

IN GENERAL

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In Memoriam: Ann Miles Lefferts Guthridge

Anne Miles Lefferts Guthridge '64, the Creator and Editor of the Washington-Lee Alumni Newsletter, "In General", lost her second battle with cancer on June 15, 2012, at home surrounded by her loving family. Ann was a dedicated and active member of the Alumni Association from the time it was formed in 2000, following the celebration of W-L's 75th Anniversary, where she was a member of the planning committee.

Over the years, Ann was instrumental in organizing the inventory of memorabilia in our storage room at the school. She also implemented numerous membership programs and visual displays, in addition to serving as the Editor of the W-L Alumni Newsletter. She was in the process of writing the third edition of "In General" when she became ill.

After graduating from Washington-Lee High School in 1964, Ann attended Queens College in Charlotte, North Carolina, where she majored in English. She spent most of her professional career as an editor for the federal government. Ann devoted her life to her family, creativity and volunteerism.

Ann is survived by her husband of forty-one years, Clay Guthridge, Class of 1963, her son, Samuel Guthridge, of Chestertown, Maryland and her daughter, Sarah Guthridge Szymanowski, of Arlington. She is also survived by her mother, Janet Lefferts, of Arlington and her sister, Nancy Lefferts Thaete, of Haymarket, Virginia.

Ann will be deeply missed by all of us. Her contributions and dedication to the Washington-Lee Class of 1964 and the Alumni Association will always be cherished and remembered. The W-L Alumni Association made a \$1,000.00 contribution to the Washington-Lee High School Education Foundation in Ann's memory.
Submitted by Mary Strehle '75



Photograph of Ann from 1964 Blue & Gray

W-Lers Achieve Gold at County Fair

The Summer Olympics were in full swing in London during the 36th Annual Arlington County Fair held August 10-12 at the Thomas Jefferson Community Center. While Team USA was winning gold in London, a special display at the W-L Alumni Association (W-L AA) booth featured the Opening Ceremonies parade uniform worn by Olympian Shelley Mann (W-L '56) at the 1956 Summer Olympics in Melbourne, Australia. Then just 17, Ms. Mann won gold in the first-ever 100-meter women's butterfly and silver in the 4x100m freestyle relay. (**NOTE:** A portrait of Ms. Mann is on display in the Alumni Conference Room at W-L.)

In addition to Ms. Mann's memorabilia, a 4-panel display featured W-Lers who have achieved renown in sports, science, literature, music, film, politics, finance, and more. Among the honorees: a W-L grad who won the Nobel prize in Physics; several sports stars who were at the top of their games playing professional baseball, basketball and football; and more than half a dozen alums who have been honored with Emmys or Oscars for their careers in television and movies. W-L grads also include a number of authors of works of fiction, non-fiction and poetry, both classical and rock musicians, Miss America contestants, and others involved in the arts and fashion. Numerous military heroes rank among W-L graduates, along with court officials, financiers, developers, and political office holders. W-Lers are winning achievers in all walks of life!

Special thanks go to all those who visited the W-L Alumni Association booth and became active members or purchased W-L items including new travel mugs, luggage grips, key chain lights, bricks, can cozies, polo shirts, tote bags, and more. A portion of the funds raised from sales and memberships helps underwrite W-L AA activities, including support of the Blue & Gray, Fall Sports Program, Senior Boat Party, Foundation Scholarship donation, and more.

Hats off to all who helped with the W-L booth before, during and after the Fair including Ed Peetz, Betsy Lockman, Lynne Lilly, Pete High, Joan Anderson, Linda Mathias, Dede Macekura, Gail Chisholm, Denny Phipps, Phil Sheridan, Nancy Scudder, John Lumsden, Susie Cahill Aylward, Jan Burchard, Sharon Lovering, Kent Hamaker, Perry & Joy Gawen, Don Mulkey, Kitty & Al Richmond, Mary Strehle, and Mila Albertson.



Our smiling alumni welcomed visitors who stopped by our booth.

Submitted Mila Albertson '66

Photograph submitted by Pete High '53

Fall Reunions and School Building Tours

Opening in 2008 at a cost exceeding \$100 million, the new school building contains state-of-the art classrooms and facilities and achieving Gold certification in the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program. Taking a tour of this magnificent educational campus has been a highlight for many alumni attending recent reunions. Although the building has changed, the classrooms and extracurricular activities of today's W-L students remind us of our own high school days. We've walked these halls in spirit, had our senior photographs taken and sat for examinations in the Little Theater, and read or written for Penman,

Crossed Sabers, and Blue and Gray; seeing the gymnasium brings to mind pep rallies, assemblies, dances, and P.E. classes, and the new library balcony provides us with a view of War Memorial Stadium where we recall past football games and fun times with friends.

Two years ago, the school administration invited the Alumni Association (W-L AA) to take responsibility for conducting school tours and assigned staff to insure the facility is open for a particular tour. The fall of the year is typically the time for high school reunions. Six W-L Classes held reunions in the Northern Virginia area this fall. The W-L AA also provided memorabilia tables at the evening events for some of these class reunions. Touring the new school includes the athletic facilities and gymnasium, cafeteria, publication offices, the cyber café, library, teachers' lounge, music wing, swimming pool and the media, science and engineering rooms.

The largest tour consisted of approximately 60 alumni from the Class of 1957. Their class reunion, September 21 – 23, 2012, was held at the Hilton Hotel in Ballston and coordinated by Al Richmond '57, their senior class president and past president of the W-L AA. Pete High '53, Jennifer Lane '95, and John Peck '96, conducted three tour groups through the new building. Alumni recalled their 1956 football state championship which reclaimed the Old Oaken Bucket from George Washington High School for the first time in ten years – the trophy is displayed in the new school's main hallway and their Old Oaken Bucket was at their reunion reception the night before. Jennifer's tour group spent time reminiscing at the crew trophy case, which included images and memorabilia of crew coach Charlie Butt (1949-1991). John noted that alumni from outside of the area were impressed by the school building as well as the vitality of surrounding commercial areas like Clarendon. Gail Chisholm '74 and Jennifer provided a memorabilia table at the conclusion of the tour, while classmates caught up over a catered buffet lunch in the school library.

The Class of 1992 celebrated its 20th Reunion this year. John Peck led a small group of alumni and their families on a school tour the morning of Saturday, September 29. John found that some of the alumni have moved back to Arlington to raise their families, while one alumna on the tour flew in from the Bay Area (San Jose, CA). During the tour, current W-L teachers spoke to the group, answering questions about academic standards, course offerings, and the difference between Washington-Lee's AP and IB classes. (W-L is the only school in Northern Virginia to offer both AP and IB classes.) Pete High and Mary Strehle '75 provided a memorabilia table when the class

had its dinner function at the Hilton Hotel in the Ballston area.

Two classes celebrated their reunions on the weekend of October 6. The Class of 1977 enjoyed a school tour led by one of their classmates, and Pete High provided the alumni sale table at their evening dinner-dance at the Fairview Park Marriott. Jim Thomas '81 led a small group from the Class of 1982 and they enjoyed seeing the new school. Lynne Lilly '60 and Mila Albertson '66 provided the memorabilia table at the evening event at the Rosslyn Hyatt Hotel.

The Class of 1962 enjoyed an extensive tour of the school on Saturday, October 13 as part of their reunion festivities. Betsy (Zimmerman) Lockman '60 and Denny Phipps '63 facilitated the tour, while Betsy, Gail Chisholm, and Mary Strehle provided a memorabilia table at the evening function. While discussing the World Language selections offered in the curriculum, one member of the group said she had been on the W-L staff as a German teacher. Betsy said that her mother also had been on the W-L staff as a German teacher. After looking at Betsy's maiden name on her badge a connection was made: Ms. Zimmerman stopped teaching German and began teaching French in 1977; Ms. Ryffle began teaching German classes in September 1977. Surprise connection! They were fellow teachers in the same department. Needless to say, several alumni mentioned how they would really like to come back and "do it all" again in this state-of-the art high school.

We look forward to more alumni reunion tours and wonder what further surprises we can uncover! Remember to wear your name badge when participating in a tour – it helps reveal who you are and there may be a surprise in store for you!

Are you interested in taking a tour or volunteering to lead one? Contact Pete High, wlaa.veep@yahoo.com. Submitted by Pete High '53, Betsy Lockman '60, Jennifer Lane '95, and John Peck '96

W-L Alums Celebrate Homecoming

Nearly 20 former W-L classmates attended the annual Homecoming Reception in the school library on Friday evening, September 28th. Representing six decades of graduates, classmates from the 1950s, '60s, '70s, '80s, '90s and '00s were treated to a variety of fall-themed refreshments and beverages while relaxing in the library lounge area.

Attendees also viewed a selection of memorabilia from the W-L Alumni Association's archival closet including football programs and team photographs, cheerleader and majorette uniforms, megaphones and accessories, and more. Enjoying the "best seats in the house" on the library balcony overlooking the end field, alums cheered the W-L Generals to a 49-14 victory over the Wakefield Warriors, with two touchdowns scored in the first ten minutes of play.

The evening proved to be a win-win for both current and future alums!

Submitted Mila Albertson '66

Photograph submitted by Jennifer Lane '95



Memorabilia on display focused on fall sports including a W-L football from 1949, sports programs, photographs, majorette and cheerleading uniforms.

Fall & Winter Sports

In the final game of the season, W-L's Varsity Football team hosts rival Yorktown H.S. at War Memorial Stadium this Friday, November 2 at 7:30 p.m. The Generals face the undefeated Yorktown team with five wins behind them, including a 49-14 Homecoming victory over Wakefield H.S.

Two Generals teams found National District success this fall. W-L's Varsity Cheerleaders won first place in the National District Cheer Championship competition October 23 at Hayfield Secondary School. They are competing in the Northern Region Cheer Competition at Fairfax High School on October 27; the finals take place at Fairfax High School on November 3 at 5 p.m. The Girls Cross Country team won their third straight National District Championship October 25 at Burke Lake Park; the Northern Region Championship is November 2 at the same venue. If our Generals place finish in the top four,

they would qualify for the Group AAA State meet. We wish them well!

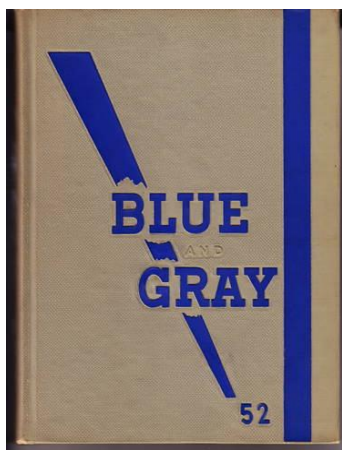
November sees the beginning of W-L's winter sports season. Come out and cheer our Varsity basketball teams at their first regular season home games on November 27 at 7:30 p.m. versus Herndon H.S. (Boys) and December 7 at 7:30 p.m. versus Annandale H.S. (Girls). You can catch W-L Boys and Girls indoor track meets at Thomas Jefferson Middle School starting November 30 at 5:30 p.m. November 30 finds the Swim and Dive team competing against Mount Vernon H.S. at the W-L Pool at 6:30 p.m., and our gymnastics team hosts Wakefield, Yorktown, Edison, & Annandale HS at home December 17 at 6:30 p.m. The wrestling season opener is December 5 at 6 p.m.

View sports schedules, results, photographs, and news at wathletics.org.

Submitted by Jennifer M. Lane '95

W-L Yearbooks on the Internet

Last year the Alumni Association began to discuss the feasibility of placing the 88 W-L yearbooks on the Internet. The technology presently supports this effort. There are several private and public efforts to transfer library holdings to the Internet for access by interested individuals. A limited number of W-L yearbooks are available from some Internet Companies, but access usually requires a membership fee.



There are many high schools and colleges/universities that have completed the effort to digitize their holdings, but it is a reasonable question to ask if this is a useful effort or just a passing fancy.

It is difficult to find information on alumni by name alone. The current database of alumni requires knowledge of the

class year of graduation in order to find limited alumni information, i.e. Maiden name, address, email address, name of spouse and date of death. After the yearbooks are on the Internet they can be searched by name and additional alumni information can be found such as photograph, school activities, and identification of the classmate in sections of text throughout the yearbook. Last Spring the association conducted a feasibility study to ascertain the method and cost to place the 88 W-L yearbooks on the Internet. Three organizations were asked to provide costs to accomplish the W-L digitization effort. The LYRASIS Consortium provided the lowest cost.

This consortium was established to assist libraries in a variety of areas and the digitization of yearbooks was one of those areas. It has helped many schools place their yearbook holdings online with no access fees.

Two key cost issues were the drivers – (1) The initial cost to digitize the yearbooks and (2) the cost to store and maintain them on the Internet.

The one-year cost to complete the effort was in the vicinity of six thousand dollars. Spreading the cost over two or more years is possible but the cost rises each year due to overhead costs (LYRASIS annual membership cost, batch fees and multiple shipping fees).

LYRASIS uses the Internet Archive Organization to provide the storage space and maintenance of the yearbook collection at no cost to W-L. The Internet Archive provides access to the collection by the general public.

Key administrative and academic personnel at W-L have expressed support for the effort. The members of the WLAA were polled in August 2012 and eleven responses were received. Ten of the eleven responses supported the idea with several alumni stating they would support the effort with a donation. We will continue the polling effort and the identification of sources to fund the effort.

Contact Pete High wlaa.veep@yahoo.com for further information on this effort.
Submitted by Pete High '53

Membership Update

Welcome to all those who recently joined or renewed their dues in the Alumni Association during the County Fair, the Homecoming Reception or recent class reunions -- your support is greatly appreciated!

Among those who have recently shown their commitment to the W-L AA (as of press time) are:

Louie Lee Lockman ('54)
Jan Callaway Burchard ('57)
Al Richmond Jr. ('57)
Phil Sheridan ('57)
Kitty Sherwood Richmond ('68)
Dudley Chapman ('59)
Nancy Duques Eddins ('59)
Nancy Peterson Scudder ('59)
Patsy Short Lockman ('60)
Richard Arkin ('62)
Larry Grove ('62)
Donald Manning ('62)
James Owen ('62)
John Pate ('62)
Alden Towberman ('62)
Larry Davis ('66)
Diana Castle Frederburg ('69)
Charley Conrad ('70)
Daisy Hash Krout ('71)
Gail Kean Chisholm ('74)
Nathan Norton ('77)
Laura Teschendorf Woodbury ('79)
Sharon Glass Spencer ('80)
Simone Acha ('82)
Michael Jackson ('82)
Mary Thomasson Yuhas ('82)
Elisa Richmond Zwanenburg ('84)
Jennifer Richmond ('85)
Alfred Richmond III ('87)
Walter Coon ('95)
John Peck ('96)
Kathryn Jean Oberg ('02)
Sara Strehle Duke ('02)
Eleanor Dorfman ('05)
Laura Strehle ('05)
Lee Anne Strehle ('08)
Megan Chase ('09)
Sarah Chisholm ('11)

Membership also continues to grow with the recent addition of Lifetime Members Don Mulkey ('51), Hank Burchard Jr. ('57), Susan Wise Clay ('62), and Lisa Bell ('72).

Special thanks to one and all!

Upcoming Reunions 2013

Class of 1953

Sept 27-29, 2013

Pete High

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Current reunion information is always available on the [Reunion Scorecard](#).

REMINDER: Member renewals are now being distributed via USPS mail or email. Be sure to renew your dues (\$10 annually) as soon as possible. Because the Alumni Association is a 501(c)3 organization, all dues/contributions are tax-deductible.

Submitted by Mila Albertson '66

Upcoming Events

Support the W-L community and show your Generals spirit at W-L's annual Winter Bazaar on Saturday, December 1, 2012. Meet and greet members of your Alumni Association, browse merchandise in our Alumni Gift Shop, and get a look at the W-L of today as you shop for handmade holiday gifts. The Bazaar will be held in the W-L cafeteria from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Next Meeting of Alumni Association: Wed. November 14, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the Alumni Conference Room, located on the first floor on the Main Concourse. Use the Stafford St. entrance for access. On the agenda for this meeting will be the election of officers for the Alumni Association for the upcoming year. There will be a slate of nominations, but nominations from the floor are invited and encouraged. Nominations may be sent in advance of the meeting to President Mary [Dodge] Strehle (wlaa.president@yahoo.com).

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The W-L Alumni Association website, including the Alumni Database is available at www.apsva.us/washingtonlee then click on the [Alumni](#) link at the top.