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'Twas the season

By Alison W. Sing '64
President

2005 marks a significant point in the history of our beloved high school and our Alumni Association. Next June, our beloved school will close its doors for a major renovation and reopen for the incoming freshman Class of 2008. 2005 also marks the 10th anniversary of our Alumni Association.

This column marks the 10th one I have written as your Alumni Association president.

Last August, my Class of 1964 celebrated its 40th-year reunion at the Museum of Flight in Seattle, and this October I celebrated my 58th birthday.

At the end of February 2005, I will retire from my position at Snohomish County, marking the end of 25 years and 33½ years of public service employment.

Each date and event marks a significant milestone for our Alumni Association and for me as your president.

When we convene our annual meeting in May 2005, I will complete my fifth year as your Alumni Association president. Although I have one year remaining on my term, I intend to step down as your president.

You may ask, Why now? For me, there is a season for all things.

During my career, I found change is good—not only for individuals but for organizations. New leaders will emerge to fill the needs of an organization.

With the school closing in 2005 for renovation, it is a good time to bring on a new president, someone who will work on taking our organization to a new level. We have time between 2005 and 2008 to develop new programs and initiatives that will help the incoming Class of 2008.

Leadership change is good. It brings new perspectives and ideas to the table. Although there are new challenges, boards become energized as they seek ways to meet these challenges.

As I reflect back on my election to the board

in 1998 and as your president since 1999, we have accomplished a lot together.

Alumni Association

■ Filed for 501(c)3 nonprofit, tax-exempt status in 1998 and was granted this in 2003.

■ Established the Cleveland High School Eagle 100 Club in 1998. As of this year, we have 71 contributors, totaling \$14,720 for the period from January to June 2004. This number continues to grow each year.

■ Established the alumni website at www.clevelandalumsea.org in 2001.

■ Have a healthy balance of \$69,986.80, according to the financial report on June 4, 2004.

Cleveland High School

■ Celebrated the 75th anniversary of Cleveland High School on Sept. 27 and 28, 2002.

■ Held our first all-class dinner social at the Seattle Marriott Hotel on Sept. 27, 2002.

■ Watched the transformation of Cleveland High School into four small learning communities or academies: Info Tech; Global Studies; Health, Environment and Life; and Arts & Humanities.

■ Participated in the Seattle School District's School Design Team planning efforts related to the Cleveland High School renovation and modernization project, which will begin in 2005.

Memorial Forest

■ Installed new benches at the Cleveland High School Memorial Forest on June 12, 1998.

■ Dedicated two new bronze plaques in June 1998, honoring fallen Eagles who gave their lives in the Korean War, Vietnam War and World War II.

■ Dedicated the James B. Rohletter flagpole at the Cleveland Memorial Forest on May 24, 2002.

■ Our Cleveland High School Memorial Forest was embroiled in a lawsuit over who had legal title to the forest.

■ Alumni board member **Patricia Sullivan**

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Members help build Alumni Association's legacy

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Rosenkrantz '49 published the "Honored Dead: The Story of Cleveland High School World War II Gold Star Men" in 2002.

■ Alumnus **Don Armeni '49** commissioned a commemorative lapel pin, designed by Dennis Biasi of Portland, Ore., for Cleveland's 75th-anniversary celebration.

■ Conducted our eighth-annual Memorial Forest Trek on May 28, 2004. Our Alumni Association met the president's challenge in 2000 to resurrect our annual treks to the forest: seniors in the spring and freshmen in the fall.

■ Sponsored the annual planting of the senior-class commemorative tree in 2001. This tradition continued with the Class of 2004 planting its tree on May 28, 2004.

■ Instituted joint Veterans Day celebrations at the high school and the forest, where veterans shared their stories with our students.

■ Served on the Seattle Public School's Cleveland Memorial Forest Oversight Committee.

■ Contributed \$3,000 toward the renovation of the Cleveland Memorial Forest caretaker's project in 2003.

Student Scholarships

■ Awarded the first Cleveland High School Distinguished Alumni Scholarship Award in the name of **Darce Lamb '57** in 2000.

■ Sponsored our first Cleveland High School Alumni Golf Tournament on Aug. 9, 2002, to raise scholarship funds for Cleveland students. Our fifth Golf Scramble is scheduled for Aug. 5, 2005.

■ Secured Washington State Higher Education Coordinating Board's Community Scholarship Matching Grants, totaling \$4,000 during the last two years (2002-03 and 2003-04).

■ Invested in a Scholarship Certificate of Deposit in the amount of \$5,000.

■ Authorized the creation of a permanent and irrevocable Scholarship Endowment fund on Nov. 22, 2003. It totals \$6,001.56, as of June 2004.

■ As of June 2004, our Scholarship fund

has grown to \$43,131, and we have pledged \$29,700 in scholarships to date.

These accomplishments are not the sole achievement of any single individual but the collective work of each and every one of our dedicated Cleveland High School alumni. Each of you has played an important role in building our Alumni Association.

I commend your service, contributions and dedication toward creating a future generation of proud Cleveland High School students who understand the spirit of our beloved alma mater. More so, for preserving the memories of our "Honored Dead" who gave their lives defending our nation and making it possible for each of us to be here today.

I have been blessed during my five years by a wonderful board, members who serve with dedication and purpose. To my past and present board members, my sincerest thanks. It has been an extreme honor serving and working as your president.

SCHOLARSHIP update

The Alumni Association was pleased to award scholarships to two graduating seniors in June 2004.

Khoi Nguyen plans to attend South Seattle Community College, with an emphasis on business administration and social work, with the help of his \$2,000 scholarship.

Khoi maintained a 3.7 GPA. He has been involved with community service, as well as played soccer and enjoys basketball. He also practices English as it is his second language.

Lorna Garces is attending South Seattle Community College to train as a nurse assistant. She tutored and participated in track. Her scholarship is for \$1,000.

The Class of 1954 had a wonderful drive to provide another scholarship for more than \$2,200 to **Mary Parada** (see below). Hopefully, other reunion committees will follow their great example.

The reunion committee consisting of **Margie (Wallrof) Brown '54**, **Sandra (Ellis) Bunning '57**, **John Christiansen '64**, **Bernie Moskowitz '57**, **Sharon Victor '60** and **JoAnn (Victor) Smith '56** reviewed the applications and made the selections.

REUNION recap

On Sept. 11, 2004, the Class of 1954 held its 50-year reunion. Fifty-nine class members, spouses and other Cleveland graduates — for a total of 116 people, including Coach and Mrs. Landon — gathered at the Glen Acres Golf and County Club to celebrate this momentous event. Highlights included an informative talk by Cleveland principal Rick Harwood, about the changes the school will undergo during the next two years.

The group also heard about the \$2,200 that it collected for a scholarship that was presented to 2004 Cleveland graduate **Mary Parada**, who plans to attend the University of Washington and major in psychology. Mary was not able to attend this reunion, but she sent an appreciative thank-you letter and picture.

A wonderful time was had by all, and they look forward to seeing the new school and each other again soon.

Honorariums

*In memory of **Erwin Smith '56**,
who passed away June 12, 2004,
of pancreatic cancer
from his wife, JoAnn (Victor) Smith '56*

*In memory of **Bob Fern '58**,
who passed away in June 2000,
from Mary (Vern) Hammericksen '61,
John Fern '53 and Ellen Fern '55,
for the Scholarship and Memorial Forest funds*

*In honor of **R. Albert Ferrier '49**
from Loretta Holmes Ferrier Ward '49
and Brad Ferrier,
for the Cleveland Memorial Forest*

*In memory of **Ray A. Olson '45**
from his wife, Lois (Allan) Olson '45*

*In memory of
Mary Jean (Haugen) Cook '46,
who passed away in April 2004,
from her "little sister" from college,
Jacquelyn (Smith) McCoy,
for the Scholarship Fund*

*In memory of **Charlene M. (Schmaing)
Gallarno-Wilkman '48**,
who passed away in September 2002,
from her sister, A. Yvonne (Schmaing)
Robertson '52.*

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2004 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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Eagle 100 Club (January - November 2004)

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Frances Williams Renfrow '36
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Bill Holmquist '37
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T.W. (Bill) Nicholson '40
Dave Petrig '40
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David J. Everitt '74
Patricia Tatarek '78
Todd Yamada '80
Nichole Washington '80
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Sandi Fridley Hunt '85

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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 (subject to change)

JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

15 Deadline for submissions to CHSAA spring newsletter
Contact: Vera Chan-Pool '91, VEmchan@comcast.net

MAY

- 21 CHSAA annual meeting/board elections, 10 a.m.-noon @ CHS (send board nominations to Tracy Case Arnold, teachs82@hotmail.com)
- 27 Memorial Day observance @ Memorial Forest, Issaquah, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (Bus transportation from CHS available.)
Contact: Pat Coluccio, (253) 852-4229 or p.coluccio@comcast.net

JUNE

- 1 Deadline for submissions to CHSAA summer newsletter
Contact: Vera Chan-Pool '91, VEmchan@comcast.net
- 4 CHSAA board retreat, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. @ Fort Lewis Golf Course

AUGUST

- 5 CHSAA Golf Scramble, 1-9 p.m. @ Fort Lewis Golf Course
Contact: John Christiansen, (360) 493-1440 or jlc4glf@attbi.com

OCTOBER

- 1 CHSAA board meeting, 10 a.m.-noon @ location TBA

Still available

■ The book "Honored Dead," by **Pat Sullivan Rosenkranz '49** (\$16.50, includes postage).

Send order to:

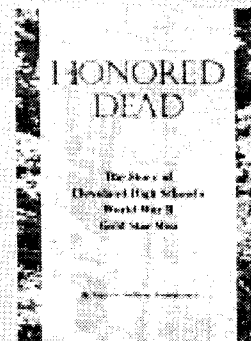
Pat Sullivan Rosenkranz
P.O. Box 85,
Ocean Park, WA 98640

■ Cleveland High School's 75th-anniversary pin, designed by Dennis Biasi, of Portland, Ore. (\$3, includes postage).

To order:

Don Armeni '49

312 Modrow Road, Kalama, WA 98625
(360) 673-4646 or darmeni@Kalama.com



Preserve CHS history

The Alumni Association is in the planning stage of gathering items at Cleveland High School that members would like to have remain and be put on display when the school reopens after renovation.

If you are interested in helping, please contact **Pat Coluccio '47**, at p.coluccio@comcast.net.