ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT
SETS RECORDS

Profits Support CHS Athletics

By Danny Hagan '73, 2014 Tournament Director

The 14th Annual Cleveland High School (CHSAA) Alumni Golf Tournament was held on August 16th at Jefferson Park Golf Course and it created a lot of “firsts” for the CHSAA and the tournament committee as follows:

- Record: 72 golfers filling up one half of Jefferson Park for the shotgun start
- Record: 36 hole sponsors giving the event two sponsors per hole
- Record: a net profit of $8100, shattering the previous record of $5700

The morning started a little overcast at check-in, but soon the August sun was out for the shotgun start at 8 am. At the end of the round the players returned to a large party tent for awards and raffle prizes. [Note: Jefferson Park is under construction for a new clubhouse and driving range which will host next year’s tournament.]

A BBQ lunch was served to all players – described as “yummy” by some. Lunch was followed by the awards ceremony where the winners of the tournament (listed below) were given very nice prizes. A raffle was then held to give prizes to all players. YES, FREE PRIZES!!! Jim Emmi ‘77 and Helen Woo Nicdao ‘79 conducted the raffle. Helen, again, did a superb job of procuring great prizes for the players. The players appreciated the prizes and some swapping went on so players could barter to get the prize of their choice.

A special raffle was held to give some high end gifts, which hopefully contributed to the record number of players for the tournament. The highlight was a 2013 Masters Flag from Augusta National Golf Club. It was signed by Beacon Hill’s own Fred Couples, the 1992 Masters Champion and World Golf Hall of Fame member. The Masters Flag was donated through Bridgestone Golf.

Part of the ceremony was a little more sobering as we recognized two of Beacon Hill’s favorite sons and CHS alumni, Ricky Mah ’75 and Mike Higa ’69. Both were lost to illness in 2014 and both were hole sponsors for the tournament. Ricky’s sister, Connie, was on hand to receive his hole-sponsor sign from the golf committee. Warren Higa ’74 honored his brother Mike by sponsoring a hole for the tournament. Warren was also a participant in the tournament.

A special recognition award was given to Alumni Board member and Golf Committee Member, Jay Turner ’75, by the CHSAA. Jay has been the key sponsor for all 13 of the CHSAA tournaments and has donated over $30,000 of retail products to the winning teams over these years. Through his contributions, Jay has also helped the Franklin, Garfield and Chief Sealth golf programs, as well as outfitting the recently reformed CHS boy’s and girl’s teams with clubs, balls, bags, etc. Many students have been able to participate in high school athletics because of Jay’s donations, and he received the standing ovation he deserved. Jay embodies what supporting CHS athletics is all about!

This year’s tournament winners were as follows:

1st Place: Victor Yee ’74, Freddie Yamaguchi ’74, Kevin Kuwahara ’74 and Warren Higa ’74
2nd Place: Lew Anderson ’63, Nathan Anderson (guest) Jim Jackson ’63 and Larry Smalley ’64
3rd Place: Vivian Sakagami Yorita ’74, Danny Hagan ’73, Rich Price (guest) and Bill Tanay (guest)

Men’s Long Drive: Nathan Anderson
Women’s Long Drive: Beth Jackson
Senior’s Long Drive: Mike Jones
Men’s Closest To The Hole: Larry Smalley
Women’s Closest To The Hole: Beth Jackson

The money raised by CHSAA from this year’s tournament was earmarked to benefit CHS athletic programs that are in need of equipment, uniforms and transportation to practice sites. CHS has high

See Golf Tournament (PAGE 6)
HELP US STAY GREEN !!!

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PUZZLE

A rooster is on the crown of a roof of a house located on the equator. The crown of the roof is perpendicular to the equator with one side facing east and the other facing west. If it lays an egg, will the egg roll down the east side or the west side? Keep in mind that Earth rotates from west to east.

See Puzzle Answer, page 6
CHSAA ANNUAL MEETING
The annual meeting of the CHS Alumni Assoc.
Day: Saturday, January 17th
Time: 10:00 am to 12:00 noon
Place: Cleveland High School
5511 15th Avenue South
Seattle, WA 98108
Room: 1201 (main building)
Agenda: 2014 accomplishment
2015 objectives
Treasurer’s report
Election of Board Members
Board Meeting to follow
Approval of Jan. 2013 minutes
Refreshments provided. Bring a classmate.

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FEEDBACK FROM OUR READERS
The Jack White Story: I just wanted to thank you again for the great book. It captures Jack’s words perfectly, just as if I was listening to him myself. The questions are great. I didn’t know he received faster/higher rank by flying. I also like his emphasis on being a volunteer and the camaraderie with his crew. Jack is so matter-of-fact about his experience, like a job that just had to be done, and all at 19 years old, amazing. He truly is part of The Greatest Generation.

I’m glad to support the CHS Memorial Forest. It’s funny, I never learned about the forest until I joined the alumni some years later. Not a thing was mentioned about it (or I just didn’t pay attention — a good possibility) while I was going to Cleveland. It’s nice to see the kids going to the Forest today.

Thanks you very much.
Allan Ohlsen ’70

Comments, suggestions and criticisms are welcome.

BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED — AGAIN —
Once again the Alumni Association is requesting our classmates to consider serving on the board. While our mission statement highlights the CHS Memorial Forest we have been spending equal or more energy and funds on the students at Cleveland. Scholarships have made a huge difference in the lives of graduating seniors bound for college. Athletics at Cleveland have improved significantly in the past few years, and they are fielding very competitive teams. The problem has been that some of the teams have been lacking equipment and/or sharing uniforms. Your donations have helped solve the issue. A sense of school pride has emerged. We have 6 openings on the board which meets 3-4 times per year at the school, generally on a Tuesday evening for 2-3 hours.

If you are even a little bit interested, please contact a board member via email or telephone and/or come to the annual meeting on January 17, 2015 at 10 AM.

[Editor’s note: The Board does a lot of good things and it can be a wonderful experience.]

TREASURER’S REPORT
by Allen Storaasli
18 November 2014. Total assets continue to increase slowly, even as we support athletics more. Our assets increased 1.6% in the past 12 months.

• The 2014 Golf Tournament netted $8,200
• The Landon Scholarship is now at $12,000
• Lyceum rebuild effort (Memorial Forest): We sent $3000 to the architect to produce design drawings.

Major expenditures for the year are summarized below:

- Scholarships $14,000
- Athletics/other 12,008
- Newsletter 5,002
- Golf tournament 5,487 (outgoing)
- Postal service 4,774
- Lyceum design 3,000
- Insurance 1,871
- Essay contest 360
- CHSAA website 215

Alumni are encouraged to attend the next annual meeting on Saturday, January 17th for more financial details and to participate in future spending discussions. Check the upper left corner of this page for details on the annual meeting.
Team 12 score = 55
Lew Anderson, Nathan Anderson, Jim Jackson, Larry Smalley (Baird)
Vivian Yorita, Bill Tanay, Rich Price, Danny Hagan

Team 13 score = 50
Team 16 score = 48
Team 3 score = 50
Team 18 score = 53
Team 15 score = 55
Team 14 score = 57
Team 10 score = 56
Team 9 score = 56
Team 2 score = 59
John Nelson, Tom Hoshikawa, Rod Okazaki, Skeeter Keene

Dick Brown, Mike Horat, Jim Ballo, Jeff VanGaver

Alison Sing, Ginny Yazzolino Ogle, John Morehead, Phyllis Roberts Morehead, Jack Oharah

Annette Duvall, Kevin Ha, Jay Sebial, Jeff Schmidt

Juanita (Flores) Harwood, David Harwood, Jess Flores, Myrna Flores

Pelly Chinn, Sheryl (Eng) Chinn, Joyce Yamanaka, Tom Nakamichi

Mike Conrad, Jim Emmi '77, Judy Eng '71, Barb Eguchi Ishitani '73

Juanita (Flores) Harwood & Jess Flores in the food line

Lunch for about 80 people in a large party tent

Jay Turner '75 (center) receiving a plaque from Danny Hagan '73 and Vivian Yorita '74. The plaque is to honor Jay for 13 years of financial support to the CHSAA golf tournament.

Helen Woo Nicdao '79 & Jim Emmi '77 giving out raffle prizes
transportation costs for sports teams because the adjacent sports facilities do not meet the requirements of the Seattle School District (SSD). Consequently, the following CHS teams have additional transportation costs for practice and the SSD provides no additional funding for these expenditures:
* Fastpitch
* Baseball
* Boys & girls soccer
* Football
* Swimming
* Track & Field
* Tennis

The CHS Athletic Director, Annette Duvall, was a participant in the tournament and told the alumni and guests how lack of funding affects the current CHS students. She expressed appreciation to everyone for their support. From the CHSAA and Tournament Committee to you, Annette, we are honored and proud to be able to help.

A big thanks to all on the committee who work so hard to put this tournament together — the effort takes from January to mid-August. The feedback we received so far indicates that the 2014 tournament was the best organized and the best run to date. Our thanks go to Vivian Sakagami Yorita ’74, Helen Woo Nicdao ’79, Barb Eguchi Ishitani ’73, Jim Emmi ’77 and Jay Turner ’75, along with volunteers Judy Eng ’71, John Barton ’54 and Mike Conrad. These alumni and volunteers were prepared and worked so hard from sunrise to late afternoon on tournament day, not to mention all the pre-tournament meetings required to hold an event of this size. They are what giving back to Cleveland High is all about.

In addition, a HUGE thanks to our hole sponsors, which included alumni, alumni business owners, Beacon Hill and non-local business owners, and alumni financial advisors. One hundred percent of hole-sponsorship money goes directly to the CHSAA to benefit the athletic department at CHS. Also, thanks to the raffle-prize donors who allow us to give a prize to every tournament participant — a small kickback for supporting the tournament and CHSAA.

From the Cleveland High School 2014 Tournament Committee and the CHSAA Board of Directors - a huge thanks to so many for making this year’s tournament the best and most profitable to date. Also — if you had fun — please encourage other alumni and guests to play in 2015.

Hole sponsors are listed in the adjacent column. Raffle prize donors are listed on page 7. Photos of the golf teams are shown on pages 4 and 5.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU GIVE !!!

Puzzle Answer (Continued from page 2)
Roosters don’t lay eggs.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

December 19, 2014. The vision at Cleveland is to develop a student who will be prepared to be career and college ready with 21st century skills. We want our students to be productive members of society and we want to produce the next generation of great engineers, scientists and mathematicians. To this end, I am happy to make this report.

Our goal is to take Cleveland from good to great and once again become that “beacon on the hill.” I am happy to inform you that Cleveland High School has continued to strive toward its academic goals and return to its former glory of athletics excellence.

Academics:
Cleveland has received the Schools of Distinction Award for the second straight year. This award is given to the top five percent of schools in the State that have made the most gains in reading and mathematics over a five-year period.

Cleveland’s graduation rate has risen from 69% to 76%. We have more students going to four-year universities and STEM schools. We’ve also seen an increase in students taking rigorous courses such as AP Environmental Science, AP Computer Science, AP Statistics, Advanced Geometry and Algebra courses. The high quality of our instruction and course offerings has attracted great teachers and students. [AP = Advanced Placement]

Athletics:
With the guidance of our athletic director, Annette Duvall, our athletic program has continued to grow and be very competitive. For the first time in decades our football team went to the playoffs two years in a row, led by Coach Jeff Schmidt and his staff. The Boys Golf, Girls Cross Country, Girls Swim, Girls Soccer and Girls Volleyball teams had successful seasons with our students being recognized with post season awards (see page 9). This year we welcome our new girls basketball coach, Jamie Redd. Ms. Redd was a former Washington Husky Basketball All American and former WNBA player. The girls basketball team is currently rated number seven in the State and they look to three-peat as State Champions this year.

Janet Gwilym-Tso is our parent contact person for the Red and White Auction this year. As always, we welcome volunteers at Cleveland. Lois Brewer is in charge of volunteers. Her phone number is 206-252-7874.

To conclude, I would like to thank the Cleveland Alumni Association for its support. Without it, our road to greatness would indeed be a rocky path.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS to all of you and I look forward to working with you in the future.

George L. Breland, Principal
Cleveland High School
Cleveland’s win streak snapped

LAKESIDE 41, CLEVELAND 39

For first time since 2010, Cleveland loses at home

By NATHANIEL REEVES
Special to the Seattle Times

Lakeside went into a hostile environment Friday night to face a powerhouse team that hadn’t lost an in-state game in more than two years.

The stands in Cleveland High School’s gym were filled with mostly Cleveland fans, all there to watch the Eagles continue their 56-game in-state win streak.

But Lakeside would not be intimidated. The Lions (4-0, 3-0) snapped that streak with a 41-39 road victory, a win that counted toward the Metro League standings.

Behind Kimiiah King (nine points) and Kallin Spiller (13 points, 16 rebounds), Lakeside was able to get to the free throw line almost at will in the first half. Cleveland (3-1, 2-1) had to rally the entire game and only tied the score with less than four minutes remaining, 36-all.

While Lakeside generated early offense from the stripe, Cleveland struggled there. The Eagles had trouble shooting from outside the perimeter, too, and fell behind 28-21 at halftime as a result.

Cleveland was unable to break that funk in the second half to make up for the deficit. Spiller led the way offensively for Ladeside, but it was the Lions’ defense and rebounding that made the difference. Cleveland was unable to find holes in Lakeside’s zone scheme.

“We were able to bring all of our pieces together,” Spiller said. “Working our guards and our posts together, it was a really cohesive effort defensively.”

Giavanni Flowers led the Eagles with 14 points and Joyce Harrell had 10. Still, Cleveland — which put up 81 vs Chief Sealth on Wednesday — wasn’t able to get much else going.

But the Eagles, the two-time defending 3A state champions, wouldn’t go down easily, rallying to tie things at 36-all halfway through the final period. Lakeside’s Sydney Koh then hit a critical three-pointer with 3:46 remaining to give the Lions the lead for good. Lakeside extended its lead to five when Chloe Loreen was left open for a layup with 1:30 left.

Teja Kirby’s three-pointers for Cleveland made it a two-point game, but the Eagles turned the ball over on a fast break on their ensuing possession with 34.4 seconds left. King and Spiller were able to break the Eagles press and hold on in a wild finish.

“They are the best team in the state,” Lakeside coach Patrick Chinn said. “We played the game of our lives.”

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FOOTBALL - ALUMNI NIGHT

October 2nd was designated alumni night for CHS alumni at Memorial Stadium. While many emails were sent to invite all Cleveland High alums, thirteen attended — that’s up from 7 last year. Quite a few decades were represented. The atmosphere was upbeat. During half time, CHS Athletic Director Annette Duval asked the alumni to take the field. Most descended the stairs. Some needed a little assistance and were accompanied to the field by the delightful cheerleaders. The cheerleaders were inspirational and did a wonderful job.

The football team played Rainier Beach, led throughout the game and won handily with a score of 36-20. This made the experience even better. It was a fun night.

See photo on adjacent page.

BASKETBALL - ALUMNI NIGHT

On Friday, January 9th, two basketball games will again honor alumni. The game will be at the CHS gym. The girls game starts at 6:30, the boys at 8 PM. Hopefully you will consider attending. It will be a much warmer atmosphere than the football game and should be great fun. You can check out the new banners in the gym (CHSAA furnished) that cover sports championships for all years. ALSO, we can park in the south parking lot.

By JoAnn Victor Smith ’56
ATHLETIC SUCCESSES
At Cleveland High

By Annette J. Duvall

Here are some fall sport All Metro accomplishments to celebrate:

Boys Golf
• Brent Wong – 11th, qualified and competed in the Metro League Boys Golf Tournament

Girls Cross Country
• Deqa Mumin – 10th, set a new school record with her time at the Metro Cross Country Championships and qualified to compete in the Sea-King District 2 Championships.

Girls Swim
• Season best times in the 200 Free and 400 Free relays at the Metro Girls Swim Championships. Swimmers who competed at Metro’s and Districts were: Isabella Abad – 11th, Susan Lu – 11th, Ashley Escobar – 12th, Charlie Cox – 10th, Jayla Cox – 9th, Anita Pham – 9th, and Hannah Mach – 9th.

Girls Soccer (4 wins – 9 losses – 3 ties)
All Metro Honorable Mention Selections:
• Elana Willett-Caoagdan – 12th, Midfielder
• Gabrielle Maki – 10th, Forward
• Olivia Raymond-Williams – 9th, Midfielder

Volleyball (4 wins – 11 losses in regular season, 2 wins and 2 losses in the Metro League Tournament) 2nd best record in school history!
All Metro 1st Team Selection:
• Emi Atanoa – 12th, Outside Hitter

All Metro 2nd Team Selections
• Deauna Johnson – 12th, Setter
• Lauren Jones – 11th, Middle Hitter

All Metro Honorable Mention Selections:
• Sana Uelese – 12th
• Kamry Adams – 12th

Football (5 wins – 5 losses) 4-3 vs. Metro League
• Offensive Player of the Year, Metro League Sound Division – Amonte Phillips – 12th, Quarterback
• Defensive Player of the Year, Metro League Sound Division – Daniel Matapula – 11th, Inside Linebacker

All Metro 1st Team Selections:
• Amonte Phillips – 12th, Quarterback
• Ramsey Castillo – 12th, Defensive Lineman
• Latrez Darden – 11th, Outside Linebacker
• Daniel Matapula – 11th, Inside Linebacker
• Zach Brown – 11th, Cornerback

All Metro 2nd Team Selections:
• Daniel Matapula – 11th, Running Back
• Zack Brown – 11th, Wide Receiver
• Malik Abdul-Haqq – 11th, Wide Receiver
• Jareon Banks – 11th, Offensive Tackle
• Ramsey Castillo – 12th, Offensive Guard
• Jayvion Sims – 12th, Defensive Lineman
• Lucion Baynes – 12th, Cornerback
• Amonte Phillips – 12th, Safety
• Amonte Phillips – 12th, Kicker

All Metro Honorable Mention Selections:
• Rob Williams – 11th, Running Back/Linebacker
• Robert Newman – 12th, Off./Def. Lineman
• Johnny Phan – 12th, Offensive Lineman
• Reiner Tuiolemotu – 11th, Center
• Lucion Baynes – 12th, Wide Receiver
• Malik Abdul-Haqq – 11th, Safety
• Gabriel Wright – 11th, Outside Linebacker

GO EAGLES !!!

Annette J. Duvall
Director of Activities and Athletics
Head Girls Soccer Coach
Cleveland High School

The Cleveland Way:
Pride ~ Commitment ~ Discipline ~ Accountability
Opportunity for Forest Enhancement for a Sustainable Legacy

Kristi McClelland, King County Stewardship Forester

I have had the privilege of working as a forester in the Puget Sound lowland forests since 1978, beginning with the Washington Department of Natural Resources. Working on state land in the Fall City vicinity, I have been very aware of the CHS Memorial Forest. Just recently in my role as a King County forest educator and community stewardship supporter, I toured the Memorial Forest with a group of Seattle School District staff and Cleveland High School Alumni Association members.

During our woodland walkabout I was struck by two things: 1) the passion for all involved to have a healthy sustainable forest serving as a forever memorial to the community spirit of those who sacrificed their lives to protect us during war; and 2) the declining condition of the predominantly alder forest and the need for forest health enhancement.

An underlying need is to optimize the school district’s use of the CHS Memorial Forest for educational opportunities, engaging students in community service, the importance of the environment, and bringing this all together to assure that the forest is economically sustainable.

All of this spells OPPORTUNITY. For forest planning to address forest health needs and long-term sustainability; to more effectively integrate this gem into the curriculum for the whole school district; to develop an action/implementation plan for healing this forest through community service projects and other creative mechanisms; and finally, to make known to a larger audience the sacrifices by CHS alumni that this land was acquired to memorialize.

Red alder is a short lived pioneer species. Having an alder dominated upland forest is not ecologically the norm in this area — it is the result of a lot of soil disturbance during the last harvest in the early 1940s. A wide-spread seed bed was created by exposure of mineral soil, and the area left to naturally re-seed was soon overtaken by rapid red alder juvenile growth. Now at 70+ years, the alder is dying and allowing more sunlight into a forest floor dominated by salmonberry. Salmonberry is rhizomatous and soon can so fully occupy growing space that there is no room for anything else to germinate. This is the condition in which we find much of the CHS Memorial Forest.

The forest needs help: to develop a comprehensive forest plan addressing immediate and long-term objectives; to establish and encourage a diverse conifer/hardwood forest that will be sustainable and supportive to nearby Canyon Creek, a fish bearing tributary to Patterson Creek; to incorporate the forest and its legacy into lasting curriculum; and to find means of establishing stewardship endowments for the Memorial Forest such as conservation easements and the transfer (selling) of development rights.*

The heart, soul and spirit of the 1944 acquisition of the CHS Memorial Forest, funded by what little extra change students and families had during those difficult times, was to create forever a memorial to the alumni who gave their lives in service to their country. Let us work together to establish a way and the means for this memorial to truly be sustainable. I look forward to working with the CHS Alumni Association and the Seattle School District in any way that will support your efforts.

* Selling the development rights of the property so it cannot be sold for commercial development.

[Editor’s note: Kristi McClelland’s recommendation for our Memorial Forest will take years to complete. It begins with the development of a forest management plan that leads to a beautiful forest of evergreen trees in years to come. The plan would possibly be prepared with the aid of students of Natural Resources at the University of Washington and Evergreen State College and would likely include the harvesting of alder trees and the removal of salmonberry bushes. When I first heard of these steps I was strongly opposed, believing that it would be wrong to remove any plant life in a forest honoring our fallen heroes. But then it was pointed out how the salmonberry and alder are taking over the site with a long-term outlook of having mostly salmonberry and few trees. This is not what the alumni had in mind when they purchased the property. So I strongly support Kristi McClelland’s recommendations and I welcome her involvement. I also want to acknowledge Miriam (Baughman ’50) and her husband, Ron Munro, who is a Forester. They attended our Memorial Day ceremony this last year and suggested that we may have a problem with the Memorial Forest. It was Ron who put us in contact with Kristi McClelland. Ownership of the CHS Memorial Forest was turned over to the Seattle School District (SSD) years ago so we cannot implement any sort of plan on the property without their approval and cooperation. As Kristi McClelland mentions in her opening paragraph above, we met with SSD staff members at the Forest, and we are working to get them on board with this initiative.]
ALUMNI EVENTS
Past & Future
If your class is planning a class reunion in 2015 or 2016, please contact CHSAA Secretary/Membership for the latest contact information. We will publish the details, date, place, etc. in our newsletter and on our website.

www.clevelandalumsea.org

1965 - 50TH REUNION WEEKEND
SAVE THE DATE: August 7-9, 2015

Aug. 7: No-host Happy Hour Social, 4 – 7 PM
Blue Water Bistro Leschi, 102 Lakeside Ave.
FREE PARKING

Aug. 8th: Meridian Valley Country Club, Kent
Time: 5:30 to 11 PM.
Includes dinner, drawings, social time and dancing.
$60 per person.

$27.50 per person.

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CLASS OF 1954
FUNDRAISER &
CHALLENGE
A group of gals from the class of 1954 got together to plan their 60th reunion. One of them, Margie Wallrof Brown, stated that she wanted to have a fundraiser for the sports programs at CHS as part of the reunion. As she explained, a fundraiser for CHS athletics would be beneficial because the school has to compete with severe financial restraints compared to other high schools in the Seattle School District. These extra costs are all associated with busing our sports teams to practice because Cleveland doesn’t have acceptable sports fields on or adjacent to the school property.

Using her own financial resources, Margie sent out letters to each 1954 classmate, and each letter included a stamped address envelope. She contacted Annette Duvall, the CHS Athletic Director, and invited her to be the guest speaker at our reunion. Ms Duvall came to our reunion and gave an excellent presentation and explained the handicaps that our athletes have to compete under. Between the funds that were received by mail and those collected at the reunion, the class of 1954 raised over $2000 for CHS sports teams.

THE CHALLENGE
The class of 1954 challenges all other CHS classes having reunions. We don’t think you can beat the class of 1954 in providing financial support to our alma mater. You may think that we are old and decrepit but our loyalty to Cleveland High School is hard to beat.

By John Barton ‘54

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I was gifted with an all-expense paid trip to Washington DC by an organization called Honor Flight of Puget Sound. It is an organization dedicated to flying all World War II veterans and any vet with a terminal illness to Washington DC to see the World War II Memorial as well as the other war memorials. This organization raises their money to pay for these trips through donations – no taxpayer or government money. If you wish to make a donation to a worthy cause, this is certainly one.

The trip started at SeaTac airport near the Southwest Airlines ticket area. As we gathered there we were all photographed and given ID badges, a bag with two sandwiches, a couple of health bars, a couple of candy bars, the front page of a newspaper from December 7th 1941, and a T-shirt with the Honor Flight emblem on it to be worn during the tour for identification. The sandwiches were to be eaten on the long flight to Washington DC.

When everyone was checked in, there were 31 male veterans and one female veteran — a WAC during WW II. There were also 20 escorts to help those that were in wheelchairs. A total of 58 including the husband and wife team that put our trip together, two RN nurses and two photographers.

From the moment we started our trek to the plane, we were given the red carpet treatment everywhere we went. A special line was made for us to go through security quickly and easily, and then on to the loading gate. Along the way people were greeting us and clapping their hands. We were first to board the plane and got to choose any seat we wanted.

The plane left the airport at 11:30 AM and after a long flight we landed at Baltimore, MD around 8:30 PM. When we got off the plane it looked like hundreds of people along both sides of the concourse were clapping and greeting us. One woman came out of the crowd to shake my hand but before she could I took her in my arms and gave her a big kiss like that sailor did in New York City at the end of WW II. She didn’t seem to mind and we all had a good laugh over it.

We boarded a bus for a short ride to our hotel. On arrival we were each given an envelope with our room number and a key. We were told to stow our gear and go to the dining room where dinner was waiting – and we could pick anything we wanted off the menu. After dinner it was off to bed as it was near 11:00 PM.

The next morning it was up at 5 AM, breakfast at 6 o’clock, and boarding the bus at 7:30 AM for Washington DC, and we had a motorcycle escort all the way. The escort was a motorcycle club that performs this service for visiting veteran groups that come from all over the nation.

Our first stop was the World War II Memorial. I won’t try to describe it because I couldn’t do it justice. It alone was worth the trip. Next, it was on to the Lincoln Memorial, the Vietnam Memorial and the Korean War Memorial. All three are pretty close together so the bus didn’t have to move.

I think I’m partial to the Lincoln Memorial. It’s so awe inspiring, you almost expect him to rise up out of his chair and start speaking. It doesn’t take anything away from the other memorials, though. Each memorial has its own message to tell. From there we went on to the Navy Memorial and museum. Of course with me being an old sailor, I thought it was pretty grand. We made stops at the Coast Guard Memorial and the Women’s Memorial and then on to Arlington National Cemetery to watch the Changing-of-the-Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This is quite a ceremony that is executed with precision drill and protocol.

From there I don’t remember the order that we visited the rest of the memorials but we did visit the Marine Memorial of the flag raising on Iwo Jima and the Air Force Museum. By that time it was 5 PM and time to head back to the hotel. Following a short break at the hotel, we went to the dining room for a very tasty banquet dinner. Some military people were there and they were invited to join us. It was interesting talking to them finding out what their duties were and comparing it to our own when we served.

It was then off to bed and up again at 5 AM, breakfast, and off to the airport. As we walked down the conourse we were again honored with people greeting us and clapping. Then on to the plane and our flight back home. We arrived at SeaTac early in the afternoon to a greeting by a military Honor Guard on both sides of the aisle. Each veteran was then given a personal honor guard to escort him/her to the baggage area. Part way there we were met by bagpipers who piped us the rest of the way.

We were greatly surprised by how many people were in the baggage area. There were a couple of speakers, a group of kids that performed a dance. One speaker told about some of the WAC’s experiences and then I told about some of my experiences during the invasion of Normandy. Last, but not least, each veteran was given a hand-made quilt with an open message to tell.

After the ceremony was over we all went our merry way. This was the end of a fantastic trip. One that I will never forget.

If anyone knows of a veteran that hasn’t made this trip PLEASE urge him/her to contact the Honor Flight people at the following:

Honor Flight of Puget Sound
PO Box 434 Grapeview, WA 98546
Phone: 253-303-1130
Email: http://www.pugetsoundhonorflight.org/
Hugh Albrecht ’50 honored his high school best friend, Stan Brewer ’47, who passed away in April 2014, and Warren R. Albrecht ’48, his brother, who passed away in August 2013. His donation is directed to the CHS Memorial Forest Fund.

Barbara Maes made a contribution to the alumni association in memory of her husband Walter Maes ’40. She shared that he loved his time at Cleveland, especially a cappella choir and wood shop.

Richard J. Thomas ’55 passed away in September of 2013 in Arizona. A contribution in his memory was made by Linda (Rice) Weber ’59.

Barbara (Bianchi) Bull ’52 contributed to the Alumni General fund in honor of Owen Bull ’52 who passed away in 1993. Owen was a former Boys’ Club President and a loyal Clevelandite.

Effie (Hughes) Smedley ’42 and her husband Russell Smedley ’42 were honored with a donation by their classmate Gordon J. Glockner also class of 1942. They were good friends for approximately 75 years.

Renee (Johanson) Vandemaële class of 1953 passed away in January 2013. Alvin Moe who spent the 8th grade at Cleveland made a donation in her memory.  [Editor: Alvin graduated from Queen Anne but is a faithful contributor to CHSAA.]

The sad passing of John R. Holleman ’58 prompted twin sister Bonnie (Holleman) Trueblood ’58 to make a donation to the scholarship fund in his honor.

Also Don and Carrol Vizzare ’56 made a donation in memory of Richard Minice ’55.

John And Mary Lou (Zarkades) Barton ’54 made a donation to the Essay Contest fund in memory of Richard Minice. He was one of CHS’s best athletes.

* Alumni who passed prior to 2014
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Summer is long gone and the halls at Cleveland High School are full again, as students rush from one class to another. Some things never really change and yet another unique page of CHS history is again being recorded. The Alumni association is moving forward with several initiatives this year that have the potential to make the high school experience an especially memorable one for our students. This past summer’s annual golf tournament was again a success, bringing much needed funding to support the CHS sports program. Additionally, the board is exploring the possibility of providing uniforms for the band that has gone without since at least the early 90s. This reflects poorly upon our proud heritage. We hope to make this a reality during this academic year. And, of course, support will continue for scholarships to the most outstanding of this academic year’s graduates.

By far the biggest and most costly effort the Alumni Association has been working on is re-building the arson-damaged Lyceum structure in the Cleveland High School Memorial Forest, located on the Sammamish Plateau. After three years of effort, we hope to begin construction in the early Spring and would like to have it completed in time for our annual Memorial Day Ceremony, which honors former Cleveland students who lost their lives in service to our country. We have partnered with the Garfield Outdoor Education Post, headed by Garfield High School alum, Michael Shope. Garfield uses the forest as an adjunct to its science programs, botany, biology, forestry and the occasional outdoor survival experience. Indeed, their organization provided the idea of rebuilding the lyceum, which would be beneficial to both of our organizations. About two-thirds of the funding is in place and we are still seeking donations to put us over the top.

Working with the Seattle School District (SSD) has been a mixture of reward, progress, setbacks and even a little frustration with a bureaucracy that sometimes is most unforgiving, despite the earnest and dedicated efforts of many who have worked to move this project forward. The architectural plans are finished as of this writing and about to be submitted to the SSD for approval. Sign-off on the project requires no less than twelve reviews and signature approvals. The city of Snoqualmie has indicated they will provide us with a permit to begin construction as soon as they receive the final plans. Once permits are in hand, the contract will be put up for bid. We expect the work to be completed within a month’s time after it begins. Once the lyceum is rebuilt, it will stand in silent tribute to the dedicated tenacity of the several people who labored extensively to make it a reality.

This is both the long and the short of what your Alumni Association is about. We will try to get some pictures of the lyceum up on our web page as it progresses, so keep watching. Remember also, our annual meeting is coming up in January and we invite all alums to attend. We do a lot of good things for our school and we welcome your participation.

Go Eagles!

Ben Wakefield,
President, CHSAA

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CHS Alumni Association Donation Form

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Please help us keep the database current by sending a post office change of address form or by contacting the membership secretary when you move. To protect your privacy membership list is not distributed to anyone except for activities associated with the Alumni Association.

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