



# Sedro-Woolley High School Alumni Association

Founded October 1994

*Supporting Our Community Through Education!*

Winter 2013-2014 issue

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Robin Taylor

"Why do we have an Alumni Association? What does it do? In other words where does the money go that you pay in dues and donate?

Well with the exception of the annual expense of putting out this newsletter, it all goes to pay for scholarships to assist Sedro-Woolley Grads improve their lives and careers through additional training.

Since inception we have provided many thousands of dollars in scholarships. All because of YOUR generosity and support. As just one example of many over the years, your donations helped a struggling single mom get her CDL and today she has a high paying job. Your donations allowed us to assist another young man to get his welding certificate and he is now employed at the refinery, has married, and has kids who will soon start school in Sedro-Woolley.

Your donations often make a significant difference in people's lives by providing that little extra amount that makes it possible to get the training to succeed. There is not space in this article to tell you about all of the lives that your donations have impacted. We only exist as a vehicle to support Sedro Woolley Alumni.

Because of the state of our economy and increasing cost of tuition we really need your continued and additional support; if you can afford a little extra this year we pledge to make sure it goes to a good and worthy applicant who can really use your help. Thank you again for your generous support.

## ALL-CLASS PICNIC JULY 12, 2014

If attendance is any indicator, the SWHS All Class Picnic is a big hit every year! Estimated attendance for 2013 topped 500 of your fellow CUBS!

The 2014 Picnic will be held Saturday, July 12, 2014 at Riverfront Park in Sedro- Woolley, noon to 4:00 p.m., with picnic lunch to be served at 1:00 p.m. We plan to keep the price the same - \$15 per plate with advanced reservations/ \$20 at the door. We know you like to get this event on your calendars so you can plan to attend! Please make your reservation using the form in this newsletter or the next issue.

Again, individual classes are invited to set up their own tents on site but we NEED advance reservations for the tents so we can plot out the space. If you are having a special reunion year or just like to get together during the picnic, consider this option.

We will continue to operate golf carts for transport to and from the parking area. Your sponsorship of \$150 per cart helps us defray picnic expenses and direct more funds to scholarships!



## NEW S-WSD SUPERINTENDENT, PHIL BROCKMAN

I would first like to thank everyone for the warm welcome to this amazing community. Tamera and I feel privileged to be here and we are both very happy to have made this our home.

We are off to a great start of the new school year. When our Board approved full day kindergarten, it created a lot of excitement throughout our school community. This excitement has also generated a lot of energy that has helped us focus on how best to serve students. Assistant Superintendent Mike Olson has led a very ambitious professional development plan for our teachers that includes a focus on content knowledge in math and literacy, instructional practice, and what our data tells us about student learning. Our staff, specifically our principals and teachers, has been highly engaged in improving academic achievement for all students. As we focus even deeper on why, what, and how we are teaching, as well as focusing on problems of practice within our individual schools, we anticipate higher achievement levels for all of our students.

Sedro-Woolley is a great school district that has a long and proud tradition in supporting its schools and we have great kids! By working together as partners in education, we can make certain that we are implementing a school system that is student centered and that we are providing high quality learning experiences for all of our students. Thank you for your support as we prepare our graduates with the knowledge and skills to make an impact on their future learning and success.

## SEDRO-WOOLLEY HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2014

### Officers

President	Robin (Rob) Taylor '61
Vice-President	Patricia Erickson Hyatt '52
Secretary	Lola Wood Ellestad '42
Treasurer	Eric Stendal '67
Asst. Secretary	Tammy Olson '78
Asst. Treasurer	Bonna Beitler '59

### Board Members

Shirley McClure Arthur '42	Margo Rhodes Sorenson '62
Bonna Harrison Beitler '59	Doreen Spencer '41
Lola Wood Ellestad '42	Barbara Ward Thompson '43
Eugene Johnson '42	Reidar Ytgard '46
Darrel Jones '48	

## SWHS AA SCHOLARSHIPS

The SWHS AA awards **vocational** scholarships each year to deserving students who want to better themselves and their community. Scholarships are funded from the plant and bake sale, the class picnic, and donations/memorials.

Here is a quick update from one of our recent awardees:

My name is **Chelsea Seidel Wilhelm** and I am currently a senior at the Washington State University College of Nursing in Spokane, Washington. Before entering the nursing program my junior year of college, I completed my prerequisites at Eastern Washington University in Cheney.

I am a Cadet in the EWU ROTC Program and will enter the US Army as an Officer in the Nursing Corps upon graduation and commissioning. The Sedro-Woolley High School Alumni Association scholarship has had a huge impact on my college career! I am honored to represent alumni from my high school by applying myself and working hard toward my goal of becoming a registered nurse with a Bachelor of Science degree from WSU with EWU. The SWHSAA scholarship has supported me by limiting the amount of school loans I have had to take out, helping me feel more prepared to enter the workforce with minimal debt. I so appreciate all of the support I have received from the Alumni Association, financial and otherwise.

[Chelsea was a member of the class of 2011 and received a Class of 1971 Scholarship, as awarded under the umbrella of the SWHS AA.]



**New street in Sedro-Woolley!**

## FALL SWHSAA ACTIVITIES

By Lola Ellestad

Students who received scholarships last year are now beginning their classes! The Alumni Association is now requesting scholarship applications for 2014.

The election of new officers took place at the November meeting and installation will be in December. Please come to support officers who work for the benefit of the students.

If you would be interested in serving as a committee chairman or serving on a committee, please let it be known by contacting one of the present officers. It is fun being with those that help with the Food and Plant Sale or getting involved with the Picnic.

This is helping students through education...that is the name of our game!!!!!!

## WINTER-SPRING 2014 NEWSLETTER

The SWHS Alumni Association publishes two editions of our newsletter per year. 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.



## Coming Class Events

### Class of 1959

The Gals of '59 meet every other month for lunch. If you graduated in 1959 from SWHS and want to come, call Bonna Beitler 360-855-0030 for the time and place.

### Class of 1961

Class of 1961 contact **John Keene** [jhkeene1@msn.com](mailto:jhkeene1@msn.com)

February 15<sup>th</sup> - "Valentine Luncheon Retreat"

At the Medallion Hotel

May 10<sup>th</sup> - "May Snow Bird Return Party"

At the Medallion Hotel

3rd of July - Fireworks at Gary and Kris Johnson's on Big Lake

4th of July - Senior Breakfast, Watch Parade, meet at Eagles for lunch after the parade

5th of July - "Remember When Party" And Spaghetti Dinner at the Eagles Hall 5:00 p.m. to midnight

6th of July - Class of 1961 picnic.

July 12<sup>th</sup> - All Class Picnic

August 9<sup>th</sup> - "Snow Bird Send Off" picnic

### Class of 1971

Coffee hour on the last Tuesday of every month, where we visit and catch up on the latest news. December coffee hour will be December 17<sup>th</sup>, to avoid conflicts with holiday events.

## 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)

## SEDRO-WOOLLEY WEAR

Did you know that you can find Sedro-Woolley t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, lanyards, travel mugs, and other accessories at these locations?

## Preprinted:

### Oliver Hammer

821 Metcalf S-W 360-855-0395

### FBLA Club – Sedro-Woolley High School

1235 3rd Street S-W 360-855-3510

## Custom Printing

### DC's Printing and Awards

816 Metcalf S-W 360-855-1640

Digitizing service available

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

**RESERVATION FORM FOR  
SWHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL ALL-CLASS PICNIC  
July 12, 2014—SEDRO-WOOLLEY RIVERFRONT PARK**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MAIDEN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

NO. ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK AMOUNT (\$15.00 per person): \_\_\_\_\_

CHICKEN: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR (not both!)** HAMBURGER (with condiments): \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to SWHSAA and mail in enclosed envelope. Registration deadline is **7/1/2014**. 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 High School Alumni Association 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): \_ 2014 2015 2016 \_ Life Membership, \$100: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Lifetime membership card will be sent to you)

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 fees: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Scholarship Fees: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**The Sedro-Woolley High School Alumni Association 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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### SWHSAA MEETING DATES FOR 2014

All meetings are held at the Sedro-Woolley Senior Center at 1:00 p.m. Board of Directors meets separately. All meetings are set for the third Wednesday of the month.

January 15, 2014	July 16, 2014
February 19, 2014	August 20, 2014
March 19, 2014	September 17, 2014
April 16, 2014	October 15, 2014
May 21, 2014	November 19, 2014
June 18, 2014	December 17, 2014



### ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

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 2014 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)

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!

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

### SWHSAA EVENT DATES FOR 2014

**January 1, 2014 – Annual dues are due!**

Saturday, May 3, 2014 – annual plant and bake sale  
At Memorial Park in Sedro-Woolley. Watch for more info!

Saturday, July 12, 2014

#### **Annual All-Class Picnic at Riverfront Park**

Reserve your meal using the form in this newsletter. \$15 advance pay/\$20 at the door – choose your entrée – hamburger or chicken. Contact us if you can volunteer to help or if your class would like to reserve a spot for your class tent. See article inside.