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For Tomorrow

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Hilltop Bean Dinner Fun!



*Rachelle Coleman,
2023 Scholarship winner*

The weather cooperated and offered a beautiful day for the Hilltop Bean Dinner on June 24th.

The 80-year tradition offered fun for the kids, live music, a car show, numerous vendors, food trucks, neighborhood yard sales, and of course beans! It was also an opportunity to meet and greet old friends and familiar faces.

Many people enjoyed browsing the yearbooks, and several were able to find parents and even grandparents' pictures.

Did you know WHS memorabilia, and some old yearbooks can be purchased on our website? If we don't have the yearbook you're looking for, most can be viewed via Columbus Metropolitan Library website.



Natasha Jones, a class valedictorian in 2005, was delighted to find and purchase a replacement yearbook

The West High School Alumni Association's tent was a busy booth. We had about 135 alumni sign in by their graduation decade from the 1950s-2020s. **Nancy Hardy Smith** and **John Brown** represented the class of **1950**, and recent Alumni Association scholarship winner, **Rachelle Coleman 2023**, stopped by to say hello.

People enjoyed having their photos taken in the Cowboy cutout. The 1973 reunion planning committee held a meeting behind our tent for their upcoming 50th reunion.

There were several mini reunions as people recognized others, while they were looking over West High t-shirts, visors, and other merchandise.



*Friends from 1972 share a laugh;
Joyce Johnson, Steve Coup, Jack Schultz,
Rene Forshey Schultz, Dan Martin*



*Members of the 1973 reunion committee;
Carol Graves Cox, Wanda Estepp Ross,
Glen Ayala, Steve Heselden.*

The booth was staffed by board members **Dan Martin '72**, **Eli Bowen '74**, **Diane Lowery Offenberger '79** and **Joyce Johnson '72**.



*Eli Bowen '74 models
his Cowboy outfit*

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:

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

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.



President's Message

Dan Martin '72



Summertime activities for the WHSAA came and went in a flash. The first activity was our participation in the annual Hilltop Bean Dinner. Joyce Johnson '72 did a great job planning and organizing a successful event. A good number of visitors made it a point to visit our tables to share memories and stories, make a purchase of logo items, or just look through the yearbooks that were on hand. Available yearbooks can be had for a monetary donation that makes its way back to the school. (Past president and current board member, **Dorance Hornsby**

'63, has been the point person on the collection and distribution of yearbooks.) If you wish to donate or acquire a yearbook, contact alumni@westhighalumni.com for arrangements.

Crossroads United Methodist Church was the location for our second event, the 2023 West High Alumni All-Class Summer Potluck. In addition to organizing the food distribution, **Nikol Owens '97** saw to the planning and gift prize drawings for the guests, which included not only alumni members but family, friends, and past teachers as well. **Eli Bowen '74** prepared his Sloppy Joes, which are always a hit. Leftovers were not to be found! Thank you to all those who joined in the fun of sharing the delicious food provided and the comradery of this popular gathering.

Summer would not be the same without the third event and the success of the 16th Annual West High Alumni Golf Scramble. **Georgia Ward '70** and her committee masterfully organized this popular event that directly benefits the West High Alumni Scholarship Foundation. A change of venue moved the outing to the Groveport Municipal Golf Course, where the weather was perfect for a beautiful day. Participants hung around to share a few stories that may have included a few truths.

A successful bonus summer event was pulled off by **Danny McVey and the class of 1971** as they gathered at Lucky's Grill in Hilliard to celebrate their birthdays (as most will be turning 70 this year). A special invitation was extended to the classes of '70 and '72, as well as a welcome to any WHS class member. A festive atmosphere ensued, as all had an enjoyable time revisiting friends and classmates from the past. This event should be emulated by any class that would be interested in this type of gathering. Thank you, and future patronage is appropriate, as Lucky's did not charge the group for the use of the establishment. The singing of Happy Birthday could hardly be heard over the conversation overload taking place; however, it should be noted that the cake was consumed to the last crumb!

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Summer Potluck

by Nikol (Madison) Owens '97

As always, the West High All-Class Alumni Potluck Picnic 2023 was a wonderful time! We had 53 people in attendance (twice as many as last year). It was held at the usual place: the Crossroads United Methodist Church, located at 1100 South Hague Avenue in Columbus, Ohio. A big thanks to **Paul Pennell '57** for helping secure this location once again.



We enjoyed tasty Sloppy Joes, cooked up by **Eli Bowen '74**,

and a variety of side dishes and desserts from those that attended. Our Alumni Association Board of Directors collected many door prizes and giveaways. Guests at the Potluck won specialty items made in Ohio, West High School Alumni merchandise, and many gift certificates donated by local businesses, including El Vaquero, Sparano's Pizza, Chick Fil-A, Hooters, O'Charley's, Roosters, and Ding Ho (donated by **Brad Laver '75**), to name a few.

We always give away prizes for the oldest and youngest classmates in attendance, and have prize drawings just for being there, so don't miss your chance to take home a prize next year!



Quite a few alumni classes were represented this year. We had 3 alumni from the 1940's, 16 from the 1950s, 3 from the 60s, 19 from the 70s, 3 from the 80s, 1 from 90s, 1 from the 2000's, and 7 guests.

It is always an enjoyable time connecting with each other —

meeting new alumni and

catching up with our old West High friends. Those that attended should be sure to tell all of the alumni you know about the fun time you had so we can have an even larger turnout next year!

Thank you to all who came and a special thank you to all of the Board members that helped make this event a success. We wish you all a year of good health and peace, and we look forward to seeing you at next year's West High All-Class Alumni Potluck Picnic!



Annual WHSAA Golf Outing Contributes Generously to Scholarship Foundation

The 16th Annual West High School Alumni Association Golf Outing was held at the Groveport Municipal Golf Course on August 11, 2023, and thanks to our many supporters, over \$2700 was raised for the WHS Scholarship Foundation! Seventy-two golfers enjoyed a beautiful day on the course and then sat down in the Paddock Pub to dine on brats and burgers, and visit with former classmates, teachers, and friends.

Thanks to our generous hole sponsors, the staff at GMGC and the Paddock Pub, and a great group of volunteers, this year's outing went off without a hitch. I am personally also grateful to everyone who purchased raffle tickets and participated in the 50/50 drawing and the Pink/Fireball Contest.

News flash, and this is not a repeat of the past several year's articles, but the team of **Randy Thomas '71** and **Steve '69, Mike '71, and Rich Clemons '73** finished 1st this year with a score of 56! BUT, again, being generous alumni, they gave back their winnings to the Alumni Association! As always, thank you, Randy, Steve, Mike, and Rich!

So, taking home the 1st place winnings, this year was the team of **Holly Brink Horn '71, David Horn, Bill Kern '60** and Steve Noble. Holly's team shot a great round of 61!

Other big winners were as follows:

- Tied for 2nd place, with strong rounds of 63 were:
 - **Danny McVay '71, Jim McVay, Terry Cooper '67, and Steve Mahone '72**
 - Rick Percy, Zach Ward, Andrew Uxley, and Xander Uxley
- Long Putt: Cody Meier
- Closest to the Pin for Men: **Bill Kern '60**
- Closest to the Pin for Women: so sorry, no winner. All our Ladies overshot the green!
- Long Drive for Women: **Karen Barnard '65**
- Long Drive for Men: **Mike Clemons '71**
- 50/50 winner: Steve Noble (after paying off some "earlier debts", Steve gave back the rest of his winnings to the Scholarship Fund! Thank you, Steve!)
- Pink/Fireball Contest Prize: the team of **Bud '75 & Joe Braughton '80, Carol Tirey '74** and Linda Ulrey



Actual Outing Winners for the 6th year in a row - Steve Clemons, '69_ Rich Clemons, '73_ Mike Clemons, '71, winner of Men's Long Drive_ Randy Thomas, '71



Tied for Second Place with a 63. Danny McVay, '71, Jim McVay, '67, Terry Cooper, '67, Steve Mahone, '72

Most of you realize that putting on an event like this is no easy task, and totally impossible if you do not have a strong team to make things happen. I want to recognize MY TEAM and thank them for getting all our hole sponsors (31), door prizes, and over \$400 in gift certificates. I would be totally lost without their help! Thank you to **Eli Bowen '74, Stacy Neff Campbell '78, Leslye Creek '70, Dave Dobos '73, Dorance Nichols Hornsby '63, Lynn Fullerton Johnson '63, Nick Joseph, Steve Scarpitti '74, Karen Nixon Stattmiller '79** and **Rosalie**

Martin Williams '72 for all their hard work. These are the people who make this outing so successful.

This annual event is to raise funds for the Scholarship Foundation and helps the Alumni Association award scholarships to deserving West High School seniors.

If you are a golfer and have not joined us in the past, I hope you will consider golfing with us next summer. If you played with us this year, I hope to see you again at the 17th Annual Outing. If you have suggestions or are interested in helping with future events, please reach out to me or one of the committee members. Please visit our alumni website at www.westhighalumni.com for more pictures from this year's event. And watch the newsletter and website for details on all WHSAA activities.

God bless and go Cowboys!

Georgia Martin Ward, Class of 1970
Golf Outing Chairperson, WHSAA Secretary

Please look on our website for additional photos!



Winners of the Pink Fireball Contest Carol Tirey, '74, Joe Braughton, '80, Linda Ulrey, Hilliard, '83, Bud Braughton, '75, Jim McVay, '67, Terry Cooper, '67, Steve Mahone, '72



1st Place Winning Team Holly Brink Horn, '71, David Horn, Bloom Carroll, '06, Bill Kern, winner of Closest to the Pin, '60, Steve Noble, 50-50 winner, Groveport Madison, '77



Ed McCleaf, '57, Bob Zadrozny, former WHS Faculty, Bob Flemming, '76, Mike Phipps, '94



Mike Merz, '70, Jeff Rice, '69, Joe Merz, '77, Scott McMillen, '70



Craig Hedges, '68, Steve Hedges, '67, Tim Weigand, '67, Danny Elswick, '76



Steve Chrisman, '69, Steve Ramey, guest, Steve Evans, '68, Steve Arnold, '69.



Steve Barnard, '65, Karen Krueger Barnard, '65, winner of Ladies' Long Drive, Frank Hess, Upper Arlington HS, '99, Dick Scott, '70.

Focus on Alumni

Brent Bill, class of 1969 and member of the West High School Alumni Hall of Fame, will be releasing his 26th book this autumn. Titled *"Amity: Stories from the Heartland,"* it is a collection of short stories, many of which are set in central Ohio, including on the Hilltop. Though it's fiction, many of the places mentioned will be familiar to West High folks and their friends.

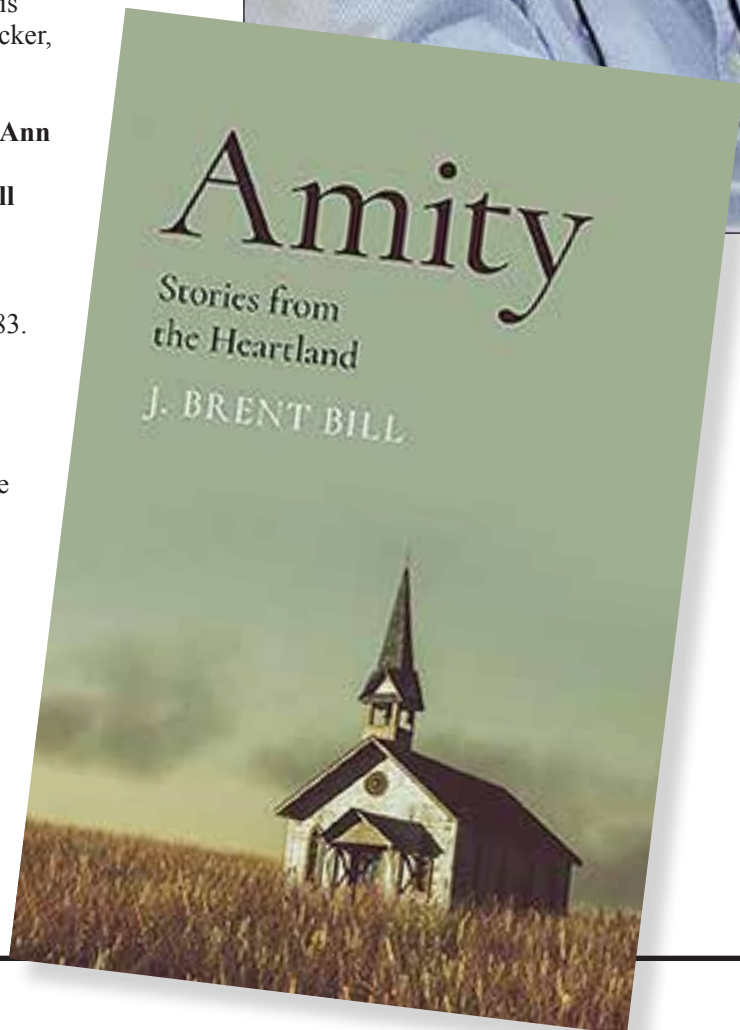
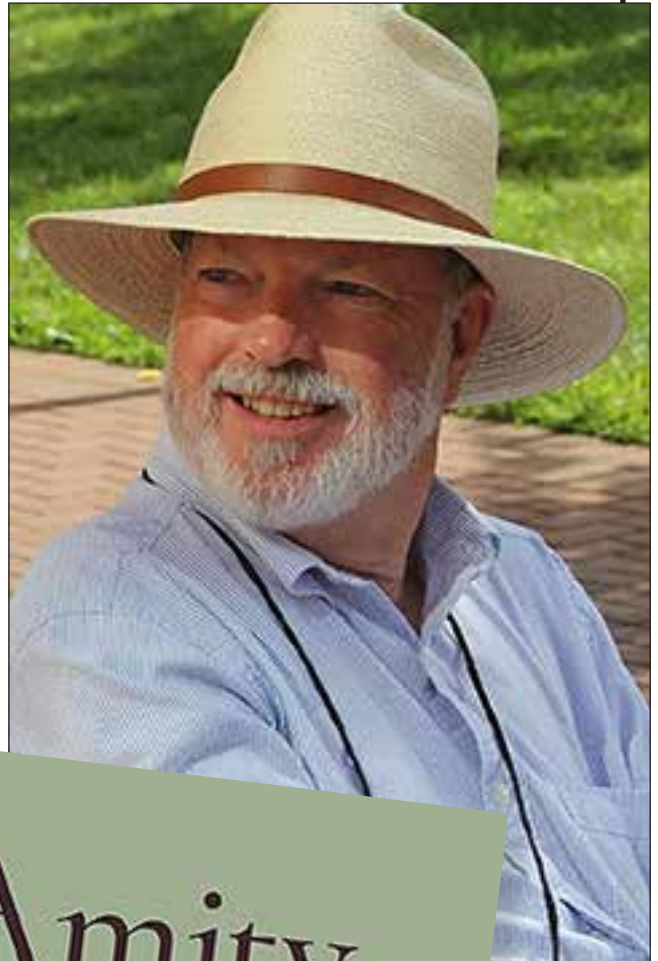
These stories are about 1930s housewives, modern day priests, 1960s kids, and more --as well as the varieties and vagaries of their lives' trials, triumphs, failings, joys, sorrows, and surviving --and the beauty and mystery of it all.

One early reviewer said, "The people and places in these stories resonated with me in much the same way my own family stories resonate. It is as if Brent Bill has peered into our collective past and told the stories of our ancestors, people who are ours but who we have not yet met. And he imparts the stories with such grace and kindness, conveying that, "Here we are. This is what we are made of. And it is good." I've not read stories like this since reading Wendell Berry." (Shawn Smucker, author of *Light from Distant Stars*)

Brent, whose parents (**John Bill '47** and **JoAnn Shields Bill '47**) and sisters (**Kathleen Bill Kramer '72** (**Paul Kramer '73**), **Linda Bill '73**, and **Julie Bill Duff '75**) are also West High graduates.

Brent's first published book came out in 1983. He's a popular speaker, retreat leader, and award-winning photographer in addition to being a writer. He's also a conservationist. He lives on almost 50 acres of Indiana farmland that has been turned into a wildlife preserve and now consists of native hardwood forest and tall grass prairie.

"Amity: Stories from the Heartland" will be available in bookstores and on Amazon beginning in November. However, personalized copies of the book are available directly from Brent. Just contact him via his website, brentbill.com





- Row 1: Janice Wasem Erfurt, Lynda Gallucci, Jill Snyder Yocum, Christine Riner, Vicki Roush Williams, Sherry Baxton Thompson, Karen Letsinger Alles
- Row 2: Virginia Stanley Wilcox, Diane Mercer Kistler, Paula Kartsimas Sarrey, Kathy Amore Blackwell, Ellen Nasner, Micki Tatman Hane, Donna Shank Barnes, Pamela Hammpp Martin, Betty Kelly Gilmore
- Row 3: Kathy Martin Stemen, Christine McCutcheon Byrne, Susie Fleming Gettinger, Richard Wallace, Charles Gomer, Terry Peake, Thomas Baldrick, Michael Sarrey, Michael McGannon, Brenda Repass Korting, Cheryl Basil Pohlable, Pete Block, Thomas Randall, Barbara Howell Perry, David Williams, Rick Chapman, Ed Morrison
- Row 4: Bob Grove, Larry Nelson, Ken Shaw, Fred Martin, Rick, Byron, Gary Nelson, Kim Barnett, Thomas Straley, Bob Corbin, Bob Cassady, Debbie Harris, Jim Lytle, Bob Kistler, Ron Aufderheide, Chuck Ventola, Don Ottney, Winn Dearing

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A Back-to-School Bash was held at West High School on August 19 to help set off a strong community-involved start to the new school year. WHAA provided free food at the concession stand that included a special treat provided by **Jack and Renea Schultz '72**, who shared their special long-time Hilltop favorite Coney Sauce and onions to go along with the hotdogs, chips, and water coordinated by Eli Bowen '74, head chef and coordinator of the concession stand for home football and basketball games. Volunteers are most welcome and needed to support our food prep and distribution during such events and games. Please contact **Eli Bowen '74** at (614) 595-2459 or **Rosalie Willams '72** at (614) 572-3953 to help with this self-rewarding task.

It is with deepest sympathy that we share the sudden passing of West High School's Head Football Coach, Aaron Owens, while he and his family were vacationing in Mexico. A Celebration of Life was held in the West High Auditorium on August 3, 2023. Coaching duties for the 2023 season have been assigned to an on-staff assistant. Please wish the team success and healing for the upcoming campaign.

Upcoming alumni events include a general membership board nomination meeting on October 25, followed by an election meeting on November 15, both to be held at the York Steak House, 4220 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43228, at 6:00 p.m. Please check the calendar for location and time confirmation on our website at westhighalumni.com. If you would like to volunteer or become a board member, you can let your interest be known at the October meeting or contact Nominating Committee chairman **Greg Large '71** at greglarge@realtor.com.

As always, we appreciate your support and membership. As a board, we constantly recruit class representatives, and we ask that you share your newsletter with a friend as we wish to expand volunteerism, participation, donations, and willingness to further the activities of the West High School Alumni Association. Go Cowboys!



Larry Pishitelli photographer

Row 1: Betty (Betsy) Howells Gleason, Suzane LeDiard Burkhart, Darlene Anderson Garrison, Donna Berlo, Barbara Staley Gasdaglis, Donna Stephens Visconsi, Jean Berger Luse, Dottie Neismeister Norris, Diana Gingerall Tipton, Mary Jo Dixon Fortin, Anne Halley Alder, Jean Casselman Burgess, Sharon Pope Justice.

Row 2: MaryLou Ricker Baggott, Barbara Apel Healey, Marita Georgiton Karonis, Chriss Carfrey Alwood, June Houk Kelly, Gary Alwood, Tom Damron, John Mathew, Terry Barnett, Arthur Thompson, Elaine Brewer Ward, Dave Benson, Joy Drummond Momburg, Dick Sines, Becky Watts Wilson, Judy Rausch Warner, Judy Headd Pagura

Back-to-School Event

On August 19th West High School sponsored a community event to welcome the students back to school.

Our association donated the coney dogs, potato chips, and bottled water for this event. Approximately, 100 hot dogs were served.

Board members Dan Martin '72, Eli Bowen '74, Vida Fulton Williams '73, Greg Large '70, Sara McPeck Sampson '69, and volunteer Margaret Dave Smith '73 welcomed and served the students and families.





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. 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



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

We are in the process of updating our list of class representatives. Please check our website at: westhighalumni.com/class-representatives. 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, 1981, 1982, 1984

1990's - 1986 - 1989, 1990-1997, 1999

2000's - 2000-2023

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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All 80's Reunion September 30, 2023

Oakgrove Tavern
8340 Alkire Rd.
Galloway, OH

5:00 – 10:00 p.m. - \$10 admission

Everyone is welcome!

Last year we had a great time!
People came from the 1970's to 2022 last year.
Bring your friends and classmates.



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

Class of 1983 Reunion October 14, 2023

We are having a class of "83" reunion on October 14th
at 2:00 pm. at my house (see address below). Bring your
spouse, significant other or just you. Ohio State is away at
Purdue that weekend.

The event will be catered by Der Dutchman, cash bar, free
non-alcoholic drinks, and we will have live music as well.

The event will be \$25 per person and you can Venmo me @
brian-cunningham-196 or pay at the event. We ask that you
please RSVP and let me know how many no later than
October 3, 2023.

Brian Cunningham
9135 Plain City-Georgesville Rd.
Plain City, OH 43064



Coach Owens Dies at Age 56

The current football coach, track and field coach, and graduation coach, Aaron Owens, died unexpectedly while on vacation in Mexico with his family. He was married and had four daughters. Owens was a long time Columbus City Schools employee, and a memorial service was held at the school for the staff and students. Click below to read more about this selfless and beloved man.

<https://www.dispatch.com/story/sports/columns/2023/08/04/columbus-west-high-school-football-coach-aaron-owens-duly-celebrated/70526339007/>

<https://www.dispatch.com/videos/sports/high-school/football/2023/08/04/community-remembers-columbus-west-football-coach-aaron-owens/12315635002/>

Alumni Association Officers

Would you like to join this group of hard-working alumni members?

Please consider joining us at our General Meetings on October 25th and November 15th. If you are interested in running for office, please contact **Greg Large** at greglarge@realtor.com.



Front - Mike Miller '70 (Asst. Treasurer), Dan Martin '72 (President), Georgia Martin Ward '70 (Secretary/Golf Outing Chairperson), Diane Lowery Offenberger '79 (Treasurer)

Back - Vida Fulton Williams '73 (Past President/Communications-Social Media Chairperson), Sara McPeck Sampson '69 (Hall of Fame Chairperson), Greg Large '70 (Membership/Nominating Chairperson), Karen Nixon Stattmiller '79 (Scholarship Chairperson), Eli Bowen '74 (Concessions Chairperson), Joyce Johnson '72 (Hall of Fame)

Not in the picture - Stacy Neff Campbell '78 (Vice President), Rosalie Martin Williams '72 (Concessions), Joe Castorino '67 (Florida Reunion Chairperson), Nancy Lloyd Laver '79 (Newsletter Editor), Nikol Madison Owens '97 (Picnic Chairperson), Althea Seagraves Williams '73 (Website Chairperson), Dorance Nichols Hornsby '63 (Yearbooks Chairperson), Rick Davis '97, Kaneeka Dalton Paul '02, Wanda Estep Ross '73.

THANK YOU for Your Donations!



The Alumni Association is designated as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization.

All Scholarship donations qualify as a tax deduction on your federal taxes.

Checks should be made payable to the WHSAA and
mailed to Treasurer, P.O. Box 28056, Columbus, OH 43228.

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

Linda Hoffert Marx '65 and Lowell Marx '63 in memory of
Phyllis Martin Slee, '63
Dianne Krebs, FOA in memory of Dan Krebs, '53

WELCOME New Member

Jean Berger Luse, 1961

THANK YOU for Your General Fund Donation

Donna Goins Fowler, 1971

Missing Life Members

We have a few Life Members whose newsletters have been
returned to us because of incorrect addresses or possibly death.

If you know the current address or any other information for
any of the alumni listed below, please contact Nancy Laver at
614-570-0018 or nybryant@aol.com.

Lavern Collins Nix, 1936 Jan.

Paul R. Anderson, Jr., 1945

Charlene Rolsten Cassell, 1947

Jean Meserve Hansen, 1947

Patricia Clum Mitchell, 1948 Jan.

Robert Janes, 1948

Walter Binkley, 1950 Jan.

Robert J. Thomas, 1970

Melissa Abram, 1989

Carol Smith, FOA

THANK YOU for the Yearbook donation

We send our thanks and appreciation to former West teacher Mr. Allan Novak. He moved from the Columbus area to Florida
and with the move decided to donate the West yearbooks he had collected during his years at West.

He sent the Alumni Association the years 1969 through 1973.

We have alumni on our Yearbook Wait List for each one of these yearbooks and are in the process of notifying them.

In talking with Mr. Novak about his donation, he said he enjoyed his years at West.
He worked with many great teachers and students that he has very fond memories of
and who he made lifelong friends with.

We will share that several former West teachers have donated their yearbooks to us in the past for which we are very grateful.

Update Your Alumni 2023 Calendar!



**SAVE
THE
DATE**

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|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| September 17, 2023 Sunday | Hall of Fame Ceremony – All are welcome! Crossroads United Methodist Church, 1100 S. Hague Avenue |
| October 15, 2023 Sunday | 6:00 PM Board Meeting ERA Solutions Realty Office, 3656 Broadway, Grove City 43123 |
| October 25, 2023 Wednesday | 6:00 PM General Meeting York Steak House, 4220 W. Broad St., Columbus 43228 Announcement of slate of Board officers. All are welcome! |
| November 15, 2023 Wednesday | 6:00 PM General Meeting York Steak House, 4220 W. Broad St., Columbus 43228 Vote on slate of Board officers. All are welcome! |
| December 9, 2023 Saturday | Christmas Luncheon – All are welcome! Reservation form in this issue. Raymond Memorial Golf Course – 3860 Trabue Rd., Columbus 43228 |
| March 9, 2024 Saturday | Florida All-Class Luncheon – All are welcome! More details to follow. Save the date! |

Kroger Plus Card and Amazon Smile Benefit West Alumni Association



Thirty-one alumni households contributed \$101.31 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.

West High School Football Schedule

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|--------------|------|----------------------|
| 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 |

(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.)

1964
1962
1961
1964
1960, Jan.
age 73
1965
1966
1968
1968

age 56
age 88

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

2023 Annual Membership Dues Form



Mail Form & Payment to:
West High School Alumni Association
P.O. Box 28056
Columbus, Ohio 43228
www.WestHighAlumni.com

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PLEASE CHECK:

☐ Renewal ☐ New Membership ☐ Address Change ☐ E-Mail Change

Member
Information

PRINT LEGIBLY

Year Graduated _____ January or June _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Maiden Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____ + _____

E-Mail Address _____ Phone (_____) _____

**Choose
One**

| Annual | | OR | Lifetime Membership | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Annual E-Mailed Newsletter | Annual Paper Mailed Newsletter | | Lifetime (Under age 65) E-Mailed Newsletter | Lifetime (Under age 65) Paper Mailed Newsletter | Lifetime (Age 65+) E-Mailed Newsletter |
| | | | Lifetime (Age 65) Paper Mailed Newsletter | | |
| \$25 | \$30 | | \$250 | \$275 | \$140 |
| | | | | | \$150 |

Donations

- Donations to General Fund \$ _____
- Donations to Scholarship Fund \$ _____
- In Memory of _____
- In Honor of _____

Special Gift Newsletter

During 2023 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!

Name _____

E-Mail Address _____

Roster of Members

- Roster of Members (Mailed in May)
\$20.00 per graduating class \$ _____
Specify Year _____

Roster Format ☐ Printed Version (US Mail)
Choose 1 ☐ E-Mailed PDF format

- Roster of Current Members \$10.00 \$ _____
for one graduation class
- Sorted alpha by Last Name
- E-Mailed PDF format

Total Enclosed \$ _____



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