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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Upcoming year promises even more

By Alison Sing '64
President

As the year 2000 came to a close, we had a wonderful opportunity to look at the future and reflect on the past year. While our association faced a number of challenges this past year, what is most gratifying is that they were minimal compared to what our association accomplished.

Following our annual meeting, there was a renewed sense of positive energy and excitement at our alumni events and gatherings. I am extremely proud of the work of our alumni association's board of directors. Their continued commitment and dedication to serve each of you is commended and reflects the highest standard that we can expect from our alumni.

As our association continues to grow from year to year, we have barely scratched the surface of the immense talent pool that is available. It will be our goal in the year 2001 to seek out and tap into this resource.

The upcoming year holds much promise. One of the ideas we are entertaining as an annual event is an Alumni Weekend around Memorial Day that would include a fund-raising dinner and a Memorial Day trek to the Cleveland High School Memorial Forest to remember our fallen classmates. It is our hope that this becomes an annual event we can all look forward to in future years. We will discuss this event and other ideas in greater detail at our annual meeting on Saturday, Feb. 17.

Other goals for 2001 include expanding our current website and capitalizing on the available technology to make it more useful to our members, sponsoring more social events for our alumni, increasing alumni interaction with the school and the students, enhancing the memorial aspects of the forest and establishing a regular schedule for alumni visits to the forest.

Last year, I proposed two annual treks, one for the senior class in the spring and one for the freshmen class in the fall. There was overwhelming enthusiasm for both these treks by the school and the students. In 2001, we would like to add two special events for our alumni, on Memorial Day and Veterans' Day. Again, this will be discussed in greater detail at our annual meeting.

The strength of our alumni association lies in our ability to stay connected with our former classmates.

One of our greatest challenges is maintaining an accurate database of our fellow classmates. If you know of former classmates, have them contact our Membership Committee chair JoAnn Victor Smith '56, at (425) 487-3952, or e-mail her at kemisty@aol.com.

If you are connected to the Internet, the website at Classmates.com offers another free avenue for locating former classmates. You can register for free, and for a small annual fee they offer additional membership services to paid members.

Also, check out our own alumni website at clevelandalumsea.org. If you have some technical expertise and would like to serve on our Website Committee, please contact the following individuals at the following e-mail addresses: Vera Chan-Pool '91, vice president, at VEmchan@aol.com; or Alison Sing '64, president, at alisonusing@earthlink.net.

Please note that we have pushed the date for the annual meeting back one month because of the late publication of this newsletter. Rather than the traditional January meeting date, we will meet on Saturday, Feb. 17, from 10 a.m. to noon, in the Cleveland High School library.

We have four board members up for reelection: Terence Wong '58, treasurer; JoAnn Victor Smith '56, Membership Committee chair; Paul Barden '54, board member; and Richard "Whitey" King '44, board member.

If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact me so we can include your name on the ballot for the annual meeting.

The alumni board will meet following the annual meeting for approximately one hour to elect new board officers for 2001, adopt a formal meeting schedule for 2001 and act on any new or old business that is before the board. All alumni members are welcome to stay and attend this meeting.

While there are numerous tasks and activities coming up in 2001, there is also an abundance of enthusiasm and expertise working for our organization. All of our efforts continue to focus on best serving you, our alumni.

So, as this year comes to an end, accept my personal thanks for your continued involvement and support of our alumni association.

Annual Meeting
Saturday, Feb. 17
10 a.m. - noon
Cleveland High School
library

Help needed with compiling veterans' information

A student-produced Veterans' Day assembly, held Nov. 9, was a big success.

In addition to the student program, veterans made individual presentations in several classrooms, including Louie Pavone, Don Harney, Larry Zipp, Emil Martin, Tony Ferrucci, Dave Fairbarn, Holley Harper and Neil Horman. Students were very receptive to the veterans' presentations.

We are planning to continue this celebration in future years and would like to update the alumni database to identify veterans for future invitations and notification of upcoming events. Please send current information, address, telephone number, branch of service and years in the military, as well as an indication of your willingness to talk to students, to JoAnn Victor Smith '56: e-mail Kesmitty@aol.com; (425) 487-3954.



Student interest in Cleveland High School veterans has been stimulated by research projects and the Veterans' Day assembly. Archived school annuals have been extremely valuable for historical research, and additions to the collection are always welcome.

We also would like to acquire a compilation of personal histories from Cleveland alumni who have served in the military. To date, research has been focused on World War

II and the original dedication of the Memorial Forest. However, we encourage veterans and historians with memories and/or knowledge of other military conflicts to record their stories. Information will be available to students and alumni groups for reunions and school anniversary programs.

Researching the WWII dead has put us in touch with several veterans who served with our men. They have sent some very moving accounts of the battles that took the lives of our honored dead. One account ended with a memory of parting from buddies and a tearful return after being welcomed back to the United States: "...Will we every forget? I hope not."

Please send biographies or histories of particular events to Pat Sullivan Rosenkranz '49 at the address below or to librarian Julie Pierce at Cleveland High School.



Pat Sullivan Rosenkranz '49 has been compiling data for an historical, biographic record of the World War II honored dead. Surviving friends and families have been very helpful, but additional information would be appreciated.

Knowledge of military assignments and final campaigns, burial locations and personal recollections are needed for the following men:

•Richard Baggott — South Park; attended

Cleveland in 1939; died April 1944 in No: Africa.

•James Thomas Collins — Son of Nova Collins; date of birth and years at Cleveland missing.

•Lawrence Decker — U.S. Navy; date of death: April 2, 1945; any information is appreciated.

•Philip (Bud) Fander '41 — Information regarding ship assignment (June 1944).

•Lawrence K. Harrison — High-school information and ship assignment (August 1945).

•Milton E. King. — Ship assignment (Nov. 4, 1944) and verification of death date.

•Jack Tepley — Not on our memorial plaque but reportedly killed during initial Pearl Harbor attack.

•Yoshito Noritake — Killed in South France; location or campaign.

•William Rach — Died April 1945; target and location of final mission needed.

•Francis Schoenmakers — Died July 18, 1945; location.

•Lenard Thibaut — Last address U.S. Naval Hospital in Oakland, Calif.; Died Jan. 20, 1946.

•Hubert DeWitt Jr. — Verification of personal information and burial site needed.

Please send information to Pat Rosenkrar. e-mail Patsbech@Pacifier.com; P.O. Box 85, Ocean Park, WA 98640; or (360) 665-6207.

Be a mentor: A little time and desire can make a difference to students

By Margy Bresslour

Cleveland High School student Kanisha Buss began high school as a tough kid with an attitude and ended up as her high-school prom queen. She enrolled in college this fall, the first in her family to complete high school and attend college. She is helping the Steps Ahead Program as a role model for ninth-grade students.

Last fall, more than 150 new freshmen at Cleveland and Rainier Beach high schools competed for 50 available Steps Ahead mentors.

With strong financial support and more volunteer mentors, Community for Youth plans to ensure that more students, including some Sealth freshmen, will have another caring adult in their lives starting with the next school year.

Community for Youth is a nonprofit organization geared toward mentoring high-school freshmen who are at risk of not graduating.

The organization sponsors two programs, Steps Ahead and Steps Beyond. Both programs recruit and train mentors who work one-on-one with young people who are having trouble at home, in school or in the community.

The programs support and encourage youths to stay in school. More than 98 percent of students in the program stay in school and more than 85 percent raise their grades.

The organization has operated for 15 years.

Students in the Steps Ahead Program have been identified by their middle-school teachers and counselors as needing extra adult guidance to make a successful transition from middle school to high school. Many of these students are likely to drop out, get into trouble with the school or with the law.

Participation in the program is voluntary. Students set their own goals for school performance, attendance, behavior and relationships at home.

The program works because these students want to succeed in school and in life. Mentors

help the students develop the skills to succeed. It's the mentor's role to help keep the student focused on goals and assist in overcoming the problems and barriers that get in the way.

The students continuing in the program as sophomores, juniors and seniors enroll in the Steps Beyond program focused on leadership, community service and work preparedness. They continue to apply their learning in the areas of responsibility, commitment and personal integrity.

Check out the Community for Youth website at stepsahead.org

For more information about the program, to learn how to become a mentor with Community for Youth, contact executive director Margy Bresslour, by phone at (206) 325-8480, or by e-mail at mentormenow@aol.com.

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2001 Dues & Donations

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. Dues are \$5 a year.

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(as of Dec. 31, 2000)

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Group loses four Kings

Last fall the Kings of Swing lost four of the original band members.

The untimely deaths of saxophonist Robert S. Furlan '48 and trumpeter Robert Lee Peck Jr. '49 greatly saddened the current band and Cleveland alumni. Many original members and their wives attended both services.

Saxophonist Harry Sankey, our 1948 Franklin High School import, moved to Arizona. He will return to Seattle for six months out of the year and has promised to substitute with the Kings if needed.

Lead tenor saxophonist Gordon Parker '47, who played with the start-up band in 1943 through 1949 and reformed the group in 1986, has taken a medical leave.

Pat Matzek Ashcraft, the original groupie, has returned from medical leave to again serve as business manager and booking agent.

Call the band's hotline.
(206) 622-3058.
for public performances.

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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 endeavors.

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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Cleveland High School is requesting the following:

- Classroom volunteers to work one-on-one with students during class time on basic reading and writing skills in freshman Language Arts classes;
- Band instruments — Any instruments, regardless of their condition, would be much appreciated. Some students do not have credit cards available, which makes it impossible to rent an instrument; and
- Retired certificated teachers to volunteer as little as once a month or as often as once a week to staff an in-house detention alongside a CHS staff member.

New mailing address

Please note the Cleveland High School Alumni Association's new mailing address:

P.O. Box 94004
Seattle, WA 98124-9404

Please send any future correspondence to this address.

Newsletter info

Send information for the CHSAA newsletter to:

Vera M. Chan-Pool
e-mail: VEmchan@aol.com,
or call (206) 722-4330



The next CHSAA newsletter will be published in the spring.

GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, Feb. 17
10 a.m. - noon

Cleveland High School
library
5511 15th Ave. S.

Topics:

election of board members

website expansion

*Cleveland Memorial Forest
planned treks
Oversight Committee activities
lawsuit update*

*alumni activities
inaugural Alumni Weekend*

veterans' biographies

football program update

2000 scholarship recipients