

COLUMBIA Alumni

2018

Fellow Alumnus,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the incoming Class of 1978 to this year's CHS Alumni Association Reunion. We will also recognize and welcome the 50-year reunion of the Class of 1968.

As we recognize new members we want to encourage them and anyone interested to volunteer their time to the Alumni reunion staff either as a helper or board member. Many of our positions are open to any person who attended CHS during the past 40 years. Some volunteer positions require very little time while other positions would require more of a commitment. If you're interested in helping even a small amount please contact any of the board members listed in this issue or email ws.chs.alumni.ar@gmail.com.

Attendance for 2017 was up to over 400 and it was nice to see new faces and those who took time to travel a great distance. Social hour (2-5 p.m.) has become a huge success especially this past year and we look forward to seeing those of you who haven't attended recently. The snacks and beverages provided for social hour were excellent as always.

Alumni who enjoy the social hour are invited to stay for the class photos which start at 4 p.m. Photography Session times for each class are available on all the dinner tables and provided at various other stations in the gymnasium for you to view at your convenience.



We want to extend our thanks to Geri (Hunsaker) Jacobs and her crew who have prepared the Alumni dinner the past 12 years beginning in 2006. Geri is handing over the reins to a new caterer which we are pleased to announce will be Ben-eventi's this year. As many of you know they're huge contributors to our community in so many ways. Once again thank you Geri and crew and enjoy your retirement.

A special part of the 2017 reunion was the presence of three of the Ohnemus brothers. As many of you know their donation was the catalyst which monetarily pushed the CASPE fund towards its goal of providing multiple scholarships to CHS graduates. Thank you to the whole Ohnemus family for their thoughtful gift so many years ago. Remember that donations to the CASPE fund are tax deductible and please take advantage of the 501 (c) - (3) for donations to our non-profit organization. What a wonderful thing to give a student a gift to further their education.

Another special moment this last year was the recognition of Wayne and Clara Carlock receiving the Gayle MacKay Service Award. The Carlocks have given back to the community and school district throughout the years and deserve this recognition. Congratulations!

We are looking forward to this year's reunion and hope to see another great attendance and those new and absent faces from all classes. See you June 2!

Harry Harvey, President
CHS Alumni Association

This is our 13th year of sending the Alumni Newsletter to all classes through 1983. Classes thru 1978 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 (2019) the class of 1979 will be invited. We are looking for good addresses for those next five classes to have contact information and introduce them to our reunions.

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GOOD LUCK!!!!!!

IT'S TIME TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE ANNUAL ALUMNI MEETING
SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2018, -- SOCIAL HOUR, 2-5 P.M. -- BUSINESS MEETING, 5 P.M. -- DINNER, 6 P.M.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, PHONE:

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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 for which the Alumni Association is extremely appreciative. Extend visiting with fellow Alumni by planning to attend the breakfast on Sunday morning.

"CONTACT US"

HELP REQUEST: Looking for 1978 through 1983 graduates contact info. They are coming up on their 40th reunion year when they will join the Alumni Association. Send current addresses and emails of classmates to:

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or send **e-mail** with the subject line: "Alumni address update" to Eula Nickols Smith - eula@gorge.net

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Besides the CHS Alumni's ongoing commitment to publish and mail this newsletter annually before each reunion, they're also making an effort to reach out via social media and websites to the younger class groups.



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Enclosed is check payable to **WS-CHS Alumni Association Reunion** for either **1 or 2** (circle selection):
1) Raffle Tickets. Please send _____ tickets, \$5.00 each 2) Donation to scholarship \$_____ amount donated.

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From the Mail Bag

Hello;

I really thought I would be able to come this year, but family is more important and I am needed here. I am in pretty good health for my 87 years and keep really busy being the designated driver for family doctor appointments. It keeps me busy. One of my granddaughters is getting married and there's a lot to take care of now.

Maybe I can come next year and bring my companion. I was so happy to see the pictures of Evelyn and Clara (Grunke) and Leona Mae (Henry) Walker – they look great! Of course I liked all the pictures, feel they were my very good friends!

Sincerely, Jeanne (Ericson) Miller

BIG THANKS to all who organize this annual event, create the fun Columbia Alumni Newsletter, and support and manage the CASPE scholarship fund.

Teresa (Ward) Monahan (1974)

Alumni;

I will not be able to attend due to illness.

Margaret (Miller) Goodwin

Alumni;

I will not be attending because of no transportation. The newsletter is interesting and I would like to have it sent each year. Thank you for the past years letters.

Leola (Knapp) Pearson

Dear Friends;

I am still practicing law part time, doing work for an old friend, mostly depositions. And still active in Sons of Norway Lodge, sing in a church choir, and volunteer as a docent in an auto museum. Since my right hip was replaced last summer my mobility has improved.

Best regards to all, John Glovka

Columbia Alumni;

Sorry can't attend, body wouldn't handle the mileage. My age is 92 and from the Class of 1942 learned about bombing of Pearl Harbor from Principal Mr. Breneman at morning class assembly.

God bless all, Gilbert Sampson

Dear Alumni Reunion Organizers;

Received the wonderful "full of pictures" newletter and although I don't know most of the smiling faces, it is good to read "Krenz, Triplett, Balsiger, DeWalt" and many of the

Editor's Note:
These letters are in response to last year's 2017 paper. Letters were all typed for the newsletter as received.

"old timer" White Salmon family names.

As I grew up in White Salmon it is still very dear to me. I read that C.F. Breneman's grandsons attended the 2016 reunion. All of the "old timers" have such fond memories of him. He "graduated" the same year I did, 1943. Kay Murphy Schlinkman, Frank Heyl and I would appreciate having an address to send his family some of our memories of a super principal.

I won't be able to attend this year's reunion. My husband of 68 years, Joe Keehn, passed away in January, plus I am dealing with some health problems.

Florence (Manly) Keehn

Alumni;

I will not be able to attend. Not able to drive that far. Sorry.

Kathleen "Sue" (Smith) Bennett

Alumni;

Reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated.

Bob Schilling (1973)

(Editor's note: The Alumni received a report of Bob's passing in error and apologizes to Bob and his family).

CHS ALUMNI

It is hard to believe that another year has come and gone and it is time to welcome you back to the 2018 Columbia High School Alumni annual social. Staff changes this year for Columbia High School include Andrea Lorincz, Spanish/ELL teacher; Kelly Hume, ELL teacher, Jareth Robinson, SPED teacher, Wynne Lobel, SPED teacher, and Leslie Wallace, Digital Learning Para-educator.

Student enrollment at Columbia High School remains stable at just over 380, 9-12 grade students. Our graduation rate remains strong at 90% for the class of 2017 and we are dedicated to improving and increasing that rate. Many of our students continue to go on to two-year colleges, four-year colleges, or other postsecondary opportunities. We have to make changes this year to our high school graduation requirements for our incoming freshmen because of new state legislation. The state's current high school graduation requirements will increase from 20 credits to 24 credits for our graduating class of 2021. Columbia High School currently requires 27.5 credits to graduate, but we will have to make some credit revisions to meet the new state graduation requirements.

Columbia High School held a very successful College and Career Fair this year with the help and support of our local community members and the education foundation. Students had the opportunity to attend three workshops focused on college and careers. They also had time to visit the gym, where they could meet with representatives from colleges, the military, and local businesses. The feedback from students and staff was very positive.

This year, the district administrative team continues its work on the development of a district-wide student equity plan. The district serves a very diverse population of students and the focus of the equity plan is to provide each student with the resources and support they need to be successful in all aspects of their educational experience with us. Our district is also navigating through very complex K-12 education legislation passed in 2017. This new legislation will have a negative impact on our district funding next year if changes are not made to current legislation. We are hopeful those changes will be made.

The district is always very grateful for the support we receive from our parents and community. I hope each of you enjoy your time together this year at the annual alumni social as you celebrate good memories and friendships! Thank you for being part of the Columbia High School Alumni!

Jerry Lewis

White Salmon Valley School Superintendent

Editor's Notes & Comments

As we start a new year for our annual CHS Alumni newsletter I want to take this opportunity to thank Gary Clouse for his identification of photos and guidance with this issue. Last year was a side-by-side learning experience with Gary and what I thought was just assisting him has become my new position. Very sneaky Gary!

Many thanks go to the spouses of the Alumni staff who many times step in to assist the board and staff with manual labor. They don't get a lot of recognition, but they are essential in making the reunion a success.

We also want to thank those Alumni who helped this year with setup, teardown, and various other small jobs that need to be done. Thanks to Earl Clubb, John Manly, Luella Estey, Hugh Whitson, Gene Bolstad, Estefani Gallardo (CHS student volunteer) and so many more people I've forgotten. We are very grateful for your assistance in whatever capacity you can give.

Our appreciation to our photographer and fellow Alumni, Darlisa Black (1976) who every year supplies us with a tremendous selection of photos to use in our newsletter.

We wouldn't get too far unless we had Elaine (Greear) Bakke (1976) who does the computer layout and makes it all look wonderful.

I can't say thank you enough to Judy (Cochran) Burns (1962) who identified photos, proofed articles, pages, and advertising. She also recruits volunteers for the registration tables and keeps impeccable records. Whenever I called her for proofing she was

available. Thank you so much!

Finally, but most importantly, our Alumni members have exceeded the previous year's donations to the CASPE Scholarship Fund. Listed on page 16 are the CASPE donations of \$100 or more. We appreciate all

donations whether large or small as it all adds up to make a difference for our graduating CHS seniors. Thank you Alumni for another great year!

Michelle (Meresse) Harvey (1971)
Editor

REUNION PROGRAMS WANTED

The CHS Alumni Assoc. would like to update its historical archives with the following missing reunion programs:

Program Year	Incoming Class
1985	1946
2000	1960
2001	1961
2002	1962
2003	1963
2005	1965
2006	1966
2008	1968
2009	1969
2010	1970
2011	1971

PLEASE mail programs to the following address: CHS Alumni Assoc., PO Box 974, White Salmon, WA 98672; or email: ws.chs.alumni.ar@gmail.com)

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**Dick Montgomery (1964),
Dale Montgomery (1968)**



**Evelyn (Grunke) Krenz (1948), Doug Grunke
(1956), Clara (Grunke) Carlock (1948)**



**Burdeanna (Kelly) Murphy (1963),
Lawrence Kelly (1968), Mary (Kelly)
Brasuell (1975), Amy (Kelly) Kelley (1954)**



**Imogene (Hearn) DeHart (1965),
Jeanie DeHart**



Lance McNamara (1978), Scott McNamara (1977)



**Jim Mansfield (1971), Adele (Portner) Mansfield (1946),
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Boyce Black (1962), Kathy Black



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Andre Lamoreaux (1950)**



**Carol (Evert) Lewis (1957), Geneva (Wall) Meyers
(1958), Sandra (Bebbington) Smith (1957),
Lynda (Sperry) Gray (1957)**



Ed Powell, Lyle Smith (both 1970)



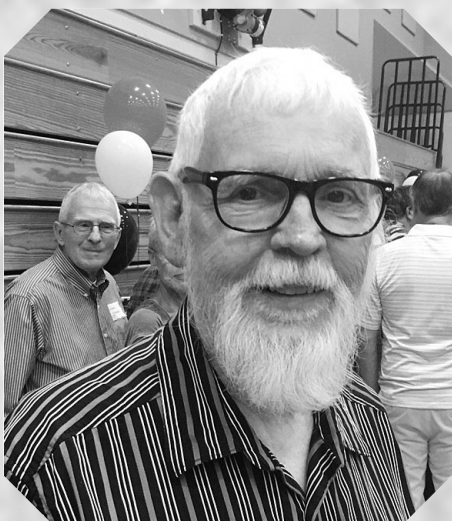
**Carol (Bauguess) Yohn, Alan
Meyers, (both 1971)**



**Lorraine "Raine" (Elmer) Hill
(1941), Joyce (Pierson)
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Candy (Grieb) Yarnell (1969), Dale Montgomery (1968), Cindy (Simpson) Yarnell (1966), John Manly (1969)



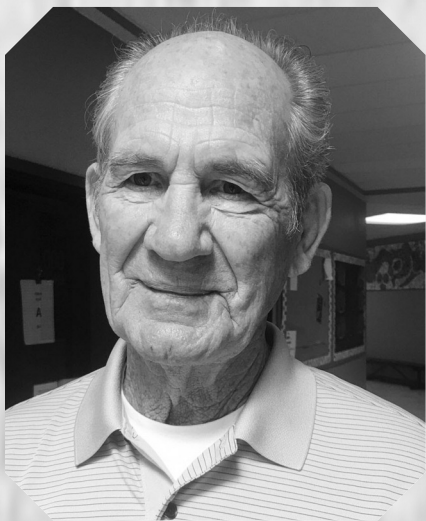
Sandy (Brumbaugh) Vermeire (1967), Bruce Morris (1965), Mooreen Morris



Virginia (Viall) Burns (1960), Idonna (Yeo) Kelley (1959), Beth (Austin) Yarnell (1961)



Don Morby, Harry Harvey, Greg Chamberlain (all 1969)



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**Brad Garrett (1968), Dale Vermeire (1968),
Mike Clarke (1967), speaker for class of 1967
celebrating its 50-year reunion**



**Ruth (Hunsaker) Brown (1963), Ralph
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Bob Garwood (1970), Geraldine (Holtman) Logan (1977) Dennis Hill (1965), Rex Johnston (1964)



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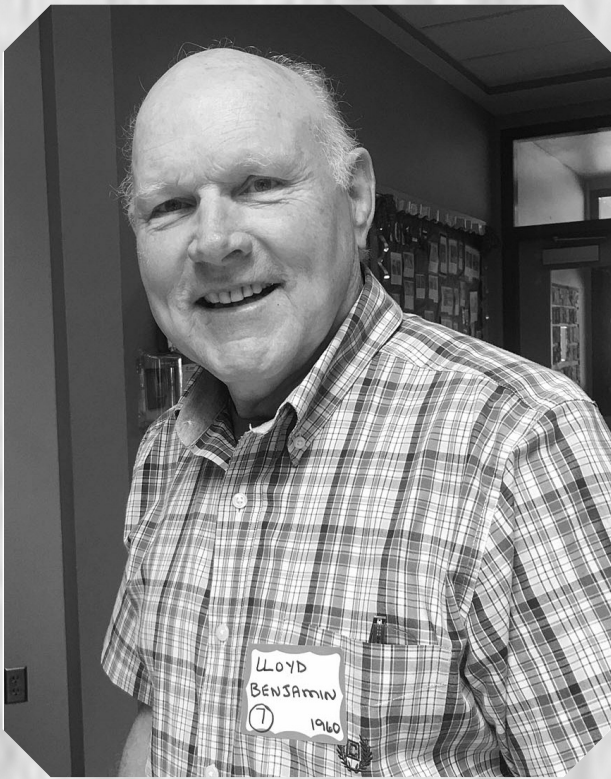
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Our Alumni Talents...

Our Columbia Alumni Association and our series of now 52 reunions are truly rich with the talents and service of the White Salmon River Valley pioneers and leaders. And it continues.

Our communities began to form in the mid to late 1800s. Dozens of small schools began in homes and then small single room school houses. From Mill A to Gilmer, Bingen, Husum, Pleasant View and so many others. These communities began to educate our children for our expanding country and to enrich their lives.

It was in 1910, our early leaders added another floor to the White Salmon Public School building to teach our first high school classes. That class graduated in 1912 in a then “new” brick high school next door. It was on the now playground north of the Whitson Elementary School.

My first grade was in that building in 1948-49. Then the next year we moved to that bright shiny new elementary school adding a classroom each year for the growing baby-boomer population explosion. The Columbia Union High School was built earlier (1924) just to the south on the brow of the hill overlooking the Columbia River. It was built to house the high school students of all the schools around White Salmon and including our students.

Those were wonderful years to grow up in this nurturing town with full growing families. White Salmon and the surrounding communities were recovering from World War II and the Korean Conflict. Can-do veterans and their families were everywhere building and prospering to set the example for our lives.

As we began to research the box full of our reunion history, the names of those families are everywhere. By June 1966, when Harry Talbert called the first reunion to order and Eddith Cornett Leaton recorded the event to celebrate the classes of 1912 thru 1924 and I was on active duty in the Air Force.

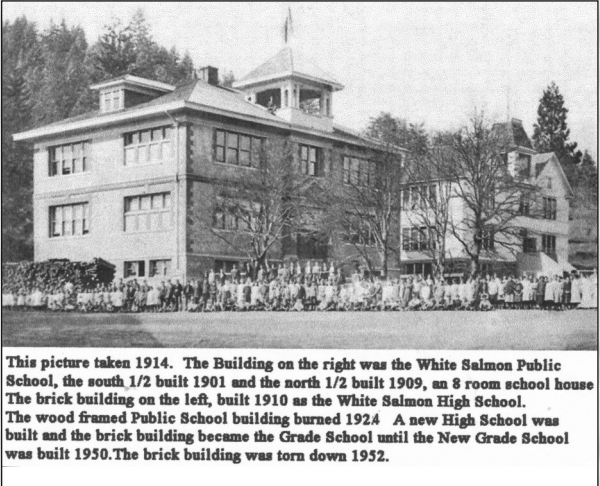
But let’s review those early years and the people who began to honor our high school successes. John Dickey, Orie Kreps, Wm (Bill) Lauterbach, Kenneth Burdick, Dr Warner Henderson, Marian Balsiger and Esther Hendryx with Jessie Peeler filled the President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer positions in those first five years. All the adults I grew up admiring. The reunions were held in the Elks Lodge Ballroom in June each year.

In the next five years more appeared, Amos Pearce, Marie Wyers Kreps, Walter Hunsaker, Sam Dallas, Keith McCoy and Harold Lewis added their names to President and Vice President lists. And we see Zelma Lauterbach, Bette Baker, Ruth Dickey, Huberta Pearce, Mildred Larsen, John Dickey, Ricka Hunsaker, June Irwin, Ruth White, Ardys Doherty, Earl Dean, Rolf Johnson, George Thomas began to appear on the committee lists.

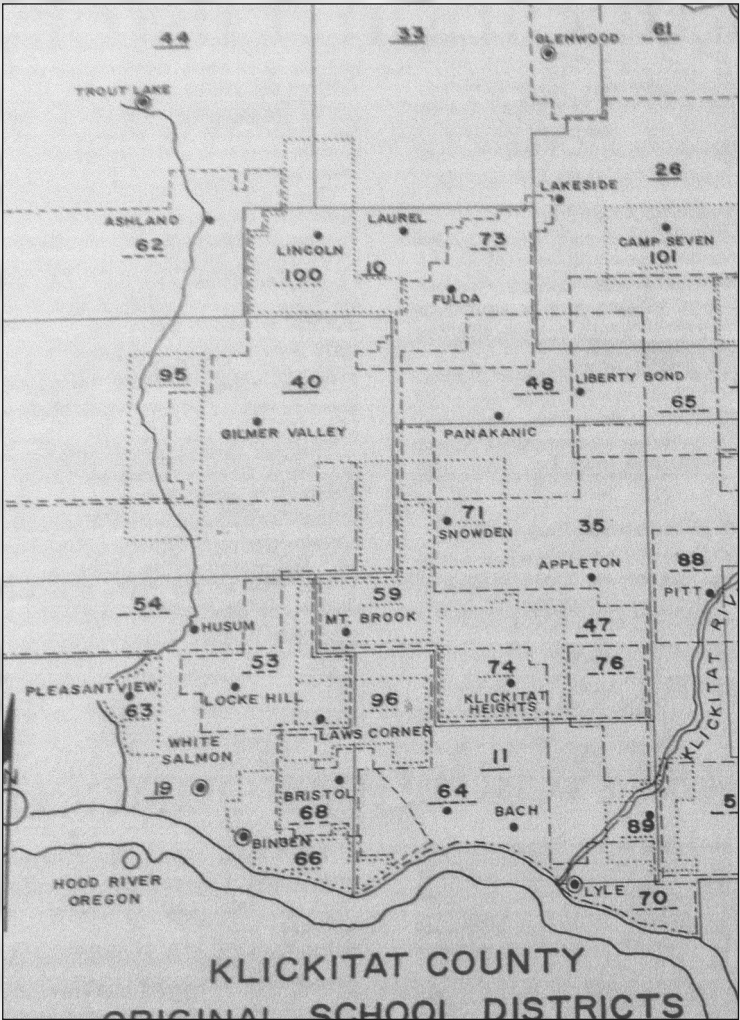
The next five years, Herman Estes, Wm (Bill) Manly, Wm (Bill) Bates, Ken Gardner, Leila Powell, and Jack Christensen all added their names to the President and Vice President lists. Along with Grace Anderson Lutz to replace Esther Hendryx eleven year run as our Secretary-Treasurer. Then Wm (Bill) Manly began his over eight year run as our Secretary-Treasurer after his two years as our President.

At our 16th Reunion in 1981, Jack Christensen and Robert Crane proposed establishing a Scholarship. The idea was met with the reunion crowd literally passing the hat to raise the funds. And in 1982 we issued the first scholarship to Mathew Walker. In those years it was known as the C.F. Brenneman Award to honor an early Principal from the 1930s and 40s. We continued those scholarships through 2002 giving out \$53,000 by passing the hat.

In 1995 Damon Ohnemus gave \$15,000 to our scholarship funds to honor his parents Mr. and Mrs. Omer Ohnemus. This became origin of the Columbia Alumni Scholarship Permanent Endowment fund. When that reached \$100,000 with generous contributions from many of our graduates and families, we began to use the earnings for our annual CASPE scholarships.



This picture taken 1914. The Building on the right was the White Salmon Public School, the south 1/2 built 1901 and the north 1/2 built 1909, an 8 room school house. The brick building on the left, built 1910 as the White Salmon High School. The wood framed Public School building burned 1924. A new High School was built and the brick building became the Grade School until the New Grade School was built 1950. The brick building was torn down 1952.



By 1980 Robert Crane, Richard Balsiger, Donald Warneke, Frank Heyl were added to our President and Vice President list. And we added to the committee help list: Mildred Reeves, Marian Balsiger, Esther Yarnell, Margaret Loose, Lois Camp, Edith Dallas, Mildred Larsen, Mickey Dickey, Maybell West, Walter and Lorraine Hill, Rudy Camp, Sam Dallas, John Gilmer, LeRoy Ziegler, Don Yarnell, Wm Frey, Lila Benson, Goldie Park, Dorisann Balsiger, Wayman Biesanz, Melvin Manly, Walt Hunsaker, Ray Yarnell, Virgil Chamberlain, Dick Balsiger, Dick Mansfield. And Dorisann Balsiger and Marilyn Winebarger are reporting on our newest scholarships.

In 1986-1990 Everett Arnold, Durwood Jaeger, Keith West, Gerry Lane Brashears, Bob Dickey, Dick Stratton were added to our President and Vice President lists. Wm Bill Manly passes the Secretary-Treasurer duties to Virginia Cox Mahieu.

In 1987 our reunion program features a photo of the first White Salmon High School (1911-1924) and a photo of Columbia Union High School (1925-1944) complete with the cupola to spot enemy aircraft in WWII. We became Columbia High School in 1945 with the consolidation with Underwood. (More about our early schools is available in Ralph Brown’s newest edition of “EARLY SCHOOLS OF THE WHITE SALMON AREA” ... it’s a wonderful history).

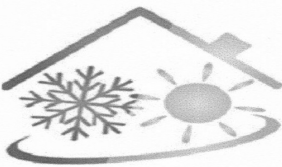
In 1989-2003 we held our reunions in the Park Center (originally the CUHS gymnasium). That campus became a city park including the Park Center in the gym and the School District Office in the old music room. The main floor of the gym is now modernized office space for the Insitu design team to work on unmanned vehicles for Boeing.

The 1986-1990 list of committee help includes: Bill and Audrey Bates, Adele Mansfield, Dorothy Williams, Robert and Alice Crane, Marie Kreps, Nolan Biesanz, Calvin Arnold, Florence Keehn, Verne Newell, Kenneth Gross, Jim Robinson, Keith West, Rex Brooks, Cleo Smith, Gerry Brashears, Dorothy Williams, Elsie Robinson, Adele Manly, Donna Hughes, Ilma Gaston, Doris Lemley, Mildred Nielson, Mildred Larsen, Arthur Caven,

GAYLE (Fink) MacKAY SERVICE AWARD

This service award is given to those who have given untiring volunteer hours to either the CHS Alumni Association, Columbia High School, or to the surrounding communities that are within the White Salmon Valley School District. It is named after its first recipient.

2006	Gayle (Fink) MacKay
2007	Wayman Biesanz
2008	Dick Stratton and Marilyn (Schmidt) Winebarger
2009	George Cox
2010	Don MacKay
2011	Judy (Cochran) Burns
2012	Gayle (Sonner) Krenz
2013	William Manly
2014	Geneva (Wall) Meyers
2015	Jerry and Lois Baker
2016	Eugene and Lorraine Hill
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In the early 1990s Elaine Duus Sinclair, Shirley Tebbs Verley, Don Henry, Billie Harris Rose and Helen Lehmann Watkins joined our President and Vice President lists. By 1994 when Virginia Cox Mahieu ended a long run as our Secretary-Treasurer it became two positions with Darlene Kreps Johnson and Marilyn Schmidt Winebarger caring for our records.

In 1991 Dick Stratton started our Columbia Alumni Newsletter and did that wonderfully for the next 13 years. Annual programs continued at reunions in these years with the Vice Presidents or past-presidents leading the program duties.

Those programs only list the committee chairs in most of those years: Dick and Dorisann Balsiger, Elaine Duus Sinclair, Shirley Tebbs Verley, Dwight Phillip, Billie Harris Rose, Helen Lehmann Watkins led the Registration efforts; Adele Portner Mansfield, Elsie DeWilde Robinson and the Grunke gals (Freda Holtman, Clara Carlock, Evelyn Krenz) chaired the decorating; Gene “Ray” Verley put the greeting teams together, Vern Newell found help to arrange tables and Marilyn Schmidt Winebarger chaired the scholarship team and announced our winners at the reunions.

By 2000 Lester Virgil Mulkey, George Cox, Robert Krenz, Raymond Lemley had joined our honored list of Presidents and Vice Presidents. And Dorisann Stratton Balsiger and Mary Anne Holtmann Voigt did the Secretary duties along with Marilyn Schmidt Winebarger on her long run in the Treasurer tasks.

The history box is missing some of the programs for early 2000 years. And in 2002 Bill and Maggie Frey, Ron Logan, Jim and Karen Rhoads did the registration duties; Evelyn Grunke Krenz (and the other Grunke sisters), Bill Hollenbeck and Adele Portner Mansfield did the decorations for several years. And Mary Ann Holtmann Voigt arranged the tables.

In 2004 we began to hold our reunions in the Henkle Middle School gym on the Bruin Campus. Our CHS graduating seniors held their ceremonies in the new High School on this Bruin campus in 1971. And our fully mature CASPE scholarships were awarding multiple \$1,000 awards to each class.

It was 2004 Gayle Fink MacKay became the Alumni Newsletter Editor (letting Dick Stratton retire for the third or fourth try). She built our newsletter for five years taking the photographs and editing the paper to completion. Her dedication included delivering the photos to the publisher the year of her death allowing that next edition (2010) to go ahead with Geneva Wall Meyers to pick up the completion that year. Gayle Sonner Krenz helped and lead the newsletter mailing team.

In 2004 Christy Logan Obermire arranged the registration team and Janice McCoy Jones lead the decorations as did Frieda Burris Carleton and Marilyn Schmidt Winebarger the next year.

By 2005 Bill Hollenbeck, Bob Durham, Ted Sperry, Joanne McCall Thibeau, Cam Thomas, Rita Burris Hickey and Steve Burris appear on the President and Vice President lists. Dick Stratton and Gayle Sonners Krenz served us as Treasurer and Mary Ann Holtmann Voigt as Secretary. In 2008 Luella Harding Estey and Beth Austin Yarnell did the decorations.

By 2010 Ted Lehmann, Nancy Babb Brummel, Steve Burris all served as President and Vice President along with Mary Anne Holtmann Voigt as Secretary and Judy Cochran Burns focused on Treasurer duties.

2011 to 2015 Geneva Wall Meyers and Gayle Sonner Krenz worked the Newsletter ... Beth Austin Yarnell, Ray and Linda Walker did decorations ... Max Logan, Ray Walker and Harry Harvey collected-up the advertising... Dale Palmer, Ruth Viall Bolstad, Kathy Yeo Grisanti did Treasurer duties ... by 2015 yours truly was editing this newsletter with lots of help.

By 2015 Luella Harding Estey, Jack Kapp, George Cox (again), Pat Frederick Kreps Wyers, Mike Yarnell, Harry Harvey were added to our top leadership duties. Eula Nickols Smith began her long run as our Secretary. Judy Cochran Burns passed her treasurer duties to Dale Palmer for a couple years.

Currently Harry Harvey serves as our President, Dennis Hill as Vice President, Eula Nickols Smith as Secretary and Ruth Viall Bolstad as our Treasurer.

All-in-all, it has been a growing list of super stars of our White Salmon area – a list of real leaders. You as graduates of the Columbia High Schools regardless of which building have built a formidable achievement in our CASPE scholarship program and our records of successes. I am proud to pass this newsletter on to Michelle Meresse Harvey. And move on to other tasks.

Gary Clouse (1960), Former Editor.

(Photo credit to Ralph Brown and “The Early Years of White Salmon and Surrounding Areas” Facebook page)



Max Lyons (1973), Sue (Lyons) Rosenbloom (1967), Bob Rosenbloom



Lucille Bennett



Tom Gross, Linda (Hayes) Brummel (both 1967)

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Thank You OHNEMUS FAMILY



**Doug Ohnemus (1952), Dan Ohnemus (1954),
Donald Ohnemus (1957)**

From 1982 until 1996 the CHS Alumni Association passed a hat and collected several smaller scholarships that were given away each year to deserving Columbia High School graduates.

In 1995 Damon Ohnemus honored both his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Omer Ohnemus, along with the Class of 1951 by donating \$15,000 to the CHS Alumni Association and a permanent endowment fund was established called CASPE. The CASPE committee is a sub-committee of the Alumni Association and reports directly to the Alumni board.

With contributions each year from passing the hat at the annual all-class reunion the permanent endowment fund in 1996 and 1997 was able to give away \$4,000 that year in scholarships.

In 2003 CASPE received another large donation from the estate of Darlene Ohnemus of slightly over \$34,000, and that year CASPE was able to give away eight \$1,000 scholarships.

Each year CASPE continues to receive donations from many different Alumni (including the Ohnemus family) and in 2016 was able to give thirteen \$2,000 scholarships as well as this past year with eleven \$2,000 scholarships.

The permanent endowment fund has grown to over \$600,000 and each April the CASPE committee carefully goes over all scholarship applicants and awards chosen CHS applicants an award to help with their first year college expenses.

There are many "thank yous" that need to be given, but CASPE owes a huge thank you to the Ohnemus family for their many past and future donations to CASPE.

Hugh Whitson, CASPE Chairperson

The Gayle MacKay Service Award for 2017



Clara (Grunke) Carlock (1948), Wayne Carlock (1947)



**Ralph Brown (1961),
Chef Geri (Hunsaker) Jacobs (1973)**



**Robert Benjamin (1957), Charley Thornburgh,
Donna (Logan) Mollet (1960), Loyd Benjamin (1960)**



**Darlisa Black, Cary
(Carlton) Campbell
(both 1976)**



**Kathy (Neilson)
Baker (1977)**

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**Geneva (Wall) Meyers (1958),
Beth (Austin) Yarnell (1961)**

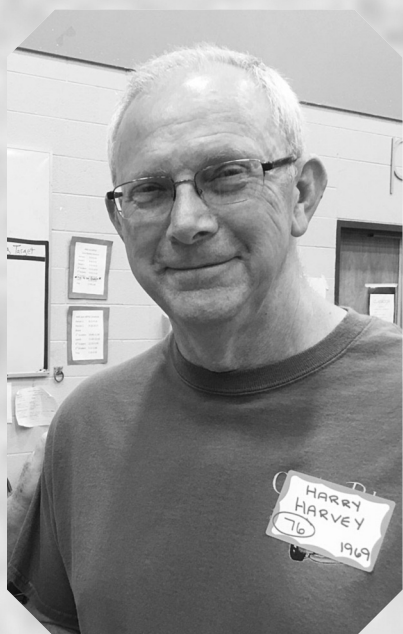
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**Dennis Hill (1965),
Eula (Nickols) Smith (1961),
Gail Logan**



**Ruth (Viall) Bolstad
(1965)**



**Harry Harvey
(1969)**



Max Logan (1960)



**Hugh Whitson
(1969)**



**Arlene (Benjamin) Thornburgh,
Judy (Cochran) Burns (both 1962)**



**Gary Clouse
(1960)**



**Ray Walker
(1961)**



**George Cox
(1952)**



Michelle (Meresse) Harvey (1971)



Kathy (Yeo) Grisanti (1965)

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2017 Reunion Summary Report

Reunion	Income	Expense	Balance
Registration Fees	\$7,492.00		
TOTAL INCOME	\$7,492.00		
Catering, Supplies, Water		\$4,650.00	
Decorations		\$ 169.52	
Janitor		\$ 99.00	
Photographer		\$ 75.00	
Programs		\$ 100.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$5,093.52	\$ 2,398.48
Newsletter			
Advertising	\$1,125.00		
Donations	\$2,232.50		
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,457.50		
Supplies		\$ 192.80	
Printing		\$1,836.62	
Mailing		\$ 626.89	
Post Office Returns		\$ 43.50	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$2,699.81	\$ 757.69
Raffle			
Tickets Sold	\$2,125.00		
Tickets Printed		\$ 179.53	
Prize Winner (Monetary)		\$ 500.00	
Carriage House Fees		\$ 661.00	
Supplies		\$ 85.31	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$1,425.84	\$ 699.16
REUNION NET PROCEEDS			\$3,855.33
Scholarship Fund (CASPE)			
Contributions-Scholarships			\$ 10,728.00
Contributions-Memorials			\$ 860.00
TOTAL			\$ 11,588.00

Awarded 11 scholarships of \$2,000 each for a total of \$22,000!

Balance in Proactive Financial Portfolio as of 12/31/17: \$611,056.32

Thank You For Your Generous Contributions in 2017

You've all been very generous with your contributions this past year and it is greatly appreciated. The contribution by business owners who placed ads in the newsletter and the personal donations allow us to send you the newsletter each year. We currently have a balance of \$4,645.21.

We look forward to another good Alumni Reunion, which we all know you will enjoy. Please remember that all net proceeds from reunion activities help fund the scholarships given out each year and any extra funds will increase our investment account balance.

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: WS CHS Alumni Association Reunion and make a note on the check as to where the funds should be used, (i.e., scholarships, newsletter, memorial, etc.).

We are still in need of volunteers to assist committees and to fill officer positions!

We are searching for volunteers to help to fill several positions that are soon to be vacated, so please help us. I am in need of an Assistant Treasurer to learn the Quick Books Accounting system and then move into the Treasurer position. I will be glad to give any information to help you understand what is required of this position. Please contact me at 360-907-1221, Hugh Whitson, 509-493-3173, Jonathan Blake, 509-493-2266, Harry Harvey, 503-781-1243, of the Nominating Committee.

Ruth Bolstad, Treasurer

January through December 2017

CASPE INCOME

(over \$100)

Angell, Joanne (Tahara)	1976
Baker, Lois	Volunteer
Benjamin, Patricia (Dallas)	1951
Benson, Lance	1961
Blades, Bob	1965
Blades, Dianne (Harding)	1965
Bolstad, Gene & Ruth (Viall)	1965
Brown, Ralph & Ruth (Hunsaker)	1961/1963
Burdega, Janice (Anderson)	1966
Burns, Judy (Cochran)	1962
Carlson, Susan (Anderson)	1966
Caskey, Steven	1966
Chubb, Terry	1969
Clark, David	1967
Clarke, Mark	1970
Clouse, Gary	1960
Dallas, Norman	1960
Dick, Darlene (Young)	1967
Evans, Shirley (Rodgers)	1967
Gibbons, Jerry	1962
Glovka, John	1950
Grisanti, Kathy (Yeo)	1965
Harvey, Harry & Michelle (Meresse)	1969/1971
Hill, Dennis	1965
Hill, David	1947
Hore, Jerry	1962
Hunsaker, Betty Lou (Johnson)	1953
Irish, Brian & Jill (Dickinson)	1966/1967
Johnson, Ken	1966
Kapp, Jack & Mary (Olsen)	1958
King, Diane (Schilling)	1954
Kramer, Dan	1944
Lehmann, Richard	1964
Leslie, Emily (Markgraf)	1938
Logan, Ron	1958
Lynn, Karen (Anderson)	1961
Mansfield, Philip "Flip"	1963
Monahan, Teresa (Ward)	1974
Mosbrucker, Donald	1963
Murray, Michael Dale	1979
Nail, Nancy (Coulson)	1964
Nelson, John	1960
Ohnemus, Donald	1957
Ohnemus, Duane	1959
Ohnemus, Marynell (Glovka)	1960
Panko, Veronica (Harding)	1964
Parks, Terri (Burke)	1962
Portner, Dr. Lester "Scott"	1966
Potts, Michael	1967
Rhoads, Pauline (Rodgers)	1966
Richardson, Muriel (Gray)	1944
Robinson, Kenneth	1968
Romes, Susan (Chamberlain)	1971
Rosenbloom, Sue (Lyons)	1967
Rude, Dan	1961
Slocum, Calvin & Betty (Ziegler)	1955/1957
Smith, Eula (Nickols)	1961
Spencer, Elaine (Glovka)	1957
Tolbert, Michael	1963
Vermeire, Dale & Sandy (Brumbaugh)	1968/1967
Weatherly, Laurence	1964
Wenz, Bill	1966
West, Jerry	Teacher
Wyers, Pat (Frederick) Kreps	1958
Yarnell, Beth (Austin)	1961
Yarnell, Esther (Larsen)	1938
Yarnell, Lenard	1964

IN MEMORY OF...

Connie (Powell) Pharis	1966
Dianna (Bronson) Russell	1961

2017 Missing Alumni

Please help us find addresses for the following alumni who had their newsletter returned to us by the post office or who belong to the incoming class:

Adams, Kelly	1978
Beauchamp, Bobby Joe	1978
Bradshaw, Scott	1978
Bucher, Ralph Jr.	1978
Carr, Ryan	1978
Chappel, Candace	1978
Chappel, Lila May	1978
Davis, Richard	1978
Day, Nora	1978
Flurry, Albert	1978
Greenwell, Jerry	1978
Holmes, Christopher	1978
Johnston, Debbie	1976
Kazuko, Mihara	1978
Lamoreaux, David	1979
Moore, Kenneth	1978
Rayburn, Steve	1964
Roshone, Donald	1978
Sanders, Cleo	1978
Stanton, Brendolyn	1978
Timothy, Pat (McMahon)	1975
Truelove, Kevin	1978
Udall, John	1978
Wedrick, Joel	1978

2017 Deceased List

1937	Frank Markgraf
1941	Virginia (Gross) Jager
1944	Eva (Ziegler) Frazer
1949	Dollie (Gesford) Lewis
1951	Mary Jane (Yarnell) Arnold
1952	Bobby Jean (Lawrence) Bird
1952	Ed Grove
1953	Larry Windom
1954	Norma (Williams) Miller
1956	Betty (Lawrence) Ruark
1956	Janice (Talbert) Spring
1958	Wesley Cooke
1958	Bob Miller
1959	Vonna (Rake) Parham
1963	Terry Woosley
1963	Sharon (Panko) Collins
1966	Connie (Powell) Pharis
1967	Kathy Anne Guy
1972	Bonnie (Parsons) Harris
1972	Dennis Voight
1976	Mike Billette
1978	Alyn Schwinge
1979	Mike Denny
1988	Scott Nielson

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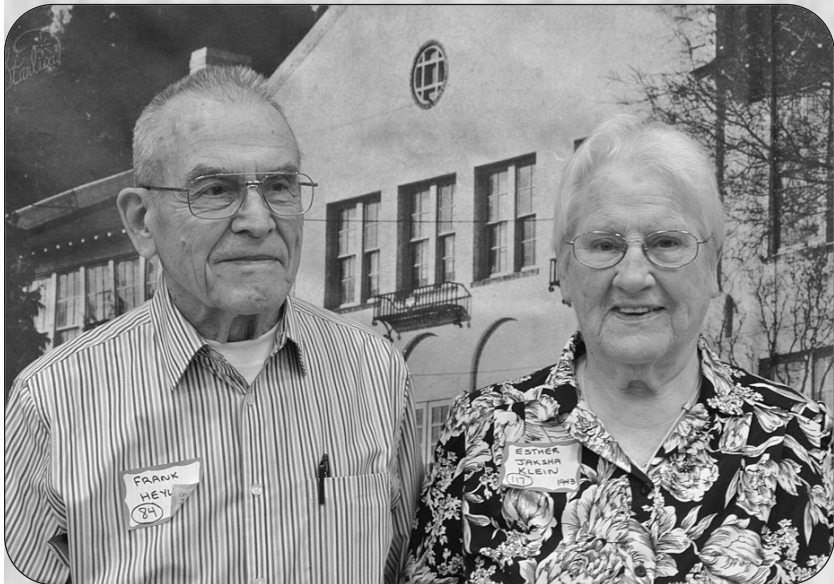




**CLASS OF 1939 --
Catherine (Meresse) Garrett**



**CLASS OF 1941 -- Eugene "Bugs" Hill and
Lorraine "Raine" (Elmer) Hill**



**CLASS OF 1943 -- Frank Heyl,
Esther (Jaksha) Klein**



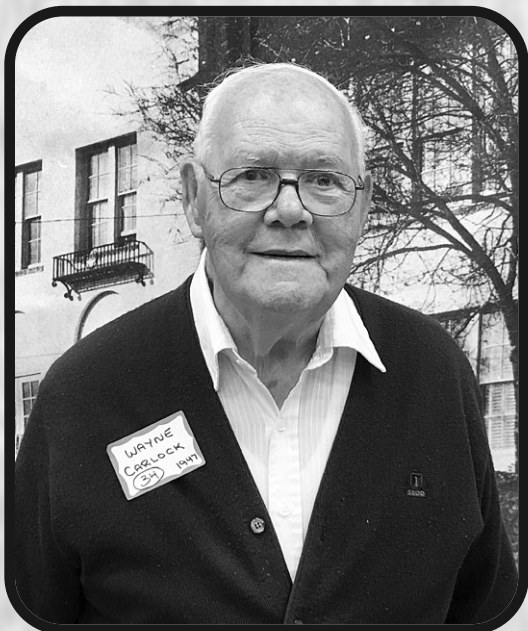
**CLASS OF 1944 -- Don Warneke, Durwood Jaeger,
Dan Kramer**



**CLASS OF 1946 -- OJ (Kreps)
Hecomovich, Adele (Portner) Mansfield**



**CLASS OF 1948 -- Leona (Henry) Walker, Evelyn (Grunke)
Krenz, Dave Baker, Clara (Grunke) Carlock**



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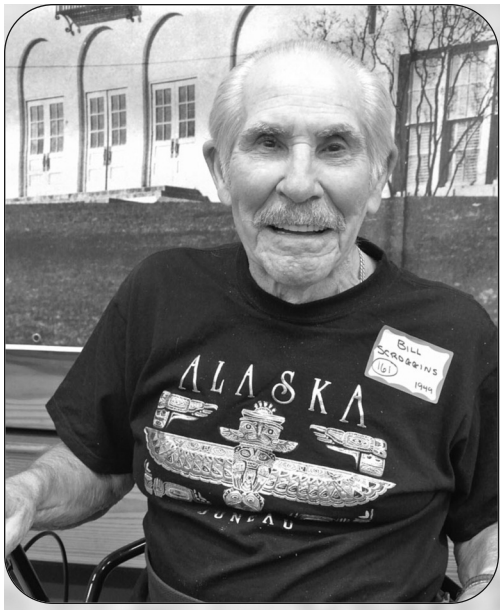
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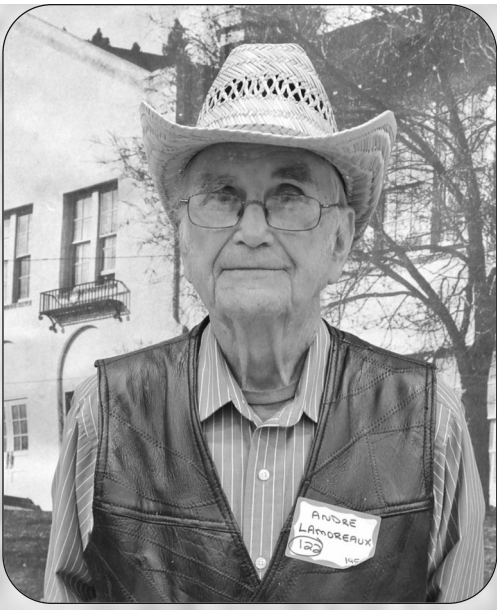
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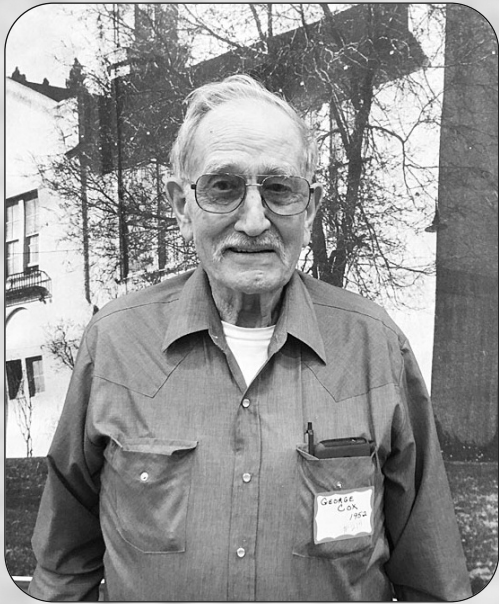
**CLASS OF 1949--
Bill Scroggins**



**CLASS OF 1950 --
Andre Lamoreaux**



**CLASS OF 1951 --
Patricia (Dallas) Benjamin**



**CLASS OF 1952--
George Cox**



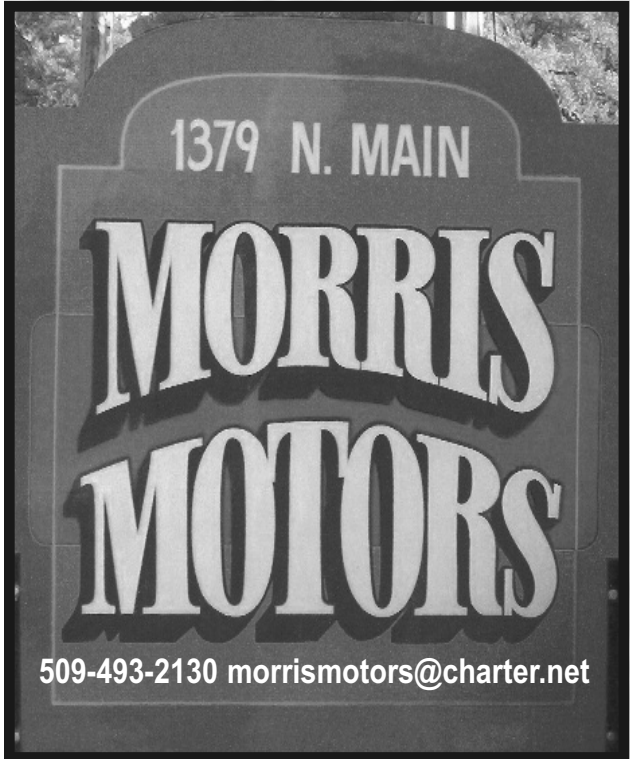
CLASS OF 1953 -- Shirley (Kapp) Azure, Sherry (Dean) Van Alstine, Betty Lou (Johnson) Hunsaker, Monty Crews, Larry Vaughan



CLASS OF 1954 -- Jack Kelley, Darrell Hensley, Larry Jacox, Amy (Kelly) Kelley, Beverly Taylor, Bruce Cuffel



CLASS OF 1955 -- Nadine (Brown) McCracken, Paul Hollamon, Bessie (Nickols) O'Neal, Louise (Collins) Hensley



CLASS OF 1956 -- Raymond Lemley, Gayle (Sonner) Smith, Russell Dallas, Doug Grunke

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CLASS OF 1957 -- Front: Donald Ohnemus, Jean (Schwinge) Cuffel, Juanita (Potts) Burns, Elaine (Glovka) Spencer, Robert Benjamin, Patricia (Albert) Stephenson, Charlene (Walker) Lemley; back: Carol (Evert) Lewis, Lynda (Sperry) Gray, Peggy (Shaddox) Bradford, Judy (Ingram) Tebbs -- 60-Year Reunion --



CLASS OF 1958 -- Front: Orletta (Hale) Vaughan, Geneva (Wall) Meyers; middle: Jack Kapp, Ron Logan, Patricia (Park) Wood, Jerry Smith; back: Pat (Frederick) Kreps Wyers, Rita (Burris) Hickey



CLASS OF 1959 -- Front: Lorraine (Robbins) Holtmann, Patricia (Meyer) Crews, Idonna (Yeo) Kelley, Jerry Eccles; back: Darrell Graham, Ken Holtmann, Henry Balsiger, George Wesley



CLASS OF 1960 -- Front: Janet (Nielsen) Dingwall, Bonnie (Olsen) Hale, Donna (Logan) Mollet, Jerielle (Beaudry) Eccles, Virginia (Viall) Burns, Myra (Page) Birkett, Barbara (Walker) Hollamon; middle: Marynell (Glovka) Ohnemus, Richard Hunsaker, Max Logan, Carol (Lemley) Wright, Marilyn (Walker) Allison; back: Kay (Benjamin) Carter, Bryan Biesanz, Loyd Benjamin, Robert Hoisington, Mark Cox, John Cochran



CLASS OF 1961 -- Front: Melva (Walker) McGraw; middle: Ray Walker, Beth (Austin) Yarnell, Eula (Nickols) Smith, Luella (Harding) Estey, Roger Black; back: Dan Rude, Ralph Brown, Kathy (Portner) Wilkes

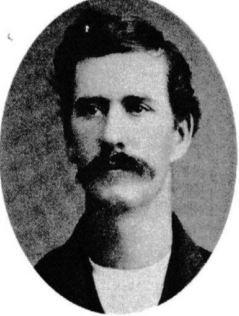


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CLASS OF 1962 -- Front: Bill Johnson, Connie (Owen) Warneke, Judy (Cochran) Burns, Glenna (Cadwallader) Dunn, Kay (Jones) Lincoln, Brenda (Harvey) Lancaster; middle: Ivan Slocum, Jerry Gibbons, Ted Lehmann, Dave Hoisington, Jerry Hore, Doris (Luth) Massey; back: Ken Wilkes, Boyce Black, Terri (Burke) Parks, Arlene (Benjamin) Thornbrugh, Anna (Bauguess) O'Donnell, Dan Smith



CLASS OF 1964 -- Ann (Whiting) Sparks, Lenard Yarnell, Jan (McCoy) Jones



CLASS OF 1963 -- Front: Betty (Aplin) Canilao, Burdeanna (Kelly) Murphy, Ruth (Hunsaker) Brown; back: Karen (Hofstedt) Stelmack, Verna (Brumbaugh) Smith, "Flip" Mansfield, John Abken, Rick Hunsaker



CLASS OF 1965 -- Ray Frazer, Bob Blades, Dianne (Harding) Blades, Ruth (Vial) Bolstad, Linda (Stockstill) Dills, Terry Gordier, Dennis Hill; inset: Ernie Smith



CLASS OF 1966 -- Front: Cindy (Simpson) Yarnell, Judy Loy, Jim Cochran, Kathy (Hofstedt) Bowers, Jerry Black; back: Steven Caskey, Brian Irish, Ken Johnson, Gary Whiting

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1967 -- 50-Year Reunion

CLASS OF 1967 -- Front: Barbara (Anderson) Todd, Karen (Campbell) Frazer, Jill (Dickinson) Irish, JoAnn (Ramsey) Yadro, Shirley (Rodgers) Evans, Sandy (Brumbaugh) Vermeire; middle 1: Mike Berry, Paula (Hofstedt) Kenney, Adalou (Knutson) McAmis, Lynn Krall; middle 2: Jim Loy, Tom Gross, Mike Clarke, Dennis Corman, Roger Miller; back: Judy (Yarnell) Walker, Judi (Lester) Hanson, Carol (Frazer) Remsen, Darlene (Young) Dick, Linda (Hayes) Brummel, Nancy (Babb) McGraw, Adrian Palmer



CLASS OF 1968 -- Brad Garrett, Dale Vermeire, Herschel Yarnell, Dennis Wang; inset: Dale Montgomery, Lawrence Kelly



CLASS OF 1969 -- Front: Candy (Grieb) Yarnell, Janet (Clements) Gross, Lindi (Smith) Mantifel, Shannon (Brock) Holley, Terry Chubb; middle: Hugh Whitson, Marcy Hendryx, Don Morby, Earl Clubb; back: Barry Wang, Greg Chamberlain, Harry Harvey



CLASS OF 1970 -- Front: Marilyn (Voigt) Chapman, Lyle Smith, Karen (Abrams) Blevins, Beverly (Schultz) Moore, Mark Clarke, back: Bob Garwood, Brenda (DeWalt) Youngs, Ed Powell



CLASS OF 1971 -- Front: Janice (Dickey) Leis, Susan (Chamberlain) Romes, Jim Mansfield, Connie VanDeventer, Carol (Bauguess) Yohn; back: Ross Willey, Alan Meyers, Susan (Babb) Combs, Michelle (Meresse) Harvey

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CLASS OF 1974 -- Vicki (Krenz) DeWalt, Rory Putnam



CLASS OF 1973 -- Cindy (Portner) Yarnell, Brian DeWalt, Rhonda (Bennett) Hicks, Max Lyons, Debbie Mansfield, Robert Fritchey



CLASS OF 1975 -- Front: Jodi (Cox) Doot, Tina Karlsson, Marlene (Edde) Pang, Kim (Gault) Morby, Mary (Kelly) Brasuell; back: Greg Robinson, Cindy (Bennett) VanGelder, Bill Anderson



CLASS OF 1976 -- Front: Anna (Strunk) Hammond, Cary (Carlton) Campbell, Vicki (Goodwin) Zumwalt, Theresa Trent, Alan Patrick; middle: Ken Levens; back: Jonathan Blake, Tracy Van Alstine, Elaine (Greear) Bakke, Joanne (Tahara) Angell, Darlisa Black



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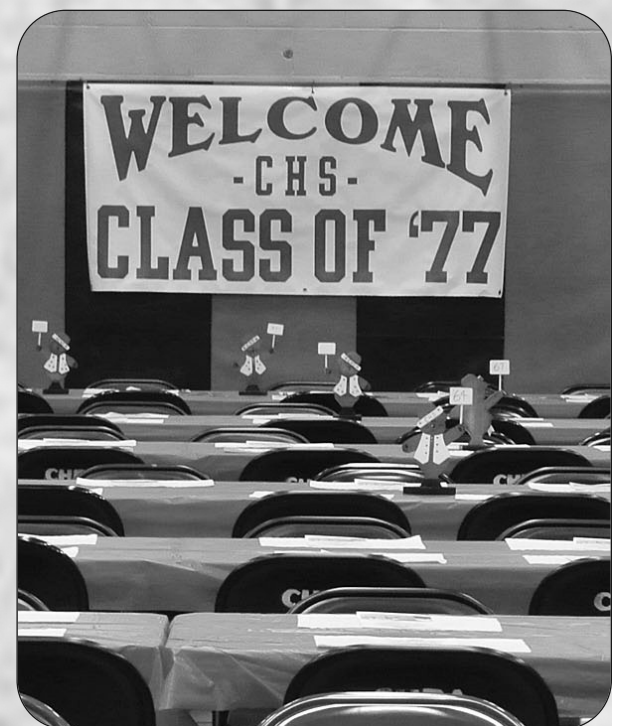
CLASS OF 1977 -- Front: Pam (Goodwin) Hughes, Sandra (Trent) Spears, Tami (Mansfield) Anderson, Kathy (Neilson) Baker, Tim Kelly, Rani (Kolbaba) Merz, Janice (Milligan) Meeks; **back:** Scott McNamara, Craig Baker, Geraldine (Holtman) Logan, Priscilla (Holliston) McMillan, Shelly "Donna" (Jenkins) Goeze, Karen (Dallas) Levens, Holly (Cox) Hayes, Mark Hayes, Alan Newman, Jim Lexa, **inset:** Ken Ing



**Tim Kelly, speaker,
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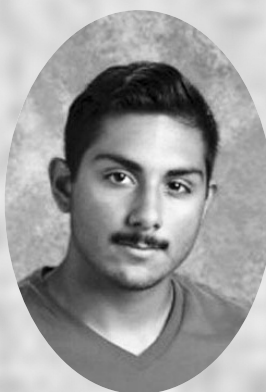
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Oscar Cortez



Spencer Lewis

Scholarship Thank You Letters

Dear Scholarship Committee,
I am sincerely honored to have been selected as the recipient of the Columbia High School Alumni Association (CASPE) 2017 Scholarship. Thank you for your generosity, this will allow me to fulfill my dream of attending Central Washington University and get a college education.
As I complete my education at Central Washington University, I am very thankful for receiving your generous contribution. Because of your scholarship, I am able to use this money towards my tuition expenses which will help me pursue my dream.

Thank you again for your selecting me as

the recipient of your scholarship.

Adolfo "Andy" Alvarez-Padilla

Dear Scholarship Committee,
Thank you for selecting me as a recipient for the CHS Alumni Association Scholarship. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by me and my family.

I am so excited for the opportunity to attend Central Washington University this fall.

Sincerely, Alexis Clifford

Dear CASPE CHS Alumni Association,
I appreciate your generous contribution

to my college education. I'm thankful that you've helped me achieve my goals.

Calvin Kane

Dear CHS Alumni Association Scholarship Committee,

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart for the generous scholarship award. I really appreciate it! I am very excited to start at Central Washington University and I will not forget all of you who have supported me in making my educational dreams come true.

Thank you again, Sadie Hipskind

2017 CASPE Recap

2017 was an extremely positive year of performance in the financial markets again with lots of political rhetoric amidst a healthy rebound in the global economies. True to form, the CASPE Committee remained conservative and disciplined in its investment policy through a diversified mix of high quality bonds and stocks. CASPE continues to be grateful for all of the many alumni contributions. At year end, we are proud to report a current portfolio balance of \$611,000. Wow!!!

Due to the positive momentum of our scholarship portfolio, the CASPE Committee was excited to be able to maintain our scholarship award of \$2,000 per recipient. This year we proudly presented scholarship awards to 11 qualifying seniors, continuing our strong commitment in awarding financial aid to CHS seniors! Once again, big kudos to the entire Scholarship Committee for their huge efforts in the scholarship selec-

tions and awards process.

Our investment approach, as always, can be attributed to a conservative, carefully crafted and diversified portfolio strategy engineered by the CASPE Committee. As a fundamental rule, we keep a long term approach with respect to our long-range scholarship goals. This is important as our goals are ambitious going forward. The committee never stops exploring creative ways to increase our portfolio assets.

We would like to extend an invite to any Columbia High Alumni to join our Committee as their presence is always welcome in terms of offering new insights and ideas into our organization. Anyone interested, feel free to contact any CASPE Committee Member.

Our heartfelt gratitude to our entire Alumni Family for all their generosity and truthfully, to everyone who has contributed through their finances and hard work to help ac-

complish the lofty goals of CASPE; which is to further the educational goals of worthy graduating CHS seniors! As always, we ENCOURAGE your consideration of the CASPE FUND for your future charitable donations and for including CASPE in your estate planning long-range strategies. Without all of you, NONE of this would be possible!!!!

Sincerely,
Hugh Whitson, Chairperson
William Whidden, CFP Committee Member, Investment Advisor

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