



Sedro-Woolley High School Alumni Association

Founded October, 1994



Supporting Our Community through Education!

November 2011

Wild Women of Woolley & a Few Good Men donate to Scholarship Fund



Two visitors to our May 25th 2011 meeting brought a special gift for the Alumni Association...a check for \$500 to support the Scholarship Fund. Association president Pat Hyatt (center) was thrilled to accept the gift from Wild Women of Woolley members Phyllis Christofferson (left) and Donna Geerdes (right).

Corey Corkill and Phyllis Christofferson started the group together at SWHS when they put on a fundraiser titled "Woolleywood" Geerdes said, "and we took the ball from there and started runnin" 15 years ago.

"Everything we did we did for charity. All the money went for charity except for gas money to pull the trailer," Geerdes added. The group started producing a calendar in 2002, with support from sponsors. Proceeds from the calendar went Hospice.

"Corey was the brains behind the whole thing. She was so talented and had so many good ideas. She kept coming up with new stuff all the time, she was amazing," Geerdes said.

When Corey Corkill passed away earlier this year, the group decided that it was time to retire. "I could have kept it going for a while, but we are all getting older, and no one else had the talent to think up all of these things. It was a huge job.. We decided it would be best to just end it...it was just time to quit," Geerdes said.

Asked why SWHSAA was chosen to receive funds, Geerdes said the Alumni Association was "Always one of Corey's passions and Phyllis's too."

The group sold their trailer and gave the proceeds from that sale to the Sr. Center, and the rest of the money was presented to SWHSAA.

Annual Geranium & Bake Sale Brings in \$ for Scholarships

The annual Geranium & Bake Sale held the day before Mother's Day went very well this year. Despite the downpour, many loyal customers arrived to purchase the beautiful geraniums supplied by Thompson's Greenhouse in Sedro-Woolley, and the lush tomato plants donated by SWHSAA member Shirley Arthur.

A total of 666 geraniums and 145 tomato plants were sold. A table of baked goods also went well. The final tally after expenses was \$1,903.20, which went directly to the Scholarship Fund.

The Geranium & Bake Sale and the All Class Picnic are our only fundraisers, since the Board and membership decided not to have a table in the Senior Center Fall Craft Bazaar this year.



Volunteers Barbara Ward Thompson and Doreen Brown admiring one of the geranium selections.

Photo by Joanna Bruno

Annual Meeting is coming! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 14 at 1 p.m. at the Sedro-Woolley Senior Center. New officers & Board members will be introduced. Don't miss it!

President's Message:

As I come to the end of my second year as President of SWHSAA, I am so excited about what we have accomplished -- but the most exciting news is the direction we are heading!!



SWHSAA continues to make great strides in all areas. Our annual picnic had it's largest crowd ever this year - over 600 alumni came from near and far to attend the event, reminiscing with classmates - As the old saying goes - they "make new friends and keep the old". Many are making this their "Class Reunion" function - what a great and easy way to celebrate your class milestone. If you are interested in having a class event at the 2012 picnic, please make sure you contact SWHSAA for a placement.

We had our first annual scholarship recognition event last spring, honoring those students who were recipients of the SWHSAA scholarships for 2011. Over eighty students, family and friends were greeted and recognized on a special evening. A special thank you goes to our scholarship chair, Joanna Bruno and her committee for planning the function and contacting students, teachers and community leaders. It was a very special evening and will become part of our annual calendar of events.

As many of you may know, we have had our own SWHSAA Blog for the past year - but more great news to come - we are now in the process of attaining our own website. As the cost of postage, printing and mailing continues to increase, we need to move forward. Please read the additional news in this mailing about this exciting event. We know it will take some time to get those alumni with internet access into our website system, but by the time you receive this newsletter, we will be well on our way. We will continue, of course, to mail our newsletter to all alumni who do not have website access or choose to receive their newsletter via the US Postal service.

Without the dedication and support of those who were responsible for starting the SWHSAA, none of this would have come to fruition. I am continually amazed at those members who step up to the plate so we can continue to move forward. But please remember, this isn't their association or my association, it is our association.

President message continued...

We invite you to participate in the future of SWHSAA. We are all given talents to assist - please bring yours to any of our meetings the fourth Wednesday of each month except for November and December when we meet the third Wed. because of the holidays. Please join us to continue in the growth of SWHSAA - helping more students further their educational dreams. We are unique - I believe we are the only school in Skagit County that has an active Alumni Association - many do, however have alumni associations attached to their foundations. We can be proud of what we have done and what we continue to do.

In closing, remember, "We're from Sedro-Woolley and no one can be prouder!!"

Pat Hyatt, President
SWHSAA

SWHSAA Website in the works

By the time you receive this, the Sedro-Woolley High School Alumni Association will have the beginnings of a website ready for you to visit! The Board is pretty excited about this new venture, which will enable alumni to read and download all our newsletters and meeting minutes, view photos of our All Class Picnics and other events, learn about activities planned by our Association as well as individual class events, and of course learn about our scholarship winners.

Visitors to the website will be able to download the current scholarship application, All-Class picnic applications, and Membership/donation forms. We hope to eventually have a payment option to simplify the process of signing up for the picnic, remembering a classmate, or honoring a special event with a donation to our Scholarship Fund.

We will be adding content to the website on a regular basis, and there will be links to the class blogs, the SWHSAA blog, Frank Jenkins' Yahoo group, and more. There will be a section for memorials to remember our classmates who have left us as well. If you have ideas for things you would like to see on the website, please feel free to email us and let us know what you think.

www.swhsaa.com is **YOUR** website, and we hope you will take advantage of all of its features as we add them. For more information, please email Joanna at JoannaEwe@yahoo.com.

Annual Meeting 1 p.m. December 14, 2011 at the Sedro-Woolley Senior Center

Lola Ellestad among those honored by SW School District



By Joanna Bruno '66

Each year the Sedro-Woolley School District honors community members who have been instrumental in meeting the needs of local students. This past April, one of the honorees was our own Lola Ellestad! SWHSAA has known for a long time that Ellestad was special. Her dedication to SWHS alumni and students is unquestioned, so it was very rewarding to see her honored in this way.

The four honorees for 2011 pictured above are, left to right: Mrs. Rudy Franulovich, who received the honor for her late husband, a teacher and coach at SWHS; Lola Ellestad; Kay Brown, retired teacher for the district; and Ron Shanander, retired teacher and coach.

Photo by Joanna Bruno

Life Memberships Benefit SWHSAA & save you money!

If you have not yet purchased a life membership, it isn't too late to get in at the \$100 special price. Life members never have to renew their membership. A Life membership supports the workings of the Alumni Association, including our new website, office expenses, the special Ceremony honoring our Scholarship Winners held each spring, and advertising for our two fundraising events, the Spring Geranium & Bake Sale, and the All Class picnic in July. Life membership is a bargain...instead of paying \$10 per year for life, you pay only \$100, which means after ten years your membership is free!

By becoming a Life Member, any future donations you may wish to make go directly to the Scholarship Fund. Our goal with the Fund is of course to help even more students attend vocational schools. We would like to be able to give each student \$3,000, which would fund a whole quarter at SVC, including tuition and books. Currently we are able to award each student \$2,000.

To make your donations even more meaningful, you might consider an endowment in your will. That way, future Scholarship Winners will continue to benefit from your generosity for many years to come.

Life memberships make great gifts for kids or grandkids who graduated from SWHS. Whether you choose to become a life member, or pay for your membership annually (still only \$10 per year) your membership is truly appreciated!

You can find the form you need to sign up for Life Membership, yearly membership, give a gift, or make a memorial donation to the Scholarship fund on the inside back page of this publication, or on our new website, www.swhsaa.com.

Scholarship Applications Now Available

By Joanna Bruno, scholarship chair

Scholarship applications are now available to students wishing to pursue vocational training. This year we will award a minimum of eight \$2,000 scholarships, thanks to the generous donations we have received from our loyal alumni and friends!

Scholarship application forms may be picked up at Sedro-Woolley High School, Skagit Valley College, Bellingham Vo-Tech, Everett Community College, or Whatcom Community College, or on line at our website, www.swhsaa.com or the websites of several of the above named colleges; or by calling Joanna at 360-755-9872. You may also email me at JoannaEwe@yahoo.com.

Applications are due on January 31, 2012.

This is Your Newsletter!

As newsletter editor, it is my job to make sure that this publication reflects not only the news of SWHSAA, but also of the classes and individuals who read it. So, I welcome class news, whether you are planning a reunion, or a class member has received a special award or honor.

Please keep the newsletter in mind when planning events; we would love to share your information with our readers. Now that we have a website, we would love to include your class pictures, historic documents, and memorials there. Please send information about your special event, etc. to: JoannaEwe@yahoo.com and put SWHSAA in the subject line. Your classmates will thank you for making our Newsletter meaningful to all of us!

Senior Project: Apply to Julliard

Fabiola Yupari, 17, is a senior at SWHS. She plays the violin and the saxophone; is in Wind Ensemble with her sax, and is studying privately on the violin. Her Senior Project is to apply to Julliard in New York, where she hopes to continue her violin studies. Besides attending SWHS, working, taking lessons in her saxophone, she also attends running start at SVC. Born in Peru, Fabiola and her mother came to the US on Oct. 7, 2001, right after 9/11, which was a difficult time to be an immigrant.



This Sr. project "was a little bit of a last minute deal..." Fabiola said. Her first Sr. Project idea was to bring the Japanese program back to SWHS. When she realized it would be incredibly expensive she gave up on that, but then found herself without an idea for a Senior Project. Then her Music teacher, Sharon Pederson, suggested she make the application process for Julliard her Senior Project.

Fabiola has been playing violin for 8 years. She plays in the Sedro-Woolley youth orchestra conducted by local

teacher, Celeste Weaver. She began formal lessons on the violin just recently.

The alto sax was Fabiola's first love, but because she wanted to familiarize herself with music theory, she started in orchestra in fifth grade and added band in sixth grade when it was available. When she got to seventh grade she had to choose between the two instruments, because her schedule only allowed one music elective, but she really wanted to continue with both instruments.

By sophomore year she was able to get back in band and was chosen for wind ensemble. She likes the challenge of being in band. She dropped out of orchestra this year and now has sixth period independent study so she can focus on her Senior Project.

Her preparations for Julliard include filling out the online application, and sending in a demo recording of a particular repertoire of music, which is due Dec. 1st. The Demo Requirements include one 19th or 20th century concerto, a Bach sonata or partita, and a Paganini Caprice. If the folks at Julliard think you are good enough, she says, they will send you an invitation to audition in late February or early March.

SWHSAA: 1994 to 2011

By Lola Ellestad, secretary

It seems a long time since Bob Wilcox '42, Gene Johnson '42 and myself met for a cup of coffee to discuss how we would use the money that we had following the class reunion dinner. We thought we could give it as a "mini scholarship" from our class to a graduating student. Others heard of our plans and wanted to join us.

We raised a few thousand dollars and the first scholarship was given to Paul Abernathy in 1996. The past year we presented 12 scholarships totaling \$21,500 and the bank balance is now \$244,477.59. We use the interest from the entire year to determine the number of scholarships.

I am amazed at the interest the community has in giving towards vocational scholarships. Several give donations each year, others give memorials to honor their loved ones, and some give scholarships that can either be vocational or academic. All of this money goes directly to scholarships...we use only the portion necessary from the dues for operating expenses.

I have enjoyed volunteering all these years for the benefit of the students. They are our future! We meet the fourth Wednesday of the month except November and December, when we meet on the third Wednesday. Please join us...we need your ideas.

You may contact us by writing to: SWHSAA, P.O. Box 509, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284, or by calling 360-424-7243. Our email is swhsaa@wavecable.com or lola@wavecable.com.

We would love to see you at a meeting soon.

SWHSAA All-Class Picnic a success once again!



2010 ALL CLASS PICNIC

By Barbara Ward Thompson, '47

Over 600 people basked in a perfect summer day last July 9 as they attended the 2010 All Class Reunion and Picnic at Riverfront Park in Sedro-Woolley. Most enjoyed the buffet picnic lunch catered by Joy's Bakery as they visited and reminisced, not only with their own classmates but with classes both ahead of and behind them.

Several classes set up their own class tents for a mini-reunion within the all class reunion, and other classes, with perhaps fewer attending, reserved portions of tables for their own gathering. Both seemed to meet the needs of those attendees.

Winners of the several tempting raffle items left the picnic extra happy. Smiles and "Thank You"s directed at the committee indicated a successful day.

Plans are under way for next year's picnic, again at Riverfront Park, set for the traditional "first Saturday after July 4" falling next year on July 7.

A few classes have already reserved tent space. Those who might be considering having their own tents, or wanting to reserve table space, should contact Barbara Ward Thompson '47 [(360) 855-0293] as soon as plans are firmed up.

And, of course, anyone wanting to volunteer to join the cast of thousands who help put the picnic on should do the same, or anyone wanting to donate a raffle item.



Peggy McDonald,
*Class of 1932, was
the oldest attendee at
this year's picnic.*

Photo by Joanna Bruno



CLASS OF '52 ALERT!!!

It's time for our 60th reunion so mark your calendars for Saturday, July 7, 2012.

We will be incorporating our special day with the SWHSAA annual picnic at Riverfront Park. This combination makes it easy for all of us "old" people-- no fuss, no muss, just lots of fun. All that is required is to complete the SWHSAA registration form that will be included in the spring, 2012 mailing. So save the date and join your classmates for a day of reminiscing, fun and fellowship.

You will receive a separate class mailing in the spring with further details. Questions?

Contact Pat Hyatt email: grammaguy@comcast.net or cell, 360-319-3228.

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CLASS OF 1942 TO CELEBRATE 70th Reunion

Time has gone by quickly for the 112 that graduated in 1942. It was the "War Years" and many went into the service before graduation and later studied for the GED in the military or when they returned from the service.

The Class plans to have their special tent at the SWHSAA All Class Picnic and hope several in the area will plan to attend.

We do not have addresses for June Shumshak, Della Stout, Frank Adema, Vena Andrews Heath, Eleanor Bennett Schlicht, Donald Currie, Christing Faaberg Metcalf, DeWayne Hauenstein, Carol Ketchum Schacht, Merrle Latham Hunter, Jeanette Rarey Fagerness, Margaret Rutledge Hoaglund, We would appreciate information on these people. Please contact Lola Wood Ellestad at 360-424-7243 or at lolae@wavecable.com.

Our Class song was a revision of "Keep Smilin" Through"...
It's important for us to keep smiling after 70 years!

Class of '61 Planning Reunion Week

We have started the ball rolling. We are officially having a 2012 SWHS Class of "61" Reunion. Save The Following Dates:

- *Tuesday July 3, 2012 Big Lake Fireworks and Parade Float Setup
- *Wednesday July 4, 2012 Sedro-Woolley LoggeRodeo Parade And Pancake Breakfast at Senior Center
- *Thursday July 5, 2012 Nothing Planned
- *Friday July 6, 2012 Eagles Club Reunion Get-Together and Steak Dinner
- *Saturday July 7, 2012 SWHS All Class Picnic

If you wish to donate to the Reunion Fund, Make Checks Payable to :
SWHS 1961 50th Class Reunion,
SWHS Class of 1961, % Brenda McGhee (Burress),
107 N Reed St, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

We will have more details about the Reunion after the next meeting. For more information, call John Keene at 425-277-5095

SEE YOU THERE!

Please fill out all forms you are sending in as completely as possible.

Our bookkeeper will thank you!

**RESERVATION FORM FOR
SWHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL ALL-CLASS PICNIC
JULY 7, 2012—SEDRO-WOOLLEY RIVERFRONT PARK**

NAME: _____ MAIDEN NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CLASS YEAR: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE #: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

NO. ATTENDING: _____ CHECK AMOUNT (\$15.00 per person): _____

CHOICE OF CHICKEN: _____ HAMBURGER (with condiments): _____

Please make check payable to SWHSAA and mail in enclosed envelope. Registration deadline is 7/1/2012. If reserving under more than one name, please specify. You **MUST** pre-register and pay in advance to join in the catered lunch, provided by *Joy's SW Bakery*.

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Sedro-Woolley High School Alumni Association Membership/Donation Form

Graduation Year: _____ Name: _____
Last First Middle Maiden Nickname

Mailing Address: _____
Street City/State Zip

E-Mail Address: _____ Phone: _____

Spouse Name: _____ Graduation Year: _____
First Middle Last Maiden

Annual Membership Dues, \$10: \$ _____ Paying for years: _____ Life Membership, \$100: \$ _____
(Lifetime membership card will be sent to you)

Memorial \$ _____ Anniversary: \$ _____ Birthday: \$ _____ Other: \$ _____ Donation: \$ _____

Name of Honoree: _____ Class of _____
First Middle Last Maiden

Name of Acknowledgement Recipient: _____

Their mailing address: _____
(Acknowledgement will not be sent without an address) Street City/State Zip

Total Membership fees: \$ _____ Total Scholarship Fees: \$ _____ Total enclosed: \$ _____

The Sedro-Woolley High School Alumni Association uses membership dues for the operating expenses of the organization. Memorials and Donations go directly to the scholarship program funds. *Thank you for your support!!!*

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**Don't miss Annual Meeting, Dec. 14, 2011
at 1 p.m., Sedro-Woolley Sr. Center!**

OR CURRENT OCCUPANT

SWHSAA Life Members Oct. 2010 to Oct. 2011

Natalie Carlson	2010
Andrea Millward Xavier	1964
Carl Burmaster	1946
Coleen Tingley Hesselgrave	1968
Kari Manning	1959
Darrell Drummond	1977
Sarah Renee Hyatt	2003
Geri Sickler Heino	1960
Darrell Skiles	1960
Sherilyn Fish Skiles	1961
Marian Christofferson Flaig	1962
Douglas Abrahamson	1955
Jane Marie Monroe	1962
Shirley Harrison Entrikin	1946
Marilyn Shiek Bither	1959
Robert Green	1955
Tom Torgeson	1960
Bill Stendal	1946
Kirby James Taylor	1971
Nancy Doolittle Hutcheson	1957
Claudean Hanson Davis-Talbert	1956
Gary Talbert	1956
Jim Vlahovich	1944
Harold Bates	1958
Nancy Mills Bates	1956
Carol Ann Ovenell	1967
Denny Nichols	1961

Peter Duane Kelly	1951
Gerald Thompson	1960
Rita Sundal Lee	1952
Mildred Olander Gerard	1944
Emily Stendal	2007
Jean Campbell Miller	1964
Robert Duane Dow	1972
Robert Merrifield	1946
Mark Goss	1968
Aretta Meamber Jonkheer	1956
George McRae	1950
Clarence Bud Jones	1956
Bertha Gibbs Rogers	1961
Cyndi Wilcox Walters	1969
Lynn Torset	1962
Katherine Campbell Vanzon	1964
Wayne Stiles	1969
Jacquie Oliver Quintard	1953
Marty Oakes Randall	1962
Lola Wood Ellestad	1942
Marlene Davis Davis	1973
Laurel Fields Treiber	1943
James "Jim" Anderson	1960
Diane Lutterloh (Perrigo)	1963
Robert Bates Jr.	1957
Elsie Scheuerman Palmer	1955
Brian Stiles	1974
Robert Wallin	1946

Rita Fladebo Vanderstoep	1960
Betty Atwell Davidson	1949
James Edward Claus	1969
John Edward Davies	1969
Deborah Arvidson Walls	1973
Patricia Hanstad-Pleas	1960
Mark Stendal	1971
Dennis Hoffman	1963
Carol Ann Rondell	1962
Mike Martin	1967
Robert Hoffman	1961
Nancy Straight Wiseman	1959
Morris Wiseman	1959
Barbara Wallin Rauch	1951
Mary VanDeGrift	1963
Patricia Greenstreet Graves	1948
Melvin Roger Lindbloom	1944
Joyce Small Shuler	1955
C.W. Umbenhauer	1957
Nelva Christianson Shandera	1956
Mary Lutz Sherman	1960
Sally Thompson Rauch	1973
Suzy Thompson Sanders	1971
Larry K. Nelson	1956
Judy Duvall Nelson	1957
Carol Norbeck Grussing	1951
Dorothy Emerson Higgs	1949
Lawrence Perrigo	1958