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Luncheon Recap!

By Nancy Lloyd Laver, 1979

The West High Alumni Christmas Luncheon was held on December 7, 2019 at the Raymond Memorial Golf Course. Everyone had a delightful time. The meal was an Italian Feast by Schmidt's Catering Company. Swing tunes were provided by the Alumni Dance Band. A piano and vocal solo was performed by **Lois E. Stansell Wittke, 1949**, in remembrance of her brother called "Things I Remember". A silent auction raised money for the Scholarship fund. The class of 1961 had the most attendees with 13. Although, I was not able to get them all together to get their picture taken. We watched a video presentation of the cupola being replaced courtesy of **Kim Hardy, class of 1973**. All the Cowboys in attendance sang the Alma Mater at the close of the luncheon. If you have never attended this event, I would highly recommend it.

Thank you, **Stacy Neff Campbell, 1978** for organizing this wonderful event.

Jackie Gross McPherson, 1947 with
grandchildren Sean and Megan

Rev. Ed Sensenbrenner,
Jan. 1950



Class of 1975 – Carla Malone Handley, Carolyn Sue McClaskey Evans, Susan Umbleby Gear, Jamie Norris Fagan, and Debbie Jones Port. The cowboy boots and flowers are in remembrance of Sheryl Hoffman Wasem. The "West Girls of '75" take the boots with them whenever they meet in her remembrance.



Delicious food!

Class of 1955 – Scheila Albery Sanderson, Billie Marzluft Williams, Betty Schmidt Williams, Sue Jackson Thomas, Evalyn Mack Brandt, Tom Brandt.
Standing – Dorothy Casteel Pemberton, Warren Pemberton, Ronald Forrer, and Clara Grabill Callahan.



Alumni Dance Band



Singing the Alma Mater

President's Message



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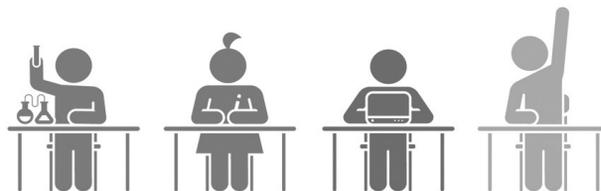


President's Message

Dave Dobos '73

2020 has arrived and our organization has some ambitious objectives for the new year. With the newsletter and so many of our alumni functions progressing well, our organization now looks to strengthen itself in additional ways.

Enhancing the functionality of our website will be a top priority for us this year. Although the current website has served us well, an increasingly younger generation of alumni users will demand more modern features. We are defining our needs for a revised website. They include, among others: alumni activity and event descriptions and the ability to register for them online; membership initiation, renewal, and contact information updates; the ability to collect dues, scholarship contributions, and payments for activities and West HS merchandise; the posting of class reunion information; video and audio files of relevant activities; an archive of alumni newsletters; a listing of alumni officers and the board of directors, as well as the organization's bylaws; and links to information about current news at West HS and the Columbus City Schools. We will contract with an entity this spring to begin the work. Our objective is to unveil our new website no later than early fall.



Elsewhere in this issue is an article about **Jerry Ocock**, the legendary, 33-year physics teacher at West, who passed away a few months ago. You'll read comments and tributes from students on whom Mr. Ocock had a significant effect. His passing made me reflect on the level of quality instruction I obtained while a student at West.

John Drury taught me Algebra II and Advanced Math V, which prepared me well for the rigors of calculus, differential equations, linear algebra, and statistics in college. Mr. Drury became Dr. Drury and was the first Mathematics Department chair at Columbus State when it became a community college.

Not only did we learn Latin from **Frances Evans**, but her class helped us learn Greek and Roman history and mythology and grounded us in Western Civilization topics.

Beverly Lacey and **Rosemary Leuchter** were English teachers extraordinaire. As a college freshman, upper-class students would ask me to proofread their papers because of the writing skills I gained from my high school English classes.

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Jerry Ocock: In Remembrance



Jerry Ocock, the Colleague

by Bob Howard

When I first started teaching at West High School in 1980 is when I first met Jerry Ocock. Teaching different types of math classes, I usually did not show films in class. There was a film I did like to show, and I was told you need to see Mr. Ocock, as he handles all the scheduling of film projectors. We chatted a bit and I learned he not only taught physics, but also had a class on flying. This is a rare course to be offered in a high school. I learned he was also a pilot. He was a very smart man!

I had started using my first video tape player in 1975. In 1981, West HS decided to start using some video tapes in classrooms. Jerry talked to me and said there was too much time involved in just handling the educational films and the film projectors. He asked me if I would be interested in working with the video tapes and scheduling teachers for showing videos. West bought 2 VHS tape players with TV's on a cart. This was very new because at that time the VHS video machines were over \$1000.00 each. I asked Jerry how to manage the equipment. He showed me how he organized the equipment and so I was able to use his method of keeping track of which teacher, day, class period, room, and film. West had about 100 staff members at that time. I stored the video tape/TV carts in Jerry's room along with the film projectors. We worked together doing this, sometimes helping each other out on delivery of equipment to rooms and pick up of equipment.



Jerry was also very active in his Evangelical Lutheran Church and I was also in our church. One day he brought me a gift. When I opened it up, it was an aerial view photograph of our church. It was a very large photo about 20 inches by 30 inches. Using his plane, and photography expertise, he would fly over different locations and take photos. He also had taken a great aerial photo of West High School. One of these photos was given to every teacher that retired from West High School.

West High had a large black and white video camera. It weighed about 35 pounds. To record it had to be connected to a reel to reel video recorder. Jerry videotaped the football games for the coaches to study plays after the games. He asked me to do the same thing for the all the home basketball games. So, he showed me how the recorder and camera worked and recorded the basketball games for the coach and team to study afterwards.

When the Apple Classroom of Tomorrow project started up at West, Jerry asked me about purchasing a computer of his own.

Being the man who was always ready to learn new things, he purchased a Mac and printer for his home. We worked on some things together. Ideas on the computer for math and science as well as setting up his church members and printing mail labels.

I know my life certainly is much richer having known Mr. Jerry Ocock. He had a positive attitude and was a very creative person.

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Instrumental music teacher **Jack Liles** would accept only our best. Because of him, our orchestra senior year earned straight Superior ratings at OMEA contest and five of us individually made it to All-State groups. Dr. Liles ultimately became Professor Liles, Director of Bands at Miami University.

Perhaps making the biggest impact on me was sophomore English teacher **Barbara Held**, who pulled me aside just prior to her departure from West (her husband accepted a post-doctoral appointment to do research at Harvard) to tell me that I had the ability to go to college anywhere I aspired. Three years later I visited with her in Cambridge, Massachusetts, while I was a student at MIT. Yes, so many of us have enjoyed exceptional instruction at West.

Our principal, **Greg Costello**, and teaching staff at West are working hard to transform the current student and community culture

at the school to one of academic rigor and personal excellence again. Because of the deteriorating economic state of the west Columbus community, they are fighting an uphill battle. However, they persist, and students do make gains.

A potentially significant development is that the West HS Theater Department will produce its first musical in at least a decade. It will perform "*Little Shop of Horrors*" on May 14, 15, & 16 (7:00 p.m. each night) in the historic school auditorium. I invite all alumni to any of the performances and urge you to support our students in their efforts. Tickets will be available at the door for just \$10 each.

As always, I marvel at and appreciate the support and generosity of our alumni community.

Jerry Ocock: The Teacher Remembered



The Teacher, Remembered by Former Students

Mr. Ocock was an amazing physics teacher and an all-around good guy. The sophistication of his class labs and demonstrations I didn't fully appreciate until I was in freshman physics at MIT and realized that what he provided to us was comparable. In one lab, we mimicked the famed Millikan experiment (measuring electric charge in oil droplets) and, in another, we learned how to program an electromechanical desktop calculator to calculate the foci of an ellipse—all pretty cool stuff for us science nerds. I also recall that he attended a special West orchestra concert my senior year that featured the five of us who had made all-state groups performing our solos with our orchestra accompanying us. A number of West alumni and former teachers attended his showing.

Dave Dobos, 1973

I was a student of Mr. Ocock in 1962-3. He was a great Physics teacher. Class was of discovery. We studied and used the scientific method. I so enjoyed the class, I decided I would be a Math and science teacher, minoring in Physics. Never got to do that, The Army got in the way. One fond memory was Mr. Ocock showing slides of fall colors taken from the air. He was a very skilled photographer. As a football player, we watch the film of our games on Monday, that he so generously made as a volunteer. Condolences to his family on the passing of a very special person. I am saddened.

Lowell Marx, 1963

To the Ocock family: Please accept my condolences for your loss. I thank Mr. Ocock for teaching me the difference between centripetal and centrifugal force. He was a great teacher. I am saddened to hear of his passing. $F=ma$.

Charles Kerber, 1971

Mr. Ocock was my Physics teacher in 1967. His class was my favorite. We got to play with skates and wave pools for lab. He was very laid back, calm and fun to listen to. In part because of Mr. Ocock, I went on to a career as a Research Scientist.

Thomas Schoener, 1967

I graduated from West in 1976 and had Mr. Ocock for Aviation Science. He is the one that got me interested in the aviation business, which I spent 20 years in after school. He was always such a pleasant individual and made class enjoyable. I still remember the time he took a few of us up flying when we were learning to navigate using a map. On the way back to Bolton field we heard the Blue Angels or Thunderbirds fly over us. Scared the crap right out of us students! He just laughed at us. My condolences to the family. Mr. O was a great individual.

Don Von Voigt, 1976

I graduated from West High school in 1987. I had Mr. Ocock for physics. Mr. Ocock had such a great sense of humor. As a teenager, I found many of his jokes to be different and sometimes strange. As I look back as an adult, I realize how wonderful and amazing his sense of joy actually was. Mr. Ocock did not coach any sports while I was at West, but years later when I coached football at West, I discovered he had filmed all the games when I was at school. I have those films still, and his dedication and

sacrifice in doing the filming is a gift that I can show my children and grandchildren. Thank you, Mr. Ocock, for dedication and sacrifice, you were and are loved and appreciated.

Paul (Doug) Bryant, 1987

I had Mr. Ocock for Physics in 1975. He was a kind and soft-spoken man.

Felicia West Harper, 1976

Mr. Ocock was my Physics teacher in the late 80s at West High School. That course was one of the best I had in high school. It appealed to my sense of discovery and empowered me as I realized my own competence. Many years later I worked with Jerry through GHALA where I received recognition as an artist and was able to support fellow artists on the Hilltop. Just recently, a classmate and I were fondly remembering him as a kind, funny and nurturing mentor. I am honored to have been a witness to his life, well lived. Love to his family and friends.

Brooke Hunter-Lombardi, 1986

I was a physics student of Mr. Ocock back in the early 60's. I never admired any teacher more than he. He had such a way of demonstrating how the world and universe works, and he was patient enough to get through the beatnik part of me and get me to want to learn. Never forget you.

Brian McDaniels, 1962

Mr. Ocock was a great teacher; I was a student of his in 1973. My condolences to his family.

Wanda Estep Ross, 1973

My prayers and thoughts go out to his family. In 10th and 11th grade in the mid-70s, I was an AV geek at West so I spent a few periods in his back office and would listen to his lectures. In my senior year I had him for Physics and learned a ton. I'm certain his class helped me succeed in my engineering days in college. Farewell Mr. O.

John Evans, 1974

Peace and Comfort to the Ocock family. Mr. Ocock was my physics teacher at West High School. He was patient, kind, and witty. He was a gem. Thank you for sharing him with all his students. He made a huge impact by sharing his knowledge and how he treated people with respect.

Vicki Blubaugh, 1974

My sincerest condolences to the entire family. Mr. Ocock was one of my favorite teachers. I had him for Chem-Physics, Physics, and Aviation Science in the late 70's. He had a way of presenting things that really made me think. He was a kind and patient man.

James S McCready

My prayers and condolences to his family. Mr. Ocock was an inspirational physics teacher. We nicknamed him Mr. Wizard for all the cool things he taught us! His teaching inspired me to become an engineer. God bless you Mr. Wizard for the impact you had on so many of your students over the years.

Dan Hensel, 1972

The Teacher Remembered, continued on page 5

Jerry Ocock: The Family Man



by Nadine Ocock Whiteman

As the daughter of Jerry Ocock, I'd like to share some fond memories of his life well-lived.

He taught physics at West High School for 33 years, retiring in 1989. With that career, he taught many students. Some of those students went on to become teachers and a few even returned to teach alongside him at West. Other students pursued careers in the area of science.

With his impact on so many students over the years, frequently my siblings and I would encounter people around the west side of Columbus. As soon as folks would hear our last name, they would immediately ask, "Are you related to Mr. Ocock at West?" We would then hear accolades of his great teaching and their memories of being his students.

Nearly 30 years later, I still had someone ask me that question; this individual was in Dad's final teaching class and recalled that the yearbook was dedicated to Dad that year. During the funeral visitation, two gentlemen introduced themselves to me and told me they were students in Dad's first year of teaching! I was amazed that they honored my dad with their memories and by visiting us. Each of us should strive to leave the impact of memories as my dad did with his students. Dad's career of teaching now continues with his granddaughter, Mackenzie.

Beyond teaching, Dad was...a dad. He continued to be a teacher in his role as Dad as well. Our summers as young children were spent traveling by car, pulling a tent camper, to attend conventions for the Lutheran church. During each of those vacations, lessons were taught.

First, and foremost, we learned how to pack a car and a camper. If one last suitcase was needed to be packed in, then, usually, that meant that the car was completely unpacked and re-packed to fit in every item neatly.

The Teacher Remembered, continued from page 4

My sincerest condolences to the entire family of Mr. G. Ocock. I too, did not have the honor of having Mr. Ocock for class. I graduated in 1969 from West. I can remember Mr. Ocock and his friend Mr. Bieber (another teacher at Westmoor) filming the West High Marching Band before their trip to the Rose Bowl Parade. I shared a few of Mr. Ocock's interest and hobbies. I was interested in planes, photos and filming. I can say he taught all students a lot of things in life. I was proud that when he decided to hang up the filming duties of the West High football games, he said "I leave to you the duties that I do not trust this video system". He found out like us all, you could very easy mess it up. FILM did not back up over itself. Most of all, I can say that he was a friend. I will always think of him that way.

Kenneth Miesse, 1969

We learned about the United States; with these travels, we visited most states from Ohio to the west coast. We learned the value of family, as we stopped along the way to visit them; family was a priority for Dad.

In addition to physics, Dad also taught aviation. He obtained his pilot's license and flew the 2-4 seat planes out of Bolton Field Airport. His son, Tim, also obtained a pilot's license. The two of them flew together frequently. These flights often resulted in several aerial photographs.

Dad enjoyed his photography. He assembled a darkroom in our basement to develop the pictures. He then continued his craft into making the frames for the pictures. Tim learned the same craft. Dad's eye for photography continues in his granddaughter, Morgan.

Dad enjoyed gardening. More lessons were taught. We learned how and when to plant the seeds, how to weed the garden, and how to compost. The respect for the land, and what it provides to us, came with these lessons.

Many of the comments from folks throughout the days of his funeral centered on his kindness and gentleness. These characteristics were genuine, and they continued through his final days. The caring comments and memories from those who encountered my dad were much appreciated by my family and me.

Gerald F. Ocock

December 21, 1928 - November 29, 2019

<https://www.heartandhope.com/obituaries/Gerald-Ocock/#!/Obituary>

I offer my gratitude and condolences to Mr. Ocock's Family. Having shared his love for science and teaching with his students all those years was perhaps the most generous gift He could give and perhaps the most difficult for you to allow. I know it took him away from family time. Thank you. From my perspective, and many other students, he produced a generation of engineers, scientists, teachers. I cannot say how much I appreciated his assistance when my father passed in 1981 and he, being a friend of my physics professor at Ohio State, helped me. He won't be forgotten.

Shirley Belknap Briggs, 1977



14th Annual West High Alumni Golf Scramble



(Proceeds to Benefit West High Alumni Scholarship Fund)

Friday, August 14, 2020

Split Rock Golf Course, 10210 Scioto Darby Rd. Orient, OH. 43146 (614) 877-9755
4 Player Scramble

Entry Fee: \$65 Per Person – includes Golf, Cart, Meal, Door Prizes, Awards

Optional Fun Extras: 50/50 Drawing \$1-5-10 -- Mystery (\$10 Team) -- \$5 Par 3 Challenge

Entries: Enter as a Foursome Single, Double, etc. (We can pair you up.) Each group must have at least one player associated with West (alum, relative, student, faculty/staff - current or retired)

Registration begins at 7:00 A.M. - Shotgun Start 8:30 ON THE DOT!

-----LOW GROSS + LOW NET (Creative adjusting of scores!) + SKILL PRIZES-----

Complimentary team photos taken prior to tee off.

Entry form and payment MUST be received by (PLEASE) Saturday, August 1st

Door Prizes and Donations

We are in need of Door Prize Donations and/or Hole Sponsors (\$50).
Please direct those items and questions to any of the names listed below.

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- Stacy Neff Campbell '78 Stacybernsden12@gmail.com
- Rosalie Williams '72 farmwilliams@yahoo.com
- Dorance Hornsby Nichols '63 dorancehornsby@cs.com
- Susie Katon Ward '70 susanward228@gmail.com
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Jennie Keplar - Local Historian

By Nancy Lloyd Laver, 1979

I had an opportunity to attend a presentation at the West Gate Lodge Ballroom in February given by **Jennie Keplar**. The presentation was on "*The Tragic and True Stories of Old Hilltop*". The stories were scandalous tragedies, murders, and crimes which took place many years ago on the Hilltop. Jennie was an engaging and entertaining storyteller who also was very respectful of the real people who died in these incidents.

Did you have a favorite teacher and subject while at West?

I had *lots* of favorite teachers at WHS. **Paulette Smith** (Theatre), **JoAnne Stamatakos** (AP English), **Troy Vosler** (Choir/Ensemble), **Mr. Lynch** (Home Ec), **Mrs. Chapman** (English), **Mr. Trent** (English)...I could go on and on. West has always had dedicated, genuine staff and faculty who cared, especially the teachers and staff who were alumni.

Did any teacher get you interested in local history? If not, what sparked your interest in local history?

It wasn't so much my teachers who sparked in me a love of Hilltop history, but several alumni and my parents. My mom, Cynthia Steinke Anderson, was a founding member of the Hilltop Historical Society when I was young, which meant that I grew up around great people like **Tom and Patti Ongaro, Alina Butler, John and Susie Ward, Lois Neff, Earl Potts, Byrd Prillerman and Babs Carfrey**. (Editor's note – most of these people all went to West.) My dad, Dean C. Keplar, Jr., was always a proud Hilltopper. Being in the midst of people passionate about our community instilled in me a sense of duty to, not only preserve our past, but find ways of using our history to uplift current residents. I firmly believe that the clues to what will bring about positive change in our community are within our past. By figuring out how we arrived at the present, we can figure out what to preserve or improve.

Which class were you in at West?

I am from the class of 1992.

Did you take classes after high school?

I spent half of my senior year days at Fort Hayes, in the Pre-Professional Theatre Program, and after graduation, went to Otterbein University to study Theatre Performance.

What are you doing career wise?

I work in the Office of Student Academic Success at Ohio State University, in the Imaging Center as a Document Management Specialist.





Former West Vice-Principal Ms. Blanche Kern

By Dorance Nichols Hornsby, 1963

We have had an inquiry from an associate at the Greenlawn Cemetery Abbey. Once a year they have a program that reflects on one or more of the individuals interred at their Abbey. **Ms. Blanche Kern** is interred there. The cemetery has been researching stories on the Abbey's 'residents' and will soon be sharing what they have found on their database so anyone can learn about some of our most prominent leaders who are there.

They have been trying to research some history on Ms. Kern but have found very little. They know she was born in 1884 and died in 1958. She was Vice Principal at West from 1929 until she retired in 1952. Their research shows her father's last name was Kern, and there is no record of her ever being married. However, at 'some' point she went by the last name of Heckathorn. Hmmm! None of the West yearbooks we have searched ever showed Ms. Kern going by Ms. Heckathorn.

We would like to have some remembrances of alumni who attended West when Ms. Kern was there on anything you may remember about her. Any tidbits will be appreciated. If Greenlawn can get enough material, they may include Ms. Kern in their 2020 Abbey program.

Please contact Dorance Hornsby if you have any information you are willing to share.
Dorancehornsby@cs.com / (614) 208-0964

Dispatch Article

by Bill (Paul) Buchholtz, 1964



Click this link to read why anyone would want to come back to visit someplace they couldn't wait to leave.

Thank you for sharing this perspective with us.

<https://www.dispatch.com/entertainment/20200125/first-person--this-time-he-is-visitor-from-past>

Celebration!

Congratulations to **Stanton** and **Charlotte Prior** on their 65th Wedding Anniversary.

Stanton graduated in June of 1946 and Charlotte graduated in January of 1950.

They met at the Benders Pool/Hilltop Pool, which just recently was demolished due to arson. They have three children that also graduated from West: **James Prior, 1976, Amy Prior Littler, 1979** and **Andrew Prior, 1982**. Charlotte's mother also went to West, **Lilly McCarley, 1929**.

Congratulations!



THANK YOU for Your Donation



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David Brophy, June 1955
Dave Dobos, 1973

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Wanda S. Ross, 1973
David Hughart, 1963
James Hughes, June 1964
Dave Dobos, 1973

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Brandon Dobbins, 1991 in memory of Elmer Dobbins, 1967
Michael Porter, 1963 in memory of James Ruoff, 1963
Robin Schmidt, Jan. 1949 in memory of all my classmates, Jan. 1949
Sonya Albery, Jan. 1953, Carolyn Dobbs Tewksbury, Jan. 1953, Shirley Deitchle Hight, Jan. 1953 and Rita Elliott Stethem, Jan. 1953 in memory of Carol Rickert Neu, Jan. 1953 and Wilma Kenworthy Gaa, Jan. 1953

WELCOME New Life Members

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

Diane Burden Johnson, Jan. 1961
David Hughart, 1963
Peggy Krueger Hickman, 1977

WELCOME New Members

Shirley Harrison Burke, June 1953
Freddie Krebs Hessler, June 1960
Suzanne Morgan, 1963
Erin Stone McLaughlin, 1999

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
Shirley Minehart Swanson, August 2, 2012 1938

1940s
Bethanne Smith Kayler, April 18, 2017 1946
Ione Koons Maxwell, July 3, 2019 1946, Jan.
Mary Margaret Harold Barfield, July 19, 2019 1943, Jan.
James B. Recob, November 30, 2019 1945, Jan.
Class President
Juanita Hinkle Chamberlain, December 13, 2019 1942

1950s
Carol Rickert Neu, August 4, 2019 1953, Jan.
Harriett Sue Patterson, September 8, 2019 1950
Barbara Moll, September 9, 2019 age 84
Edwin M. Dave, September 12, 2019 1959
Janice Fagan Buckingham, September 15, 2019 1954, Jan.
Jenny Pemberton Workman, November 23, 2019 1949
Richard Brian Sorrells, November 29, 2019 1959
Barbara L. Harm Johnston, November 30, 2019 1953
Gerald "Jerry" A. Bryant, December 13, 2019 1951, June
Steve Fetherolf, December 22, 2019 1959, Jan.
Donna McConnell Sutton, January 17, 2020 1956, June
David M. Westlake, January 26, 2020 1953
Wilma Kenworthy Gaa, January 28, 2020 1953, Jan.
Donald J. Jester, February 4, 2020 1957
Robert J. Whipple, February 11, 2020 1957
Judy Rupe Wright, February 2020 1958, June

Class

1960s
Joan E. Houck Wright, November 3, 2019 1962, June
Roger E. Tabbutt, November 16, 2019 age 72
Mark Reed, November 25, 2019 1968
James Anthony Pritchett, November 29, 2019 1966

1970s
Richard M. Evans, September 11, 2019 1973
Russell Wassmuth, December 9, 2019 1976
Sandra (Sandy) Knowles, December 21, 2019 1976
Bill Phillips, December 22, 2019 age 62
Daniel Gest, January 4, 2020 age 65
Larry William Todd, January 19, 2020 1973
Craig Maggard, January 21, 2020 1976
Jacqueline VanHouten Idle, February 17, 2020 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

1990s
Charles Wade Hodge, January 5, 2020 age 46

Teachers

Gerald Ocock, November 29, 2019 FOA
Physics teacher from 1956-1989

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.
Eileen Greenler Kern, 1940, Jan.
John Kern, 1940 Jan.
Paul R. Anderson, Jr., 1945
Jean Meservey Hansen, 1947 June
Patricia Clum Mitchell, 1948 Jan.
Robert Janes, 1948 June
Keitha Thompson Johnston, 1948 June

Jim Kerr, 1957 June
Mary Huff Freeman, 1960 Jan.
Charles Davis, 1961 June
Vicki Miller Ballenger, 1976
Michael Redd, 1997
Osman Hussein, 2017
Carol Smith, FOA



Class of 1963 - Early Years

Pictures submitted by **Barbara Garrett Carpenter, 1963** in memory of her friend and classmate **Annette Beatty Jefferson, 1963**. Most students went on to graduate in 1963 but a few graduated in 1964. These classmates knew each other from young children to adults.



Our Brownie Troop #475, February 1953 Investiture

The picture was taken in a classroom at John Burroughs Elementary School where we held most of our meetings.

Troop Leaders were: Mrs. Matyac and Mrs. Born.

First row – L to R – Shirley, Moore, Arleen Ruffner, Suzanne Morgan, Rosemary Matyac, Carol Hughes, and Jackie Patterson.

Second row – LouAnn Conrad, Lauren Born, Patty Snedegar, Barbara Garrett, Annette Beatty, and Judith Chrysler.

Third row – Rita Rose, Lynn Schubert, unknown, Jackie Madison, unknown, and unknown.



Sixth grade picture in front of John Burroughs Elementary School, 1957.

Teacher Mr. Burke. Photo by J. Curtis Allen.

First row – L to R – Richard Tracy, Dorothy Clark, Janice Ison, Elaine Boyce, Clarice Hardwick, Connie unknown, and Annette Beatty.

Second row – Barbara Garrett, Tom Laff, unknown, unknown, Joe Kniseley, and Patty Snedegar.

Third row – Jeanine Corbin, Dick Kamer, Margaret Ellis, Ricky Barksdale, Bob Higgins, Lyynn Schubert, and Richard unknown.

Fourth row – Jeff Allerton, Rich Neely, Rita Rose, Mr. Burke, Russell Toops, Karl Smith, and Jeff Reeder.

Sports News



The Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches Association had a City League champion wrestle for the very first Women's State Tournament.

Catie Morris, 12th grader, placed in the tournament. She had to default on her last match due to a shoulder injury.

Congratulations Catie!
We are proud of you!

Theatre Production



Please follow your local Facebook account and westside newspaper for news about the West High School drama production – *Little Shop of Horrors* coming this spring.

This association is supporting this production with a financial donation. We hope some alumni can come out in support of the new drama teacher and the students.

Class of 1960 – 60th Reunion

January and June Classes

Saturday, August 22, 2020

Tour the school at 10:00 am

Cocktails at 5:30 pm. Reunion Dinner at 6:15 pm

Menu – salmon, chicken, salad, sides, rolls, and beverages

Raymond Memorial Golf Course

3860 Trabue Road. Columbus, Ohio 43228

\$36 per person

Contact Bill Kern at kerncols@wowway.com

Class of 1975 – 45th Reunion

Informal Get Together – Friday, October 2, 2020. 7:00 pm

Lucky's Grill

5387 Roberts Rd.

Hilliard, Ohio 43026

Formal Get Together – Saturday, October 3, 2020. 5:00 pm

60 W. Castle Rd.

Columbus, Ohio 43207

Update Your Alumni 2019 Calendar!



**SAVE
THE
DATE**

- April 1, 2020**
Wednesday
Nominations due for **Hall of Fame** - http://www.westhighalumni.com/Hall_of_fame.htm
- April 29, 2020**
Wednesday
6:00 PM General Membership Meeting – West High School Cafeteria –
Minelli's Pizza will be provided. Everyone is invited! Speaker to be announced.
- May 3, 2020**
Sunday
6:00 PM Board Meeting - WHS Alumni Board Meeting at
Next Level Prep, 1805 O'Brien Rd, Columbus, 43228
- June 27, 2020**
Saturday
Hilltop Bean Dinner – Westgate Park – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- June 28, 2020**
Sunday
6:00 PM Board Meeting - WHS Alumni Board Meeting
at Next Level Prep, 1805 O'Brien Rd, Columbus, 43228
- July 26, 2020**
Sunday
All-Class Summer Picnic – Crossroads Church – 1100 S. Hague Ave.
3:00-5:00 pm – Brief business meeting after dinner to discuss the by-laws.
- August 14, 2020**
Friday
14th Annual Golf Outing – Split Rock Golf Course – 10210 Scioto Darby Rd., Orient,
Registration at 7 am.
- August 16, 2020**
Sunday
6:00 PM Board Meeting - WHS Alumni Board Meeting
at Next Level Prep, 1805 O'Brien Rd, Columbus, 43228
- Sept 20, 2020**
Sunday
Hall of Fame Induction – 3:00 pm.
Everyone is invited! West High School library

Class of 1970 50th Reunion

Friday Night Mixer - August 14, 2020
Miller's Ale House
1201 Olentangy River Rd.
Columbus, Ohio 43212

Saturday Night Dinner - August 15, 2020

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

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

Classes of January and June 1950 70th Reunion

**Our final and last class reunion will be on Saturday, August 15, 2020 at
11:00 am – 3:30 pm.**

Der Dutchman Restaurant
445 S. Jefferson Avenue, Plain City, Ohio 43064

Reservation forms will be mailed in June.
Cost \$25.00 per person
Menu – roast beef, chicken, ham, side dishes, salad, desserts, and beverages.

Contact:
January Class: Ed Sensenbrenner, 740-881-9843

June Class: Nancy Hardy Smith, 614-824-3496
nsmith81@columbus.rr.com



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Throwback to April 17, 1945

Former rivals in the City High League were all on the same team - Uncle Sam's Navy.

The two sailors from West were **Donn Haines** and **Sam Estell**. The other shipmates were from North, East, and Aquinas. Thank you for your service. *Contribution by Ginger Thrush, 1979.*

April 17, 1945

THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

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**Rule Out High Players For
Playing Independent Ball;
Should Be More Penalties**

Who is to blame for the ineligibility of the five City High athletes, who were found to have played independent basketball after the close of the past season? The five played in regularly scheduled league games after their own schools had hung up their basketball togs. It was the first case of this kind since three North High stars were guilty of the same thing about three years ago. Coaches and athletic directors of the schools in the Ohio High School athletic association repeatedly warn their players against such acts. But yet the players take that chance. Are players alone to blame? We think there should be a penalty against the teams they played with. Managers of teams in organized leagues know very well that high school players are not allowed to play independent ball either during or after the high school season. They always want the high school players to take a chance against their standing. They use that excuse of "no one will know you" or "we'll play you under an assumed name," etc. But there's always someone around who will identify the high school players. The next step is for the player in question to admit to the coach that he had played with an outside team. That leaves the matter up to the coach and the principal of the school to declare the player ineligible. If he's a senior he's through with sports for the remainder of his high school career. If he's a junior he's ineligible for the sport the next season. The player suffers the most, but the team he played with still goes on. There's no penalty for the team or manager involved. That team and individual should be penalized as well as the player involved, especially since the violation occurred in organized leagues.

Red' Sells to Have Busy Summer

"Red" Sells, a 39-year-old veteran, will have a heavy program in athletics this summer. He

Unbeaten High Teams Clash

Ex-High Athletes Now Sailors



Dave Bonnie

Dale Bonnie

George Hale

Willis Anderson



Donn Haines

Sam Estell

Jim Bett

Jack Jennings

Former rivals in the City High League are now on the same team—Uncle Sam's Navy. The eight young men shown above were home on fur-

ough this past week following the completion of their boot training at Great Lakes. Four of the eight, the Bonnie brothers, Jack Jennings and Willis

Anderson, are former North High athletes. Donn Haines and Sam Estell made fame at West, Jim Bett at Aquinas and George Hale at East.

Lead At Stake In Two Sets

Undefeated teams are paired in all three baseball leagues involving Greater Columbus area County teams this week. In the City League, West, defending champion; South at North maintained undefeated status, the first two with 2 records and North with a win in its only start. However, Tuesday, one of the three pace setters is due for fall as North and West tangle in the headline on the latter diamond. South will be host Central. The Pirates lost to West in their last start.

Undisputed possession of place in the Central Buck League will be at stake Tuesday when undefeated Bexley and per Arlington collide on the mer's diamond. The current leaders have each won both starts in league play and

CITY LEAGUE
HOW THEY STAND

Team	W	L	Pct.	R
South	2	0	1.000	13
West	2	0	1.000	11
North	1	0	1.000	10
Central	1	1	.500	10
East	0	1	.000	3
Linder-McNinley	0	2	.000	3
Aquinas	0	2	.000	3

Membership Application

2020 Annual Membership Dues are Due Now!



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

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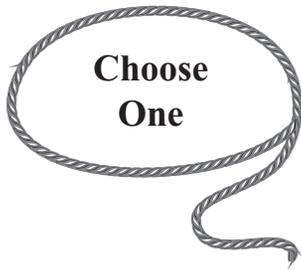
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First Name _____ Last Name _____ Maiden Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____ Phone (_____) _____



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

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- Roster of Members \$20.00 \$ _____
 (Mailed in May)
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 - Sort by Graduation Year
 - Sort by State
- Roster of Current Members \$10.00 \$ _____
 for one graduation class
 - Sorted alpha by Last Name
 - E-Mailed PDF format

Special Gift Newsletter

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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- Click search
- West High School Alumni Association will show up with our number HA170
- Click Enroll



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**Our Alumni Association received
\$5.17 in December.**

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