

# West High Alumni Occident

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Alumni Association*



*A Tradition  
For Tomorrow*

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## Pandemic Affects Alumni Association Events

Many events that were planned for our alumni have been cancelled. The Board of Directors and the Committee Chairs for the association have continued to meet in a safe manner. We have been meeting with physical distancing in place and face masks. Several members also participated virtually through Zoom on their computers. The calendar is up to date as of this printing. We are still planning on having the Christmas Luncheon pending state of Ohio guidelines. If the Luncheon would happen to be cancelled, you would get your money returned. Please feel free to contact your class representative regarding any reunion or event that you previously had planned. We are planning on having the General Meetings in October and November at O'Charley's Restaurant for all alumni to attend. We will have Board of Directors nominations in October and elections in November. Please feel free to join us with your mask on!



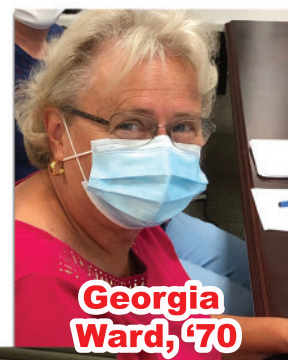
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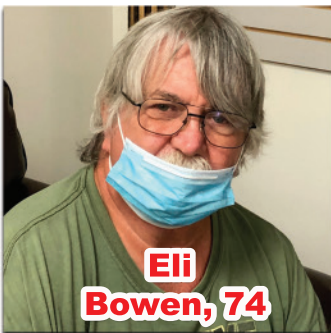
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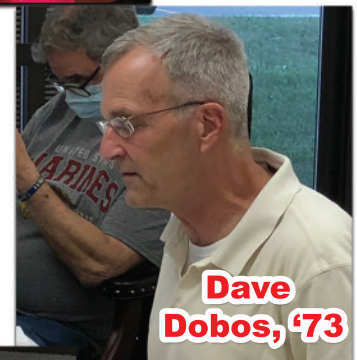
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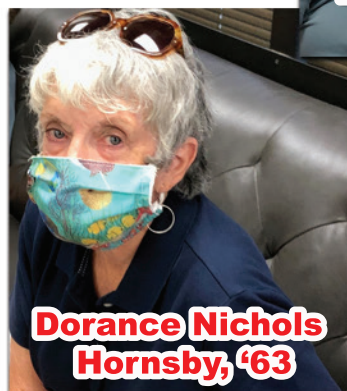
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Sampson, '69**



**Steve  
Scarpitti, '74**

# President's Message



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Spring Issue	Information Deadline - February 20
Summer Issue	Information Deadline - May 20
Fall Issue	Information Deadline - August 20

## NEWSLETTER MAILINGS

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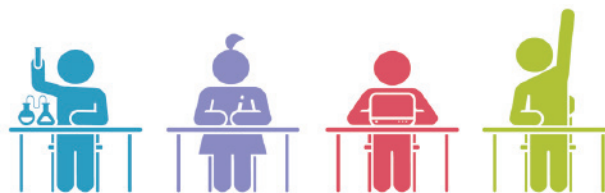


## President's Message

**Dave Dobos '73**

With this newsletter, our alumni organization begins its first ever comprehensive fundraising effort. Yes, we have raised money through the years via concession stand sales at athletic events, West High School merchandise sales, our annual golf outing, the silent auction at our December luncheon, and, of course, from hundreds of unsolicited gifts from alumni that have funded most of the \$190,000 in scholarships we've awarded to graduating West High School seniors over the last 25 years. Yet, outside of a direct appeal seven years ago for funds to purchase used weightlifting equipment for student athletes and to help shore up a depleted operations treasury (alumni generously donated approximately \$9000 via that effort), we haven't made a concerted effort to ask alumni for their financial support. Then, the coronavirus hit...

Last month I received a call from **Robin Schmidt '49 Jan**, a former president of this association. He knew the coronavirus had caused us to cancel most of this year's alumni events, which would result in us missing out on the revenues they would generate, crippling our ability to provide the financial resources for scholarships and school-related projects. He pledged \$1000 on the spot and offered to call several alumni he knew who he felt might be willing and able to provide similar help. I replied that I would match his pledge and ask our Board for its approval to move forward with a comprehensive effort to raise the funds needed to keep our initiatives moving forward. We set a realistic dollar objective, one that is ambitious, yet attainable. We intend to raise \$25,000 by the end of the year.



The name Leadership Campaign is apt for this effort for several reasons. First, it is our organization's leadership, both past and current, that is leading the charge. Second, by working to achieve this objective, we are setting an example for both the West High School and greater west Columbus communities about what we collectively can accomplish. Finally, as we succeed with this effort, we will help position West HS to lead its young people to improved academic and extra-curricular outcomes. Indeed, we are providing opportunities for alumni to designate how their gifts can benefit students—through scholarships, academics, athletics, and the performing and visual arts, among others.

*President's Message, continued on page 3*





## The West HS Alumni Association Embarks on The Leadership Campaign

*An Initial Effort to Raise \$25,000 by December 31, 2020*

*To Advance West High School—Its Students, Academics, Athletics, the Performing & Visual Arts, and Our Alumni Organization's Operations*

### Why and why now?

We are living in unprecedented times. The coronavirus has affected us in unforeseen and unfortunate ways. Nationally, the shutdown of businesses, schools, and churches have resulted in economic and social upheaval. The implementation of social distancing requirements has changed the way we interact with one another. Some of us have lost loved ones and many more know of others who have become seriously ill.

On a local level, the coronavirus has caused the cancellation of the events our West HS Alumni Association regularly produces for its members. This year we have been forced to forego our Summer Picnic, Golf Outing, Hall of Fame Induction Celebration, Hilltop Bean Dinner participation, football game food concessions, and several membership meetings. These events promote camaraderie among our graduates as well as raise money for the scholarships we provide our young people and that helps us manage our organization.

Instead of retracting, it is now time for us to lead. We need to do our part to help our young people pursue higher education. Our school needs our assistance with its academic mission as well as with specific athletic and arts-related needs that non-existent booster organizations cannot provide. We can assure that our organization remains strong so that it can continue to serve our members and our school. Over the last several

years, we have provided funding for a sousaphone for the marching band, script rental for a school musical, weightlifting equipment for the athletic department, building materials for the girls softball team dugout, and materials to equip a wellness and study area for the teachers and support staff. We also have continued to fund scholarships for graduating seniors, now exceeding \$190,000 over the last 25 years. Indeed, together we have accomplished a lot. Unfortunately, the coronavirus will hamper our ability to continue these efforts until it is defeated.

We ask you to consider making a financial gift to the West High School Alumni Association, designating it toward your desired purpose(s). Our objective is to raise \$25,000 by the end of the year. In so doing, you will help build the legacy we pass to a new generation.

**Pledges and collections already have reached \$3900.**

### Security

The WHSAA is a 501(c)3 organization and will provide charitable contribution documentation for all contributors to this campaign. As we become successful with this fundraising effort, our intent is to affiliate with the Columbus Foundation to facilitate the security of our organization's assets and to obtain a greater return on our invested funds. Via our organization's bylaws, the Board of Directors only will have the authority to disperse funds, not any one individual.

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

To date, we have secured \$3900 in pledges and gifts toward our \$25,000 goal. We ask you to consider how you can participate in this collective effort. We welcome all gifts. Each is important, no matter the size. I always have marveled at the support and generosity of our alumni community and will report our progress to you both in the next newsletter and, God willing, at our December luncheon.

### Correction Noted

In the last edition of the Alumni Newsletter, we incorrectly spelled **Pat Cozad Smart's** name in the Scholarship article on page 3.



## West High School Alumni Association Leadership Campaign

### Donor Information:

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

### Gift Designation

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

### Gift Levels

Gifts of all amounts are welcome.

All gifts will be acknowledged.

Contributor = less than \$100

Patron = \$100 or greater

Fellow = \$250 or greater

Ambassador = \$500 or greater

Benefactor = \$1000 or greater

### Pledges

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

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

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

### Donate Now

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

Make checks payable to:

**West High School Alumni Association**

### Mail all donations/pledges to:

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

*May we publish your name in a future alumni newsletter?*

☐ Yes

☐ No

*May we publish the amount of your gift?*

☐ Yes

☐ No

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

*Thank you for your leadership.*



Clip along dotted line and return form along with your check

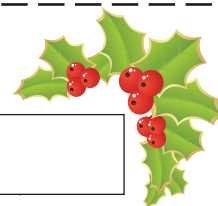


## 2020 All-Class Christmas Lunch Reservations

MAIL IN TODAY!

Number # \_\_\_\_\_ Entree Reservations at \$22.00 each. Total enclosed --->

\$



List names for each reservation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this reservation form  
and check to:  
West Alumni  
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## West High School All-Class Christmas Lunch, December 5, 2020!

**Registration Deadline! November 27, 2020**

*All Alumni are invited. Attention Class Representatives! Pass the word.*

Join us in celebrating the Holiday Season  
with your old friends and schoolmates.

Reservations are \$22.00 per person.

**Location: Raymond Memorial Golf Course**  
3860 Trabue Road  
Columbus, OH 43228

There is ample free parking on the  
east side of the building.

*All Italian Lover's Feast Buffet*  
*by Schmidt's Catering*  
*(Gluten free items available.)*

**Doors Open at 11:00 am**  
**Cocktail/Social Hour 11:00 a.m. - Noon**  
**Cash Bar**  
**Lunch - Noon**  
**Registration starting at 10:30 a.m.**



Questions: Stacy Neff Campbell '78  
(614) 279-7998



**Music provided by**  
**West High Alumni Dance Band**

### **Silent Auction items needed!**

Contact our Silent Auction Chair Stacy Neff Campbell '78  
at (614) 279-7998 with items to be donated.

All monies raised will benefit the West High Alumni Scholarship Foundation!



# The Hilltop Pool



*The Hilltop Pool was the place that many West students spent their summer. I heard from several different alumni about the pool. Here is the information that they sent in to be shared with our membership. If you would like to send in your memories about the pool, please send it to the editor.*



*Don Gilliland, '58 and JoAnn Frazier Price, '58*

## Hilltop Pool - Great Memories

*By Marcia Hoare Scherocman, '58*

I really had to dig in my archives to find these pictures! These pictures were taken in the summer of 1952. These pictures are of **Don Gilliland** and **JoAnn Frazier Price**, and **Don and Joe Bowman**. They are all classmates of mine from the Jan. 1958 class. I took these pictures while "Rock Around the Clock" was playing on the juke box. We all spent much time at the pool taking swim lessons and socializing from 1951 to 1955. Then, the next year most of us were 16 and got our first jobs. Many times, we would walk to the **Dent** household on N. Chase Avenue because they had a pool table! Great memories!



*Don and Joe Bowman, '58*

## Hilltop Pool as a Member and as an Owner

*By Steve Hedges, '67*

As a member of the pool, I had great times as a kid. I remember after changing into my swimsuit I would put my clothes in a basket and the clothes check person would give me a pin with a number on it. I remember watching the girls dance and trying to look cool while hanging out at the juke box behind the building. I remember playing basketball and getting into the pool to rinse the sweat off and to cool off. By having a pool membership, we could later get a discount at "Bob's Putt-Putt" in Great Western Shopping Center. That was also a good time!

As an owner of the pool, I had to work at it to make it successful and to try to make a profit. If I hired things done, I would have not made any profit at all.

Weather was also a big factor in the swimming pool business. There were multiple different activities to try to stay "afloat!" A favorite thing at the pool was the tube slide and the basketball hoop for the kids to play with by the deep end of the pool. There were moonlight swims when we stayed open after hours for members only. We had a video game room with 25 cent



*Hilltop pool*

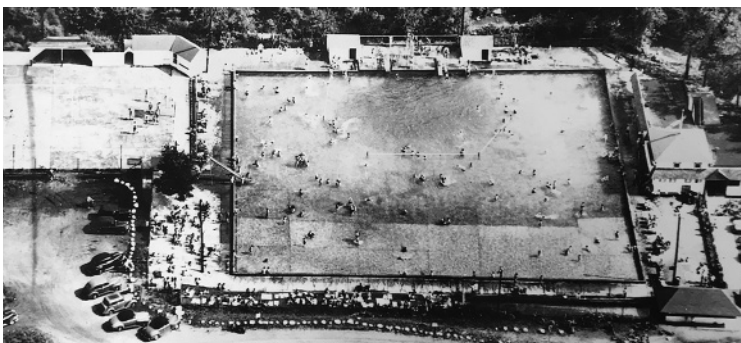
games to play to keep the kids entertained. We had a balloon launch on July 4th to raise money for Easter Seals. We sold helium balloons for \$1.00 and then we put the member's name on the balloon. We launched the balloons and whoever's balloon got sent back from the farthest distance from the pool got a free pool membership the following year.

Two times we got flooded and many pool members were a great support. Many came to help clean the pool and get it ready to open again. We had an afterhours BBQ for everyone who helped.

In the off season, we sold Christmas trees and all profits went to Recreation Unlimited – a camp for handicapped children in Delaware, Ohio. At the end of the season, we would have a yard sale at the pool. Members would get a space to sell their belongings and talk about the season.

There were many great memories, great members, and great staff which made the season go well. I remember something funny when my best friend, Jeff Clark, and I were pulling vines down off the fence at the basketball court and we both got poison ivy!

Connie and Mike Cahill took over the pool in 1994, and they sold it to Jim and Kelly Campbell in 2005.



*Hilltop pool aerial view*





The following is a reprint of an article by **Lois Hunter Neff**, class of 1955.

It was submitted by two different alumni for publication – **Greg Large**, '70 and **Steve Hedges**, '67.

## Throwback in Time – Hilltop Pool

By *Lois Hunter Neff*, '55



Many West High Alumni spent many hours at this well-known Hilltop landmark, both for pleasure and employment. The Hilltop Pool, located in Valleyview on Valleyview Dr., is the largest swimming pool in the city of Columbus (139' x 150').

Built in 1929 by the American Legion, the site was named Curtis Bender Park in honor of Sgt. Curtis Bender, the first Hilltopper killed in WWI. At the close of the war, an American Legion Post was organized and named the Curtis Bender Post. To finance the swimming pool, pledges were raised by the Legion. The site included the pool, picnic area, and a miniature golf course. Unfortunately, the park suffered severe financial problems during the Depression – pledges fell off, and problems arose with the city about sanitation of the water. In 1931, the Legion sold the park to Charles A. Cruea, a local businessman who operated a store at the corner of Hague and Steele. Cruea was known to dam up the creek behind the pool and stock it with fish. Anglers would catch the fish and then buy them by the pound from Cruea.

Cruea added an outdoor skating rink in the early 1940's, known as the "Hilltop Moonlight Roller Rink." It was located on the east side of the site, where the Basketball court is now situated. The Roller Rink was open until midnight, five nights a week. In 1943 the Skating Rink was managed by Bob and Aili Case, Hilltop residents who purchased the pool in 1944. The rink was closed in 1946 due to lack of interest, and the pool beach area was extended. The Bath House was rebuilt in 1953, and in 1960 the small pool was constructed near the Basketball Court for swim teams and added swim lessons.

The Cases operated the pool for 41 years before selling it to **Steve and Connie Hedges** in 1985. Hedges is a 1967 graduate of West. Connie had been employed by the Cases since 1966, teaching many little Hilltoppers swimming lessons, and Steve was the pool manager in 1984.

The Hedges have made a few changes, but the pool is basically the same as it has been for 60 years. The Hedges are also active in the work of the Easter Seal Society and sponsor various fund-raisers for that organization.

One of this writer's fond memories is from the '50's, when several off-duty Columbus Fire Fighters served as Lifeguards and Swimming Instructors. Do you remember Larry Sears, Jim Seagle, Ralph Burden, Dick Westkamp, and Bill and Bela Peterfy?

### *A note on the Cases:*

A sideline to the swimming pool business was the sale of Christmas trees at the pool. From the 1940's through his term as owner, Bob Case sold 12,000 trees a season until artificial trees became popular. Case leased land in Nova Scotia to grow better trees.

For several years he supplied cash prizes and the "Bob Case Trophy" at the annual Bear River (Nova Scotia) Tree Cutter's Association Trap Shoot. An avid golfer, Case owned and operated "Bob's Putting Golf" from 1956-1976, at Great Western and Graceland Shopping Centers.



## West



**Caitlin Morris**  
(3.47)  
Track (2 years),  
wrestling (2),  
tennis (1)



**Lashawn Samuel**  
(3.74)  
Track (3 years),  
cross country (2)

## Congratulations Cowboys!

Congratulations to recent 2020 graduates **Caitlin Morris** and **Lashawn Samuel**. They are both Columbus Dispatch Scholar Athletes from West.

**Caitlin** was in track, wrestling and tennis. She had a 3.47 grade point average.

**Lashawn** was in track and cross country. He had a 3.74 grade point average.

## Update on Former West Vice Principal – Miss Blanche Kern

In the spring newsletter we asked if any of our alumni recalled any information about **Ms. Blanche Kern**, the West Vice Principal from 1929, when West High opened on Powell Ave., until she retired in 1952. We wanted to share the memories that two alumni shared.

2004 Hall of Fame Honoree, **Joan Smith Reppert '48**, called from Pennsylvania to share her memories of Miss Kern. Joan let us know she was a student volunteer clerk in Miss Kern's office. Joan said she occasionally felt somewhat embarrassed when Miss Kern would call a female student in to her office (while Joan was doing filing) and criticize the student for something she had done. Miss Kern never asked her to leave while talking with another student. But Joan's favorite memory was when she took her 4th year Latin class. In those days, West had one vice principal. In addition to those duties, Miss Kern also taught the Latin class. Per Joan, "We read Vergil's Aeneid, and both boys and girls loved her class. It was so refreshing after working our ways for three years through Caesar's Gallic Wars and then Cicero's Orations! Ms. Kern had beautiful white hair and was always a lady. She was uncompromising and greatly admired by her Latin Students.



**Bruce Findlay '63** remembered that his cousin, **Louise Bitzer Jordan '50 Jan.**, had spoken about Miss Kern. He talked with her to see what she could tell us about her memories of Miss Kern. Louise did not have much contact with Miss Kern except she remembered Miss Kern inviting each of the senior girls into her office before graduation to ask what their plans were after they graduated. We do not know if Miss Kern gave any guidance based on what the graduate related. Based on what we have gotten from the yearbooks, we know that many of the ladies did go to college, some to business school, and others straight to the work force. Whatever Miss Kern advised them to do, we are certain it was beneficial to them. After hearing that Joan Reppert took Latin from Miss Kern, Bruce recalled that both of his parents also took Latin from her during their days at West.

Thank you, Joan, Bruce, and Louise for sharing your memories of Miss Kern. We have forwarded the information to the Greenlawn Cemetery Abbey coordinator. It was their inquiry that prompted our request.





*Hi Dave and Nancy,*

I am **Jerry Solinger, Class of June 1949**. I noticed the 1946 West Junior High baseball team photo, in the Summer Issue. I am in the photo, second guy from the left, in the front row. Ms. Thrush erroneously identified the coach as Mack Pemberton. The coach pictured is Orrie Lehman. Coach Pemberton did coach a number of teams and sports while at West. His 1947 football team went undefeated and untied. One of the star players on that team was **Bill Thrush's** brother, **Jack Thrush**, who was elected first team All Ohio End. Jack was the outstanding athlete in the school, making the All City League team in the three major sports.

I enjoy the West High Alumni Occident, even though I only see it by the courtesy of a former classmate. Incidentally, I am blessed to have precisely two dozen grandchildren AND precisely two dozen great grandchildren. Why don't you publish this letter and see if anyone can top that? Incidentally, I was well acquainted with several past presidents, namely, **Ed Sensenbrenner, Robin Schmidt, Nancy Hardy, Donna Spring** and **Richard Borrer**.

Sincerely,  
**Jerry Solinger**

*Dear Jerry,*

Thank you for the information about Mack Pemberton and Orrie Lehman. We certainly appreciate the information. Congratulations on all of your grandchildren and great grandchildren. We would love to have you as a member of the Alumni Association if you wish to join.

Best Wishes, **Nancy Laver**, Editor and **Dave Dobos**, President

## Special Message for Darcy Crispin Fortner, '53

*Hello Darcy,*

I got your message and you made my day! I am so glad that you are enjoying the newsletter.

Take care,  
**Nancy Laver**, Editor

*Dear Nancy,*

My daughter and I were most recently in a play together. The name of the play is "*System Shakers and Barrier Breakers: The Suffragists*". It is an original play about Key women in the Suffragist Movement 100 years ago. The enclosed photo is a picture of actors in the play. I am seated right in front of the Justice Bell and my character is Ida B. Wells - a civil rights activist and a journalist as well as a teacher, lecturer, wife, and mother. Across from me is seated my daughter, Rebecca, who portrays Sojourner Truth. We enjoyed working on the play and working with the other cast members. Thank you for considering it for print.

As for your question about history, I did not have a particular interest in history as taught at West. I enjoyed languages as taught by Mille Glenn, Chemistry by Mr. E.T. Stone and many other classes mostly in the humanities. In college, I was an English major. I hope you received the cast picture. I reside in Reading, Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,  
**Joan Smith Reppert**  
**West High Class of 1948, June**



*In the cast picture, Joan Smith Reppert, '48  
is seated to the right of the Justice Bell.  
Rebecca Reppert, her daughter, is seated to the left.*

*Dear Joan,*

Thank you so much for the information about the play that you were in this spring. I have included a link for the alumni to actually watch your play on YouTube. This is exciting as we approach the November election knowing that 100 years ago women obtained the right to vote. Thank you for sharing this play with us.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vQGWCh-oPi0>

Best wishes,  
**Nancy Laver**, Editor

# THANK YOU for Your Donation



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

*All Scholarship donations qualify as a tax deduction on your federal taxes.*

Checks should be made payable to the WHSAA and  
mailed to Treasurer, P.O. Box 28056, Columbus, OH 43228.

## THANK YOU for Your General Fund Donation

Jamie Kennard, 1975

## THANK YOU for Your Scholarship Donation

Steve Plevel, 1956  
Tex Hysell, 1963  
Tim Weisert, 1963  
Pat Stewart, 1964  
Edgar L. McCleaf, Jr., 1957  
William E. Sanders  
Nyla Grabill Johnson, Jan. 1953

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

Marie Stafford, FOA, in honor of Dianne Krebs

Robert Harman, June 1953, in memory of David M. Westlake

William M. Grant, June 1956, in memory of Albert and Donald Jester, two charter members of the "Brinker Ave. Gang"

Lorane Morgan Hawk, June 1963, in memory of her husband Danny Hawk, 1962

Lois Farrand Sensenbrenner, Jan. 1950, in memory of her brother, William R. Farrand, Jan. 1959

Lois Farrand Sensenbrenner, Jan. 1950, in memory of her dear friend and bridesmaid in her wedding,  
Carol Luckshaw Evans, June 1950

Edward W. Sensenbrenner, Jan. 1950, in memory of my brother and his wife,  
Richard Sensenbrenner, June 1954 and Sandra Miller Sensenbrenner, June 1954

Dianne Krebs, FOA, in memory of Dan Krebs, 1953

Jamie Kennard, 1975, in honor of teammates and classmates from the classes of 1974 -1977. The memories are priceless!

John D. Herbert, 1944, in honor of Paul Zeisler, 1944 who was killed by a Japanese Kamikaze pilot in 1945.  
He was a wonderful guy!

John D. Herbert, 1944, in honor of Dorothy d'Ambrosio Murnane, 1944

Dale and Margery Elliott, in memory of Donna Elliott Knisely, 1962

## WELCOME New Life Members

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

Helen Freedman Stanich, FOA  
Robert Harman, 1953 June  
Steve Charles, 1973  
Vida Fulton Williams, 1973

## WELCOME New Members

Nancy Seeds Long-Polnoff, 1956 June  
Raven Rendell, 2020  
Lashawn Samuel, 2020  
Marie Cooper, 2020

# Alumni No Longer With Us



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

## Class

### **1940s**

Robert Kolesar, August 17, 2004	1941, June
J. Ann Davis DeWitt, June 9, 2013	1940
Jeanette "Jerry" Hartsock Jenkins, 2017	1942
Rev. Fred Wollerman, Sr., June 16, 2016	1949, Jan.
John Kern, June 2019	1940, Jan.
Alice Mercer Wolter, November 2019	1948, Jan.
Annabell Kendrick Kay, March 4, 2020	1949, June
Marilyn Mitchell Walburn, April 29, 2020	1945
Marilyn J. Work Edwards, April 30, 2020	1947, June
Jerry Fowler, May 2, 2020	1949, June
Hugh R. McCurdy, June 8, 2020	age 93
Edith Marlow Freeman, June 9, 2020	1943
Richard F. McCarley, June 26, 2020	age 95
William "Bill" Garber, June 28, 2020	1948
Alice J. Remington Galloway, July 14, 2020	1944
Trafford A. Ream, July 30, 2020	1949
Vera Masdea Valentino, August 21, 2020	1949
Eileen Greenler Kern, August 24, 2020	1940, Jan.

### **1950s**

Robert D. Shivers, September 5, 2018	1951, June
Doris Friend Kennell, November 14, 2019	1953, June
Carol B. Patterson Horn, May 2, 2020	1954
Al Shade, June 11, 2020	1951, June
Lou Ann Rhoades, June 19, 2020	1950, June
Charles F. Leibensperger, June 25, 2020	1951, June
Roberta Lee Armentrout Yates, July 14, 2020	1957
Susan Elaine Weisman Wargo, July 15, 2020	1959, June
Richard Wood, July 2020	1950, June

## Class

### **1050s continued**

Dwight E. Campbell, July 22, 2020	1959, June
George McCoy, July 24, 2020	1950, Jan.
Richard "Dick" Moxley, August 1, 2020	1959, June
Judy Lynn Stelz Bunner, August 2020	1956, June
Warren "Pumps" Pemberton, August 12, 2020	1955
Yvonne "Bonnie" Neff, July 21, 2020	1953, June
Larry Franklin Witherup, August 26, 2020	1956, June

### **1960s**

Cheryl Raye Kendall Piatt, December 16, 2014	1967
Patricia "Trish" Campbell Stiehm, May 27, 2020	1963
Douglas Ison, June 5, 2020	1962, June
Nancy Lehman Mahoney, June 23, 2020	1960, Jan.
Eugene "Gene" Hedrick, June 26, 2020	1964
Edwina Mae Eldridge, July 30, 2020	1962
James Frederick Bluhm, August 6, 2020	1960
Jeanette L. Griffiths Lee, August 7, 2020	1960
Michael L. Poole, August 9, 2020	1962
Connie Weinhart Wolfe, August 25, 2020	1962, June

### **1970s**

Richard "Dick" Otis Jr., April 2020	1979
James "Butch" Smith, May 26, 2020	1974
Noreen C. Provans, June 9, 2020	1978
Margaret "Peggy" Shover, June 26, 2020	1977
Anita Marie Kimball DeCarlo, July 28, 2020	1974
Janet Kountz Almond, August 6, 2020	1975

*Thank you to our Alumni and friends who informed the Association of the passing of these cherished alumni, teachers and staff of West High School. Without your help we would not have this section.*

## **Missing Members**

We have quite a few Life Member alumni whose newsletters have been returned to us because of incorrect addresses or possibly death. If you know the current address or any other information for any of the alumni listed below, please contact Nancy Laver at 614-570-0018 or nybryant@aol.com.

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

Walter Binkley,	1950 Jan.
Patricia Bennett Nicholson,	1950 June
Robert J. Thomas,	1954 June
Laura Hartsook Shipley,	1956 June
Jim Kerr,	1957 June
Charles Davis,	1961 June
Carol Smith,	FOA





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

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



### Steve Scarpitti

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

June 1974

**What were you involved in at West while in high school?**

Student Council President;  
Senior year Junior Class Vice President; Football and basketball

statistician; Stage manager, plays, drama and musicals; In the Know Team senior year; Buckeye Boys State; CEO of Scarpitti's Scoopers for Student Council Donkey Basketball, our business is picking up! Chairperson, Cols Public Schools Consortium of Student Council Presidents; Chancellor, Freedoms Foundation Pilgrimage to Philadelphia, senior year trip with Central Ohio Student Council presidents; Franklin County Student Chairperson for the March of Dimes Walkathon

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

**Who were some of your favorite teachers? Do you have any specific memories of those teachers?**

Dr. Jim Malanowski - American History, a very student-centered, energizing, vibrant and dynamic teacher.

Mr. Jerry Ocock - Physics class - hands on, minds on, real world physics, he had a passion for photography too, excellent teacher!

Mr. John Drury - Math V - best math teacher ever, we did tend to get Mr. Drury off task occasionally to play chess during 0 Period.

Mr. Clarence Bowers - A very brave WWII Vet, my hand still hurts 47 years later from taking notes during 7th period, I learned more in his class than in my mid-level college biology courses at OSU.

Mr. Robert Zadronzy - Everybody's friend, all around great guy!

Mr. Bill Griffin - This vocal teacher actually thought I could sing, great junior choir teacher.

Mr. Fred Heischman - old school, always firm, fair, always made sure we understood Algebra II.

Mr. Gene O'Sabien - made the 8 minutes of my sophomore home-room most memorable, made us laugh about nothing and everything!

Mrs. Rosemary Leuchter - English teacher, Expository Writing and Major British Authors, she was very, very challenging and a great teacher.

Mr. Bill Huckaba - Bravest man on the planet...Coach Huckaba was my "in car" drivers education instructor!

Mr. William Abele - What's not to like about your high school principal folks?

Such outstanding teachers at WHS, I could go on and on...

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

Proud to say, I have been involved in the WHSAA for about 6 years.

Served as Treasurer for 2 years.

Served on the Scholarship Committee for 4 years, 3 years as chairperson/co-chairperson.

Served on the Hall of Fame Committee for 3 years.

Supported all the key events: Bean Dinner, Hall of Fame, sports concessions, summer picnic, annual golf outing, membership mtgs, December Holiday dinner.

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

As a former educator for 35 years, primary and intermediate grade teacher, coach, middle school math/science teacher and school principal for 27 years, the success of our young people in their various school settings drives the heart, soul, mind and spirit of our neighborhoods, city, state and nation. The Alumni Association focuses on ways to provide support to West High School through direct scholarship support to WHS Senior students, support of academic projects, visual and performing arts, athletics and a myriad of other programs and opportunities.

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

Wife of 33 years, Heidi Briscoe Scarpitti

Two adult children - Dustin and Allyson

Family means everything to me!

My past career as an educator was most rewarding, I stay in touch with former students via social media, some of those kids are turning 50 years old. I believe that once you are a youngster's teacher, coach or school principal you are forever that person's teacher, coach or principal.

Enjoy preparing all sorts of Italian cuisine, my pasta sauce is the best! Love to entertain guests and family at our house, enjoy cooking big family meals, love to BBQ and experiment with new recipes (not always good!)

Enjoy spending time with my younger brother drowning worms (some would call that fishing) but the fish are almost always much smarter than me.

Enjoy going out on our Sea Ray powerboat (The Miss Briscoe), canoeing, hiking at Prairie Oaks Metro Park or Griggs Reservoir Park and kayaking.

Enjoy golf, but after 56 years of golfing my game has not improved much. The goal is to shoot a low score, right? Getting a birdie or a par while golfing is still a cause for celebration after 18 holes of golf.

# Update Your Alumni 2020 Calendar!



**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

<b>October 11, 2020 Sunday</b>	<b>6:00 PM Board Meeting - WHS Alumni Board Meeting</b> at Next Level Prep, 1805 O'Brien Rd, Columbus, 43228
<b>October 14, 2020 Wednesday</b>	<b>6:00 PM General Membership Meeting - Officer and Board nominations</b> O'Charley's Restaurant, 1650 Georgesville Square, Columbus, 43228
<b>November 15, 2020 Sunday</b>	<b>6:00 PM Board Meeting - WHS Alumni Board Meeting</b> at Next Level Prep, 1805 O'Brien Rd, Columbus, 43228
<b>November 18, 2020 Wednesday</b>	<b>6:00 PM General Membership Meeting - Officer and Board elections</b> O'Charley's Restaurant, 1650 Georgesville Square, Columbus, 43228
<b>December 5, 2020 Wednesday</b>	<b>11:00 AM All-Class Christmas Luncheon</b> Raymond Memorial Golf Course Clubhouse
<b>January 24, 2021 Sunday</b>	<b>6:00 PM Board Meeting - WHS Alumni Board Meeting</b> at Next Level Prep, 1805 O'Brien Rd, Columbus, 43228
<b>February 24, 2021 Wednesday</b>	<b>6:00 PM General Membership Meeting - Officer and Board elections</b> O'Charley's Restaurant, 1650 Georgesville Square, Columbus, 43228
<b>March 6, 2021 Saturday</b>	<b>11:00 AM Florida All-Class Reunion</b> Sarasota Der Dutchman Restaurant, 3713 Bahia Vista St., Sarasota Florida



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

Thirty alumni households contributed \$89.43 to the Association without having to do anything but register their Kroger Plus Card on a computer. Thank you for the donation! This is one of the easiest ways for non-profit organizations to earn funds for their programs. Your Alumni Association has participated in this program for several years now. We receive a quarterly check from Kroger with proceeds from all who have made this designation for West High School Alumni Association. The Kroger funds are used to help pay for the general expenses of the Association, which include the preparation and printing of this newsletter.

Cards can only be registered via the Internet. If you do not have a computer, please ask a friend or relative to register your card for you. After you register your Kroger card, each time you make a purchase at a Kroger store use your Kroger Plus Card, Kroger Credit Card, or Alternate ID and a portion of your purchases will automatically be applied toward the Kroger Community Rewards donation. All participants must re-enroll each year to continue earning rewards for our organization.

### **Kroger Community Rewards Program**

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- Login into your Kroger account (if you don't have a Kroger account, please create one as it only requires an email address and a password)
- Under "Find an Organization" type West High School Alumni Association
- Click search
- West High School Alumni Association will show up with our number HA170
- Click Enroll



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

If you shop at AMAZON.COM, please consider signing in at [SMILE.AMAZON.COM](https://www.smile.amazon.com).

Once in the Amazon website, choose West High School Alumni Association, Columbus Ohio as your donation recipient.

Every order you place through <http://www.smile.amazon.com> will have 0.5% donated to your Alumni Association.

There is no additional charge for you to do this. It is an Amazon program to give back to charitable organizations in the community.

**Our Alumni Association received  
\$5.67 in August.**

Every little bit helps!

In 2001, we let our membership know we would accept any yearbooks they wanted to donate. The first yearbooks we received were used to build a Yearbook Library. Through the generous donation of many alumni, we were able to build a collection of one yearbook for every West graduation year starting with 1912 through 2018 - except 1913, 1917, and 1994. Our Yearbook Library is a great resource for our newsletter editor to verify graduation years, find articles and pictures for the Alumni Newsletter, and look for information we often get questions for from alumni and alumni families. These generous yearbook donations have resulted in us having multiple yearbooks for several years, especially for the graduation years of the 1920s through the 1950s. We often receive yearbooks when an alum is downsizing a home, when two alums are married and have duplicate yearbooks, and when a deceased alums family donates yearbooks. We sell the extra yearbooks to our alumni! Since 2001 we have sold over 400 yearbooks. That is almost \$12,000 of proceeds that have been deposited in our Alumni Scholarship Foundation Fund.

We recently received a significant yearbook donation from **Bill Weber '69**. Bill is the son of two people that are familiar to many of our alumni. His father was former West teacher and administrator **Richard Weber '43** and his mother was longtime West office secretary **Donna Inboden Weber '45**. Per Bill, he and his parents all started at West at the same time - Bill as a 10th grader and his parents on the West staff! Bill and his wife live in Texas and were in Columbus to visit his mother. The donation included Mr. Weber's 1941 and 1942 yearbook from his school days and 1970 through 1989 yearbooks that Mr. and Mrs. Weber had purchased when they worked at West. He also donated a collection of five records from various Band, Orchestra, and Choir performances from 1967 through 1973; Bill's Varsity Letter Jacket with his Band 'Letter' still on it; several West Occident Newspapers; and several years of Commencement Programs. We already have some old West Occident newspapers in our Memorabilia and are adding the additional ones. The Columbus Public Library has been work-

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

For those who may not have known, Mr. Weber died on May 9, 2019. Mrs. Weber is living at an assisted living facility. She is 92. According to Bill, she is doing relatively well. For any who remember Mrs. Weber and would like to send her a card, her address is: Brookdale Pinnacle, 1305 Lamplighter Dr., Grove City, OH 43123. Whether you think she would remember you or not, we are certain she would like to hear from you.



The Alumni Association currently has over 300 yearbooks for sale. Those in the Weber donation are already spoken for. We are currently contacting those waiting for those years. We have a Yearbook Wait List of about 200 alumni. Some have been on our list for over 15 years! For several years we have multiple individuals waiting on the same yearbook! When we try to contact someone, occasionally the information given us is no longer current. We do look for other ways to contact them (Alumni Association membership information, Facebook, class representatives, and Internet searches). We never remove a name from our Wait List unless asked to. When we cannot contact someone, we keep him or her on the list and move to the next person listed.

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

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

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



# Membership Application

## 2021 Annual Membership Dues are Due Now!



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### Donations

- Donations to General Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_
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- In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_
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### Special Gift Newsletter

During 2021, with your membership renewal you can give an emailed newsletter to a friend with an interest in West High School. Lifetime members may also participate! We think that most people who receive a gift newsletter will join the association. We can double our membership if every current member participates in this special offer! Do your part - it is FREE!

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