



Sedro-Woolley High School Alumni Association

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Supporting Our Community Through Education!

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NEW ALUMNI PRESIDENT BRINGS RENEWED COMMITMENT TO SCHOLARSHIPS

Robin (Rob) Taylor '61 was installed as the new SWHS AA president at the association's December 19th meeting. "My plan is to increase membership and revenue toward our scholarships," said Taylor in post-installation remarks.

The son of **Jessie Cannon Taylor** '39 and the late Bob Taylor, Rob became interested in the Association when his class was planning their 50-year reunion.

He has long and extensive roots in the Skagit Valley; a great-great grandmother was the first woman to homestead on her own here in the 1880's.

"As a kid, I could ride my bike all around the Valley and never be more than a half mile from someone I knew or was related to," he remarked.

Taylor attended the University of Washington, the Oregon College of Education, and Willamette University. He served as a district judge in Alaska from 1977 to 1982, as a representative in the Alaska State Legislature from 1984 to 1992, and as a senator in the Alaska State Legislature from 1992 to 2003. He currently resides in Mount Vernon with his wife, Kaye.



The Sedro-Woolley High School Alumni Association installed new officers for 2013 at their December 19th meeting. Pictured, left to right, Lola Wood Ellestad '42 Secretary, Bonna Harrison Beitler '59 Assistant Treasurer, Pat Erickson Hyatt '52 Vice President, and Rob Taylor '61 President. Not pictured, Eric Stendal '67 Treasurer, Tammy Olson '78 Assistant Secretary.

TIME GOES FAST WHEN YOU'RE HAVING FUN!!!

I can't believe three years have gone by since I took over the "helm" of SWHSAA! It has been an amazing journey for me. I have learned so much, thanks to all of the friendship and support I have received. Words cannot express the appreciation I have for those dedicated members who have continued to give of their time and talents to help continue the success of this organization. I dare not mention names in case I forget someone but I think we all know who they are. This dedicated group of people who had a vision in 1993 to put together an organization that would help future SWHS students fulfill their dream of an education beyond high school.

Exciting things are happening with in SWHSAA and I would like to take the opportunity to welcome **Robin (Rob) Taylor** as our incoming President. Rob brings new life, new ideas and enthusiasm to our membership. Please welcome Rob and support him as he moves forward to help chart the future success of SWHSAA.

A change in the meeting day has been made to make it consistent twelve months of the year. Starting in January 2013 we will be meeting the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at the Sedro-Woolley Senior Center. Please mark your calendar and join us. We have many committee positions to fill - you can serve on a committee even if your schedule does not allow you to attend some or any of the meetings. Most committees meet at times other than the monthly meeting. We need new faces and new ideas for the continued success and future of SWHSAA.

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you for the privilege and opportunity to serve as your President these past three years. I feel I have served SWHSAA to the best of my abilities and look back on these years with a sense of wellbeing. The friendships made, the people I've met, and the opportunities I have had to represent you are far-reaching. I will put this in my book of memories as an important highlight in my life. I will continue to be active and support those who follow me to help ensure our future success.

Pat Hyatt - President
2010 - 2012

PLANT AND BAKE SALE SATURDAY MAY 4

By Pat Erickson Hyatt '52

Save the date of May 4, 2013 - our annual Plant and Bake Sale. All proceeds from this sale go to our scholarship fund. Get out your favorite cookie, breads, cake, or pie recipes to help in this very important fund raising event. If you don't like to bake - \$\$\$ donations work also. Again - mark the date - more to come in our Spring newsletter!!!



Shirley Arthur tends her beautiful tomato plants sold to eager buyers at the May 2012 Plant and Bake Sale.

2013 ALL-CLASS PICNIC JULY 13

By Barbara Ward Thompson '43

Plans are underway for next summer's All Class Reunion and Picnic. To help avoid a too-tight schedule for the city after July 4, the date of **Saturday, July 13, 2013** was selected, and it was voted to make it permanently the second Saturday in July. The site, once again, will be Riverfront Park, Sedro Woolley at the foot of Township Street. Noon to 4:00 p.m. with lunch served at 1:00 p.m.

Over 400 people enjoyed an absolutely unbeatable summer day in July, 2012 and the catering of Joy's Bakery provided the perfect picnic fare. We can't guarantee the weather for 2013, but we can guarantee Joy's Bakery will be providing the picnic.

The golf cart experiment that was tried in 2012 proved to be a popular item among attendees, providing not only transportation up and down the hill but extra help hauling tables, chairs, walkers, and who knows what to and from the picnic site. It was decided to do it again for 2013. Our 2012 plea for cart sponsors brought immediate response, and we're hopeful that there are benevolent (or footsore) alumni out there who might be willing to sponsor a fraction of the cost of one or two

carts for 2013. Chairperson, Barbara Ward Thompson, would be happy to accept calls at (360) 855-0293.

Individual class tents seem to be an increasingly popular phenomenon, especially for those classes celebrating special years, e.g. 25th, 50th. Some do it annually. Space **MUST BE RESERVED** well in advance so that we'll know whether there will be space for each tent and setup is on a first-come-first-served basis. A call to Chairman Thompson will get you on the list. Each class is responsible for its own tent or gazebo, its furnishings, any non-catered refreshments and for setting it up. Some feel comfortable setting up Friday late afternoon; others prefer to wait until early Saturday morning, the day of the picnic.

Tax-deductible items may be donated for inclusion in the ever-popular raffle. To keep it from becoming overly long, the number is kept below 15. If anyone has a fun or inspired donation for the raffle, chairperson, Barbara Ward Thompson, and the raffle committee would welcome calls, again, the earlier the better.

Hope to see you at the 2013 picnic!!



Taunya Bullington Metz '92 presents a check for \$800 from the Class of 1992 to Assistant Treasurer **Bonna Harrison Beitler '59**. All funds will be used for 2013 scholarships!

CONTACT US FOR INFORMATION ANY TIME!

Looking for a way to contact the Alumni Association?
Our official e'mail address is:

swhsaa@wavecable.com

HONORING MEMBERS WHO HAVE HELPED SWHSAA

By Lola Wood Ellestad '42

We want to remember and honor our first President of SWHSAA.

Pat Healy Nicholson graduated with the Class of 1939. She cheerfully agreed to be our first president in 1994. Everyone was enthusiastic with our plans for helping students to get that start to further their education. In fact, Pat created the first newsletter and gave me the beginning of our membership list. She saw no reason that everyone in town would not approve of our ideas so she listed as many graduates as she could think of and many businesses in town.

Pat was a legal secretary many years for Con Barclay and Judge Arthur H. Ward. She retired in 1983 after many years as the City Clerk for Sedro-Woolley.

Her husband was a logger and together they had two daughters. The family traveled many places such as Alaska, the Big Parks of Canada and to Ireland.

Pat is very talented and creative. She has enjoyed oil painting, spinning wool, and making quilts. She is a good source of current and past information. She enjoys the news.

Pat is living at the Country Care Adult Family Home at 36999 Hoyle Lane off Highway 20 east of Hamilton. She would enjoy visitors. She does not see well so if you are visiting her just tell her who you are. A visit would be special to her.

PRIDE IN THE HELP TO OUR STUDENTS

By Lola Wood Ellestad '42

I have enjoyed the Sedro-Woolley High School Alumni Association since the first thought of how we could help students to reach their goal of furthering their education.

In the beginning we talked about the help to those who need a little help to become a nurse, medical technician, mechanic, welder, etc. We had a few who thought vocational scholarships were the way to go. One employer stated he would be happy if a student could apply and receive a scholarship to qualify him or herself to be an employee of his at a later date. This employer has donated to the Alumni each year since 1994.

We have many dedicated people who donate and also many volunteer members who help with the day to day work of the Alumni. They help above and beyond the average volunteer. They turn out to help with the Plant and Bake Sale in May and they are there to help with the All-Class Picnic. We appreciate each effort they make.

I am trying to recruit help with those who can give a little time with the Scholarship Committee selection of scholarships and those who can give some time to help on the day of the picnic. The Picnic Committee will appreciate that help. This could be enrollment of people as they come to the picnic, the setting up of the small tents and the taking down of those tents at the end of the picnic. Maybe you could take tickets for the food line.

The Financial Committee could use some help with decisions on investments, the Ways & Means Committee would appreciate your ideas to help with the fund raising for the scholarships. The Membership Committee could use your ideas. This help would not take a lot of your time.

These committees can meet at any time that is convenient for those on the committees. You would not need to commit yourself to the Membership meeting on the third Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. For example, the Scholarship Committee usually meets a time or two after we receive the applications and again the evening that we honor the students.

The Class of '71 presents scholarships from the members of their class. These are academic and vocational. Maybe the Class of '71 would have ideas where you could help them.

One student recently wrote to me how much she appreciated our help and it meant so much to her that there were those in the Sedro-Woolley Alumni that would dedicate themselves to helping students.

If you can give of yourself or give of your funds.... either way it will be appreciated.

Please contact me at 360-424-7243 or lolae@wavecable.com if you have questions.

Thanks so much.

WINTER 2012-2013 NEWSLETTER

The SWHS Alumni Association publishes two editions of our newsletter per year. Our intent is to provide as much updated information as possible, but you'll find even more news on our blog, web site, and Facebook page.

This newsletter was compiled and edited by Judy Johnson, class of 1971.

Please feel free to submit your class information or other news tidbits for future newsletters and for our online sites via our association e'mail address:

swhsaa@wavecable.com

We would love to send you our newsletter via e'mail! Be sure we have your current address!

EDITOR'S NOTES

By Judy Johnson, '71

Did you know that we distribute newsletters to about 4500 SWHS Alumni? Our effort to stay in touch with Cubs everywhere is a big part of your Association.

In addition, we have a web site:

www.swhsaa.com

Here you can get details on the Alumni Association's activities, pay your dues, and make donations to our scholarship fund.

Have you visited our blog?

www.swhsalumni.blogspot.com

The flexibility of a blog allows us to put quick notes about Association meetings and other events of note on the Internet for all to see. There are lots of photos from the All-Class picnic posted here. Having a reunion? Let us know and we'll help you publicize your event on the blog!

How about Facebook?

Search for **Sedro-Woolley High School Alumni Assn.** in the Facebook search field and check in with us. We love to hear from you!

Several classes have their own Facebook pages, including classes who have yet to graduate! They're easy to find by putting Sedro-Woolley in the search field.

In addition, local alumni have started a Facebook page for "Fallen Cubs" – our friends and fellow grads who have passed on before us. Everyone is welcome to add names to the site, and the site administrator is recording the names offline for posterity. Be sure to visit the page and remember our friends and classmates.

Notes from around the town:

Class of 1992 made a large donation to our scholarship fund at the 2012 picnic. We appreciate their generosity!

Several people made donations to our scholarship fund in thanks for **Bill and Betty Stiles '42** hosting their class reunion.

Sedro-Woolley has a live downtown cam! Check out the happenings any time of the day or night at the City's web site:

www.ci.sedro-woolley.wa.us

The camera is mounted on what has become the iconic symbol of the downtown core, our clock tower! It faces south on Metcalf Street and you'll see the familiar lamp posts as well as the traffic in our busy town. Come and visit and wave to your friends on the Sedro-Woolley Cam!

Another great resource for you is the **Sedro-Woolley Museum!** Located on Murdock Street, across from the old City Hall, our museum is PACKED with great memorabilia from life in Sedro-Woolley through the years. There are lots of SWHS artifacts and almost a full set of Kumtux annuals (maybe you can donate one to fill in the gaps!). The Museum is also a great place to shop – their eclectic gift shop features books written by local authors, locally produced art, and some other odds and ends that you will not find anywhere else! Remember those fun hand-crocheted oval rugs? They're a hot seller at the Museum gift shop:

www.sedrowoolleymuseum.org



Class Events

My class, the Class of 1971, has a coffee hour on the last Tuesday of every month, where we visit and catch up on the latest news. Class of 1970 had a "60th Birthday Party" for the whole class. Class of 1992 had a great 20-year reunion. Class of 1961 also has events through the year. What about your class? Send us your news!

Picnic

Our oldest alums attending the 2012 All-Class Picnic were **Tres Tresner '30, Peggy McDonald Banker '32, and Joe Nemo '32!** We enjoyed giving them prime positions as first in line at the excellent buffet lunch catered by Joy's Bakery.

Bob Dow, '72, was our Master of Ceremonies once again. It takes a teacher to get the attention of our chatty crowd! Picnic chair Barbara Ward Thompson planned a smoothly executed event, complete with golf carts to transport folks from the parking lot to the picnic area, when they needed an extra boost. We need lots of volunteers to make the picnic happen, from setting up to taking down, from greeting guests to taking tickets, from directing parking to driving golf carts, there's lots for a Cub to do! Let Barbara know if you want to help out!

The Picnic has become the premier event of the summer for all Cubs every year! A fabulous opportunity to meet up with your classmates and other alumni at the beautiful Riverfront Park in Sedro-Woolley. Many classes are putting up their own tents – others are using the common tents and just bringing a class year sign. Whatever you do, don't miss it on July 13, 2013! We'll see you there!

WE WOULD LIKE YOUR OPINION - PLEASE

By Mike Martin '67

SWHSAA is an "old" organization, meaning most of our officers and board members are in their 70's and 80's.

There are very few members under 70 who regularly attend the monthly meetings. Consequently our meeting times are in the middle of the day, during the middle of the week.

We did an experiment this year with having meetings at 6:30 p.m. every other month. But very few new/additional members attended.

We would like to have a meeting time that would encourage more of you to attend. We know not all of you are interested in attending our meetings and taking part in running our organization. But if you have any interest at all, no matter how small, please let us know what day and meeting time would work for you. You can let us know by using the Contact Us link on our website or mail a note to us.

We want our organization to continue to thrive, hopefully grow and be able to provide more scholarships to deserving Sedro-Woolley students. To this task, we could really use some new ideas, new help and more members.

Memberships (both Annual and Lifetime) go to covering the operating expenses. Scholarship money comes from the profit of our annual plant and bake sale, the All Class reunion picnic and from donations.

If you don't want to be involved in the meetings, but do want to help, think about giving a membership as a gift to a family member, or friend. Or think about making a donation. We have made it easy to do on our website. You can use PayPal, without having to set up an account. Or you can simply mail a check to: SWHSAA, PO BOX 509, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284.

We look forward to hearing from you and we appreciate your membership, interest and help.

SEDRO-WOOLLEY WEAR

Did you know that you can find Sedro-Woolley t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, lanyards, travel mugs, and other accessories at these locations?

Preprinted:

Oliver Hammer

821 Metcalf S-W 360-855-0395

FBLA Club – Sedro-Woolley High School

1235 3rd Street S-W 360-855-3510

Food Pavilion

530 Crossroads Square S-W 360-856-1167

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851 Moore ST S-W (Highway 20 and Township)
360-856-2153

Walgreens 320 Harrison ST S-W

(near Highway 20 and Cook Road) 360-855-0735

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816 Metcalf S-W 360-855-1640
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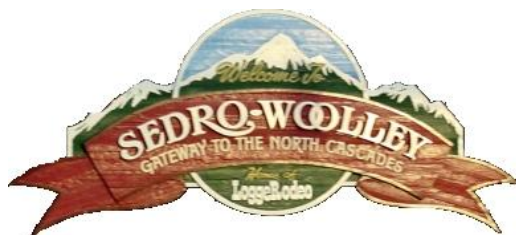
SEDRO-WOOLLEY HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2013

Officers

President	Robin (Rob) Taylor
Vice-President	Patricia Erickson Hyatt
Secretary	Lola Wood Ellestad
Treasurer	Eric Stendal
Asst. Secretary	Tammy Olson
Asst. Treasurer	Bonna Beitler

Board Members

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Bonna Harrison Beitler
Lola Wood Ellestad
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Margo Rhodes Sorenson
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REUNION NEWS

Class of 1973

SWHS Class of '73 will celebrate a 40-year reunion at Skagit Valley Gardens in Mount Vernon on Saturday, July 6, 2013. Plans are being made now and class members are encouraged to be in Sedro-Woolley for the July 4th Loggerodeo Parade. Please contact **Sally Thompson Rauch** for more information: sallyrauch@hotmail.com



Class of 1961

Itinerary of events for 2013

January

New Year's Holiday Party at the Medallion Hotel, Smokey Point. Saturday January 12th
Luncheon and evening get together at the lounge
Special accommodations at the hotel.
More information to come.

March

Send out mailings in March to non-email classmates

July

July 3rd Wednesday- Watch fireworks with **Gary Johnson** at Big Lake.

July 4th Thursday

Senior Breakfast - Meet at 8:00 a.m. Sedro-Woolley Senior Center

Gather to watch the parade as a class at 10:00 a.m. and then meet at the Sedro-Woolley Eagles after the parade; they have a BBQ for lunch.

July 5th Friday

Eagles Party "Class of 61 Birthday Bash" Cost \$20.00 per person, \$5.00 without dinner

Dinner Steak or Chicken

Entertainment - Back Ground Music

Name Tags: Pin on with name printed

Decorations: Chick Sandifer's Class of 1961 "Collage" Banner, Deceased Poster, Annuals, Pictures, etc. Bring your pictures to share.

We would like to extend an invitation to other classes To attend our Friday night "Birthday Bash" July 5th starting at 7:00 p.m. Tell your friends. They will have to be put on a list to enter The Sedro- Woolley Eagles in advance. Cost \$5.00 per person

July 13th Saturday

All-Class Picnic

Picnic, Set Up, Canopies, Tables, Chairs, Signs, Registration

Class of 1961 contact **John Keene** jhkeene1@msn.com
206-669-0793.



ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP NEWS

By Judy Johnson

The SWHSAA closes out 2012 with 201 Life members and 322 Annual members, for a total of **523** paid members of the Association.

Our membership year is the calendar year, so if you are an "Annual" member it is time again to send in your dues of \$10 per year. If you would like to upgrade to a Life Membership, the cost is currently \$100.

The membership form is on page 7 of this newsletter and the form can also be used to make donations to our scholarship fund and to reserve your ticket for the 2013 All-Class Picnic. So easy!

In fact, 104 people have already paid Annual dues for 2013!

Our potential membership of all SWHS graduates is easily 4500+. Please remember to send in your dues and become an active paid member. Gift memberships for the Cubs in your family are also a popular option.

Membership dues are used to pay the administrative expenses of the organization, kept low by faithful volunteers and also by our transition to e'mailed copies of this newsletter. Please give us your e'mail address when completing the membership form. Thanks!

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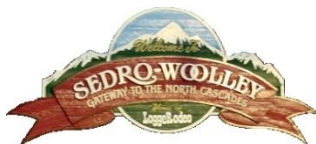


SWHSAA MEETING DATES FOR 2013

All meetings are held at the Sedro-Woolley Senior Center at 1:00 p.m. Board of Directors meets separately.

All meetings are set for the third Wednesday of the month.

January 16, 2013
February 20, 2013
March 20, 2013
April 17, 2013
May 15, 2013
June 19, 2013
July 17, 2013
August 21, 2013
September 18, 2013
October 16, 2013
November 20, 2013
December 18, 2013



SWHSAA EVENT DATES FOR 2013

January 1, 2013 – Annual dues are due!

Wednesday, January 9, 2013

All-Class Picnic planning meeting at the home of Barbara Ward Thompson. 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 4, 2013

Annual Plant and Bake Sale

At Sedro-Woolley Memorial Park (Next to the Sedro-Woolley Community Center)

A major fundraiser for scholarship funds – geranium plants, tomato plants, and baked goods.

9 a.m. until we run out (and we do!)

Come early and enjoy coffee and a great selection of healthy plants!

Saturday, July 13, 2013

Annual All-Class Picnic at Riverfront Park

Reserve your meal using the form in this newsletter.

\$15 per person – choose your entrée – hamburger or chicken. Contact Barbara Ward Thompson if you can

volunteer to help or if your class would like to reserve a spot for your own tent. See article inside.