

# West High Alumni Occident

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For Tomorrow

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## Alumni Association Marches Forward Despite Pandemic

The Board of Directors and the Committee Chairs have continued to meet monthly with physical distancing and Zoom meetings. We have nominated and elected new officers to help direct us forward into the 2021 new year. **Stacy Neff Campbell '78** is our new Vice-President as **Mike Miller '70** needed to step down. Please see page 2 for the complete list of officers, Board of Directors, and Committee Chairs. Everyone's volunteer efforts are much appreciated. We decided to cancel the Christmas Luncheon to keep everyone safe. It was a difficult decision because it is such a beloved event, but it was in everyone's best interest. All reservation money will be returned. The Florida Reunion is also cancelled for the same reasons.



The Leadership Campaign is off to a wonderful start and we are almost at our initial goal of \$25,000. As of November 28, 2020, we have collected \$23,077.21 from our generous and

kind Association members. We are 92.3% of the way towards our initial goal. Three months ago, this Association embarked on a campaign effort to raise these funds to make up for the loss of fundraising events that we regularly have held that were cancelled due to the pandemic. Instead of retracting, we chose to march forward and lead for the sake of the young people and the school. This effort will allow us to continue to fund scholarships for graduating seniors, and to help support the academic mission of the school along with specific athletic and arts-related requests. The West High School Alumni Association is a 501(c)3 organization and we will provide charitable contribution documentation for all contributors to this campaign. Contributors may designate their donation toward their desired purpose. See form on page 3. Please consider making a financial gift to support this effort.

*Happy Holidays! Happy New Year! Stay healthy and safe.*

### Call for Articles

This Editor is always looking for a good story to publish. And, especially during this pandemic when most of our Association events have been cancelled. 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 Lloyd Laver, at [nybryant@aol.com](mailto:nybryant@aol.com) or you can mail it into the association. Do not worry about punctuation or spelling. I can tweak it for you.

# President's Message



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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:

Winter Issue	Information Deadline - November 20
Spring Issue	Information Deadline - February 20
Summer Issue	Information Deadline - May 20
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**



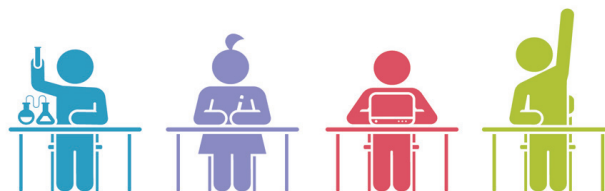
Wow! We put out the call—and you responded! As of November 28, 56 alumni have made gifts to the WHSAA Leadership Campaign, totaling \$23,077.21. I am overwhelmed with our collective response. The generosity of our alumni shows the gratitude and strong ties so many of us feel to our school for the education and experiences we enjoyed there. It also signifies our commitment to the generation of students who attend West High School now and to their future. Although our goal of \$25,000 is within grasp, we are running the gift page again in this issue of the newsletter for those who still may want to participate.

The gift designations thus far are as follows:

\$14,780.21	Scholarships
1,250.00	Academics
350.00	Athletics
250.00	Performing & Visual Arts
445.00	WHSAA Operations
850.00	Other
5,152.00	Undesignated (for allocation via WHSAA Board to areas of need)
<b>\$23,077.21</b>	<b>Total gifts as of 11-28-2020</b>

Several alumni gave in recognition of other alumni:

**Bonnie McEntire Street '58** designated a gift in honor of her late husband **Roger Jan '60**. Roger, a long-time supporter of West and our association, worked his way up to Director of Counseling for the Columbus City Schools.



A career teacher, counselor, and administrator for CCS, he impacted thousands of our community's young people through his efforts with students individually and later with the work he did district wide. Others who designated individuals with their gifts were **Lorane Morgan Hawk '63** for her husband **Dan '62**, **JoAnn Carter '53** for her classmates, **James Conley Jan '50** for classmates **Ed & Lois Sensenbrenner**, **B. Jane McLaughlin Carpenter '48**, for her brother **Colonel David McLaughlin '50** (USAF ret.), **Barb '63 & Dennis '62 Carpenter** for **Connie Weinhart '62**, **Sandra Harrington Quick '68** for **Dr. Annette Jefferson '63**, and **Ted Lancia '64** for **Brenda Cash '64**.

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## West High School Alumni Association Leadership Campaign

### Donor Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Gift Designation

- \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarships  
\_\_\_\_\_ Academics  
\_\_\_\_\_ Athletics  
\_\_\_\_\_ Performing and Visual Arts  
\_\_\_\_\_ WHSAA Operations  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Undesignated

### Gift Levels

Gifts of all amounts are welcome.  
All gifts will be acknowledged.  
Contributor = less than \$100  
Patron = \$100 or greater  
Fellow = \$250 or greater  
Ambassador = \$500 or greater  
Benefactor = \$1000 or greater

### Pledges

Total Gift/Pledge Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

When do you want us to send you a pledge reminder (for those who will make their gift at a future time)?

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Donate Now

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to:  
**West High School Alumni Association**

#### Mail all donations/pledges to:

West High School Alumni Association  
Leadership Campaign  
P.O. Box 28056  
Columbus, Ohio 43228

May we publish your name in a future alumni newsletter?

☐ Yes ☐ No

May we publish the amount of your gift?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you wish to contribute stocks or securities or designate the WHSAA in your will,  
please contact Dave Dobos, WHSAA President,  
at davedobos@alum.mit.edu or 614-580-7380, for instructions.

*Thank you for your leadership.*

### President's Message, continued from page 2

The success of this effort will assure that we can provide a significant level of scholarship assistance to West seniors who will graduate this spring and head off to college next fall. By supplanting funds we otherwise would have raised via cancelled events like our Golf Outing, December luncheon, and fall sports (concessions), we also will be able to provide limited support for projects at West HS that recently have come to

our attention related to academics, the arts, and athletics, all of which we will describe more fully in a future newsletter.

It is not too late to participate in the Leadership Campaign. We welcome all gifts. Each is important, no matter the size. I continue to marvel at the support and generosity of our alumni community—especially in this COVID-crazy year. Thank you, thank you, thank you! 2021 will be better!



**Thank You, Cowboys!**

**West High School Alumni Association Leadership Campaign**

**Total Collected (as of 11-28-2020): \$23,077.21 (92.3% of \$25,000 goal)**

**Number of Gifts: 56**

## Benefactors (gifts ≥ \$1000)

William Weisert '63	Dave Dobos '73
Peggy Hickman '77	Roger Jan '60 & Bonnie '58 Street
Robin Schmidt Jan '49	Walter "Cy" '50 & Linda '52 Wolske
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Patty Drumheiser '65	Anonymous
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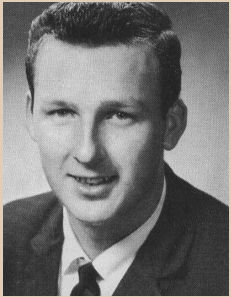
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(with unpublished gift amounts)

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*To all alumni - Past, present, and future,*

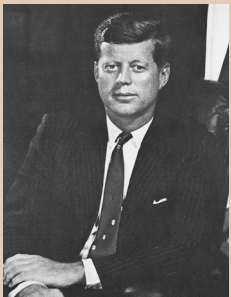


Dave McManus

*I am going to call this:*

**Do you remember where you were or what you were doing on Friday November 22, 1963?** I was in Mrs. Evelyn Hall's Dramatics 7th period class getting ready to do the Ides of March, in an Italian dialect. One of her former students and his wife came to see her. They were sitting in the back of the room next to the radio room. To her surprise the gong rang and the next thing we all knew was

Mr. David Randall, Principal, was telling us the news that President Kennedy had been shot. Here I am on the stage looking out to all my classmates. We were all in dismay at what we had just heard. I believe the bell rang and I was



John F. Kennedy

on to my next class with Mr. Ronald Rousculp's P.O.D. class. School was dismissed early, and I am sure most of us went home, and tried to sort out what we had just heard. I had many teachers from first grade to twelfth grade, but my favorite of all was Mrs. Hall. She once made the statement that there was no such thing as a bad child as there was a little good in all of them.

**Now, do you remember where you were or what you were doing on Thursday, April 4, 1968?** I remember it so very well. This was the day that Martin Luther King, Jr. had been shot.

It was like reliving JFK all over again. In my case, I remember it so well, as my stepfather or Dad as I called him, also passed that day. I still miss him today.



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

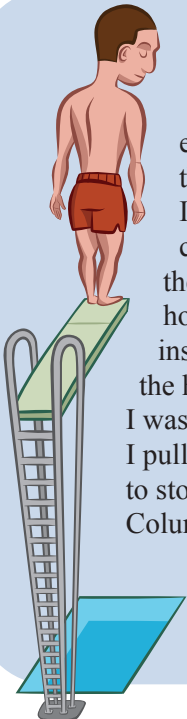
A belated Happy Thanksgiving to each of you. May you have a blessed Christmas and may we all have a better 2021. Thanks so much for taking the time to read my thoughts. I am proud to have been a part of West High School, and always a proud member of Hilltop U.S.A. Peace and happiness to each of you.

Sincerely, **Dave McManus '64**

*Hello Dave,*

Thank you very much for your thought-provoking letter. I am sure many of our alumni do remember where they were on those two awful days.

Take care, **Nancy Laver**, Editor



*Dear Nancy,*

The computer copy of the Occident is excellent and I liked receiving it as you sent the most recent edition. While in high school, I worked four summers for Bob Case as a check room boy and I also helped tear down the old wooden structure to build the new bath house. I graduated as a lifeguard and swim instructor after certification. During a dive on the high board I smashed my face into the board. I was by myself at the time, so I don't know how I pulled myself from the pool and into the shower to stop the blood flow, but I did. Bill Peterfy (a Columbus EMT at the time) arrived and observed my nose was broken. So, he reached up and reset it, sending me home on my bicycle with ice in a towel on my face. My

eyes swelled shut so I could not return to work for several weeks. Yes, I remember the Hilltop Pool as well as Bill Peterfy and Larry Sears. We guarded together. **June 1954** was my graduation date and my brother, **Jim** graduated at the same time.

Thanks for the update.  
**Ron Parkinson, 54**

*Dear Ron,*

What a great story about the Hilltop Pool and your days there! Too bad you broke your nose. Thank you for sharing your story.

Take care, **Nancy Laver**, Editor

## Congratulations Jan and Steve Stone – 50th Anniversary!



*Jan Hardy '67*

### **Jan Hardy Stone's Story**

I graduated from West High in 1967. Because Westmoor Junior High School was so crowded in the '60's, I had to have 7th grade at West High. Our class was there with the 10th through 12th grade students which was very strange since there was not much interaction between us and the older students. When I did get to Westmoor as an 8th grader, I walked from my home on Fremont St. down North Huron Ave. through the infamous tunnel that was built

under the railroad on Huron Ave. so the kids didn't have to walk all the way around to Hague Ave. to get to school. The tunnel was eventually filled in because too many not-so-pleasant things seemed to happen with kids inside the tunnel.

My most influential teacher while at West was **Mr. Jim Hill '47**, our band director. Since I did not participate in any other clubs, all my friends were in the marching and concert bands and the orchestra. I do not know if he was my favorite teacher, but he truly introduced me to many genres of music which to this day are still a big part of my life. I played saxophone in elementary and junior high because that was the only instrument, we had at home which was my dad's. Not wanting to buy another instrument, I was told that was my only choice if I wanted to play anything at all. Of course, that all changed when I got to West. Since Mr. Hill had changed the band to all brass, to rival OSU's band which Mr. Hill was a part of, I had to learn a brass instrument. My sophomore and junior years I played trumpet, but Mr. Hill switched me to baritone my senior year because he needed more baritone players. I was none too happy about that move. I also was switched to a bassoon (which he said was very much like the sax) so that I could be in the orchestra. My saxophone days were over, but for all of it, I learned how to play many instruments that I would not have even considered had Mr. Hill not made me switch. I met Steve while in the band while I was a sophomore, and he was a senior. My parents were very active in the Band Parents Organization while both my brother, **Kim Hardy '73**, and I were in the band, so that was probably



*WHS Marching Band*

another reason that I spent my high school days in the instrumental music program instead of other groups at high school.

I went on to The Ohio State University getting a BS and MA degrees in elementary education. I began teaching in 1970 in Muldraugh, Kentucky after Steve and I were married and he was stationed at Ft. Knox, Kentucky with the Army. I retired from Columbus City Schools after 36 and 1/2 years of teaching, but still teach part time now as a reading tutor. I am completing my 50th year of teaching this school year and will continue doing this until the school system "kicks" me out or my old bones tell me I need to be done. Teaching truly keeps me learning new things which helps my brain stay active and sharp.

Steve and I have two children. Our son **Andy Stone** graduated from West in 1994 and was also a member of the band but played football as well. That would never have been allowed with Mr. Hill. He got his BS degree from OSU in civil engineering and an MA in engineering from Ohio University. He is also a member of the Ohio National Guard and just last year was promoted to Colonel and is now serving his third deployment in the Middle East. He lives with his wife Tanyah and their two sons, AJ age 15 and Walker age 12 in Nelsonville, Ohio on our family farm. His civilian job is that of City Services Director for the city of Athens, Ohio.



*Andrew Stone 94*

Our daughter **Erin Stone McLaughlin** graduated from West in 1999 and played trumpet in the concert band but did not have to be in the marching band.

Again another situation that would not have been allowed with Mr. Hill because in order to play in any other musical group, you had to be in the marching band (except for string players in the orchestra although some of them played a brass instrument in the marching band). She got her BS and MA degrees from OSU following in her mother's footsteps

pursuing elementary education. She lives in Hilliard with her husband John McLaughlin and their two boys Kenton age 10 and Joshua age 4. She previously taught in Columbus City Schools but is now staying home to raise the boys.



*Erin Stone McLaughlin '99*





My ideas about a long marriage are:

- Being able to give more sometimes than you get (a marriage is seldom a 50/50 guaranteed arrangement).
- Each of us having specific interests and passions of our own that we do independently of each other, but also activities/interests that we share (i.e. Steve enjoys horse riding, sailing, hiking and just about any outdoor-adventure type activity. I love theater, reading, working with children, and spending time with girlfriends. We both like music especially opera and the symphony which we attend together, and he will go to theater productions with me on occasion and doing things with our children and grandchildren and eating out (we do this one very well!))
- The notion that you will not agree or have the same opinion on everything that you encounter over the years. You have to develop the ability to look at each other's views, acknowledge them and try to come to an agreement or compromise, so that you don't carry a grudge, burden or anger towards your spouse that lasts so long it "sours" your relationship.
  - Timing is important when bringing up or discussing problems. I remember the year Steve had been deployed with the National Guard during the Xenia tornado. He had been gone a week and our tax statement had come while he was gone. That was what I told him about immediately after he arrived home and my timing should have been better than that. Needless to say, that was not the first thing he wanted to hear about when he wearily came home drained emotionally and physically from his mission even though for me it seemed like the most important thing to talk about.
- Be realistic about your expectations for your marriage. Both of you will change over the years you are together and so will your love over the "long haul!" It will still be strong and present, but not necessarily like it was or felt like when you first decided to get married. As Steve said, teamwork is how you build your relationship through



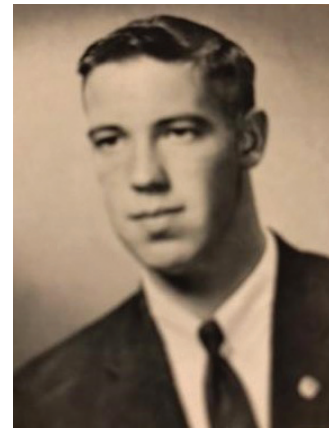
*Wedding Day*

doing schooling, jobs, finding a home and raising children and then having to change again once the kids do not need raising anymore. Your marriage must change with life's circumstances, but the strength you built from your love through it all will remain.

As part of our anniversary celebration, we had a big trip planned to fly to England and stay a week to take in the sights and then cruise back on the Queen Mary 2 coming into New York Harbor where all our kids were going to meet us. COVID did that vacation in, so whenever things get back to normal, hopefully we will still be "young enough" to take it!

### Steve Stone's Story

I graduated in 1965 when the boys in my class, for the most part, went to the draft board and war or off to college. Since I had a goal of becoming an Army officer and teacher it was off to college and ROTC for me. Activities during my high school years centered around membership in the concert band, marching band, where I served as the drum major, playing alto saxophone in dance band and clarinet in the orchestra.



*Steve Stone '65*

As in almost everything I did, I was not the best nor the worst, rather being quite happy to be somewhere in the middle. Our son, **Andrew Stone**, who also graduated from West High School at the top of his class in 1994, referred to me once as "the gray man."

Of course, my favorite classes were music, where I spent countless happy hours in the school's band room basement. It was there that I met my wife of 50 years, **Jan Hardy**. Perhaps of more significance toward my later life was Biology I & II taught by Mary Baker and Clarence Bowers, respectively. There was an old, abandoned green house in a courtyard just off Miss Baker's classroom where she allowed and encouraged me to spend countless hours growing tropical plants and raising goldfish. During my freshman year at Ohio State University, Miss Baker stopped by my parents' house and asked them if I could accompany her and work for her in the nature department at a boys' summer camp in Maine.

One floor above her classroom was the advanced biology class of Mr. Bowers. He always wore a bow tie and was a quiet, gentle man with the habit of ending his sentences with an odd

little “Umm” at the end. I have never forgotten his lessons on parasites that could infest the human body. For the remainder of my life, I have worried about eating pork due to its prevalence for being infested with the trichinosis parasite. And I have never forgotten the one time he shared an example of starving soldiers getting parasites from eating grass – while on the Bataan Death March during World War II. For everything else he was before or since, to me, I will always remember that I sat in the presence of a Bataan Death March survivor.

As for alumni involvement, mine has been limited to attending class reunions all of which I have enjoyed and found quite interesting. During the year of our 50th reunion I returned to the alumni marching band for a final strut down the field just to prove I could still do it. It hurt the next day.

I graduated with a Bachelor’s and Master’s degree in education and administration and also received an Army commission. After three years of active duty service I returned to Columbus where I taught school and served as a school principal. During this same time, I pursued a military career in the Ohio Army National Guard and Army Reserve, retiring as a Colonel. I have been retired from the military since 1994 and Columbus Schools since 1999.



*Steve on his farm in Athens County*

Since then I have managed our family’s more than 100 year-old farm in Athens County where I have pursued a career in timber management, horse boarding and riding along with a variety of conservation projects to include serving on the supervisory board of the Athens Soil and Water District and was selected as the state’s top tree farm in 2011. I have also written and published a family farm history book along with conservation and history articles for local and state magazines.

Jan and I have two children, **Erin**, and **Andrew**, both of whom also graduated from West High. We find it incredibly special that our daughter, Erin, who graduated in 1999, sat in the same choir room as her grandmother (my mother) **Autumn Keefer Stone**, a 1936 graduate. Each of our children is married and each has two boys. Erin served six years in the Ohio Air National Guard while Andrew is a Colonel in the Ohio Army National Guard serving his third combat tour in the Middle East. He is a civil engineer while Erin has a degree in education.



*Steve and Jan Stone*

The secret of a long marriage is to stay married, and before you know it you will find yourself a historical celebrity. It is kind of fun going out to dinner and having the server say, “Wow! You have been married THAT long?!! How cool is that!” In the United States very few people remain married – to the same person – for that long. They either get divorced or die. It is strange how once you approach the 50-year mark; you suddenly start to be glad you remained married to the same person. But up to that point it is not an easy road. It takes a lot of tolerance, compromise, and forgiveness. It is not love like you see in the movies or on TV, but rather the kind of love you feel working as a team to provide a secure home base, an anchor, a safe harbor, for your children and grandchildren.

*It is seeing the family as something greater than yourself.  
It’s about doing your duty and building the family history.*



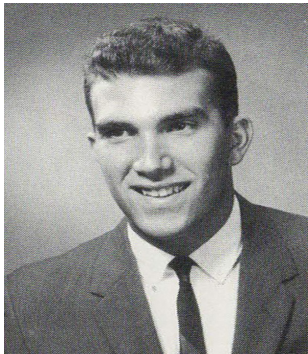
*Stone Family*





## Who's Who on the WHSAA Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

*In an effort to let you know who is running this organization, I will be featuring autobiographical information of the Board of Directors and Committee Chairs. I hope you enjoy reading about these fascinating people. This column will run in the next few editions of this newsletter or until the pandemic is over. Enjoy!*



### Joe Castorino

#### What year did you graduate from West?

1967 - I really did not look forward to graduating (which might sound odd) because I knew that once I did, I would be out in the real world working full time and going to college full time too!!! I did work part time at a

store my dad managed during my high school years to earn all the extra spending money I could too.

During my senior year I never missed a day of school, but I was listed as absent 140 days. I figured out early on if you missed registration room but did not miss any classes "surprisingly" no one ever said anything from the office. I had a study hall 5th period and lunch 6th as did a couple other guys so we had some "long" lunches at Biddle's Restaurant out on West Broad Street!!! My parents were not all that happy with seeing the large amounts of absences but said as long as they didn't get any phone calls from school and my grades stayed up, they would look the other way

I also had study hall 2nd period right after band. Again, some of the other band guys did too. We would hang out in the band room with Mr. Hill and go to Krispy Kreme to get coffee and donuts for everyone. I then took typing with Miss Hanna. Boy was she a trip for sure!!! One 6 weeks I got an **F** and I am still not sure why. My parents were not happy so I told them I would "suck up" to her a bit and amazingly the next 6 weeks I got an **A** even though my typing skills did not change all that much. I ended up with a **B** in her class. Other than **P.O.D.** with Miss Harrison I had a blast my senior year. I absolutely hated her class & just "squeaked" by with a low C. I was lucky to get that!! She was not a fun teacher to have.

#### What were some of your favorite classes? Why?

Band / Marching Band and Dance Band were the top ones. The members of these were kind of our own clique and many of us hung out together and/or dated each other. The only other class I enjoyed was Senior English with Mr. Waugh. He was a fun teacher and made the class interesting for all of us.

#### Who were some of your favorite teachers?

**Mr. Hill '47** - or **Jimmy Lee** as many of us called him. He put on a tough exterior during marching season which he had to do BUT once you really got to "know" Mr. Hill he was genuinely a great friend to me and many others!!!!

**Mr. Waugh** - Again he was a really "great" teacher who made English class enjoyable for all of us. He also knew how to "relate" to us kids!!! I had English 7th period. One day **Stan Broadway** & I were late coming back from lunch at Biddle's. We wrote a note to Mr. Waugh that said: Please "excuse" Joe and Stan for being late as I, Jim Hill, am not here to sign this note. Mr. Waugh looked at the note - paused for a moment then smiled, shook his head, and told us to take our seat!!!

#### What are you involved in with the Alumni Association? Past and present involvement?

I did not get involved in the Alumni Association till about 10 years ago. We had always passed over the Florida Luncheon for many years figuring it was for the older folks. Connie and I finally decided to attend a luncheon and we regretted not doing it years sooner!!!!!! When we arrived at the Bradenton Country Club we ran into **Ed & Lois Sensenbrenner '50** as we were walking across the parking lot. By the time we got to the front door it felt like we were all long-time friends. We were welcomed with open arms by all the folks at that first luncheon we attended. From then on, we could not wait till the next luncheon!!! Then about 4 years later **Nancy Hardy Smith '50** and **Baileen Gary Dodd '48** said they needed someone younger to take over the luncheon as they were getting up in age and then they looked at me. I said I would do it and commandeered **Tom Ramage '67** to help me as he had been coming for a couple years by then too. We have had a ball doing them these past few years although unfortunately the crowd keeps dwindling down due to age. We keep trying to get more folks from the 60's to attend but it is difficult. People who graduated in the 40's and 50's kind of stuck together versus ones from the 60's and beyond who are scattered all over the place.

#### What is your motivation for being involved with the Alumni Association?

The fun of getting together down here once a year for the annual luncheon and everyone having a really "great" time!!!

#### What would you like members to know about you personally and your family?

We moved down to Spring Hill just over 40 years ago and had a new house built on the end of a cul-de-sac on two lakes. We are still in the same house after all these years. My daughter was born just after we moved and is a native Floridian!! The main reason we moved down here was not the snow part so much but the overcast and gloomy days on end up north in the winter. When we moved to Spring Hill there was not a traffic

*Joe Castorino and Meet the Board, continued on page 10*



light in the whole town. Our friends from up north thought we were crazy to move here but it has been a wonderful place to live and raise our kids. It is just far enough away from Tampa that you appreciate living in a semi-suburban area but we are still close enough to go there when we need to. My wife, **Connie Jarrell Castorino '68**, was in accounts payable with 3 companies for many years after the kids graduated high school and is retired now. She decided to do something again to keep busy, so she got her notary and signing agent licenses and does remote refinance closings for banks within about a 30 to 40-mile radius of our house. She and her sister, **Barbara Jarrell Shaw '66**, also love to go on cruises at least once a year too. I was in sales since we moved here and worked for 3 major companies until I retired in 2015. Shortly after though I realized I "couldn't" just sit around the house so I got hooked up with a couple management companies and have been working part time doing handyman work in the Tampa area for about 4 years now at 3 condo complexes. We have two kids. My daughter Sarena is a middle school teacher in Tampa. She has been doing it for 16 years now. Sarena loves her job even though she is underpaid for what she must put up with in the school system anymore. She just got married last year to George who is a great guy. My son Chris is an electrician, and he lives locally.

### Any other ideas?

During my senior year, parking as we all know was a bit tight on the Palmetto St. side of the school so I started parking on the basketball court area when we would come back from lunch end of 6th period. One day I was called into "Uncle Dave's" office to have a chat with him.

He said very simply in his "stern" **Mr. Randall** voice "Don't park there again or I will have your car towed." I thanked him and moved it immediately! Several years later when Connie and I had rental properties we got a call from **Debbie Randall '68** and her husband Tom wanting to rent one of the properties we had on North Terrace Ave. When they came to look at it good old Uncle Dave came with them. We discussed the rent and I told Debbie that I was going to give her a break on it for two reasons -

1. She was a fellow West High graduate.
2. I owed her dad a favor from the one he did for me in high school.

Uncle Dave got a little smile on his face and winked at me. We were even at that point. Debbie and her husband ended up buying the house from us when we moved to Florida.

Here is an interesting story on how I met my wife Connie. It was the fall of '67 and one evening I was out in front of **Doug Mount' '67** house on South Hague Ave. with him and a couple other guys. A friend of ours whose first name was Danny – pulled up in his 1967 – 427 Vette with Connie in it. He also had his stereo hooked up playing rain type sounds. Danny was kind of an early computer type nerd. We all chatted for a bit and as we were walking away Connie called me back over to his car. She leaned out the window gave me a kiss and her phone number then said to call her!! Then they drove off.

The guys laughed, looked at me and said what are you going to do??? I said I "guess" I am going to give her a call. Meanwhile, I was still trying to figure out why a nice-looking girl like her with a guy in Vette would want to go out with me in my Rambler Station Wagon??? Later, she told me that Danny (who had lived close to where she used to live) had asked her to go out. She had told him what the heck she didn't have anything going on that night so she would go out with him just to get out of the house if he would pick up some shampoo for her at the store on his way over to get her. After we had talked and just as they were getting ready to leave Doug's house, she got angry when Danny commented to her that everything was great. He had his car, his girl, and his stereo!!! She said she told him she was "not" his girl and to take her home!!



*Joe and Connie Castorino with Santa*

That is how I got "lucky" enough to get a date with my future wife. The first time we went out I picked Connie up, said hi to her parents & we left, and I was "hooked" on her. The second time we went out I came by to pick her up and still had my white shirt and tie on from working at Albers Grocery. Her father called her into the kitchen and when she came back out, she asked me for my wallet. I thought that was "odd" but gave it to her anyway. She went back in the kitchen for a minute or two and then came back out, gave me my wallet back and said let's go with a grin on her face. When we got out in the car, I asked her what that was all about, and she said her dad had asked her what the heck she was doing going out with this "older" guy!!! Once she showed him my driver's license, he could not believe I was only a little over a year older than she was so all was ok then. We dated 3 years and as soon as I turned 21, we got married and have been together now for over 53 years!!!

# 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**

Marilyn L. Melick Maddox, August 28, 2020	1935
Wanda Born Westfall, September 15, 2020	1937

### **1940s**

Winona E. Andrews Niemann, September 6, 2020	1948
John "Jack" R. Knox, October 5, 2020	1948, Jan.
Clay Barfield, October 23, 2020	1943, June
Marcella Taylor Trimmer, October 29, 2020	1949
William "Bill" Warren, October 25, 2020	1949, June
Jeannette Sharp Maxwell, November 14, 2020	1940, June

### **1950s**

Doralee Beasley Wendel, August 21, 2020	1957, June
Jayne Anne Glass Fetherolf, September 12, 2020	1954, June
Cecil "Ron" Roland Radcliff, September 12, 2020	1956, June
Barbara Lee Taylor Lloyd, September 17, 2020	1951, Jan.
Janet Lorenzo Herbst, September 23, 2020	1956, June
Sue E. Brown Strohm, October 1, 2020	1957
Dewey R. Beaver, October 27, 2020	1958
Earlene Clotts, November 10, 2020	1956, June

### **1960s**

Darryl Angel, August 19, 2020	1969
Joseph Christian Mann, September 7, 2020	1961
Richard "Dick" Hauser, September 11, 2020	1964
Dave Koons, October 11, 2020	1960, June
Lawrence "Larry" Smith, October 28, 2020	1962
Kathi Lurz Grover, November 25, 2020	1968

## Class

### **1970s**

Safiq Ismail Virjee, June 25, 2020	1979
Olive Sue Stover, August 10, 2020	1971
John Byrum, September 29, 2020	1970
Kathy L. Berry Pryor, September 29, 2020	age 67
Mark S. Steece, October 4, 2020	1973
Suzanne Kountz McClelland, October 18, 2020	1978
Steven Michael Rowland, November 25, 2020	1978

### **1980s**

Christine M. Evans, May 30, 2020	1981
Michael Fields, October 8, 2020	1986
Trina Frabott, November 10, 2020	1988

### **1990s**

Elizabeth "Liz" Flowers, August 18, 2020	1998
NeCia Leanne Mitchell, August 6, 2020	1993
Chris Ruffner, October 2020	1990

### **Staff**

Richard "Dick" L. Graf, August 28, 2020	age 86
Truant Officer at West for 25 years	

*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.

LLavern Collins Nix, 1936 Jan.  
 Paul R. Anderson, Jr., 1945  
 Jean Meserve Hansen, 1947 June  
 Evelyn Rock Johnson, 1947 June  
 Patricia Clum Mitchell, 1948 Jan.  
 Robert Janes, 1948 June  
 Annabel Killian Staten, 1948 June  
 Walter Binkley, 1950 Jan.

Robert J. Thomas, 1954 June  
 Laura Hartsook Shipley, 1956 June  
 Jim Kerr, 1957 June  
 Carol Smith, FOA  
 Judith Knott, 1951 June



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

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## **THANK YOU for Your General Fund Donation**

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Wanda Estepp Ross, 1973

Bill Lust, June 1963

Shirley Deitchle Hight, Jan. 1953

Scott Miller, 1983

David Pennell, 1959

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

Sandra Harrington Quick, 1968, in memory of Dr. Annette B. Jefferson, 1963

Ted Lancia, 1969, in memory of Brenda Cash, 1964

Barb Carpenter, 1963 and Dennis Carpenter, 1962 in memory of Connie Weinhart, 1962

B. Jane McLaughlin Carpenter, June 1948 in memory of Colonel David McLaughlin, USAF Retired, 1950

## **WELCOME New Life Members**

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

Don Kruckeberg, June 1957

## **WELCOME New Members**

Ruth Underwood Price, June 1945

Bill Weber, 1969

Marilynn Warren Randall, June 1956

Brad Laver, 1975

# Update Your Alumni 2020 Calendar!



**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

**January 24, 2021  
Sunday**

**6:00 PM Board Meeting - WHS Alumni Board Meeting**  
at Next Level Prep, 1805 O'Brien Rd, Columbus, 43228

**February 24, 2021  
Wednesday**

**6:00 PM General Membership Meeting - Officer and Board elections**  
O'Charley's Restaurant, 1650 Georgesville Square, Columbus, 43228

**March 6, 2021  
Saturday**

**Florida All-Class Reunion**  
CANCELLED Due to Covid-19!

**March 14, 2021  
Sunday**

**6:00 PM Board Meeting - WHS Alumni Board Meeting**  
at Next Level Prep, 1805 O'Brien Rd, Columbus, 43228

**April 21, 2021  
Wednesday**

**6:00 PM General Membership Meeting - Officer and Board elections**  
O'Charley's Restaurant, 1650 Georgesville Square, Columbus, 43228

**May 2, 2021  
Sunday**

**6:00 PM Board Meeting - WHS Alumni Board Meeting**  
at Next Level Prep, 1805 O'Brien Rd, Columbus, 43228

## **Class of 1970 – 50th Reunion - Rescheduled**

Friday Night Mixer - August 13, 2021, TBD  
Saturday Night Dinner - August 14, 2021  
Courtyard by Marriot Hotel  
2350 Westbelt Drive near Roberts Road  
Columbus, Ohio 43228

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



## **Kroger Plus Card Benefits West Alumni Association**

**Thirty-one alumni households contributed \$115.70 to the Association without having to do anything but register their Kroger Plus Card on a computer.** 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.

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- Login into your Kroger account (if you don't have a Kroger account, please create one as 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



## **Amazon Smile to Benefit the Alumni Association**

If you shop at AMAZON.COM, please consider signing in at [SMILE.AMAZON.COM](https://www.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  
\$6.91 in November.**

Every little bit helps!



In 2001, we let our membership know we would accept any yearbooks they wanted to donate. The first yearbooks we received were used to build a Yearbook Library. Through the generous donation of many alumni, we were able to build a collection of one yearbook for every West graduation year starting with 1912 through 2018 - except 1913, 1917, and 1994.

Our Yearbook Library is a great resource for our newsletter editor to verify graduation years, find articles and pictures for the Alumni Newsletter, and look for information we often get questions for from alumni and alumni families. Since 2001 we have sold over 400 yearbooks. That is almost \$12,000 of proceeds that have been deposited in our Alumni Scholarship Foundation Fund.

The Columbus Public Library has been working on a project for over a year to scan all of our yearbooks into their permanent records. Eventually they will make these available to view online on the Library website. Once they complete scanning the yearbooks they plan to scan the West Occident newspapers we have and the large composite graduation pictures that have been donated to the Alumni Association.

The Alumni Association currently has over 300 yearbooks for sale. We never remove a name from our Wait List unless asked to. When we cannot contact someone, we keep him or her on the list and move to the next person listed.

If you would like to donate a yearbook, be added to our Yearbook Wait List, or if you would like to buy any of the yearbooks listed below, contact **Dave Dobos '73**: dave@nlpohio.com / (614) 582-7380. Whenever a yearbook is donated, we first check our Wait List to see if anyone is waiting on it. We sell yearbooks for the years 1960 and after for \$30 each, plus shipping if you want it mailed to you. We sell yearbooks prior to 1960 for \$25 plus shipping. To save the shipping cost, yearbooks can be picked up on the far westside of Columbus.

## The yearbooks we currently have available to sell are as follows:

20s - 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929  
30s - 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939  
40s - 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949  
50s - 1950, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959  
60s - sorry, none at this time  
70s - sorry, none at this time  
80s - 1987, 1988, 1989  
90s - 1990, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999  
00s - 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006

## Email Updates Needed for 120 members

Last September, the Occident newsletter was sent via email to 361 members who usually receive a printed hard copy of the newsletter. This was an experiment to see if members would like the digital copy instead of the hard copy and it saves the Association some money in postage, and the emailed newsletter arrives several weeks earlier than the printed copy. This experiment showed the Association that we do not have the current email addresses of 120 members.

Please update your email with this editor at nybryant@aol.com. Please list your name in the body of the email. This experiment also showed us that some members would rather keep the printed copy of the newsletter and send us a check for \$100 to pay for the increase in postage. Thank you, **Don Speakman**, class of **January 1949**. That was quite an unexpected result of this experiment.

## New Website Coming Soon

The Alumni Association sent out a call for proposals to create a new website for our organization.

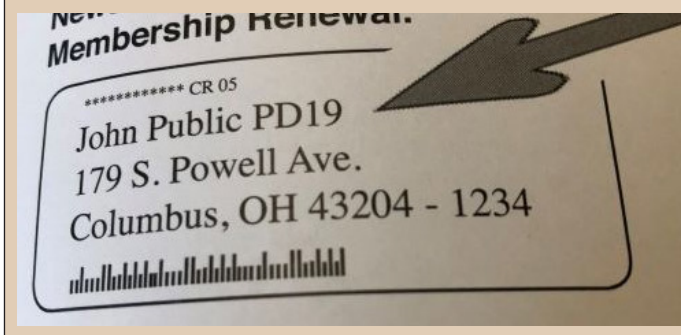
We awarded the contract to Suzi Vincent and Dave Weber with Media Mouse Ink, a marketing and web development company that has been in business since 2002. Suzi was married to **John "Woody" Vincent '52** who passed away in 2014. Dave is Suzi's son.

We are in the process of working with them to best represent the Association and our needs.

## Please renew your dues by March 1.

### Membership Renewal – Check your label!

If you have already paid your dues for 2021 before January 1, you will see a PD21 after your name on the mailing label. If you are a Life Member, you will see LM. If your label does not show either of these, please renew your membership dues now.





# Membership Application

## 2021 Annual Membership Dues are Due Now!



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\$25	\$30	\$250	\$275	\$140	\$150

### Donations

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

### Special Gift Newsletter

During 2021, 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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### Roster of Members

- Roster of Members \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mailed in May)

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