

Congratulations to Hall of Fame Honorees by Nancy Lloyd Laver '79

On Sunday, September 16, 2018 the West High School Alumni Association inducted Lucille Burkett '41, Dorance Hornsby '63, Patricia Smart '47, and Stephen Chappellear '70 into the Hall of Fame. The ceremony was held in the school library. The ceremony started with refreshments which were quite delightful. Family and friends socialized and browsed artifacts on display from the four honorees. A nurse's uniform, band pins, diplomas, certificates, awards, art work, yearbooks, and many treasured photos. These accolades were impressive! The ceremony began with the invocation from Rev. Ed Sensenbrenner, 1950 Jan. Then, welcoming remarks were made by David Dobos, 1973, Alumni Association President, Joy Hostetler, West High School Social Worker, and Sara Sampson, 1969, Hall of Fame Chairperson. Each honoree



Dorance Nichols Hornsby '63; Bill Kern '60 Jan., accepting for Lucille Burkett '41; Becky Tyler Bechtel '75, accepting for her mother Patricia Cozad Smart '47; Stephen Chappellear '70

was introduced by the person who nominated them for this award. There were humorous props, amazing stories, and even a few tears. This was my first time going to a Hall of Fame ceremony. In the past, I never really knew anyone and just dismissed the idea of attending. I am so glad that I went, and I recommend that everyone attend. I felt the passion from the presenters as they described the heartfelt accomplishments of these graduates from our high school. Lucille Burkett had no living family members and yet a colleague from Chagrin Falls, Ohio came to accept this honor on her behalf. These candidates got their start at West High School and went on to blaze a trail of accomplishments. Each candidate's nomination entry is included in this newsletter. Congratulations, Cowboys!

Lucille M. Burkett '41

Lucille M. Burkett was an outstanding person, teacher, coach, and a national professional leader in Physical Education. She touched many students' and colleagues' lives through her dignity, loyalty, determination, perseverance, and enthusiasm. She peacefully passed away on November 3, 2017 at the age of 94.

Lucy was a native of Columbus, Ohio. She graduated from West High School in 1941. While at West, Lucy was a member of Student Council, Orchestra, Latin Club, and the Photography Club. She participated in intramurals in 1939, 1940, and 1941. Her Senior Year, she was elected President of the G.A.A. (Girls Athletic Association) and served as the 1941 Class Treasurer.

After graduation, Lucy attended The Ohio State University and was awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1945, followed by a Masters' Degree in 1946. She began her teaching career at Ohio State, serving as an instructor from 1946 to 1952. In 1952, Ms. Burkett became the Head of Girls' Physical Education for Shaker Heights High School. This position paved the way to her becoming the Coordinator for Physical Education and Athletics for Shaker Heights Public Schools until her retirement in 1986.

From 1974–1975 she was President of the National Association for Sport and Physical Education where she successfully attained the right for students to have daily physical education in all schools



President's Message

Dave Dobos '73



As I complete my first year as president of our alumni organization & head into the second, I reflect on our many accomplishments in 2018 & plan for our collective objectives in 2019. We have made significant gains in strengthening the programs & events we currently offer, adding new memberships—especially from more recent classes, continuing to build our alumni database, & defining our social media needs. For example, our golf outing this year set new participation & fundraising records (special shout out to Lynn Fullerton Johnson '63) & our Treasurer Steve Scarpitti '74 has improved that function's

operation & reporting capabilities. Our Association provided \$12,000 in scholarships to graduating West seniors this past spring.

We also enjoyed hearing from Greg Costello, the new West HS principal, & three West teachers at two of our fall general membership meetings. The principal expressed his gratitude to our alumni for the ways we support the school & outlined his priorities for the school year, which include measurably increasing student academic achievement & graduation rates. At our October meeting, Doug Brunner (vocal music), Ben Fox (theater), & Robin Martz (visual arts) talked with us about the state of the arts at West. Scott Wedell (instrumental music) could not be there because the marching band was performing at the City League Soccer championship game, which West's soccer team won! Each of them told us how he is trying to build participation (the vocal music department now has over 100 students again). The performing arts department is working toward producing its first musical in over a decade, with *Grease* slated for performance in April or May.

As always, we are grateful to the thousands of alumni who have supported the Association & our community over the years. I personally am grateful for the opportunity to serve in this position for a second year. We look for additional ways to engender a sense of community within our alumni as well as enhance the learning process for our current West students. Please stay tuned for more progress reports throughout 2019.

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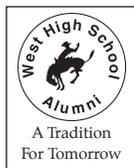
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in the United States. She was at the forefront of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and the relationship of the federal statute to competitive sports for women. She paved the way for the success of women's sports that we know today.

Ms. Burkett's work in the area of physical education was massive, but she deserves significant credit for the expertise she brought to the committee that created Ohio's first curriculum guide for physical education in the 1960's.



Lucille M. Burkett '41

Through the years, she received numerous accolades. In 1966, it was the Meritorious Award from the Ohio Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation. In 1980, she received the Honor Award from the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation. In 1981, she was awarded "The Joy of Effort" from the National Association for Sport and Physical Education, and in 2012 she received the "Outstanding Career Alumni Award" from The Ohio State University College of Education and Human Ecology.

Lucy was an avid Ohio State Buckeye fan and proudly wore her scarlet and gray, especially during "Michigan Week". She always had time for, and an interest in those with whom she worked and played. Many former students, as well as colleagues, have indicated that she was an inspiring mentor.

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Lucille Burkett, fondly known as “Burkie”, was a mentor to hundreds of persons at the national, state, and local levels pushing them to reach for their best on the athletic field, as well as in life performance. The world was her classroom and her message was quality physical education and sport for all.

William “Bill” Kern, Class of January 1960, nominated Lucille.

Stephen E. Chappellear '70

Steve Chappellear is a partner in one of the largest law firms in the country, Frost Brown Todd. He practices general litigation law in the firm’s Columbus, Ohio office. He has been consistently named to the Best Lawyers in America in commercial litigation, labor and employment litigation, intellectual property litigation, trust and estate litigation, and construction litigation. He has also been named by Ohio Super Lawyers as one of the top lawyers in Columbus, and in Ohio.

Steve was born on December 25, 1952, in Columbus, Ohio. He resided on the Hilltop, living with his family on North Westgate Avenue and on South Terrace Avenue. At Westmoor Junior High School, Steve was the editor of the school newspaper, and was active in orchestra (clarinet) and drama. At West High School, he was on the newspaper and yearbook staffs, played in the orchestra, and was a member of the wrestling, track, and cross-country teams. A third generation West High Cowboy, Steve was the eighth member of his family to attend the school.

After graduating in 1970, Steve attended The Ohio State University, where he majored in social psychology and minored in English. He competed on the Buckeye wrestling team and was recognized as a scholar-athlete. Steve worked his way through college at the Columbus “Citizen-Journal” newspaper as a circulation district manager. During college, Steve dated Sharon Starr, a 1970 Brookhaven High School graduate. They married the day after his graduation in June



Bill Kern '60 Jan., Mrs. and Mr. Woodard, friends of Honoree Ms. Lucille Burkett '41

1974. Steve then attended the OSU College of Law, where he won many top honors in the trial advocacy and moot court programs.

Steve’s law practice has been with three highly regarded law firms in Columbus: Kegler, Brown, Hill, and Ritter; Hahn Loeser, and Parks LLP; and Frost Brown Todd. He has been an avid volunteer in the legal profession, at his alma mater, and in the community.

In the legal profession, Steve has been the President of the Columbus Bar Association, the Ohio State Bar Association, the Ohio State Bar Foundation, the National Metropolitan Bar Caucus, the National Conference of Bar Foundations, and the Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer Chapter of the American Inns of Court, where he holds the position of Master Lawyer. He is a long-time member of the American Bar Association House of Delegates and served on the ABA Board of Governors as the representative of all lawyers from Ohio

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*front row:
Bonnie Williams Lacy '64,
Steve Chappellear '70,
Sharon Chappellear,
Walter Chappellear,
Jack Kelly '49 Jan.*

*middle row:
Diane Williams,
Greg Large '70,
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Tim Williams '70,
Kacey Chappellear,
Chuck Chappellear,
Vanessa Chappellear,
Shirley Forgrave Nyhan '63,
Denny Clark*



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and Illinois. He has been honored with the Ritter Award, the highest award of the Ohio State Bar Foundation, for outstanding ethics, professionalism, and contributions to the administration of justice. He also received the Bar Service Medal, the highest honor of the Columbus Bar Association.

He has been inducted as the “Outstanding American from the State of Ohio” in the Ohio Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.



Stephen E. Chappelear '70

Steve has had four books, a law review article, and more than eighty articles published concerning jury trials and verdicts, trial procedure and tactics, and trial techniques. He has also presented lectures to other lawyers over 300 times on a wide variety of topics.

At Ohio State, he served on the OSU Alumni Board of Trustees, which included service as Vice-Chair, and Chair of several committees. He is past president of the OSU Moritz College of Law Alumni Association, and the OSU Men’s Varsity “O” Alumni Association. He is one of two alumni representatives to the OSU Athletic Council and sits on the OSU Sports and Society Initiative Board of Advisors. He has been a mentor in programs at OSU and its law school, as well as to many young lawyers.

Steve has been presented with the OSU Moritz College of Law Community Service Award, the Ohio Public Interest Law Foundation Pro Bono Award, the OSU Social and Behavioral Sciences Distinguished Alumni Service Award, and the OSU College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Alumni Service Award. He is listed in *Who’s Who in the Midwest*, *Who’s Who in America*, and *Who’s Who in the World*, and he received the *Marquis Who’s Who* Lifetime Achievement Award.

In the community, in addition to regularly providing pro bono legal services to individuals who cannot afford them, Steve has volunteered at the food bank, with housing rehabilitation, and as an assistant high school wrestling coach. He also coached his children, Kacey and Chris, on their soccer teams.

In addition to the impressive compilation of professional achievements and service to the community, Steve organized an event in September 2015 in recognition of the 65th year anniversary of Charlie Company, of the United States Marine Corps, heading off to Korea. The 170 men in this unit fought with honor and distinction in the Korean War, including the terrible battle at the Chosin Reservoir. Many of the men in this unit were from West High School including Jack Kelly (Jan. 1949), Ken Mahan (1948), and Robin Schmidt (Jan. 1949) to name a few. This first-class ceremony was held at Fort Hayes, which was their training center. A plaque was installed at Fort Hayes to honor the service of the five local Marines from Charlie Company who were killed in action.

Greg Large, Class of 1970, nominated Steve.

Dorance Nichols Hornsby '63

Dorance started school at West Broad Elementary but left in the second grade when her parents moved to northeast Columbus where she then attended Mifflin Elementary. When she was in the eighth grade, her family moved back to the westside and she entered Hilltonia Junior High. Dorance’s parents were Roy and Rose Mary Elliott Nichols. Her mother would have been in the 1944 West class but moved when she was in the tenth grade. She then attended Millersport High School. Dorance has two younger brothers. Richard chose to go to Central High School (Class of 1968) to take their automotive program. Dean is a 1976 West graduate. Dorance and Jack have been married for 46 years. Their son, Matt (age 40), has a daughter, Fern, who is five years old. Dorance’s, step-daughter, is Jenifer (age 50). She and Irnex live in Kissimmee, Florida with their 18-month old daughter, Rowen.

After Dorance was graduated from West in 1963, she accepted a job in the Data Processing Department at Grange Insurance Companies. In 1971, she took a job as a computer programmer in the same department as her future husband, Jack. When they married in 1972, Dorance joined her former boss in starting a new department that would coordinate and document company projects. That move took her through the rest of her career where she became the Manager of the Methods and Procedures Department. She attained the Association for Systems Management CSP (Certified Systems Professional) designation; completed the Insurance Institute of America AAM (Associate in Automation Management) program; received the National Association of Insurance Women CPIW (Certified Professional Insurance Woman) designation; received the Key Person Award for service to the YMCA; was recognized by Otterbein University as a National Collegiate Communication Arts Awards winner; and was recognized by COTA for her seven years working with the Christmas Lights Tours program. Also, Dorance and Jack were given the United Way Leadership Contributors award. In addition, Dorance was the first woman at Grange Insurance to complete the CPCU (Charter Property Casualty Underwriter) designation. During this time, she took classes at Otterbein University, pursuing a Business Organizational/Communications degree. She was near graduation when she retired.

In 1994 Jack and Dorance qualified for an early retirement program being offered by Grange. This allowed them to pursue a new pathway. Jack had already been teaching scuba diving part-time at a local business, so when the owner asked Dorance to work two days a week ordering inventory, she accepted. Working in the store led Dorance to get scuba certified. Working in the scuba industry provided them with opportunities to take dive trips worldwide. They continued working in the scuba industry until they, once again, retired.

Dorance became aware of the West Alumni Association when co-worker David Westlake (1953) gave her the second Alumni Occident newsletter. She joined immediately and soon afterwards, she agreed to be her Class Representative! In 1998 Dorance attended a Nomination of Officers meeting and through a “chance talk” with Sharon Dent Pennell (Jan. 1958) Sharon asked Dorance to take her position as treasurer. Dorance was elected and held the position of Treasurer for four years. In the spring of 2000, she volunteered to be the Alumni Occident Editor, a position she held for 11 years. In



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Dorance Nichols Hornsby '63



front row: Jack Hornsby, Dorance Nichols Hornsby '63 back row: Matt Hornsby, Karen Nichols, Richard Nichols, Lynn Fullerton Johnson '63, 2006 Honoree Paul Pennell '57

2013, she encouraged the Association to offer an e-mailed newsletter to save on costs, as well as having the pictures be in color. Since leaving the editor position, she has continued to write many of the articles and take most of the pictures.

She assembled an Alumni Occident Library and a West Yearbook Library through donations. The Yearbook Library now has one yearbook for every year except for the years 1913, 1917, and 1994. There are currently 263 yearbooks for sale with about 200 alums on a yearbook wait-list that she maintains. To date, she has sold 394 yearbooks! Five years ago, Dorance donated 34 yearbooks to the Ohio Genealogy Society for their Permanent Record Department. The proceeds of all yearbook sales go to the Alumni Association Scholarship Foundation. This year, 35 yearbooks were donated to the Columbus Public Library.

In 2000, Matt, Dorance's son, suggested the idea of an Association website. They worked with Dean Potts (Jan.1959) to accomplish this. Matt designed and populated the site with information from the various Alumni events. Eventually, Dorance began updating and maintaining the website, which she still does.

In 2013 and 2014, Dorance was elected the Alumni Association President. During that time, she started the Alumni Facebook Page, which she still manages. She also helped organize a mentoring group to help West students pass the OGT (Ohio Graduation Test). With the help of a few alums, that program lasted for two years. In 2013 West's athletic director asked Dorance if she could raise \$3,500.00 to purchase some much-needed weight lifting equipment. They had a source for some 'gently' used equipment but needed to act quickly. Dorance began by asking alums that had been involved in sports for help in securing the funds. The response was phenomenal! Forty-nine very generous alumni donated a total of \$9,645.00. A

very appreciative, Dorance, made a poster with the names of all who donated, and it remained on display in the school's lobby for two years. Sharon Dent Pennell (Jan.1958) agreed to chair a committee to determine how to spend the remaining money for a variety of West athletic projects. The last of the money was used to help with the purchase of new buff and brown football uniforms. Another request came from the wrestling program to help cover the expenses of a few top wrestlers wishing to attend a significant summer training camp. Once again, Dorance called for alumni help and the wishes of the wrestlers were granted.

In 2013, Dorance planned an Alumni Book Display in the West Library. Sixteen alumni, who had authored a book, responded to the invitation of meeting with students and staff to talk about their book.

The West Athletic Boosters asked the Alumni Association to take over the football and basketball concessions in 2014. Dorance agreed to lead this program. Using the 2014 football season as a training period, the association took over the concessions at boys and girls basketball games, as well as at wrestling meets. Once again, Dorance asked for help and she received it. Many alumni volunteer for these events. A portion of the concession proceeds help support the Alumni Association with much of the money going to support programs for the West students. In 2014 and 2015, the West Athletic Director chose Dorance to receive the Ohio High School Athletic Association "Respect the Game" State Award for her involvement with the West students.

Dorance's personal interests include flower gardening and stone carving. In 2014, she won a blue ribbon at the Ohio State Fair for a Miniature Garden Display. She was also chosen to include a stone-carved piece in the Fine Arts Display at the Ohio State Fair. She has won two awards at the Grove City Arts in the Alley for her



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stone carvings. She has taken classes in weaving, bronze casting, clay sculpting, and copper enameling.

Without having Jack's support, most that Dorance has accomplished could not have been done, and that includes her volunteering with Alumni Association activities. With much gratitude and appreciation, she also shares this Hall of Fame recognition with all alumni who have volunteered at our Association programs. Without our volunteers we would not be the successful Association that we have been in the past and will continue to be in the future.

Lynn Fullerton Johnson, Class of 1963, nominated Dorance.

Patricia Cozad Smart '47

Patricia Louise Cozad Smart was born on August 12, 1929, and died November 8, 2006, after a hard-fought battle with cancer. She was under treatment at The James Cancer Hospital at Ohio State University.



Patricia Cozad Smart '47

As a student at West High School, Pat was active in many roles and activities including: Chemistry Club, Debate Club, Latin Club, Thespians, Vice President 3, Room Civic Chair, Glee Club, Choir, Variety Show, Senior Class Play, Dramatics Club, "Y" Teens, L.Society, Treasurer 3, Vocational Conference, Scholarship, and scrap and paper drives. She was also a member of the National

Honor Society. Pat graduated in 1947 and began a family legacy, with her sister Eleanor, graduating in 1952, and daughters, Becky in 1975, and Brenda, in 1977. Beverly, her youngest daughter, graduated from Briggs High School in 1979.

Pat was graduated in 1951 from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. After graduation, she served as head surgical nurse for Chief of Staff, Dr. Zollinger, at The Ohio State University Medical Center.

Three days after her wedding in 1951, her husband left for military service in Korea. Upon his return, they moved to Indianapolis, Indiana. Her work at Methodist Hospital included teaching a class in surgical nursing. After returning to Columbus, Pat became a public health nurse for that city. She was featured in the Sunday section of the Dispatch for her work. Beginning in 1957, she took the next twelve years off to

raise her three daughters, Becky, Brenda, and Beverly. On occasion she worked at polio clinics, in private nursing, and as a substitute school nurse. This is where she discovered her passion for school nursing. In September 1969, she began working for the Columbus Public Schools. She retired after twenty-five years, with twenty-two of them being at West High School. As a single parent, Pat really enjoyed being on the same schedule as her daughters.

When Pat began her career in the Columbus Public Schools, she served at various elementary schools in the Hilltop and Franklinton areas. She also served as a school nurse at Hilltonia Junior High and West High School. Serving half-days, she worked as many as five schools at a time. She began her primary assignment as the school nurse at West High School in the fall of 1972.

At her West High School office, students often dropped by to talk and Pat always had time to carefully listen. She even took one student in dire need of eyeglasses to an ophthalmologist and purchased glasses for him. Pat was always eager to help and care for her students.

On Fridays during football season, she always wore scarlet and gray, the colors of her beloved Ohio State University. For thirty-two years, she ushered at all home football games and for ten years she was a head usher on the West side of C-Deck. Pat was among the first women to hold that position.

Pat was a lifelong resident of the Hilltop and was a member of the Burgess Avenue United Methodist Church since childhood. She served as a Sunday school and Vacation Bible school teacher, youth coordinator, member of the Administrative Board, summer camp counselor and nurse, and the Chair of the Pastor/Parish Relations Committee. Upon closure of the Burgess Avenue Church, she became a member of the First United Methodist Church in Hilliard.

One of the highlights of her time at West High School was her marriage in 1980 to chemistry teacher Sid Smart. Many students and staff congratulated them when they announced their engagement.



Smart Family • Sara Sampson '69, Rev. Dr. Eleanor Cozad Cherryholmes '52, Becky Tyler Bechtel '75, Beverly Tyler, Brenda Tyler '77



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They were very happy and especially enjoyed traveling, visiting six continents, eighteen countries, and many states. After Sid died of an inoperable brain tumor, Pat established the Sid Smart Scholarship in 1991, for a West graduate entering the field of science. Upon Pat's death, her daughters changed the scholarship to the Pat and Sid Smart Scholarship. This is the twenty-seventh year the scholarship has been awarded. Pat would be thrilled to know that their legacy continues to make a difference in the lives of students pursuing a science career.

Surviving Pat are her sister, Rev. Dr. Eleanor Cozad Cherryholmes, and daughters, Becky (Larry) Bechtel, Brenda Tyler, and Beverly Tyler.

She also leaves behind seven grandchildren.

Baileen Gary Koffel, Class of 1948, nominated Pat

WHAMBA

The West High Alumni Marching Band Association, WHAMBA, has been an organization for over 39 years. The sole purpose of this non-profit group is to support the current band program. We annually donate money to the band booster organization to support their program. Over the years, WHAMBA has purchased band t-shirts, pom-poms, instruments, and instrument repairs. All former marching band members, Weskets, drill team members, and drum majors are welcome to participate. As WHAMBA is approaching our 40th anniversary we welcome new members to join us next

WHAMBA donates funds to Scott Wedell, current band director.



First row- left to right – Ian Powell'99, Stacy Neff Campbell'78, Scott Wedell, Sue McClaskey Evans'75 Second row – Mike Dean'06, Jamie Norris Fagan'75, Brad Laver'75, Nancy Lloyd Laver'79, Third row – Theresa Fox'75, Alan Ford'74

Homecoming. I wanted to recognize some of the many people who participate in this fine tradition by asking them this question:

What motivates you to come back and march in the alumni marching band?

My memories of my years in marching band are what bring me back! I graduated in the class of 1975 and I was so proud to be part of such a great band! I loved competing in the band competitions and marching in the parades as well as performing at the games. I loved our military style band uniforms and the precision demanded of us! We were respected and admired everywhere we went. I want the current band members to know that we support them. I was very proud of their performance this year! Jamie Norris Fagan, 1975

What brings me back year after year is paying forward the support and encouragement I received as a West student. Traditions like the Alumni band help make homecoming special for current students and build a real sense of community long term. Ian C Powell, 1999

I came back this year to play and march because I was asked to by Brad and Nancy Laver. I have been playing recently with other members of The West High Alumni Dance Band and the enthusiasm of the Alumnus is contagious! I want to encourage all the other alums to come back and join us. Practice was a blast and fellowship with old friends was great. Don Borton, 1981

I enjoy seeing my past classmates and showing the current students that people can stick together after high school. Wendy Fabry, 1990

I feel that marching in the alumni band is a privilege. I feel honored to say that I was even in the marching band. I look forward to returning every year and seeing fellow band members and getting caught up and sharing stories at dinner after the practice and game.

When on the field, memories come flooding back of those wonderful years. I personally wouldn't have it any other way. Debbie Dearwester Harding, 1974

I was in at the very beginning of the alumni band. We met several times in a room at the Hoge Memorial Church. We started the alumni band because the school was celebrating their 50th Anniversary in 1979. I still have a poster from the celebration! We borrowed some instruments from Ohio State, especially the sousaphones and drums, to make sure we had enough instruments. I remember going to get the instruments and it was fun. The first few years we had a lot of other people come back and march. We even had the very first drum major – Dr. Jack Miles '31, participate. Theresa M. Fox, 1976.

Why stop now? Donovan McKinney, 1977.

Some people think we are reliving the glory days, but for me, it is a chance to be with old friends. For that one evening each year it is just magical. Brad Laver, 1975.

When the drum major blows his whistle, the drum section yells "hit it" and the cadence intensifies as we march down the alley one more time. Goosebumps



Row 1 (L to R) Yvonne Everett Neff, Ruth Wise Strader, Kay Hoffman Sands, Luanne Hartley Woodcox, Vera Adams Robison, Darcy Crispin Fortner, Marlene Tague March, Bonnie Brewer Jones, Mary Ann Oberling Mullen, Carole Cristee Deily Row 2 (L to R) Ron McDermit, Woody Davis, Don Davis, Hilda Lyle Ridgeway, JoAnn Wilson Carter, Pollie Wright Morison, Carolyn Huey Dean, Charlene Francis Hampton, Phyllis Phillips Aldrich, Sylvia Matthey Schneider, Barbara Meek Schmalenberger, Joanne Horn Hylton, Barbara Harlow Hartranft, Janet Guknecht Moore, Evelyn Brofford Zarzano, David Westlake. Row 3 (L to R) Bob Dixon, Floyd Current, Harold Charles, Bud Norris, Richard Neff, John Morison, Don Rings, Bob Harmon, Don Martin, Allan Fenstermaker, Dick Mayhew, Eugene Harrison, William Catlett, Roger Hamrick

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cover my skin as the crowd looks over the stadium and cheers for us. I can't help but say that I love that feeling. Nancy Lloyd Laver, 1979

Dedication to Paul Miesse

Paul D. Miesse, class of 1971, was tragically killed in a hit and run motorcycle accident after attending Homecoming this year so I am dedicating this newsletter in his memory.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/dispatch/obituary.aspx?n=paul-daniel-miesse&pid=190365060&fhid=8703>



Paul Miesse '71

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Class of 1969 Reunion Committee c/o James M. Lytle

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THANKS New Life Members

(We now have 783 Life Members who will *never* have to remember to send their dues again!)

Patricia Krizinski Drumheiser, 1965

Georgia Martin Ward, 1970

Garnet Bowen, Jr., 1979

WELCOME New Members

Rosemary Betts Huey, 1963

Vida Fulton Williams, 1973

Jackie Rudolph, 1974

Tammy Kelly Krebs, 1975

Barbara Kientzy Moore, 1975

Mike Redmond, 1975

Kathy Oney Redmond, 1975

Alumni Spotlight

Sandy Kennard Fisher – “Mrs. Fixit”

Sandy Kennard Fisher, class of 1970, has been busy in Troy, Ohio for the last 20 years as a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity. She was a Family and Consumer Science teacher at Troy Junior High School and has devoted her retirement to helping others. She has served on the board of Habitat for Humanity but more importantly she has helped build six homes. Habitat for Humanity believes that every resident should have access to quality and affordable home ownership opportunities. She is currently volunteering three or four days a week at the ReStore in Troy, Ohio. Sandy does whatever is needed at the non-profit organization. Sales from the home improvement materials are the organization’s biggest fundraiser. Sandy sorts materials, stocks the shelves, runs the cash register, cleans and prepares donations for sale. While on vacation, Sandy and her husband, Steve, even visit other ReStore locations around the country. Sandy believes that “everybody deserves a decent place to live.” To read more about Sandy and her least favorite task please follow this link



Sandy Kennard Fisher '70

to the original article published in the *Troy Daily News* by Melody Vallieu.

<https://www.tdn-net.com/news/34789/mrs-fix-it-devotes-retirement-to-helping-others>



Ed Morrison Trumpet Player Extraordinaire

Ed Morrison, class of 1968, is an amazing musician. Ed lives in Santa Clara, California with his wife Jude. Ed is the director of a 20-piece band called **A Touch of Brass Big Band** which has been in existence for over 32 years. Ed comes home to his boyhood home to visit his mother three or four times a year. While he is in town, he stops by the Clintonville



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Ed Morrison '68



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

Thelma "Lindy" Smith Beavers, August 22, 2018	1947
Paul Love, May 30, 2011	1947
Kathryn L. Bauder Rowland, September 27, 2018	1947
Mary Alice Lewis Brown, September 21, 2018	1949
Beverly Cramer Ehlers, September 3, 2018	1948
Fay A. Grassle Mayhew, September 6, 2018	1949, Jan.
Robert B. Kenworthy, August 28, 2018	1944
Carol J. Mielke Coy, May 7, 2013	1948
Minnie J. Childs Wilson, November 16, 2018	1948

1950s

Jim McCarty, June 12, 2016	1954, Jan.
William "Dave" Wahrer, September 7, 2018	1951
Julia E. Higgins Worthington, September 14, 2018	1957
Robert Cochran, October 15, 2018	1950, Jan.
Ronald Dane Coup, October 24, 2018	1951
Shirley Mielke Plapp, May 26, 2012	1950
Dr. David L. Bunner, October 22, 2018	1958
Marilyn Sheets Cline, November 1, 2018	1956
Jerrold "Jerry" L. Trabue, November 3, 2018	1953, Jan.
Eva Marie Leslein Eickstaedt, November 6, 2018	1952

1960s

Lynda Ohlinger Bryant, September 23, 2018	1961, Jan.
Ronald D. McDaniel, September 8, 2018	1963

Class

1960s Continued

Dennis Easley, September 26, 2018	1968
Paul K. Maxwell, October 22, 2018	1969
Joseph Lawler	1968
Jerry L. Mason, November 19, 2018	1960

1970s

Virginia "Ginny" Lee Weisenberger Mott, Aug. 29, 201	1977
Paul D. Miesse, September 28, 2018	1971
Jacqueline Taylor Jordan, October 23, 2018	1973
Janice Schultz Hyatt, October 31, 2018	1970
Gerald Lee Williams, November 10, 2018	1973
Robert Kinder, Jr., November 18, 2018	1972

1980s

Donna Marie Kirk Rigsby Gonzalez, September 1, 2018	1981
Rene M. Short, August 15, 2018	1987
Wesley James "Wes" Harrison, November 3, 2018	age 53

1990s

Jerald Jerrad "Jay Jay" Hayes, September 5, 2018	age 45
Delece Nichole Watters, August 31, 2018	1991

2010s

Ryan William Fuller, October 27, 2018	2016
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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 of 1979 40th Class Reunion

**Saturday, June 15, 2019
6:00 p.m. – midnight**

More information coming soon!
Aladdin Shrine Center – Oasis Room
1801 Gateway Circle
Grove City, Ohio 43123

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Class of 1969 50th Class Reunion

Saturday, July 27, 2019

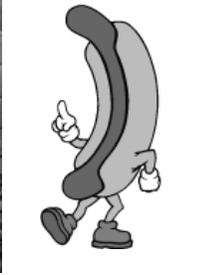
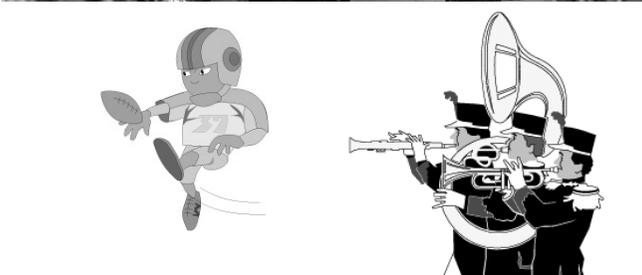
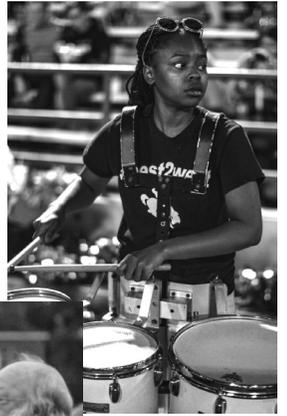
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Update Your Alumni 2019 Calendar!

- January 6
Sunday** **6:00 PM Board Meeting** • WHS Alumni Board Meeting at ERA Solutions Realty,
3656 Broadway, Grove City
- February 3
Sunday** **6:00 PM Board Meeting** • WHS Alumni Board Meeting at ERA Solutions Realty,
3656 Broadway, Grove City
- February 13
Wednesday** **Change of date due to Valentine's Day**
New Date!
6:00 PM General Meeting • General Membership meeting. • O'Charley's Restaurant meeting room,
1650 Georgesville Square, Columbus, OH 43228.
- March 3
Sunday** **6:00 PM Board Meeting** • WHS Alumni Board Meeting at ERA Solutions Realty,
3656 Broadway, Grove City
- March 7
Thursday** **6:00 PM General Meeting** • General Membership meeting. • O'Charley's Restaurant meeting room,
1650 Georgesville Square, Columbus, OH 43228.
- March 9
Saturday** **2019 Florida All-Class Reunion** • Der Dutchman, Sarasota, FL Registration and details on page 9.
Deadline for registration is February 20.

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Membership Dues, Roster, and Scholarship Donation Option

Pay your Association dues by using PayPal through our Alumni website www.westhighalumni.com. Go to the Alumni Office and click on the Membership *button*. There is a slight up-charge (\$1 on annual dues), but it eliminates you completing a Membership Form, writing a check, addressing an envelope, affixing a stamp, *and* mailing the material. You can also order a Membership Roster and make a Scholarship Foundation donation in the same website area!

Membership Roster Options

Roster information is updated as new members join and when contact information is submitted. Rosters are as current as the information we have.

Mailed Roster \$20: in Alpha order by last name. If ordered between 1/1 and 4/15, it will be mailed around 5/1. If ordered after 4/15, it will be mailed after we receive orders for ten Rosters.

E-mailed Roster Options \$20:

A – We will e-mail a Roster of members soon after we receive your request. Approximately 25 pages if printed front and back. Or, don't print it and save to view on-line! If ordered between 1/1 and 4/15, it will be e-mailed around 5/1. Other orders will be e-mailed after receiving your request.

Option 1 - Alpha order by last name, **or**

Option 2 - Graduation Year, by last name within each year, **or**

Option 3 - State order, by last name within each state.

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NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS:

Don't forget to let us know if you add or change your e-mail address. Send an e-mail to Steve Scarpitti at stevescarpitti@wowway.com

Morrison (cont. from pg. 11)

Women's Club to perform as a guest artist with Vaughn Weister's Famous Jazz Orchestra. When Ed plays one of his signature pieces, **Begin the Beguine** arranged by Bill Holman for Doc Severinsen, the crowd cheers, claps, and stands in ovation for this fabulous musician. I recently had a chance to ask Ed about his experience at West High School.

"West influenced me at a very crucial time in my musical career. I had been playing for 2 years at Westmoor Jr. High and was excited to have the chance to play at West! My time at West proved to be very formative in developing my style as a player and giving me the first opportunity to play lead trumpet in a big band. I set my goal to be first chair in every group I played in, and I have been a lead trumpet in almost every group I've played in since.

I have many special memories including winning Marching Band contests at Fairborn and Marietta, and being invited to march in the Rose Parade (although the band didn't get to go until after I graduated!) Taking the Orchestra to state contests and getting Superior ratings, which was the first time in the history of the school, by playing movements of **Scheherazade**, leading a brass sextet, and playing a solo. I got my first 1 as a soloist! Being voted Most Talented Senior guy was an honor! I also won the most outstanding soloist award at the Coyle Music Stage Band Festival 2 years in a row.

Obviously, the biggest influence by a teacher was James L Hill, 1949. He mentored me by helping me develop style, interpretation, and just

being a friend. We stayed friends till his passing and I'm so grateful I had him in my life! I miss him terribly. Clair Barnard at Westmoor also really influenced me, being a fine trumpet player himself! He was very encouraging and gave me opportunities others did not get.

I love to share my experiences with younger players in any way I can. By doing mini clinics or playing with high school and college bands I get to share part of my life with them and hope to inspire them to continue with music, if only as a hobby. Music has been the most rewarding thing to happen to me and I hope to continue sharing with young players to let them know the friendships they develop in music can last a lifetime!

After West, I toured professionally playing with various bands for 14 years before settling in California. I then took a job as a Letter Carrier with the USPS for 31 years while performing at night. I have had many opportunities to perform with such artists as the The Temptations, The Four Tops, Dionne Warwick, Bobby Rydell, Fabian, Frankie Valli, and many other jazz artists. My own 20-piece band has been together since 1986 and we're still having fun!"

Ed is not only a talented musician he is a genuinely nice guy. To listen to Ed and his band follow this link: <http://www.atouchofbrass.net/media.html>

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