



WILDCATS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
OF OAKLAND HIGH SCHOOL, INC.

E-NEWSLETTER

SPRING/ SUMMER 2014



2014 Spring/ Summer Calendar

June

13 - OHS Class of 2014
Graduation Ceremony

July

August

9 - Class of 1964
50th Reunion

25 - First day of school

September

12&13 - Class of 1959
55th Reunion

13 - Class of 1954
60th Reunion

Congrats to the Class of 2014!
Once a Wildcat, Always a Wildcat!

OHS Trivia Question:

Two pioneering TV game shows, "Truth or Consequences" and "This is Your Life," and the first reality-based TV show are linked to OHS. How?

Answer at the end of this Newsletter.

Join WAA Today

The Wildcat Alumni Association is the only official alumni association affiliated with Oakland High School.

Membership fees are
\$ 35 for one year
\$ 450 for a lifetime membership

To join, fill out the application at the end of the newsletter and send with a check to Wildcat Alumni Association, P.O. Box 11436, Oakland, CA 94611

For more Student News

Check out Oakland Aegis
Oakland High's On-line
Student Newspaper
<http://oaklandaegis.com/>



(Pictures from Career Day 2014 - Clockwise from top left: Nhi Chau & Quan Rui ('92), Kent Sharrar ('84), Keith Koch, Greg Griffin, Richard Ulrich & Larry Parker ('72), Michele Silva ('74), Dr. David Law ('73), Chris Mosley ('89) and Flo Oy Wong ('55).

Career Day 2014

Thirty-eight speakers, most of them Oakland High alumni, made presentations in twenty-two different classrooms at Oakland High's annual Career Day Tuesday, March 4. Career Day is jointly sponsored by the Wildcats Alumni Association and the Oakland High faculty and staff. The presentations were made to period 3 and 4 classes. Touching upon the several aspects of their occupations and careers, speakers talked about the job outlook in their field, pay and benefits, the routine of their occupation, and especially the education needed to enter and succeed in the career/occupation. Through their anecdotes and stories, speakers pointed out the pleasures and challenges, the hard work, and even sacrifices, which may be a necessary part of their careers.



If you were an academic looking to write a paper, a thesis, or a tome on Oakland High School, one of your best resources would be a website created by one alumna to honor another. This is how it came about.

It was during a Class of 1965 reunion where some classmates were discussing the usual high school class topics of life's evolution in marriages, families, careers and the inevitable topic of death. Amid this discussion of our mortal passing, one lady thought about a very popular and beloved classmate friend who had perished in Viet Nam while serving with the US Army not 5 years after high school graduation.

After the reunion Beverly Schulster Beiman thought of a tribute for the now long-passed friend, Benji Yamane '65 (whom I had the pleasure of knowing and associating with in school clubs and activities even though I was in a later class). Rather than fund a plaque or start a scholarship fund in Benji's name, Bev thought that perhaps a memorial website for her class would be a fitting tribute for her classmates. As Bev delved into the beginnings of such a project, she quickly came to the conclusion that creating the class memorial website was too limited and that including the entire school of students, faculty and staff was possible—and not that much more difficult, except in scope. What has resulted is not only a memorial site for Oakland High School, but a history of the school first opened in 1869 through the students and teachers who worked together there.

Notable Alumni	YearBook Covers	OHS History	All Hail to the Blue	Oakland Links					
Faculty	--	1872	1873	1874	1875	1876	1877	1878	1879
1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889
1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899
1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909
1910	1911	1912	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919
1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929
1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939

But how did Bev, who has lived in Israel for decades, accomplish this? Since her family relocated to join her in Israel long ago, Bev sees OHS classmates only when she makes infrequent trips to the Bay Area, particularly for reunions. Some 15 years ago when this all started, Bev did not have access to any data base of OHS graduates or any central information source. With knowledge of how to use a PC and the ability to contact people through the use of e-mails, Bev compiled copies and photos of old and recent yearbooks. With the long distance assistance of a few classmates and OHS staff helpers, Bev was able to compile a full array of yearbooks with student photographs. From there she searched for the obituaries and researched the biographies and the histories of those passing on. She has been registering the passage of every OHS alum on the website she created. Bev also gets information from those who know about the site and send in news of classmates' deaths and links to obituaries. There are pages for faculty members and students indexed by year, a history of Oakland High page, and even the words and music to "All Hail to the Blue." (You can view the memorial website and send information to Bev at: <http://ohsmemorial.com/OHS/index.htm>.)

This May, Bev came to visit the Bay Area with her husband to use our archives in the OHS library to capture additional information and to attend the May 20, 2014 Wildcats Alumni Association (WAA) regular meeting of the Board of Directors. Although the Board has communicated with Bev for many years via e-mail and passed along information to assist her, this was the first time we had met her in person. We asked Bev why she had felt it important to set up and maintain such a website. Her answer was simple and heart-felt: "People deserve to be remembered." She went on to discuss how, because of our experiences at Oakland High, we were all connected to the very first students who went here. "Continuity is important; we are all links in a chain." The website represents the long and proud history of Oakland High alumni, such as a former Oakland Mayor and state governor, a world-renowned architect, and decades of famous athletes, as well as their "everyman" classmates.

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In Memoriam

We have lost two more friends,
Henriette Green, former assistant principal,
and Larry Shepherd, English teacher.

(Article continued from Alumna in Focus)

Principals of Oakland High School

[Mr. Joseph Burwell McChesney](#)



1869 - 1901

[Dr. James H. Pond](#)



1901 - 1908

[Mr. Charles E. Keyes](#)



1908 - 1929

[Dr. Lucien P. Farris](#)



1929 - 1948

[Mr. Paul W. Pinckney](#)



1948 - 1967

Members of the Board realize that this body of work is the sole and best representation of our school's history and place in this world. By her labor of love in single-handedly creating this registry of all OHS alumni and staff who preceded us, Bev has created a real memorial for all of us. We at WAA want to assure the continuation of Bev's creation and we are taking steps to preserve all that she has done. While she is not relinquishing any of her labors of love, she will be sharing her process and procedures to enable us to find people who might want to share in this interesting and history-building body of work.

To ensure the continuance of the Oakland High School Memorial Website, the WAA Board is currently seeking interested parties with basic computer skills who wish to etch their names into our school's history today by helping us continue this link to the past. We are exploring the possibilities of how to continue the memorial website project either by committee or by the efforts of a single devotee.

If you are a history buff, or just someone who feels as we do that what Bev has started needs to continue, please contact Stephen Johnson, Board President of the Wildcats Alumni Association at: stjo41@comcast.net.

(For Benji)
Frank Kao '66

Upcoming OHS Reunions

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1964—50th Reunion

PRE-PAID RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.
WE CANNOT ACCEPT WALK-INS.

\$75 per person if received after February 1, 2014
Make checks out to "OHS'64" and mail checks with full names (and name in High School if different) of people attending to:
Oakland High School Class of 64, P.O. Box 10454
Oakland, Ca. 94610

WHERE & WHEN:

Saturday, August 9, 2014, 12 noon–4:30pm
Lake Chalet Restaurant, Gondola Room
1520 Lakeside Drive, Oakland*

WHAT: Luncheon buffet, with no-host cash bar

1959—55th Reunion-Two Activities

WHERE & WHEN:

Friday, September 12th: Oakland Museum of California
Saturday, September 13th: Gala Dinner @ Scott's Restaurant,
Jack London Square

1954—60th Reunion

WHERE & WHEN:

Saturday, September 13, 2014, 4:00-9:00pm
Moraga Country Club

WHAT:

There will probably be a brunch or picnic the next day. Hotel rooms are being blocked in Walnut Creek. Contact Harry Fish at harry.fish@comcast.net for further information.

REUNIONS IN PLANNING STAGES:

1965—50th Reunion

In planning stage

Class of '65, please let us know where you are by signing up at the official class website www.OHS-1965.com

1970-79 Joint Reunion

*Volunteers: Contact via Facebook Clarice Wong-Morrison
/email: dancehall.honey@gmail.com*

Where and When

Date to be decided

LINCOLN PARK, Alameda

What

ALUMNI PICNIC for Classes of 1970-79

2003 and 2006

Check Wildcat Alumni Association Website

<http://www.oaklandhighalumni.org/reunions> if you are interested in updates on 10th Year Reunions or if you would like to help organize a reunion for your class.



Pictured clockwise from the top: Dean Larwood (left), Wayne Fabrizio (2nd from left) and Barbara Ganich (right) of the Oakland Methodist Foundation with Marcy Mark (daughter of Franklyn Helm) and Marisol Jauregui-Rodriguez, recipient of Franklyn Delbert Helm Scholarship; Mia Searcie - Jimmy Dix Award Softball; WAA Scholarship Committee Members Stephen Johnson, Georganne Ferrier and Gordon Baranco with Sandy Chu, Alden McElrath WAA Scholarship recipient



Senior Awards Night 2014

Head Counselor Carlos Padilla again did an excellent job as Master of Ceremonies at this year's Senior Awards Night held Monday, June 2 in the Oakland High Theater. Senior Sandy Ngoc Chu received the Alden McElrath Wildcats Alumni Scholarship for \$3000. Sandy will be attending the University of California at Berkeley with the goal of attaining a degree in Engineering. WAA President Stephen Johnson also presented a new scholarship, the Franklyn Delbert Helm (OHS'47) Memorial Scholarship, to Marisol Jauregui-Rodriguez, who will be attending the University of California at Riverside to major in International Relations. WAA scholarships are awarded based on need and a student essay explaining how Oakland High School has influenced the student's personal growth and professional goals.

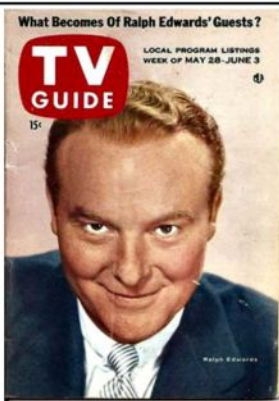
The WAA also presented the Jimmy Dix Most Inspirational Player Awards for Baseball and Softball. Tom Tran was elected by his Baseball teammates and Mia Searcie was selected for the Softball team. Tom and Mia each received a \$100 award and now have their names engraved on the perpetual plaque. Lauren Tramiel and Jose Lopez received the Stan Peters Award for Academic and Athletic Excellence.

In addition to the awards from the Wildcat Alumni Association, seventy-six other scholarships and awards were announced and presented, including ten from the Marcus Foster Educational Foundation and four from UC Berkeley. Among the many scholarship recipients were Shirley Lai, who is a Gates Millennium Scholar, and Geary Yu, who is a "Student Rising Above" recipient. Graduation medals, tassels, or stoles were also presented to members of the California Scholarship Foundation and the National Honor Society.

Photos of the scholarship and award recipients may be viewed at the WAA website (www.oaklandhighalumni.org)

OHS alumni who participated are Gordon Baranco ('65), Mario Bobino ('81), Alejandro Castillo-Terriquz ('02), Nhi Chau ('92), Jeremiah Chuck ('00), Heather Dinh ('03), Norman Eng ('70), Mark Hoffman ('72), Reggie Hutcherson ('77), Steve Kauzlarich ('72), David Law ('73), Creighton Lee ('72), Wilson Leong ('66), Jonathan Leong ('70), Kevin Leung ('92), Jack Lim ('75), Peter Liu ('98), Al MacLeod ('66), Chris Mosely ('89), Larry Parker ('72), Tam Pham ('92), Leonard Pierce ('72), Quan Rui ('92), Kent Sharrar ('84), Michele Silva ('74), Judy Sue ('67), Richard Ulrich ('72), and Flo Oy Wong ('55).

Participating teachers and students gave excellent reviews, and expressed thanks and appreciation to those who gave the time to come present. The participation of alumni is crucial to the success of Career Day. It is extremely important for students to get a realistic picture of what the future can hold for them. And, it is important for them to hear it from those who have gone out into the world and succeeded after attending Oakland High. WAA thanks all of the speakers for helping maintain Oakland High's strong tradition of excellence.



OHS TRIVIA Answer:

Ralph Edwards, (OHS c/o 1931) created and produced these shows. He even hosted "This is Your Life." He also created the first reality-based TV show "The People's Court" (remember Judge Wapner?) and re-created "Name That Tune," originally a radio show, for TV.

Contact Us

Send information for newsletter to waa@oaklandhighalumni.org
Use subject line "WAA Newsletter"

For questions about membership, activities, or for opportunities

to volunteer or donate waa@oaklandhighalumni.org
Or WAA, P.O. Box 11436, Oakland, CA 94611

Website:

<http://www.oaklandhighalumni.org/donations>

This letter concerns the monetary donation made by the Wildcat Alumni Association to the Oakland High School football teams to provide food for team members at afterschool practice and before games. Practice often keeps team members at school without dinner until quite late and then players have to go home and complete homework. Donations can be made by Pay Pal through the WAA site <http://www.oaklandhighalumni.org/>.

[Funds] that were donated by the Alumni Association helped purchase pre-game lunches for the JV and Varsity football teams. We have been feeding both JV and Varsity pre-game dinners and pre-game lunches the night before a game and a lunch the day of the game.

The funds are greatly appreciated and we hope to get the continued support of our Alumni Association.

Thank you,

Jayce Goree
Oakland High School
Head Football Coach
510-874-7152 - Office
510-719-7629 - Cell

Donations to Scholarship Fund Always Welcome—Always Needed

The Wildcat Alumni Association scholarships are funded by alumni dues, donations from individual alumni, and by classes, which often donate after a reunion. Every year the scholarship fund is depleted and new money is needed to fund the next year's award. Every year there are many more deserving applicants than we have funds to cover.

You may make donations to the WAA Scholarship Fund by Pay Pal through the WAA site <http://www.oaklandhighalumni.org/> at any time during the year, but donations received now help in planning how many scholarships we will be able to award next year.

Another need for funds arose this year. For many years Leadership Class has given small scholarships to members of the leadership class who have shown outstanding qualities and who have made exceptional contributions to the welfare of the school community. In the past, these scholarships have been funded by revenues from the school vending machines. However, the school district has changed its policy and the vending machine funds are no longer available for school leadership awards.

If you would like to contribute to the Oakland High School Leadership Awards, you may do so through the WAA site <http://www.oaklandhighalumni.org/>. Indicate that you wish your contribution to go to Oakland High School Leadership Awards.