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

# Alumni News

Ink sketch by Beth Lucas Muench, 83

Spring 2017

# Everyone is invited to join us for our 29th Annual Alumni Night

# Change of Date and New start time!! Saturday May 13th, 2017

\*Tour the school 4:45-5:45pm/ See What's New!
\*Dinner from 5:45 to 6:45pm / In the 4th Floor Lunchroom
\*Alumni Show 7:00pm / Main Auditorium

Please join us for Alumni Night!! Catering will be provided by R&R Meats, music will be provided by the Alumni Band which is led by **Bruce Knapp** as well as singing from the Alumni Choir led by **Marcellene Winfrey**. Also the high school campus band will perform several songs.

#### The Maroon Awards

These awards will be presented to this year's recipients.

Please join us for the Alumni Show, which is free to attend, as we honor these two outstanding alumni!!!

## Carole Forster Conatser / Class of 1960 Ron Dieckmann / Class of 1969

(Read more about them inside)

Please use the attached reservation form or print one from the website www.westernhillsalumni.com

<u>Thank You</u> to all those who have already given their generous support to help fund the improvements for our <u>Stadium Project</u>.

Did you know?? In 1955 West High changed it's Mascot from "Maroons" to "Mustangs"

During the 1960's a live Mustang and rider, named Ken Doan, galloped along the football field sidelines. This was an added attraction for all home football games. The Alumni Foundation is always interested in old photos or memorabilia that you may have stored away. What a great way to preserve our history and show the younger generations our school spirit during our high school days!

If you have any items you would like to donate, or photos you would allow us to copy, please contact the school office at 513-363-8900.



You may have seen the above ink drawing on Western Hills letterhead and envelopes over the years. It was drawn by **Beth Lucas Muench** who graduated in 1983. She was asked by her art teacher to make this drawing of the school and asked if it could be used for the cover of the 1984 yearbook. It was indeed used but unfortunately, after all of her hard work, she was never given credit in the book.

The Alumni would like to thank Beth for the use of her drawing over the years and we are happy to learn the history of it. It is a fine representation of the school and she should be proud of her work!

## Alumni Coordinator's Report

Hello West High Alumni and Friends,



I am the Treasurer and Coordinator for the WHHS Alumni Foundation. This is my 11th year on the Foundation Board. This has been an exciting year for West High and the Alumni as the expansion of the stadium added on an additional 500 seats to the sports field! We were able to add new restroom facilities and a

brand new concession stand along the Glenway Ave. side of the field. This was all possible through donations from alumni! Our next phase of the plan is to build locker room facilities for both home and away teams that are easily accessible from the field as well.

This year we have a change of date for the Alumni Dinner and Show Saturday May 13th, 2017

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 website, go to

### www.westernhillsalumni.com send an e-mail to 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 a little easier.

We always appreciate all of your support!!

Thank you, Gina Frimming Schmidt, Class of 1989

Roberta Baker, Class of '32, did this original drawing of the school seal, which remains constant to this day



#### WHHS Alumni Foundation Board Members

Kennedy Jones, 1977...... Interim 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 Bill Seitz, 1972



Tom Shaver / Former Western Hills H.S. Principal Kenneth Jump / Current Western Hills H.S. Principal

## **Upcoming Reunion Information**

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

Click on the "Reunions" tab and choose your year

#### **Multi-Year Reunion**

1949,1950, 1951 3rd Tuesday in September

The Farm / Delhi

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

### Class of 1957 / 60th Reunion Friday September 15th, 2017

Dinner at The Farm 6-10pm / Anderson Ferry in Delhi

Contact Joanne Melillo Williams / joanwilliams@fuse.net

or Joyce Miller / jaruebel@aol.com

## Class of 1967 / 50th Reunion September 22 & 23, 2017

Picnic at Fernbank, tour the school & Miami Heights Civic Center / Shady Lane 6-11pm Contact: Diane Nelson Shultz / Stedsh@aol.com

**Interesting Fact....**March 19, 1926 was the groundbreaking for the building of West High. Architects Garber & Woodward designed the school in Italian Renaissance style. It would end up costing over \$1,000,000 once it was completed.

### The 2017 Maroon Award Recipients to be Honored

### Carole Forster Conatser / Class of 1960



Carole Forster Conatser says that being active in extra-curricular activities was important and gave her a sense of team work and being an integral part of something that made a difference in her West Hi experience. Carole was involved with Student Council, was the Publicity Chairman, Annual Staff member, Art Editor, Breeze Staff member, Feature Co-Editor, Quill and Scroll member, GAA-Officer, 5 year Letter Girl-Advanced Basketball, Pep Club, Pidel Historian, Treasurer, Band and 4 years performing in Bandwagon as an accordion player. Starting at age 15, she taught piano at a private music studio. She credits her Grandmother for her love of music and later studied Voice privately as an adult, becoming a soloist for her church and other special events in her community. She attended the University of Cincinnati's DAA (now DAAP) and earned both a BS in Art Education and a Fine Arts degree. After graduation from UC, she implemented an art pro-

gram at the North Dearborn H.S. in Indiana where she taught high school classes as well as teaching art at the middle school. Marilyn Goodfellow, her art teacher at West Hi was a wonderful mentor and Carole gives her full credit for inspiring her to want to become an art teacher. Her other studies include jewelry making, painting, needlework, photography and ceramics.

In the fall of 2014, Carole had the idea of starting a community garden. Since her church is located in an urban area of Youngstown, Ohio with several empty lots across the street, it seemed reasonable to organize an outreach program to help the community of residents in need of healthy, fresh produce. After writing grant proposals and obtaining two grants, they were set to do just that. Carole became a 4-H leader working with these children who come from many family challenges and situations. The empty lots were turned into the community garden and it thrived with the help of the area residents and their children. They were able to offer free, amazing produce every Saturday to the residents. To meet and get to know them, to hear their stories, to involve them in the garden, even trading recipes, has been an incredible experience for Carole and the other church members. They have also held yoga classes, aerobic dancing, and games that called for physical activity. The Youngstown police are now involved in coming to the garden and church for an exercise program every week with them. It is a wonderful way to have the families interact with those who help to keep them safe and establish a positive relationship. Carole has been married to Ken, a1958 graduate for 53 years and they live in Youngstown, Ohio. They have one son named Dean who is a retired Marine. His wife DeDe and their four children live in Loveland, Ohio where he is an analyst for the Kroger Company. Carole was nominated by her good friend Bonnie Brueggemann Stone, class of 1960.

### Ron Dieckmann / Class of 1969

Dr. Ron Dieckmann was involved in many activities during high school. He was student council president, Maroon W President, tri-captain of the football team and news editor of the Breeze. During his Senior year he received the "That's My Boy" Award from the Southwestern Ohio Coaches Association, an honor presented yearly to the outstanding academic athlete in the region. He joined Chi Omega Sigma (COS) fraternity, along with most of his classmates even though it was not yet approved. He says that he formed some lifelong friendships through the fraternity so it was well worth the pushback they received from administration. Ron's brother Art Dieckmann, who nominated Ron for the this award, graduated in 1967 and his sister, Debbie Dieckmann Brater was class of 1972.

After graduation, Ron attended Harvard University in Cambridge, MA on a full scholarship and at graduation was awarded a key to Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's most prestigious honor society. In 1972, Ron won a fellowship to Harvard's Kennedy School of Government to study in London, where he first fell in love with International travel. He received his medical degree (MD) from Stanford Medical School in California. After finishing his residency in San Francisco he completed a master's degree in public health (MPH) at Berkeley and became board certified in three physician specialties: pediatrics, emergency medicine and pediatric emergency medicine. In 1984 Ron joined the faculty at University of California, San Francisco Medical School and served as a Professor of Emergency Medicine and Pediatrics for 25 years. He has edited five first edition textbooks on pediatric emergency medicine, published hundreds of articles, lectured frequently and received multiple teaching and leadership awards. While at San Francisco General, Ron was responsible for the emergency care of several US Presidents and also assigned to provide emergency care to our Pope. In 2005, Ron helped to co-found a medical software company and created a first of its kind interactive, multimedia software program called PEMSoft which is a web-based and mobile application for doctors. It has become the most popular pediatric electronic decision-support database world-wide. Ron now serves as the Chief Medical Officer for PEMSoft.



In 2006 Ron founded a California nonprofit global health organization called <u>KidsCareEverywhere</u>, which he considers his favorite lifetime accomplishment. The organization donates software technology to doctors to help support pediatric care in impoverished countries. His travels with the organization has taken him to many remote locations in 19 low income countries in South America, Asia and Africa. He provides the software trainings which have helped support thousands of physicians caring for millions of children. Ron lives in northern California with his wife Patty Gates, a labor attorney. He met Patty as a high school student, and they are celebrating their 43 rd wedding anniversary this June! Ron says Patty smoothed his rough edges and taught him the power of love. He

has three daughters: Lauren a California public health administrator, Marlowe a senior medical school student, and Hayley a veterinary school student. He also has a son-in-law David Gordon, a Sacramento water engineer, a daughter-in-law Dr. Allison Maffei, a physical therapist, and two amazing grand daughters: Audriana and Ava Gordon.

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

YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT HELPS TO FUND MANY WORTHWHILE STUDENT BENEFITTING PROGRAMS

1935

Phyllis Carlier DuBruyne

Carolyn Fries Steele

Rosemary Waltamath Barnhart

1939

Walter Stacy

1940

Minnie Wilkov Stein Vi Schubert Paulding

1941

Ralph Wessel Warren Fisher Robert Huber Harry Newman Evelyn Falquet Stedtefeld

Anne Thompson Shafer Earl "Red" Bassman John Conner Robert Schiller Michael Schiller Lillian Rome Dartnall Jean Morgan Williams Russell Smith Dr. Robert L. Moore

Thomas Mangold Walter Rueger Muriel Riesterer Huber Jeanne Herrmann Cramer

1944

Ruth Griley Myers Jackie Lower Suddendorf Robert Suddendorf Robert Mecklenborg

1945

Mace Justice Evelyn Widner

Janet Esslinger Geiger Carolyn Schlieper McConnaughey Florence Zapf Faigle Stephen Sample Virginia Kindt Lyle Thomas Steele Elmer Werner M.D. William Gerhardt, M.D.

Bruce Loughry Jack Metz Harold Romer



1948

David Martin Wilma Pegg Essel Joan Miller Frey Katherine Peterson Rehn Betty Sue Stratton Romer

James C. Kautz Mary Mueller Nickerson-Kautz Bill Sachs James Frev Janet Nailor Joyce Fisher Martin Patricia Bell Glatthaar Warren Greiner Helen Schwab Katsetos Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Bassett

Karleen Wilhelm Miller Major Dan Miller Dr. John Bennet Sr. Carl Doerner Janet Murphy Jones Ernest Kobb Marianne Powell Platt

1951

Glenn Streibig David Preston, M.D. Don & Jean McMahill Fran Bauer Parker Loretta Rich O'Connell Willard Hoffman Jr. Carroll Baker Ellen Uehling Hendrickson Erwin Single Marlene Miller Tarvin

1952

Charles Berry Betty Ewick Martin Jawanna Johnson Streibig Connie May Lampe Marlene Lehrner Falhaber Barbara Edelmann Williams Earl Williams Kim Yost Sylvia List Wetzel Jack Wetzel

1953

Richard Manifold Richard Schneider JoAnn Bauer Oswald Herbert Wander

Dottie Greschel Minnich William Schulte Jr. Bruce Kleimever Sr. Susan Dieckmann Brynteson Janet Arnold Cummings June Fritsch White Marge Meyer Howes

1955

Sue Lewis Woodruff Eileen Jones Rothhaas Richard Cashman Doug Brooke Dick Oehler Jerry Vetter

Marge Purcell Vetter Sally Heidrich Dessauer Donald Helmbold

Lois Guyer Harry Panaro William Findlow Robert Shimizu Richard Stohr Gwen Iames Haverkamp

Janet Probst Frederick William Reusing Robert Fair William Hubbard Fredric Rissover Nancy Rehn Matthew Ken Conatser Darrell Brooke

1959

Jim Frederick Robert Noell Tedd Bunce Elva Reiff Reed Joyce Ferrell Newman S. Diane Peters Park Richard Park Arlene Brown Slaboch Mike Rose

1960

Bruce Knapp Joyce Holt Sirkin Ted Boiman Charles Yarbrough Dan Carmichael Donna Sparks Peterson Samuel Peterson Jim Wietholter Phillip Meng Les Covey Daniel Beechuk Patricia Darmody Miller John Frey Bill Fox Cathie Flint DeFazio Jeff Spragens Sarah Jane Taylor Hissett Nancy Laymon Benson Cecelia Schneider Wallace John Rathkamp Jeri Hall Rathkamp Charlotte Helmbold Sheard Robert Link Jr. David Ulrich Gail Simkin Makin

1960 Continued David Gibson Carol Forster Conatser Carol Schrank Thomas John Russell Carlene Poppe Clements Steven Spreen Carol Price Fulwiler Al Quimby Janet Gehner Knell Stephen McNamee Charles Yarbrough

Elizabeth Martin Preble Judy Elder Siefferman Joan Elder Wichman Michael Hirsch Lynn Bernius Schiff Janis Kukainis Jane Heisel Foy Sharon Crum Morris Jean Anderson Leeper M.A. Takahashi Dick Huseman Nikki Orlemann Ray Mauer Mary Lu Moorhead Mauer Donna Correll Vitt Judy Halker Thompson Diane Bruestle Hein Henry Arnold Andy Patton H. Lon Swearingen

Judith Heidrich Creasy Jack Cress Ron Sperber Carol Horton Heina Janet Renner Rajadhyaksha Joan Illian Anderson Andrea Sue Hale David Gwynn Dan Nieman Fred Tritschler Rudy Boerio Dwight Vogel William Pegg

Maryjane Henderson Ruggles Paul Tuerck Barbara Boyd Schildman Phil Dettmer Lyn Harting Jensen Sandy "Susie" Oster Busch Barbara "Bobbie" Franzreb Deifel Jon "Chip" Deifel Joan Eckert Jackson Patrick Thomas

Jill Alban Haft Susan Spencer Faul Vicki Atwood Biery Dale Clark Frank "Sparky" Claypool 1964 Continued Ronald Evans Nancy Whitehurst Melville

1965

Chris Wurster Dian Scheidenberger Brannon Robert Maidens Lynne Hudson Blessing Daphne Loew Jameson Barbara Lemcke Terry & Carol Timmester Jeff Griffith Jim Eger Tilo & Karen Schiffer Janet Schrank Foster John Nenninger Diane Kuehn Arnold Mary Jane Wynne Norvell Robert Eckel Suzi Ruehlman Lenhart Roger Ketterer Thomas Schiff Janet Korte Thullen

Cheryl Gulden Mahan Helen Mills Karen Norden Webb Barry Webb Helen Mills John Whitehurst Garry Thompson Linda Vinson Eger Sharon Sullivan Rudesill Tim Peters

1967

Jim Kestner Diane Nelson Schultz Steven Schultz Art Dieckmann Dennis O'Leary Mark Tam Reid Schott Kathleen Wessel Trejo Terry Transier Diane Heilmann **Edward Paul** Bob Lenhart Marcellene Winfrey

1968

Greg Sprauge Bill McElrov Jim Ruthemeyer **Bob Hughes** James Corbin

Donna Barnes Hadley Kim Krause Gail Tiettmeyer Curtis John Reusing Steve Grav Nancy Taylor Debbie Bredenfoerder Krantz John Snape

1969 continued Mary Jo Wuebbling Hines Gary Limle Brett Goodson Robert Fisher

1970

Don Hensley Dana Essell Etter Michael Sparks Jill Driskill Ruthemeyer Bill Rothan Sue Wilson Rothan Linda Niehaus Jones Robert Ruehlman

1971

Judy Russell Waldsmith Ken Brater Randy McMillen Eric Bruestle

1972

Dan Owens
Bill Sietz
Jean Martin Foutch
Theodore Peters
Lynn Tarvin Sparks
Robert Brandt
Marshall McHenry
Carl Grueninger
Teresa Spille Vogel
Debbie Dieckmann Brater
Wendy Waggoner Bruestle
Vicki Schwartz Peters

1973

Lisbeth Lazaron Cathy Ireland Roberto

1974

Jerry Fry Valerie Schmidt

1975

John Gifford Mary Ann Jacobs Dianne Greiner Sandi Petrou

1976

David Combs
Betty Richardson
Rickey Wilkins
Matt Meyer
Bret Sager
Raymond Wilke
Steve Ferguson
Ann Grueninger Ferguson
Jim Zenz

1977

Kennedy Jones Chris Kelly Sullivan Melody McCoy Sheahan

1978

Patricia Williams
Diana Dornbusch Cron
Mary Pat Lazaron Cerimele
Greg Fry
Marina Abanto
Michael Kaiser
Debbie Estes DePuccio
Bob Harbrock
Deborah Wallace Revels

1979

Gertie Becker Karen Blasing Pradhan Gale McHenry McLaughlin Tom Altenau П

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1980

Vince Peters Claire Gregory Ehrman

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Scott Fisbeck Carla Ramsey Brown

1983

Lenna Toleski Schott Kenneth Mundy Barbara Goldschmidt Harding

1984

Jeff Hounshell Trish Kiely McGurn Susan Stortz Bilz

1986

Sherry Smith Howe

1987

Corinne Bleile Honkamp Rich Webber Darren Woods

1988

Rachel Naegele-Lucas

1989

Jennifer Williamson Wilkymacky Gina Frimming Schmidt

1990

Brian Hensley

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James Schmidt Bennie McClanahan David Mays

1992

William Morris

## Company Matching Donations

- Pfizer Foundation
- 5/3 Bank Matching Gifts

# **Donations Were Given In Memory of**

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1935 Esther Richardson Elder 1937 Mary Elizabeth Andres Young 1940 Virginia Erhardt Schott 1942 Ruby Uhlmann Maidens 1947 Harold Kenneth Webb 1948 Gloria Siebert Ruehlman Feeley 1950 Gloria McNamee Jansen 1951 Janet Kipp Greiner 1952 Dr. Edward Francq 1952 Jay Sweet 1953 Betty Jean Behne Contant 1959 Barbara Tau Neville 1961 Rodney Burress 1961 Dick Morgan 1960 Gary Samad 1964 James Haft 1967 Mary Beth Hyland Greulich 1976 Nancy Devillers Hamburg **1976** Mary Fry Schaller

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#### for their Monetary Donations

- Anonymous Fund of the Greater Cincinnati Foundation
- Bassett Family Fund of the Greater Cincinnati Foundation
- John J. Schiff and Mary R. Schiff Foundation
- Cheviot Savings and Loan

1991 Rebecca Schwartz Yadron

- Michael D. Rose Family Fund
- Harvest Home Fair Association
- Kiwanis Club of Cheviot and Westwood
- Steve & Nancy Witsken
- The Moore Family
- Harold Kolenbrander
- Skip Neville
- Cheviot Charitable Foundation

### The WHHS Stadium Project

The Foundation continues to ask for donations to help fund the next phase of the stadium project to add updated locker room facilities for the students. The school's current facilities are undersized, outdated and in poor condition. This new facility will be located at the end of the field near the Glenway Ave. side to allow easy access for both the home and visiting teams.

If you would like to contribute to the stadium project, please send your donation with an attached note earmarking it for the **Stadium Fund**.

Checks can be made payable to WHHS Foundation and sent to

WHHS Stadium Fund \* 2144 Ferguson Rd. \* Cincinnati, OH 45238

## 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 31st, 2017 to be considered for the 2018 award.

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 in	Cormation about your nominee detailing the following:
Professional Achievements	Community Service / Volunteer Activities,
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<u> </u>	rsonal and/or Academic Achievements, etc.  w.westernhillsalumni.com) and send completed form(s) to:

Saturday May 13, 2017 \* Dinner served at WHHS from 5:45 to 6:45pm \* \$13.00 per person Show begins at **7:00pm** \* Mail form with check made payable for **WHHS Foundation** to: Alumni Foundation c/o Western Hills High School, 2144 Ferguson Rd. Cincinnati, Ohio 45238 Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year(s) From West High \_\_\_\_\_

Reservation # \_\_\_\_\_ at \$13.00 each Total \$\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (

Graduation Year(s) From West High \_\_\_\_\_

Reservations should be received by Wednesday May 10, 2017

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