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THE CLASS CONNECTOR

GW Classes 1970, 1971, and 1972

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WELCOME

The organizers of the last GW Reunion for the classes of 1970, 1971 and 1972 thought it would help us to stay in touch if we published a newsletter. This being our first edition, we would like to ask all of you to help us out by sending information on what is happening in your lives. Also, please send us any information on any of your classmates or teachers that you hear about. Please send the information to Randy McKlveen at 703-440-0684 or e-mail her at jmcklveen@erols.com, Phyllis Darrrough at 703-660-6048 or e-mail her at wdarrrough@cox.net or Sara Whitestone at 703-751-7583 or e-mail her at Swhites973@aol.com.

30th Reunion Celebration

September 28, 2001 was the kickoff for the GWHS Class of 1971 (and '70, '72) Reunion weekend with a gathering of alumni in the cafeteria at GW. A rather large crowd of family and friends came out to get reacquainted and to tour old haunts. Much has changed, like the red, white and blue floors in the halls, yet much has stayed the same, like the grooves worn into the stairs! The only disappointment was that the evening ended too soon.

The fun continued Saturday night, September 29, with a dinner/dance at the Ballston Holiday Inn. Happy Hour preceded a buffet dinner that was delicious and plentiful. A DJ helped us party into the wee hours with lots

of oldies but goodies. Gift certificates from a variety of businesses and restaurants were given away as door prizes along with several beautiful gift baskets and all of the table centerpieces. And a big thanks to an anonymous classmate who provided each place setting with the bags filled with mints and gum. With many alumni staying at the hotel, lots of "little" parties continued into the night after the bars were closed and the DJ had gone home. A total of ninety-five graduates from the seventies came to have a good time. Twenty-two members of the class of 1970 were there compared to thirty-seven classmates from 1971, thirty-three from the class of 1972 and three from 1973. Spouses, significant others and friends made up the remainder of the one hundred forty revelers in attendance.

Sunday's family picnic at Fort Ward Park was not as well attended. The beer was cold, but so was the weather! Hot chocolate would have been more appropriate! It was better weather for a football game, which many classmates attended at FedEx Field to watch the Redskins play that day. A few alumni unable to attend the previous events did show up and several people brought photos, making standing around in the cold a little more bearable. The picnic ended with a splash as the rest of the keg was dumped for lack of anyone willing to lug the thing home. (You know you're getting old when you dump the remainder of a keg!)

The members of the 30th Reunion Committee hope that everyone attending had a good time and a chance to rekindle old friendships. To those of you who were unable to attend, we missed you and hope to see at the 35th if not sooner. Keep in touch!

THIRTIETH REUNION BOOKLETS AVAILABLE

We have five Reunion Directories leftover from our 30th reunion which include complete class lists for 1970, 1971 and 1972, along with many current addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses. We also have a current list of deceased members, along with memorabilia from each of our graduating years. The back of our directory is full of interesting advertisements, including some from our own classmates. It is 63 pages total and very informative. We are selling these few directories, first come, first serve at the very reasonable price of \$12.00 postage paid. If you would like to order one, please do so soon before they are all gone. Please make your reunion check out to: GWHS 30th Reunion. Please mail your check to: Randy Woods McKlveen, 8803 Shadowlake Way Springfield, VA 22153-2121.

WHAT'S NEW AT GW?



In March, 2002, a major construction project began at GW to add new classroom space and update aspects of the old building. The new building being constructed in the parking lot between the main building and the gymnasium will add about 50,000 square feet of space to include classrooms, a library, an auxiliary gym and a new main office. A bus loop has been added for better drop off/pick up of bus riders. Buses enter the one way loop from Mt. Vernon Ave. on the Glendale Ave. side of the building, travel behind the school, around the gym and out to Mt. Vernon Ave. past the Shop Annex. Completed work in the main building includes all new windows, new cafeteria equipment and total renovation to the first floor restrooms. Many more upgrades are planned before scheduled completion by July of 2003.



A PIECE OF HISTORY

In 1949, one of the events planned for Alexandria's Bicentennial celebration was a football game at GWHS between the Quantico Marines and VPI. After the game, President Harry S. Truman participated in a ceremony to bury a time capsule for the occasion. An empty torpedo shell was donated from the Naval Ordnance Plant (The Torpedo Factory) and buried with many of the day's treasures beneath a flagpole at the end of the football field nearest Glendale Avenue. Today a bronze plaque marks the time capsule location. During the current construction project, contractors have taken great care to identify and protect the area around the capsule. So, mark your calendars, perhaps some of us will be around to see the capsule unearthed and opened on September 17, 2049!

NINTH ANNUAL GWAA PICNIC HELD IN FALL

The ninth GWAA Annual Picnic was held at Fort Hunt Park in Alexandria, on September 28, 2002. This picnic has become a favorite of many alumni. It is for all of the classes to enjoy and has had a great turnout, the 2002 picnic they had between four and five hundred people show up.

They offer a catered buffet or you can bring your own lunch. They rent out the pavilion at Fort Hunt Park which makes it nice in case of rain. This year they also played a game of softball. All family members are welcome to come, so it is a nice day for everyone to get out, greet old friends and catch up on the latest news.

The picnic is generally held in either August or September of every year and the information is usually available by June on the GWAA website: gwaa.acps.k12.va.us. Click on the GWAA Annual Picnic link. Let's try to show some support from our classes of 1970, 1971 and 1972! Hope to see you there!

GWAA SPRING SOCIAL EVENT

This event is one of the social events presented each year by the GWAA. Open to all GWHS alumni, it begins at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 5, 2003 at the Old Country Buffet located at 7820 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, VA, 22306. Spouses and/or family members are welcome to come to this luncheon. The luncheon is free to all members of the GWAA. The cost is around \$7.00 for all others. President Huck Thomas ('47) will start the annual membership meeting at 1 p.m. and the meeting will close around 2 p.m. Come on out, visit with your classmates and see how the association works first hand. Mark your calendars now!

GWAA WEDNESDAY NIGHT SOCIAL

The Wednesday Night Social has been around for the last year or so. It is held the first Wednesday of every month at Squire Rockwell's Restaurant in Annandale. It is located at 8700 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22003. It is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. You can order drinks and/or dinner or an appetizer and spend a couple of hours visiting with old and new friends. It is open to all classes, so spread the word.

It was started by Donna and John Teter from the class of 1965, but has now been taken over by Randy Woods McKlveen and Natalie Havener McArtor, class of 1972. We are really excited about the prospect of getting some of our 70's classmates to join us each month to reminisce. For more information about the GWAA Wednesday Night Social, go to website: gwaa.acps.k12va.us/acti-wins.html. The next dinner is on Wednesday, February 5, 2003. We hope to see you there!

FORMER GW PRINCIPAL AND COACH DIES

Stephen F. Osisek, a former G. W. High School principal has died. He was assistant principal from 1964 to 1967. In 1967, he became principal at Minnie Howard Middle School for seventh and eighth graders. When Alexandria consolidated its three high schools in 1971, becoming ninth and tenth only, he became the principal.

In 1979, Alexandria re-organized its middle and secondary schools. The old middle schools for seventh and eighth grades at Parker-Gray, Minnie Howard and John Adams were shut down. George Washington and Hammond became schools for seventh, eighth and ninth graders. Tenth graders, at this point, were to attend T. C. Williams. Osisek oversaw these changes in the school system, as well the building renovation at George Washington. He remained there as principal before retiring in 1987.

Osisek, whose 35 year career in the city spanned many different generations, was unquestionably one of the most important individuals in the history of the Alexandria school system.

GW PRINCIPAL A WINNER

Robert F. Yeager, Principal of George Washington Middle School, has been named a 2002 winner of the Distinguished Educational Leadership Award from the Washington Post. Mr. Yeager began his career as a teacher at GW in 1965. He served as principal at GW from 1987 to 1989. From 1996 to 2000, he served as principal at Hammond Middle School. He retired from the school system in 2000 after suffering a heart attack and to care for his wife, Rebecca, who was dying of cancer. But in 2001, he was coaxed to return as GW's principal. As the fourth new principal in seven years, he has made a significant impact on the students and staff.

Congratulations to Mr. Yeager and best of luck to all who pass through the hallowed halls of GWHS!
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MISSING CLASSMATES

We have lost track of a number of our classmates. If you know anything about any of them, please let us know. We can really use your help.

CLASS OF 1970

BATES, Lawrence R.
BELK, Constance Marie
BONILLA, Mercedes
BOONE, Constance R.
BROOKS, Kenneth W., Jr.
BROOKS, Ricardo A.
BROWN, Anthony R.
BROWN, Deborah
BRYSON, James L.
BURCHAM, Jacqueline Lois
BURCHETT, Bradley
BUTLER, Keith
CALLAHAN, Florence Ann
CALLAHAN, Gloria L.
CARTER, Odell
CLARKE, Deborah S.
COCKERELL, Bernadine
COLBERT, Anthony M.
COMPTON, George
CONNER, Linda
COOPER, Elaine
CROSS, Eleanor
DADE, Wanda J.
DAILY, Dorothy
DEAVERS, Denise E.
DIGGS, Lloyd W., Jr.
DIGGS, Maurice D.
DIXON, Jacqueline M.
DODSON, Linda Marie (Feducia)
DONALDSON, Helen Raye
(Cheadler)
DONOVAN, Linda Diane
DOWNHAM, Robert Barry
EATON, Pless R.
EVERETT, Olcatha C.
FERGUSON, Jacqueline C (Wells)
FERGUSON, Paye
FISHER, Dorothy A.
FORNES, Barbara Ann (Baer)
FRERE, Cynthia J. (Andrews)
GIPSON, Jerome N.
GLASCOE, Carroll E.
GORDON, Stan K.
GORE, Robena B.
GREEN, Barbara A.
GREER, Nancy Claire
GRIFFIN, Brenda J. (Lenford)
GRIMSLEY, Bonnie J (Edmond)
GRUTTT, Robert R.
HALEY, James Thomas
HANNA, Rosemary Ann (Rose)
HARRIS, Linda D.
HAYES, Terry
HENSLEY, Connie Lee
HERNANDES, Jana L (Jackson)
HILL, Shelia Carmen
HODGES, Joy Catherine
HOLLAND, Charles
HOLLINS, Ramona G.
HOLMES, Annie
HORNBACK, Charles Edward
HOVERMALE, Roger Donald
HUDSON, Jacquelyne (Jackie) L.
HUGHART, Marilyn Joyce
HUGHES, Barbara E.
HUNT, Carolyn A.
HUTCHISON, Linda
JACKSON, Regina Suzanne

CLASS OF 1970(Continued)

JARRET, Russell
JENKINS, W. Hugh, III
JENNIER, Virginia Lynn (Hudgins)
JOHNSON, Ethel L.
JOHNSON, Tobias N.
JOINER, Peggy A. (Paris)
JONES, Catherine C.
JUAREZ, Richard James
JUDE, Colleen D.
KARAS, Audie
KEELER, Jeffrey B
KEITH, Frederick
KELLER, Dianne M. (Smith)
KELLEY, Patricia A. (Dumford)
KERNS, Harvey
KING, Marcia Jill
KING, Nancy A.
KING, Rickey L.
KINNETT, David Allen
KOTULICK, John M.
KWIATKOWSKI, Chantal N.
(Middleton)
LAMBETH, Debbie A. (Brandt)
LAWRENCE, Ezzard C.
LAWSON, Craig
LAURENCE James O.
LEE, Gerald
LEE, Roosevelt
LeMAY, Wanda G.
LOMAX, Margaret I
LUCAS, Muriel (Brown)
LUCAS, Sylvia
MANNI, Vincent (Butch) Andrew
McCLAY, Thomas
McDANIEL, Dale
McDOUGH, Patricia
MELVIN, Gail E. (Bowen)
MENKE, Raymond E.C., Jr.
MEYER, Linda J.
MIDDLETON, Clifton M.
MILTON, Carl E.
MONROE, Howard
MORAN, Martha Ann
MOTON, James Alston
MURPHY, Andrew Lewis
NICKLE, Kenneth Earl, Jr.
OHLER, Cathy A.
OLIVER, Yvonne
OTTENS, Patty D.
PARKER, Walter C.
PEARSON, Cynthia
PETERSON, Frederick D.
PETTY, Frank E., Jr.
POLLARD, Mollie L.
POWELL, Brian L.
RAISON, Laura Sue (Vanover)
REED, Patricia
REICHENBACH, Stanley L.
RICHARDSON, Betty
RIVERS, William Thomas
RUSSELL, Debbie Louisa
SANDERS, David L.
SCARIOT, Andrew C.
SCHNETZLER, Katrina J. (Stafford)
SCOTT, Jack
SCOTT, Joyce

CLASS OF 1971

ARTHUR, Barbara Joyce (Damon)
ASBELL, Faith (Powers)
ATKINS, David A.
ATKINS, Jay
ATKINS, Susan (Tucker)
BANKS, Melva Denise (Clark)
BARR, Shiela
BEAM, Daveline
BERRY, Edward

CLASS OF 1971(Continued)

BONILLA, Mercedes
BREEDEN, Carol
BROWN, Patricia
BUFANO, Lily
BURROUGHS, Debra
CAMPBELL, Deborah (Bacha)
CARROLL, Michael
COLE, Jack (Jackie) Samuel
COLEMAN, Patricia Marie
COLLINS, Edward
COOK, Lindsay L.
COPLEY, Linda
COVINGTON, Aaron
DAVIDSON, William
DAVIS, Chester
DAWSON, Margaret
DELLINGER, John
DeVAULT, Rose (Farmer)
DIXON, Terrence
DOWNEY, Brenda
EDWARDS, Kathleen
EVANS, Norma Gail (Stentzel)
FINNELL, Donna (McConchie)
FISHER, Edward B.
FLOREZ, Michael A.
FREEMAN, Samuel
FURROW, Susan (Graves)
GATHER, Mary
GRAHAM, Keith
GREER, Raymond
GRUNDMAN, Virginia
HALCOMB, Sharon (Strickland)
HATTEN, William
HELSEY, Rebecca (Keeler)
HENDERSON, Cluster (Payne)
HILL, Cynthia Theresa
HUBBARD, Brenda
HUGART, Leannette (Loveless)
HUGHES, Harold
LEWIS, Mary
LONG, Edward
LUCAS, Leeda
MAJORS, Gail
MARSHALL, Arthur
McNEELY, Joyce (Dadzie)
MIDDLETON, Clifton W.
MOORE, Loreen
MORAN, Robert Ewing
MOSS, Debra
MUSE, Tui Monroe
MYERS, Michael C.
ODIE, James
PARKER, Maria
PENNY, Mary Jane
PETTIT, John M.
PETTIT, Joseph Kelly
PHILLIPS, Paula (Potter)
PINKSTON, Deborah A.
RANDOLPH, Denese Elizabeth
REGISTER, James P., Jr.
ROBINSON, Lynwood
SHAFTER, Wanda L.
SHIFFLETT, Christa (Kann)
SIMPSON, Richard George (Rick)
SMITH, Ruth
STANTON, Charles
STEVENSON, Jennifer R.
STEWARTSON, J. Michael
STONE, Debra (Debbie) (Slaughter)
STREET, Mary (Turner)
STROCK, Jerry D.
SWESEY, Jeanette R.
TAYLOR, Cynthia
TAYLOR, Wayland H.
TEAGUE, Rebecca
THOMAS, William N.

CLASS OF 1971(Continued)

THOMPSON, Clayton, Jr.
 TOWLES, Linda Sue
 WALLER, Frances (Brundage)
 WANZER, Sheila (Richardson)
 WANZER, Vivian
 WARD, James
 WEAVER, Patricia
 WEINTRAUB, Alan E.
 WHITE, James
 WHITE, Charles W., III
 WHITE, Carlene
 WHITE, Regina
 WILBORN, Daniel
 WILDERMUTH, Victoria A.
 WILKINSON, Theresa A.
 WILLOUGHBY, Yvonne Tiller
 WILLIAMS, Charles
 WILLIAMS, Geraldine
 WILLIAMS, Jerry E.
 WORMLY, Charles
 WYNN, Paulette

CLASS OF 1972

ALLEN, Edward
 ASHBY, Roger
 BRITT, Richard
 BROWN, Linda D.
 BURLANDO, Jean (Lawson)
 CARDEN, Bruce
 CARDENAS, Katherine E. (Kathy)
 CARROLL, James
 CLARK, Walter
 CLOUD, Albright Jr.
 COLEY, Blondie E.
 COX, Nancy
 DAMERON, John
 DAWSON, Charles
 DELLINGER, Steven E.
 DIAL, Nanette
 DIGGS, Richard
 DOMBROSKI, Marian K.
 (Mimi)(Rosenblum)
 DORSEY, Phyllis
 EADY, Stephanie
 EDWARDS, Brenda S.
 EDWARDS, Geoffrey
 ELLIS, Delores E.
 FALLONER, Stephen M.(Steve)
 FEAVYEAR, Barry
 FIELDS, Melody
 FISHER, John F.
 FLYNN, Tim
 FREEMAN, Nellie (Mitchell)
 FREEMAN, Renee
 FURR, Robert
 GARDEN, Bruce
 GLASCOE, Frances A.
 GLASCOE, Franklin A. (Frankie)
 GOINS, Gwendolyn L. (Gwen)
 GOODNOW, Debra (Debbie)
 GRAHAM, Roland
 GRAY, Gary
 GREEN, Susie
 GRIFFIN, Percy Jr.
 GROTTO, Mabel A.
 HAGAN, Robert A.
 HAGAN, Virginia L.
 HALEY, Roberta
 HANCOCK, Dale G.
 HARPER, Robin
 HARRIS, Joann
 HARRISON, Paul
 HUGHES, Bob
 HURST, Henry
 JACKSON, Phillip
 JOHNSON, Debra
 KEITH, Elton

CLASS OF 1972(Continued)

KEITH, Regina
 KIDWELL, Susan
 LANDGRAF, Sandra
 LAWSON, Carolyn
 LONG, George
 LUCAS, Alton
 McDONOUGH, Mary
 McKINNEY, Anthony
 McGee, Robert
 McKOY, Glinda
 MEADE, Nanci L. (Castle)
 MICKEY, Rita A.
 MILLS, Sharon M.
 MOORE, Susan C.
 MORSE, April K.
 MURRAY, Richard
 MUSE, Edward
 NEWMAN, Mona T.
 NOWLIN, Larry J.
 NUCKOLLS, Clifford
 PARADES, Richard W.
 PARIS, Dale
 PARKER, George
 PAYNE, Edna E.
 PHILLIPS, Ella
 POLAND, Melody
 POPE, Patricia
 RAILEY, Mary M. (Snead)
 RANDALL, Mitchell Robin
 REDFEARN, Phil L.
 REY, Amparo B.
 REYNOLDS, "Rusty" Byron Lee
 RICHARDSON, James
 ROGERS, Bobbie
 ROSS, William
 ROSZEL, Deborah
 SANDS, Dwayne
 SCALES, Charlene
 SCALES, Garland
 SHAW, Saundria
 SHORTT, Michael (Mike)
 SKELLY, Ann (Reed)
 SNOW, Debra J. (Debbie)
 SPEARS, Judith (Mutanga)
 SPROUSE, John M.
 STOPFEE, Angela M. (Fitzgerald)
 STROCK, Gloria
 STROCK, Sandra
 SUTHERLAND, Kenneth
 SWANSON, Susan M.
 TALLEY, Stephen J.
 TERRY, Patricia
 TERRY, William
 TOY, Jonathan
 TROY, Herbert
 TURNER, Sherman C.
 WASHINGTON, Doris M. (Soule)
 WASHINGTON, Vancine
 WELCHEL, Trina
 YARALY, Linda
 YATES, Jeanette

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Please take a moment to look over the list of missing classmates. If you can provide any information about these alumni, please contact one of the Reunion Committee members. We would like to put them on our mailing list and give them the opportunity to participate in upcoming GW events.

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