

# West High Alumni Occident

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## Hall of Fame Honorees

On September 18, 2022, we celebrated these accomplished individuals by presenting them with the most prestigious of awards that this association has to offer – the Hall of Fame. This award was created for the purpose of recognizing and honoring those persons who have attended West High School and who have made notable contributions to society.

These honorees have been nominated by fellow alumni association members. One of our honorees has volunteered in many capacities at the school, multiple parent groups, and an alumni chairperson along with being a full-time teacher. Another honoree founded the Green Gables restaurant and co-founded the BBF restaurant. Another honoree transformed hospital pharmacy practice across the country. Another honoree was an Assistant Superintendent in the district and brought the Apple Classroom of Tomorrow program to West. Another honoree helped to raise over a million dollars to send children with Diabetes to summer camp.

*Who are these incredible people?* Read this issue of the newsletter to find out.



*Marialice Schmitt Bennett '64*

*William and Dorothea Merriman*



*Linda Yaple Wolske '52*



*Sara McPeck Sampson '69*

*Son of Milt Lustnauser '35*



# President's Message



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## NEWSLETTER MAILINGS

If your Alumni Occident newsletter is 'snail-mailed' to you it is mailed in a bulk mailing which is not forwarded if you move. It is not returned to the Alumni Association, so we do not know you have not received it. Contact the Association Editor with the dates that you will be in another location, and we will mail your newsletter to that address.



## President's Message



### Vida Fulton Williams '73



As my term as president ends, I want to thank the board for making my year a success. My goal was to reach more people and to increase membership. With word of mouth, Facebook, and the new website, we have increased membership by a total of 63 members: twenty-four lifetime members and thirty-nine annual members. Thank you to all chairs for their excellent work leading the way in 2022!

**Eli Bowen '74** ran the concessions and we have been told that West has the best concessions in the city. **Dorance Nichols Hornsby '63** updated our Facebook page as chair of the Communications/Social Media Committee. Questions were responded to within 24 hours and updates posted concerning alumni activities. **Stacy Neff Campbell '78** chaired the December Luncheon, and it was a great time to connect with alumni and enjoy a good meal. If you're ever in Florida in March, you should attend the reunion that's held in Sarasota which is organized by **Joe Castorino '67**. **Stephanie Lee Orahood '97** was the chair of our fundraising /events. In 2023, her role will slightly change as we try to connect directly with seniors to host a scholarship workshop. **Georgia Martin Ward '70** chaired the golf outing and did an outstanding job by raising over \$3,600 for the scholarship fund. The Hall of Fame recognition was held at a new location this year and Chair **Sara McPeck Sampson '69** was honored for her dedication to West High School. Her leadership and mentorship helped in so many ways. Our beautiful newsletter is always available every quarter due to the hard work that **Nancy Lloyd Laver '79** devotes to it as chair. Every year we award scholarships to West seniors who qualify thanks to **Karen Nixon Stattmiller '79**, the chair of our scholarship committee, for continuing the process of reviewing applications along with her committee. This year **Greg Large '70** chaired the membership/nominating committee. He not only made sure each office is filled for next year, he also created a succession plan to help fill future vacancies. The summer potluck picnic was a remarkable success this year as everyone was ready to come together since Covid had stopped so many gatherings. **Nikol Madison Owens '97** was the chair and did a fabulous job of organizing and obtaining great door prizes for the raffle. The WHSAA website has had a drastic facelift thanks to **Althea Seagraves Williams '73** the chair of the website committee. She did an amazing job updating information on the website. Make sure to check our website [www.westhighalumni.com](http://www.westhighalumni.com) to keep updated on our activities. I also want to thank **Rick Davis '97** and **Rosalie Martin Williams '72** for being available to volunteer when needed.

Each committee has brought such great ideas and decisions to the board this year. I know with the new president, **Dan Martin '72**, you will continue to keep the board connected to the alumni, and make sure we are helpful to the students at West High School. The Vice President, **Stacy Neff Campbell '78**, Secretary **Georgia Martin Ward '70**, and Treasurer/Past President **Dave Dobos '73**, helped me immensely while I was president.

I hope that the changes that were implemented during my term as president will create a lasting connection to the school, students, community, and board. As I have said in the past, I might not be able to coach football like my dad, Karl J. Fulton, but I hope I have helped someone in some way during 2022.



## Marialice Schmitt Bennett



*Marialice Schmitt Bennett '64*

**Marialice Schmitt Bennett** was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio. Her mother, raised in an orphanage, gave her the gifts of perseverance and the love of music; her dad, raised with a strong German heritage, gave her the priceless gift of unconditional love. As she grew up, she adored her two older brothers, Howard and Ed, who were frequently annoyed by her Shirley Temple curls and fancy homemade dresses. Marialice is a 1964 graduate of West High School where she was active in many organizations, sang in several music groups, and was a varsity cheerleader. She treasures the memories of the halls of West High School, music concerts, football and basketball games, school dances, senior prom, and just hanging out with close friends.

After graduating from high school in 1964, she was able to live at home and attend The Ohio State University where she graduated from the OSU College of Pharmacy in 1969. She is proud to say that she and her brother are first generation college graduates.

She was mentored and exposed to cutting edge pharmacy practice while a student at The OSU College of Pharmacy and as an intern at OSU Hospitals. After graduation, she had the incredible opportunity to become one of the first pharmacists in the country to create and implement inpatient clinical pharmacy services at OSU Hospitals, which ultimately contributed to the transformation of hospital pharmacy practice across the country.

As she grew to understand the impact pharmacists have on the health and wellbeing of our communities, she became passionate about developing and implementing pharmacist-provided patient care services outside of the hospital setting. She joined the newly formed division of Pharmacy Practice as a clinical instructor at The OSU College of Pharmacy in 1972 where her team went on to implement multiple new delivery models of care including the Clinical Partners Program (a pharmacist-run disease state management clinic) and University Health Connection (a cutting edge, interprofessional healthcare clinic that offered a blend of pharmacy, urgent care, and primary care services for employees of the university). In conjunction with these innovative practices, she created and grew the Ambulatory and Community Care Pharmacy Residency Program at The OSU College of Pharmacy to train future leaders and change agents for the profession of pharmacy. Mentoring and influencing countless students, residents, and practitioners has been one of her greatest honors as a faculty member, preceptor, and educator. She is in awe and inspired by what many have gone on to accomplish – things, she herself, never would have dreamt of, let alone been able to do.

She became a respected local and national leader and agent of change known for her pioneering vision for advancing patient care in community-based practice, her contribution towards evolving pharmacy education, and her work in cultivating community-based residency training. She has served in numerous leadership roles in pharmacy including the 2010 – 2011 president of the American Pharmacists Association (APhA), the home of American Pharmacy in Washington DC. She has been recognized by The Ohio State University, the Ohio Pharmacists Association, the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, and the American Association of Health Systems



*Bennett Family*

Pharmacy for her various contributions to the profession including the 2021 Remington Honor Medal, the highest national recognition in the profession of pharmacy. In October of 2022, her name will be among ten added to the Women in Pharmacy Exhibit at the American Pharmacists Association Headquarters on the tenth anniversary of the display honoring women trailblazers in pharmacy. She retired from The OSU College of Pharmacy in 2015 and was appointed as an emerita professor.

Her path has been championed by her husband, Jon, and inspired by their three sons and their families: Jay and spouse, Cayenne; Vincent and spouse, Stephanie, and their children Jaxon, Tyson, and Lulu Rose; and Bryan and spouse, Jessica, and their children Josie and Hudson. Being a mom has always been her favorite job and being a grandma, a close second. Her family has widened her lens to the diversity of the world, and she feels they have made her a better teacher, a more compassionate practitioner, a braver leader, and a stronger person.

She is grateful to her community of extended family, church family, colleagues, and former trainees who keep her grounded and keep her honest. She chose a road-less-traveled, which felt, in many ways, more like a ministry to her. She hopes, in some way, she made a difference.



*Rachel Nachman Graham '64*

**Rachel Nachman Graham, Class of 1964, nominated Marialice.**



## Milton Oscar Lustnauer, Sr. '35



*Milton Lustnauer*

**Milton Oscar Lustnauer, Sr.** was born on October 2, 1917. He had two brothers, Harold and Al, and a sister Bernice. Harold died at the age of twelve from tuberculosis. His parents immigrated to America from Germany and they settled on a 180-acre farm in Grove City. They grew corn, wheat, straw, and hay. They also raised pigs, cows, and chickens for meat, milk, and eggs, which they sold to grocery stores and farm markets. In addition, they had a large garden and apple and pear trees.

Milt was a good student at West High School and especially liked spelling and drafting. He participated in several activities including: the Decorating Committee, the German Club, Hi-Y, "L" Society, the Orchestra, the Chorus, and was the Chief Draftsman in the Triangle Club. He was the *Occident* Advertising Manager as well as the Annual Advertising Manager. He also played on the Hi-Y basketball and baseball teams.

After graduating from West in 1935, he attended the University of Cincinnati receiving his Business Degree and graduating in 1937. His first job was working at a movie theatre, where he met, Olive Jean Thomasson. They fell in love and were married on February 21, 1945. Milt's next job was for Curtis Wright, where he helped assemble planes for World War II. In 1948, Milt and his wife Jean opened the Green Gables Restaurant on the West Side. In 1953 he bought his first house on South Brinker Avenue (by Westgate Park) where they began raising their four children, Mary, Myra, Marsha, and Milt, Jr.

Milt and Roy Tuggle were the co-founders of BBF – Burger Boy Food-O-Rama, opening their first restaurant in 1961 at the corner of Central Avenue and Mound Street. Inside the company, BBF stood for "Bigger, Better, Faster". In 1969, BBF expanded to forty-nine restaurants in Ohio, West Virginia, and Kentucky. It was at this time that the Borden, Company made a generous offer to purchase, so they accepted the offer and Milt became President of Borden Burger. Two years later Borden wanted to make cutbacks in quality and service, but Milt refused to go along with this business model, and he was soon fired. Thus, Borden Burger closed the remaining BBF restaurants.

While Milt was still at BBF, he helped Governor Jim Rhodes start the "Sale of Champions" at the Ohio State Fair. Many times, he purchased the prize steer for BBF.

Jim Near worked for Milt at BBF before going on to become the chief executive and chairman of Wendy's. With this connection, Milt became partners with Dave Thomas in the early 1970's. Milt went on to open several successful Wendy's franchises in West Virginia and Florida. He also was a franchise owner of Long John Silvers. After five years, he sold the franchises back and retired from the business.

He turned his focus to stocks and land and real estate development. He invested in Magnet locks and stocks. He also invested in a farm on Olentangy River Road as a partner in The Forum Corp. They developed this farm into the now prestigious subdivision called The Retreat. Milt was a former member of the board for Banc Insurance Corp., The Richland Bank, and several other corporations.

Milt was a longtime member and active supporter of the Upper Arlington Lutheran Church, Westgate Lodge #623 F&AM, Scottish Rite, and Aladdin Shrine Temple. He was also a strong supporter of Recreation Unlimited, the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, and 4-H Programs. Milt was a very generous individual. He purchased a polar bear for the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium and, in honor of his parents, donated an organ to the Upper Arlington Lutheran Church.

In 1995, Milt and Jean celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Suffering from emphysema, Jean passed away on January 3, 1996. Milt cared for her throughout her illness. Sadly, Milt passed away on May 27, 2005.

Surviving are his daughters, Mary Williston, Myra (Terry) Massaro, and Marsha (Tom) Amicon; and son, Milt (Bonnie) Lustnauer, Jr. Ten grandchildren and thirty-five great-grandchildren also survive him.

**Dorance Nichols Hornsby, Class of 1963, and Ruth Mider, Class of 1937, nominated Milt.**



*Family of Milton Lustnauer*



***Dorance Nichols Hornsby '63***



## Howard Owen Merriman '51



*Dr. Howard Owen Merriman*

**Howard Owen Merriman** was born May 13, 1933 in Columbus, Ohio. He spent his early life on the Hilltop, first residing on Sutton Avenue and then moving to a new house built by his parents on South Sylvan Avenue.

His family was deeply connected to the Hilltop neighborhood as members of Hogue Memorial Presbyterian Church and as owners of Seiller's Department Store on West Broad Street.

His first school experience was attending a private home Kindergarten class in the days before Columbus City Schools implemented Kindergarten classes in the system. He later attended West Broad Elementary and graduated from West High School in 1951. While at West, Howard participated in the Photoplay Club, the Latin Club, the Debate Club, and the Stage Crew (10th-12th). He was a member of the "L" Society and the National Honor Society. He was elected as his Registration Room's Business Manager and Civic Chairman for his junior year and as the Secretary for his senior year. He was selected to attend Boys' State and the Rotary Luncheon. He served as a football announcer and was in the Senior Class Play.

Howard received his undergraduate degree from Miami University in 1955. While at Miami, he was a member of the ROTC program and Beta Theta Pi fraternity. After graduating, he was commissioned as an officer in the US Navy Supply Corps and served in the Korean Conflict. When he completed his duty to the Navy, he joined his father at Seiller's Department Store, serving as a manager and buyer. He was later involved in opening several fabric stores in both Columbus and Gomer, Ohio.

Howard decided to change his career to education and returned to Ohio State University where he earned his second Bachelor's degree in 1964, a Master's Degree in 1966, and finally a Doctorate Degree in Education in 1968. He went on to hold many positions with the Columbus City Schools, starting as a teacher at West High School and rising to the position of Assistant Superintendent. During that time, he was a real visionary for education. According to former West teacher and coordinator of the ACOT (Apple Classroom of Tomorrow) program, Bob Howard, Dr. Merriman was the original reason West High School was able to apply for the large grant from Apple Computer. West was the only high school chosen in the world and there was only one elementary and one middle school as well. The very popular ACOT program was a mainstay at

West for thirteen years. During that time over 6,000 visitors from 29 different countries visited West to view the program first-hand. The focus of all the visitors was to learn about how to integrate technology into the curriculum for all of the major subjects.

In addition to his work as a teacher and administrator, he co-authored a book and wrote for educational publications. He also held positions as an adjunct professor at The Ohio State University and as a consultant to other school districts. He finished his career in education as the Superintendent of Lakeville Schools in Otisville, Michigan.

Howard's favorite free time activity was reading. He served as a Trustee of the Worthington Public Library Board. He enjoyed sailing, woodworking, and collecting antique hand tools. After retiring, he became interested in genealogy with a special interest in researching his Ohio Welsh heritage. He especially loved all of his many cats and dogs.

Sadly, Howard died on December 25, 2011, leaving behind a loving family consisting of his wife, Dorothea "Dottie" Merriman, and his four children: Carolyn, Elizabeth, Sarah, and William. He had five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

**Dorance Nichols Hornsby, Class of 1963, nominated Howard.**



*William Merriman came all the way from Alaska!*



*Dan Roberts, principal*





## Sara McPeck Sampson '69



*Sara Sampson*

**Sara Ann McPeck Sampson** is a CODA – child of deaf adults. She was born on July 14, 1951, to Harry and Evelyn McPeck. The delivery doctor was Dr. Jack Miles, West Class of 1931 and a 1997 Hall of Fame Honoree. He was also West's first Marching Band Drum Major. Sara lived on South Westmoor Avenue in the Westgate area of the Hilltop. She attended Westgate Elementary, West High School for seventh grade, Westmoor Junior High (8th and 9th), and finally West

(10th - 12th). She was involved in many activities while a student at West: Varsity Cheerleader, Senior Choir, G.A.A. (Girls' Athletic Association), F.T.A. (Future Teachers' Association), Y-Teens, Christmas Dance Court, G.A.A. Class Teams' Cheerleader, and Class Teams' Miss Senior. After graduating in June 1969, she attended Miami University. She did her student teaching at the American School of Madrid, Spain from September-December, 1972 and lived with a family from the school. She graduated in June 1973 with a Bachelor of Science in Education. She was unable to begin teaching until January 1974 due to an emergency gall bladder and appendectomy surgery in August.

Sara began her substitute teaching in Columbus City Schools, filling in for junior and senior high school teachers across the system, but mainly at West High School. During the four years she substituted, she began volunteering for a variety of activities at West, such as Class Teams' Advisor and chaperoning school dances. In the fall of 1974, she helped organize the first all-class cheerleading reunion for the Homecoming game, in conjunction with the halftime performance of the West Alumni Band and Weskets, a tradition that still continues. In addition, she began helping Dianne Krebs (teacher) with graduation as well as learning the procedures for the graduation ceremony.

Sara started her permanent position of teaching health and physical education at West in September 1978. Along with her teaching duties, she was assigned to be the Wesket Advisor. In addition to performing halftime shows with the Marching Band, she led them to drill team competitions, performing eight-minute choreographed dance routine shows to recorded music. Sara, along with West's Music Director, Brian Bonner's wife Jan, designed their new competition uniforms – a Western Cowgirl style. Highlights of the many awards and recognitions won by the Weskets include: the 1981 Buckeye Drill Team Association's Class B-Recorded State Champions, the 1982 Columbus Public Schools' City Champions, the 1983 All-American Class A-Recorded State Champions, and third place in the 1983 All-American Class A-Recorded National Championship. In addition, several Wesket Captains earned the honor of "Best Captain" at various competitions. The



*Sampson Family*

Weskets also won "Best Inspection" honors, with the major one being the 1984 State Best Inspection Award in the Class A-Recorded Division. All of these awards and recognitions required endless hours of practice to finesse the routines. Plus, the Wesket Officers and Sara choreographed all of these routines. In addition, the music had to be selected and formatted into an eight-minute show. Thus, the Weskets transformed from only doing Friday night football halftime shows into a full year program. Besides competitions, the Weskets performed for halftime at home basketball games, various parades with the Marching Band, as well as providing entertainment at banquets, West class reunions, and community functions.

After the 1985 Homecoming game, Stephen Brown, the current band director, quit. A substitute music teacher assumed his teaching duties, while Sara was asked to assume his marching band duties for the remainder of the season. She managed this along with her Wesket duties and teaching responsibilities. At the end of November, Mark Sampson started as the new Band Director and the Weskets and Marching Band members began their mischievous ways of getting the two together. Alas, "Miss McPeck" transitioned to "Mrs. Sampson" during the summer of 1987. Reluctantly, Mrs. Sampson resigned her Wesket Advisor position in 1989, when she began working on her Master's Degree and became pregnant with her first child. She earned her Master's Degree in Education from Wright State University in June 1990 while she was five months pregnant with her second child. Sara continued teaching and volunteering with student activities as well as supporting her husband with various band concerts and parades.

With the birth of their third son in 1992, Sara's volunteer time became limited. She managed to continue her volunteer ushering position at home Ohio State football games, something she has done since 1976 (and still does, but a paid position now). She also immersed herself in finding developmental programs/therapies for Autistic children. Her middle son was diagnosed with Autism at the age of three and information was very limited. Since there was no Internet, all information was gathered by parent/doctor/therapist referrals and many hours on the phone searching for experimental treatments/therapies for Jordan to try. Some of the



# Hall of Fame Honorees



## Linda Yaple Wolske '52



*Linda Yaple Wolske*

**Linda Yaple Wolske** was born in Columbus, Ohio on August 14, 1934 to Roger and Mildred Yaple. Linda has many fond memories of the Hilltop as well as her years at West Broad Elementary and West High School, vividly remembering her graduation 70 years ago! While at West, she was involved in Latin Club, Debate Club, "L" Society, National Honor Society, Office Monitor, Y-Teens, and the Band Variety Show with the famous dancers honored by the Columbus Dispatch. She also participated in Girls Intramurals and the Class Bas-

ketball Team with her team being the "Champs" in 1951-52. After graduating from West in 1952, she was very excited to begin her new chapter in life – college. She began at Miami University in Oxford, attending for two years, followed by Colorado at Boulder for one year, and finishing at The Ohio State University in 1956 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. Also graduating that year was Linda's high school sweetheart, Walter "Cy" Wolske (Class of 1950). He graduated from OSU Law School. They were married in August and moved to Dallas, Texas to work, but eventually returned to Columbus to start their family. Linda continued to work at the YWCA Teenage Department, as she did in Dallas, overseeing Columbus Y-Teens. However, she soon discovered that being a "stay at home Mom," devoted to her family, was what she was lucky to be. She did take a few postgraduate courses at OSU to fill her idle time.

In 1977 their family life changed when their nine-year-old daughter was diagnosed with Type I Diabetes. This was only one year after Linda's Father had died from complications of diabetes – stroke and amputation. Adjusting to the reality of what their daughter's life might hold, she decided to visit the Central Ohio Diabetes Association and see what she could do to help the diabetics of Central Ohio. Upon making her appointment at the small office on 5th Avenue, she enthusiastically offered to help as a volunteer. She quickly became the unpaid Volunteer Coordinator and began helping another volunteer with a race in downtown Columbus. From that point, the only way to go was up, because their attempt to raise "big bucks" was disappointing.

In 1980, hoping to increase revenue and acquaint Franklin County with the agency, she decided to form a Women's Board comprised of women with diabetes, Mothers of juvenile diabetics, and family members and friends who might benefit from CODA'S (Central Ohio Diabetes Association) services. Eleven women met in the Spring and determined that the purpose of the Women's Board would be to advance the growth of CODA by supporting and extending the activities and usefulness as an agency involved with diabetics and their families.

The first meeting of the Women's Board was held in the Fall of 1980 with approximately sixty women present. A project was chosen and work began immediately to raise funds. Since inception, the Women's Board of CODA has contributed financial support for programs that could not have been provided without funding, such as: support



*Wolske family*

of local research conducted at OSU and Nationwide Children's Hospital, specific detection and educational programs, medical assistance, academic scholarships for youth with diabetes, expansion of CODA staff and offices, and most important, Day Camps in Columbus and Residential summer camp programs in Danville, Ohio. This is CODA'S Camp Hamwi, named in honor of Dr. George Hamwi, the first President of CODA and the first member of the OSU Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism.

The fundraising efforts were varied from a barn party and horses show to a Deck the Halls annual event. Deck the Halls was a highly successful Christmas Tour of Homes. When the group had raised over a million dollars, Linda quit counting, but constantly reminded herself that the women who served on the Board and dedicated themselves to helping children with diabetes were the heroines, as well as her long-time friends. Oftentimes campers say in regards to Camp Hamwi, "It is a week in my life each summer when I can be with other people who are just like me! It's my second family."

As Linda raised their children, she was also an active volunteer for many other nonprofits, as well as remaining as a leader of CODA by serving as Founder of the Women's Board, a member of the Board of Trustees, and President of the Board. As a result, Linda was recognized as giving Outstanding Service to Persons with Diabetes and the Women's Board established the Linda Wolske Fund, which now annually donates funds to Camp Hamwi for supplies and camper-ships. No potential camper is turned away for lack of funding. Linda is extremely grateful for the physicians, nurses, social workers, nutritionists, and counselors, some who have donated their time, to introduce over 5,500 campers to a community of support and a long path to living well while navigating the challenges of diabetes.

CODA is now an integral part of the Life Care Alliance providing outreach for people living with diabetes. The Linda Wolske Fund works with Life Care Alliance insuring that any child who desires to attend summer camp programs can attend free of charge.

Linda's family consists of: one brother, Newell H. Yaple, D.D.S., Class of 1950 and 2004 Hall of Fame Honoree; her husband, Walter "Cy" Wolske, Class of 1950; her son, Gregory and spouse, Kellie; her son Douglas and spouse Tobore; her son Eric and spouse Katherine; and her daughter Sarah and spouse Scott. She has eight grandchildren.

**Walter "Cy" Wolske, Class of 1950,** nominated Linda.



*Cy Wolske '50*



# Reservation Form



## Florida Mid-Winter All-Class Reunion



### March 4, 2023



**Reservation Deadline  
February 20, 2023**

*No refunds after March 1, 2023.*

*All alumni, spouses, and friends are invited.*

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

*Same price as last year for the all you can eat buffet!*

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 4, 2023 • 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

**WHERE:** Sarasota, Florida

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

Saturday Luncheon Buffet at the Der Dutchman.

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

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

**Chairs:** Joe Castorino '67 and Tom Ramage '67

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

e-mail: joecastorino@earthlink.net



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Number  
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### 2023 Mid-Winter All-Class Reunion Reservations

Luncheon - number attending @ \$23.00 each

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

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List any additional names  
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## 1962 60th Reunion

The West High School Class of January and June 1962 held their 60th reunion on August 13, 2022. The gathering for food, drink, and reconnection was held at JP's BBQ Restaurant and party house at Bolton Airport off Norton Road in Columbus, Ohio. Forty-seven classmates and their guests attended. Great fun was had by all.

- Row 1 – Donna Calendine Belt, Barb Crum Taylor, Rita Sorrells Wade, Cheryl Wilkins Boggs, Marilyn Hensley Ewers, Jeanie Brooks Taylor, Darlene Anderson Mitchell, Phyllis Bergman Everett, Judi Halley, Sharon Petitti Morgan, Sharon Kelley Scorese, Reggie Cummings, Denny Moyer
- Row 2 – Louis Price, Martha Dungee Beam, Lois Butryn Young, Cheryl Richardson Izzard, Joyce Peer Ditrick, Patty Paxton Canini, Connie Beachler Spangler, Jack Chapman, Patty Blythe Voss, Barb Blythe Siemer, Bette Chappuis Van Scyoc, Joan Lorenz Parsons, Sue Ruffing Watson, Ron Groom
- Row 3 – Dan Burden, John Richards, Richard Bunner, Bill Stimson, Larry Tipton, Karen Biebler Downing, Joe Nutter, Carol Terpstra Freshour, Becky Strohm Cross, Herb Sharfenaker, Dick Higgins, Chuck Whetstone, Bill Bennett, Bill Karn, John Guy, Dave Van Scyoc, Jon Morgan, Rich Rector, Tim Watson, Jim Brewer

## Come to the Florida Mid-Winter All-Class Reunion!

*You never know who you will meet there!*

This photo shows Thomas Edison being taken into the luncheon by **Ed Sensenbrenner, Jan. 1950, Dick Pendell, June 1950 and Ray Pendell, June 1946.**

This unique photo was taken by **Dick Cooley, Jan. 1951** on March 31, 2006. The reunion was held at the Edison and Ford Winter Estates in Fort Myers. Ed Sensenbrenner reports that Mr. Edison enjoyed the fellowship so much that he vowed a return appearance in some future year. Who knows? It might be this year!

Get your reservation in and come to the Florida reunion.





# January and June 1960 Class Reunion



Row 1: Dotty Reese Willis, Karen Ruegg Montgomery \*, Marsha Snavelly Finley, Sandy Thompsom Foltz, Linda Phillips, Marsha Guitner McIntosh, Sandy Bush Weides\*, Karen Schuman Horn\*, Margie Drake Mannon, Barbara Seagle Norris, Bonnie Grashel Watkinson

Row 2: Jim Willis\*, Bob Dodson, Susie Davis Lahner\*, Polly Fisher Policaro, Virginia Cash Nickel\*, Ron Line, Jim Van Order, Louis Guzzo, Dave Tritsch\*, Jerry Hummel\*, Rich Luzader

Row 3: Dr. Tom Hartranft, Dick Mickelson, Patti Heischman Boylan, Charles Bartel, Fred Shell, Ted Miller, Joe Ditrick, Susan Barnard Olson, Larry Miller, Tom Martin, Bill Kern\*

Missing - Gary Walker

*\*Designates Jan. Class member*



# In Memoriam - Alumni No Longer With Us



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

## Class

### 1940s

Mary Davis Fitzpatrick, August 14, 2022	1947, Jan
Betty Carroll Abram, November 4, 2022	1947
Nancy Bussart Heckman, October 14, 2022	1949, Jan.

### 1950s

Joann Stevens Laderer, July 1, 2022	1951
Sharon Neibler Kuntz, October 19, 2022	1958
Richard D. Mayhew, October 19, 2022	1953
Robert "Bob" Hummel, October 21, 2022	1956, Jan.
Shirley Hill Kindig, October 29, 2022	1955, Jan.
Richard "Dick" Conrad, October 21, 2022	1955
Robert W. Courtney, September 3, 2022	1956
Diana R. Gregory, August 12, 2022	1958
Vaughn L. Ammon, September 3, 2022	1958
Sue Severns Southworth, June 1, 2022	1955, Jan.
Jack W. Rowley, September 4, 2022	1950
Judy Sims	1958

### 1960s

Micki Coe Weaver	1962
Christopher Canaday, October 14, 2022	1967
James Ray Puckett, October 19, 2022	1961
Diane Schiller Kristoff, November 8, 2022	1960
Monty M. Chase, October 26, 2022	1966
Rita Compton Wickes, October 10, 2022	1962
Mary Thorne Shaw, September 7, 2022	1960

*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.*

## Class

### 1970s

Howard Jones, October 6, 2022	1970
Mike Remy, October 2022	1970
Terry Collins, October 27, 2022	1976
Dianna Williams Collins, July 1996	1976
Robin Townsend, October 30, 2022	1978
Harry C. Andrews, July 2, 2017	1977
Jody McMillen Stewart, November 17, 2022	1973
Lowise Allen Cremeans, October 19, 2022	1972

### 1980s

Darrell A. Finch, July 14, 2022	1990
Louis L. Mason II, March 29, 2022	1985
Robert H. Taylor, November 14, 2022	1983
Michael "Tony" Dane, November 8, 2022	1988
Kamra Broughton, November 13, 2022	1983
Daniel B. Humphrey, November 13, 2022	1985

### 1990s

Gregory Allen May, October 12, 2022	1999
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### 2000s

Quenise ReAnn Barnes, December 29, 2021	2015
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## Friend of Alumni

Diane Deshler Matlock, July 11, 2022
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## Class Reunions - This Summer!

### 1961 Class Reunion

Dear Classmates,

Please consider being on the planning committee that will be functioning soon. Send some thoughts and ideas for having a successful gathering. Let us know if you will be able to attend. Do we want a Friday/Saturday event, daytime plans, or just a Saturday night dinner? Please share your thoughts very soon. Possible reunion date in June 2023.

Judy Warner jwarner43@aol.com, 513-324-0443  
Judy Pagura jpaguramedina@aol.com, 330-723-1646

### 1973 Class Reunion

50th Reunion – Saturday, July 22, 2023

Save the date!

Hollywood Casino

Friday events to be determined.

Images of memorabilia are being collected for the reunion.

Contacts for images:

Kim Hardy at 614-678-0824

Wanda Estepp Ross at 614-570-9899

Vida Fulton Williams at 614-203-9126

## 2022 WHSAA Golf Outing – Addition/Correction

Anyone who has participated in the annual West High School Alumni Association Golf Outing knows it is an enjoyable event with the goal of raising money for our Scholarship Fund. It also takes a number of volunteers to accomplish this. I'm ashamed to admit that I forgot to thank one of my volunteers for his efforts in making last year's outing a success.

Many of you may have recognized this volunteer, Nick Joseph. You may know him as the former owner of a long time west-side business (M & S Carryout – 1970 to 1978), and a very successful former coach of the Bishop Ready Ladies' Softball Teams (1982 through 2011). Nick, along with his brother Jimmy Joseph, also purchased a sign to be placed on the course. Nick is not a West High School alumnus. He (and Jimmy) actually graduated from Eastmoor. But they are good friends and supporters of what the WHS Alumni Association works towards. Thanks Nick, for your help!

Remember, we are always looking for golfers, and volunteers, to make this worthy event a success. Please watch our newsletter and our website ([www.westhighalumni.com](http://www.westhighalumni.com)) for information on next year's outing. God bless and go Cowboys!

**Georgia Martin Ward, Class of 1970**

Golf Outing Chairperson, WHSAA Secretary

# THANK YOU for Your Donations!



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

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Scott Miller '83  
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in memory of Sandra Bukey Turner '59

Ted Miller '60 in memory of Sandra Bukey Turner '59

Jane McIllyar Conrad '59  
in memory of Sandra Bukey Turner '59

David Ewing '57 in memory of Charles Pfaltzgraf, Jan. '58

Dale Elliott '58 in memory of Sandra Bukey Turner '59

Don and Cathy Kuhn Isler '59  
in memory of Sandra Bukey Turner '59

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Suzanne Linebrink '57 in memory of James R. Wilson '56

The Jan. '56 Lunch Group in memory of Janet Evans, Jan. '56

Dianne Krebs, FOA in memory of Dan Krebs '53

Carol Fuller Krontorad, Jan. '56  
in memory of Sue Severns Southworth, Jan. '55

Judy Krouse Lechner, Jan. '56  
in memory of Sue Severns Southworth, Jan. '55

Judy Matson Bline, Jan. '56  
in memory of Sue Severns Southworth, Jan. '55

## THANK YOU for Your General Fund Donation

Robert Pope, 1970

JoAnn Wilson Carter, 1953

## THANK YOU for Your Scholarship Donation

Linda Yaple Wolske, 1952

Walter "Cy" Wolske, 1950

David Brophy, 1955

Vera Adams Robison, 1953

Roberta Ranney Brandstatter, 1958

Antoinette Bellman Allen, 1961

Vera Jean Mincks Ruff, 1957

All 80's Reunion

Marie Stafford, FOA

Bill Lust, 1963

Vida Fulton Williams, 1973

Ed Sensenbrenner, Jan. 1950

Sandra Hauth Burkeen, 1964

Cindy Edwards Lawton, 1972

Nikol Owens, 1997

Nancy Lloyd Laver, 1979

Brad Laver, 1975

Vicki McDermitt Parrish, 1970

## WELCOME New Members

Scott Sheets, 1996

Frances Louise Haynes, 1971

Mark Curtis, 1970

Vicki McDermitt Parrish, 1970

Sandra Hauth Burkeen, 1964

## WELCOME New Life Members

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

Cindy Edwards Lawson, 1972

Antoinette Bellman Allen, 1961

Dean Nichols, 1976



# Update Your Alumni 2023 Calendar!



**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

**January 22, 2023  
Sunday**

**6:00 PM Board Meeting**  
ERA Solutions Realty Office, 3656 Broadway, Grove City 43123

**February 22, 2023  
Wednesday**

**6:00 PM General Meeting - All are welcome!**  
Bella's Pizza, formerly Minelli's,  
3858 Sullivant Ave., Columbus 43228.

**March 4, 2023  
Saturday**

**11:00 AM Florida All-Class Reunion Sarasota Der Dutchman Restaurant**  
Reservation form in this issue.

## *Sara Sampson, continued from page 6*

therapies are now standard procedures and Jordan is part of the early data that substantiated the effectiveness of these.

Volunteering is part of Sara's being. Not only did she continue volunteering for West activities, she began volunteering for her children's activities at school and various sport programs from elementary through high school. For middle and high school soccer teams, she helped with the team meals at school before away games. When her son, Jeremy, played soccer at Capital University, she co-chaired a parents' group that organized the tailgating after games, the snacks and drinks for the bus ride home after away games, as well as the celebratory end of season banquets. At the same time, she became involved with the Hilliard Special Olympics and joined with parents supporting their athletes in sports and social activities.

Sara started her participation with the West High Alumni Association in 2005, by helping Susie Griffith Conrad (Class of 1964) with the Hall of Fame program. She continued helping with the program in various aspects until 2011 when Baileen Gary Dodd Koffel (Class of 1948) asked her to be the Chairperson, a position she has held since that time. Helping with West's graduation ceremony has been another long-term volunteer activity. Since 1975, she has helped a variety of teachers with

this, with her main area of focus being the spacing of graduates in the processional as well as in the recession. As the teachers in charge retired or left, Sara eventually became the director of the entire ceremony in 2006. Even though she retired in 2006, she continued in this position through 2013. However, she was unable to continue in 2014 due to right and left hip replacement surgeries, but was able to help as a verbal consultant.

Sara has been married 35 years to a very supportive and loving husband, Mark Sampson, and they have three amazing sons: Jeremy (Boulder, Colorado), Jordan, and Jason. Through their individuality, they helped her become a better teacher. Her sister, Cathy McPeck (Class of 1974), lives in Palm Springs, California.



**Dan Martin '72**

**Dan Martin, Class of 1972, nominated Sara.**

## **Concession Stand Report**

*By Eli Bowen '74*

The West football season is over! We were supposed to have four home games, but one was cancelled due to the teacher strike. All of the games were on Thursday nights due to the lack of referees. The team put forth good effort but they did not have a good year. Many of the boys were young and had never played ball before this year.

For Thursday night games we did pretty well selling concession stand food. I would like to thank everyone who came out to help: **Greg Large '70, Dave Dobos '73, Georgia Martin Ward '70, Rosalie Martin Williams '72, Alissa Grashel '77, Theresa Fox '76, Nancy Lloyd Laver '79, Debbie Ash Upcroft '74, Steve**

**Scarpitti '74, Jamie Kennard '75, Scott Janney FOA, Stan Bowen '84, Garnet Bowen '79, Carey Bowen FOA, and Chris Bowen FOA.** Special thanks to **Cindi Fleming Rains '78** as this was her first-time volunteering with the Concession stand crew. Thank you to everyone who came out to help and to everyone who came to all of the games.

If you would like to help out with the basketball season, please give me a call at 614-595-2459.

# The Class of '71 50 + 1 Reunion



The Class of '71 50 + 1 Reunion was held at the Heritage Golf Club on August 27, 2022.

Top Row: Danny McVay, Dwight Wolf, Eric Snedecor, Mark Barnes, John Mathias, Cheri Lowe Spring, Mike Koch, Kathy Kientzy Price, Shelley Patterson Lathem, Francis Thompson Haynes, Karen Coleman, Melinda Manyer, Kim Donaldson Armstrong, Betsy Bates Sparks, Donna Goins Fowler, Phyllis Williams Wagner, Cindy Boughton Parliament, Bob Parliament, Marie McGuire Moran, Bobby Fleer, Elinda Wood Rees, Melody Sowers Bartoe, Donna McVay, Leo Gallucci, David Cradle.

Middle Rows: Don Heil, Susie Bower Hoffman, Jim Damopoulos, Roxanne Drone Finley, Susan Smiley Zapara, Tencie Wasem Clarke, Kathy Barnhill Parker, Joanne Miller Morgan, Rick Morgan, Rick Stora, Ron Dick, Janet Penn Bulen, Dave Whatley, Jeff Wilt, Denny Bender, Beverly Pritchard Williams, Jud Murphy, Nancy Lawrence Brown, Jim Brown, Jeff Burton, Jeff Kellner, Holly Brink Horn, Patti Poole, Sheila Lambert Riffey, Steve Finkel.

Front Row: Rachel Asburn Mallory, Kathy Kelly Carlson, Kim King, Jim Kartsimas, Debby Reeves Sisson, Mary Jo Hesselton Stevens, Cindy Ocker Fry, Jim Patterson, Lynn Mers Patterson, Gail Beiber Cope, Teresa Paul Iannaggi, Donna Workman Kimmins, Lynn Stumpf Shanks, Judy Albert Ottney, Jackie Hewitt Sutton, Linda Duey, Lisa Oliver Mannick, Kathy Hunter Carpenter, John Pierce.



# Membership Application

## 2023 Annual Membership Dues Form



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

**Special Gift Newsletter**

During 2023 with your membership renewal you can give an emailed newsletter to a friend with an interest in West High School. Lifetime members may also participate! We think that most people who receive a gift newsletter will join the association. We can double our membership if every current member participates in this special offer! Do your part - it is FREE!

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