

# ECH



## Wyoming High School Alumni Association Newsletter

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### ROUND-UP 2007

Join the classes of 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957 and 1962 at this year's Round-Up, Friday, June 8th. Reunion attendees and non-reunion attendees are invited to spend time meeting and greeting former classmates, friends, and neighbors. The party begins at 7 p.m. and runs until 11 p.m. at the Wyoming Golf Club on Mt. Pleasant. We hope to see you all there.

### TRAVELING RIVERBOAT STYLE



### FOOTBALL ON FILM - THE EARLY YEARS...

Bob Lewis' first year as football coach at Wyoming High School - the 1956 football season - has been put on a CD. If you have an interest in a copy, please contact Dan Hess, 4489 Conmore Court, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 or dhess4489@aol.com. The cost will be determined by the number of interested individuals.

If any one knows of any film from the 1962 football season, please let the ECHO know.

Tall Stacks 2006 brought more than just steamboats to Cincinnati. It brought one of the oldest Wyoming alums back for a visit. Nancy Lucia "Dickie" Merrill Lewis '31 - on the left - sailed into town aboard the Mississippi Queen for a visit with her niece, Catherine Lewis Metzger '68, and family, which included her great-niece Caryn Metzger a 2nd grade teacher at Hilltop. While in town, she had lunch with old Wyoming friends, Bud Bond '31 (center) and his wife, Edna Brickwood Bond '35 (right). At age 94, Dickie still lives on her own in the beautiful Carmel Valley of California. The Bonds reside at Maple Knoll Village in Springdale.

### MONTHLY MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER...



In 1929, these four fellows started Kindergarten at Wyoming. Now, in their 83rd year, they manage to meet for lunch once a month. (L-R) Frank Foster, Bud Lewis, Bob Anderson, Charlie Diebel. A 65th reunion is planned for June for all surviving classmates of the great class of 1942!

### NEW ALUMNI DIRECTORY

Thank you to every one who participated in the information update by Harris Connect so that they could produce a 2007 version of the alumni directory. The new alumni directories will be in the mail to those who purchased them in early May. Please let us know if there are any changes after you receive the book so that we can keep our information up-to-date.

Bring us up-to-date on your life. Please send your letters to the Alumni Association at P.O. Box 15068, Cincinnati, OH, 45215-0068 or email to [info@wyominghighschoolalumni.com](mailto:info@wyominghighschoolalumni.com) Deadline for the next issue is October 1st.

## YOUR ASSOCIATION

The Wyoming High School Alumni Association is an Ohio non-profit organization serving the graduates and friends of Wyoming High School. Faculty/staff and non-graduates are welcome as Auxiliary members with dues payable at the same rate. Donations to our Scholarship Fund are also greatly appreciated.

The ECHO is published semi-annually in May and November. To insure inclusion in the newsletter all letters/photos/materials must be received by the 1st day of the preceeding month. Information contained herein is believed to be accurate and does not necessarily reflect the views of WHSA. Letters to the editor are encouraged and subject to modification due to space limitations. A class address list is available to each reunion class. These lists are not be to used for solicitation purposes.

All correspondence, newsletter information and address changes should be sent to WHSAA, P.O. Box 15068, Cincinnati, OH 45215-0068 or emailed to [info@wyominghighschoolalumni.com](mailto:info@wyominghighschoolalumni.com).

The Board of Trustees is composed of area residents loyal to their school and willing to lend a hand when needed. If you wish to serve on the board please email [info@wyominghighschoolalumni.com](mailto:info@wyominghighschoolalumni.com) to that effect.

Your officers are: President, Ted Marty; Vice President, Jon Boss; Secretary, Harriet Schierenbeck ; Treasurer, Sherry Sheffield.

The **Board of Trustees** of your WHSAA are:

**Class of 2007:** Troy Banks '50, Jan Johnson Bartel '70, Bob Gorman '53, Carol Hall Isphording '59, Bill Renz '52, Richard Uhle '76, Jane Hess Walker '60.

**Class of 2008:** Jon Boss '54, Lois Hall Gleason '50, Carol Clark Johnson '46, Joyce Mueller '71, Harriet Schierenbeck '75, Sherry Sheffield '63, Tom Tobias '71.

**Class of 2009:** Jim Barre '72, Jim Commins '63, Dick Cryder '49, Jan Jamieson Kramig '54, Barb Halberstadt Marty '53, Ted Marty '53, Jennifer Rembold Moore '77, Bill Schuchardt '40.

## SPEAKING OF SPORTS...Jim Barre

The winter sports season saw the Cowboys continue their winning ways. The boys basketball team was one of the best ever to take the floor at Wyoming. They finished with a 20-3 record and the CHL championship (14-0) and the city championship. Two of their players, Conner Wetzal and Derek Shoecraft were named players of the year and will continue their careers at the college level.

The boys and girls swimming and diving team also continued their tradition of winning. The boys team won the CHL while the girls won the sectional and district titles. We sent several swimmers to the state meet in Canton.

The wrestling team had a great year with freshman Neal Williams qualifying for the state meet in Columbus. The girls basketball team and girls and boys bowling teams also had successful seasons. Cory Kuhnell, bowled a 279 game at the sectional meet, missing a perfect game by one pin. The cowboys are once again leading the race for the Cincinnati Hills League "all sports cup". We have won the title for the last six years and the seventh win in a row is well in hand. The baseball, softball, track and tennis teams will not fail us and we should be CHL champs again in 2007.

## SETTING AN EXAMPLE...

Signal Mountain, which sits high on a hill above Chattanooga, is a town much like Wyoming. However, it does not have a public high school...never has had. There are three competing private schools. So a small group started jumping through all the necessary legal and political hoops to get a public high school started. Ground has been broken and they are hoping to be open by fall of 2008!! Peter Serodino, Wyoming Class of '52, is one of the driving forces behind this ambitious project. Being incredibly proud of Wyoming High School and its many achievements, he drove a group of five from Signal Mountain to Wyoming on March 14-15. This group met with the WHS Alumni Association for breakfast, toured the High School where they were greeted by Annie Wade, Principal and toured by Mary Killen, Wyoming School's Public Information officer. They were, of course, amazed at the physical plant! Lunch and a brain storming session was held with some of the Trustees of the Wyoming School Foundation at the Board of Education conference room. Peter reported that they were truly "fired up"!!



Pete Serodino

### IN MEMORIAM

We have been notified of the passing of the following alumni and friends since the Fall edition of the ECHO.

- Paul Champion, Coach & Teacher (12-6-2006)
- Chris Stefan, Coach & Teacher (4-28-2003)
- Mary Louise Schroth '36 (1-2-2007)
- Christine Coith Vanderhoff '36 (9-17-2006)
- Ed Whitcher '36 (2002)
- Louise Johnston Davies '37 (3-17-2007)
- Roy Commins '38 (1-22-2007)
- Sylvia Pauline Sorensen Rose '38 (11-13-2006)
- Mary Louise Keller Shipp '38 (5-28-2006)
- Harry "Tom" Porter '39 (3-25-2007)
- Jane VonBargen Parren '46 (1-10-2007)
- James Murphy '51 (11-27-2006)
- Barbara Sage Fitzpatrick '61 (1-2007)
- Harold R. Cooley '79 (1-18-06)
- Michael Andrew Williams '82 (5-29-2006)

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Wyoming Historical Society will be open 1-3 p.m. on the Saturday of Round-Up Weekend, June 9. Please feel free to stop by and browse through our collection of memorabilia. The historical society is located in the lower level of the city building, 800 Oak Avenue.

### WHICH IS WHOM IS WEYMAN?

Al and Phil or Phil and Al? Oops! The fall ECHO misidentified the Weyman brothers. We was not sure if - through the miracle of Photoshop - we should just switch heads or switch names. The names won out - it's a bit easier. Above is Phil on the left and Al on the right. Sorry guys.



### THREE LADIES IN A COFFEE SHOP



Class of 1960 members Margo Meyer Itkoff (left) and Janet Schaengold Winters (right) paid a visit to classmate Melinda Mathews Wahl (center) at her

coffee shop - Espresso 2 - on Clough Pike in the Anderson area of Cincinnati.

### WY-HOMING DAYS HOUSE VISITATION FORM

If you are interested in visiting your former Wyoming home over Round-Up Weekend send this form to Bill Schuchardt, 15 Clark Avenue, Wyoming OH 45215-4321 or email the information to him at shoeinwyo@hotmail.com. The information is needed by May 20th in order to have time to make the arrangements.

Wy-Homing Days, the opportunity to visit your childhood home in Wyoming, is jointly sponsored by the Wyoming High School Alumni Association, Wyoming Historical Society and the Wyoming School Foundation.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS OF: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY, ST, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL CONTACT WHERE YOU CAN BE REACHED DURING YOUR WEEKEND IN TOWN:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

DAYS & TIMES THAT **WOULD NOT** BE CONVENIENT ON THAT FRIDAY, SATURDAY OR SUNDAY:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS(S) YOU WANT TO VISIT: \_\_\_\_\_

## REFLECTIONS

### Don "King" Cole '43, Chesterland, OH

Since 1981, Don has been active in working to build the field of OD (Organizational Development) into a profession. He is a charter member of the OD Network, help found *The O.D. Journal* and has written five books and numerous articles.

### Susan "Susie" Comstock Apthrop '53, Milwaukee, WI

Just back from a trip of a lifetime to India. A group of 17 from Milwaukee spent 16 days in northern India in Rishikesh. We were right on the Ganges (and it was near the source so quite clear) and traveled to temples and into the mountains to the source of the Ganges. One day while we shopped our guide suddenly stopped us all with a stern warning: "Up ahead there are big monkeys", he said. "They are not nice. Do not smile at them or show your teeth (it's a sign of aggression to the monkeys) or they might attack you and bite you." Yike! We mingled with cows and carts and beggars and women in saris. This trip taught us all to be grateful for what we have: good water to drink, a roof over our heads and more.

I am too busy in my role as social director at a senior center in Milwaukee and teaching yoga classes. Slowing down doesn't seem to be in the cards at this moment. Wyoming, Wyoming your memory I hold so dear.

### Betsy Comstock Vontobel '56, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

This is an enhanced copy of my very faded photograph of my first or second grade class. I believe 16 of these kids graduated together in 1956, 17 counting Tatie Greenwald. My mother wrote "Tatie was absent" on the back of the original photo. Tatie was Taylor Greenwald, my best friend in nursery school and the son of my father's favorite golf partner. Tate and his wife, as well as Alan Chambers, Andy McDonald, Lisbeth Kern and others attended the 50th reunion festivities in June 2006.

### Terry Tarr Hussey '57, Bradenton, FL

My husband and I have reluctantly given up our home on the Maine coast, and are now residents of Florida. We love it up there, but felt that, as we are getting older, we were just too far away from hospitals, doctors, airports and all our kids. Also, down here, we are near my mother who is 94. She has Parkinson's and is having a hard time. We've found a wonderful community of friends down here and are surprisingly busy. Not ready to endure Florida in summer, we've just bought a little house in Easton, MD where we plan to be from June through September. We're looking forward to exploring the Chesapeake Bay area, and also this puts us near two of our children and our two youngest grandchildren, who live in Washington DC.

### Lois Weyman Dow '60, Greenville, DE

Thank you for the article in the recent issue of the ECHO...Bill and I enjoyed it...we were away when it arrived and heard about it from several people while we were away...visited Mike and Kathy Crotty Thompson in Wilmington, NC on our way home and Carl Kern in Flagler Beach, FL and received a nice note from Bill Abernathy.

### Susie Thompson Ritz '67, Anchorage, AK

I can't find my 5<sup>th</sup> grade photo but here are kindergarten thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade. You'll notice the kindergarten is in the old high school building. I started in that building and finished there, only going to the new Elm school 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> grades.

Mark and I are still living in Alaska, enjoying the last frontier. I am the Alaska manager of Quest Diagnostics. We are enjoying our grandchildren, 5 boys between the ages of 0-3! Our youngest daughter followed us to Alaska and our oldest daughter lives in Seattle.

### Chuck Foertmeyer '68, Cincinnati, OH

Under the name C.H. Foertmeyer, Chuck has another book just published...*Badr*. You can pick it up at your local Barnes and Noble store.

### Arlene Hilnbrand Pruim '77, Elk Grove Village, IL

I always enjoy receiving my ECHO and reading what's going on in the Wyoming community and with the alumni. My parents moved out of our Wyoming house in May, 2006 and it was somewhat emotional for me to say goodbye to the house even though I've been living in the Chicago area for the last 26 years. We moved into that house from Finneytown just as I was finishing fourth grade. My first year in the Wyoming schools was as a fifth grader in the fall of 1969. When I saw the request in the ECHO for the class photos, I wasted no time pulling out my box of school pictures. I'm forwarding you scans of my fifth & sixth grade classes. I had filled in the names of the sixth grade on my photo folder way back when, but I didn't do the same for the fifth graders. However, I was able to remember most of the names and have included what I could. It's hard to believe how quickly I was able to remember most of the names. How quickly the time has flown and our class is already preparing for our 30 year reunion.

In other news, my husband Pete and I have been busy raising our three kids. Our oldest Michael, is a sophomore at Drake University in Des Moines, IA, double-majoring in Graphic Design and Advertising. Our other son, Steven, just started his freshman year of high school and our daughter, Rachel, is currently a 7<sup>th</sup> grader. My kids have always been involved in soccer, each of them since kindergarten.

## REFLECTIONS CONTINUED

My husband began coaching and playing soccer when the oldest started playing. Somehow, I ended up getting talked into joining an indoor women's soccer league and have now been playing soccer once a week for the last seven years! In addition, I try to work out 2-3 times a week. Imagine that! I'm the one who was so NOT athletic in high school and was always one of the last ones picked for teams in gym class! I'm still working full time for Allstate Insurance (over 16 years now) in the IT department of the home office.

My brother, **David Hilnbrand '80**, lives in Maryland and is working in the Washington DC area. He and his wife, Eileen, are raising three boys of their own – Brian, a high-school freshman, Jeffrey, a 7<sup>th</sup> grader, and Michael, a 5<sup>th</sup> grader.

**David F. Schwartz '79**, San Diego, CA  
After practicing law in San Diego for 20 years, I'm entering a sort of semi-retirement which includes writing, a lot of carpentry, volunteer work on a couple of boards, martial and marital arts, investing and inventing – and

trying to find new ways to say “no” to would-be clients when they call. I've patented one of my inventions which can be seen at [www.outdoorlitterbox.com](http://www.outdoorlitterbox.com). Any cat-loving-plastics-manufacturing alumni are invited to look me up ([dfschwartz@gmail.com](mailto:dfschwartz@gmail.com)).  
As our daughter enters middle school, I am appreciating more than ever the quality of education we received in Wyoming. A posthumous thanks to Miss Brand who was a wonderful teacher and had a great impact on her students (I forgive you for throwing me into the lockers!). Thanks to all the teachers who worked so hard to get all this stuff into our heads! It worked!

### MY KINGDOM FOR A YEARBOOK!

Tom Roundy '59 never bought a yearbook when he was a senior and often mentioned to his family how much he wished he had one. Son Lars contacted the alumni association and to the right you see Tom, now of Dahlonega, GA., reading his “new” yearbook.



## NEWS FROM THE WYOMING SCHOOL FOUNDATION

Lifetime Wyoming resident and 1936 Wyoming High School graduate, Mary Louise Schroth, has honored the Wyoming School Foundation with a cash gift upon her death on January 2, 2007.

“Miss Schroth was a very special lady and was always very supportive of our work,” expressed Marcia Goldsmith, Executive Director of the Wyoming School Foundation. “The only disappointment Miss Schroth held against her Wyoming education,” said Goldsmith. “was that she never received a kindergarten experience. In the early years of Wyoming City Schools there was no kindergarten. So, we requested from the superintendent, that he present her with a certificate of kindergarten achievement based on her lifetime career as an educator. The presentation and the certificate so delighted Miss Schroth that she framed the certificate and it became a centerpiece among her memorabilia in her Mills Avenue home, where she lived since she was about 4 years old.

Ms. Schroth was born on July 11, 1917 in Northside to John Andrew Schroth and Katherine Miller Schroth. An educator herself, Miss Schroth graduated from Wyoming High School in 1936 and studied at Miami University. She finished college at the University of Cincinnati and also received a master's degree from UC in 1957. She went on to teach at Bond Hill Elementary, Western Hills High School, and Walnut Hills High School. She worked on curriculum development, textbook selections, and classroom procedures until she retired in 1973.

“Ms. Schroth saw the community she lived in as her family,” said Terry Marty, past president of the Foundation. “We will miss her devotion and will work hard to honor her by investing her gift to perpetually provide interest that will annually help sustain the excellence that made her so proud of Wyoming schools.”

Miss Schroth was known in Cincinnati for her generous philanthropy to a variety of organizations including the Cincinnati Zoo, the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and Hospice of Cincinnati, and several other Wyoming organizations.



Meegan Baxter, Foundation President, Marcia Goldsmith, Executive Director and Terry Marty, Past President.

**REUNIONS - REUNIONS - REUNIONS - REUNIONS**

**Class of 1942** - 65th Reunion, June 8-9 - Contact: Charlie Diebel, 7780 Swansong Circle, Maineville, OH 45039. Friday night "Round-Up", Saturday night dinner at the Iron Horse in Glendale. Sunday Brunch at Pappadeaux's in Springdale.

**Class of 1947** - 60th Reunion, June 8-9 - Contacts: Bert Caine Storey, acstorey@aol.com, 513-232-1977 and Bea Harvey Seebohm, walabeaseebohm@aol.com. Friday night dinner at Encore Bistro followed by the Round-Up. Saturday driving tours, lunch at Gabby's, home tours, graduation and dinner. Sunday breakfast, church and possible riverboat cruise.

**Class of 1952** - 55th Reunion, June 8-9 - Contacts: Nancy Hulbert McCue, marleste@aol.com, 513-761-0222 and Hugh McDiarmid, hughmcdiarmid@yahoo.com. Friday night Round-Up. Saturday lunch at Kramig's home. Dinner at the Wyoming Golf Club.

**Class of 1957** - 50th Reunion, June 8-9 - Contact: Terry Marty, terrygmarty@yahoo.com, 800-452-9211 Ext 207. Friday night Round-Up. Saturday, school tours, graduation and dinner. Sunday Brunch.

**Class of 1962** - 45th Reunion, June 8-9 - Contact: Mary Melville, marymmelville@yahoo.com, 859-689-1211. Friday night "Round-Up". Saturday night dinner at the Iron Horse in Glendale. Sunday picnic at Frank Woodside's in Brown County.

**Class of 1967** - Unknown

If anyone knows of a reunion please send information on events so that they can be placed on our web site. Thank you.

**Class of 1972** - Unknown

If anyone knows of a reunion please send information on events so that they can be placed on our web site. Thank you.

**Class of 1977** - 30th Reunion, June 29-July 1 - Contacts: reunion@booth.net or visit www.booth.net/reunion. Friday Reds Game 5:15 and Civic Center party 8-12:30. Saturday school tour 11 and dinner 6:30 at the golf club.

**Class of 1982** - 25th Reunion, Aug 31-Sept 2 - Contacts Polly Hart Tsai (Pollytsai2000@yahoo.com), Amy Tebbutt Dugan (atdugan@hotmail.com) and Jacqueline Pomeroy Kramig (jacqpk@mac.com) or 303-260-9464.

**Class of 1987** - 20th Reunion, June 15-17 - Contact: classreunion1987@aol.com. Friday kick off at the Century Inn 7 p.m. Saturday, school tour 2 p.m., party at Fine Arts Center 7 p.m. Sunday, Reds game 1:15.

**Class of 1992** - Unknown

If anyone knows of a reunion please send information on events so that they can be placed on our web site. Thank you.

**Class of 1997** - 10th Reunion, October 6-7 - Contact: Matthew Winters, matthewwinters@gmail.com, 513-324-7100.

**Class of 2002** - 5th Reunion, June 23 - Contact: Jenny O'Donnell, jenodonn@gmail.com, 432 Frankfort Sq, Columbus, OH 45206. Saturday, Century Inn 7 p.m. Cost is \$1 per graduate.

# DUES

(All dues are tax deductible)

Please use a separate sheet to tell us what's new.

GRAD YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MIDDLE: \_\_\_\_\_ MAIDEN: \_\_\_\_\_

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It is through your dues that we can produce the ECHO and maintain the web site.

We thank you for your support.

Fill out this form and send in your dues today.

## CLASS OF 1953...

The class of 1953 is planning their 55th reunion for the weekend of June 6-8, 2008. Please get your email addresses to Julie Lortz Cryder, [jcryder@zoomtown.com](mailto:jcryder@zoomtown.com).

## ROUND-UP REGISTRATION

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

CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed \$10 for each person coming to the round-up.

Please be kind enough to RSVP so we can determine food and drink required.

**Please return to the Alumni Association by June 1st.**

**P.O. Box 15068**

**Wyoming OH 45215-0068**

## STEP INTO HISTORY

Have your name and year of graduation engraved on a brick for our Graduation Walk. Return this completed order form and a tax-deductible check for \$35 made payable to WHSAA. Bricks are only placed in the walk once a year. For your brick to be in place for the June graduation ceremonies, your order must be received by April 1st.

Print graduate's name as it should appear:

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## CLASS PHOTOS...

The Fall issue of the ECHO began the search for Wyoming School class photographs from all years. Some sent the photographs, some had them copied, some scanned them, some included names and some didn't. All in all the response was great and these have now been added to our photographic archive. My thanks to Lois Lichtenberg Luessen '40, Betty Koehler Merrill '50, Betsy Comstock Venobel '56, Jeff Sawtelle '61, Susie Thompson Ritz '67, Juliann Schmidt Hansen '74, Frank Krause '75, Harriet Schierenbeck '75, Bill Schierenbeck '76, and Arlene Hilnbrand Prium '77. A special thanks to Dorothy Knoop, Kindergarten teacher from the 40's to the 70's, who donated her entire collection of her kindergarten class photos.



The class of 1940 in Ms. Herman's 2nd grade class in 1930.



The class of 1977 in Mrs. Montross' 5th grade in 1969.

We appreciate everyone digging their pictures out of boxes, basements and backrooms for us.

We will continue to send out a plea to everyone for class pictures. Each year there were many class rooms for each grade level so we have a long way to go to collect all the class pictures. Check around for yours. Ask your parents if they have them. We appreciate all your efforts and look forward to getting more photos to add to our ever growing collection.