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Alumni Association finishes another successful year

By Alison W. Sing '64
President

Success" as defined by Webster's Dictionary is "gaining of something desired, planned, or attempted." As we look back at 2002, our measure of success is captured in what we did:

■ Installed and dedicated the James B. Rohletter '37 Memorial Flagpole at the Cleveland High School Memorial Forest. (Our sincere thanks to the Rohletter family for their generous donation.)

More than 120 participants took part in this special dedication, which included special readings of poems by CHS students and music by the newly formed CHS band.

■ Publication of the "Honored Dead: The Story of Cleveland High School's World War II Gold Star Men."

After two years of research and help from alumni, family members and friends, **Pat Sullivan Rosenkranz '49** completed her poignant book on the lives of our "fallen Eagles," for whom the Cleveland High School Memorial Forest is dedicated.

■ Granted educational scholarships totaling \$6,500 to three deserving Cleveland High School students.

Recipients included **Miaoduan Lu, Jiaqing Chen** and **Rukia Yousuf**, who will attend local colleges to study nursing, business and the medical field, respectively.

■ Sponsored the second-annual Cleveland High School Golf Tournament at the Fort Lewis Golf Course. This event engaged more than 100 golfers and netted \$2,000 for our alumni scholarship fund.

Kudos to **John Christiansen '64, Pat Coluccio '47, Pat Rosenkranz '49, Don Armeni '49** and the other tournament volunteers for orchestrating another

wonderful event.

■ Celebrated the 75th anniversary of Cleveland High School with the first all-class dinner social at the Sea-Tac Marriott Hotel on Sept. 26 and the formal celebration at the high school on Sept. 27.

Thanks to your hard-working alumni board, students, teachers, administrators and alumni volunteers, more than 300 participants celebrated this event.

Special thanks to **Don Duncan '43**, who emceed the program at the school.

Our success this year is attributed to our hard-working Alumni Association board of directors.

Please join me in extending our sincere thanks to the following alumni board members who have relinquished their seats on the board: **Kathleen Gemmill Stremick '59**, recording secretary for the Alumni Association; **Kevin McGinnis '77**, our webmaster; **Paul Barden '54**, a longtime board member; and **Larry Zipp '42**.

Please now welcome our newest board members, elected at our annual meeting on Jan. 25: **James "Jimmie" Louie '43, Roxane Sklar Jonson '84, John Christiansen '64** and **Bernie Moskowitz '57**.

Re-elected to the board were **JoAnn Victor Smith '56**, membership secretary; **Terence Wong '58**, treasurer; **Tracy Case Arnold '82**; and **Pat Rosenkranz '49**.

It has been a pleasure serving as your president this past year.

Our new board is filled with enthusiasm and is committed to serve each of you to the best of our abilities.

Next board meeting: April 26 (all CHS alumni, staff and current students welcome)

Put Cleveland's 75th in the history books

By Don Duncan '43

Cleveland High School's 75th birthday party — a two-day affair, on Sept. 27 and 28 — has been packed away in that special place reserved for life's pleasant memories.

Nearly 100 ex-Eagles attended Friday's banquet, where big-band music of the '40s and '50s was provided by the Glenn Miller-flavored Kings of Swing, born at Cleveland in 1944 under the baton of Ed Ottum.

Another 300 or so "old and not-quite-so-old" Eagles turned out Saturday to take part in a variety of activities that included:

■ A re-creation of the Jan. 3, 1927, Georgetown-to-Cleveland "Walk Up the Hill" by students and faculty of the new school.

Leading the first walk was principal H.N. Gridley; this time, it was led by **Paul Wallrof**, who graduated from Cleveland in 1950 and returned a few years later as a teacher and coach.

■ A solemn flag ceremony at the front of the school, marked by the tolling of the bell as names of Cleveland's war dead (from World War II to the present) were read.

Bernie Moskowitz '57, clad in a Civil War uniform, played "Taps."

■ And, of course, an old-fashioned assembly in the school auditorium. The assembly opened with **Marilee Winn Johnson '52** singing "God Bless America" and concluded with my rendition of "Thanks for the Memory."

Following the assembly, alumni enjoyed a 75th-birthday cake and beverages in the cafeteria.

Among the hot-selling items at the birthday party were enameled 75th-anniversary pins, T-shirts and a sure-to-be-treasured book, "Honored Dead," by **Pat Sullivan Rosenkranz '49**, that contains biographical sketches of the 32 Cleveland alums who gave their lives in this nation's wars since Pearl Harbor. All may still be purchased by contacting the Alumni Association.

In remembrance (during 2002)

Mildred Austin Brown '31
Martha Billingsley Stephins '32
William Iacolucci '33
Viola Price Wood '33
Doris Cook Butterfield '35
Gladys Johansen Jackson '35
Lois Meriman Stougard '38
Helen Leponis Jensen '39
Everett E. Christensen '40
Donald E. Lapham '40
Marilyn Finn Van Gaver '40
Suyeo Noritake '42
Frances Hokenson '43
Shirley Douglas Raggio '46
Paul H. Stickle '47
Betty Christensen Armeni '48
Donna M. Stutz Hansen '48
Verner Larsen '51
Carol Richardson Myers '51
Loah Yearian Hendrick '54
Saul Jack White '57
Paul R. Phelps '58
Richard Schwendeman '67
Jaynee Fisk Larkin '71

SCHOOL news

A tutoring program is being established at Cleveland to assist at-risk students in grade 9 through 11 who are not passing math, English and/or science classes.

Damaris Pearson has been hired to recruit, train and coordinate with parents and the community to remedy this situation. Tutors are needed for a minimum of two days per week through May to assist these students in completing their homework assignments.

Volunteer tutors are needed in the Cleveland Learning Center from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Coordination with teachers will be provided.

To volunteer, call Damaris Pearson, at (206) 252-7889, or e-mail depearson@seattleschools.org.



Cleveland High School's music department is in need of instruments, especially saxophones. The school is currently borrowing instruments from

Maple Elementary School and Mercer Middle School.

Also, adult instrumentalists who are interested in working with Cleveland students in small groups or one-on-one are encouraged to volunteer.

To help, call Mark Miller, at 252-7800.



The school has formed a Design Team Committee of teachers, architects, alumni and community members that meets every other week to plan the design for the new Cleveland High School.

The new school will be built on the current school site beginning in June 2005.

The meetings take place in the school library, from 3 to 5:30 p.m., on the following dates: March 5, March 13, March 27, April 10, April 24, May 8, May 22 and June 12. All interested alumni are encouraged to attend and provide their input.

FOREST watch

This is a new feature that we will include in future newsletters for alumni who are interested in what is happening at the Cleveland High School Memorial Forest.

The following are highlights:

■ The school district seeks a Stop Work Order to prevent further damage to Coho salmon spawning in Canyon Creek from upstream construction water runoff from the King County Department of Development and Environment Services. A Stop Work Order was issued Dec. 18, 2002.

■ David Goldman, a teacher with the NOVA Alternative High School, has developed a program to grow and eventually sell shiitake mushrooms grown at the forest and at its school site. For more information, contact David Goldman, at (206) 252-3485.

■ Annual call to form alumni work parties to provide and install skirting on the caretaker's cottage, clear paths, clean up behind the cottage, repair women's restroom floor entry of dry rot and clean restrooms. Call Don Case '48, at (253) 854-3431, to volunteer.

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2003 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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(contributions totaling \$100 or more will be noted as Eagle 100 members for that year only)

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

Memorials

*Generous contributions to the
Cleveland High School
Alumni Association were given
by the following individuals:*

*In memory of
Donald E. Lapham '40
from Fred and Margaret Brewis,
for the CHS Memorial Forest fund.*



*In memory of
Helen Leponis Jensen '39
from
Catherine (Krisewick) Weidum '40*



*Gladys (Johansen) Jackson '35,
who passed away Sept. 17, 2002,
remembered the Alumni Association with a
very generous bequest
in her will.*

Eagle 100 Club

(January-December 2002)

(Those contributing \$100 or more to the Cleveland High School Alumni Association)

Mel A. Croan '33
Frances Williams Renfrow '36
Walter E. Berg '37
Elsa Huber Hogue '37
T.W. (Bill) Nicholson '40
Eva Di Luck Borak '41
Howard R. Myers '41
Howard N. Brenna '42
Harold & Margaret Imus '42
Stanley G. Ridings '44
Charlotte Eldridge Teufel '44
Margaret Jylha Berre '45
Roy & Lois Olson '45
Mary Jylha Stuard '45
Marilyn Lloyd Burke '46
Billie Haynes Eder '46
Dale & Jeanette Erickson '47
Richard Tarasuk '48
Leo Utter '48
Donald Armeni '49
Debra Lenci Pietromonaco '49

Pat Sullivan Rosenkrantz '49
Ray & Edna Metter '51
Shirley Laing Browing '52
Stephen Smith '52
Bruce Langenegger '54
Merlin D. Bosch '55
Dick & Bev Minice '55
Joann (Janie) Winstead Roaf '55
JoAnn & Erwin Victor Smith '56
Christine McCrohan Mortenson '58
C.F. (Chuck) Seeliger '58
Susan Araki Yamamura '58
Kathleen Gemmill Stremick '59
Louise Aldrich Winter '62
John L. Christiansen '64
Alison W. Sing '64
Dennis Le Ponis '68
Sandi Fridley Hunt '85
Richard Chinn '93
Gloria Lux Warner (deceased)

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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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UPCOMING events

MARCH

- 8 CHSAA Alumni Relations Committee meeting, 10 a.m.
Contact: Roxane Sklar Jonson, (206) 935-2518
- 22 CHSAA board retreat, 9 a.m.
Contact: Alison Sing, (425) 742-1782 or
alisonwsing@earthlink.net

APRIL

- 26 CHSAA board meeting, 10 a.m. @ CHS Career Center

MAY

- 15 Deadline for submissions to spring CHSAA newsletter
Contact: Vera Chan-Pool '91, (253) 826-0456 or
VEmchan@earthlink.net

AUGUST

- 8 Third-annual CHSAA Golf Scramble, 1 p.m. @ Fort Lewis Golf Course
Four-person teams (\$75/person, \$300/team; includes green fee, cart, range balls, tee gifts, prizes, dinner and raffle) — limited to 144 golfers and 300 for dinner (\$20 for non-golfers)
Contact: John Christiansen, (360) 493-1440 or
jlc4golf@attbi.com, christjo@lewis.army.mil
- 23 Class of 1958 reunion
Nile Shrine Center, 6601 244th St. S.W., Mountlake Terrace (register by July 1)
Registration and no-host bar, 6 p.m.

Dinner and program, 7 p.m. (\$90/couple; \$45/single)
Contact: Richard Shankland, (253) 857-5326 or
n7fscr@harbornet.com, www.harbornet.com/folks/shankland/class58.html

SEPTEMBER

- 20 Class of 1963 reunion
Contacts: Jan (Williams) McClain, (253) 841-3203;
Linda Wilkinson Beckerat, (253) 859-6002; or
chs_reunion@telepress.com
- 27 CHSAA board meeting, 10 a.m. @ CHS Career Center

OCTOBER

- 15 Deadline for submissions to fall CHSAA newsletter
Contact: Vera Chan-Pool '91, (253) 826-0456 or
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NOVEMBER

- 22 CHSAA board meeting, 10 a.m. @ CHS Career Center

DECEMBER

- 15 Deadline for submissions to winter CHSAA newsletter
Contact: Vera Chan-Pool '91, (253) 826-0456 or
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OPEN

- Class of 1983 reunion
Contact: Amy Maeda, (206) 336-2747 or
amy@uwajimaya.com