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## Past, present and future: Ties that bind us together

By Alison W. Sing '64  
President

Your association is putting the final touches on our 75th-anniversary celebration of the founding of our Cleveland High School in 1927. It was just a short five years ago that many of us walked the halls looking for former classmates and teachers and reliving our memories at Cleveland.

For many of us, Cleveland High School was a defining experience in our development of who we were, our first shared friendships, exposure to new ideas, challenges, successes and even setbacks.

What was the future then is now the present. Join us during the last weekend of September to celebrate Cleveland High School's 75th anniversary. This perhaps may be the last formal gathering at our beloved school. Steps for designing a new Cleveland High School are under way. Current discussions call for a new school to be built within the next two to three years at the current site of the old high school.

Our planning committee has put together a great program. On the evening of Friday, Sept. 27, we will have an all-class fund-raising dinner social at the Sea-Tac Marriott Hotel. The evening reception will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner and entertainment by the Kings of Swing Band. There is limited seating for this event, so get your reservations in early.

On Saturday morning, Sept. 28, a re-enactment of the Class of 1927's Walk Up the Hill will kick off the 75th-anniversary celebration at the school. Alumni interested in participating should arrive at the high school no later than 9 a.m.

Following the walk, a formal flag ceremony will commemorate our classmates who gave their lives in the service of our country. This will take place outside near the front entry around 11 a.m. At noon, alumni will congregate in the school auditorium for a formal program.

Following these ceremonies, alumni will

have opportunities to reminisce in special reunion chat rooms.

If you missed the 70th-anniversary celebration, this is one event you do not want to miss. (For more details check our website at [www.clevelandalumsea.org](http://www.clevelandalumsea.org) and additional announcements in this newsletter.)

A new touch was added to the Cleveland High School Memorial Forest annual trek for alumni, students and teachers last Memorial Day. A new flagpole, donated by the family members, was dedicated in the memory of James B. Rohletter, a member of the 1937 city championship football team coached by former Washington state Lt. Gov. John Cherberg.

James Rohletter graduated from Cleveland in 1939 and entered the Navy in 1940. His ship, the Pope, was sunk in the Battle of the Java Sea in 1942, and Jimmy was held as a prisoner of war until his release in 1945. Suffering from years of mistreatment as a POW, Jimmy passed away in 1980.

During the dedication ceremonies, Don Harney '39 spoke about the 1937 football team and about Jimmy's prowess as a left guard and being named to the 1937 All-City Team.

Joining the dedication ceremonies, former POW Bernie Manzo '44 acknowledged other former classmates and POWs Jim Carden '43, Tony Ferruci '38, Rollie King '42 and Louie Pavone.

Granddaughter Jaime Curtismith spoke on behalf of the Rohletter family, and Dr. James Cherberg shared words on behalf of the Cherberg Family.

A flag flown at our nation's capitol was raised and lowered to half-mast in honor of our fallen classmates. This flag was given to Jimmy Rohletter's wife, Karlynn Miller.

Tying the past and present together, students from Cleveland High School read poetry commemorating James B. Rohletter. Yours truly dedicated a special poem to our fallen classmates.

# Keeping faith in the forest

At the Seattle School Board's March 6, 2002, meeting, Mark Green, district legal counsel, reported on the closure of the lawsuit *Coney v. Seattle Public Schools*. He said, "Specifically, the court said the district accepted the forest on a gift basis as a perpetual memorial to the Cleveland students who lost their lives in the war."

On March 8, 2002, a Seattle Times editorial stated in part, "The current publicity should ensure the district doesn't even begin to think about selling the forest lands."

Now it is time to get on with much-needed improvements to the Cleveland Memorial Forest. How will this be done? Through the Cleveland Forest and Environmental Center Oversight Committee (CHSMFOC), established by the Seattle School Board on Sept. 3, 1997, to oversee the management of the forest.

The Oversight Committee has a diverse membership of 15 voting members representing the school board; teachers and students from Garfield and Cleveland; Cleveland alumni; representatives from King County and the City of Seattle; people with expertise in the areas of fa-

cilities, park and fiscal management; and interested citizens.

The vision statement reads, "The Cleveland Memorial Environmental Forest is an outdoor education center dedicated to honoring those students of Cleveland High School who died in service to their country in World War II." This is similar to the purpose of the alumni association.

The forest has many trails and footbridges that were built and are maintained by the students. Since July 2000 approximately 500 students from elementary, junior high and high schools have participated in forest activities guided by 164 adults. "The Guide," a school publication for teachers, has featured the forest the last two years to encourage classroom visits to the forest.

The school district has expended more than \$25,000 this year for maintenance and supplies, including emergency tree removal, water-well certification and materials to complete the caretaker's cabin.

Recent Garfield graduate Tim Steedman, his father and Garfield parents completed the cabin by June 30. A pres-

ence at the forest will help prevent vandalism and arson, which occurred when the lyceum was torched several years ago.

William Southern Jr., Seattle School's director of public affairs, is currently assisting us with obtaining supplies for the cabin and the rebuilding of the lyceum. Design and planning will begin soon to rebuild this facility. Emphasis also will be placed on planning and funding for a new caretaker's home and developing further the K-12 curriculum.

The lyceum is especially needed to provide shelter for class study and lunch breaks.

Your tax-deductible contribution to assist the Oversight Committee may be sent to Alliance for Education, CHS Memorial Forest A/C, 509 Olive Way, Seattle, WA 98101. In addition, the alumni association has a forest fund to which donations to support their work at the Forest may be given.

The CHSMFOC looks forward to your working with us to maintain this beautiful site in honor of Cleveland's veterans who lost their lives in service to their country.

— Don and Pat Clifford '44

## Book available

### "Honored Dead"

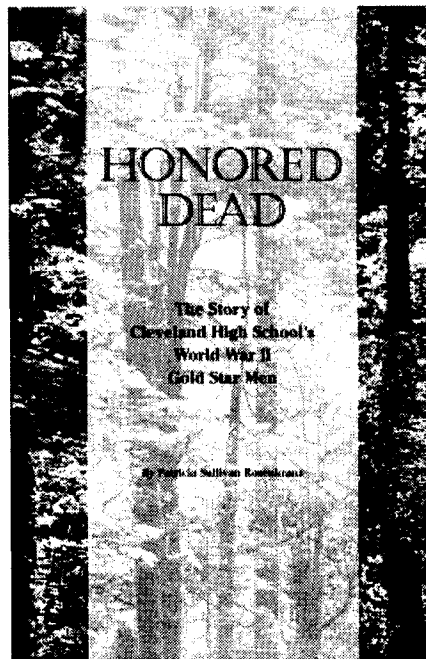
by Pat Sullivan Rosenkranz '49

The Cleveland Memorial Forest is dedicated to men who died during military actions. "Honored Dead" is a book about the Cleveland High School men known to have died during World War II. Beginning Dec. 7, 1941, and ending in June 1946, these men fought and died in Europe, North Africa and the Pacific.

After two years of research and help from alumni, family members and friends, the book is complete, has been printed and is available for purchase.

To order copies of "Honored Dead," send \$15, plus \$1.50 for mailing (book rate, regular mail), for each book to Pat Rosenkranz, P.O. Box 85, Ocean Park, WA 98640.

Books also will be available at the dinner social and at the school event during the 75th-anniversary celebration Sept. 27 and 28.



Proceeds, after expenses, will be donated to the alumni association's forest fund.

## MORE 75TH NEWS

If you have memorabilia to display in your decade chat room during the 75th-anniversary celebration, contact JoAnn Smith, at (425) 487-3952 or [Kesmitty@aol.com](mailto:Kesmitty@aol.com).



A Cleveland High School 75th-anniversary pin, designed by Dennis Biasi of Portland, Ore., will be available for purchase for \$2.50. To order, contact Don Armeni '49, 312 Modrow Road, Kalama, WA 98625; call (360) 673-4646; or e-mail [darmeni@Kalama.com](mailto:darmeni@Kalama.com).



For the Sept. 28 celebratory event, Cleveland's north parking lot will be reserved for guests needing special assistance. All others vehicles will be asked to park on neighborhood streets.

For other accommodations for disabilities, call the school, at (206) 252-7800.

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# 2002 Contributions

To help with costs (including newsletters to more than 8,000 alumni and former teachers — and growing), we ask you to join the Cleveland High School Alumni Association. A suggested donation of \$5 per year is requested.

Make checks payable to: **CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, P.O. BOX 94004, SEATTLE, WA 98124-9404**

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I AM INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A CHSAA COMMITTEE (indicate committee) \_\_\_\_\_

## A new tradition

CHSAA is proud to announce the start of yet another new tradition: an all-class fund-raising dinner social. The event will take place at the Sea-Tac Marriott Hotel, 3201 S. 176th St., on Friday, Sept. 27, from 6 p.m. to midnight.

The event will include a buffet dinner, a no-host bar and music by the Kings of Swing. Guests also will have the opportunity to win a pair of Seahawks tickets, which will be given out as a door prize.

Tickets are \$40 each, which includes dinner and parking (parking validation available at registration table). Register by Friday, Sept. 20, to attend. For more information, call event chairperson Vera Chan-Pool, at (253) 826-0456.

The Sea-Tac Marriott Hotel has set aside rooms for event guests who would like to stay overnight. The cost is \$69 (plus 12.4% tax) per night. The last day to reserve rooms at this rate is Friday, Sept. 13. For reservations, call (800) 228-9290; mention the Cleveland High School Alumni Association when making the reservation for the discounted rate.

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## Dinner Social registration

GUEST NO. 1 \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST NO. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST NO. 3 \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST NO. 4 \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail registration form and check payable to Cleveland High School Alumni Association to:  
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Registration must be received by Friday, Sept. 20. Tickets will be held at door.

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**CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL  
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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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## ALUMNI NEWS IN BRIEF

The alumni association awarded three scholarships, totaling \$6,500, this year.

The recipients were Miaoduan Lu, who will attend a Seattle community college to study nursing; Jiaqing Chen, who will attend community college to study business; and Rukia Yousuf, who will attend Bryman College to study to become a medical assistant. All three will start school this fall.

Ten students applied for the scholarships. Recipients are chosen based on school and outside activities, grades and an essay. We wish them good luck.



David White-Espin is re-establishing the tradition of a seasonal sports poster to promote the athletic teams. The posters will be displayed in businesses, offices and schools in the Georgetown and Beacon Hill areas.

The fall poster will have schedules and photos of four-year lettermen from football, cross-country, volleyball and golf.

They are now selling ad space on the posters. The money will support the sports programs with entry fees and shoes for cross-country. Each of the 75 students goes through about three pairs per season.

For as little as \$50 you can advertise your business and help the school. For more details, contact David at the school, at (206) 252-7876; at home at (206) 781-7854; or e-mail [ddwhiteespin@seattleschools.org](mailto:ddwhiteespin@seattleschools.org).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

- 13 — Deadline for Sea-Tac Marriott hotel reservations for all-class fund-raising dinner social (\$69/night + tax)  
Contact: (800) 228-9290 (mention CHSAA)
- 14 — Alumni Weekend Committee meeting, 10 a.m. @ CHS Career Center  
CHSAA board meeting, 11 a.m. @ CHS Career Center
- 27-28 — CHS' 75th anniversary/Alumni Weekend
- CHSAA all-class fund-raising dinner social, 9/27, 6 p.m. @ Sea-Tac Marriott (\$40; parking, gratuity and taxes included)
  - CHS' 75th-anniversary celebration, 9/28 @ CHS Ceremonial Walk Up the Hill, 10 a.m. (meet at Georgetown Playfield)  
Outdoor flag ceremony, 11:30 a.m.  
Assembly program, Noon  
Reunion chat rooms
- 28 — Class of 1972 @ Shilshole Bay Beach Club.  
Contact: [www.ReunionsWithClass.com](http://www.ReunionsWithClass.com)

### NOVEMBER

- 2 — Class of 1982 reunion  
Contact: Marly Chan, (206) 303-5351, or [Marly.Chan@nordstrom.com](mailto:Marly.Chan@nordstrom.com)
- 16 — CHSAA board meeting, 10 a.m.-noon @ CHS

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