



CARDINAL CHATTER

WHITTIER HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
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Whittier High School Alumni Association and Educational Foundation

Summer/Fall 2012

President's Message

When I think of Whittier High School, the word that comes to mind is "community." It doesn't matter what year you graduated, if you taught at Whittier High School, or if you were a parent of a Whittier High School student. We all have a tie into Whittier High School and when you hear "Cardinals," your ears perk up and a smile comes to your face because you are part of the great "community" of Whittier High School.

We celebrated the induction of some amazing Alumni into the Thirteenth Annual Hall of Fame this past April. What a great evening it was hearing stories from: Dr. Breene Murphy '42; Patricia Hofstetter '44; Marilyn Hofstetter '44; Dr. Owen F Herold '51 (posthumously); Gus Velasco '58 (posthumously); Dr. Stephan Gothold '59; and David Owens '73. The memories that were shared by the inductees and family members provided great inspiration to all and in some cases stories connected when they mentioned certain faculty members. Isn't it wonderful how things just work together and we have all been part of such a great place. Other inspiring moments were the presentations of scholarships to twelve outstanding students and hearing how much of their dreams will be realized by the generosity of the Alumni. It was really touching to know we have such an impact on these young adults as they begin a new journey, and we have shown them not only financial support, but have given them moral support by encouraging them to reach for their dreams.

The Silent Auction was buzzing all night. The items available were made possible through the generosity of local businesses and alumni. We had books, housewares, afghans, gift certificates and so much more with all of the funds raised going to scholarships. The Live Auction item was a framed copy of the Alma Mater signed by Maxine Milner Rich, author, donated by Dick and Donna Rich Ferguson. The bidding was heated and it appeared that it would go for \$500, but tears filled the eyes of some when Paul Velasco bid \$1,000 and in that exciting moment he funded one scholarship. What a night it was! If you haven't had the opportunity to join us for a Hall of Fame, you are encouraged to come and join us for the Fourteenth Annual Hall of Fame on Sunday, April 21, 2013, at the Whittier Radisson.

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Another event where the "community" was out in full force was the recent fundraising events to replace the four stolen tubas from the Band Room. There has been an unbelievable outpouring from the community, Alumni, and various organizations when they read the story in the Whittier Daily News in June. People came forth with donations, purchased food or a service, or just gave from the heart. The donated amount is currently \$6,000. It cannot be said enough - THANK YOU - we are so grateful to you and your love of WHS.

As the new school year is beginning, we are looking forward to hearing about the new concepts the ASB is bringing from their conference in August and what great things Principal Lori Eshilian will be sharing with us. We are continuing with our projects: Auditorium Seat Sponsorship, installation of the Wurlitzer Organ, updating the archives. We shall see what new ideas will be forthcoming from our Alumni.

Michele Montanez, Class of 1988
WHSAAEF President

A SPECIAL THANKS TO THESE TUBA REPLACEMENT DONORS!!!!*

Whittier Host Lions' Club
Whittier Police Officers Assn.
Famous Joe's Mexican Restaurant - Owner Joe Garcia '90
Bianca's Garden Full Service Salon - Owner Bianca Cordova, WHS grad
Congressional Representative Linda Sanchez

*a partial list

The instruments have been ordered at nearly \$19,000 and should arrive in time for Band Camp!

Message from the WHS Principal

Whittier High School administration, faculty, staff and students are excited to begin another school year!

At the writing of this message we have not yet received our state test scores, but we have a tremendous amount of positive energy and optimism after our 10+ year history of continual school improvement! WHS ranks in the 99 percentile in the state for increased API scores - **the feeling of success does not get old!!!**

Our 10th grade CAHSEE passing rate increased last year, again! Our 2012 senior class A-G % rate excelled, with students accepted to highly competitive colleges and universities across the nation,

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receiving over a million dollars of scholarships; **\$13,000 of which came from the WHS Alumni Association! Thank you to all alumni who contributed to the Scholarship Fund!**

We are also proud that we have the highest percentage of students enrolled in AP and Honors courses of all the schools in our district. **Our Alumni Association also donated over \$7,000 to help fund AP tests, which has again helped place us in the top ranking of high schools in the nation for percentage of students taking AP tests! As a faculty and staff, we are committed to the ongoing process of school improvement and increasing success for all students!!!**

WHS is also very proud of our school spirit and our positive school culture. Our attendance at extracurricular events last year was amazing; we had the largest number of students attending athletic games and dances in school history! Our students sing the Alma Mater with pride every Friday during school announcement time, at assemblies, after games (not just football), and athletes can be heard singing on the bus as they return from their away games. **WHS students have tremendous school pride!!!**

Whittier High School teachers and staff also work to develop strong character and positive values with all students through our **"Cardinals with C.L.A.S.S"** program, which is closely aligned to the Cardinal Creed. **C.L.A.S.S.** stands for: **C**itizenship, **L**eadership, **A**chievement, **S**elf-Respect, and **S**ervice to Others. We hold high expectations for successful behavior in and outside of the classroom for all

students, and we assume the responsibility to teach the behaviors we expect! **Whittier High School is truly the "home away from home" for students.**

Whittier High School is a valued historical landmark in our community and we are proud of our rich history, our legacy of success, and our improving campus and facilities. I hope you can come to the **"All Class BBQ** in October to see the beautiful changes to our campus!

I sincerely appreciate the ongoing and generous support of the WHS Alumni Association and all of the Alumni who continue to give back to their high school!

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Lori (Peel) Eshilian, '72
Principal of Whittier High School

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Do you remember the Bright Hotel on Greenleaf, near Penn Street? The hotel and the entire block have been purchased by Hagop Sargisian, 1976 WHS graduate. A mixed-use development is planned. Sargisian said, "I love this community. I have my heart here." (From the Whittier Daily News)

Meet our Newest Member of the Alumni Board - Karen Boulter

Karen graduated from WHS in 1971. The first couple of years she enjoyed being part of the Orchestra and Marching Band. She was fortunate to be part of the Band when it traveled to Washington, DC and marched in President Nixon's Inaugural Parade.

What's New at WHS - 2012

- New wireless internet infrastructure, which allows for state-of-the-art technology in every classroom.
- South Side campus has all new landscape and hard-scape (planters, benches, and paved walkways) as well as a new athletic practice field.
- The Horseshoe remodeling has been completed with new paved walkways, seating areas, and landscape.
- New ADA accessibility and hard-scape around the Auditorium and Commerce Building (to be finished by August).
- All athletic fields: football, soccer, baseball, and softball are being remodeled. (Estimated completion - end of September)
- 20+ security cameras will be installed throughout the campus.
- WHS has 2 new administrators, 4 new teachers, 2 returning teachers (after being away from WHS), and 1 new counselor.
- We have hired new coaches for football, waterpolo, volleyball, and tennis.
- New Los Angeles County Integrated School Mental Health collaborative program on campus to provide prevention and intervention to students and their families.
- Collaborative effort with ACTIVATE an organization in Whittier who obtained a H.E.A.L.

grant (Healthy Eating Active Living), which will be working together to improve health and wellness of the Whittier community.

- A signal is being installed at Hadley and Whittier Avenue. In addition, embedded cross-walk lights will be installed at three other crosswalks around the Whittier High School campus.

WE JUST KEEP GETTING BETTER AND BETTER!!!

Do you remember the vacant lot on the corner of Philadelphia and Pickering that was demolished after the Whittier Earthquake? (formerly a mortuary) It is now going to be a very attractive unit of apartments for low-income housing, with underground parking. It is certainly a big improvement!

Young Whittier Republican Receives Reward for Activism

Jeffrey Robin, WHS grad, a senior at UC Santa Barbara, is a recipient of a \$2,500 Phillips Foundation for his political views and activism. The scholarship was awarded through the Ronald Reagan College Leaders Scholarship Program. He is a political science major and plans to attend law school and may eventually go to into politics. Alice Robin, Jeffrey's mother, gave credit to her son's teachers for helping to shape him into the young man he is today. (from the Whittier Daily News)

A WHS Historical Moment from Morris Sawyer '58

Do you know who O C Albertson was and what he did?

O C Albertson was the third principal of Whittier Union High School and served in that position from 1908 - 1930. He is the longest serving principal in the history of the school. What follows is what was accomplished during the time he was Principal:

- 1911 The Science Building, Manual Arts Building and Boys' Gymnasium were opened.
- 1912 Student Body Association formed.
- 1914 C and W becomes campus newspaper
- 1915 Girls' League formed
- 1922 John Muir Building purchased by Whittier Union High School District
WUHSD purchased a walnut grove at the back of the school and constructed the athletic field, baseball field and grandstands, known as O C Albertson Field
- 1923 Razors formed (Senators)
- 1924 Girls' Gymnasium, swimming pool, Administration Building, and a new Manual Arts Building were opened
- 1925 The tunnel under Philadelphia was opened
- 1926 Alma Mater adopted
- 1927 Auto and Machine Shops were built on the South Side
- 1928 New Boys' Gym built

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1929 Construction started on the Commerce Building
1930 Cardinal chosen as WUHS Official Emblem and Mascot
Cloisters joining several buildings were completed
Cafeteria and Choral Hall Building opened

CARDINAL PASSINGS

Lawrence W. Ames, Jr. '43

Bobbie Pico Cabral*

George F. Chisler '31

John I Gruber '56

Ernest Gutierrez '43

Julia York Hockett*

Ruth Rae Schumacher Johnson '37

Don H. McIntosh '50

Alfred Trejo*

Kenneth Wayne Walker*

*year of graduation not known

Rosemary Luly Brummell '49

Doris M. Chappell '40

Jack Lee Collins '48

Jim Gruenholz*

Douglas F. Irwin '55

Raymond D. Winnen '38

Helen Francis Hudson Kleeman*

Gary Morgan '73

Peter Clinton Swift - Faculty

The Alumni Association expresses its sympathy to the family and friends upon the loss of their loved ones.

WHSAAEF Financial Update - Annette Montanez, Co-Treasurer '86

Whittier High School Alumni Association and Educational Foundation wants to express the deepest appreciation to all our members and friends. Your time, effort, and monetary contributions given throughout the year have been noticed by all current

Cardinals walking the halls, as well as Alumni and WHS staff. The Whittier High School spirit forever lives in the hearts and lives of us all.

The All-Class BBQ event is approaching quickly on Sunday, October 21, 2012. The cost is \$25 per person and \$15 for children. You don't have to be a Cardinal to attend, but just appreciate the history behind Whittier High School, a good BBQ lunch, and meet friendly people. (Reservation form included in this Newsletter.)

WHSAAEF is currently overseeing several projects, which will enhance the quality of the campus. The Wurlitzer Organ Project is currently active and accepting donations for the Auditorium update and the installation of the organ. Auditorium seats are our second active project. The seats are

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reupholstered and look beautiful, but there are many undedicated seats still available. It is memorial for all future Cardinals who pass through our grand Auditorium. Our third major project is the Archives. We are actively seeking historical momentos, which bring a more thorough perspective to WHS. Monetary donations are accepted, as well as historical donations, which carry on the legacy of WHS.

We would also like to give a special Thank You to all who donated to the Tuba Replacement Fund. We have assisted the WUHSD in collecting funds to replace the instruments in time for summer practice session.

Sports and AP testing are two new areas for contributions, which are becoming more visible. Whittier High Football season is beginning with new Head Coach Visco Ancich, and the energy coming from the team is "electric." We are proud of all our teams and with your help we are ready to support their CIF dreams. AP testing is always a very important topic. The fees which are connected to the testing can be quite costly for students, many of whom take multiple tests, and their families. Our contributions can assist with those fees; providing students with reduced fees, which helps reduce the stress.

Scholarships are our long-term project as we continuously seek generous supporters. Our future graduates have great hopes for their future. WHSAAEF is very proud to support them in their endeavors. (Donor envelope is enclosed in this Newsletter.)

Thank you for all the membership fees to keep the Cardinal Chatter in full production. We can't do it without YOU.

1947 Class Information

Sixty-fifth Reunion planned for **Saturday, October 6, 2012**. An afternoon luncheon at the home of Jan Slater Lopez Wood. Contact Jan at 562 696-0743 or email janlopezwood@verizon.net or Gerry Minor at 714 637-9364 or email gerryminor@sbcglobal.net.

1952 Class Information

Our 60th Reunion will be held **Friday, September 28, 2012**, at the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club, 7201 E. Ocean Blvd, Long Beach, CA 90803 (www.abyc.org) from 10:30am - 3pm for lunch, program and reminiscing. Cost is about \$30 per person. Contact Mitzie (Martha Campbell) Kimes at mitziequilts@aol.com or 562 926-2737 or Walt White whs52@verizon.net 714 969-4241.

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1957 Class Information

Contacts: Shirley Peck Fuller nbfuller@sbcglobal.net 949 645-0497 or Mary Barmore Parker beydog1@cox.net 480 948-4619. The 55th Year Reunion is planned for the weekend of **October 19-21, 2012**. Friday Night Pizza and Football Game. Meet in the Quad at 9am for WHS tour and at 11:30pm for Whittier Historical Museum tour. Sunday, Whittier Christian Church at 10:45am; Alumni Association All-Class BBQ at noon in the Quad, paid in advance. (See enclosed reservation form.) Reunion cost: \$55 until August 1; \$60 until October 12; \$65 after that. Gate charge for the game is \$7 and is not included. Send money to Shirley at 1712 Paloma Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660. Please contact Shirley or Mary for more information.

1962 Class Information

Contact Roger Pearson 562 882-1899 or rogper@gte.net or Tom Emfinger emfinger@whsclassof62.com. The 50th Class Reunion will be held **Saturday, October 13, 2012**, at the Whittier Radisson on Greenleaf in Uptown Whittier. Please contact Goodtime Reunions at 800 454-9311 or email them at info@goodtimereunions.com with your name, contact information so you get all the details about the reunion. www.goodtimereunions.com

1963 Class Information

REUNION NEWS JUST IN . . . Contact James "Buddy" Hamilton about a 50-year Reunion planned for **Saturday, October 19, 2013**. Tours of WHS are tentatively scheduled for the morning of Saturday, October 19, starting at the Gym parking lot. The Alumni Association will be hosting the Annual All-Class BBQ at the school on Sunday, October 20. Email Buddy at jchamilt@umich.edu or look on Facebook for "WHS Class of 63 50th Reunion." Other contacts: Wilma Catlett Miller whs63@clearwwire.net, John Moseley at 714 731-1160 (home) or 562 274-0214 (work) or jpm-cim@pacbell.com.

1972 Class Information

Contact Maureen Theis at mtheis7@hotmail.com or Denise Dolans Eldrige at 562 698-7461. The 40th Reunion will be held **Saturday, October 20, 2012**, at the Whittier Radisson, Uptown Whittier. The Alumni will also be hosting the Annual All-Class BBQ on Sunday, October 21 at WHS. So mark your calendar to SAVE THE DATE!!!

1982 Class Information

The 30-Year Reunion will be held **Saturday, October 20, 2012**, at the Hyatt Newport. Contact Denise Castaneda Silva at Great Reunions for more information at 800 655-7971 or Denise@greatreunions.com or <http://facebook.com>.

1992 Class Information

Our 20-Year Reunion is on **Friday, August 24, 2012**, at Fiesta Hall in Whittier. Contact Mikki Nerio Sethman albnik@aol.com. Check out Facebook page Whittier High Class 92. [Http://facebook.com](http://facebook.com)

2002 Class Information

The 10-Year Reunion is **Saturday, October 6, 2012**, at the Whittier Radisson from 7pm - 1am. The cost is \$65 per person and \$120 per couple. Please pay via PayPal using this email address: whittierhigh.co.2002@gmail.com. Also keep the Facebook information listing - Whittier HS 0' Two Reunion. Contact Ana Alvarado 562 457-8400 or by email bananaluvrock@gmail.com.

DONORS

Thank you to all of our Whittier High Contributors for upholding the red and white, the beauty of our campus, and scholarships for our graduating Cardinals!

FEBRUARY

Christopher Cohick '59
Max McCann '47
Janet B. Taylor '63

Charlie Huston '47
Ruthie Pierce Westlund '55

Willie & Ruth Judd '46 '49
Marlene Powell Hewitt '61

MARCH

Jerry & Helen Allen '46 '48
Stu Gothold ' 52
Phyllis McKenzie Morgan '51
Beckie Speer Schumacher '51

Bruch Crouch '56
Louise M & Peter T Kemp '54
Joan Meister Everett '60
Robert E Tranquada '47

Charlene Drake '48
Nancy J Krug '49
Arthur Ogami '40

APRIL

Adeline G Aldrich Linn '32
Nancy Bauman Gianos '59
Bernard & Julia H. Davis '43
Dick & Donna Ferguson '54 '56
Donald L Jenkins '49
Ken Lorentzen '62
Peggy Marotta '48
Barbara L Ousley '51
Henri F Pellissier '46
Eleanor B Rosedale '51
Teresa Thompson '60

Andrew Babychuk Jr. '64
Joan Camp Ochoa '74
Lloyd M White '46
Donald Foss '48
Phyllis K Bettelheim '50
Carl Maclin '51
George R Mattias '48
Dianne B Padelford '55
Jerry Renfro ' 68
Dr. Johsua Samanta
Joseph A Vinatieri '70

Chuck Campbell '50
Carol Coffy Willard '56
Bob Dewhirst '50
Marvin Graham '54
Gail Lamb '55
Christian E Markey Jr. '47
Frank J. McKenna '73
John L Peel '74
Gloria Stoica
Candance Walker Kilinski

MAY

David Abbott '43
Geraldyn Jarvis Blackburn '59
Rennie Kurtz Boardman '60
Kenneth L & Joanne V Camp '50 '52 ☺☺☺☺☺
Bud & Betty Halte '64 '66
Wendi Damico
Madeline Winblad Finn '60
Susan Arthur Fuller '60
Jo Ann Givens '46
Marilyn Ockerman Higgins '50
Peggy Davis Jefferson '51
Cornelia H Stickney Kulzer '45
Joan Emmens Law '43
Janice Pelton Lewis '50
Jaxine Martin '62
Ron McKenzie '55
Geraldine Cassem Minor '47
Robert J Murlin '43
Bob & Janet Osborn '54 '56
Bonnie Wert Peterson '66
Cindy Raggio-Begley '68
Roseanne Hallte Santoro '72
Donna Cremer Schlemmer '54
Patricia Laws Shank '58
Martha Lea Smith '48
Barbara Lange Starkey '60
Ann Thomas '55
Kerstin Sundberg Toombs '60
Tim & Claire Duarte Walker '65

Carol Vonder Bruegge Barilone '60
Dixie Goodman Buxbaum '58
Ira Landon Brummell '45
Lee Chapman '57
Donna Ferguson '56
Pete Flores
Richard & Helen George '54 '55
Gary L Gould '60
Gerald R & Karen J Holland '51
Edwin Keesling '61
Ray Zabel '50
Genevieve Lescsak - Faculty
Kenneth E. Lindgren '55
Sandra Lee Burdick Martin '55
Newell L Miller '41
Carl & Verna Jean Moen '41 '44
Marilyn Newton '48
Judith E Graham Panza '60
Richard B Postal '48
Linda Jacobs Ramey '68
Edward & Carol Saunders '41
Joseph Schloderer '54
Janet Knauss Skow '56
Elizabeth Ann Carroll Snyder '48
Tim Steggelvik DDS '64
Patty H Sanchez Thomas '84
Jeanne Silk Toulon '75

Bobbie Bryd '51
Earl M Bender '50
Bud Chapman '46
Jack & Helen Carlisle '45 '43
Kevin Comini '74
Earl L Feyes '55
Grover & Ann Ford '63 '60
Bob Hall '55
John C Haddon '46
Edward Kamens '70
Louise M & Pete T Kemp '54
James Lantz '50
Nancy Lusk '60
William & Diane Maraist '57
Roger McNitt '60
Gary Lee Miller '56
John Olsen '56
Paul Elmer Nichols '39
Ray Polentz '46
Pal Raggio '59
Barbara Manuri Rohner '63
Don Taylor '46
Tom Seminoff '65
Nancy Smith '54
Ann Thomas '55
Mary Jane Taylor '47
David Wahler '46
Daryl Van Valkenburg '64
Sandra Wall-Mastrangelo '66

JUNE

Susan C Alexander '74	Dolores Romero Andicochea '42	Harlan Lamp '57
Margaret Stewart Ball '40	John W & Glenus R Bateman '43 '46	☺☺☺☺☺
Mary Chapman Coffey '41	Charles E Buehler MD '59	James H. Dewhirst MD
Joe A & Judy A Burrow '55	Marshall & Allayne Y Estrada '52 '59	Lee Parks '61
Shirley A Peck Feller '57	J Kenneth Fleshman '51	Mary Lyon Glover '71
Tina Galezewewski Flournoy '75	Violeta Davila Lewis '92	Jim G. McCandless '47
Kathryn J McIntosh '50	Angelique Mercado-Sieversen '83	☺☺☺☺☺
Kristen Tina Hurd Meyer '61	Joan O Kirkwood Northup '48	☺☺☺☺☺
Henry J Romero '41	Thomas W. Samarin '60	Robert Max Willsey '53
Morris E & Lorraine M Sawyer '58		Sally Erwin Sebastian '48

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Have something you would like in the Cardinal Chatter? Send it to me for the Winter/Spring edition.

Save these dates:

October 20, 2012 All-Class BBQ

April 21, 2013 Hall of Fame

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