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### UNDER NEW LEADERSHIP

At the Wyoming High School Alumni Association's Annual Meeting in May, Jon B. Boss '54 was chosen as its new president. Jon succeeds Ted Marty '53 and is only the third person to serve in that capacity. Jon has been active with the association since the 80's and richly deserves to be our leader. Additionally, Sherry Sheffield '63 will serve as Vice President/Treasurer and Harriet Schierenbeck '75 continues to serve as Recording Secretary. Lois Hall Gleason '50 has taken the new position as Corresponding Secretary.



Jon B. Boss '54

We wish to thank our outgoing board members: Jan Jamieson Kramig '54, Jane Hess Walker '60, and Richard Uhle '76 and welcome new members: Andy McDonald '56, Ann Wiggers Verhaeghe '65 and Vanessa Gentry '73.

### DAVID PAYNE '00 IS PURE SILVER

Everyone's attention was directed to Beijing this past August for the 29th Olympiad as David Payne, Wyoming Class of 2000, ran his way to a silver medal in the hurdles. David brought a sense of pride to all those who are "Wyoming". David's new favorite number is 13.17, the number of seconds he took to complete the 110-meter journey into the record books.



Troy Banks '50 and Olympian David Payne '00.

In October David returned to Wyoming to serve as Grand Marshall of the Homecoming parade but not before the entire community paid their respects to our newest hero with a reception at the Civic Center before the parade. David was honored by the Wyoming City Schools, Wyoming School Foundation, Wyoming Business Association and your Wyoming High School Alumni Association. Troy Banks '50, Trustee of the alumni association, presented David with a brick which will be installed in the Graduation Walkway.

### WYOMING CITY SCHOOLS 3rd IN OHIO



Last school year's annual report card from the State of Ohio put Wyoming 3rd out of more than 600 school districts in Ohio in academic progress. The district was rated Excellent with Distinction.

Wyoming Board of Education has announced that they are investigating the possibility of upgrading all the school buildings in an effort to continue to offer the students of Wyoming excellent educational opportunities. For more on this go to [wyomingcityschools.org](http://wyomingcityschools.org).

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 April 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 preceding month. Information contained herein is believed to be accurate and does not necessarily reflect the views of WHSAA. 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 to be 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 as 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, Jon Boss; Vice President/Treasurer, Sherry Sheffield; Secretary, Harriet Schierenbeck

The Board of Trustees of your WHSAA are:

Class of 2009: Troy Banks '50, Jan Johnson Bartel '70, Vanessa Gentry '73, Bob Gorman '53, Carol Hall Isphording '59, Andy McDonald '56, Bill Renz '52, Ann Wiggers Verhaeghe '65.

Class of 2010: Jon Boss '54, Lois Hall Gleason '50, Carol Clark Johnson '46, Nancy Hulbert McCue '52, Joyce Mueller '71, Harriet Schierenbeck '75, Sherry Sheffield '63, Tom Tobias '71.

Class of 2011: Jim Barre '72, Jim Commins '63, Dick Cryder '49, Barb Halberstadt Marty '53, Ted Marty '53, Jennifer Rembold Moore '77, Bill Schuchardt '40.

## CLASS OF 1953 CELEBRATES 55 YEAR REUNION

### LIFETIME MEMBERS

Please welcome the following lifetime members to the alumni association.

David Hall '61

Bob Covode AUX63

Erika Pray '91

Cheryl Tommelein Wood '76

Andrea Frieder Heines '86

### ECHO ON-LINE

We have 12 people who have signed up for the ECHO on-line. I know there are more people than that who would love to receive the ECHO electronically and before its even printed. Be the first on your block! Write us, email us, whatever and ask to have your name added to the email list. And remember...this ECHO and recent past ECHO's can be found on our web site too.



In town for their 55th reunion are members of the class of 1953. 1st Row (L to R) Rufus Safford, Ted Marty. 2nd row: Dallas Pennington, Warren Hagen, Ann Baxter Wiethe, Dwight Johnson, Bob Gorman, Gerry VonBargen. 3rd row: Martha Rinehart Vlerebome, Mary Lippelman Corley, Polly McLean Bassett, Barb Halberstadt Marty, Julie Lortz Cryder.

## IN MEMORIAM

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

Errostine Walker Johnson '25 (10-29-2008)  
 William E. Regus '30 (6-8-2005)  
 Nancy Lucia Merrill Lewis '31 (9-15-2008)  
 Dorothy Lewis Howard '40 (6-6-2007)  
 Susan Richards Lahners '40 (9-1-2008)  
 John Walcher '42 (1-13-2007)  
 Elizabeth Brunhoff Hover '44 (11-16-2007)  
 Mary Lee Glaser Thress '45 (5-29-2007)  
 Susanjane Hunter '47 (10-2-2008)  
 Robert Addis '48 (10-13-2008)  
 Edward Glaser Jr. '48 (unknown)  
 Sylvia Brown Chenault '63 (7-31-2008)  
 H. Jay Umbarger III '66 (6-21-2008)  
 Frederick Samaha '79 (8-26-2008)  
 Michael O'Dea Edington '81 (6-23-2008)  
 Paige Halley Stout '84 (5-31-2008)  
 Steven Auerbach '89 (2-21-2006)

## OLDEST LIVING ALUM WAS 101



Errostine Walker Johnson '25 passed away in October at the age of 101. For the last three years she has been WHS's oldest living alumni. This picture of Errosine was taken on her birthday. WHSAA Trustee Troy Banks stopped by to give her our best wishes.

## SEARCHING FOR OUR NEXT 'OLDEST LIVING'

With the loss of Errostine Walker Johnson we begin the search for the new 'Oldest Living Alum'. According to our records the next oldest person will come out of the Class of 1929. If you know of any living graduate of Wyoming High School that graduated before 1929 please let us know as soon as possible with contact information.

## EVERYTHING WYOMING

There is a place on earth that is all Wyoming and you can find it on Wyoming Avenue across from the Wyoming Pastry Shop. *Wyoming On The Avenue* is a new shop owned by Susie Fegelman, wife of Elliot Fegelman '78, and her brother-in-law, Todd Fegelman '83. They have Wyoming hoodies, jackets, beanies, scarves and more. Infant and youth sizes too. And they will personalize your shirts with individual or team names.

In the summer they have soft serve ice cream and just started serving sweet & savory Paris style crepes. You will also find teas, coffee, mulled hot cider and hot chocolate. Contact Susie or Todd at 504 Wyoming Avenue, 513-761-4495. Let's sprinkle the world with Wyoming wear! On-line shopping is available if you email them and delivery in Wyoming (Ohio only) is free. [wyomingontheavenue.com](http://wyomingontheavenue.com).

## VISITING FRIENDS



Visiting friends is always great fun - especially when the friendships have lasted many years. Meeting above are: (Front row, L-R) Jo Freedman, Sally Stearns '60, Andy McDonald '56, Lorna Fischer. Back Row: Stewart Freedman '57, David Fischer '56

## ANOTHER WYOMING (AND FAMILY) GATHERING

The Thompson Family gathered in St. Louis for the wedding of Billy Houck's 2nd oldest daughter. From left to right: William Houck '73 (St. Louis), Judy Thompson Devereaux '61 (Tucson), Mike Thompson '60 (North Carolina), Sue Thompson Ritz '67 (Anchorage) and Jeff Thompson '66 (Albuquerque).



## REFLECTIONS

**Mary Bridges Walker '48** Griffin, GA

...My memory of the Doughboy is when I was initiated into HX sorority (Eta Chi) in 1944. We 'washed' him clean with a toothbrush! Great times!

**J. Paul Barkman '49** Cincinnati, OH

Hello from a transplanted alumnus who has returned to the Cincinnati area. My wife Joan and I bought a home in Reading in the Maplewood section off Hunt Road. We decided Cincinnati was the place to retire (14 inches of snow) for the easy life. I'm looking forward to seeing old classmates at the alumni Round-Up in June.

**Carmina "Luci" Oberst Meissner AUX50** Santa Ynez, CA

I graduated from Westmont College in Santa Barbara, CA in 1955, taught 1st and 2nd grades there for many years, then taught in Okinawa for 2 years where I met my husband, a Major in the Air force. We were transferred to Columbus, OH where our 2 daughters were born (Lockbourne A.F.B.). We were married 8 ½ years when his reconnaissance spy plane was lost near Siberia, and never found to this day. I returned to California where I have lived ever since. "Rob" (Bob) Taylor '48 was my near neighbor until his recent death. We had many good times reminiscing. He was humorous until his final days! Other neighbors were Pres. Reagan and Michael Jackson.

Doughboy Memories: My best friends, Lois Hall Gleason and Betty Lou Koehler Merrill and I belonged to a high school "sorority" (club) named HX Club. In order to join we were 'hazed' slightly, and one of the silly things we were required to do was to scrub the doughboy all over with a toothpaste and a toothbrush on a Saturday morning. When I attended my class' 40<sup>th</sup> (with darling Miss Culp present) and also my 50<sup>th</sup>, we drove by and reminisced about our doughboy's baths from 1946! He still looked clean in our opinion! Pauline Marx Barker was also with us. Lois and Betty and I still call one another and email all the time.

**Bill Bowen '51** Princeton, NJ

Bill Bowen, former president of Princeton and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation is showcased in the Denison University Alumni Magazine "Denison Magazine" the Summer 2008 edition. Bill is a member of Denison's class of 1955. The reason for the write-up is Bill's newest book "The Board Book: An Insider's Guide for Directors and Trustees." Bill's background includes serving on the board of such companies as Reader's Digest, Merck and NCR. This book is a must read for anyone in the corporate world.

**Shirley Robertson Roscher '51** Huntsville, AL

Adah Biederman Henderson lived at 319 Springfield Pike and my sister Pat and I lived at 217 Springfield Pike. In grade school we often stopped by Adah's house and went to the library together. One cold evening, before going to the library, we stopped at the Doughboy. Adah decided to see if her tongue really would stick to the statue when it is cold. We begged her not to do it but she did anyway. Her tongue stuck and she could not pull it away. Pat and I ran to Adah's house and told her mother. Then her mother, Pat and I ran back to the statue. Fortunately Adah had gotten her tongue loose by then and she never tried that again.

**Steve Dinkelaker '62** Sunderland, MA

We live in a small rural town (pop 1750) in the Berkshire mountains of western MA where the postmistress is struggling to process the "mountain" of mail my wife receives due to her research for books she writes about plant nurseries and gardening throughout the Northeast. Since we can't get a mail box at our street address big enough to accommodate more than a few days of this mail, the postmistress loves to tweak my wife by returning anything to senders addressed to our physical street address even though the postmistress knows full well that we have two very spacious rental PO Boxes at the town post office. Since the postmistress claims we get more mail than most other residents of our town put together (which she often grumbles about holding in big tubs for my wife to pick up when she returns from vacation or travels--after all, why can't the postmistress go on vacations to Mexico, Ireland or Italy etc. like my wife

and I often do?), she loves to tweak her often by returning some of the mail to senders who don't know the joys of the politics of rural mail service. In other words, I'm not surprised by your getting return of mail to me that is marked "NO receptacle," as my mail often gets swept up in the battle for mail delivery between the postmistress and my wife. Sorry for the inconvenience, but thought you might enjoy this tale of rural life here in New England.

**Linda Lepper Sheriff** AUX72 Florence, KY

After recently becoming reacquainted with high school friend Chuck Foertmeyer '68, I was pleasantly surprised to discover Chuck is a published author! As an avid reader, I quickly read *Bewildered* and was very impressed with his imaginative, suspenseful plot, complete with unexpected twists and turns, and many references to the familiar haunts of Wyoming! I have since read all of Chuck's books and was equally impressed. Way to go Chuck! You're sure to be a success in the literary world!

**Jeanette Pomeroy Parssi** '77 Wellington, FL

Jeanette has her art work on display at galleries and in private collections all over the country. She was encouraged to paint after the birth of her first child by her artist mother. Jeanette has founded Art-Start, a non profit organization providing educational opportunities in the arts to at-risk youth in the Palm Beach area.

**Terry Pitman** '80 Burgin, KY

In May Terry Pitman was sworn in as Mayor of Burgin KY.

**Josh Knights** '86 Dublin, OH

Josh is the new Executive Director of the Nature Conservancy in Ohio. A seven year veteran of the Conservancy, Josh worked with the private sector in involving them in conservation. He has a bachelors degree in International Relations from Johns Hopkins University and a master's degree in International Relations from the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies in Washington , D.C. and previously was director of Asia Trade Policy at the U.S.Chamber of Commerce. He will oversee a staff of 30 with nearly 30,000 volunteers.



**Maggie Williams** '03 Raleigh, NC

Maggie Williams graduated twice in 2008. She graduated Cum Laude on May 10<sup>th</sup> from North Carolina State University with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and Cum Laude May 24<sup>th</sup> with a Bachelor of Science from Elon University in Engineering Physics. She is currently working on her Master of Science in Structural Engineering Mechanics at North Carolina State University.

**Robert Brewster** '05 Muncie, IN

Robert, a senior at Ball State, is a projected All-American and future draft choice in the NFL. He plays offensive tackle on the undefeated Ball State University football team.

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## SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

This past spring we awarded \$1,000 scholarships to Danielle Discepoli and Jay Harmon. Jay Harmon winner of the Dorothy Schierenbeck Scholarship, is attending Miami University. At WHS he was in National Honor Society, Cum Laude Society, ran cross country, track, and played baseball. Jay was in marching band, an Eagle Scout and co-founder of the Global Awareness Club. Danielle, who is attending the University of Georgia, was on the honor roll all 4 years, a member of Cum Laude Society and maintained a 4.25 GPA. Danielle was also very active in sports, playing volleyball, softball, recreational basketball and indoor soccer. She won the Sherry Sheffield Scholarship.

## ANOTHER COLLECTIBLE ADDED

In addition to the Wyoming Avenue school building that we sell, we have now added the Pendery Avenue building as remodeled in 1999. Both are available from the association and make great gifts, stocking stuffers, graduation presents or, be selfish, get one for yourself! Each collectible is in color and costs \$20 that includes postage & handling. Make your check out and send to WHSAA, POB 15068, Cincinnati OH 45215-0068. We will send them out immediately so they will arrive in time for the holidays. They both are about 8 inches long and 3/4 inch thick. The Wyoming Avenue building is 3 1/4-inches tall, the Pendery building is 2 1/4-inches tall.



Wyoming Avenue Building



Pendery High School

## CLASS OF 1963



Attending their 45th reunion in October are members of the class of 1963.

Front Row: Kathie Cox, Beth Ennis Oderkerken, Barbara Hall Baxter, Sherry Sheffield. 2nd row: Patsy Nelson Friend, Judy Coplan Green, Ellen Schaengold, Marsha Moi Schradin, Sue Brasington Davis, Patty Harmon, Susie McKenzie Wamsley, Thelma Pittman Stevenson. 3rd Row: Mendel Gentry, John Gannon, Bill Davis, Bill Friend, Bob Covode, Bing Guckenberger, Bill Wamsley, Bruce McMakin, Jim Commins, Pete Wiggers.

## REUNIONS IN 2009

We have heard very little about class reunions happening in 2009. If you are organizing your reunion or if you know someone who is, please notify us so that we can immediately put your information on our web site and also in the Spring 2009 ECHO.

1939 - 70 year reunion, No information

1944 - 65 year reunion, No information

1949 - 60 year reunion, No information

1954 - 55 year reunion, June 6-8. Contact: Jon Boss, 513-761-2630 (jboss@fuse.net)

1959 - 50 year reunion, June 6-8. Contact Carol Hall Isphording, 513-522-8248 (cisphording@cinci.rr.com).

1964 - 45 year reunion, No information

1969 - 40 year reunion, contact: Paul Pomeroy, 937-746-4878 (ppomeroy9@roadrunner.com).

1974 - 35 year reunion, No information

1979 - 30 Year Reunion, June 26-28. Contact: Lori Rosenthal Kozlove, 513-793-2328. Web site: www.whs79reunion.com.

1984 - 25 year reunion, No information

1989 - 20 year reunion, No information

1994 - 15 year reunion, No information

1999 - 10 year reunion, No information

2004 - 5 year reunion, No information

# DUES

(All dues are tax deductible)

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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.

## WILLIAMS CLAN

This Spring, for the first time in many years, all three Williams Boys were in town at the same time. Lance, author of "Game of Shadows", spoke to the Wyoming Woman's Club about the book and steroid use in major league baseball. Gayne flew in from Tacoma, WA to make the trio complete and make their parents very happy.



L to R: Gayne '71, Barbara Thompson Williams '68, Lance '68, Todd '78, Kitty McHugh Williams '78.

## ALUMNI ONLINE GROUP

Lisa Tommelein '79 set up a Wyoming High School Alumni Group on [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com). LinkedIn is an online network of more than 25 million experienced professionals from around the world. If you are interested check it out.

## 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 \$50 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.

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### **SPORTS...Jim Barre**

There are three new members of the Wyoming High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Chris Myers '67, Garnail Fulton '84, Holly Porter Little '93 were all inducted in October.

The fall sports season was a success. The football team finished with a 7-3 record. The boys and girls cross country teams both won the Cincinnati Hills League championship. The volleyball team finished 18-6 for the season and the girls golf team qualified for the district tournament for the first time in school history.

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### **TWO MILESTONES**

Two groups will reach major milestones this coming year. Wyoming High School will have its 125th graduation. That represents over 8,800 graduates who have experienced the quality education that Wyoming has provided from the beginning.

And your alumni association is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2009. We were founded on the occasion of the 100th graduation. For those 25 years we have awarded scholarships, help fund school projects and, our major mission, kept all the alumni informed and in touch with each other.

Consider coming back to the Round-Up this June 6th and help celebrate both birthdays. In addition you could pay your dues or send us a special 25th birthday donation to help us continue our mission to keep everyone connected.