



Welcome to the Washington High School Alumni **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 information 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 Alumni **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 Alumni **FIFTYPLUSCLUB** makes annual monetary awards to Washington Technology Magnet School Students who have displayed dedicated support for 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 deeply 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". 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. 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. In early 2023, we changed our name to the Washington High School Alumni **FIFTYPLUSCLUB**. We now include **ALL ALUMNI** of Washington High School in our activities.

To celebrate our organization and assist in the Fund-Raising efforts of our Scholarship Fund, the WHS Alumni **FIFTYPLUSCLUB** holds an Annual Reunion Luncheon which is scheduled for Saturday, September 9, 2023. It is at this Annual Reunion Luncheon that the Class of 1973 will be celebrating their fiftieth (50th) graduation anniversary and will take the Grand March into the Ballroom.

I will conclude by speaking on behalf of all our Members. I look forward to meeting and visiting with you on September 9, 2023, at the 38th Annual WHS Alumni **FIFTYPLUSCLUB** Annual Reunion Luncheon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom".

Tom Krieger, Class of 1968
President
WHS **FIFTYPLUSCLUB**