

# The Alumni NEWSLETTER



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2023 Cleveland High School Football Team

## BUILDING COMMUNITY AND PRIDE

By Leonard Hicks, CHS Football Head Coach

Cleveland Football is on the move – both on the field and in the community! My focus as a coach continues to be building a strong, united team by instilling in every player the importance of our team culture – Honor, Integrity, and Discipline = Virtue and Value. I hope this team will take these values to heart and apply them both on the field and forward into their lives beyond Cleveland.

This year, we tripled the number of freshmen players from last season, and I'm encouraged by the growth potential of this team. We decided to play as a JV team this season to help our players gain more experience and confidence on the field. We

are currently at a 2-2 season with five more games. I'm excited for the future of Cleveland Football, and we train, practice, and grow together as a team.

Off the field, we worked together to represent Cleveland High School in the community proudly. In July, the team marched with our family and fans in the Seafair Parade! We paid special honor to two Fallen Eagles and CHS football players, **Louis Gray** ('82) and **Brian Carlin** ('86), by carrying banners with their pictures (made possible by the CHSAA) down the streets of downtown Seattle. The Gray and Carlin families joined us by marching alongside the team, and we were proud to honor our fellow Eagle football



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brothers that day. In addition, we were wearing Gray and Carl's initials on our helmets this season and honored them at halftime during our Homecoming game, which we won 30-12 against Lincoln - the highest-scoring game for us in four seasons! Cleveland Football has also built a significant partnership with the Seattle Seahawks and the Virginia Mason Athletic Center (VMAC), who provided 53 pairs of football cleats to our players and tickets to the Seahawk festival this year.

In November, the team will join forces with MenOFValue to feed and clothe the homeless at a community outreach event at Lumen Field. These team activities helped me reinforce our team culture and the importance of being a good football player and caring about our community. I also want to thank the CHSAA for the generous Fallen Eagle donations that helped us purchase new uniforms and helmets this Fall. We sincerely appreciate the ongoing alum support of the Cleveland Football program.



Our new uniforms this season, made possible by the generous donations from Cleveland alumni, are branded "BeastMode" Marshawn Lynch. We are only one of two schools wearing the brand, and the students are excited to represent a Seahawks hometown hero.

~ Coach Hicks





# CHS GOLFER TOUNALOM COMPETES AT PEBBLE BEACH

by Lisa Nakamura

Cleveland Senior Colin Tounalom was one of 80 First Tee participants selected to play in the 2023 PURE Insurance Championship Impacting First Tee tournament at Pebble Beach Golf Links and Spyglass Hill Golf Course in September. The annual event, now in its 20th year, brought teens from First Tee chapters across the country to meet, play, and be mentored by PGA TOUR Champions players and amateurs. The tournament was televised around the world on the Golf Channel.

First Tee was formed in 1997 as a partnership among several professional golf associations to make the sport affordable and accessible for all kids. First Tee is committed to helping kids build character strengths and important life skills through the game of golf. Colin joined the First Tee chapter out of Jefferson Park Golf Course on Beacon Hill when he was just nine years old.

“My dad wanted us to learn golf because it’s a sport you can play your entire life, even when you’re old,” laughed Colin, “Luckily, I learned to love the game, and now I coach younger golfers in the First Tee program.”



Tounalom was paired with Tour Pro Mark Hensby from Australia, placing 42nd in the tournament.

Tournament participants ranged in age from 14 to 18. They were selected by a national panel of judges based on their personal growth and development through First Tee’s programs, as well as their playing ability. On average, selected golfers have been involved with First Tee for over seven years, have a 3.95 GPA, and have recorded a 1.5 handicap. Colin has eight years of First Tee participation and boasts a 4.0 GPA and a 4.7 handicap!

“This was a one-in-a-lifetime opportunity”, says Colin, “I met First Tee golfers from across the country and PGA TOUR Champions players I’ve been watching play my entire life. I was paired with Tour Pro Mark Hensby from Australia, and we placed 42nd in the tournament. It was an incredible experience.”



CHS Golfer Colin Tounalom was one of 80 First Tee youth golfers from across the country selected to play at the prestigious PURE Insurance Championship Impacting First Tee tournament in September.

Colin will graduate from Cleveland as a member of the Class of 2024 and plans to pursue a 4-year college degree. “If college golf is an opportunity at a school I want to attend, then I’ll consider it,” says Colin, “but my education comes first, so we will see!”

# CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Board and Annual meetings are in-person at Cleveland High School.*

**Dec 2:** Board Meeting 10:30 A.M.  
**Mar 2:** Annual Meeting 10:00 A.M.  
**Mar 23:** Board Meeting 10:30 A.M.  
**May 24:** Memorial Ceremony at the CHS Memorial Forest

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 - Social Media, Nominating Elections  
**Scholarships**  
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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.



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Cleveland STEM High School Alumni,

With immense pleasure, I introduce myself as the new Principal of Cleveland High School. My name is Jeff Lam, and I am excited to join this vibrant and accomplished community. I grew up in the South End of Seattle and am honored to serve this community.

I am grateful for the opportunity to lead a school with such a distinguished legacy of academic excellence, innovation, and community engagement. As I step into the role of Principal, I am inspired by the remarkable achievements of the Cleveland community, whose contributions have significantly impacted the South Seattle community.

I bring with me a deep passion for nurturing a learning environment where students can explore their passions, develop critical thinking skills, and prepare for future challenges. Cleveland has been doing this work for many years now, and I intend to build upon the rich legacy of my predecessors.

As an alumni, I am eager to learn from your diverse

experiences and perspectives. Your insights will be instrumental in shaping the direction of our beloved school. Please share your ideas, suggestions, and aspirations for Cleveland STEM High School. Your active involvement will play a pivotal role in our collective efforts to provide an outstanding educational experience for our students.

I am excited about the journey ahead and look forward to meeting many of you in person. Together, we can continue the tradition of excellence that Cleveland STEM High School is known for and create a bright future for the next generation of Eagles. Thank you for your warm welcome and support. I am honored to serve as your Principal, and I am enthusiastic about the exciting possibilities that lie ahead.

Warm regards,

**Jeff Lam, Principal**  
Cleveland STEM  
High School



## CLASS OF '73 50TH REUNION A SUCCESS!



The Class of 1973 50th Reunion was held at Jefferson Park Golf Course on August 19, 2023. It was so much fun. Seventy-seven classmates from around the US and one from France attended. Beloved Principal Bill Maynard and Teacher Tom Champoux joined us and shared stories. It was a wonderful time of reconnecting. Submitted by Melna (Sakura) Skillingstead, Reunion Committee Chair.



# '52 & '53 CLASS REUNION

A Reunion luncheon was held on September 14th at Angelos Resturant in Burien, in celebration of the Class of '52 and '53's - 71st and 70th anniversaries. Following a social hour, a welcome speech and many wonderful memories from the late 40s an the 50s was given by Barb (Fowler) Leonetti. Following lunch, Doris (Kubota) Fijii, told of her expiriences being raised during the war. 32 alumni attended.



L to R: Standing: Roger Bedell, Margie Primoli Lambo, Seated: Nancy Bedell, Barbara Burgess, Ross Burgess, Jim Burgess, Dolores Larson Kelly



L to R: Susan Pincombe DeVore, Donna Lee Pincombe, Lloyd Kendall, Sandra Olsen Kendall, Juanita Flores Harwood



Doris (Kubota) Fijii



Joe Faccone's Car



L to R: Doreen Rose Mills, Jay Thomas, Barb Fowler Leonetti, Susan Thomas



L to R: Sherman Swanson, Paul Redmond, Don White, Nancy Bedell





L to R: Janet Furlan Henkel, Toni Lambo Paulson, Sue Lambo VanSlyke



L to R: Mary Lou (Zarkades) Barton, Bev Bull Minice, John Barton  
NOTE: Other than our waitress, Bev (Class of '55) was likely the youngest person at the reunion.



L to R: Nancy Bedell, Bob Joiner



L to R: Darrell Gookstetter and Dean Hodgson



L to R: Joe Faccone, Janice Dawley McCormick, Sherman Swanson, Paul Redmond, Don White





## A DAY AT THE FOREST

by Jenn Kakuna

The Cleveland Connects Summer Bridge Program spent the day at the Cleveland High School Memorial Forest in July. Teachers Joseph Mingo, Kacey Cambell, Anna Leslie, Jenn Kekuna, and Counselor Chloe Kimiai accompanied almost 50 incoming 9th graders and student helpers to experience the beauty of the outdoors.

The group gathered near Fall City, where they received an introduction to the forest from Alumni Bernie Moskowitz and John Barton. This included a brief history lesson on how the forest came to be and how it is being preserved. The students then gathered around the firepit and worked as a team to build a bonfire, where they later roasted hotdogs and enjoyed burgers from

the grill. They ended their visit with self-guided hikes over the various trails and took note of the different types of plants and green spaces they encountered.

*Many of our students don't get to go on trips like this outside of Seattle, so it was a great experience for them. They connected with the Alumni and gathered in a space so special to Cleveland.*

The Cleveland Connects Summer Bridge Program is a 3-week program that allows incoming Freshmen to experience what high school is about before returning to school in the Fall. Students get to experience relationship-building, project-based learning, and social-emotional learning. The Bridge program has been available to students since 2012.

“It is not so much for its beauty that the forest makes a claim upon men’s hearts, as for that subtle something, that quality of air that emanation from old trees, that so wonderfully changes and renews a weary spirit.”

- Robert Louis Stevenson







# IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CHS MEMORIAL FOREST

John R. Barton '54



The photo to the right shows the entrance to the Cleveland High School Memorial Forest. It's not very impressive. The unpaved driveway on the right leads to a crude-looking gate.

I'm sure some people have driven by for years and never realized that this is the property where CHS Alumni honor 43 of their classmates who sacrificed their lives while fighting in the United States military, starting with World War II (32), Korea (7), and then Vietnam (4).

There used to be a wooden sign calling it the "CLEVELAND MEMORIAL FOREST," with no mention of its association with the high school in Seattle. We suspect this sign was used for firewood by a homeless person living in the area.

The bronze plaques (listing our war dead) were ripped off and likely sold as scrap metal. We replaced the plaques with a granite monument --- granite lasts for 1000s of years, is too heavy to steal, and has a low resale value. Similarly, as shown in the following sketch, we want to replace the wooden sign with a granite sign that correctly names the property as the CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIAL FOREST. **But we need more than just the granite sign. We need to modify the overall setting for the entrance, including the following action items:**

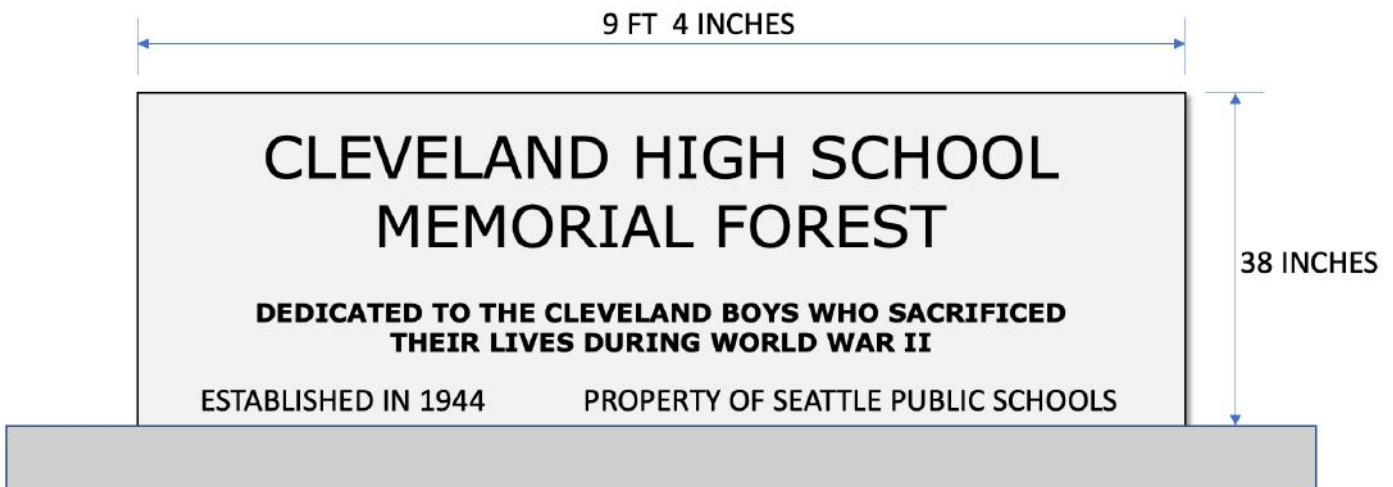
- Clear an area for the sign by removing trees and brush from an area measuring approximately 50 feet wide by 25 feet deep, adding landfill, leveling the ground, and expanding parking.
- Construct a concrete base for the granite sign.
- Install lighting to illuminate the sign from both sides.
- Install a wrought-iron fence behind the sign with a gate.



**As with all improvements to the property, it requires donations by alumni to make this improvement and others a reality.**

As you can see in this issue and other newsletter articles, teachers use the CHS Memorial Forest more frequently to benefit their teaching needs. In this first week of October, Ms. Clare Sobetski of the Washington State Department of Natural Resources took five busloads of students to the forest for educational studies associated with the environment. WHAT IF IT RAINS? The students are vulnerable to the rain if the weather turns bad. **We need funding to rebuild the Lyceum.** The Lyceum was an open-sided structure built in the 1960s by the alums. It measured 50x25 feet. During the late 1900s, we lost this structure due to arson. We need to provide another structure made of metal so that it won't be vulnerable to arson.

**We need your FINANCIAL SUPPORT to make these dreams a REALITY.**



This is our second re-design of the sign for the Cleveland High School Memorial Forest sign. The estimated cost of the carved granite stone is \$16,470. Our design features a carved granite stone sign on a granite slab. The granite slab measures 100 x 38 inches, with identical carving on both sides. Internal steel bars would extend vertically from the concrete slab into the granite to provide stability. Donations are accepted at [clevelandalumsea.org/donate](http://clevelandalumsea.org/donate) or via the mail-in form at the back of this newsletter. Thank you for your support!





## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2023 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

*Scholarship applications include Letters of Recommendation from faculty and staff members highlighting the student's attributes. These letters are full of praise for their dedication to pursuing higher education and developing leadership skills. Funds granted may be used for tuition, books, room and board, and other necessities. Many applicants are the first in their families to attend college. We wish them the best of luck as they continue their education.*



### JHASMIN LAUREANO DAMIAN

Congratulations to Anna Ni, who will focus on Jhasmin has worked out how she can serve her Latinx community while addressing her desire for personal growth over time. She plans to continue looking out for others by becoming a pharmacist with a degree in Chemical Engineering. Jhasmin believes that bringing that knowledge to her community will have a positive impact.

Attendance at the University of Southern California, where she can also focus on her Chicano history, will challenge her to acquire new experiences and develop more confidence and a profound comprehension of the world and its people.

In her years at CHS, Jhasmin has achieved a balance of: studies resulting in 3.8 GPA; school activities. (ASB Cabinet member, Key Club Treasurer); community activities (Tech Blog, Youth Advocacy, and Leadership Hub with Washington Latino Community Fund); work of 20 hours per week to save for college.

Jhasmin hopes to maintain a balance in her life, including education, family, and personal growth. We wish her success in achieving her goals and that the scholarship award is helpful.



### ARNI HOANG

Arni has had a very accomplished high school career. He earned a respectable 3.87 GPA while attending Running Start classes at the University of Washington. His goals for a career involve computer science.

While performing exceptionally well in high school, he was involved with many extracurricular activities, including swim team captain, tennis, and the ultimate Frisbee team, which he helped take to state championships.

Recommendations highlighted his leadership qualities, wonderful sense of humor, quick learning, acceptance of diversity, and ability to see both sides of issues.

We wish Arni every success in the next phase of his life.

### EVAN LI

Evan is thrilled to be accepted as a biology major at the University of Pennsylvania, a prestigious Ivy League school. He attributes his successes to the inspiration of his hardworking father and care-giving mother. Evan has worked toward making college costs less stressful for the family. His job as a Student Research Intern at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center and his focused effort to obtain scholarship funds is helping him to reach that goal. Drawn to a high level of community involvement, Evan nourishes

his soul with a sense of belonging by assuming various roles: at the Rainier Valley Food Bank – packing food for clients; at Asian Counseling & Referral Service, planning meetings and events to support students in Running Start; as an Upward Bound Ambassador for over two years.

In addition, Evan has contributed to CHS programs as a Softball Team manager, leader of the Link Crew, and Cabinet member of the Asian Student Union. Building a program for First Generation Low-Income [FGLI] students to ensure their college success has helped Evan build community and share success. The Alumni Scholarship Committee is pleased to help fund Evan's education. We wish him success in his studies and subsequent career as a biology researcher. Congratulations, Evan!



### DANA LOUI

Dana had an awe-inspiring high school career. She stayed grounded during difficult times brought on by the pandemic and was involved with other students, ASB, PTSA, and other school clubs, which raised nearly \$10K while getting food and other necessities to those in need. She also participated as a student representative in the hiring process of new administrators and was a speaker at several Seattle Public Schools board meetings regarding safety and staffing.

Dana is very involved in helping her community while maintaining a near-perfect GPA, taking advanced placement classes, hold-



ing office on the ASB board, working on the yearbook, and being a National Honor Society member. She was part of Cleveland's Biomedical Life Science Academy, where she devoted four years to studying courses and topics that included physiology, health conditions, laboratory techniques, and biomedical research. She was the captain of the basketball team. Dana also held positions at the family-owned business Uwajimaya.

Dana will attend the University of Washington at the Foster School of Business to work up the corporate ladder to support her family's legacy. She is very community-oriented.

Dana has been a very busy young individual, and we wish her the best in her next life stage.



### ABINA PEREDO

Abina Peredo is a \$1200 Cleveland High School Alumni Association grant recipient. She plans to study pre-Science and Biology at the University of Washington while pursuing a career as a Physician Assistant in emergency medicine. As a freshman, Abina learned to step out of her comfort zone, which helped her realize the need to prevent mental blocks from discouraging her from reaching her goals. She accepted leadership roles in student government, Key Club, and community service, participating fully with no regrets.

Letters of Recommendation praised her skills in collaboration, dependability, and quick understanding. They speak highly of her integrity and maturity, which provide her with the desire to work hard to achieve her academic goals and beyond. Congratulations, Abina, and may you always fly high as an Eagle!

### KIM NGUYEN

Kim Nguyen received a \$1200 grant from the Cleveland High School Alumni Association, which goes to the University of Washington, where Kim plans to study Bio-

chemistry. While recognizing that her parents' money is hard to come by, Kim took advantage of as many free courses and college-level courses offered by Cleveland, including participation in the Running Start Program through Seattle Community College during her Junior and Senior years as one way of reducing her costs of higher education. She states in her essay that she will be the first family member to complete secondary school and enroll in college.

While observing daily family situations, her career path became clear. She plans to focus on research to create new medicine. Saving for a new laptop was a top priority for Kim. Still, when the need for medication and food became pronounced in her home community in Vietnam during COVID-19, Kim responded from the heart by giving her savings to her mom so her family could supply medicine and food to them.

Kim's Letters of Recommendation revealed how hard Kim works to support her community in Vietnam and at a nearby elementary school where she mentored and tutored grade school students in art and engineering. Her recommenders spoke of her leadership skills, academic abilities, and how genuine she is as she stands for what is right. She is bright and curious, one of them stated.

Congratulations, Kim, and may you always fly high as an Eagle.



### MAXWELL ROSE

Maxwell claims his career goals and objectives are still a work in progress. Even so, he is sure he wants to continue building upon his STEM knowledge base. Discovering that he could easily do math equations in his head at a young age set him on a path involving engineering and design.

His acceptance at the University of Washington is especially thrilling, given that his father and grandfather graduated there. Maxwell hopes to contribute to their legacy of positive impacts on Seat-

tle and its communities. He aims to create a sustainable world through technology and make it accessible to everyone.

Maxwell's focus on studying (including through Running Start) has been balanced by volunteering as a science camp assistant with Food Lifeline and currently with Open Doors for Multi-Cultural Families as a tutor for children from culturally and linguistically diverse families with developmental disabilities or special health care needs.

The CHS Scholarship Committee wishes Maxwell Rose success in pursuing higher education in Science and Math and a productive future.



### DANICA SILVESTRE

The Cleveland High School Alumni Association is proud to announce Danica Silvestre as one of our scholarship recipients this year. Danica has been active in school leadership since she was a freshman and spent her senior year as the ASB General Secretary. In addition to the impact made through the school leadership team, Danica has been active as the varsity volleyball captain, Key Club member, and a lion dance club member. In one of her essays, Danica spoke about overcoming a particular challenge in middle school and how that shaped her into the outspoken student she has become. Danica has aspired to be a vital part of her community and to give back. She has consistently recognized how much nurses do for the community, influencing her current goal to become a registered nurse through the nursing program at the University of WA Seattle campus.

Danica received glowing letters of recommendation. One of her teachers wrote, "Danica is a high-achieving leader and student who doesn't fall into the stressful trap of becoming consumed with adding to her resume. Her accomplishments are driven by altruism, and she is motivated by creating the ideal community for those around her." Congratulations, Danica!





# 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*.

**Richard Cornell**

June 23, 1919 - April 29, 1943



While the Japanese were taking possession of the Philippines and other islands in the Pacific, efforts were being made to send troops and armor to fight the Germans and Italians in Europe and North Africa. Prior to our declared involvement in the war, President Roosevelt and Britain's Prime Minister Winston Churchill made an agreement giving top priority to defeating Hitler and the Axis. Rather than attempt to deliver reinforcements to the Pacific forces, North Africa and Europe became the main focus for American troops and supplies.

Control of the Mediterranean Sea and Island bases within the sea was vital in the battle to defeat the Germans and Italians. Cut off from shipping lanes and landing ports, they would be unable to wage attacks or receive necessary materials. The lands in Libya, Malta, Sicily, and Italy became areas of major military campaigns.

British armies had been in Egypt since the beginning of the war. From Cairo the British waged campaigns against Italian troops and, in December of 1940, the Italians were driven from Egypt into Libya. The Germans then sent air forces and armored corps to support the Italian troops. Field Marshal Rommel be-

gan campaigns in March 1941, moving into Egypt and attacking nearby ports. From that date, until May 1943, a series of battles were fought with victories and defeats on both sides.

On November 7, 1942, three American forces were transported to the African Coast by U.S. and British Navies. Ten thousand troops from the 39th Regiment, 9th Infantry, known as the Fighting Falcons of the 39th were the first to enter Africa from the shores of Algiers. Richard Cornell was a member of that unit.

Richard was at Cleveland High School in 1935. He is pictured with the Junior High Boys' Cooking Club, but there are no photographs after that year. As happened with many young men at that time, it is possible he enlisted in the service before graduation in 1940. He was with The Fighting Falcons in 1943.

After the November landing in Algiers, the drive against Rommel's armies began as the Allies moved toward Tunisia. On February 11, 1943, General Dwight D. Eisenhower was named commander-in-chief in North Africa, and he established headquarters in Algiers. General George Patton commanded the Seventh Army, and as they moved to Libya and Tunisia from the west, General Montgomery's British troops moved in from Egypt. German-Italian troops were meeting defeat on several fronts. By March 1943 the Allies were overtaking Tunisia. The 39th Regiment 9th Infantry was part of that battle.

The Falcon's symbol was AAA-O, "Anything, Anywhere, Anytime, Bar Nothing." This motto was given to them by Colonel "Paddy" Flint, who became the regimental commander in Sicily, following the downfall of Tunisia. The final attack on Tunisia began April 23, 1943. On May 7 the German forces were defeated, and North Africa was freed from Axis control. Much of the Mediterranean Sea was open for shipping materials and transporting troops, and the move into Sicily and on to Italy began.

The Fighting Falcons of the 39th

moved to Sicily, and from there they participated in battles in Normandy, Northern France, Belgium, and Central Europe proudly displaying their AAA-O symbol on their helmets and vehicles, an unusual practice during campaigns. When questioned about this, Colonel Flint commented that if the enemy lived through a battle, they would know to run the next time they saw that symbol. The Falcons earned three Presidential Unit Citations, as well as citations for valorous action from the Belgians and French.

Richard, one of the many who helped the 29th earn its reputation as Fearless Fighters, did not live to see the honors bestowed on his regiment. He died during the final battles to drive the Germans from North Africa. A credit to his Regiment, Richard was killed April 29, 1943. He is buried in Plot D, Row 5, Grave 5, at the North African-American Cemetery, Carthage, Tunisia.



By 1943 the Axis controlled Europe from France to Russia, Norway, and Finland. Control in North Africa extended from Morocco to Egypt. American and British forces moved across North Africa to defeat the German armies.

**THANK YOU FOR READING**

We'll continue to publish more excerpts a series of Gold Star stories taken from the book *Honored Dead*, in the next Alumni Newsletter.

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 28-31.



# 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.*



## DON DUNCAN '43

Don met the love of his life, Mary Catherine Rogers, on a double blind-date in 1947; Mary was the "date of the other guy". Don and Mary married in 1949.

Don and Mary had three children: Joyce Van Buren (Steve), Bruce (Debbie) and David (Susan), eight grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. Mary died in January 2018, less than two months shy of their 69th wedding anniversary. Early on, Don wrote and took photos for the weekly Omak Chronicle, South Bend Journal, and Shelton-Mason County Journal, then spent five years reporting for the daily Tacoma News Tribune before moving up in 1958 to the Seattle Times — in all, 41 years of interviews, deadlines and almost daily writing about something that piqued his interest.

Don wrote "Washington, The First 100 years (1889-1989)" while working for The Seattle Times. He also wrote "Meet Me at The Center (the story of the 1962 World's Fair) for the Seattle Center Foundation.

One of Don's happiest moments was having his Seattle Times retirement party in Husky Stadium's Don James Center. In retirement, Don served on the board of The Kirkland Public Library and as a community advisor for Kirkland's Evergreen Hospital, sang in a church choir, and prepared food once a

month for The Salvation Army. He also co-founded, with Dr. Richard Prince, The TOMCATS (The Tired Old Man's Coffee and Talk Society), whose politically liberal members loudly and passionately discussed "the state of the world" on the second Tuesday of every month for more than 25 years. His and his wife Mary's favorite vacation for years was at Seabeck Family Camp on Hood Canal, where many members and "shirttail relations" of the Duncan family have gathered every July for well over 50 years.



## L. DALE ERICKSON '47

Dale is in heaven fishing with his son Bob and best friend, Don. Dale, 93, was born May 22, 1929, and died peacefully on April 21, 2023, in Seattle. The love of his life survives him, Jeanette. They were married for 72 years after meeting on a blind date. He graduated from Cleveland High School in 1947. Father to daughter Daleen (Rick) Van Arnam, grandfather to Ryan (Kristen), Chris (Morgan), Blake (Jessica) & great-grandfather to Reagan & Hayden Van Arnam. Proceeded in death by his son Robert (Bob), survived by his wife Elizabeth, daughter Amy, son Andrew (Holly) & great-granddaughters Malia & Harper. Proceeded in death by mother & father Louis & Leona Erickson. Surviving brothers Richard (Pearl) & Leonard (Bonnie-deceased).

Owner of UNIVERSITY SEAFOOD & POULTRY in Seattle for many years. Dale had many customers who became his friends. He was a true gentleman, had a kind demeanor, and cared about his family and friends. He was a wonderful man who will truly be missed. A private family celebration of Dale will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Medic One of Seattle in memory of Dale @ [www.mediconefoundation.org](http://www.mediconefoundation.org) or 11747 NE 1st St, Suite 310, Bellevue 98005

Rest in peace, Honey, Daddy, Grandpa & Greatgrandpa.



## GARY HITOSHI SAKAI '55

Gary Hitoshi Sakai was born on December 15, 1955, in Seattle, Washington, the son of Enjiro and Sumi Sakai. Gary passed away on July 5, 2023.

He graduated from Cleveland High School and the University of Washington, majoring in journalism. He actively participated in the Imperials Drum and Bugle Corps during the 1970s and was a contributing journalist for local publications such as the Beacon Hill News, Capitol Hill Times, Northwest Access, the University of Washington Daily, and the national USA Today.

Gary was employed by the US Post Office for almost 40 years. He was quiet, kind,

gentle, and generous to all who knew him. His survivors include sister Margie Dymont, brother George Sakai, nephews Sean Dymont, Eddie Dymont, David Sakai, and niece Autumn Sakai Bystrom. Gary had a very large extended family.

A private family gathering will be held at a later date.



## JAMES "JIM" DANIEL CAPP A '56

James Daniel "Jim" Cappa passed at the age of 85 on May 13, 2023, at his daughter Carrie Nygaard's residence in Renton, Washington.

Born April 29, 1938, in Seattle, WA, Jim was the seventh child of ten children born to John and Molly Cappa. After attending Cleveland HS, Jim was a security guard in the late 50s touring for two years with notable luminaries Johnny Cash, Brenda Lee, and Jerry Lee Lewis. Jim and his wife of 31 years, Sharon Mathews, lived in Burien, WA until they moved to Maple Valley, WA in 1976 where they raised their three children: Allen, Jimmy, and Carrie.

Jim was full-time employed at Hormel Meats in Seattle for 19 years and subsequently worked together with his wife Sharon in their successful housekeeping business "Cappa's Housekeeping" until his retirement in 1995.

In August of 1997, Jim then



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married Adelle Josten and relocated to Casa Grande, AZ, a few years later, spending summers in Rapid City, SD. In 2010 they moved east to Florence, AZ. Jim and Addie's final move together was to Madras, OR in 2017, where they resided until Adelle passed away in February 2020.

Jim was active in the fraternal organization the Eagles and was elected as president of the Renton Eagles 1991-1992.

Jim is survived by his second wife, Sharon, brothers John and Donald, and sisters Ellen and Kay. Also survived by two sons, Allen and Jim, and daughter Carrie by Sharon, and two daughters, Julie and Jeri, by first wife Jean; four grandchildren Alicia and Cole (Carrie), Pierce and Wade (Jim); and one great-granddaughter Mia (Alicia).



**REV. DR. DOROTHEA  
"DOTTIE" JOAN  
(WIDGER) BROOKS '59**

Died 21 Feb 2020 in Williamsville, Erie County, New York

Rev Dr. Dorothea "Dottie" Widger Brooks, '59, passed away in a rehabilitation facility near her home for many years in Amherst, New York. She succumbed to cancer. She was seen daily by her two children, daughters, one from New York, the other from Tacoma, Washington. Her brother, Dr Charles Widger, CHS '61 of Bellevue, Washington, arrived

in Amherst the night she died. After graduating from Cleveland High School, she attended the University of Washington in 1963 with a BS in microbiology. In performing work in the microbiology laboratories there, she met her future husband, Sheldon Brooks, of Tacoma. They shared a passion for mountain climbing. Dottie had been introduced to hiking with her family, taking her first 4-day pack trip at age 13 with her father and brother. This pack trip followed the Pacific Crest Trail north from Chinook Pass to Government Meadows, then southeast along a forest road to a campground on the Little Naches River. The valley for the Crystal Mountain Ski resort was then uncleared of forest. She and Sheldon climbed several major peaks in Washington State, including Mount Olympus, Mount Saint Helens (well before the 1980 eruption), Mount Adams, Mount Baker, and Mount Rainier. Following her University of Washington graduation and marriage, the couple moved to Massachusetts, where Sheldon had found work as an engineer in a company that produced wastewater equipment for pulp mills.

Dottie attended the Hartford Seminary Foundation (now the Hartford Seminary) in Connecticut for preordination studies. She completed these in 1967 and returned to Seattle to be ordained at the Beacon Hill Congregational church on S Forest Street, now the First Baptist Church. She returned to the Boston area, where she served as youth minister for a church. She began to participate on several archeological digs in Israel, which kindled her interest in the Old Testament. She returned to the Hartford Seminary Foundation and was awarded a Ph.D. in biblical studies. For her dissertation, she identified the source of clay in pottery shards through neutron activation of rare earth elements of the shards and clay samples taken from wadis in

Israel. She used the Brookhaven National Laboratories on Long Island, New York, to perform the neutron bombardment and identify the percentages of the rare earth elements. While her husband had entered medical school in Guadalajara, Mexico, Dottie moved to Buffalo, New York, where she taught classes at both Canisius College, a Roman Catholic private school, and the University at Buffalo, one of the four university centers of the State University of New York. She also served several local churches as a minister in several capacities. She returned to Seattle in 1980 to officiate the wedding of her brother, Charles, at the Plymouth United Church of Christ on 6th Avenue. She returned again in 2005 to renew their vows in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary.

A joint memorial for Dottie was held by two religious communities, much influenced by Dottie. One was the Congregation Shir Shalom of Williamsville, New York, led by Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein. The Torah study group appreciated her expertise in the Old Testament and her knowledge of its original languages. The other was the Cleveland Heights Christian Church of Cheektowaga, New York, under Rev Jennifer Heckmann. Rev Heckmann regarded Dottie as a valued mentor. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the congregants for the memorial gathered at their respective religious facilities and on the internet via meeting software.

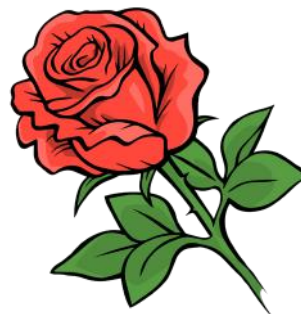


**RUTH (WONG) CHIN '59  
1941 – 2023**

Ruth Chin, age 82, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on August 29, 2023. She faced endometrial cancer with unwavering courage and grace, leaving an indelible mark on all fortunate to know her. She was born in 1941 at Providence Hospital in Seattle, WA. She was raised on Beacon Hill, graduated from Cleveland High School in 1959, and attended the University of Washington.

Ruth's memory will forever be cherished by her surviving family members, including her husband of 56 years, Frank; her children Sheryl Klarich (Ted) and Curtis Chin (Cara); her grandchildren, Andrew and Ryan Klarich and Jackson and Julia Chin, her brothers, Walter Wong and Norman Wong and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her sister, Faye Mah (Wong), her mother, Ann Wong, and her father, Bing Wong. She will be missed immensely by her countless friends and colleagues who were touched by her presence.

Ruth was happiest spending time with her family, always putting their needs before hers. Her four grandchildren were her world. She spent most of her time caring for them after a 20-year career with the Renton School District. She was her grandchildren's biggest fan at their various sporting events. Ruth liked to stay fit through many activities, including spinning classes, skiing,





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golfing, and running 5k races.

As we mourn the loss of Ruth, let us also celebrate her remarkable life and the profound impact she had on us all. Ruth will forever be a source of inspiration, reminding us to be selfless and embrace each day with the same loyalty to family that she embodied. May she rest in peace, forever surrounded by the love and gratitude of those she touched along her beautiful journey.



**KAREN ANN (SCHUEHLE)  
FRANK '59**

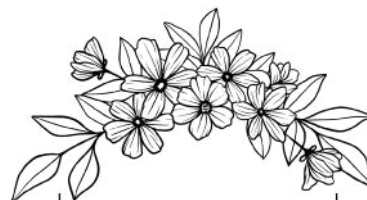
Karen was born in Seattle on September 17, 1941, and passed away in Bellevue, WA on September 16, 2023. Karen is survived by her husband Richard Frank '59, three children, Kathy Morrisson (Matt), Amy Lewallen (Tim), and Carrie Holeman (Jared), four grandchildren Madeline, Hunter, Nathan, and Cooper and her siblings Al Schuehle and Mary Odle. Karen graduated from Western Washington State College in 1963 with a Bachelor of Arts in Education and then attended Oklahoma State University earning a Master's Degree in math in 1964. She was hired at Highline Community College in 1964 where she taught math until 2001. She was awarded Professor Emeritus in June 2000.

Karen and Richard were married for 60 years this summer. They raised their daughters on a small farm that included cows,

cats, dogs, fruit trees, and a big summer garden. She coached youth soccer, led a campfire troop, and was always at her daughters' activities to support them. Karen loved having summers off and being able to spend that time with her girls, taking them to the library, swimming, and exploring the world around them.

Karen and Richard spent their retirement traveling. They went on trips to Maui, Mexico, cruised the Panama Canal, Alaska, Europe, and New Zealand; many of the trips were with friends. They enjoyed taking their family on trips to Disneyland, Disney World, and Disney Cruises. In the winter, they spent time at their second home in Arizona. While there, Karen was part of the sewing group and she enjoyed making quilts for the children's hospital and gifts for her family. Lopez Island and the Eldon School House on the Hood Canal were her favorite places to enjoy when she was not traveling. She also spent her time doing crafts, putting together puzzles, and baking when she was at home in Maple Valley.

She loved to get together with her family and was very proud of her grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by her family but leaves them with lots of happy memories. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in her honor to Highline College Foundation or Seattle Children's Hospital.



*Gone from our  
sight, but never  
from our hearts.*



**GERALD ALFORD '61**

November 3, 1942 – August 26, 2023

Gerald L. Alford passed away Saturday, August 26, 2023, at home in Bellingham, Washington. He died peacefully with his wife, Heidi, and daughter, Alicia (born 1985), by his side. Gerry was born November 3, 1942, to Harold and Nona Alford in Seattle. He grew up in Georgetown. At 5, he suffered a traumatic injury to his left arm, leaving him in the hospital for 2 years. He graduated from Cleveland High School in 1961 and attended Olympic Jr. College and then Western Washington State College, where he studied Geography and earned his degree in Elementary Education. Gerry easily bonded with some of his professors, who became lifelong friends. He and Heidi met in 1972, married in 1975, and moved to Eugene, Oregon, where he pursued a doctorate in Education. He returned to the Bellingham School District and taught for 37 years, including one year off when he taught at the Bellingham Cooperative School. As a teacher, he greatly impacted his students, some of whom remained his friends through adulthood, some reaching out to him for parenting advice, and one beloved student returning to read to Gerry during some of the afternoons at the end of his life. Gerry was loved by his in-laws, nieces, and nephews. Gerry came to the Unitarian Church late in life and especially loved attending

Winter Eliot at Seabeck with our beloved friends. A celebration of life will be held in October. The best way to honor Gerry is to read to a child, a friend, or an elder. Just read.



**TERRY EDWIN  
DESCHENES '63**

Born: November 6, 1944, Seattle, Washington. Died: September 22, 2023, Seattle, Washington

Terry Edwin Deschenes, a beloved husband, brother, and uncle, passed away on September 22, 2023, in Seattle, Washington. Terry's life was marked by dedication, entrepreneurship, and a passion for woodworking.

Terry's journey through life was characterized by remarkable achievements and unwavering commitment. After graduating from Cleveland High School, he pursued higher education at the United States Air Force Academy and the University of Washington, setting the stage for a lifetime of intellectual curiosity and achievement.

In 1979, Terry entered into a loving and enduring marriage with Rita Olson, a partnership that brought joy and fulfillment to both of their lives. Their union was a testament to the strength of their bond and commitment to one another.

Throughout his professional career, Terry's dedication to

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excellence shone brightly. He began his career at Airborne Air Freight, traversing the United States to pursue his dreams. Later, Terry and his brother, Tom, embarked on an entrepreneurial venture together, founding their own transportation company. Their partnership exemplified the strong bond of brotherhood and the spirit of entrepreneurship.

Beyond his professional achievements, Terry possessed a remarkable talent for precision woodworking. He lovingly crafted countless gifts for family and friends, leaving behind tangible reminders of his creativity and craftsmanship.

Terry's entrepreneurial spirit and determination led him to co-found Telepress, Inc., where he worked alongside esteemed partners Jeff Martine and Dale Greenfield. Under his leadership, Telepress, Inc. thrived, and Terry's vision and dedication cast a giant shadow.

In addition to his career accomplishments, Terry served as the President of Four Lakes Community, showcasing his commitment to community and leadership.

Terry was preceded in death by his brother, Thomas, his stepson, Jeff, and his parents, JoESta Deschenes and Chauncey Deschenes. He is survived by his devoted wife, Rita K. Deschenes, his brother, Don (Cathy Ann), and sister-in-law Cathy Sue (Tom). His memory will live on through his nephews, Scott (Charisse), David (Susan), Ryan (Cassidy), Jacob (Crystal), Daniel, and Michael (Jordan), as well as his great-nephews Hunter, Bode, Riley, and Thomas.

Terry will be remembered for his dedication, creativity, and the lasting impact he made on the printing industry and the lives of those he touched. He leaves behind a legacy of entrepreneurship,

craftsmanship, and unwavering love for his family and friends. His presence will be deeply missed, but his memory will forever be cherished.

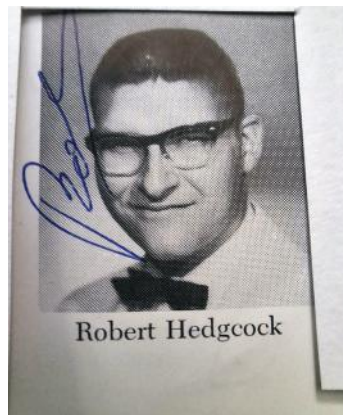
Rest in peace, Terry, and may your legacy continue to inspire us.

**A Celebration of Terry's life will be held on Saturday, October 28th, at Maplewood Greens, 4050 Maple Valley Highway, Renton, WA 98058 from 12:30pm — 4:00pm.**



**BEVERLY JEANEENE (FRAZIER) DURANT '64**

Beverly Jeaneene Durante of Seattle, WA, passed on May 20, 2023, at 77. She is survived by three children and five grandchildren.



**ROBERT "BOB" VANE HEDGCOCK '64**

Bob was born in Seattle WA on November 21, 1945, to Marshall and Elizabeth Hedgcock. He grew up on Beacon Hill

and lived most of his life in Seattle. He passed following a long illness. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Joline Hedgcock (Studley) and was preceded in death by daughter Jennifer Ann Hedgcock in 2005. Bob graduated from Cleveland High School in 1964. He attended WSU and joined the Phi Kappa fraternity. Bob served in the Army in Vietnam from 1967-69. He worked in warehouses most of his life – two being Associated Grocers and Pacific Rim Imports and was a member of the Teamsters Union. He was a long-time member of Assumption Parish.

Bob loved to read, play pinochle, and take road trips. His favorite holiday was the 4th of July, a kid at heart with the fireworks. He loved his country and was very patriotic. Bob was always ready for a casino trip.

It was amazing the trivia and seemingly unimportant facts that Bob knew. If you wanted to know something obscure, you would ask 'factoid Bob' and he would know. If you wanted to know the best way to get from A to Z, he would know without looking at a map or using GPS! He was interested in all things, how they worked, what they did and how they were used.

Bob is survived by his 3 sisters: Marian Wolfe, Martha Cantwell and Mary Hedgcock, brothers-in-law Leo Wolfe and Patrick Cantwell; 6 nieces and nephews: David, Carolyn, and Steven Kurlle; Sarah Soares, Deborah Quinn and Paul Wolfe and 10 grand nieces and nephews: Isabel and Marshall Kurlle; Jeremiah Kurlle-Marcotte; Dayton, Hubbel, and Jackie Kurlle; Miguel and Mariana Soares; Olivia and Emily Quinn. He will be missed by all who loved and knew him.



**MARY LOUISE (BETCHER) ZAREMBA '67**

August 26, 1949 – July 28, 2023

A devoted wife, mother, grandma, daughter, sister, and friend. Family meant everything to her. She had a tenacious and loving spirit which she used to live a full life made of meaningful connections. She was a keystone of our close-knit family that made her so proud, giving her favorite song, "Proud Mary," an entirely new meaning. She was the life of the party and the mother figure to many.

Mary, 73, was born August 26, 1949, in Seattle, Washington passed away suddenly and unexpectedly at home alongside her husband, Carl, in Monroe, on the morning of Friday, July 28, 2023. She is preceded in death by her parents, Robert "Betch" & Carol Betcher; two of her brothers & spouse, Robert (Bob) Betcher, Richard (Dick) & his wife, Gail Betcher. She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Carl, and their 3 children, son Matthew (wife Colleen, children McKenzie & Ben), daughter Jennifer (husband Christopher, children Claire, Conor, Elouise & Aedan), daughter Anne (husband Jake); her brother Roger & his wife Sharon, her sister in law Nancy, Cousin Patti, and many, many friends she held dear and considered family.

Mary was the youngest of 4 children and the only daughter of Carol Josephine (Hickel) and Robert LeRoy "Betch" Betcher.



She was born and grew up on Beacon Hill in Seattle and graduated from Cleveland High School in 1967. She often shared memories about growing up with 3 older brothers and the close relationships they formed as they went through their adolescence together, joined in their family home by their grandmother "Jojo." Once she retired, her Aunt Irma also moved into their home, helping to ensure strong women always surrounded Mary.

When it was time to consider college, Mary was heavily influenced by her brother Bob telling her to go to Washington State University (WSU); otherwise, she "would receive constant calls from mom and be expected at home every Sunday for dinner." She took that advice to heart and enrolled in WSU, where she received a degree in Speech Therapy. As a freshman, Mary joined Alpha Phi sorority, forming lifelong friendships and starting the family legacy, with both her daughters and daughter-in-law becoming Alpha Phis during their college experiences.

While in her Junior year, Mary was set up on a blind date with a fraternity brother of Carl's. He played cards that night but was immediately distracted when she entered the room. Over time they became close friends, spending a lot of time together and later sharing memories with their family of their special times together at WSU. On one of Mary's favorite days, they wandered the streets hand in hand together – something they would continue to do for the next 52 years. Carl and Mary married on August 14, 1971, in Seattle. Just a few days later, they were off to Laupahoehoe on the Big Island of Hawaii for Carl's teaching assignment and an adventure that would have a lasting effect on the rest of their lives.

In Hawaii, Mary and Carl were welcomed into the community of Laupahoehoe. Their dedication and love for their high

school students were quickly recognized, and the diverse community and their students embraced them immediately. The many Mainland family members who visited their Hamakua Coast home during this period expressed their pride in the affection and respect these two had created quickly. Known locally as Mr. Z and Z-Lady, Carl quickly credited Z-Lady with their achievements, acknowledging that he likely would not have lasted long in his teaching role without Mary by his side.

Mary and Carl moved stateside in 1974 to start a family, and to Monroe in 1984, where they built their dream home raising 3 children and making lifelong friendships. Mary's involvement in the community started early on in the classroom, on the PTA, ultimately serving as president, and running many successful fundraising drives for the elementary, middle, and high schools. Over the years, Mary helped more than one bond & levy pass for the Monroe School District, pounding the pavement and educating the community on the benefit of supporting the schools. She was instrumental in providing support at home for her children and her grandchildren, constantly reading books with them, encouraging quality and artistic elements on any assignment, chaperoning school field trips, and running the check-in table at events. She was always leading & helping – that was her nature.

From the theaters of ballet performances, pews of piano recitals, sidelines of soccer games, bleachers of her grandchildren's baseball games, to the stadiums of every Apple Cup game and hundreds and hundreds of events along the way, Mary was a fierce and loyal fan. She embodied the term 'Die Hard Cougar' and drank from her "Cougar Moms Rock" coffee cup every morning. She bled Crimson & Grey, loved her Cougs through the highs and lows, was the loudest to cheer on victories, and was the

first to say "we'll get 'em next time" when the result didn't go their way. You couldn't miss Mary in the stands at Martin Stadium or in Seattle with her large, smuggled-in Cougar flag, carefully disguised on a cane, waving it loudly and proudly at every Apple Cup, whether sitting in enemy territory or among other Cougs. While Cougar football got her blood pumping, her pride in her children's and grandchildren's athletic & extracurricular pursuits was immense. You could always find her in the audience, and on the sidelines; she was hard to miss with that unique 2-finger whistle, boisterous cheering, and constant banter. Mom knew how to get the mud off soccer shoes so they looked new again, pulled up the perfect ballet bun, and reduced that sports smell on equipment to something almost pleasant.

Mary had a can-do attitude – there wasn't a task she couldn't tackle. She painted every room and the exterior of their own home numerous times over the years, installed her custom drapes, and crafted numerous decorative features throughout her home. Many called her to assist with their home & garden improvements. She took pride in linens without creases, a properly set table, and a clean house. She envisioned a sanctuary of gardens, beautiful colors, and rolling grass on their acreage, and in partnership with Carl, they created it. For decades she planted thousands of flowers around their estate. She envisioned unique respites around the property creating fairy gardens, flowing floral cascades, beautiful bulb patches, a peaceful entry courtyard, and her ultimate expanse with a view: Mary-Mow-Park, the location of her first daughter's wedding, and many special memories.

Coming together as a family was Mary's favorite activity. Whether it was "Summer Sundays at Z-Parents", swimming in the pool, celebrating a birthday or holiday, annual cookie

festivals in her kitchen, playing a game at Zulu's, visits to the Apple Farm, enjoying the most recent creations from Carl & Chris's cooking classes – family came first.

Mary rarely sat idle. When she was sitting, you could find her pouring her energy into a labor of love: knitting slippers or scarves for everyone, and I mean everyone; she must have crafted over 40 pairs of slippers in the last couple of years alone. She mastered the art of t-shirt quilt making, and her children treasure the 8 quilts she generously stitched. She was the go-to fixer: she patched up favorite clothes, mended holes in special stuffies, and miraculously saved a few beloved blankies from disrepair. Mary was also a scrapbooker, a very talented and prolific one. Her legacy includes carefully crafted scrapbooks from the early 70s to 2018, the current one she was working on. In addition to big annual books, she made special scrapbooks for her children's weddings, grandchildren's birth, annual Hawaii trip memories, and Sewing Club exploits. She would find special paper to coincide with adventures and save receipts and memorabilia to add depth and stories to her lovingly crafted pages.

Mary was passionate about genealogy. Tracing the lineage of our family and all those connected to it was her ultimate scavenger hunt. She visited cemeteries, libraries, and records offices all over the country, often with her close friend and genealogy mentor Barbara, and dug deep through her Ancestry and other online resources. When a diverse and extensive collection of family photos and archival material came into her possession from numerous sources, she set about on a monumental 6+ year project, creating a multi-generational family heritage album of 92 pages, and then duplicating that effort more than a dozen times to ensure that every branch of her family tree

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had this wonderful resource.

She had an incredible memory bank, filled with unique family stories, anecdotes, and curious situations. When she wasn't researching or creating, she was an avid reader and consumed books at an alarming rate. She loved a good Hallmark Movie and lived a life straight off the pages of one.

Mary's second family was her close friends. Over the years, she amassed a special group of friends you could truly only classify as family. From the early days of her M2H group to the close village of team members in the Camp Huston, Wonder Bar & Z-Team fireworks enterprises, to a dozen or so Monroe-area families coined "The Sewing Group," her network both respected and loved her deeply. The outpouring of emotions following her passing has clearly demonstrated how her unique approach to life ensured her impact upon all who were fortunate enough to know her. A dear friend expressed this so well when she wrote:

*"She lived her life with verve, and she was not afraid to color outside the lines".*

Mary & Carl raised their children alongside these parents, who also had children of similar ages. Their group stories, adventures, memories, and shenanigans across annual Lodge weekends, trips to Pacific Beach, Omak, Sun Lakes, summer picnics, and the Gorge Amphitheater, plus holiday gatherings and many more events, are so very special.

Carl & Mary loved to travel, spending almost half the year on adventure. Their destinations were nearly always proximal to special friends and family. From annual pilgrimages to Hawaii, time spent East of the mountains, Heaven Can Wait Lodge, Lake Pend Oreille, and along the WA and OR beaches. A couple of their favorite adventures took them around the Pacific Rim, to Ireland, Italy, and the Soviet Union at the time of its demise.



**"How lucky am I to  
have something  
that makes saying  
goodbye so hard."**

Winnie the Pooh

**FALLEN EAGLES**

Below is a list of all of the names that were added to Fallen Eagles since the last newsletter in May 2023. Some may have passed earlier but we were not notified until recently. Please let us know if there are any additions or corrections via our online form at [clevelandalumsea.org/fallen-eagles](http://clevelandalumsea.org/fallen-eagles)

- 1941 Hiroshi Eguchi
- 1943 Don Duncan
- 1947 L. Dale Erickson
- 1954 Amelia Chinn Wong
- 1955 Gary Hitoshi Sakai
- 1956 James "Jim" Daniel Cappa
- 1956 Charlene Eng Ko
- 1956 Sandra Wong '56
- 1957 Clifford Guenther
- 1959 Rev. Dr. Dorothea "Dottie" Joan (Widger) Brooks
- 1959 Ruth (Wong Chin)
- 1959 Karen Ann (Schuehle) Frank
- 1960 Vera Medvedeff Goos
- 1961 Gerald Alford
- 1963 Melody Anderson
- 1963 Chuck Hiroshi Aramiki
- 1963 Tom Bailey
- 1963 Gloria Capetto
- 1963 William "Bo" George Collelo
- 1963 Terry Edwin Deschenes
- 1963 Robert "Bob" Donohoe
- 1963 Allan Baird Smalley
- 1964 Beverly Jeaneene (Frazier) Durante
- 1964 Robert "Bob" Vane Hedgecock
- 1967 Mary Louise (Betcher) Zaremba
- 1973 Patti Raczon





## FROM THE TREASURER

Trena (Burns) Walker '75

I hope this message finds you in good health and spirits. I wanted to share some important updates with you all.



On June 29, 2023, we held an "URGENT" Special Board meeting in person at the call of our President, Bernie Moskowitz. The purpose was to address concerns raised by our board members regarding the generous donation of \$15,000 for the 2030 Veteran Project from our former board member, Alison Sing. We value the dedication and support of our board members in making our projects a reality.

Our subsequent Board Meeting occurred on September 16, 2023, where we continued our essential discussions. **Please mark your calendars for our next Board Meeting on Saturday, December 2, 2023, from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM, which will be available in person and via Zoom. Our Next Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday, March 2, 2024.**

The Memorial Day event at the Memorial Forest on Friday, May 26, 2023, was a success, with a remarkable turnout. The event highlighted the need to expand the parking area, as cars (and people) could only leave once the outermost vehicles departed. **In support of our local community, we made the following contributions:**

- \* **\$5,402.25 to the Cleveland Stem High School Track Team for Uniforms.**
- \* **\$250.00 for Two Football Team Banners** memorializing two former CHS football players in the Torchlight Parade.
- \* **\$1,835.00 to the Cleveland Stem High School PTSA for Football Uniforms**, generously donated through Boeing Gift Matching.
- \* **In 2023, we allocated \$10,000 for Annual Scholarships**, a testament to our commitment to education and our future leaders.

We highly encourage online donations for your convenience. Our website has a user-friendly donation button, making it easy for you to contribute to our meaningful projects. Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to our community.

## CORPORATE MATCHING FUNDS – HELP YOUR DONATIONS RAISE EVEN MORE MONEY FOR THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION!

Tracy (Case) Arnold '82

Did you know many companies will match your financial donations to the CHS Alumni Association? Some will even match for retirees! For example, Boeing matches 100% for current employees, and they also match 50% for retirees. Current Boeing employees can also request Boeing to match their volunteer hours (\$10 per volunteer hour!). Many other companies, like Microsoft, T-Mobile, and BECU, also have programs to match your financial donations.

Check out this wonderful website provided by **Double Your Donation** to verify if your company is listed - <https://mybooster.com/v3/corporatematch>.



Each company also provides instructions on what you must do to submit a request for matching funds. If you don't find your company listed, check with your company's HR department to see what programs they may have. Amazon doesn't provide a matching program but will help employees set up one-payroll donations electronically.

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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](https://ClevelandAlumSea.org/Donate)

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# 2023 EAGLE 100S



## DIAMOND EAGLE

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

Anita Ingram

*This gift is from the family of Ventris Ingram '54 from wife Anita, and daughters Jerri and Kimberly.*



## PLATINUM EAGLE

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

1957 Kenneth Smith  
1957 Merlina Carmignani Tate  
1958 Victor Munsen  
1980 Steven Mikami



## GOLDEN EAGLE \$500-\$999

1961 Kalman Brauner  
1963 Kerry Knowles  
1967 Marjorie (Kaczor) Alhadef  
1967 MaryAnne Reichle  
1973 Allicyn (Hikida) Tasaka  
*In Memory of Randolph (Randy) Hikida '63*  
1979 Kenneth Lee



## SILVER EAGLE \$200-\$499

1944 Mary Karabaich  
*In Memory of Don Duncan '48*  
1944 Stanley Ridings  
1947/49 L. Dale & Jeanette (George) Erickson  
1949 Geraldine (Bowlin) Elefson  
1951 Joan Barker  
*In Memory of John Barker '51*  
1954 John R. & Mary Lou (Zarkades) Barton - *In Memory of Teresa (Vallala) Moberg '54 and Barbara (Barton) Riber '50*  
1954 Dwight Moberg

1955 Elmer Chinn  
1956 Della (Gookstetter) McCleary  
1956 JoAnn Smith  
*In Memory of Erwin Smith '56*  
1957 James Marvell  
1958 Susan Araki Yamamura  
1959 James F. Walters  
1960/61 Jim & Jolene Landry  
1963 Robert Babka  
1964 Laura (Rice) Jackson  
1964 Darlene (Robertson) Galvan  
*In honor of my father, Roy Robertson, who fought in the Battle of the Bulge*  
1965 Douglas R. Verhoef  
1968 Chuck Lindberg  
1973 Janne (Miranda) Mak  
1974 Jennifer (Ferry) Woods  
1974 Steven Byers  
1974 David Everett  
1976 Judith (Forthoffer) Butterfield

Townley Anderson  
Anonymous  
*In Memory of Julia Brenner Morris*  
Lairmont Foundation  
Thomas McArthur  
Cecilia Moore  
Sam & Sharon Ronnie  
Roberta (Skerry) Tomkinson



## BRONZE EAGLE \$100-\$199

1930 Valerie Nelson  
1945 Meralyn (Hartmann) Baughman  
1953 Richard Holt  
1953 Anita (Traverson) Sullivan  
1955 Kenneth Phillips  
1957 Terrence Rabbit  
1959 Don Lindberg  
1962 Lawrence Bosi  
1962 Janice (Hughes) Nelson  
1962 Allan Schuehle  
1962 Allen Storaasli  
1962/64 Martha (Hedgcock) Cantwell -  
*In Memory of Robert Hedgcock*  
1963 James Erickson  
1964 Toni (Horton) Lambertson  
1965 Joanna (Uchida) Smith  
1965 Class of '65  
1966 Robert Roseverry  
1967 Barry & Jody (Yoshijima)

Uchida  
1967/68 Randy & Mary (Roppo) Brown  
1968 Vicki (English) McFarlane  
1971 Thomas Yocum  
1972 Elizabeth (Kumpf) Pizac  
1973 Ronald Roletto  
1975 Sheryl Chinn  
1982 James Arnold  
*In Memory of Louis Gray, Jr.*  
1982 Jay Shoji  
Mary Ann (Sitko) Burt  
Linda Collins  
*Funeral Services at The Memorial Forest for Tom Hudson*  
David & Lynne Nelson  
Mike Nolan  
Amy Okazaki Maki

## DONATIONS UNDER \$100

1945 Carolyn Brewer  
1953 Mary Sue (McCaffree) Schloredt  
1954 Binh Nguyen  
1955 Janie Joanne (Winstead) Roaf  
1955 Sandra Wong  
1956 Joanne (Shaner) Carrell  
1957 Duane Tibeau  
1958 Donna (Burke) Sherman  
1958 Pearl DuBry  
1959 Rima Shaffer  
1960 Jackie Hoggatt  
*In Memory of Gary Epps, a true Cleveland Eagle and one really great guy.*  
1960 Marjeane (Webber) Finger  
1961 Louise (Wasson) Stevens  
1962 John & Jeanne (Deyak) Gordon  
1963 William Branshaw  
1964 Pamela (Robison) Braaten  
1964 Sally (Sullivan) Padilla  
1966 Larry Bullock  
1969 Sue (Kos) Rutherford  
*In Memory of Louis Gray, Jr.*  
1972 Robert Perovich  
1973 Jeffrey Kind  
1974 Ruth Phillips  
1982 Tracy Arnold  
1982 Eric Gilbertsen  
*In Memory of Louis Gray, Jr.*  
2019 Andrew Cornel

Linda (Anderson) Jzyk  
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## FEEDBACK & MESSAGES

Since our last newsletter we received some nice feedback and messages we wanted to share it with you! Please forward your messages, suggestions and questions about the website and/or this newsletter to: [webmaster@clevelandalumsea.org](mailto:webmaster@clevelandalumsea.org) or [news@clevelandalumsea.org](mailto:news@clevelandalumsea.org)

5/26/23

My name is Cathy Brandt, formerly Cathy Mayer 'Mayer', class of '74. For the first time ever, I attended the Cleveland Memorial Forest ceremony on 5/26/23. It is a beautiful forest, and was of interest to me due to my ecology/wildlife background. My husband Doug, an Air Force Veteran, and I both really enjoyed hearing the WWII and other war history shared by the speakers. I was very impressed by the students because I was watching them (the 'Mom' in me) to make sure they weren't on their cell phones or making noise during the speeches. I

saw NOT ONE student on their phone, and they all seemed to listen and take interest in the event. Most were Juniors, so kudos to the Class of 2024!

6/7/23

Thanks Webmaster...for putting together all the obituaries for our fallen Eagles in every edition of the alumni newsletter. The Allen greater family appreciates the inclusion of their sisters graduation picture (Janet Allen Marshal). All four of the Allen siblings and many of the Beacon Hill relatives went to Cleveland.

Regards,  
Bill Foote '70

10/2/23

CHS Alumni – If you're interested in the CHS Sports schedule and results, you can track it on the Metro League page – <https://www.metroleaguewa.org/?pid=2.8.75.0.300>  
Tracy (Case) Arnold '82

## *My Favorite Teacher*

Keep your votes coming in! We want to know which teacher had a positive impact on you and why. Here is a list of teachers that have been added since we began our survey. Submit your vote at <https://clevelandalumsea.org/my-favorite-teacher/>

**BAILEY, HARRISON - SPANISH**

**BISHOP, CLANCY - MUSIC**

**BRAVO, ELAINE - JOURNALISM**

**BRONSON, PERCY - MUSIC**

**CASEY, PATRICK - FRENCH**

**MR. CHAMPOUX**

**MR. EDGERTON - CHEMISTRY**

**ELLIS, ROLLIE - SENIOR BAND**

**FUJII, FRANK - ART**

**KINKADE, EMMET - MATH**

**LANDON, ED - SOCIAL STUDIES**

**LANGLEY, ROBERT - US HISTORY**

**MCGINNIS, WILLIAM - PE & BOYS HEALTH**

**MEISSNER, LAURENTINE**

**MR. MENDENHALL - TYPING**

**MORRIS, MARV - SENIOR HEALTH**

**MR. MORRISON - AEROSPACE & MATH**

**RAINE, MARGARET - ENGLISH**

**MR. ROMSTEAD - PE & HEALTH**

**SCOTT, MIMI (IWAMI) - ART**

**SINNI, LINDA - SR SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**SLOAN, JOHN - DEBATE**

**SMITH, JOHN - BUSINESS & ACCOUNTING**

**WANG, JAY - RADIO/TV**

**MRS. WHITE - SCIENCE**

**WHITE, MARY - ENGLISH & ANNUAL**

## MARNI'S CORNER

Dear Cleveland High School Alumni,

As we approach the end of another remarkable year, I reflect on the incredible journey we've embarked upon since tasked with building a new website for the Alumni Association in 2019. It has been an honor to serve as your webmaster and editor, and I am profoundly grateful for the trust you have placed in me to oversee your digital presence.

Over the past few years, we've made significant strides in enhancing the online platform to serve The Alumni better. I'm delighted to share some of the key improvements:

**Secure Online Donations and Donor Account Management:** We understand the importance of a seamless and secure donation process. Our upgraded system allows hassle-free online contributions and gives donors a user-friendly account management interface. <https://clevelandalumsea.org/donate>

**Fallen Eagle Tributes:** To pay homage to dearly departed alumni, we've introduced an online form that allows you to share details (and photos!) about "Fallen Eagles." This heartfelt tribute ensures their legacy lives on in hearts and shared memories. <https://clevelandalumsea.org/fallen-eagles>

**Favorite Teacher Section:** We believe that teachers leave an indelible mark on student lives. With our "Favorite Teacher" section, you can cast your vote and share the reasons behind your choice. Let's celebrate those educators who've shaped our journeys. <https://clevelandalumsea.org/my-favorite-teacher>

**Interactive Google Calendar:** Stay in the loop with our vibrant alum community by subscribing to our Google Calendar, meticulously managed by our secretary, Nicole Washington. This dynamic tool ensures you're always up-to-date with the latest alum events and gatherings. <https://clevelandalumsea.org/events>

**Newsletter Archives:** Delve into the rich history of the CHS alumni community with access to PDFs of newsletters dating back to 1995. Relive cherished moments from the past and stay connected with

the present. You can also subscribe or manage your current subscription at your convenience.

<https://clevelandalumsea.org/newsletter-archives>

Your support and dedication remain the bedrock of this community. Together, we'll continue to forge a path committed to the threefold mission that lies at the heart of the CHS Alumni Association:

\* **To preserve** the Cleveland High School Memorial Forest perpetually to honor former Cleveland students who gave their lives in service to the United States of America.

\* **To support** educational studies in forestry, ecology, botany, and environmental studies of the forest.

\* **To assist** Seattle's Cleveland High School students and staff in their educational pursuits.

With your ongoing involvement, we're not just commemorating CHS history but actively shaping the future.

Your feedback has been instrumental in shaping these enhancements, and I invite you to continue sharing your thoughts and suggestions via email to [webmaster@clevelandalumsea.org](mailto:webmaster@clevelandalumsea.org).



Warm regards,

Marni Reecer  
 Editor and Webmaster  
 Cleveland High School Alumni Association



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We suggest that your donation include \$15 to help defray our mailing expenses and publication costs.  
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**I would like to support the work of the Alumni Association with a donation as indicated below:**

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Please help us keep the database current by sending a post office change of address form or by contacting the membership secretary when you move. To protect your privacy membership list is not distributed to anyone except for activities associated with the Alumni Association.

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

I would like to help build a strong alumni association. I am interested in the following:

- I can serve on the Board
- I can serve on a committee: Alumni Relations / Membership, Scholarships, Fundraising, The Memorial Forest/2030 Veteran Project, Audit, Newsletter & Website, 100th Anniversary - Fall 2027
- I would like to help out with an event, activity, or a specific project
- I would like to help publish the newsletter
- I would like to help in some other way

Check out our Alumni website for the latest information on what is happening with the Alumni Association: [www.clevelandalumsea.org](http://www.clevelandalumsea.org)

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