

From the President's Desk

The 2006–2007 school year has begun and with it comes all of 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:

◆ 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.

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

◆ 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.

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

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

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



I am delighted to inform you that the Class of 2006 has purchased memberships for

every member of the graduating class. The class will also create a Departmental Endowment with a contribution of \$5,000. We will announce their decision in the next *AlumniScope*.

Doug McEachern S'46 and faculty from 1961 to 1988 has donated \$5,000 to establish a Departmental Endowment for Practical Arts. On behalf of the Board and our members, a heartfelt thank you to Doug for his wonderful gift.

A number of individuals and classes have indicated their desire to help establish Departmental Endowments. This marvelous new program will go a long way to ensure that each department will have the ability to do more in the classroom for the current students at GWHS. If you are interested in establishing

an endowment please contact me directly.

Our ongoing program of scholarships and teacher grants makes a big difference at GWHS. Imagine what it would mean if all 5,000-plus members of our Association would send at least \$10 each year to support our important work. Your support is critical to our ongoing efforts. Please use the enclosed envelope and make your contribution *today*.



We are always seeking outstanding GWHS alumni to elect to our Hall of Merit. If you know of a worthy candidate, please fill out the form in this issue.



With a deep sense of personal sadness, I inform you of the

death of **Josiah Horton Beeman V S'53**. Joe, along with our beloved Edith M. Garin, founded the Alumni Association and was instrumental in our successful 50th Anniversary celebration. Joe was a proud graduate of GWHS, a member of the Hall of Merit, served as the first President of the GWHSAA, and was a great supporter of our Association. Our sympathy goes to his wife Susan and his children Olivia and Josiah VI. We will all miss Joe.



I am honored to have been reelected as President of our Association. My thanks go to our Board and especially to Alumni Sponsor Denise Joseph. We are all looking forward to an exciting year.

John F. Rothmann
President

From the Principal's Office

George Washington High School had another successful year; surpassing our academic performance index goals for the 5th straight year, winning city championships in Baseball, Softball and Boys Volleyball, winning several awards at the World Affairs Challenge in San Francisco, taking top honors at art and music festivals, and improving our ranking as "One of the Best High Schools in America" from 455th to 312th of 14,000 schools. We have moved from the 70th percentile to the 90% in the State API rankings and from the 30% to the 80% in similar school rankings. We are proud of these achievements, and our success is due to the great students, parents, staff, PTSA, Alumni Association and the business and community support we have received in the past 5 years.

This summer, we began the improvements and construction projects: Permanent structures for the T bungalows; new dance room; handicap access for our stadium as well as our school's front entrance. Classroom doors will be widened for handicap access. We are considering auctioning or selling these historic doors, which are in excellent condition, that would otherwise be demolished.

Here are the projected dates for GWHS construction:

Summer 2006: Interim portables behind West Bleachers

Nov 22, 06—Jun 19, 07: West Bleachers

Jan 2—Mar 26, 07: 2nd Floor North and Shop Building

Mar 27—Jun 26, 07: 2nd Floor South

Jun 18, 07—Jan 2, 08: East Bleachers

Jun 18—Aug 28, 07: First Floor and Basement

Jun 18—Aug 28, 07: 3rd Floor Science

Aug 29—Dec 7, 07: 3rd Floor Other Classrooms

Dec 10, 07—Jun 6, 08: Auditorium

Dec 10, 07—Feb 8, 08: Music Wing

Jun 9—Aug 29, 08: Gymnasium, Basement and Cafeteria

At the completion of this construction, we will hold a ceremony for the new Alumni Court that will be dedicated to GWHS graduates as well as the teachers and staff who have spent many years of service to our outstanding school. If you would like to assist with this project, please contact the Alumni Association.

I wish you all good health and happiness in the coming year.

Andrew W. Ishibashi
Principal

Chan Takes the Helm

Gwen Chan, former GWHS Vice Principal, currently Deputy Superintendent of the San Francisco Unified School District, will take the helm of the SFUSD in March or April and will stay in the top post through June 2007. Gwen will be the district's first Chinese American Superintendent.

Born in Chinatown and a graduate of Lowell High and SFSU, Gwen taught at various schools in San Francisco before serving as Vice Principal at GWHS and then Principal of Lincoln High. She was promoted to Deputy Superintendent earlier this year. Gwen has two adult sons and has been a widow since 1985.

Susko Golf Tourney '06

The 24th annual John Susko Memorial Golf Tournament, organized by **Lee Silverstein S'67**, will take place Monday, November 13, 2006, at the Lake Merced Golf & Country Club in Daly City.

The tournament honors **John Susko S'67**, GWHS Golf Champion and Amateur Golf Champion who died in 1983 of Crohn's Disease. Proceeds from the tournament support junior and high school golfers, including the GWHS girls' and boys' golf teams.

For more information, contact Lee at 925-253-5678 or Golfer50@comcast.net

Thank You's

Andrew Ishibashi, GWHS Principal, writes, "on behalf of our teachers who applied for Teacher Grants through the Alumni Association, I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation for the check totaling \$4,154.00. The contributions made through your Endowment Fund supports our teachers and aids in maintaining our educational excellence. We are grateful for your support."

Carrie Wert, P.E. Dept. writes, "our department would like to sincerely thank you for the grant made to the P.E. Dept. We so appreciate all that you do for us." Connie and her department received funds to help maintain their facilities.

Don Leach, teacher from 1970 to 2003, writes, "thank you for your contributions. If money represents kindness, we felt very well cared for by the GWHS family past and present." Don, whose Marin home was severely damaged in the January 2006 floods, reminds us of his long standing advice, "Enjoy all you can, while you can." Thank you, Don, and much good fortune to you and your family in the future.

Janet Nedeau, Staff and Student Special Ed., sends her thanks for the new materials on butterflies that her department re-

ceived for the students in Room 106. The caterpillars are now turning into chrysalis and the class is waiting for the butterflies to emerge. Janet sends out an invitation to "come and watch them."

Lori McLoughlin and the P.E. Dept. sends their gratitude for the \$1,000 contribution which covered much of the moving costs for a large contribution of heavy exercise equipment to the P.E. Dept. Thanks to the Chinatown YMCA and the Alumni, they have an abundance of P.E. equipment and now a real workout facility.

Dan Yee, GWHS teacher and GWHSAA Board member, thanks the alumni for the \$250 donation which paid for one of the three teams entered in this year's Dragon Boat Races. The event, held April 22, 2006, at Lake Merced, was a big success. Dan also thanks the Association for a separate contribution with which he purchased SAT materials for his Advanced Algebra Honors and Pre-Calculus classes.

Diane Huddleston and **Sue Crivello** of the Counseling Office send their thanks for the contribution which allowed them to purchase copies of Score Write.

Treasurer's Report

As of May 18, 2006:

Primary Funds

General Fund	\$ 1,031
Primary Endowment Fund	164,079
Endowment Income	0
Subtotal	165,110

Income-producing

Departmental Endowment Funds

Amy DeTurk English Fund	51,150
DeTurk Income	549
Doug McEachern Practical Arts Fund	5,000
McEachern Income	0
Ron Feinberg Performing Arts Fund	6,650
Feinberg Income	0
Richard Fukuwa Math Fund	2,299
Nathan Olivera/Aldo Casanova Visual Arts Fund	18,138
Olivera/Casanova Income	0
John Rothmann Library Fund	11,890
Rothmann Income	206
Subtotal	95,882

Income-producing Funds

Ruth Adams Endowment Fund	10,890
Adams Income	857
Ann Rhine Fund	5,000
Rhine Income	0
Chandler Family Speech & Forensics Fund	11,000
Chandler Income	224
George Choppelas Forensics Fund	7,402
Choppelas Income	591
Class of 1947 Math Fund	5,590
Class of 1947 Income	503
Class of 1952 Teacher Grant Fund	7,900
Class of 1952 Income	143
Class of 1958 Fund	5,203
Class of 1958 Income	99
Robert Donovan/Joan Monte Fund	2,983

Donovan/Monte Income	0
Melvin Hanson Fund	13,379
Hanson Income	1,046
Israel Study Grant	11,053
Israel Study Income	209
Al Lubamersky Fund	6,283
Lubamersky Income	303
Saul Madfes Fund	11,674
Madfes Income	214
Mary Marshall Fund	2,573
Marshall Income	0
Frank Meyskens Teacher Enrichment Fund	11,290
Meyskens Income	1,571
Mr. A's Fund	6,673
Mr. A's Fund Income	138
RFD/Edith Garin Fund	19,788
RFD/Garin Income	835
Jerry Shilgi Scholarship	9,395
Shilgi Income	394
Allen Torlakson Fund	5,120
Torlakson Income	0
WWII Memorial	4,384
WWII Memorial Income	0
Subtotal	164,707

Direct-use Funds

Advance Placement Program	19,510
Al Vidal Fund	1,000
Edith Garin Scholarship	1,460
Li Oi Yu Scholarship	2,183
Principal's Fund	616
Robert Hilmoe Fund	1,695
John Soares Fund	1,378
Subtotal	27,842
Grand Total	\$453,541

Carol Huey
Treasurer

SF Prep Hall of Fame Honorees

Eight former All-City athletes, including GWHS' **Edward Chow** (1968–1971, Basketball) and **Jamie Wong** (1989–1993, Basketball, Softball), were inducted into the San Francisco Prep Hall of Fame at its 24th annual ceremonies on May 20, 2006.

Edward played professional basketball in Taipei, Taiwan, and is currently with SFPD. In 1997 he was awarded the Police Officer of the Year award. He is in the GWHS Sports Hall of Fame.

Jamie was an outstanding athlete at CCSF and SFSU, and in 1966 was selected to the All-

conference basketball 1st team. Jamie is now head coach for women's basketball at CCSF.

This year's recipient of the prestigious Elwood "China" Lane Memorial Scholarship was GWHS' **Lindsay Chu**. Lindsay has received AAA awards in three sports—Basketball, Volleyball and Soccer—while maintaining a 3.38 GPA! An Eagle Service Society member, she is a volunteer for the SF Enchantees and Japanese Cultural and Community Center of No. Calif. She is majoring in Mathematics and plans to become a teacher.

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

Scholarship & Award Review

Visual and Performing Arts

- Jerry Shilgi Award:** Outstanding student in Instrumental Music
Mary Marshall Memorial Award: Outstanding student in Art Department
John Soares Award: Outstanding student in Art Department
Borgfeldt Fine Arts Award: Outstanding student in Music Department
George Choppelas Forensics Award: Outstanding Forensics/Debate student
Melvin Hanson Art Award: Outstanding student in the area of Painting
Chandler Family Speech & Forensics Award: Given to O.I. Schmaelzle Cup winner

Mathematics/Science

- Class of S'47 Math Fund:** Outstanding Mathematics student
Edward Gorham Memorial Award: Outstanding Science student

ROTC

- World War II Memorial Fund:** Outstanding ROTC student

English

- Edith Garin Award:** Outstanding English Department student
RFD/Garin Award: Outstanding English Department student
Robert Hilmoe Award: Outstanding English Department student with interest in Film as Literature
Ann Rhine Award: Outstanding English Department student

English as a Second Language

- Li Oi Yu Award:** Outstanding ESL student

Principal Awards

- Ruth Adams Award:** Outstanding student with service to the school
Saul Madfes Award: Outstanding student in area of athletics
Camille Morishige Award: Outstanding student in Foreign Language
Al Vidal Leadership Award: Outstanding student in area of school-related extracurricular activities
Allen Torlakson Award: Outstanding college-bound student

Athletics

- Al Lubamersky Award:** Outstanding male/female student
Alex Athanasopoulos (Mr. "A") Award: Outstanding male/female student

Miscellaneous

- Frank Meyskens Teacher Enhancement Award:** To faculty member towards cost of summer courses for enhancing teaching skills

Counseling

- Monte/Donovan Award:** Outstanding student selected by the counselors.
(This year is the final Award; Fund will be converted to a Departmental Endowment.)

Scholarship and Fund Award Criteria

Scholarships

- College bound
- GPA of 3.0 or higher unless otherwise stated
- Financial need
- Extracurricular activities or volunteer involvement
- Additional criteria as required by individual departments

Endowment Fund

- Grants available upon request from Department chairs

2005-06 Awards

We present to you this year's scholarship and award winners, along with the colleges they will be attending in the Fall. Congratulations and good luck to all our winners, and thank you to all our contributors that make these awards possible.

Visual and Performing Arts

- Shilgi Music Award:** Oksana Prodan — UCLA
Marshall Art Award: Jennifer Long — CCSF
Soares Art Award: Liza Liu — UC Santa Cruz
Borgfeldt Award: Peggy Li — UCLA
Hanson Award: Alyssa Luong — UC San Diego
Choppelas Forensics Award: Crystal Lie — UCLA
Feinberg Drama Award: Cheng I. Cynthia Cheung
Chandler Family Speech & Forensics Award: Cheng I. Cynthia Cheung

Mathematics/Science

- S'47 Award:** Wei Hua Peng — UC Berkeley
Gorham Award: Karin Ching Wu — UC Berkeley

ROTC

- WWII Memorial Award:** Jason Boke — UC Irvine

English

- Garin Award:** Moonlit Mi Li — Harvard
RFD/Garin Award: Adriana Sum Sheung Miu — Stanford
Hilmoe Award: Diego Acosta — UC Riverside
Rhine Award: Matthew Won — SJSU

English as a Second Language

- Li Oi Yu Award:** Szu-Ping Wang — SFSU

Principal Awards

- Adams Award:** Thomas Li
Ernest J. Cummings Cup: Angela Tam
 James Toy
Madfes Award: Jordan Boone — SDSU
 Sharon Cheng
 Timothy Lee
 Moonlit Mi Li — Harvard
Morishige Award: Yong Ping Judy Pan — UC Santa Cruz
O.I. Schmaelzle Cup: Cheng I. Cynthia Cheung
Torlakson Award: Annie Liu — University of San Francisco
Vidal Leadership Award: Charles Lee
 Ed Marquez (faculty)

Athletics

- Athanasopoulos Award:** Elias "Jeff" Jaurequi — Skyline College
 Alley Jones — CCSF
Lubamersky Award: Lindsay Chu — UC Santa Cruz
 Jordan Boone — SDSU

Miscellaneous

- Dr. Tom Richards Award:** Jasmin Hossain — SFSU
Meyskens Teacher Award: Patrice Thompson
Warren Wong Scholarship for New Americans: Hao Ming Mai

Counseling

- Monte/Donovan Award:** Sherman Kan — UC Berkeley

ALUMNI NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT! All submissions are welcome, but please keep your submissions **brief** and **legibly** printed or typed. Submissions may be edited. Include your legibly printed or typed name, graduation year, and return address or other contact information **on every piece** of your submission, as your envelope and your documents **will** be separated. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope for any materials, such as newspaper clippings, photographs, etc., you would like returned; **however, safe return of your originals is not guaranteed.**

In Memoriam

Margaret "Peg" Shea '38 or '39, maiden name unknown, died March 31, 2006, in Burlingame. She was in the Naval intelligence during WWII. Peg is survived by sister Christine, six children, seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

John "Jack" Mallory F'39 died February 3, 2006, in Danville. Jack served in the Merchant Marines during WWII and was an administrative law judge for the P.U.C. He is survived by wife Nelda, three daughters, a stepson, and three grandchildren.

Howard Oser S'40 died April 25, 2006, in Greenbrae. He went to UC Berkeley and served in Italy during WWII. Howard cofounded Anixter & Oser Insurance and was a director of the Insurance Brokers Association of California. He was a member of the SF Downtown Garden Club and the Marin Art and Garden Center Rose Society, and took pleasure in gardening and raising prize roses. He is survived by wife Louise, two sons and four grandchildren.

Julia Haug Lee Colvig S'41 died in June 2006. A professional flutist who earned her BA from UC Berkeley, she played with the San Francisco Symphony, Opera, Ballet, and Golden Gate Park Band. Julia is survived by a son and daughter, two granddaughters, and two great-grandchildren.

Jeffery Meyer F'41 died June 24, 2006, in Hillsborough. He received a BS in Agriculture from UC Berkeley. Jeffery served in the US Army in WWII and Korea. After WWII, he went to work for the family firm, Wilson George Meyer and Co., a chemical company founded not long after the Gold Rush, and served as president of the company from 1959 until retiring in the mid-1980s. He chaired the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco, was an emeritus member of the Board of Natural History at the Smithsonian Institution, and a board member of the Institute of Human Origins. Jeffery served on the San Francisco Host Committee and hosted Prince Charles on a fishing trip on San Francisco Bay in 1977. He was knighted with the Norwegian Order of St. Olaf. He is survived by wife Janet, two daughters, and four grandchildren.

Marjorie Rosenthal S'42 died February 27, 2006. She attended UC Berkeley and worked as a pathology technician at Mt. Zion Hospital.

Yetta Schwartz Edelstein S'43 died March 8, 2006, at her Peninsula home after a battle with Alzheimer's. An avid sports fan, she worked with disabled children teaching them to swim and volunteered with youth sports programs and other charities. She is survived by husband Jerome, four children, and five grandchildren.

William "Bill" Secor, Sr. '43 died March 30, 2006, in Greenbrae. Bill is survived by two sons and four granddaughters.

Raymond Bell '43 or '44 died May 19, 2006, in Maui. After serving in WWII, he earned a BS and MS from SFSU, then moved to Mill Valley and began his career in education. Ray was a coach, teacher, principal and at the time of his retirement in 1986

superintendent of schools. Ray also directed the CIF State Basketball Tournament for 15 years. He is survived by sister Mary, second wife Bonnie, five children, and ten grandchildren.

Mary Belton Sanders S'44 died June 7, 2006, of complications from surgery. During WWII, she began a career in insurance and met Jim Sanders, whom she married in 1951. In 1979 she began a career as a Realtor, and also co-owned Gordon's Sport Shop at Courtside in Los Gatos. Mary is survived by five children and eight grandchildren.

Robert Barry '44 died February 25, 2006. Bob attended UC Berkeley, served in the Navy during WWII, and was a 31-year veteran of the SFFD, retiring as division chief. He is survived by wife Mathilda Rosa, their children, sister Shirley Doyle, and brother Edward.

Jean McLoughlin '45, maiden name unknown, died June 17, 2006. She worked for the Bank of California until her marriage, then later worked as a secretary for the SFUSD. She is survived by husband Peter, a son, and a daughter.

William "Sarge" Sargis S'47 died May 6, 2006, of lymphoma. His family arrived in San Francisco in 1944. Bill was an icon in the taxicab business, working at Luxor Cabs for about two decades as a cabbie, then the next two decades as a dispatcher, able to identify other cabbies within seconds of hearing them speak. He was a legend at local race tracks; an exceptionally successful handicapper, as well as an owner of several horses. Sarge, married three times, is survived by two daughters, longtime companion Veronica Cooke, and sister Nasima.

Jacqueline "Jacqi" duJardin Thomas S'47 died January

13, 2006, from complications of cancer. She is survived by a son, a daughter, and two grandchildren.

John Freeland '52 or '53 died February 28, 2006, in San Francisco. John served in the US Navy and worked for the USPS. He is survived by sisters Nancy and Carol.

Josiah Beeman S'53 died June 14, 2006, of kidney failure, in Virginia. Joe served on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1967-68, was a close political associate of Phil Burton, managed several prominent political campaigns, and served as 1984 Democratic National Convention Executive Director. In 1994 President Clinton appointed Joe to serve as United States Ambassador to New Zealand and Western Samoa, a post he held through 1999.

Carole Cooney Moorehead S'57 died June 24, 2006. She met future husband **Kenneth Moorehead S'57** at Presidio Jr. High. After GWHS, she worked at Sears Roebuck on Geary Street for five years, until Kenneth proposed in the store. Later Carole worked at MV Nursery, now Color Spot. Carole is survived by Kenneth, two daughters, two sons, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

George Parr F'57 died July 19, 2006, of leukemia. Born in Harbin, China, to Russian parents, he arrived in San Francisco as an infant. He earned his Bachelor's at SFSU and his Master's at SJSU, moved to Guerneville in 1971 and worked for the USPS, retiring as the Postmaster of Stewart's Point. He took full advantage of the outdoor recreational opportunities the area afforded him and was active with the Russian River Watershed Protection Committee. He is survived by wife Jennell, two children, and two grandchildren.

