

Cardinal Chatter

WHITTIER HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI and
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION



Whittier High School Alumni Association and Educational Foundation

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President's Message - Happy 2013 Fellow Cardinals!

As most people say, I can't believe how fast the year goes by. We are gearing up for many things. First up on April 21, we will be celebrating our 14th Annual Hall of Fame. I look forward to this event every year and am just overwhelmed by the accomplishments of each honoree. The Cardinals who have walked through the halls of WHS have traveled, been educated, taught, invented, created, authored, served in the military and elsewhere, or accomplished something that I just didn't even think about. I am truly in awe of our Cardinal family and would love to hear more life stories.

What is even better, is sharing this with the next generation of Cardinals, which is what happens when we have our Scholarship recipients at the Hall of Fame. The students can see first hand what can be accomplished by people who started right where they were - nothing is impossible. Please take a minute and nominate someone to the Hall of Fame, their story could influence future Cardinals. (Nomination form included in this Newsletter.)

Another way to leave a lasting impression on the next generation of Cardinals is by becoming a Life Member of the Alumni Association. A general donation of \$1,000 will allow the Board to use the funds where the needs are greatest, which could be funding AP tests for students or helping to fund an education event such as sending student leaders to a conference. We are so very grateful to all of the current Life Members and will happily welcome those who are thinking of becoming Life Members. I can tell you that the students are truly grateful to the Alumni for caring about them.

Michele Montanez
Class of 1988
WHSAAEF President

"... and always, always love you, Whittier High."

Principal's Message

Dear WHS Alumni - Happy New Year!

I can't believe it is 2013! However, I do believe it will be another great year at Whittier High School! All indicators show that we will continue to improve and thrive, and there is not another place where I would want to spend my days!

I am thrilled with the increased voter support and (hopefully) increased funding to our public schools in California. The education of our youth is the most important civil priority, and it takes substantial financial support to serve and educate our country's greatest asset - its youth! I am blessed to work with the hardest working faculty and staff at WHS who serve and educate WHS students so well!

The WHS campus continues to look better and better. We have finished remodeling the Horseshoe, and the area around the Auditorium, making it ADA accessible and beautiful. We are currently finishing the transformation of our athletic fields (football, softball, and baseball) with the installation of an all-weather track, as well as improvement to the specific areas for track and field events. Our estimated date of completion is April 5, 2013.

We continue to appreciate the financial support from the Alumni Association! We had an amazing outpouring of donations from the community and alumni after four sousaphones were stolen last September. We have received over \$12,000, almost covering the total replacement cost of \$18,000. Our 12 senior Alumni Scholarship recipients from 2012 have gratefully put their scholarships to good use at outstanding Universities. And we will again, respectfully accept and appreciate the \$7,000 of fee support for our AP scholars for the upcoming AP tests, as we have for the past three years. (By the way, Whittier High School has the highest percentage of student body enrolled in AP and honors courses of any school in WUHSD - for which we are very proud!)

It takes a great deal of tender loving care, hard work, and money to maintain quality educational and enrichment programs, as well as an aesthetically pleasing and safe environment. We so greatly appreciate the amazing support that the Alumni Association has provided to Whittier High School over the years!!!

Hope to see you at the Hall of Fame Dinner on Sunday. April 21!!

Lori Peel Eshilian, Class of 1972
Principal, Whittier High School

Join Us for the 14th Annual Hall of Fame

On April 21st the Whittier High School Alumni Association and friends will celebrate the induction of honorees into Hall of Fame. Mitzi Reichling Anderson, Bob Henderson, Bob Horn, Joe Vinatieri, and O. C. Albertson (posthumously) will join graduates who have distinguished themselves in their professional accomplishments and service to others.

The evening becomes a magical sharing of the Cardinal spirit. That magic is reflected in a few comments from former Hall of Fame honorees. Danny Romero '72 shared, "No matter where life goes, the ties come back to Whittier." Carlos Rodriguez '55, felt receiving the Hall of Fame award was the "... greatest honor I have ever had." And Don Kracke '49, tells us, "I can send you an executive summary of the awards I've received, but the Hall of Fame goes to the top of my list."

Several current students will receive scholarships from the Whittier High School Alumni Association and Educational Foundation at the Hall of Fame Dinner. These students have been selected for their outstanding academic achievements and their service to school and community. We wish them well as they leave WHS for colleges and universities.

Don't miss this opportunity to connect with classmates and friends and enjoy the Cardinal spirit.

An Invitation and Response Form can be found in this edition of the Cardinal Chatter.

Reunion Update Information

Are you planning your high school reunion? If so, please call Janice in the B & A Office at Whittier High School and tell her when and where it is. If you need suggestions to plan a reunion, Janice has them. She can also give you names of companies that plan reunions for you. Call her at 562 698-8121 x2010 or email janice.zolnekoff@wuhsd.org

1953 Class Information - Contact Dick Cardenas 562 692-6892, Dick Fitzgerald 760 240-6720, or LeRoy Schmaltz 562 698-6960.

1963 Class Information - REUNION NEWS JUST IN! Contact James "Buddy" Hamilton about a 50-year reunion planned for Saturday, October 19, 2013. Tours of WHS are scheduled for the morning of October 19 starting at the Gym parking lot. The Alumni Association will be hosting the Annual All-Class BBQ at the school on Sunday, October 20. Email Buddy at chamilt@umich.edu or look on Facebook for "WHS Class of 63 50th High School Reunion." Check out the website: <http://www.whscardinals1963.com>

1973 Class Information - Reunion planned for Saturday, October 19, 2013, at the Whittier Radisson. Contact Caren Rosales Grisham Algots 562 400-6955 or doccarengrisham@aol.com

1983 Class Information - Reunion planned for Saturday, August 3, 2013, at the Crystal Marquis, 13007 Philadelphia Street, Whittier 90601. Contact Leonard Gastelum at 562 397-6248 or leonardjames2002@yahoo.com or Joanne Sanchez Gomez 562 298-6450 or displaymom@yahoo.com. Check out Facebook page "Whittier High School Class of 1983 30 year Class Reunion" or "Whittier High Class of 1983" maintained by Ian Good.

Class of 1988 - The 25th Reunion is August 23-24. No further information available.

Class of 1993 - Contact Maggie Cordero 562 761-7095 Mcordero01@yahoo.com

Class of 2003 - Contact Frank Seijas 562 309-1418 fseijas@univisionradio.com

2013 WHSAAEF Treasury

Attention Alumni and Friends of Whittier High School - We are currently seeking silent auction items for our 14th Annual Hall of Fame Sunday, April 21, 2013! We seek items which can be auctioned for future scholarships for our stellar graduating Cardinals. If you wish to participate, please contact Annette Montanez at Montanez.Annette@gmail.com.

The Wurlitzer Organ project is our major focus this year and donations are currently being sought for its installation. We are anticipating this installation, hopefully within the next year or so. We appreciate your support and the work of Bill Wood '41, our Project Manager, for overseeing this work of art. THANK YOU!!

Auditorium seats are reupholstered and look beautiful. Fortunately, this is a great opportunity to claim undedicated seats and leave a memorial to all future Cardinals who pass through our grand Auditorium. Pat Hoyle Sly '51 would like to hear from you if you are interested in this project: oneslymom@aol.com. (An order form for sponsoring a seat is included in this Newsletter.)

You are the reason we are here. Thank You to all our alumni and friends who sponsor and support the Whittier High School Alumni Association and Educational Foundation. Your time, effort, and monetary contributions are noticed and appreciated. We are "The Whittier High School Community."

Congratulate a Hall of Fame Honoree

Anyone who would like to congratulate the 2013 Hall of Fame honoree(s), please take a moment to send us a print-ready message to be included in the 2013 Hall of Fame Program. The cost is: Full page \$100; Half page \$50; Quarter page \$25.

We are currently gathering items for our Silent Auction. If you are interested in donating a gift basket, gift certificate, or sporting event tickets, we would greatly appreciate it. **All donations are tax deductible.** Monies will be used to benefit Whittier High School students.

Michele Montanez, Class of 1988
Michele.montanez@gmail.com

Alumni Spotlight

Dorothy Zitzman Mershon, Class of 1961, is the owner of BPA Secretarial and Resume Service. Dorothy has graced the Alumni Board by volunteering to assist with the many hours of paperwork that are received on a daily basis. We are very grateful for every minute she spends working with us, ensuring we bring our fellow Cardinals all the spirit possible. Thank you, Dorothy, we appreciate you and the time you spend on our behalf!

Class of 1951 Donation

A BIG thank you to the Class of 1951 for their generous donations. They have sponsored an Auditorium seat for \$250 and another \$250 to the Wurlitzer Organ Project. Your generosity is sincerely appreciated.

Gus Velasco '58

The City of Santa Fe Springs has honored Gus by naming one of its facilities the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center. Gus was a Hall of Fame recipient in 2012. He passed away shortly before the event last year.

William G. Gordon '54

The City of Santa Fe Springs was the recipient of a very generous donation from "Willy," former WHS Student Body President, currently an author and attorney.

Larry Kirk

This Whittier High School graduate, an avid golfer, has taken his love of "disc golf" to all 50 states. Disc golf is like traditional golf, but instead of a ball and clubs, players use a flying disc or frisbee. The disc is thrown from a tee area to an elevated metal basket.

Ernest Contreras

A belated 100th Happy Birthday to this WHS graduate. He was born in Whittier in 1912 and his father was born in Whittier in 1884. He played professional softball and remembers Richard Nixon as a classmate.

Did You Know?

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair. WOW! How much would that be for all WHS graduates?

Cardinal Passings

Our heartfelt sympathy to the families and friends of these Cardinals who have left us.

Wesley (Pete) Hobbs ' 46

Peter Kempf '54

Bob Mattern '61

Donald Orr - Faculty

Alice Martin Rosenberger*

Claire Helton Smith '46

Yvonne Johnson '55

John Lewis Landreth*

William (Bill) Mildren '37

Thora A Richardson '52

Fred J. Simmons*

Emily Haddad Smith Stevenson '46

Janice E. Sweger '55

Janet Frazier Young '66

* Year of graduation not known

We are happy to share that Gary Smith, Class of 1955, is alive and well. We apologize for this error.

Meet the 2013 Hall of Fame Honorees

O. C. Albertson

Mr. Albertson was the third principal of Whittier Union High School and served in that position from 1908-1930. He is the longest serving principal in the history of the school. A detailed listing of all that took place on campus during this period of time was contained in the last edition of the Cardinal Chatter.

Mary (Mitzi) Reichling Anderson

Mary is a 1947 WHS graduate who was President of Girls' League and the recipient of the Ruby (Cardinal) Key. After graduation she attended Stanford University, where she majored in History, English, and French. Later she earned a certificate needed for remedial language tutoring.

Her professional work has been varied: Sunset Magazine, Foote, Cone & Belding ad agency, radio copy writer, private tutor, high school English teacher, part-time instructor at Northern Montana College, and is presently co-owner of a Christmas tree plantation.

Mary's volunteer work has involved: Glacier County, Hill County, Flathead County Republican Women and precinct Committeewoman; State PR chair of MFRW; member ADRT (admissions and discharge review board Montana State Hospital, President NAMI in Montana, and ACBL (America Contract Bridge Organization).

She married Robert, a geologist, and they have one son and one daughter.

Bob Horn

Bob graduated from Whittier High School in 1950. His name has been synonymous with UCLA water polo for 28 years (1963-1991). He also doubled as the UCLA Swim coach from 1963-1974 and was honored in 1972 as the "NCAA Swimming Coach of the Year." During his water polo coaching career, he guided the Bruins to three NCAA titles, four runner-up awards, and seven third place finishes as well as 13 league titles. He once guided the Bruins to 69 straight victories over five years and coached four undefeated teams before the NCAA recognized water polo and volleyball as NCAA sports in 1969. Bob also coached several club championship club teams including the 1988 National Champions made up entirely of UCLA student athletes - a yet unmatched feat. Horn was selected

as the 1965 water "NAA Water Polo Coach of the Year." In all, Horn tutored 36 first-team All Americans and 9 Water Polo Olympians, and 4 Swimming Olympians.

After leaving Whittier High School, he attended Fullerton Junior College for two years, earning his AA degree, served in the Naval Air Force during the Korean War. He graduated from Cal State Long Beach with a BA and Master's degrees. He started his first teaching job at the new Cerritos College and stayed two years, before moving on to UCLA for 28 years.

Bob is married to his wife, Dottie. They have a combined family of five children and seven grandchildren.

Bob Henderson

Bob is a native Californian, born and raised in Whittier, graduating from Whittier High School in 1958. He attended the University of Chicago and the University of Southern California, graduating from USC. With his son, Ken Henderson, he owns and operates Henderson's Insurance, Inc. - an insurance Agency and Brokerage company working in the areas of commercial and personal insurance.

He is active in local politics and is now serving his 31st year as a Whittier City Council member. Bob has served as Mayor of Whittier 1992-1994 and 2010 and is currently Mayor Pro Tem. A major amount of his time for the City has been on efforts to save and make available to local residents the remaining open space in our surrounding hills.

Bob also chairs the Hillside Open Space Education Committee (7years), which is a coalition of the cities of Whittier, Brea, La Habra and La Habra Heights, and the unincorporated area of Hacienda Heights and Rowland Heights. This group is actively trying to purchase the 3,699 acre Aera Energy property that separates the saved open space in the Puente-Chino Wildlife Corridor.

As the most senior member of the City Council, he serves on many special sub-committees. Some of the most important are: Restoration of Pio Pico Ranchito, Negotiations for the Policing of Santa Fe Springs, Whittier Boulevard Specific Plan Implementation, Nelles

Property Conversion, Greenway Trail, Greenway Trail extension, Mineral Extraction, and Whittier Endowment Study.

Joe Vinatieri

Joe graduated from WHS in 1970 and was a proud member of the of the Cardinal Marching Band that represented the City of Whittier in President Richard Nixon's Inaugural Parade.

He was reelected by the voters of Whittier to serve a four-year term on the Whittier City Council in April, 2008, after having been elected to a two-year term in 2006. Joe was born and raised in

Whittier, attended Whittier schools and is employed in Whittier as an attorney at Bewley, Lassleben and Miller.

Joe and his wife, Sandy, are proud parents of three children - Sarah, Joe, and Susie, who attended Whittier Schools.

Joe's local community involvement includes: Member of the Board, Whittier Chamber of Commerce; Member, Whittier Union High School District Bond Oversight Committee; Member of the Board and Incorporator of Foundation, Whittier High School Alumni Association and Education Foundation; Institutional Representative, Boy Scouts of America - Pack and Troop 219; Member of the Board and past Vice President, YMCA of Greater Whittier.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR WHITTIER HIGH SCHOOL CONTRIBUTORS FOR UPHOLDING THE RED AND WHITE, THE BEAUTY OF OUR CAMPUS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OUR GRADUATING CARDINALS!

LIFE MEMBERS

Tom August	Peter and Louise Kempf
Patricia Behnke Beck	Jack and Erlene Mele
Cathie Moon Brown	Louise Johnson Pascale
Joan Dezember	Carlos Rodriguez
Pat and George Engelage	Sandy Sanchez Thorstenson
Roderick Hills	Elizabeth Ann Carroll Snyder

WURLITZER ORGAN PROJECT (\$5,000 - \$40,000)

Bill and Jan Wood	Breene Murphy - Rose Hills Foundation
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**WHITTIER HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND EDUCATIONAL
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HALL OF FAME NOMINATION**

The nominee must have graduated from Whittier High School 20 years prior to nomination or been employed at Whittier High School. In addition to a positive record at WHS, the nominee must have distinguished him/herself professionally, in community service, through volunteer work, or other endeavors that have resulted in international, national, state or local impact.

Name of Nominee _____ Class Year _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

WHS Honors/Awards/Distinctions _____

College/University/Military Service _____

Degrees Earned _____

Career/Professional Information _____

Community Service/Volunteer Work _____

Why are you nomination this person? _____

Person Submitting Nomination: Name _____ Class Year _____

Address/Phone _____

Email _____ Date Submitted _____

Does the nominee know about this nomination: Yes _____ No _____ Are you sending supporting data, documents, photos? Yes _____ No _____

Nominations for the 2014 Hall of Fame must be submitted by April 21, 2013. Send completed form to: WHSAAEF, PO Box 65, Whittier, CA 90608-0065 or bring it to the Hall of Fame Dinner.

New Hall of Fame Nomination Procedure Announced

On the previous page is the Hall of Fame Nomination Form. This form must be submitted for any individual to be considered for this honor. The Alumni Association has a large number of names that have been submitted, but there is no supporting information. These names will be discarded and only those individuals with a nomination form on file will be considered.

The time for submission is now. However, if you wish to nominate someone for 2014, the nomination must be in by April 21, 2013, the date of the Hall of Fame Dinner. This will be the same for all following years. Completed nomination forms will be kept on file, so there is no need to submit a form each year. Extra forms will be available at the Dinner.

WHSAAEF Donors

This is the list of 2012 Alumni and friends of Whittier High who have made donations! THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL 2012, improving our school and supporting our Cardinals.

Shirley A Rafferty - Faculty	1947 Gerry Cassem Minor
1940 Virginia English	1947 Charlie Huston
1940 Beverly B. Harris	1947 Jan Lopez Wood
1940 Ralph C. Nichols	1948 Johana Moon Garrison
1940 Arthur Ogami	1948 Winna S. Kimmick Adams
1940 Richard Zinn	1948 Gerald Bagley
1941 Newell L. Miller	1949 Nancy J. Krug
1941 Henry Romero	1950 Carol A. Holt
1941 D. E. Bill Wood	1950 Jim C. "Ole" Olsen
1943 Fred Robertson	1950 Harriett Flint Proctor
1945 Jack Carlisle	1951 Nancy L. Walls Cagney
1945 Jean N. August	1951 Arthur N. "Art" Harwood, Jr.
1946 Bud Chapman	1951 Becky Speer Schumacher
1946 William Jim Ervin	1951 Paul Gotts
1946 Henri F. Pellissier	1951 Milton N. Schroth
1946 Milton S. Wright	1951 Pat Hoyle Sly
1947 Mitzi Reichling Anderson	1952 Janet Bachman
1947 J. Thomas August	1952 Stuart Gothold

1952 Dennis E. Kriens	1958 Michael Esposito
1952 Nancy S. Shoemaker	1958 Morris Sawyer
1953 Joan Bristow Johnson	1958 Lorraine McPherson Sawyer
1954 Mary Richardson Davis	1958 Pat Laws Shank
1954 Louise McMillan Kempf	1958 Lynn Musgrove Ward
1954 Barbara Gipson Watts	1959 Richard D. Grubbs
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1954 Richard George	1959 Richard L. Heideman
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1955 Dave Bisset	1960 Norrie Lujan Brunt
1955 Mary Castro	1960 Nancy Northnagle Dias
1955 Elaine Jonetz	1960 Betty L. Roddy Heggen
1955 Gary S. Smith	1960 Roger L. McNitt
1955 Harold Tucker	1960 Joan Meister
1956 Joan A. Harter Cavenah	1961 Hilda Anderson Esparza
1956 Donna Milner-Rich Ferguson	1961 Jim Jansen
1956 Linden E Beck	1961 Leon "Lee" Parks
1957 Barbara Phelps Binns	1961 Linda Halte Munden
1957 Jane K. Clayton Turnquist	1961 Charlene Peake Sims
1957 Joan Skarda Durie	1963 Janet B. Taylor
1957 Joy Hartman Keces	1964 Richard Hassen
1957 Linda Roop Helms	1964 Susan Comer Mitchell
1957 Tom Blair	1968 Jane A Mothershead Taylor
1957 Merry Marsh	1969 Clayton Forst
1957 Sandy Winton Laue	1969 Larry K. Orr
1957 A. Jane Pryor Lyon	1970 Mark Schon
1957 Susan Terry Nieblas	1971 Karen O. Boulter
1957 Judy Roberts Olness	1972 Ruth Skaim Ferreira
1957 Marjorie Millikan Olson	1972 Baralee Barbera
1957 Mary Barmore Parker	1972 Carol Bennett
1957 Ann Morgan Turner	1972 Lori Peel Eshilian
1957 Nadine L. Paulin	1972 Kevin R. Foxwell
1957 Dr. James F. Seitz	1972 Robert Gloye
1957 Joyce Wilson	1972 Ronald L. Herbrand
1957 Mary B. York	1972 Mark E. Johnson
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1958 Letecia "Letty" Brooks	1972 Bill Oeh

1972 Lorne C. Rall
1972 Emma Newton Setterland
1972 Glen Tanner
1972 Catie Van Campen Watson
1973 Sandra L. Sanchez Thorstenson
1974 John Peel

1975 Peter Goodman
1975 Pamela Bates Goodman
1977 Lori Brown Badilla
1977 James Nuanes
1982 Anita Ward

1983 John M. Turco
1984 Gina Lento Francia
1986 Annette Montanez
1999 Sheree Henley
2001 Monique Henley McKeown
2004 Nadine Henley Rogers
2006 Bernadette Henley
Patricia L. Engelage

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If you would like to submit something for
the Summer/Fall issue, please send it to
the Editor by August 10., 2013

SAVE THESE DATES

Sunday, April 21, 2013 - Hall of Fame Dinner

Sunday, October 20, 2013 - All Class BBQ

WHITTIER HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Fourteenth Annual Hall of Fame Dinner - April 21, 2013

Radisson Hotel, Whittier - 5pm

Reservation Response Form

Reservation Deadline - April 5, 2013

Yes, I will be there! Class Year _____ Number of Guests _____
Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please list the names of any guests below, along with WHS Class Year.

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| 1. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

- Number attending: _____ @ \$75 per person = \$ _____
- I would Like to sponsor a Scholarship Recipient
and their parents Number attending: 3 @ \$75 per person = \$225
- Reserved Seating Table of 10 @ \$75 per person = \$750
- VIP Table Seating 10 = \$850

No, I cannot attend, enclosed is a tax-deductible donation to
WHSAAEF in the amount of = \$ _____

Grand Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____
Payable to WHSAAEF

Please send the completed form and check to:
WHSAAEF, PO Box 65, Whittier, CA 90608-0065