



Sedro-Woolley High School Alumni Association

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Supporting Our Community Through Education!

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SWHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MERGES WITH SEDRO-WOOLLEY SCHOOLS FOUNDATION EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015

The Sedro-Woolley High School Alumni Association and Sedro-Woolley Schools Foundation have elected to merge both organizations, effective January 1, 2015.

Each organization's purpose and focus will be maintained in the new structure. The Alumni Association has historically worked to provide vocational scholarships to Sedro-Woolley school graduates. The SW Schools Foundation raises money to fund grants and improve SW schools at the classroom level. The new organization will do both, through a set of permanent committees.

To emphasize that the merged organization funds projects for students of all ages, the words "high school" have been dropped from the new name:

Sedro-Woolley Alumni and Schools Foundation.

A committee with representatives from each group has met and carefully crafted a set of bylaws. Each organization has a 501(c)3 federal classification; the Schools Foundation will dissolve and be merged into the Alumni Association's tax structure.

The board of directors will have 24 members; initially there will be 12 board members from each of the pre-merged organizations. In addition, the structure will be clarified as a board-driven organization for the purposes of decision-making and general operations. Officers will be elected by and come from the pool of directors.

Individual membership in the merged organization will follow the Alumni Association's structure. Currently, annual dues (calendar year) are \$10 and Life Membership is \$100. Only dues-paying members are eligible to serve as directors.

"This will make our organization bigger and better than ever," stated Rob Taylor '61, current president of the SWHS Alumni. "We welcome the Schools Foundation to work with us in raising funds and putting on the annual All-Class Picnic."

"Both organizations have compatible goals, and the synergy resulting from the merger will help us involve more community members overall," commented Brock Stiles, current president of the Sedro-Woolley Schools Foundation.

The merged organization will continue to publish two newsletters per year and maintain a web site, blog, and Facebook page.

Meetings will be held on the third Friday of odd-numbered months at the SWSD administrative offices on Trail Road. 11:00 a.m. All members are welcome to attend.

For more information about the current Sedro-Woolley Schools Foundation, visit their web page at:
<http://www.swsd.k12.wa.us/domain/12>



Coming Class Events

Class of 1959

Monthly luncheons for class of '59 friends; please call Bonna Harrison Beitler 360-855-0030.

Class of 1961

Class of 1961 contact **John Keene** jhkeene1@msn.com

February 14 – Valentine Luncheon – Sign up now!

Medallion Hotel's Cellar Restaurant at Smokey Point, 1:00 p.m.
March ?? – Planning meeting for our 55-year reunion in 2016, on July 1st or 2nd. We need to determine where the event will be and the costs.

May 16 – Snow Bird return luncheon

July 3 – Big Lake Fireworks

July 4 – Breakfast, Parade, Eagles Lunch, Party at Classmates Potluck!

July 18th - All Class Picnic

Sept. 19 or 26 - "Snow Bird Send Off" picnic at Robin Taylor's

October 10 or 17 – 55-year reunion planning meeting.

Class of 1971

Coffee hour on the last Tuesday of every month, where we visit and catch up on the latest news. July is a pot luck. Check our blog site: www.swhsclassof71.blogspot.com

Class of 1980

Our 35th reunion will be July 3rd at the Eagles in SW. We'll have an Ice Breaker at Cascade Pizza, probably on the 2nd. We will have a float (trailer with hay bales) in the parade on the 4th and a picnic at Riverfront Park on the 5th. Something for everyone! Classmates should get contact info to Cindy Swift Besel at 208-691-7845. More details as the date gets closer. Watch our Facebook page!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We are closing the 2014 membership year with 190 "annual" members and 248 "life" members for a total of 438 alumni Cubs! The classes that are best-represented in our membership are **Class of 1960** and **Class of 1956**, each with 24 members, and **Class of 1950** with 23 members. **Thank you** to all who faithfully support our organization through memberships and donations to the scholarship programs.

Please renew your membership for 2015, using the form on page 3, and encourage your classmates to do the same! Thanks!

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

In our small, semi-annual newsletter, we do not usually track and recognize the passing of our friends and fellow alumni – but there are two notable alums we want to bring to your attention in this issue.

Vern Sims

Vern Sims '43 was part of the founding movement to create an Alumni Association for SWHS, and in particular to focus on creating a scholarship program for students who planned to pursue a vocational career. He generously provided tents for the All-Class Picnic every year and was a strong supporter of the Association. He passed away on October 23, 2014.



Vern Sims at the 2009 All-Class Picnic.

Jerry Jewett

Jerry Jewett '52 was an active member of the SWHS Alumni Association, helping out at all events and recently guiding the changes we made to our investment portfolio to ensure that scholarships will be funded well into the future. He passed away on November 23rd.



Jerry Jewett at the 2014 Alumni Association Plant Sale.

We extend our deepest sympathies to the families and many friends of these two alumni.

SWHS ALL-CLASS PICNIC JULY 18, 2015

The 2015 picnic will be held at Riverfront Park in Sedro-Woolley on Saturday, July 18th. This is a slight date change from usual; it is our intent to put the picnic back on the second Saturday in July in 2016.

As always, you can make reservations for the picnic and pay your dues using the form on page 3. We have discontinued the PayPal option, as it was not meeting our needs. Please pay by check and be sure to include your class year.

In order to keep the All-Class Picnic as our most successful scholarship fundraiser of the year, **we need sponsors for golf carts and the big, common-use tents.** If **YOU** are able to sponsor a cart or a tent, we can work out an opportunity for you. Graduating classes, local businesses, and individuals are welcome to inquire. Please call Barbara Thompson '43 at 360-855-0293 for more information.

WOOLLEY CUBS ARE THE BEST!

Sedro-Woolley Cubs boys' football team beat Lynden 42-13 on December 6th to win the Washington State 2A **CHAMPIONSHIP!** Congrats to this hard-working group of players and their coaches. Sedro-Woolley is so proud!

CUB STRONG DAYS

The new program "CubStrong" Days replaced SWHS Challenge Days during fall 2014. Every freshman student is led through a peer-to-peer driven experience that focuses on empathy, character, and community. Through small- and large-group activities, students learn critical skills and create relationships with upperclassmen. These proven programs help curb bullying, raise academics and attendance, and create a sense of ownership of the high school experience.

SEDRO-WOOLLEY CAM

Sedro-Woolley has a live downtown cam! Check out the happenings any time of the day or night at the City's web site:

www.ci.sedro-woolley.wa.us

Look for Hammer Heritage Square web cam! It's on the clock tower!

FALL-WINTER 2014 NEWSLETTER

This is the last issue under the name of SWHS Alumni Association – our new organization will begin publishing two editions per year in 2015. Watch for additional changes due to the merger – there will be more news and activities than ever!

Our intent is to provide as much updated information as possible, but you'll find even more news on our blog, web site, and Facebook page. Submit your class information any time!

This newsletter was compiled and edited by Judy Johnson, class of 1971.

***Please fill out all forms you are sending in as completely as possible.
Our bookkeeper will thank you!***

**RESERVATION FORM FOR
SW ALUMNI ANNUAL ALL-CLASS PICNIC
July 18, 2015—SEDRO-WOOLLEY RIVERFRONT PARK**

NAME: _____ MAIDEN NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____ CLASS YEAR: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
PHONE #: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
NO. ATTENDING: _____ CHECK AMOUNT (\$15.00 per person): _____
SPECIFY CHICKEN **OR (not both!)** HAMBURGER (with condiments): _____

Please make check payable to **SW ALUMNI AND SCHOOLS FOUNDATION** and mail to PO Box 509, Sedro-Woolley WA 98284. Registration deadline is **7/1/2015**. If reserving under more than one name, please specify. You **MUST** pre-register and pay in advance to join in the catered lunch, provided by *Joy's SW Bakery*.
Registrations paid after deadline: \$20

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Sedro-Woolley Alumni and Schools Foundation Membership/Donation Form

Graduation Year: _____ Name: _____
Last First Middle Maiden Nickname

Mailing Address: _____
Street City/State Zip

E-Mail Address: _____ Phone: _____

Spouse Name: _____ Graduation Year: _____
First Middle Last Maiden

Annual Membership Dues, \$10: \$ _____ Paying for years (circle): 2015 2016 2017 Life Membership, \$100: \$ _____
(Lifetime membership card will be sent to you)

Is your donation for Scholarships? _____ Classroom Grants? _____ Operations? _____ Other? _____

Memorial \$ _____ Anniversary: \$ _____ Birthday: \$ _____ Other: \$ _____ Donation: \$ _____

Name of Honoree: _____ Class of _____
First Middle Last Maiden

Name of Acknowledgement Recipient: _____

Their mailing address: _____
(Acknowledgement will not be sent without an address) Street City/State Zip

Total Membership dues: \$ _____ Total Donation: \$ _____ Total enclosed: \$ _____

**The Sedro-Woolley Alumni and Schools Foundation uses membership dues for the operating expenses of the organization.
Memorials and Donations go directly to the scholarship program funds. *Thank you for your support!!!***

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SW ALUMNI AND SCHOOLS FOUNDATION MEETING DATES FOR 2015

All meetings are held at the Sedro-Woolley School District building on Trail Road at 11:00 a.m. These are the meetings to plan the All-Class picnic, the plant sale, biannual auction, pancake breakfast, and other activities.

All meetings are set for the third Friday of the month.

January 16, 2015	July 17, 2015
March 20, 2015	September 18, 2015
May 15, 2015	November 20, 2015



MEMBERSHIP DUES

Our membership year is the calendar year.
"Annual" memberships are \$10 per year.
Life Memberships are currently \$100.

The membership form is on page 3 of this newsletter and the form can also be used to make donations to our scholarship fund and to reserve your ticket for the 2015 All-Class Picnic. So easy!

CONTACT US FOR INFORMATION ANY TIME!

Our official e'mail address is:

swhsaa@wavecable.com

Web site: www.swhsaa.com

Blog site: www.swhsalumni.blogspot.com

Facebook: Search for **Sedro-Woolley High School Alumni Assn.** in the Facebook search field and check in with us. We love to hear from you! The name change will be implemented during 2015.

Also look for the **Fallen Cubs** Facebook page to commemorate our classmates who have passed away.

SWHSAA COMING EVENT DATES

January 1, 2015 – Annual dues are due!

May 2, 2015 – Annual Geranium and Tomato Plant Sale!

July 4, 2015 – Pancake Breakfast at Sedro-Woolley Community Center!

July 18, 2015 – Annual All-Class Picnic at Riverfront Park!

October 24, 2015 – Auction at Eaglemont Golf Course!