

# Cardinal Chatter



Newsletter of the Whittier High School Alumni Association and  
Educational Foundation

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2013

## President's Message

**THANK YOU Alumni!** It has been my pleasure serving as your president. It truly warms my heart to know there are so many WHS Alumni and people who recognize our school and share memories or information with me.

As we continue to gain alumni I truly hope that the "Cardinal Spirit" will also continue to grow for our Whittier High Alumni Association and Educational Foundation - so we can remain strong and continue to benefit the students of Whittier High. In 2013 we have increased our "Life Members" in addition to our general membership. This will ensure that our foundation will continue on.

We have given record dollars to assist the students pay for their AP Testing, contributed to the Tuba replacement fund, provided support for ASB and athletics. All this and more is what YOU have done and I can't say THANK YOU enough for your heart felt support.

We do still have many opportunities to support WHSAAEF. Wouldn't it be wonderful to give a seat in the Vic Lopez Auditorium for Christmas? We still have available seats to be sponsored in our Auditorium Seat Sponsoring Program. All the seats are newly refurbished with beautiful red fabric and sleek arm rests where a brass plate with your engraving will be placed; contact Pat Sly at [oneslymom@aol.com](mailto:oneslymom@aol.com) or (562) 695-6575 for any questions or to get an order form. We also have a variety of sponsorship opportunities available for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Hall of Fame, details inside the Chatter.

Cheers,

Michele Montanez – Class of 1988

President

Each year the Hall of Fame committee is overwhelmed with the impressive accomplishments of the alumni of Whittier High. They stand tall and their achievements exemplify the creed and purpose of our alma mater. This year's dinner will be held on Sunday, April 27, 2014 at 5:30 at the Radisson Hotel in Whittier. We are looking forward to this great event and have new sponsorship opportunities. To become a sponsor please contact Michele at whittierhighalumni@gmail.com

### **2014 Hall of Fame Honorees**

**Glenn Allison, class of 1948**  
**Clark Brundin, class of 1948**  
**Lori Peel Eshilian, class of 1972**  
**Alfred Gobar, class of 1949**  
**Carol Bennett, class of 1972**  
**William House, class of 1941, in memoriam**  
**Carol Tenopir, class of 1970**

#### **Title Sponsor – “Presented by...” \$3,000**

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#### **Scholars Host - \$2,000 (defrays cost of recipients and their family)**

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Two seats at selected table

#### **Scholarship Sponsor - \$1500 (covers cost of scholarship, plaque and dinner)**

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Name in printed program, on website, and all future newsletters  
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#### **Staff Host - \$850 (defrays cost of staff table and staff award)**

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#### **Award Sponsor – \$800 (defrays cost of plaques for student scholars)**

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## HOMECOMING

A new tradition was started this year as the Cardinal Band led over 1500 students, parents, faculty and alumni up Philadelphia in a sea of Cardinal red. From Whittier High to Whittier College, the enthusiastic group marched to kick off the night's homecoming activities, including a pre-game entertainment show at Memorial Stadium. The Cardinals lost a close game but school spirit was not missing when 1400 students !! gathered on Whittier High's front lawn for their Homecoming Dance.

Homecoming weekend also featured the Annual All-Class BBQ and school tour on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Alumni classes celebrating that weekend were 50 year alumni, class of **1963**, and 45 year celebrants, class of **1968**. 140 members and guests of the class of 1963 celebrated from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon, "reminiscing and sharing, searching in vain for their lockers and wowed by the current state of Whittier High".

A crowd of over 150 alumni enjoyed the BBQ – great food, "wow" tours and enthusiastic entertainment by the Cardinal Band and cheer teams.

Other classes celebrating and renewing old friendships in the summer were the class of **1953**, the class of **1973** and the class of **1993**. Contact [Janice.Zolnekoff@wuhsd.org](mailto:Janice.Zolnekoff@wuhsd.org) for information about your class.

## REUNIONS

Plans are still in the making for most classes but watch for more information on the Whittier High Website: [Whittierhighalumni.org](http://Whittierhighalumni.org). or call Janice Zolnekoff at (562) 698-8121 x2010

- **1948 Class Info** A reunion brunch will be held at 10am on **Sun. April 27, 2014**, the day on which our classmates Clark Brundin and Glenn Allison will be inducted in to the WHS Hall of Fame. Congratulations to Clark and Glenn! Save the time, save the date. More information in January, by mail and on this website. Class contacts: Marj Johana Moon at [johanamoong@gmail.com](mailto:johanamoong@gmail.com) and at 808-214-0316 or Dick Lantz at [sailrlantz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sailrlantz@sbcglobal.net) and at 619-442-5846.
- **1954 Class Info** Contact Pat Rogers Hall 951-302-6140.
- **1959 Class Info** Oct 3-4, 2014. Contact Richard Grubbs 714-357-6095 [richard92352@gmail.com](mailto:richard92352@gmail.com) or Guy [egtalbott@verizon.net](mailto:egtalbott@verizon.net) or 714-848-9618. Click on the link below to see all the details on our class website...<http://whittierhigh59.com>
- **1964 Class Info** Contact Mary Westphal 951-788-1968 (email: [mwestsbta@aol.com](mailto:mwestsbta@aol.com)) or Bonnie Baier Sutton 562-945-5829.
- **1974 Class Info** 40th Reunion planned for Sat. May 17, 2014 at the Whittier Radisson Hotel. Make your reservations NOW at the link below or call Great Reunions 800-655-7971. Contact Rick Larson 619-203-5869 or [fjl3255@aol.com](mailto:fjl3255@aol.com) or other committee members: Steven Gale [sbgale@aol.com](mailto:sbgale@aol.com) Julie Adams Zivnak 909-622-0614 or Cynthia Breaux [cbreaux@calpoly.edu](mailto:cbreaux@calpoly.edu) reservations: <http://www.greatreunions.com>
- **1984 Class Info** Contact Patty Sanchez Thomas 702-255-6955
- **1994 Class Info** Contact Laura Camacho 714-773-1216 (home) 714-612-1884 (cell) or Francine Lopez Garcia [francinee1@yahoo.com](mailto:francinee1@yahoo.com).
- **2004 Class Info** Plans underway – check out "WHS Class of 2004" on FaceBook. Senior Class President Jennifer Alvarez is on Facebook. (jennifer alvarez 716195) or contact her by email [jenniferalvar@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferalvar@gmail.com)

## THE ORGAN

It's all ready to go! Finished, polished, packed! However, because of the need to sell bonds and post bids, etc., for air conditioning in the auditorium and gymnasium, this puts the projection of the installation into 2014. It will happen – but not as soon as we wanted. There will be a big celebration of the refurbished seats and booming organ when it's time!

### HAPPENINGS AT WHITTIER HIGH

Whittier High students continue to encourage each other to succeed. **ASB** officers gave out over 1200 signed certificates to students receiving B+ average quarter grades and passed them out in class. They also are giving out teacher awards once a month. And those earning "Cardinals with Class" get a snow cone or popcorn out in the quad. Caring was also demonstrated with the gathering of 15 baskets of food to deliver at Thanksgiving and when 288 students signed up to give blood for a fellow student suffering from leukemia, the Red Cross was overwhelmed!

Recognizing the success in advanced placement at Whittier High, your Alumni Association voted to assist 2 students to attend a Cardinal Advanced Placement conference in November. In addition, we assisted the Drama Club and Football program by putting ads in their programs. We want you to know that each request is recommended by an advisor, carefully studied - and in each instance the students have also invested by fundraising with car washes, etc.

The fall sport teams have done well. Girl's Tennis took League, Cross Country did very well in league, Boy's Water Polo went to CIF as did Girl's Volleyball. Band, Color Guard and Drum Corps placed high in field shows they entered.

The Cardinal and White (the only school newspaper published in the WUHS District) continues to be an avenue for students to recognize and participate in free speech and freedom of the press. The 16 page newspaper addresses local, national and international issues with pictures and drawings and is published four times a year. Past copies of the C&W are currently being added online at [www.wuhsd.org/Page/4910](http://www.wuhsd.org/Page/4910)

### WE APPRECIATE YOUR GIVING

We can't say it enough (and sometimes we've slipped and haven't said it at all) but we are so grateful for the generous alumni that continue to love Whittier High. Your giving demonstrates the Whittier legacy that is carried on through you – and it is much appreciated by the students, teachers, parents and alumni who believe in Whittier High's future.

#### LIFE MEMBERS – gift of \$1,000 or more

Tom August	Ed Hookstratten	Charlene Peake Sime
Patricia Behnke Beck	Peter and Louise Kempf	Elizabeth Ann Carroll Snyder
Cathie Moon Brown	Jack and Erlene Mele	Sandy Sanchez Thorstenson
Richard & Billie Beane Deihl	Joan Meister	D. E. (Bill) Wood
Joan Dezember	Louise Johnson Pascale	
George & Pat Engelage	William C. Prentis	
Roderick Hills	Carlos Rodriguez	

#### Listed here are the names of those who have made donations since the last issue of the Cardinal Chatter.

\*Class unknown. This list may be incomplete

Genevieve Lescsak, Faculty	Jack Mele, Faculty
Class of 1961 in celebration of 50 years	1946 Jerry and Helen Allen
1966 Doug Anderson	1961 Linda Davis Anderson
1947 Mitzi Reichling Anderson	1943 Bill and Glenus Bateman
1964 Michael A. Beatty	1958 Miriam Swauger Benell
1948 Jack Bowden	1958 Barbara Gabor Brockmeier

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1945	Ira Brummell	*	Nancy Cagney
1950	Frank (Chuck) Campbell	1946	Bill Cathriner
1941	Mary Chapman Coffee	*	Patty Engelage
1972	Lori Peel Eshilian	1961	Hilda Anderson Esparza
1970	Debi McGowan Ferguson	1955	Earl L. Feys
1948	Irene Thompson Fleck	1946	Norman Frantz
1948	David Freeland	1960	Susan A. Fuller
1960	Mary Vonder Bruegge Garcia	1956	Howard H. Gething
1946	Jo Ann Lane Givens	1955	Eldora Eisenbrey Graham
1950	Barbara Gray	*	Lora L. Gross
1940	Hazel N. Harry	*	Tonia L. Risher Herr
1959	Nancy Baumann Gianos Holmes	*	Karen A. Horton
1947	Charles Huston	1964	Pamela Isaacs
1951	Peggy Davis Jeferson	1952	Dennis Kriens
1957	Harlan L. Lamp	1950	James Lantz
1960	Nancy Lusk	1989	Chris Magdosku
1962	Jaxine Martin	1959	Sandra Lee Burdick Martin
1964	Marilyn Rohrig McCabe	1955	Ronald McKenzie
1946	Jo Polson Michel	1952	Madeline Gotts Minear
1941	Carl A. Moen	1988	Annette Montanez
1986	Michele Montanez	1961	Linda Mae Halte Munden
1943	Bob Murlin	1963	Quayle Neslen
1956	John S. Olsen	1950	Ole Olsen
1961	Lee Parks	1976	Deborah Schott Parrott
1974	John Peel	1946	Henri and Dianne Pellissier
*	Ray Polentz	1948	Dick (R.B.) Postal
1950	Harriet Flint Proctor	1958	Louis Ramirez
1949	Gloria Madran Rice	1959	Donald and Joann Ross
1969	Thomas Samarin	1967	Kimberly Sandifer
1966	Kathleen McLaughlin Shipler	1956	Janet Knauss Skow
1948	Martha Lea Smith	1954	Nancy Herold Smith
1957	Bob and Barbara Starkey	1951	Helene Epperly Steele
1963	Janet Taylor	1955	Dean Thompson
1960	Teresa Marie Thompson	1959	Raymond Tice, Jr.
1955	Harold Tucker	1956	Virginia Harper Tucker
1956	Carol Raggio Tuller	1963	Ruth Uphold
*	Mary Vazquez	1968	Carole Nota Wadsworth
*	Candace Walker-Kilinski	1954	Barbara Gipson Watts
1947	Jan Slater Lopez Wood		

### CARDINAL PASSINGS

The Alumni Association extends sincere sympathy to the families, friends, and classmates of these Cardinals.

Sheryl Winther Anderson, Class of 1970  
 Gerald (Jerry) Betker, Class of 1951  
 Marilyn Langel Cannine, Class of 1955  
 Norman L. De Vilbiss, Class of 1950  
 Bob Eyler, Class of 1952  
 Barbara Ridgeway Stewart, Grenier, Class of 1950  
 Janet Nestegard Knoll, Class of 1956

Albert Joe Balen, Class of 1957  
 Helen Hannah Campbell, Class of 1934  
 Steven Dent, Class of 1969  
 Keith Dysert, Class of 1970  
 Gerald Gaffney, Class of 1946  
 William House, Class of 1941  
 Lois Diriam Larson, Class of 1951

George E. Miller, Class of 1942  
Joan Camp Ochoa, Class of 1974  
Josephine Anguiano Prado, Class of 1950  
Gene Rathert, Class of 1943  
Max Strayhorn, Class of 1952  
Ray Williams, Class of 1951

Clifford J. Neilson, Class of 1951  
Evelyn Stewart Page, Class of 1950  
Beatrice Ruth Pride, Class of 1953  
Carolyn Morton Rogers, Class of 1955  
Raymond Lee Wilcox, Class of 1950  
Richard Ralph Zinn, Class of 1940

*This list may be incomplete*

## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Whittier High School is living up to its legacy!

In my sixth year as principal I am extremely proud of what Whittier High School has accomplished over the last six years!

We are anxiously awaiting the outcome of our successful WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) accreditation that took place at the end of October. The visiting committee spent the better part of four days with us, validating and celebrating the success of our systemic practices that have led to consistent school improvement. We feel confident that we will achieve a high rating when we receive the report in January, 2014.

WHS also celebrated the completion of new Athletic fields last June; a new all-weather track and improved football field, enlarged baseball and soft-ball stadiums with the ability to play soft-ball and baseball games simultaneously. The new fields, along with our aquatic facility and state of the art gymnasium make the WHS athletic facilities second to none in our district.

We are working diligently, along with district support, to prepare for the new Common Core State Standards that will officially arrive next school year. We have been building capacity to demonstrate an even higher level of student learning for the past two school years, purchasing new lap top computers and iPads, and increasing professional development that supports all students to become higher order critical thinkers, creative problem solvers, collaborative learners, and effective communicators. Our students are well prepared for the skills necessary in college and careers of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

I am extremely proud to be part of the WHS legacy as a graduate from 1972. Thank you for also being part of the amazing legacy! WHS greatly benefits from the gifts and generosity of all Alumni; we will continue to work to make our community and our alumni proud, to earn your support!

Sincerely,

Lori (Peel) Eshilian  
Principal, WHS

## **NEWEST BOARD MEMBER** A Long Tradition with Whittier High

Laurie Welsh Peel, our new Recording Secretary, is a third generation Cardinal and a graduate of the class of 1980. She is married to a Cardinal, John Peel 1974 and the proud mother of two fourth generation Cardinals, Sarah 2006 and Melanie 2010. She followed in the tradition of many WHS alumni and received her BA '84 and MA '86 from Whittier College. She is currently employed by the East Whittier City School District as a speech/language pathologist and has enjoyed 26 years working in the special education field. Laurie's roots run deep in the Whittier community and it brings her great pride to be part of the Cardinal legacy and will "always, always love you, Whittier High."

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

## THE CARDINAL COMPUTER ACADEMY

The Cardinal Computer Academy is in its 20<sup>th</sup> year at Whittier High School. The academy goal is to help students make strong connections academically, interpersonally, socially, and with their community. The academy is supported by Whittier High administrators and teachers and headed by Kathleen Bailey, Director of the program and technology.

Technological focus is on computer applications with students earning Microsoft Office Certifications. Web design and programming are also introduced along with entrepreneurial skills and financial literacy.

The mentor program gives the student a chance to interface with professionals from all industry areas. A mentor provides encouragement, guidance, and support to students as they focus on choices for their future.

Professionals and caring adults, retired or presently working, are invited to participate in this one-on-one opportunity to mentor students, who over fifty percent have been identified as "at risk." The commitment is about 1 and ½ hours, seven times a year.

Please consider joining the mentor team. Contact Kathleen Bailey at (562) 698-8121 x2164 or [kathleen.bailey@WUHSD.org](mailto:kathleen.bailey@WUHSD.org) for more information.



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### MEMBERSHIP FEE

The WHS Alumni Association offsets the cost of the *Cardinal Chatter* with a \$10.00 membership fee. To help with this cost (and stay up to date) the next issue of the *Chatter* will be sent by both regular mail and email. Paula Padia, a student in the Whittier High Cardinal Computer Academy has helped us with the set-up of the email version and our new look. We appreciate your support of Whittier High by continuing to send your membership fee in the donation envelope that is included with this *Chatter* or pay by credit card by visiting our website at [www.whittierhighalumni.org](http://www.whittierhighalumni.org) and click on the donations tab.

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If you would like to submit something for the next issue,  
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