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UPCOMING REUNIONS

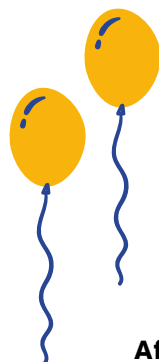
CLASS OF 1965 WILL CELEBRATE 55+ YEARS

OHS class of 1965 will celebrate their 55th reunion on Saturday, September 10, 2022, 6:00-11:30 pm with a dinner dance at the Oakland Airport Hilton Hotel. Dinner will feature a choice of chicken, salmon, or vegetarian entrée with salad, dessert, coffee or tea. Dance the night away to a DJ, win some door prizes, and capture memories with old friends in a photo booth to take the evening home with you. The committee is not divulging the other surprises that await. The cost for the evening is \$80 before July 10th, \$100 after July 10th. All registrations and payments are due by August 10, 2022.

Special Hilton Hotel rates for September 9 and September 10 available. Cut-off date for hotel reservations is August 22, 2022.

OHS Classes of 1964, 1966 and 1967 are invited

---as well as any other interested Alumni.



Class of 1965 Reunion

September 10, 2022

6:00-11:30 pm

Oakland Airport Hilton Hotel

1 Hegenberger Road

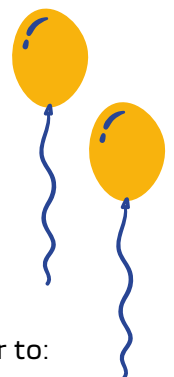
Oakland, California 94621

Click on the link below to register:

[Class of 1965 Registration](#)

After you register, send a check or money order to:

OHS-Class of 1965, C/O Barbara Gee,
 4300 Sequoyah Road, Oakland, CA 94605



Class of 1965 Reunion Contacts

Barbara Gee or Gordon Baranco,

510-569-9466 gordon.baranco@gmail.com,
bgee2224@gmail.com or moombali@aol.com

CLASS OF 1971-72-50-ish REUNION IN PLANNING STAGES

Because of Covid **the Class of '71** halted planning for the **50th reunion** in '21. A committee of 1971 and 1972 alumni have planned a reunion to celebrate both 50th reunions this year with an evening of dinner and dancing. The details are:

Evening Meet & Greet /Dinner /Program / Dancing
Date: Saturday October 29, 2022 Time: 6PM to 10PM
Venue: The San Ramon Waters - Wedgewood
9430 Fircrest Lane, San Ramon, CA. 94583

Event Costs

At this time the final per ticket cost has not been set yet. The planning budget is basically set at \$150 per person for the October 29th, 2022 event. However,

thanks to an anonymous donor who has offered to supplement the planning budget, the committee hopes to set the ticket cost at or close to \$50 per person.

We are not ready to accept ticket purchases as this time. Tickets will be first come, first served. The venue has an upward limitation of 240 guests. The committee plans to be prepared to receive requests to purchase tickets in a March/April 2022 timeframe. Receive updates at <https://sites.google.com/view/7172ohs50ish/home/information?authuser=0> or contact the committee at 7172OHS.Wildcat@gmail.com.

The '71'72 OHS 50th Committee: Ed Manguiat '71 – Chair John Plueger '72 & Steve Lessler '71: Co-Treasurers Andrea Marcoulis – '71 Bonny Carstensen-Fant '71 Sammy Lee – '71 David Bamberger – '72 Mary Jenevein – '72 Stanley Jung – '71 Ralph Shanks – '72

Contact Information

An initial website has been set up <http://bit.ly/7172Reunion> where we plan to do most of our communications along with email. No US mailings will be made. We want to minimize costs especially during this exploratory stage. Any information received by the Reunion Committee will be used strictly for reunion event planning purposes only. Any mass emails will be from <7172ohs.wildcat@gmail.com> with email addresses hidden.

Go to <http://bit.ly/7172Reunion>, and share with classmates you have contact with.

CURRENT WAA PROJECTS

This year the **class of 1970** is continuing the tradition of collectively donating to the scholarship fund. Following their 50th Reunion **the OHS70 Reunion Committee** donated \$2,500.00 to the WAA scholarship fund. The WAA will set the application criteria, select the candidate and annually award a **\$500 scholarship** to a deserving OHS senior **on behalf of the Class of 1970**. This award will be made each year through June, 2026.



Alumni Gordon Baranco and Barbara Gee have set up two **Gee-Baranco Family Scholarships of \$500** each for a graduating senior.



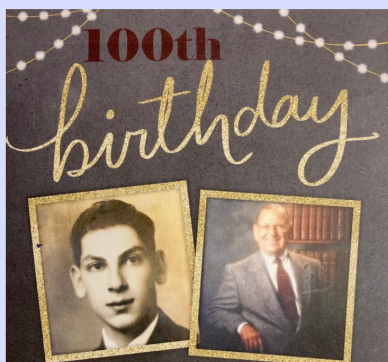
Trophy Case

We are continuing to collect funds to complete the case we provided for the school several years ago. A donation to the **Oakland High Trophy Case fund** will be used entirely to help pay for the addition of two units to the school's trophy case.

Donations may be made to any of these projects on our website

<http://www.oaklandhighalumni.org/donations>

You will be able to select the fund for your donation in step 3 of the Online Donation Process.



CLASSNOTES

Harold Adishian, (OHS '40) is 100!

Congratulations and best wishes to **Harold Adishian (OHS '40)**, who is 100 years young this March. He will be celebrating with friends and family. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, HAROLD!**

See an earlier interview with Harold in the Wildcat's Newsletter November 2020 at

<http://www.oaklandhighalumni.org/newsletters>

CURRENT WAA PROJECTS continued

Class of 1970 and Individual Alumni Donations to WAA Support Current OHS Students

The only way that the Wildcat Alumni Association can fund projects like scholarships for graduating seniors and needed items for programs from music classes to sports teams is through the generosity of alumni. Both donations from individual alumni and donations from class reunions make it possible for your alumni association to pass along to current students the benefits we received as students at Oakland High School so many years ago. This year, we will award four scholarships and support the school musical production thanks to these donations from alumni.

The family of Jack (John) Curtiss (OHS '61) has designated \$20,000 to fund the "**John Curtiss Memorial Scholarship for Journalism and Communications**" to be given as a \$1000 scholarship for a graduating senior wishing to pursue study in journalism and communications. This will be awarded annually for twenty years beginning this year.

While at Oakland High, John Curtiss served on several committees including the **school constitution committee and assembly advisory committee**, which helped plan the weekly school assemblies. In his junior year, he was elected **Fall Junior Class President**, and in the fall term play of **Diary of Anne Frank**, he played the role of **Anne's father Mr. Frank**.

After high school, Curtiss went on to work for **UPI**, and then worked for many off-shore radio stations (pirate radio) including **Voice of America**. Curtiss' work in radio took him around the world. He helped establish **the Dutch radio station Dolfjin**. He returned to the US and worked for many stations here including **KFOG-FM in San Francisco**. Winnie Tang who worked with Curtiss in Florida wrote:

"With his leadership, he was founder of **Asian American Federation of Florida** - which was based in South Florida and now it is a statewide organization, and **first Asian American Democratic Club in Broward County**. With media experience and knowing the importance of media, he created the **Asian American Focus—a public Asian American cable TV program** for more than 10 years housed by WLRN—Miami-Dade County Public Schools."

So it is most fitting that his family has established this scholarship in John Curtiss' name to support others who understand the importance of communications in all media.

Read more about Jack Curtiss at

<https://www.offshoreradio.co.uk/djsco.htm#curtiss>

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATES

Scholarship Applications Due April 29, 2022

Each year Oakland High School's Wildcats Alumni Association (WAA) designates a specific number of scholarships to be awarded to qualified graduating seniors to assist with the costs of furthering their education. This year WAA will be awarding a \$4000 Alden McElrath Wildcats Alumni Scholarship, two \$500 Gee-Baranco Family Scholarships, and one \$500 OHS Class of 1970 Scholarship. In addition, one \$1,000 John Curtiss Scholarship for Journalism and Communications will be awarded to a student with an aspiration in Journalism/Communications.

To be eligible for a scholarship, a student must be an Oakland High graduating senior who has earned a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 and demonstrates financial need. As part of their application, students must submit an essay discussing how their experience at Oakland High has helped shape their personal and professional goals. The scholarship recipient must provide proof of enrollment in a qualified institution before receiving scholarship funds.

Scholarship application forms are now available to Oakland High seniors from counselors or leadership teacher Jennifer Howard; the deadline for submitting forms is Friday, April 29, 2022.



CURRENT WAA PROJECTS Continued

OHS Musical Little Shop of Horrors

An individual alumna donation of \$1000 will help fund the upcoming production of **Little Shop of Horrors**, a fun spoof of sci-fi musical romances, featuring **Audrey II, a man-eating plant from outer space**. The funds provided by WAA will help with production costs, including costuming, puppetry, and rights to perform this musical which is still under copyright. This is an extracurricular program with students and teachers volunteering their time and talents. It will involve the OHS drama club and instrumental music students. **The show will have three performances: Friday, April 15; Saturday April 16; and Sunday April 17, 2022.**

OHS alumna Shirley Muramoto Wong (OHS '72) is designing and making the 4 puppets for the production. The largest puppet will be large enough to "eat" an entire human, and an intricate interior slide will be involved.

Purchase tickets here: <https://tinyurl.com/OhighLSoHTix>

The Oakland High Drama Club is also selling mugs, hats, tee shirts, and other items featuring the show's logo created by **OHS student Naila Castillo-Harrell** to support future drama productions at OHS. View and purchase merchandise at <https://oakland-high-drama-club.creator-spring.com/>.

Little Shop of Horrors: The Musical

Friday, April 15, performance at 7:00 pm,
doors open at 6:30 pm.
Saturday April 16 performance at 1 pm,
doors open at 12:30 pm.
Sunday April 17 performance at 5:pm,
doors open at 4:30 pm.



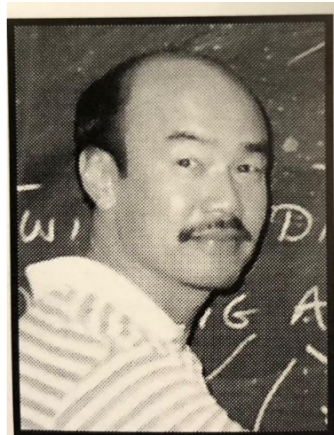
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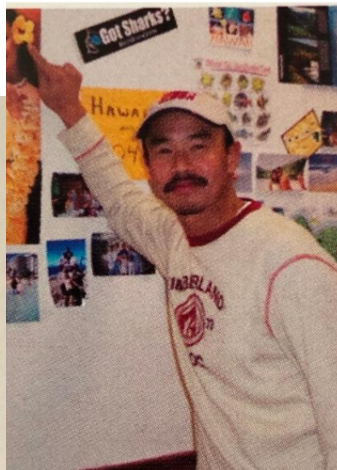


FAREWELLS

We are saddened to report the deaths of two people who helped shape Oakland High, alumnus Lawrence Yee, Class of 1969, and long-time social studies and psychology teacher Pat Tinloy.



*Patrick Tinloy
History/Psychology*

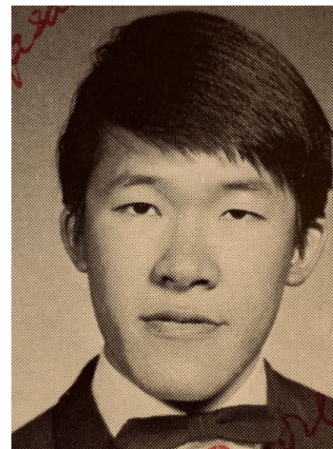


Tinloy, Patrick
Social Studies

Pat Tinloy, OHS Social Studies and Psychology teacher

Pat Tinloy passed away unexpectedly on March 8, 2022. Before teaching at Oakland High, he taught for many years at Bret Harte Middle School. He was a beloved teacher and truly cared about his students. Mr. Tinloy made everyone feel welcome; he found the good and fun in life, even during difficult times. His positive outlook made every day in his class a better day for those lucky enough to have him as their teacher.

He retired from teaching in 2006. In retirement, he kept in touch with many of his former colleagues and students from both Bret Harte and Oakland High, enjoyed trips to A's and Cal baseball games, Cal women's basketball games, golfing, lunching out with friends, and morning coffee at Pete's 350 days a year. He was a huge A's baseball fan and, until Covid in 2020, went to Spring Training in Arizona each year after retirement as well as several tours of major league baseball fields. He will be missed by all who knew him."



In Memoriam: Larry Yee (OHS '69)

Lawrence (Larry) Yee passed away October 14, 2021 after a hard fought-battle with pancreatic cancer. As one of his childhood friends, just a few words here are not enough to pay tribute and honor and remember Larry, but in respect to OHS, I'd like to remember his steadfast commitment and hard work at OHS in establishing and providing leadership to the first Asian Student Union (Asian Bloc) at Oakland High School in 1968-1969. Through the Asian Bloc, he strove to provide support and affirm the Asian immigrant students and also to reach out and work with the newly established Black Student Union and the Latino Student Union to promote and establish unity and harmony among all the OHS students. Many of his classmate friends remember him fondly from Asian Bloc. After OHS, he continued his commitment to social justice as a lawyer, and in a role as the Deputy and Acting General Counsel for the California State Bar.

One of his classmates, Don Tamaki (OHS '69), who was on the legal team which reopened the 1944 U.S. Supreme Court case of Fred Korematsu, overturning his criminal conviction for defying the removal of almost 120,000 Japanese Americans, had this to say about Larry:

"Larry was one of a small circle of friends who influenced and shaped my thinking about civil rights issues, community, standing up for what is right. For that reason, we both went on to become lawyers. In more recent years, it was a privilege for me to work alongside him in representing the State Bar in a ground-breaking petition to the Cal Supreme Court resulting in undocumented immigrants being able to become lawyers in California. After that favorable ruling, a number of states followed the Cal Supreme Court's decision, raising hopes for Dreamers with law degrees all over the country."

Masaaki Yamato (OHS '69)