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Congratulations Honorees! Go to the Head of the Class!

What does a physicist, an attorney, a “builder” and a dentist have in common? All four gentlemen were inducted into the West High School Hall of Fame on September 15, 2019. **David K. Myers '49**, **Clenzo B Fox '47**, **Tennis W. Gatewood '74**, and **Dr. Danny Stowe '70** were all students at our alma mater.

The Hall of Fame was created for the purpose of recognizing and honoring those persons who have attended West High School, and who, by their accomplishments, have contributed to the local, state, or national community. These individuals have met this criteria. They have demonstrated achievement in their chosen endeavor. They have distinguished themselves as evidenced by honors or other recognitions conferred upon them. They have made, by their activities and accomplishments a notable contribution to society.



Left to right: *Clenzo B. Fox '47*, *Davette Vazquez for David K. Myers '49*; *Dr. Danny Stowe '70*; *Kerry Gatewood and Kia Gatewood Merrifield for Tennis W. Gatewood '74*

The nomination entries of these fine honorees are found in this issue of the newsletter. Read to find out why **Clenzo's** friends call him “The Ubiquitous Mr. Fox.” (Ubiquitous means present, appearing, or found everywhere.) Read to find out that **David** was most proud of his GPS targeting system that the military used for the Poseidon and Trident missiles. Read to learn how **Tennis** built up youth by teaching them to overcome their fear of math and science in a hands-on workshop. Read how **Danny** treated dental emergencies of the homeless in the kitchen at the Stowe Mission Center. Congratulations, Cowboys! We are proud of you!

General Meeting – In Case You Missed It

At the General Membership Meeting on Thursday, November 14th we voted for this year's 2020 Board of Directors which included our officers, trustees, and committee chairs. I want to extend a special welcome to our new treasurer **Dave Enright '96** and our new secretary **Georgia Ward '70**. Please see the complete list on page 2 of this newsletter.

We then had a special guest, **Mike Moses**, STEM teacher from West High School who came and enlightened us about his program. Mike has been a teacher at West for 20 years. He felt needed at West and has stayed for his entire career. He began the STEM program in 2012 with an Engineering class with the freshman class. STEM is an acronym that stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. The school year starts with a complex problem and the students spend the year solving the problem. Students learn about mechanical engineering, robotics, control systems, circuitry, and 3-D computer printing.

This year the students have been designing parts to make a remote-control car with a 3-D printer. The class is composed of 50% girls, so this is not just a course for boys. **Mike Moses** brought one of the cars that the students have been working on this year and it was impressive. The car had intricate details and moving parts like a real car. Mike is helping the students solve real problems through his STEM program. Mike is teaching the students high expectations, work ethics, and preparations for college. At the end of his presentation, he invited alumni to come visit his program and see his students in action in Room 213.

If you have not attended a General Meeting please consider joining us. There is usually a speaker of some sort who does a short presentation. There is *never* any pressure to join a committee or to run for an office. There is always good food and fellowship! Please mark your calendar to join us on February 26th at O'Charley's Restaurant or on April 22nd at West High School in the cafeteria.



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Deadline for Submitting Articles to the Occident

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

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Fall Issue	Information Deadline - August 20

NEWSLETTER MAILINGS

Your Alumni Occident is mailed bulk mail, which is not forwarded. If you move or have your mail forwarded, your newsletter will not be forwarded. It is not returned to the Alumni Association, so we don't know you haven't received it. Contact the Association Treasurer with the dates you will be in another location, and we will mail your newsletter to that address.

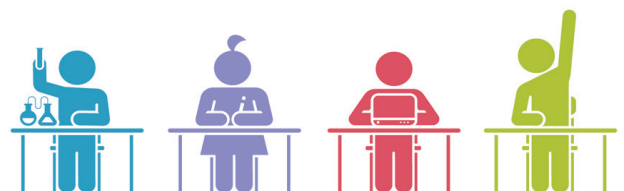


President's Message

Dave Dobos '73

I appreciate the confidence our association has shown in me by electing me to a third year as its president. We have much work to continue to do—strengthening existing efforts and events, assembling a more comprehensive compilation of West HS alumni, improving our communications with alumni via an enhanced website and social media presence, reaching out to younger alumni and nurturing their involvement, and preparing our organization for increased service to our alumni and the school.

As part of our “youth movement,” we successfully have recruited and elected two relatively recent alumni to our board. **Michele Redd '00** is a new board member. A cheerleader at West as a student, Michele is an elementary PEAK classroom teacher in the Columbus City Schools. She brings enthusiasm, energy, and young alumna perspective to our board. **Dave Enright '96**, a Kenyon College graduate and local bank executive, is our new treasurer. Dave was a standout student and All-City basketball and football player for West who also played intercollegiate basketball at Kenyon. Dave replaces **Steve Scarpitti '74**, who helped transform the position into the modern era. Fortunately, Steve will continue his efforts with our organization as chair of the Scholarship Committee. I also recognize **Lynn Johnson '63**, our outgoing secretary for her thoroughness, consistency, and dedication. She will continue to chair our annual Golf Outing.



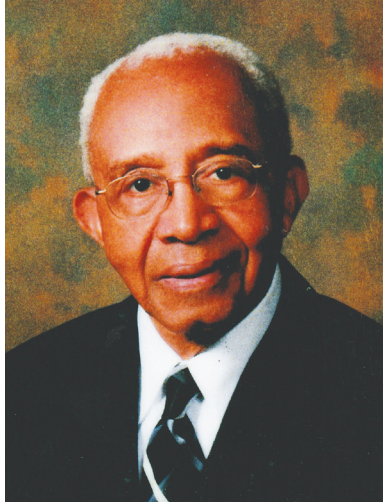
The Columbus City Schools have begun to recognize the great work our organization does fostering a sense of community among our alumni and serving the school and its students. The school district is trying to develop alumni loyalty among all its high school graduates. Several alumni associations currently exist, including groups from Central, North, Northland, and South. Although none of these have developed the level of support as ours has, the South HS Alumni Association has grown into a fine group, also providing ongoing scholarships to graduating South seniors. Its president has contacted us about possible collaboration around a future event or endeavor.

As we progress into 2020, I continue to be amazed at the collective camaraderie and generosity routinely displayed by our alumni and look forward to growing the scope and accomplishments of our organization.

Hall of Fame Recipient



Clenzo B. Fox



Clenzo B. Fox was born on April 7, 1928 at 194 South Oakley Avenue, Columbus, Ohio. He was graduated from Highland Avenue Elementary School in June 1940, from West Junior High School in June 1944, and from West Senior High School in June 1947. He married his high school sweetheart, Bernadine D. Flemming in 1948. They had six children: Denise, Kenneth, Sharon, Merrill, Marguerite, and Teresa. Their family has grown to fourteen grandchildren, twenty-two great-grand-

children, and five great-great grandchildren. Sadly, Bernadine, age 89, died on March 17, 2019.

His first job (as an adult) was at the B & T Metal Company, 425 West Town Street in Columbus, where he worked in the cafeteria and the extrusion shop. In 1949, at the urging of his Aunt Elizabeth Shaw, he enrolled at Franklin University, where Clenzo earned an Associate Degree in Business Administration. He then applied for admission to the Franklin University Law School, was accepted and graduated in June 1953 with a Bachelor's Degree in Law. That same month, he sat for the Ohio State Bar Examination, passed, and was admitted to the practice of law August 17, 1953. He then received his Juris Doctorate Degree from Capital University Law School in 1966.

In 1954, Mr. Fox began working for the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation as an attorney examiner and in 1955 he became a Referee (Hearing Officer) for the Ohio Industrial Commission.

Mr. Fox has had several law practices in Columbus, with offices at: 2287 West Broad Street, 21 East State Street, 209 South High Street, and 233 South High Street.

In 1973, he joined the General Counsel's Office at Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company, serving as an Assistant General Counsel until his retirement on December 31, 1993. On November 1, 2001, Nationwide Insurance Company Corporate Connection presented Clenzo with the Donna James Award of Excellence. Several other recognitions awarded to Mr. Fox include: being elected to membership in

the Franklin County Trial Lawyers Association (April 1, 1968); the (Fourth) Annual Award of Excellence, presented by the Capital University Law School Black Alumni (March 12, 1993); a 2007 statute inscribed with "Lifetime Hilltopper and Historian" from the Hilltop Civic Council; the Columbus Bar Association Award for "60 Years of Practicing Law With Integrity" (2013); Special Recognition from the Ohio House of Representatives 120th General Assembly, sponsored by Otto Beatty, Jr., for being an Assistant General Counsel; and a Commemoration Award, recognizing the life and contributions of Clenzo B. Fox, as a Columbus City Schools alumnus, from the Columbus Board of Education (February 17, 2015).

In addition, he is a recipient of The David D. White Award for Community Service, presented by the Black Alumni of Capital University. He received a Citation for Community Service from the Ohio House of Representatives (112th General Assembly), as well as an Award for Community Service presented by the Columbus Leadership Conference. Mr. Fox was awarded a Certificate of Recognition for his membership as an arbitrator on the Dispute Settlement Board for the Ford Motor Company.

Clenzo is a member of the Hilltop United Methodist Church, where he has served as Church Historian and Chairman of the Stewardship Committee. From this church, he received a "commendation" in 1989 and in 2010, a "Special Recognition Award, Clenzo B. Fox, Esquire". He has been a member of the Board of Lay Activities of the Columbus South District United Methodist Church and a past Chairman of the Ohio Council of Churches' Board of Trustees. He has also served on the Board of Trustees of National Church Residence, which is a Presbyterian non-profit corporation that builds affordable housing for the elderly. In addition, Clenzo is a recipient of the Denman Evangelism Award of the Columbus South District United Methodist Church, for his outstanding service in the Evangelism ministry. He has also been involved with the Kairos Ministry (prison ministry) at the Ross Correctional Institute at Chillicothe, Ohio.

His community involvement extends beyond his church work, as he is widely recognized for his involvement in civic and community activities. He has been a member of the J. Ashburn, Jr. Youth Center Board and has served on the Columbus Foundation's Legal Advisory Committee. He is past president of the Robert B. Elliott Law Club, a former Assistant Attorney General for the State of Ohio, and a Special Counsel for the City of Columbus.

Clenzo indicated that his friends call him, "The Ubiquitous Mr. Fox".

Kenneth Fox (his son), Class of 1968, nominated Clenzo.



Kenneth Fox '68 and Clenzo B. Fox '47



Tennis W. Gatewood



Tennis Wayne Gatewood was born June 9, 1956 in Columbus, Ohio. His mother, Alberta, and grandmother, Lizzie Etta Gatewood, raised him. Wayne was a standout track and football star while at West High School, graduating in 1974. Although labeled a “slow learner” in the fifth grade, a label,

which took him years to overcome, he earned a scholarship to West Virginia University. While pursuing a degree in management, Wayne earned a 4-year letterman plaque in Football as Offensive Tackle 1975-77 and was Co-Captain in 1977 (he played offensive tackle for Coach Bobby Bowden in the 1975 Peach Bowl, defeating North Carolina State, 13-10). In addition, Wayne earned a 2-year letterman plaque in Track and Field for the Shot Put. As of today, he still holds the West Virginia University record for his 53’ 2.5” throw.

Graduating in 1979 with his business degree in hand, Wayne worked his way through the hospitality industry. He worked for Marriott Hotels, served as Operations Director of the five-million-dollar dining services machine at Honda of America, and as Director of Training and Development for two regional restaurant corporations. Wayne also became the first African American franchise owner for Donatos Pizza.

After being diagnosed with cancer in 2007, Wayne reinvented himself as T. Wayne Gatewood “The Builder,” by developing a signature STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Workshop - the Math and Science of Carpentry; a skill he learned as a child from his Uncle Nate. He taught youth how to overcome the fear of math and science in a hands-on, fun learning environment. His “Secret Weapon”, the Academic Assault Vehicle (AAV), was a classroom on wheels that allowed him to take his workshops on the road. Always wearing “bib overalls”, he made students not feel intimidated by what he was teaching them. He was authoritative, but down-to-earth. He talked to them on their level and made them feel

like they were learning something special and useful. He was dedicated to helping young students learn new tools (not the kind you use with your hands); skills that would help them navigate throughout their lifetime.

Wayne used his “gift of gab” by becoming a member of Toastmasters and a Les Brown Platinum Speaker. He was a man with a huge heart, infectious smile, and a sense of humor that cannot be replaced. He touched the lives of so many, young and old, through mentoring, teaching, coaching, and speaking. He never met a stranger and he believed in paying his blessing forward, which is evident through his work with the National Youth Sports Program (NYSP) and the Health Sciences & Technology Academy (HSTA), both programs at West Virginia University. In addition, he worked with the Mansion Day School, Columbus City Schools, YMCA, J. Ashburn Jr. Youth Center, Inc., Columbus School for Girls, and numerous others.

Wayne was a 27-year member of The Columbus Bible Way Church, Inc., where he served on the Deacon Board, Men’s Fellowship, and Ambassadors for Christ Leader and Camp Director. He was also a Driver for Jets for Jesus and Sunday school. He, along with Pastor Michael Lester, created the King Josiah Boys Mentoring Camp with the mission of “Building Boys Instead of Fixing Men”. In addition, Wayne co-authored a book titled, “Charley Browne the Class Clown”, an autobiography of his life.

Wayne departed this life on May 29, 2015, at the age of 58, after a courageous 8-year battle with cancer. He leaves behind to cherish his memory, his loving wife of 38 years, Dorothy D. Gatewood; children: Kia (Phillip) Merrifield, Wayne (Amanda) Gatewood, and Kerry Gatewood; adopted children: Edith (Harvey) Richardson, Julian Davis, and Le’Kisha Graham; grandchildren: Sydni, Nathaniel, Siam, Titus Wayne, and Sasha.



In 2018, the Hilltop YMCA posthumously dedicated a community garden bearing the name of T. Wayne Gatewood “The Builder”.

Wayne has stated, “I have had many people help make a way for me. Passion is contagious; so, go all out because you never know who is watching. I have found that most people want to see young people succeed, especially when they see how passionate they are about their dreams.” As Wayne puts it, “We come, we build, we learn.”

Dorance Nichols Hornsby, Class of 1963, nominated Tennis Wayne Gatewood.

Kia Gatewood Merrifield, Dan Martin '72, and Kerry Gatewood

Dr. Danny Stowe



Danny enjoyed his years at West and was President of the Art League from 1969-1970. Following Danny's graduation from West in 1970, he attended The Ohio State University. In June 1974, he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a major in Fine Arts and a minor in Biology. During this time period, he married his high school sweetheart, Michelle Fitzner (September 9, 1972). Danny continued his education at OSU, graduating with a degree

of Doctor of Dental Surgery in June 1977.

Moving to Mechanicsburg, Ohio in July 1977, Danny started a private practice, Darby Dental Services. In addition, in 1979 he returned to OSU College of Dentistry as a part-time Clinical Instructor holding that position until 1986.

In 1982, Danny began working with various Christian missionary organizations such as The International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. From this time through the present, approximately sixty projects where medical/dental care was provided to people in Haiti, St. Vincent, St. Lucia, Granada, Barbados, Hungary, Romania, Russia, Argentina, China, Uganda, and Kenya. Danny became an ordained Deacon in 1983 and from 1983 - 1992 he was a Trustee For the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission. In addition, he was a Trustee for The Ohio Baptist Foundation from 1997- 2001 and from 2008 – 2012; Danny was a Trustee for the Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri.

Danny began seeing inner city homeless patients in 1983, which led to the development of "The Stowe Mission of Central Ohio". The Mission was so named for Danny's father, who had been a missionary for 31 years (starting churches across the United States) until his death in 1981. The Mission began as a "soup kitchen/food pantry" to the homeless and working poor. In 1983, Dr. Stowe began seeing patients with dental emergencies - working out of the kitchen. In 1986, the Mission was moved to a new location at Parsons and Standley and a two room dental clinic was completed. From this time through 1998, tremendous growth in ministry services to the inner city of Columbus occurred. Approximately, 75,000 meals

being served, thousands of pounds of food yearly were being distributed, and other medical services were beginning to be offered to the community through the work of Stowe Mission.

Meanwhile, Dr. Stowe expanded his private practice of general dentistry to Urbana, Ohio and in 2004 another satellite office started in Bellefontaine, Ohio.

In 2008, Nationwide Children's Hospital sold real estate to Stowe Mission at 888 South Parsons Avenue. The ministries were expanded into a 35,000 sq. ft. remodeled facility, complete with a new dental clinic with seven treatment dental chairs, a commercial rated kitchen and dining area for 200 people, a vision clinic, and a crisis pregnancy clinic with ultrasound technology. In 2018, Stowe Mission served 150,000 meals and distributed thousands of pounds of dry and canned food.

While this expansion was going on, The Ohio State College of Dentistry (in 2012) asked Stowe Mission join them in the "Ohio Project" to provide a clinic location where 4th year Dental students could complete 70 hours of dental care to homeless and working poor in a pro bono setting. The partnership was entered into and Dr. Stowe became an "adjunct" Professor, overseeing these dental students.

In 2012, the Ohio Dental Association gave the Humanitarian Access to Dental Care Award to Dr. Stowe/Stowe Mission.

Dr. Stowe sold his private practices and entered retirement in this area (private) in 2013.

In 2015, he took a position as a general dentist with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections, providing care at London Correctional Institute and the Pickaway Correctional Institute (Orient, Ohio).



Dr. Danny Stowe '70 and Greg Large '70

In 2017, Stowe Mission entered into a partnership with Columbus State College of Dental Hygiene to provide cleanings and preventive services to people in the inner city. This provided the senior students their clinical experiences needed for graduation, as well as vital care for the inner city population.

The Brighter Day Foundation, started by PGA golfer, Jason Day, selected the Stowe Mission as a Charity Partner in 2016. The following years of 2017 and 2018, the Stowe Mission along with Habitat for Humanity and The James Cancer Research Hospital were selected as partners in Central Ohio.

Dr. Danny Stowe, continued on page 6

Hall of Fame Recipient



David K. Myers



David Kelly Myers was born March 12, 1931. While he was a student at West, he was a member of the Triangle Club, the Stage Crew, and the Hi-Y. He was involved in the Band Variety Show, the production of *Showboat*, and the Junior and Senior Class Plays, as well as the Cantata, “*Let There Be Lights*”, the fundraising program to raise

funds to light Magly Field (football field). In addition, he worked the Football P.A. System all three years. David graduated in 1949. David attended The Ohio State University, eventually completing a Master’s Degree in Geophysics in 1956. He was actually a nuclear physicist / radiation effects engineer. During that time, he married, Nola Jo Sanders on February 21, 1954.

After graduating, David accepted a job at the Carborundum Company (a company that has been a worldwide leader in the development and application of materials such as silicon carbide, boron nitride, aluminum nitride, and other ceramics, with a special emphasis on abrasives and refractory and insulation compounds). His first project was to create a process that would produce a fiber, which could withstand extreme heats. This fiber, and process to create it, was used in the parachutes for the Gemini, Mercury, and Apollo missions, as well as the Space Shuttle.

David then went to work at Bell Labs for Dr. Robert Noyce, the inventor of the transistor. (Dr. Noyce was nicknamed the, “Mayor of Silicon Valley”, who co-founded Fairchild Semiconductor in 1957 and Intel Corporation in 1968. He is also credited, along with Jack Kilby, with the realization of the first integrated circuit or microchip that fueled the personal computer revolution and gave Silicon Valley its name.)

In 1961, David was recruited by Sherman Fairchild to come to Palo Alto, California to work for Fairchild Semiconductors as their radiation effects program

manager within the aerospace and defense department. (Sherman Fairchild was an American businessman, investor, and inventor, who was inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame in 1979.) In 1977, David transferred from radiation effects to International Marketing and was in charge of trading technology with Japan and China. During this time with Fairchild, David worked directly for Dr. Moore (founder of Intel), Dr. Corrigan (founder of Intel and LSI Logic), and Jerry Sanders (founder of Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.). David left Fairchild in 1982 and started his own successful consulting business.

Many of the projects David worked on, have impacted the world. At the time of his death in 2015, he had published over 300 non-classified whitepapers. A white paper is a document that describes a given problem and proposes a specific solution to the problem, commonly used in government and corporate settings. He had also written more than 200 classified papers. The United States has three levels of classification: Confidential, Secret, and Top Secret. Each level of classification indicates an increasing degree of sensitivity. In addition, David had subordinatedly held 100 patents. (A patent is a set of exclusive rights granted by a sovereign state to an inventor or assignee for a limited period of time in exchange for detailed public disclosure of an invention. An invention is a solution to a specific technological problem and is a product or a process.) Patents are a form of intellectual property.

Some of David’s projects that he was most proud of was: the military use of GPS, the targeting systems for both the Poseidon and Trident missiles, designing the CPU for the Mars Rover, radiation effects on the Mars Camera, and the radiation hardening of the jet propulsion packs used for space walks.

David’s wife, Nola, preceded him at death on August 15, 2013. David died on March 20, 2015 at the age of 84. They are both buried in Elk Grove, California at the Hilltop Cemetery. Two daughters survive them.



JoMarie Ochoa, Davette Vazquez, and Durance Nichols Hornsby ‘63

Paul Koons, Class of 1949; Marilyn Hoelcher Christie, Class of 1949; and Durance Nichols Hornsby, Class of 1963 nominated David.

Dr. Danny Stowe, continued from page 5

Dr. Stowe has served as “Board Trustee” for the Champaign Residential Services Inc. (CRSI) since 2002. This is a multi-million dollar, non-profit State and Federally funded company providing day care and housing for Developmentally Delayed individuals all over Ohio. In addition, Danny has taught the Adult Bible Class at Dublin Baptist Church since 1979.

Danny has been married to his “awesome wife and partner”, Michelle, for 47 years, residing in Mechanicsburg, Ohio. They have

three children. Daughter, Abigail, is a Dental Restoration Technician (EFDA) residing in Appleton, Wisconsin; son, Nathan, is the Director of Marching Bands at Pickerington Central High School, Pickerington, Ohio; and daughter, Emma, is the Funeral Director of Kendrick Funeral Home in Englewood, Ohio. They also have five amazing grandchildren.

Greg Large, Class of 1970, nominated Dr. Danny Stowe.



Reservation Form



Florida Mid-Winter All-Class Reunion March 7, 2020



**Reservation Deadline
February 20, 2020**

No refunds after March 1, 2020.

All alumni, spouses, and friends are invited.

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

WHEN: Saturday, March 7, 2020 • 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

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WHS and Hilltop
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2020 Mid-Winter All-Class Reunion Reservations

Luncheon - number attending @ \$23.00 each

Saturday _____ X \$23.00 each = _____ Total enclosed --->

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Your Alumni Association funded the purchase of this sousaphone for the Marching Band. Thank you, members, for donations to the general fund.

Photography by Ian C. Powell '99

*Left to right:
Joe McDaniel 1997,
Joey McDaniel 2020,
Jeremiah McDaniel 2023,
Pam McDaniel 1998,
and Scott Wedell, Director.*

2019 Concessions at the Cowboy Corral

The Football season had five home games and many Friday nights with cold and rainy weather. Sales were pretty good despite the weather. Volunteers were busy making and selling hot dogs, hamburgers, pizza, soft pretzels, popcorn, chips, candy, and drinks. Many patrons also enjoyed **Eli Bowen's** homemade chocolate chip cookies each week. We sold over 100 cups of hot chocolate on the final game.

We had many volunteers who helped man the concession stand which raises funds to support our Scholarship program. Volunteers were: **Nancy Lloyd Laver '79, Brad Laver '75, Dave Dobos '73, Steve Scarpitti '74, Alissa Grashel '77, Rosalie Martin Williams '72, Greg Large '70, Garnet Bowen '79, Stan Bowen '84, Theresa Fox '76, Jamie Kennard '75, Susan Katon Ward '70, Steve Chappellear '70, Nancy Hardy Smith '50, Debbie Ash Upcroft '74, Chris Bowen, and Jackie Rudolph '74.** Special thanks to **Eli Bowen '74** and **Liz Burrell '61** who were our chairpersons for the concession stand.



*Popcorn and chips! Alissa Grashel '77
and Rosalie Martin Williams '72*



Pretzels fresh out of the oven! Garnet Bowen '79.



Flipping burgers on the grill! Steve Scarpitti '74

Reunion Fun



Class of 1984 – 35th Reunion

Left to right:

Front Row

*Rob Trimmer, Dianne Daniels
Neff, Ray Latz, Tracie Bently
Sparks (crouching)
and Paul Kelly.*

2nd Row:

*Patti Gorman, Chris Guay,
Bobbie Simon's Merrit,
Becki Crum, Teri Ryan
and Troy Rector*

3rd Row:

*Brad Beard, Susan Wymer
Malone, Jeff Gruber,
Pat Howiler, Toni Mauer Arthur,
Donnis Kennedy, Ronald Hayes
and Mark Stokes*



Class of 1969 Reunion Recap!

By Robin Gray, 1969

The Class of 1969 had their 50th Reunion on July 27, 2019. It was held at Mentel Memorial Golf Course with a gold and white theme to celebrate our 50th Reunion. The buffet dinner included chicken, pasta with meatballs, red skin potatoes, green beans, and salad. The dessert table included a cupcake tree and a variety of desserts.

Live music, by Carter & Cash, was enjoyed by all. Tom Cash is one of the class graduates. Brent Bill did the introduction, which

included special memories of West High School. He also said the prayer. 168 people were in attendance. Memory trees, with lights and hearts with pictures of each deceased classmate on them, was a moving tribute to the 65 classmates who have died.

Everyone enjoyed the nicely decorated venue, danced, ate and renewed friendships with classmates. A raffle helped raise money for the 55th Reunion, which classmates are looking forward to in 2024!

Class of 1999 – 20th Reunion



THANK YOU for Your Donation



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THANK YOU for Your General Fund Donation

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William E. Lust, 1963
Dean Potts, Jan. 1959

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Carole Karshner Kollmer, January 1956 in memory of LaFrench Ingram, June 1957.
Louise and Dave Pence, 1957 in memory of Rhonda Graham Link, 1958.
Louise and Dave Pence, 1957 in memory of Roger Street, 1960.
Louise and Dave Pence, 1957 in memory of Barbara Hunter Friend, 1954.

WELCOME New Life Members

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

Saundra Glass Goodrich, June 1950
Clifford Eggleton, June 1956
Patricia Gorman, 1984

WELCOME New Members

Sally Egelhoff Harris, 1967
Bob Gray, 1972
David Enright, 1996
Shirley Deitchle Hight, Jan. 1953

Alumni No Longer With Us



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

Class

1930s

Betty Delores Recob, October 8, 2019 1935

1940s

Phyllis J. McClain Basil, November 27, 2013 1945
Barbara Tallman Montgomery, June 1, 2016 1946
Marilyn E. Volz Roth, September 3, 2019 1948, June
John R. Scott, September 27, 2019 1948, June
Jackie M. Reed Farrow, September 30, 2019 1945
Richard Dearwester, November 4, 2019 1948, June

1950s

Kay Burgess Boyer, January 23, 2019 1954, June
Judie Williams Cook, February 7, 2019 1955
Thelma "Sue" Vawters Ashton, June 14, 2019 1952, Jan.
Barbara Reardon Baileys, June 30, 2019 1959, June
Karen Hickey Reichart, September 15, 2019 age 78
John W. Walter, September 18, 2019 1954
William Emerson Levering, October 3, 2019 1952
James M. Faller, October 9, 2019 1954
JoAnn Inboden Reeves, October 10, 2019 1952
Garland Robert Edwards, October 12, 2019 1950
Darlene Malone Bishop, October 13, 2019 1957
Lee P. Phelan, October 16, 2019 1959
David Martin Parker, November 7, 2019 1956, June
Class President
Russell E. Friend, November 7, 2019 1951
Physical Education Teacher at Hilltonia
Theodore Henry Fladt, November 8, 2019 1951
Raymond E. Horky, November 13, 2019 1959
Roseanna Dell Scott Green, November 17, 2019 1950

Class

1960s

Stephen Headd, December 2018 1963
David O'Harra, September 1, 2019 1960s
Elissa "Jeannie" Hill Parks, September 23, 2019 1966
Dan Hawk, Sr. September 26, 2019 1962, June
James D. "Kingfish" King, September 28, 2019 1966
Carol Jean Chadwick Moone, October 30, 2019 1964
Yvonne "Bonnie" Noice, November 1, 2019 1963
Chelsea E. Vawters, November 2, 2019 1960, June
Doris Lee Butler, November 8, 2019 1963
Frank Tippet, November 14, 2019 1962
Judy Schultz Basbagil, November 21, 2019 1961, June

1970s

Terri Frances Davis, October 12, 2019 1974
Christopher J. Dobias, October 19, 2019 1978
Cindy Kable Maier, November 10, 2019 1974
Brenda Day Herron, November 16, 2019 1976
Ron Schundlemire, November 21, 2019 1970

1980s

Curtis Wayne Burks, September 20, 2019 1984
Robin Ray "Rob" Patterson, October 10, 2019 1984
Angela Marie Mosley, September 18, 2019 1984
Peter Paul Brown, Jr., September 28, 2019 age 53
Stacie Marie Landis Feirl, October 4, 2019 1991
Dawn Grubb Ellis, October 16, 2019 1986

Teachers

Ernest "Ernie" Howard, Jr., October 21, 2019

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.

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.
Shirley Minehart Swanson, 1938
Eileen Greenler Kern, 1940, Jan.
John Kern, 1940 Jan.
Clay Barfield, 1943 Jan.
Paul R. Anderson, Jr., 1945
Phyllis McClain Basil, 1945
Bethanne Smith Kayler, 1946, June
Jean Meserve Hansen, 1947 June
Patricia Clum Mitchell, 1948 Jan.
Robert Janes, 1948 June
Keitha Thompson Johnston, 1948 June

Annabel Killian Staten, 1948 June
Janice Buckingham Fagan, 1954 Jan.
Jim Kerr, 1957 June
Shirley Larkin Seymour, 1959 June
Mary Huff Freeman, 1960 Jan.
Charles Davis, 1961 June
Michael Baker, 1965
Geraldine Noble Urse, 1967
Vicki Miller Ballenger, 1976
Michael Redd, 1997
Carol Smith, FOA



The Music Man from West - In Remembrance of Mr. Jimmy Hill

By Sally Egelhoff Harris, 1967



Mr. Jimmy Lee Hill
He was a strong man. He was a determined man. He was a confident man with strong convictions. He knew what he wanted his band and drill team to do and we were expected to do it and do it right! We did not know what it was to cut the slack! We were to keep up the pace! I did not have Mr. Hill as a teacher in the music or band department,

but everything I saw and heard was always positive. The band and orchestra seemed to always be attentive and respectful to his leadership and teaching.

Mr. Hill was always well groomed and dressed to the top of the line. At all the football games when he directed the band and the Weskets marched, he always wore his beige trench coat. Shoes shined and dressed well from top to bottom. As far as his wife and children, he always showed love and respect for them. There were times when he put his children in the variety shows.

I keep in contact with his daughter, Debbie. After his passing, she sent me several pictures and memorabilia which I keep and treasure.

We were never really friends. He was my teacher, my leader, and my guide. I had great respect for him and for everything that he taught me in life. He instructed me to be the best leader I could be through my graduation from West. Several years after graduation, I would chat with him and see him at the alumni games when we former Weskets came back to march the games.

Several of the alumni gals were planning a reunion in 2009 with Mr. Hill as the person of honor, but before we could get it all completed, he passed away. I had written Mr. Hill a letter before he passed and thanked him for everything I had learned under his leadership. Mr. Hill's high expectations and strictness taught all his students to strive hard, do their best, endure the pain and be proud of their accomplishments.

Mr. Hill was a born leader! He was firm yet kind. He had a great big heart. He knew what he wanted and always set forth to get it done. If I had it to do all over again – I would! I invited Mr. Hill

to my home in 2008 for my 60th Birthday party. He came and told me that he would not have missed it for the world. Mr. Hill was a beacon, a light to many other students under his leadership. He was a true gentleman. So many admired him. A person is blessed to have known the man that we call the best band director in the land. Thank you, dear Mr. Jimmy Lee Hill. Rest in peace!

Becoming A Wesket

When I was in the ninth grade at Westmoor Junior High, it was announced that there was going to be try-outs for a drill team group called Weskets. This group marched with the high school band. Several of us gals were interested and went over to West to check it out. The time of year was late May 1964. When we got there, along with a couple hundred other girls, we were all told to get into a line and do what we were told to do. Talk about being afraid, we all were blown away with the barking of commands from a couple of older Weskets who were leading the try-outs. None of us knew what we were doing and according to the Captains – we knew nothing!

The first time I saw Mr. Jimmy Hill was on my first day there. He came around and looked at all of us and smiled with his stern face. I thought to myself, what am I doing here! Take me away, Calgon, ha ha!

*Dear Mr. Jimmy Hill
Until We Meet Again!
Until we meet again,
We'll keep marching on for you.
In honor of your leadership.
To you we will be true!
You taught us well the manners
Of what you did expect!
We knew you were the man
That man chosen to Direct!*

*The Hot Dusty Road
When the road got hot and dusty
And our thirst was oh so dry,
You kept the fire burning in our hearts
And kept our spirits high!*

*When we got so tired,
Feet burning as they would
You lead us down the field once more
And told us that we could!*

*You stood and watched us work so hard
And we gave our very best
Cause we knew that you were
The Best Band Director
Of the High School we call West!*

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Update Your Alumni 2019 Calendar!



**SAVE
THE
DATE**

- January 12, 2020
Sunday** **6:00 PM Board Meeting** - WHS Alumni Board Meeting at ERA Solutions Realty, 3656 Broadway, Grove City
- February 26, 2020
Wednesday** **6:00 PM General Membership Meeting – O’Charley’s Restaurant** meeting room, 1650 Georgesville Square, Columbus, 43228 FREE PIE WEDNESDAY! Speaker to be announced.
- March 7, 2020
Saturday** **Florida All-Class Reunion • Sarasota Der Dutchman Restaurant**, 3713 Bahia Vista St., Sarasota, Florida. at 11:00 am. See page 7 for registration and more details.
- March 8, 2020
Sunday** **6:00 PM Board Meeting** - WHS Alumni Board Meeting at ERA Solutions Realty, 3656 Broadway, Grove City
- April 1, 2020
Wednesday** Nominations due for **Hall of Fame** - http://www.westhighalumni.com/Hall_of_fame.htm
- April 22, 2020
Wednesday** **6:00 PM Board Meeting - West High School Cafeteria** – Dinner will be provided. Everyone is invited! Speaker to be announced.
- May 3, 2020
Sunday** **6:00 PM Board Meeting** - WHS Alumni Board Meeting at ERA Solutions Realty, 3656 Broadway, Grove City
- July 26, 2020
Sunday** **All-Class Summer Picnic – Crossroads Church** – 1100 S. Hague Ave. More details later.

Class of 1970 50th Reunion

Friday night mixer

August 14, 2020
Miller’s Ale House
1201 Olentangy River Rd.
Columbus, Ohio 43212

Courtyard by Marriott Hotel
2350 Westbelt Drive near Roberts Road Columbus, Ohio
43228

Saturday night dinner

August 15, 2020

For more information contact
Susie Katon Ward at:
Susanward228@gmail.com

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We met all week after school, Monday through Friday, then we met the following few weeks. We proceeded to learn different commands and steps and how to march. It looked pretty simple, but by the time I was done with the first practice, I had to walk all the way home and then I crawled up my home’s front steps! My calves of my legs were so sore, no one would ever know how bad I felt! Well, needless to say, I went back the next day and then, the days turned into three years! Practices, football games, parades, contests, variety shows and other scheduled times for us to perform with the West High School band.

The captains graduated and went on with their lives. In the fall of my junior year at West, Mr. Hill was in need of a new captain of the Wesket team. He came to me and asked me to do it. At first, I was terrified to take on the job, but after much convincing, I accepted the challenge. Our team was small when I first started being the captain since other gals decided to not continue in the group. We were down to eighteen Weskets. It was different with less gals, but we kept up the pace of the team and worked our hardest. The gals were strong, and the Lord gave me strength to lead and do the job that I was called on to do.

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Amadi Bakari Update

An arrest has been made in the murder of **Amadi Bakari '17**. **Bakari** was killed at his home at the Wedgewood Apartments on December 29, 2018.

Mohamed Weliyou, age 24, was arrested in San Antonio, Texas and returned to the Franklin County Municipal Court in Ohio. His bond is set at \$1 million.

This Association does not know anything about this situation, but several board members worked closely with **Bakari** when he was still a student at the school and when he volunteered at the alumni concession stand. He was very well liked by **Coach Felix Catheline** and he was a Columbus City League Champion at the 103 lb. weight class in wrestling. Hopefully, justice will be served.

Hall of Fame Nominations Due on April 1

If you would like to nominate someone for the Hall of Fame, please do so by April 1. The nomination form and information are on the West High Alumni Association website.

If you previously nominated someone and you would like to add additional information to your nomination you may do so at any time. Nominations are not discarded.

Call for Articles

This Editor is always looking for a good story to publish. Do you have a special memory of your years at West? Do you have a funny story from one of your classes? Do you have lunch once a month with your friends from your ole' alma mater? Do you have a storied keepsake from your high school days that you cannot part with?

Send your tales and even a photo if you have one in c/o **Nancy Laver**, at nybryant@aol.com or you can mail it into the association. Do not worry about punctuation or spelling. I can tweak it for you!

I am looking for a few people to help with a few potential articles for a future newsletter. If someone who is a friend or family member of **Annette E. Beatty Jefferson '63** who recently passed away could contact this Editor I would appreciate it very much. Annette was a Hall of Fame Honoree in 2014 and quite accomplished. I am also looking for a few people to interview about the beginnings of **WHAMBA – the West High Alumni Marching Band Association**. WHAMBA celebrated its 40th year this fall. Has anyone been involved for the entire time? I would love to interview the board members from 1979. Please contact me!

Membership Application



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During 2020, with your membership renewal you can give an emailed newsletter to a friend with an interest in West High School. Lifetime members may also participate! We think that most people who receive a gift newsletter will join the association. We can double our membership if every current member participates in this special offer! Do your part - it is FREE!

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