

WAITSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Newsletter Purpose: To promote WHS and its graduates

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Updates & Highlights



- **DUES ARE INCREASED TO \$10.00/YEAR.**

A ballot was handed out to all dues paying Alumni at the banquet on May 24th to raise dues and the returned ballots were overwhelmingly in favor of raising the dues. The vote was 55 yes, 2 no.

- **185 ATTENDED THE 2014 BANQUET.**

We had 172 Alumni spanning 75 years! There were also 13 out of 15 seniors at our banquet! Best percentage in many years. Comments: Approval rating--98% - 65% excellent, 33% satisfactory, 2% poor. Negative comments centered around organization of food, waiting in line, not enough food, and the scholarship cans were annoying. Great feedback about the auction; they want more!

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Alumni Board**

Message from WHS Current ASB President—Owen Lanning

This year our ASB team has many goals but a lot of those goals all wrap into school spirit. The 2014-2015 school year has started off great and we would like to keep the fun rolling. Waitsburg High School has a great reputation of school spirit and our ASB team is hard at work to make sure we keep that tradition alive. We have already had a great motivational speaker visit the school and he gave us some great ideas that we will be moving forward with. Overall things are shaping up to make this school year very successful. Stop by WHS to see all of the good things happening!

Stay Tuned (Next Newsletter) for the 1965 Graduate

Jim Tuttle's reflections on living in and graduating from Waitsburg

Alumni Association has two (2) Scholarship Funds

- **Lloyd Memorial Loan Fund:** a loan specifically for any WHS student in their last semester, quarter, or phase of their educational program. Assets (including this year's banquet) exceed \$30,000. Applications are available through Jeff Broom—See Board Member Page for email.
- The newest is the **Alumni Scholarship:** it is for any

alumni just graduating from WHS, either entering the next phase of or continuing their education. (In other words, whether you are a WHS senior, or entering graduate school, you are eligible to apply through Blue Mountain Community Foundation, PO BOX 603, Walla Walla, WA 99362.)

The current balance is over \$50,000.

The Alumni Association encourages seniors or college/ career students to apply for one, or both! There is NO competition between these two funds. They are for separate purposes. Thank You for Donating!

What would Happen if the Banquet was changed to the Waitsburg Celebration Days Saturday?

Your Alumni Board has been discussing the idea of changing the date of the Alumni Banquet to the third (3rd) weekend in May to coincide with the parade and other events going on that weekend.

We are asking your opinion. Do you want to keep the Banquet on Memorial Day weekend? Yes No

Would you attend the banquet IF it were changed to Waitsburg Celebration Days? Yes No

Do you want to vote on this at the 2015 banquet? Yes No

You can simply cut and paste these questions into a WORD document and underline, circle, bold, or add color to your answers and send them to President Darleen Dozier at: dozierp@gotvc.net

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Please take a look at the Waitsburg School District WEB Site to see all of the exciting happenings:

<http://www.waitsburgsd.org>

FACEBOOK members: Check out the WHS Alumni page—feel free to contribute information on our page.

Dues-paying members (without an email) will need a first-class Mailing Subscription that will cost \$12.00/year **beginning with this newsletter.**

Welcome Meara Baker to the Alumni Board (2014 Graduate and Alumni Scholarship Recipient)

Meara is attending Walla Walla Community College to obtain her AA degree before she moves on to a 4-year college/university. She brings youth, great ideas, and a willingness to “get younger graduates involved” into the Association.

WHS Reunion Planning for 2015 has Begun

Gabe Kiefel, Class of 2005 and new Middle School teacher in Waitsburg, has been working on contacting his classmates for a few months. Several other Alumni have agreed to be the contact person for their class reunions. If you graduated in the years ending in 5 or 10 and would be willing to be that contact person, please let President Darleen know as soon as possible.

Class of 1950: Meredith Huwe, mini@gotvc.net; phone: 509-337-6716.

Class of 1955: Jo Hall Wolfe, PO BOX 14, Dixie, WA 99329; phone: 509-529-5859

Class of 1965: Claudia Moberly Allen, cgallen01@gmail.com; phone: 541-938-5861

Class of 2005: Gabe Kiefel, gkiefel@waitsburgsd.org



Membership Categories

- Graduate of WHS
- Honorary Alumni Member
- Associate Alumni Member

A reminder as to the categories of your Association:

Graduate: Just that—be a graduate of Waitsburg High School. A voting member (if dues are current—first year dues are free)

Honorary Alumni Member: A person (or persons), not graduates of WHS, who will have contributed over the years to the school and/or the community. Non-voting member

Associate Alumni Member: A person who attended Waitsburg schools, but did not graduate who wants to be a dues-paying member of the Alumni Association. This person will be able to attend the banquets and receive all communications. Non-voting member. All applicants will be reviewed by the Board.

Welcome to our Five Associate Members:

Susan Segraves	Class of 1965
Gordie Franklin	Class of 1962
Paul Mantz-Powers	Class of 1962
Clint Donley	Class of 1968
Bruce Gentry	Class of 1949

Who are your Honorary Alumni Members?

At the May, 1992 Banquet, the Association honored **Tom and Anita Baker**, long-time Waitsburg residents as the first Honorary Members. Why the Bakers—Because of the many volunteer hours they have spent helping WHS since moving to town.

In the 1960's, while editor of *The Waitsburg Times*, Tom served as a resource to the WHS journalism classes and was always willing to help when asked. He also took pictures of the Alumni Reunion classes for many years.

Anita taught third grade at Waitsburg Elementary School and saw hundreds of her students graduate from WHS. She also assisted Tom as he published *The Times*.

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At the 2014 banquet, **Dr. Roger and Laura Jean Hevel** were named Honorary Members. Jim Leid talked about the many ways in which Rog and Laura Jean helped students over the past sixty years.

Dr. Hevel provided sports physicals for Waitsburg athletes. He also served as "Team Physician" during sports events should his services be needed. He served on the Waitsburg School Board for several terms as well.

Mrs. Hevel served on the city council for a number of years, and was very active in the First Presbyterian Church as Treasurer, Sunday School teacher, and Choir Member. Together she and Roger provided financial assistance to the community and our schools in a variety of ways.



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First Annual Auction at the 2014 Banquet

The Dozier family, along with Karen Huwe Mohny, Auctioneer, raised over \$400 for the Alumni Scholarship. There were over eight items for auction that brought in from \$20.00 to \$210.00!

Several items have already been donated for the 2015 banquet. A two-night stay in a condominium at Mt. Spokane and a dinner for six on the Wolf Fork.

If you have items that you would like to donate, please contact President Darleen Dozier.

Dues will be \$10.00 per year as voted on at the 2014 Banquet. They can be paid at any time to: PO Box 834; Waitsburg, WA 99361