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Bothell High School Alumni Association

Last Founding BHSAA Member Passes the Torch

Dawnmarie DesJardins
Class of 1985

Much to our dismay, at the end of 2023, Bev Niemeyer Schmer, class of 1967, and the last founding member of the Bothell High School Alumni Association, will be stepping down from BHSAA and entrusting new members and volunteers to carry on what she started more than thirty years ago.

On November 18, 1993, the very first meeting of what would later become the Bothell High School Alumni Association was called to order by Bev. There were fifteen alumni in attendance with graduates from the class of 1931 to the class of 1989. Bev's agenda was specific: 1) Find – creating a central listing of the alumni, 2) Resource – of information on previous reunions, and 3) Homecoming – help plan and participate in the alumni portion. We still have a copy of those minutes, and the ideas envisioned the association would be:

- Membership fee will include a newsletter and booklet
- Scholarship fund
- Possible this could be a branch of Bothell High Booster Club
- Help unite the community

Thanks to Bev and her volunteers, many of those original ideas are still in place today. You're reading the second issue of twenty-nine years of the BHSAA newsletter. The BHSAA continues to award two scholarships each year to deserving seniors. We've worked closely with the Booster Club and strive to keep alumni informed of what's happening in the community, keeping their ties to Bothell strong, no matter where our graduates now live.

Bev has been our president, membership secretary, and chaired the Scholarship Committee. She's written countless articles for the newsletter, organized the annual all-alumni picnic, tracks deceased alumni, In Memory of donations, upcoming reunions, and manages the alumni business directory. She is also almost solely responsible for recruiting the board members and officers we now have. Whenever we need anything, Bev knows who to contact! There is so much more that Bev does; I could fill the entire issue and still not capture everything.



Schmer Family: Bev, Bill, Adam, Becky, and Matt

Bev is a life-long Bothell resident and historian. She and her husband Bill, BHS class of 1963, have three children, Becky, Matt, and Adam, and eight grandchildren, Wes, Dylan, Madison, Ashley, Aaron, Amanda, Juliana, and Kolbi.

Bev retired from the Northshore School district after 25 years as a bus driver, specializing in special needs individuals. She spearheaded Northshore's participation in the School Bus Driver Safety Competition's Roadeo, an annual competition emphasizing school bus safety and careful driving. In 2017, Bev was inducted into the Northshore Wall of Honor. Bev stays involved with family and can typically be found attending school and sports events. She helped raise her special needs grandson and is a strong, supportive, and loving role model to everyone.



Dick Niemeyer (brother) and Bev Niemeyer, 1966

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From Carole Wikel Johnson, class of 1967 and former BHSAA Newsletter Editor:

“Bev and I were in the same class. Ever since our 10th (first) class reunion, she and I have co-chaired the planning of a reunion for our class every five years; often just the two of us. She not only volunteers but takes it to a new level, spending hours on end making special accessories for the reunions, like custom name tags with photos, gift bags to hand out, acknowledgments for our deceased, etc. She was class treasurer in our Senior Year, and I recall her getting a “Service” award by the class of 1967. She inspires others to volunteer, too. She attends every function, every wedding, every funeral, and has spent many hours, way into the evening, keeping the list of ALL BHS alumni up to date, together with those who have deceased. After all that, she still manages to fit in a lunch with me once a month when I’m in town.”

Duane Love, class of 1971 and former BHSAA Vice President wrote:

“Wow, big news. Bev was very welcoming from the first meeting I ever attended. She was always upbeat and positive about the future of the association and eager to work for the good of the association.”

From John B Hughes, Executive Director, Scholarship Foundation of Northshore:

“It has been a pleasure to have worked closely with Bev Schmer ever since she was instrumental in the BHS Alums, becoming a partner in 1997 with our Scholarship Foundation of Northshore. In all those years she encouraged the association to consistently award scholarships for graduates at Bothell High School. The alums have contributed more than \$50,000 to make those scholarships possible. Her dedication and care for our students, and specifically for those with special needs, have made a major contribution to our community. Bev and so many other leaders have made it possible to award nearly \$5 million dollars in scholarships entering our Foundation’s 40th anniversary year.”

The current board has some very big shoes to fill, and we hope we can continue Bev’s work with a fraction of the energy, care, and commitment she’s given us in the last thirty years. Congratulations Bev! Don’t be surprised if we call for advice and guidance...often.

The 2023 All-Alumni Picnic is a Wrap

Dawnmarie DesJardins
Class of 1985



L-R: Bev Niemeyer Schmer, class of 1967, Bill Schmer, class of 1963, Roy Telquist, class of 1947

Another successful all-alumni picnic is in the books. Despite some lingering wildfire smoke in the air, 145 BHS alumni and 10 spouses attended the picnic to reconnect with old friends and meet other BHS graduates. The oldest alumni to attend was Roy Telquist, class of 1947. Roy and his wife Patsy (deceased) were instrumental in BHSAA meetings in the early years of the association. The youngest attendee is our very own new board member Stephanie Rodriguez, class of 2022.

This year we welcomed six new members, raised \$155 for scholarships, \$96 for the general fund, and sold keychains, bracelets, and t-shirts, proceeds of which will go back into the association funds for 2024.

If you’ve not yet attended one of the alumni picnics, we’ll be meeting again on August 18, 2024, and invite you to drop by. Many classes schedule reunions the same weekend as it’s a wonderful way to end the celebration with friends and family, see page 13 for pictures. Blythe Park has a playground on-site so grab your children and grandchildren and show them off.



Under the Cougars banner is the BHSAA welcome table where association officers help attendees sign in, buy SWAG, t-shirts, and collect donations.

The second table features past BHS yearbooks back to the 1920’s!



A Word From the Prez'

Al Nelson
Class of 1982

Past, Present and Future

The Bothell High School Alumni Association (BHSAA) is a non-profit organization that was formed and is supported by so many amazing people. Beverly Niemeyer Schmer had a vision to help others along their journey in life. Bev's family has such a deep history in Bothell and those ties and connections go back to before the civil war.

I have a love for Bothell, even though I grew up in Woodinville. My family moved to Woodinville in 1975. Woodinville was a rural town that did not have a high school at the time. I have such wonderful memories of Bothell. I cannot help but refer to it as my hometown.

As I reflect, I wonder why I feel such a strong connection to a place that I did not grow up. I believe it's because of the people. People who have strong roots and a passion to support their community. I believe strong communities are built by people who have great pride in where they are from; places where a residence becomes a home, and where people who live next to one another are friends.

I remember my high school principal, Larry Peterson and vice-principal Al Haynes, both former graduates of Bothell High School. At the time I was in high school there were many teachers who were also former graduates of the school. I never gave it much thought; however, I have gained an understanding of why they returned to their Alma Mater; they cared for and loved their community. Just like Bev, Ron Nardone, and so many others, it's about serving and supporting the community they feel connected to.

I am proud to be friends with Bev and we are saddened to see her retire from the association. She will be missed by all of us who know her. She is a big reason why I volunteered for the association.

As we look back over the past year, the association has had many wonderful accomplishments such as:

- The annual all-alumni picnic – a wonderfully attended event.
- Increased scholarship disbursements due to the generosity of our members.
- New fundraising items, handmade by board members (bracelets, alumni key chains, newly designed t-shirts etc.)
- Returned attendance to the 2023 homecoming game.
- Boosted membership at class reunions.
- Newly appointed board member, Stephanie Rodriguez, a former BHSAA scholarship recipient.
- Revised and updated association by-laws. Please attend the annual meeting on January 13, 2024!

As we move to the future, we hope to keep Bev's mission alive and thriving. We are interested in what the members have to say. If you have an interest in serving on the association in any capacity, we would love to hear from you. If a director or officer role is of interest, please contact us on our website. Elections and appointments will be held in January 2024. I promise it will be a fulfilling and rewarding experience. We are all happy to help support anyone who is interested.

Thank you and see you next time.

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BHSAA Scholarships Increase for 2024!

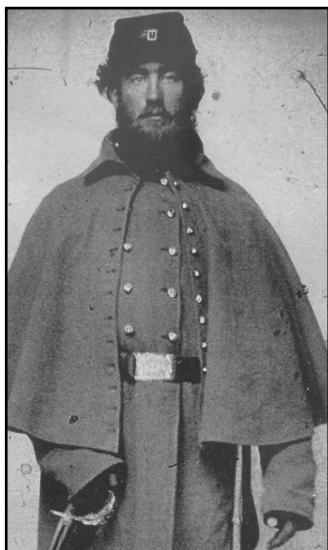
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Class of 1985

Great news! Due to your generosity and commitment to Bothell High School and the community, the 2024 scholarships for two deserving Bothell High School seniors will be increased to **\$4,500 each**. Our board members cannot express how proud and humbled we are of our alumni and your willingness to help young cougars get a great start in their next big adventure.

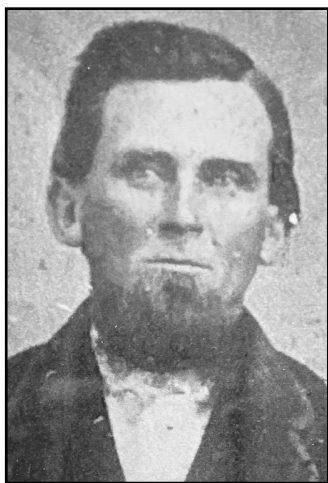
We are looking for volunteers for next year's scholarship committee. We will start the process in late February, reading through applications and narrowing down the field. Final selections are at the end of March, and the announcement of winners will be in May of 2024. Please consider volunteering a few hours of your time, you won't regret it!

Bothell Civil War Veterans Honored

Bev Niemeyer Schmer
Class of 1967



Robert Campbell, Union Army soldier, Hampton Battery machinist. (Bothell Historical Museum)



John Rhea, Union Army soldier. (Bothell Historical Museum)

This story really begins with a man named Richard Heisler, who had and does have a passion to honor men and women of the civil war. He has a website –Seattle Civil War and recently he was honored by being one of Eric's Heros on KOMO4 News-Eric's Heroes: Honoring Civil War veterans through a touching cemetery tribute.

It was at this tribute that two men from Bothell were honored. It was a dedication of headstones for Robert Campbell and John Rhea. Robert's headstone was desecrated by vandals in the 70's. John did not have a headstone. His grave was unmarked and for years was covered with thick brush on the outskirts of the cemetery. Richard made it his mission to get new headstones for each veteran. He was able to contact family members of Robert Campbell but not of John Rhea. With the direction of Richard, the Campbell family produced all the necessary papers and Richard got papers for John and sent them to the VA. Both men received headstones. The City of Bothell helped put these markers in and helped with the Community celebration. This celebration took place on August 13, 2023, at the Bothell Pioneer Cemetery, 10816 Valley View Rd. in Bothell. The Bothell Historical Museum members worked with Richard on the event and supplied attendees with an event badge ribbon.



Volunteer veterans honor Bothell's civil war veterans. (KOMO)

Descendants of Oliver Campbell, Mima Hannan and Irene Rosford were in attendance with their families and friends. John Roth spoke about how while in Iraq a picture of his great-great-great-great grandfather Robert Campbell hung in his small barrack's and when he looked at it each night it was his inspiration to get through one more day of the war. During the event, volunteer veterans performed a ceremony and taps were played.

This celebration is only part of the story. You see, many civil war veterans came to Washington from all over. The unique part is that of the twenty in the Bothell Cemetery, eight came with family and friends from the same area, which was very strong in anti-slavery, and most were Republicans. These happen to have been our founding fathers of Bothell, those the town was named after. The story goes, when they were setting up an official post office in Gerhard Erickson's store, they needed a town name. Mr. Erickson said there were so many Bothells, let's call it Bothell. David and his wife Mary Ann Felmley Bothell were called Grandma and Grandpa by the whole town. Often it is thought it was named after David because he platted the town in 1890.

The other seven, from Indiana County PA, were John Bothell (son of David and Mary Ann), George Bothell (son of David and Mary Ann), John Keener (raised by David and Mary Ann after his parents died and he later married their daughter, Rachel), John Felmley (brother to Mary Ann Bothell), Andrew Wissinger, William Johnston, Robert Campbell (who married Mary Ann, daughter of David and Mary Ann Bothell).

Other civil war vets in the cemetery are Reuben Chase, Matthew Webster, Daniel Dygert, Alfred Crumly, Norman Ellis, John Carlton, Levi Bird, Porter Langdon, William Steele, John Rhea, Perry Vincent, and Charles Hilton. They came from many different states and counties.

A few interesting stories below were of John and George, but many more of the eight men from PA can be found if you go to YouTube, Civil War Bothell, and find the video dated November 17, 1922-Bothell and the Civil War.

John Keener was shot three times and left for dead. A bullet remained in his leg throughout his life. A black man came along and, skirting the enemy all around, hid him in his home where he nursed him back to health so he could return to his regiment. George Bothell was captured in the same battle as John Keener. He survived the horrors of Andersonville prison but was left with scurvy. He lived the remainder of his life without most of his teeth, bad digestion, pain, and arthritis. He was one of the first

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Robert Campbell and family. Date and photo credit unknown.

to come to Bothell in 1865. He was totally committed to community service. He was a Washington State legislator and the first mayor of Bothell. He was also instrumental in starting the Bothell Methodist Church.

David Bothell, the founder of Bothell, went into the service at forty-five years old, and came home with a spinal injury.

In 1866, the eight and their extended families started a move westward. Alexander Campbell, Robert's father, and his extended family moved to Clayton Iowa and the rest moved to Calhoun County Illinois before coming to Bothell. They were looking for more land to farm than they had in PA. George, because of his afflictions from the war, kept moving to find what he could do for a living that did not require physical activity. There were strong advertisements for people to come West, so he came to the Seattle area in 1880. He managed logging companies and was a foreman on different jobs, he even worked digging the ship canal. He found a home in Bothell, and he urged the other seven to follow, which they did between 1885-1888.

The two women in back are Mima Hannan and Rose Etta Houghton. Rose became national president for the Women's Relief Corp, an auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. Next is Irene Luella Rosford and Oliver Campbell. In the middle row, there is George, Mary Jane (Jennie) Oliver, Robert, his wife Mary Ann Bothell Campbell, and Belva (who may have been Mary Jane's first born and died at one year old). The little girl in front is Pearl Ball. The couple had one more child, Elizabeth, who died in her teens in Iowa.

John Rhea came to the area to be near family and died in Bothell, so he was buried here. Although he was not a founding father, many of his descendants did become community icons and one family member was a Walters, of Walters Feed and Mill.

Robert Campbell was my great-great grandfather, and it is with great pride that I write this story. I hope you will connect to the links to enjoy more history of Bothell and its founding fathers.

John Rhea's new headstone (KOMO)



BHS Homecoming 2023

Dawnmarie DesJardins
Class of 1985

The Bothell High Homecoming football game was on September 29th and the team did not disappoint! Bothell beat Skyline High School 30 – 17. This year, several members of the Bothell High Alumni Association were there to cheer the team on, sell some swag, and have a little fun with the BHS cougar mascot. (Maybe next year we can convince Al to challenge the *other* cougar to a dance off!)



L-R: BHSAA Officers:
Secretary, Lynn McLaughlin, class of 1982
Vice President, Terry Roth, class of 1976



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Treasurer, Laurie Green Edwards, class of 1984
(Cougar suit) President, Al Nelson, class of 1982
Secretary, Lynn McLaughlin, class of 1982
Board Member, Stephanie Rodriguez, class of 2022
and her brother, Esteban Santiago Rodriguez

Ancestry Travel - Finding Your Roots

Kathy Greenwood
Class of 1966

For some people whose ancestors emigrated to America in the 19th or 20th century, finding the country of their origin may be relatively easy because that information can be found in the U.S. census, but for those of us whose ancestors came to America before the census, it can be more difficult. The availability of DNA testing through companies like Ancestry.com has helped, along with the use of their online “tree-building” tools. If you are a member of Ancestry.com, and do a DNA search through them, they will provide you with the names of other members who share your DNA. Otherwise, finding information about your ancestors can be a time-consuming process.

I began researching my family history in 1996, taking up the work that was started by my mother. She spent many hours doing research on her genealogy using the microfiche at the National Archives on Sandpoint Way in Seattle, while I did most of my early research at the University of Washington Library, where I had worked as an undergrad. I was lucky that the lives of some of my father’s English ancestors were well-documented in periodicals such as the “Virginia Magazine of History and Biography,” so a lot of the research had already been done for me; I just had to access it. The issues of the Virginia magazine that I needed weren’t available at the library, so while on a trip to Washington D.C. for a wedding, I took a side-trip to Richmond to visit the Historical Society Museum. Once there, I was able to purchase three volumes of the magazine from 1920 that detailed the complete genealogy of my ancestors from the Lovelace family - a goldmine of information.



Changing of the Guard through the town of Windsor

After that, life got busy, so it was another eight years before I decided to visit England to locate the homes of my ancestors. By that time, I had internet access, so I could research the website for ‘British Listed Buildings’ in the towns where I knew my ancestors had lived. By doing that, I was able to locate six buildings to visit – two were occupied homes, one was a hotel, two were churches, and one was a monastery in Canterbury. Because I was uncomfortable setting off to Europe on my own, I decided to sign up for an eight-day guided tour of London with the Rick Steves travel company out of Edmonds.

I thought taking a tour would help acclimate me to the ways of the country and give me more confidence with using public transportation. The London tour was phenomenal, covering all the major historical sites such as the Tower of London, the Churchill War Rooms, Windsor Castle, the British Museum, Westminster Abbey, the National Gallery, and the British Library. We walked or used public transportation to

get around, so by the end of the tour, I felt very comfortable taking the rest of my journey on my own.

Following the tour, I took a train from the London St. Pancras station south to a town called Ashford where I had reserved a room at the Ashford International Hotel. One thing to know about the Rick Steves tour company is that they usually stay in small family-owned quirky hotels, while I prefer a modern hotel with lots of amenities, especially a good restaurant. The Ashford hotel had all that, as well as a large grocery store nearby, so it made for a good home base.

From Ashford, I took a cab to see the house where my Lovelace ancestors lived in a nearby town called Bethersden, and I also visited the church where the family has a Chapel in their name. The brick house (see photo) was built in the Georgian style sometime in the late 16th century and is still occupied today. While I couldn’t go inside the house, I later found it listed for sale online, so I was able to see inside the house that way.



The Lovelace House in Bethersden, UK



Our tour group on the Ramparts at Mont St. Michel

I took five more of Rick Steves’ European tours after that, each time staying a week after the tour to visit another location where my Lovelace ancestors had lived. In 2015, I took back-to-back tours of Paris and Rome, and then visited Canterbury where I stayed in the Grey Friars Hotel that was once the home of my 10th great-grandfather. In 2016, I took the Rick Steves Villages of Southern England tour, and after that tour I visited a town called Walkern, where my 8th great-grandmother and her husband lived from 1632 to 1642.

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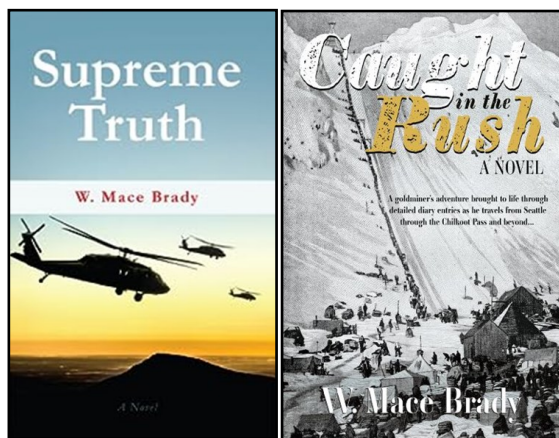
My last trip was in 2019 for an 11-day tour of France that covered Paris, the Loire Valley, Mont St. Michel (photo), the D-Day Beaches, and Monet's gardens at Giverny. Following that tour, I took a high-speed train North to Amsterdam where I stayed for a few days, and then I took two trains and a bus to get to Lichtenvenoorde, a small Dutch town on the Eastern side of the country. Using that town as my base, I was able to take a bus each day to a battle re-enactment in the nearby town called Groenlo. The re-enactment is of a 1627 battle where my 9th great-grandfather, Sir William Lovelace, was killed. Every two years, the whole town takes part in celebrating the battle that freed the town from their Spanish captors. The re-enactments were started in 2005 as a fund-raiser to replace the stained-glass windows in the church, and now 1500 re-enactors from around the world take part in the battle, including participants from England who represent my ancestor's regiment. During the event, the whole town shuts down and everyone dresses in traditional clothing, wooden shoes, and all. I found the Dutch people to be extremely friendly and most speak English, which always helps. I feel very fortunate to have been able to see so many important historical places, while at the same time learning more about how and where my English ancestors lived before coming to America in 1652.



The Knights preparing to go into the battle.

BHS Alumnus Publishes His Second Book

Mace Brady
Class of 1965



Supreme Truth and Caught in the Rush, written by Mace Brady, class of 1965.

Mace Brady's writing started with sending out BHS '65 newsletters to his classmates, which shared school memories, hobbies, and accomplishments. Whether it be about golf gatherings, skiing, and snow mobile events, traveling the world by boat, renting Stonehenge for a photoshoot, providing dental work for street kids in Bolivia, or memories of past coaches, teachers, and students, classmates were encouraged to share their stories for the "Cougar Chronicle." It was fun encouraging them to share what they'd been doing and their interests and accomplishments.

Mace furthered his interest and skill in writing while teaching in Washington state's public schools as well as the 6th US Army Area Intelligence School. He is twice retired after 32 years teaching and 30 years in the army reserves. Mace and his wife reside in Woodinville.

While teaching writing and history at the secondary level, he developed a strong desire to personalize history and bring it to life.

After serving in the US Army, Brady published his first book, *Supreme Truth* (found on Amazon.com) that was based on real events—terrorist attacks in Japan. Throughout his military career, Colonel Brady held multiple positions, such as battalion commander, commandant of US Army Reserve Forces schools and Washington state's emergency preparedness liaison officer.

His current book, *Caught in the Rush*, launched August 8, 2023, shows the events that his grandfather encountered while prospecting in the north. Using his grandfather's diary, one of the most prominently quoted diaries of the Klondike goldrush, Brady tells a story that helps the reader grasp the prospector's adventure and includes the events along the way.

Mace is a Bothell High School, class of 1965, and Eastern Washington State graduate, with a master's degree from Seattle University. He was also one of ten Army Reserve officers who were selected to attend the US Army War College (class of 1994). He taught on Mercer Island for 32 years as well as for the 6th US Army Area Intelligence School—in the summer months. His latest book (historical fiction) is available at Barnes and Noble, Target, and Amazon.com.

Friends of the Bothell Library - Commitment to Community

Betty Green, Bothell resident since 1963
Mother of Laurie Green Edwards
Class of 1984



L-R: Betty Green, Tina Huang, Janet Royea, Laurie Green Edwards, Andrea Gillespie, Nicky Edwards, Kathy Royea, Frank Portello

The Bothell Library has long played an important role in the community thanks to the dedication of the volunteers who have helped raise funds to support library programs throughout the years. The funds they have raised through book sales go to support the library staff, as well as programs for adults, teens, and children; and for some special projects for the King County Library System (KCLS).

The first Bothell Library Board held a book sale in 1963 to raise funds to build a new, stand-alone library building. Since 1967, the Friends of the Bothell Library have held at least two book sales a year. The book sales were held in the meeting rooms of the Dawson Street Library for 26 years. When the new building was built in 1995, the bi-annual sales continued and have been there for the last 24 years. The first time the Board did not hold book sales was when the Covid-19 pandemic closed everything down. They also always have a book cart or shelves where the public can buy used books year-round to support the library. Now that the library is open again, the shelf space for the used books has expanded and a crew of six volunteers sort donated books and fill the shelves daily.

As a volunteer at the Bothell Library since 1967, I have served as president of the Library Friends Board for over 20 years. I was also chairman of the KCLS Used Book Sales from 1992 to 2002, that were held every October in the Kamiakin Junior High double gymnasium. My daughter Laurie Green Edwards, who is treasurer of the Bothell High Alumni Association, has been involved with library book sales since she was big enough to move a book. She helped with book sales throughout the years starting at the building on Dawson, was co-treasurer, and has now been treasurer for over 20 years. During the KCLS Used Book Sales, Laurie became my CFO and helped me run eleven successful annual sales benefiting Bothell Library and the whole of KCLS.

Another driving force in the library system was Bill Ptacek. Bill came to the King County Library System as Director in 1988. Bill spent the next 25 years revamping the King County Library. Under his stewardship, it became one of the first libraries in the United States to provide internet access and, in 2010, was the busiest library system in the country. He changed libraries from quiet places into buzzing community hubs. We became friends with Bill during the KCLS Used Book Sales and worked together on many projects until he resigned in 2013 to become head of the Calgary Public Library. He died in 2019, after a battle with cancer. He was 69.

Another fund-raising project we worked on was publishing the book, *Squak Slough 1870-1920*, by Amy Stickney and Lucile McDonald. Amy was an English teacher at Bothell High in the 1950s and 60s, and she lamented the fact that there was little or no information for the kids to study about our area. She started gathering photos and stories from local old-timers and over time she had enough to make a book. She started working with Sue Kienast, then president of the Bothell Museum, and they enlisted the help of Lucile McDonald, an accomplished local history author. Amy had a thick manuscript which included photos and stories she had gathered from all over the area. Sue realized that the book would need funding and publishing, and so she came to me at the Friends of the Bothell Library in 1975. Sue proposed it as a Bi-Centennial project for the coming year.

It was a worthy project, and the Friends Board immediately signed on. Rita Romig, Rosalie Icenhower, Sue Kienast from the Museum and I, along with two others began work on the book. It was a bigger job than we thought, and we didn't finish it until 1977. I was intimately involved with the assembly of this book, from typing pages (there were no computers in those days), writing captions, titling chapters, cutting the typeset text into the correct sizes for pages, sizing and positioning photos, making the index and so on. A limited number of copies are still for sale at the Bothell Historical Museum.

Current Friends of the Bothell Library Board

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Library Staff Manager, Katie Boyes

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Bothell Library Historical Facts

1905: Bothell's first library opened in Odd Fellows Hall.

1905-1918: Several private libraries opened and closed.

1923-1925: Bothell had no formal library but Carlton Ericksen's general merchandise store on Main Street loaned books for pennies a day.

1925: Library opened in a rented room of the American Hotel for \$15 per month before moving to the Bothell Hotel for \$13 per month.

1936: Bothell Town Council approved spending \$10 per month on a librarian's salary, which was split by four volunteer librarians who each worked one week per month.

1946: Bothell contracted with King County Library System (KCLS) for library service.

1969: Opening of an 8,300 square-foot library on 182nd Street, funded by a library bond issue, KCLS, and a Federal Grant.

1986: KCLS annexation voting was approved.

1995: Opening of the current 22,500 square-foot Bothell Regional Library.

Meet Your Newest BHSAA Board Member!

Dawnmarie DesJardins
Class of 1985

I am so excited to introduce you to our newest BHSAA Board of Directors member, Stephanie Rodriguez! The scholarship committee first saw Stephanie's scholarship application in 2022. I remember sitting at the association meeting and hearing committee members talk about how hard it was to narrow forty-four applications down to just a few to interview. After the interviews, they couldn't say enough about how impressed they were with Stephanie's maturity, commitment to community, and ideas for the future. We are so happy she's agreed to join us, and we can't wait to watch her move mountains. I asked Stephanie to introduce herself and let you in on what she's accomplished and her plans for the future.

Stephanie Rodriguez
Class of 2022

It is an honor to write this for the BHSAA newsletter and share my story as a recipient of the 2022 scholarship. At the start of my senior year of high school, I was still deciding whether college was the right fit for me. After not seeing my peers for the year and a half we were quarantined, I discovered a fervent school spirit and started a LatinX Student Union club.

In March of 2022, I applied for the BHSAA scholarship and was invited to an interview. I was nervous at the beginning but quickly fell into conversational ease when asked more about the club and my initial reasons for starting it. My inspiration was my younger brother who had been having difficulty keeping up with elementary schoolwork and learning during COVID-19. I was sure other students were dealing with the same difficulties as my younger brother, and other kids my age who were about to go to college were not informed of resources and opportunities. I wanted to help Spanish-speaking parents aid their children through all levels of education and create a community in my high school for issues relating to our Hispanic communities at schools.

Two months passed and I received confirmation that I had received the scholarship. I had a sense of pride, felt my ideas had been aptly heard, and there was a community that believed in and wanted to see me develop them through my studies. It helped confirm my decision to attend Cascadia Community College to study Political Science.

Upon graduation from Bothell High School, I was given the opportunity to work in the Utility District as a seasonal aide and now an administrative assistant. The scholarship helped me cover costs in the first quarter and I was able to focus on the beginning of my career and settle into the pace of college. I was given a bolstered sense of confidence to continue because someone had seen the value in what I had done and had hope and confidence in what I could do. As I learned more about myself and my goals for the future I decided upon a major change and am now studying Computer and Electrical Engineering.

It was a privilege to visit the Annual Alumni Picnic of 2022 and meet the board members who gave me this opportunity and introduced me to so many more. Seeing BHS students from graduating classes from the '60s, '70s, and '80s and witnessing so many wonderful people gathering to commemorate their high school experience was splendid.

Wanting to continue these amazing interactions I was excited to hear of my acceptance as a board member for the Bothell High School Alumni Association in September 2023. It is important to understand what our current high school students are thinking and I hope I can bring some perspective to that while getting to know the amazing people who make the scholarships, events, and community gatherings possible in the process. As a fellow Bothell Alumni and member of the Bothell High School Association, I want to thank our amazing community for dedicating time and resources to support our high school and its students. Go Cougs!

All Things Sports!

Craig Smith
Class of 1963

Bothell grad Zach LaVine is in his seventh NBA season with the Chicago Bulls. LaVine is a star guard for the Bulls. He also is one of two BHS graduates with an Olympic gold medal. He earned it as a member of the 2020 U.S. men's basketball team. LaVine is playing on a five-year, \$215 million contract. He is a two-time winner of the NBA's Slam Dunk contest and a two-time NBA all-star. He began his NBA career in 2014 with Minnesota after one year at UCLA. He has averaged 20.5 points in the NBA. The only other BHS grad with a gold medal is synchronized swimmer Tracie Ruiz, who took home two gold from the 1984 Olympics, one in solo and the other in duet with Candie Costie, an Inglemoor grad.

The BHS football team lost its final four games this fall to finish 5-5 overall and 3-3 in the KingCo 4A competition.

Are you ready for some girls' football? Bothell High will field a girl's flag-football team this winter using a grant from the Seattle Seahawks that also funds the sport in the other three Northshore traditional high schools. During games each team will have seven players on the field.

Bothell High has a new athletic director following the retirement of Yonni Mills, who held the position for 19 years. Rich Klee, whose coaching experience includes a stint as BHS head girls' basketball coach, is the new AD. He is a graduate of Curtis High School outside Tacoma and the University of Washington.

The Bothell cheer squad won its division of "Game Day – Fight Song Cheer" competition in national competition in Anaheim, California, in February.

A Bothell grad holds a Super Bowl record. In the 2019 Super Bowl, Johnny Hekker booted a record 65-yard punt as a Los Angeles Ram in a 13-3 loss to New England. The punt was not returned. Hekker is a 2008 BHS grad who was the Cougar quarterback and punter. He led BHS to the state championship game his senior season where they were defeated by Lewis & Clark of Spokane 21-14. After high school, Hekker punted at Oregon State then signed with the St. Louis Rams, who later moved to Los Angeles. Hekker won a Super Bowl ring as a Ram in 2021. Later, he was released in a cost-cutting move and has punted the past two seasons for the Carolina Panthers. In August of 2023, Johnny was inducted onto the Northshore Wall of Honor at Pop Keeney Stadium.

The BHS girls' basketball team made it to the 4A state tournament last season where they were eliminated by Kamiakin of Kennewick. McKylee Hawkins, a junior, made KingCo first team and coach Leon Johnson was named one of three KingCo 4A coaches of the year after the 20-7 season in which the Cougars finished second in the Crown Division. The state-tournament appearance was the first for Bothell girls since 2016 when the Cougars placed fifth.

Seattle University junior guard Cameron Tyson, a 2018 BHS grad who is the Cougars' all-time scoring leader (he played varsity four years), is back for his senior season at Seattle University. Tyson had declared for the NBA draft then withdrew from it. He is a pre-season All Western Athletic Conference selection after averaging 18.6 points last season. Before playing for Seattle U., Tyson played for Idaho and Houston.

If KingCo standings in various sports, look different it is because the league has expanded with six new members from the Renton/Sea-Tac/White Center area. None of the newcomers is 4A, which is the largest classification and the one in which the Cougars compete. The 3A newcomer is Hazen of the Renton School District and 2A newcomers are Highline, Renton, Foster, Evergreen and Tyee. Foster was a charter member of the KingCo Conference when it was formed in 1952 along with Bothell, Bellevue, Mount Si, Issaquah, and Lake Washington.

One often overlooked athletic achievement by a Bothell grad was Amy Lia '03 winning the 2006 NCAA 1,500-meter championship as a Washington Husky. She became the first UW woman to win an NCAA title in a track event. Her time was 4:14.63. Only one other UW woman has won an NCAA track title since Lia's triumph.

One of the stories the late Al Haynes, a Bothell 1963 grad who became BHS principal and the grandson of Pop Keeney, talked about his grandfather was about the time a football player lost a shoe in the mud of the Bothell field. In the 1920s, the Bothell field, now with artificial turf and named after Keeney, could become a mudhole. After one game, Keeney noticed that one of his players was walking to the locker room with only one shoe on and asked why. "My other shoe came off in the mud during the game and I couldn't find it," the player explained. "I was afraid that if I told you about it that you would take me out of the game."

The Bothell-Inglemoor football rivalry, which Bothell had dominated since the turn of the century, is on hold. Last year Inglemoor began playing an independent schedule rather than competing in the tough KingCo 4A division. Inglemoor is the Northshore School District site of the brainy International Baccalaureate program with 250 IB enrollees in the student body along with standard-curriculum students. There are 250 IB students and it's a safe bet that a low percentage of the IB boys are interested in playing football.

MEMBERSHIP

Annual Association renewals are in August. Payments can be made through the BHSAA website or by mail. We appreciate your continued support.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

A Bothell High scholarship is another way to honor a friend or loved one who has departed. The scholarship fund is a great way for a friend or fellow classmate to express their love or friendship. Show your appreciation or sympathy during times of sorrow or note the anniversary of someone's passing. If you wish an acknowledgement recognizing your contribution, inform us and provide name & address. The amount of your gift is not disclosed.

IN MEMORY OF...

The following graduates made donations to BHSAA in memory of a deceased alumnus, friend, or loved one:

Kathryn Bruzas Schroeder, class of 1964,
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Scholarship Fund:

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Marilyn Ross Kidd, class of 1955
Kathryn Bruzas Schroeder, class of 1964 with
Cliff Schroeder, class of 1963

General Fund:

Karin Bagnall Poage, class of 1974

The membership form at the back of this newsletter has options for donations; general, scholarship, and "in memory of."

NOTICES

The Association is always in search of old newspaper clippings, annuals, programs, and other BHS keepsakes and memorabilia. If you can contribute, email the BHSAA board at: bhsalumniassociation05@msn.com.

We still need commencement programs for 1912-1918, 1920-1921, 1923, 1925-1926, 1929-1930, 1933-1934, 1937, 1942, 1970, 1972, 1975, 1979-1982, 1985, 1988, 1993, 2005, 2015, & 2016. We have 74 originals or copies so we only need to find these last 32. If you have a family member or friend in any of these classes, please ask if we may have or copy their commencement programs.

We do have *copies* of the following, but would still like originals: 1919, 1924, 1927, 1928, 1935, 1938, 1943, 1944, 1947, 1951, 1952, 1954-1956, 1958, 1961, 1971, 1977, 1978, 1983, 1995, & 1996.

We do not have the following yearbooks: 1932-1937, 1982, 1983, 1987, 1988, 1993, 1994, 2002, & 2003

Send to our PO Box 554, Bothell WA 98041 or email to bhsalumniassociation05@msn.com.

The first BHS annual was produced in 1929, the Association is only missing fifteen out of a total of 92 years!

DIDN'T RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER?

Inform the Association right away. Mark your calendars for June and December, when they are distributed.

ADDRESS CHANGES, SNOWBIRDS, AND TRAVELERS:

The Post Office charges for returned newsletters so snowbirds, travelers, and those who have moved are often a "cost" to the association. The Post Office will not deliver bulk mail, even if you have a hold or forward on your mail; it is returned to us with a fee. If you will be temporarily away, please let us know by emailing us at bhsalumniassociation05@msn.com with information. Newsletters are sent to printers at the end of November and May.

DECEASED ALUMNI

(Not Previously Published)

Walter Karl Campbell	1938	Nora McBride Breen	1947
Edward Arnold	1939	Elvin Myrland	1947
Catherine Jean Marchand Beck	1939	Verna Newberg Pearson	1948
Rosalee Smylie Enyeart	1939	Lorraine Mattieligh Miller	1949
John W Freeman	1939	Doris Thomas Peden	1949
Mary Yamamoto Furuta	1939	Charles Edquist	1950
Barbara Henderson Hoage	1939	Barbara Baylor Bosley	1952
Sidney Jess	1939	Shirley Hinman Worl	1952
Ruth Young Kolbach	1939	Janice Bustad Tilton	1953
Gloria Swanson	1939	Nancy Elwood	1954
Clyde Royce Tatman	1939	Don Graham	1954
William Thrasher	1939	Ronald Heins	1955
Lusetta Hunt Nelson	1939	Ralyn Baird	1956
Frank Neubert	1939	Nancy Nims Sparling	1962
Dora Palmlund	1939	Bill Turner	1962
Keith Peterson	1939	Dianne Wilhelm Rainard	1963
Gordon Price	1939	Dan Berto	1965
Mickey Quier	1939	Kathleen Knowles	1965
William Quier	1939	Melinda Bergman Lesniak	1966
Joe Shelton	1939	Bob Frink	1966
Leonard Wyler	1940	Cyndi Owens Forbes	1966
Robert Young	1940	Tom Straight	1966
Myrtle Slightam Miller	1941	Dean Erdelyi	1967
Irene Dakers Thorson	1941	Cheryl Bluhm Hartsook	1967
Bonnie Swanson Burge	1943	Joseph Scott	1967
Rosemarie Hudson Boney	1943	Vivia Boe	1971
Lorraine Bayes Lang	1943	Robert Clemence	1972
Peggy Miller Moore	1943	Debbie Bargelt Johnsen	1972
June Long Faigh	1944	Raymond Conyers	1974
Willa Jean Bye Lively	1944	Lorena Witte Frazier	1977
Inez Granum Hybholt	1945	Matthew Mulanax	1977
Audrey Bruce Raupach	1945	Bill Sand	1977
Don Brevik	1946	Robert Ranko	1978
Frank Keeney	1946	William Sand Davison	1980
Barbara Sloan Zanon	1946	Sven Jonassen	1981
Margaret Anderson Berghuis	1947	Vincient Miecik	1981
		Rishi Beri	1995
		Cory DeSautelle	2006
		Jaimeson Jones	2008

Class Reunions at the All-Alumni Picnic



Above: BHS class of 1971 - Below: BHS class of 1963



Above: BHS class of 1970 - Below: BHS class of 1968



Association Meetings

Association meetings are held via Zoom and in person. The meeting link will be added to the BHS Alumni Association website, as well as our Facebook page before each meeting. Email bhsalumniassociation05@msn.com for in person locations or additional information. We invite everyone to attend!

2024 BHSAA Meeting Dates:

Meetings are held the second Saturday of each month. General meetings begin at 9 am:

January 13, 2024 (Election of Officers)
May 11, 2024
September 14, 2024
No meeting in December 2024

February 10, 2024
June 8, 2024
October 12, 2024

March 9, 2024
July 13, 2024
November 9, 2024

April 13, 2024
August 10, 2024

2024 All-Alumni Picnic



Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 18, 2024 for the annual all-alumni picnic!

Location: Blyth Park, Bothell
Time: 11:00am - 4:00pm

All Bothell High School alumni are welcome. Look for tables marked with your class year and mingle with other classes. Bring a picnic lunch, plates, silverware, and non-alcoholic beverages for your party. You may also want to bring extra folding chairs or a blanket to spread out on the lawn. Children and grandchildren are welcome; there is a playground on-site. This is a great time to renew your membership for 2025! Spread the word!

REUNIONS * REUNIONS * REUNIONS * REUNIONS

Contact the Association with your event information on so it can be posted on our BHSAA website & in the next issue.

Class of 1959 Cruise for Their 65th Reunion

Darwin Thornton
Class of 1965

Man the sails, matey. . .we're headin' north by northwest!

This great BHS graduation class is planning a cruise aboard Holland America's Eurodam. We leave Seattle on Sept. 7th and return on the 14th. All to celebrate the 65th Anniversary of our graduation.

It will begin by sailing up the inside of Vancouver Island on up to Juneau and then on to Glacier Bay, Sitka, Ketchikan, and Victoria BC returning to Seattle the following Saturday. We are getting group rates so if you are interested in the trip copy this link into your browser and start filling out your information: <https://bookus.cruisedesk.com/swift/cruise/package/1379929--7-day-alaska-explorer?siid=1024722&lang=1&slgenuid=1124079>. This link will describe the full itinerary. As a bonus, first responders and military will be awarded extra perks from the cruise line.

If you would like to speak to our travel counselor and receive help in this process, call Flavius Garmacea at Expedia Cruises, 760-248-8920 or email him at: fgarmacea@expediacruz.com. Tell him you are a BHS grad and want the special rates. Did you have a close friend that graduated in 1959? Have you stayed in touch with them all these years? Please consider yourself to be invited to 'come aboard' with us.

If you have some additional questions, please call Darwin Thornton, 520-638-7024 or Colleen Johnson Antonowitsch, 760-680-3104.

ALUMNI BUSINESS DIRECTORY

The Association offers advertising in the newsletter and our website to promote alumni businesses. Proceeds are used to publish the newsletter and maintain the website. If you would like to participate, send a business card with your name, address, e-mail address, class year, and maiden name, if applicable. Cost is \$10.00 per newsletter issue and \$10.00 for 6 months on the BHSAA website. Newsletters are distributed twice a year to members, the website is open to all. Please use the form to reserve your advertising spot. Be sure to complete form below and include your business card.

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Pass this application on to another BHS alumnus if you don't need it. Help spread the word so our association will grow. We need more alumni to join and support the fine volunteer organization that is BHSAA.

BOTHELL HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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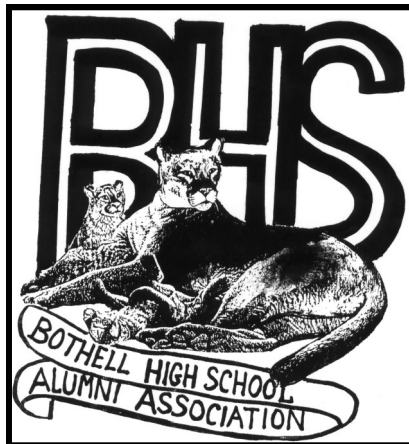
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