

# Classmates reminisce: Life before cellphones, computers

Photos by Katherine Lacaze



Dozens of former Seaside High School students gathered at the Seaside Elks Lodge on July 29 for a final reunion of the classes from 1941 to 1951.

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Mistress of Ceremony Gloria Stiger Linkey, class of 1947, noted the distance between their high school years and present day, addressing the changes time has brought.

Some people might say they were raised among disadvantages, she said. There were no cellphones, no computers and no iPads. Television was not yet widespread. Many lived through ration cards and the Great Depression.

"But were we disadvantaged? No," Linkey said. "We were the luckiest generations in the whole world."

They developed strong friendships, as evidenced "by all you who have come out for this reunion," she added.

"We had the best time growing up in Seaside that any people could have," Linkey said.

During the program, Terry Dahlgren, the current band director at Seaside High School and Broadway Middle School, presented a slideshow of band photos starting in the 1940s. The photographic journey, he said, was a way to share history and show the audience today's young musicians.

Event speaker Jim Auld, class of '61, provided a history of the high school's Hall of Fame, a display of student and athletic achievement. In the early 2000s, a committee was created and the first of 106 current members were selected.

Along with athletes, the Hall of Fame recognizes student-athletes and students noted for career accomplishments, involvement in the arts and sciences, meritorious service and military service. Entire teams have been honored for their collective success.

The next induction will be in September. Two teams and seven individuals will be inducted, Auld said.

Of the graduates gathered for the reunion, several are included in the school's Hall of Fame.

Before the event drew to a close, Sally McBride, of the class of 1948, and Carlisle Dehner, of the class of 1950, joined 1950 graduate Patsy Kerwin onstage to lead the group in singing the school's alma mater and official fight song.

The event, organized by Kerwin, marked "the last huge class reunion" for the graduates of those particular years. With individuals moving and advancing in age, it has been increasingly difficult to keep track of everyone and gather a group large enough to make the preparation worth it, she said.

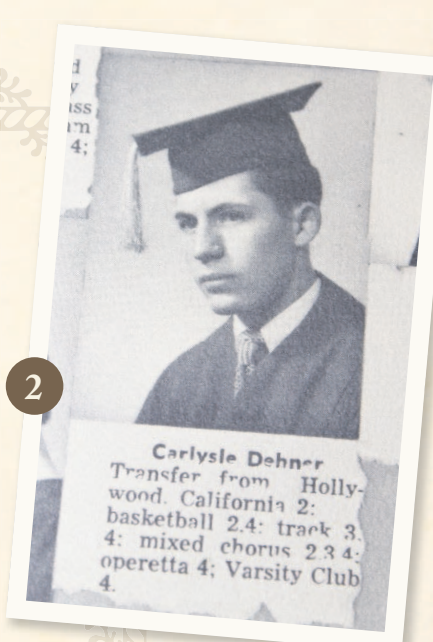
In her concluding comments, Linkey noted that fact, as well.

"This is it," she said.

As the reunion wound down, grads continued to share memories with friends, including a trip to the high school's Hall of Fame and a visit to the office of the Signal, where they could glimpse the pages from their past.



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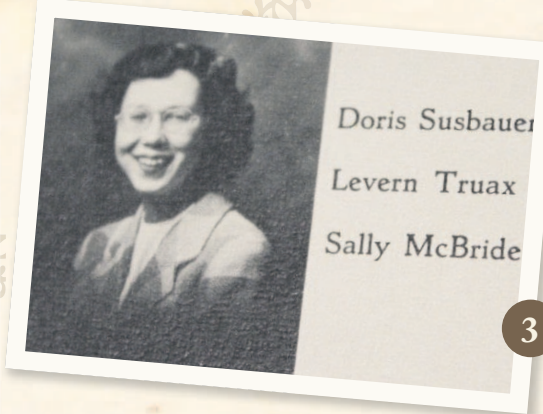
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1 - Former Seaside High School student Patsy (Marshall) Kerwin's senior photo in the 1950 yearbook. 2 - Former Seaside High School student Carlisle Dehner's senior picture in the 1950 yearbook. 3 - Former Seaside High School student Sally McBride's photograph as a junior in the 1947 yearbook. 4 - A photograph of former Seaside High School student Gloria Stiger, whose last name is now Linkey, in an old yearbook. 5 - Gloria Stiger Linkey, who graduated from Seaside High School in 1947, was the Mistress of Ceremony at a reunion picnic for the classes from 1941 to 1951.

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