyleno@aol.com

Dick and Karen (Schuehle) Frank at 425-413-0422 rk\_frank@msn.com

### **Classes of the 70s Gathering**

Saturday, September 17 at 6:00 PM

New Hong Kong

900 South Jackson St #23

Seattle, WA

\$25 per head for a 6 course family style plus dessert (upgrade from last year's buffet style).

Dancing and Door Prizes and Raffle - CASUAL DRESS IT BE!

Payments by check payable to:

Richard Tada, 3717 260th Ave SE, Issaquah WA 98029

Using PayPal, payments can be sent to richtada@comcast.net

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### **Class of 1971**

Our 30 Year reunion is set for August 20, 2011

Where: Club Sur located at 2901 - 1st Avenue South.

Cost per person is \$65 until August 1, 2011

After August 1, the cost will go up to \$75

There will be a no-host bar and a buffet dinner for you to enjoy.

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## **REUNIONS 2012**

### **Class of 1967**

Date: July 13-15, 2012 (Next Year)

Place: Seattle, WA

The 45 year reunion is in the planning stage. If you are interested in a reunion or contacting a classmate, please send an email message to [chs67reunion@gmail.com](mailto:chs67reunion@gmail.com). Or call Charlene or Cathy.

Your help is needed in contacting classmates.

Committee: Marcia and Ross Rogers, Charlene (Tsuji) Grinolds (253-630-2279)

Cathy (Dahl) Bossett (206-322-1947), Harry Huey

If you are not receiving the CHSAA newsletter, please contact Charlene Grinolds 253-630- 2279 and/or JoAnn Smith [chsaseattle@yahoo.com](mailto:chsaseattle@yahoo.com)

## **OTHER EVENTS**

### **Class of 1960**

The class held its 50th Reunion on Friday and Saturday of August 20-21, 2010. The Reunion Committee planned a wonderful weekend of activities beginning Friday night with a celebration reception, dinner, and dance at the Seattle Yacht Club for 132 people. This class has always been surrounded by good luck, and after 50 years it is still holding true. Class members and guests were met with warm weather and blue skies amid the splendor of a water view at an upscale location. [photo below from Richard Petrut '60]

On Saturday a number of classmates met at St. George's for a light lunch and then a tour of CHS. Much has changed but much remains the same. They then moved on for refreshments at a Georgetown location.

At the end of the day, the Class of 1960 still has 41 classmates on the ***Could Not Locate*** list and 44 "Fallen Eagles" who are gone but not forgotten.



### **Class of 1954**

Twenty nine members (including spouses) of this class celebrated the return of the sun on April 13th by having a luncheon at McCormick & Schmick's Harborside Restaurant on Lake Union. It was a beautiful, balmy day with a light breeze, yachts cruising by, seaplanes landing and taking off, the guys in good humor and the gals looking their very best, and a good time was shared by all. Unfortunately, everyone was too busy having a good time to take a picture . . . but the memories will linger on in our minds forever. [If you weren't invited then provide your contact information to Mary Lou (Zarkades) & John Barton at: Phone **425-432-9592** or email [barzarxxx@comcast.net](mailto:barzarxxx@comcast.net)]

# FALLEN EAGLES

# IN MEMORIAM

1938 Sylvia (Chebuhar) Claeys  
1939 Bob Traina \*  
1940 Don Lundberg  
Anthony Maracich  
1941 Leland P. Verschueren \*  
1942 John F. Grimm \*  
1946 Leatrice (Madzuma) Reynolds  
1949 Janet (Mc Laren) Scanlon  
1950 Raymond Briscoe \*  
1952 Terrence Mason  
Patricia (Huff) Hunt  
1953 William W. Davidson  
George R. Hertel  
Robert M. Jones  
Laurena (Hillge) Palkowski \*  
1954 Geraldine E. (Soule) West  
1955 Audrey (Everall) Coleman \*  
1956 Carol A. (Holmes) Anderson \*  
Kristine L. (Forbes) Anderson \*  
Dennis K. Fish  
1957 Leonard F. Barrea \*  
1961 Jack R. Langenegger  
1963 Janice (Manning) Rusk \*  
1964 Phil N. Acosta \*  
William D. Carson \*  
Lenny R. Cooper \*  
Douglas C. Curry \*  
Judy K. (Ownby) Nieukirk  
Ronald J. Riccetti  
Patricia (Lytle) Stoops \*  
Barbara Workman \*  
Veryl Yarnes \*  
Bennett Yee \*  
1965 Jonathan Bruce Hanan \*  
1969 Steven Gilbert  
1972 Lawrence M. Abe  
1982 Angela Gasso \*  
Staff Phil Blix \*  
Robert Dunwoodie  
Helen King \*

\* Those who passed prior to 2011



A donation in the name of Betty (Santulli) Yurina '58 was made by classmate Rich Shankland. Betty was married to classmate Jim Yurina. She passed away from cancer on September 19, 2010.

Alice (Brinsmead Hegna class of 1960 was remembered by Kathleen (Gemmill) Stremick '59 with an Eagle 100 contribution to CHSAA. Alice passed away on November 4, 2009.

Randy Hikita class of 1963 honored two of his classmates with a contribution to the Memorial Forest Fund. Linda M. Simpson passed away on June 1, 2001 and Janice Manning Rusk passed August 15, 2010.

Rod Curry class of 1973 passed away in October of 2009. Charlaïne-Hope (Bellinger) Curry 1950 made a contribution to the CHS Alumni Association in his memory.

Leatrice (Madzuma) Reynolds 1946 graciously suggested contributions to the CHS Alumni Association be made in her memory. She passed away on March 11, 2011. The following friends honored her wishes and we wish to thank them for their donations:

Bob '43 and Mary Lou (Boyden) Griffin '46

John and Diane Redenbaugh .

Don & Margie (Hartmann) Sherard '47.

Mr. Ronnie Clutcher

Joanne (Knowles) Blankenship classmate 1946.

Catherine Scott – a friend

James De Lonardo '73



# WHO WILL REMEMBER

Excerpts from a poem by Lee Grimes  
for the  
Veteran's Memorial at Chehalis, Wa.

Who will remember the Great World War, the trenches and the gas?  
Who will remember World War II and all the battles fought?  
Who will remember the Korean War, those cold frostbitten feet?  
Who will remember the Vietnam War, fought for so many years?  
Who will remember the Persian Gulf War, fought on distant desert sand?  
Who will remember our undeclared wars, the ones that kept evil at bay?  
Who will remember? Will it be only those who were there?

The Cleveland High School Alumni Association is proud to say . . . .

## **We Remember !!!**

It has been 35 years since South Vietnam surrendered to North Vietnam. With the upcoming Memorial Day gatherings we would like to give special attention to that war and the four men from Cleveland High School who lost their lives while serving our country. Their names are given below:

Vietnam casualties on the Memorial Rock:

Ignacio Escobar Duro

Robert (Bruce) Richards \*

Theodore Rolstad

Kenneth Henry Visintin

\* Any information on Robert Richards would appreciated

# A COMPARISON OF TWO WARS

[An excerpt from Nam Vet by Chuck Dean]

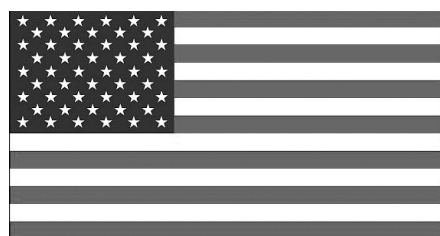
**World War II:** Consider an eighteen-year-old boy in 1942. He went off to war in Europe, sticking with his training unit for an extended time and making many friends. Together they ended up in France. The unit fought the war on the battlefield, and our young soldier always knew that the enemy was in front of him. He also knew that the French people were behind him. They loved him and considered him a liberator. His unit fought until it was replaced by another unit. Then he and his surviving companions were moved to the rear (often Paris) for rest. After the war he and thousands of other soldiers loaded onto troop ships and spent a couple of weeks floating back across the Atlantic. During this time they debriefed each other about their wartime experiences. It was their decompression chamber from the war, giving them time to wind down and get their thinking straight. They arrived home, all disembarking at one location. They marched off the troop ships into a New York City tickertape parade and were welcomed back into open, loving arms.

**Vietnam:** An eighteen-year-old is drafted into the US Army. After sixteen weeks of training, he is sent home on a leave before going overseas. Then he reports in, alone, to a marshaling point on the West Coast. There he is loaded into a commercial jetliner and swooped across the Pacific in less than thirty hours. Arriving in Saigon, he gets jostled along to pick up jungle gear, loaded onto a helicopter, and airlifted out to a jungle base camp where he is dumped off. At the base camp he becomes the "new guy." None of the seasoned "troops" even want to know his name, other than "new guy" or "cherry." New guys had a bad habit of stepping on mines and booby traps and getting maimed or killed—along with everyone around them.

This teenage soldier is never sure of anything he is doing. He isn't briefed on war strategies or instructed on exactly who the enemy is. He finds that the South Vietnamese people (whom he was sent to help) disliked and ridiculed him, even while they expect him to fight the war for them as they play games on the black market. His prime purpose for being in Vietnam changes from that of winning the war to surviving 365 days so he could go home and forget this nightmare.

Somewhere along the line he becomes a seasoned "troop" only because he lived long enough to be called that by others. His one year in-country finally comes to an end. He is extracted from the bush by helicopter and then jetted out of Vietnam. He arrives back in the States in less than thirty hours. There he receives no debriefing, no decompression time, no parades, and he encounters no friends who understand the experience he's gone through for the last twelve months. He finds himself alone in a country that couldn't care less that he's spent his nineteenth birthday in a leech-infested rice paddy, scared half to death that he was about to die.

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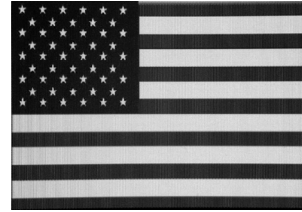
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