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## Congratulations, Isaac Jefferson '99!

### What an amazing night it was on the court!

The boys won against Briggs to a capacity crowd and then a ceremony to honor one of the finest basketball players in recent history. On January 22, 2024, jersey number 40 was retired in honor of **Isaac Jefferson '99**. Isaac was on the All-City Basketball team in 1997-98 and 1998-99 and he is currently the head basketball coach at West High. Since this is a rare occasion and quite an honor I asked Aaron Geis, the Athletic Director at West to explain the process.

### What process is involved in retiring a number?

The process or standard for which a player has his jersey retired can be assessed in many ways. However, we determined Coach Jefferson achieved rare accomplishments during his tenure at West High School which warranted his jersey being retired. He had an influential part in the success of the boys' basketball program in the late 90's. He also, has done a lot for the program over the years as an assistant coach and more recently as our head coach.

### How is the decision made?

The decision was made by me, with the support of our administration team, specifically Dr. Roberts.

### Why was he selected?

He had an influential part in the Boys' Basketball success in the late 90's. He also, has done a lot for the program over the years as an assistant coach and more recently as our head coach.

His individual and team accomplishments/awards while a student athlete at West, had a huge impact on his selection.

### Any comment about the improvements to the gym and weight room?

New banners were made through the support of West High School Athletic Department, Dr. Roberts, and the Alumni Association.

The gym walls were also painted with a new coat of white to make the banners pop and stand out more.

The weight room is a tremendous addition to the school. It will have an immediate impact on our student athletes and their sports programs. Not to mention it will allow more opportunities for students in the school to use the equipment as well.



Isaac Jefferson



Isaac Jefferson and Family

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# President's Message



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### Deadline for Submitting Articles to the Occident

To be printed in the West High Alumni Occident, all articles and suggestions for articles must be submitted to the editor by the following dates:

November 20th - February 20th - May 20th - August 20th



## President's Message

### Dan Martin '72



### Hello Cowboys!

The West High School Open House will feature a visit to the newly renovated Weight Room and Gym. We will start at 6:00 pm, Wednesday, April 10, this year. As in the past, FREE MINELLI'S PIZZA will be available for your enjoyment, provided by your West High School Alumni Association. We look forward to seeing you and any guest you might encourage to attend. We anticipate a larger crowd this year as there are so many exciting improvements to share.

### What improvements do you ask?

West High School is experiencing many improvements throughout the building, specifically around its athletic facilities. Just to state a few, Principal Dr. Daniel Roberts, shared with the WHSAA Board, at the January board meeting, that renovations are rapidly being made at West. All alumni that responded to support and who donated to the building of the Weight Room will be glad to know that the project is nearly completed and will be available for viewing at the Open House. Roberts also shared that the Columbus School District has matched the Alumni Association of \$25K+ for the weight room renovation, as well as other projects such as auto cranks for basketball backboards and hoops, painting the gym, new projection systems in the gym and other wish-list projects around the school. THE WHS Athletic history and achievements over the years have been updated with new banners, in the gym by way of the shared purchased through WHSAA and the West Athletic Department. As a note, if you see an error on any banner, bring it to our attention or school administrator and corrections will be made. Other district monetary improvements have included an additional new scoreboard for the football stadium. As for an update on the track, the report is that the planned project is in process and will begin when the weather is conducive to completion this spring. Concerns for Improvements to the stadium itself, are being supported by faith based partners within the Hilltop community. As in the past, donations directed to support special projects at West are always welcomed and can be made to the Alumni Association and then are passed on directly to the West High School special project account.

### Association News that must be shared.

It is with much regret that the elected WHSAA Treasurer, **Diane Lowery Offenberger '79**, has resigned from the Board. She and her dedicated service will be missed. Due to Diane's departure, Assistant Treasurer, Mike Miller was appointed by the WHSAA board, to become the acting treasurer for the remainder of the year.

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## Dick DeRoberts '48

Dick DeRoberts so generously donated \$25,000 to this alumni association for the specific purchase of weight room training equipment for the students at West High School. This editor wanted to know what motivates someone to make such a generous gift, so she reached out to Nancy DeRoberts Moore, daughter of Dick DeRoberts, for more information.

### What motivated you to donate to the alumni association?

I have fond memories of the west side as that is where I grew up and got my start in life. My family and I considered how we could best support the community. We did some research and felt the high school had dedicated leadership and they would benefit

from increased financial support. I am hoping my gift will inspire others to give back to the community.

### Were you involved in sports as an athlete at West?

No, my parents were immigrants and I worked after school and on weekends to help support our family. Extra-curricular activities were not an option.

While I did not personally play sports, I have several grandchildren that played sports in high school and college and understand their value.



*Dick DeRoberts and Family*

### Family

My father arrived in America via Ellis Island in 1918 and began to establish a life for his family. He made several trips to Italy with my mother joining him in Columbus in 1929. We lived on Sullivant Avenue and my father had a shoe shop, Jimmy's Shoes at 1419 Sullivant Avenue. We also ran a Christmas tree lot on the west side. My wife, Darlene Dehl DeRoberts, also grew up on the west side and we had our first home on Hilltonia Avenue. I have four children: Jim DeRoberts, Nancy DeRoberts-Moore, Jeff DeRoberts, and Amy DeRoberts Spegal. I have nine grandchildren.

### Career

As a young man, I sold insurance and eventually opened an agency in Grandview. I found success in the insurance industry and my family also ventured into property management and banking. I am grateful for the good fortune I have had and am happy to be able to have a small impact on Columbus' west side community. I hope others will join me in supporting the work of the Alumni association.

*Thank you, Dick DeRoberts!*

Donations for the Weight Room are still being accepted by going to [www.westhighalumni.com](http://www.westhighalumni.com) and clicking "Fundraisers – Leadership Campaign."

Or you can send a check made payable to: West High School Alumni Association, P.O. Box 28056, Columbus, OH 43228.

# Christmas Luncheon

## Christmas Luncheon Fun!

The Christmas Luncheon was another wonderful event! Friends and classmates attended in record numbers with over 120 registered alumni and friends. **Jeff Rowe '74** gave the invocation. Then, the dinner began! The delicious German food was prepared by Schmidt's Catering at Raymond Memorial, and it was enjoyed by all.



*Bob '59 and Kathy Hessler Blackburn '58*

There was an abundance of excellent items donated and sold in the Silent Auction. There was an original oil painting, a room of carpet from Evans Carpet, fancy handmade chocolates, rustic painted wooden signs, a wine basket, a bath and body basket, and homemade chocolate chip cookies among many other delightful items. Thank you to everyone who donated! Money raised goes toward the Scholarship Foundation.



*Dave Dobos '73 and Wanda Estep Ross '73*

**Katie Lorenz Haddox '47** was the most senior alumnus in attendance. **Trent Bishop '85** was the youngest alumnus in attendance. As a side note, **Nancy Hardy Smith '50** has attended every luncheon held for 32 years.

**President Dan Martin '72** introduced Principal Dr. Daniel Roberts who updated

the alumni on the progress of the improvement projects at West. **Stacy Neff Campbell '78** introduced and thanked **Dick DeRoberts '48** and his family who donated a very significant donation to the Leadership Campaign Weight Room Project. The classes of 1963 and 1973 had the most in attendance and both classes donated generous gifts to the Leadership Campaign Weight Room Project. **Pamela Wallar Duncan '63** pre-



*Committee Chair Stacy Neff Campbell '78 and Jerry Campbell*



*Cousins Tim Thrush '74 and Ginger Thrush '79*

sented the donation for her class and **Wanda Estep Ross '73** presented the donation for her class. The West High Alumni Dance Band entertained us with holiday sounds and debuted **Donovan McKinney '77** as featured vocalist. There were even a few danc-

ers who "cut a rug" before the meal. If you have never attended this event, please consider doing so as it is one of our absolute best functions. **Stacy Neff Campbell '78** organized this fabulous event. Thank you, Stacy!



*Pamela Wallar Duncan '63*



*Class of 1963*



*Class of 1973*

# Luncheon Attendees



## Christmas Luncheon



*Dianne Krebs and Sue Jackson Thomas '55*



*DeRoberts Family - Amy Spegal, Dick DeRoberts '48, and Jeff DeRoberts*



*Dan Martin '72 and Dr. Daniel Roberts*



*Ed Sensenbrenner Jan. '50 and John B. Brown '50*



*Georgia Martin Ward '70 and Bill Kern '60*



*Jan Hardy Stone '67 and Deborah Barker Madden '67*



*Doug Davies '67 and David C. Madden '67*

*Eldest at the Luncheon!  
Katie Lorenz Haddox '47*



# Luncheon Attendees



Jeff Rowe '74



Sisters Peggy Williamson '79  
and Kathy Williamson Diedrich '72



Julie and Roland Lane '63



Nancy Hardy Smith '50  
and Phyllis Guyton Taylor '56



Teacher Bob Howard



Paula Dave Sellers '87 and Margaret Smith '73



Roberta Flugge Conner '58, Jean Stewart Frass '58  
and Dixie Larson Reid '58



Teachers Mark Sampson  
and Sara McPeck Sampson '69



Youngest alum  
at the Luncheon!  
Trent Bishop '85



Thomas Family -  
Sue '55, Stacey '83,  
Trent Bishop '85  
and Ron '75





*You're Invited!*

## Ohio Statehouse Tour

Alumni and guests are invited to attend an Ohio Statehouse tour on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 4:45 p.m.

Our tour guide will be Representative **Dave Dobos '73**.

Please note, some of the upper floors are only accessible by stairs. Afterwards, we will adjourn to Minelli's Pizza for conversation and dinner on your own.

*Please join us!*

## Throwback in Time

As the track is being refurbished at the school, now is the perfect time to remember the relays that were held in the spring. **Ginger Thrush '79** found these relay ribbons won by Roger McDaniel in an antique store in Lithopolis, Ohio. Thank you for sharing these, Ginger!



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### News of those that will be truly missed.

It is with deep sadness that we report and honor the passing of Past Presidents and longtime super-supporters of West High School and the Alumni Association: **Paul Pennell, '57**, (President 2005) and **Rev. Ed Sensenbrenner, '50**, (President 2006). Both Rev. Sensenbrenner and Paul Pennell were inducted into the West High School Hall of Fame along with their spouses. Both couples were extremely qualified representatives of West, the community, and well-deserved members of the WHS Hall of Fame. HOF member Rev. Ed Sensenbrenner was inducted in 2002 with his loving wife **Lois Farrand Sensenbrenner '50**. Paul Pennell was honored into the HOF in 2006; As a coach and educator along with his spouse **Sharon Dent Pennell, '58**. Both Rev. Ed and Paul will be SORELY missed as past presidents and for their participation and support in the activities of the WHSAA over the years.



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### For future Planning.

We ask at this time if you may be interested to serve on the board in any manner, please make your wishes known to Nominating Committee Chair, Greg Large at: [Greglarge@realtor.com](mailto:Greglarge@realtor.com).

### In Closing.

Thank you, again, to those that made donations to the Weight Room. It is not too late to donate as there are additional items that are on the wish-list for the room. Information on how to donate can be found on the WHSAA website. We also ask that you please share your newsletter with friends or classmates that may be interested in WHSAA activities or news. Encouragement is appreciated if you persuade them into joining the Alumni Association. Thank you for your participation, as we look forward to seeing or hearing from you soon.

**As Always: GO COWBOYS!**



## In Remembrance of Paul Pennell and Ed Sensenbrenner

By Dorance Nichols Hornsby '63

*In February, our Alumni Association lost two of our former Presidents, one day apart. Both were also Hall of Fame Honorees, with their spouses. Ed and Paul developed a great friendship after Ed moved back to Columbus in 2004. When they all had better health, Ed, Lois, Paul, and Sharon took a few short trips together. Ed and Paul's friendship got even closer after both lost their wives. They often called each other and when Paul was able, he drove to Ed's place so they could go out to lunch together. For those who didn't know Rev. Ed Sensenbrenner and/or Paul Pennell, here is a small recap of their significant and notable lives.*

### Paul Pennell '57



2005 and 2016 Alumni Association President; 2006 Alumni Association Hall of Fame Honoree with his wife, Sharon **Dent Pennell '58 Jan.**; lifelong Hilltop resident (until 2022 when he moved to Grove City); forty-four year member of the Hilltop Kiwanis Club; 1996 Kiwanian of the year.

In Paul's first President's Message in the 2005 Alumni Occident he said, "I have been accorded

the honor of serving as president of the West High School Alumni Association for the year 2005. The Association was founded on sound principles and has benefitted from excellent leadership through the years. I will make a strong effort to continue this trend. Our membership roster and database make us one of the most viable and strongest high school alumni associations anywhere." Paul was a very proud and dedicated West alumnus and Alumni Association member. He remained active in the Association from the beginning of the group, through helping in the West High 50th Anniversary Celebration, until just last year when he was sending the thank you notes on Scholarship Foundation donations.

Paul attended The Ohio State University where he was a member of the basketball team during his freshman and sophomore years. An injury prevented him from continuing on the team. He had 36 years of experience coaching basketball and 25 years coaching baseball, starting with his first coaching position at the West Side Boys Club in 1958. His Babe Ruth teams won several league championships and won the 1963 State Championship that allowed them to represent Ohio in the Regional Games in Wisconsin. He also coached at the American Legion level. Soon after he earned his college degree, Paul garnered a teaching position at Columbus East High School. During his teaching career Paul taught biology, physical education, health, and driver education. At East he joined the basketball coaching staff where he was part of the legendary teams who won state championships in 1963, 1968, and 1969. He was the head baseball coach that took the East baseball team to the city championships in 1967 and 1968, and he led his team to the State Championship in 1969. When Briggs High School opened, Paul made the decision to transfer

to the new school that was less than a mile from his home. He coached the Briggs 1985 baseball team to a City League Championship and the 1991 Briggs basketball team to the Final Four.

Paul is one of a select group of coaches who has taken teams in two different sports to the State of Ohio Final Four and has also coached in both the basketball and baseball state all-star games. In 1968 Paul was voted City League Baseball Coach of the Year and Sideliners High School Baseball Coach of the Year. In 1969 he was voted Sideliners High School Baseball Coach of the year, and he coached the Ohio All-Star Baseball Game. In 1970 he was inducted into the "Green and White Club" at Ohio University. In 1975 he was named Sideliners Central Ohio Basketball Coach of the Year and Associated Press Central District Coach of the Year. In 1987 he was named Central District Coach of the Year, District 10 Coach of the Year, and Dispatch Agonis Coach of the Year. In 1991 he coached in the Ohio All-Star Basketball Game. In 1992 he was the recipient of the coveted Lou Berliner Award for excellence in coaching. In 1994 he was inducted into the District 10 Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame.

Paul was a member of the Hilltop Kiwanis Club for 44 years. He served as president in 1994-1995. One of the projects he chaired, and one he has taken great pride in, was the creation of the highly coveted and very popular "Hilltop U.S.A." afghan. Paul and Sharon designed the afghan and over 1000 were sold to proud Hilltoppers. Some of these have been donated by alumni and were offered at the Alumni Association Picnic as Silent Auction items.

Paul and Sharon taught a combined sixty-two years for the Columbus Public School. While they didn't have any children of their own, they were always involved in the activities of their combined nieces and nephews. Additionally, Paul had a way of staying in touch with his former coaching friends and students he coached. Students Paul coached were often welcomed in the Pennell home for dinners and other activities. At Paul's funeral, one of his East High basketball students told about his junior year he played for Paul then due to family circumstances, he was moving back to northern Ohio and would miss his senior year at East. Paul talked with the necessary people and got approval for the young man to move back to Columbus to live with Paul and Sharon, at their westside home, and finish his senior year at East. That man went on to go to college, got a degree, and taught and coached, just like his mentor Paul Pennell. You had to wonder what that young black man's life would have been like if he had moved back to live with his single mother. That is only one of many, many stories Paul's 'kids' tell of their time with him.

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## Rev. Ed Sensenbrenner '50 Jan.



Senior Class President; 2002 Alumni Hall of Fame Honoree with his wife, **Lois Farrand Sensenbrenner '50 Jan.**; Alumni Association Class Rep.; 2006 Alumni Association President

Ed and Lois moved to Troy, Ohio in 1971 when Ed took the position as Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Troy. It was always said, "You can't think of Ed without thinking of Lois." They

were a true team. After Ed retired in 2004, they moved to a condo in New Albany, Ohio where they lived until 2022. When Lois' health declined in the last two years, Ed would not consider moving her to an assisted living facility. He said he needed to keep her right there at their home, which he did. With very little outside help, Ed cared for Lois until she died in January 2022. They had been married for 70 years.

Ed and Lois were the parents of five children – Patti Sensenbrenner-Leeke, Doug Sensenbrenner, Judi (Tom Kibbey) Sensenbrenner, Shirli (Bill Aldridge) Sensenbrenner, and Richard (Janet) Sensenbrenner. They have nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Ed's brother, Richard '54, preceded him in death in 2014.

In his early years, Ed volunteered with his cousins at Camp Perry during WWII, and he volunteered with the Boy Scouts ushering at OSU football games. A proud OSU alum, Ed and Lois traveled to many OSU Bowl Games, including two Rose Bowls. They enjoyed many OSU men's and women's basketball teams including attending a Final Four game.

In 1954 Ed was graduated summa cum laude with a Business Administration degree from The Ohio State University where he also earned an MBA in 1955. After graduation he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Transportation Corps. He served two years at the Port of Whittier, Alaska. After leaving the Army in 1957 Ed took a job as a Personnel Specialist for the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, in Pittsburgh, PA for two years. In 1959 his call to the ministry was too strong for him to ignore. He entered the Pittsburgh Presbyterian Theological Seminary where he received a Masters of Divinity, magna cum laude.

In June 1962 Ed chose to be ordained at his home church, Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church on West Broad St. His first assignments were to pastor both the Yoked Field Island Creek Presbyterian Church in Toronto, OH, and the Pleasant Hill Presbyterian

Church in Steubenville, OH. In 1966 he was moved to the Broad Street Presbyterian Church where he was the Assistant Pastor and then Associate Pastor. Ed remained in the Army Reserves after leaving active duty and in 1963 he transferred from the Transportation Corps to the Chaplains' Corps. From 1968 to 1989 he was both the Staff Chaplain, Headquarters, 83rd U.S. Army Reserve Command in Columbus and the Hospital Chaplain, 229th U.S. Army Hospital in Dayton, OH. In 1977 he was promoted to the rank of Colonel.

In 1992 he was honorably retired. Ed and Lois didn't like to fly, so they drove everywhere. Ed used to joke that his military affiliation allowed them to stay for free, or at a reduced charge, at bases as they traveled throughout the United States.

Ed and Lois were inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame in 2002, the first married alums to receive that honor. In 2004, when Ed and Lois moved back to the Columbus area, they got actively involved with the Alumni Association, both having been Life Members since 1997. After retiring to Columbus, Ed and Lois went to Michigan for a month every summer for Ed to serve as pastor for the church of a fellow pastor while he took vacation time. Through the years they made many long-time friends in that church. In 2005, Ed served as Vice President then moving to President in 2006. Ed took his position as Senior Class President to heart. For the last several years he sent all of his classmates a Christmas card to keep in touch. In the card he included a copy of the Alumni Association Membership Application to any who were not members. He felt that even though he had a small class, he had the most members, percentage-wise, of any class. He did admit there were a few holdouts that took a while, but eventually nearly all of his classmates gave in to his 'gentle' reminders to join the Alumni Association.

In 2017, Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA, honored Ed for his work for Civil Rights in the 1960s. Ed was inducted into the "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Preachers" in an impressive worship service in the Dr. Martin Luther King Chapel at Morehouse College. Until the last year or two, Ed has always given the blessing at our Christmas Luncheons and Summer Picnic. He and Lois attended several Alumni Florida Reunions. He always related many interesting and enjoyable stories from the Hilltop during those luncheons. The last year they were at the Florida Reunion, **Connie Jarrell Castorino '68** taped Ed giving the blessing. As a tribute to Ed, Florida Reunion Chair, **Joe Castorino '67**, has played the recording since then before they eat.

Ed's father was former Columbus Major M. E. "Jack" Sensenbrenner. Ed was a soft-spoken, gentle man whose motto was '*to leave the world a better place than you found it.*' Ed's guidance through his presidency and his words of wisdom and insight since then, show that he left the Alumni Association better than he found it.



**Class of 1979  
45th Reunion  
Saturday, June 29, 2024**

7:00 pm - Midnight

Aladdin Shrine Center  
1801 Gateway Circle, Grove City, OH 43123

\$40 per person

Send check or money order to:  
Dino Melfi  
3252 Stephen Drive S, Columbus, OH 43204  
614-537-7572

DJ music - Heavy Hors d'Oeuvres bar - Cash bar

Images of memorabilia are being collected for the reunion. Send digital pictures to Kenny Grant at: [wkg28-53@hotmail.com](mailto:wkg28-53@hotmail.com)

The Class of 1978 is invited to attend also!

For more information:  
Karen Nixon Statmiller  
614-325-4775

Ginger Thrush  
614-214-2522

**Class of 1969  
55th Reunion  
Friday, July 12, 2024**

Heritage Golf Club  
3525 Heritage Club Drive  
Hilliard, Ohio. 43026

Time: 6:00-11:00  
\$40 per person  
Reservations Required.

If you did not receive an invitation,  
changed your address,  
or have information about a classmate,  
please contact:

Robin McMillen Gray at 614-870-8905  
Debbie Graves Hunt at 614-370-5445



**Class of 1974  
50th Class Reunion  
Saturday, July 20, 2024**

Place: Hollywood Casino  
Address: 200 Georgesville Road, Columbus, Ohio, 43228  
Time: 6-11 pm

Cost: \$50.00 per person by check or Zelle  
\$54.00 per person by Credit Card through PayPal

Other Events:

1. July 19th 2024 - Friday: Tour of West High School:  
Time to be determined
2. July 19th, 2024 - Friday Evening: 7-11 pm  
OverTime Sports Pub  
4337 Cosgray Road, Hilliard, Ohio 43026
3. July 20th, 2024 - Saturday Morning: Golf Event - Course  
and Time to be determined

Payment: Payment by Check or Zelle-\$50.00 per person

1. Payment by Check: Make checks out to: "Jill Newcome",  
141 S. Sylvan Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43204
2. Payment by Zelle: Send payments to: [jilly0406@gmail.com](mailto:jilly0406@gmail.com)
3. Payment by Credit Card: Due to PayPal fees cost is \$54.00  
Go to [www.westhigh1974.com](http://www.westhigh1974.com) site and follow instructions  
from there.

**Class of 1964  
60th Reunion  
Saturday, August 3, 2024**

2:00 – 5:00 pm  
Der Dutchman  
445 Jefferson Avenue  
Plain City, OH 43064  
Cost to be determined.

Send your questions,  
contact information about classmates  
or other communications to:

Dave Holdren, 614-580-2519  
Alice Devaney Biggers (Bob/Stoney), 630-334-2034  
Susie Griffith Conrad (Rick), 614-889-0727  
Rachel Nachman Graham, 614-208-9371.  
Please text first.



## Concession Stand Report

The West High Cowboys did not have a very good football season, but they tried really hard. The concessions for football on the other hand were very good. We got a couple things fixed this year in our kitchen and sales were great. The basketball season went well also with both girls and boys winning a few games. Our concession stand for basketball went well, too. Warm homemade chocolate chip cookies, (thanks to Eli), and Walking tacos were a couple of our best sellers. We want to thank all of our volunteers for their help in working the concession stand for football and basketball. A special thanks to some of the West High students who came out and helped us at the football concession stand. Without all the help of our volunteers, we couldn't do it without you! Thank you to: **Stanley Bowen '84, Dave Dobos '73, Georgia Martin Ward '70, Garnet Bowen Jr. '79, Nancy Lloyd Laver '79, Karen Nixon Stattmiller '79, Chris Bowen FOA, Brad Laver '75, Greg Large '70, William Hunter FOA, Dan Martin '72, Alissa Grashel '77, Steve Scarpitti '74, Theresa Fox '76, Cindi Rains '78, and Brenda Towery FOA.** Thank you, again!

**Eli Bowen '74 Chairperson and Rosalie Williams '72 Assistant Chairperson**



*Karen Nixon Stattmiller '79  
and Chris Bowen, FOA*

## West Yearbooks

Your Alumni Association will accept any West yearbooks you want to donate. Through the generous donation of many alumni and families of alumni we have been able to build a collection of yearbooks for every West graduation year starting with 1912 – except 1913, 1917, and 1994.

Our Yearbook Library is a great resource for our newsletter editor to verify graduation years, find articles and pictures for the Alumni Newsletter, and look for information we often get questions about from alumni and alumni families.

These generous yearbook donations have resulted in us having multiple yearbooks for several graduation years. We receive yearbooks when an alum is downsizing a home, when two alums are married and have duplicate yearbooks, and when the family of a deceased alum donates yearbooks.

We offer the extra yearbooks to our alumni with a donation to our Alumni Scholarship Foundation! The donation request is \$25 for yearbooks from 1959 and prior and \$30 for yearbooks

from 1960 and after. To date we have had alumni make donations for over 400 yearbooks. That is almost \$12,000 of donations for our Alumni Scholarship Foundation!

If you are interested in having one of the yearbooks listed below, contact [alumni@westhighalumni.com](mailto:alumni@westhighalumni.com). If shipping a yearbook to you is required, the shipping amount will be added to the donation amount we request. Do not send a donation for one of the yearbooks until you have confirmed it is still available.

Yearbooks Currently Available  
from the 1910s - 1914

from the 1920s - 1920, 1921, 1922, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929

from the 1930s - all years are available

from the 1940s - all years are available

from the 1950s - all years available except 1958

from the 1960s – 1960, 1961, 1966, 1967

from the 1970s – sorry, none available at this time

from the 1980s - 1987, 1988, 1989

from the 1990s – 1990, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999

from the 2000s – 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009

from the 2010s - 2011

## *Pennell, continued from page 8*

For his 75th birthday, a group of Paul's East and Briggs basketball players surprised him with a birthday party that was held at Briggs High School. Per Sharon's report on the evening, there were many stories related, some that may have been X-rated, but all in good fun. It was truly a night that Paul enjoyed and deserved.

Paul and Sharon were married for 55 years when she died in 2017. They started attending Brookshire United Methodist Church, now Crossroads UMC, two weeks after they married. Both held several leadership roles at the church through the years. Sharon's brother and sister-in-law, Robert, and Mary Dent, also preceded Paul in death. Paul is survived by his brothers, David (Vickie) Pennell, and Stephen (Bertie) Pennell; brother-in-law Dan (Susan) Dent, and their many nieces and nephews.

# THANK YOU for Your Donations!



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## THANK YOU for donating in memory of, or in honor of, an individual

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in memory of **Phillip Edwards '54, Jan.**

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## Thank you for Your Leadership Campaign Donation

Special Friends of 1964 c/o Karen Buchholtz

**Sally Dellinger, 1964**

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**La Raeu Ingram Franklin, 1957**

**Karen Letsinger Alles, 1968**

**Linda Scalf Dalicandro, 1970**

**Pierson Block, 1968**

**Suzanne Kanatas Mardas, 1961**

Class of 1963

Class of 1973

## Thank you for Your Scholarship Donation

**Carol Jones, 1962**

**James Hughes, 1964**

**Suzanne Kanatas Mardas, 1961**

## THANK YOU for Your General Fund Donation

**Erin Stone McLaughlin, 1999**

## WELCOME New Members

**Emily McKenney Overton, 1996**

**Connie Wells Anzuini, 1981**

**Roger Hulett, 1957, Jan.**

**Jennifer Volkmar, 1978**

**Diane Campbell, 1986**

## Welcome New Life Members

*646 never have to remember to pay their dues!*

**Kay Hoffman Sands, 1953**

**Barbara Garrett Carpenter, 1963**

# Update Your Alumni 2024 Calendar!



**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

<b>March 9, 2024</b> Saturday	<b>11:00 AM Florida All-Class Reunion in Sarasota</b> Der Dutchman Restaurant Reservation form online.
<b>March 27, 2024</b> Wednesday	<b>Ohio Statehouse Tour with Representative Dave Dobos '73</b> Meet at 4:45 p.m. at the Rotunda. All are welcome!
<b>April 10, 2024</b> Wednesday	<b>6:00 PM General Membership Meeting</b> West High School Cafeteria Minelli's Pizza and Salad. Tour the school.
<b>June 22, 2024</b> Saturday	<b>Hilltop Bean Dinner at Westgate Park</b> Stop by the Alumni tent and say hello!
<b>July, 2024</b> Sunday	<b>All Class Picnic - All are welcome!</b> More details coming soon! Date to be determined.
<b>August 9, 2024</b> Friday	<b>WHSAA Annual Golf Outing</b> More details to come! Save the date!
<b>September 15, 2024</b> Sunday	<b>Hall of Fame Ceremony</b> Save the date! More details coming soon!
<b>December 7, 2024</b> Saturday	<b>Christmas Luncheon - New Location!</b> Save the date! More details coming soon!

## Kroger Plus Card and Amazon Smile Benefit West Alumni Association



Thirty-two alumni households contributed \$116.41 to the Association without having to do anything but register their Kroger Plus Card on their computer. This is easy money! Please follow the directions on our new website to see how to join the Community Rewards Program.

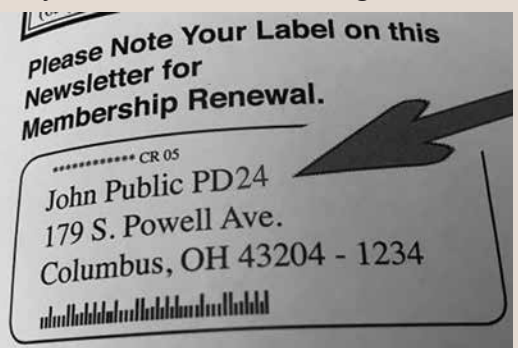


Amazon Smile is discontinuing their charity donation program to our organization. They have donated to more than a million eligible organizations over the last ten years. They will continue to launch other programs to support charities in local communities. Thank you so much for your participation in this program. We did not earn a lot of money, but we did earn some.

## PLEASE RENEW YOUR DUES BY MARCH 1.

### Membership Renewal – Check your label!

If you have already paid your dues for 2024 before January 1, you will see a PD24 after your name on the mailing label. If you are a Life Member, you will see LM. If your label does not show either of these, please renew your membership dues now.



## NEWSLETTER MAILINGS

If your Alumni Occident newsletter is 'snail-mailed' to you it is mailed in a bulk mailing which is not forwarded if you move. It is not returned to the Alumni Association, so we do not know you have not received it. Contact the Association Editor with the dates that you will be in another location, and we will mail your newsletter to that address.





## In Memoriam - Alumni No Longer With Us

(If you know the graduation class of anyone listed without a year, please contact the Association editor so we may update our records. Also, if you know of any alumni deaths that we have not reported, please also let us know of those.)

### Class

#### 1930s

Betty Knisely Kruger, February 11, 2024	1938
Mary Marjorie Watts Armstrong, December 31, 2023	1939
Helen Richter Miller	1932
Alice Stroup Stewart, January 26, 2024	1937

#### 1940s

Mondo F. Lombardi, January 18, 2024	1943
Donna Inboden Weber, December 29, 2023	1945
Jerry Postle, January 13, 2024	1945, Jan.
William Amrine, September 13, 2023	1946
Marjorie McCoy-Wharton Urban	1943

#### 1950s

Edward W. Sensenbrenner, February 3, 2024 Past President and Hall of Fame Honoree	1950, Jan.
Paul W. Pennell, February 4, 2024 Past President and Hall of Fame Honoree	1957
Joyce Whipple Hover, January 19, 2024	1955
Ronald W. Borton, November 30, 2023	1957, Jan.
Jack Kamer, December 1, 2023	1957
Diane Westlake Poston, December 13, 2023	1958
Carol Hemmeter Alvord, December 26, 2023	age 83
Rev. Betty Lou Hill Scott, November 2023	1957
Jerry G. Spears III, January 13, 2024	1959
Richard Smith, February 13, 2024	1958
Nancy Miller Gardner, February 6, 2024	1954, Jan.
David Lee Thomas, January 31, 2024	age 82
Alice Rice Willis, January 4, 2024	1955
Gene Raymond, December 20, 2023	1952
Jerry Kline, February 10, 2024	1957
Gene Webb, February 20, 2023	1951, Jan.

#### 1960s

Linda Wallace McKendry, November 24, 2023	1964
Karen Maurer Wilson, November 20, 2023	1961
Tom Schneider, December 12, 2023	1961
Paul Dallas Boltz, December 8, 2023	1969
Rick Finke, April 26, 2023	1963
Patricia Redmond Wentworth, January 4, 2023	age 76
Herbert "Tom" Daft, February 5, 2024	1962
Leo "Doc" Ocker, Jr., December 4, 2023	1966
Patricia Carter Brown	1964
P. Ernest Butterbaugh	1964
Brenda McCathern Cash	1964
Marsha Morris Chapman	1964
Eveline Ashbaugh	1964
Barbara Grace Dyer	1964
Wayne E. Ellis	1964
Pamela Good Coles	1964
Lawrence Cook	1964
Michael D. Cook	1964
Linda Traub Davis	1964
Robert L. Dawson	1964

### Class

#### 1960s continued

Karen Preston Detrow	1964
Sandra King	1964
Dick Groezinger	1964
Toni Lucas Hickey	1964
Rachel Galentine Hix, February 26, 2014	1964
Robert Lounden	1964
Rita Stewart Lynum	1964
Beverly Wilson Patterson	1964
Sandra Lucas Rogers	1964
Carl Ruzicka	1964
Cheryl Campbell Schanher	1964
Linda Schuler	1964
R. Diann Shaw, February 9, 2011	1964
Constance Friend Sheppard	1964
Ernest Starks	1964
Michael J. Uldricks, July 7, 2000	1964
Donald "Hawk" Van Order	1964
Karen Louise Watson	1964
Craig M. Weaver	1964
Ronald L. Wilt	1964

#### 1970s

Linda Hitch Malone, January 8, 2024	1973
Gary Watkins, January 6, 2024	1979
Michael L. Jacobs, December 14, 2023	1977
Rocco N. Gualtieri Jr., December 28, 2023	1975
Ruth A. Reed, February 5, 2024	1970
Marlene Pritchett Northern, December 31, 2023	1975
Dean A. Smith, January 9, 2024	1976
Terri Lee Warren Roush, December 1, 2023	1977
Terry Wolfe, January 11, 2024	age 68
Tim Landes, January 22, 2024	1971
Debbie A. Triner, January 5, 2024	1972

#### 1980s

Thomas J. Hoodlet, February 14, 2024	1980
Timothy Shay, December 2023	1982

#### 1990s

Ronald Smith III, November 12, 2023	age 46
Jason Merrill, February 20, 2024	1990

#### 2000s

DeAndre "Dre" Burton, January 15, 2024	age 39
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#### West Teachers and Staff

John R. Farley, Assistant Principal, January 29, 2024	age 75
Donna Inboden Weber, Secretary, December 29, 2023	1945
Phyllis Ann Sonnen, Teacher, December 26, 2022	age 99
Patricia A. Krumm, Art Teacher, January 11, 2024	age 95

*Thank you to our Alumni and friends who informed the Association of the passing of these cherished alumni, teachers and staff of West High School. Without your help we would not have this section.*

# Membership Application

**2024 Annual Membership Dues - Remit by March 1, 2024!**



**Mail Form & Payment to:**  
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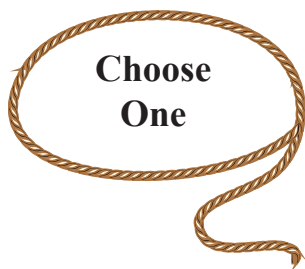
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**Donations**

- Donations to General Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_
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- In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_
- In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

**Roster of Members**

- Roster of Members (Mailed in May) \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Roster Format Choose 1
  - Printed Version (US Mail)
  - E-Mailed PDF format
- Roster of one graduation class \$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Sorted alpha by Last Name
  - E-Mailed PDF format

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During 2024 with your membership renewal you can give an emailed newsletter to a friend with an interest in West High School. Lifetime members may also participate! We think that most people who receive a gift newsletter will join the association. We can double our membership if every current member participates in this special offer! Do your part - it is FREE!

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