

COLUMBIA Alumni

2015

A Message from the President

Dear members, teachers and staff

The present reunion committee would again like to invite any past students of Columbia High School and also teachers past and present to join us at the Henkle Middle School on Saturday, June 6th for our yearly meeting, dinner, and visiting.

During this past year we have had several long term members that have served tirelessly step aside, and new persons have agreed to help this unit move forward. I would like to say "Thank You" to all.

Besides organizing these yearly reunions, another important part of this group is to promote funding for the White Salmon Columbia High School Permanent Endowment Fund, also known as CASPE. This committee encourages ongoing donations either large or small to be able to continually award scholarships for worthy local students. Remember that any donations can be deducted from your income taxes because this fund is a 501{C}{3}.

This year we would like to welcome the class of 1975! It is always good to see new and younger faces, and hope

that you find reconnecting with former members is a good one.

This year again there are going to be raffle tickets to purchase for a trip to Vegas for a week at the Carriage House and also drawings throughout the evening for several other nice items. If you win the trip there is a check of \$500 dollars also for optional spending.



Hopefully by next year this publication will be available by email, so those of you that prefer can receive it in that way, but shall be still offered in this form for those that still want it as usual. We are looking for ways to cut costs, but realize it needs to be an option, for now.

This committee is open to any of you who want to join us in any of our endeavors. Call and let us know, or come to one of our monthly gatherings at Chips in Bingen the first Saturday of each month at 12:00 October through May.

Hoping to see many alumni on the 6th of June. Most sincerely,

Pat (Frederick) Kreps Wyers Class of 1958

This is our 10th year of sending the Alumni Newsletter to all classes through 1980. Classes thru 1975 are invited to attend dinner and social hour. It is our policy to induct one class each year on their 40th anniversary, therefore, next year (2016) the class of 1976 will be invited.

MISSION STATEMENT

From the Reunion Committee
**With commitment and passion
we continued to improve by
bringing all alumni together and
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Win a week in Vegas at the Beautiful Carriage House

For those of you who may not be familiar with the raffle, you get \$500 for travel, fun, and a week at the beautiful Carriage House which sits only a block off the strip. The rooms are spacious with a kitchen, bedroom, living room, and bathroom. Excellent security, easy access to taxis and the monorail is within walking distance. The staff is more than friendly and they go out of their way to ensure you have a wonderful stay. Hot tub and pool are very inviting. Of course there is gambling, shopping, sight seeing, shows and many wonderful dining options. Fill out the coupon on page 2 and send it in!

GOOD LUCK!!!!!!

**IT'S TIME TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE ANNUAL ALUMNI MEETING
SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2015, -- SOCIAL HOUR, 2-5 P.M. -- BUSINESS MEETING, 5 P.M. -- DINNER, 6 P.M.**

Henkle Middle School in White Salmon

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SATURDAY: The White Salmon Elks Club extends an invitation to the Alumni to join them after the Saturday Reunion Dinner to continue with the celebration. The doors at the Club will be open for all Alumni that evening. So make plans with your fellow Alumni to meet there after leaving the Reunion site, to share some more laughter and tales of "The Good Old Days."

Sunday: Breakfast at The Elks Lodge. The White Salmon Masonic Lodge is once again serving breakfast at the Elks Lodge on Sunday morning from 7:30 to 10:30 especially for the Alumni. The Masonic Lodge has done this for a number of years now for which we are extremely appreciative. So, extend your visiting with your Fellow Alumni by planning to attend the breakfast on the following morning.

Welcome Class of 1975



AUDREY CONN
Valedictorian



CINDY BENNETT
Salutatorian

CHS Alumni Association welcomes each of you to your 40th reunion of your graduation. Thanks to Howard Kreps for use of his annual to find your 67 seniors listed there. If there are others not listed in your annual please let us know. Be sure to gather for your reunion photo for the next newsletter.



Your Senior Class Officers were Rusty Purvis, Howard Kreps, Audrey Conn, John Bengé and Kim Lusk (in the order listed in the annual picture)

NOTIFY US

If you have a change of address, please notify us so that we can keep our mailing list current, and you will continue to receive the "Columbia Alumni" Newsletter.
Thank You!

Please mail corrections to:
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E-MAIL ADDRESSES



We would like E-MAIL addresses for all those who have them. Please put that on your registration form or e-mail with the subject line: "Alumni e-mail update" to: Eula Nickols Smith - eula@gorge.net

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Keep those comments coming in so we know what you like best about the newsletter!



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I am enclosing my check payable to WS-CHS Alumni Association Reunion (CASPE in memo line) in the amount of \$_____

Please send my tickets to: Name _____ Class _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

From the Mail Bag

Columbia Alumni –
I won't be there this year. My grandson is getting married in Missouri about that time. I am sending a donation for postage. I enjoy the newsletter.

Wayne McDonald

Please note my sister's death of August of last year. Class of 1938 Helene Rayburn Cramer. She was 94 years old.
I have sent you this info about three months ago but didn't receive a paper. Would like to see the pictures.

Thank you, Juanita Loeffel

At age 84 I no longer drive freeways so will not get to this year's reunion. As my wife says, we do not have a chauffeur. Since this is the year 1955 of W.S.H.S football history my memories include: 1

Lone Win in '57!
For those who need reminding, in '59 we were 9-0 with 253 points to 62. In our 9 wins we had three shutouts = opponents did not score, 4 wins with opponents only scoring once and two where we outscored opponents who were limited to three scores. The other big item for me is most players played both offense and defense where I helped and "we" never did have a problem with academics or discipline.
Best wishes to all and I still choose the human voice and can be "heard" at 306 299-8496.

Bill Wortman

Great job on the "news."

Mildred Josi Hiller

Dear Columbia Alumni-
Thanks for the newsletter – I am still residing in

Editor's Note:
These letters are in response to last year's 2014 paper. Letters were all typed for the newsletter as received.

Culver City, Los Angeles County, near LAX – enjoying retirement from the State of California, I practice law part time for a small law firm.
Responding to my maternal heritage, I am a member and officer in The Sons of Norway Lodge – I also sing in a church choir, and work most weekends as a docent in an auto museum – I have always been interested in old cars and auto history.
For my age I enjoy good health, have artificial knees.

Best regards to all, John Glovka

Hannah Haselton May will not attend this year - she wishes all a good time.

Sorry I can't be there. Many thanks for all your work on the reunion and newspaper.
William Lehmann

CHS ALUMNI

I want to extent a warm welcome to this year's Columbia Alumni and to those that are able to attend this year's social event. This has been a very busy year for the White Salmon Valley School District. Our district enrollment has leveled off after increasing by approximately 100 students over a two year period. The increase in enrollment required our district to reconfigure grades K-8 this year due to a state requirement to reduce class sizes in Kindergarten and 1st grade. Whitson Elementary School now serves grades K-3; Wallace and Priscilla Stevenson Intermediate School serves grades 4-6; and Henkle Middle School serves grades 7-8. Columbia still serves grades 9-12.
The district hired three new principals this year. Columba Jones was hired as the principal for the newly created intermediate school. Haley Ortega was hired as the Henkle Middle School principal and Craig McKee was hired as the Columbia High School principal. Returning for his second year as Whitson Elementary principal is Todd McCauley. Troy Whittle, the former Columbia High School principal resigned in the late spring of last school year so he could be closer to his parents in the Spokane area. The district also hired some new teachers and para-educators that joined our district staff this year.
We are always grateful to the community for the support we receive. For example, O.J. Hecomovich and the Hecomovich Foundation made a generous donation to replace all of our aging scoreboards in the gyms and on the sports fields. Underwood Fruit and Warehouse Company and Mt. Adams Orchards donated a new electronic reader board for the main campus. It is great to live in a community that provides this kind of support.
The district is proud of the many Columbia High School accomplishments including a 2014 graduation rate of 91%. This student success has been supported by the Columbia staff as well as the rest of the K-8 staff in the district. High numbers of our high school students are participating in a variety of sports and extracurricular activities this year. They are having fun and experiencing many successes. Another focus for the high school this year includes promoting what is called the "Bruin Way" among the students and faculty. The Bruin Way builds student leadership and promotes building a more positive student culture and climate in the high school. The Bruin Way was developed through a collaborative process between students and staff at CHS.
Again I hope you have a great time at the annual alumni social and thank you for being part of the Columbia Alumni!

Jerry Lewis
White Salmon Valley School Superintendent

Editor's Note/Comments

Thank you all around !

First, thank you to each of our alumni family. Your support this year was wonderful. From a banner year in CASPE donations, bequeaths and memorials – see the CASPE report on page 24 — to all of your support and encouragement.
Second, thank you to each member of the Alumni Committee – a core cadre of hard workers, our officers, committee members, and the stand-by crew that shows up anytime we have something to do.
And third, our new newsletter team this year ! Foremost our Editor Emeritus Geneva Meyers who's always available to advise our new crew, my Co-Editor is Nancy (Babb) McGraw with an eagle eye to correct my errors, my helpers collecting up this pile of photos, names, reports, inputs and a fun piece or two – must be over 20 helpers now.
And then there is our composer Elaine (Grear) Bakke, Class of 1976, the Publisher of the White Salmon Enterprise, who's making this year's publication look good. Add last year's photog Sheila Spring who made you all look good; well most of us. Our photog for this year's reunion will be Darlisa Black, Class of 1976, get your best smiles out for her.
Here is the serious stuff. Our treasurer, Ruth (Viall) Bolstad got the "word" from the banker to cleanup our Association's guidance about how to make your checks out. The payee line on **all checks** to us needs to be **WS-CHS Alumni Assoc. Reunion**.

That stands for White Salmon Columbia High School Alumni Association Reunion and is the bank payee line for all our activities, committees, and projects.
You are welcome to direct us to put your contributions to work for your favorite cause by putting these on the memo line of your check. For example: CASPE, Newsletter, Dinners, Social Hour, Raffle, Decorations, Newsletter Ad etc. And then we keep them separate in the accounting or in case of CASPE the investments.
The registration "Ticket Reservations 2015" form helps with all this by consolidating your contributions into one check. Thank you for your continued generous support.
Now to our new web site, getting the newsletter by an email notice and our Face Book page (see page 2). Our incoming Vice President Dennis Hill and yours truly will be releasing these new sources after their tests. These are all efforts to reach out in the social media to our youngest classes and more recent graduates. We are committed to continue to publish and mail this newsletter annually before the reunion.
This is a **help request**: Do you know any of our **1980 or 1981 graduates**? We would like to send them these

newspapers. They are coming up on their 40th reunion year when they join us in this Association. So get out your address book and send their current address to us at WS-CHS Alumni Assoc. Reunion, PO Box 974, White Salmon WA 98672-0974 or email to Eula (Nichols) Smith our registrar at eula@gorge.net

The current Columbia High School classes are adopting a "new" mantra in their focus on the BRUIN WAY. The senior's leadership class, the students and faculty have put this in the center of this year's study.
B Be the following. Everyone is different, But at CHS **I will BE**
R Responsible. I will strive to be reliable, punctual, take action to better all
U United. Together we hold / strengthen to help overcome challenges
I Inspiring. I will lead by example, engaged, learning, helping ...
N Nice. I will treat others with respect, embrace differences...
W Willing. I will participate in class, activities, promote the positives
A Active. I will step out, work with others, be involve in community
Y You Can! Everyone has differences, but at CHS **You Can** be change!
Thank you again! It's a pleasure to serve as your Co Editor, Gary Clouse (Class of 1960)

Ponder on this for a few minutes – most of our parents or grandparents would have seen this. What a difference a century makes!
One hundred years ago – year 1914.
The average **life expectancy** for men was 47 years.
Fuel for a car was sold only in drug stores.
Only 14 percent of the homes had a **bathtub**.
Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.
There were only 8,000 cars and only **144 miles** of paved roads.
The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.
The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.
The average US wage in 1910 was **22 cents per hour**.
The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year ...
A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year,
A dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian

between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year. More than 95 percent of all births took place at home.
Ninety percent of all **Doctors** had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION!
Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press AND the government as "substandard."
Sugar cost four cents a pound.
Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.
Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.
Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used Borax or egg yokes for shampoo.
Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.

The five leading causes of death were:
Pneumonia and influenza
Tuberculosis
Diarrhea
Heart disease
Stroke

The American flag had 45 stars ...
The population of Las Vegas, Nevada was only 30.
Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented yet.
There was neither a Mother's Day nor a Father's Day
Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write and only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.
Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at the local corner drugstores.
In those days pharmacists said, "Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health."
>Shocking<

Eighteen percent of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help.
There were only 230 reported murders in the ENTIRE U.S.A. !

Try to imagine what it will be like in another 100 years. Scary

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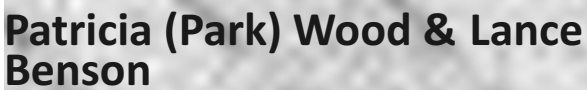
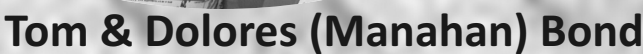
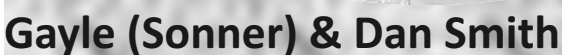


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**We welcomed the new class to our association for their 40th year since graduation.
GO BRUINS!!!**



**CLASS OF 1974 -- (front) Michael Whitson, Teresa (Ward)
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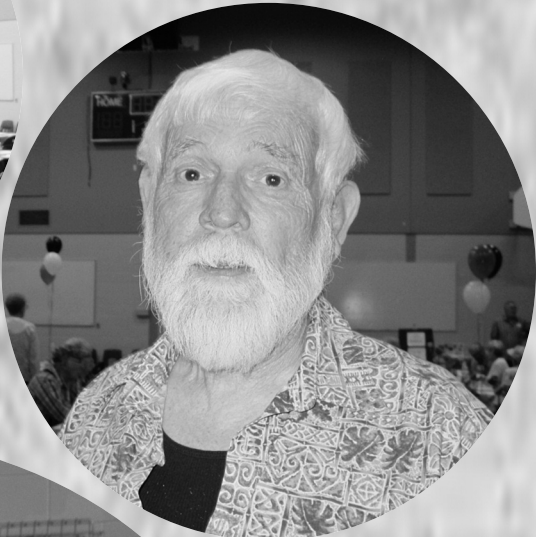
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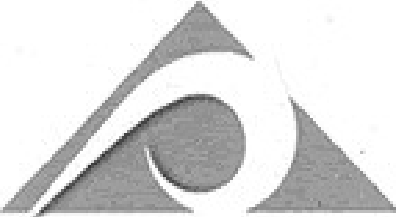
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Registration Fees	\$6,735.00		
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$6,744.02		

Catering, Supplies, Water	\$4,952.00		
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Programs	\$ 207.00		
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$5,437.23	\$ 1,306.79	

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Advertising	\$1,225.00		
Donations	\$2,436.00		
<u>Total Income</u>	\$3,661.00		

Setup	\$ 920.00		
Printing	\$ 925.00		
Mailing	\$ 564.73		
Post Office Returns	\$ 44.46		
<u>Total Expenses</u>	\$2,454.19	\$ 1,206.81	

Raffle			
Tickets Sold	\$1,970		
Tickets Printed	\$ 170.93		
Prize Winner (Monetary)	\$ 500.00		
Carriage House Fees	\$ 554.00		
Gambling License	\$ 53.00		
Postage, misc.	\$ 41.09		
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$1,319.02	\$ 650.98	

<u>REUNION NET PROCEEDS</u>	<u>\$3,164.58</u>
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<u>CASPE Scholarship Fund</u>		
Contributions-CASPE		\$144,336.71
Contributions-Memorials		\$ 1,405.00
<u>TOTAL</u>		\$145,741.71

Awarded 10 scholarships of \$1,500 each for a total of \$15,000!

Balance in Proactive Financial Portfolio as of 12/31/14: \$521,967.40

Your Generous Contributions Help

Your contributions to our Alumni Newsletter have been generous and we appreciate those who have responded to our plea for help in assisting with the rising printing and mailing costs.

We started the 2014 year with a balance carried forward from 2013 of \$2,817.64. Thanks to the help of our CHS Alumni and our faithful advertising contributors, we had contributions of \$3,661.00 and after 2014 expenses of \$2,454.19, the 2014 balance carried forward is \$4,024.45.

We hope the New Year is healthy and prosperous for you all and please remember that any and all contributions are welcome.

Note: To the classes of 1976-1980 who have not yet been inducted into the Reunion, but receive the newspaper, you may contribute by sending your generous contributions to White Salmon CHS Alumni Association Reunion, PO Box 974, White Salmon, WA 98672.

Ruth Bolstad, Treasurer, White Salmon CHS Alumni Association Reunion

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Earl Dean Memorial Scholarship
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Memorials

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Jack Burns

Missing Alumni 2014

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Kristie (Winter) Billette (1977)
Martha (Hogberg) Aspy (1978)
Marion (Barney) Baty (1976)
Bill Boiley (1959)
Dwayne Ellson (1969)
Roger Enos (1954)
Terry Green (1979)
Virginia (Jones) Hall (1952)
Blake Henderson (1969)
Dale Johnson (1944)
Hope (Baker) Jones (1975)
Arthur McCoy (1960)
Gayle (Bryan) Millet (1974)
Ray Phelps (1974)
Gary Smalley (1959)
Glen Sprague (1979)
Terry Turkson (1969)
Jill (Siemans) Warren (1963)
Ginger (Dechand) Norman (1971)
Viola (Clements) King (1961)
Esther (Cowly) Neinast (1943)

2014 Deceased List

We have lost the following Alumni

1938 Doris (McEwen) Lemley
1940 Eva (Hawkins) Walker
1945 Juanita (Arnold) Schmid
1947 Bob Dickey
1948 Allie (Maupin) Mulkey
1949 Dale Hawes
1949 Dan Mathews
1950 Wilma (Rogers) Bryan
1951 Don Henry
1952 Jim Meadows
1953 Bill Hearn
1954 Bill Simmons
1956 Jim Creighton
1957 James Estey
1960 Junior Blevins
1961 Pamela (Cuff) Hoisington
1963 Patsy (Henegar) Cochran
1971 John (Randy) Asher
1974 Colleen (Roe) Engh
1978 Kari (Elliot) Huling

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CLASS OF 1940 -- Anne (Margraf) Ward



CLASS OF 1941 -- Virginia (Gross) Jager, Lorraine (Elmer) Hill, Eugene "Buggs" Hill

The Classes



CLASS OF 1942 -- Barbara (Young) Graves



CLASS OF 1943-- Robert Krenz, Florence (Manly) Keehn



CLASS OF 1944 -- Dan Kramer, Lester Mulkey

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CLASS OF 1947 -- Wayne Carlock, Elmerna (McCoun) DeBolt



CLASS OF 1948 -- Evelyn (Grunke) Krenz, Clara (Grunke) Carlock, Leona (Henry) Walker, Helen (Lehmann) Watkins, Mary Ann (Holtmann) Voigt, ML "Charlie" (Kreps) Shattuck



CLASS OF 1949 -- Leggitta (Cox) Child, Bill Scroggins, Elizabeth (Castle) Cole



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CLASS OF 1952 -- Kathryn (Barker) Landgren, Jim Pierson



CLASS OF 1953 -- (front): Shirley (Kapp) Azure, Betty Lou (Johnson) Hunsaker, Vivian (Burris) Lilly; (back): Albert "Laddie" Cole, Monty Crews, Sherry (Dean) VanAlstine



CLASS OF 1954 -- (front): Duane Stephenson; (back): Bruce Cuffel, Amy (Kelly) Kelley, Jack Kelley



CLASS OF 1955 -- Joyce (Pierson) Stembridge, Bessie (Nickols) O'Neal, Ann (Blevins) Clark, Nadine (Brown) McCracken, Paul Hollamon (attended, missed photos)



CLASS OF 1956 -- Floid (Miller) Pierson, Janice (Frey) Ulrich, Bill Holtmann, Jeanne (Creighton) Doty, Russell Dallas, Gayle (Sonner) Smith, Dolly (Manahan) Bond

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