

2023 West High School Alumni Scholarships

On Tuesday, May 23rd the West High School Alumni Association presented seven graduating seniors with scholarships. Since 1993, due to the generosity of our alumni and friends of alumni, we have awarded 217 students scholarships totaling \$210,000. Once again, we are honored to announce our 2023 WHSAA scholarship recipients:



Left to right: Ginger Thrush '79, Hem Meng Hour, Alex Contreras, Joel Bioh, Rachelle Coleman, and Karen Nixon Stattmiller '79.

Missing from photo: Brianna Cooper, Shaday Martinez and Lul Mohamed.

Rachelle Coleman was awarded the **Beverly Kimball Daugherty Memorial Scholarship**. Mrs. Daugherty was a 1963 graduate, and this scholarship is made possible by her husband, Mr. William Daugherty. Rachelle will be attending either Otterbein University or Capital University and will study elementary education. While at West, she was involved in multiple extracurricular activities including volleyball, cheerleading, drama, JROTC, choir and Young Life. In her essay she writes “being a Cowboy has inspired me to further my education and someday return to work in the same schools that I attended.”

Brianna Cooper was awarded the **Lois Sensenbrenner Scholarship**. Mrs. Sensenbrenner was a January 1950 graduate and lifelong Cowboy supporter. Brianna will be attending either Capital University or The Ohio State University. She’s currently undecided about what she will study but is interested in the medical field.

Brianna is extremely involved in extracurricular activities. She has been a member of the cheerleading squad and has played basketball, soccer, and softball. She has won multiple honors and awards. Elizabeth Williams her pre-calculus teacher states that “Brianna is incredibly driven academically” and “she works diligently to be successful.”

Joel Bioh was awarded an Alumni Scholarship. Joel has applied to Ohio Dominican University, The Ohio State University and Columbus State Community College. Joel immigrated from Ghana in 2019 and West is the only school he has attended in the United States. Joel was a member of the West High School soccer team and was voted most improved player. He also received the West High coaches award. Sean Gentry, Joel’s English teacher states that “Joel has demonstrated leadership ability in multiple capacities: academically, athletically, and in a cultural and social aspect.”

President's Message



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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:

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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.



President's Message

Dan Martin '72



April 20, 2023 was the date for this year's annual gathering for the West High School Alumni Association to return for a visit to their Alma Mater. Nearly 150 friends, family, classmates, faculty members and guests assembled in the cafeteria to meet and greet, reminisce about the old "Cowboy days," tour the building, and take a stroll down memory lane as they were treated to a westside tradition of Minelli's pizza.

The meeting began with an opening welcome by **Dan Martin '72** at 6:05 p.m. Roll Call was

recorded by way of class decade sign in sheets. The class of the 70's was represented by the largest amounts of individuals in attendance, followed by classes of the 1980's, 1960's, 2010's 1950's and 2000's. **Vida Fulton Williams '73** gratefully thanked those present that show overwhelming support and follow the alumni association by way of Facebook.

Mr. Martin thanked those in attendance for their membership and support of Alumni activities throughout the year. He encouraged that all are welcome to also become informed by checking the WH-SAA website at www.westhighalumni.com. There, opportunities to become involved as committee members, members of the association and to donate to the general scholarship fund can be accomplished through the website. Checking the site periodically can also keep one up to speed on events and dates such as the upcoming WHSAA annual picnic and annual golf outing.

Dan shared that the board approved \$2,000 to be awarded for West students receiving scholarships to 4-year colleges and universities. \$1,000 will be awarded to those attending a community college or trade school. \$5,200 was also appropriated by the board for 4 students to complete their studies in the College Credit Program at Columbus State Community College; (Expenses to include tuition and books).

Karen Nixon Stattmiller '79 reported on the status of the Scholarship committee activities. **Sara McPeck Sampson '69** reported on the nomination process and ceremony for the WHS Hall of Fame.

A recess of the meeting was called for a period of time to allow for the enjoyment of pizza and salad consumption. After the break, Principal, Mr. Daniel Roberts, was introduced. He introduced his administrative team, gave an update on the school and activities; then offered guided tours of the building.

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2023 HALL OF FAME HONOREES

The Alumni Association is very pleased to announce our 2023 Hall of Fame Honorees: **Dr. George Marzluf, Class of 1953; Linda Schuler, Class of 1964; John Williams, Class of 1969; and Dan Martin, Class of 1972.** We will print the biographies about the honorees in a later newsletter. Congratulations to each of these individuals on their outstanding accomplishments.

This year the Hall of Fame Committee, chaired by **Sara McPeck Sampson, Class of 1969**, had 4 newly nominated alumni to consider in addition to the 40 who had been previously nominated. Sara asked each committee member to review all the nomination materials and then select his/her top five. Regardless of who are on the committee, they always struggle to select the honorees for the upcoming year. Committee members this year include: **Dorance Nichols Hornsby, 1963; Patty Krizinski Drumheiser, 1965; Joyce Johnson, 1970; Greg Large, 1970; Mike Miller, 1970; Dave Dobos, 1973; Steve Scarpitti, 1974; and Nancy Lloyd Laver, 1979.**

Please join us in recognizing our 2023 Alumni Hall of Fame Honorees. Whether you know (or knew) any of the new honorees, this is always a great time to socialize. We always have several former honorees attend, along with friends and family of the new honorees. The reception will be Sunday, September 17, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. at the Crossroads United Methodist Church, 1100 South Hague Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43204.

Reservations are due by September 11th and the form is located below. You may also email me, Sara McPeck Sampson at: sampson@columbus.rr.com with your reservations. There is no charge for this event, but a donation to the West High Alumni Association would be appreciated. We hope that you will be able to attend and join us in celebrating the accomplishments of these distinguished West High Alumni.

Clip along dotted line and return form along with your check

2023 Hall of Fame Ceremony

**Registration Deadline
September 11th, 2023**

No cost this year. Donations would be appreciated.

List names for each reservation: _____

Mail this reservation form to:
West Alumni Association
P.O. Box 28056
Columbus, OH 43228

PRINT LEGIBLY Year Graduated _____ January or June _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Maiden Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____



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Before the conclusion of the meeting participants were once again asked for their support and to check the upcoming calendar of events on the www.westhighalumni.com website.

Your help, volunteerism, and support of the July 23, "All Alumni Picnic" at Crossroads United Methodist Church and this year's golf outing, to be held at Groveport Municipal Golf Course, August 11, is needed and most welcome. Golfers interested in participating can contact **Georgia Ward '70** at 614-203-4068 or website for sign up. Georgia is also open to receiving donations for door prizes and hole sponsorship. Those willing to assist with the picnic are encouraged to contact **Nikol Madison Owens '97** at 614-554-9383.

Thank you, again for attending and visiting the building that housed the halls, classrooms, sports venues and provided lessons learned that molded us as young adults. Most of all be reminded that as a strong model for life, WHS provided the learning experiences that provided Wisdom, Honor and Sincerity as a character-builder for a rich future. Memories of good times, as well as lessons guiding the present and future students' path in life can be enhanced from your direct participation.

Get involved... "GO COWBOYS!"



Cupola Uniquely Preserved

In 2016, the old cupola at West High School was taken down to be rebuilt. **Brandon Dobbins** had a picture taken of the school the last day the old cupola was in place. The next day during demolition, Brandon went “dumpster diving” and retrieved the base of one of the original columns. Brandon and his Uncle Harry framed a picture of the old cupola, and the frame is made from one of these old columns.

Brandon brought the picture to the WHS Alumni Association General Membership meeting on April 20, 2023. Everyone in attendance was invited to autograph the frame.

Brandon’s family has a rich history at West High School. Brandon’s Uncle **Dick McDermitt** graduated in 1951 from WHS. Brandon’s Uncle **Harry** and Aunt **Judy Dobbins** both graduated in 1963 from WHS. Brandon’s Dad, **Elmer Dobbins**, graduated in 1967 from West. **Brandon and his twin brother David** graduated in 1991; his sister **Angie Dobbins** graduated in 1992 and Brandon’s brother **Ryan**, graduated in 1994. Brandon is a long-time employee of Columbus Distributing. Thank you so much Brandon for sharing this great piece of history with us!

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Alex Contreras was awarded an Alumni Scholarship. Alex will attend Ohio University. He has been a peer tutor, a class officer, on student council and has played soccer, baseball, and was a member of JROTC. He loves baseball and has the utmost respect for Major Gibson, his coach. In his essay, Alex wrote “I’m excited to start my life in college and return as a successful alum in the future.”

Hem Meng Hour was awarded an Alumni Scholarship. Hem will be attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University studying aeronautical science. Hem has played soccer for two years and enjoys mountain biking. After graduating from college, he would like to join the Air Force and become a pilot. In his essay he wrote: “I am grateful for the positive experiences that I have had at West High School, and I will always cherish the memories that I have made here.”

Shaday Martinez was awarded an Alumni Scholarship. Shaday has applied to Columbus State Community College, Otterbein University and Capital University. Shaday has been taking college courses since her sophomore year. During her senior year she enrolled in the Senior to College Sophomore program where she

took all of her classes at Columbus State. Ms. Simms, her teacher and College Credit Plus Advisor says, “Shaday is one of the most genuine, respectful and kindhearted students that I’ve ever met.”

Lul Mohamed was awarded an Alumni Scholarship. Lul applied to many schools but is leaning toward Otterbein University. She’s interested in studying computer science. Lul has participated in softball and bowling. She was also a student council member and is involved in her church. In her spare time, Lul likes to draw and paint. She considers herself a little bit of an artist! In her essay she wrote “Thanks to these honorable people at West, I was able to get comfortable and now, consider the wonderful people I met here as family.”

Thanks to this year’s committee **Steve Scarpitti '74**, **Dorance Nichols Hornsby '63**, **Ginger Thrush '79**, **Kara McQuaid '18**, **Lashawn Samuel '20** and chairperson **Karen Nixon Stattemiller '79**. Kara McQuaid was a previous awardee of the Sid and Pat Cozard Smart Memorial Scholarship and is currently a nurse. Lashawn was a previous WHSAA awardee and is currently a student at The Ohio State University Fisher College of Business.



16th Annual West High Alumni Golf Scramble

Proceeds to Benefit the West High Alumni Scholarship Foundation

Friday, August 11th, 2023

Groveport Municipal Golf Course

NEW LOCATION: 1005 Richardson Road, Groveport, OH 43125 (614)836-5874

ENTRY FEE: \$65 PER PERSON – INCLUDES GOLF, CART, MEAL, AWARDS

OPTIONAL FUN EXTRAS: 50/50 DRAWING \$1-5-10, and more

ENTER AS A FOURSOME, SINGLE, or DOUBLE (WE CAN PAIR YOU UP)

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 7:00 A.M. SHOTGUN START 8:30 A.M. ON THE DOT!

4 PLAYER SCRAMBLE *****LOW GROSS + SKILL PRIZES*****

Complimentary team photos taken prior to tee off

ENTRY FORM AND PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED (PLEASE) BY SATURDAY, JULY 29TH

**We are in need of Door Prize donations
and/or Hole Sponsors (\$50/60).**

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**Please direct those items and questions to
any of those listed below.**

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rjohnson129@columbus.rr.com

Karen Nixon Stattmiller '79
kstatt@twc.com

**PLEASE MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO: WEST HIGH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
MAIL WITH THE FORM BELOW TO: 5010 VININGTON PLACE, DUBLIN, OH 43016
DEADLINE = Saturday, JULY 29th**

If not an alum, circle one: R-relative, F-faculty, S-staff, or Guest

Clip along dotted line and return form along with your check

Circle appropriate item

Player 1) Name _____ Alum. Year _____ WHS (R / F / S) Guest

Address or E-mail _____ Phone # _____

Player 2) Name _____ Alum. Year _____ WHS (R / F / S) Guest

Address or E-mail _____ Phone # _____

Player 3) Name _____ Alum. Year _____ WHS (R / F / S) Guest

Address or E-mail _____ Phone # _____

Player 4) Name _____ Alum. Year _____ WHS (R / F / S) Guest

Address or E-mail _____ Phone # _____

Number of Reservations enclosed _____ X \$65 = \$ _____



Happy Birthday, Alice Stewart!

Alice will be celebrating her 104th birthday on July 30th.

She is an alumnus from the class of 1938.

She loves receiving cards and carefully reads every single one.

Her family will be having a car cruise to celebrate with her.

This is a picture of her with her grandson Scott Stewart.

Alice can be reached at:

Alice Stewart
1661 SE 31st Street
Apt 326
Ocala, FL 34471



Lieutenant General Carey

I thought that you might be interested in a recent feature story about **Lieutenant General Richard E. Carey, United States Marine Corps (Ret)**. The General, a 1945 West High graduate, is a member of our Hall of Fame. He turned 95 in January and is the subject of a biography just recently penned by author Alan E. Mesches: *The Flying Grunt, the Story of Lieutenant General Richard E. Carey United States Marine Corps, (Ret.)* Click here to learn more about this fascinating alumnus:

https://starlocalmedia.com/planocourier/learn-about-how-this-plano-resident-rose-to-the-rank-of-three-star-general/article_6c7de3c2-aeaa-11ed-81b1-a7e5afad1ea6.html

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@westhigh-alumni.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

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





West High Alumni 2023

All-Class Summer Potluck is ON!

Sunday, July 23, 2023

2:00 – 4:00 PM

Crossroads United Methodist Church

1100 S. Hague Avenue

(Corner of Hague Ave. and Briggs Rd.)

Join us as we get together to catch up and eat great food provided by us all.

It's a potluck!

Bring your favorite dish or snack to share.

Your Alumni Association will provide place settings, soft drinks, water, and Sloppy Joes.

All WHS alumni, family, and friends are invited. If you have never attended before, make this your first year to attend. For those that have attended in the past, we look forward to seeing you again.

Spread the word.

We would love to see representation from all of the West High School alumni classes.
Door prize donations are welcome!



30th Florida Reunion!



We just had our 30th Florida Reunion Luncheon on March 4th at the Der Dutchman Restaurant in Sarasota. As always, the food was top notch and the fact that it is an all you can eat buffet makes having it there even better! Also, we have had the same waitress for two years now and she does a fantastic job of taking care of us.

The couple of weeks leading up to this year's luncheon started out kind of crazy. By the Wednesday night before, we had less than 20 people coming and I was getting concerned. Only a few had sent in their reservations ahead of time and some had called or emailed me at the last-minute checking to see if they could come and pay at the door.

By Friday night, we had several more people calling and emailing me wanting to come and **Connie Jarrell Castorino '68** had to reprint the attendees list again. When all was said and done and everyone who wanted to come was there, we had 31 folks at this year's luncheon which made me feel much better. We also had 6 people who wanted to come but were unable to attend.



They opened before 11 a.m. as people were already waiting to get in. By noon, everyone was mingling with each other and having desserts that the hostess left on the table for us to enjoy early on. **Tom Ramage '67** did the collection for the 50/50 raffle that we have each year. Although we didn't take in as much money this year as in the past, we still ended up collecting \$98.00. **Louise Wolfe '71**, who was a first timer, won the drawing after lunch and pocketed \$49.00. She came all the way over from the Vero Beach area with her husband **Terry Wolfe '74**. **Mike Blackmore '63** and



his wife, who were also newcomers, came down all the way from the Dannelton area too.

At noon we had **Ed Sensenbrenner '50** do the invocation for us. Connie has a video of him doing it a couple of years back

that we use as we feel it is only fitting to have him do it. He was just as good this year as last year. Ha-Ha!!



After everyone had a "very filling" lunch it was time to do our nostalgia question & answer quiz. I had 15 questions for this year. Everyone broke up into groups and worked on the questions for about 20 minutes. Surprisingly, our crack group of **Tom Ramage '67**, **Denny Weisert '67**, **Tim Miles '65** and Phyllis Ramage that have won for several years "failed" to take the win this year. They were beaten out by another group who won by "one" point. They got 16 right as opposed to the 15 that Tom's group had. Now, I wonder for a minute ---- could the loss have been because Tim's wife, Susie and Denny's wife, Mary Jo were not able to attend to put them over the top with "their" wit??

Next, I asked who our oldest and youngest attendees were. **John Brown, class of 1950**, was the oldest at the very "spry" age of 90. Our youngest attendee **Jamie Kennard class of 1975**. We had a very diverse age group again this year.

Then, I asked if anyone had any

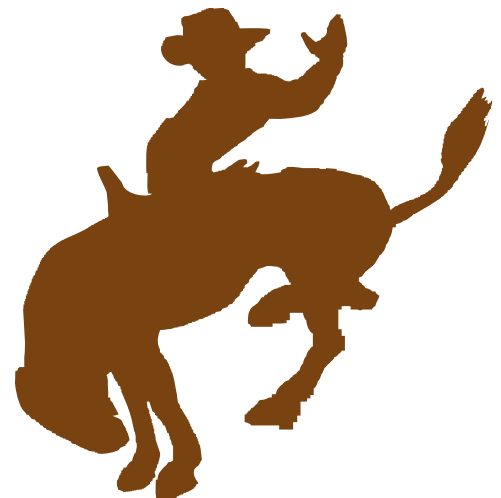


good stories or things they would like to share. **Bob Slee '63**, a first timer this year, shared his time playing in the band plus he has also played professionally in the central Ohio area for many years. He shared some of his stories of working with **Mr. Jim Hill '49** for many of those years too, prior to Mr. Hill's passing some years back. They played together at many functions and his stories were very interesting.



Gary Vanderson and his wife Debbie were also first timers. Gary was a teacher and coach for 28 years at West! WOW! My hat was definitely off to him for that! He shared some very interesting memories as well as of some teams that he coached at West who went on to win at the All-City competitions over the years.

One thing I "forgot" to do this year before we all said our goodbyes was to sing our Alma Mater. I didn't realize we missed doing it until we were on the way home. Oh well, I will make sure we do it next year. I have the Der Dutchman booked for next year on Saturday March 9th, 2024, and I look forward to seeing more new faces as well as our regulars!





1973 Class Reunion 50th Reunion – Saturday, July 22, 2023

Where: Hollywood Casino, 200 Georgesville Road,
Columbus, OH 43228

Cost: \$30 per person.

Time: 6 pm to 11 pm

Food: Pasta buffet, desserts, and non-alcoholic beverages

Cash bar is available.

Entertainment: DJ – Marcus Mitchell from Soul Glow Music

Friday evening event:

Bella's (Formerly Minelli's)

3858 Sullivant Avenue

Order food and drink from the menu.

Images of memorabilia are being collected for the reunion.

Contact for images: Kim Hardy at 614-678-0824

For more information:

Wanda Estep Ross at 614-570-9899

or wross9155@aol.com

Vida Fulton Williams at 614-203-9126

WHS Class of '71 Is Turning 70!

Friday, August 11, 2023 6pm - ???

Lucky's Grille 5387 Roberts Rd
Hilliard OH 43026

NO RSVP or RESERVATIONS NEEDED

Drinks and menu items at your own expense

**A SPECIAL invitation to the WHS Classes of '70 & '72
(ANY WHS CLASS IS WELCOME)**



WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

QUESTIONS?: Danny McVay - mcvayds@sbcglobal.net

Additional WHS activities

August 11, 2023 for your consideration

WHS Annual Alumni Golf Outing
The date is set. Details yet to be finalized.
Please reach out to Georgia later
this spring. Georgia Martin Ward
georgiamward@gmail.com

WHS Monthly Alumni Luncheon
Olive Garden Italian Restaurant
5450 Renner Rd Hilliard, OH
Jill Eichenberger Idzkowski
jidzkowski@aol.com
Facebook Group: West High Lunch
This Friday

Class of 1966 – 57th Reunion

**Save the date -
Sunday,
September 17, 2023**

Mark your calendar for Sunday,
September 17, 2023 to join us for the 57th Reunion,
and 75th Birthday Party!

Location: Ten Pin Alley,
5499 Ten Pin Alley, Hilliard, OH 43026
614.876.2475

Time: 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Dress: Casual

Cost: None! Purchase your own Food & Drinks from Bar and
a server will bring it to your table.

RSVP: Please. This would be appreciated for setup of tables
and chairs.

For more information contact:

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June Class of 1953 70th Reunion September Luncheon

MCL Cafeteria, 3154 Kingsdale Center
Upper Arlington, OH 43221

More information and details to follow.

Contact:

Darcy Crispin Fortner 614-836-3302

Vera Adams Robison 614-889-5231

Charlene Francis Hampton 614-451-3381

All 80's Reunion September 30, 2023

Oakgrove Tavern

5:00 – 10:00 p.m. - \$10 admission
Everyone is welcome!

Class of 1963 - 60th Reunion Sunday, October 1, 2023

1:00 to 5:00 pm

JP's Barbecue Bolton Field

2000 Norton Road, Columbus, OH 43228

\$45 per person

For more information, contact:

Pam Wallar Duncan at skeeterpjd@yahoo.com



General Meeting at Bella's Pizza

Guest Speaker – Mr. Bob Zadrozny

by Dan Martin '72, Steve Scarpitti '74, Dorance Nichols Hornsby '63

For those of you who either had Mr. Bob Zadrozny as a teacher at West, or who remembered him when you were there, if you did not attend the February 22 meeting, you missed a great talk by our guest speaker for the evening. This very personable retired teacher, still referred to as “Mr. Z” by many, started by sharing how he happened to become a teacher at West. We might say it wasn’t by chance – it was meant to be.

He had just graduated from The Ohio State University in 1968 and was looking for a teaching job. He said at that time the Columbus Public School system was the best district in the area for teachers to be employed, so that was where he wanted to be. He went downtown to the CPS offices to schedule an appointment for an interview but was told the next possible interview time would be in the fall. He was determined to start teaching when school started in late August and did finally secure an interview for the following week. At the interview he was told there were two openings. One was at Crestview Junior High School and the other at West High School. Not familiar with either one, he decided to check out each school and do a ‘drive-by.’

He first went to Crestview and thought it looked okay, a nice building. He then drove to the west side to West High. As he was getting close to the school, he could see this ‘glow’ in the sky and wondered what it was. As he drove down Powell Ave., he saw our historic cupola lighting up the sky. He was very impressed by the building and said to himself, “This is where I want to teach!” The next day Mr. Zadrozny told his contact in Personnel, at the CPS offices, he wanted to teach at West. He was told to meet with West teacher, Mr. Richard Weber. He went to West, met with Mr. Weber, and was given a building tour. He was shown the room he would likely be teaching in if he took the job. It was next to the ‘Radio Room.’ He liked what he saw. After accepting the room assignment, Z was instructed that he would be responsible for the radio equipment and the morning announcements. When Mr. Weber asked if he could operate the radio controls, he confidently answered, “Oh, sure!” not knowing or having any training on the equipment. Fortunately for Z, the system had self-destructed (over the summer break) and did not work. A new radio system (with training included!) replaced the old and Z was safe to keep his room as he eagerly learned his way around the radio equipment and the morning announcements. All in all, he must have passed the “Weber” test as he was hired, placed in a room of his liking, on his first job, and he would be welcomed into teaching in a Columbus Public High School – West High School!

After getting the job he was very much looking forward to, the next important day was attending an 8am meeting at West with the other newly hired teachers. Having not had to get up early for anything for quite a while, he did not have an alarm to set to wake

him. And, as you can guess, he overslept! When he did wake up, he rushed to get to West, getting there after the ‘new teacher’ meeting had already begun. He tried to slip into the meeting, however, not being noticed was unavoidable. He was now ‘the new guy who was late for his first teaching job.’ As a mandatory ‘all staff meeting’ at West was scheduled for his second day of employment, he was driven to be there early, without delay. That plan didn’t work out so well either. Living in the OSU campus area, the next day a delay occurred when a trash pickup vehicle was blocking his driveway. The meeting was being held in the Choir Room. When he got to the 3rd floor area, he saw a single door, past the Choir Room entrance, that went to the choir teacher’s office. He decided to use that entrance and once again tried to slip into the room unnoticed.

Even if he weren’t a tall person, all eyes would have still been on him when he came through the office door. Being tardy was unavoidable once again. So went his first two days as a West teacher!

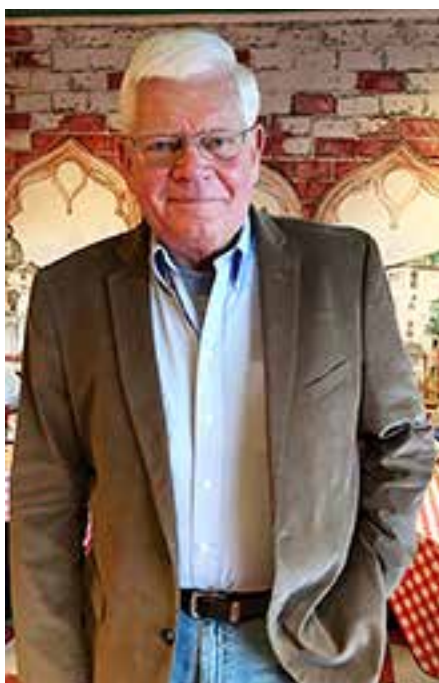
Mr. Zadrozny treated us to a few fond memories, mannerisms, and individual stories about some of the ‘more senior’ teachers and administrators during his time at West - Mr. Heishman, Mr. Glass, Mr. Drury, Mr. Bower, Mr. Link, Mr. Kathary, Mr. Herman, and principals Mr. Randall and Mr. Abele. They were all special individuals that he looked up to and learned from. He enjoyed his time at West and the students he taught and coached. He refrained from naming many specific former students when telling some stories, except for two.

Steve Scarpitti '74 was at the meeting and confirmed (with a somewhat red face) the stories Mr. Zadrozny remembered and told about him when Z helped the drama, music, and theatre staff in the spring 1972 musical production of

Meredith Wilson’s *The Music Man*. Steve knew he couldn’t deny anything with his former teacher, who had a ‘spot-on’ memory, right there in front of him! Steve said, “Being in that production left an indelible mark on my heart and soul during my days at West.”

Mr. Zadrozny also talked about his time coaching the ‘In The Know’ team to a 1st Runner-Up position in 1973 when Dave Dobos '73 was on the team. He mentioned that Dobos was a math whiz, and all pencils went down when such questions arose. Dave’s correct answers were automatic points. West’s winning streak was dashed as they lost winning it all to Columbus Academy in the final round.

Everyone enjoyed the close to an hour talk about West from a former teacher’s perspective. He was very entertaining. We appreciate Mr. Zadrozny sharing his stories with us. Several alumni who have participated in our Alumni Golf Outing have been able to talk with him when there. He has participated in that event for several years. Mr. Zadrozny is truly a Friend of West High School, former staff, students, and especially the WHS Alumni Association. Kudos for his support, longevity, and dedication he has so generously and energetically devoted to West over the years.



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**SAVE
THE
DATE**

**June 24, 2023
Saturday**

Hilltop Bean Dinner
Westgate Park, 455 S. Westgate Avenue

**July 23, 2023
Sunday**

All Alumni Potluck Picnic – Yummy food for all!
Crossroads United Methodist Church, 1100 S. Hague Avenue

**August 6, 2023
Sunday**

6:00 PM Board Meeting
ERA Solutions Realty Office, 3656 Broadway, Grove City 43123

**August 11, 2023
Friday**

Golf Outing – All are welcome!
Groveport Municipal Golf Course
1005 Richardson Road, Groveport, 43125

**September 17, 2023
Sunday**

Hall of Fame Ceremony – All are welcome!
Crossroads United Methodist Church, 1100 S. Hague Avenue

**December 9, 2023
Saturday**

Christmas Luncheon – All are welcome!
More details to follow. Save the date!

**March 9, 2024
Saturday**

Florida All-Class Luncheon – All are welcome!
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Thirty-one alumni households contributed \$110.36 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.



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West High School Football Schedule

August 18	Away	Hilliard Davidson
August 25	Away	Grandview Heights
September 1	Away	Millersport
September 8	Home	South
September 15	Home	Eastmoor Academy
September 22	Home	Columbus Africentric
September 29	Away	Walnut Ridge
October 6	Home	Marion-Franklin
October 13	Away	Independence
October 20	Away	Briggs

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

1940s

John Wilbur Glass, February 13, 2023
Dolores Davis Glass, March 24, 2021
Betty Frankel Biddle, March 26, 2023
Joyce Miller Fout, July 23, 2022
Janet Bolin Kemmler, May 21, 2023
Patricia V. Kelly, February 10, 2023

1950s

Larry Ruder, April 30, 2023
Maurice "Pete" DeShazor, April 12, 2023
Miriam Smith Snider, April 15, 2023
Barbara Bell Skipper, March 4, 2023
Sharon Gibson Whaley, September 10, 2022
James E. Jones, April 18, 2023
Saundra Glass Goodrich, February 20, 2023
Joann Lewis Grannan, May 8, 2023
Ethel L. Jordan, March 13, 2023
Robert Kern, March 8, 2023
Hall of Fame Honoree

1960s

Nancy Northrup Lucas, March 13, 2023
Catharine (Kay) Francis Riggs, March 29, 2023
Robert Montgomery, January 28, 2023
Hiram Tanner, February 20, 2023
Billy Ray Warrens, March 7, 2023
Bob Gantz, April 28, 2023
Dr. Frederick Finke, April 26, 2023
Shirley D. Clark King, February 15, 2023
David R. Morris, March 14, 2023
Linda Mansfield McKee, March 9, 2023

Class

1970s

1948	Joe Pachuta, March 2022	1974
1947, Jan.	Joan McCarty Hanson, March 18, 2023	1971
1946	Jennifer Hall, May 14, 2023	1975
1948	Rodney D. Justice, March 13, 2023	1977
1949	Kathy Smith Kershaw, May 7, 2023	1971
1949	Mark S. Ervin, May 10, 2023	1973
	Steven Saurers, March 4, 2023	1974
	Geano Martin, January 5, 2023	1977
	Karan "Sue" Hoover, February 24, 2023	1976
1959, Jan.	Duane H. Long, December 25, 2022	age 63

1980s

1955, Jan.	John M. Chapman, May 10, 2023	1988
1951, Jan.	James P. Mickey, May 27, 2023	age 57
1959, Jan.	Teresa Sowards Ciotola, May 3, 2023	1988
1959, Jan.	Marvin C. Williams, May 18, 2023	1982
1950	Brian K. Long, March 21, 2023	1987
age 83		
1950, Jan.		
1955		

1990s

	Amy Bernard Cash, May 28, 2023	1994
	Tonya Moore-Hinkle, March 4, 2023	1991
	Zenota "Shontay" Moore, April 5, 2023	age 45
	Melissa Binns, December 26, 2022	age 44
	Joy D. Saulsbery, February 15, 2023	1994

2000s

	Josh Farmer, April 10, 2023	2020
	Arren Kackley, April 30, 2023	age 32
	Said Abdi Arbo, April 23, 2023	age 21

West Teachers and Staff

	Michael Hill, Marketing Teacher, May 4, 2023	age 73
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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.

Class Representatives - Help keep your alumni association an active and viable organization.

We are in the process of updating our list of class representatives. This list will eventually be posted on our website. If you are the current representative for your class, can you please email your contact information to the editor of this newsletter?

Nancy Laver at nybryant@aol.com



We know that we do not have representatives for the following years:

1950's	1958 Jan., 1959 Jan.,
1960's	1960 June, 1961, 1962 Jan.,
1970's	1971, 1972, 1977,
1980's	1980-1987, 1989
1990's	1990-1997, 1999
2000's	2000-2023

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