

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2011



NOTES ON THIS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter was put together at the request of community members and alumni. We all hope that you enjoy reading the notes from or about these alumni of Orcas Island HS. We know that there are many more stories and information that could be shared but that time is short in this busy world.

If there is an interest, we are happy to make this newsletter an annual event. Or, we could publish alumni news on a monthly basis, adding any information that is sent to us.

Tom Tilman has created a Facebook page for Orcas Island High School alumni as another place for connections and sharing. Thanks to Tom for soliciting many of the updates in this newsletter. We are happy to publish information on reunions or other class activities. See the 10 year and 20 year reunions listed in this newsletter.

It was certainly delightful to hear from so many Orcas alumni in the course of creating this newsletter. Thank you to all who contributed.

Barbara Kline
Superintendent/Principal

UPCOMING REUNIONS

20 YEAR: CLASS OF 1991

Weekend of July 23, 2011!! Contact Amber for more information:
amberlee@centurytel.net

10 YEAR: CLASS OF 2001

Fourth of July weekend - there will be something planned on both July 2nd and July 3rd.
Contact Zoanna for more information: zoannajones@gmail.com



CLASS OF 1967

Clifton Leatherwood, Class of 67 retired from The City of Seattle, Utilities division after 28 years in customer service, utility billing and information technology. He and his partner will continue to live in Seattle with many hopes and plans for traveling and sunshine.



CLASS OF 1977

Allison Boice

I saw your message from the Orcas High School FB page.

In the 34 years since graduation. I went on to William Woods College (now University) in Fulton, Missouri. Graduated with a BA in Elementary Education/Early Childhood Concentration. After graduation I returned to Orcas in 1981 and was there until 1992 when I returned to Missouri. I have worked in the medical field in transcription. Four years ago I left my Transcription Supervisor job to work from home. I now work for a company based in Florida and do online Quality Assurance for medical reports.

During my time here in Missouri I went back to school and earned a second BA in Sign Language Communications. I purchased a home in 1993 and thoroughly enjoy decorating. I also enjoy my family here, sister, nieces, nephews, and my parents who also relocated from Orcas. I make it back to California on occasion to visit my family. I have not returned to Orcas, but I most certainly miss waking up to the site of Jones Island from my bedroom window on Spring Point and the beauty of the area. Missouri has so much to offer and within easy access, no ferry lines! :)

My best to all



CLASS OF 1986

Shannon O'Brien

Rocky Mountain Islanders Connect Away from Home

O.H.S. is well represented at the University of Montana in Missoula. Currently, four former OHS students are attending the UM. Kyle Hofmann (2009), who attended O.H.S. through his sophomore year, is a Health and Human Performance major and scholarship athlete on the Grizz Football Team. Lea Bosler (2008) is an Environmental Studies major, and has done some great work in the local sustainability efforts. She will be on exchange in Oregon next year, but plans to graduate from UM. Genevieve Gaylord (2007) just returned from Semester at Sea, and is on the Dean's list for in the College of Education and Human Performance. Shannon O'Brien (1986) is a scholarship recipient and graduate assistant, working toward her Doctorate in Educational Leadership. Genevieve, Lea and Shannon very much enjoy cheering for Kyle and the rest of the Grizzly Football Team.



CLASS OF 1988 AND 1992

John & Sarah Coffelt are Orcas alumni class of '88 and '92 owners of Moon Glow Arts & Crafts on Main St. in Eastsound?

All alumni summer of 2011 - mention you are an Orcas alumni and get 20% of a purchase of \$10 or more! moonglowartsandcrafts.com internet store coming soon! Island stickers & diecuts, Vikings cardstock, stickers and diecuts, everything for scrapbooking, art supplies for all abilities, craft kits for all ages, party supplies, beads & findings etc.....





CLASS OF 1989

Tom Tillman has recently been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Northwest Diving History Association. The NWDHA maintains a museum and library in Tacoma, WA that contains equipment, photographs, books and ephemera from the history of recreational skin and scuba diving from the 1930s until today. They also have a traveling museum that displays at trade shows throughout the United States. Tillman is heading up the Digital Archive Committee whose goal it is to make videos, audio, photos and ephemera detailing the history available online. Tom is also currently working on a revised website for the NWDHA that can be found at www.DivingHistory.com. Tom also runs a Facebook Page for Orcas Island Alumni that has information on reunions, updates on classmates and general fun discussions about island life.



CLASS OF 1991

Amber Lee (Anderson) Paulsen

Amber invites all members of the class of 1991 to their 20 year reunion the weekend of July 23, 2011!! Contact Amber for more information

amberlee@centurytel.net



CLASS OF 1996

Sunshine Hovelman

Sunshine Hovelman has just moved back to Orcas Island to raise her 2 kids (kindegarten and 2yr old). She has her masters degree and has been teaching ESL.



CLASS OF 1997

CHLOE PHALAN WORKS FOR "LEGAL VOICE" IN SEATTLE. Chloe attended the Orcas Island public school from grades K-12 graduating in 1997.

Legal Voice secures and protects women's legal rights. Their drive for justice improves the lives of mothers, daughters, aunts, sisters, nieces & grandmothers in our region. A vital, active force in the community, they make substantive, lasting changes through legislation, self-help resources and litigation with a far-reaching public impact.

You can find their website at: [HTTP://WWW.NWWLC.ORG/](http://www.nwwlc.org/)

Chloë grew up on an island where people were very concerned about global warming. Her childhood was filled with recycling, beach clean-ups, seal pup rescues, nature documentaries, tree planting, the Golden Rule, and organized protests. The word "Valdez" still gives her the heebie-jeebies. Of course, there were other interests—she loved painting, sports, and Thai food. So she packed her bags and moved to Seattle.

Soon she had a piece of paper from the University of Washington and an agreeably muddy job with an organic gardening company. It was then, while contemplating a career in environmental law, that a friend told her about a legendary "Center" that used the law to fight the patriarchy. Why, fighting the patriarchy and saving the planet go together like chocolate and peanut butter! Her excitement compounded after attending Kelli Maguire's volunteer orientation. For three straight days she said nothing but "Where has the Law Center been all my life?" On a cold November day in 2004, Chloë arrived at Legal Voice for her first volunteer shift. She's still there as a paid staff member.



CLASS OF 1999

Cole Sisson

After high school I studied Political Science at the University of Washington. Japan was the 30th country I've visited. My goal is 50. I am the Sales and Marketing director for a Washington winery by the name of Hestia Cellars. If given the choice I would leave this world in a peaceful manner. Living on Orcas and 120 years young.



Laine Rutledge

Is currently in her first year of a doctoral program in economics at the University of Washington.

Sam Culliton

After studying mechanical engineering I joined the army in August 2001. While stationed in Alaska as an airborne infantryman I deployed to Afghanistan for a year. Back in Washington, I operated excavators for a small business that invented an extremely innovative tool for grading sidewalks. After meeting my wife we ventured to Louisiana for my occupation as a commercial diver in the Gulf of Mexico. We are happy to have such a beautiful life and home on the bayou even though we miss and wish to return to the state of Washington eventually.



CLASS OF 2000

Isla Beckner married Chris DiLernia of Long Island, NY on April 25, 2010 in Dublin, CA (their home). She will be coming to Orcas for a baby shower hosted by her friend and classmate Lila Richardson (Speed). Isla is due at the end of June. (It's a girl)



CLASS OF 2001

Zoanna Jones

Zoanna invites all class of 2001 members to their 10 year reunion celebration this summer! The class of 2001 reunion will be held on the Fourth of July weekend - there will be something planned on both July 2nd and July 3rd.

Kelsey O'Brien

Kelsey O'Brien has successfully completed the Master of Business Administration degree at Seattle University's Albers School of Business and Economics. Kelsey is now part of an impressive group of Seattle University graduate alumni making unique contributions to the business community and society, as well as to the wider world. Congratulations to Kelsey!



CLASS OF 2002

Molly Sisson

I attended the University of Washington and studied both Spanish and Sociology. After college, I moved to Buenos Aires, Argentina for 3 months, before returning to Seattle, to complete my Masters in Teaching. I am currently a 4th grade teacher in Rainier Beach and could not ask for a better job!



CLASS OF 2003

Jesse Anderson

I live in Seattle, close to Shoreline, away from the city. I have an Audio Engineering Degree from the Art Institute of Seattle, graduated in 2007. I have been working at a company called Pacific Pro Audio www.pacificproaudio.com . There I worked building recording systems and doing support for the major recording studios in the NW. I also do software teaching for a recording program called ProTools. I just got a promotion / transfer to a company I was working with Chameleon Labs www.chameleonlabs.com. I was testing and repairing all of the gear before it would ship to a client. Now I am the Worldwide Technical Manager of this small company.

We make a line of recording equipment based off of vintage designs. In my free time ...hahaha.. I do Studio or Live recording for bands or events with a company called Luminant Audio www.luminateaudio.com . I have been working with the owner Mark Miller, for about 5years now. That is really my goal, to be working in a studio. When the market crash happened we had to close the doors and make it more of a side project. So for now I just get to do studio recording every now and then. Needless to say, I'm a pretty busy guy these days. But I'm loving it. I keep my sanity with my girlfriend Hanna. She graduated with her BSNRN from SU and just got a job at Children's Hospital as a Night Nurse on the surgical unit.

In my off time I have discovered cooking, and other food related endeavors. Right now I have been on a Jerky kick, I have done many batches and now feel I have the perfect recipe. Cooking new and different foods and playing with flavors really calms me and lets



my mind snap back to reality. So Life is pretty good. I'm healthy, not broke, and have a smile on my face!!

Danielle Johanneck

I graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of San Diego in 2007 with a degree in psychology and a minor in business. I was member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. While attending USD I also worked at Pacific Athletic Center. After USD I stayed in San Diego and worked with an investment company until August, 2009 when I moved to Seattle. I am in my second year of the Foster School of Business MBA program at the University of Washington. I am currently employed at Xenon Arc in Bellevue.

Lyria Shaffer-Bauck

Lyria is living in Seattle and enjoying her new position as Administration Officer at Washington Research Foundation.

Cynthia Zimbelman

I am living in Seattle. I returned last May from a year and half abroad, teaching English in Thailand. I am now working for Junior Achievement of Washington. I teach middle and high school about personal finance and budgeting. My position is 'Finance Park Director'. I work at a 'finance theme park' ... if you will.

http://jawashington.org/world/finance_park.php I have a new group of students (between 20 and 150) everyday. Junior Achievement focus' on financial literacy. It is a very rewarding job. I am able to use my education, life experience, and public speaking skills to make a real difference in the lives of the students.

Kimmy Clancy

I have just completed massage school and am now an LMP (licensed massage practitioner.) Heather Segault and I have opened Island Massage Studio in Eastsound. No kids for me yet ...

Kathleen Kline

Kathleen is finishing her first year of law school at the University of Washington. She is living in downtown Seattle, and will be interning with a judge this summer.

Megan Duke

Megan Duke is living on Orcas. Royce, her son, is now 3. She will be getting married in July.



CLASS OF 2005

Michael Rupp

I graduated from UW in December of 2010 am in Southern Spain right now in a city called Málaga taking part in a government program called Cultural Ambassadors that provides native speakers, with Spanish degrees, to come here and teach English. I've been here since September and will be here until June of 2012 teaching at a local high school and hopefully perfecting my Spanish and travelling. Colin Gaylord also graduated in December of 2010 and is currently doing the same program that I am just in Barcelona and with elementary school students. I'm not sure if he got the news so I thought I'd take the initiative for him.



CLASS OF 2006

Sophie Sisson

I graduated from OHS in 2006 and attended Western Washington University, where I graduated with a BA in Sociology and a minor in Communication. Currently I work for an employee owned insurance brokerage and employee benefit firm in Bellingham Washington where I am an insurance agent.



CLASS OF 2007

Annie Kucklick will be graduating from Seattle University in June. Besides finishing her honors paper for graduation, she continues to intern for CAIR (Council of American-Islamic Relations) in Seattle. She will return to the island this summer and then plans to travel and continue her human rights work. When she returns to the Northwest, she hopes to work for a human rights organization and then will decide on graduate school.



CLASS OF 2009

Eliana "Elli" Blaine is at Wellesley, near Boston, finishing her sophomore year as an Environmental Studies major. She did a 3-week marine studies internship on the Puerto Rico island of Vieques in January (instead of braving Boston blizzards); just returned from a spring break service trip to help poor women in Nicaragua; helped host a "Communicating Science" symposium on climate change; and is soon going to Washington, DC for "Power Shift," where students will rally for clean energy. She'll be back on Orcas this summer to do more conservation work with Kwiáht and with the San Juan Preservation Trust.



CLASS OF 2010

Bobbi Lowry

I am still attending Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas. I love this school and I intend to finish my undergrad here. It's a small school and I've made some really good friends. I am really involved on campus as a member of Student Congress, Student Foundation, Finch Society, and University Programming Council. I was recently initiated into the Delta Delta Delta Fraternity. Next year I will be holding an officer position as Activities Chair in Delta Delta Delta and I am running for Chair of University Programming Council. I've grown to love the Austin area and I am very happy with this choice!