

Preserving and maintaining the rich tradition of West High athletics

UPCOMING EVENT

"HALL OF HONOR" DINNER Wednesday, March 18, 2020 5:30 PM

The Meadows on Cleves Warsaw Pike Addyston, Ohio

Guest Speaker John Popovich

Reservation Form on back page

(More information below)

2020 HALL OF HONOR DINNER

The 17th Annual Western Hills High School Sports Hall of Honor Dinner will be held Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 5:30 PM, at The Meadows on Cleves Warsaw Pike, Addyston, Ohio. Plan to attend this fundraising event to support West High's Athletic Department and maintenance of the "Hall of Honor."

Cost for the Hall of Honor Dinner is \$45 per person, \$360 for a table of eight. Reservations can be made using the Dinner Reservation Form on the back of this newsletter. For additional information contact AWHAA Secretary Gail Suiter at gailsuiter@aol.com, or Kristie Veneman at venemak@cpsboe.k12.oh.us.

Sports broadcaster John Popovich will be the guest speaker. He recently retired as WCPO-TV sports director after more than 40 years with the station. Sports Of All Sorts, the city's longest-running sports show, was started in 1980 by Popo. He is so respected for covering high school sports that the LaRosa's High School Hall of Fame presented him a Lifetime Media Achievement Award in 2016.

Help welcome these outstanding alumni athletes into the prestigious West High Hall of Honor: Jim Hoeh, Darrell Keeton, David Thornton, Allison Goodrich, Danny Horace, Stephanie Huddleston.

in '69 and '70, and played in the Cincinnati Enquirer East/West All-Star Game. He received wrestling letters in '70 and '71 with a career of 67-8-1. He was PHSL Sectionals and District Champion '70 and '71, won unanimous 1st Team All-City Enquirer & Cincinnati Post, and finished 6th in the '71 State Wrestling Tournamant. At the University of Cincinnati he lettered in wrestling '71, '72, and football '71-'75, starting as defensive tackle sophomore to senior seasons. He was selected Most Valuable Defensive Lineman in the '75 All-Ohio East/West Shrine Bowl, and participated in the Cincinnati Bengals Rookie Camp as a free agent.

DARRELL KEETON, '79, was a 3-year baseball letterman, 1st Team All-PHSL, 2nd Team All-City junior and senior years, playing on the '77 State Championship Team. He was a 2-year football letterman. 1st Team All-PHSL, 2nd Team All-City his senior year, and selected '79 Defensive Back MVP. At Martin Methodist College, he played baseball, leading the Western Division, Conference and Region with a 500 batting average '79-'80, was All-Western Division, All-Conference, All-Region '79-'81, MVP as a freshman, and 1981 Athlete of the Year. He coached football at Martin Methodist College, Pop Warner Football, Little League, Babe Ruth Baseball, and was elected to Babe Ruth Hall of Fame in 2009.

DAVID THORNTON, '82, (deceased) played football 3 years and was on the PHSL championship team. He wrestled 3 years, winning 20 matches in 3 tournaments. He was on the track team 3 years, and received the That's My Boy Award. He was a football walk on at Miami University. After graduation he coached wrestling, track & field and football for 21 years at Perry Meridian High School in Indianapolis, A memorial ceremony was held at the High School to celebrate David's life when he passed away in 2014 after a 4 year battle with cancer.

JIM HOEH, '71, received football letters ALLISON GOODRICH, 01, played varsity softball 4 years, varsity volleyball and basketball 3 years for the Lady Mustangs, earning First Team Honors in softball and volleyball and Second Team Honors in basketball in 2001. She consistently led in home runs and RBI's, helped her fast-pitch softball team win the Queen City Conference, earned Player of the Year in 2001, was voted one of the Top Performers in Ohio by the National Enquirer and received the Arch McCartney Scholarship her senior year. She continued her fast-pitch softball career at Northern Kentucky University for 2 years, then coached softball for 2 years at Notre Dame Academy High School.

> DANNY HORACE, '01, was a 4-year basketball starter, 2001 PHSL Player of the Year, Enquirer's D-1 1st Team, 3rd Team All-State, USA Basketball Festival Gold Medal Winner, and nominated to McDonald's All-American High School Basketball Games. He participated in Nike and Adidas All-American Camps and led Greater Cincinnati players as senior with an average of 12.1 rebounds per game. He was a 2-year football starter, awarded Freshman and Sophomore MVP. He attended Miami University where he was a 4-year basketball starter, making 1230 points, 782 rebounds, 386 free throws, 71 blocks, and 1st Team All-MAC. He had a 10 year professional career abroad (2005-2015).

> STEPHANIE HUDDLESTON, '07, played tennis singles and doubles 3 years, voted MVP her sophomore and junior years. She played basketball her freshman and sophomore years, voted best defensive player, most improved player both years. She played volleyball her senior year, voted best defensive player, most improved player. She played softball 4 years, awarded 1st Team All-League honors and voted Most Athletic Female in her class. She received a scholarship to St. Catherine's College where she was a softball utility player helping to win their division.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Hello ... I am Phillip O'Neal, in my second year as athletic director of West High, my eighth year working in Cincinnati Public Schools, first at Walnut Hills High School, then Riverview East Academy. I'm a product of Cincinnati Public Schools, graduating from Walnut Hills in 2006. I received my bachelors from UC, then I joined the United States Army Ohio National Guard, currently with a rank of first lieutenant.

We are bringing PRIDE back to West High! We have standouts not only on the field but in the classroom. Our student athletes are respectful, coachable and confident in anything they put their mind to.

Last year our football team had 6 students receive full-rides to college to play football. Kayvon Britten, our star football player, ended his career with 3,385 yds. rushing, 4,537 all purpose yds. and 306 points scored. He is now the leading rusher in Western Hills Mustangs history.

The varsity soccer and volleyball teams both took a step forward winning more games than last year! With growing numbers, the soccer team had its first junior varsity team that only lost one game. We are good and growing!

The girls basketball program has a new head coach, Tayler Stanton, graduate of Walnut Hills High School who furthered her career at Wright State where she played basketball. Stanton is transforming the culture, demanding more from her student athletes on and off the court. Our boys program has a new coach too, Bryce Stokes, who has moved up from head junior varsity coach. Stokes is a familiar face in the building, getting positive response from students because of the rapport he previously built with them.

To the future... The baseball and softball teams both received conference champions honor for the second year in a row, looking forward to duplicating that again this year. The baseball team will hold The Best of West Baseball Showcase presented by the Price Hill Old-timers, on May 9th; teams include Colerain, Oak Hills, Harrison and Elder. The softball team will hold the Gabby Rodriguez Tournament following the Jackie Robinson Tournament on Sunday, April 19th at the Reds RBI fields in Roselawn.

I would love for you all to come to a game and experience how the Mustangs are taking back the west. #GoWest...



REMEMBERING...

West High lost three wonderful AWHAA and Hall of Honor supporters who will be greatly missed!

Erwin "Erv" L. Single, Class of 1951, passed away in May, 2019 at 86 years of age. He was born in Dayton, Ohio to immigrant parents from Germany, August and Marie Single. Shortly after his birth they moved to Cincinnati.

Erv excelled in academics and athletics. He played football 4 years for Western Hills High School, and his passion for the sport and his great talent earned him a scholarship to play football for the University of Cincinnati. While playing center on the team for four years he also earned a geology degree. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree he continued at UC for another year to receive his Master of Science degree, also in geology. He was drafted by the San Francisco 49ers, but pursued a job with Shell Oil Company as a Petrolium Geologist.

He married Ruth Ehrnschwender in 1956. With Shell, they moved to Pittsburg and had a son, Steven, then moved to Houston and finally Denver in 1964 where their second son, Robert, was born. Erv continued his passion for athletics as founder of a premier youth sports program for girls and boys, the Arapahoe Youth League (AYL) in Colorado. He coached AYL football for 25 years and served as president, director, and administrator. He also became an avid golfer.

After leaving Shell in the mid-70s he worked for many oil and gas companies and became a very successful oilman. During the latter part of his life, and working into his 70s, he was a member of Thomasson Partner Associates. He is survive by his wife Ruth, son Robert, daughter-in-law Pauline, grandson Josef, and predeceased by his son Steven.

Erv was a Western Hills High School 2014 Hall of Honor Inductee, and a wonderful supporter of AWHAA and West High athletics. His generous donation was instrumental in spearheading the West High athletic field expansion to build a field house facility between the baseball and football fields. Erv will be greatly missed!

William "Bill" R. Reusing, Class of 1958, passed away April, 2019 at 78 years of age. Bill was born in 1940; after growing up in Cincinnati and attending West High, he went to Charlottesville to attend the University of Virginia. After his graduation in 1962, he returned to Cincinnati where he served as President and Managing Officer of Cincinnati Federal Savings and Loan, V.P. and Branch Coordinator of Cheviot Building and Loan, and Director of Development of Wesley Community Services.

As a baseball player at UVA, he lettered as a pitcher during the 1960 and 1961 seasons. At West High, Bill was a varsity pitcher for three years and struck out 14 batters in one season opener.

Bill is survived by his wife of 34 years, Janet Deifel Reusing, Class of 1965, their daughter, Kristin B. Smith and husband Brian, and three grandchildren, Charlie, Ella and Jonathan. Bill is survived by his adopted son, Dustin Goodpaster, Class of 2004, his wife, Christina, and two grandchildren, Gabriella and Dustin, Jr.. Also surviving are his twin brother, Charles "Rick", brother Robert, and twin brothers, John and James (Karen) Reusing. He was brother-in-law to Judy and Lee Patrick, Jon and Barbara Deifel, and Barb and the late Joe Deifel.

Following retirement, Bill and Janet returned to Charlottesville in 2010, where he again became involved in community service. He served as President of various Kiwanis Clubs in Cincinnati and Charlottesville and was honored as their "Man of the Year" in both cities.

He was past chairman of the Dan Beard Council of Boy Scouts of America, where he received the Silver Beaver Award. He was a 26-year member of Lions International in Cincinnati and a Life Member of both Kiwanis International and the University of Virginia Alumni Association.

Bill was also a member of Western Hills High School Athletic Hall of Honor and received the Maroon Award in honor of his community service along with being one of the first presidents of the West High Athletic Boosters. He was also cofounder of the Association of West High Alumni Athletes with Glenn Sample, Class of 1949. Bill will be greatly missed! Robert "Pat" P. O'Brien passed away January, 2020 at the age of 88 years. He was the husband of Mary Fresco O'Brien, father of 5 children: Cathleen (Gregory) Horn, Michael (Jane) O'Brien, Patricia (Ron) Patterson, Theresa (Howard) Figueroa and Erin (Joe) Fields, grandfather of nine and great-grandfather of five.

Pat was Western Hills High School Head Football Coach from 1975 to 1985, coaching the last "Turkey Day Classic" vs. Elder at Riverfront Stadium in 1978, beating Elder 6-0. He has the longest football coaching career at West High with the most wins as football coach in school history. He won 2 PHSL championships, 1978 and 1984, and 1 Metro County Conference Championship, placing 2nd two times. He was Coach of the Year three times, and coached the West All Star Team three times, two as head coach. Pat also coached the girls' volleyball team, 1986, 1987 & 1988.

Pat was on the Wooster, Ohio YMCA Board of Trustees, and was a Mansfield, Ohio Red Cross Water Safety Instructor Trainer as well as Punt, Pass & Kick Coordinator. He was a Cincinnati Red Cross Summer Staff Water Safety Representative, Seven-up "Super Star" competition manager, and honored for more than 25 years of volunteer service. He trained life guards and managed Overhill Swim Club from 1986 to 2003.

He was a member of the Ohio Buckeye Senior Olympics Volleyball Team, winning the National Championship in the 65-69 age group in 1997, the National Championship in the 70-74 age group in 2003, the National Championship in the 75-79 age group, 2007, 2009, and was silver Medalist in 1999 and 2005. He was a Huntsman World Senior Games Champion in 2009 and 2010, and qualified for the 2011 National Senior Olympic Games in Houston, Texas.

Pat was inducted into the Western Hills High School Athletic Hall of Honor in 2011 for all his athletic accomplishments, and was a strong supporter of the Association of West High Alumni Athletes and West High sports. Pat will be greatly missed!

Consider making a tax-deductible donation to AWHAA in memory of Erv, Bill and Pat. Checks can be made payable to the Western Hills High School Foundation, and mailed to: 2144 Ferguson Road, Cincinnati, OH 45238.

WHHS HALL OF HONOR MEMBERS

MALCOLM ANDREWS		PAT LUNSFORD	
ELMER BEST		ART MAHAFFEY	
MAURY BIBENT	'61	LINWOOD MARSHALL	'79
JEAN TUERCK BIMEL	'56	ARCH McCARTNEY	
EARL BOSSUNG		DICK McCOY	'72
JOHN BOTUCHIS	'49	GARY McCOY	
MICHEAL BOVARD	.'73	ALESIA JORDAN McMILLAN	'82
DAN BOYLE	'74	FRED MEIER	'65
JIM BOYLE	'79	VERLIE MEYERS	
BOB BRATER	'57	MIKE MIDDLETON	'88
KEN BRATER	'71	BOB MORGAN	
CHUCK BRINKMAN	'62	ROLAND MUHLEN	'60
ED BRINKMAN	61	STEVE NeSMITH	'77
PHIL BROWN		ROY NIXON	
HAZEL BURK		RUSS NIXON	
DONNA BURKS		PAUL NOHR	
TREVOR CANFIELD		JILL MUSSMAN O'BRIEN	
MELISSA CARMICHAEL		PAT O'BRIEN	
		TOM OYLER	
KEN CONATSER			
WILLIS CONATSER		HARRY PANARO	
JENNIFER HOGAN CONDON		DAVID PANDILIDIS	
ANESTIS JOHN "IRISH" CONDORODIS		DARRYL PETERSON	
PHILL COOK		RON PINSENSCHAUM	
RALPH CROSTHWAITE		TOM PRICE	
BOB CZERWINSKI		BRUCE RAIBLE	
WILLIAM "BUZZ" DALTON	'59	JIM RAY	'73
AL DeGARMO	'44	CHRIS REMBOLD	'55
JON "CHIP" DEIFEL	'63	BILL REUSING	'58
CONNIE DETTMER	'49	CHARLES REUSING	
JENNIFER PUEHL DIERIG	'87	JACK REYNOLDS	'66
RICK DOPPES	'73	KARL RHODES	'86
DICK DROTT	'54	PAT RILEY	'60
PAT EAGAN		PETE ROSE	
ROBERT FAGIN		BILL ROTHAN	
JOHN FISHER		EUGENE RUEHLMANN	
JIM FREY		PAT RYAN	
SID FRIEDMAN		BILL SACHS	
JACK GANNON		GLENN SAMPLE	
DESMON GAULT		BOB SCHNABEL	
RAY GEBHARDT		CLIFF SCHNABEL	
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DIANNE BRATER GRIESSER		KEN SELBY	
RALPH GRIESSER	'59	CHARLES SHARE	'46
PAT GROENIGER	'46	BOB SHIMIZU	'57
JAMIE WILLIAMS HAMMOOR	'07	BOB SIEKMANN	
MIKE HANDLON	'79	ERV SINGLE	'51
DICK HAUCK	'47	JEFF SLAYBACK	'81
RODNEY HEATH	'93	CAROL SMITH	
DIANE HEILMANN	'67	LEN STAHL	.'61
STU HEIN		ROBERT "BUD" STILLE	
DAVE HEISS		BONNIE BRUEGGEMANN STONE	
ERV HOINKE		J. HAROLD SWEET	
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BRADLEY A. KUEHN		TERRY WILLIAMS	
DICK KUEHN	'57	CONSTANCE WITTE	
FRANK KUGLER			
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