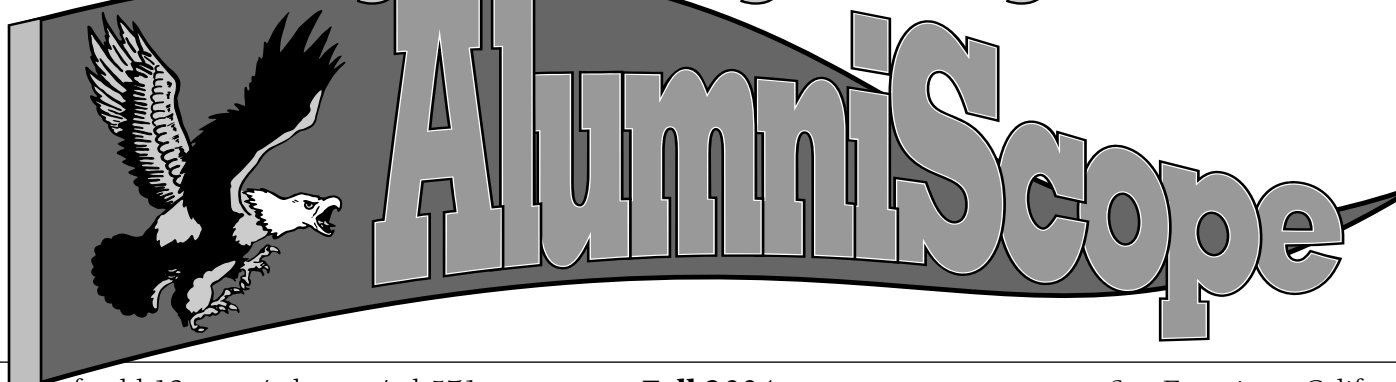


# The George Washington High School



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San Francisco, California

## From the President

A special thank you to the family and friends of our former Principal, Allen Torlakson, for their generosity in establishing a fund in his honor. Each year a worthy student who is going on to a college or university, will be presented with the Torlakson Award.

Allen Torlakson was a graduate of the Spring 1940 class. He returned as a teacher and counselor from 1950 to

1965. He served as Vice Principal from 1967 to 1970 and as Principal from 1976 to 1981. He loved this school and we appreciated his devotion.

We are always seeking outstanding GWHS alumni to elect to our Hall of Merit. If you can recommend a candidate, please complete the form on Page 7 and mail it to us. Our students are always inspired by the

inductees when they speak at our Hall of Merit celebrations. Submit your nominee today!

I am pleased to have been re-elected G W H S A A President. We have a superb Board, a wonderful Alumni Sponsor in Denise Joseph, and a great administration, faculty and student body. Please pass information about GWHSAA on to your friends. It's amazing many people don't know we exist. A Life Membership is only \$30, and the more members we have the more good work we can do together. Spread the word and bring new members to our Association. Thank you for your support.

John F Rothmann  
President

## Treasurer's Report

As Of April 22, 2004:

General Fund	\$2,479.04
Garin Scholarship	1,360.31
RFD Garin	13,148.84
RFD Garin Income	671.75
Madfes Fund	9,824.14
Endowment	217,003.80
Endowment Income	344.18
Donovan/Monte Fund	3,232.68
Marshall Fund	2,313.34
Principal's Fund	401.00
Israel Study Grant	10,734.65
Israel Study Income	140.94
Soares Fund	1,578.33
WWII Memorial	4,318.59
Adams/Comm. Service Award	11,935.00
Shilgi Scholarship	9,295.29
Shilgi Scholarship Income	989.41
Borgfeldt Scholarship	0.00
Li Oi Yu Scholarship	3,182.63
Hanson Fund	9,889.16
Hanson Income	1,136.79
Improvement Award	1,122.45
Advanced Placement	22,010.45
Choppelas Forensics Award	8,102.35
Choppelas Forensics Income	278.95
Meyskens Teacher Enrichment	15,270.07
Meyskens TE Income	993.33
Robert Hilmoe Fund	1,995.00
Rothmann Library Endowment Fund	4,399.92
Athletic Coaches Appreciation Fund	1,367.05
Fukuwa Fund	2,398.71
Lubamersky Fund	6,058.00
Lubamersky Income	1,073.59
1947 Fund	5,410.00
1947 Income	781.97
Feinberg Drama Award	7,500.00
Chandler Family Fund	1,850.00
Olivera/Casanova Award	2,000.00
Class of 1958 Fund	3,693.00
Mr. A's Fund	7,208.29
Torlakson Fund	3,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$400,433.00</b>

Wendy Leung, Treasurer

## Upcoming Reunions

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## Hall of Merit Ballot

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The 2004–2005 school year has begun, and with it all the challenges facing the public education system. The GWHS Alumni Association plays a very important role in ensuring the continuation of quality education at our school. The Constitution of our Association spells out our **GOALS AND PURPOSES** very clearly.

**1**To promote and maintain a high standard of excellence in education for the benefit of the students and the community in which they live—in cooperation with the Principal and staff.

**2**To assist worthy graduates of GWHS through the granting of various scholarship programs established and/or administered by the Association.

**3**To encourage continuing contact among the Alumni of this high school by providing assistance in organizing class reunions and by publishing the *AlumniScope*, the Association newsletter.

**4**To select worthy individuals for induction into the George Washington High School Hall of Merit.

**5**To develop the financial resources necessary to enable the Association to carry on its programs through fundraising campaigns and prudent capital accumulation and investment.

**6**To play a constructive role in the larger community within which GWHS, students, teachers and alumni are significant participants.

In this time of crisis in our public education system, it is necessary to remind ourselves of our **GOALS AND PURPOSES**. In order for us to succeed in our efforts, please send us your contribution for this school year in the envelope we have enclosed with this *AlumniScope*. Imagine what we could accomplish if all 5,000-plus members of our Association would send at least \$10 each year to support the important work of our Association. Your support is critical to our ongoing efforts. Please send us your contribution today—it will be put to good use!

## Scholarship and Award Review

As you peruse our annual review of the GWHSAA's scholarships and awards, you'll see we have added new funds to the list. Not every fund is listed on the envelope we provide for your convenience in sending donations.

If you wish to contribute to a fund not listed on the envelope, please write the fund's name on a short note attached to your check. Your donations are **NOT** limited to the funds listed on the envelope. If you have questions about any awards, please call Denise Joseph at GWHS. Thanks for your continued and generous support of the school and students.

### Visual and Performing Arts

**Jerry Shilgi Award:** Honoring former student, established by his family; to an outstanding student in instrumental music; award of \$1,000.

**Mary Marshall Memorial Award:** Honoring former teacher, to outstanding Art Dept. students for purchase of art supplies; award of \$100.

**John Soares Award:** Honoring former teacher, to outstanding Art Dept. student; award of \$100.

**Borgfeldt Fine Arts Award:** Honoring former student; to an outstanding music student; award of \$500.

**George Choppelas Forensic/Debate Award:** Honoring Retired Judge George Choppelas, established by Thornton O'Glove (both former students); to outstanding Forensics/Debate student; award of \$1,000.

**Ron Feinberg Drama Award:** To outstanding Drama Dept. student as selected by Visual & Performing Arts faculty; award of \$500.

**Melvin Hanson Art Award:** Honoring former student, established by his family; to outstanding Art Dept. student specifically in the area of painting; award of \$500.

**Chandler Family Scholarship:** First award scheduled for 2005; criteria and award amount to be determined.

### Mathematics/Science Department

**Richard Fukuwa Award:** Honoring former teacher; to outstanding Math Dept. student; award of \$50.

**Class of S'47 Fund:** Established by class of Spring 1947 alumni; to outstanding Math Dept. student; award of \$500.

**Edward Gorham Memorial Award:** Honoring former teacher; to outstanding Science student as selected by Science Dept.; award of \$100.

### ROTC

**World War II Memorial Fund:** To outstanding college-bound ROTC student; award of \$500.

### English Department

**Edith Garin Award:** Honoring former teacher, to outstanding students based on GPA, financial need, school service; award(s) of \$500.

**RFD/Garin Award:** An adjunct to the Garin Award and established by Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Fineberg enabling an additional Garin Award recipient to be selected; award of \$500.

**Robert Hilmoe Award:** Honoring former teacher; to English Dept. student; award of \$500.

**Ann Rhine Award:** Honoring former teacher; to an outstanding student in the English Dept.; award of \$500.

### ESL

**Li Oi Yu Award:** Honoring former teacher; to college-bound ESL student as selected by ESL Dept.; award of \$500

### Principal Awards

**Ruth Adams Award:** Honoring former principal; to outstanding student(s) based on GPA and service to the school; award(s) of \$50.

**Saul Madfes Award:** Honoring former teacher and principal, to outstanding student-athlete; two awards of \$250.

**Camille Morishige Award:** Honoring former principal; to an outstanding foreign language student; award of \$100.

**Al Vidal Leadership Award:** Honoring former principal; to a student who has demonstrated a significant amount of school-related extracurricular service; award of \$50.

**Allen Torlakson Award:** Honoring former principal; to an outstanding college-bound student; award of \$500.

### Athletic Department

**Al Lubamersky Award:** Honoring former teacher/coach; to a college-bound student; award of \$500.

**Alex Athanasopoulos (Mr. "A") Award:** Honoring former teacher/coach; to a college-bound student who might otherwise be ineligible for scholarships; award of \$500.

### Counseling Department

**Monte/Donovan Award:** Criteria established by GWHS Counseling Dept. with \$500 award to go to a student selected by the counselors.

### Miscellaneous

**Class of '85 Most Improved Student Award:** Established by Class of 1985 grads; to student(s) who have shown the most academic improvement over 4 years at GWHS; award(s) of \$500.

**Dr. Tom Richards Award:** To college-bound graduate with considerable volunteer service in school and/or community; award of \$250.

**Permanent Endowment:** Provides funding to scholarship award accounts.

**Israel Study Grant:** Two students each school year selected to participate in an Israel travel program. Funds toward travel expenses contributed by Alumni Association.

**Principal's Fund:** To be used by principal for special projects, at request of principal and with Alumni Association Board approval.

**Frank Meyskens Teacher Enhancement Award:** Honoring former teachers Ken Irwin, Mert Jones and Harry Redlick; to faculty participating in a summer enrichment program; award of up to \$2,000.

**John Rothmann Library Endowment Fund:** Donated funds to go toward library needs, book purchases, etc.

## 2003–2004 Awards

The GWHSAA bestowed nearly \$16,000 at the Senior Awards Ceremony on June 2, 2004, to these college-bound students active in a variety of activities, including part-time work and volunteering in community-based organizations. We thank you for your generous donations which make these awards possible.

### Visual and Performing Arts

**Shilgi Music Award** Sam Tomlin

**Marshall Art Award** Wendy Szeto

**Soares Art Award** Alyssa Jones

**Borgfeldt Award** Mark Ikeda, Frances Wu

**Hanson Award** Aya Ino

**Choppelas Forensics Award** Bradley Dunn

**Feinberg Drama Award** Katie Canton

### Mathematics/Science Department

**Fukuwa Award** Jamie Pui Shan Lam

**S'47 Award** Aaron Chun

**Gorham Award** Jamie Pui Shan Lam

### ROTC

**WWII Memorial Award** Mikhail Rubenstein

### English Department

**Garin Award** Anna Tran

**RFD/Garin Award** Angelina Yu

**Hilmoe Award** Clayton Franson

**Rhine Award** Christopher Wong

### ESL

**Li Oi Yu Award** Jin Yu Katy Liang

### Principal Awards

**Adams Award** Jenny Tran, Angelina Yu

**Madfes Award** Pachara Arunleung, Alexey Khozan

**Morishige Award** Benson Way

**Torlakson Award** Sally Tai

**Ernest J. Cummings Cup** Raymond S. Tam, Regina Lin

**O.I. Schmaelzle Cup** Rachel Kishton

**Vidal Leadership Award** Rainbow Wong, Dennis Gregg, Rick Duber

### Athletic Department

**Lubamersky Award** Alexey Khozan, Angelina Yu

**Mr. A Award** Pachara Arunleung

### Counseling Department

**Monte/Donovan Award** John Dao

### Miscellaneous

**Community Service Award** Bradley Dunn

**'85 Most Improved Award** Jenny Nhan

**Dr. Richards Award** Aya Ino

**Meyskens Teacher Awards** Sherie Yazman, Dan Yee

Time to celebrate! It's Party Time! Fun and friends! Time to celebrate! **Reunion Central** celebrate! It's Party Time! Fun and friends! Time to celebrate!

**All "GWHS Faithful" Alumni**

Bimonthly luncheons are held at Caesar's Italian Restaurant on Bay and Powell Streets; the next one on October 22. The April 23 luncheon honored alumnae and Olympic Gold Medalist **Ann Curtis Cuneo S'44**. The Christmas luncheon will be December 10 at the Irish Cultural Center. RSVPs required for all luncheons. For information contact **George Choppelas**, 415-387-8327, gwfaithful@yahoo.com



Tammy Aramian

Cay Beck Stender S'43, George Choppelas S'50, Ann Curtis Cuneo S'44, Oudia Arnold S'44

**Spring 1939**

The Pioneer Class' 65-year reunion will be on Sunday, October 10, 2004, at the Radisson Villa Hotel in San Mateo. Committee member **Annabelle Marsh Piercy** asks if you are not already on their mailing list, contact her 650-756-1530 (Daly City), or **Myron Harband** 650-637-9742 (San Carlos), or **Helen Adams Shannon** 707-542-2985 (Santa Rosa).

**Early 1940s**

An informal luncheon was held at the Basque Cultural Center on March 4, 2004.



Cay Beck Stender

Back: Charlie Zink S'43, Ed Slade, Bob Amore S'42, Ross Guidice, Ari Mantzoros F'44. Front: Isabel Katchian Martini S'44, Phil Shifs F'43, Ruth Bushner Shifs F'43

**Class of 1944**

The "Round Robin Girls" held their 60-year reunion luncheon at the San Francisco Yacht Club on April 23, 2004.



Marilyn Steinau

**Spring 1950**

An informal gathering honored Cynthia Gee's visit back to San Francisco from her Hawaii home.

Lillian Woo Hong



Clockwise from top left: Pearl Yee Hanchett, Katherine Gong Ong, Peri Morphopoulos Sarganis, Lillian Woo Hong, Cynthia Gee.

**Spring 1954**

The 50-year reunion will be on October 23, 2004, at the Omni Hotel in San Francisco. Tickets are \$85 per person. Dinner and dancing begins at 6pm. The hotel offers accommodations for those who desire them. Chairman **Norma Balakian Kaufman** may be contacted at 51 Fernwood Dr., San Francisco 94127, 415-333-3460.

**Spring 1956**

**Judy Wright Becker** asks you to register now for the 2006 reunion. The committee is compiling a class roster and mailing list to notify you of developments. Tentative plans are for a Saturday night party and Sunday brunch at a major hotel. Contact Judy at 16995 Grosvenor Dr., Castro Valley, CA 94546 or angiekurtzman@pacbell.net Visit www.gwhs1956.com for updated information.

**Spring 1959**

Nine "Entre Nous" (Y Club) members held a 45-year reunion in February 2004.



Erika Andre

Clockwise from left: Helen Hanretty, Carol Craigmile, Marlee Meharry, Siv Oqvist, Natalie Urusoff, Mary Lemon, Diane Flores, Erika Andre (in Senior Prom dress), and Sandy Schwartz.

**Spring/Fall 1960**

The 45-year reunion will be held at Patio Espanol (The Spanish Cultural Center) in San Francisco on Saturday, April 30, 2005. To join their mailing list, send your infor-

mation to **Ginger Schoenberger Poczatek**, 97 Eastside Circle, Petaluma, CA 94954, gpoczatek@prodigy.net

**Fall 1963**

F'63, which graduated on January 28, 1964, will hold its 40-year reunion on Saturday, October 2, 2004, at the San Francisco Wax Museum, 145 Jefferson Street. Tours of the museum begin at 6:30pm, followed by dinner and dancing until 11pm. Space is still available, so if you would like to attend contact **Carol Zent Bateman** at 650-306-0297 or carolzent@yahoo.com as soon as possible.

**The Classes of 1965**

A decision on a date and site will be made soon; the reunion is tentatively planned for October 2005. If you have moved or changed last names or have a current e-mail address, please let us know so we can update our mailing list. Contact **Penny Birdman Potthoff**, 174 Palisades Dr., Daly City, CA 94015, 650-992-8016, hrhpenny@earthlink.net

**Class of 1968**

Several classmates attended a fundraiser honoring **Faye Lee's** induction into the San Francisco Law School's Hall of Fame last Fall.



Back: Faye Lee, Evelyn Hom, chef Martin Yan. Front: Emma Hong, George Hong, Loretta Jang, Steve Jang.

**Spring 1970**

35-year reunion Memorial Day Weekend 2005: Friday evening, May 27: Class Members Only No Host Bar in San Francisco. Saturday evening, May 28: Reunion Buffet Dinner/Dance with No Host Bar at Terra, San Francisco. Sunday Noon, May 29: Potluck Family Picnic. For information contact **Lope Yap, Jr.** 415-883-4022, fax 415-883-4122, lopesf@comcast.net

**Fall 1984/Spring 1985**

The 20-year reunion will be on July 2, 2005, at Lone Mountain College's Conference Center Rooms in San Francisco. The dinner/dance is tentatively set for 5pm. For information e-mail **Tony Ortiz** or **Donna Wong** at GWHS1985@yahoo.com or contact them at GWHS Class of 1985 Planning Committee, 1695 25th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94122, 415-608-8055.

# Alumni News

**PLEASE** keep submissions **brief** and **legible**. Submissions may be edited. Safe return of your original clippings, photographs, etc. is **not** guaranteed. **Include your legibly printed or typed name, graduation year, and return address or other contact information on every document submitted**, as your envelope and your documents **will** be separated.

## In Memoriam

**Aspasia Vasilatos Downey S'39** died December 7, 2003, in Bolinas, at age 82. She studied at San Francisco City College and worked in the investments field prior to marriage in 1950. Aspasia also worked for the Lake Merced Golf & Country Club, and retired after 23 years of civil service to the San Francisco Juvenile Court in the Juvenile Hall and Probation Departments. She was a world traveler and had also traveled the entire United States, Canada, and Mexico. Aspasia and husband Richard purchased a vacation home in Bolinas she called her "rustic little cabin by the sea" in 1957, and she relocated there full time in 1991. She is survived by three children and three grandchildren.

**Al Trobbe '39**, jazz pianist and orchestra leader and a headliner at two of San Francisco's most elegant hotels in the 1960s, died September 23, 2003, in Grass Valley at age 81. "Big Al" served in the U.S. Army during WWII. Al taught himself to play by ear, even though he came from a well-known musical family. His father Cy Trobbe was the lead conductor at the Curran Theater and a professor of music at San Francisco State. His mother Sonia was a noted violinist who worked with her husband. Between gigs, he worked in sales for Crown Zellerbach. Now nicknamed the "Man With a Thousand Fingers," Al and his orchestra soon moved uptown, playing jazz for years in the Cirque Room and the Pavilion Room of the Fairmont Hotel and at the Palace Hotel. Al is survived by two sons, a daughter, and six grandchildren.

**Kathlyn "Kay" Wall Skytte '39** died April 17, 2003, at age 82. Following GWHS she attended Secretarial School in San Francisco. Kay enjoyed watercolor painting and received awards for some of her works. She is survived by one son and one grandson.

**Art Blum F'40** died December 15, 2003, in Mill Valley at age 80 of heart fail-

ure. Native San Franciscan, tireless civic booster, salesman, showman, and a shrewd judge of the business climate all in one, "Art was simply the king of public relations people in San Francisco," said James Jamison, advertising agency head and Art's longtime friend, "he was the kind of PR guy who doesn't exist any more." Art's many important clients included Bay View Bank, Eureka Federal Savings, the Clift and Fairmont Hotels and author of *Shogun* and *Tai-Pan* James Clavell. He raised over \$1.5 million for public schools with his Celebrity Waiter Luncheons, ran the annual cable car bell-ringing contest, arranged free banquets for MUNI's Operator of the Month, and honored police officers with the My Favorite Cop contest. In the early 1980s Art helped raise millions from the private sector for the cable car system's complete overhaul. He also helped found City Club, a downtown luncheon club with a large membership from the business community. Art served in the U.S. Army in WWII, saw combat in Germany and was awarded a Silver Star for valor, as well as a Purple Heart. He attended the University of Oregon and San Francisco State and held a Bachelor's degree in journalism. Art, who was married four times, is survived by five children, and sisters Marie and Natalie.

**John Vetromile S'42** died June 5, 2004, in Sausalito, at age 79. After GWHS and following his term with the U.S. Navy during WWII, he graduated from the University of Texas with a degree in electrical engineering. John enjoyed a long career in the utility industry until his retirement in 1987 as vice president of CP National. He then began his lifelong dream to sail around the world. Over the next four years he and first wife Mary Jane encircled the globe in their 37-ft. sailboat *Counterpoint* before her death. John married Mary Catherine Hopkins in 1994. He is survived by second wife Mary Catherine, four daughters, eight grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

**Shirley Woltzen Cameron '42** died at home in San Mateo on April 1, 2003, at age 79. After GWHS she attended Colorado College. Shirley is survived by husband Ronald, two children, and two grandchildren.

**Walter Brust F'42** died August 26, 2003, at age 80. He was a 20-year WWII



and Korean veteran of the U.S. Navy and worked for the San Francisco Water Department. He is survived by brother George and sister Anita.

**Eileen Acheson Wayrynen '43** died May 24, 2003, in Millbrae, at age 78. She was a long-time Bank of America employee. Eileen is survived by sister Jean, brother Thomas, four children, eight grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

**Rosalie Dygert DeChristopher '43** died November 29, 2003.

**Maurice Flynn '43** died at his home in Santa Rosa on May 12, 2004, at age 79. Following GWHS he served in the U.S. Army in WWII during the Normandy invasion. After returning from the service, he attended San Francisco State where he earned a Bachelors in Education in 1949, and later, his Masters. He taught and coached at Slater Junior High School in Santa Rosa for 37 years. He is survived by three children, seven grandchildren, and companion Ardene Domecus.

**Geraldine "Geri" Fraute Shimoff '44** died January 15, 2004. Geri's husband and family may be contacted at 2781 35th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94116.

**William "Bill" Angelley '46** died September 27, 2003, at age 75. Following GWHS he served in the U.S. Army's 11th Airborne Division, after which he graduated from the Hotel and Restaurant School in San Francisco, and was a chef at Hoberg's Resort for many years. Bill is survived by wife Marilyn, two daughters, and four grandchildren.

**Peter Weiss '46** died on July 11, 2003, at age 75, following kidney failure. Peter's family emigrated from Vienna, Austria. After GWHS he attended San Francisco State, Chico State, and Golden Gate University, and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was an accountant with a wide range of clients from athletes to nuclear physicists. He is survived by three daughters and one grandchild.

**Roberta Marie Parsons Harris Henderson F'46** died on June 19, 2003, at age 74. After GWHS she attended UC Berkeley and married Floyd Harris, and traveled with him on his military postings throughout Europe. After Floyd's death she married James Henderson in 1954. She is survived by three daughters, three sons, and nine grandchildren.

# Alumni News

**Frank William Varni**, grad year unknown, died at his home on May 16, 2004. Frank served with the U.S. Navy C.B.'s for eight years and played semi-pro ball with the San Francisco Pirates. He owned and operated San Mateo Transmission Center for over forty years. He is survived by mother Ilide, brother Bill, three children, former wife Joan, and six grandchildren.

**Rod Hampton S'49** died May 23, 2004. **George Choppelas** was informed by Rod's wife Ardelle. Rod's last words to her were "I'll see you in Hawaii." Ardelle may be reached at 15556 Calgary Street, San Leandro, CA 94579, 510-483-6227.

**Alberta Lucia Brausti S'49** died January 13, 2003.

**Stanley Ross S'49** died December 1, 2003, at his home in Sparks, Nevada, at age 72. Stan moved from Fresno to San Francisco with his family in 1945. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran and an accomplished kitchen architect for restaurants throughout the Bay Area and Nevada. He is survived by three children, three grandchildren, brother Larry and sister Linda.

**Mary Lou "Pat" Corkins '49** died June 13, 2003, in Vacaville at age 72. She was a long-time employee of JC Penney at Tanforan Shopping Center. Mary Lou is survived by brother George, ex-husband and good friend Bill Cornejo, four children, and six grandchildren.

**Joan Crisci McClory F'49** died November 28, 2003, at 72. Her sister **Nina Crisci Gatchell S'50** informed us; she may be contacted at 1106 Mountain Villa Drive, Enumclaw, WA 98022.

**Norm DeMont**, grad year unknown, died on September 16, 2003. At the age of 16 he knew his calling was dentistry, a profession he loved for over 50 years. He graduated in naval uniform from the College of Physicians and Surgeons (now University of Pacific School of Dentistry) in San Francisco. Norm served as an officer in the Naval Dental Corps, stationed in Pearl Harbor and spent two years in the Pacific visiting hundreds of islands, as well as serving time on the U.S. Navy Hospital Ship *Repose*, and in Shanghai, China. He is survived by wife Hanni, one son and two daughters, six grandchildren, and brother Will.

**Donna Rae Fahey '50** died in Burlingame on May 21, 2003. She was

a member of OPE, Local Union 3, and worked extensively for labor unions; the Machinists, Local 510 Sign Display and American Airline Mechanics. Donna Rae is survived by husband Bob, daughter Michele, two grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

**David Arnold Williamson F'52** died February 5, 2004, in Petaluma. He was a marketing analyst at Chevron for 42 years. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Nadine, two children, 5 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Nadine may be reached at 812 Pepper Road, Petaluma, CA 94952, 707-795-9264.

**Sal D'Angelo F'54** died suddenly while fishing at Lake Almanor on June 13, 2003, at age 66. Following GWHS he earned an A.A. from San Francisco City College where he served as Class President and was awarded the CCSF President's Plaque for leadership in 1958, and served in the U.S. Army Reserve. He moved to Napa in 1959 where he became a partner in Franks Janitorial for over 30 years. He is survived by wife Joan, three children and four grandchildren.

**Edwin Ng F'55** died May 27, 2004, of a rare form of stomach cancer, at age 66. After GWHS Ed served in the Navy on the USS Midway. He was one of the brothers who founded Taylor and Ng and worked for the firm for many years. Ed is survived by wife Cheryl and daughter Tracy. His family may be contacted at 2975 Lane Drive, Concord, CA 94518. Anyone wishing to make donations in Ed's name may do so to the SF Chinatown YMCA Building Fund, 855 Sacramento St., SF 94108.

**Martin Dunn '57** or **'58** passed away. His brother **Charles Dunn '51** informed us.

**Kenneth Ross '58** died April 16, 2003, after a 16-month battle with cancer. After GWHS Ken attended the University of San Francisco. In 1962 he and wife Patti moved to Sacramento, and they had resided in Alamo since 1978. He is survived by Patti, four children, and two grandchildren.

**Bill Kratt S'59** and **Dick Valentine S'59** have both died. Bill's sister and Dick's ex-wife **Laurie Kratt Valentine F'62** informed us.

**John "Phil" Madsen S'64** died July 9, 2004, in San Rafael. After GWHS he attended San Francisco City College for one year before serving in the military in Europe, then had a lengthy career at Sears. Phil lived for many years in the Russian River towns of Guerneville and Monte Rio. He is survived by brother Michael and sister Carla. **Kelly Juri Delos Santos S'79** informed us.

**Karen Henderson F'62** passed away. Her brother **Rich Henderson S'59** informed **Laurie Kratt Valentine F'62**.

**Joyce Koga Nakamoto S'63** died at home in Hayward on August 30, 2003. She is survived by son Bobby, mother Miye Koga, and sister Karen.

**Linda Brand Brown S'64** died July 24, 2004, of cancer. She is survived by sons Michael and Matthew, and two grandchildren. **Kelly Juri Delos Santos S'79** informed us.

**Peter Foley '68** died at home in Artois, CA, on September 29, 2003. Peter completed his academic studies in political science at CSUS. He worked with the family cattle ranching business in Northern California and left for one year to work on the building site of Beaumont Hospital in Dublin, Ireland. Peter is survived by wife Adele, two sons, four brothers and eight sisters.

**Angela Parks Cain S'76** died from a massive heart attack on March 10, 2004, at age 45. Angela was a B.A. candidate at San Francisco State University in 1980. Since 1999 she has served as the Director of the Bayview Business Resource Center and the Incubator Director at the Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center, a non-profit organization that helps socially and economically diverse people start and grow their own businesses. She was a member of the National Business Incubator Association, the Pacific Incubator Network, a member of the Black Expo Planning Committee and a 2002 graduate of Leadership San Francisco. Angela is survived by three sons and one daughter, sister Maureen, and brothers Gregory and Anthony.

**Elizabeth "Liz" Allera Mica Hung S'77** died on July 14, 2003, at age 44, of breast cancer. Liz was born in Honolulu, and after GWHS she attended San Francisco City College and earned an A.A. in business. She is survived by husband Darryl and two children.

# Alumni News

**Geraldine Smith S'78** passed away in January 2004. **Marilyn Goucher Royer S'78** informed us.

**Ken Tsumori S'79** died April 10, 2004, in a tragic house fire along with his mother. **Gail Tsuchimoto Beach S'78** informed us.

## News and Photos

**Pearl Q. Ellerin F'42** is now widowed after husband Albert passed away in September of 2003. Pearl has lived a life with many adventures and would enjoy sharing them with classmates who remember her. She can be contacted at 19931 Oslo Court, Boca Raton, FL 33434-5425, pearl Ellerin@aol.com

**Cay Beck Stender S'43** embarked on an Alaskan cruise in May and found sisters **Lula Tamaras Ossipoff F'53** and **Teia Tamaras Nuris S'48** on board as well. Cay is at 1937 43rd Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94116, 415-566-4902.



Above: Teia (seated) and Cay.

Left: Teia and Lula.



Cay Beck Stender

**George Harper F'43** and wife Linda live on the shore of the "Ol' Miss", near Minneapolis, and now live closer to their grandchildren.

**Arthur G. Johnson S'44**, whose Homeroom teacher was Saul Madfes, retired in 1996 at age 70 and is currently a Docent in Old Sacramento at the Eagle Theater. He is also a Retired Senior Volunteer for the 4th and 5th graders at Westmore Oaks Elementary School. His late brother Hoadley taught at GWHS for 37 years. Arthur is at 1161 Fernwood St., West Sacramento, CA 95691.

**Beverly Loyd Markel S'44** and husband Mike still live in the Westlake district of Daly City. They have five children and 13 grandchildren; the youngest are 5-year-old triplets! Beverly and Mike are at 62 Lakeview Dr., Daly City, CA 94015, 650-994-1646.

**Herman Barber S'45** and his wife of 54 years, Verna, have a new address, 4722 W. Cypress Ave., Visalia, CA 93277. Thanks to Herman's sister **Evelyn Barber Benas S'48** for this update.

**Fred Matthes S'48** retired after 20 years with the *San Jose Mercury News* as an award-winning sports photographer. He left the *Merc* to enter private business. Fred has won many awards and has two pictures hanging in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. He can be contacted at 250 Mammoth Path, Redding, CA 96003, 530-244-1921.

**Norton Feldman '49** and his wife, **Charlotte Feldman '50**, were featured in the May 22, 2004, *San Francisco Chronicle*. The article highlighted the 25th annual "over-65 crowd" which lights up the dance floor at the "Senior Prom" in Golden Gate Park. Norton and Charlotte reminisced that both of their GWHS senior proms were held at the Fairmont Hotel; Charlotte accompanied Norton to his prom and he to hers. Norton says he and Charlotte dated all through GWHS. "I can't even remember what another girl looked like!"

**Marilyn Rude S'50** is a widow with three children and four grandchildren. Marilyn moved to The Tamalpais retirement community two years ago and says several other GWHS alumni live at The Tamalpais as well.

**Ellis Smith, Jr. S'54** was a member of the Choir in Myrtle Swanson's class and a member of the ROTC Saber Club while at GWHS. Ellis served in the Marine Corps, and retired in 2002 after many years with Pacific Elevator Company in San Francisco. He held several important positions in the International Union of Elevator Constructors Local #8 in San Francisco and is currently serving on the Ethics Committee of the National Elevator Industry Work Preservation Foundation. Ellis' hobbies are his grandchildren, singing and motorcycling. He is at 3708 Chiles Road, Davis, CA 95616.



**Chuck Jones '57**, Big Brother and the Holding Company's original drummer, suffered a stroke in 1987. Chuck's style was influenced by Max Roach and Lionel Hampton, and he played in Bobby Webb's blues band before join-

ing Big Brother. He remembers the early Big Brother music as innovative blues rock. "We broke away from the straight twelve bar blues. It was a great period. I had a real good time and enjoyed myself very much."

**Carmel Troy Engel S'65** has been living in Vallejo since moving from San Francisco. She has been married for 32 years, has been an Operating Room nurse for 35 years, and her hobbies are tennis, golf and traveling. Carmel adds that she keeps in touch with classmate **Claudia Banford Santini**. Carmel may be contacted at 110 Rincon Way, Vallejo, CA 94590, 707-557-3348.

**Mary "Molly" Frances Lightburn S'68** was involved in the Drama Dept. at GWHS and would enjoy hearing from her classmates. She is at 253-847-5810.

**Ronald Yee S'76** has just celebrated the 20th year of his dental practice. Ronald is at 4200 California St., Suite #210, San Francisco, CA 94118, 415-668-0526.

**Donna Wong S'85**, co-chair for their class' 20-year reunion, is the mom of two children, a 5-year-old daughter and a 16-month-old son. Donna still resides in San Francisco and works as an event planner. Donna asks classmates to join her and co-chair **Tony Ortiz** in organizing their next reunion. Contact Donna at GWHS1985@yahoo.com

**Lateefah Simon S'95** was featured in the October 12, 2003, *San Francisco Chronicle* on the Bay Area Section's front page. Following GWHS, Lateefah became involved and was eventually named Executive Director at the Center for Young Women's Development on Bryant Street, an organization run entirely by and for low-income and delinquent young women of color, becoming a mentor to many troubled girls. The MacArthur Foundation thought her work at the Center and her accomplishments were impressive enough to bestow a "genius award" \$500,000 fellowship on Lateefah. Lateefah has her sights set on Stanford to



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study non-profit management and law. Visit [www.cywd.org](http://www.cywd.org) for more information about the Center's work. The GWHSAA Board of Directors congratulates Lateefah on her exceptional honor and applauds the role model she has become to so many!

**Lost, Found & Wanted:  
People and Objects**

Diane Anderson's husband found a **1946 GWHS Surveyor** in a stack of books at a local Senior Center. The name inside the book was **Stan Lager**, and in looking through the book they found Stan Lager on the Track Team and for ROTC, confirming the spelling of his name. If Stan Lager or someone from his class is interested in this **Surveyor**, contact Diane at 2624 Carmelita Way, Pinole, CA 94564-1220.

**Christina Fa S'83** asks for the whereabouts of **Warren Tom**, also **S'83**. The last she heard, Warren was living in San Francisco. If Warren, or anyone who knows how to contact him, would respond, reach Christina at [yellowvisions@gmail.com](mailto:yellowvisions@gmail.com) or 916-812-2888.

"Where in the world is **Tan Ty**?" asks Mrs. Mary Wasserman, Tan's 1st Grade teacher at Anza Elementary. Tan and his family emigrated to San Francisco from

Taiwan, and after attending Anza she proceeded to Roosevelt Junior High, graduating in 1985 or 1986. Mrs. Wasserman believes that she then attended GWHS, which would have put her in the **1989** or **1990** graduating class. "Her dear friend and benefactor, Mrs. Mary Shackelford, is trying to locate Tan after many years of separation and many miles of distance." The Ty's last known address was 1833 Fulton Street. If Tan, or anyone who knows how to contact her, would respond, reach Mrs. Wasserman at 415-282-7658.

**More IDs for Spring 2004  
"Mr. Anonymous" Photo**

**Beverly Lutzen Kelly S'41** further identifies Mr. Anon's photo from last issue as follows. "I believe on the left next to Ruth is **Fay Malouf**... to Ruth's left in back is **Pat Lindsey**." Beverly is at P.O. Box 1562, Chester, CA 96020.

S'41/F'41 alumnae:  
**Ruth Mangan**, just right of center,  
restrained by her friends;  
at far right are **Barbara Lee**  
and **Barbara Peshon**.

**Future Alumni**

John Moriarty has recruited Patricia Campos, Carina Matias and Casey Tran, classmates at St. Charles School, to transfer into GWHS, and "they are thrilled to be attending the best high school in San Francisco." Good work, John!



**HALL OF MERIT NOMINATION FORM**

Candidate's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Nomination (Be specific about area of endeavor, titles/honors/awards earned or conferred, or other pertinent facts and information about your nominee's accomplishments. Attach information, such as clippings or other documentation, to this form.)

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- Prerequisites:**
1. Candidate must be a graduate of GWHS.
  2. Fifteen (15) years must have elapsed since candidate's graduation.
  3. Candidate must be worthy of emulation by current Washingtonians.
  4. Each candidate must satisfy one of the following criteria:
    - a. candidate should be known and recognized by public at large.
    - b. achievement of position of the candidate is such that it merits recognition in or of itself.
    - c. candidate must have the endorsement of his/her peers.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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## Announcements and Requests

**Dan Yee**, GWHS teacher and sponsor of the GWHS Dragon Boat Team, asks: "Donations are requested from the Alumni to help fund the most popular water team sport in the Bay Area. The entry fee for a team is \$500, and we pay for food and uniforms for over 80 team members, so any amount will help. The team has held car washes and walk-a-thons to help meet our expenses." Donations may be sent to GWHS Dragon Boat c/o Dan Yee, GWHS, 600 32nd Ave., San Francisco, CA 94121. You may contact Dan at 415-750-8400.

The **Athletic Department Fundraising Committee** is planning various fundraisers and needs people to serve on the committee or help at an event. Their goal is to raise enough money to refurbish the south field with new grass and a sprinkler system. If you can help, contact Athletic Director **Susan Saunders** at 415-750-8400 ext. 3409. Susan adds "once again, Washington demonstrates excellence in the classroom and on the field;" during 2003-2004, GWHS won 7 league championships, had 14 league scholastic teams, 7 scholastic all-CIF teams and 103 CIF scholar athletes.

Congratulations to basketball coach **Larry Yee** and baseball coach **Rob Fung**. Coach Yee was honored by the State CIF as the San Francisco section Model Coach, and Coach Fung, who is a SFPD member and has been head coach for seven years during which time his teams

have won two AAA championships, was inducted into the San Francisco Prep Hall of Fame on May 19, 2004.

## Thank You's

**Buffy Francisco** sends thanks on behalf of son **Tory** for the help on his Hall of Merit project. Buffy says the history and mural information proved invaluable, thanks to the GWHSAA's efforts.

The **GWHS Dragon Boat Team** sends thanks for the GWHSAA's generous donation for this past year's involvement with their races at Lake Merced. GWHS teacher and sponsor Dan Yee says "consistency in our Dragon Boat Program in an integral factor to the growth of this sport. Without all of you, the strength of our teams would not be possible."

**Elena Rogan**, GWHS PTSA President, sends an enthusiastic thank you and deepest appreciation on behalf of the entire PTSA. The PTSA's "SOS" campaign has raised over \$48,000 for the benefit of GWHS students. Elena says donations poured in from all over the country and from alumni spanning many, many years!

**Joe Callan**, P.E. Dept., sends thanks for the generous contribution which allowed the P.E. Department to purchase a hip sled.

**Andrew Ishibashi**, GWHS Principal, sends thanks for responding so quickly to his request for assistance with GWHS Teacher Grants. Mr. Ishibashi assures the association that this teacher grant will be used specifically to help fund faculty meals on future staff development days.

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