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### WEST SEATTLE HIGH SCHOOL

# HALL OF FAME 2025



## Kevin Mason

**Class of 1966**

*Professional Vocalist with 50 Years of Experience*

Kevin Mason's musical career began in 1964, when he formed a West Seattle garage band called The Excells. He later moved up and forward with a band called The Chancellors, who performed at fraternity and sorority dances as well as at band competitions.

It was at a Battle of the Bands, sponsored by local rock radio station KJR, that Kevin was discovered by the popular recording artists The Imperials. After an audition, Kevin was hired and soon embarked on several years of recording, performing and touring under a variety of names, including Rocky & The Riddlers and City Limits, all booked by the legendary NW DJ Pat O'Day, of KJR.

Pat O'Day combined Kevin and the City Limits, with National Acts, The Newbeats, and English Rock star, Ian Whitcom for tours through out Washington in the mid to late 60's.

In 1969 Kevin was Cast into the Broadway Musical "Hair" and toured across the country. Hair was a major hit in the early 70's and was known for songs such as Aquarius, Let the Sunshine In, Easy to be Hard, and Hair. Kevin was considered a principal actor and soloist for hundreds of shows (8 per week!).

After touring the country with Hair, Kevin landed in Seattle in the early 70's and because of his extensive touring experience began working with most of the top NW Rock Music Promoters of the day, North West Releasing, Concerts West,

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## Gary Drobnack

**Class of 1963**

*International Forestry Consultant and Philanthropist*

Gary Drobnack was born in Tacoma WA and spent some time living with his parents in Mount Vernon WA before they moved to Alki in West Seattle where he started kindergarten.

In that kindergarten there were four Gary's, probably all named after western film star Gary Cooper. The teacher got tired of calling out Gary and seeing 4 hands raised. How to sort out and call on who was first? She eventually gave each of the Gary's a Spanish name and Gary Drobnack became known as Paco. That is one of the many nicknames Gary Drobnack acquired given his later work history in many parts of the world.

The Drobnack home was on 64th Ave SW, very close to where the Denny family set themselves up when arriving in Puget Sound. In 1951 the 100th anniversary of that arrival was celebrated, and a time capsule was buried there that will be opened in 2051. Among the contents there is a kindergarten drawing done by Gary of his teddy bear. There are many other items in that capsule including drawings by other West Seattle students. Gary still has that teddy bear and hopes he is around to check out his drawing.

Gary and his family enjoyed Alki beach and Beach Drive. They also went camping in the forest and mountains both in the Olympics and the Cascades. Gary claims his first summit was Mount Pilchuck which was achieved when he was still in his mother's womb. Since then, he has climbed all the Cascade volcanoes in Washington and Oregon as well as some other major peaks in other parts of the world.

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WSHSAA President/  
Chinook Editor  
Karen Seamens  
Dobbs, Class of 1971

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE / LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

My first order of business for this President/Editor message is to offer my profound apologies for the tardy delivery of the 2024 Chinook, which did not go out until after the All-School Reunion (ASR). It was, as they say, a "perfect storm" of (mis) timing. The paper was almost ready to go when Lou Whitaker passed away. Lou, one of our more prominent alums, had to be acknowledged and honored; talk about a "Stop the Presses!" moment! There were a few other alumni deaths which we were able to add during the pause, but those additions wouldn't have changed the outcome. But the final straw: our publisher ran up against unexpected supply chain issues (sound familiar?) and a delivery of paper was delayed, so they had no newsprint in stock to complete the Chinook.

I emailed all of the Class Reps as soon as I could, but it seems not everyone got the word. Again, my great apologies, I know it caused concern.

The other significant order of business before the Board concerns the future of our beloved ASR.

When we applied for our usual reservation of the building for

June 7, 2025, the Seattle School District sucker-punched us (no other word for it) with a **355.5% increase** in the rental fee. This puts the cost for the evening in excess of \$8,000.00.

Presently, John Zitkovich, Carlos Estrada and myself are working on ways to bring down the cost as much as we can for this year, but that probably will not be possible going forward.

This development breaks our hearts, after all these years, but if the annual ASR is to continue to be sustainable, we will need to find another venue for the event, if the district refuses to reconsider.

Any and all ideas/input/help will be thoughtfully and gratefully considered, as we plan for 2026 and beyond. Please let us hear from you as we formulate our plans as best we can.

One bright spot this past year was that two WSHS students came forward to ask the Alumni Assoc to let them become involved! One boy attended a Rep meeting to express to us his dismay that our Hall of Fame was relegated to a back hallway and "covered up by a pile of athletic equipment". This sophomore was not satisfied with the responses he received from the teachers and school office; he would like to enlist the help of other students and find a better, more visible display of West Seattle's

distinguished alums. Of course, he will have our complete support!

Another student also came forward and wanted to see the Alumni Assoc be more involved with the school, attending games, concerts and other student events, as well as stating his hopes that more students can be involved in the ASR.

The level of interest from students themselves is so encouraging!

We welcomed our new Hall of Fame VP, Tom Jensen (class of '66) when he stepped forward to relieve Ted Foss, who has retired to the position of Board Member Emeritus. We owe Ted a huge round of applause and thanks for his many years of work and dedication not just to the Hall of Fame, but to the Alumni Association as a whole.

During this trying year, the Alumni Board has persevered through all (or most) of the obstacles thrown in our path, continuing our battle to retain our Alumni Room (by the way, our nameplate has mysteriously vanished from the door), soldiering on through personal challenges as well, to keep our organization going.

It's been a while since we had a group picture taken, and we still haven't gotten everyone together to take one, so here's what we look like now...come see us at the ASR on June 7th!

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Thank you Ted for your many years of work and dedication, not just to the Hall of Fame, and the Monogram Club, but to the Alumni Association as a whole. Your tireless efforts in support of our alumni are too many to mention, but they have helped shape our WSHSAA into the strong organization we are today.



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### HALL OF FAME

Kevin Mason *Continued from cover*

Pacific Presentations, and the John Bauer Co. Because of his experience with his own touring Kevin was placed in a position of working one on one with many of the leading music stars of the day and ran the Inner Sanctum Private Dressing Room of the Colosseum in Seattle, Portland Oregon, and Vancouver BC. Kevin shared face time working with top Rock & Roll Stars Paul McCartney, George Harrison, Elton John, Led Zeppelin, Mick Jagger and the Rolling Stones, the Eagles, Bad Company, Chicago, Rod Stewart, the Beach Boys, Joni Mitchell, Alice Cooper, Doobie Brothers, Eric Clapton, Carlos Santana, Emerson Lake and Palmer, the Guess Who, and many more.

In 2007, Kevin was one of the featured soloists for the 40 year anniversary of the "Summer of Love Festival" in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco with the original cast of Hair. Performing in front of 150,000 attendees and shared the stage with Taj Mahal, Canned Heat, Jessie Collin Young, Moby Grape, members of the Doors, Doobie Brothers, Blue Cheer, Dan Hicks and the Hot Licks, Jefferson Starship, Mothers of Invention, Barry "the Fish" Melton, Cold Blood, Artie Kornfeld (Producer of Woodstock), Wavy Gravy, and others.

For the 40th anniversary of Woodstock in 2009, in front of 70,000 attendees, Kevin was also a featured soloist on the song "We are the World" during the closing act with the original cast of Hair also in Golden Gate Park San Francisco, and shared the stage with many of the surviving musicians from that original historic event.

During 3 winters in Maui, Hawaii, Kevin was hired to do his Vintage Cocktail Hour (Swank Sinatra vibe in tuxedo) show at the Lahaina Yacht Club on a regular basis, on the waterfront in the heart of Lahaina. Kevin was also invited to be the entertainment for La Chaîne des Rôtisseurs "Best New Chef on Maui" awards dinner. The Chaîne des Rôtisseurs is the world's oldest international gastronomic society, founded in Paris in 1248 for the King of France. A fraternity to produce cuisine befitting of the "Royal Table."

Kevin spent the winter of 2020 in the warmth of Dumaguete Philippines, recording new songs for his Vintage Cocktail Hour show, that brings a renewal to the great songs of the Swank Sinatra Era. Romantic Songs by the past masters of song. Finding inspiration from Nat King Cole, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr, Mel Torme, Bobby Daren, Johnny Mathis, Ray Charles, Elvis, and the magnificent Frank Sinatra, just to name a few of the great Crooners.

Currently 2025, Kevin is based in Port Townsend Washington, a Victorian Seaport Arts Community and performs solo shows for private and public events as well as with his 5 piece dance band "Kevin Mason and the PT All Stars". An annual event called Concerts on the Dock each Summer finds Kevin doing the finale of that series with his band "Kevin Mason & the PT All Stars"

Tailor the music to the audience, is his goal.

Known for a variety of musical styles, such as, energetic Rock and Roll, Blues, and Soul classics, Jazz, and smooth Crooning, Music that makes you want to just listen or get on up and Dance. All styles come from deep in the heart. He sings about Life, Love, Friendship, and the Joy of it all.

Together we can get your Groove On !

### HALL OF FAME

Gary Drobnack *Continued from cover*

After Alki grade school, Gary went to Madison Junior High, and eventually to West Seattle High School where he graduated in 1963. While in junior high school he was very active in sports, especially track, basketball, and football. Gary was a member of the West Seattle football team that beat Ballard 7 to 6 in Memorial Stadium on a cold, freezing day to win the Metro Championship. In the fall of his senior year, he separated his shoulder playing football and missed most of the football season as well as the basketball season.

And then it was about time to start thinking about university. In that effort Gary was fortunate to gain the attention of a Seattle resident and Yale graduate named Hugh Brady of Brady Lumber Company, who devoted his time to helping obtain scholarships for Pacific Northwest students in East Coast schools that were traditionally dominated by students from East Coast boarding schools.

That resulted, in Gary's case, in four years as an undergraduate at Yale University and two years in the Yale University Graduate School of Forestry. He graduated from Yale in 1967 with a Bachelor of Science in Forest Science and was the first undergraduate allowed to take courses at the Yale University Graduate School of Forestry, a school started by Gifford Pinchot. He graduated with a Master of Forestry in 1972, having spent 1969 through 1971 in the US Army before completing his Master of Forestry degree.

Summer work while in high school, and later while in college, was also very rewarding career-wise. Drobnack spent two years working on survey crews and roading on Boundary Dam in northeastern Washington and northern Idaho on the Pend Orielle River. And that dam's powerhouse was built inside a cliff face that had to be drilled and blasted to make room for the generators. Drobnack spent a good part of the second summer underground.

Once Drobnack's forestry and timberlands interests became more widely known at Yale, he was invited to become a summer forestry intern with Weyerhaeuser Company. Yale and the Weyerhaeuser family had strong ties, and Weyerhaeuser kept an eye on students at the Yale Graduate School of Forestry.

Drobnack spent 4 summers as a Weyerhaeuser forestry intern doing logging, timber cruising, and woods engineering.

1973 was Drobnack's first full-time employment year with Weyerhaeuser and he went to work with the Timber Asset Management group based in their new Federal Way Headquarters. That group audited actual performance against annual timber asset management plans in the West and South where most of Weyerhaeuser's US timberlands were located.

Between 1974 and 1978, Drobnack was assigned to go to East Kalimantan, Indonesia and serve as a logging and contract supervisor. He was expected to take his family with him and live in a logging camp upriver from the town of Balikpapan. His daughters were just 2 1/2 and 4 1/2 years old in 1974. Before they went to Indonesia, Gary Drobnack and his wife Manya were sent to an intensive Bahasa Indonesian language course and that helped a lot with their adjustment in a very new foreign environment. After 2 1/2 years in the logging camp, Drobnack and his family were moved to Jakarta, Indonesia. There he became the primary assistant to the Weyerhaeuser Far East Region Vice President. The Weyerhaeuser Far East Region then included the southern Philippines, Sabah, Malaysia and Indonesia. The daughters by then were able to study at the Jakarta International school which is where President Barack Obama spent some time as a student growing up.

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### Hall of Fame Nomination Information

Hall of Fame nomination forms will be accepted anytime until January. Next January, the WSHS Alumni Association Board will review the nominations and select four finalists for the board and Class Reps to vote on at the March meeting. One or two finalists will win the Hall of Fame Award for 2026 and will be notified soon thereafter. Each winner will be honored at the ASR planned for 2026. All nominations received but not selected, will be kept on file and reconsidered for the next year.

### Hall of Fame Nomination Form

The Alumni Association inaugurated the WSHS Hall of Fame in 1986. The nominee should be an outstanding individual noteworthy in their field or community at large. If you would like to nominate an individual for the Hall of Fame, please submit the following form (Please type or print):

**Hall of Fame Nominee**  
I would like to submit the following name for consideration by the West Seattle High School Hall of Fame Committee. I will attach a typed sheet of paper (no more than 1-1/2 pages) explaining my reason(s) for this nomination.

NOMINEE: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADUATION YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_  
If married, please include maiden name

SUBMITTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL TO: WSHS Alumni Association  
Attn: Hall of Fame Committee  
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| George T Wagner (1960)                           | Carl Weer (1973)                                 |
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		Lee Dial (1966).....	Jan Lindtved Grouse (1965)	Tom Johnson (1958).....	Perry Jackson Welch (1958)
		Gary Dobbs (1965).....	Karen Seamens Dobbs (1971)	Nels Kasperson (1964).....	John Koenes (1964)
		Chuck Dowd (1960).....	Albert Furtwangler (1960)	John Kelly III (1938).....	Dave Kelly (1949)
		Bradford G Dubeck (1971).....	Paul Dubeck (1967)	Linda Jeannie Kelly Sy (1963).....	Beth Eldred Davis (1962)
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Paul Mason (1968).....	Ken Carson (1968) & Sally Foster	Ken Schubert (1961).....	Keith Schubert (1959)	Albert Vaux (1965).....	Richard Mickelson (1965)
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Dorothy Mootafes (Teacher).....	Timothy J Ste. Marie (1966)	Herb Smith (Teacher & 1939).....	John W Purvis (1955)	Teresa "Terry" Winters (1971).....	Marilyn Nell Kleyn (1971)
Dorothy Mootafes (Teacher).....	Lorraine Toly (1964)	Herb Smith (Teacher & 1939).....	Lorraine Toly (1964)	Robert "Bob" Yeasting (1951).....	Richard B Sanders (1951)
Dean Morris (1971).....	Mark G Morris (1966)	Kathy Stauch Rouse (1963).....	Margaret Stauch Moorman (1966)	Bob Yeasting (1951).....	Robert Skotheim (1951)
Connie Mullison Nemeth (1953).....	Nickie Nemeth (1978)	Dennis Sweeney (1959).....	Dennis Rasmussen (1959)	Edwin "Rusty" Young (1951).....	Richard B Sanders (1951)

**West Seattle High School Booster Club**

**By Sean Cummings**

Hello WSHS Alumni!

My name is Sean Cummings, and I'm honored to serve as the current president of the West Seattle High School Booster Club. I'm reaching out to introduce myself, share some updates about the Booster Club, and invite you to join us in supporting the next generation of Wildcats!

**First Off, Who is the WS Booster Club?**

The WS Booster Club is a volunteer organization whose primary mission is to support our high school athletic programs and student-athletes. As you know, school district budgets are tight, and there are often financial gaps that need to be filled. The Booster Club steps in to ensure that every team has the resources they need to be successful

We do this by fundraising, providing guidance to coaches and volunteers, and creating a strong support system for our athletes. High school athletics offer incredible opportunities for growth, teamwork, and leadership, and we're committed to making sure every student-athlete can take full advantage of those experiences.

**A Fresh Start for the Booster Club**

The past few years have been challenging for many organizations, including ours. The pandemic created gaps in volunteer engagement, and like many groups, we faced issues with turnover, succession, and burnout.

Last year, a new group of volunteers (myself included) stepped up to join the existing board and bring fresh energy and direction to the Booster Club. With the help of previous board members, we've worked hard to improve the organization's processes, team resources, online presence and community outreach. As part of this reboot, we want to make sure there is a thriving connection between the Boosters and then WSHS Alumni.



Booster Club volunteers to helping with concessions at a sporting event

**Why Your Support Matters**

West Seattle is a special community, and we know that our neighbors are always ready to step up and help. However, it's our job to spread the word and educate the community about the importance of supporting our local high school. The Booster Club is just one piece of the pie—alongside the PTSA, ASB, and the Alumni Association—we all play

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**West Seattle High School Alumni Association ANNUAL DUES / DONATION FORM**

The West Seattle High School Alumni Association is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization. Your gifts may be deductible for income tax purposes. Please check with you tax advisor regarding your individual tax situation.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class of:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide any updates to your contact info (mailing address, home phone, etc.):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Annual Alumni Membership Dues \$ 20.00**

**Operating Fund Donation** (Pays for Alumni Chinook, ASR and many other activities) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Scholarship Fund Donation** (Pays for college tuition support for qualifying graduates) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Millennium Club (\$1,000+)** In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_ Class of: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_ Class of: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Century Club (\$100-\$999)** In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_ Class of: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_



2024 / 2025

# WSHSAA Scholarships

By Sandy Woody DuBuque, Scholarship V. P. Class of '69

This year presented the graduating Class of 2024 with numerous road blocks to their continuing education, with the most impactful of all, the failure to re-launch the online FAFSA portal to complete their application upgrade in a timely fashion. This had a ripple effect, with the colleges faced with upgrades to their scholarship programs that they were not expecting and ultimately affecting WSHSAA's Scholarship awards. We were faced with attempting to distribute the funds we had available to far more students than we have had to in the past. Of the 46 students interviewed the WSHSAA were able to recognize & award 42 students. In some cases the recognition was less than we had hoped, but responsible to our available funding. As always it's a joy to meet and speak with

our wonderful students. Every year the scholarship committee has the honor of representing the Alumni by awarding scholarships to well-deserving students. It's not a responsibility taken lightly.

This year we were able to award 42 new scholarships to students in the Class of 2024, the Louis Strom 3rd year Architectural Student Scholarship and 26 returning students. Our total scholarship awards totaled \$230,000 for the 2024-2025 school year(s).

The following students from the Class of 2024 received scholarships:



Rex Riefel WSHS 2024  
Rex Riefel received a one-time **Clarence & Margaret Duke-Rader Scholarship** to be applied to his first year tuition at **Montana State University**.



Evan Hilgenberg WSHS 2024  
Evan Hilgenberg received a **Ross & Viola Galbreath Scholarship** to be applied to his freshman year tuition at **Western Washington University**. This scholarship is renewable if the criterion of the scholarship is met.



Benjamin Lewis WSHS 2024  
Benjamin Lewis received a **Ross & Viola Galbreath Scholarship** to be applied to his freshman year tuition at the **University of Washington**. This scholarship is renewable if the criterion of the scholarship is met.



Lila Kellison-Miller WSHS 2024  
Lila Kellison-Miller received a **Ross & Viola Galbreath Scholarship** to be applied to her freshman year tuition at the **University of**

Ryan Whitney received a **Ross & Viola Galbreath Scholarship** to be applied to his freshman year tuition at **Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo**. This scholarship is renewable if the criterion of the scholarship is met.



Parker Eley WSHS 2024  
Parker Eley received a **Ross & Viola Galbreath Scholarship** to be applied to his freshman year tuition at **Washington State University**. This scholarship is renewable if the criterion of the scholarship is met.



Clay Kuran WSHS 2024  
Clay Kuran received a one-time **Ross & Viola Galbreath Scholarship** to be applied to his freshman year tuition at **Whitman College**.

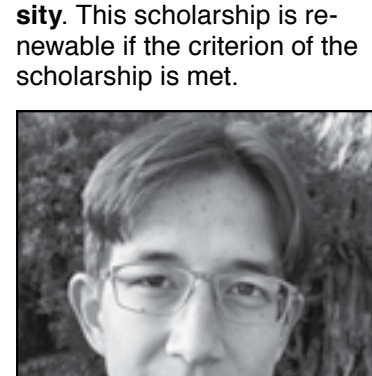


Aurielle Ronda WSHS 2024  
Aurielle Ronda received a **Patricia Feldman Noyes Women in Science Scholarship** to be applied to her freshman year tuition at the **University of Washington**. This scholarship is renewable if the criterion of the scholarship is met.

California-Berkley. This scholarship is renewable if the criterion of the scholarship is met.



Mirabel Fisk WSHS 2024  
Mirabel Fisk received a **Patricia Feldman Noyes Women in Science Scholarship** to be applied to her freshman year tuition at **San Diego State University**. This scholarship is renewable if the criterion of the scholarship is met.



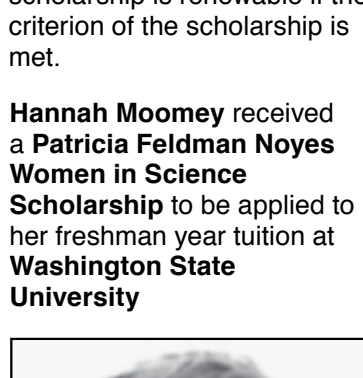
Hannah Moomey received a **Patricia Feldman Noyes Women in Science Scholarship** to be applied to her freshman year tuition at **Washington State University**



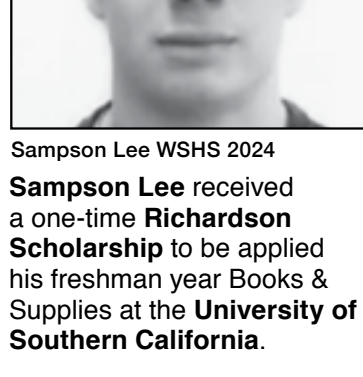
Sampson Lee WSHS 2024  
Sampson Lee received a one-time **Richardson Scholarship** to be applied his freshman year **Books & Supplies** at the **University of Southern California**.



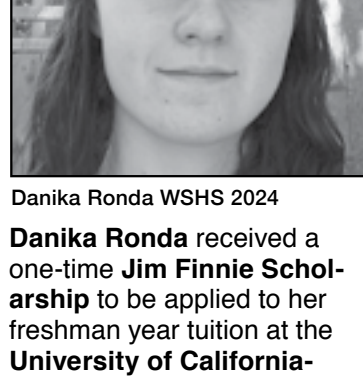
Soledad Norman WSHS 2024  
Soledad Norman received a one-time **WSHSAA Scholarship** to be applied to her freshman year tuition at the **University of California-San Diego**.



Luca Ott WSHS 2024  
Luca Ott received a one-time **WSHSAA Scholarship** to be applied to his freshman year tuition at **Montana State University**.



Sidney Sullivan WSHS 2024  
Sidney Sullivan received a one-time **WSHSAA Scholarship** to be applied to her freshman year tuition at **Oregon State University**.



Danika Ronda WSHS 2024  
Danika Ronda received a one-time **Jim Finnie Scholarship** to be applied to her freshman year tuition at the **University of California-Irvine**.



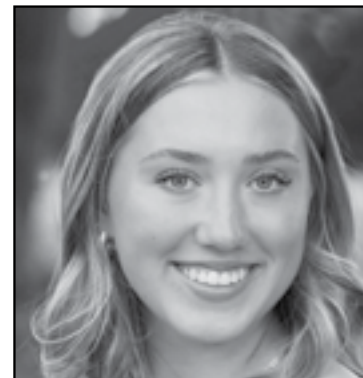
Soledad Norman WSHS 2024  
Soledad Norman received a one-time **WSHSAA Scholarship** to be applied to her freshman year tuition at the **University of California-San Diego**.



Luca Ott WSHS 2024  
Luca Ott received a one-time **WSHSAA Scholarship** to be applied to his freshman year tuition at **Montana State University**.



Sidney Sullivan WSHS 2024  
Sidney Sullivan received a one-time **WSHSAA Scholarship** to be applied to her freshman year tuition at **Oregon State University**.



Ruby Athan WSHS 2024



# WSHSAA Scholarships Continued

Ruby Athan received a one-time **WSHSAA Scholarship** to be applied to her freshman year tuition at **Washington State University**.



Sienna Polaski WSHS 2024  
Sienna Polaski received a one-time **WSHSAA Scholarship** to be applied to her freshman year tuition at **Whitman College**.



Elise Whaley WSHS 2024  
Elise Whaley received a one-time **WSHSAA Scholarship** to be applied to her freshman year tuition at the **University of Tennessee-Knoxville**.



Flynn Wendel WSHS 2024  
Flynn Wendel received a one-time **WSHSAA Scholarship** to be applied to his freshman year tuition at the **Fashion Institute of Technology**.



Deryn Tanaka WSHS 2024  
Deryn Tanaka received a one-time **WSHSAA Scholarship** to be applied to his freshman year tuition at **Washington State University**.

Sienna Polaski received a one-time **WSHSAA Scholarship** to be applied to her



Sienna Polaski WSHS 2024  
Sienna Polaski received a one-time **WSHSAA Scholarship** to be applied to her freshman year tuition at **Whitman College**.



Ruby Kerwin WSHS 2024  
Ruby Kerwin received a one-time **WSHSAA Scholarship** to be applied to her freshman year tuition at the **University of Washington**.



Quinn Dumont WSHS 2024  
Quinn Dumont received a one-time **WSHSAA Scholarship** to be applied to her freshman year tuition at **Reed College**.



Claire Erickson WSHS 2024  
Claire Erickson received a one-time **WSHSAA Scholarship** to be applied to her freshman year tuition at **Bryn Mawr College**.



Phoebe Koh WSHS 2024

Phoebe Koh received a one-time **WSHSAA Scholarship** to be applied to her freshman year tuition at **South Seattle College**.



Noah Shampain WSHS 2024  
Noah Shampain received a one-time **WSHSAA Scholarship** to be applied to his freshman year tuition at **Oregon State University**.



Eva Schneider WSHS 2024  
Eva Schneider received a one-time **WSHSAA Scholarship** to be applied to her freshman year tuition at **Cal-Poly-Pomona**.



Dorothy Dyer WSHS 2024  
Dorothy Dyer received a one-time **WSHSAA Scholarship** to be applied to her freshman year tuition at **Arizona State University**.



Miles Chandler WSHS 2024  
Miles Chandler received a one-time **WSHSAA Scholarship** to be applied to his freshman year tuition at **Washington State University**.

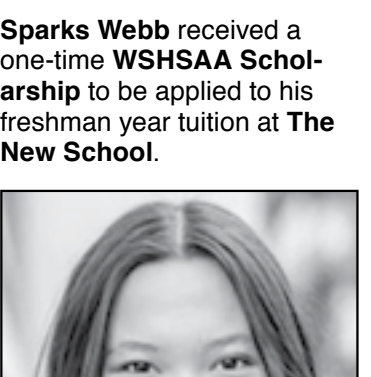
Samuel Waskowski received a one-time **WSHSAA Scholarship** to be applied to his freshman year tuition at **Arizona State University**.



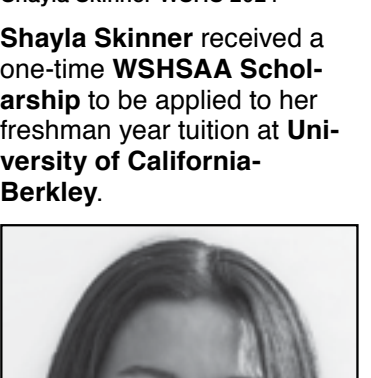
Samuel Waskowski WSHS 2024



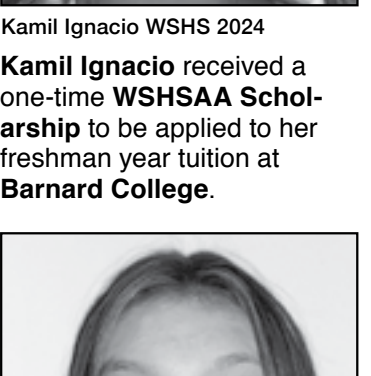
Leah Morgan WSHS 2024



Sparks Webb WSHS 2024  
Sparks Webb received a one-time **WSHSAA Scholarship** to be applied to his freshman year tuition at **The New School**.



Shayla Skinner WSHS 2024  
Shayla Skinner received a one-time **WSHSAA Scholarship** to be applied to her freshman year tuition at **University of California-Berkley**.



Kamil Ignacio WSHS 2024  
Kamil Ignacio received a one-time **WSHSAA Scholarship** to be applied to her freshman year tuition at **Barnard College**.

Sonya Purcell WSHS 2024

Sonya Purcell received a one-time **WSHSAA Scholarship** to be applied to her freshman year tuition at **American University**.



Leah Morgan WSHS 2024  
Leah Morgan received a one-time **WSHSAA Scholarship** to be applied to her freshman year tuition at **University of Maryland**.



Lula Wendel WSHS 2024  
Lula Wendel received a one-time **WSHSAA Scholarship** to be applied to her freshman year tuition at **The New School**.



Nathan Kellison-Miller WSHS 2024  
Nathan Kellison-Miller received a one-time **WSHSAA Scholarship** to be applied to his freshman year tuition at **The New School**.



Rowan Gunther WSHS 2024  
Rowan Gunther received a one-time **WSHSAA Scholarship** to be applied to his freshman year tuition at **San Diego State University**.

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# WSHSAA Scholarships Continued from Page 7



William Jacobs WSHS 2024

**William Jacobs** received a one-time WSHSAA Scholarship to be applied to his freshman year tuition at the University of Washington.



Amelia Creed WSHS 2024

**Amelia Creed** received a one-time WSHSAA Scholarship to be applied to her freshman year tuition at Northeastern University.



Paige Delaney WSHS 2024

**Paige Delaney** received a one-time Louis Strom Scholarship to be applied to her junior year tuition at the University of Washington.

### Returning Scholars Continued...



Cooper Hubbard

**Cooper Hubbard**, Class of 2023 graduate, qualified to receive his ongoing **Ross & Viola Galbreath Scholarship** to be used toward his sophomore year at **Montana State University**.



Teya Sorenson

**Teya Sorenson**, Class of 2022 graduate, qualified to receive her ongoing **West Seattle High School Alumni Association Scholarship** to be used toward her junior year at **Emerson College**.



Siena Draher

**Siena Draher**, Class of 2023 graduate, qualified to receive her second year of a two year **West Seattle High School Alumni Association Scholarship** to be used toward her sophomore year at the **University of Washington**.



Anna Hutchinson

**Anna Hutchinson**, Class of 2023 graduate, qualified to receive her second year of a two year **West Seattle High School Alumni Association Scholarship** to be used toward her sophomore year at the **University of California Berkeley**.



Sadie Strunk

**Sadie Strunk**, Class of 2023 graduate, qualified to receive her second year of a two year **West Seattle High School Alumni Association Scholarship** to be used toward her sophomore year at **Western Washington University**.



Lola Personett

As always, the Alumni Association would like to acknowledge and thank all of the 17,000 Alumni dating back to the Class of 1945. Each of you is very important! Without your

generous donations and continued support, none of these scholarships would be possible.

All students who receive a renewable scholarship must maintain a 3.0 GPA. No renewable scholarship extends beyond four (4) years. The Scholarship application deadline, each year, is April 1st. All future applications will be available on the Alumni Website <http://wshsalumniassociation.org/>.

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### Congratulations to all the Scholarship Winners!

The WSHS Alumni Association would like to extend Congratulations to the Class of 2024!

### Next our 26 Returning Scholars...



Diego Escame-Hedger

**Diego Escame-Hedger**, Class of 2022 graduate, qualified to receive his ongoing **Duke-Rader Scholarship** to be used toward his junior year tuition at **San Diego State University**.



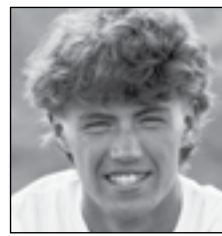
Henry Parker

**Henry Parker**, Class of 2021 graduate, qualified to receive his ongoing **Ross & Viola Galbreath Scholarship** to be used toward his senior year at **California State University**.



Aidan Waller

**Aidan Waller**, Class of 2022 graduate, qualifies to receive his ongoing **Ross & Viola Galbreath Scholarship** to be used toward his junior year at **Montana State University**.



Lachlan Swanson

**Lachlan Swanson**, Class of 2023 graduate, qualified to receive his ongoing **Duke-Rader Scholarship** to be used toward his sophomore year tuition at **Western Washington University**.



Mason Baier

**Mason Baier**, Class of 2021 graduate, qualified to receive his ongoing **Ross & Viola Galbreath Scholarship** to be used toward his senior year at the **University of Washington**.



Ava Lockman

**Ava Lockman**, Class of 2022 graduate, qualified to receive her ongoing **Ross & Viola Galbreath Scholarship** to be used toward her junior year at the **University of Washington**.



Kailey Browne

**Kailey Browne**, Class of 2023 graduate, qualified to receive her ongoing **Ross & Viola Galbreath Scholarship** to be used toward her sophomore year at **San Diego State University**.



Erika Justus

**Erika Justus**, Class of 2022 graduate, qualified to receive her ongoing **West Seattle High School Alumni Association Scholarship** to be used toward her junior year at **Seattle University**.



Cecelia Pfyer

**Cecelia Pfyer**, Class of 2023 graduate, qualified to receive her ongoing **Patricia Feldman-Noyes Women in Science Scholarship** to be used toward her sophomore year at **Western Washington University**.



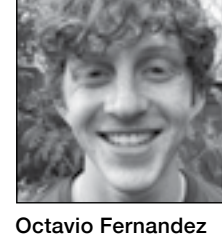
Mervina Ott

**Mervina Ott**, Class of 2023 graduate, qualified to receive her second year of a two year **Freeman Scholarship** to be used toward her sophomore year at the **University of Washington**.



Hannah Bonsack

**Hannah Bonsack**, Class of 2023 graduate, qualified to receive her ongoing **Patricia Feldman-Noyes Women in Science Scholarship** to be used toward her sophomore year at the **University of Portland**.



Octavio Fernandez

**Octavio Fernandez**, Class of 2023 graduate, qualified to receive his second year of a two year **West Seattle High School Alumni Association Scholarship** to be used toward his sophomore year at **Washington State University**.



Zoe Anderson

**Zoe Anderson**, Class of 2021 graduate, qualified to receive her ongoing **Ross & Viola Galbreath Scholarship** to be used toward her senior year at the **University of Washington**.



Samuel Lewis

**Samuel Lewis**, Class of 2022 graduate, qualified to receive his ongoing **Ross & Viola Galbreath Scholarship** and a **Richardson Scholarship** to be used toward his junior year at **Duke University**.



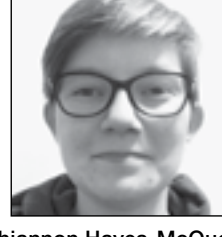
Audrey Baier

**Audrey Baier**, Class of 2023 graduate, qualified to receive her ongoing **Ross & Viola Galbreath Scholarship** to be used toward her sophomore year at the **University of Arizona**.



Ella Richardson

**Ella Richardson**, Class of 2021 graduate, qualified to receive her ongoing **Ross & Viola Galbreath Scholarship** to be used toward her senior year at **Cal Poly SLO**.



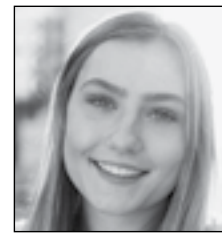
Rhiannon Hayes-McQueen

**Rhiannon Hayes-McQueen**, Class of 2022 graduate, qualified to receive her ongoing **Ross & Viola Galbreath Scholarship** to be used toward her junior year at the **University of Washington**.



Joseph Lee

**Joseph Lee**, Class of 2023 graduate, qualified to receive his ongoing **Ross & Viola Galbreath Scholarship** to be used toward his sophomore year at the **University of Washington**.



Isabel Johnson

**Isabel Johnson**, Class of 2021 graduate, qualified to receive her ongoing **West Seattle High School Alumni Association Scholarship** to be used toward her senior year at the **University of San Francisco**.



Sofia Weber

**Sofia Weber**, Class of 2023 graduate, qualified to receive her second year of a two year **West Seattle High School Alumni Association Scholarship** to be used toward her sophomore year at **Western Washington University**.



# WSHSAA Scholarships Continued

Lola Personett, Class of 2023 graduate, qualified to receive her second year of a two year **West Seattle High School Alumni Association Scholarship** to be used toward her sophomore year at the **University of Washington**.



**Sadie Strunk**, Class of 2023 graduate, qualified to receive her second year of a two year **West Seattle High School Alumni Association Scholarship** to be used toward her sophomore year at **Western Washington University**.

## HALL OF FAME Gary Drobnack Continued from Page 3

In 1979 and for part of 1980, Drobnack worked in Longview WA. Part of this involved logging and raw materials management, but mostly he managed the export log yard, the export log debarker, and the export log dock where the large ships were loaded and sent off to Japan and other Asian ports.

Drobnack was there during the Mount Saint Helens eruption and the beginnings of that salvage operation. He was glad to have climbed mount Saint Helens in 1968, well before the eruption.

Later in 1980, Drobnack was sent back to the Far East, specifically to Hong Kong where he was based between 1980 and 1985. The Hong Kong office was involved in marketing tropical hardwood logs to Japan, Korea and Hong Kong. He also helped with the International Timber Company Indonesia (ITCI) divestment following a breakdown in relations with Weyerhaeuser's Indonesian partners. They didn't want to pay for the shares that they were eligible to buy after 10 years, nor did they want to pay back their share of loans Weyerhaeuser had made to the joint venture. The ITCI issues were successfully resolved and Weyerhaeuser started new investment searches elsewhere in Southeast Asia and the South Pacific.

In late 1985, Drobnack became the international log's marketing manager for Weyerhaeuser to Japan, Korea, China, India and Turkey, but also remain involved in the search for other international timberland investments and international log supplies where Weyerhaeuser could do the marketing.

The geographies Weyerhaeuser looked at expanded to include South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, the Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea and some locations in South America especially parts of Brazil and Uruguay. Successful new investments were made in New Zealand, Australia, and Uruguay and a small project in Brazil.

Between 1999 and 2002 Drobnack was sent to Australia to head up the Green Triangle Forest Products (GTPF) operation and to expand Weyerhaeuser's presence in Australia. Weyerhaeuser was involved in some sawmilling at GTFP, a value-added pine manufacturing operation, and some chip exports. Most of the plantations were in South Australia, but some were in western Victoria. Weyerhaeuser eventually bought some sawmills in New South Wales and a mill in southern Queensland and moved its Australian headquarters from Mount Gambier to Sydney, Australia.

From 2002 to 2006 Drobnack took over as head of the Weyerhaeuser International Timberlands Group and returned to the United States.

There was also an effort, short lived, to look at a joint venture in the Russian Far East. Weyerhaeuser halted that effort when the Soviet Union gave way to the Russian Federation. That involved a bunch of dangerous and greedy oligarchs who did not want an American partner. After threats to their expatriate employees on site, Weyerhaeuser left. Drobnack returned to the United States and retired from Weyerhaeuser in 2006.

Drobnack did a few years of international timber consulting and timber

marketing as an agent for other companies, and he got involved in some projects helping Tanzanian orphans survive the loss of their parents due to HIV-AIDS. The Tanzanian project involved several retired Weyerhaeuser personnel, some of whom also worked for Weyerhaeuser and with Gary in the Far East. The project was called the Mufindi Orphans Project.

For several years after Gary Drobnack's colleague and Yale School of Forestry classmate, Bob Ellis, returned to the Pacific Northwest from Southeast Asia, he was assigned to the Weyerhaeuser Timberlands Operation in Eugene OR where he was the Woods Manager. He found that a less interesting role than what he had experienced overseas. So, he decided to get back into international forestry consulting and packed himself and his family off to Tanzania.

There he hooked up with a British family headed by a gentleman named Geoff Fox whose wife and sons helped him over many years in managing large agricultural plantations in Southern Tanzania near a place called Mufindi. They were also involved in setting up and managing safari operations in various parts of Tanzania. They relied heavily on local villages to provide the labor used on their farms and on their safari operations.

Each day started with an early morning muster, where villagers looking for work showed up and got their assignment for the day. Over time, Geoff Fox started to see fewer and fewer adult males and females showing up for muster and more and more younger kids. He decided to investigate and went to local villages to see what was happening.

What he learned was that many of the older men and older women had been infected by the HIV-AIDS virus and were dying. No one in any of the villages was supposed to talk about that. Understanding the seriousness of the issue, Geoff Fox and his family quickly helped organize efforts to get families and children fed and cared for who had lost their sources of income.

The Fox family appealed to friends in other parts of the world and soon several charitable organizations in Great Britain, Canada, the USA, and other countries got organized. Shortly after this discovery, Bob Ellis, who was planning to retire, moved his family back to the USA and he created a non-profit that was focused on assisting the families, and especially the many orphans, he knew about in the Mufindi region of Tanzania. Gary Drobnack was asked to join Bob Ellis on the US-based Mufindi Orphans Board of Directors, and he did so. Drobnack later became head of the Mufindi Orphans Board when Bob Ellis retired, and he continued to expand fund raising efforts. In addition to appealing to friends, business contacts, and several local Rotary organizations, for donations, one of the more successful fund-raising efforts involved the organization of two Mt. Kilimanjaro climbs. The climbers included some former Weyerhaeuser colleagues of Gary Drobnack as well as members of the Rainier Club in Seattle. Those efforts resulted in donations exceeding \$55,000 that went toward looking after the orphans medically and getting them trained and educated to support themselves and their family members.

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Lucy Cho  
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Mercedes Elena Covarrubias  
Ian Stuart Crane  
Ryan Edward Crovisier  
Amanda Eister  
Rigoberto Espinoza  
Marcus Flowers  
Nadine Fortuin  
Zachary Francis Grace  
Jocelyn Shea Hannon  
Michelle Frances Howerton  
Amber M Hughes  
Jose Antonio Leon Jimenez  
Ryan Michael Johnson  
Rachel Jean Krebs  
Shuk Man Kwok  
Thanh Quang Le  
William Wenhao Lee  
Colton Charles Leighton  
Jimenez Leon  
Shane Frederic Lester  
Hien Thi Lu  
Rebecca M Macaulay  
Michael Mario Martinez  
Zacariah Alexander Mcconnell  
Alexandra Brittany Mcooguan  
Joshua Whitney Mckeehen  
Brandon Kyle Mcnelly  
Shelby Lauren Miller  
Russell Williams  
Shurae Williams  
Alisha Witham  
Paulita Withers  
Mely Wu Buckmeier  
Tsz-Kin Yu

**2001**  
Ben Anderson  
Byron Barnes  
Lily Berry  
Jamar Brown  
Michael Claggett  
Nichole Cook  
Raven Darkskys  
Joey Edwards  
Jerome Finkley  
Derby Joan Garcia Guity  
Nina Gittings

Channrathanak June Tuon  
Kyle Lewis Vasseur  
Garrido Flor Velasco  
Godana Wako  
Lauren Willoughby  
Shanaye Nicole Young

#### 2011

Alora Baletto  
Leslie Barrera-Castellano  
Samuel P Echanove  
Tamam A Gisho  
Kevin Nguyen  
Jesus Pena  
Mckenzie Rainville Barnett  
Devon Rogers  
Hannah T Vickers  
Jordan R Vonerichsen

#### 2016

Owen Brown  
Jose R Campos  
Eduardo Cattaneo  
Anthony D Douglas  
Ally R Finn  
Zachary Gibson  
Hannah Gordon-Kirk  
Birdie Harvey  
Zykalla Hazelwood  
Skyler Hendricks  
Adrianna Herrera  
Alexis “Lexi” Ioane  
Christopher Isaacks  
Taylor Jackson  
Brandon Johnson  
Eryn Johnson  
Chayamin Kaewtippaya  
Samantha “Sami” King  
Jacob Martin  
Andrei Melikoff  
Huda Mubarak  
Meron W Mulu  
Darien Myers  
Lily Bella O’doherly  
Janai Nicole Perry  
Alexus Marie Petersen  
Dominic Leigh Picinic  
Jalyn Monette Rutledge  
Asosa Joriah Sallial  
Petros Tewilde  
Sebestien Thibodeaux  
Makeya Thompson  
Miel Tieng  
Mathew Titaliai  
Julia Torkelson  
Cung Tran  
Priscilla Tuisamatatole  
Ley Keo  
Bouarrien Khouvong  
Hane Khuu  
Promis Kincaid  
Nicole Knight  
Nhim Koth  
Thanh La  
Jennifer Laing  
Lily Lao  
Chi-Kim Le  
Hoang-True Le  
Quoc Le  
Nicholas Lee  
James Lei  
Adrian Lewis  
Carol Lorca  
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Michael Lucas  
Loc Luong  
Luit Luton  
Hai Ly  
Loc Ly  
Phat Ly  
Tito Macgalas  
Wal Mak  
Jay Mammana

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**All classes ending in “1” and “6” are heading for reunion time!**

**Make it easy on your reunion committee by keeping your contact information up to date.**





# CLASS ARTICLES

## WSHS 1961

By Class Rep Gail Gunderson Evans

As I am looking through my multitudinous stack of mail, papers and assorted junk mail, I just came across an envelope from our Alumni Association and, Lo and Behold, there was a missive saying that tomorrow was the deadline for submitting class news! Yikes!

Having just become a widow after almost 59 years of marriage, I feel a little overwhelmed about all of the "what to dos", and yet relieved from the 24/7 caregiving that I gave him these last few years.

I DO plan on writing a class newsletter one of these days, but I will not do it here.

Suffice to say, our class members are still going strong, though we have experienced significant losses in recent years. One of the most frustrating things for me as "class scribe" is the number of moves people make but didn't notify me. You should see the stack of returned mail I have! So many changes!

Many of us are on Facebook, and that seems to be the way many people communicate now. It is quick and easy, but...impersonal. I recognize that there are probably more sensible ways to send news out to people now that we have the Internet, but to me, there is nothing as nice as a hand-addressed envelope with cute seasonal stickers attached. I do have the funds to send out our next very thick, full-of-news epistle, so do look forward to that in the mail later this spring (I hope!).

The last time we were together as a class was in September, 2023 at Bev and Elmo Lewis's lovely mountain retreat; here's who was there: Bev and Elmo of course, and "Moi", Linda Abbenhouse and a new partner, Ron, Mike Heron, Chuck Mill, Bev and Al Hansen, Gerald Smith, Suzanne Jones, Harald Sund, Sharon Roger, Ann Moody, Judy Popich, Pat Cook, Marge Nielsen, Tony d'Aquito, Sherry Bonzon, Denny Kirkland, Adele Drummond, Richard Belton, Kay McLees, Merry Nye, and Sandy Estes. I hope I didn't leave anyone out!

And here is a lengthy list of who I have heard from in recent years: Sue Richardson, Sharon Wilson, Karen Benson, Sharon Roger, Tony d'Aquito, Janet Schuroll, Judy Wuichet, Linda Abbenhouse, Bill Barnet, Tammy Hall, Dave Witzel, Bob and Kathy Young, Rich and Carol Bianchi, June Abnet, Margaret Maginnis, Judy Creevey, Gloria Ufer, Carolyn Johnson, Doug Peterson, Bette Brost, Lew Jones, John Paust, Bob Holert, Merry Nye, Denny Kirkland, Bev and Elmo Lewis, Al and Bev Hanson, George Goddard, Toni Thies, Mark Johnson, Jeri Hatch, Pat Styrwold, Ken Fulton, Mark Johnson, Chuck Jones.

Many letters were returns with no forwarding addresses, so you can see I have my work cut out for me when I next share our news!

I want to give a special shout-out to the following classmates who came to Dick's memorial service on February 1st: Rob Dramer, all the way from Canada, Pat Cook, Kay McLees and Judy Creevey. It means so much to be remembered.

Our class newsletter is an old-fashioned way of remembering ALL of you!

In Appreciation, Gail (Gunderson) Evans, (206) 935-3294

## WSHS 1996

Dana (Rambo) Hopkins, Danielle Johnson & Christine (Ericson) Jones

Check out our innovative 30th reunion plan over in the "Reunion Reminders" section (it's next year, scan the QR code!) and keep up-to-date with our group on Facebook, "WSHS c/o 1996."

The plan includes a joint celebration with the c/o '95 & '97 and alumni-mini-gatherings each year at these annual events: West Seattle 5K (this year on 5/18/25, sign up early to get a t-shirt), the All-School Reunion (this year on 6/7/25) and the Homecoming / Huling Bowl football games (schedules TBD).

Please make sure we have your up-to-date email address to stay in touch!

Your Class Reps,

Dana (Rambo) Hopkins, Danielle Johnson & Christine (Ericson) Jones



## WSHS 1976

By Class Rep Megan Sheppard



Hi guys. Tic toc....Our 50th approacheth! Let me know if you want to lend a hand.

In May of 2024 I was in Redondo Beach to see Bill Lee for the first time in ages. He made lunch for my friend and me and then gave us the grand driving tour of Palos Verdes Estates....good thing, since they are now slipping into the ocean. And later in the summer, Joyce Kumasaka Brooks and I had one of our occasional coffee and scone dates.

Todd Roe Stratton should be retired by the time you read this! More time for runs, dog lovin' and WSHS sports events of all kinds. I swear he is the school's biggest booster....Timera Coates Worthen has her 1st grandbaby, Parker. She says, "I waited a long time for this little blessing!"

Kim Poindexter passed away last summer after a cancer battle. We found out that Christine Carey passed in 2023. And good friend Eric Charbonneau passed at the end of March.

I'm paring down my FB friends list, so don't take it personally if you ask to friend me and I decline. But do stay in touch on the class FB page, where you will find music, memories, fun images and conversations AND the entire ninth grade Madison yearbook scanned in for your sentimental pleasure. In this Chinook you will find the list of our missing classmates. If you have contact info for any of them, let me know so that we can get them looped in for reunion info.

Stay safe out there and keep holding on to the memories (and people!) that bring you joy.



## WSHS 1982

By Class Rep Aly Hallberg

### Awesome crew of '82 turns 60

The West Seattle High School Awesome Crew of 82 turned 60 years old, and had a consolidated Birthday Bash at Tim's Tavern in White Center. There were 45 classmates plus their friends and family that turned out for the birthday bash. Music was provided by classmate Joe Ross and his band, 'Joe Ross and the Bird Watchers', with special guest performances on guitar by classmates Scott May and Pat Tunison. As always, there was dancing, singing, eating, and tons of fun. It's amazing how, after all these years, how the music pulls us together. Nothing beats singing and dancing with high school friends, especially to songs we know, and love. It doesn't matter if we're in tune or completely off-key; it's the shared joy that brings everyone together.

Our class always loved to dance, and this was apparent at our celebration, where you could find Pat Tunison or Lori Christensen Conrath on the patio dance floor, cutting a rug almost every song. Kim Dowie was showing off her dance moves and it showed from the ball room dancing classes that she has taken. It didn't even feel like a workout because it was such fun, until the next day where your unused muscles felt a bit of a pleasant ache from the dance workout.

We had the chance to reconnect and celebrate not just birthdays but also the enduring bonds that have withstood the test of time. The celebration was filled with a mixture of nostalgia, gratitude, and perhaps even a little awe at how far we've all come since our teenage years. For many, it's a chance to relive the laughter and camaraderie that defined our youth while marveling at the paths our lives have taken.

We sang Happy Birthday to ourselves, and everyone received a little Debbie's birthday cake with a candle to blow out. All classmates were given a blue and gold bottlecap souvenir necklace, and many wore "I am sixty glasses" and "Cheers to 60 years" stickers. Some even went home with numerous stickers not knowing how many that ended up on their back side. We also had drawings for some fun gifts - bags, t-shirts, and sweatshirts with 1964 on it, and saber lights.

In celebrating 60, we realize that the friendships forged in high school



Mike Carlson wearing his birthday I am sixty glasses



Alyson Hallberg and Lori Christensen Conrath pose in front of the Happy Birthday sign



Some of the girls of the class



More of the girls of the class



Classmates celebrating their 60th birthday bash at Tim's Tavern



1982 Joe Ross, WSHS '82 and his son Lincoln Ross, WSHS '28 at Tim's Tavern in White Center. Lincoln sat in on the drums for a song with Joe Ross and the Birdwatchers for Mardi Gras

Someone has a lot of stickers, I wonder if they know?



Scott May and Pat Tunison

have grown more meaningful with time. This birthday gathering became a reminder of the power of friendship to bring warmth and joy at every stage of life. Stories from high school days—funny, embarrassing, or heartfelt—are brought back to life, reminding everyone of the experiences we shared. There's something comforting about remembering the past with people who were there and who understand it in a way that others might not. At the same time, this decade provided a chance to honor the lives each has built since high school—careers, families, and personal journeys that make up who we are at 60.

Turning 60 with your classmates is more than just a celebration. It's a moment to cherish both the past and the present, embracing who we've become while honoring where we started. Here's to the next event, filled with health, happiness and friendships.

## WSHS 1960

By Class Rep Beverly Carlsen Jones

### 65 for 60

Hi all. It is reunion time again. This year our class not only has the All-School Reunion but also our 65th reunion. Your reunion committee has been busy planning another fun gathering of classmates on September 18, 2025 at the West Seattle Golf Course, same place as our last reunion. This reunion is planned for visiting and reminiscing. There will be tables filled with appetizers rather than a buffet. Water and coffee will be provided. However, if you want something else to drink, you can purchase it at the club bar. The cost is \$25 per person payable at the door (cash or credit card only, no checks). There will not be any preregistration, just come if you can. We would love to see some classmates that have not attended in the past along with those who have attended. This may be our last reunion. The event will be from 2:00pm until 5:00pm. Hope you can join us.

For some of you this may be the first time you have learned about this event. Earlier this year an email was sent to those classmates that have their email address on file on our class file informing them about this event. Note: the first email had an incorrect date for the event. The correct date as stated in the second email is September 18. We apologize for this oversight (could not be that our eyesight is changing). If you did not receive either email, we either did not have your email address or we have an incorrect one for you. This will be the means used for future information. So, if you want to receive news from your committee, provide your email address to our class representative John Zitkovich at jzitkovich@aol.com or text him at 206-305-9209.

As in past years we have lost some of our classmates as we age. The classmates that we have received notice of their passing since last year are: Marcia Dejong 12/17/2024, Charles Dowd 8/13/2024, Richard (Dick) Marshall 12/29/2024, Dorothy Mead 4/9/2024, Leo Motor 1/5/2024. Refer to the listing for our class in the deceased section of this Chinook for any other notices. Our condolences to their families and friends.

Mark your calendars for September 18 at West Seattle Golf Course. You are welcome to bring a guest. Remember, the cost is only \$25 per person. Hope to see you in September.

## WSHS 1997

By Class Reps Kyle Minaglia & Helen Johnson

I hope you're enjoying this year's Chinook. The class of 1995 & 1996 want to combine forces for our next reunion, so get ready to celebrate a little early at a multi-year gathering in 2026. Check out our plan over in the "Reunion Reminders" section (scan the QR code). Please make sure we have your up-to-date email address to stay in touch!

Your Class Reps,

Kyle Minaglia & Helen Johnson



WSHS 1966

By Class Rep Adelle Hermann Comfort

Annual opening poem, by the inimitable Vinette Meduna Tichi

As we get older, it's time to shred
Some of the clutter inside our head
Fear, doubt, the path to sorrow
Must make room for tomorrow
Free up space inside our brain
So only good things can remain
Loving, kindness, the path to light
Peaceful ways will come to sight
Joy and laughter from our past
Of family and friends, we want to last
Next, we can start inside our house
Removing "stuff"; we will not grouse
The less we have is clear to me
Of just how happy our lives can be.



Vinette Meduna Tichi

Note to classmates: Vinette experienced a brain aneurysm last year which was found accidentally when she went in for a test for another purpose. She is feeling incredibly lucky, and her poem captures that for all of us at this time of our lives!

Hall of Fame!

Our class is so fortunate to have three classmates in the "Hall of Fame". After they have been honored, I inform them that when they become a member of the Hall of Fame, it is a requirement that they write an article every year...ha!

Tom Collier:



Tom's first public appearance in Puyallup, Washington on April 2, 1954 at age 5 on the xylophone. And in 2024 celebrating 70 years 'behind bars'!



2024 marked my last year of "live" public music performances. However, I have been very active in my recording studio working on various projects including finishing up Boomer Vibes album, Volume 3, as well as dealing with 50 years of live and studio recordings that never made it onto a record or CD.

Back to my Boomer Vibes CD projects, Volume 2 was released last year and received international radio airplay (U.S., Canada, Europe, Japan), mostly on NPR and college stations.

The release of Boomer Vibes, Volume 3 will be different in 2025 since it will be a digital-only format on my own label. Since CD sales have nearly disappeared, it didn't make sense to continue with that physical format.

Both Cheryl and I are in excellent health and enjoy meeting up with friends and '66 classmates for dinner or concerts (e.g. Ruthi's Winter Band). Cheryl continues to perform as principal flutist with the Thalia Symphony Orchestra (concerts at Town Hall in Seattle). Finally, thank you, Adelle, for doing a world-class job organizing our class page in the Alumni Chinook!!



Tom and Cheryl

Tom's Bandcamp store link:

https://tomcollier.bandcamp.com

If you want to be on my email list (at most, maybe once a month I'll send something about music activities), send a request to: tomcollier@tomcolliervibes.com

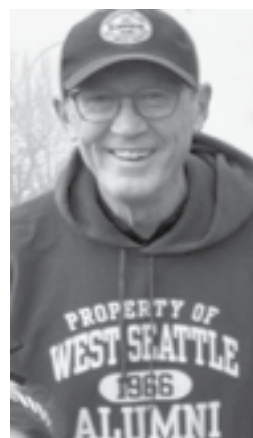
P.S. from Adelle Hermann Comfort: Recently, I, along with Ruthi Sundnes Winter, and her husband Mike; and Patty Jacobsen Spangler and her husband Dick, enjoyed a fun evening of "Dress up Your Own Potato" for dinner at the Collier's lovely home.

I also want to thank Tom, who has steadfastly created music for our departed classmates and posted his music for them on our Facebook pages. Tom, what you do is a blessing.

All of Tom's shows from the last 10+ years are available in the SoulandJazz.com Member's Lounge.

You can read about Tom's amazing life at Tom Collier (musician) - Wikipedia

Dennis Madsen:



Dennis Madsen

"In My Life" John Lennon & Paul McCartney

There are places I remember
All my life, although some have changed
Some forever, not for better
Some have gone and some remain

All these places had their moments
With lovers and friends, I still can recall
Some are dead and some are living
In my life, I've loved them all

Whenever I hear the Beatles, I immediately flashback to times in my life, including 1964, West Seattle. I wasn't lucky enough to experience their Seattle concert, but I love how they fished from their window at the Edgewater Hotel on Elliott Bay!

Finally, 60 years after Beatlemania shook Seattle, I was lucky to explore their British roots. Highlights of our three weeks in England were the spectacular cathedrals, castles, museums, universities, and the White Cliffs of Dover.

As we wandered through the Liverpool neighborhoods where John, Paul, George and Ringo grew-up, we ambled through their lyrics: Strawberry Fields orphanage; the barber shop on Penny Lane; Eleanor Rigby's grave and Father McKenzie's church; and the ferry across the River Mersey.

There were many early bumps along the route to stardom. We visited the recording studio where Decca Records executives refused to sign the Beatles, and famously said, "To be frank, Mr. Epstein, we don't like your boys' sound - groups of guitarists are on the way out."

In London, we visited Savile Row where the Beatles played their infamous rooftop final concert, and we saw the jam studio where Lennon & McCartney gave Mick Jagger & Keith Richards of the Rolling Stones



WSHS 1966 Continued

the lyrics and music for "I Wanna Be Your Man." So much influential music came out of London! David Bowie, Deep Purple, Rolling Stones, Amy Winehouse, Elton John, Phil Collins, Adele... And many American bands formed in London too: Fleetwood Mac, America, and Foreigner.

We can't forget Seattle's own Jimi Hendrix. While in London we discovered the Handel/Hendrix house. I knew that Jimi lived in London but what are the odds that baroque composer Frideric Handel's "Messiah" and electric guitarist Jimi Hendrix' "Purple Haze" would be composed in the same place separated by 200 years?

England has been, and continues to be, a global center for music. There's so much more to England than cathedrals and castles! Our trip to England surfaced many good memories of my time at our alma mater. And it gave me a renewed hope that John Lennon's "Imagine" might one day be our reality.

Imagine no possessions, I wonder if you can
No need for greed or hunger, a brotherhood of man
Imagine all the people sharing all the world

You may say I'm, a dreamer, but I'm not the only one
I hope someday you will join us, and the world will live as one



Dennis and wife Debbie



Tom Jensen

Tom Jensen:

I have been given an assignment by the 1966 Chinook editor to write a short essay on my least favorite subject: Me, Myself and I. I have never been inclined to talk about myself, but here goes.

I figure with the clever use of white space I can fill up this page with a great deal of nothing while talking about people other than myself.

How was my 2024? Seems we are at that age when some of what we experience during any given year is not the greatest. My 2024 started out with my eldest son in California facing recovery from colon cancer.

Now for a PSA. I mention this because those of us with 'kids' probably find they are celebrating 50th birthdays. I would encourage everyone to strongly suggest to your kids that they get a colonoscopy.

What else? The rest of the year was much better. In late March I got a call from a member of the West Seattle H.S. Alumni Hall of Fame Committee telling me that I had been selected for that honor.

June 1, 2024 All School Reunion

A few of us die-hards attended the All School Reunion on Saturday 6/1/24. It was nice that a '65 attendee dropped in to take some photos of us. Even with the few of us, we couldn't herd everyone in one picture all at the same time!



Back row L to R: Mike Yadrick; John McNulty; Mark Stevens; Leland (Lee) Lien; Ed Andrews; Sue Coghill Lindblom; Dave Mansell

Front row: Melodie Vrtnar Rogers; Adelle Hermann Comfort

Back row L to R: John McNulty; Charlaire Chew Jensen (class of '66 and wife of our newest Hall of Fame recipient Tom Jensen); Mark Stevens; Ed Andrews; Leland (Lee) Lien; Tom Jensen (new to our Hall of Fame); Sue Coghill Lindblom; Dave Mansell



Front row: Melodie Vrtnar Rogers; Adelle Hermann Comfort

Adelle Hermann Comfort:

It is a tradition for many who attend the All School Reunion to head to the 'Whiskey West' restaurant (off of Fauntleroy and California Ave) to listen (and dance) to 'The Nightmates'...a beloved band born out of West Seattle. I was not inclined to go to Whiskey West to listen to the Nightmates for the 'after party', but I wanted to spend some time with my dear friends from my sister's class of '65, who traveled with my sis and me to Iceland.

Consider this tradition and save the date of 6/7/25 for the next All School Reunion. It is on the first Saturday of June.

Annual gathering of WSHS Class of '66 on 6/6/24 at 'The Bridge' in West Seattle!

It was another great gathering last year! The weather cooperated yet again.



It was hard to 'corral' this group of 66'ers last year. It was like rounding up a herd of cats! Ha!

Partial group: Back L to R: Leland (Lee) Lien, Linda Rodstol Brice, John McNulty, Doug Stayner (hidden behind Ruthi)

Front (staggered) L to R: Kathy Braymer Shepard, Patty Jacobsen Spangler, Patricia Powell McGuire, Adelle Hermann Comfort, Barbara Waite Cooper, Vicky Beall Hall, Nancy Noble Hammond, Ruthi Sundnes Winter, Melodie Vrtnar Rogers



Barbara Waite Cooper, Marsha Kremen



Colleen Grady (all the way from AZ!); Kathy Braymer Shepard (our inimitable coordinator); Sue Coghill Lindblom



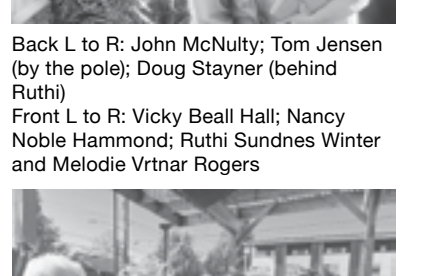
Back L to R: John McNulty; Tom Jensen (by the pole); Doug Stayner (behind Ruthi)



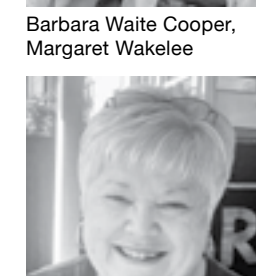
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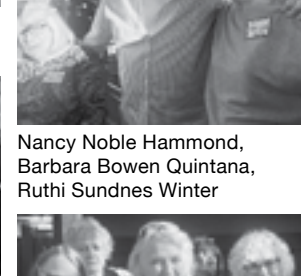
Front L to R: Vicky Beall Hall; Nancy Noble Hammond; Ruthi Sundnes Winter and Melodie Vrtnar Rogers



Nancy Noble Hammond, Barbara Bowen Quintana, Ruthi Sundnes Winter



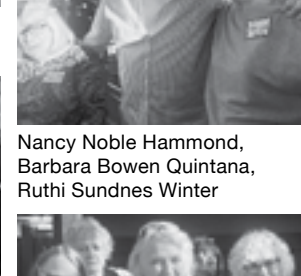
Shirley Ash Tupper



Leland (Lee) Lien, Vicky Beall Hall, John McNulty, Doug Stayner, Tom Jensen



Shared memories of 2024 from our classmates!



Staggered lineup: Marsha Kremen, Sue Coghill Lindblom, Dotty Mahaffey Smith, Colleen Grady, Kathy Braymer Shepard



George Jannison and his wife Ann

You may have been cajoled by me, but I think it was worth it!

WSHS 1966 Continued

Ruthi Sundnes Winter:

Ruthi Sundnes Winter's trip to Spain with her husband Mike:



Ruthi in her 'Norwegian Folk Dress' which she wears frequently when playing for the 'Winter Band'

I didn't have a lot of expectations for my trip to southern Spain last October. I was just thinking... oh it's going to be a nice warm place with beautiful olive trees and good food.. and maybe I would see a flamenco dance and have a nice vacation. But Spain was so much more than that. It was absolutely amazing! The depth of history was something I didn't expect. I didn't realize that Spain was the dominant European power and maintained the largest empire in history. We know about Columbus and his ships, the Nina, the Pinta and the Santa Maria, sailing the ocean blue in 1492. But I didn't realize how powerful Spain was at the time. Also didn't know about the Moors coming from Morocco bringing Islamic culture and ruling southern Spain from 700 BC to 1492. The Moors left beautiful Mosques, and palaces... the most beautiful being the Alhambra in Granada.

I am in contact with our classmate Judy Miller, who has lived in New York ever since college. She told me she also had gone to Spain and been in the same places the month before. We traded pictures of ourselves in exactly the same spot in mosque/cathedral in Cordoba. Déjà vu!



Classmate Judy Miller was here just one month before Ruthi and Mike were there.



How wonderful to keep in touch with our classmates!



Kevin Mason:

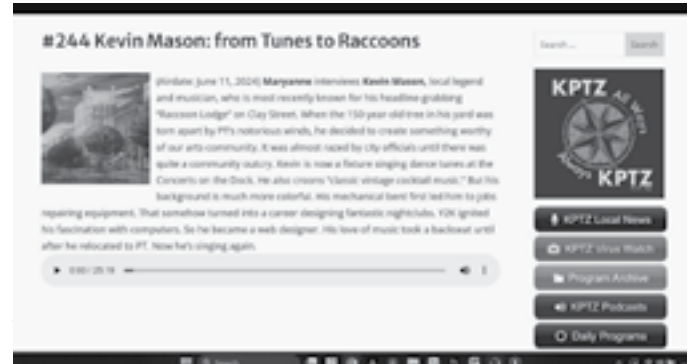


Sharing some pictures of the fun we had throughout the year 2024, in chronological order:



Enjoying the Philippines in March!

After the WSHS All School reunion on June 1, I enjoyed singing with the revered and locally grown 'Nightmates' at Whiskey West in West Seattle!



Port Townsend Film Festival in September. Me with filmmaker Louie Schwartzberg



Enjoying hiking Mt Rainier in October



This is a picture of the Nisqually glacier!



Sold out!! It was a great end to a great year!

Tom Friberg

Tom Friberg's observation on amazing improvements to two significant areas in Seattle:



Tom Friberg

For those classmates who do not live in Seattle, some recent downtown Seattle changes make for great walks, and are way different from when we were in HS. The results of two enormous projects, The Waterfront Overlook Walk, and the 520 Overpass at the Arboretum, resulted in great beautification of these areas.

It was an epic restoration of our waterfront! The failing 'viaduct' had to come down and the ferry terminal needed to be rebuilt. There so many years of planning, construction, horrible traffic diversions and then, finally, restoration to something quite amazing. It took years of massive construction and traffic nightmares...but it was worth it. Taking the passenger ferry from West Seattle to the waterfront is awesome!

The 520 overpass is no ordinary overpass! It features soil berms planted with native grasses, lupines, asters, and more. The berms help mute the sound of freeway traffic passing underneath. Viewing areas at each end of the bridge deck offer vistas of Union Bay and the Arboretum wetlands.



The opening of Overlook Walk connects the city with its waterfront. The new elevated park is a step toward the transformation of the City's Waterfront Seattle Program—the largest collection of civic projects in Seattle since the 1962 World's Fair.



The 520 overpass has a paved path that is 14 feet wide and a bridge that is more than 70 feet long. Also, the old "520 ramp to nowhere" is gone.

Mark Stevens:

Mark Steven's meeting up with classmates!



Mark Stevens

Adelle, as I mentioned at the All-School Reunion last month (note: June of 2024), Dave, Bill, Terry, Joe and I had planned to get together for lunch yesterday (note: July 25, 2024) which we did. Joe was able to bring along Bob Orth to help balance out the lunch table and help with the reminiscing. We all had plenty of WSHS memories to share plus Dave, Bill and Joe remembered classmates and events from their time in Catholic school before they transferred to public school.



The attached picture shows us sitting around the table at Ivar's Salmon House. Seated on the left (front to back) are Dave DuBuque, Bill Brundage and Terry Lettic. Joe Orsucci is across from Terry; Bob Orth is next to Joe and that's me next to Bob. Friends forever!

From Adelle Hermann Comfort:

Having seen this post, below, on John McNulty's personal Facebook page on 1/5/25, I asked John if he would tell us more about the amazing volunteer efforts that he and his wife Victoria are undertaking to care for the marine mammals in Puget Sound. His article follows this copy of his post from 1/5/25. The rescue occurred in October of 2024 even though the release was this year.

John McNulty

January 5 at 11:20 AM



John McNulty

Today Victoria and I attended the release of a Harbor Seal that we had assisted in the rescue off Alki Beach last October 15th where he was found with visible injuries and malnourished. The pup was brought to our sister organization SR3, whose professional staff nursed the pup back to health. These successes are why we continue our work as First Responders with Seal Sitters to monitor the health of our marine mammals in Puget Sound.



WSHS 1966 Continued

Seal Sitter, by John McNulty MY LIFE ON THE BEACH!

After retiring in 2014, I joined my wife Victoria Nelson (Vicki Nelson WSHS 1968) as a beach volunteer and then as a First Responder for the local Seal Sitters Marine Mammal Stranding Network overseen by NOAA. Over the years we have personally responded to numerous harbor seals, elephant seals, harbor porpoises, sea lions, and even a humpback whale beached at the Fauntleroy ferry dock in 2016.

Seal Sitters Marine Mammal Stranding Network (SSMMSN) is an all-volunteer group dedicated to the protection of marine mammals and inspires stewardship of our fragile marine ecosystem. The Seal Sitter organization is comprised of First Responders, Beach Volunteer Schedulers, and a dedicated Hot-line system.

SSMMSN responds to reports of all species of marine mammals, dead or alive, along West Seattle's coastline, including that of the highly industrialized and toxic Duwamish Waterway and Harbor Island. The group provides health and mortality data to government agencies and biologists who monitor seal populations and emerging disease. These animals are considered an indicator species that help marine biologists understand the overall health of our Puget Sound.

Over the years, Seal Sitters First Responders have averaged up to 200+ responses annually to stranded marine mammals. Of those responses, the majority are harbor seal pups trying to warm up and rest on crowded beaches.

As a Seal Sitter First Responder, we strive to protect the resting marine mammal from public intervention. To do this we spend time educating the public on the habits of marine mammals. We have experienced some of the most memorable engagements with the public. For example, some observers were not aware that Puget Sound is salt water. Others wanted to take selfies with the mammals (crazy!). Some wondered why we were protecting harbor seals when they eat salmon. (Harbor seals eat mostly small fish and marine species like squid and herring). When our volunteers are on the beaches with an animal, many neighbors offer chairs, drinks (non-alcoholic of course !!), and conversation.

We have witnessed the joy of watching harbor seal pups resting on the beaches of Alki, Lowman Park and Lincoln Park, and the docks of Don Armeni boat launch. We have also witnessed the sadness of seeing harbor seal pups unable to survive.

To John and Victoria: thank you for your amazing volunteer work in protecting these precious mammals!



John and Victoria (WSHS Class of '66 and class of '68) Firm and Loyal, too!



John shared this photo: Mother (Pearl) and baby (Jam). Love the names! This birth took place on this rock in Constellation Park on our beloved Puget Sound shores of the Alki area of West Seattle. Black and white photos make it hard to see the amazing detail of our beloved Puget Sound mammals.

Classmates getting together whenever we can! Awesome!

We were Brownies together in Troop 1496. Usually, Kristine Davis Sanders joins us but she could not make it in 2024. We have met annually in August for several years when Barbara Cameron Bair comes up from Arizona with her husband and they travel through the



Barbara Waite Cooper, Adelle Hermann Comfort, Melodie Vrtnar Rogers and Barbara Cameron Bair. Friends since kindergarten at Schmitz Park Elementary, with 3 of the 4 of us continuing on to WSHS! (Note: We did not photo shop with 'filters'...the sun blazed through the window and provided the glowing light right when the photo was taken!)



The seal pup, named Sphinx, being released from a crate into Puget Sound! (From Adelle: I captured pictures 'freeze frame' from a video John posted on his Facebook page, so the quality, especially in black and white rather than color, is not great, but wanted to capture the special moment.)

Pacific Northwest. In 2025 we are excited to have other friends from Brownie Troop 1496 join us: Kathy Bullock Peterson will be coming from Canada; Ara Green Knorre will join us; Lynda Kuntz McVay is planning to come and she is hoping Cheryl Lindbom will come, too! Any gals who were members of Brownie Troop 1496 who would like to attend the next annual gathering, let me know at adelle1016@comcast.net And 'Save the Date': 8/28/25, 11:30 AM at Whiskey West restaurant in West Seattle.



Colleen Grady and Sandi Hagopian Powers meeting for lunch in Arizona on 12/22/24. Lovely ladies inside and out!

Bainbridge Island Christmas Gathering 12/6/24

Some comments about the Bainbridge Christmas Gathering from attendees:

From Kathy Braymer Shepard: Ohmygosh Ohmygosh Ohmygosh - what a fun day! The Ladies of 66 had the best day ever on Bainbridge. It was the annual Studio Tour followed by a festive lunch. Oh did we laugh. It was just a great time. And to cap it off, a very special guest joined us. (It was THE Kevin Mason!)

From Vinette Meduna Tichi: Such a wonderful day in Bainbridge with the West Seattle Girls. We still got it! Everyone was in good spirits, happy and full of life! Thanks to Kathy Shepard for organizing. It was fun to see Colleen Grady who came all the way from Arizona. We had a special guest, Kevin Mason, show up. He was pretty brave to sit with us ladies. We did have one "oops". Someone left home with her slippers still on, forgot to change. We won't mention who!

From Linda Rodstol Brice: Great time with longtime friends.

From Alice Cleaveland Kissel: Love the picture! It was really a fun time. So glad I got to attend.

From Colleen Grady: The best day!

For all the pictures you will see, the ladies are wearing matching head bands! They were provided by Colleen Grady. And although you cannot enjoy the colors of the green and red, they were quite fetching...representing leaves and rosettes. There were many 'shoppers' in all of the studios we visited who were enamored with the headbands and commented on them. (Besides being cute, they were also helpful for us to make sure we didn't leave anyone behind! Ha!) Thank you, Colleen!!



Back row l to r: Patty Jacobsen Spangler, Adelle Hermann Comfort, Vinette Meduna Tichi

Long and staggered front row l to r: Marsha Kremen, Barbara Waite Cooper, Nancy Noble Hammond, Sue Armstrong Holmberg, Kathy Braymer Shepard, Kevin Mason, Sheila Pless, Colleen Grady, Alice Cleaveland Kissel, Linda Rodstol Brice, Sharon Newquist Soames, Sue Coghill Lindblom



This picture was taken before Sharon Newquist Soames and Alice Cleaveland Kissel could make it to the event! I cropped this photo so that no one will know who left her PINK FLUFFY SLIPPERS on when she left home.

This is a staggered line of the women attending...l to r: Sue Coghill Lindblom, Barbara Waite Cooper, Adelle Hermann Comfort, Patty Jacobsen Spangler, Kathy Braymer Shepard, Nancy Noble Hammond, Colleen Grady, Vinette Meduna Tichi, Sue Armstrong Holmberg, Sheila Pless



Colleen Grady and Barbara Waite Cooper



Some of the cute décor in Christmas colors which you cannot see in black and white! Ha! Kathy Braymer Shepard made the darling "M and M Candy Dispenser Christmas

Tree ornaments" out of a red cup, a flip tab, and a clear glass ball filled with red, white and green M and M's. Each of us took one home! Kathy is so clever and creative! (I never did figure out how to get the candy out of the opening at the bottom.)



Secret guest Kevin Mason, Adelle Hermann Comfort, Kathy Braymer Shepard

# WSHS 1959

By Class Rep Lynda Moody Hurst

*"Make new friends but keep the old; one is silver the other gold."*

It's a ditty we learned in Girl Scouts, oh so long ago. Our 65th "reunion" August 2024 was an apt reminder of this childhood camp song. About 50 of us gathered at Salty's on Alki on a beautiful August day. Yes, there were canes and walkers, but they were overshadowed by our smiles and hugs and the sweetness of being together with dear childhood friends. Shirley Jutte Jackson came from Texas and Al Bender made it fit into his extended excursion abroad, and we are not sure how Herbert Burke managed to get there from Tacoma. I hadn't seen Butch Jutte or Don Woods in decades! Skip Tebelman was "working the room" with a big smile. It was grand! Thanks to Deronda and Suzanne for doing most of the work to make it all happen!

A picture is worth 1000 words, so enjoy these. They are a glimpse of how much fun we had just being together.

This past year we have received some notification: Most recently from Terri Green that her dear Jerry, husband of 62 years died in January. She also tells us Jerry's friend and fellow classmate Larry Nelson died in February. Both Jerry and Larry were contributors to our Chinook article last year. We previously were advised that Mary Coleman Cretney died last December. We are always saddened when we learn of friends who have passed on, but we celebrate their lives and time with us.

Finally, we continue to encourage you to keep Deronda and myself advised of your new addresses and contact information. You are not forgotten and very important to us.

Blessings! Lynda Moody Hurst



Al Bender, Deronda Blake Stanley, Bernie Carlsen, Suzanne Geisel Lombard



King Kelso, Herbert Burke, Maria Postnikoff Downing



Lynda Moody Hurst, Don Woods, Caroline Barrett Kaeding, Lynette Smith Petrie



Shirley Jutte Jackson (Jerry), Joe Matthews, Bob Hurst (Lynda), Carole Bender (Al), John "Butch" Jutte, Lynda Moody Hurst, Al Bender



Sara Harpster Thomas, Dianne Hoff, Linda Hart McDonnell



John "Butch" Jutte, Lynda Moody Hurst



Bob "Sandy" Chamberlain, Mary Lou Hay Jones

# WSHS 1970

By Class Rep Patricia Kloster

Class of 1970's 55th

It's only been 3 years since our delayed 50th reunion but we're ready to reconnect this summer. While we don't have a specific date or location, we are hoping for a picnic get together either Sunday, August 10th or 17th at Alki or Lincoln Park.

Since our 50th reunion in 2022, some of us have reconnected over breakfasts at The Chelan Cafe and have kept in touch a bit via e-mail. If I don't have your e-mail (i.e., you haven't received an e-mail from me), please send me your email address and I will add you to the Class Listserv!

This past year I have been able to keep in touch with Barbara Vetter, who weathered the LA fires, although she was ready to evacuate (with her cats) if needed. Also, we lost classmate Rick Ritich this past year so I'm glad we had a chance to connect at our reunion in 2022. You also never know when or where you will have a chance meeting with a classmate - I caught up with Larry Daniels at my favorite coffee shop in La Conner this past year. Also living close enough to meet for lunch, Dru(sy) Confer Hill and I met at Calico Cupboard in La Conner and caught up as well. She has been busy illustrating children's books with her daughter Anna Hill. In March this year, Helen Fay Roller, Cathy Andrich Pfau and I spent 5 days on the Oregon coast catching up on life since we were at Alki, Madison and WSHS together.

So, as I mentioned above - e-mail me if I don't have your e-mail address so I can let everyone know details of our 55th reunion this summer!

Cheers, Patricia Kloster  
pkloster52@gmail.com



# WSHS 1964

By Class Rep Muriel Verbon Knapp

Our 60th class reunion held at Salty's on Alki on Friday, May 31st, was a wonderful success. As always, we wish more of our classmates could be attendance but always those who do come are very happy that they did. Reunions are not "just like being in high school," but rather gathering of an amazing variety of people who all have the common bond of having graduated from a common school and having had a common experience of growing up in West Seattle, accomplishing different things in life, becoming improved versions of however we were in high school, and appreciating a confab of simple joy in seeing each other and touching base again. Never be afraid of showing up. You are a valuable and precious person, and you are always welcome to come back and enjoy the company of super people just like you.

I am including the pictures we took at the reunion by grade school. What fun to gather that way. We have decided to gather in the year of our 80th birthdays, which for the purposes of the year we graduated, means 2026. Not sure where, not sure how, not sure what, but we will send out invitations and I always post whatever news there is on our West Seattle High School Class of 1964 Facebook page.



Everyone!

**Lafayette:** Top: Bill Heaton, Suzanne (Francisco) Kramer, Bill Kramer, Lynn (Riley) Hopson, Jennifer Smith, Claudia (Minden) Weisz, Robert Bridges, Roxanne (Hoffman) Wilson  
Bottom: Darcy (Stephens) Dabek, Gloria (Strom) Shawstad, Gary Smith, Samantha Brydges, Don Renbarger



**Jefferson:** Back row: Dan Himmelman, David Little, Tracy Little, Merrill Greenlee, Gary Hollands, Barbara (Hallet) Greenlee, Bill Wilson, Mike Munson ('63), Diane Pollard, Craig Pollard, Janet (Slater) Ashley, Bill Munguia, Laura Nowka, Ron Nowka, Front row: Marsha (Franks) Munson, Judy (Thompson) Wilson, Glenda Braun, Joan (Nygren) Munguia



**Gatewood:** Peter Kwast, Randy Smith, Ron Olsen, Lynda (Snyder) Layman, (front) Maureen (Miner) McLain



**Schmitz Park:** Doug Mill, Muriel (Verbon) Knapp, Susan (Moody) Williams, Diane (Walton) Brush, David Durkoop, James Stuart (yes, he attended three grade schools!)



**Holy Rosary:** Jack Osier, Sharon (Welsch) Cooper, Maureen (Meyers) Vanderpas, Bill Vanderpas



**Alki:** Jamie Stuart, Marlene (Loop) Blessing, Gerry (Schultz) Benedetti, Cathy (Hansen) Solemslie, Gloria (Strom) Shawstad, Laurie (Campbell) Chandler



**Jefferson:** Back row: Dan Himmelman, David Little, Tracy Little, Merrill Greenlee, Gary Hollands, Barbara (Hallet) Greenlee, Bill Wilson, Mike Munson ('63), Diane Pollard, Craig Pollard, Janet (Slater) Ashley, Bill Munguia, Laura Nowka, Ron Nowka, Front row: Marsha (Franks) Munson, Judy (Thompson) Wilson, Glenda Braun, Joan (Nygren) Munguia



**Last to leave:** Top - Janet (Slater) Ashley, Glenda Braun, Greg Duthie, Bottom: Stacia Stratton, Joanne Jugum, Suzanne (Francisco) Kramer

Somehow escaped the school pictures, but I found a candid shot of Charmaine Smith and Robert Hooks. Otherwise, I think we got everyone. If you weren't there, you missed a fun party! Don't miss the next time!

Recently, Robert (Trapp) Freeman contacted me, and we exchanged several emails and had a really fun phone conversation reminiscing about going to see "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World" when it first came out in 1963 and not managing to stay until the end of the movie. I owe him the last half of the movie. He's never seen the end and I've watched that hilarious movie a million times. I can't watch it without thinking of that date. He was a good sport. Robert has lived about an hour south of La Paz in Baja California for 15 years. He originally went there 25 years ago to windsurf and while he gave that up some years ago, he loves his life there. He has permanent residency in Mexico but still owns a home in Ellensburg. He's been able to get in touch with longtime friends since we talked. It's so great to be able to put classmates in touch with each other again. The last reunion he attended was our 50th birthday party (1996), so a 30-year break is long enough to miss out on the fun.



Charmaine Smith and Robert Hooks

It was wonderful to visit with Diane Fasano Herman and husband Craig (Class of 1963) at the sad event of the memorial service of Vicki Herman Vaux (Class of 1965). They have lived in Lake Forest, California for many years. Many West Seattle graduates were in attendance at the memorial service and Diane led everyone in rousing renditions of West Side High School Alma Mater, Oskie Wow Wow, and the University of Washington Bow Down to Washington song. In our years of growing up, most of the houses in our neighborhoods had kids residing in them and many lived in the houses built for the workers hired by Boeing during and after WWII.

Claudia Minden Weisz enjoyed a trip to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida in February. While there she visited with Mimi McInnes Sawabini and Beebe Chafin. Claudia put this picture up on our West Seattle High School Class of 1964 Facebook page. Sweet!

When I learn of classmates passing, and/or their spouse's passing, I put the news up on our Facebook page. This year we have lost Jamie Spracher, Marlene Loop Blessings's partner Roger Mizumori, Barbara Miller Thumma, Gary Bonzon, Bernice Cufey, James Nelson, Joan Nygren Munguia's husband, and Jillayne Podall Swingler Reeder (exchange student from Garfield). Mail was returned to me for Michael Houchen, Carrie Ann Scherf La Counte, Donald Christiansen, Charles R. Dunn, Susan Browne Leach, Daniel R. Osborn, Lora Gross Hart, and Linda Magrann Borchardt.



Beene Chafin, Mimi (McInnes) Sawabini and Claudia (Minden) Weiss

As has been the case for many years, my contact information is: home address - 4030 55th Ave. SW, Seattle, WA 98116; home phone - 206-932-7283; cell phone - 206-890-8868; email - murielknapp@msn.com. Please feel free to contact me any time. I love to talk and catch up with what's happening with you.

# WSHS 1974 50 for 74

By Class Rep Mark Wittman



Wendy Simonds Pugh, Diane Iverson Watkins

Here we are again, approaching the deadline for my only duty as Class Rep...submitting an article for the Alumni edition of The Chinook. This job is exhausting. I can't slack off this year, because it was our 50 year reunion this past May and we've been promised "The Centerfold" to commemorate it.

I'll go out on a limb and say a great time was had by all. Here's a big shout out to "The Committee" who thought outside the box, found the perfect venue, made it super affordable, and pulled it off without a hitch. Hats off to Wayne Senter, Deb Labador Dragovich, Jaci Smith Padman, Sue Brandsrud Lott, Andy Watson, Patricia Murphy Kirk, and Heidi Blaustein Newman. I've been involved in planning a few of these reunions in the past and I personally thought this one was the most casual and the most fun.

We met at Whisky West in the Morgan Junction and it was a mix and mingle affair. Ordering food or drink was optional. Catching up with old and new classmates was mandatory. As is usual at these events, the time passed much too quickly and there were classmates in the accompanying pictures who I never even saw, much less visited with. Of course, for me, the highlight was seeing all my Genesee Hill classmates. I'm guessing a lot of us have a special affinity for those we went from K-12 with.

Thank you to all the Classmates and spouses who took the time and effort to attend. I know reunions aren't everyone's "thing", but it was nice to see a good, enthusiastic turnout. As an added benefit, I'm told that the leftover money from the reunion (\$866) was donated to the West Seattle High School Alumni Association.

The day after the reunion was the All-School Reunion at West Seattle High. I couldn't make it to that, but we were nicely represented by 18 of our classmates. I'm sure they enjoyed roaming the halls and trying to recognize a building that has been extensively modernized in the last 50 years. There had to be some recognizable parts and a lot of memories.

I'm sending as many pictures as I could find to be included with this article. I'm not sure how many they'll allow, so I apologize in advance for any omissions. There wasn't really a way to get one big group shot, so they're all just snapshots of smaller groups.

Before I wrap it up, I would like to acknowledge that we lost Laurie Olsen about a week after the reunion. She'll be missed.



Cindy McGlothern ('75), Nina Emery Mitchell, Sue Grobe Stevens, Heidi Blaustein Newman, Lori Hanning



Teri Rumsey Derr, John Anderson, Nina Emery Mitchell



Glen Boyd, Barry Nelson, Ralph Latham



Tom Herron, Dan Crouch



Jack VanCampen, Heidi Blaustein Newman



Sue Riel Anderson ('75), Cindy McGlothern ('75), Nina Emery Mitchell, Karen Anaka Sprague



Sue Thompson Rowe, Mary Peterson, Cindy McGlothern ('75)



Reunion Committee: Wayne Senter, Deb Labador Dragovich, Jaci Smith Patman, Sue Brandsrud Lott, Andy Watson, Patty Murphy Kirk, Heidi Blaustein Newman



# 50 Year Reunion for 1974



Sue Thompson Rowe, Jeanne Braseth Shockley



Toyoko Kajiyama Sato and Cindy Gillern Miller



Cookie Sparks, Jaci Smith Patman, Jennie Blaustein Toro and Jill Zeller James



John Anderson, Dick Jones, Nina Emery Mitchell



Donna Taylor Heald and Heidi Blaustein Newman



Mary Ellen Mask Dahlberg, Scott Wildi



Debbie Fleetwood Wood, Tom Wood



Glen Boyd, Donna Taylor Heald



Kevin Bywater, Scott Wildi, Chuck Petek



Mary Peterson, Mark Wittman, Cindy Carroll Ridgeway



Lew Dickert, Kristin Dickert, Barry Nelson



Glenn Gracey, Paul Fletcher, Frank Coleman, Gary Benson



Rita Costa, Bob Curtis

## Get Ready 1975! You're Next!

# WSHS 1965

By Class Rep Sue Morton Campbell

### Save the Date!!

West Seattle High School Class of "65" 60th Reunion  
When: Sunday June 8th 2025  
Where: Glen Acres Golf & Country Club  
1000 South 112th Seattle, Wa 98168  
www.glenacres.golf.com  
Time: 1:00pm -5:00pm  
Cost \$20 per person  
Menu: wide selection of Appetizers, No host bar

Please also mark you calendars for the All School Reunion Saturday June 7th 2025 from 4-7 pm at the school.

### News from Elizabeth Becker (Beth)

The French feature film "Rendez-vous Avec Pol Pot" loosely based on my reporting from Cambodia premiered at the Cannes Film Festival. It played to full theaters in France and Cambodia and in festivals around Europe, winning the best film award in Spain. (see related article on page 37)

Translated as "Meeting With Pol Pot" the film will play in a few U.S. theaters this Spring and be available on a streaming service. The reviews have been wonderful. My favorite: "The film received a standing ovation at Debussy Hall, not just for the director and cast but also for a deeply moved Elizabeth Becker herself".

In 2006 Dan & Pattie Boyle ( Anderson ) donated a brick to the Seattle Statue of Liberty Project in Honor of our class. Next time you're at Alki check it out.

W.S.H.S. "Indians"  
Class of 1965

Classmates did get together for a late summer impromptu lunch at Alki. Fun was had by all. Planning to get together again this summer. We have a Facebook page : West Seattle class of '65-50 Year Reunion. Please join to stay connected. We've had this page for 10 years and still going strong.

Let's all celebrate our longtime friendship and connect whenever we can. Wishing everyone a Happy Healthy Fantastic Summer, see you at the beach !!



# WSHS 1958

By Class Rep Audrey Lowdon Tharp

### "We're turning "85" in "25!"

The heart is like a treasure chest that's filled with souvenirs. It is where we find Eighty-five years of friends, smiles and treasured memories.

We are sad to announce the passing of Gary N. Tisdale on February 27th, 2025. We will miss his dedication to our class as our special leader the last six years. Gary was instrumental in establishing the "Bob Hoiem" memorial golf trophy.

On August 5, 2024 eleven golfers played at the West Seattle Golf Course. Thanks to Bob Nuber for organizing this play date! No prize money or trophies this year, just a good time was had by all. Carts were in high demand and golfers moved a little slower but they finished 18 holes before dusk!

Those that played were Bob Nuber, Bill & Joyce Kirlin, Gary Tisdale, Mel Terrana, Tim Joslin, Grady Irvin, Bob Kirchner, Marv Peterson, Terry Soterhou and Rodger Bloom. The foursome of Bob K, Marv, Terry and Rodger finished in first place!

The following have been reported as being deceased since the Chinook article was submitted last February 2024.

- David Broadnax - 2006;
- Donna Hake - 2013;
- Dennis Richter & Claudia Steffin Kauzlaric Elkhart - 2017;
- Rodger Blanton & Maxine Howe Sprinkle - 2019;
- Paul Starhia - 2022;

Gary Costello, Mary Alice Dahl Peterson, Betty Hanrahan Leckband & Larry Reichle - 2023;

Larry Fischer, Stan Kriegel, Nanci Lumbert Olson, Bruce McLaughlin, Darlene Moore MacDonald, Frank Peacocke and Charles Strong - 2024;

Jeannette Barton Perry (no relation to Tim), Tim Perry, Grady Irvin and Gary Tisdale - 2025.

For your information: Total Alumni - 677; Active - 350; Deceased - 272; Lost or No contact 55.

Our committee – Sandy Thompson Aldworth, Linda Rosatto Alvar, John Ellis, Dolores Duzell Johnson, Gary Norman and Audrey Lowdon Tharp get together for lunch several times a year even though no reunions are planned!

Please keep in touch if you have changes to your information or classmates' updates as well! Thanks for your help.

Audrey Lowdon Tharp--Class Rep!  
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# WSHS 1995

Lynda Bui & Andrea Vega

Hello, classmates! Time flies, and this year is our 30th graduation anniversary. The class of 1996 & 1997 want us to join them for our next reunion, so we can act a bit younger and postpone our actual celebration for a multi-year event in 2026. Check out our plan over in the "Reunion Reminders" section of the Chinook (scan the QR code). Glad you found this note; we hope you are doing well. Please make sure we have your up-to-date email address to stay in touch!

Your Class Reps,  
Lynda Bui & Andrea Vega



# WSHS 1967

By Class Rep Helen Verbon Locatelli

It's time once again to send greetings to those of you who graduated in 1967. Hard to believe that was 58 years ago, meaning our 60th is only two years away. Now is a good time to find your old Kimtahs, dust them off and leaf through them to put faces with the names I'll be listing here. We all sort of look the same (in our dreams at least)!

Sadly, we have lost several more classmates this past year: Doug Carlstedt, Bob Haag, Pam Pulver (Honeycutt) and Patti Wunder. Despite the fact that we are all 75 or older now, it's still hard to say goodbye to these dear friends and former classmates. Life is short so we need to make the most of each day and appreciate it.

I would be happy to share news about anyone who would like to contact me and fill me in on what's going on in your life. I can then pass that on in my class letter next year. I'm assuming that most of us have at least a few fellow graduates that we see or hear from throughout the year. All friends are wonderful but there is something extra special about ones we've had for almost our whole lives. I love reminiscing about teachers we had, classes we shared, school dances, clubs, extracurricular activities, music we listened to, special classmates we remember, etc.

I, for one, am so thankful we grew up in the 50's and 60's and graduated in 1967. We were the West Seattle Indians and proud of it. I still remember all the fight songs we used to sing or chant at the football games. "We are the Indians, the mighty, mighty Indians. Everywhere we go, people wanna know, who we are. So we tell um..."; "I N D I A N S, West Side Indians are the best. We're going out to win that game tonight, pep and spirit, gonna show our might. We're gonna yell and scream cuz they're our favorite team, boom, boom, boom."; "We are the Indians of West Side High, we have the team that never says die. We may win or we may lose but we'll never, ever get those blues. We'll never stagger, we'll never fall. We've got the team that's right on the ball. So fight for good old West Side High and join in the victory cry. I da da da da, N da da da, D da da da da, I da da da, A da da da, N da da da, S da da da da Indians!" Those were the days, right?

Attendance at the all-school reunion tends to pale in comparison to the one just for our class I've been hosting here. Not sure why that is. I would again encourage you to try coming to both this year. The all-school will be held on the first Saturday in June, which is on the 7th. I enjoy returning to West Seattle High School and walking around the halls. It's also fun to see alums from other classes. In my case I get to run into all sorts of relatives since so many of us graduated from WSHS in the Gunderson-Carlson clan. We had a pretty small turnout for our class this year as the only other folks I ran into in our designated room were: Danny Lilleness, Harvey Colvin, Jodeen Boessel Rayson and Kevin Mason who seems to float between our class and the class of 1966.

Our own class reunion will be held at my home on Pipe Lake in Maple Valley (21312 SE 265th St) on Sunday, August 24th. I know it might sound like that's way out in the sticks but it's really just a hop, skip and a jump away from wherever you live. Who doesn't love a nice Sunday drive? We will have a potluck and you are welcome to come any time after 1



Deb Lamphere & Carol Weiland Bianco



Margo Scott Roth & Paula Stumph Barlow



Helen Verbon Locatelli & Linda Johnson Bird



Georgann Pasnick, Danny & Mary Lilleness



Linda Johnson Bird & George Reed



Rick & Amy Hebron



Group photo



Group photo



Chef Danny



Kathy Wahl Reinke & Paula Stumph Barlow

## WSHS 1972

By Class Rep Kathie Dempsey Itter

### Catching Up

**Dan & Colleen Carpenter Kord and Alex & Jamie VanBuskirk Bernasconi** spent a month in Northern Italy (Bassano del Grappa, Venice, Milan, Lake Como, Portofino and Lake Orta) with a side trip to Switzerland and Dolomites. They traveled by planes, ship, car, trains and ferries and a gondola (LOL)



Colleen Carpenter Kord and Jamie VanBuskirk Bernasconi



Alex & Jamie VanBuskirk Bernasconi and Dan & Colleen Carpenter Kord



Dan & Colleen Carpenter Kord and Jamie VanBuskirk in Switzerland

We were recently notified by **Rick Manes** of his move to Ferndale to be closer to his children and grandchildren. He absolutely loves the beauty and peacefulness of a small town.

**Gail Paulson Gagner** and husband Cal Gagner celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a wedding party reenactment at their home on Lake Limerick.



L to R: Lynn Paulson Randolph '65, Debbie Beadell Davis '72 (Maid of Honor), Gail Paulson Gagner '72, Cal Gagner '69, Cliff Irvin '69 (Best Man) and Mike Gagner '70



Sue Gamrath Irvin '72 and Cliff Irvin '69 at Gail and Cal's 50th wedding anniversary



Gail Paulson Gagner and Bob Gagner in Cathedral City

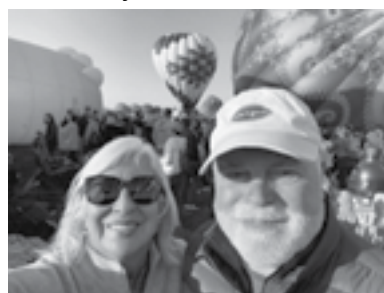
**Bob Gagner:** Hello to the class of '72. It was nice to spend time with Gail '72, brother Cal '69, sister Julie '73 and her husband Jeff and enjoy some nice weather in Cathedral City, CA in February. I'm still living in West Seattle, have one son, a daughter-in-law and granddaughter. I like to travel and see new places and during spring and summer do a lot of fishing with my brother Mike, class of '70. It may be a bit more crowded these days, but West Seattle is still a wonderful place to live!



**Wendy Wright Hobson** and husband Mike went on a wonderful 12-day bus tour of Ireland in August, including the Giants Causeway.

Mike and Wendy Wright Hobson

**David and Christy Young Rowe:** Hello from the South Sound! We are celebrating our 14th year living in Mason County and love it. Life is slower in some ways and busier in others. Dave continues to work in his wood shop, keep our house in tip top shape and help Christy with the yard and landscapes. Christy is the President of the Mason County Master Gardener Foundation and a weekly volunteer working in the Catalyst Food Bank Garden in addition to taking care of our own landscape at home.



Dave & Christy Young Rowe

Lots of travel in 2024. Hawaii and Kauai, El Paso, the Oregon Coast, Santa Fe and Albuquerque, Sunriver, Las Vegas and Ocean Shores. The highlight was getting all our kids and grandkids to meet up with us in Santa Fe, NM to attend the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta – a bucket list item! Second bucket list – historic train trip in Colorado from Durango to Silverton. We had a wonderful three-week road trip, visiting seven states along the way.



The Rowe family

We will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary in the fall and have planned a trip for our family to enjoy more time together.

We see a handful of our classmates and stay in touch with many via email and Facebook. Hope you are all well!

**John C Rice:** I don't know why I'm doing this, but here you go. I took this on my 70th Birthday last June 21st. This is my front yard in Kingston, WA. And I've been here for forty plus years. I really never fit into any of the groups in High School. I had some pretty good buddies, but getting a girl to say Hi in the hallways or getting invited to party's was really slim pickings. I have lived a remarkable life, and I'm still healthy and happy, and retired. I guess I just wanted to check in with y'all and say Hi. Anybody else out there from WSHS class of 72, that wants to check in, if I can do it, it can't be too hard.



John C. Rice

**Help needed:** Christy has decided to no longer serve as a class representative. With Gail living between Lake Limerick and California and Kathie living on Camano, it would be helpful to have a representative who is closer to West Seattle High to attend the All School Reunion and take some photos and perhaps attend some monthly Alumni meetings, which take place at or near the school on Monday evenings from October to June. If you are interested and willing or need more information email Kathie at kathitter@gmail.com.

## WSHS 1978

By Class Reps Denise Dawson Minnerly and Denette Wells



It's been almost 40 years since the picture below was taken. Can you find yourself or recognize anyone?



Hello Classmates:

We hope your 2025 has started off full of love, laughter and happiness!

We wanted to let you know of some fellow classmates that have passed away since the last Chinook was published: Gordon Gracey, Greg Crandall & Daniel Earle ... they will be missed!

Our 50th Reunion is fast approaching. Denette & I are in the early stages of planning a memorable event.

If you have any thoughts or ideas, feel free to contact one of us per our information below.

Until then, enjoy life, stay healthy and hope to see you at the All School Reunion in June!

Sincerely,

Denise Dawson Minnerly – Class Rep “78” (206) 200-3290  
deniserminnerly@gmail.com

Denette Wells– Co-Class Rep “78” (206) 290-3669  
denettew@comcast.net



## WSHS 1966 Continued from page 19

Note: to the women of the class of 1966 who want to join this event: mark your calendars for the first Friday in December every year to join in the fun! More to follow on our Facebook pages:

West Seattle High School Class of 1966

West Seattle High School Women Class of 1966

### Mark your calendars (and other reminders):

**Friday 6/6/25:** for the class of '66 annual gathering at 'The Bridge' in West Seattle. This is the day before the 'All School Reunion' (below).

**Saturday 6/7/25:** All School Reunion at West Seattle High School, 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

**Friday 12/5/25:** A Christmas lunch will be organized 'at some fun place' for the ladies! While we hope that the Bainbridge Island venue will still be available for us to enjoy, watch for future posts on our Facebook pages: West Seattle High School Class of 1966 and West Seattle High School Women Class of 1966.

**Saturday 6/6/26:** on this day in 2026:

- 1.) All School Reunion at WSHS
- 2.) Our 60th Class reunion: time and place to be determined. Watch for more information to be posted on our Facebook pages: West Seattle High School Class of 1966 and West Seattle High School Women Class of 1966.

Please consider paying the WSHS Alumni Association annual dues of \$20. You can also contribute to the Scholarship Fund Account or to the Operating fund by designating this on your check. Donations 'in memory' or 'in honor' of loved ones are also welcome.

Mail your check payable to WSHS Alumni Association and send to:

4742 42nd Ave SW #215, Seattle, WA 981116-4553.

**Our classmates who passed away in 2024...**  
*gone but never forgotten.*

**Judy Rein Heard** 4/5/24

**Tom Rabak** 4/22/24

**Steve Stuard** 6/13/24

**Patrick (Pat) Modrell** 10/1/24



### GRATITUDE! On behalf of all of us:



Thank you to our Class Representative **Melodie Vrtnar Rogers**, who attends the Alumni meetings on our behalf and reports to us about cash on hand, investments, scholarships and Hall of Fame recommendations and so much more. Thank you so much for representing us, Melodie. We appreciate your updates on our FB pages!



Thank you to **Kathy Braymer Shepard** for always being a cheerleader and organizer for events, a guiding light, and the best copy editor and spell checker for our articles!

Thank you to all of the classmates who were willing to help write their stories or help me to compile stories or whom I cajoled to write a story, and you did!!

For those who have not yet joined our Facebook pages, check us out at: West Seattle High School Class of 1966 and West Seattle High School Women Class of 1966

Adelle Hermann Comfort signing off with "Firm and Loyal, too!"

## WSHS 1967 Continued from page 25

PM. Last year those who came were: Danny Lilleness (Mary), Margo Scott Roth, Paula Stumph Barlow, Jodeen Boessel Rayson and son Rocky, Rick Hebron (Amy), Linda Johnson Bird, George Reed (class of '75), Kathy Wahl Reinke (David), Georgann Pasnick, Deb Lamphere, Carol Weiland Bianco, Bob Nessly and Chuck Bess Walley (Johanna). Hope I got all those names right.

One requirement for coming is having to sign my guest book. Sometimes I have trouble deciphering signatures so forgive me if I screwed up your name. Just for the record, and because I'm sure this is info you want to know – I listed those who attended in the order that they signed the guest book. So, a word to the wise. Come to our reunion here next August and be first to sign the guest book and your name will be listed first. It doesn't get much better than that, does it Danny?

Now that I think of it I guess there are two requirements for coming to our class reunion. The second one is that you have to have your photo taken. For reasons I cannot explain I neglected to get a photo of Jodeen and her son, Rocky, at the last reunion. My apologies, Jodeen, but at least you got your name mentioned once again in this article.

I do hope you will try to attend one or both of our reunions this year. I can guarantee smiles and laughter when we get together.

Hope to see YOU soon!



Chuck & Johanna Bess Walley



David Reinke, Bob Nessly & Rick Hebron



Bob Nessly & Helen Verbon Locatelli

## WSHS 1985

By Class Rep Michael Winston

Hello Class of 1985 Alumni!

Believe it or not kids, your 40th High School Class Reunion is right around the corner!

Yes, on the 1st weekend in June, the Class of 1985 will be returning to West Seattle to get together and celebrate. The committee has been planning a series of events scheduled to coincide with the "All Class Reunion" weekend, so please mark your calendars for the following.

**June 6th – Friday Night** event at Tim's Tavern- Ticketed Event Open to the Public with West Seattle's own "The Digressors". Ticket sales have gone live and are only \$11.33 per person, including fees. You can purchase your tickets in advance at: <https://timslivemusic.com/upcoming-shows>

NOTE- As 1985 was the 1st Freshman class at WSHS after 2 decades, please invite any friends or siblings from our neighboring "80's Classmates and Staff". All are welcome!

**June 7th – Saturday (TIME) / Student Car show??**

WSHS All Class Reunion- <https://wshsalumniassociation.org/> Meet up with classmates in the "1985 Room" before heading to.....shh....it's a SECRET.

Shrouded in mystery and soaked in nostalgia, the ultimate 40th Reunion for the Class of 1985 is going underground on Saturday night. This event will be an exclusive, invite-only gathering which will unfold at a classified location known only to those in the know. To gain access, you must utter the secret phrase: "Stayin' Alive in '85." No password, no party. No exceptions. Prepare for a night of covert connections, retro revelations, and possibly... a few dance moves we promised ourselves we'd never do again. You've waited 40 years. Don't blow your cover now!

**June 8th – Sunday**

We will gather one last time for a family friendly outing that will include playing that "new sensation" (HA!) Pickleball, sharing stories, family and food at a location to be determined soon. Bring your yearbooks, photos and be prepared to share your favorite tales!

Updates will be available on our Facebook page: WSHS Class of 1985

**Your \$20 Membership to the West Seattle High School Alumni Association helps bring the Alumni Chinook to your doorstep.**

**Join or renew today**

**complete the membership form on page 5.**

# WSHS 1975

**CLASS OF 1975**  
WEST SEATTLE HIGH SCHOOL  
**50<sup>TH</sup> REUNION BASH**  
SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025  
6PM TO 10PM  
WEST SEATTLE GOLF COURSE  
4470 35<sup>TH</sup> AVE SW SEATTLE, WA 98126

**NO HOST BAR**  
**ITALIAN BUFFET**  
Caesar Salad, Baked Lasagna, Marinated Chicken Breast with Grilled Onions and Bell Peppers, Tortellini with Alfredo Sauce, Bread Sticks, Dessert

**LODGING**  
The Grove West Seattle Inn  
3512 SW Alaska St, Seattle, WA 98126  
Phone: 206-937-9920  
Note: This is the only Hotel/Motel in West Seattle. Directly across the street from the golf course. However, there are numerous B&Bs and VRBOs in the area. Going fast. Book NOW!

**GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
BONUS!!! A 4-Man Scramble golf tournament is now planned for Friday June 6 at Noon, hosted by Glenn Capetola. The cost is \$57 and includes cart. Fee due on June 6, but you must send attendance confirmation by May 29<sup>th</sup> to [lorbar@5012@gmail.com](mailto:lorbar@5012@gmail.com). This info is also posted on the West Seattle High School class of 1975 Facebook Page.

\$60 Admission includes: Buffet, Entertainment and beautifully decorated Ballroom  
\$60 Admission x ( ) attendees = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Golf fee \$57 due Day of Tournament)  
Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Funds will go for classmates who wish to come but cannot afford it)

Funds may be Zelled to Robin Hart Groves, our Treasurer, at [robin.groves@comcast.net](mailto:robin.groves@comcast.net)  
Checks/Money Orders may also be mailed to: P.O. Box 13188 Des Moines, WA 98198  
If sending a check or money order please address to: Robin Groves (not Reunion)  
You will be added to the PAID list and will be sent a confirmation by email ( Please print your email address in case the one we have for you is incorrect. email: \_\_\_\_\_

# WSHS 1963

By Class Rep John Norden

To the West Seattle High School Class of 1963.  
Another year has passed us by and my hope is that you are enjoying life and family. Our celebration of 60 years since we graduated took place on September 25, 2024, a year late but enjoyed by all.  
It's hard to imagine that time has taken us through so much from personal issues to the world as we know it today. Looking back, most of us are turning 80 years old and how does that happen so quickly?  
You have heard me relate to all of you how important the time we had growing up together had and has impacted our lives in many positive ways and we miss those that have passed on which now numbers over 120 of our classmates.  
I haven't started looking at our 70th reunion yet but I will be thinking about it.  
I also want to thank Lea Johnson and Norma Martin Guenthoer for all of the time and effort they put in to reach out to so many of you.  
My best to you all.  
John Norden

# WSHS 1957

By Class Reps Gwen Tatman Fraser and Beverly McMillin

The class of '57 enjoyed a holiday brunch at Glen Acres Golf and Country Club. We will try to organize a late spring or summer event.



Anyone who wants more information please contact:

Gwen Tatman Fraser [gfraser49@msn.com](mailto:gfraser49@msn.com) or [Chochosan@hotmail.com](mailto:Chochosan@hotmail.com)  
Beverly McMillin

# WSHS 1980

By Class Rep Diane Venti

WSHS Class of 1980 45th Reunion  
Sun June 8th 2025 6-9pm  
Kenyon Hall 7904 35th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98126  
Details: Mix & Mingle 6-7pm / Music & dancing by Monty Smith's Band 7-8pm / More Mixing & Mingling 8-9pm  
Light snacks & drinks served.  
Fuller meals can be purchased at the restaurants on either side of Kenyon Hall (The Westy & Locol)  
This event is sponsored by classmates with no charge to attend (although donations to offset costs will be accepted)  
Spread the word!



# WSHS 1971

By Class Rep Jim Biava

OMG!! Has another year passed? We are getting along in the years so we have to do those things that we want to do while we can. Aches and pains be damned.  
It has been said, and I think we all would agree, that we experienced some of the best music ever in the years of our youth. I've never stopped listening to and feeling the music. One song that has a totally different feeling from 1971 to age 71 is Pink Floyd's Time. If you haven't heard it for some time, take a listen now. The lyrics take on a whole different feel.  
Speaking of time, when did you last see and visit with some of our classmates?  
We are sorry to pass on the news of the deaths of four of our classmates in the past year:  
Sue (Thompson) Nokes on 5/18/24  
Chris Johanneson on 5/22/24  
Brad Dubek on 11/25/24  
Barbara (Young) Eager in December 2024  
One thing about our quarterly luncheons is that they give us the chance to share both good news and sad, and to reminisce.  
Some of you may not know about our class luncheons. We started getting together about 8 years ago. We meet 3 times a year for lunch and just to catch up with each other. It is comforting to see that we are not alone with this aging thing that we are all going through. We meet at Endolyne Joe's or sometimes the Chelan Café. The photo was from our last one which was in February at Endolyne Joe's. Our next one is on June 28th at 11:30 at Endolyne Joe's, we hope to see you there!



From the bottom left are: Steve Graunke, Joyce Bellamy Kueschner, Christine Manwaring Burdine, Gary Gunderson, Karen Seamens Dobbs, Gary Williamson (behind Karen), Marilyn Rinker Thurman, Gordon Modin, Bob Alpers standing, Don Hill, Dave Hill, and Mark Minckler. Not pictured: Jim Biava, who was the photographer



# WSHS CLUBS

## West Seattle Monogram Club

By Club President Ted Foss, Class of 1955

The West Seattle Monogram Club was established in 1965 by the late Earl Lewis. Each year the West Seattle Monogram Club, composed of former West Seattle High School varsity athletes, raises money to help graduating West Seattle students (male and female) pursue higher education. To our knowledge, no other public high school in the country has a not-for-profit club made up of former school varsity athletes dedicated to helping current student athletes pay for college.



Back row left to right: Randy Sleight, Ted Foss, Don Conner, Tim Hill, Dick Sleight  
Front row left to right: Randy Wagers, John Norden, Jim Monahan, Kraig Kennedy, Harald Sund, Nancy Sleight

Graduating varsity athletes are invited to apply for a Monogram Scholarship. Unlike most other scholarships, the candidates do not have to be at the top of the class academically. The Scholarship Committee looks for hardworking student athletes who need financial help to pursue a goal of higher education. Specifically, applicants have to be graduating seniors, have a varsity letter or varsity "Monogram" earned in competition, a minimum of 2.5 GPA, and have a thoughtful plan for their post-high school goals. The award is sent to the college or university to offset tuition.

The Club meets at the West Seattle Golf Course Clubhouse; 4470 35th Ave, SW, Seattle WA 98126.

11:00am-12:00pm for social and check in  
12:00pm-12:45pm lunch  
12:45pm-1:30pm program.

Meetings are on the first Tuesday or February, June, October and December. Annual Chinook photographs are taken at the December luncheon. The lunch costs \$16.00 and includes dessert, tax and gratuity. You must make reservations seven days prior to the lunch date. For reservations or more information, please call Don Conner, Treasurer (206) 660-0913, or Ted Foss at (206) 932-5349.

At regular club meetings we catch up with former classmates, and share our athletic experiences that seems to get more impressive with time. We may also hear current and former West Seattle coaches and students talk about the West Seattle athletic programs.

Your annual club membership is \$50.00 and due in 2025.

You may send a check to:

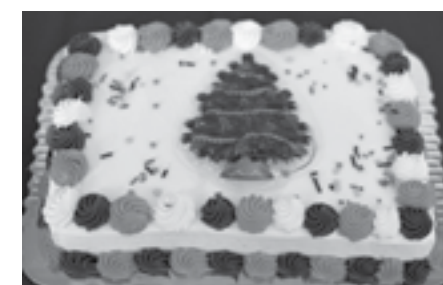
Monogram Club / Don Conner  
P.O. Box 16031, Seattle, Wa. 98116-6031

Donations to the Monogram Club Scholarship Fund can be sent to:

Monogram Scholarship Fund  
P.O. Box 16032, Seattle, Wa. 98116-6031

In closing, stay healthy and enjoy life. Hope to see you soon at the next club meeting!!! Wear your varsity sweater to the club meetings to show spirit and teamwork.

Ted Foss Club President/Secretary Don Conner Club Treasurer



The cake



Ted Foss and Nancy Sleight



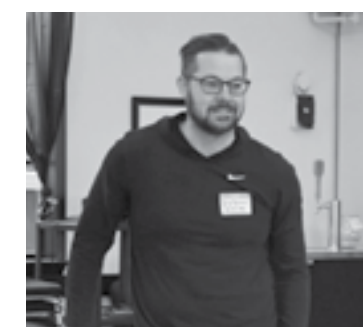
Tim Hill



Buffet lunch



Jim Monahan and Randy Sleight



Corey Sorenson, WSHS Athletic Director



Monogram Club with Corey Sorenson

# WSHS Student Life: Through the Decades

## Track



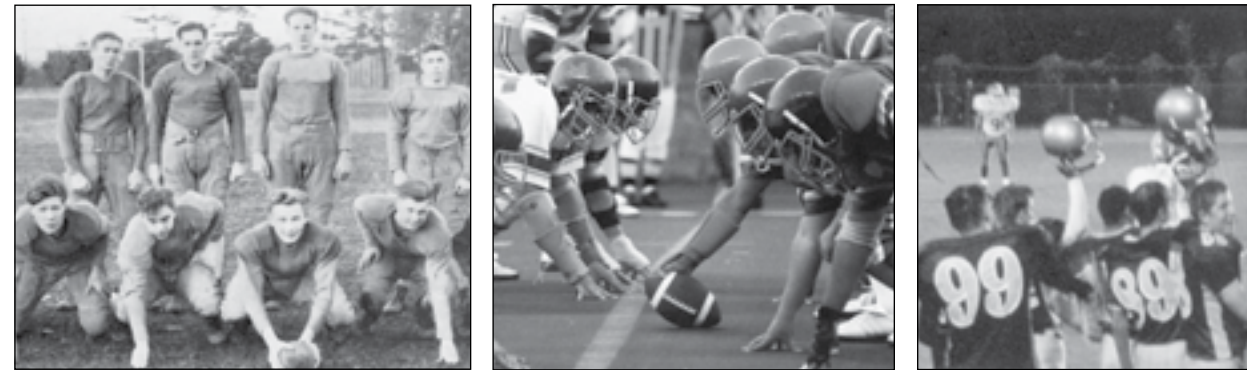
1935 1945 1955 1975

## Cross Country



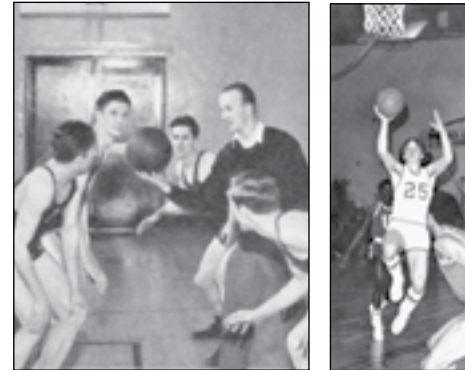
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## Football



1935 1985 2005

## Basketball



1935 1975

## Gymnastics



1975 1985 1995

## Soccer



1973 1985 2005

## Golf



1965 1985 2005

## Tennis



1965 1985 1995

## Baseball and Softball



1925 Baseball 1945 Baseball 1985 Softball

## Ski



1955 1993



# WSHS Student Life: Through the Decades

## Music



1935 Senior Orchestra 1945 Band 1965 Choir



1975 Orchestra and Chamber Choir 1985 1995 Guitar 2005 Band

## Drama



The opera this year was "The Gypsy Rose" by Dodge and Dodge. It is the story of an English nobleman's son, who had been kidnapped, when an infant, by a band of gypsies. Later he returns to win the girl he loves.

1925 Opera *The Gypsy Rose*

1935 *Peggy and the Pirate*

1945 *The Bishop Misbehaves*



1955 *Lo and Behold*



1965 *Tom Jones*



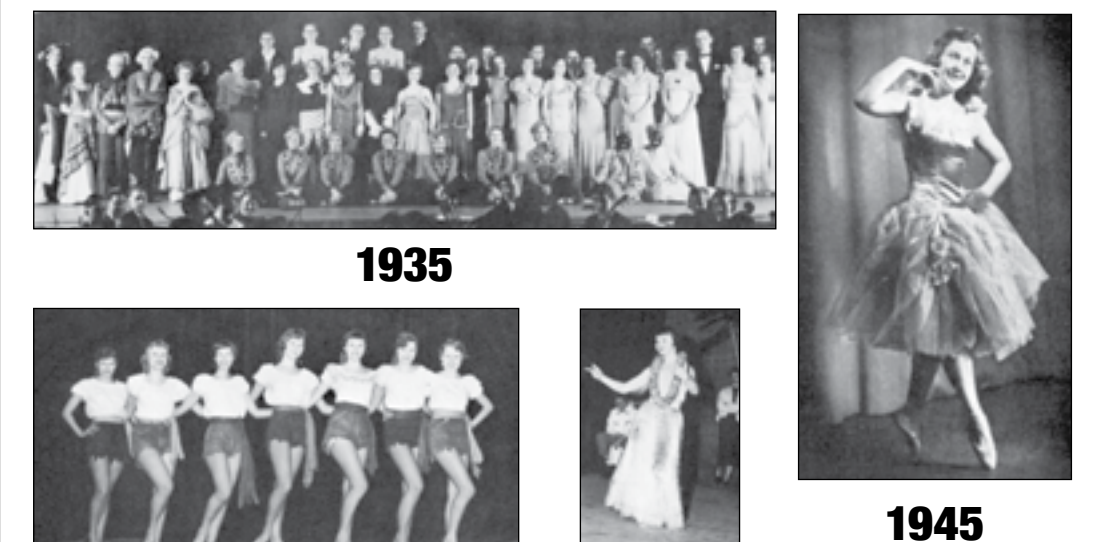
1973 *Man of La Mancha*

## Prom and Dance



1965 2005

## Talent Show



1935

1955 1965

1945

# WSHS Student Life: Through the Decades

## Classes and Clubs



1945 Panamerican Club



1955 Girl's Glee Club



1975 Weaving



2005 Science

## Yell Squad / Cheer



1925 Yell Leaders



1935 Yell Squad



1965 Song & Yell



1975 Cheer



1985 Cheer



2005 Cheer

## Basketball Champions



Feb. 28  
Basketball banquet is given by the W. S. Commercial Club in honor of our champions. Good eats, good program and a fine time was had by all.



1925

## Homecoming



1975



1985



1995



2005

## Student Life



1925



1935



1945



1955



1965



1975



1985



1995



2005



# OBITUARIES

## Robert (Bob) Estep

Class of 1948

Robert Estep passed peacefully on November 16, 2024 at the age of 93, into the presence of his Lord and Savior. Bob was a lifelong resident of West Seattle and one of six children. He graduated from West Seattle High School in 1948 and joined the US Navy soon after. He served on the USS Norton Sound as a Radioman, Third Class, during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged in 1951, where he returned to West Seattle and married his high school sweetheart and started a family.



Bob Estep 1931-2024

Bob enjoyed a decades long career at the Boeing Company until his retirement in 1991. During his time at Boeing, he served on the board of the Boeing Management Association and was part of the team that moved the Red Barn up the Duwamish River to its current location at the Museum of Flight.

Bob and his wife were long time members of West Side Presbyterian Church where he served as a Deacon and Elder. Later in life, they attended University Presbyterian Church.

Bobs many hobbies included bicycling, golfing, walking, and in his later years, played recreational volleyball with other seniors at a local community center. He undertook a self-imposed mission of finding, walking, and mapping every outdoor public stairway in West Seattle. His efforts were featured in a March 5, 2010 edition of the West Seattle Herald.

At the age of 40, his family gave him a bicycle and he started a tradition of cycling his age in miles each year on his birthday, taking his last ride at the age of 80. He participated in the Chilly Hilly, STP ride, and the Heart Fund Ride in 1976 and 1978. As an avid walker, he participated in several 3 day cancer walks in honor and support of his wife.

The West Seattle YMCA was also a special part of his life. Bob started going to the Y as a young boy in 1940. There he would swim, attend community dinners and played on the Y basketball team along with one of his brothers. As an adult, Bob and his wife participated in the Active Older Adults fitness classes, forming long-lasting friendships. Bob also taught the AARP Safe Driving course at the Y for 15 years.

For most of his retirement years, Bob and his wife would spend the month of October on Maui. Over the years they developed another group of close friends that became their Maui family.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife of over 50 years, and youngest daughter. He is survived by 3 children, 5 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild, a sister and numerous nieces and nephews.

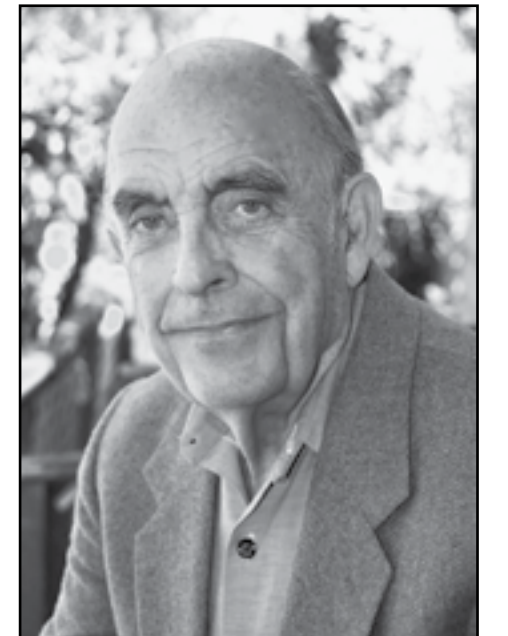
Although a quiet and private man, he will be remembered for his deep faith and kind soul who was always looking for ways to help others. He loved his family and friends deeply.

The family would like to express their deep gratitude to Florence of Seattle for their exceptional care and support they provided Robert for the past 2 and 1/2 years.

## Jay Murray

Class of 1955 - Past President WSHS Alumni Association  
Photographer of All Things West Seattle

Jay M. Murray, lifelong resident of West Seattle, class of 1955, passed away peacefully at his family's mountain retreat in Silverton, WA, on Friday, March 7th, 2025, just shy of his 89th birthday. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Joanne (McCarthy) Murray; his son Vern Murray (Jenny); daughter Meredith (Murray) Blache; and five grandchildren: Renee (Erik), Mercedes, Fiadh, Matthew and August.



Jay M. Murray

Born April 24, 1936, to Clarence and LaVerne Murray, of West Seattle, Jay was the third child with two older sisters, Joy Humphreys and Jane Keitges, who preceded him in death.

Sworn in to the US Army by his father on his 17th birthday, Jay served in the Army Reserves until called to active duty in 1956, after which he continued in the reserves. Called again to active duty deployments at MacDill Air Force Base in Florida; and Kuwait during Desert Shield/Desert Storm; and Somalia during Operation Restore Hope. He served a total of 43 years, retiring in 1996 with the rank of Chief Warrant Officer.



Jay and Joanne

He met and married the love of his life Joanne McCarthy in 1958, welcoming Vern in 1961 and Meredith in 1963.

Jay had long enjoyed photography as a hobby, building a darkroom and make-shift studio at home, before buying an established photography studio in the West Seattle Junction in 1966 which would become Murray's Photography. Many alumni are familiar with Jay's photography from their senior portraits, wedding, family, and reunion group photos.

Active in several local, state, and national professional organizations, Jay was proud to be recognized as a Photographic Craftsman by the Professional Photographers of America, and Fellow of Photography by the Professional Photographers of Washington.

Jay was also involved many West Seattle organizations including West Seattle Hi-Yu, the Junction Merchants Association, West Seattle Rotary, West Seattle High School Alumni Association, and Admiral United Church of Christ. A lover of music, he sang in his church choir and barbershop groups.

Jay and Joanne enjoyed spending time traveling and enjoying the great outdoors, from the mountains to the sea. Both avid skiers, they joined Sahalie Ski Club at Snoqualmie Pass in 1961. They also enjoyed Whistler and Blackcomb where he celebrated his 83rd birthday skiing with three generations of family. He and Joanne traveled to Hawaii almost every year. The beaches at Bellows Field on Oahu were especially cherished.

## Joseph R. Nokes

Class of 1969



Joe Nokes

Joseph "Joe" Robert Nokes passed away peacefully at St. Joseph's Hospital in Tacoma, Washington on December 4, 2024, at the age of 74, after a long battle with colon cancer.

Affectionately called Joe, Joey, or Joe Bob, he as born a twin in Seattle, Washington May 28, 1950, to Della & George Nokes Sr. Joe grew up in West Seattle and graduated from West Seattle High School in 1969. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers George Jr., Jim, and John.

Joe worked for more than 30 years for Auto Processing and then Distribution Auto Services in Seattle. Joe retired when the company

closed in 2001. He moved to his home at Lake Limerick in 2003. He then started working at the Little Creek Casino as a security guard. He also worked at the 40et8 veterans' club as a karaoke disc jockey.

Joe was a golfer and an avid Mariners, Huskies, Seahawks, and Kraken fan. He was a member of the 1980 National Championship Peterbilt fastpitch softball team that just recently was inducted into the 2024 Softball Hall of Fame in Oklahoma.

Joe is survived by a daughter, Jennifer Henderson (Ron); a son, Scott Nokes (Amanda); granddaughters Katelyn and Bailee Nokes and Reese Henderson; his twin brother Jerry Nokes (Sheila); sister Renie Dyson (Dean); sister-in-law Debbie Nokes; and many nieces and nephews.

## Rick Fitch

Class of 1972



Rick Fitch



Liane Leveque Fitch

Rick Fitch was born on February 12, 1954, and grew up in West Seattle and lived in the Alki neighborhood. He attended Alki Elementary school and James Madison Junior High School. In high school at West Seattle, he was very involved in the music program and played the upright bass in the school orchestra and the bass guitar in the stage band. He also helped with the summer music program. Another subject Rick focused on was Electronics classes which helped to clarify the direction he would take later.

After high school, Rick spent two years at North Seattle Community College studying Electronics Technology and graduated with his certificate. While in high school, he met me, Liane Leveque Fitch and we became high school sweethearts. We were also part of the youth group at West Seattle Assembly of God church. I had considered going in the Navy with the hope of getting my education paid for, but Rick was not in favor of that idea. So, we agreed that when Rick graduated from college we would be married. Accordingly, we were married on September 6, 1974.

During the first few years, Rick worked for a few different companies as an electronics technician. Then he started working for a small company by the name of ATL (Advanced Technology Laboratories.) ATL designed and manufactured diagnostic ultrasound equipment. After a few years, ATL was purchased by Philips and became part of an international company. Over the 30 years that Rick worked for Philips, he moved into various positions within the company that took him more in the direction of computer programming, another long held interest of his. After working for Philips for 30 years Rick left the company and looked for another position that would allow him to use the unique skillset he possessed. After some time, he went to work for HealthPoint in Renton within the Information services department. He wrote programs and customized reports from within the electronic medical record; Next Gen for doctors and others to use within the company.

Rick and I were married for 47 years, and we have four sons and one daughter and seven grandchildren. Rick and I have always been involved in our church activities together with our family. Rick had taught Sunday School for many years and just retired from teaching Sunday School in September of 2020. He began to have some unusual symptoms and upon investigation, he was diagnosed with Glioblastoma at stage 4. After a course of radiation and Chemotherapy, we made the decision for him to go on Hospice. Rick passed away July 7, 2022, not two years from his cancer diagnosis. He was my Soulmate. He loved our children and grandchildren and was a very much-loved Dad and Grandfather. Rick and I both, have loved God and given Him our lives from our teenage years throughout the years of our marriage. We have experienced many things in life together, and God has done miracles with us and for us. I know that I will see him again one day.

Liane Leveque Fitch

## Jeff W. McLellan

Class of 1972



Jeff McLellan

Jeff W. McLellan of West Seattle passed away in his home on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at the age of 68.

Jeff was born on April 9, 1953, in Seattle, Washington to parents Bruce and Kay McLellan. He is survived by his two sons and daughter, Kelly McLellan, Taylor McLellan and Dayna McLellan and his siblings, Brian McLellan, and Gayle Liebowitz.

Jeff grew up in West Seattle and graduated from West Seattle High School, where he played football. Jeff was a lover of all sports, especially football, NASCAR, and hydroplane racing. Jeff was known to be the life of the party and made sure that everyone around him was having a good time. He was humorous, had a big heart and loved everyone.

## Aurora Stella Valentinetti

Class of 1939 - Puppeteer, University Professor, WSHS Hall of Fame



Aurora Stella Valentinetti  
1939 Senior Picture

Aurora Stella Valentinetti, known to her family as Zizi LaLa, passed away on July 22, 2022, in Wenatchee, WA. Just days after celebrating her 101st birthday, Zizi had a fall, fracturing her hip. Our Dear Lord called her home to reunite with so many dear family and friends who had gone before her. She is back with her beloved parents, her brother Raymond, and her two sisters, Delia and Dora, reuniting the "Dolly Sisters" once again.

If someone wrote a biography about Aurora, it could be called It's a Wonderful Life (if that title wasn't already taken). She was a skilled stage performer and the university puppetry professor from the early forties to her retirement in 1992. She performed at the Showboat Theater, St. Mark's Cathedral, and at Bumbershoot, to name just a few. She even had her own "Puppet Playhouse" on KCTS-TV, Channel 9.

She was born in West Seattle to parents who immigrated from Italy, two years before she was born. She graduated from West Seattle High School and then started an association with the University of Washington that lasted over 50 years. The association first started with her as a student at the UW. Through her career, Aurora was able to successfully work in four separate, yet closely related, fields as a professional singer, puppeteer, director of community theaters and their allied activities, and professor of speech, children's theater and puppetry at the University of Washington. Her legacy as an educator was acknowledged when she was the recipient of the 2018 Distinguished Teaching Legacy Award which recognizes UW teachers who inspired and influenced their students both in and out of the classroom. Her puppeteering legacy continues, where much of her collection of puppets are on display at the Aurora Valentinetti Puppet Museum in Bremerton, WA.

Valentinetti lived her life boldly and creatively, bending it to suit her personal needs. Whether she was scaring college football players, who took her class mistakenly thinking it would be an easy A, or captivating thousands of children and adults who watched her perform, Aurora touched an enormous number of lives and was someone that people who met her could never forget.

Zizi is survived by her nieces and nephews, Joanne (Rex) Bratton, Catie (Lance) Larsen, Karen (Dan) Treichel, David (Kristi) DuPuy, Gary (Astrid) DuPuy, Steve Valentinetti and many great nieces and nephews.



Zizi in 1970



Zizi in 2011

## Lisa (Smith) Ambrozic

Class of 1975



Lisa Ambrozic

Lisa Ambrozic entered eternal life on Wednesday, November 25, 2020. Lisa was born on February 6th, 1958 in Spokane, WA to Edward and Dorothy Smith. She attended West Seattle High School and went on to receive her degree in nursing from Shoreline College in 1979. Lisa is survived by her sister Debbie and her three children: Cori, Erik, and Kristin and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her Father, Edward and her Mother, Dorothy Smith.

Lisa had a giving heart and passion for helping others. Her hobbies included calligraphy, reading, solving crossword puzzles, and going to see the leaves turn colors in the Fall. She got pleasure from hosting others in her home and made the best Dutch Baby pancakes. She was known for her quick wit and was always available to lend a caring ear to others, including complete strangers. She faced every day with a positive spirit and held fast to her love for Jesus Christ. She believed that the constant, steady reaching for the goal to be a better person is what makes us human. She will be greatly missed by all those that knew and loved her. A private memorial was held for her family.

## Ronald Eugene Miller and Murl Barker

Class of 1951 and Class of 1955



Ronald Eugene Miller and Murl Barker

Ronald Eugene Miller, prominent economist and Professor Emeritus at the University of Pennsylvania, who was instrumental in research, teaching and institutional development in the field of regional science, died on January 26, 2023. He was 89.

Born in Seattle, WA in 1933, Professor Miller studied economics at Harvard University, where he received his BA in 1955. After a term as a Fulbright Scholar at the Universities of Heidelberg and Munich in 1956, he received an MA in economics at the University of Washington in 1957, and a PhD in economics at Princeton University in 1961. Throughout his career, Professor Miller was well-known as a scholar, and on outstanding teacher, advising scores of PhD and masters students, receiving the University of Pennsylvania's Ira H. Abrams Memorial Award for Distinguished Teaching in 1988. He authored, co-authored, and co-edited scores of journal articles, and eight books focused on mathematical applications to the social sciences, including in 1985 the textbook, Input-Output Analysis: Foundations and Extensions, co-authored with Peter Blair, that entered its 3rd edition in 2021 and continues to serve as the most widely used graduate text and research desk reference in the field of input-output analysis.

Ron came from humble beginnings in West Seattle. He worked as a locker boy at the Alki Bath House, which is where he met Murl Barker, his life partner, in 1951. Ron and Murl both attended West Seattle High School, and remained supporters of the school with annual scholarship donations in the names of the teachers who were instrumental in preparing both of them for their future academic success. Upon their return to Seattle they embraced the city and all it had to offer. They gave generously to the arts, especially to the, symphony, and enjoyed numerous dinners in both new and established restaurants ... having tablecloths ensured returned visits. They loved traveling and made annual visits to England. Together they formed a strong circle of friends. Ron never lost his dedication to teaching and bringing out the best a person had to offer. He was always ready to consult, advise, and help. Ron and Murl were a team. Together they built a life of productivity, contribution, and love. They were consummate gentlemen who brought grace and dignity to every part of their lives. Though this is an obituary for Ron Miller, it is also a tribute to his loving husband, Murl Barker. They are both missed.

I'm so sorry to announce that our beloved Murl Barker passed away on Monday, June 24, 2024. Murl and his husband, Ron Miller, were an institution at Harbor West. Those of you lucky enough to have known them need no explanation of their value to our community. For those of you who didn't get a chance to know them, they contributed so much to making Harbor West what it is today.

Murl was a native of Darrington, Washington, moving to West Seattle when he was 12 Y/O. He had the classical West Seattle education: Lafayette elementary, to Madison Middle School, on to West Seattle High School, to UW, then off to Yale for 2 more advanced degrees, followed by a Fullbright Scholarship. His subject was Russian Language and literature. He would take students to Russia every summer for an immersion experience into Russian culture. Murl was a professor at Rutgers University, and Ron was a professor of mathematical analysis at U of Penn.

Murl was one of the first owners at Harbor West. He originally bought a unit for his mother, then ended up owning 4 other units before he and Ron settled on units 302 and 304. They combined those units into one "Castle." Their lives were rich with travel, the arts, scholarship activities, editing books, and cherishing their multiple friends.

***Ron and Murl were a team. Together they built a life of productivity, contribution, and love. They were consummate gentlemen who brought grace and dignity to every part of their lives.***

They both cared deeply for Harbor West. Murl was the board president the year the deck doors were installed. They never missed an association meeting and were not shy in assisting with various projects.

Ron passed away in January 2023, and now that Murl is gone it is the end of an era at Harbor West. A number of people called them the two professors, I called them the Gentlemen of Harbor West.

## Richard Edwin Ritch

Class of 1970



Rick Ritch

Rick was born in West Seattle, the second of three Ritch children. By the time he was ready for school, the entire family moved to Southern California. When telling that story he remembered, "I could stand on the picnic table in our backyard and see Disneyland." They returned to the Pacific Northwest for Rick's junior and senior high school where he made lifelong friends (Bob Howell and Gene Olson), and he excelled at football. Rick and his buddies graduated from West Seattle High School in 1970, and he accepted a full tuition, athletic scholarship to Whitworth College in Spokane.

Throughout high school and during summers in his college years, Rick, Gene and Bob worked part-time for Bob's dad planning layouts and setting office furniture with Bank & Office Interiors. Upon graduation from college, with a unique degree combination of Physical Education and Drama, Rick and some friends each bought Harley Davidson motorcycles and traveled across the country to Florida where they lived and worked building seawalls for a little more than a year. Then, they returned to Seattle and Rick resumed employment at Bank & Office where he met his wife Jill Van Nostran Ritch.

Rick sold his motorcycle to raise money sufficient for the down payment on their first home in Des Moines. The couple also resided in Federal Way for a time, where they welcomed a daughter, Julie. And then, ultimately, they purchased a condo in Auburn. He enjoyed vehicles- kept a Harley, a classic Ford pickup and even a cabin cruiser for a time - however, what was always most enjoyable and important to Rick was family.

He was preceded in death by his parents Jim and Betty Ritch, brother and sister-in-law Jim and Barb Ritch, and his brother-in-law Skip Olson. And Rick is survived by the love of his life Jill, daughter Julie (Derek Hawley) - Prescott Valley, AZ and grandchildren Levi and Aliah; sister, Jean Olson - Bothell, WA and nephews John and Mike Olson; and nieces Rosanne (Greg Greenway) and Suzanne Ritch- Seattle, WA.

## Mary Becker Nelson

Class of 1969

Mary Becker Nelson died in January 2025 at Havre-de-Grace, Maryland. A nurse specializing in the treatment of burns and intensive care, she worked at Harborview Hospital in Seattle before moving overseas to Saudi Arabia and then settling in Maryland.

She is survived by her daughter Britta Bleigh of Morgantown, West Virginia, and her sister Elizabeth Becker.

***"In the garden of memory, in the palace of dreams... that is where you and I shall meet."***

~ Lewis Carroll

DECEASED LIST (as of 3/13/2025)

## Faculty

**John "Jock" Budelman**  
(WSHS Music Teacher)  
Jock passed away September 10, 2024

## Class of 1938

**Moe, Dorothea "Dottie" White**  
Dottie passed away August 16, 2024

## Class of 1939

**Valentinetti, Aurora**  
Aurora passed away July 20, 2022  
(Hall of Fame 1986)

## Class of 1941

**Zuvela, Frank**  
Frank passed away May 5, 2024

## Class of 1942

**Campagnaro, Fred**  
Fred passed away December 12, 2024

**Porter, Lawrence**  
Lawrence passed away March 15, 2024

## Class of 1944

**Blackford, Nadeane Eidal**  
Nadeane passed away March 13, 2025

**Smith, Alan**  
Alan passed away February 27, 2024

**Will, Albert "Bud"**  
Bud passed away December 29, 2024

## Class of 1945

**Barber, Mary Sorensen**  
Mary passed away in January 2023

**Osterman, Jean Proudfit**  
Jeanne passed away

## Class of 1946

**Pickerell, Gwendolyn Joye Howell**  
Gwendolyn passed away May 29, 2024

## Class of 1947

**Pucci, Gloria Terjung**  
Gloria passed away August 3, 2024

## Class of 1948

**Boothby, Edwin**  
Edwin passed away July 9, 2024

**Chapman, John**  
John passed away April 24, 2024

**Estep, Robert "Bob"**  
Bob passed away November 16, 2024

**Lee, Pauline Mitchell**  
Pauline passed away in December 2024

**Willis, Dwain**  
Dwain passed away December 17, 2024

## Class of 1949

**Anderson, Jacqueline Van Gilder**  
Jacqueline passed away July 20, 2024

**Baskett, Georgia Hutchison**  
Georgia passed away April 22, 2024

**Burd, Richard**  
Richard passed away August 16, 2024

**Gaupp, Gloria**  
Gloria passed away July 5, 2024

**McIntyre, Patricia LeMay**  
Patricia passed away July 20, 2024

## Class of 1950

**Jones, Stuart**  
Stuart passed away

**Olson, Bernice Cohn**  
Bernice passed away March 23, 2024

**Olson, Ken R.**  
Ken passed away June 4, 2024

**Weber, Janice Laxton**  
Janice passed away October 17, 2024

## Class of 1951

**Hutchinson, Renee Claire Rice**  
Renee passed away March 3, 2024

**Miller, Ronald E.**  
Ronald passed away January 26, 2023

**Parker, Beverly Schukar**  
Beverly passed away September 3, 2024

**Pryor, Patricia Murphy**  
Patricia passed away January 25, 2024

**Sistig, Anne Luce**  
Anne passed away in January 2024

**Yeasting, Judith Hughes**  
Judith passed away in November 5, 2024

## Class of 1952

**Allen, Bruce**  
Bruce passed away March 12, 2024

**Elsner, Leona Kaufman-Larson**  
Leona passed away December 30, 1994

**Hurlbut, Elizabeth "Betsy" Lohr**  
Betsy passed away November 9, 2024

**Knapp, Leroy "Tom"**  
Tom passed away June 13, 2024

## Class of 1953

**Ehlers, Darrell**  
Darrell passed away April 13, 2024

**Hill, David**  
David passed away December 16, 2024

**O'Brien, Judy Lorvick**  
Judy passed away in, 2018

**Stream, William "Bill"**  
Bill passed away July 16, 2024

**Styrk, William "Bill"**  
Bill passed away May 2, 2024

**Zolotun, Katherine Anderson**  
Katherine passed away April 13, 2024

## Class of 1954

**Duncan, Carol Gregory**  
Carol passed away February 18, 2024

**Harris, Marilyn Whittendale**  
Marilyn passed away February 22, 2025

**Lein, Marcia Simpson**  
Marcia passed away June 1, 2024

**Mathewson, Julia Butsko**  
Julia passed away July 26, 2024

**Partee, Rodney "Rod"**  
Rod passed away May 4, 2024

**Rice, Carol Cassinelli**  
Carol passed away January 13, 2024

**Wendel, Robert "Bob"**  
Bob passed away March 3, 2024

## Class of 1955

**Barker, Muri**  
Muri passed away June 24, 2024

**Harrison, Richard C.**  
Richard passed away in August 2024

**Murphy, Patricia Enloe**  
Patricia passed away March 2, 2024

**Murray, Jay**  
Jay passed away March 7, 2025

**Price, James "Jim"**  
Jim passed away September 18, 2023

**Richardson, Gary**  
Gary passed away March 3, 2025

**Snyder, Zita Cook**  
Zita passed away November 5, 2024

**Voorhees, Lee Jr**  
Lee passed away February 2, 2024

## Class of 1956

**Cox, Wesley**  
Wesley passed away in July 2024

**Grootemaat, David**  
David passed away September 16, 2024

## Class of 1957

**Boender, Dean**  
Dean passed away December 14, 2024

**Caldwell, Herschell**  
Herschell passed away December 1, 2024

**Cranage, Norma Milliman**  
Norma passed away February 1, 2025

**Flowers, Sally Allen**  
Sally passed away November 19, 2024

**Larson, Robert "Bob"**  
Bob passed away November 17, 2024

**Lenzie, Pat Stambaugh**  
Pat passed away May 18, 2024

**Osburn, Dwayne "Eddie"**  
Eddie passed away October 24, 2024

**Schaper, Robert "Bob"**  
Bob passed away July 1, 2024

**Tharp, Jon**  
Jon passed away April 21, 2023

**Vickers, Connie Dow**  
Connie passed away October 20, 2024

**Williams, Eileen Vincent**  
Eileen passed away December 8, 2023

## Class of 1958

**Barton, Jeanette Perry**  
Jeanette passed away in January 2025

**Carpine, Betty Jean Weller**  
Betty passed away September 6, 2024

**Corning, Sandra Mae**  
Sandra passed away in November 2024

**Fischer, Larry K.**  
Larry passed away April 16, 2024

**Irvin, Grady**  
Grady passed away in January 2025

**Knittel, Duane**  
Duane passed away June 30, 2024

**Kriegel, Stanley**  
Stanley passed away July 8, 2024

**Lumbert, Nanci Olson**  
Nanci passed away February 29, 2024

**McLaughlin, Richard B.**  
Richard passed away October 10, 2024

**Peacocke, Frank**  
Frank passed away April 13, 2024

## Perry, Tim

Tim passed away December 4, 2024

**Rinnert, Karen Parsons**  
Karen passed away March 7, 2025

**Strong, Charles**  
Charles passed away May 5, 2024

**Tisdale, Gary**  
Gary passed away February 27, 2025

## Class of 1959

**Colman, Mary Cretney**  
Mary passed away December 1, 2024

**Pittman, Diane Crowder**  
Diane passed away February 21, 2025

**Sleight, Don**  
Don passed away October 25, 2024

**Wright, Connee O'Leary**  
Connee passed away March 10, 2024

## Class of 1960

**Connell, Marilyn Kolehmain**  
Marilyn passed away June 20, 2024

**DeJong, Marcia Josephson**  
Marcia passed away December 17, 2024

**Dowd, Charles**  
Charles passed away August 13, 2024

**Marshall, Richard**  
Richard passed away December 29, 2024

**Meade, Dorothy Treadwell**  
Dorothy passed away April 9, 2024

## Class of 1961

**Day, Arthur "Art"**  
Art passed away October 28, 2024

**Moore, Gary Lee**  
Gary passed away January 12, 2025

**Thies, Toni Griffin**  
Toni passed away January 12, 2025

## Class of 1962

**Anderson, Gary**  
Gary passed away December 24, 2020

**Collinge, Larry**  
Larry passed away August 27, 2024

**Dalrymple, Janet Espinosa**  
Janet passed away September 15, 2024

**Dinsmore, Donald**  
Donald passed away September 9, 2024

**Henry, Thomas**  
Thomas passed away December 6, 2023

**Hinderlie, Lois Lamb**  
Lois passed away August 20, 2023

**Nokes, James M "Jim", "Jimmy"**  
Jim passed away July 20, 2024

**Thaanum, Christine Coffey**  
Christine passed away August 9, 2024

## Class of 1963

**Carte, Grace Ann**  
Grace passed away June 12, 2023

**Francis, Carl**  
Carl passed away April 20, 2024

**MacDonald, C. Patrick**  
C. Patrick passed away December 9, 2024

**Rice, Catherine "Cathy" Ruth**  
Cathy passed away in 2025

**Schutt, Martin "Marty"**  
Marty passed away April 11, 2024

**Stauch, Kathy Anne Rouse**  
Kathy passed away February 29, 2024

**Tisdale, Thomas**  
Thomas passed away

## Class of 1964

**Bonzon, Gary**  
Gary passed away September 24, 2024

**Miller, Barbara Thumma**  
Barbara passed away November 10, 2024

**Spracher, James**  
James passed away December 5, 2024

## Class of 1965

**Bennett, Dennis**  
Dennis passed away February 14, 2024

**Graham, Gail Kolpack**  
Gail passed away March 6, 2024

**Legaz, Frederick "Fred"**  
Fred passed away February 19, 2024

**Lyons, Linda**  
Linda passed away January 20, 2025

**Pillings, Susie Winkle**  
Susie passed away April 28, 2024

## Class of 1966

**Eldred, James "Jim"**  
Jim passed away August 27, 2024

**Rabak, Tom**  
Tom passed away April 22, 2024

**Rein, Judith "Judy" Heard**  
Judy passed away

## Class of 1967

**Carlstedt, Doug**  
Doug passed away May 2, 2024

**Jannison, Ken Jr.**  
Ken passed away April 6, 2024

**Viken, Evelyn Heaton**  
Evelyn passed away March 6, 2024

**Wunder, Patricia "Patti"**  
Patti passed away May 16, 2024

## Class of 1968

**Jessup, Carolyn Gallaway**  
Carolyn passed away March 5, 2024

**Pharmakis, Lynda**  
Lynda passed away

## Class of 1969

**Barnecut, James "Jim"**  
Jim passed away December 11, 2024

**Becker, Mary Nelson**  
Mary passed away January 19, 2025

**Nokes, Joseph Jr. "Joe"**  
Joe passed away December 4, 2024

**Wilson, Paul "Mike"**  
Mike passed away June 27, 2024

## Class of 1970

**Donahue, Brian**  
Brian passed away May 5, 2024

**Ritch, Richard "Rick"**  
Rick passed away July 11, 2024

## Class of 1971

**Dubek, Brad**  
Brad passed away November 25, 2024

**Johannesson, Chris**  
Chris passed away May 22, 2024

**Thompson, Sue Nokes**  
Sue passed away May 18, 2024

**Young, Barbara Eager**  
Barbara passed away in December 2024

## Class of 1972

**Fitch, Rick**  
Rick passed away July 7, 2022

**McLellan, Jeff**  
Jeff passed away February 15, 2022

## Class of 1973

**Janzen, Scott**  
Scott passed away October 21, 2024

## Class of 1974

**Olson, Laurie Kind**  
Laurie passed away June 8, 2024

## Class of 1975

**Almquist, Stephen "Steve"**  
Steve passed away February 8, 2024

**Hester, Daria Roulson**  
Daria passed away October 31, 2023

**Ranker, Paul**  
Paul passed away July 6, 2024

**Rousseau, Gene**  
Gene passed away March 10, 2024

**Smith, Lisa Ambrozic**  
Lisa passed away November 25, 2020

**Starheim, Ron**  
Ron passed away May 3, 2024

## Class of 1976

**Carey, Christine**  
Christine passed away in March 2023

**Poindexter, Kim Tsao**  
Kim passed away July 17, 2024

## Class of 1977

**Milenkovic, Anka Bobo**  
Anka passed away March 5, 2023

## Class of 1978

**Earle, Daniel "Dan"**  
Dan passed away August 12, 2024

**Gracey, Gordon "Gordy"**  
Gordy passed away May 12, 2024

## Class of 1979

**Conn, Alana Rae**  
Alana passed away October 2, 2024

**Monzon, Christine Sheldon**  
Christine passed away March 16, 2024

**Toner, Michael**  
Michael passed away January 17, 2025

## Class of 1980

**Morey, James**  
James passed away in January 2023

## Class of 2016

**Eygi Ezgi, Aysenur**  
Aysenur passed away September 6, 2024

# TRANSITIONS

## Film inspired by Alum Elizabeth Becker Featured at Cannes

By Karen Seamens Dobbs

Award-winning journalist, war correspondent and author, Elizabeth Becker (class of '65) has now added the title of "Screenwriter" to her resume.

"Meeting Pol Pot" ("Rendez-vous Avec Pol Pot"), a Cambodian film loosely based on Becker's 1986 memoir "When The War Was Over", was presented at the Cannes Film Festival in May, 2024, to a standing ovation "...not just for the director and cast, but also a deeply moved Becker herself". (Sharon Waxman, "The Wrap").

The film was Cambodia's entry for the Best International Feature Film category.

"The film is an honor of my life, to see a character based on me and my two dangerous weeks reporting in Cambodia under Pol Pot was deeply meaningful", stated Becker, "and to walk the Red Carpet at Cannes for the world premiere was magical. At the end of the showing, the audience rose in a standing ovation. Rithy Panh, the director, deserved that recognition. He made an extraordinary movie. Then he had me stand up with the rest of the cast to the applause. I was in tears," Becker added.



Elizabeth Becker in conversation

# The Darkness Never Really Overcame Her Light

*A Tribute to Aysenur Ezgi Eygi, WSHS Class of 2016* By Hamid Ali

**Aysenur Ezgi Eygi came to West Seattle as an infant and grew up here, attending Alki Elementary, Madison Middle School, and West Seattle High School (2013-2015). She had just graduated from the UW, in Psychology and Middle Eastern Languages, when she was killed while volunteering with the International Solidarity Movement and participating in their weekly Friday protests to protect Palestinian farmers in the area from violence.**



Aysenur Ezgi Eygi

My wife, Aysenur Ezgi Eygi (known as Ezgi for most of her life), enjoyed telling others that she didn't move here, like so many of this city's current residents, she grew up here, in West Seattle. Every drive through her childhood home would turn into a narrated tour of her early life. She would simultaneously switch back and forth between recounting fond memories and revisiting painful reminders—one of Aysenur's many contradictions to which I became accustomed. Looking back, I do not think she could have lived any other way.

For instance, she could be described as a painter, a mentor, an artist, a writer, a musician, an intellectual, a rebel, a cook, an extrovert (or an introvert), an organizer, an activist, and a dancer—but she never felt comfortable donning any of those labels. Some were lucky enough to enjoy her precise cooking skill, but may not have witnessed the carnage of mixing bowls, dishes, and utensils she left in her wake. In 2023, she expertly organized a successful art market fundraiser managing over 60 artists and thousands of pieces of donated art, raising almost \$50,000 for medical aid for children in Gaza. However, when I first met her, she struggled to manage the 2 flat, spare tires in her car's already overflowing trunk, along with an assortment of hand-made jewelry, clothes, and random cleaning supplies. Even now, almost 8 months after her killing, I still find her old jewelry in random drawers around our home.

One of her most admirable contradictions was the responsibility she felt to hold others' pain, even when the weight of her own pain would crush the strongest amongst us. At her low points, her debilitating sadness made it difficult for her to get out of bed. At other times she would have a big, ugly-cry, expressing her despair through a curtain of tears, but a good meal in good company usually helped her carry on. Most reliably though, taking advantage of an opportunity to help someone always made her feel better. The darkness never really overcame her light.

Socializing came naturally to her. Her competitiveness came out on board game nights, but I think she used them as an excuse just to get to know people better. She could often start with a discussion about food, which would bleed into history, then politics, to the likelihood of an apocalypse, to complaining about some essay she still had to write for school, to the latest Love Is Blind drama, and finally back to food, with equal likelihood of laughing and crying throughout.

She was always looking for the untraversed path, between absolutes, despite her strong principles. The nuance of the Palestinian experience she observed on the ground intrigued her as soon as she arrived in Jerusalem, just 4 days before she was killed. In a journal entry from September 2nd, 2024 she wrote, "Entering [Al-Quds] was beautiful, watching the desert's rolling hills slowly turn into a city. I began to envision the various time periods these lands have witnessed, from the Mamluks to the Ottomans and beyond." She was well read and knowledgeable about many things, but ultimately understood that no single person, movement, or ideology had all the answers. She was a truth-seeker. To me, she was a revolutionary.



Memorial gathering for Aysenur at Alki Beach, Sept 11, 2024



Palestinian flags planted at the Alki Memorial gathering



These contradictions are exactly what made me fall so completely in love with her. I admired her uncompromising adherence to her justice, compassion, and hope. Where most would say "it's pointless", she would be quick to emphasize our collective power to change even the most hopeless situations. It is why I knew I would marry her so quickly after we first met. Aysenur was the most interesting person I have ever known. I've heard so many describe her as an old soul despite her young age. Indeed, her life's 26 year journey had quickly given her twice that much life experience, for better or worse. I remember leaving our second date awestruck, as she recalled her most recent, months-long trip that took her to Australia, Indonesia, Myanmar, and Turkey in 2019. She recalled volunteering at a refugee relief village and working to protect coral reefs, among many other amazing experiences. True to who she was, and against the advice of others, she even went skydiving and scuba diving within the same 24 hours, before she had to get on a plane to leave Australia.

With her I felt totally comfortable, yet she always pushed me to continuously grow and learn. She encouraged me to rekindle my creativity, which had become extinguished by the never-ending demands of work. She loved striking up conversations with random people during our travels, which at first sounded like a nightmare to an introvert like myself, but quickly became something which I eagerly awaited (as long as she was the one doing the talking). She hated being stagnant, and always wanted us to be moving, living, and growing. At the same time, one of our favorite things to do was eat pho and inevitably fall asleep on the couch while watching some dumb reality TV show. Loving her was nourishing—it prompted unfamiliar growth, yet allowed for the safety and security to exist as I was. She was truly beautiful, in every sense of the word, and it is such a gift to be fortunate enough to be able to call her my wife.

Her final contradiction, I now realize, is exemplified in her selfless act of traveling to the West Bank to bear witness to the oppression of the Palestinian people. She had already given so much of her time and effort for this cause, but genuinely felt it was not enough. In a journal entry from June 2024 she wrote: "I think about all the lives lost in Gaza due to this genocide that the country I live in, and am a citizen of, actively supports. I think about how people have become so desensitized to witnessing this suffering. I feel like a part of me is suffering."

Witnesses say she was doing everything she could to stay safe at that demonstration in the West Bank, yet she was the one targeted and killed. This contradiction still haunts us now almost eight months later. Aysenur was standing under the shade of an olive tree, a human



Aysenur graduating from UW

# The Darkness Never Really Overcame Her Light *Continued*

rights observer positioned far from Israeli soldiers, when she was shot in the head and killed twenty minutes after calm had descended at the demonstration. The Israeli military claims Aysenur was "hit indirectly and unintentionally by IDF fire which was not aimed at her," yet by all accounts she was more than 200 yards away from Israeli soldiers. There were only two shots of live ammunition fired during the entire demonstration, one of which struck her head—how could such a precise singular shot be "not aimed at her" as the Israeli military claims?

Aysenur, having just celebrated her 26th birthday and graduated from UW weeks before, went to Palestine and stood under that olive tree because she felt compelled to live by her principles. She wanted to earn a life which she and her future children could respect. Yet, this beautiful dream, one of many, has been robbed from her. Aysenur's blood now soaks the roots of that olive tree, never to run through the veins of her own daughter or granddaughter. That cowardly soldier not only killed Aysenur, but those who she would have nurtured to be strong, just, and passionate like her. Let us take the place of Aysenur's descendants that were stolen from this world. In her memory, let us focus our anger, frustration, and grief and act to uphold justice—just as she was when her life was taken.

I believe Aysenur still fights for justice, and we cannot let her fight without us. Just as her revolutionary role models like Malcolm X, James Baldwin, and Rachel Corrie were alive within her, I know she is alive within me. I can still feel her in my chest, filling my lungs.



Aysenur and her husband Hamid

She is alive in that friend that brings you soup when you're sick. She is alive in the stranger that shows you sincere empathy, and the volunteer who feels compelled to serve. She is alive in the little girl who brings home a stray cat, out of the wet and cold despite the protest of her parents. She is alive in anyone who uncompromisingly stands for justice, anyone who believes a better world is possible despite the overwhelming evil and greed we witness everyday. I choose to honor her in my life by being just, compassionate, and living with integrity like she did. I hope you will join me.

*She is alive in anyone who uncompromisingly stands for justice, anyone who believes a better world is possible despite the overwhelming evil and greed we witness everyday*



Floral Tribute at the Memorial held at Alki on Sept 11, 2024

## Brick by Brick

By Wayne Hussey, WSHS '72

I have been building with LEGO for 50 years now. The model of the ferry was 24 years in the making. During those years I believed I was the only adult builder. I discovered, in 1998 with my first visit to the internet, that I was not alone. I found a whole community of Adult Fans of LEGO (AFOLs). I became a member of two prominent local LEGO fan organizations: PNLTC (Pacific Northwest LEGO Train Club), since changed to PSLTC (Puget Sound LTC) and SEALUG (Seattle Area LEGO User Group). My wife, Terri Landers (also class of '72) is a member of both clubs.

SEALUG meets the first Saturday of each month at libraries located all over King County and does various public events including a regular appearance at Emerald City Comic Con. PSLTC puts on 6-8 train shows annually, with their largest at The Great American Train Show in Puyallup.

Also through the internet, using BrickLink and eBay, I was able to acquire the parts I needed for the ferry and other models. I completed the design of my ferry model in 1978 but was not able to complete the build until 2002. I refurbished the model in October and November, 2024, so that it would look its best for the public to see.

In 2002, SEALUG started NWBrickCon to celebrate our fandom with a convention where we gather with our LEGO friends and their models and share our hobby with each other and the general public. This is when my ferry model first debuted.

In 2004, I became the head of (renamed) BrickCon and directed that event and organization until I retired in 2019. BrickCon is the longest continuously operating AFOL event in the world. The annual convention, held at the Seattle Center until 2022, draws 500 LEGO builders and 12,000 - 15,000 public guests each year.



Wayne's Lego model of the Space Needle (2012, 55,000 pieces) can be seen in the Gift Shop of the actual Space Needle.

This year, BrickCon will make its third appearance at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue, September 6 and 7.

Other models I have created include the Smith Tower (2004, 27,000 pieces), a Stanley Park, Vancouver, B.C., Totem Pole (2006/2017 17,000 pieces) and the Space Needle (2012, 55,000 pieces). All are shown here at BrickCon 2019, the last time they were all together. The Space needle was placed in the Gift Shop of the actual Space Needle in 2019, where it still stands.

I recently placed my LEGO model of the Issaquah ferry on the actual Issaquah ferry. There was this write-up by the WSDOT: <https://wsdotblog.blogspot.com/2025/02/brick-by-brick-quest-to-get-custom-lego.html>

In 2012, I worked with Carlyle Livingston II, a former Hollywood special model effects artist, to create our Batcave: <https://entertainment.time.com/2012/10/12/behold-the-lego-batcave-of-your-dreams/>

This model uses at least 20,000 pieces. We really don't know how many. Unlike many other models I record on CAD, this one wasn't.

I am always working on new LEGO projects. I usually complete one major build a year. At BrickCon I'm known as a "Big Builder". I tend to build models measured in feet and containing at least 20,000+ pieces.

Throughout my adult life I have been building with LEGO: models, friends and family, and community.

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Wayne's Lego model of the Issaquah Ferry boat, which is displayed on the Issaquah Ferry itself.

# 2024 3A State Baseball Championship Continued from Back Page

By Jamie Trigg, WSHS '85

This is not only a story about a group of young men who have a love for the game of baseball and for the community in which they were raised, but is also a testament to the extraordinary efforts of the team's coaches.

For Coach Kerry Tupper (class of 1965), in particular, this State Championship was, if you can believe it, 44 years in the making! Starting with the team back in 1980 when his son, Craig Tupper (class of 1985), was playing on the team, "Coach Tup" has remained an active and integral part of the WSHS Baseball coaching staff. Although his back may be a little stiffer these days, and the spring temperatures a little colder, his dedication to the WSHS Baseball program has not waned at all. Head Coach Dylan McLaughlin, along with assistance from coaches Mike Fahy and Tyler Haggett, did an outstanding job keeping the team focused, picking them up when needed, and keeping their feet on the ground when they thought they were unbeatable. Assistant Coach Jeff Freeman, who passed away unexpectedly in 2023, was there in spirit, guiding his team from above. It was truly a team effort and an unforgettable season for the players, the coaches, the parents and supporters of West Seattle baseball.



WSHS Baseball Coach Kerry Tupper (class of '65) shows the State Championship Trophy at the 2024 All-School Reunion on June 1, 2024



Kerry Tupper class of '65

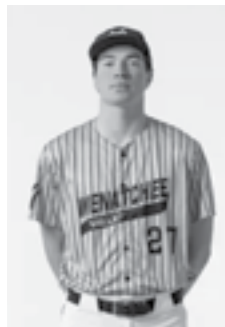


Back row: Coach Mike Fahy, Coach Tyler Haggett, Matthew Henning '24, Ryan Whitney '24, Lincoln Scott '26, Cody Sazama '25, Tristin (TJ) Buehring '24, John Langen '24, Lukas Cheha '25, Caden Fahy '24, Dex Pudduck '25, Sam Waskowitz '24, Miles Chandler '24, Matthew Hazelgrove '24, Coach Tup '65, Coach Dylan McLaughlin  
Front row: Clay Pecore '25, Jake McCall '26, Konnor Stanley '24, Bobby Trigg '24, Daniel Madden '24, Parker Eley '24, Sabin Tomlinson '24, Cody Buehring '26

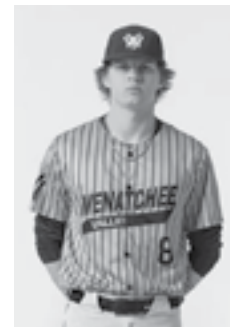


Konnor (KP) Stanley '24, Coach Tup, Kerry Tupper WSHS '65, Caden Fahy '24 celebrate the 3A State Championship win during an end of season banquet at the Alki Masonic Hall in May 2024.

In the days following the State Championship, the Wildcat team was acknowledged by the Seattle Mariners organization and participated in a televised on-field presentation at T-Mobile Park. The team also got to walk in the West Seattle Grand Parade, and were honored at an all-school celebration at West Seattle High School featuring City Council member Rob Saka and King County Executive Dow Constantine (class of 1980), who declared June 10, 2024 as West Seattle High School Baseball Day (see inset).



John Langen, WSHS 2024, Pitcher and Business Major Wenatchee Valley College (WVC), Go Knights.

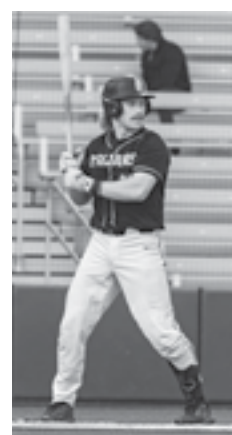


Maddox Brent, WSHS 2022, Pitcher Wenatchee Valley College (WVC), majoring in Construction Management, Go Knights!

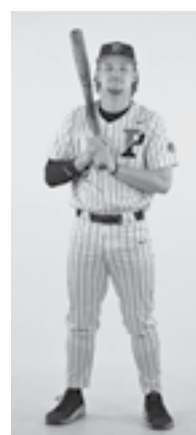
Out of thirteen seniors who graduated from Seattle in 2024, seven of them are currently college baseball. Whatever they may take on future, the entire team will always have the ries of the 2024 season. Anytime "adulging" to them, they can pull up pictures and rem- about their "glory days" to put a smile on faces.



Bobby Trigg, WSHS 2024, Second Base, Bellevue College, Associates Degree.



Jake Lockwood, WSHS 2023, Everett CC, Electrical Engineer, and Catcher



Caden Fahy, WSHS 2024, Infield, undeclared major at University of Pennsylvania



Tristan (TJ) Buehring: WSHS 2024, Right Field, Majoring in Environmental Science at Whitman College College. Go BLUES!

Each year, a limited number of high school teams are invited to participate in the Classic. As part of their involvement, these teams are required to sell a predetermined number of tickets to a designated Mariners game, a fund raising opportunity that alumni can support by purchasing tickets from a player.

This arrangement not only provides the high school teams with the chance to play in a major league venue but also serves as a fundraising opportunity for their programs.

## 2024 3A State Baseball Champs Roster

### Coaches:

Head Coach: Dylan McLaughlin, Coaches: Mike Fahy, Tyler Haggett, Kerry Tupper, Jeff Freeman (posthumously)

### Players:

Cody Buehring  
Tristan "TJ" Buehring  
Miles Chandler  
Lukas Cheha  
Parker Eley  
Caden Fahy  
Matthew Hazelgrove  
Matthew Henning  
John Langen  
Daniel Madden  
Jacob McCall  
Clay Pecore  
Dex Pudduck  
Cody Sazama  
Lincoln Scott  
Konnor Stanley  
Sabin Tomlinson  
Bobby Trigg  
Sam Waskowitz  
Ryan Whitney



Tyler Eisenhut, Linfield University, Major: Business Infield #5

## From the Desk of Dow Constantine, Executive of King County

**WHEREAS** the West Seattle High School Baseball team beat Mount Vernon 9-3, to win the WIAA State 3A title on May 25 at Gesa Stadium in Pasco, WA, and

**WHEREAS** this victory is the first WIAA State 3A boys baseball title in West Seattle High School's 117-year history, and

**WHEREAS** the West Seattle High School boys baseball team also beat Ballard, 7-1 to win the Metro League 3A boys baseball title on May 11 at Mel Olsen Stadium in White Center's Steve Cox Memorial Park, and

**WHEREAS** the team was guided by Head Coach Dylan McLaughlin, and Coaches Mike Fahy, Tyler Haggett and Kerry Tupper (in his 44th season of coaching), and

**WHEREAS** the team was posthumously guided by Coach Jeff Freeman, and

**WHEREAS** five Wildcats were selected for the All-Metro League

**First Team:** Pitcher Miles Chandler, Infielders Caden Fahy and Bobby Trigg, Outfielder Tristan Buehring and DH/Utility Sabin Tomlinson, and

**WHEREAS** the team was also well-represented on the All-Metro League Second Team by Outfielder Matthew Henning, and

**WHEREAS** West Seattle put together a run in the Metro League and State 3A Tournaments, winning their last eight games in a row, to complete the second-winningest season (21-5) in school history,

**NOW THEREFORE** I, Dow Constantine, Executive of King County, do hereby proclaim June 10, 2024 to be West Seattle High School Baseball Day in King County.

I encourage all residents to join me in congratulating the players, coaches and supporters of the West Seattle Wild Cats baseball team for a landmark season!



# The Deep Sea Conservation Festival

A Girl Scout Gold Award Project by Ellen Rikhof

By Karen Seamens Dobbs, WSHS '71



Ellen Rikhof WSHS Class of 2024

Organizing and directing a community event that brings together local scientists, international scientific groups, workshops, multi-media presentations, live music and food would daunt most people of any age.

Ellen Rikhof, a WSHS Senior in pursuit of her Girl Scout Gold Award, pulled it off beautifully.

Ellen's Deep Sea Conservation Festival, which took place August 25, 2024 at the UW Fisheries Sciences Building, presented a colorful, informative and entertaining family-friendly showcase for the deep sea ecosystem and its importance to the earth.

Ellen, the daughter of Hans and Holly Rikhof of West Seattle, attended Pathfinder K-8 elementary school. Beginning in 9th grade, Ellen began volunteering at the Seattle Aquarium, eventually logging over 600 hours. During her sophomore year, she heard a lecture given by Dr. Diva Amon, a marine biologist at University of California, Berkeley, about deep sea mining and of the unexplored ecosystems of the deepest oceans, which mining threatens.

"Suddenly, it just clicked", Ellen explained, and she began to focus on the issues of the largest and least explored habitat on the planet.

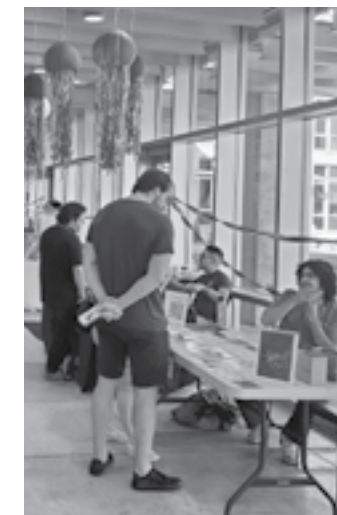
The requirements of the Girl Scout Gold Award include: choosing an issue, investigating that issue, creating a plan to take action, to educate and inspire, and to use your skills to solve problems in your community or to make a lasting change in the world. The Gold Award also sets the goal of working to "break outside" and go beyond the scout troop.

Ellen selected her issue: to call attention to and inspire connections to the deep sea ecosystems and to introduce conversations about their influence on the health of the earth.

"I'm so proud of my team", Ellen stated, "this Festival received incredible support from both local and international partners. Many talented professionals and teens made the event possible!"

Ellen began building that team, which met for a year, to plan the festival. Her primary mentors were Lina Kritchko, her former supervisor at the Seattle Aquarium, and Mickey Rogers, the co-founder of the Sustainable Ocean Alliance's (SOA) PNW Hub. The SOA presented Ellen with a \$5,000.00 grant to get the project started. One month before the festival date, the UW "surprised" them with a charge of \$3,000.00 for the use of their building, but fortunately, they received enough additional donations to cover it.

Ellen's research took her to sites that provided names of more experts in the field, and each one she contacted gave her more names until there was an impressive array of people and groups who were happy to help with the festival.



Pictures and the poster from the Festival

The roster of specialists included graduate students from Oregon State University, the University of Hawaii and the University of Washington, experts from the Marine Stewardship Council, the Sustainable Ocean Alliance (Pacific NW chapter), the Ocean Exploration Trust and others.

"In Too Deep: The True Cost of Deep Sea Mining", a film from the Netherlands, was shown, courtesy of the Deep Sea Conservation Coalition.

The Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute, the Seattle Aquarium, Washington Conservation Action, the Orca Network, the Marine Conservation Institute, the Marine Stewardship Council and Seamont Trading Company all hosted tables at the festival, entertaining and raising awareness of the plight of the deep sea.

The family-friendly activities included an art area to "make your own angler fish hat" and "design your own deep sea creature"; there was face-painting, a water column made of felt, a photo booth and a scavenger hunt.

The Deep Sea Conservation Festival was video-graphed; the film, which is nearly completed, will be distributed by the Sustainable Ocean Alliance.

Ellen has not yet selected her college or major, but it will be certain to include exploration of the earth's environment and ways to bring about positive changes.



Ellen Rikhof wears the Event T-Shirt



The informational display



# The Annual Classic Car Show

John Zitkovich, Class of 1960

Many of our Classmates have invested a good deal of time, energy and effort into revitalizing some of the Classic Rides from their glory days at Westside. We are looking forward to gathering together again to reminisce about "The Good Old Days".

**Contact: John Zitkovich**  
by phone at 206 675-8172  
for Reservations and  
Detailed Information.



## Nigel Bannister WSHS 2023



Nigel enjoyed Carmin Thomas's Auto Shop class at WSHS and continued his studies in Automotive and High Performance Technology at University of Northwestern Ohio. During race season, he works on NASCAR ARCA pit crews.



## Reunion Reminders

**1955**—Unfortunately the Class of 1955 has had to cancel the 70th Reunion.

**1957**—We will try to organize a late spring or summer event. Anyone who wants more information please contact:

Gwen Tatman Fraser  
206-228-4068  
gfraser49@msn.com

Beverly McMillin  
206-498-9955  
chochosan29@hotmail.com

**1960**—It is reunion time again. This year our class not only has the All-School Reunion but also our 65th reunion. Your reunion committee has been busy planning another fun gathering of classmates on September 18, 2025 at the West Seattle Golf Course, same place as our last reunion. This reunion is planned or visiting and reminiscing. There will be tables filled with appetizers rather than a buffet. Water and coffee will be provided. However, if you want something else to drink, you can purchase it at the club bar. The cost is \$25 per person payable at the door (cash or credit card only, no checks). There will not be any preregistration, just come if you can. We would love to see some classmates that have not attended in the past along with those who have attended. This may be our last reunion. The event will be from 2:00pm until 5:00pm. Hope you can join us.

**1963**—I haven't started looking at our 70th reunion yet but I will be thinking about it.  
John Norden

**1964**—We have decided to gather in the year of our 80th birthdays, which for the purposes of the year we graduated, means 2026. Not sure where, not sure how, not sure what, but we will send out invitations and I always post whatever news there is on our West Seattle High School Class of 1964 Facebook page.

**1965**—Save the Date !!  
West Seattle High School Class of "65"  
60th Reunion  
When: Sunday June 8th 2025  
Where: Glen Acres Golf & Country Club  
1000 South 112th Seattle, Wa 98168  
www.glenacres.golf.com  
Time: 1:00pm -5:00pm  
Cost \$20 per person  
Menu: wide selection of Appetizers

No host bar

Please also mark you calendars for the All School Reunion Saturday June 7th 2025 from 4-7 pm at the school.

**1966**—Friday 6/6/25: The class of '66 annual gathering at 'The Bridge' in West Seattle. This is the day before the 'All School Reunion' (below).

**Saturday 6/7/25:** All School Reunion at West Seattle High School 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

**Friday 12/5/25:** A Christmas lunch will be organized 'at some fun place' for the ladies! While we hope that the Bainbridge Island venue will still be available for us to enjoy, watch for future posts on our Facebook pages: West Seattle High School Class of 1966 and West Seattle High School Women Class of 1966

**Saturday 6/6/26:** on this day in 2026: 1.) All School Reunion at WSHS 2.) Our 60th Class reunion: time and place to be determined.

Watch for more information to be posted on our Facebook pages: West Seattle High School Class of 1966 and West Seattle High School Women Class of 1966

**1967**—Our class reunion will be held at my home on Pipe Lake in Maple Valley on Sunday, August 24th starting at 1 PM:

21312 SE 265th St.,  
Maple Valley, 98038

I know it might sound like that's way out in the sticks but it's really just a hop, skip and a jump away from wherever you live. We will have a potluck and you are welcome to come any time after 1 PM. Two requirements for coming to our class reunion: sign my guest book, and you have to have your photo taken.

Please RSVP to either Danny Lilliness (206.246.2571) or me, Helen Verbon Locatelli (360.509.3464).

**1970**—Class of 1970's 55th

While we don't have a specific date or location, we are hoping for a picnic get together either Sunday, August 10th or 17th at Alki or Lincoln Park.

E-mail me if I don't have your e-mail address so I can let everyone know details of our 55th reunion this summer!

Patricia Kloster  
pkloster52@gmail.com.

**1975**—Class of 1975's 50th Reunion Bash

Saturday June 7, 2025, 6pm-10pm  
West Seattle Golf Course  
4470 35th Ave SW, Seattle WA 98126

No Host Bar - Italian Buffet

\$60 Admission

Golf Tournament: 4-Man Scramble  
Friday June 6, 2025, Noon  
\$57 Admission includes cart  
Confirmation due May 25

For more details, see the flyer for 1975 in the Class Articles Section or the West Seattle High School Class of 1975.

**1976**—Our 50th approacheth! Let me know if you want to lend a hand..

**1978**—Our 50th Reunion is fast approaching. Denette & I are in the early stages of planning a memorable event.

If you have any thoughts or ideas, feel free to contact one of us per our information below.

Until then, enjoy life, stay healthy and hope to see you at the All School Reunion in June!

Denise Dawson Minnerly – Class Rep  
"78" (206) 200-3290  
deniseminnerly@gmail.com

Denette Wells– Co-Class Rep "78"  
(206) 290-3669  
denettew@comcast.net.

**1980**—Class of 1980 45th Reunion  
Sun, June 8th 2025 6-9pm  
Kenyon Hall 7904 35th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98126

Details: Mix & Mingle 6-7pm / Music & dancing by Monty Smith's Band 7-8pm / More Mixing & Mingling 8-9pm  
Light snacks & drinks served.  
Fuller meals can be purchased at the restaurants on either side of Kenyon Hall (The Westy & Local)  
This event is sponsored by classmates with no charge to attend (although donations to offset costs will be accepted)

Now go invite people! Class of 1980!!!

**1985**—Believe it or not kids, your 40th High School Class Reunion is right around the corner!

Yes, on the 1st weekend in June, the Class of 1985 will be returning to West Seattle to get together and celebrate. The committee has been planning a series of events scheduled to coincide with the "All Class Reunion" weekend, so please mark your calendars for the following:

**June 6th** – Friday Night event at Tim's Tavern- Ticketed Event Open to the Public with West Seattle's own "The Digressors". Ticket sales have gone live and are only \$11.33 per person, including fees. You can purchase your tickets in advance at: <https://timslivemusic.com/upcoming-shows>

NOTE- As 1985 was the 1st Freshman class at WSHS after 2 decades, please invite any friends or siblings from our neighboring "80's Classmates and Staff". All are welcome!

**June 7th** – Saturday (TIME) / Student Car show??

WSHS All Class Reunion- <https://wshsalumniassociation.org/> Meet up with classmates in the "1985 Room" before heading to.....shh.....it's a SECRET.

Shrouded in mystery and soaked in nostalgia, the ultimate 40th Reunion for the Class of 1985 is going underground on Saturday night. This event will be an exclusive, invite-only gathering which will unfold at a classified location known only to those in the know. To gain access, you must utter the secret phrase: "Stayin' Alive in '85." No password, no party. No exceptions. Prepare for a night of covert connections, retro revelations, and possibly... a few dance moves we promised ourselves we'd never do again. You've waited 40 years. Don't blow your cover now!

**June 8th** – Sunday

We will gather one last time for a family friendly outing that will include playing that "new sensation" (HA) pickleball, sharing stories, family and food at a location to be determined soon. Bring your yearbooks, photos and be prepared to share your favorite tales!

Updates will be available on our facebook page: WSHS Class of 1985

**1995, 1996, 1997**—Hello, classmates! Time flies, and we're approaching our 30th graduation anniversaries. The class of 1996 has proposed a joint reunion for '95, '96 & '97. So many relationships were built among our classes, it is fitting we celebrate together!

Watch this space for more information and be on the lookout news from us on your preferred social media platform (feel free to reach out directly if you'd like to help with the plan). We're happy you found this note, and wish you all the best!

Your Class Reps,

Lynda Bui ('95), Dana (Rambo) Hopkins & Danielle Johnson ('96) and Kyle Minaglia ('97)

**Join the West Seattle High School Alumni Association and ensure your reunion organizer is able to find you through the Alumni's data base. See page 5 for Alumni membership details.**

## West Seattle High School Booster Club Continued from Page 5

a critical role in ensuring the students have the resources they need to succeed.

We believe that athletics are an essential part of the high school experience, and by supporting our teams, we're helping to create a stronger, more vibrant school community.

### How You Can Help

We're reaching out to invite you to join us in our upcoming initiatives and events. Whether it's through volunteering, attending games, or contributing financially, your involvement makes a huge difference. Here are a few ways you can get involved:

1. Attend Upcoming Events: Come cheer on our Wildcats. Your support means the world to our student-athletes and we love to have alumni at any and all sporting events!
2. Spread the Word: Help us connect with fellow alumni by sharing our events and fundraising campaigns with your networks.
3. Volunteer: We're always looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help with events, concessions, and other activities.

4. Donate: Consider making a financial contribution to the Booster Club. Your donation helps fund scholarships, equipment, and program enhancements that directly benefit our students. The WSHS Booster Club is also a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization.

### Let's Work Together

The Booster Club is excited about the future, and we'd love work more closely with the Alumni Association. If you're interested in getting involved or learning more, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at [hello@wsboosters.org](mailto:hello@wsboosters.org) or visit our website at [www.wsbooster.com](http://www.wsbooster.com)

We thank you for being such an important part of the West Seattle community and I hope that together we can ensure that our student-athletes have the resources and support they need to succeed. Go Wildcats!

Sean Cummings  
President, West Seattle High School Booster Club  
[hello@wsboosters.com](mailto:hello@wsboosters.com)

P.S. Save the date for our first annual West Seattle Booster's pickleball tournament on June 1st. We'd love to see you there!

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## West Seattle

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## 2024 3A State Baseball Championship

By Jamie Trigg, WSHS '85

For the first time in West Seattle High School's 107-year history, the 2024 Westside Baseball team will go down as Washington State Champions. After making deep runs into the State play-offs in 2022 and 2023, the 2024 Wildcats were a confident and determined team that included thirteen battle tested seniors on the roster. Seeking redemption following their losses in the previous Metro League and State playoffs, the West Seattle team started the season strong but quickly faced adversity with a heartbreaking loss to a tough Enumclaw team in the third game of the season. From there, the Wildcats beat Cleveland and Ingraham fairly easily, but lost the fifth game of the season to O'Dea, who had knocked them out of the state playoffs the year before. Following the O'Dea loss, West Seattle began a six-game winning streak, besting teams such as Ballard, Roosevelt and Eastside Catholic. As the Cats hit mid-season, they endured a few tough losses, falling to Lincoln and Bishop Blanchet and, the most difficult loss, to neighborhood arch-rival Chief Sealth.



The team celebrating on the field very shortly after receiving the trophy

The loss to Sealth appears to have been the turning point for the Wildcats. During their post-game huddle, standing out in left field at the Nino Cantu Southwest Athletic Complex baseball stadium, the team resolved then and there that if they were going to make it back to the State finals, they would have to pull together and function as a true championship team. From that point on, they would not lose. They went on an eight-game winning streak, beating Seattle Prep and Ballard to close out the Metro League season and earn another league championship. In the final tally, the Cats went 24-5 (15-4 in Metro), adding a second Metro League trophy to the case in just three years.

Setting out for their third straight berth in the State Regionals, the Wildcats were ready, with hard-won victories over Peninsula and Mountlake Terrace fueled by strong pitching by Miles Chandler, John Langen, Matthew Henning and Sam Waskowitz.

They then beat Eastside Catholic in the State Semifinals to punch their ticket to the State championship game. In the State Finals they faced a highly touted Mount Vernon team but they were not to be denied. The Cats were incredibly sure-handed on the field in that game, turning two double-plays and committing no errors. Hitters, including Bobby Trigg, Matthew Hazelgrove, Parker Eley, Sam Waskowitz and Lukas Cheha helped bring about the final victory. A fitting end to a toughly fought season.

For most of the boys, this fourteen-plus year journey began with a series of cold, wet February days back in 2010, when many of the future West Seattle HS Wildcats Baseball team began playing. Whether it was down on the Alki Playfield playing for the YMCA, over at Riverview Playfield (which we used to refer to as the Pee Wee Fields) with the West Seattle Pony League, or on the Bar-S Field playing for West Seattle Little League, these community teams were putting in the work necessary, learning how to become good teammates and winners. By the age of ten, many of these boys had already been on winning teams and knew how it felt to hold a first-place trophy in their hands. In fact, six of the seniors on the 2024 team were members of the West Seattle Little League Majors Baseball All-Stars that won the 2018 Little League State championship and went on to represent "Team Washington" in the Regional Tournament for the Little League World Series that year.



The final scoreboard

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WSHS Alumni Association  
All School Reunion

Saturday, June 7, 2025

5:00 - 7:00 pm

### Schedule

**5:00 - 7:00 pm**

Event check in, pick up programs, name tag, roam the halls and pay dues

**5:00 - 5:30 pm**

Gathering in the Commons  
50<sup>th</sup> Class Recognition  
Hall of Fame Recognition

**5:00 - 5:30 pm**

View the Classic Cars showcased on SW Stevens outside the Historical Entrance

**5:00 - 6:45 pm**

Refreshments and snacks available for purchase from and to benefit WSHS student programming

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