

WOODRUFF HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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WHSAA OFFICERS

Isaac Malson '95- President

Mark Claver '72- Vice President

Judy McDowell '67 –
Recording Secretary

Beth McClain '95- Treasurer

Bob Day '63- Corresponding
Secretary

-Save the Date –

Sunday, May 3th from 1 -4pm

**All School Alumni
Reunion and Annual
Board Meeting**

Still Here, Still Proud



Calling all Alumni – Ike Malson '95

This past year we've had several new faces stop into a WHSAA meeting. It is refreshing to see other graduates taking an interest and expressing their warrior pride.

We appreciate seeing these new faces and we would appreciate seeing yours as well. Life takes everyone in different and new directions. Maybe life is calling you to participate in the WHSAA.

The association meets once a month. We strive to continue to connect alumni to Woodruff and to find ways to continue to help advance the education of Woodruff High School graduate and the students who attend the Woodruff Career and Technical Center.

From our bylaws, the main purpose of the WHSAA is to “promote and support graduated students of WHS who endeavor to pursue post-secondary education and/or training in career fields through scholarship assistance provided by the WHSAA regardless of race, color, creed, disability, or national origin.” We do not seek to involve ourselves in the administration of the school or the politics of District 150.

Our interests are promoting additional education and making sure the Warrior Spirit continues to thrive. Does that seem like a mission you want to take part in?

Woodruff graduates from all classes are needed in WHSAA leadership roles. We need your attendance if the organization is to survive. Is the Warrior Spirit calling you back? Come to a monthly meeting, we have a spot for everyone to contribute and participate.

Changes to the Board

We are pleased to note that Beth McClain is making an exciting career change. Unfortunately for us, she will be moving to FLORIDA! Beth has been a long-time member of the WHSAA board and has been the Treasurer and the Scholarship Committee Chair. We will miss her input on the committee. Her position as Treasurer has been taken by Penny Post Freeman

and her spot on the Scholarship Committee has been awarded to Shirley Snyder Jackson. These position changes were approved by the vote of the board members.

Best of luck to Beth as she follows her career and thanks to Penny and Shirley for accepting the new positions on the WHSAA board.

WEBSITE AND DATABASE – RICH CLINCH ‘63

Don't let WHSAA lose contact with you. Every class member has received at least one email from WHSAA this year. If you haven't received an email from us, we don't have a valid email address for you. All addresses are kept private. Send your Email Address To: Woodruffalums@gmail.com

A WORD ABOUT DUES – BETH McCLAIN ‘95

The finances of the WHSAA are split into two categories. The categories are the **Scholarship** account which includes investments providing annual income supplemented with donations by members, and the **Operating Funds** obtained through annual membership dues. The Scholarship account pays for educational expenses. These funds are restricted by 501 (c) 3 tax rules. Operating Funds are used to keep the WHSAA organization functioning. The annual newsletter represents the largest operating expense, but there are additional associated with maintaining our website and mailing services. Seed money is also needed to prepay for items like the catering for the spring banquet or branding artifacts. The online dues

payment procedures that we once had through Alumni Research in Florida were lost when that company went bankrupt. Since then we have relied on receiving dues via traditional mailings to our post office box. Not surprisingly, dues collections have dropped and the outlook for our Operating Funds continues to diminish. *Treasurer, Beth McClain, has plotted our financial trajectory and projects that with steady expenses but diminishing dues income, our Operating Funds will be gone in about five years. While the situation is not critical, we would like to reverse that trend.* We are a small, volunteer organization and do not send out dues notices to those who pay the \$15 annual fee. If it has been over a year since you submitted your dues, please consider mailing \$15 to: **Woodruff High School Alumni Association, PO Box 10625, Peoria, IL 61612.**

WHSAA SCHOLARSHIPS

IN 2019 WHSAA AWARDED \$17,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

Looking to expand your education through training? Are you looking to get your Associates, Bachelors, Masters? Maybe even a Ph.D.? Don't forget WHSAA wants to support you.

Scholarships forms available online at www.peoriawoodruffalumni.com

Return forms to WHSAA, PO Box 10625, Peoria, IL 61612 or Woodruffalums@gmail.com

2019 WHS Alumni Awardees

Kim Knollenberg – Methodist College

Sierra Jackson – Methodist College

Kashena Cook – ICC

2019 WCTC Awardees

Paige Harper -ICC

Kaydem Shaw – ICC

Michael Hertz – University of Missouri

Jazmin Nichols – ICC

Janyitena McKinnis – ICC


Danasha' James – ICC

Thalia Moreno – ICC

Anisa Patterson – ICC

Ward Taylor - ICC

WHSAA VOCATIONAL GRANT PROGRAM



MONEY COLLECTED FROM ANNUAL DUES SUPPORTS THE AWARDING AND PAYMENT OF THE VOCATIONAL GRANT PROGRAM. YOUR DUES HELP THESE YOUNG STUDENTS GET THEIR CAREERS OFF TO A GOOD START!

In 2020 the WHSAA plans to award up to six WCTC students \$250 vocational specific assistance grants as these students move into the workforce or further training at ICC. A representative of WHSAA will meet with the grant recipient at a vocational supply store to assist in the purchase of clothing, safety shoes, tools, etc. Current year high school graduates who take classes at Woodruff Career and Technical Center are recommended for these grants by the educational staff of WCTC.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI 2019



Ray Picl Sr. was the 2019 WHSAA Distinguished Alumni for 2019. Ray is a 1947 WHS grad, 1951 Bradley grad, and a Korean War veteran. Ray spent 28 years as mayor of Peoria Heights and served in numerous community associations and activities. Congratulations Ray.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI 2020 NOMINATIONS

Distinguished alumni [nomination for 2020 are due 31 March 2020](#). All nominations remain on file for three years and will receive consideration each year they are on file. Please send your nominations to Ike Malson at WHSAA, PO Box 10625, Peoria, IL 61612 or Woodruffalums@gmail.com

ALL SCHOOL ALUMNI REUNION & MEETING—CARLOTTA BAHL SCHAIDLE '66

Can you believe it's been 10 years since Woodruff High School closed its doors?

All alumni from Woodruff High School are invited to an All School Alumni Reunion from 1 to 4 p.m. May 3 in the Woodruff commons at Woodruff Career and Technical Center. Those attending may look through yearbooks, school memorabilia and tour the school. There is



**THE WHSAA ANNUAL MEETING
WILL KICK OFF OUR MAY 3TH
REUNION AT THE WHS COMMONS.**

**PLEASE EMAIL
SCHAIDLECARLOTTA@YAHOO.COM
BY APRIL 26TH**

no charge to attend; donations will be accepted. Refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP by emailing schaidlecarlotta@yahoo.com by April 26th.

50TH REUNION FOR CLASS OF 1970 – RAY LEES '70

Lenny Livengood, President of the esteemed Class of 1970 is collaborating with his equally esteemed Peoria based classmates, 1970 Student Council President, David Bailey, and me to lay the groundwork for our 50th Class Reunion planned for some time in September 2020. Dates, times and places have yet to be nailed down. Selfishly, I would vote for earlier in September rather than later because of the pending birth of his fourth grandchild in mid-month and a family wedding the last weekend.

1970 Student Council Vice President, Linda Wallin Commander, is our team's West Coast, Rocky Mountain and Facebook outreach coordinator because she's got a line on many of her pals around the country. Not surprisingly, Lenny, David and I are not Facebook types.

Unfortunately, the Alumni Association has contact info for only 32 of our 200 plus classmates. So, in an attempt to expand

our small network of contacts, I've included Bill Morgan (Santa Rosa, CA) and Debbie Rosson Lalicker (Peoria, IL) in this initial communication outreach to fellow classmates wherever you are.

Please get in touch with any of the folks listed below with contact information or preferences of weekends in September.

Thanks!

Ray

Lenny Livengood - 309.369.8349

David Bailey - davidbailey0526@gmail.com

Ray Lees - raywilliamlees@gmail.com

Linda Wallin Commander -
lindacommander@comcast.net

Debbie Rosson Lalicker -
maxdeb8@aol.com

Bill Morgan - wtmorgan@sonic.net

WHSAA Annual Meeting and All Class Reunion

Sunday May 3rd 1–4PM, WHS Commons

1:00pm – WHSAA Annual Meeting

Agenda:

Welcome & Class Roll Call

Scholarships Announcements

Distinguished Alumni

Annual Business Meeting

Vote on Officer for 2020-2021

1:35PM- All Class Reunion (Immediately following)

Memorabilia

Fellowship with Classmates

Tours of the School

No Charge to Attend: EMAIL

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WHS Alumni Association Membership

Name:

Maiden (if applies):

Class of:

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City:

State: Zip:

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Membership: New _____ or Renewal _____

1 Year \$15 _____ Lifetime \$100

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