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## A Message from the President

### Greetings to my fellow GWHS alumni and friends:

I would like to begin by thanking the entire GWAA membership for their terrific continuing support. We have 1500 members, give or take a few, and that is an outstanding accomplishment. Think about it... a high school that was only in existence from 1935 through 1971-2. Thirty-six years! And then... it's been another 34 years of... no GWHS grads... no great GWHS academic or athletic moments to revel in, no ceremonies to attend, no continuation of graduating alumni to carry on the spirit. In short, the ongoing high school connections that are the norm in a community were taken away from us. But we persist... Don't we? We 'Prexies' still have a deep inner attachment that binds us, motivates us, drives us to keep the memory of "our school so dear". Don't ever lose it. My second thank-you goes to the members of the board and special committees. Beside me, there are ten other board members, twelve other committee chairpersons and thirty six class representatives! I'll tell you they are all involved in the functioning of this organization. When called upon, they all step up. Just take a quick look at the second page of your newsletter. Check the projects.. Annual Picnic, Advertisements, Benevolence, Class Reps, Community Projects, Database, Historian, Memorabilia, Membership, Newsletter Editor, Nominating & Elections, Roster Phone Book,



the Spring Social and WEB Site activities. And every class but one, now has a representative keeping track of the individuals within each class and reporting back to the data base manager so that we can keep the organization's membership records up to date. None of these GWAA devotee's make a living from this work. It's all volunteer, folks. Why do we do it? Because we are all GW Presidents,

that's why.

Another big thank-you has to go to Huck Thomas. Huck has stepped down after eight years as a board member including two years as our president. Huck was instrumental in increasing our membership through his close association with a vast number of former GWHS grads. He has been the driving force in our GWAA community projects committee that provides a little cheer at thanksgiving time through the distribution of complete dinners to 15 needy Alexandria families every year. I am always amazed at the number of 'locals' that know him personally. Even more amazing is how he can call each one by first name. We will truly miss his experience and dedication.

My last thank-you goes to the man who organized and initiated this wonderful group of deeply connected individuals we call the GWAA. His name is Dave Tong. Thank you, Dave for your vision.

*David L. Beach - GWAA President*

**'On GW'... 'On GWAA' !**

**ALL GWAA Members: IMPORTANT!**

*Please don't forget to fill out and mail as soon as possible:*

**'ANNUAL MEETING SPRING SOCIAL RESERVATION FORM (on page 11)**

**'and the... ELECTION BALLOT FORM (page 12 - the back of newsletter).**

**NOTE: This two-sided Reservation/Ballot form is a self-mailer, but it DOES require a 39-cent stamp and it MUST be received by the GWAA Nominating Committee no later than April 15, 2006.**

**NOT A GWAA MEMBER? WANT TO JOIN?  
FILL OUT APPLICATION ON PAGE 10 and MAIL.**

# George Washington High School

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Class Representative positions is VACANT in '66.

## Benevolence Committee Report

from Debby Palmer Mills

The following names are those GWAA members who have passed away as of August 1, 2005 through March 2006.

- **Dr. Dorothy Torpey**, an Honorary Member, died on September 30, 2005
- **Paul Frederick**, Class of 1952, passed away July 22, 2005. Marlene was notified of this in September and I sent a card/note on September 19, 2005 to his wife Camilla, who's an Associate Member of GWAA.
- **Ann KNIGHT Anthony**, Class of 1937, passed away September 25, 2005 and a card/note was sent to her family on September 28, 2005. Her sister, Priscilla Underdahl, sent a \$50.00 donation to GWAA on behalf of Ann. And I wrote a thank you note to her on November 09, 2005. The donation will be applied to GWAA's Benevolence Committee Fund.
- **John A. ( Fritz) Velke II**, Class of 1948, passed away September 30, 2005. A card/note was sent to his wife, Catherine, & family on October 10, 2005.
- **Harold W. Payne**, Class of 1939, passed away October 23, 2005. A card/note was sent to his son, Harold Payne, Jr., on November 01, 2005.
- Norman Schrott, Class of 1943, passed away on November 13, 2005. A card/note was sent to his wife, Helene, on November 15, 2005.
- **Dean G. Cooksey**, Class of 1950, passed away December 09, 2005. A card/note was sent to his wife, Joanne, & family on January 19, 2006.
- **John D. Caporaletti**, Class of 1944, passed away January 26, 2006. A card/note was sent to his wife, June, & family on January 31, 2006.

## NOTES FROM MARLENE!



Hi All. I was watching Martha Stewart last week when she had a reunion with her high school graduation class of 1959. She said of all the friends she has made - college, high school, and in the entertainment industry, none meant as much to her as her high school friends. Amen to that. I am so proud to have been a graduate of GW and doubly proud of all of my dear friends I made while there. **ON GW!!!**

## HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

GWHS ALUMNI, Please Help!

We need your "OLD GW" memorabilia!

Do NOT throw it away.

Your kids don't want it.

Donate it to us.

## GWHS's two "Old Oaken Buckets" have been found!

Sincere gratitude to those who helped in this search and recovery. We are now deliberating where and how to store and still yet be able to display our tresured memorabilia. We hope to display some of our scholastic and athletic awards at the GW Middle School. We also deeply thank those people who have been kind enough to donate their personal treasures and memorabilia to the



George Washington Alumni Association.

At the picnic last Fall many of the objects on display had been graciously donated. We will display some things again at the 2006 GWAA Picnic.

However, besides an appropriate "display" facility, we also have to look for an inexpensive place to store the items which we are accumulating. If anyone has access to storage space that is secure (lockable), conveniently located (Alexandria/Fairfax/Arlington), environmentally stable (never wet), please let us know. Our current needs would be something about 10x10x8 feet (800 cubic feet). Probably we would have two or three people authorized to access it from time-to-time on a fairly immediate basis.

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**2006 Alumni Roster Phone Book.** The George Washington High School 2003 and 2004 Alumni Roster Phone Books proved to be a huge success (700+ names and addresses). The Alumni Roster Phone Books were distributed at the Annual Picnic and mailed to those who could not attend. They are free of charge to those members who "participate" (list their information). Non-"participants" must pay \$3. But, only members of the GWAA may purchase a GWAA Alumni Roster Phone Book. Members who wish to have their information published in the 2006 Alumni Roster Phone Book **MUST** complete the FORM (found at the top of page 11) and mail to: GWAA, P.O. Box 25453, Alexandria, VA. 22313-5453. PLEASE be sure your high school surname is listed.

**IF your information is already listed in the 2003 or 2004 Roster Books and it is correct, DO NOT complete or submit the new form.**



## FUTURE GWHS REUNIONS

### GW Class of '56 to Hold Reunion

October 6-8, 2006 are the dates set aside for the gala marking the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion for the Class of 1956. It will be held at the Hilton Hotel King Street, across the street from the King Street Metro Station. A hospitality suite will be open beginning Friday evening and through much of Saturday for registration and refreshments. Saturday morning brings a tour of the "new GW", beginning at 11, then "Art on the Avenue" in the new, transformed (and hot) Delray for an optional afternoon activity. Cocktails, dinner and dancing will begin at 6:00 p.m. Brunch follows Sunday morning at Landini Brothers Restaurant in Old Town to cap off the festivities.

To indicate your interest in attending: Email Andy Briggs at [anneshine@comcast.net](mailto:anneshine@comcast.net) or call her at 703-518-8158 or email Pat Curran at [cmeckert@aol.com](mailto:cmeckert@aol.com). A letter will follow with sign-up and attendance details.

### 1970, 1971 and 1972 Co-Class Reunion

The classes of 1970, 1971 and 1972 are planning their 35th class reunion. The date has been set! It is the weekend of September 15th though the 17th. We will have all of the details on the GWAA website soon. So check it out: <http://gwaa.acps.k12.va.us/email.html>.

Or you can contact by email anyone on the reunion committee.

- Randy McKlveen at [Jmcklveen@erols.com](mailto:Jmcklveen@erols.com)
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We hope to see you there!



*My memory's not as sharp as it used to be. Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.*

## G.W.H.S. Golden Friends Lunch Bunch

by Donald "Huck" Thomas ('47)

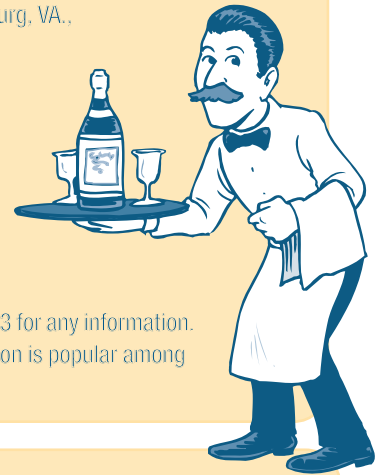
This group of GW faithfuls was organized in 1996 by Bob McKlveen. Since then, the group has grown to involve over 400 GW grads and friends. They meet on the **third (3rd) Tuesday of each month** at 11:00 at the Old Country Buffet in Fredericksburg, VA., and Potomac Mills, Woodbridge, VA. Schedule for the next nine months of 2006 is as follows:

Apr 18 Potomac Mills, VA	Jul 18 Fredericksburg, VA	Oct 17 Potomac Mills, VA
May 16 Fredericksburg, VA	Aug 15 Potomac Mills, VA	Nov 21 Fredericksburg, VA
Jun 20 Potomac Mills, VA	Sep 19 Fredericksburg, VA	Dec 19 Potomac Mills, VA

**DIRECTIONS to Potomac Mills Old Country Buffet:** Take the Prince William Parkway exit on Rt 95 west five traffic lights to Smoketown Station on the right.

**DIRECTIONS to Fredericksburg Old Country Buffet:** Located on Rt. 3, five traffic lights west of Rt 95.

Contact Ralph Schwab, 703-780-1733. Lois Yowell Bailey, 540-972-7103 or Donald "Huck" Thomas, 703-960-2313 for any information. The GWHS Golden Friends Lunch Bunch publishes a monthly newsletter "Lunch Bunch Gazette". This publication is popular among GWHS alumni!



## First Wednesday Night Dinner

Randy Woods McKlveen ('72)

The First Wednesday Night Dinner is still going strong. We have been meeting at Da Vinci's Family Restaurant in Falls Church over the last several months and really like it a lot. The dinner runs from 6 to 8 p.m. So please mark it on your calendar. It's very easy to remember when it is, because it is always the first Wednesday of the month! We have members from the classes of 1943 to 1973 which makes it very interesting. If you want to get on the e-mail list, please email me, Randy McKlveen at [jmcklveen@erols.com](mailto:jmcklveen@erols.com). If you need a phone call reminder, please call me at 703-440-0684 and I can call you to remind you about the next dinner coming up. Hope to see you soon!

## Class of 1955 – 50th Reunion

by Barclay Bell Nakhleh '55

The class of 1955 had a fabulous and memorable fiftieth reunion on the Thanksgiving weekend of 2005 at the First Street Holiday Inn. More than 200 people attended. The class hosted an "open" Hospitality Room on the second floor with free drinks and food the entire time starting Friday afternoon through Saturday. On Saturday evening our Banquet-Dance began with a great dance band which featured, three talented female singers - "The Fabulettes". A large screen video slide show with pictures from the past was presented in the background during the intros and meal. The food was excellent as was the music and ambiance. But... the hit of the night for the class was a 35-minute (with encore) vocal performance by *our own Sexy Prexies* - Bobby Morris, Bill Potts, Billy Cleary and Jim Godwin (back on drums), who sang and played a *rock 'n' rollin'* set with Mike Boran (former Decca recording star and also a GWalum) and his wife, Christine. Bobby, Bill and Mike had been meeting and practicing in secret for about ten months preparing for this mutually-memorable experience. It was definitely a totally unexpected and most enjoyable surprise for the class.

Every attendee received a "gift bag" that contained; a handsome marble paperweight inscribed with "The Golden One" logo, a reunion handbook with many memorable photos and a complete listing of classmate names, with addresses and phone numbers. Each bag also held a commemorative CD, produced by Dave Beach, with 28 of the most representative songs of our 50's generation.

The '55 Reunion Committee, worked for about 4 years to plan this fine affair. It included John & Sue O'Driscoll Cox, Lambert & Peggy Wade Barnett, David Beach & Angie, Barclay Bell Nakhleh, Betty Berkes Treger & Don, Bill Duff & Sandi, Jim Dumas, Julia Gunn Shoup, Janet Hewitt George & Preston, Sue Hite Evans, Sonny & Sada Weitzel Johnson, Wilda Kesterson Armstrong, Pat Leitch Walter & Noel, Elaine Mosel, Sonny & Patsy Murphy Severson and last but not least - "Bim" Perry & Alethia.



## Vacuum Cleaner

*We Pick Up Anything!*

by Huck Thomas - '47

Two stars in the history of GWHS sports passed away recently. Eddie "Shag" Nowland (whose wife, Frances Grant Nowland, had preceded him in death) and Julius Davis "Cap" Caporaletti departed this life after long illnesses.

"Shag" was a 4-letter man for the Presidents, by participating in football, basketball, baseball and track. He attended William and Mary College where he starred in track. Ed was retired from the Southern Railroad and was a member of the Alexandria Sportsman Club. He played first for the St. Mary's Boys Club championship softball team in Alexandria, VA. Eddie always had a smile and a friendly "hello" for everyone. On the ball field, he was a fierce competitor. "Shag" was in the GW Class of '38.

Julius Davis "Cap: Caporaletti left us after a long bout with cancer. "Cap" was living in Indianapolis, IN at the time of his death. "Cap" was 81. He was born in Alexandria and a '44 graduate of GWHS. At GW, he was voted Most Popular in his class and Captain of the football team. "Cap" was selected All-Metropolitan in football during his senior year. "Cap" and I corresponded by mail during World War II while he was in the U.S. Army. He retired from the U. Department of H.U.D. He rose to Grade 15 prior to retiring. "Cap" played the harmonica and was the poet laureate for the G.W. Golden Friends Lunch Bunch.

His monthly poems were published in the G.W. Lunch Bunch Gazette. They were an inspiration to all of us. His final poem was about his struggle with cancer, and a final farewell.

Many G.W. graduates were at the funeral home. I saw Chester McIntosh, Jim Carroll, Pete and Cathy Celinski, Bob Powell, Curtis and Audrey Kirby, Boyd and Estelle Robinson, Virginia Caporaletti Kapp, "Podgie" Thomas, Pat Magness Thomas, Julie Thomas, and Ann Kavaljan.



How many of you recall Valentine's Day while attending school? I remember when I was in the fourth grade and they placed a large Valentine Box for us to mail our Valentines. The box was opened on Valentine's Day and the Valentines were distributed. Those were exciting days when you wondered who sent you a Valentine. As night time approached, we would deliver Valentines in the neighborhood to our favorite people. Comic or derogatory ones were delivered to the persons who were not popular in the neighborhood. We would leave the Valentine on the front door, knock or ring the bell, and run like \_ \_ \_ \_ . My, how times have changed.

Time to the switch off our favorite vac –

# In Memoriam

Ann Knight Anthony, GW Class of '37  
1920-2005

When my mother opened the last two editions of the GWAA newsletter, she was thrilled to see her stories on Growing Up in Alexandria. She didn't know they were going to be included (nor did I) and it was one of those moments you always remember when someone is genuinely joyful!



Mom had been recovering from a small bone fracture in her back, and as she liked to say, had "graduated" from physical therapy. Her life was back to normal, living independently and driving her own car. Unfortunately, she died unexpectedly early in the morning of September 25, 2005, less than 24 hours after being taken to the hospital. She called for medical assistance, thinking she was having a severe asthma attack. It turned out to be much worse; my brother Ken, my niece, nephew and I never left her side at the hospital, and we were with her when she passed away. It was the saddest moment of my life; my mother, my friend was gone.

Mom and I had begun working on Part 3 of her series, but my heart and head have not been in a place to continue. I still plan to try, however, and hope when and if I have something worthy, I'll be able to share it with you. It was so nice that many of you took the time to write to her, and Ken and I would like to thank you for your kind words.

In addition to being one of the oldest members of the Alumni Association, she was also a faithful member of the Golden Lunch Bunch, rarely missing the opportunity to see old (and new) friends. When held in Fredericksburg, she had less than a mile to drive; when in Dale City, her good friends Bob and Ann McKlveen were always kind enough to take both Mom and her friend Mary Fones Vance. Somehow, she got the nickname "Kissing Ann" – and she liked to tell me that even an 85 year old can attract men of all ages! The Lunch Bunch paper had a wonderful tribute page, and thanks to Ralph Schwab, I now have it framed here at home.

Kassy Benson, FCHHS '62

I'd like to share with you the story that I wrote for the Alexandria Gazette:

Ann Knight Anthony, a sixth generation Alexandrian and 10<sup>+</sup> generation Virginian, passed away on September 25, 2005 at Mary Washington Hospital in Fredericksburg, Virginia. She had resided in Fredericksburg for the past eight years.

The daughter of the late F. Clinton and M. Evelyn Knight, she was predeceased by her husband, Robert G. Anthony. Her marriage to the late Kenneth L. Benson, Sr. ended in divorce. She is survived by her children (also born and raised in Alexandria) Kathleen (Kassy) Benson of Nokesville, Va., and Kenneth L. Benson, Jr., of Bumpass, Va., her grandchildren Kenneth L. Benson III, Kenner Glick, and Tanya Bremer, and great grandchildren Emily and Sarah Glick, Conner Benson, and Taylor and Trieste Bremer.

A graduate of George Washington High School Class of '37 and active in GW Alumni Association affairs and the GW Golden Lunch Bunch, Mrs. Anthony was a life member of the Colonial Beach, Va. Volunteer Rescue Squad, American Legion Auxiliary Unit #148, past president of the Colonial Beach Lioness Club, and a member of Wesleyan Methodist Church in Calverton, Va. She began working in Alexandria with the C&P Telephone Company, later worked for the Department of the Army, both at the Pentagon and at Ft. Halberd in Maryland, and was a hostess at Stratford Hall, Robert E. Lee's boyhood home.

She was, however, especially proud of her work with the rescue squad and the rewards that come with helping others.

On October 22, a luncheon celebrating her life was hosted by her children for family and friends in the ballroom at Gadsby's Tavern, a building closely associated with the Knight family and where F. Clinton Knight's portrait hangs in honor of his untiring efforts to secure the building for Alexandria through American Legion Post #24.

Attending the lunch were children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, daughters-in-law, nieces and nephews of the former city councilman, postmaster, Commander of Post 24, power in legion affairs both locally and nationally, and proprietor with his brothers of R. E. Knight's and Sons, an Alexandria fixture in the 600 block of King Street for many years.

Also among the approximately 80 attendees sharing heart warming and funny stories of a woman beloved by family and friends alike were the surviving Knight sisters, Carol Knight L'Abbe of Seminole, Fla, and Priscilla Knight Underdahl of Kilmarnock, Va. Brothers Lewis C. and F. Clinton, Jr. (Boo) Knight and sister M. Evelyn (Donnie) Embrey predeceased their siblings.

In accordance with her wishes, Ann Knight Anthony's body was donated to the University of Virginia Medical School through the Virginia State Anatomical Program. The family requests that donations be made in her memory to the Colonial Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad, 225 Dennison Street, Colonial Beach, Va. 22443.

## PREXIE PROFILES, by Larry McGuire '55

### Where Are They Now?

Fun memories at GW in the early to mid 50's have to include the music of **Les "Mac" McWhorter** and his band, "The Rhythm-Aires". In addition to Les on guitar, Marvin Price tickled the ivories, Tommy Eley played sax, Dalton Carter played a mean trumpet and Jimmy Godwin beat the drums at all the sock hops and dances. By the way, Jimmy played at the recent "Class of '55" reunion. Les also played for the Redskin band in '51-'52.



While at GW, Les lived on Luray Avenue. After graduating in '52, he majored in "Speech and Radio" at Shepherd College in West Virginia. He married a Shepherd girl after graduating in '57 and began a career with the YMCA that lasted 36 years and carried him to Washington, DC, Northern Virginia, Philadelphia and Florida. His love of music has been a constant in his life

and he has formed bands and played continually wherever he lived.

Les is retired now and living in Jupiter, Florida with his second wife, Donna, whom he married in '89. Between them they have 4 children, 2 each. He is a sailor and has served in every office of the Palm Beach Sail and Power Squadron, including commander, was president of his homeowner association, coached baseball and is currently playing with 2 bands, one a Dixieland band and the other a dance band. He plays 3 to 6 times a month and still loves it.

**Fannie Mae Dixon** is living in Nampa, Idaho with her husband, Gene McDonald, who has retired from a career in the newspaper business, including the old *Alexandria Gazette*. They will soon be celebrating their 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Their 49 years of marriage has produced 4 children, 11 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.



Fannie Mae retired in '98 after a 22-year career working with children who have emotional and behavioral problems. Since retiring she, along with her oldest daughter, has been singing with the "Sweet Adelaides" who will be coming to Washington to sing September 13-15 at The Festival of States. Earlier the group will be appearing in Philadelphia.



Mayor Frank Buckles crowns the 1950 Football Queen, Fannie Mae Dixon, while Nancy Ansonin, little Beverly Caswell, and Maria Ferguson, members of the court, look on. The ceremony featured a gala half-time exercise during the annual "Turkey Day" occasion.

With 2 brothers, she grew up on 2nd Street near the old Dixie Pig Barbecue. They were all athletic and one, "Tubby" played in the All High-All American Game in Georgia while at GW. Fannie Mae played volleyball, softball, basketball, sang in the choir and was crowned

Football Queen in the 50-51 season. She graduated in '51.

She has enjoyed the quiet life in Nampa with less congestion - but it's been growing and now has a population of 80k. Just wait till she visits back here and sees the changes and traffic!!

**Bobbye "Hicks" Canaday**, Class of '49, was one of the most gifted female athletes ever to play at GW. She pitched softball, played volleyball and basketball all four years, as well as playing in the city basketball league. She was also a member of the cheerleader's squad.



Bobbye grew up on Fairfax and Franklin Streets in an area known then as "Shadtown". She was the youngest of 9 children and some of her siblings were pretty good athletes, too - her brother, Louis, played professional baseball with the Detroit Tigers.

After graduation, Bobbye worked for Household Finance and Dwyer Plumbing in Alexandria. From 1951 to 1961, she was married to Lennie Kersey. She and Lennie have 4 children; she has 2 children with her present husband, Howard. Her 6 children have given her 10 grandchildren who are carrying on the family traditions in sports - no doubt they are getting some pointers from their grandmother!

Prexie Profiles continued on next page

## MORE PREXIE PROFILES, by Larry McGuire '55

### Where Are They Now?

**Fred Frasier**, Class of '53, is living at Fawn Lake in Fredericksburg most of the year. He spends a great deal of the winter months in Marco Island, Florida, playing golf and fishing with old GW cronies, Charlie Yates and Bill Penn, who also have homes there.

He and his wife, Mary, will soon be married 49 years. They have raised 4 sons who have given them 7 grandsons, 1 granddaughter, 1 step grandson and 1 step granddaughter.

Fred grew up on Manning Street in Del Ray during those years at GW. After graduation, he attended Long Beach City College in California. He joined the Marine Corps in '54 serving in Japan for 16 months of his enlistment, returning to the Navy Gun Factory in Washington to finish his tour of duty and was discharged in '57.

He had a job opportunity and chance to use the GI Bill on a 5-year apprentice program with A.G. Prado Refrigeration Company in Fort Washington, Maryland. He joined the "Plumbers and Pipefitters Union" while in training and eventually earned his Masters License. In 1971, Fred, along with a partner, purchased "Rogers Refrigeration" where they worked at the time. It was a small operation and they grew and expanded the company to over 100 employees when, at retirement, they sold it to Ingersoll-Rand, a large national conglomerate.

Fred has traveled extensively since retiring and is now looking forward to a trip to Alaska in May for some good salmon fishing. Fred is working on his golf game; he says he can't get any distance on his drives. That seems to be a problem for most of us from the '50's era.

## Have You Heard The One About...?



A minister was completing a temperance sermon. With great emphasis he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river."

With even greater emphasis he said, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river."

And then finally, shaking his fist in the air, he said, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river." Sermon complete, the minister sat down.

The song leader stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, nearly laughing, "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn #365, "Shall We Gather at the River." - Submitted by Bobby Powell

Dave climbs to the top of Mt. Sinai to get close enough to talk to God. Looking up, he asks the Lord, "God, what does a million years mean to you?" The Lord replies, "A minute." Dave asks, "And what does a million dollars mean to you?" The Lord replies, "A penny." Dave asks, "Can I have a penny?" The Lord replies, "In a minute."

All eyes were on the radiant bride as her father escorted her down the aisle. They reached the altar and the waiting groom; the bride kissed her father and placed something in his hand. The guests in the front pews responded with ripples of laughter. Even the priest smiled broadly. As her father gave her away in marriage, the bride gave him back his credit card. --- Yeah, right!

Three friends from the local congregation were asked, "When you're in your casket, and friends and congregation members are mourning over you, what would you like them to say?"

Artie said, "I would like them to say I was a wonderful husband, a fine spiritual leader, and a great family man."

Merle commented, "I would like them to say I was a wonderful teacher and servant of God who made a huge difference in peoples lives."

Don said, "I'd like them to say, 'Look! He's moving!'"

An elderly woman decided to prepare her will and told her preacher she had two final requests. First, she wanted to be cremated, and second, she wanted her ashes scattered over Wal-Mart. "Wal-Mart?" "Why Wal-Mart the preacher exclaimed?" "Then I'll be sure my daughters visit me twice a week."

**Keep that smile; life is too short not to! and See you at the river...**



## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MESSAGE

The Association is still experiencing a slow, but steady, increase in its membership growth. As of February, the Association had 1,313 regular (joint and single) members, 102 associate members, and 81 honorary members. **Our total membership was 1,496 on February 1, 2006.**

## CLARIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP TYPES:

**INDIVIDUAL (ONLY a GWHS ALUMNI can use this type):** It includes voting rights and covers only the individual for \$40 for 5 years, \$27 for 3 years or \$10 annually.

**ASSOCIATE (ONLY a NON GWHS ALUMNI who is a MARRIED or WIDOWED SPOUSE of a GWHS ALUMNUS can use this type):** It **DOES NOT** include voting rights and covers the individual for \$25 for 5 years, \$15 for 3 years or \$5 annually.

**JOINT (GWHS ALUMNUS): ONLY for MARRIED COUPLES - BOTH of whom are GWHS ALUMNI.** It includes voting rights and covers BOTH husband and wife for a total cost of \$65 for 5 years, \$42 for 3 years or \$15 annually.

When completing the Application form, we ask that you be sure to circle (or check) the proper membership type. We ask that you redouble your efforts to encourage your classmates to join the Association and also ask that renewals are maintained. There have been several deaths of members during the months since summer; also, some members have chosen not to renew. **In this latter regard, I would appreciate receiving any comments as to reasons members may choose not to renew. You may confidentially contact me (Jake Folk Jr. '54) via e-mail at JWFOLK@AOL.COM**

We thank you for your continued support of the GWHS Alumni Association.

## FROM YOUR TREASURER

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - EXHIBIT A  
4th Quarter Report Ending December 31, 2005

ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
<u>Cash</u>		
Burke & Herbert Checking Account		\$14,409.26
Burke & Herbert Money Market Account		<u>5,285.79</u>
Total Cash		\$19,695.05
Long-Term Assets:		
<u>Investments</u>		
Burke & Herbert Certificate of Deposit		<u>12,036.98</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b><u>\$31,732.03</u></b>
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE		
Other: Deferred Revenue - Dues Collected for <b>Outyears</b>		\$13,128.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>\$13,128.00</b>
Fund Balance (amount originates from Exhibit B)		<u>18,604.03</u>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Balance</b>		<b><u>\$31,732.03</u></b>

We are in a fairly good financial position and finished 2005 with a healthy financial balance. However, expenses did exceed income for the year, due in small part to prepayment of dues for 3 and 5-year periods. A large portion of our expenditures are used in printing and postage of your semiannual newsletters, the Roster Phone Book, a generously subsidized Annual Picnic and the Annual Election Meeting luncheon (Spring Social). While these benefits and events are very well received, attended, enjoyed and viewed as a valuable asset to our organization, it still suggests the prudent need to monitor our current expenses carefully, which your Board is currently involved in, along with the continuation of our membership initiatives.

- Burt Bostwick, Treasurer

# GWAA Membership Application Form (Revised July, 2003)

Please place a check mark  in the applicable box below that corresponds to YOUR membership request.

The G. W. High School Alumni Association has three (3) types of memberships: **REGULAR, ASSOCIATE and HONORARY**

ONLY Regular memberships have voting rights.

**REGULAR** memberships (ONLY FOR GWHS ALUMNI - those who were once enrolled as students in GWHS. ) consist of INDIVIDUAL or JOINT.

**Joint** - applicants must be a husband and wife, who **BOTH** were once enrolled as GWHS students;

[Please supply **BOTH** of the applicant's names and class years on FORM below]

- Regular Joint** Membership \$ **65** (fee covers Husband and Wife – for **Five Years**)
- Regular Joint** Membership \$ **42** (fee covers Husband and Wife – for **Three Years**)
- Regular Joint** Membership \$ **15** (fee covers Husband and Wife – for **One Year**)

**Individual** - applicant was once enrolled as student in GWHS;

- Regular Individual** Membership \$ **40** - Prepays for **Five Years**
- Regular Individual** Membership \$ **27** - Prepays for **Three Years**
- Regular Individual** Membership \$ **10** - for **One Year**

**ASSOCIATE** memberships (ONLY FOR NON-GWHS ALUMNI) for the individual spouse or widowed spouse of a GWHS ALUMNUS;

[Please indicate your full name and the name of your GWHS ALUMNI spouse on FORM below]

- Associate** Membership \$ **25** - Prepays for **Five Years**
- Associate** Membership \$ **15** - Prepays for **Three Years**
- Associate** Membership \$ **5** - for **One Year**

**HONORARY** memberships - include teachers, librarians, or any others employed or otherwise affiliated with GWHS.

- Honorary** Membership \$ **0** (No Dues - Lifetime)

*Membership DUES are Non-Refundable. Donations and/or Dues to exempt social and recreation clubs are not deductible as charitable contributions on the donor's federal income tax return.*

**Please supply all the following information requested. (Type or Print clearly)**

*(None of the personal information contained within this form will be distributed outside of GWAA)*

## Applicant Information of Former GWHS Student (or teacher, librarian, employee that was once affiliated with GWHS)

First Name	Second Name	(Maiden Name)	Current Surname	Nickname / Preferred name
GWHS Class Year		INTERNET E-mail ID		

## Postal Address and Telephone Information

Street Address	City	State	and ZIP code
( ) - - (area code) Home Phone	( ) - - (area code) Business Phone	( ) - - (area code) Fax Number	

## If Applicable - Spouse Information (for Joint\* or Associate Memberships)

First Name	Second Name	(Maiden Name)	Current Surname	Nickname / Preferred name
(*Include GWHS Class Year ONLY if JOINT membership)		INTERNET E-mail ID		

**Make Check payable to: GWAA Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Mail Check and this entire page to: GWAA ~ PO Box 25453 ~ Alexandria, VA 22313 - 5453**

On \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby apply for membership in the GWAA.  
( mm dd yy ) signature

2006 ROSTER PHONE BOOK INFORMATION FORM

Fill out form (PRINT all information), cut or separate along dotted line, put in stamped envelope, and Mail this form (no later than June 1, 2006) to: GWAA, PO Box 25453, Alexandria, VA. 22313 - 5453

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class of 19 \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Class of 19 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

THIS FORM IS NOT PART OF THE RESERVATION/BALLOT FORM BELOW

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# Marilyn Lyles

GWAA Nominating Committee  
4124 Doveville Lane  
FAIRFAX, VA . 22032-1446

## GWAA Ballot

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### ANNUAL MEETING SPRING SOCIAL RESERVATION FORM and ELECTION BALLOT

NOTE: This two-sided Reservation/Ballot form is a self-mailer BUT it does require a 39-cent stamp.

The Ballot must be received by the GWAA Nominating Committee no later than April 15, 2006.

The GWAA is providing this free lunch at the Annual Spring Social to all Regular, Joint, Associate and Honorary members. Please answer the questions below so that we may notify the restaurant of the number of expected attendees.

NOTE: We are meeting at a great NEW LOCATION this year.

The Green Olive Buffet & Grill, 7405 Richmond Hwy., Alexandria, VA. 22306 (703) 765-5899

I will be attending the luncheon and I will bring \_\_\_\_\_ guests.

I will NOT be attending the luncheon.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Name of Voting Member

GWHS Class-Yr.

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

- Step 1) On the REVERSE side (i.e., page 12) of this page: Record your votes and sign. -
- Step 2) On THIS page (i.e., page 11): Mark your answers to the above reservation questions. -
- Step 3) On THIS page (i.e., page 11): Record your name, your GWHS class-year, and your return address as indicated. -
- Step 4) Cut or separate this page from the newsletter along the dotted lines above and to the left. -
- Step 5) Then fold this Reservation/Ballot self-mailer form in half along the wavy line. -

IMPORTANT Final Steps: Seal this self-mailer form with tape, apply a 39-cent stamp and mail it prior to April 9.

**GW Alumni Association**  
**P.O. Box 25453**  
**Alexandria, VA 22313-5453**  
**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

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GW Middle School Front in 2001

## **George Washington High School Alumni Association Annual Meeting - Spring Social, Saturday, April 22, 2006 at 11:30 AM**

The GW Alumni Association's member-wide election process will be held at the Annual Meeting - Spring Social for the purpose of electing directors of the GWAA in accordance with our by-laws. All Regular members in good standing may vote at the meeting or mail this ballot to the GWAA. The by-laws of the GWAA provide for a board of directors consisting of 11 directors-at-large. In this year's election, we are filling three (3) director vacancies. Each is for a three-year term.

The by-laws further provide that at the first regular Business Meeting of the Board following the Annual Meeting - Spring Social, the then incumbent directors will elect the "officers" (president, vice president, secretary and treasurer) for the current election year.

# **BALLOT**

**The Ballot must be received by the GWAA no later than April 15, 2006.**

Non-Secret Election: Voting is by non-secret ballot. **Your** name, address and class-year must be on the ballot to be valid. There must be enough information for the committee to identify the voter, otherwise, the ballot will not be counted.

If any member votes for more candidates than positions to be filled, the ballot will be declared invalid. This year there are three (3) positions available. No individual information concerning a member's vote will be published or made available to other members.

**INSTRUCTIONS: This two-sided Reservation/Ballot form is a self-mailer BUT it does require a 39-cent stamp.**

**Step 1) On THIS page: Record your votes and sign.**

**Step 2) Turn to the REVERSE side of this page (page 11) and follow the instructions.**

### **Vote for a maximum of Three Directors**

The nominating committee has submitted the following members as candidates who have stated intentions to serve if elected and who are desirous to run for directors-at-large. However, if you would like to vote for someone not already listed you can use the blank lines below on the right for your write-in(s). Clearly PRINT the Write-In(s) NAME (if married woman, include Maiden Name), class-year.

In either case, be sure to check the proper box  to indicate your choices AND PRINT and SIGN YOUR NAME (signature) BELOW.

(Pre-submitted candidates are listed below in alphabetic order)

**Write-In(s)**

- Donald (Don) Fravel** Class of '68
- Wayne Henry** Class of '60
- Walter Lee Loftin** Class of '48
- Larry McGuire** Class of '55
- Randy McKlveen** Class of '72

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Voter's Printed Name & Class Year

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