



# Sedro-Woolley Alumni and Schools Foundation

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*Supporting Our Community Through Education!*

Fall/Winter 2016 issue

## SWHS ALL-CLASS PICNIC JULY 9, 2016

By Barbara Ward Thompson '43

Picnic time already?

Indeed, it is. The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual All-Class Picnic at Riverfront Park is back to its traditional date, the first Saturday after July 4, which makes it **July 9** this year. Mark your calendars!

Gates open at noon. Picnic lunch will be served at 1:00 p.m., again, catered by the popular Joy's Bakery. A choice of barbecued chicken or deluxe burger is required. Cost remains \$15 per plate. Early advance reservations go a long way toward increasing accuracy and reducing errors and confusion.

**Peggy Suryan** and her crew of youthful helpers will be available to assist those who need help with meal service.

Golf carts will again be available for those who'd like some assistance negotiating the hill to and from the picnic site.

Classes who are thinking about putting up their own individual tents should contact **Barbara Ward Thompson** at **360-855-0293** as soon as plans are finalized so that sufficient space may be allocated.

We are grateful to the **Sims** family for continuing their dad, **Vern's**, tradition of providing two 10' x 20' tents for shelter from the elements. Fortunately, it has never been rain!

Looking forward to a record-breaking turnout since last year's merger of the Alumni Association and the Sedro-Woolley Schools Foundation. See you at the park!

We usually have about 500 Cubs and friends in attendance at the All-Class Picnic!

As always, you can make reservations for the picnic and pay your dues using the form inserted. Please pay by check and be sure to include your class year.

**The All-Class Picnic** is our biggest event of the year – a great time to reconnect with your favorite Cubs and a **fundraiser** for the scholarship and classroom grant programs that make us so proud every year. Please make sure you have a paid reservation and bring a few extra dollars to participate in the fun raffles we have for you.

## 2016 FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP DUES!

Calendar year 2016 dues are due now! Please use the inserted form and be sure to give us your e-mail address.

Dues are \$10 per year for annual memberships and \$100 for the popular lifetime membership option.

**Thank you** to all who faithfully support our organization through memberships and donations to the scholarship programs and classroom grants.



SWHS Students participate in 2015 University of Washington Math Day – funded in part by Foundation grants!

## Coming Class Events

### Class of 1959

Lunch gatherings for class of '59 friends; please call **Bonna Harrison Beitler** 360-855-0030 for dates and times.

### Class of 1971

Coffee hour on the last Tuesday of every month, where we visit and catch up on the latest news. At the Woolley Market.

July is a pot luck. Check our blog site:

[www.swhsclassof71.blogspot.com](http://www.swhsclassof71.blogspot.com)

## SWHS Alumni and Schools Foundation Communications!

Our newsletter is published twice a year, but updated information is always found on our Facebook page.

Class representatives are encouraged to send information about reunions and gatherings so we can share it with CUBS all over the world!

Deadline for next issue: **April 10, 2016.**

## S-W ALUMNI AND SCHOOLS FOUNDATION 2015 HARVEST HAPPENING THANKS

By Cindy Omdal Brune

The Sedro-Woolley Alumni and Schools Foundation would like to **thank you** for your generous support of the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Happening Auction held on Saturday, October 24, 2015 at the Eaglemont Clubhouse in Mt. Vernon. This year's event grossed over \$58,000 with net proceeds supporting our classroom grant program.

This event plays an important role in supporting our students. Established in 1998, the Foundation was created to enhance the education for children in our district. Through the generosity of our community and staff, the Foundation has been able to provide funding "above and beyond" what school budgets allow and to date has gifted back over \$260,000!

### Recent Grant Awards

Here is a partial list of recent grants. Be sure to ask a teacher about their classroom grant and the impact it has made on student learning!

SWHS Robotics Club  
Camp Orkila Scholarships District wide  
Credit Retrieval Support at SWHS  
Poet in Residence at Samish  
Biographies for kids at Lyman  
Single cylinder OSL engine for auto shop class at SWHS  
Biology Lab improvements at Job Corps  
Classroom library support at Clear Lake  
Sousaphone at SWHS  
Classroom listening library at Central  
SPED Classroom iPads at Evergreen

Classroom library books District-wide support  
Whiteboards and markers at Samish  
Pedal exerciser at Evergreen  
Keyboard skins at Clear Lake  
Classroom leveled readers at Mary Purcell  
Adaptive PE equipment at SWHS  
Plastic molecule sets at SWHS  
Read Naturally encore at Big Lake  
Microscopes at SSHS  
Xylophone at Cascade Middle School

If you would like more information regarding the auction or supporting our classroom grants, please contact **Cindy Omdal Brune** at 360-202-2149, [cindybrune56@gmail.com](mailto:cindybrune56@gmail.com) or **Kellie Cargile** at the school district office, 360-855-3500. We look forward to our next Harvest Happening in two years, and we always need assistance and fresh ideas! Please join us. We will be working on new plans very soon!

## THANKS FROM A GRANT RECIPIENT:

Dear Kellie and Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation,

Thank you very, very much for your willingness to help Lyman and the Parent Group with its purchase of intermediate equipment. It will be a tremendous help as students strive to improve their fitness levels, which align with the district Trifit Program. We are extremely grateful for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,  
Michele



The S-W Alumni and Schools Foundation funds reading enhancement programs throughout the district!

## S-W ALUMNI AND SCHOOLS FOUNDATION 2016 Scholarship Applications

By Lola Ellestad

All 2015 winners have claimed their scholarships and are hard at work with classes that will help them for a lifetime. I am proud of all the kids that are getting off to a good start towards their careers. The best part of our year is when we actually request the scholarship check from the treasurer, mail the check to the college and watch our Sedro-Woolley High School grads make us PROUD!

We have the 2016 applications ready at the counselor's office for students to apply for the current year scholarships. We want seniors to contact their school counselors, complete the application, and send it to the Sedro-Woolley Alumni and Schools Foundation, PO Box 509, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284 or give it to the counselor to forward to us. This is a busy time for seniors getting ready for their college days and we want to help them.

**SWHS PERFORMING ARTS HALL  
SPONSOR A SEAT!**

We invite you to “sponsor a seat” in the SWHS auditorium – our performing arts venue needs some important upgrading! Curtains are ripped, light fixtures are broken, and the lighting and sound systems need to be updated. There are over 400 seats in the auditorium and it is not only used for in-school events, but for events to which the public is invited.

Two brass plaques will be installed on leading edge of each seat, on either side of the seat number. Each plaque can have three lines of up to 25 characters. Each plaque is offered for a donation of \$75. If you want two plaques installed on the same seat, the second is only \$50!

- Celebrate your participation in drama, band, orchestra, choir, etc.
- Memorialize a loved one.
- Leave a legacy.

Contact **Nita Hodgins at 360-855-3579** for more information and an order form.

**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](http://www.ci.sedro-woolley.wa.us)

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

**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 merged both organizations, effective January 1, 2015.

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.**

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



**A xylophone for CMS through your Foundation donations!**

**S-W ALUMNI AND SCHOOLS FOUNDATION  
2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

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Directors serve staggered three-year terms.



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### **S-W ALUMNI AND SCHOOLS FOUNDATION REMAINING MEETING DATES FOR 2016**

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 15, 2016	July 15, 2016
March 18, 2016	September 16, 2016
May 20, 2016	November 18, 2016



### **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

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

The membership form is an insert in this newsletter and the form can also be used to make donations to our scholarship fund and to reserve your ticket for the 2016 All-Class Picnic. So easy!

### **CONTACT US FOR INFORMATION ANY TIME!**

Our official e'mail address is:

[swhsaa@wavecable.com](mailto:swhsaa@wavecable.com)

Web site: [www.swhsaa.com](http://www.swhsaa.com)

Blog site: [www.swhsalumni.blogspot.com](http://www.swhsalumni.blogspot.com)

For more information about the current Sedro-Woolley Schools Foundation, visit the web page at:

<http://www.swsd.k12.wa.us/domain/12>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/SWHSCubs/>

We love to hear from you!

### **S-W Alumni and Schools Foundation COMING EVENT DATES**

**April 30, 2016 – Annual Geranium and Plant Sale!  
Watch for our new location!**

**July 4, 2016 – Pancake Breakfast  
at Sedro-Woolley Community Center!**

**July 9, 2016 – Annual All-Class Picnic  
at Riverfront Park!**

**We invite YOU to volunteer  
to help at these events!**