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ALUMNI PICNIC DRAWS A CROWD

The warm, sunny afternoon may have played a part in the success of this summer's alumni picnic, held on Sunday, August 8, 1999 at Blyth Park in Bothell. There was still room in the parking lot when we arrived, so we didn't get the pleasure of being escorted there in the shuttle bus, driven by Bev (Niemeyer) Schmer ('67), our alumni association membership secretary. At the time, I didn't realize riding in that shuttle might be my only chance to talk to Bev that day, though. She evidently had such fun driving that bus, she ran it all day, taking alumni back and forth to their cars.

Among those that did park up close, I couldn't help noticing a mint condition 1957 Chevy. It set the mood for wandering back in time to high school days. There to greet us were volunteers with sign-in sheets, handouts of the alumni newsletter, and raffle tickets for prizes. Thanks to Dee (Shogren) West ('77), Dorothy (Denning) Johns ('52), Dixie (Petersen) McGinnis ('55) , and Geraldine (Jeri) (Lang) Keasey, ('50) for volunteering.

Picnic tables were set up throughout the park, with banners announcing class years to direct attendees. However, when I visited the various tables trying to do a head count for each class, I found that alumni were not always in their "assigned" spots. Many were mingling with other classes. Good for them! I think this kind of socializing was what the association had in mind when they originated the alumni picnic. Everyone appeared to be having a good time, busy with gossip, sharing pictures of children and grandchildren, and eating their picnic lunches.

According to sign-in sheets, I understand there were approximately 90 alumni at the picnic, but this number is probably understated due to many who did not sign in. The biggest turnout was among the classes that made the picnic part of their reunion (classes of '44, '49, and '59). I found representation for classes in the decades of the 60's, 70's, and 80's, as well, though. The numbers dwindled as the years became more recent. Maybe the younger alumni (90's) think this event is for the "old" people. Or maybe they haven't heard about it. The association relies on word of mouth advertising for this, so spread the word—there's an All-Alumni Picnic every summer on the third Sunday in August.

If the Class of 1959 can do as well recruiting alumni for next year's picnic as they did soliciting new members for the BHS Alumni Association's membership drive contest, we should have a great turnout in the year 2000. Chuck Kaysner ('63) , BHS Alumni Association president, presented the awards for the membership drive at this year's All-Alumni Picnic. The class of '59 received $200.00 that they used to pay for their Friday night event, for bringing in 25 new members to the association. Word from their class was that two classmates were responsible for the bulk of these: Colleen (Johnson) Antonowitsch and Bruce Carlson. We're expecting you to spearhead the advertising for our All-Alumni Picnic next year, and the rest of our members to follow suit!

-Carole (Wikel) Johnson ('67)

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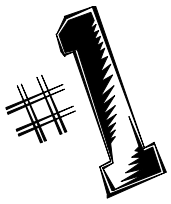
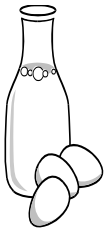


1999 BHS Homecoming Honored Alumni
Helen Andersen Mc Mahon '36

Helen Andersen McMahon's life in the Northshore community has been characterized by hard work, dedication to family, and concern for the needs of others. These qualities are what helped her earn the title of 1999 Homecoming "Honored Alumni."

Her accomplishments were celebrated at a reception in the Bothell High School cafeteria on October 19 at 7:00 P.M. She was also featured in the BHS Homecoming football game program.

Born in Anton, Iowa in 1918, Helen was five when her family moved to Woodinville. Helen's father, Christian Andersen, had been a carpenter and manual labor training teacher in Iowa. He suffered heat stroke while working on a barn roof. When the family doctor advised relocation to a more temperate climate, Mr. Andersen chose the Seattle area.



The Andersen's selected property near the Hollywood farm in Woodinville, and lived in a cottage on the Hollywood poultry farm while Mr. Andersen built their house. A typical day on their property was busy with gardening and farm chores, and one of Helen's early tasks was walking to the neighbors to purchase buckets of milk. Life in Woodinville during the 1920s and 1930s was characterized by sharing, trading and making do...including sharing a telephone party line with nine other households!

Helen attended the Bothell grade school and enjoyed spending time with her special friends, Betty Moen, Sarabelle Chase, Alice Funai, and Eleanor Ernest. Paper dolls were popular to play with, and Helen used her budding artistic talents to create dolls and doll outfits for her friends to color.

The W.A. Anderson Junior High was completed just in time for Helen's class to begin 7th grade there, and in 9th grade the class moved next door to Bothell High School. Helen took what were then called *commercial* courses... typing and shorthand at BHS. Helen's special friends at BHS included Thelma Thorpe and Rose George. Occasional babysitting jobs during high school netted fifty cents a night, and a season's worth of work at a strawberry farm in Woodinville earned Helen fifteen dollars...enough money to purchase a coat, three dresses, shoes and other clothing for school.

After graduation in 1936, jobs were scarce, and Helen spent some time helping at home, before landing a job assisting with running the household of the VP of Seattle First National Bank. Helen saved her wages, and after about a year, entered Wilson's Business College on Third Avenue in Seattle. There, she polished up her typing and shorthand, and learned keypunch and switchboard operation.

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Thanks to her new skills, Helen acquired a position as secretary to the owner of Metropolitan Laundry in Seattle, and soon turned the head of a Mr. John McMahon, one of the firm's delivery drivers. Company romances were forbidden, so after John proposed, Helen wore the engagement ring on a chain around her neck so her employers would be none the wiser. Once the happy news was out though, Helen's boss hosted a bridal shower for her. She was married in September, 1941, and continued to work at the laundry until May of 1942, when she learned she was expecting their first child, a son they named Johnny.

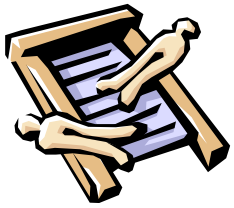
Helen's husband, John Sr., decided to enter the Coast Guard to fight W.W. II, and served in the medical corps, stationed in Seattle. After the war, John returned to the laundry business, and the family grew to include Jim, born in 1944, and Jeff, born in 1947. The family purchased a small farm next door to Helen's parents, and in the early 1950s, they were able to buy the original Andersen family farm. The McMahons enjoyed life on the farm, raising Hereford cattle, and pigs used by the U.W. school of medicine for research.

Helen and John have six grandchildren, and were thankful that their son, Johnny, was able to spend the last years of his life living in the home next door to them. Johnny died in 1998 due to complications of multiple sclerosis.

In retirement, Helen enjoys volunteer work, and continues to develop her artistic talents, which include painting, drawing, and sewing. John and Helen pick up surplus bread and pastry for delivery to needy seniors and food banks, and in conjunction with the Lion's Club, organize twice-monthly pinochle games. For many years Helen drove for Meals on Wheels, and drove the Redmond Senior Center van, chauffeuring passengers to appointments. She was a member of one of the Children's Orthopedic Guilds, and many charitable organizations have benefited from her talents as an artist and calligrapher. Active in the Grange, Helen is in charge of rentals at the Grange Hall, and continues her work with the Woodinville Historical Society. Helen shares her historical knowledge with the young people of the community, visiting at schools to give demonstrations of old time household skills, such as doing laundry with washboards, churning butter, and demonstrating bread making.

She was also instrumental in forming the Bothell High School Alumni Association, and a debt of gratitude is owed to her by Association members, who fittingly voted to honor Helen at Homecoming this year. Helen's life has been devoted to service, and our community has been enriched by her gifts.

-Karin Bagnall Poage, '74



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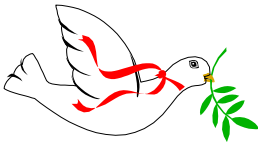
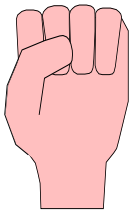




The Early 1960's Continued

It has been said that the decade of the sixties was a time of social upheaval. In the Northshore School District, it certainly was, indeed.

In 1962, the School Board hired it's first...GASP!...female school bus driver! How very odd that now seems, in light of the progress that women have made in virtually every aspect of the working world, in the thirty-some years since. Today most school bus drivers ***are*** women.

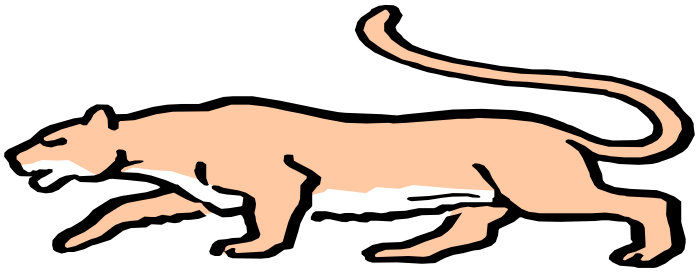
The years of 1962 and 1963 were good years for Bothell High School, however. Special recognition was awarded the school's athletic teams. In 1962, Coach Larry Peterson, with the help of Assistant Coach Bill McKennon, led the Bothell Cougar Basketball Team to the finals of the State Championship! In a tight, hard fought game with Garfield, the Cougars lost by only two points...36 to 34! While the record shows that final game to have been a defeat for Bothell High, in actuality, it was really a victory. Bothell High had to overcome three stronger, much higher-rated teams from much larger schools, to even reach the finals. The Seattle papers wrote that Bothell was the "Cinderella" team of the entire State Tournament; and that the Hec Edmundson Pavilion, at the University of Washington, rang to the cheers for Bothell High's *"never say die"* Basketball Team!

Also in 1962, the now famous Bothell High School Band, under the able direction of Mr. Bernie Ackerman, was invited to play at the Seattle World's Fair. Bernie Ackerman was an outstanding teacher, as well as a fine band director. He was well-known for refusing to accept an answer of, "I can't". He wanted to hear, "I'll try." He had tremendous influence on many of the students he came in contact with during those years of "social turbulence."

Late in 1962, the athletic fields of Bothell High and the Stadium, were dedicated to Harold "Pop" Keeney. He was a much beloved teacher, athletic coach, and well-known Bothell High graduate. "Pop" Keeney was much admired by the many students whose lives he touched. It was a tribute to the man and his excellence when they named the field after him. Alas, on an early Saturday morning in October of 1962, "Pop" Keeney passed away.

In August, this year, I attended the BHS all alumni picnic and my own 55th class reunion; the Class of 1944. I had the opportunity to meet with many old friends and several of the Bothell High grads who've corresponded with me about the history of their own graduation years. To each of those I saw, spoke with, and enjoyed while recalling the *Good Old Days,* let me say, "Thanks For The Memories." There were far too many of you, to list in this column.

-Bill Corbin, '44



What's Happenin' at BHS?

Mr. Judd Aetzel, Maker of *Magic Music Melodies*, Marches towards Retirement

After teaching for 29 years in the Bothell High School Music Department, Mr. Judd Aetzel retired. From the onset of his career until the summer of 1999, he quietly left behind a powerful legacy of music. Some called him a "Music Legend." It was time to go; he was tired, and if he had continued to teach, he may not have been able to give 100 percent to his students. "The kids were No. 1," he said. Aetzel, 54, was active, not only in the marching band, but also in wind ensemble, the top concert band, the symphonic band, the training band, and the orchestra. Additionally, he was director of the jazz ensemble, which met early in the morning, at 6:30 am, before the school day started. Besides his busy schedule at BHS, he made time to teach elementary band at Canyon Park Junior High School. All in all, Aetzel spent from eight to sixteen hours a day working with music students. He was a committed and caring teacher who encouraged his students to excel in all areas of their lives, not only music. He taught them to appreciate music, and the lessons they learned in band helped them deal with other aspects of their lives. Aetzel believed that music was therapy, and he wanted to help his students appreciate music for the rest of their lives. Thank you, Mr. Judd Aetzel, for making music *magic* with many BHS music students over the last 29 years! You will be missed by all that knew you. Congratulations on a well deserved retirement!

BHS Junior *Dances* With Famous Ballerina

BHS Junior, Lauren Brown, 16, was one of only 35 students chosen throughout the United States to study ballet at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. for three weeks in summer, 1999. She had the honor to study with Susan Farrell, a famous dancer, who is said to be the greatest ballerina of this century. Brown said, "I look up to her, she's just a neat lady; she's done so much for dance." After reading Susan Farrell's autobiography, Brown said, "I was just blown away, I could not believe how incredible she was."

Farrell held auditions in January,1999, at the Pacific Northwest Ballet, where Brown is a student. Lauren attends a full day of classes at BHS and then goes to Pacific Northwest Ballet in downtown Seattle to dance. "During the school year, I don't get home until 7:00 or 8:00 P.M. at night," she said. "On Saturday, it's a whole day deal, 9:00 am to 4:00 P.M. It's a commitment." However, even with her full schedule, Lauren maintains a 3.7 grade point average and is a member of BHS Honor Society. "I'm just taking it a day at a time." Brown said. "I really love it. I have fun with it. I also have a normal life, too. I do everything normal teenagers do." Lauren has been told she could go on to a career in dance. Her teachers have encouraged her and she is learning all she can. "The thing about ballet is you can't really decide for yourself. It just happens," she said. "You can get an injury. Nothing is for sure in ballet."

What ever happens in the future, Lauren Brown said it was exciting to be so close to, and an honor to study with, the greatest ballerina. Congratulations to Lauren, who is dancing her way to realizing her dreams.

BHS Adds New Staff For 1999/2000 School Year

Besides welcoming over 520 sophomores as new students to BHS, there will be several changes in the staff:

New to BHS:
Heather Miller – Assistant Principal

Matt Antol – Math
Barbara Blakeslee – Special Education
Shelly Crump – English
Clint Beck – School Resource Officer
Sheila Erickson – Vocal Music
Cindy McCormack – Main Office Secretary

Retiring:
Grey Snyder (Technical Education)

Judd Aetzel (Instrumental Music

Moving:
John Gonzales (Assistant Principal) accepted a new position in Yakima, WA.

-Denise (Dee) Shogren West, '77

HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES FROM BHS ALUMNI

Thank you to the BHS Alumni who have kindly shared with us their special memories of BHS for this issue of Cougar Tracks: Bob Dempsey, '49; Melinda (Dillard) Affronte, '61; Skyler D. Dormier, 90; and Colleen (Johnson) Antonowitsch, '59;

LOOK FOR PART TWO IN THE SPRING 2000 COUGAR TRACKS

Bob Dempsey, '49:
He attended Northshore schools for eight years. Bob had a green '37 Chevy Coupe with a rumble seat and a scotch plaid interior. He was involved in ASB as Business Manager, played tennis and basketball,and was a member of several clubs,including the ITIG group. Bob stated "The whole high school life!" was the activity that he enjoyed the most. His favorite hangout was the Kenmore Drive In. Bob and his friends also liked to gather at Norm's Resort in Cottage Lake. Dean Martin, Jerry Lewis, and Debbie Reynolds were a few of his favorite entertainers. *Recall the funniest happening during your time at BHS:* "Leaving Baker's in Lake City, too many friends climbed into my '37 Chevy Coupe (7 or 8). We took off for Bothell and it was dark. Oh! A police car came after me. I pulled over and everyone exited on the run. The officer said, 'Call your friends back, I just wanted to tell you to turn on your headlights.' It was hard to find them." Some of Bob's fondest memories of life at BHS included good kids, good friends, and good times. " Learning social graces ,like dancing and asking young ladies for a date, were tortuous. Now, I smile as I think of my children and grandchildren doing the same thing." *What do you see as the biggest change in students from when you went to BHS?* "Showing respect for people, property, and traditions (lack of it that is)." Bob is a retired Shell Oil staff engineer. He was very happy with his last class reunion. Bob would like "more time" at the next class reunion to visit with more individuals. "There needs to be more mixing at the reunion get togethers."

Melinda (Dillard) Affronte, '61:
She attended Northshore schools for 12 1/2 years. Melinda was involved with Girls Club and Pep Club at BHS. Her favorite activities were attending football games and dances. Melinda's favorite hangouts were Zesto and Triple XXX in Lake City. Slumber parties, proms, football games, and decorating for school dances were some of her fondest memories from high school days.

She drove her Mom's 55 Chevy "whenever she could get it." It was light blue with a white top. She gathered with her friends outside their homes playing hide and seek at night, and sleeping outside in sleeping bags. Elvis Presley and Ricky Nelson were her favorite entertainers.
Recall the funniest happening during your time at BHS: "Dorothy Walker getting caught between the dock and a row boat at Aimes Lake and falling into the water." *What do you see as the biggest change in students from when you went to BHS?* "We were more controlled than the kids today. Friday and Saturday nights were *date nights.* Now kids are out every night. We had a public curfew. Our worst was drinking, their worst is drug addiction." Melinda is a caregiver to the elderly. She was happy with her last reunion, and would like to see "more classmates" at the next one.

Skyler D. Dormier, '90
He attended Northshore schools for 13 years. Skyler was involved in Wind Ensemble and Jazz Ensemble at BHS. The activity he enjoyed the most was Jazz Ensemble. His favorite place to eat was the Ranch Drive-In. He gathered with friends at the Denny's restaurant in Kenmore. Johnny Carson and Doc Severenson were a couple of his favorite entertainers. Skyler's fondest memories from high school days were "going on band trips with Mr. Aetzel - especially the Washington D. C. trip and winning national awards." A Tan 1977 Ford Pinto was the car he drove to BHS. *What do you see as the biggest change in students from when you went to BHS?* "They have more open minds about the world and life events and life style decisions." Skyler is currently a student of industrial design technology at the Art Institute of Seattle. He will be having a reunion in 2000 and would be willing to help out in any way he could.

Colleen Johnson Antonwitsch, '59:
She attended Northshore schools for 12 years. Colleen was involved with Choir - Nonette, Dance Committee, Pep Club, Drill Team, and Girls Club at BHS. Her favorite place to eat was at Zestos. Other places she gathered with her friends included, Toppings, Kenmore Lanes (bowling alley), and Norm's Resort at Cottage Lake. Elvis, Ricky Nelson, Frankie Avalon, The Mc Guire Sisters, The Platters, The Four Aces, Tommy Edwards and The Everly Brothers were some of her favorite entertainers. Colleen's fondest memories from high school days: "Foot ball games, sock hops, picnics at Norm's Resort, and the Avon Theater; all the special times spent with best friends, and taking the train to the Puyallup fair." She drove a dark blue 1955 Studebaker ("it was my sister's car, but I drove it more than she did!"). *What do you see as the biggest change in students from when you went to BHS?* "Students today don't have respect for authority, parents, teachers, police, etc. They don't respect other peoples property, and a lot of students don't respect themselves." Colleen was happy with her last class reunion. "I would like to see more classmates at the next reunion."

-Denise (Dee) Shogren West, '77

"Never Forgotten, The Early Forties - What A Time To Grow Up"

We were children of the "Great Depression" and of WW- II. Born in 1926 - 1927, we were the class of 1944! These were difficult, uncertain times! In 1932, Franklin Delano Roosevelt defeated President Herbert Hoover, thus becoming the only president we knew through our Bothell school years.

"The Depression" impacted all of us, and our families. The economy was in the deepest of recessions. Unemployment was the rule, not the exception. Our parents skimped and did without to keep a roof over our heads and something to eat on the table! The depression, aftermath of the "Stock Market Crash" of 1929, began in 1932 and struggled through nine years before beginning recovery; the result of a world seemingly gone mad from 1939 to 1945! In 1939, Adolph Hitler's Panzer Division marched without warning into Czechoslovakia, then into Poland; overrunning and occupying those countries. On September 3, 1939, WW-II officially began, as England and Germany declared war!

The United States maintained a *neutral* position, but began a rapid military buildup. Shipyards turned to building warships; the auto industry to Jeeps, military vehicles and armored tanks. The aircraft industry changed from commercial aircraft to all types of military fighters and transports. The "Great Depression" was ending as suddenly as it began!

By 1940, the civilian population flocked to employment centers where workers were hired, trained, and paid well for their labor. That year, Italy entered the war, joining Germany. In June, Paris fell to the Germans. By September, Roosevelt transferred 50 W.W.I Destroyers to England. During this time "Conscription" (script for food, gas) was approved by Congress, and rationing became widespread. Men aged 18 to 40 registered for the "Draft" and were quickly called to serve in the Armed Forces; to be trained and readied for war!

On December 7, 1941, early on Sunday morning, Japanese aircraft launched a surprise attack on the U.S. Navel Base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, wreaking devastating damage and sinking many U.S. ships in the harbor! "Remember Pearl Harbor!", became the national battle cry. The following day, President Roosevelt broadcast to the nation, calling the sneak attack a "day that will live in infamy!" He declared war upon the Japanese Empire and was immediately joined by England.

We were the Class of 1944! We were ninth graders (Freshmen). The U.S. anticipated attacks upon our West Coast and organized various volunteer warning systems. The war was on everyone's mind and would stay there to its conclusion! Our Bothell High teachers were great. While sharing many of the same emotions as their students, they attempted a normal approach to our education. A few resigned and went to war industry and greater wages; but the majority remained dedicated to their profession, for which I will be eternally grateful!

When Germany and Italy declared war on the U.S. on December 11, 1941, the U.S. and Great Britain reciprocated. In this mad world, we prepared as best we could for the uncertainties of life in the '40's! Our first personal losses came in 1942 when President Roosevelt ordered the "relocation" of our Japanese students and families to camps to protect them from reprisals from in inflamed citizenry! Most never returned to Bothell.

We were supposed to concentrate on school? Gas was rationed and only a few students had access to a car. We walked or rode the bus. We did our separate things and awaited the day when we went to military duty, or for the war to end. We depended on movies and newsreels for a glimpse of military action. With TV unknown, there was no other source to "see the war." We saved our quarters to buy savings stamps, and when enough were on hand, turned them in for "War Bonds." We lived and breathed *the war* and sometimes gave attention to school. It was difficult to be our age, tougher still to be older and off to the war.

The class graduated in 1944, such as was left of it. Many had left early for military or civilian employment. Young men still in school faced immediate induction following graduation. The summer of 1945 saw victory for the allies. Those who lived through the war did well. BHS, despite the distractions, had prepared us well! Our class has done well at keeping in touch, attending our reunions and continuing our comradery!

-Royal M. Donelson, '44

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NEW MEETING PLACE FOR REGULAR BOTHELL HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

The January 8th, 2000 meeting will be held at the Inglewood East Mobile Home Park Club House at 7301 NE 175th Street, Kenmore, WA.
The Club House is at the back of the mobile home park. Please do not hesitate to contact the BHSAA for driving directions. This change is made due to not having adequate space at the Kenmore Cottage Restaurant.

Coffee and doughnuts will be provided by the BHSAA at the meetings for all members. Volunteers to assist in providing refreshments are welcome. Thank you and look forward to seeing you there!

DATES TO REMEMBER

9:00 am Meeting

January 8th, 2000	**Regular Meeting and 2000 Elections**
March 11th, 2000	**Regular Meeting**
May 13th, 2000	**Regular Meeting**
June 10th, 2000	**Regular Meeting**
July 8th, 2000	**Regular Meeting**
August 12th, 2000	**Regular Meeting**
AUGUST 20th, 2000	**BHS ALL ALUMNI PICNIC**
September 9th, 2000	**Regular Meeting**
October 14th, 2000	**Regular Meeting**
November 11th, 2000	**Regular Meeting**

Hats Off to the Class of 1949!

Salutations to the beautiful girls and handsome boys of the wonderful Class of 1949, who are now celebrating their golden anniversary! Next to the Class of 1950 (my class), I always thought of and looked up to the Class of '49 as being really outstanding in leadership, appearance, and smarts. I do know this much; that the high standards these grads set in the areas of education, sports, and good citizenship were hurdles for all classes that followed them.

Other than fellow classmates prompting memories and thoughts of yesteryear, we all have a tendency to remember certain events or happenings in our graduating year. For instance, Harry Truman started his second term and, for the first time ever, the nation witnessed the inaugural address on both radio and television.

- Mildred E. Gillars, "Axis Sally", who broadcast Nazi propaganda during W.W.II, was sentenced on March 25, 1949 to prison for 10-30 years and fined $10,000 for treason.
- One June 6, 1949, the state of Kansas repealed prohibition (the last state to do so) - just in time for graduation day (ha!).
- A 16-ton truck hauling carbon disulfide exploded May 13 in the Holland Tunnel under the Hudson River. 63 persons suffered injuries and 23 other trucks and vehicles were totaled.
- Canasta became the newest card game and 330,000 eager players bought Oswald Jacoby's manual, "How to Play Canasta."
- Boeing made big news in 1949 - on February 8th a small 6-jet B-47 flew from Moses Lake, WA to Andrews Field, MD (2269 miles) in three hours and 36 minutes - and a Boeing Air Force B-50 super fortress, "Lucky Lady II," flew a total of 23,452 miles in 94 hours and one minute, non-stop, being refueled four times by converted B-29 bombers.
- 1949 had 290 reported tornadoes, the highest in U.S. history; and do you remember "Operation Hay Lift?" C-82 "flying box cars" (17 of them) were sent to drop hay to stranded livestock (2,000,000 cattle and sheep) in severe blizzards. Each C-82 could drop five tons per trip.
- Joseph Barow (Joe Lewis) *retired,* only to return to the ring in 1950 to be defeated by Ezzard Charles.

Motion pictures included: *All The Kings Men, The Barkleys of Broadway, The Champion, Dancing in The Dark, Francis, The Heiress, I Was a Male War Bride, Letter to Three Wives, On The Town, Samson and Delilah, Sands of Iwo Jima, The Stratton Story,* and *Twelve O'clock High;* just to mention a few.

But other than memories of friends and pals in the graduating class, and major events, I would guess that MUSIC is perhaps the greatest single bit of nostalgia, creating wonderful golden memories. And so, as the radio announcers of that memorable part of our lives used to say, ***and now for your dining and dancing pleasure***, we bring you some of the song hits of a beautiful year, 1949.

Bali Hai, Bonaparte's Retreat, Careless Hands, Cry of the Wild Goose, Daddy's Little Girl, Dear Hearts and Gentle People, Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend,, A Dreamer's Holiday, Hop-Scotch Polka, How It Lies, How It Lies, How It Lies, Huckle-Buck, I'm Gonna Paper all my Walls with Your Love Letters, I Can Dream, Can't I, I've Got a Lovely Bunch of Coconuts, Jealous Heart. Johnson Rag, Let's Take an Old-Fashioned Walk, Lovesick Blues, Mona Lisa, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Mule Train, My Foolish Heart, Some Enchanted Evening, The Old Master Painter, Room Full of Roses, Rudolph, The Red-Nosed Reindeer, Sitting by the Window (beautifully sung by the late Billy Eckstine), and *Don't Cry Joe*. Say, how many of you remember the words and music to *Don't Cry Joe?* Every time you had a crush on a sweetie and broke up, didn't that song seem to surface? (Bali Hai didn't! Ha!)

Milton Berle, "Mr. Television", was the biggest thing on TV. Ed Sullivan, Sid Caesar, Arthur Godfrey, Alfred Hitchcock, Faye Emerson, Perry Como, George Gobel, William Boyd, Gene Autry, William Bendix, Gertrude Berg, Buffalo Bob Smith, Kukla, Fran and Ollie - all the big names in television - along with musicians, Paul Whiteman, Kay Kyser, Sammy Kaye, Fred Waring, Horace Heidt, Russ Morgan , and Guy Lombardo all premiered in 1949.

So to you, the class of 1949, along with impeccable moral fibers, we say "Hats Off" and God Bless!

-Dave Jones, '50

Solo Sail Successful For Class of 1960 BHS Alumni Karen (Scholl) Thorndike!

She finally achieved the goal she set - to be the first American woman to sail solo around the world. Karen became the seventh woman to sail around the globe by herself.

Karen has won numerous honors due to her successful feat: The Joshua Slocum Single Handed Award (he was the first man to sail around the world solo in 1898); an honorary membership in the Joshua Slocum Society International; The Golden Circle Award; honored with Karen Thorndike Days in San Diego, Coronado, Port Angeles, Snohomish; Rolex Yachtswoman of the Year; Monroe Fair Days Grand Parade Marshall on August 28, 1999; honored at Evergreen State Fair on Sports Day, August 29, 1999; and close to a dozen more honors and awards.

It was a voyage that lasted three years; beginning in Everett, WA in October, 1995, and ending in Seattle, in October, 1998.

Karen undertook this journey for the romance, the adventure, and the challenge. She sailed around the world, she said, simply because she wanted to; and because she wanted to try before it was too late to satisfy that desire, and because it was an adventure. Sailing was originally just a sport for Karen. Her experience has included many boat deliveries, and blue water cruising. She has also crewed on boats competing in the Swiftsure Race off Vancouver Island, and she was a member of the first American all female team to participate in the Victoria-Maui International Yacht Race, In 1988.

Karen utilized her ship, *Amelia's* computer, and the world wide web to contribute to the educational community. She coordinated a continuing correspondence with students at many schools during her trip, as an educational experience for them.

There were many challenges along the way, including losing electronic communications, and almost colliding with a very large freighter. Karen also became ill with a very serious case of the flu and experienced symptoms of heart problems off the Falkland Islands, east of Argentina, and had to be rescued off her boat by the British Navy. She made the distress call while drifting (63 miles total) in heavy seas. Plus, there were the assorted gales, storms, and especially, the 40 foot seas around New Zealand's South West Cape.

While having her plane tickets checked in the airport in Santiago, Chile, her bag, containing everything but her passport, was stolen. She had to borrow money to make a phone call. This was just another one of the many memorable experiences on this trip.

Thorndike altered her plans after the rescue. Starting back in the Falklands 50 days later (after she flew to Seattle to recuperate and than flew back down to the Falklands), she sailed first to Mar Del Plata, Argentina, and rested for six months to wait out the Southern Hemisphere winter. The delay doubled her time schedule to two years.

"I never really felt like quitting," Thorndike said. "I questioned myself at times. I wondered if people back home had forgotten about me. There was total solitude. But each time I overcame something, I got a boost."

The 95-day, 10,000-mile leg from Argentina to Hobart, Tasmania, proved to be the demanding part of the voyage. "It was one storm after another," said Thorndike, who hit seas as tall as 30 feet and experienced winds to 55 knots in squalls.

Another challenge was the solitude. For a social person who likes to laugh, the loneliness was crippling. Holidays were worst of all. E-mail did not satisfy. Reading was a way to combat the aloneness. Amelia's cabin looks like a bookmobile on water. The books tell the mind and temperament of the reader: Sebastian Junger's "The Perfect Storm," "The Collected Jack London," a joke book, an account of Sir Ernest Shackleton's shipwrecked heroics in Antarctica, and adventure books by Farley Mowat.

In her next two stops - Hobart and Dunedin, New Zealand, she received her most exuberant welcomes. Sailing is the national sport of New Zealand, and Hobart has an intrinsic link to the sea. "When I entered Hobart, they were in the middle of a Tall Ships event but found room for me," said Thorndike. "And the reception in New Zealand was great." "Everyone was surprised that I decided to sail south and not turn left after Australia and sail to Auckland."

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It was while rounding the SW Cape that she experienced the worst conditions of the trip. "That was the first time I didn't know if I could handle it," she said. "The SW Cape was harrowing. The weather was the worst and the seas were the biggest. Waves were breaking over the boat as I was pumping water."

Thorndike admitted that she lived with fear during her trip. "The fear is very real," she said. "Actually, it was worse when you thought about what the possibilities were. But I was prepared for disaster and I picked a boat that could take a tremendous beating. I owe a lot to the quality of the boat," said Thorndike. "It was the finest boat I could afford to buy. The boat saved my life a number of times." *Amelia* is A British-designed, Rival 36-foot sloop that was in excellent condition at the end of the trip.

"I should have done this a long time ago," said Thorndike, whose first two attempts to sail solo around the globe were aborted shortly after leaving San Diego in 1995.

Now that her great adventure is over, where would Karen like to return for another visit? "Tasmania," she said. The island south of Australia is largely unspoiled and "it's the one place I'd like to go back to; I love the people and the land."

In conclusion, Karen had this to say about the solo sail: "I was able to totally focus on myself in the solitude. Certainly, the trivial things don't upset me anymore."

The BHSAA extends a "Well Done!" to Karen.

Reunion Information Night

The Bothell High School Alumni Association invites you to participate in our Reunion Information Night on Tuesday, November 17th, 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at the Bothell Public Library, located at 9654 NE 182nd in Bothell. If you are planning a reunion in 2000 or 2001, this is the place to be. Be sure to bring along others in your class who will be helping with the planning of your reunion.

We ask that the classes that had reunions in 1999 share their experiences with planning, location, badges, catering, and costs.

We are concerned for those having reunions in the year 2000, as this will probably be a hard time to book unless it is at least one year ahead!

If you have already started planning, keep in mind that the **BHS All Alumni Picnic will be on Sunday, August 20th, 2000, at Blyth Park in Bothell.**

If you cannot attend, please come early (at 6:00 P.M.) and pick up your class list, that class representatives were called about.
This will be **our last opportunity** to make sure that all the information is correct before Harris publishes our new BHS Alumni Directory 2000. **Or Call Harris Publishing directly to report changes at 1-800-488-3412, Mon-Fri, 7am to 9PM; Sat., 9am to 5PM, Sun., 2PM to 9PM (Central Time)**

Second Annual Spring Membership Drive

We will have another Bothell High School Alumni Association Membership Drive in Spring 2000, **from Jan 1 to July 15, 2000.**

The BHSAA will be awarding a cash prize of **$200.00** to the class that brings in the most new members! The winner will be announced at the BHS All Alumni Picnic on August 20th, 2000.

There are several ways you can earn credits toward winning the prize.

1. Your own membership renewal
If your renewal isn't due, you can pay it early and we will credit if for a year from the renewal that is on your card and your class gets one credit.

2. You get others to join
You can copy the membership form that is at the back of this newsletter and mail it to your classmates or sponsor someone yourself. This will give your class five credits. If you need any addresses, please request those through our P.O. BOX 298 or call Bev Schmer at (425) 488-8260.

3. You turn your regular membership into a lifetime membership If you do this, you get ten credits for your class.

4. You choose to donate or acquire from other alumni a $10.00 donation or more for the scholarship fund
Please be sure it is designated **SCHOLARSHIP,** as the entire amount will go for the scholarship fund only. All donations to the scholarship fund will receive five credits to the contributor's class. This donation is not a membership and you will not be receiving the newsletter, unless of course they are also members. *Very Important: Put your name, class year on the bottom of the form or sponsorship you mail out, or fill out and turn in your self.*

PLEASE PASS THIS ON TO ANOTHER BOTHELL HIGH ALUMNI SO THAT OUR ASSOCIATION WILL INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP AND CREDITS EARNED FOR THE BHSAA MEMBERSHIP 2000 CONTEST FOR YOUR CLASS TO WIN $200.00 TO HELP WITH THE COST OF YOUR CLASS RE-UNION! WE NEED MORE OF YOU BHS ALUMNI TO JOIN AND SUPPORT THE FINE VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION THAT IS BHSAA! THANK YOU!!!

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