

FIFTYPLUSCLUB WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

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Welcome to the Washington High School **FIFTYPLUSCLUB**! It is probably safe to assume you have never heard of our organization, or at least you have no clear understanding of who we are and what we represent? So, allow me to define and explain our organization so you get a good understanding of the history, traditions, and our Non-Profit involvement with the current Washington Technology Magnet School. Additional informational is available on our website- www.50plusclub.neocities.org. And, if you have questions, feel free to contact Tom Krieger, President ('68) at tomkwhs50plus@gmail.com or (612) 325-8708.

The general purposes of the Washington High School **FIFTYPLUSCLUB** are 1) to keep alive the name and memory of George Washington High School, and 2) encourage and assist fifty (50) year and subsequent annual reunions of George Washington High School Classes. Further, Washington High School **FIFTYPLUSCLUB** operates as a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Corporation, exclusively to support, promote, and administer charitable educational activities to selected graduating seniors from Washington Technology Magnet School who are planning to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two or four year College, University, or Vocational Technical School in the United States for the upcoming academic school year. Washington High School **FIFTYPLUSCLUB** makes annual monetary awards to Washington Technology Magnet School Students who have displayed strong support of the school, their classmates, and the community, through volunteering and leadership.

At the time of the closing of our original George Washington High School in 1979, a substantial, well-organized celebration took place titled the "Last Harrah". You were probably in attendance at one event or another. Thousands of past graduates of Washington High School took part in many of the planned events. Hundreds of alumni paraded down Rice Street...Countless folks toured the school...Scores of alumni listened to speeches and viewed presentations. Everyone truly appreciated getting together with former classmates and friends.

It was from this Last Hurrah Event that the genesis for an annual reunion gathering began. Initially, the organizing group of the annual reunion gatherings was simply called the "Alumni Association". After many years of casual operations, it became obvious that the group needed a more formal structure. Subsequently, the original name was changed to the Washington High School **FIFTYPLUSCLUB**, Inc. and the initial set of bylaws were adopted and signed on February 1, 1988. The Articles of Incorporation were submitted to the State of Minnesota for the purpose of forming a corporation pursuant to the provisions of the Minnesota Nonprofit Corporation Act. On April 6, 1988 the Washington High School **FIFTYPLUSCLUB**, Inc. was registered and issued a Corporate Charter. Today, Washington High School **FIFTYPLUSCLUB**, Inc. is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Corporation.

So, just who are all the members of the WHS **FIFTYPLUSCLUB**...Which we now have over (3600) of? We are all members of a Washington High School Graduating Class who have passed the threshold of our fiftieth (50th) year past our graduation. In 2021, it is YOU, the Class of 1971 that is crossing the threshold to become a member of the WHS **FIFTYPLUSCLUB**.

To celebrate our organization and assist in the Fund-Raising efforts of our Scholarship Fund, the WHS **FIFTYPLUSCLUB** holds an Annual Reunion Luncheon which is scheduled on August 21, 2021. It is at this Annual Reunion Luncheon that the Class celebrating its fiftieth (50th) graduation anniversary will take their Grand March into the Ballroom while the Washington Prexies Fight Song is being played overhead.

I will conclude by speaking for all our Members. I look forward to meeting and seeing you on August 21, 2021, at the 36th Annual WHS **FIFTYPLUSCLUB** Annual Reunion Luncheon.

Sincerely,



Tom Krieger, Class of 1968
President
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