

# The George Washington High School



## President's Message

The George Washington High School Alumni Association continues to make a difference at GWHS. Our teacher grant program is a vital part of our work. Thanks to all of our efforts, we were recently able to distribute \$7,375 in teacher grants. This amount included a \$4,000 grant to our Music Department in order to assist in the purchase of new musical instruments. Our Board is committed to helping raise \$30,000 to provide for all of the musical instrument needs of our students.

You will note that our teacher grant program assists virtually every department in the school. We do make a difference and we must continue to provide our teachers with the additional tools that they need to do their very important work. Our dollars are so important and we do have such an impact on GWHS.

Please join us on February 24, 1998, for our annual GWHS Birthday celebration. This year we will install two outstanding individuals into our Hall of Merit and we will celebrate the continuing success of GWHS. The program will begin at 10:45 a.m. in the GWHS Auditorium.

As President of our Alumni Association, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continuing support. Our entire Board is thrilled to represent you.

John F. Rothmann  
President

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## 1998 Hall of Merit Inductees

### Judge Gail Bereola, S'72

Judge Bereola has distinguished herself in the field of law. She began her career as a law clerk in Rome, Italy, for the law firm of Baker & McKenzie in 1978. She has served as an Assistant Staff Judge Advocate, Assistant District Attorney, and Commissioner in the Oakland Municipal Courts; all of this leading to her appointment to the bench in 1992 as Judge, Oakland-Piedmont-Emeryville Municipal Court in Oakland.

### Principal's Message

The GWHS staff is happy to welcome new Assistant Principals Bruce Gow, Andy Kelleher, and Leslie Trook.

At GWHS, we provide an exceptional education program in an ethnically diverse and academically challenging setting for all of our students. Our commitment is to educate and prepare all of our students for their transition from high school into the university, college, and/or career of their choice. GWHS continues to be successful academically and in co-curricular activities, as evidenced by our students' accomplishments during the 1996-97 school year:

- ...GWHS is ranked #121 among all 11,700 high schools in the United States in the number of students taking AP exams.
- ...ranked #5 in Micro Economics.
- ...#6 in Macro Economics.
- ...#31 in Calculus AB.
- ...#39 in U.S. History.

To keep pace with new developments, we have added many new classes in the last two years from Math and Writing Labs for 9th grade students to Web Design and Computer Graphic Arts courses.

We have greatly increased the amount of grants GWHS receives, and with your continued support, we will continue to make GWHS the best high school in San Francisco!

Donald Mitchell  
Principal

### Debbie Simon, S'67

Ms. Simon has been a member of the faculty at the Milton Academy in Massachusetts for many years. She has distinguished herself as an outstanding teacher and more specifically as a speech coach *par excellence*. She recently was awarded the prestigious Bruno E. Jacob Commendation, which represents many years of outstanding coaching and many qualifiers to the National Tournament, and signifies excellence and dedication to good speech training.

GWHS is very proud to have started these two women on their successful career paths. Congratulations to them both.

## Treasurer's Report

As of November 4, 1997:

General Fund	\$ 2,390.25
Garin Scholarship	2,400.31
Madfes Fund	6,670.70
Endowment	127,834.80
Endowment Income	7,051.33
Donovan Scholarship	2,632.68
Marshall Fund	1,470.00
Principal's Fund	351.00
Israel Study Grant	7,937.12
Israel Study Income	92.78
Soares Fund	1,710.00
WWII Memorial Scholarship	5,114.54
Adams Scholarship	415.00
Shilgi Scholarship	7,094.24
Shilgi Scholarship Income	914.42
Borgfeldt Scholarship	1,000.00
Gerard Rhine Scholarship	925.00
Tennis Courts	0.00
Li Oi Yu Scholarship	5,492.63

**Total** **\$181,496.80**

Howard Zee  
Treasurer

## Thank You's

**Phillip Yim**, recipient of the 1997 Edith Garin Scholarship, sends his thanks for the monetary award. Phillip writes that it was an honor to receive the award and he appreciates the efforts that the Alumni Association contributes to all of the students at GWHS. Phillip also expresses his thanks to all of the Alumni donors who have contributed towards this wonderful scholarship fund.

The Alumni Association would like to thank **Melvin Schiller & Co.** for their generous donations to the Association both past and present. Their monetary gifts, totalling over \$3,500, are greatly appreciated.

Sincere thanks to **Alexandra Joulibert** for her generous donation to the Jerry Shilgi Memorial Fund.

## Know their Whereabouts?

Does anyone know the whereabouts of **Jerry G. Anderson F'57**? If so, please write to Barbara Ayaw Seidman, 1370 Honokahua Street, Honolulu, HI 96825.

Dan Mather, Class of 1943, is trying to locate **Ed Paris** or his wife **Barbara Potts Paris**, both S'43. Dan may be reached at 1236 W. Racine Street, Bellingham, WA 98226-2158, 360-734-9242, or fax 360-738-6024.

Classmates of **Fall 1954** (Jan. 1955) Georgia Sher Franklin, Ann Kobus-Sheard O'Brien, Margie Goldman Levy, Diane Lubich Reuben, Jeanette Risso Sanguinetti, Barbara Lewin Cassell and Pat Celaya Guthertz are trying to locate **Anne Gorman**. If anyone knows Anne's whereabouts, please contact Diane Lubich Reuben at 2350 Via Sonoma, Palm Springs, CA 92264.



Fall 1954 (January 1955) gals at their September 1997 get-together, left to right: Georgia (Sher) Franklin, Ann (Kobus-Sheard) O'Brien, Margie (Goldman) Levy, Diane (Lubich) Reuben, Jeanette (Risso) Sanguinetti, Barbara (Lewin) Cassell, and Pat (Celaya) Guthertz.

Sharon Liggett Marquez S'58 would like to locate **Winifred Dower Evelyn**, also S'58. She has not been in contact with Winifred in about 36 years. Sharon would also like to find **Irene Wong** who planned on becoming a teacher upon graduation from GWHS. Sharon is at 2196 Shurtleff Ave., Napa, CA 94559, 707-252-1825.

## Alumni News

**Delbert Schneider**, former GWHS teacher, was a cellist with the Oakland Symphony for over 56 years. Delbert also played with the San Francisco Symphony in 1947 for a special tour of the United States and Canada. Delbert, who will be 89 in August, is married and has three children. He can be contacted at 57 Wildwood Ave., Piedmont, CA 94610.

**Jerda Sibbett**, no year given, writes that after GWHS she attended UCLA and graduated with a Sociology degree and was an alumna of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority. She worked as a freelance graphic designer and has recently been promoted to Guest Relations Coordinator at the Ritz-Carlton in Marina del Rey.

**John B. Duryea S'40** updates us on his family as well as himself. John's brother **Bob Duryea S'50** recently returned with wife Jen from a trip to the Maritime Provinces with a Retired Military RV group. John's other sister **Noreen Duryea Dobratz S'52** and husband Duane are just retired from the real estate

business and are now traveling extensively. John has done a stint as Operations Director for a three-day Octoberfest of the Mid-Atlantic Soaring Association. They launch flights from their field in Fairfield, Pennsylvania. John can be contacted at 643 Wills Drive, Chambersburg, PA 17201-9297.

**John O. Potts S'41** was a career Army man. He has been married to **Lois Ann Brown S'42** for the past 41 years. John is currently residing in Palm Harbor, Florida, just north of St. Petersburg.

**Marzella Sather Jones S'41** sends a hello to her classmates and reminds them that she can be contacted at 417 Third Ave., Aberdeen, WA 98520, 360-532-9490.

**Betty Henri Mead, Class of 1944**, just returned from a vacation, along with **Rita Kroner Glenn**, Rita's husband Rich, and **Jeanette Joue Mueller**. Betty would love to hear from fellow classmates and can be contacted at 370 El Toyonal, Orinda, CA 94563, 510-254-4029.

## In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we report the death of **Louise Shriver McTernan**. Mrs. McTernan was a teacher, choral director, and mentor to more than three decades of San Francisco students. She died at her home after a year-long battle with cancer.

Mrs. McTernan was a well known and extremely popular teacher for more than 20 years in the San Francisco public school system. She was the choral and musical theater director at Roosevelt Junior High and GWHS, as well as the director of the Young People's Musical Theater for the San Francisco Parks and Recreation Department.

In 1981 she was named Teacher of the Year in San Francisco. Robert Alioto, School Superintendent at the time, spoke of Mrs. McTernan "as going far beyond anything the Board of Education or any teacher contract can reward her for." Mrs. McTernan said at the time, "I love teaching kids. I love to transform them, and that's what it is that a teacher does."

Her most renowned protege was Calvin Simmons, the late conductor of the Oakland Symphony. Simmons often said that he regarded Mrs. McTernan as his "second mother."

Other GWHS deaths include:

**Leo Lozada Jr. F'66** died April 27, 1997, at the age of 48 from bone marrow cancer. Leo played varsity football and was a member of the Bachelor's Club at GWHS.

Leo leaves two daughters, Lani and Jessica. Condolences can be sent to his family in care of his sister, Victoria DeSantos, at 303 Almaden Blvd., San Jose, CA 95110.

John Duryea writes that his sister **Miriam Duryea Geisler F'42** died in July 1995 of lung cancer. She was a registered nurse and raised two sons.

**William Allan Grimes, Class of 1953**, died November 2, 1997. He is survived by his wife, Catherine, and one daughter. William was honored in life by the American Association of Blood Banks for his donations over the years and was also a volunteer at the Peninsula Humane Society in Burlingame.

We have also received word that **Leo "Legs" Leggett S'39** has died. Leo was a member of the Eagle Society and the football team.

**Robin Quan**, a grad of the early 80s and a member of the California Scholarship Federation, has passed away from Marfan Syndrome, a rare genetic disorder.

**James Casassa**, husband of Bonnie Casassa S'64 and faculty member.

**Victor Francisco F'66**, brother of Dan Francisco F'64 and GWHSAA Board of Directors member.

**Carol Simon Gross S'48.**

**William Allan Grimes F'53.**

**Jack H. Grossman S'47.**

## More Alumni News

**Dick Lewis S'47** attended UC Berkeley following graduation from GWHS. Dick taught high school Social Studies in the San Mateo High School District for over 34 years and took a sabbatical to earn his Masters Degree at Stanford. He and his wife have been married for over 44 years. They have three children and three grandchildren. Dick currently resides in Santa Rosa.

**Erna C. Ketchum (formerly Carolyn Hafley) F'47** has lived in San Jose since entering San Jose State University in September 1948. She is married with two children and five grandchildren. Erna would enjoy hearing from classmates and can be reached at 5040 Alan Ave., San Jose, CA 95124-5741.

**Beverly Cassidy Singer F'48** sends word about her 50th anniversary reunion. She sends current addresses for the following classmates: **Joan Ferris Ramage**, 416 Oak Ridge Road, Cary, NC 27511; **Vic and Phyllis Souder**

**Henshaw**, 24 Wood Court, Alamo, CA 94507; **Marilyn Wood Abbott**, 340 Purrington Road, Petaluma, CA 94952; **Gale Wyley and Ruth Faulk Wyley**, 6 Quince Court, Novato, CA 94947. Bev lives in Oakmont, California, is a retired elementary teacher and reading specialist, and is active in the California Reading Association as a volunteer reader for HeadStart Schools. She has three daughters and eight grandchildren. She can be reached at 707-539-4093 or email her at csing@juno.com

**Marilyn Wood Abbott F'48** adds a current address for **Donna Moore Miller**, 2606 26th Avenue West, Seattle, WA 98199. Marilyn has been married for 43 years and has six children and five grandchildren. She was involved with horse shows and horse show management, and co-owned a tack store with her daughter. Now retired, she and her husband enjoy traveling. Marilyn is at 340 Purrington Road, Petaluma, CA 94952.

**Stan Seaman S'49** sends word that he has the distinction of being in the International Hall of Fame for the Trophy Dealers and Manufacturing Association. He is hoping that his class will have a 50th anniversary reunion and would like to be contacted for same. Stan can be reached at 275 Westridge Drive, Portola Valley, CA 94028, 650-854-8185.

**Gary Kirsten F'51** had a short but enjoyable retirement. After stepping down from Marsh & McLennan last October, he was hired as consultant to the President of Mutual Insurance of Arizona, the state's largest insurer of medical malpractice insurance, and in June 1998 he will become General Manager and COO of that company for at least two years. Gary says he probably will not try retirement again for four years, and adds his wife will now have more money to spend! Gary can be reached at 8005 Via de Viva, Scottsdale, AZ 85258, 602-998-7050.

**Lawrence Nissim S'53** writes that he and wife Diana have moved to Oakmont in Santa Rosa where he still plays senior softball. Larry can be contacted at 6597 Meadowridge Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95409, 707-537-2291.

Classmates of **Fall 1954 Georgia Sher Franklin, Ann Kobus-Sheard O'Brien, Margie Goldman Levy, Diane Lubich Reuben, Jeanette Risso Sanguinetti, Barbara Lewin Cassell and Pat Celaya Gutherz** got together for lunch and catching up with each other in September 1997. (photo on Page 2.) Diane Lubich is at 2350 Via Sonoma, Palm Springs, CA 92264.

**Ray Rogoway S'54** has had a fascinating succession of careers. Originally an electronics engineer, he earned a BS in Physics from SFSU in 1971 and has been awarded seven National Science Foundation Grants in Physics Education. Ray then earned a MA in Clinical Psychology in 1995 and is now an MFCC intern and teaches a psychology course at Ohlone College in Fremont. He has remarried and has two adult children. Ray is at 1134 Somerset Drive, San Jose, CA 95132-3043, 408-272-2784, or email him at rogoway@sjm.infi.net

**Jan Owen Cox F'56** and husband Dick live in Rancho Murieta and have a small packaging business in Sacramento. Jan is a volunteer with the Assistance League of Sacramento. Jan has found **Joyce Weaver Haessler S'54** who worked for the Mountain Democrat in Placerville. Jan's son, Jeff, also worked there. Jan can be contacted at 14918 Trinidad Court, Rancho Murieta, CA 95683, 916-354-8419.

**Gayle Chan (formerly Marcella Gayle Hee) S'57** teaches night school in the Jefferson High School District. She has taught Chinese Cooking for over 22 years and has traveled to the Orient many times with students and friends to take classes and enjoy the Asian cui-

## Reunion Central

### Alamo Elementary

Alamo's Alumni Committee is preparing for the school's 75th anniversary in 2001. They will also be holding the Foundation's third annual Friendship Awards Dinner on April 30, 1998. The Alamo Foundation received the prestigious National Blue Ribbon Award from President Clinton in 1997. To add your name to the alumni list, volunteer for 75th anniversary activities, or get information about the dinner, contact Gayle (Hee) Chan, 415-750-8456, or write Alamo Alumni, 250 23rd Ave., San Francisco, CA 94121.

### Spring 1939

The Pioneer Class will be holding their 60-year reunion in the Fall of 1999. All alumni from other classes are welcome. Please help to locate classmates. Add your name to the mailing list by contacting Annabelle (Marsh) Piercy 650-756-1530 (Daly City), Myron Harband 650-637-9742 (San Carlos), or Helen (Adams) Shannon 707-542-2985 (Santa Rosa). Thank you for your help!

### Class of 1943

Reunion will be held November 6, 1998. Contact Melvin Lipman 415-543-2500.

### Fall 1947-Spring 1948

Reunion will be held at the Lake Merced Golf and Country Club. A mailing will be sent to classmates in early January. To add your name to the list or report missing alumni, contact reunion chairman Joseph Surdyka, 415-898-1119.

### Spring 1963

Reunion picnic will be held in the Fall of 1998, and notices will be sent in early 1998. Contact chairman Gayle (Abby Hoover) Thorne, 2675 Glen Arven Way, Sacramento, CA 95833, 916-648-8459, or email her at mom@toothfairy.com

### Spring 1967

Jocelyn Seto Carter reports the 30-year reunion was a great success. To make contacting classmates easier for the next one, send updated addresses and missing alumni to Jocelyn at 2175 Funston Ave., San Francisco, CA 94116, 415-664-1791.

### Fall 1969

We are making plans for our 30th reunion. To add your name to the list, report missing alumni, or volunteer for the committee, contact chairman Susan Weil Lakatos, 176 Morningside Drive, San Francisco, CA 94132, 415-564-5162.

### Fall 1970-Spring 1972

25-year reunion to be held in June or July 1998. Contact Tony Tucker 415-284-1029 or Claire Johnson 415-567-2897.

### Fall 1975-Spring 1976

We held a very successful reunion. After planning on 150 people, over 200 attended.

### Spring 1977

Our 20-year reunion was November 8, 1997, and we had a nice turnout of alumni.

## Board of Directors/ GWHS Alumni Association

John Rothmann, President, F'66  
Penny Birdman Potthoff, Vice President, S'65  
Howard Zee, Treasurer, S'78  
Sofia Abuda, Secretary, S'69

Harold Abend, S'71  
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Andrew Leeds, F'66  
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Lula Tamaras Ossipoff, F'53  
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### Submission deadlines:

Fall (September).....May 10  
Spring (February).....November 10

All submissions are welcome. Please keep submissions brief and legible. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with any originals (newspaper clippings, photographs, etc.) you include and would like returned; **however**, safe return of your originals is not guaranteed. Submissions may be edited. Please send submissions to the address below.

**Include your legibly printed or typed name and return address in the body of all submissions.**

**POSTMASTER:** Please send Change of Address information to **GEORGE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**, George Washington High School, 600 32nd Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94121.

sine. Her husband Byron will be retiring this year from the Jefferson High School District. Daughter Tiffany graduated from UCLA and will be married this year, and son **Corwin S'88** graduated from Wharton in Philadelphia. Contact Gayle at 775 41st Ave., San Francisco, CA 94121, 415-750-8456.

**George Heuga F'58** writes to correct our spelling of his name [*sorry!*—Ed.]. For the past 23 years George has been a staff employee at UC Berkeley in the Office of Media Services. He and wife Maureen have been married 30 years and have four daughters, one son, and one granddaughter. George recently left his part-time teaching position at CCSF after 20 years of night teaching. George can be contacted at 1380 Fern Hill Lane, Concord, CA 94521-4241.

**Linda Morningstar Pecot S'60** and her husband of 37 years, Joe, are still living in Pearland, Texas, a suburb of Houston. Linda and Joe are active in the United Scleroderma Foundation. She is the chapter secretary, and he maintains their website <http://cust2.iamerica.net/jpecot> Since she was diagnosed with scleroderma 15 years ago her main goal in life is to help find a cure, and she will be participating in a University of Texas research program. Linda says scleroderma affects over 300,000 in the U.S. but did not gain attention until last year's movie *For Hope* about Bob Saget's sister's fight with the disease. Linda and Joe have four children and seven grandchildren that also keep them very busy. Linda can be reached at 2904 Spring Creek Lane, Pearland, TX 77581, 281-997-7470.

**Jim Hirsch S'67** is living in San Francisco with his wife, Tina, and their two-year old daughter. Jim is a retired PG&E petroleum engineer and now has a real estate management company. Jim was a member of the GWHS track team.

**Jocelyn Seto Carter S'67** writes that their 30-year reunion was a great success. She hopes that those who attended will keep in touch with each other, especially since over half of their invitation addresses were invalid. Jocelyn is at 2175 Funston Ave., San Francisco, CA 94116, 415-664-1791.

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600 32nd Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94121

## DATED MATERIAL—TIME VALUE

**B. Lance Greenfield S'68** is a parking control officer for the City and County of San Francisco. Lance relates an incident in which he accidentally found **David Phillip**, also **S'68**, after citing David's apparently illegally-parked vehicle with no license plates. Dave chased Lance in his cart and pulled him over to discuss the citation. All ended well with Lance submitting the citation for voiding. Lance says, "Who says meter maids don't give breaks?" Lance can be reached (no pleading or bribing, please!) at P. O. Box 421685, San Francisco, CA 94142, 415-929-7773.

**Allison Goldman Syren S'77** greatly enjoyed her class' 20-year reunion. For the past ten years she has been a teacher at El Cerrito High School, where she says she uses her GWHS experience daily. Allison has two boys. She can be reached at 510-237-7684.

**Joanna Lee S'79** graduated from UC Berkeley in 1983 and spent three years in Tokyo teaching English and working as a Spanish-English translator. She now works as an event planner in Berkeley. Joanna asks that other 1979 grads interested in helping organize a 20-year reunion contact her at 510-843-8048.

**Reed Minkin S'82** is still living in the metropolitan New Orleans area, and got married in December 1997. He and wife Shelly will be returning to the Bay Area on a permanent basis this summer to attend law school. Reed would love to hear from his fellow classmates and can be emailed at Nolaniner@aol.com

**Shana Chandler Leon S'87** is a new mom to Adena Jessica, born October 15, 1997, the day before Shana's 28th birthday. Shana is the daughter of two of GWHS' favorite teachers, Danise and Sanford Chandler. Shana's brother **Spencer Chandler S'91** is enjoying his role as proud uncle.

**Candace Kinner S'94** is studying at SFSU as a Communications major and hopes to graduate in the fall of 1998. She is a member of the Beta Phi sorority.

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