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The "Rock" - with the original bronze plaques created and installed by CHS students.



1944-2024 - 80 Years!

2024 MEMORIAL CEREMONY AT THE FOREST: FRIDAY, MAY 24

**"The only high school in the universe with a Memorial Forest honoring WW II heroes."
John R. Barton (1935-2024)**

Every Friday preceding the Memorial Day weekend, the CHS Alumni Association has a ceremony at the CHS Memorial Forest to honor alumni who lost their lives while serving in the US military. Our tradition typically includes guest speakers to tell stories about some of our alumni who have served in the armed forces of the USA. An Honor Guard fires a salute to our fallen heroes, and **Bernie Moskowitz '57** plays Taps. CHS students participate in a flag-folding exercise before it is presented to a survivor of a fallen loved one.

Our granite monument naming our fallen heroes was installed in 2017, thanks to a generous donation from two alumni who wish to remain anonymous. A protective coating was provided

by **Frank & Haru Nishimura**. Frank served in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team with good friend **Yoshito Noritake** who is listed on the monument.

Everyone is encouraged to make **"The Trek"** to **the Rock**. The bronze plaques naming our fallen war heroes are no longer there, but it's good to see this special place in the forest where our heroes were honored for so many years.

Following the ceremony, refreshments are served to students, CHS staff, and guests. **The CHS Alumni Association pays all expenses. Join us!**

More details at www.clevelandalumsea.org

CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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2024 UPCOMING EVENTS

May 14: CHS STEM PTSA Meeting

Tracy Arnold & Nicole Washington have volunteered to attend these meetings.

May 24: Annual CHS Memorial

Forest Day 11:00 A.M. Issaquah, WA

Jun 1: PTSA Red & White

Fundraising Auction at Centilia

Cultural Center. 21+ Event.

More info: [Facebook.com/CHSEaglesPTSA](https://www.facebook.com/CHSEaglesPTSA)

CHSEaglesPTSA

Jun 8: Board Meeting

Jun 11: CHS STEM PTSA Meeting

Aug 7: Board Meeting

Aug 14: Class of '64 Reunion

Sept 14: 80th Anniversary of CHS

Memorial Forest - Details TBA

Nov 2: CHS Alumni Veterans

Breakfast, Location & Time TBA.

Nov 9: CHSAA in the City of

Auburn Veterans Parade

Dec 4: Board Meeting

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CHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MISSION STATEMENT

A nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization of Washington State and the United States, this Association was founded for the purposes of: preserving the Cleveland High School Memorial Forest [located at 28322 SE Issaquah-Fall City Road, Fall City, WA] in perpetuity to honor former Cleveland students who gave their lives in service to the United States of America; supporting the educational uses in forestry, ecology, botany and environmental studies of the forest; and supporting and assisting students and staff of Cleveland High School in Seattle, Washington in their educational activities. Any individual who attended Cleveland Junior or Senior High School is a member of the Cleveland High School Alumni Association.

CARRYING ON THE LEGACY

by Trace (Case) Arnold '82



Hello! As your new Alumni Association President, I want to introduce myself and give a quick summary of my background. I'm a talker, so this is considered "short." I graduated from Cleveland HS in 1982 and have a long history

with Cleveland. Three generations of my family have gone to Cleveland, starting when it opened in 1927. The last member was there until 1987, when my family moved to Kent. My parents went to Cleveland. My aunts and uncles went to Cleveland. My dad and uncles were part of the Kings of Swing (including when they got back together). My siblings, sisters-in-law, and husband went to Cleveland. I knew a lot of kids with the same story, so we weren't unique.

I was around when my dad, Don Case ('48), and his former classmates formed the Alumni Association in 1995. It started out and was formed to save the CHS Memorial Forest. I love history, especially when it comes to family and our little world of South Seattle, so I volunteered to help type names from the yearbooks in a database. We started with 1927 and went from there to start collecting as much as we could. It was a lot of fun as I read the yearbooks. Some things never change. Kids will be kids. Don Clifford became the first president of the Alumni

Association, and my dad was the vice president. I joined the board in 2001 for a few years but had to step away due to the demands of my job and kids. A few years ago, I talked with John Barton, and he invited me to a board meeting. I asked many questions at the meeting, and before I knew it, I was back on the board (John Barton was pretty smooth about how that whole thing happened). Last year, I retired from The Boeing Company after 36 years and started to take on more responsibilities with the association. Again, I didn't see it coming, but John Barton and Bernie Moskowitz had a plan. I wanted to be the "Historian for the Association" and thought that was the plan. I genuinely believe everything happens for a reason, good or bad, and here I am.

I didn't know about the Memorial Forest when I attended Cleveland High School. I'm sure it was mentioned, but I didn't listen. I was too busy having fun and trying to be cool (whatever that meant). Now, it's an honor to tell people about the forest and the reason it exists. This year marks the 80th anniversary of the Memorial Forest, and next year will be the 30th anniversary of the CHS Alumni Association.

It is my honor to serve as your President. I will do my best to make my dad and the founders proud. This year, we are busy with the Memorial Forest and other projects, but I'm interested in the stories and history. I would love to hear your stories! Send them to my e-mail address (president@clevelandalumsea.org). If you want me to call you, let me know, and I can call you starting in June.



KEEP THE NOMINATIONS COMING!

We have received an overwhelming response to our call for alumni award nominations—with over 40 submissions already and more on the way! As we continue our fact-finding efforts to support the school's final approval process, we are committed to ensuring that every nomination is considered thoroughly and fairly.

The Selection Committee is set to convene in June to begin the meticulous review and selection process. We're all eager to see the outcomes of

their hard work and to celebrate the achievements of our distinguished alumni. The selected awardees will be announced this fall, and we promise to keep you updated every step of the way. The next submission deadline is January 7th, 2025. Time flies, so don't miss your chance to nominate someone whose contributions have truly made a difference.

We're excited to see who will be recognized next and are optimistic about the positive impact these awards will have on our community. Keep those nominations coming, and help us honor the exceptional individuals among our alumni!

Tracy (Case) Arnold '82
president@clevelandalumsea.org

SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS: EVAN LI, 2023 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

In the heart of our alumni community, stories of ambition and achievement continually emerge, reminding us of the impact of our collective support. Today, we spotlight Evan Li, a remarkable Cleveland STEM High School graduate from the class of 2023. Thanks to the CHS Alumni Association's scholarship, his academic journey has taken him to the prestigious halls of the University of Pennsylvania.

Last fall, Evan embarked on his collegiate journey at an Ivy League institution, fueled by a passion for biology and neuroscience. These fields captivate his curiosity and align perfectly with his long-term career ambitions in the sciences. Evan is diving deep into research, working in a laboratory at the forefront of scientific discovery.

But Evan's aspirations don't stop at the lab doors. He's also embracing an opportunity to give back, starting an internship with a nonprofit organization dedicated to uplifting first-generation, low-income students through project-based mentorship. This initiative reflects Evan's belief in the power of education and mentorship to transform lives.

When asked about the role of the CHS Alumni Association scholarship in his journey, Evan's gratitude was palpable.



"This scholarship has been a cornerstone in my pursuit of higher education, allowing me to immerse myself in my studies and research without the

weight of financial concerns. It's empowering me to explore my full potential and make significant strides towards my career goals." ~Evan Li

Evan's story is a testament to the difference our alumni community can make in the lives of students like him. As Evan prepares to continue his studies at the University of Pennsylvania this fall, he stands as a beacon of potential, inspiring all of us to consider how we can contribute to the success of future CHS graduates.

Annual CHS Scholarships

Every year thanks to the generous donations of our alumni, their families, friends and former staff, the CHS Alumni Association can grant scholarships to Cleveland High School graduates.

These graduates apply for a CHS Alumni Association Scholarship to help with the cost of colleges, trade schools and other higher education institutions they are planning to attend after high school. In 2023, we were able to provide \$10,000 in scholarships, with a plan to provide at least \$20,000 this year to the 2024 CHS graduates.

A special shout out to JoAnn (Victor) Smith, Class of 1956, for her tireless efforts of running the scholarship committee for many years. JoAnn's dedication to the CHS Alumni Association and the

Scholarship Committee has helped many new alumni pursue their dreams and goals. Tracy (Case) Arnold (Class of '82) will be handling the scholarship committee this year, with Meredith (Murray) Blache (Class of '81) taking over next year. JoAnn will continue to be part of the scholarship committee again this year to help mentor the committee members.

If you would like to volunteer to help, be part of the scholarship committee, please contact us at scholarships@clevelandalumsea.org. The timeline for the committee is April – May and includes reviewing the scholarships submissions. If you have any questions, please reach out to us via email.

Recipients of 2024 CHS Alumni Scholarships will be published in the next issue of *The Alumni Newsletter!*

ARCHIVES & MEMORABILIA WANTED

by Tracy (Case) Arnold '82

Annuals for the Seattle School District

The Seattle School District Archives is missing just four (4) of the Cleveland High School Aquila annuals (or yearbooks as I called it in high school back in the day). If anyone has a copy of the **1980, 1984, 1988, and 2004** annuals/yearbooks. If you have an extra copy you want to donate, please send them to:

Seattle Public Schools

Records & Archives Center
Attn: Meaghan Kahlo, Archivist
2445 3rd Ave S, MS 21-345
Seattle, WA 98124

Alumni Memorabilia - "Grover's Corner"

In addition to the Archives wanting annuals, if you have any **CHS mementos** or items you want to donate to the **Alumni Association**, we would love them! We're working with the school to obtain a display case (or two) to hold our Eagle memories. The plan is to rotate the display case on a quarterly basis. The items will be in an area visible to students, staff, and visitors to the school (in a locked glass case).

Bring your mementos to the upcoming annual meeting or send the mementos to:

Cleveland High School Alumni Association
(or just put CHSAA)

P.O. Box 94004

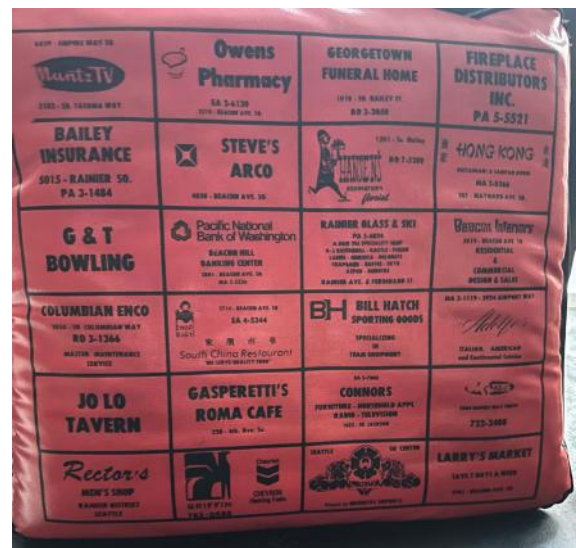
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You can also contact us at membership@clevelandalumsea.org if you have any questions.

I was thrilled to see the call for memorabilia in our Alumni newsletter. For years, I've cherished a seat cushion from my days at Cleveland High School, always hoping it would find a worthy home. Discovering that it could be part of Cleveland's own collection rather than at the Museum of History or Industry fills me with joy.

This cushion isn't just a comfy relic; it's a piece of local history. My father, Marshall Hedgcock,

managed Georgetown Funeral Home during its creation. His support for Cleveland was unwavering, which likely explains why the funeral home chose to advertise with us. The ads on the cushion provide a fascinating glimpse into Seattle's south end during the 1960s, featuring neighborhoods like Georgetown, Beacon Hill, and Columbia City. My siblings and I roamed the halls of Cleveland High in that decade, and looking at those ads brings back a flood of fond memories from our youth in Seattle. It's wonderful to know that this piece of our history will now reside where it belongs, evoking similar nostalgia for others.



Thank you for ensuring this treasured keepsake is preserved.

Martha (Hedgcock) Cantwell '62



HONORING JOHN R. BARTON '54: PROTECTOR OF THE MEMORIAL FOREST



With profound sadness, we announce the passing of John R. Barton '54, a cherished member of our community and a true protector of the CHS Memorial Forest. As Alumni Vice President and key advocate, John was instrumental in safeguarding the CHS Memorial Forest, ensuring its preservation as a lasting heritage for future generations.

John was renowned for his sharp wit and generosity. In a true reflection of his character, he penned his own obituary for the Seattle Times with the humor and insight that those fortunate enough to know him will appreciate. Please refer to page ___ to read his own words about his life.

For many years, John served as the dedicated editor of this newsletter. In 2019, he enlisted the assistance of his stepdaughter, Marni Reecer, in revitalizing our Alumni website.

A memorial service was held in honor of John on Wednesday, April 24, at 12:30 PM at the Bonney Watson Funeral Home in SeaTac. The service featured a special military flag-folding ceremony, recognizing his honorable service. Bernie Moskowitz, a longtime friend and past President of the Alumni Association, paid tribute by playing "Taps."

In lieu of flowers, we invite donations to the CHS Memorial Forest in memory of John. His final project, affectionately known as **Project #1**, focused on enhancing the forest's entrance and gate—initiatives that captivated his interest until his final days.



John at home with wife Mary Lou (Zarkades). Friends since the 6th grade, the two reconnected while planning their 40th CHS High School Reunion.



"Roger" with stepdaughter, Marni Reecer at "The Rock" in 2022

"I will always remember the day I made the 'trek' to the rock with my stepdad. His radiant smile in this photograph captures his joy at being there." ~ Marni

CHS MEMORIAL FOREST PROJECT #1

As part of the board's 5-Year Strategic Plan, we identified the Forest as one of our priorities. We broke the Memorial Forest goals into four manageable phases over ten years. **Phase 1 (Project #1)** is the entrance of the Memorial Forest. Improvements include, but are not limited to:

1. **Granite entrance sign with lighting.** (This includes preparation of the area.)
2. **New fencing around the entrance.**
3. **A new gate.** We prefer it to be ornamental and electronic. This would entail adding the necessary electrical supply to the front entrance.

We have met with a fencing expert to recommend different options, requirements, and potential costs. We are gathering additional information to take to the Seattle School District and the King County Parks Department to get the okay to proceed.



If you're interested in helping with Memorial Forest Project #1, please reach out! We are always looking for relevant expertise from our alums (e.g., construction management, landscaping, architects, project managers, and more).



SPECIAL THANKS TO FIRST STUDENT, INC. & FRANK LEONZAL '83 FOR DONATION OF BUSES!

The Class of 1983, in cooperation with First Student Seattle via Charter Dispatcher Frank Leonzal (CHS 1983 alumnus), provided buses to last year's Memorial Day event at the CHS Memorial Forest. Thanks to their support the Cleveland students and staff were provided transportation to the annual CHS Memorial Forest for the 2023 Memorial Day event. Through this generous donation of 3 school buses this allowed transportation without having to use resources of the school.

Frank commented: *"as long as I'm Charter Dispatcher, I will do my best to save the school and Alumni Association money to be used on other student needs and allow students to have this experience and education."*

First Student believes in giving back to the communities in which they provide services in the United States as well as Canada to many public and private school districts.

MEMORIAL FOREST LOCATION
28322 SE Issaquah-Fall City Rd
Fall City, WA

DIRECTIONS FROM SEATTLE VIA I-90

- Take exit 17 onto Front St. in Issaquah
- Turn left on Front St., continue North onto East Lake Sammamish Parkway SE
- Turn right onto SE Issaquah-Fall City Rd about 3 miles out.
- Pass a large school off to the right.
- Turn right to continue on Issaquah-Fall City Rd.
- Continue for 1.3 miles to the CHS Memorial Forest on the left.

Get Directions via
Google Maps
bit.ly/CHSMemorialForest

or scan the QR code here >



2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

by Nicole R. Washington '80



In a year marked by transition and renewal, the Cleveland High School Alumni Association (CHSAA) proudly shares our collective achievements and milestones for 2023. Our dedication to supporting current students, the school, and its broader community has yielded significant results, thanks to the unwavering support of our alumni, family, and friends.

RECONNECTING AND REBUILDING

In-Person Meetings Resume: Transitioning from pandemic to endemic status, COVID-19 allowed us to resume in-person gatherings safely. The annual meeting convened on February 4th at Cleveland High School, signifying a return to tradition and community engagement.

Board Meetings: Adaptability remained a theme, with board meetings held at local libraries or via Zoom as needed, ensuring our commitment to CHS never wavered.

SUPPORTING EXCELLENCE IN ATHLETICS AND ACADEMICS

Athletic Department Donations: Generous alumni contributions enabled the purchase of new track and football uniforms, totaling \$7,237.25, including heartfelt donations in memory of beloved alumni Louis Gray ('82) and Brian Carlin ('86).

Scholarship Awards: Eight deserving graduates from the Class of 2023 were awarded scholarships

totaling \$10,000, a testament to the Alumni Association's commitment to fostering academic achievement and potential.

Community Presence: A \$250 donation supported the creation of banners for the Seattle Torchlight Parade, proudly showcasing CHS Football and honoring the memory of former players.

STRENGTHENING OUR FOUNDATION

Record-Breaking Donations: Nearly \$100,000 (\$94,438) was raised, setting a new benchmark for alumni, family, and friend contributions.

Strategic Planning: Creating a Five-Year Strategic Plan and a clear budget for 2024 underscores our commitment to transparency and long-term success.

Operational Enhancements: Restructured donation categories and streamlined committees bolster the Association's effectiveness and encourage broader volunteer participation.

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

New Leadership Connection: A productive meeting with new CHS Principal Jeff Lam laid the groundwork for ongoing collaboration and support aligned with the school's vision.

Technology and Efficiency: Establishing a TechSoup account enables access to essential software at reduced rates, optimizing our operations.

Centennial Celebrations Begin: Initial planning for Cleveland High School's 100th Anniversary in September 2027 is underway, promising a landmark celebration of our rich history and vibrant future.

Renewed PTSA Partnership: Strengthening ties with the CHS Parent-Teacher-Student Association, we renew our commitment to the CHS community.

The CHS Alumni Association is more than a network; it's a family dedicated to making a difference. As we reflect on a year of significant achievements, we look forward to building on this foundation, inspired by our shared legacy and the endless possibilities that lie ahead.

5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

by Tracy (Case) Arnold '82

The CHS Alumni Association board has developed a five-year plan that includes:

1. CHS MEMORIAL FOREST

Phase 1: Upgrades – Project #1

We will hopefully tie this into the 80th Anniversary of the CHS Memorial Forest (July 2024)

A new granite sign (with lighting), electronic gate, and fence across the front of the property.

Phase 2: Additions/Upgrades

Estimated July 2026

A parking lot and paved driveway.

Phase 3: Additions/Upgrades

Estimated July 2028

A teaching venue of some type (e.g., lyceum)

Phase 4: Plan for the 2030 Veteran Project

2. 2027 – 100TH ANNIVERSARY

3. SUPPORT CHS STUDENTS & STAFF

Scholarships

Athletics/Activities/Clubs/Music

Miscellaneous (e.g., InvestED, Food Pantry, school needs).

4. GROW MEMBERSHIP

Board – Build a full and strong board.

Volunteers – Support committees

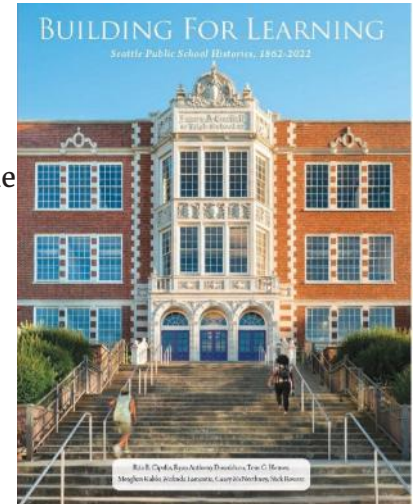
Donations & Fundraising

Partnership with CHS and with the CHS PTSA

MEMORIAL FOREST FEATURED IN “BUILDING FOR LEARNING” EDITION

by Tracy (Case) Arnold '82

The Seattle School District, in collaboration with HistoryLink.org, is proud to announce the release of the latest edition of “Building for Learning: Seattle Public School Histories, 1862–2022”. This comprehensive volume brings to life over 160 years of educational development, achievements, and the profound impact of public schools on the community’s fabric.



This edition features an **exclusive chapter dedicated to the Cleveland High School Memorial Forest**, featuring insights from Ed Boprey, a distinguished alumnus of the class of 1945. This addition enriches the narrative, offering a unique perspective on Cleveland High School’s enduring legacy.

Pre-Sale Orders: Available now for \$65 per book or \$75 with shipping. Don’t miss out on this limited-time offer, as prices are subject to change.

To order, please fill out the **Pre-Sale Order Form**.

<https://bit.ly/bfl-chs>

OR scan the QR Code here >>>



Free chapter files are available on the SeattleSchools.org website.

We’ve posted direct links to chapter files here:

<https://clevelandalumsea.org/new-building-for-learning-edition-featuring-chs-memorial-forest/>

Interested individuals should contact the Seattle School District Archives via email to archives@seattleschools.org

CHS ULTIMATE FRISBEE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

by Tracy (Case) Arnold '82



This year, Cleveland High's JV co-ed Ultimate Frisbee team showcased exceptional talent and teamwork, boasting a roster of 23 dedicated players.

Throughout the season, the CHS Frisbee Team demonstrated its prowess on the field, securing victories in all but one of its matches. Highlighting its successful campaign, on February 17th, it clinched the State title in a thrilling match against Bellingham, with a final score of 11-9. Special accolades go to Coaches Ash and Zep, whose outstanding leadership and strategic insights were pivotal in guiding our young athletes to victory.

Congratulations to the entire team for their hard work and determination!

STAY CONNECTED WITH CLEVELAND HIGH SPRING SPORTS!

As the school year draws to a close, don't miss the exciting developments from all sports teams at Cleveland STEM High School. For all sports schedules, updates, and team news, visit the official website at <https://clevelandhs.seattleschools.org/student-life/athletics/>.

Looking to give back? Consider supporting our athletes by making a donation. Every contribution helps enrich our sports programs and facilities, ensuring our teams continue to thrive. Donate today on our Alumni Donation Page: <https://clevelandalumsea.org/donations/chs-athletics/>

Thank you for your continued support.

Go Eagles!



15 YEARS AT CLEVELAND

by James McArthur '51

Because the latest issue of The Alumni Newsletter had so many “in memoriam” articles, I feel now is the time to write while the McArthur clan is still with us. Five of the seven McArthur children attended Cleveland. I deliberately left off High School in the title because Junior High was also a part of Cleveland for some of us.

We grew up on the north end of Beacon Hill, a few blocks from the then-called Marine Hospital, and we all attended Beacon Hill grade school, which is now the El Centro De La Rasa. A new school was built a few blocks away after we had all left. My older sister went to Franklin while we lived off 15th Avenue South on State Street. In the spring of 1947, the family moved a few blocks to 13th Avenue South, just off Massachusetts Street. It was I, James, who, in September 1947, started the string of five McArthur children going to Cleveland. The youngest of us, Joe Allen, went to Garfield.

To get to Cleveland, we either walked about twelve blocks or took the number 3 trackless trolley down to the North Beacon Hill Junction, where a “four on the floor” stick-shift small shuttle took us down to Cleveland while on its route to Georgetown. Hitch-hiking from the Junction down 15th Avenue to Cleveland was popular as many Boeing employees drove that route.

I started in the fall of 1947 and graduated with the class of 1951. Brother John was a “mid-year” student. His graduation class was in 1953, but with the Korean War going on, he did not pick up his diploma until after his 1956 discharge from the Army. My brother Ed (Edwin) graduated in 1956, the last of us to go through the 8th grade at Beacon Hill. Then came my brother, Tom (Thomas), who graduated in 1957 and was the first of us to attend junior high in Cleveland. Lastly was my sister, Judy (Judith), in the graduating class of 1961. By then, Beacon Hill grade school had phased out grades 7 and 8, so Judy put in the most years of going to Cleveland, a total of six.

Our Cleveland education allowed each of us to have a productive life and career. None of our following generations attended Cleveland. All seven siblings are alive and retired, and four still live in the Seattle area. John is in Wenatchee. Judy is in Olympia. Joe is



in Hillsboro, Oregon. We are all still in pretty good condition. We all have some aches and pains, but mentally we still know who and where we are. We all have our own memories, some fond, some otherwise, and some fading of our good old days at Cleveland.

“All helped by a good education and good study habits thanks to Helen Champlin at Cleveland.”

Editor's note

James “Jim” delivered the Seattle Times while attending Cleveland, going from school to work. While at CHS, he was in Torch Club, Boys Club, and a Hi-Flyer in his senior year. His ambition in his senior annual was “Aeronautical Engineer.” In 1955, James graduated from the University of Washington as an Aeronautical Engineer. He served three years in the Air Force, followed by 35 years with The Boeing Company.

~ Tracy (Case) Arnold '82

HONORED DEAD

The following text is from Patricia Sullivan Rosenkranz's book *Honored Dead: The Story of Cleveland High School's World War II Gold Star Men.*"



Mike Lagozzino

December 26, 1918 – August 6, 1943

Mike Lagozzino lived at 17th and Dawson, a short distance from Cleveland High School where he and his three brothers were enrolled during the 1930s and early 1940s. Mike is pictured with the Cleveland Junior High Cartoon Club in 1934 and the Know Your City Club in 1935. We do not find his picture after that year, but we know he went on with his education, enlisted in the service, and eventually arrived in North Africa, Sicily, and Italy. Following the defeat of the Germans in Tunisia on May 7, 1943, the Allies activated forces for the invasion of Sicily, an island approximately ninety miles north of Tunisia in the Mediterranean Sea. Although advances had been made after the North African campaigns, the on-going battles for control of the Mediterranean area continued, and for a time the Germans gained the upper hand. During the spring of 1943, Allied Air and Naval forces were involved in several attacks with little progress. In July 1943, these attacks were reinforced by troops and machines delivered from Tunisia by amphibious carriers.

Operation Husky began July 1. The ground invasion was supported by airborne divisions with paratroopers landing on the Island at night. Unfortunately, navigational error resulted in hundreds of troopers being dropped in the sea and others becoming widely scattered. On July 10, 600 tanks and 160,000 men in the British Eighth Army, led by General Montgomery, and the U.S. Seventh Army, under General George Patton, landed on the southeast coast of Sicily. The 15th Infantry, 3rd Division was part of the operation. Mike Lagozzino was a medical technician with the Third Division. The Sicilian campaign lasted for 38 days as Montgomery's troops moved in from the east coast and Patton's forces moved up from the southeast. The ultimate goal was the capture of Messina on the north coast of the island, only three miles from Italy. The U.S. Third Division fight its way up the island, taking Palermo on July 22. After an intense struggle to cross a rocky ridge while under fire from German troops, the division entered Messina on August 15. Driven back twice, the troops returned and captured the area named Bloody Ridge. An article in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer dated August 3, 1943, "Yanks Meet Tough Sicily Test," reported the battle as told by men who fought there. Included was an account of medics working under shell fire. Frank Foelker, Waco, Texas, praised the group of medics who evacuated seven wounded men under artillery fire.

They went right out in the middle of those shells and carried the wounded out on their shoulders. One of our sergeants killed eight Germans with eight bullets from a Garand rifle, and another sergeant

got so mad when a sniper shot one of his boys he charged and got five Germans himself.

On August 17 the last battle at Sicily ended at Messina. From there the regiment moved into Italy. Mike was not with them for the Italian campaign. He, and 32,000 others from the Allied forces, lost their lives in Sicily. Mike was killed August 6, 1943.

Don Harney, a friend from Cleveland, recalled Mike, the younger brother of his best friend Sam, as a young man always trying to excel and one who avoided acknowledgement of his achievements in school and his contributions to the neighborhood. Don stated:

"Mike didn't wait to be drafted; he volunteered so that he could serve with the medics. I often think about what he could have contributed to society had he survived."

Mike is buried in Italy, the home of his ancestors. Across the strait from Sicily is the village of Nettuno. In this sunny coastal town is the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery Plot J, Row 5, Grave 4 has a marker which reads:

Mike Lagozzino
Technician 5th Class, U.S. Army
3938310
15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd
Infantry Division
Awarded the Purple Heart

Source: Sullivan Rosenkranz, Patricia. *Honored Dead: The Story of Cleveland High School's World War II Gold Star Men.* Ocean Park, Washington, us, Lincoln and Allen Co., 2002. pp 39-41.

IN MEMORIAM

*Sadly missed along life's way, quietly remembered every day...
No longer in our life to share, but in our hearts, you're always there.*



Burr Defoe Cline, Jr. '47

Burr Cline participated in the CHSAA newsletter many times over the years. Burr Defoe Cline Jr. of Duvall, WA, passed away at the age of 94. He was born in Seattle on Jan. 22, 1930, to Burr DeFoe Cline Sr. and Ida Andrina Vike. Growing up on Beacon Hill, Burr attended Van Asselt Grade School and Cleveland Junior and Senior High School (Class of '47). During high school, he was a founding member of the "Kings of Swing," a Glen Miller-style dance band where he shined as a trombonist. He graduated from the University of Washington in 1954 with fond memories of his Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity. Burr joined the US Marine Corps Reserve in 1948 during college and on June 24, 1954, was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant. In 1956, he entered the life insurance business as an agent for New York Life. He continued with various other companies until he settled down with American Mutual Life as a Regional Director of Agencies in Bellevue, and he retired in 1995.

Throughout his adult life, Burr was always interested in music, first as a trombone player, then as a singer, in various choirs, quartets, and a few stage shows, including HMS Pinafore as Dick Deadeye, You're No Stranger as Joseph Smith and as Tommy Albright in Brigadoon. He also enjoyed pastel drawing woodworking and even built a vacation home on Vashon Island with his two sons. He was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Burr was preceded in death by his brother Richard Noble (age 8), his parents, and three half-sisters, Cleona Mathwig, Louise Poli, and Geraldine Colson, and his former wife and mother of his children, JoAnne Milligan Knepper. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Carolyn Ann Frank Cline, his sons Steve (Linda) Cline of Vashon Island, Jeff (Traci) Cline of Maple Valley, daughters Janelle (Chris) Carlson of Redlands, CA, and Jennifer (Ted) Ryle of Olympia, stepson David (Jenn) Grant of Seattle, his grandchildren Kolina (Bradley) Kilgore of Seattle, Bryce (Lindsay) Cline of New York, Tyler (Lisa) Cline of Birmingham, AL, Kylie (Darren) Wyknenko of Everson, Christian (Allie) Carlson of West Jordan, UT, Kaash (Juliana) Carlson of Hauula, HI, McKenzie (Marc) Winchell of Oceanside, CA, Kelsie Carlson (Brandon) of

Redlands, CA, Alexa Ryle of Portland, OR, Mandy Ryle (Liam) of Olympia, Lu Ryle of Minneapolis, MN, step-grandson Benjamin Grant of Seattle, and 14 great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind his sweet cat Luvée. His memory will live on in the hearts of all those who loved him.



Eleanor Alvira Oravetz '47

1/9/1929 - 1/12/2024

Born Jan 9th, 1929, in Seattle, WA. Died peacefully at Mirabella Retirement Community in Seattle on January 12, 2024. Eleanor grew up in Beacon Hill and was in the "Garlic Gulch" neighborhood. She attended Beacon Hill Grammar School and graduated from Cleveland High School. She enjoyed traveling and mountain climbing with her friends to the North Cascades, Mount Rainier, and Grouse Mountain in BC as a part of the Washington Alpine Club. She worked for the US Department of Agriculture from 1946 until 1962. She met the love of her life, George, at a Chancery Club

dance in Seattle in 1958. Eleanor and George always joked, "We met on the 13th and married on the 14th, one year later." Their humor was unmatched. Together with friends, they enjoyed many adventures on their boat throughout the Puget Sound and were members of the Tacoma Outboard Association. They moved to Magnolia in 1962, where they raised their children Valerie Claire, Marlene Marie, and John Christopher, who were long-time members of Our Lady of Fatima parish. After raising her kids, she returned to work in 1977 as an executive secretary to multiple colonels at Fort Lawton and retired in 1989. Soon after, she took on the role of grandmother to Nicole (Valerie), Mia, and Matthew (John and Lynn). She adored her grandchildren and couldn't help but love them as if they were hers. Eleanor is survived by her son John (Lynn), their children Mia and Matthew, her granddaughter Nicole (Andrew), and their children Calvin and Jack. She is predeceased by her loving husband of 55 years, George, and their daughters, Marlene and Valerie. She was a wonderful mother and grandmother and will be forever missed.



IN MEMORIAM



H. Richard Tarasuk '48

April 6, 1930 – June 17, 2022

H. Richard Tarasuk of Kent, Washington, passed away on Friday, June 17, 2022, at 92. His closest dear friend and life companion, Ann Lichty, was by his side. Richard was born on April 6, 1930, in Seattle, Washington, and spent his career working for Boeing. He was a devoted husband and father and was admired by friends and family. He loved music, gardening, cooking, camping, singing in the church choir, and spending time with friends and family. Richard was preceded in death by his parents, Harry R. Tarasuk and Bernice (Blum) Holtz, wife Marion E. Tarasuk, and daughter Catherine Louise Tarasuk. He is survived by his children Patricia Kindig (spouse Edwin F. Kindig) and Michael Tarasuk (spouse Julie Tarasuk), grandchildren Sean Tarasuk, Robert J. Tarasuk, Danielle Tarasuk, and great-grandchildren Elise Tarasuk, Addy Tarasuk, and Lenny Tarasuk.



Joan Marlene (Carl) Jackson '52

December 1, 1934 – January 20, 2024

Joan Marlene Carl Jackson was born in Butte, Montana, on December 1st, 1934. Her parents were Fred and Lois Carl. As a junior in high school, Joan worked for a furrier and an ice cream shop. In high school, she majored in business, concentrating on shorthand, typing, and bookkeeping. She graduated from Cleveland High School in Seattle in 1952. Later, she worked for the Beneficial Life Insurance Company, Boeing Airplane Company, and Burien Hospital in the Seattle area. She worked for the Toppenish School District office, The Bakery in Zillah, and retired from Heritage College in Toppenish in 1997. Joan played the piano, crocheted, painted beautiful oil paintings, quilted, loved gardening, animals, cooking, and put together several cookbooks, including the family one we still use. She also was a genealogy enthusiast. She married Kenneth

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Jackson in 1952, and they adopted three children: Mike, Kelly, & Lynda. Nothing made Joan happier than to be surrounded by her family. Her smile and laugh could light up a room. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Zillah and held many jobs in that church. The word "No" was not in Joan's vocabulary. If she was needed, she was there. She was a giving and compassionate person. Anyone who has met her will miss her warmth, tenacity, strength, love, and personality. She is survived by her husband, Kenneth Ray Jackson (93), her son, Michael Ray Jackson, her daughter, Kelly Diane Martinez, and her daughter, Lynda Marlene Adams. 8 Grandchildren and 11 Great-Grandchildren.

Mom, We love you and will always miss you.

~ Michael Jackson



John "Roger" R. Barton '54

June 6, 1935 – April 5, 2024

This obituary was penned by John himself with the sense of humor those who knew him would understand. He was born at a very early age in Seattle on June 6th of 1935. By a strange coincidence, both of his parents, John Alexander and Ethel May had the same last name as him. He died on April 5, 2024 at the age of 88. As he long suspected, it was the broccoli that finally did him in. He was preceded in death by all those who died before him, and is survived by all those who didn't. Prior to his 1954 graduation from Cleveland High School (Seattle), he worked as a cracker stacker at Nabisco. He and his pal, Dwight Moberg, joined the U.S. Army for the GI Bill following high school. That was the second-best decision he ever made. In spite of the hard struggles of boot camp, these two actually had a good time going through basic training. From simple pranks such as spreading rumors about belt buckle inspections, to shooting in the sand above the target of another trainee at the rifle range, they made the most of a difficult situation. He was trained as a surveyor at Fort Belvoir, Va. but worked as a typist and as a construction estimator in the Headquarters Company of the 928th Engineering Aviation Group (SCARWAF) in England. He was based at Collier's End Camp, about 15

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miles north of London, which enabled him to make many ski trips to the continent. Remembering the phrase, "Loose lips sink ships," his daily objective was to start a new rumor and to see how far it would spread. All in good fun, the rumors were usually about trivial items such as installing a giant Cinerama screen in the dinky dayroom, and putting everyone on a diet of oranges and orange juice until we got into fighting shape. Despite his fun-loving spirit, he was a good soldier and he received an honorable discharge from the Army in 1957 at the rank of SP3. He started at the University of Washington (UW) in October of 1957 just as Sputnik was shaking up the technical world. He supported himself through school by working as a draftsman and as a surveyor. He joined Boeing in 1960 and initially worked as an engineering aide while continuing at the UW. He graduated with a BS degree in electrical engineering in 1962 from the UW. His strong point was mathematics with a strong interest in spacecraft technology. His first assignment as an engineer was with the spacecraft electrical power systems group, and he stayed in that field for the remainder of his career. His first technical specialty was in solar arrays, with emphasis on testing and environmental (space) degradation. He joined Space

Technology Labs (STL, later to become TRW Systems) in 1964 to manage their Solar Lab. At this position, he conducted studies on solar cell performance at extreme illumination and temperature conditions, and he developed the Barton Equation for predicting solar cell performance. While at STL he started working on spy spacecraft [have to kill ya if I told ya] for the CIA and other snoop organizations. He left TRW and returned to Boeing in 1967 where he continued working on classified spacecraft power systems as well as NASA space programs. The most significant (unclassified) program of his career was the Mariner 10 Mercury/Venus '73 mission (also known as MVM'73 or Poorboy), and his background in solar panel design, analysis and tests made him the perfect engineer for the power system. The challenge of this mission was to operate the solar array in the Mercury environment with the sun five times as bright as it is at Earth. As the spacecraft approached Mercury, the solar panels had to be rotated off of the sun to prevent extreme temperature. The solar panel solder would melt if the solar panels were pointed too close to the sun, and the solar panel power output would be too low if pointed too far off of the sun. A maximum off-angle of about 70 degrees

was required at Mercury. Assigned to NASA-JPL for flight operations, he led the electrical power team. He developed computer simulations (P-MAP and P-TILT) of the electrical power system for evaluating in-flight performance for the MVM'73 mission. This was the first application of a real-time power system performance prediction program for spacecraft. For his work on the Mercury/Venus mission, he received two NASA Group Achievement Awards. His MVM'73 work set the course for the rest of his career. With his expanded focus on spacecraft power systems, he eventually became the manager for Power Systems Technology at Boeing's Defense & Space Group, and stayed at this position until his retirement in 1999. He taught off-hour classes at Boeing for approximately 15 years. The subjects included solar array technology, spacecraft power systems, radioisotope power supplies, linear circuit analyses, and applied mathematics. He also organized a refresher course for electrical engineers wanting to take the state examination to obtain their professional license. He played racquetball until age 72, and then quit because he could no longer stand being humiliated by the much younger players. He then took up tennis. He was also active in

biking; RC airplanes; and the Cleveland High School Alumni Association, serving as treasurer, president and vice president. His major accomplishment in retirement was his work to save the Cleveland High School Memorial Forest. Did you know that Cleveland High School is the only high school in the universe that has a memorial forest dedicated to WW II alumni that lost their lives in the war ??? It was purchased as a field of stumps (151.52 acres) in 1944 for \$300 and today it's worth millions. The best decision of his life was to marry the girl he met in the 6th grade: Mary Lou Zarkades. The two people he admired most were George Washington for winning our battle for independence, and Abraham Lincoln for ending slavery. He loved his family . . . he loved humor . . . he loved life . . . he loved his country. As a token to evolutionary studies, the estate of John Barton offers a prize of \$500 to anyone who can conclusively answer the question beyond any doubt: Which came first, the chicken or the egg? Family. He thought he married for life when he wed Lila Shetley in 1962, and life couldn't be better. So happy in marriage, he had a bigoted view that all divorced people deserved their situation for some reason. In 1982 he found

himself divorced and he didn't even get to vote on it. His kids from this marriage are Xten and Zairen – and they never saw their mother during the last 35+ years of her life. A marriage to Cherie Jones produced two more kids, Quinn and Tahzhanay. This marriage was doomed from the start. Then a good thing happened. He formed a committee to organize the 40-year reunion for Cleveland High School's class of 1954. On the committee was a gal he met in the 6th grade -- Mary Lou Zarkades. They went through high school together, thought well of each other, but never dated. After a successful courtship of 15 months, they married on 9 April 1995 -- thus fulfilling a prediction that Mary Lou had made in high school. This was the best decision of his life. They lived happily ever after. His family lineage includes two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



Joanne (Wheeler) Webley
'54

Joanne Webley, 88, of Noxon, Montana, passed away March 15, 2024, at her home in the presence of loved ones. She was born Joan Bonzon

on December 4, 1935, in Lewistown, Montana, to Dorothy Bonzon of Grass Range, Montana. The family eventually moved to Seattle, where Joanne became a big sister to Sandy and Doug and graduated from Cleveland High School. In time, Joanne met and fell in love with Cleve Webley. They married on July 30, 1955. Together, they welcomed two daughters, Ramona and Cory. In 1964, the family settled in northwest Montana. After the children were grown and gone, Joanne and Cleve divorced. Around that time, Joanne started her missionary work to share her love of the Lord by traveling to places such as Mexico and Brazil. One of Jo's favorite times of her life was a Holy Land tour in Israel. Grandma Jo loved all children and military veterans. She helped teach young kids at Sonshine Club and Treasure Hunters, and every Pearl Harbor Day, she gave a presentation at the Noxon School. Joanne is survived by her daughter Cory Shoemaker, sons-in-law Bob South and Mark Koeneman, sister Sandy (Bob) Downey (CHS Class of '57), brother Doug (Sue) Johnson, eight grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her mother, Dorothy; daughter, Ramona; and two great-grandsons, Paxton and Liam.

Kent Warren Johnson
'55

March 8, 1937 – January 28, 2024



*May the seas lie smooth
before you, a gentle breeze
forever fill your sails, and
sunshine warm your face.*

Kent Warren Johnson, 86, was born to Clara Ferretti and Albert Johnson at Providence Hospital in Seattle, Washington. He lived a full life, spending time with family, enjoying everything there was to love about the Pacific Northwest, and creating an architectural legacy in and around the Seattle area. During his last years, he moved into Providence Mount Saint Vincent's in West Seattle and smiled at the thought of coming full circle back to Providence. He continued drafting a few residential projects while enjoying the intergenerational activities with the children and sparking up conversations with new friends and staff. Kent attended Concord Grade School, graduating from Cleveland High School in 1955. He was involved with many activities during this time, including The Boys Club, Stage Crew, Hall Squad, Torch Club, and

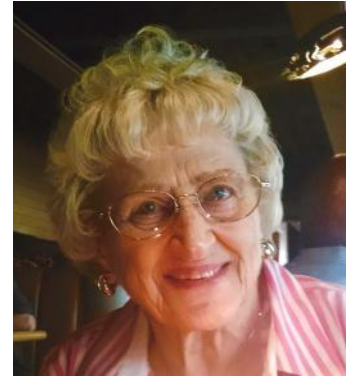
The Aquila Yearbook Staff, where he was considered "The Artist," as so many of his drawings were included in the yearbook. He also enjoyed working with wood. When he was 15, he designed and built a model automobile and entered it into a national competition, where he was awarded the "Certificate of Design" from Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild out of Detroit, Michigan. He attended The University of Washington College of Architecture and Urban Planning, graduating with a Bachelor of Architecture in 1960. While in college, he married his high school sweetheart, Patricia Luzella Owens, from Franklin High School. They enjoyed square dancing together and soon began raising a family of four children. Most of Kent's early years were spent in Seattle's South Park neighborhood. He was raised by his Aunt Hulda (Paternal Norwegian side) and spent time on the family farm (Maternal Italian side). There were stories of tasting the family wine at an early age, large Italian family gatherings, and a story of an emergency landing of an airplane that would have smashed into the back of a bus where he was sitting if the wing hadn't clipped a telephone pole at the last minute, turning the airplane in another direction just in time. Kent spent most of his life working as an Architect and loved what he did. His early years were spent

working with Robert B. Price and James L. Dersham and later with Fred Bassetti (Fred Bassetti & Company, which later became Bassetti Architects), where he was later named an associate of the firm. Years later, he worked with Stan Cruse (Johnson & Cruse Architects) and finally went out on his own as Kent Johnson Architect. Some of his early works included The Seattle Federal Office Building, the Municipal Tower (formally known as the Key Tower), and award-winning dormitories at both Western Washington State University in Bellingham and Central Washington University in Ellensburg. In 1966, while working for Fred Bassetti & Company, he received an award from The American Institute of Architects (AIA) "Excellence in Architectural Draftsmanship". This was one of many awards he received during his architectural career, including one as a national winner in the General Electric Co.'s kitchen concept design competition. Some of his proudest projects were those at The Woodland Park Zoo: The Children's Zoo Farmyard Village, The Tropical House, and The Poncho Theater. He was also proud of his accomplishments in designing affordable housing, including The Yesler Terrace, The Seattle Housing Authority's first project. He would go on to complete many

more projects for SHA throughout the Seattle area. Kent also loved to create one-of-a-kind homes, like the award-winning pyramid home on Whidbey Island. He was awarded The American Institute of Architects (AIA) Western Home Award, with Sunset Magazine, appearing in the April 1978 edition of the magazine he loved so much. Many summers were spent there, creating amazing family memories: beachcombing, rock painting, basketball (horse), pickleball, and fishing (usually ending up with dogfish or a great story of the "big one that got away"). In his later years, he worked out of his office on Boat Street, overlooking Lake Union. With his sailboat moored nearby, he often took the afternoons off to sail around the lake. He also enjoyed the longer trips, sailing through the Ballard Locks and the San Juan Islands. When Kent wasn't working or sailing, he could be found playing his Banjo 21, crafting original holiday cards each year, listening to his favorite comedian, George Carlin, or watching his favorite late-night talk show host, Johnny Carson. He loved to shop the Pike Place Market for true Italian specialty foods and would cook up amazing dishes with the ingredients he found. He always had a gallon of olive oil somewhere, and we usually received one for the holidays. He also

loved to dumpster dive, and we often found ourselves waiting in the car as he stopped for "just a second" to see what gem he could find. His window sills were lined with those treasured knick-knacks. And often... he dreamed, with pen in hand, of future house designs for his children. We have been blessed with so many memories: Our outdoor adventures (camping at Shi Shi, singing trail songs, evening walks/jogs around the neighborhood), eating amazing foods (breakfast Frittata, home-made Pesto, thinly sliced salami, home-made Gorp), enjoying the time together at home (piano duets to Take Five and Chopsticks, playing penny-ante poker, watching Laugh-In) and our yearly trips to Whidbey Island. Kent is survived by his sister, Celeste Johnson, of Seattle, WA; his four children, Renee Bailey (Paul) of Harrison ID, Del Johnson of Seattle, WA, Sheri Turner (Lee) of Vashon, WA, and Andrea Byam (Andy) of Lynnwood WA; his grandchildren, Diana and Zachary Bailey, Cody, and Jesse Turner; and his great-grandchild Sebastian. A private ceremony will be held in the Summer to celebrate his love for the Puget Sound area and enjoy the shellfish and seafood he loved so much. Heartfelt thanks to all those at The Mount for their love, support, comfort, and friendship. The best home we could have ever

asked for, for our Dad. *Wishing you fair winds and following seas and a belly full of oysters and mussels.*



Kathryn Fay (Boardman) Miller '55

Kathryn Fay Miller (Kathy), our center of love, family, loyalty, and grace, blessed us for over 86 remarkable years. On December 15, 2023, she passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family, leaving behind a legacy that will continue to inspire for generations to come. Born on July 23, 1937, in Seattle, Washington, Kathy's life journey was a testament to inclusion and family. Kathy was a student at Seattle's Cleveland High School when she was introduced to Robert Miller (Bob) from nearby Renton High School on a blind date in 1953. The rest, as they say, is history. Kathy and Bob were later married on May 18, 1956, over 67 years ago. Kathy and Bob raised "three great kids," Bob, Rick, and Susan, all of whom reside in the Pacific Northwest. Susan and her husband, Rod, graced Kathy and Bob with two grandsons, Roddy and David.

Kathy began her professional life with Ford Motor Company in Seattle but soon dedicated her life with Bob to raising their three children and becoming an avid volunteer in her community. She served in youth leadership roles in multiple organizations and actively worked with local food banks and charities. Throughout her life, Kathy worked tirelessly to keep their extended family together through regular communications, gatherings for family social events, and the holidays. Kathy and Bob spent most of their lives ballroom dancing recreationally. They even participated in an early dance competition as a part of high school graduation. Round and square dancing were even included in their repertoire for a while. Kathy's life, in its entirety, is a testament to the power of love and resilience. Her impact on the lives of those in her community and the love she shared with her family and friends will forever be cherished. The memories of the things she did and the life she led will live on in the hearts of those privileged to know her. The family will celebrate Kathy's life at the Miller home between Christmas and the New Year. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to your favorite animal welfare and/or rescue organizations. As we remember Kathy, we celebrate a life well lived, a love well shared, and a legacy

that will continue to inspire generations. Kathy Miller is a loving mother and a beautiful model of inclusion.



Velma Mildren (Romine) Webster '57

Velma was born July 29, 1938, at Harborview Hospital in Seattle, Washington. She grew up in the South Park area of Seattle, daughter of Gertrude Mildred Ramsey Romine and Doy Leland Romine. Velma attended Harrison and Concord grade schools and graduated from Cleveland High School in 1957. Velma's first job was at a magazine company, Keystone Reader Service, coordinating a distribution route for the sales team on the 16th floor of Seattle's Smith Tower. Velma met her husband of 57 years, George Robert Webster (deceased), on a blind date. After driving Velma home from work one day, George described his first impression of Velma in a few short words, "I went, I saw, I like." They married at St. John's Episcopal Church in Snohomish, WA in February 1961. In 1967, Velma and George loaded their young children, Robert G. Webster and Robin K. Webster, into their 1953

Ford and drove from Seattle to Washington, DC, for George to start work with the EPA. After several years living on the East Coast and a year living in Michigan, the family moved back to Seattle, "God's County," where Velma continued to raise her children. Velma was the epitome of a stay-at-home mom, a job she excelled at. As her kids grew older, Velma worked retail at Kmart until finding her calling, working at a daycare taking care of 8 newborns. Velma excelled with babies. Her patience, gentle manner, and love for little ones made her a blessing for every working parent. Velma retired from childcare and later enjoyed using her honed abilities to spoil her lucky grandchildren. Velma started quilting in her later years and leaves her children and grandchildren dozens of beautiful handmade quilts. Velma loved old movies and tv shows, *Gone with the Wind*, *the Sound of Music* and *the Waltons* were some of her favorites. Velma spoke fondly of her youth taking tap dance lessons at the South Park Field House and riding the bus with her three sisters downtown to see a movie with the five cents from her father. Velma excelled at "power shopping" and had a special appreciation and love for sparkly jewelry. Velma liked long drives to nearby cities and enjoyed trips to international

destinations, including Sweden, France, Canada, Mexico, and Thailand. Velma passed away peacefully on January 28, 2024, at the age of 85, after a courageous year-and-a-half struggle against pancreatic cancer. Velma was diagnosed in 2022 and began chemotherapy soon after. Velma had amazing doctors and treatments that allowed her an extra year with her family and friends. Especially memorable was a trip to Ocean Shores with her daughter Robin and her sister and niece. She loved walking on the windy beach with the seagulls flying, strolling the town eating ice cream, and browsing the antique stores. She reminisced about past visits to Ocean Shores with her husband George, in particular, a visit before they married when they slept on the beach and went clamming during the day. More than anything, Velma loved being a mother. She loved her daughter. She loved her son, and she loved her grandchildren. Velma was gentle by nature with a quiet strength that was evident in raising her children and in her final years fighting against cancer. She will be greatly missed. Velma is survived by her son Robert G. Webster, daughter Robin K. (Webster) Rayfield, son-in-law Brian M. Rayfield, and grandchildren Allison K. Webster, Christopher R. Webster, Phillip J. Webster, Grant A. Rayfield, and Jacqueline G.

Rayfield. She was preceded in death by her husband, George R. Webster.

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Barry James VanTrojen '58

Barry James VanTrojen, 84, died peacefully on Monday, April 8th, 2024. Barry was preceded in death by his parents Charles (Bill) James VanTrojen and Ruby Evans and sibling William (Bill) VanTrojen. Barry is survived by his wife, Karen VanTrojen, son Troy VanTrojen, twin daughters Laura VanTrojen and Denise Dickinson, son-in-law Tim Dickinson, grandson Austin Dickinson, and grandson Zachary Dickinson. Barry was born in Hoquiam, WA, on June 19, 1939. He joined the Coast Guard after graduating from Cleveland High School in 1958. His duty was relieving the lighthouse keepers in the San Francisco Bay area. After the military, Barry met Karen, and they got married on July 11, 1964. He became a Seattle Firefighter in 1967, spending most of his career as a driver at Station #26. He retired in 1993. He was involved with the Boy Scouts for many years and coached soccer and softball. He and the family resided in Kent for 41 years. Karen and Barry moved to Maple Valley in 2014.



Rev. Dr. Robert Thomas Downs, Jr. '59

February 10, 1941 – November 1, 2022

On November 1, 2022, All Saints Day, the Rev. Dr. Robert Thomas Downs, Jr., went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Born to Bill and Ada Downs in Portland, OR, on February 10, 1941, Bob grew up with his sister Sally in Seattle, WA, where he was known to family and friends as "Butch." He attended Cleveland High School, wrote for the newspaper, and was Master Councilor of his DeMolay chapter. While at the University of Washington, he met his bride-to-be, Joan Boyden. They married in 1964 and moved to New Jersey, where Bob received his Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary. He later earned a Doctor of Ministry from the same institution. He was called to his first church in East Brook, PA, and moved to Pittsburgh in 1971, where he spent the next 35 years pastoring the Emsworth U.P. Church. Bob loved being a pastor. He used his gifts and talents to serve the Lord in various ways, always

with one goal: to share the love of Christ and bring people into the Kingdom of God. With legendary creativity and elaborate set designs, he created Vacation Bible Schools. He shared God's love with hundreds of neighborhood children, "transporting" them around the world and even to the land of Narnia. Bob's love of travel and heart for spreading the gospel inspired him to participate in many mission trips around the world. In 1988, he organized and led a trip to India for his family. The trip, which included his children and their high school and college-aged friends, had a significant and long-lasting impact on all of them. Bob had a sincere and heartfelt desire to care for others. He visited the sick in their homes and at the hospital, ministered to prisoners at the jail, and led countless Bible studies with people in his church and neighborhood. Although he enjoyed every element of shepherding a congregation, his true passion was preaching the Word of God. He delivered expository sermons with pinpoint precision, and passionately unpacked the Scriptures, relentlessly reminding everyone of God's amazing grace. Bob retired in 2006, but later joined the staff of the Ken Mawr U.P. Church in McKees Rocks on a part-time basis in 2013, where he continued to live out his calling. He was active

in ministry up until his last day on this earth. In his prime, Bob swam a mile every day at the Sewickley YMCA and continued to swim as often as he could. He enjoyed kayaking and rollerblading, picking blueberries to make scones and jam, walking his dog, Nathaniel, attending the ballet and symphony, voraciously reading thousands of books, eating Frango mints, and bringing flowers home to his wife every Saturday. He will be deeply missed by his beloved wife, Joan; children, Becky (George) and Micah (Pippa); his sister, Sally Downs; grandchildren, Stephanie (Jerry), Wesley, Sarah, Tolomé, Hudson, Elena, Lydia, and Mateo; and two great-grandchildren, Layla and Jackson.



Lynn Gordon Johnston '59

February 09, 1941 – September 26, 2022
Lynn Gordon Johnston, age 81, passed away suddenly in his home on September 26, 2022. Born February 9, 1941, to Lynn and Helen Johnston of Seattle, WA, he attended Cleveland Elementary School and Mercer Island

High School, where he made life-long friends. He went on to Seattle Pacific University, then transferred to the University of Washington, where he earned a BA in English and a teaching certificate. He began his career by teaching English and Art at Union Gap Middle School in eastern Washington. Then he taught secondary level Language Arts and Advertising in the Bellevue and Seattle School Districts. He also coached swimming. An articulate, popular, and charismatic teacher, Gordon was noted for his intelligence, wit, creativity, enthusiasm, and ability to help students learn and discover their own talents. An avid reader himself, he encouraged his students to become life-long readers. In the summers, Gordon worked for his father's painting company and in an antique store in Pioneer Square in Seattle. There, he restored antique furniture and acquired many pieces he enjoyed in his home throughout his life. In the late 80s, Gordon moved to Portland, OR. There he remodeled houses in Eastmoreland and Laurelhurst, as well as his own home on Halleck Street, doing much of the work himself. Gordon was multi-talented: a published author and photographer, he enjoyed writing poetry, oil painting, landscaping, and gardening. He spent many years revising and perfecting the "secret

garden" surrounding his home. Gordon also loved visiting the local waterfalls and often invited friends to join him in viewing their spectacular beauty. In addition, Gordon volunteered for several years in a City of Portland Commissioner's office as a liaison with the public. He helped many with his problem-solving skills. Everyone who knew Gordon will remember his intelligence, charm, and wit and miss having such interesting conversations. With Gordon, there was never a dull moment. Those who took care of him during his struggle with Parkinson's and COPD will remember his courage and resolve to resist these illnesses as long as possible. He fought so long and so bravely. Those who loved him knew his kindness, warmth, goodness, wisdom, compassion, generosity, laughter, and abiding friendship. They will always remember him and miss him deeply. May the angels carry him to his eternal home. Rest in God's peace and love, dearest Gordon.

*Death leaves
a heartache no
one can heal.
Love leaves a
memory
no one
can steal.*



George Allen Moore '59

June 11, 1941 – January 24, 2022

George Moore passed away unexpectedly on January 24, 2022, from complications of Covid. His daughters and son-in-law were by his side as he went to heaven peacefully to be with his wife, Patricia, who passed away on April 9, 2019. George was born on June 11, 1941, and graduated from Cleveland High School in Seattle, Washington. He went on to join the US Air Force in 1959 and served four years. George married the love of his life on August 2, 1970, and had 2 daughters. He and his wife Patricia worked side by side at Boeing until they retired in 2003 and moved to Helena, Montana. George is survived by his Daughter Dawn Knowles, son-in-law Steven Knowles, Daughter Shannon Melcher, son-in-law John Melcher, seven Grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and Brother Gary Moore. He was preceded in death by his parents, Warren and Dorothy Moore, and his wife, Patricia Moore.



James Lee Gorman '61

June 12, 1943 – February 22, 2023

James Lee Gorman, a beloved father, and grandfather passed away on February 22, 2023, at the age of 79. He was born on June 12, 1943, in Ottumwa, Iowa to the late James and Wanda Gorman. Growing up in Seattle, Washington, James had three brothers, Gary, Sam, and Tim Gorman. He was a graduate High School from Cleveland High School class of '61'. After High School, James became a Husky at the University of Washington. James worked an entire career at Safeco, Lone Star Gas, and Citigroup. James had a passion for sports and enjoyed playing Golf and Bowling throughout his life. He was also his grandson's biggest fan, and loved watching him play baseball and football. James is survived by his daughter, Michele Gorman, and his grandson, Gabriel Gorman. Being a devoted father and grandfather, he always put his family first. He cherished every moment spent with his loved ones and was known for his kind-hearted nature. James will be deeply missed by all who knew him. His

legacy will live on through his family and friends. Rest in peace, James Lee Gorman



Barbara Arvidson '63

Barbara was born on February 3rd, 1945, to Agnes and Arthur Arvidson. Growing up in the South Park neighborhood of Seattle with her sisters Betty and Joanne, Barbara prided herself in her lifelong independence and feisty personality. She had a ton of grit and was a very hard-working person. She spent almost her entire career at the Boeing company, where she was among the very first female engineers in the workforce. Retiring early after over 30 years of employment, she devoted herself full-time to her country and the many animals she raised and loved. Barbara was a warm-hearted woman who enjoyed shopping, knitting, good food, and watching the Seattle Seahawks kick butt!! She is survived by her two sisters, nephew Ada, nieces Amber and Marina, and great-nephew Reese. Her passing was preceded by her mother, Agnes, her father, Arthur, and nephew, Arthur. She will be missed very much. *The Courier-Herald, February 27, 2019*

***** CORRECTION *****

In a previous issue of our newsletter, we inadvertently misspelled the last name of **Chuck Hiroshi Aramaki '63**. We sincerely apologize for the error and any distress it may have caused. We are committed to accuracy and appreciate your understanding.



Charles "Chuck" Roger Landry '63

Charles (Chuck) Roger Landry of Seattle, Washington, sadly left us on the early morning of April 3, 2024, following his battle with IPF. He is survived by his wife, Wanda Landry, sons Steven Landry and Dustin Landry (Richelle Landry), and daughter, Dawn Landry. Grandchildren Micaela Musterer (Nate Musterer), Haeli Hagen (Carl Hagen), Casey Craft (Sarah Mills) and Katie Craft. Great-grandchildren Hudson Musterer, Heath Musterer, Kaiya Musterer, Asher Craft, Bodhi Craft and Gunnar Hagen. His siblings are James Landry (Jolene Landry), William Landry (Linda Landry), Raymond Landry (Sue Landry), and Judith Alfred (David Alfred). Most will remember how

Chuck always welcomed them with a smile, kind words, and infectious laughter. Those closest to him will remember how deeply he loved and showed it in two ways, especially always showing up and giving the world's greatest hugs. To say he will be missed is an understatement because when someone as wonderful as Papa/Dad/Chuck is gone, there is a permanent void that can only partially be remedied through time spent together, remembering him. If you were lucky enough to spend time with Chuck, please join us on Saturday, June 8th, at 10:30 AM at the Enumclaw Field House to remember him and celebrate his beautiful life. *We love and miss you always, Papa/Dad/Chuck.*

Betty (Arvidson) Mahoney '63

Betty Mahoney, 76, a 51-year resident of Maple Valley, passed away June 28th of hyperthermia. She was predeceased by her son, Arthur Mahoney, and is survived by her daughter, Marina Martin, son Adam Mahoney, daughter Amber Mahoney, and grandchildren, Britta Martin, Reese Mahoney, and Sophia Staton. She dearly loved her children and grandchildren and delighted in their antics and stories, always painting their behavior (good and bad) with a colorful brush. A loyal friend and mother, she was always willing

to lend an ear and offer a prayer as a lifelong Catholic. Betty doted on her pets (her other "kids") and spent decades active in feral cat rescue work, single-handedly saving hundreds of animals over the course of her lifetime. She also liked country music (anything before 2000) and spent countless hours reading Western novels. A native of Seattle, she also lived for periods in San Francisco and the Black Hills of South Dakota and loved to share stories of her memories from those days. She retired in 2015 from the King County Housing Authority, where she served as a case manager. Whether it was getting the family together for Christmas Zoolights at Point Defiance or the 4th of July Rainier's game at Cheney Stadium, Betty carried the torch of tradition for her family. As the torch passes, Betty is remembered for her kind heart and the unwavering support of her family. Her intense dedication, sacrifice, and hard work on behalf of her loved ones will be passed on. She will be forever missed. Betty's memorial will be held at St. Barbara's Church in Black Diamond. A memorial bench along the Lake Wilderness Trail (her favorite walking spot) will be dedicated in her honor. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Betty's honor to the Humane Society or animal rescue of your choice.



JR Phillips '63

Pictured here with wife Lindy who survives him.



Michael "Mike" Sumio Urakawa '63

Michael S. "Mike" Urakawa, beloved husband, father, and grandfather, passed away peacefully at home on October 8th, 2023, after a lengthy battle with hepatocellular carcinoma. Mike was born on April 25, 1944, in the Minidoka Japanese internment camp in Idaho to Shigeo and Tomoko Urakawa. The family returned home to Seattle after the war, where Mike was active in DeMolay International, a Masonic fraternal organization through which he met his soon-to-be wife, Charlotte. After graduating from Cleveland High School, Mike served in the United States Coast Guard, which led to an early career in the maritime industry. Once their children had entered college, Mike and Charlotte moved to the Nile Valley, where a desire to help his community led him

to join the volunteer fire department. This soon led to more advanced rescue and medical training, becoming an EMT, and eventually serving as fire chief during the 1996 flooding. In 2006, Mike graduated from the University of Washington's Physician Assistant program, becoming a medical provider throughout the Yakima Valley and actively serving in the Washington Association of Physician Assistants. Michael is survived by Charlotte, his wife of 57 years; their children, Scott (Danielle) Urakawa, Christine Urakawa, and Ken Urakawa; and their grandchildren, Carley, Steven, Elisa, Chris, Laney, Meghan, & Kaz. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the University of Washington Liver Tumor Clinic, with thanks to Dr. Guy Johnson.

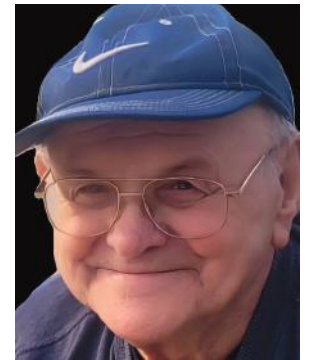


Albert "Bill" W. Vincent '63

Known to many as Bill, Albert passed away peacefully after a long battle with cancer on March 11, 2024. One career was not enough for Bill, so he decided to try them all. He was a mechanic, welder, and scuba instructor

and was in the United States Coast Guard before discovering a calling for law enforcement. He served in the State Patrol. He was an Island County Deputy and Burlington Police Officer. During this time, he made friends that would endure a lifetime. After retiring from Law Enforcement, he pursued a career in engineering, where he was a quality manager for Eldec, Honeywell, and Boeing. Outside of his professional pursuits, Bill's heart belonged to his community. He served in various leadership roles, including being the past president of the Stanwood Camano Fair Board, the Island County Planning Commission, and the Civil Service Board. His passion for inclusivity led him to serve on the State Advisory Board of Fish and Wildlife for Persons with Disabilities. In this role, he lobbied for disabled sportsmen, ensuring everyone could pursue their passions safely. A lifelong advocate for firearms safety, Bill shared his expertise by teaching Hunter Education, earning him the prestigious Terry Hoffer Award for Outstanding Contributions. Bill served on the parish council at St. Cecilia Catholic Church and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was also past president of the Marysville Rifle Club, an officer of the Swinomish Yacht Club, and a Past Master of Camano Lodge #19. Bill loved the great outdoors in his leisure time, enjoying

camping, boating in the San Juan Islands and Canada, hunting, and shooting sports, particularly Cowboy Action Shooting. Bill will be deeply missed by his beloved wife Karin, his sister Claudia Heinz of Pahrump, Nevada, and his cherished daughters and their husbands: Carrie and David James of Stanwood, Washington; Kara and Jon Killian of Kent, Washington; Kimberly and John Thompkins of Sutherlin, Oregon; and Kelly and John Gemin of Chehalis, Washington. His many grandchildren and great-grandchildren will fondly remember him.



Roman Jurewica '64

*** USMC 1964-1972 ***

Vietnam War Veteran

Roman Jurewicz, 77, of Flower Mound, TX, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, surrounded by family. Roman was a beloved son, brother, and uncle. He was born to Jan and Salomea Jurewicz on August 10, 1946, in Wetzlar D.P. Camp in Germany. His parents came to the United States with him and his brother, Bruno, in May of 1949 to Washington State and

lived in Seattle. Roman graduated from Cleveland High School in 1964. He was a member of the U.S. Marine Corps from 1964 to 1972, having served two active-duty tours in Vietnam. After serving in the Marine Corps, Roman went to work driving taxi cabs in California, where later he drove 18-wheel trucks throughout the continental United States. He stopped driving in November of 2007 when he suffered a stroke and moved from California to Flower Mound, TX, to live with his sister, Mary (Romaszewski), and her family. He rode his bicycle to various libraries around the metroplex to pick up and exchange audiobooks, mainly Westerns and mysteries. Roman loved to watch old movies, westerns, and Perry Mason, the Duke University Men's basketball team, especially when Mike Krzyzewski was their coach. Roman is survived by his two brothers, Bruno, George and his wife, Vera, his sister Mary Romaszewski and her husband, Sylvester. Several nephews and nieces from Seattle, Mexico, and Texas

also survive him. Roman was preceded in death by his parents, brother Stephen (stillborn in Germany), and sister-in-law Rebecca. His family and friends will greatly miss Roman as he brought joy and a smile to anyone he spent time with.



Judith A. Sperle '71
2/13/52 - 12/16/2023

Judith A. Sperle, 71, of Kent, Washington, passed away unexpectedly on the morning of December 16, 2023, at the hospital, surrounded by family. Judy was born on February 13, 1952, in Seattle, Washington, to Betty Winchester. Judy attended Cleveland High School in Seattle and graduated a year late in 1971 after the loss of her mother when she was 15 years old. Judy, who lovingly referred to herself as a "true Pacific Northwest girl,"

lived in the King County area for much of her life. She worked in the Kent School District for much of her career, where she became the best lunch lady ever, loved by her many students and colleagues throughout the years. Judy and her husband Roger were married in 1990 and remained so for the rest of her life. Judy and Roger both brought their own children into the marriage but had none together. Judy was known to be the heart of every situation she was involved in. She loved her girls, baking for her loving neighbors and her local sports teams. Judy went camping with family as much as possible when the girls were young and continued with the girls' sports and road trips to see her favorite hockey team play. Judy enjoyed her retirement to the fullest with her husband, visits to the girls when they moved away, and her beloved dogs. Judy was preceded in death by her mother, Betty, stepdaughter Kathy, and stepson Robert. She is survived by her husband,

Roger; her daughters Juli (Timothy) and Jodi (Matthew); his children Kimberly (Gregory) and Roger Dean; and their grandchildren.

MORE FALLEN EAGLES

Velma Mildred (Romine) Webster '57
Diane Constable '61
Jerry St John '62
William "Lanny" Len '63
Sherian (Butler) Grimes '64
Thomas Schwendeman '68
Mark Carlas Washington '76
Milo A. Lambie '79

FACULTY

Bill Ishida, Teacher

Mr Ishida was a very hard working teacher and coach and was honest with me regarding my performance. He shared insights that stayed with me in helpful ways.~ Janetta Lee '78



CHS Alumni Community . . . We Need Your Help!

We are actively looking for help with two areas of this newsletter:

- 1) Submitting articles for the Newsletter.** You don't have to be a professional writer to tell your story. Please send us what you have, and we will help you from there!
- 2) Newsletter Coordinator** – someone to collaborate with Marni (ReecerMedia) and the board on setting up deadlines, wrangling content, articles, and photos to be added in ActiveCollab (our easy-to-use tool for capturing everything for Marni to put into the Newsletter). The coordinator will work with the Board for the final review of the Newsletter, coordinate with the publisher, and obtain the mailing list from the Membership Secretary/Committee to provide to the Publisher. We publish the Newsletter three times a year.

Please respond to **Tracy (Case) Arnold** (president@clevelandalumsea.org) and **Marni Reecer** (news@clevelandalumsea.org) with questions, or to volunteer your services!



2024 EAGLE 100S



SPECIAL HONOR \$10,000+

HAROLD IMUS '42 \$25,000
For Scholarship Fund in memory of
Margaret Imus

M.L. SHUKIS '54 \$22,000
For the CHS Memorial Project #1

**JOHN R. & MARY LOU
(ZARKADES) BARTON '54 \$20,000**
- For the CHS Memorial Project #1

DIAMOND \$5,000-\$9,999

PLATINUM \$1,000-\$4,999

Suzanne (Desimone) Hittman '48

Kenneth Smith '57

Vincent Buddy Alit '63

Steven T. Mikami '80

Nicole R. Washington '80

GOLDEN \$500-\$999

Kerry A. Knowles '63

SILVER \$200-\$499

Jeanette (Goerge) Erickson '49
In memory of her late husband, L.
(Louis) Dale Erickson '47

Donald White '52
In memory of my cousin, John R.
Barton '54

Susan Yamamura '58

Ira Wes Reynolds '61

John K Keppler '62

William Dasher '65

Janice Sao '66

Kenneth Lee '79

BRONZE \$100-\$199

Emil (Martincevic) Martin '40

Goro Todo '48

Roberta (Skerry) Tomkinson '48
In memory of Don Duncan

1950 Miriam Munro

1956 Joanne (Shaner) Carrell

1959 Donald H Lindberg

1962 Lawrence R. Bosi

1962 Allen Storaasli

1964 Noriko Takei

1966 Teri (Uchida) Ishihara

1970 Gayle and Richard Choi

1973 Ronald T. Roletto

Seana Murphy

In memory of John Roger Barton '54

Marni Reecer

In memory of my stepdad, John
"Roger" Barton '54 LAATMS

UNDER \$100

1945 Carolyn (Elfen) Brewer

1947 Don L. Baldwin

1951 & 1953 Harold L & Sandra A
(Olson) Kendall

1958 Margaret (Imus) Kaiser
In Memory of Valerie Scott

Aliyanda (Harris) Cobbinah

1969 Ruth Wix

In Memory of Myra Alonzo Clark

1976 Ruth Klemola-Phillips

FEBRUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER CORRECTION

In our February 2022 Newsletter, it was incorrectly stated that Shirley Weatherhogge made a donation of \$100. We wish to clarify that the donation was generously made by **Merl Weatherhogge**. We apologize for any confusion and thank Merl for his support.

DONATE ONLINE

Make a secure one-time or recurring donation. Select where you want your gift to go. You can even make a donation in memory of a Fallen Eagle.

Please visit

ClevelandAlumSea.org/Donate

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OR DONATE BY MAIL

Use the form at the back of this newsletter to mail a contribution by check.



FROM THE TREASURER

Trena Walker '75



We are excited to announce the implementation of QuickBooks as our new bookkeeping system. This upgrade allows us to consolidate all our accounts in one place, facilitating better management of donations and expenses with easily accessible reports. Additionally, we have invested in a dedicated Zoom account to improve our communication and meeting efficiency since January 2024.

2024 Budget Overview:

Memorial Forest: \$35,000

Scholarship: \$30,000

Athletics: \$10,000

General Fund (includes Activities, CHS School Needs, and Operating Costs): \$37,500

Total Planned Expenses: \$112,500

Note: Actual expenses may vary based on the donations and grants received, as well as specific requests from the school.

Significant Contributions:

We gratefully acknowledge generous donations from alumni of the Class of 1954: John and Mary Lou (Zarkades) Barton contributed \$20,000, and M L Shukis donated \$22,000, specifically earmarked for the CHSAA Memorial Forest Project #1.

Additionally, a thoughtful donation of \$25,000 in memory of Margaret Imus has been allocated to our scholarship fund, addressing urgent needs for student support.

Allocations This Year:

- **CHS InvestED:** \$2,000 to assist with varied student needs.
- **Baseball (Cleveland STEM High School Booster Club):** \$5,000 used for new uniforms, a home run fence, indoor batting cage rentals, and helmets.
- **Soccer (Cleveland STEM High School Booster Club):** \$1,500 for new warm-ups, equipment, and socks, with the new coach, CHS alumnus Coach Rubia Mugola, leading the team.
- **Eagle Legends Hall of Fame Board:** \$964.69 to enhance this vital school heritage project.

Support Our Future Eagles:

Your contributions make a tangible difference! Please consider making an online donation through our secure platform at clevelandalumsea.org/donate. We also welcome donations via check. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to Cleveland High School.

CHS CLASS OF 1980 DONATION... AS PROMISED!



By Nicole R. Washington '80

Members of the Class of 1980 Reunion Committee, **Elinor Dofredo** and **Nicole R. Washington**, recently significantly contributed to Cleveland High School's future. During the CHS STEM PTSA's March meeting, Elinor presented **Madeline Moy**, the PTSA President, with a generous donation of \$1,015. The donation was raised through a "Classic Retro CHS T-Shirt & Sweatshirt Fundraiser" organized by the committee.

The funds are earmarked to support a variety of critical needs at CHS. They will help bridge the financial gaps for students requiring special classes, enable participation in statewide school competitions, support sports program involvement, and provide essential school supplies.

The Class of 1980 continues to demonstrate its commitment to the school's legacy by celebrating its past and investing in the future Eagles of Cleveland High School.

CHS Class of 1980 ~ Reunion Committee

*Demonstrating Eagle Pride and Spirit
Across Generations!*

NEW! 2024 DONATION CAMPAIGNS

Thanks to all our alumni and CHSAA friends for your generous gifts.

CHSAA is classified as a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, so your donations are deductible from your federal income tax. The CHSAA Federal Tax ID number is 91-1708220. This is all you need to make your donation deductible in the eyes of the IRS. You will receive a receipt via mail if paying by check or email if paying online, confirming your contribution.



ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

General fund is for any scholarships (including College or Trade Schools). The Ed Landon fund is used for students obtaining an education degree.



CHS MEMORIAL FOREST

Forest Improvements, Events such as Field Trips and Ceremonies, or a General donation, which would be used at the discretion of the CHSAA Board.



CHS ACTIVITIES

General fund is used at the discretion of the CHSAA Board with input of the CHS Activities Director and CHS Principal. Designate a specific activity from the options provided. Clubs listed at www.clevelandhs.seattleschools.org/student-life/clubs.



CHS ATHLETICS

General fund donations are used at the discretion of the CHSAA Board with the input of the CHS Athletic Director and CHS Boosters. Alternatively, you can designate a specify sports team from the options provided on the form.



CHS GENERAL FUND

The General Fund is used at the discretion of the CHSAA Board. This could include special requests from Cleveland High School, the CHS PTSA, and/or CHS Booster clubs.



CHSAA MAILING FUND

Your contribution helps pay for the production, printing, and delivery of our newsletter, which is usually around 24 pages, and distributed to thousands of Alumni 3 or 4 times a year.

CLASS OF 1964 REUNION - 8/14/24



1964 Reunion Committee visited Cleveland High School on March 18 to check out the facilities for their reunion on August 14, 2024. Pictured from left to right: Don Deschenes, Bob Charles, Tom Steinbach, Bob Jurcan, and Alison W. Sing

For those classmates who might have missed our 50th and 55th Class Reunions, we're excited to offer another chance to reconnect with old friends. Our high school underwent a significant transformation in 2007/08 and is now a state-of-the-art STEM school focused on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. This is a unique opportunity to witness the blend of old and new at our Alma Mater. Prepare to be astonished by the remarkable changes that have taken place since our graduation in June of 1964.

Explore our new MyEvent website (<https://myevent.com/eagles1964>), where you'll find a wealth of information about past reunions, fallen Eagles, the history of our school, and the Cleveland Memorial Forest. You can also find information about the music of the '60s, events, and photos from the nostalgic '50s and '60s. It's a delightful journey through our shared memories and experiences.

SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

at Cleveland High School

Questions? Contact us via email at

eagle1964reunion@gmail.com

Watch a YouTube video of our CHS Tour!

<https://bit.ly/CHS64TOUR>

CLASS OF 1985 - 40TH REUNION

Time flies, and unbelievably, our 40th class reunion is just around the corner! We are eager to reconnect with all our classmates and reminisce about our days at Cleveland High School.

We Need Your Help! Are you excited about the reunion and interested in attending? Please reach out to us with your updated contact details. Send an email to carlaklm@outlook.com with the following information:

Full Name (including Maiden Name if applicable)

Address

Phone Number

Email Address

Be sure to **include "Class of 1985 Reunion" in the subject line** of your email. Also, let us know if you're interested in helping organize the event. We're looking for volunteers to make this reunion memorable!

Stay in the Loop: Once we have your contact information, we will contact you regularly to update you on reunion planning.

We can't wait to catch up with everyone and create more unforgettable memories. The Class of '85 is alive and kicking, and we're excited to celebrate together!

~ Class of 1985 Reunion Committee

CLASS OF 1975 - 50TH REUNION

We want to celebrate our 50th Class Reunion next year and are looking for classmates interested in attending. If you are interested in attending the reunion, please email membership@clevelandalumsea.org and include your contact information (Name, Maiden Name, Address, Contact Numbers, and Email Address). Let us know if you want to help with the reunion as well. **Please add "Class of 1975 Reunion" to the subject line.** Once received, we will send you a communication.

Thank you! GO EAGLES!!

~ Class of 1975 Reunion Committee

A walk down memory lane

PHOTOS AND MEMORIES FROM YEARS GONE BY



Reggie Wilson (front) get mixed reviews from (left to right) Tom Carney, Marcus Campbell, Earl Braden and Don Borracchini. Wilson implores fellow classmates to listen to just one more joke prior to Cleveland's commencement ceremonies last Friday evening. Below, Karl Sutter gets a big hug from Cleveland principal Edmonia Minnis.

My Favorite Teacher

Who was your favorite teacher and why? <https://clevelandalumsea.org/my-favorite-teacher/>

Clancy Bishop - Music (3 votes total!)

In 1976, Clancy Bishop taught his students with care and discipline and directed the multicultural Cleveland High School Choir and Vocal Ensemble, winning many prestigious awards during the year. With his creative and gracious leadership, Mr. Bishop challenged the choir by doing an officially recorded Sing-a-

thon Event at the school, and the Cleveland High School Choir from Seattle, Washington, got into the Guinness Words Record Book for longest marathon singing by a choir - 40 Hours !! You can find this world record published in the 1977 Guinness World Book of Records. Mr. Bishop was encouraging and very supportive of those of us students who had future music careers in mind.

1976 was a very special year. We love you, Mr. Bishop!

~ Alan F. Chinn '76

Cecilia Moore - Language Arts

We studied old films and actors during my senior year. We had that in common, and studying about them kept me intrigued.

~ Trena (Burns) Walker '75

Graduation 1981

WORDS AND STORY
BY BETTY KUMPF

Teaching for tomorrow
In your heart tonight
Teaching for the future
One step, alright

—Reaching for Tomorrow
1981 Commencement theme

Cleveland High School's
senior class of 1981 took one step
Friday evening, a step that
of the canyon between those
days of youth and the "real
world."

simple steps across a stage to
a hug and the culmination of
years of study, a diploma.

chants of "81! '81!" to
tears to one last joke for the
of '81, the 190 Eagles
experienced the full emotional
moment in a few short hours.

several grads and their
parents, navigating Friday
evening rush hour traffic during a
hour was almost as difficult as
signing the parchment. The 5 p.m.
ceremony at the Seattle Center Arena
attracted more than one Eagle
in cap and gown while
marching in the procession.

Cleveland principal Edmondia
reminded the class that they
graduated at the Eagle roost together,
overcoming each obstacle
before them in a like manner.
The first class to graduate
from the Seattle School District's
Desegregation Program.

Suzanne Hittman, a Cleveland
alumn and president of the Seattle
School Board, congratulated the
class on behalf of the School District.

Mayor Charles Royer, guest
speaker, challenged the class of '81 to
give something back to the schools
and the city, to make them better.

"Thank you for everything you've
done in advance," Royer said.

"Being small meant being close,"
noted Meredith Murray, a student
speaker, in her remarks to the class.
Murray, a West Seattle resident, felt
fortunate to have experienced the
cultural melting pot that is CHS.

"We have learned what they
haven't," she proclaimed to her
peers.

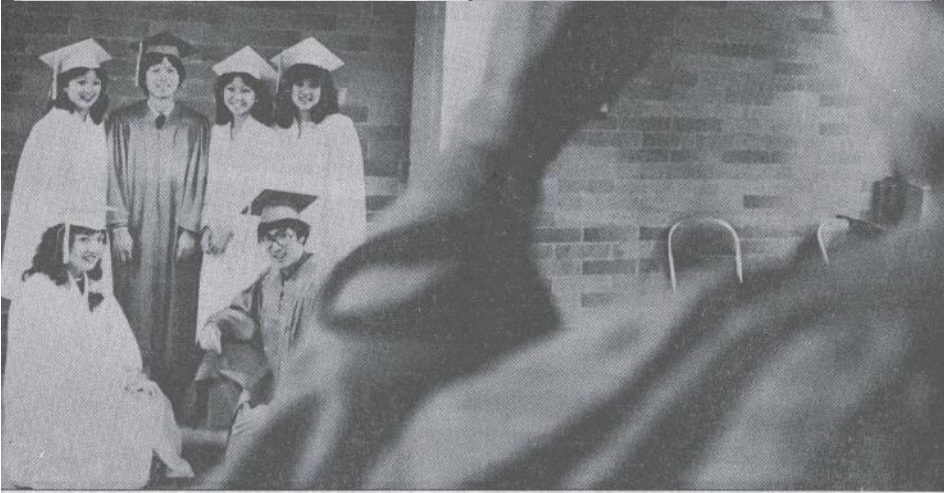
A quick check of the list of
graduating seniors found seven
Wong's, six Chin's, five Woo's, four
Chan's and four Lee's—with a bit
of Borracchini, Dodson, Hipolito
and Masunaga adding spice to the "pot"
and a variety of languages
permeating the hall.

As the lights dimmed, the cheers
swelled in anticipation of the senior
slide presentation, one last chance to
see your friends as they were.

David Cooper, the final student
speaker, asked his fellow students to
"remember who I am, not who I used
to be."

Cooper left his audience with a
Chinese proverb.

"A journey of 1,000 miles always
begins with a single step."
Some single steps are bigger than
others.



Recording the times of their lives on film: (back row — left to right): Lisa Tsang, Tae Ho Yun, Stella Lee, Rita Locke, (front row) Jane Chin and Todd Oki pose for pictures.



Proud as an Eagle

(Left) A teary eyed Tammy Eng is comforted by Jennifer Graham as they wait for the processional to begin. (Above) Tammy's father, Jack Eng (right), a '53 Cleveland grad and Cleveland Choral instructor Clancy Bishop reflect the pride and joy of parent and teacher while watching the graduation ceremony.



HELP US KEEP OUR MAILING LIST CLEAN!

A recent audit of our mailing list resulted in a discover that multiple issues are being sent to the same address. Regardless of how many Alums reside at the same address, please help us keep our costs down by alerting us to any newsletters that are no longer wanted, or excessive issues not needed.

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ALUMNI GATHER FOR A FAREWELL AT THE SPAGHETTI FACTORY

By Nicole R. Washington '80

In an emotional farewell, the alumni community of Seattle high schools—including the Cleveland Eagles, Franklin Quakers, Garfield Bulldogs, Queen Anne Grizzlies, and Rainier Beach Vikings—gathered for one last celebration at The Old Spaghetti Factory in Tukwila. After 15 years of service, the beloved restaurant closed its doors on April 28th, marking an end of an era for our community.

Helen Woo Nicdao, CHS '79, impeccably organized the event, which made this memorable “Get-Together” possible. Your tireless dedication brought us together for one last hurrah—thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Our final meal was nothing short of delicious, with pasta entrees and spumoni that reminded us of so many fond gatherings. It was a night filled with nostalgia, laughter, and the rekindling of old friendships. Indeed, it was a vivid reminder that friends often turn into family.

Highlighting the evening, **Tracy Brown, CHS '79**, delivered an inspiring speech about the integral role our community plays in her life, referring to it as her “Foundational Rock.” Her words resonated deeply, reminding us of the strong bonds and shared experiences that define our community. **Dave Mampel, CHS '79**, echoed these sentiments, noting how the speech touched everyone’s hearts and deepened our gratitude for this unique bond.



We were also honored to have **Wayne Lau** and **Teresa “Teri” (Sakauye) Lau**, alumni from the classes of 1968, join us. Their presence added a special touch to the evening, bridging generations of alumni who share a common legacy.

Looking ahead, we are excited about future gatherings and will continue to share updates via our alumni and community Facebook pages. These events not only celebrate our shared history but also reinforce the strength and support we derive from each other.

As we continue to build on these connections, we are reminded of how much stronger we are together. Here’s to more unforgettable memories and the enduring spirit of our alumni community!

Please enjoy the photos from our fun evening, courtesy of **Dawn Lucrisia-Johnson, CHS '79**; **Francene Oki McCormick, CHS '79**, and **Meredith Murray Blache, CHS '81**. Each snapshot captures the joy and camaraderie of the night, preserving memories that will last a lifetime.



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