

# SWASF - *Quarterly Newsletter*

October 2023



## **SEDRO-WOOLLEY ALUMNI & SCHOOLS FOUNDATION**

*Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation -  
2023 Quarterly Newsletter*

**Jump Into Fall!**

Dear Cubs, Alumni, and Foundation Supporters,

As we transition from a sun-soaked summer into the warm hues of autumn, it's time to catch up on all the fantastic happenings at the Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation. Our journey through the 2023-2024 school year officially began last month on September 5th, and since then, we've been buzzing with excitement and gratitude.

At our recent Directors' meeting on September 15th, we were presented with a truly incredible gift. The highlight of the day was the generous \$50,000 donation from the Harang family, dedicated to sustaining the Ola & Marian Harang Scholarship Fund for many years to come!

Homecoming week at Sedro-Woolley High School is currently in full swing, with anticipation building for the big football game tonight against Lakewood High School at 7pm, followed by the Homecoming dance at SWHS on Saturday. It's a time of celebration, reunion, and an outpouring of school spirit that serves as a reminder of the enduring sense of community we all share.

As the leaves begin to fall and the air turns crisp, we want to thank all of you for your unwavering support and enthusiasm. We're grateful for each of you who has played a role in our journey and supporting us to create lasting impacts for our children and schools.

Stay tuned for more updates and exciting news from the Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation in the coming months. As always, if you have announcements or information to share in our upcoming newsletters, please reach out to us at [info.swasf@gmail.com](mailto:info.swasf@gmail.com). We look forward to hearing from you and cheering on the Cubs!

Warm regards, Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation - Board of Directors

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## *UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS*

### **Upcoming Board Meetings & Community Events**

- November 17th, 2023 --SWASF Board Meeting

The 24-member volunteer board meets on the third Friday of odd-numbered months at the Sedro-Woolley School District administrative offices on Trail Road at 11:00 a.m.

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### **BEHS Tigers & SWHS Cubs Support Students Together!**

At the BEHS and SWHS Football game on Friday, October 6, 2023, under the Friday night lights at Kirkby Field, a special drawing was held during halftime for a fun raffle basket assembled in support of the Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation.

The Burlington-Edison Alumni Foundation - Dollars for Scholars, known as B-EAF, orchestrated this initiative with a strong sense of camaraderie and friendship, ultimately raising a generous sum of

\$330, with these proceeds being dedicated to our organization, the Sedro-Woolley Alumni and Schools Foundation. The lucky winners of this Cub-themed prize were Keith and Cyndi Sorestad!

A heartfelt thank you goes out to David Bricka, Class of '77, and Barbara Bricka Gurney, Class of '75, for their invaluable contributions to this fantastic cause. The raffle basket was not only a symbol of unity but also a testament to the enduring spirit of these communities and their unwavering support for their alumni and schools.

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### Cub Raffle Basket

Cub Raffle Basket Generously put together by David Bricka



### Winner Winner!

Fellow Cubs: David Bricka, Barbara Bricka Gurney & Keith Sorestad

# SWHS

*All-Class Picnic*

JULY • 13 • 2024

RIVERFRONT PARK - SEDRO-WOOLLEY

## Photos from 2023 All-Class Picnic!

Hey Cubs...Just in case you missed these in the last quarterly newsletter. Click the link below to see the entire gallery of photos from the 2023 All Class Picnic! Make sure to save your favorite ones.

A huge thank you to Mercadie Davis Photography for capturing these amazing photos!

<https://mercadiedavisphotography.pixieset.com/allclasspicnic/>



**Sheri Paulsen & Barbara  
Ward Thompson**



**SWHS Class of 1964**



**Pat Hyatt & Dani Baird  
Russell**

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## Class of 2024 Slogan!

The SWHS Class of 2024 unveiled their class slogan on the visiting grandstand bleachers just before the start of the school year. This year's theme is "Hear Us Roar in 2024"!

Do you remember what your class slogan was from the year you graduated from SWHS? Extra credit for anyone who emails us a photo at [info.swasf@gmail.com](mailto:info.swasf@gmail.com).



# Classroom Grants

## *CLASSROOM GRANTS*

In the upcoming 2023-2024 academic year, we are excited to announce a change to the classroom grant program. We will transition from the previous two grant cycles to a single annual award cycle, streamlining the application process and ensuring educators can focus on their classroom needs with greater efficiency.

The application deadline for classroom grants will be January 12th, 2024, and the application will be available two weeks before winter break.

To date, the foundation has proudly contributed over \$433,000+ in Classroom Grants, leaving an enduring mark on the educational landscape in Sedro-Woolley. For a comprehensive list of our

past grant recipients, please visit: [SWASF Classroom Grant Awards](#)

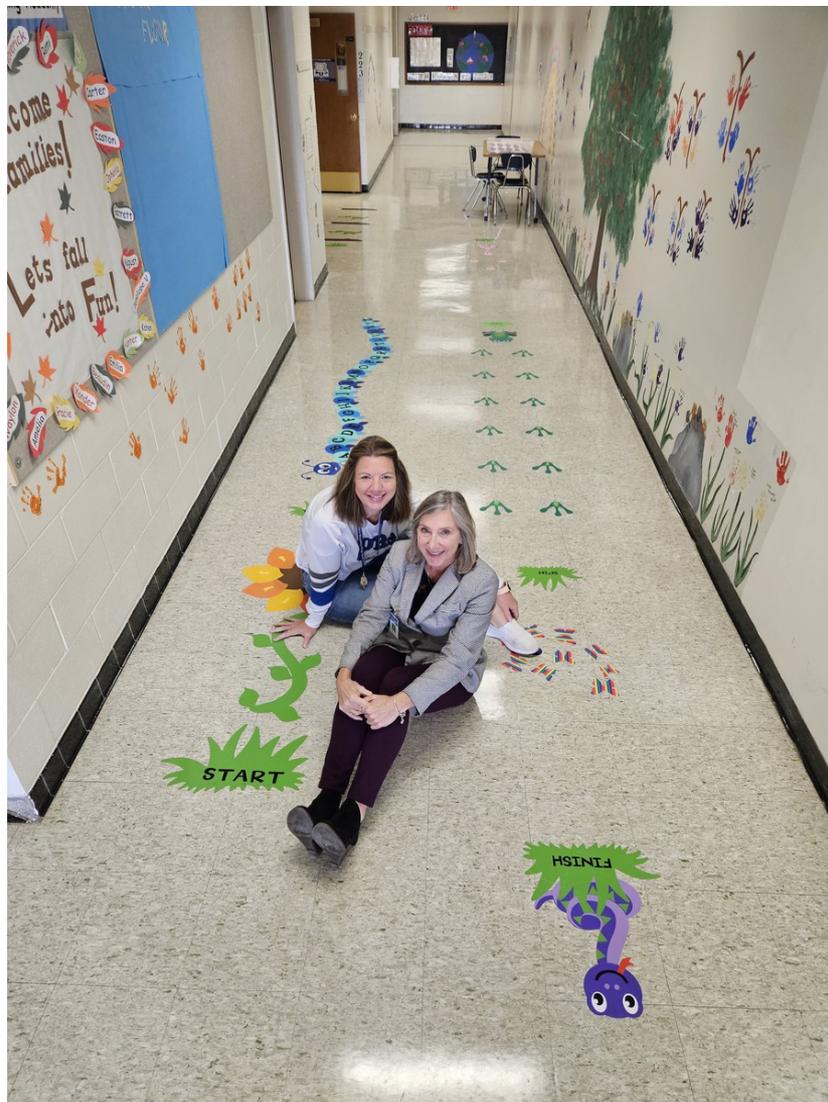


## Classroom Grant Success!

We are excited to share that the Cub Club Preschool at SWHS just got a fantastic upgrade thanks to a classroom grant from the Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation! 📖🌟

With the grant funds, Teacher Rogene Gwinn has transformed the 2nd floor of the C building into a sensory wonderland for our little Cubs 🤍 at the Cubs Early Learning Academy. 🌈🌟

The Cubs Early Learning Academy has been an essential part of our community for over 40 years, adapting and growing alongside our curriculum. It's now a valuable lab class for our Child Psychology program, providing students with the opportunity to apply their knowledge in a real-world setting. 📚



# Scholarships Update

## SCHOLARSHIPS

### **The Ola & Marian Harang Scholarship - \$50,000 Donation!**

At the September 15th, 2023 Board meeting, the Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation was presented with a check for \$50,000 to sustain the Ola & Marian Scholarship fund!!!

Established in 2002 in honor of Ola and Marian by their devoted family, this scholarship continues to empower students with aspirations to attend technical or vocational schools, prioritizing those who have demonstrated a strong commitment to community service and demonstrate a financial need.

The Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation extends heartfelt gratitude to the Harang family for their extraordinary generosity and dedication to making a profound difference in the lives of students pursuing their educational aspirations.



**THANK YOU!**

**OLA & MARIAN HARANG FAMILY**

**FOR CONTINUING TO SUPPORT OUR  
STUDENTS THROUGH SCHOLARSHIP  
OPPORTUNITIES!**

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**\$50,000**



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## Ola & Marian Harang Scholarship

Ola Harang was born in Norway and moved to Concrete with his family when he was fourteen. They later moved to Sedro-Woolley where he attended school, played football and met his high school sweetheart Marian who was born and raised in Sedro-Woolley.

They both served in the Army during WWII and were married in 1946 upon completing their military service.

Ola worked in the logging industry in the area until 1959 when they moved to Sitka, Alaska. Upon retirement in 1988 they moved back to the area that they always considered home and built their home on Lake Samish.

They were always active in youth activities and supported them in every way they could. Ola and Marian felt strongly about the practicality of a vocational/technical school education thus the scholarship in their name is presented to students pursuing that goal.



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### 2024 Scholarship Opportunities

Hey Seniors!!! It's not too early to start thinking about scholarship deadlines. The 2024 scholarship application deadlines will be here before you know it! Last year the Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation & its community partners awarded over \$71,000+.

If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, please visit our website for more details about the applications and instructions for the different scholarships that we help award. You can also email us at [info.swasf@gmail.com](mailto:info.swasf@gmail.com).

Visit us online at: <https://woolleycubs.com/scholarships/>



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**2024**

# Scholarship Deadlines

**SWHS CLASS OF 1971 SCHOLARSHIP  
DUE: JANUARY 31ST, 2024**

**SEDRO-WOOLLEY ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS &  
COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS  
DUE: FEBRUARY 20TH, 2024**

**HARRISON FAMILY MEMORIAL CTE SCHOLARSHIP  
DUE: MARCH 1ST, 2024**

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[Click Here to Make a Donation to Our Scholarship Program!](#)

## *CUB CORNER*

If your class is having an event in 2023 - a reunion, happy hour or other social gathering, be SURE to send it to us to include here in our newsletter or on our Facebook page! We are always happy to help share information about your event and help get the word out. We love seeing our fellow Cubs together and having fun!

# CUB ALUMNI!

We want to hear from you! Let us know what you're up to!

- Class Reunions
- School/College Updates
- Fun with Friends
- Old Pictures

We would love to include any updates on our Facebook page or in the Cub Corner Section of our newsletter.



**SEND US  
UPDATES!**

**EMAIL US AT [INFO.SWASF@GMAIL.COM](mailto:INFO.SWASF@GMAIL.COM)**

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**Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation Facebook Page**



# #CUBSGIVE



The Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation is a non-profit 503(c)(3) that raises, manages and distributes funds in support of student education in the Sedro-Woolley School District.

The Foundation has a robust scholarship program and currently provides tens of thousands in scholarships to graduating seniors. The Foundation also has a twice-yearly classroom grant program that provides funding for innovative classroom materials and programs.

**If you would like to help support the Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation, a list of different ways that you can make a donation is included below:**

1) Visit [www.woolleycubs.com/cubsgive/](http://www.woolleycubs.com/cubsgive/) to make an online donation.

2) Venmo @swschoolsfoundation

Search for @swschoolsfoundation to send payment.

3) Mail a check to us at:

Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation  
P.O Box 509, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

**Contact Us/Questions:**

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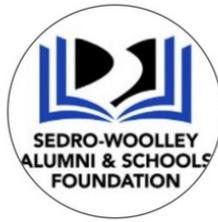
-You can set-up reoccurring donations, along with designate your donation to a specific area: scholarships/classroom grants/greatest need.

**2) Venmo @swschoolsfoundation**

-Search for @swschoolsfoundation or scan the QR code (pictured below) to send payment.

**3) Mail check to Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation at P.O Box 509, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284**

We invite you to join the Foundation in a partnership with the community to make a difference for our children!



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