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A Letter From The President



"Our mission is to raise money for scholarships to be given to current seniors at Kenmore West High School (KWHS) while providing a way for KWHS alumni to learn about class reunions and other events."

The foundation was established approximately 32 years ago. It is my honor to serve as the current President of the Kenmore West Alumni Foundation (KWAF). I preside over the meetings of the foundation members and we award scholarships to students from the applicants received each year. Based on available funds, we award four to six 4-year scholarships to colleges and universities, and three 2-year scholarships to community or technical institutions. With the \$69,000 dollars awarded at our meeting in May, the KWAF is now closing in on giving a million dollars in scholarships. This has helped approximately 250 students. We appreciate your generosity and thank you for your continued financial support.

~Bill Page '81

2025 Scholarship Recipients

The picture below was taken at the Scholarship Awards Night on June 4, 2025, when these students received their scholarship awards. *Five other students were honored and received their awards at a different time.



Front Row: Ben Pratt, Emerson Stinner, Charlotte Brach, Julia Vuich, Kerry Ann Lewis, Sierra Green

Row 2: Olivia Van Dewater, Gabriella Pilat, Marissa Davoli

Row 3: Sarah Seyfang, Isabelle Bourgeault, Addisyn Van Dewater, Mia Foley

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2025 Scholarship Winners

4-Year scholarships - \$6,000

Charlotte Brach

Gabriella Pilat

Addisyn Van Dewater

Olivia Van Dewater

Julia Vuich

Scholarship from the Class of 1960 In Memory of David Hight - \$5,000

Isabelle Bourgeault

Alexander Daniel Trumble Memorial Scholarships - \$5,000

Sierra Green

Kerry-Ann Lewis

Benjamin Pratt

Mellie & Maxine Mooshie Scholarship - \$3,000

Addisyn Van Dewater

Karro Scholarship - \$4,000

*Megan Marks

Ron Wheeler Memorial Scholarship - \$3,000

Mia Foley

Skilled Trades Scholarship - \$3,000

Emerson Stinner

2-year Scholarship - \$3,000

Marissa Davoli

Sarah Seyfang

ATHLETIC AWARDS

Ken Reckhow Scholarship for \$500

*Maxim Stinner

*Daisha Fluellen

Pufpaff Award for \$250

*Brady Garcia

*Madeline Marks

BELOW: Carol Steuernagel presented a canvas picture of "Kenmore West" to Principal Dean Johnson in June 2025. The picture can be found in the Kenmore West library.



THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO BILL JACK

After many years of serving as editor of this newsletter, Bill Jack is stepping down. It's just one of the many duties Bill has taken on while serving as a member of the Alumni Foundation. He will still be on the board providing guidance, knowledge, and doing what he can, but we commend him and acknowledge his dedication to the job of compiling, editing and producing two newsletters each year.

Thank you, Bill!



If you are planning a Kenmore West class reunion, these reports may give you some ideas on what to do.

CLASS OF 1955 70th Reunion

The class of '55 had their 70th reunion celebration from September 18-21. It started on Thursday with a "Remembering Old Friends" reception at the home a classmate. There were over 80 people who enjoyed meatballs, wine, Ted's Hot Dogs and the Bills/Dolphins football game. (Bills won!)

Friday was a reunion banquet at Salvatore's Italian Gardens for \$19.55 per person.

Saturday began with a tour of "new Buffalo" for

the out-of-town visitors. It was attended by 60 people who visited sites that have changed or are new in the Buffalo area. Saturday evening everyone gathered for a \$55 dinner at Russell's Steaks, Chops and More.

Sunday was the last gathering at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church to honor the time they spent together as well as the 70 years since they graduated.

CLASS OF 1960 65th Reunion

On August 2, 2025 the class of 1960 celebrated their 65th reunion with a small group at Chef's Restaurant, a Buffalo favorite. They report, "We had a great time catching up with classmates that we see about every 5 years!" They also had a memorial for classmates who have passed.

CLASS OF 1975 50th Reunion

The reunion weekend August 1-3 started with everyone joining the All-Class Summer Night out on Friday.

Saturday began with a tour of the school in the morning and ended with a \$55 per person dinner at Banchetti's.

Sunday afternoon they met at The Shores Waterfront Restaurant, enjoyed the music and ordered food off the menu.

One classmate reported, "The committee did a great job. The reunion was a success and it was so good to meet our classmates and catch up. There were lots of laughs and everyone had a great time."



ALL ALUMS SUMMER NIGHT OUT...

was held on Friday, August 1 at the Gratwick Hose Fire Co from 6:00 – 10:00.

It was very well attended with about 175 people. The Meals on Wheels food truck

was on site selling food. There was a cash bar and three bartenders were kept very busy. Huge success. The 50/50 split drawing was won by an alumni of 1975. She graciously donated her winnings back,

giving the entire \$750 to the Alumni Association. The food truck didn't get a lot of customers but they were happy to get the truck out to give it some visibility. It was reported that the food was very good...sandwiches, desserts and salads. Next year's All Alums Summer Night Out is booked for **August 7, 2026 at 6 pm**, again at Gratwick Hose Fireside Pub.

*Let us know if you are planning a reunion for Summer or Fall 2026.
Send your info to kenwestalumni.org/reunions/add-reunion.
It will be posted on the KW Alumni web site, facebook page
and published in this newsletter.*

SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATIONS

4-DIGIT CLUB

Carol Newman
 Diane Schmelzer Large
 June McCall Obler
 Ken & Ellen Reckhow
 IHO Geoff Brunger

Grace Wheately Sauer '54
 IMO John R. Wheatley '54
 Robert R. Evans '58
 IHO Class of 1958

Wolf Blitzer '66
 Bob Gorsky '70
 IHO "Kenmore West" race horse
 Joseph R. Takats Foundation

3-DIGIT CLUB

Stuart Hempel
 IMO Dan Trumble
 Amy Schmidt
 Robert Erisman '48
 Elva Pickwick Dunham '48
 IMO Marjory Gensler '48
 IMO Margery Knodell '50
 Earl A. Spiller Jr. '52
 David R. Hamrick '53
 Richard Pelly '53
 IMO Irene Kristich
 Mac '53 & Judy Harley Martin '57
 Gary '53 & Barbara Neureuter '55
 IMO Jack Neureuter '54
 Megan Bahta
 IMO Jack Neureuter '54
 Bradford Banks '54
 Robert Dendtler '54
 IHO John R. Wheatley '54
 Don Brisbin '55
 Janice Roesch Glor '54
 IMO Milton T. Glor '54
 Barbara A. Smith '55
 Sandra (Hirst) Simonsen '55
 David Brackenridge '55/56
 Joan Miner Freeman '56
 IMO Geri Ebeling Thoin '56

Dave '56 & MaryEllen (Smith) '58
 Watson
 IMO George Farley '56,
 IMO Donald Kirkwood '56,
 IMO Peter Tatnall '56
 IMO Nancy Wing '58
 Charles and Barbara Keller '57
 IMO Dan Trumble
 Arthur Parsons III '57
 IMO Byron Norrie '57
 Bette Brunish '58
 IMO "Ginger" (Nash) Brunish '56
 George Stock, Teacher/Coach '58-'95
 Judith Martin '57
 Patrick W. Cooley '58
 Gwen Thornton '59
 Hunter Reid '59
 IMO Bruce Turek '59
 Linda Borschel Everding '59
 IMO Mellie Mooshie, Teacher
 Robert J Knodel '61
 IHO Barbara Jane Knodel
 Michael Gotthelf '61
 Charles P. Tommasulo '61
 James Logerquist '61
 IMO Doug Melson '61
 Fred Ego '64
 Georgianna Sapienza Gipp
 IMO Richard Paul Sapienza '64

Tom W. Lozinsky Jr. '89
 Sandra Allen '64
 Joe DePriest '65
 David White '65
 IMO William W. Berry
 Linda Konstanty
 IMO Kenneth J. Konstanty '66
 Mary McArdle Lubas
 IMO Ken Konstanty '66
 Barbara Porter '66
 IMO Karl Porter '68
 Kathleen Schrader '66
 Norman Mineo '66
 IMO Geoff Brunger
 Carl Jennings '67
 IMO Russ Jennings
 Mary McArdle Lubas '68
 Margaret Hopkins '69
 IMO Scott R. Hopkins '97
 William Morris '69
 "Kenmore West" race horse
 From Bob Gorsky '70
 IHO Kenmore West race horse
 Roberta Ramsey Cagney '70
 Mary Thomas '71
 IMO Betty Jane Thomas '71
 Carol Steuernagel '72
 Elaine Pond '79

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND

Barbara Shea Tilton '57
 Carol Kitchen '59
 Spencer L. Schmidt '63
 Barbara Vivier '67

WALKWAY BRICKS

James Kick for Bleyle
 Margaret Hopkins for Hopkins
 Tom & Mary McCullough
 For McCullough/Zimmerman

Barbara Smith Block '59
 for Michael Woods '56
 Janice Barrett '64 for Murphy
 Terry Power '76
 Ben Stilson for Molly Farber '10

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATIONS

Modesto A. Argenio
 IHO Julianna, Dominic and
 Nicholas Argenio
 John Milner
 IMO William Wolfers, Teacher
 Terence Doyle
 Donald Minderler
 Patricia Nowicki
 IMO Martha Kopec-Hojnacki
 Barbara Wier
 IMO Richard Wier
 Jan Miller Stebbins '42, Ken
 Miller '47
 Muriel Kam '44
 IMO Joe Kam '43
 Muriel Wier '44
 IMO Joe Kam '43
 Marcia Hutt '46
 Del "Dickie" Newell '48
 J.W. "Bill" Dennison
 IHO Class of 1950
 Suzanne (Taylor) Cruickshank '50
 James Behrens '51
 IMO Frank Day '50
 Paul James Loree '54

Robert E. Preston '56
 IMO David George Preston '60
 Barbara Moore Frank '57
 Gerri Pearson Long '58
 Gwen Thornton '59
 Gerald Schoemick
 IMO Linda Crocker Schoemick '59
 IMO Martin Schoemick '88
 James A. Tait '59
John Mooshie '59
IMO Linda Borschel Everding '59
IMO Linda Crocker Schoemick '59
 Melissa (Pilsbury) Vogelman '61
 IMO Tony Pilsbury, '54
 Jackson Bowling Jr. '62
 Karen Hoffmann '63
 Cheryl Brock '64
 IMO Ed Summer '64
 IMO Lowell Kutner '64
 Kenneth A. Schmidt '64
 Family of Martha Kopec-Hojnacki
 IMO Richard Paul Sapienza '64
 Elaine Downing '65
 David Easterbrook '65
 IMO Jeannette Easterbrook '42

John Baker '65
 Terrance Anderson '65
 Kathleen Freer '66
 Marcia Gutfeld '66
 The McArdle siblings
 IMO Ken Konstanty '66
 Class of 1967
 IMO H. Laurie (Welch) Hartman
 IMO Sister Bernadette
 IMO Sharon Stypa
 IMO Brian Baumgartner
 Mary Lubas '68
 IMO Ken Konstanty '66
 Martin Fink '69
 Nancy Stebbins Durski '69
 IMO Jan Miller Stebbins '42
 IMO Ken Miller '47
 Douglas Dahler '70
 Gary Kenline '70
 David Stier '72
 Ron Anderson '75
 Krista Muscarella '08
 Erin Veronica '17
 IMO Jayda McIntyre '19
 Abby Borkowski '18

Testimony

Dear Kenmore West Foundation Team,

As a proud Kenmore West alum and former scholarship recipient, I'm writing with deep gratitude and a small donation to give back to a place that helped shape who I am. The support I received as a student made a lasting impact – one I now strive to pay forward every day in my work as a School Psychologist with Los Angeles Unified School District.

In addition to my role in education, I also lead a community-based running club and serve as an instructor for a backpacking and wilderness travel course. These opportunities allow me to support others in building resilience, confidence, and connection, all of which were values first nurtured during my time at Kenmore West.

It is always a pleasure to read the Kenmore West Alumni newsletter. Thank you for continuing to uplift students and create space for them to thrive. I hope this contribution...can support another young person on their journey.

With Heartfelt appreciation,
 Krista Muscarella, Class of 2008

1943 **Tracey**, Fay P. 4/2025
1946 **Walbert**, Barbara J. 4/13/25
1947 **Grimmer**, Robert I. 5/12/25
1947 **Whallon**, William P.
1949 **Gehl Jr**, Joseph 5/7/25
1949 **Goff**, Marjorie 3/7/25
1949 **Hughes**, Geraldine 6/8/25
1949 **Unkrich**, Donald C. 10/8/25
1951 **O'Keefe**, Margaret Cabana 5/17/25
1952 **Carncross**, Pauline 8/22/25
1952 **Laird**, George J. 10/23/25
1952 **Zimmerman**, Carol 8/15/25
1953 **Certo**, Ann L. 4/17/25
1954 **Raimer**, Cecile Bauer 9/12/25
1954 **Neureuter**, Jack L. 1/25/25
1954 **Pilsbury**, Tony 3/2/25
1954 **Winter**, Diane 9/30/25
1955 **Hoadley**, Richard 2/9/25
1956 **Bell**, Sandra J. Dugan 8/13/25
1956 **Percy**, Donna Smith 5/30/25
1956 **Warner**, Gary L. 3/12/25
1957 **MacDonald**, David 1/27/25
1957 **Rancenis**, Viestarts 3/25/25
1959 **Collopy**, Robert 4/4/25
1959 **Everding**, Linda Borschell 9/16/25
1959 **Huddleston**, Robert C. 7/14/25
1959 **Mason**, Donna A. 10/22/25
1959 **Turek**, Bruce 12/30/24
1959 **Vaillancourt**, James 8-13-25
1960 **Oates**, Constance (Connie) 10/17/25
1960 **Volkman** Keith R. 4/27/25
1961 **Conti**, John C. 4/16/25
1961 **Mitchell**, Murdock (Jim) 2016
1962 **Hanaka**, Michael T. 8/8/25
1962 **Varga**, Peter J. 3/11/25
1964 **Allen**, Richard 1/22/25
1964 **Byrne**, Peter T. 1/18/23
1964 **Cunningham**, Eugene E. MD 4/3/25
1964 **Garvey**, Saundra W. Beutler 9/4/25
1964 **Gettinger**, Sharon L. Murphy 1/6/25
1964 **Herman**, Michael 10/7/25
1964 **Kindron**, Doug C. 3/18/25
1964 **Koch**, Carl A. 8/25/25
1964 **Lavelle**, Edward T. 7/24/25
1964 **Lippman**, Penny Citron 8/4/25
1964 **Meidel**, Donald L. Sr 2/12/25
1964 **Rider**, Jeanne M. Mong 8/3/25
1964 **Sapienza**, Richard Paul 4/3/23
1964 **Simmons**, David A. 8/25/25
1965 **Allen**, Charles R. 3/14/25
1965 **Berry**, William W. 4/26/25
1965 **Cook**, Walter 2/8/25
1965 **Jones**, Bonnie L. 2/9/25
1965 **Randall**, Kenneth H. 4/2/25
1966 **Brunger**, Eric 5/26/25
1966 **Konstanty**, Ken 1/30/25
1966 **Mahoney**, Edward F. 7/26/25
1966 **Speicher**, James 7/14/25
1966 **Wedekindt**, Linda C. 5/21/25
1967 **Buchberg**, Sandra 4/10/25
1967 **Ensminger**, Bruce A. 5/9/25
1967 **Harber**, Michael J. 9/5/25
1967 **Olshen**, David A. 8/27/25
1967 **Yeager**, Terry R. 10/21/25
1968 **Anna**, Deborah M. 8/23/25
1968 **Baumgartner**, Brian 7/12/25
1968 **Garvey**, George E. 10/28/25
1968 **Mancuso**, Alan 11/24/24
1968 **Pennella**, Susan Burzynski 8/24/25
1968 **Platek**, Gerald T. 5/29/25
1968 **Topolski**, Deborah M. Anna 8/23/25
1969 **Carlson**, Norm 8/24/25
1969 **Garrison**, Karla E. 5/18/25
1969 **Osberg**, Susan D. 5/8/25
1969 **Rykert**, Nancy J. 8/18/25
1969 **Stampfer**, Dale A. 5/31/25
1969 **Watson**, Nicholas R. 7/14/25
1970 **Bertram**, Janette L. 1/20/25
1970 **Mary**, Susan A.
1970 **Reese**, Gary C. 3/7/25
1971 **Cave**, John M. 4/28/25
1971 **Davis**, Louisa 9/15/25
1971 **Shapiro**, Steven M. 4/23/25
1971 **Weinstein**, Randi Sue Califano 7/10/23

Let Their Spirit Live On...con't

1971 Stellrecht , George C. 12/26/22	1980 Hecei , Cory R. 4/16/25
1971 Thomas , Betty J. Ruhland 6/29/25	1980 Muscarella , Lisa 10/19/25
1972 Blaszak , Paul 6/11/25	1980 Peterson , Ron 7/18/25
1972 Harber , Patricia 5/27/25	1982 Ceder , John D. 9/12/25
1972 Reid , Richard 3/8/25	1982 Gorski , Caroline 2/6/25
1973 Gremke , Cynthia 6/13/25	1982 Hitzges , David 2/3/25
1973 Lewis , David E. 1/14/25	1983 Caligiuri , Camille 9/10/25
1973 Radka , Pamela A. Rupert 9/15/25	1983 May , Robert (Bob) 5/29/25
1973 Sears , Charles 9/10/25	1983 Mirando , Joseph P. 4/6/25
1974 Conlin , Glenn P. 7/28/25	1983 Pavichich , Joseph John 7/23/25
1974 Gore , Steven W. 6/9/25	1983 Schlifke , Terry 5/28/25
1974 Lawler , Laurie A. 9/27/25	1984 Dolan , Patricia 6/26/25
1974 Murphy , Michael 4/20/25	1984 Knast , Rose M. 3/13/25
1974 Rumley , Daniel A. 5/25/25	1985 Munn , Kenneth 6/23/24
1974 Slojkowski , Eugene K. 7/16/25	1985-86 Mayer , Derrick "Rick" 7/6/25
1974 Valentine , Geoffrey S. 6/19/25	1986 Folck , Brian D. 9/9/25
1974 Willard , Donna 4/14/25	1986 Sansone , Nicholas M. 6/25/25
1975 Goldfield , Jane H. 9/1/25	1987 Mann , Christine E. 2/13/25
1975 Karsky , Lawrence P. 4/7/25	1988 Mayer , Derrick 7/6/25
1975 Schenk , Molly J. 7/2/25	1989 Hecei , Mark J. 3/15/25
1975 Victor , Richard A. 2/24/25	1991 Trznadel , Eric A. 5/1/25
1975 Weinstein , Robin Fern 5/26/25	1995 Callahan , Daniel G. 3/10/25
1976 Pearsall , P. Brion 10/31/22	1995 Courtade , Catherine E. 4/15/25
1976 Sciria , Michael P. 2/6/25	1996 Martin , Crystal L. 9/19/25
1978 Fama , Andrea 2/10/25	1997 Pawlicki , Jennifer Ann Pollette 7/2/25
1979 Ebling , Henry D. 4/27/25	1998 Clarke , Sara Rose 5/14/25
1979 Fleming , Thomas R. 6/2/25	1999 LaPorta , Michael J. 10/11/25
1979 Gerbec , Barbara M. 6/15/25	2001 Slack , Brian 11/2/25
1979 Haeick , Richard (Rick) 2/2/25	2003 Hoffnung , Jason W. 2/13/25
1979 Hausrath , Sharon A. 1/8/25	2004 Chimera , Scott J. 6/4/25
1979 Scott , Lawrence	2012 Levalley , John R. 4/8/25
1980 Celano , Lynn M. 11/4/25	2024 Bonafede , Jackson David "Jack" 6/18/25
1980 Crisp , Deborah J. Zamerski 6/22/25	

ADMINISTRATORS/STAFF/FACULTY

Certo, Russell 7/23/25, Teacher
Lewis, Karen, Social Studies 4/30/25
Lippa, Joseph 8/2/24 Ken-Ton Psychologist
Mirando Peter A. 3/23/25 30 years Ken-Ton teacher
Putnam, Cheryl Huttonlocker, Bachovchin 8/22/25 English Teacher
Rogers, Pauline Jacobson 8/22/25, Librarian

Geoff Brunger KW '66 Scholarship

Ken Reckhow will again be providing a donation of \$2,000 to fund two scholarships in the Spring of 2026. The scholarship will be named the "Geoff Brunger KW '66 Scholarship".

Geoff Brunger was Ken's friend, track teammate and KW '66 classmate.

The scholarships will be in the amount of \$1,000 and will go to a female and male track athlete who exemplify the same leadership, integrity and scholarship as Geoff Brunger.

The awardees are to use the scholarship to attend a local community college and will be selected by the respective track team coaches.

Thank you very much Ken! The Kenmore West Alumni Foundation and the track athletes sincerely appreciate your continued support!

AT RIGHT: "Kenmore West" is a race horse owned by Bob Gorsky, Class of 1970. Bob named the horse for his beloved high school and pledged five percent of his winnings to the Kenmore West Alumni Scholarship Foundation. Since his first race in September 2024 "Kenmore West" has brought in over \$6,500.

The Class of 1960 has been having monthly luncheons at the Eagle House since their reunion in 2010. Anyone from the class of 1960 is welcome. Email Dianne Loagan Weinert at diannejei18@aol.com.

Ron Coles is looking for classmates from the class of 1971 for their 55th Reunion. Send your contact info to KenWest71Reunion@gmail.com. Contact anyone you know from the '71 class so they can be included on the guest list. It's going to be their Milestone 55th Reunion Party!



KENMORE WEST '67, '68, '69 FOOTBALL TEAMS HONORED

On November 11, 2025 the 1967-69 Kenmore West High School football teams were honored as the 2025 Team of Distinction by the Greater Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame. Jules Yakapovich, who was inducted into the Greater Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame in 2008, was the head coach. The teams had a combined 23-1 record during the 1967-1969 seasons in which they won three Niagara Frontier Leagues, was named the #1 school in NY State and was named a "High School National Champion" by the Junior Super Bowl following a #1 ranking in the nation.

The Class of 1976 is planning their 50th reunion for August 2026. For more information email kenmorewest76@gmail.com or Google kenmorewestclassof1976.

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Edward Gibson from KW's class of 1955, a NASA astronaut, solar physicist, author and member of the US Astronaut Hall of Fame, held a Q & A at Kenmore West in September for math and science students where he talked about his time in space, as well as his book, [Space—Ever Farther, Ever Faster –Now!](#)

