

Friday, August the 13th A Great Day for the Annual West High Alumni Golf Outing

A beautiful day. A nice golf course. Great food and uniting with 80 some of your classmates. It doesn't get any better than that!

The 14th Annual West High School Alumni Golf Scramble was held August 13, and even though it was a "Friday the 13th", I think we all had good luck and a good time. This annual event is to raise funds for the Alumni Scholarship Foundation and thanks to The Players Club at Foxfire staff, our golfers, hole sponsors, prize contributors and generous Alumni, over \$3000 was raised for this worthy event.

We had 81 golfers who made this a success. The Clemons/Thomas team (Steve '69, Rich '73 and Mike Clemons '71, and Randy Thomas '71) took 1st place with an impressive 18 under par score. (I think I heard them say they were heading to the next PGA event after lunch!)

The team of Mike Hall '71, Hap Hall '74, Skip Bowman '77 and Steve Garrard '75 scored a 64 for the 2nd place prize.

Our long time Chairperson, Lynn Fullerton Johnson '63, could not be at the event this year but she was always available to guide me and help me and I thank her for being here for me. I'd like to also thank our committee: Stacy Neff Campbell '78, Charlie Castle '63, Leslye Creek '70, Dave Dobos '73, Dorance Nichols Hornsby '63, Steve Scarpitti '74 and Rosalie Martin Williams '72 for all of their hard work in making this event go so smoothly. The staff at The Players Club at Foxfire prepared a

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*First Place - Steve Clemons '69, Rich Clemons '73,
Mike Clemons '71, Randy Thomas '71*



*Second Place - Mike Hall '71, Hap Hall '74,
Skip Bowman '77, Steve Garrard '75*



*Rick Miller '79, Terry Orahood '79,
Todd Culp '94, Christopher Simmons '92*



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

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:

Winter Issue	Information Deadline - November 20
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Summer Issue	Information Deadline - May 20
Fall Issue	Information Deadline - August 20

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President's Message

Dave Dobos '73



It's been a great summer for our organization! We have resumed activities, produced a new website, and received another significant gift for the Leadership Campaign.

With COVID on the run (at least, at that time), the Board decided to hold the annual summer potluck picnic. About 65 alumni, friends, and family turned out for the event at Crossroads UMC on July 25. We enjoyed chef **Eli Bowen's '74** world-famous Sloppy Joes as well as specialty sides and delicious desserts from attending alumni. Many thanks to **Vida Fulton Williams '73** and the picnic committee for coordinating this event.

On August 13, we conducted our 14th annual Golf Outing. Over 80 alumni and friends turned out to whack golf balls at the scramble competition at Foxfire Golf Course. We enjoyed the course, an excellent lunch, and fine fellowship, netting over \$3000 for the scholarship fund. And the rains held off until lunch! **Georgia Ward '70** stepped in mid-stream to oversee this event. Thank you, Georgia, and the golf outing committee, for your excellent work.

By the time you see this newsletter, our new website should be live at **westhighalumni.com**. The new site features easier navigation; information about the school, alumni, and Hall of Fame inductees; access to videos, audio clips, and past newsletters; and the ability to join or renew memberships on the spot. Please check it out.

We received a significant gift to the Leadership Campaign this summer. **James Worthington Jan '57** contributed \$2,000 to our scholarship fund and \$1,000 in memory of his wife, **Julia Higgins Worthington Jun '57**, who recently passed away. The Leadership Campaign has raised \$35,342.21 since its inception a year ago. Many thanks to Jim and all our alumni who have made gifts to our organization.

Finally, I end on a sad note. This summer we lost two of our alumni who have contributed vitally to this organization, **Liz Burrell '61** and **Robin Schmidt Jan '49**. Liz was a member of our board, co-chairing the football and basketball concessions operation with **Eli Bowen '74**. Liz kept all the finances in her characteristic meticulous way and greeted everyone with her gruff, yet genuinely friendly, demeanor. Robin led an extraordinary life. He helped West to a City League football title as a student, received a silver star and purple heart for his role as a U.S. Marine in the Battle of

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Thank you, Georgia Ward for chairing this event!



*Mike Merz '70, Joe Merz '77,
Jim Clark '73, Jeff Clark '79*



*Ed McCleaf '57, Bob Zadrozny (former teacher),
Bob Fleming '76, Mike Phipps '94*



*Charlie Castle '63, Ruth Castle Sanders '65,
Rocco Holiday (South H.S.), John Morlan '65*



*Tom King '71, Steve Finkel '71,
Rusty Jones '72, Brian Fagan '75*



*Danny McVay '71, James McVay '67,
Terry Cooper '67, Steve Mahone '72*



*Mark Sprouse '69, Darrell Drone '74,
Gary Raush '67, Ray Gallenstein '65*



Please look on our Alumni Facebook Site for additional photos!

President's Message, continued from page 2

Chosin Reservoir in the Korean War, started and managed a successful commercial interior design company here in Columbus, and served as the 11th president of our alumni organization. It was at his prompting and support that we established the Leadership Campaign last year. We will miss them both!

I look forward to seeing you at the West HS Homecoming football game on Friday, October 1st, at 7:00 p.m., and/or our annual December Luncheon on Saturday, December 4th.

Golf Outing, continued from page 1

scrumptious lunch, set up all of our signs, and provided a beautiful back drop for our annual event.

And once again I'd like to thank you, all of the Alumni, who came out to play, donated prizes and money for helping make this an annual FUN event. Hope to see you next summer! Watch the newsletter for details next spring. God bless and go Cowboys.

Georgia Martin Ward, Class of 1970
Interim Chairperson, WHSAA Secretary



Reservation Form



Florida Mid-Winter All-Class Reunion



March 5, 2022

**Reservation Deadline
February 20, 2022**

No refunds after March 1, 2022.

All alumni, spouses, and friends are invited.

Anyone who comes for the very first time gets in for FREE!

WHEN: Saturday, March 5, 2022 • 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

WHERE: Sarasota, Florida

Der Dutchman, 3713 Bahia Vista St., Sarasota, Florida 34232. (941) 955-8007

Saturday Luncheon Buffet at the Der Dutchman.

Doors open at 11:00 am with lunch at 12:00 noon.

Cost is \$23.00 each. Fun and Prizes until 2:00 pm

Chairs: Joe Castorino '67 and Tom Ramage '67

Questions? Contact Joe Castorino '67 at 352-683-5135

e-mail: joecastorino@earthlink.net



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2022 Mid-Winter All-Class Reunion Reservations	
<p>Number Attending</p> <p>Saturday _____ X \$23.00 each = _____</p>	<p>Luncheon - number attending @ \$23.00 each</p> <p>Total enclosed ---> \$ _____</p>
<p>Make check out to: West High Alumni Association</p>	
<p>Mail check to: West High Alumni Association P.O. Box 28056 Columbus, OH 43228</p>	
<p>List any additional names included in your registration.</p>	
<p>PRINT LEGIBLY Year Graduated _____ January or June _____</p> <p>First Name _____ Last Name _____ Maiden Name _____</p> <p>Address _____ Phone _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip _____</p> <p>email _____</p>	
<p>PRINT LEGIBLY Year Graduated _____ January or June _____</p> <p>First Name _____ Last Name _____ Maiden Name _____</p> <p>Address _____ Phone _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip _____</p> <p>email _____</p>	



- Row 1: Donna Wischer Snyder, Lani Cressman Gantz, Cassie Williams Snedecor, Charlene Mann, Becky Wilson, Margaret Meyers Poulin, Georgia Martin Ward, Susie Katon Ward, Susie Griffith Lockard, Teri Himes Henson, Linda Scalf Dalicandro, Danny Stowe, Michelle Fitzer Stowe
- Row 2: Steve Colliflower, Tom Pettit, Scott McMillen, Bonnie Fee, Steve Townes (71), Debbie Grashell Guyton, Paula Turbett Plant, Jan Doughty Packard, Barb Ranalli Monk, Diana Brown Struve, Cathy Kimball Lantz, Bev Barklow Thomas, Sharon Wharton McMillan, Linda Bentley Miller, Andrea Zimmerman
- Row 3: Greg Rice, Pete Maneff, Carol Richard Oswald, Sue Cody Walton, Mark Sprouse, Charmaine Green Fowler, Cindy Grinstead, Valerie Gross Neff, Laurie Andrews Schieser, John Fike, Margit Fischer Thellmann, Greg Large, Tim Williams, Peggy Renner McConaha, Ned Miller, Katie Reed Keller
- Row 4: John Pickens, Scott Roese, Jerry Ehlers, Mike Miller, Sharon Congrove Fulton, Eric Snedecor (71), Mike Hall (71), Wayne Ruggles, Greg Grinstead, Bruce Madden, Wendell Toney, Steve Chappellear, Mike Merz, Patty Berger, Dick Scott, Jim Damopoulos (71)

Post Pandemic Summer Potluck

By Vida Fulton Williams '73

After being in lockdown during 2020, the West High All-Class Alumni Potluck Picnic 2021, was a great success! We had 65 people in attendance. Covid did not stop us from getting together and having a great time. It was held at our usual place, the Crossroads United Methodist Church located at 1100 S. Hague Ave, Columbus, Ohio 43204. Thanks to **Paul Pennell '57** for helping secure this location once again.



Ginger Thrush '79 offered the blessing.

Dorance Hornsby '63, Nancy Laver '79 and Vida Williams '73 for the many door prize donations they collected.

We gave away candy, Florentine spaghetti sauce, Starbucks cups, candles, and many restaurant gift certificates, just to name a few.



During the door prize drawing I had 4 young assistants pull the names from the hat.

Thank you, Matthias Madison, Torie Harris, Jade Potts and Julia Potts for your assistance.

Door prize drawing



Quite a few alumni classes were represented this year. We had one person, **Alice Miller Allen, from the class of 1943**, 18 from the 1950s, 10 from 1960s, 23 from 1970s, 1 from 1980s, 3 from 1990s and 9 guests. It is always a pleasant surprise to see those that attend. Hopefully next year the numbers will be even higher since we know how wonderful it is to see everyone.

We meet new alumni and greet those we already know. We need everyone to spread the word next year and maybe we will have an even larger turnout.



Alice Miller Allen '43 and Kathy Allen Donovan '75 – Alice was our most senior alum in attendance!



Livia and Nikol Madison Owens '97 – Nikol was our youngest alum in attendance who was holding the youngest at the picnic!

Thank you to all of the board members that helped during this event:

Dave Dobos '73, Nikol Owens '97, Dorance Hornsby '63, Greg Large '70, Nancy Smith '50, Rosalie Williams '72, Nancy Laver '79, and Eli Bowen '74.

... a great success!



Thank you, Vida Williams for chairing this event!



*Jim Edwards '54
and his custom t-shirt!*



*Vida Fulton Williams '73 and Vince Williams '72.
Vida was our chairperson for the Summer picnic.*



*Don Borton '81 and his father
Ronald Borton, Jan. 1957*



*The Potts Family - Matthias Madison, Julia Potts, Jade Potts,
Diane Potts Jones '74, Torie Harris, Livia Owens, Damon Owens,
Nikol Madison Owens '97, and Deborah Potts '72'*

*The Honorable
James Graham,
Jan. '57
Brad Laver
'75.*



*Cindy Lee Search
'91
Jeremy Search
'90*



*Picnic with people
at tables*

We all look forward to a year of good health and peace until our next West High All-Class Alumni Potluck Picnic.

Class of 1981 40th Class Reunion

Shamrock Club
60 W. Castle Road
Columbus, Ohio 43207

September 25, 2021

5:00 pm.
\$25 per person

For more information please contact:
Joan Latz Stormont at 614-477-1192

Debbie O'Bryan Dickson
614-561-9169
debdictson17@yahoo.com

Class of 1961

Dear Class of 1961,
Fall is quickly approaching and it's time to establish our Celebration Committee for our 60th Reunion for the June class of 1961 next summer, 2022. We've heard from some classmates who are interested and willing to be meeting either via Zoom or in person and are excited to really get started.

Of course, there is room for more of you to join us and share ideas, activities and opinions and we are hoping to hear from you soon.

Please text/email/call:
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jpaguramedina@aol.com

Judy Warner 1-513-324-0443
JWarner43@aol.com



Class of 1970 Reunion in 2022

We are planning a second celebration in 2022 at The Courtyard by Marriott in Columbus (I-270 and Roberts Rd) on Saturday, August 13, 2022.

Please make sure the Committee has all your contact information so we can send you all the details.

We are looking forward to seeing you soon!

Any questions?
Please contact a Reunion Committee member or email Sue or Georgia.

Sue Griffith Lockard
smaneff@gmail.com

Georgia Martin Ward
georgiamward@gmail.com

Class of 1975 45th Reunion

Pre-Reunion Get together
Friday, Oct 15, 5pm to ?
Pool, hot tub, pizza & bonfire!
Bring your swimsuit.
We've got 5 acres, so everyone is invited!

Greg & Debbie (Jones) Port's Place
4251 Harrisburg Georgesville Rd
Grove City, OH 43123
rsvp to debbieport@hotmail.com

Reunion

Shamrock Club
60 W. Castle Road
Columbus, Ohio 43207

Saturday, October 16, 2021
\$40 per person/\$75 per couple

Please return check payable to: WHS CLASS OF 75
1852 Hickory Hill Drive
Columbus, Ohio 43228
Or Venmo: Kathy Redmond @ Kathy-Redmond-4

Cash bar available.
Happy Hour at 5:00 p.m.
Italian Buffet Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Check our Facebook page for more information:
Columbus Ohio West High School – Class of 1975
Contact: Kathy Redmond @614-582-4616
redmonk@columbus.rr.com



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2021 All-Class Christmas Lunch Reservations

MAIL IN TODAY!

Number # _____ Entree Reservations at \$22.00 each. Total enclosed --->

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List names for each reservation: _____

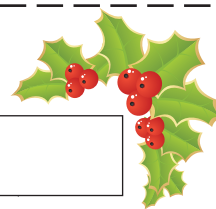
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Association
P.O. Box 28056
Columbus, OH 43228

PRINT LEGIBLY Year Graduated _____ January or June _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Maiden Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____



West High School All-Class Christmas Lunch, December 4, 2021!

Registration Deadline! November 26, 2021

All Alumni are invited. Attention Class Representatives! Pass the word.

Join us in celebrating the Holiday Season
with your old friends and schoolmates.

Reservations are \$22.00 per person.

Location: Raymond Memorial Golf Course
3860 Trabue Road
Columbus, OH 43228

**There is ample free parking on the
east side of the building.**

All Italian Lover's Feast Buffet
by Schmidt's Catering
(Gluten free items available.)

Doors Open at 11:00 am
Cocktail/Social Hour 11:00 a.m. - Noon
Cash Bar
Lunch - Noon
Registration starting at 10:30 a.m.



Questions: Stacy Neff Campbell '78
(614) 279-7998

Music provided by
West High Alumni Dance Band



Silent Auction items needed!

Contact our Silent Auction Chair Stacy Neff Campbell '78
at (614) 279-7998 with items to be donated.

All monies raised will benefit the West High Alumni Scholarship Foundation!





Happy Birthday Alice!

We received this message and picture from Jennifer Lynn Stewart. Her grandmother, **Alice Maria Stroup** graduated from West High School in **1937**.

Alice reads the alumni newsletter religiously. She turned 102 years old on July 30th and she is doing great!

Happy 75th Anniversary!

Bill and June (Strahm) Aumiller celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary on May 19, 2021. They met while ushering at the Palace Theater in 1943. They have two children, Doug Aumiller and Vicki Beetham, four grandchildren and four great grandchildren. **Bill** graduated in **January of 1944** and **June (Strahm) Aumiller** graduated in **January of 1946**.

Editor's note: As this newsletter was going to print, it is with great sadness that I need to report that Bill Aumiller passed on August 6th.



Congratulations Hilda 103 years old!



*Walz Family
Barbara and Beverly standing in the back.
Hilda is seated in the front*

Hilda Riebel Walz graduated from West in **1935**. Her family owned the Rome General Store at the corner of West Broad and Maple. Her children also went to West: **Beverly Walz Nicol** graduated in **1965** and **Barbara Walz Renshaw** graduated in **1967**.

Hilda will be 104 years old on November 28th and is doing well. Hilda shared many West High keepsakes and mementos which will be shared in a future newsletter. Thank you, **Joyce Mills, Jan. 1955** for alerting the association of this lovely lady.

In Memoriam - Alumni No Longer With Us



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

Class

1930s

Robert Louis Huffman Sr., May 29, 2021 1936

1940s

Louis A. Erf, March 1, 2015 1943

Norma Benoy Erf, May 12, 2020 1945

Harold F. Hill, March 16, 2019 1946

Barbara McNutt Harkness, September 26, 2018 1944

Clarence Richard Self, April 9, 2021 1945

Dan A. Miles, July 4, 2021 1949, Jan.

Robin A. Schmidt, July 11, 2021 1949, Jan.

Former Alumni Association President 2007-08

Bill Aumiller, August 6, 2021 1944, Jan.

Louise D. Dickey Sager, August 4, 2021 1946

Robert E. Jones, Jr., August 8, 2021 1948, Jan.

Ella Marie Hoopman White, August 8, 2021 1945

1950s

Linda Matheny Dougherty, May 28, 2019 1957

Ruth Ann Moreland Mills, March 27, 2021 1953, Jan.

Donna Jean Mason Comerford, May 5, 2021 1952, Jan.

Laraine Staczar Muncy, May 25, 2021 1959

Shirley Snow Scott, June 8, 2021 1950

Maria Kaye Durbin Coon, June 9, 2021 age 78

John W. Miller, June 10, 2021 1959

Roy Hill, June 20, 2021 1958

Herbert A. Beidel Sr., July 5, 2021 1950

Barbara Stewart Riddle, July 8, 2021 1952

Charles R. Judson, July 14, 2021 1954

Patty Bradshaw Prince, July 16, 2021 1957

Elaine Taylor Webb, June 23, 2021 1950

Virginia "Ginny" Clarke Howard, July 22, 2021 1954

Herbert Brown, August 17, 2021 1953

Class

1960s

Raymond G. Potter, June 8, 2021 age 70

Mary Lou Sowers McMillen, June 16, 2021 1960, Jan.

Joseph M. Huffman, June 17, 2021 1969

John F. Ell, June 20, 2021 1960

James A. Drummond, June 20, 2021 1965

Marla K. Durbin Coon, June 9, 2021 1961

Liz Burrell, August 18, 2021 1961

1970s

Douglas C. Biddle, May 24, 2021 1973

Richard L. Rehm, June 3, 2021 1976

Michael Smith, July 5, 2021 1973

Peter E. Riner, August 13, 2021 1971

1990s

Kristy Reed Hunter, June 22, 2021 1994

Roger R. Lind, July 29, 2021 1995

Staff Members

Donna Spellman Berndt, June 2, 2021 1944

Secretary

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.

Update!

Harold L. Buchanan from the class of **1945** is indeed still alive. He was erroneously listed as deceased in our last newsletter. Thank you, **Susan Moore Edwards** from the **January 1956** class, for correcting this error. Please accept our sincerest apology for this mistake.

Missing Members

We have quite a few Life Member alumni 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.

Mary Diltz Kimmey, 1944

James K. Fero, 1945

Helen Dennis Rock, 1945

Paul R. Anderson, Jr., 1945

Betty Knight Recob, 1945 Jan.

Charlene Rolsten Cassell, 1947 June

Jean Meserve Hansen, 1947 June

Evelyn Rock Johnson, 1947 June

Patricia Clum Mitchell, 1948 Jan.

Robert Janes, 1948 June

Carl McKenna, M.D., 1948 June

Walter Binkley, 1950 Jan.

Marlin Endsley, 1954 Jan.

Don Riser, 1954 June

Robert J. Thomas, 1954 June

Carol Smith, FOA

THANK YOU for Your Donation



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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 Your General Fund Donation

The Ulrey Family and Flyer's Pizza and Subs
James Worthington, Jan. 1957

THANK YOU for Your Scholarship Donation

James Hughes, 1964

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

Dorance Nichols Hornsby, 1963 in memory of Earl and Joan Arena Potts, Jan. 1951.
Jamie Kennard, 1975 in memory of Shirley Snow Scott, 1950.
Don and Joan Speakman, in memory of Robin Schmidt, 1949.
James Worthington, Jan. 1957 in memory of his wife Julia Higgins Worthington, June 1957.

WELCOME New Life Members

*687 Life Members will never have to remember
to send in their dues again!*

Pamela Murray Banker, January 1961
Susan Griffith Lockard, 1970
Ginger Thrush, 1979
Rich Clemons, 1973

WELCOME New Members

Nikol Madison Owens, 1997
Tim Pettit, 1975



Amazon Smile to Benefit the Alumni Association

If you shop at AMAZON.COM, please consider signing in at
SMILE.AMAZON.COM.

Once in the Amazon website, choose West High School Alumni Association, Columbus Ohio as your donation recipient.

Every order you place through <http://www.smile.amazon.com> will have 0.5% donated to your Alumni Association.

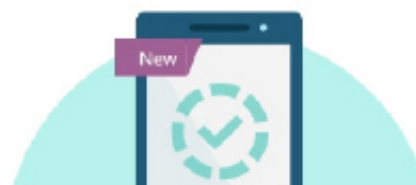
There is no additional charge for you to do this. It is an Amazon program to give back to charitable organizations in the community.

Our Alumni Association received \$26.23 in August.
Every little bit helps!

AmazonSmile is now available in the Amazon Shopping app on your iPhone.

Turn on to start generating donations in the app, at no cost to you.

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West High School Alumni Association



Update Your Alumni 2021 Calendar!



**SAVE
THE
DATE**

September 19, 2021 Sunday	3:00 PM Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony - NEW LOCATION Next Level Prep, 1805 O'Brien Rd., Columbus 43228
October 13, 2021 Wednesday	6:00 PM General Membership Meeting - Officer and Board Member Nominations Due O'Charley's Restaurant, 1650 Georgesville Square, Columbus, 43228
October 24, 2021 Sunday	6:00 PM Board Meeting - NEW DATE Next Level Prep, 1805 O'Brien Rd, Columbus, 43228
November 17, 2021 Wednesday	6:00 PM General Membership Meeting – Officer and Board Member Election O'Charley's Restaurant, 1650 Georgesville Square, Columbus, 43228
November 28, 2021 Sunday	6:00 PM Board Meeting – NEW DATE! Next Level Prep, 1805 O'Brien Rd., Columbus 43228
December 4, 2021 Saturday	11:00 AM All Class Christmas Luncheon Raymond Memorial Golf Club, 3860 Trabue Road, Columbus, 43228 <i>See page 9 for registration and more details</i>
January 23, 2022 Sunday	6:00 PM Board Meeting Next Level Prep, 1805 O'Brien Rd., Columbus 43228
February 23, 2022 Wednesday	6:00 PM General Membership Meeting – New Location! York Steakhouse Restaurant, 4220 West Broad Street, Columbus, 43228
Mar 5, 2022 Saturday	Florida All-Class Reunion Sarasota Der Dutchman Restaurant, 3713 Bahia Vista St. Sarasota Florida at 11:00 am. <i>See page 4 for registration and more details.</i>



Kroger Plus Card Benefits West Alumni Association

Thirty-one alumni households contributed \$103.93 to the Association without having to do anything but register their Kroger Plus Card on a computer. Our Alumni Association received \$9.94 in February. Every little bit helps! Thank you for the donation! This is one of the easiest ways for non-profit organizations to earn funds for their programs. Your Alumni Association has participated in this program for several years now. We receive a quarterly

check from Kroger with proceeds from all who have made this designation for West High School Alumni Association. The Kroger funds are used to help pay for the general expenses of the Association, which include the preparation and printing of this newsletter.

Cards can only be registered via the Internet. If you do not have a computer, please ask a friend or relative to register your card for you. After you register your Kroger card, each time you make a purchase at a Kroger store use your Kroger Plus Card, Kroger Credit Card, or Alternate ID and a portion of your purchases will automatically be applied toward the Kroger Community Rewards donation. All participants must re-enroll each year to continue earning rewards for our organization.

Kroger Community Rewards Program

- Log onto the Kroger Rewards website: <https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow/>
- Click on the left where it says "I'm a Customer"
- Login into your Kroger account (if you don't have a Kroger account, please create one it only requires an email address and a password)
- Under "Find an Organization" type West High School Alumni Association
- Click search
- West High School Alumni Association will show up with our number HA170
- Click Enroll

Throwback in Time

As we approach the November 3rd election, here is a picture from the Columbus Citizen Journal November 1, 1954.

The seniors from West High School were involved in a mock election for the governor of Ohio.

The race was between Republican James A. Rhodes and Democrat Frank J. Lausche.

Do you recall who won?

The race was won by Frank J. Lausche. Lausche served as governor for five terms.

James A. Rhodes later became governor in 1962.

This picture was submitted by Ruth McDermitt Hegele, class of 1957.



MOCK ELECTION STAGED at West High tomorrow will be as nearly like a real election as possible. This scene will be typical. Left to right: Phil Vance, a voter, gets his ballot; Jean caton, election clerk; George Eichenberger, judge; Ronnie Forrer, Margia Seagle and Barbara Moore wait their turn for ballots. (Photo by Lloyd Flowers, Citizen staff photographer.)

Students At West High School Vote In Mock Election Tuesday

By KATHERINE SULLIVAN
Election prognosticators at West High School said Tuesday's election will be close. Bond issues all will pass—but: "Lausche will be governor by a 100,000 majority," declared dark-haired Marlene England. "Not! It's Rhodes by 50,000," insisted a senior sporting a crew-cut, Joe Brenot.

BOTH HAVE BEEN among outspoken students leading classroom discussions in West's Problems of Democracy classes Tuesday. Election Day, all 275 POD seniors will go to the "polls" to express their own views.

Mock elections on the real issues with the true candidates will be staged at West to teach students how to vote, and to encourage serious consideration of all election issues.

A second floor teachers' lounge was converted into a polling place. Students were named to various election booth offices. Ballot boxes will be padlocked.

HARRIETTE BROWN, vice-principal, said secrecy regulations, regarding voting, are observed so strictly, that last year she was asked to leave the room after she entered on an errand.

"We hope the students keep their enthusiasm to vote their whole lives," she remarked.

POD teachers Edwin Kaylor and George Neesh said voters did not identify their parties during the recent primaries in order to prevent the election lesson from becoming partisan. But in their speech making for candidates or issues students are not so restricted.

SPEAKING FOR RHODES, Jon said: "I don't believe it is democratic to have a fifth term.

"And I believe Rhodes is the better man. I have read his pamphlets and I am convinced he could do the best job. He has a good record, and is a good challenger."

Marlene, speaking for Lausche, declared:

"Lausche is the best vote getter. He's won four other times. I think he is a very fine man.

"DURING THE Ohio State Fair, I met him. He was friendly to everyone. And I don't like what he says about Lausche."

Despite their opinions, however, neither student could say positively how the West High election will come out. That will depend upon the voters.

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