

Western Hills High School
2144 Ferguson Rd. / Cincinnati, Ohio 45238

Alumni News

Spring 2015

The 2015 Maroon Award Recipients to be Honored

Saul Marmer / Class of 1942



Saul Marmer was active while at Western Hills High School. He was on the staff of the Western Breeze, in the Thespian Club and participated in all the plays. He was also head cheerleader and a Student Council Representative. Saul graduated in 1942 and was awarded a scholarship to Cincinnati College of Music for Radio and Television. He worked closely with WLW Radio and TV and had the opportunity to work with Red Skelton and others destined for stardom. He enlisted in the Army Reserve Corp. and was called to active duty in 1943. Saul attended Officers Candidate School in 1944 where he became an Infantry Platoon Leader from 1944-1946. After the war ended he was put on occupational duty in Berlin from 1945-46. He was a 1st Lieutenant of the Officer's Reserve Corp. from 1945-50. At his parent's urging, Saul then returned to the University of Cincinnati where he majored in Business Administration in advertising and marketing. During college he worked in his parent's retail shoe store, Marmer's Shoes and even though he originally had plans to head west and be a part of the entertainment industry he said, "I was hooked in the shoe business and the rest is history." Saul would then go on to attend Ball State Teachers College, New York University and U.C.L.A. training for the Para-Medical Career as a Certified Pedorthist. He became instrumental in the establishment of a new Para-Medical Specialty which is now known as Pedorthics. In the 1960's and 1970's as a Certified Pedorthist he volunteered and treated wounded Viet Nam War Veterans. He was CEO, COO and President of Marmer's Shoes from 1946- 1990. Throughout his lifetime Saul has belonged to numerous committees, organizations and volunteer positions related to his military life, footwear industry and youth services. Saul is currently teaching at U.C. for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), for those who want to continue learning after retirement where he was awarded the Unsung Hero Award in Sept. 2014. (Before going to print we learned of Saul's passing on March 16, 2015. He was so excited and honored to receive this award)

Bonnie Brueggemann Stone / Class of 1960

Bonnie Brueggemann Stone kept herself busy with activities during her six years at Western Hills. She loved sports and was on the honor team in basketball, softball, tennis and hockey. She was on the swim team, a synchronized swimmer and a member of the Life Saving Corp. She said that, "The athletic program was the perfect complement to the academic curriculum, in that it challenged each individual to strive for excellence and achievement in physical growth and skill. It provided great individual confidence to continue to strive to realize one's full potential." Bonnie was involved in the music program under the direction of Mr. Andrew Brady. She was one of the pianists for the junior and senior orchestras, including the annual Bandwagon variety show.



After she graduated in 1960, Bonnie attended Duke University with an intention to major in physics but later switched her major to music which she had enjoyed so much in high school. She worked as a dancer in an outdoor drama group during the summer which is where she met her husband-to-be. Later he also attended Duke where he majored in music as a singer. He had a 35 year international opera singing career which she shared by helping to prepare his roles, rehearsing the music and attending performances with their children.

Meanwhile Bonnie also worked as a personal secretary for a research professor at the University of Illinois. When the Professor, Dr. J. McV. Hunt was named by President Johnson to chair a White House Task Force on early childhood education, she was brought to the White House to prepare the final version of what became "The Bill of Rights for Children" in 1967. Bonnie continued to work for Dr. Hunt for 24 years.

Bonnie is involved in her community and enjoys knitting for charities as well as making baby blankets for many organizations in her area. She and her husband Bill have two children and four grandchildren of whom they are very proud of and try to visit with them often.

Alumni Coordinator's Report

Dear West High Alumni and Friends,



I am the Treasurer and Coordinator for the WHHS Alumni Foundation. This is my 9th year on the Alumni Foundation Board. The high school continues to grow and many exciting plans are in the works for the new athletic complex across the street from the school which will include more bleachers, locker rooms for boys and girls, offices, restrooms and a concession stand. Please read through the attached information and consider helping us to reach our goal.

What a wonderful opportunity for you to come and visit the campus during the **Alumni Dinner and Show on Saturday April 25th, 2015**. West High's own Student Ambassadors will be on hand after the dinner to give you a guided tour.

Another one of my tasks involves updating and maintaining the Alumni database with current names and addresses. I need your help to ensure that everyone receives information about their reunions, the yearly newsletter and Alumni Night. To update your information and/or inform me of any upcoming class reunions, which can then be posted on the new website, go to

www.westernhillsalumni.com
or contact me by e-mail at
alumniwhhs@fuse.net

Also, if you need help planning your next class reunion, please contact me for ideas and tips to help make the process easier.

We appreciate all of your support!!

Thank you, **Gina Frimming Schmidt, Class of 1989**



Go Mustangs!!



A Message from the Western Hills High School Principal

WHHS Alumni Foundation Board Members

Jim Frederick, 1959..... President
Judy Elder Siefferman, 1961.....Secretary
Gina Frimming Schmidt, 1989...Treasurer and
Alumni Coordinator

Directors on the Board

Marge Purcell Vetter, 1956
Sue Wilson Rothan, 1970
Bill Rothan, 1970
Bill Meier, 1971
Tom Shaver / Former Western Hills H.S. Principal
Kenneth Jump / Current Western Hills H.S. Principal

We Couldn't Do it without you!!!

What Do Your Donations Go Towards?

- Classroom textbooks and online subscriptions
- Band instruments and uniforms
- Field Trips to the Museum Center / College Tours
- A Uniform Shirt for New Students
- Art Supplies
- Health and Well Being Classes for Students
- OGT Training Materials
- Motivational Speakers and so much more

Western Hills University High School – New Career Pathway



As you may recall, last year we received news that the Engineering program would be transitioned to Aiken High School at the conclusion of this school year. The district believes that the Engineering program fits better with Aiken's New Tech program focus. We embarked on a process to select a new career pathway by engaging all stakeholder groups supporting the school. By contracting with Make It Plain Consulting, we conducted focus groups that solicited feedback from community members, area business leaders, teachers, parents, and students. As a result of these interest inventories, we determined the Law and Public Safety Career Pathway to best align with the needs of Western Hills University High School. This pathway will have a focus on training our students to become emergency medical technicians, firefighters, and law enforcement workers. We will begin building this pathway next school year with the addition of a new class: Foundations of Law and Public Safety. We will work to establish partnerships with area law enforcement agencies, firefighting departments, and other community services involving public safety during the 2015-2016 school year. Our goal is to build a pathway that allows students to become certified as EMT technicians, firefighters, or law enforcement workers, and to provide them with training that will enhance any post-secondary experiences they seek after high school. We are excited about the opportunity to build this program for our students and the Westside community. Thanks to the Alumni for all of your support!! **Kenneth Jump, Principal**

Upcoming Reunion Information

Below is a list of all known reunions
Please continue to check the **WHHS Alumni Website**
for updates www.WesternHillsAlumni.com

Click on the “**Reunions**” tab and choose your year

Multi-Year Reunion

1949,1950, 1951 & 1952

Tuesday September 15, 2015 / **The Farm / Delhi**

Marlene Tarvin (513) 662-1759 / ktarvin1@msn.com

Class of 1951

65th reunion planning in progress. Please continue to
check the website for updates or contact Marlene
Tarvin (above) with questions or help with planning.

Class of 1960

55 Year Reunion / June 26 & 27, 2015

Contact: Jeri Rathkamp / jrathkamp@fuse.net

Class of 1965

50 Year Reunion / August 21-22, 2015

Friday Night: Events are still being planned
Saturday Night: Horseshoe Casino / Downtown
For more details send an e-mail to

whhsclassof65@gmail.com

Class of 1966

50 Year Reunion

Tentative weekend date of Sept. 16-18th
For more information contact Woody Hill at
woo.dae@hotmail.com

Class of 1975

40 Year Reunion / July 17, 18 & 19th, 2015

Friday at 6:00pm / Hillside Gastropub / Rybolt Road

Saturday from 7-11pm / The Meadows in Addyston

Sunday / Red's Game 1:10pm

On Facebook: Western Hills High School Class of 1975
Contact E-mail: whhs1975.40th@fuse.net

Please be sure to check out our Alumni Website!!

Get reunion information, watch slide shows from
past events, print forms and view photos and bios
of previous Maroon Award Winners and the Sports
Hall of Honor Recipients.

www.WesternHillsAlumni.com

Then click the link to like us

on **Facebook**



We are looking for Alumni who are interested in singing
with the choir or playing with the band
during the Alumni Show this year.

3 Rehearsals in April / Lots of fun!! / Interested??

Contact alumniwhhs@fuse.net

Everyone is invited to join us for our 27th Annual Alumni Night

Saturday April 25th, 2015

Dinner from 5:00 to 6:00pm

Alumni Show 7:00

Enjoy a catered meal by R & R Meats in the “4th
Floor lunchroom.” After dinner there will be a tour
of the newly remodeled high school. At **7:00pm** will
be the **Alumni Show** in the Main Auditorium.
Music will be provided by the Alumni Band which
is led by Bruce Knapp as well as singing from the
choir led by Marcellene Winfrey. Also the high
school campus band will perform several songs.
The Maroon Awards will then be presented to this
years two recipients. Please join us as we honor
these two outstanding alumni.

Light refreshments will follow in the front hallway.
Please use the attached reservation form or print
one from the website.

Class of 1976

40th Reunion planning is in progress.

For more information contact

Lori Radel Roush: cooker58@aol.com or
Ann Grueninger Ferguson: aferguson1@fuse.net

THANK YOU TO ALL ALUMNI AND FRIENDS LISTED ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES

YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT HELPS TO FUND MANY WORTHWHILE

1935

Wesley Newkirk
Robert Hans
Phyllis Carlier DuBruyne

1936

Carolyn Fries Steele

1938

Rosemary Waltamath Barnhart

1939

Margaret Lawrence

1940

Virginia Erhardt Schott
Albert Levine
Minnie Wilkov Stein
Violet Schubert Paulding

1941

Ralph Wessel
Warren Fisher
Robert Huber
Harry Newman

1942

Lillian Rome Dartnall
Jean Morgan Williams
Saul Marmer
Dr. Robert L. Moore
Robert Schiller
John Conner
Anne Thompson Shafer

1943

Thomas Mangold
Muriel Riesterer Huber

1944

Ruth Griley Myers
John Gardner
Jerry Domier
Richard Neidhard

1945

Mace Justice
Gerry Brown Myers

1946

Elmer Werner M.D.
Carl Sedacca M.D.
Florence Zapf Faigle
Thomas Steele
Marceline Cox Penno
Virginia Kindt Lyle
Joyce Henke Jackson
William Gerhardt, M.D.

1947

Harold Romer
Joan Longland Klug
Myron "Jack" Leistler
Jack Metz
Bruce Loughry

1948

Betty Sue Stratton Romer
Ronald O'Connell
Jeanette Werner Sroczynski
David Martin
Katherine Peterson Rehn

1949

Mr. and Mrs. James Kautz
Mary Mueller Nickerson
Helen Schwab Katsetos
Joyce Fisher Martin
Joan Behne Kelly
Cliff Schott
Janet Nailor
Patricia Bell Glatthaar
Bill Lawson
Bill Prafka
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Bassett
Warren Greiner

1950

Janet Murphy Jones
Major Dan Miller
Dr. John Bennet Sr.
Phyllis Kline Kline
Karleen Wilhelm Miller
Shirley Vickers Prafka
Donald Welti

1951

Noel Hoffman
Willis Conatser
Loretta Rich O'Connell
Ruth Kallmeyer Tierney
Patricia Greenhow Kroll
Erwin Single
Carroll Baker
Glenn Streibig
Fran Bauer Parker
David Preston, M.D.
Ellen Uehling Hendrickson
Carol Shearer Hyde
Marlene Miller Tarvin

1952

Annette Slater Fultz
Kim Yost
Earl Williams
Barbara Edelmann Williams
Zieta Fisher Mathews
Maurice Long
Wilma Hanseman Smith
Charles Hastie
Eileen Bauer Brockhage
Charles Berry
Marlene Lechner Falhaber
Sylvia List Wetzel
Jack Wetzel
Betty Ewick Martin
O.J. Jim Williams
Jawanna Johnson Streibig

1953

JoAnn Bauer Oswald
Carolyn Backus Mears
Herbert Beigel
Richard Manifold

1954

Marge Meyer Howes
Susan Dieckmann Brynteson
Patricia Greene Long
Robert "Bush" Steinbuch
William Schulte Jr.
June Fritsch White
Cordelia Nuzum Glenn
Bruce Kleimeyer Sr.

1955

Jerry Vetter
Eileen Jones Rothhaas
Doug Brooke
Dick Oehler
Richard Cashman
Charles Ziegler
Urban "Skip" Neville
Sue Lewis Woodruff

1956

Marge Purcell Vetter
Richard Whelen
Linda Schmid Sine
Joan Rinckel Wilson
Wilma Erhardt Beigel
Sally Heidrich Dessauer

1957

Robert Shimizu
Martha Hayes Smith
Lois Guyer
Harry Panaro
Robert Seurkamp

1958

Janet Probst Frederick
Ron Kohl
Elaine Traub Kohl
Charles Reusing
Jim Lemen
Carol Gudgeon Lemen
Robert Fair
Barbara Nieman Rubin
Raymond Kennedy
Jim Luebbert
Fredric Rissover

1959

Jim Frederick
Judith Takahashi Ibarra
Joyce Newman Ferrell
Donna Disser Burson
Arlene Brown Slaboch
Elva Reiff Reed
David Backer
Tedd Bunce
Robert Noell

1960

Bruce Knapp
Claire Reddert Sanning
John Russell
Bill Fox
Peter Sereque, M.D.
Judy Gehner Knell
Carol Price Fulwiler
John Masters

1960 Continued

Jim Wietholter
Charlotte Helmbold Sheard
Nancy Laymon Benson
Al Quimby
Phillip Meng
John Rathkamp
Jeri Hall Rathkamp
CDR David Gibson, USN
John Frey
Les Covey
Geri Panaro Backer
Sherry Mayleben Wehr
Daniel Beechuk
Keith Koerber
Dan Carmichael
Carol Schrank Thomas
Donna Sparks Peterson
Samuel Peterson
David Ulrich
Steven Spreen
Charles Yarbrough
Stephen McNamee

1961

Judy Elder Siefferman
Irene O'Connor
Sharon Crum Morris
Michael Hirsch
Klaus Wiesmann
M.A. "Tak" Takahashi
Elizabeth Martin Preble
Donna Correll Vitt
H. Lon Swearingen
Linda Eckert Linnenberg
Len Stahl
Lynn Bernius Schiff
Andy Patton

1962

Janet Renner Rajadhyaksha
Jack Cress
Daniel Nieman
Fred Tritschler
June Becker Sereque
Dr. Timothy Nenner
Joan Illian Anderson
Brenda Anderson Masters
William Pegg, M.D.
Cara Whiting Brockhoff
Dave Gwynn
Donald Norvell
Donald Bearghman
Rudy Boerio
Judith Heidrich Creasy
Jacqueline Morgan

1963

Barbara Boyd Schildman
Paul Tuerck
Mary Jane Henderson Ruggles
Marbeth Whitney Gibson
Tom Dillon
Judy Staft Dillon
Phillip Dettmer
Henry Bang
Patrick Thomas
Sandy (Susie) Oster Busch
Jo Ann Fellens Smith

1964

Karen Menchen Veneman
Ronald Evans
Ronald Schmiedeker

1965

John Nenner
Robert Eckel
Janet Thullen Korte
Mike Durkin
Roger Ketterer
Mary Jane Wynne Norvell
Terry Timmester
Lynne Hudson Blessing
Daphne Loew Jameson
Thomas Schiff

1966

Rodney Thomas
Cheryl Gulden Mahan
Garry Thompson
Jeff Brown
Charles Brandt
John Whitehurst
Timothy Peters
Bill Roll

1967

Diane Heilmann
Dan Katt
Steven Schultz
Diane Nelson Schultz
Reid Schott
Kathleen Wessel Trejo
Edward Paul
Marcellene Winfrey

1968

Greg Sprauge
Mark Stedtefeld
Alma Smith Franz

1969

Kim Krause
Gail Tietmeyer Curtis
Mary Jo Wuebbeling Hines
Gary Limle
Jan Hanseman Middendorf
Donna Barnes Hadley
John Reusing
Deborah Mire Rupp
Barbara Volz Smith
Debbie Bredenfoerder Krantz
Brett Goodson
Scott Muhlhauser
John Snape

1970

Bill Rothan
Sue Wilson Rothan
Dana Essell Etter
Michael Sparks
Sheila McGrath Kuhn
Linda Niehaus Jones
Robert Ruehlman

1971

Diane Fortune Maujer
Randy McMillen
Eric Bruestle

1972

Daniel Owens
David Tiettmeyer
Bill Sietz
Peggy Howe Stedefeld
Lynn Tarvin Sparks
Richard Cyman
Carl Grueninger
Robert Brandt
Wendy Waggoner Bruestle

1973

Cathy Day Haynes McComas
Cathy Ireland Roberto
Lisbeth Lazaron

1974

Donna Bagot Englert
John Jovanche Anevski

1975

Mary Ann Jacobs
Dianne Greiner

1976

Rickey Wilkins
Jim Zenz
Matt Meyer
Nancy Devilliers Hamburg

1977

Matthew Muddiman
Melody McCoy Sheahan
Chris Kelly Sullivan
Mike Owens

1978

Barry Morgan
Amy Abell Morgan
Debbie Estes DePuccio
Bob Haubrock
Marina Abanto
Patricia Williams

1979

Karen Blasing Pradhan
Linwood Marshall
Gertie Becker

1980

Vince Peters
David Yauch
Wendy Martin Joseph
Scott Kitz
Jim Rathbone

1982

Scott Fisbeck

1983

Phill Cook
Kenneth Mundy
Lenna Toleski Schott

1984

Susan Stortz Bilz

1986

Sherry Smith Howe

1987

Darren Woods
Jeff Becker
Rich Webber

1988

Rachel Naegele Lucas

1989

Jennifer Williamson Wilkymack
Gina Frimming Schmidt

1990

Brian Hensley
William Morris Jr.

1991

Ross Crouse
James Schmidt
Bennie McClanahan
David Mays
Jason Morgan

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for their Monetary Donations**

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In Memory of**

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In Memory of Staff

Mary Busser and Andrew J. Brady



This year marks the 60th Anniversary of the writing of the song, "**This Is My School**" which was written by Andrew J. Brady in 1955 for the Bandwagon school variety show. He was a wonderful and talented band director at Western Hills where he taught and inspired many people throughout his years. The main stage and orchestra pit will be dedicated in his name thanks to a generous donation.

"This Is My School"

*This is my school, I sing her praises to the sky
I shout her praises loud and high, this is my school.
This is my school, she stands for light, she stands for truth
A shining symbol for our youth, this is my school.
May thy children bring thee fame and never disgrace thy name
God bless and keep thee strong and never harbor thee no wrong.
This is my school, in her my hopes and fears are born,
On her may years of peace adorn, This is my school.
We have the sciences and the social studies,
We have business studies and home economics
We have languages and sports,
We have art and we have music and rhythm and dancing.
W-E-S-T-E-R-N-H-I-L-L-S-H-I-G-H-W-E-S-T-E-R-N-H-I-L-L-S-H-I-G-H-W-E-S-
T-E-R-N-H-I-L-L-S-H-I-G-H This is my school, I sing her glory to the sky,
I shout her praises loud and high, THIS IS MY SCHOOL AAAAAHHH WEST HI!*

The Maroon Award Recognizes Our Own Notables

The Maroon Award was established in 1988 to recognize West High graduates who have distinguished themselves through important contributions to or exceptional achievements in many fields of endeavor.

The graduates to be honored should have made important impacts on society through professional, vocational or volunteer actions. **Service to the public is important.** Anyone may nominate any Western Hills High School graduate for the Maroon Award by completing the form below and sending it to the Alumni Coordinator or via the website (www.WesternHillsAlumni.com). Please remember, the committee selects but does not research information on nominees. All applications remain on file for consideration in subsequent years. Therefore, if you had previously nominated someone without all of the above information, please re-submit. **Nominations can be submitted through December 1st, 2015 to be considered for the 2016 award.**

2016 Maroon Award Nomination Form

Name of Nominee _____ Your Name _____
WHHS Class of _____ Your Class Year _____
Street Addresses _____ Your Address _____
City/State/Zip _____ City/State/Zip _____
Telephone () _____ Your Telephone () _____

On a separate sheet, please provide information about your nominee detailing the following:

Professional Achievements, Community Service / Volunteer Activities,
Honors and Recognition, Personal and/or Academic Achievements, etc.

**Complete this form on our website (www.westernhillsalumni.com) and send completed form(s) to:
Western Hills High School, Alumni Maroon Award, 2144 Ferguson Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45238**

ALUMNI NIGHT DINNER & SHOW RESERVATION FORM

Saturday **April 25th, 2015** * Dinner served at WHHS from 5:00 to 6:00 pm * **\$12.00** per person

Show begins at 7:00pm * Mail form with check made payable for **WHHS Alumni** to:

Alumni Foundation c/o Western Hills High School, 2144 Ferguson Rd. Cincinnati, Ohio 45238

Name(s) _____ Graduation Year(s) From West High _____

Name(s) _____ Graduation Year(s) From West High _____

Reservation # _____ at **\$12.00** each Total \$ _____ Phone: () _____

Reservations should be received by Wednesday April 22nd, 2015

(Menu: Tossed Salad, Chicken Breast, Roast Beef, Potatoes, Vegetables, Rolls, Dessert and Drink)