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## WTAA MEETINGS

All Membership Meetings held at West Tech Museum, unless otherwise noted. Meetings are open to members of the WTAA, West Tech alumni & friends.

## **2019 WTAA MEETINGS**

- ❖ Sunday Feb 17<sup>th</sup> - 2 PM  
At North Olmsted Library
- ❖ May 19<sup>th</sup> - 2 PM
- ❖ August 11<sup>th</sup> - 2 PM
- ❖ November 17<sup>th</sup> - 2 PM

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## **TATLER DEADLINES**

January 1	April 1
July 1	October 1

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## **2019 WTAA EVENTS**

- ❖ Annual craft show - March 9<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ West Tech Tours - March 23<sup>rd</sup>
- ❖ West Tech Tours - May 18<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Fun Luncheon - June 9<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Fourth of July Parade
- ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Car show - Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Hall of Fame - September 28<sup>th</sup>

## **KAYE BALLARD, COMIC ACTRESS AND SINGER FROM VAUDEVILLE TO TV, DIES at 93**

By Matt Schudel  
The Washington Post

Kaye Ballard, a singer, comic actress and all-purpose entertainer whose antic performances took her from vaudeville and nightclubs to Broadway, regional theaters, and film and television roles, including as a sitcom star and a frequent guest on talk shows, died Jan. 21 at her home in Rancho Mirage, Calif. She was 93.

The death was confirmed by her lawyer, Mark Sendroff. The Associated Press reported that she had kidney cancer.

Ms. Ballard began performing at a USO canteen during World War II, sang with the big bands of Vaughn Monroe and Stan Kenton and appeared on virtually every kind of show-business stage during her seven-decade career. She was a guest on “The Tonight Show” more than 150 times. On Broadway, she starred in “The Golden Apple,” a 1954 comic re-interpretation of the Helen of Troy story, and in a 1961 musical “Carnival!”

From 1967 to 1969, she starred with Eve Arden in the NBC sitcom “The Mothers-in-Law.” The two actresses portrayed neighbors whose children had married each other and who were constantly bickering and meddling in their lives. Although the show lasted only two seasons, Ms. Ballard was indelibly identified with her loud, demonstrative character, Kaye Buell.

Throughout her career, Ms. Ballard was considered a versatile comic performer with a mobile, expressive face, along the lines of Ethel Merman, Martha Raye and Nanette Fabray.

“In high school I turned to comedy,” she told TV Guide in 1966. “I did it out of self-consciousness. I just wasn’t pretty enough for what I wanted to be. My present style of comedy is based on this self-consciousness.”

She was a regular on “Perry Como’s Kraft Music Hall” in the 1960s and appeared on countless other variety and talk shows, capable of delivering a torch song or a punchline with equal aplomb.

In a forthcoming documentary, “Kaye Ballard: The Show Goes On!,” Woody Allen praises Ms. Ballard for being the first comedian who could properly tell his jokes.

As a singer, she introduced three songs that became standards: “Lazy Afternoon,” “In Other Words” — better known as “Fly Me to the Moon” — and “Maybe This Time,” a John Kander and Fred Ebb song made famous by Liza Minnelli in “Cabaret.”

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**KAYE BALLARD** (cont. from pg.1)

During her Broadway run in "The Golden Apple," Ms. Ballard was featured on the cover of Life magazine in a photograph by Richard Avedon. New York World-Telegram and Sun drama critic William Hawkins wrote that Ms. Ballard "can say words with a slow and lecherous grin, and times her songs with a daffy attitude all her own. 'Lazy Afternoon,' which she sings to Paris [a traveling salesman], is a wonder of insinuation."

While performing a nightclub act and in touring productions, Ms. Ballard continued to appear onstage and on television throughout the 1950s. She played a stepsister of Julie Andrews's Cinderella in a 1957 TV production of the classic fairy tale by composers Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II. The show was watched by more than 100 million people.

In 1961, Ms. Ballard had a leading role in the long-running "Carnival!," directed by Gower Champion, in which she played the Incomparable Rosalie, the wife of a musician in a traveling road show. In one scene, she sat inside a box, singing "Always, Always You," as her husband thrust swords into the sides of the box.

She won praise in other musical plays in New York and in road productions of "Gypsy," "Hello, Dolly!" and "Follies." She toured as early as 1946, with dancer Ray Bolger, the Scarecrow in the film "Wizard of Oz," and was still on the road in 2005 in a production of comic cabaret revue "Nonsense."

"I may not have a Tony, an Emmy or even an Oscar," she told the Chicago Sun-Times in 2001, when she was appearing in a traveling production of "The Full Monty," "but I've always made a living in show business, and you know what? I'm still here."

Catherine Gloria Balotta was born Nov. 20, 1925, in Cleveland. Her father was a cement plasterer, and her mother a homemaker. She was largely raised by her Italian immigrant grandmother, whom she called "the most important person in my life."

She excelled in art and music in school and began performing in her teens. She was discovered by Spike Jones, the leader of a madcap comic big band, and joined his vaudeville touring group. She sang and performed on musical instruments as varied as the flute and tuba. She continued to play the flute, with considerable skill, throughout her career.

After "The Mothers-in-Law," Ms. Ballard did not have a starring role on television, but she was a regular on "The Doris Day Show" in the early 1970s and other programs. In the early 1980s, Ms. Ballard was back in New York, appearing on Broadway in the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta "The Pirates of Penzance." She was in an off-Broadway production of the musical comedy "Over the River and Through the Woods" in 1999, modeling her Italian American character on her grandmother.

In Hollywood, she had secondary roles in several films, including the sex farce "The Girls Most Likely" (1958) with Jane Powell, the Jerry Lewis comedy "Which Way to the Front?" (1970) and as a coach in "Freaky Friday" (1976), opposite Jodie Foster.

One of Ms. Ballard's rare missteps in show business came when she left "The Garry Moore Show" in 1960 because she thought another comic actress was getting preferential treatment — Carol Burnett.

"Oh yeah, my timing was always great onstage," Ms. Ballard said, "but not so great in real life."

She never married and had no immediate survivors.

She retired at 89, performing a one-woman show called "Going Out of Business," but earlier this month she appeared at a premiere of the documentary about her life.

In 2006, with the help of Jim Hesselman, Ms. Ballard published a memoir, "How I Lost 10 Pounds in 53 Years," in which she mentioned that she once consulted a numerologist, who told her to drop the final "e" of her first name and go by "Kay."

Her career promptly hit the skids.

"Let's just say," she wrote, "that I will never go to a numerologist again for advice!"

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Betty (Arcuri) & Christopher Beck, '68/'68  
 Sandra (McKinney) Brand, '68  
 Dan & Cindy (Yacovella) Brown, '75/'81  
 Ronzell Clayton, '88  
 Patricia (Pawlowski) Connole, '66  
 Roberta (Gable) Francway, '65  
 Diana Iuliano-Chan, Jan. '68  
 Dan & Cindy (Yacovella) Kasper, Jan. '64  
 Gwendolyn Lefevre, '68  
 Don Lommler, '68  
 Claudia (Horton) Mazanec, '68  
 Bernie Papenfoth, '80  
 Lawrence Schultz, '75  
 Marty Stevenson, '65  
 John J. Thomas, '73  
 Steve & Mary (Modenbach) Tishko, '70/'71  
 Manfred A. Weiss, '68

## WELCOME NEW CRIMSON & GRAY MEMBERS

Ted Ganda, '70  
 Stanley Koplan, '68  
 Bernie Papenfoth, '80  
 Jacob Kash  
 Nancy Vithous, '63

## CRANDALL STARK SCHOLARSHIP

Donations to the Crandall Stark Scholarship Fund may be made at any time, and are gratefully appreciated. Crandall was such an integral part of the West Tech Alumni Association, and donations will ensure the continuation of this scholarship for the future. When sending a donation, please mark your check to reflect that it is for the Crandall Stark Scholarship Fund and/or the WTAA Scholarship Fund. Thank you for your support.

## 2019 HALL OF FAME INDUCTION DINNER

by Gloria (Janollari) Cichon, '65, Hall of Fame Committee Chair

The 2019 Hall of Fame Induction Dinner has been scheduled on Saturday, September 28, 2019 at Brennan's Catering and Party Center, 13000 Triskett Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44111. More information will be published in the May Tatler, including the names of those to be inducted in the West Tech Hall of fame this year. Hall of Fame nominations for the current year will be accepted through March 1, 2019. A nomination form is on page 4 of this Tatler issue.

## 2019 WTAA CRAFT SHOW

By Helen Dugan, Craft Show Liaison

Another West Tech craft show is fast approaching and will take place on Saturday March 9, 2019 at St. Mary Magdalene church, 5390 W. 220<sup>th</sup> St. in Fairview Park from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Last year approximately 80 vendors displayed an assortment of homemade craft items, fashion apparel items, baked goods and more as over 300 people attended, including several West Tech Alumni.

WTAA has done well with our bake sale in the past and of course our volunteer bakers have contributed to that success.

Anyone willing to volunteer to work the event and/or to bake, please contact me at (513) 571-3979 or email me at [hdugan1@gmail.com](mailto:hdugan1@gmail.com).

In addition to the hundreds of specialty craft items available for sale, official West Tech merchandise will also be displayed including some new items.

Please reserve the date and hope to see you there!

## MEMORABILIA DONATIONS

We thank our generous alumni and their families for their thoughtful donations of West Tech memorabilia: Beverly Kuk Sutterland and Russell Sternik.

Some of the items donated are: collection of Tatlers from 1952, 1953, 1954, and September 1975 to June 1978.

## DONATING MEMORABILIA

The WTAA continues to be very grateful for donations of West Tech memorabilia, including, newspaper articles, programs, pictures, sports items, yearbooks and any other kind of West Tech memorabilia. Please include your name, address and class year with your items that enables us to acknowledge your donation.

Your contributions can be dropped off at West Tech, Room 2012, 2201 West 93 Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44102, on Thursdays or Saturdays from 11 AM to 2 PM. Please call the office to make sure it is open at the time you plan to stop in. We thank you for your thoughtfulness and your generosity.

Deadline for submission:  
March 1 of the current year

**WEST TECH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.  
HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM**

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Initial

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on West Tech Diploma: \_\_\_\_\_  
Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

West Tech Activities: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

West Tech Honors: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Undergrad Education: \_\_\_\_\_  
College & Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Employers: \_\_\_\_\_

Positions Held: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Military Service: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Lifetime Achievements: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please use the other side of this form (or extra paper) for any additional information, such as community service, awards, achievements, etc., to support your nomination. You may submit articles, brochures, etc., pertaining to the candidate.

RETURN THIS FORM TO: **HALL OF FAME NOMINATION - CONFIDENTIAL  
ATTENTION: CHAIR OF HALL OF FAME  
West Tech Alumni Association, Inc.  
2201 West 93 Street, Room 2012  
Cleveland, Ohio 44102**

Nomination submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_ Date Email Address

**WEST TECH MERCHANDISE UPDATE**

By WTAA President & Merchandise Chair Dave Kosakowski

Some new merchandise designs in our tee shirt and sweatshirt lines have recently been added. These items have been well received and I would like to bring them to your attention.

Some of you may have noticed that the classic "Warrior" and "Building" short sleeve tee shirts and sweat shirts (red or gray) are now also available in a two-color design with a black background in addition to our classic red and gray colors.

While black was not one of our school colors the contrast in the two-color ink on the black background makes the West Tech Warrior and Building really stand out and is quickly becoming our most popular option.

Pricing for the classic one-color short sleeve tee shirt is \$15.00 and the one-color sweat shirt is \$25.00 - for any size, in either red or gray and either the Warrior or Building design.

The two-color design in any size, in red, gray or black for either the Warrior or the Building design is only \$5.00 more than the one-color items, thus the price is \$20.00 for tee shirts and \$30.00 for sweat shirts. The new two-color design is also available in long sleeve. The long sleeve tee shirts are available in the Warrior or Building design in red, gray or black and are priced at only \$25.00. Ladies, we have not forgotten you! The WTAA has a women's line especially designed for them. WTAA has two women's designs available in the two-color option. They are both a "V" neck short sleeve tee shirt with the difference being that one is a softer "ring-spun cotton" material. These tee shirts are available in red, gray or black and they can be ordered in either the Warrior or the NEW Building design. Please specify soft or regular "V" neck when ordering.

NOTE: The women's tee's run about a size smaller than our other shirts.

Pricing on the Women's shirts are as follows: Regular short sleeve with "V" neck tee shirt in any color (Red, Gray or Black) any size (S-3X) in either Warrior or Building is \$22. Soft short sleeve with "V" neck tee shirt in any color (Red, Gray or Black) and any size in either the Warrior or Building is \$25.

A long sleeve "V" neck tee shirt is also available in the soft version for \$30.00.

To accommodate these new items, we have made some changes to the order form. Please note the following abbreviations, legends and changes etc.:

SO = Special Order \* Indicates the item comes with a pocket.

# indicates the item can be ordered with a pocket, add \$5.00.

Items can be shipped (see shipping chart on Merchandise Order form) or picked up at the Museum at no additional charge when ready.

Items marked special order typically take 10 - 12 weeks depending on the time of year.

While there is no extra charge to special order an item, please allow us the time to get it for you.

When your item is ready for pick-up you will be notified. Please include an email address whenever possible, as this helps us to better serve you.

Other new items are in the works and will be made available as they are ready. If you have a suggestion for something that you think would be a good item for us to offer and sell, please text me at (330) 328-7857 or email me at djkosakowski@yahoo.com.

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## FUN LUNCHEON CHANGES

By Diane (Mezzulo) Bancala, 1/67, Chairperson

Net proceeds from the event benefit the West Tech Alumni Association which includes its annual scholarship program. Scholarships are available to children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of West Tech Alumni along with faculty and staff.

Thanks to all the loyal and true people who have supported our FUN Luncheon in the past.

We have moved the event to a new location. The FUN Luncheon will be held at Copper Stone Catering and Event Center, 4630 Ridge Road, Brooklyn, Ohio. The luncheon will be held from Noon to 4pm on June 9, 2019. Make sure when you come, check in at the welcome table. The new menu will be: Roasted Pork Loin, Breaded Chicken Breasts, Broccoli, Cauliflower and Carrots, Roasted Redskin Potatoes, Rolls and Butter, salad served at the table, coffee, tea, pop, water, cake and desserts. Cost this year will be \$20.00 per person. Our Warriorettes will be performing and West Tech Merchandise will be available for purchase. The mandatory deadline for reservations will be Friday, May 24, 2019. A head count is needed for the event center.

In an effort to increase our donations, if you or someone you know is willing to donate a basket, gift certificate to a restaurant or store, or a small service, it would be greatly appreciated.

Your donations are tax deductible.

Send your donations to:  
West Tech Alumni Association  
Attn: FUN Luncheon  
2201 West 93 Street, Room 2012,  
Cleveland, OH 44102

For any questions or to arrange for an item to be picked up, email me at [phantomretired62@roadrunner.com](mailto:phantomretired62@roadrunner.com) or call 330-741-4182.

Thanks again for all your support. Without YOU, we would not be able to make this FUN Luncheon a success. So, invite all your family and friends and we will see you in June 2019. The reservation form is on page 7 of this issue.

## COMBINED CLASSES OF 1953

SAVE THE DATE for our Annual Class Luncheon, Friday, September 20, 2019 at Tony K's in Berea. Committee will be meeting after the first of the year.

## WEST TECH 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ALL ALUMNI & FRIENDS REUNION

Friday, July 12, 2019 at the Bagley Rd at the Brew Garden !!! 18590 Bagley Rd, Middleburg Hts.

Please join us from 6:00 p. m. to midnight. Time Warp Band will be performing from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. This is not specific to any one class. All classes, faculty and friends are welcome.

## 2019 CLASS REUNION INFORMATION

Please contact Theresa McCafferty, '77 with class reunion details for publication in the *Tatler* and the WTAA website ([www.westtech.org](http://www.westtech.org)) at (440) 781-9932 or email [tmmccafferty@yahoo.com](mailto:tmmccafferty@yahoo.com). Museum visits and tours of West Tech can be scheduled for the Saturday morning of your reunion by contacting Theresa McCafferty.

## WEST TECH GET TOGETHER

All West Tech alumni are invited to get together on the second Thursday of every month at 7 PM at the Grindstone Tap House, at 826 Front Street (between Bagley & Sheldon Roads), Berea, Ohio 44017, (440) 234-3455. We hope to see you there!

## WEST TECH MERCHANDISE AT MUSEUM

Merchandise and commemorative items are always available for purchase at the West Tech Museum for gift-giving, reunions, special occasions and personal enjoyment. The West Tech Museum is generally open on Thursdays and Saturdays from 11 AM to 2 PM. Please call the WTAA office at (216) 631-9822 to make sure the Museum will be open that day.

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**Deadline for the May 2019 issue is April 1<sup>st</sup>**

**FUN LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM**

**“Where ALL Class Families & Friends are Invited”**

**New Location:** Copper Stone Event Ctr, 4630 Ridge Rd **New Time:** (12 PM – 4 PM) **Date:** Sunday 6/9/19

<b>Reservation Deadline is Friday May 24, 2019</b>	<b>(Please Complete Form Below)</b>
<b>NOTE:</b> All reservations must arrive by deadline date of <b>May 29, 2019</b> <b>Cost:</b> \$20 per person	
# Reservations _____ X \$20 per person	Total Due \$ _____

Check/Money Order  
  Visa  
  Discover  
  Mastercard  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Three digit code \_\_\_\_\_

Name	Class Yr.	1st Time Attendee	City	Name	Class Yr.	1st Time Attendee	City

**\*\*For any questions, to reserve a table for 8 or need a handicap accessible table or have a donation, contact Diane Bancale at [phantomretired62@roadrunner.com](mailto:phantomretired62@roadrunner.com) or call (216) 287-2342**

<b>SEND TO</b>
West Tech Alumni Association, Inc. Attn: WTH Fun Luncheon Reservations 2201 West 93 Street, Room 2012 Cleveland, Ohio 44102

<b>CONFIRMATION</b>
To receive a confirmation that your reservation has been received please provide phone or email in the spaces below
<b>Name:</b> _____ <b>Phone:</b> _____
<b>Email:</b> _____

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**Too Old to Be a Freshman in Congress? Donna Shalala Doesn't Care**

By Emily Cochrane  
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — The Georgetown waterfront apartment where Donna Shalala has spent part of the last two decades is half sanctuary, half résumé.

There is a signed photo of Madeleine Albright, the former secretary of state, walking with Ms. Shalala when both were in Bill Clinton’s cabinet. A gold coffee table is adorned with the visages of the kings of Persia, a reminder of her time in pre-revolutionary Iran as a Peace Corps volunteer. Against a bookshelf a set of golf clubs rests in a bag emblazoned with the trademark orange and green “U” from the University of Miami, the 17,000-student private institution where she was president until 2015.

The shoulder bag left on a chair by the door with a different seal — the House of Representatives — seems like a bit of a letdown. But nevertheless, as she will repeatedly tell you, Ms. Shalala is excited for the next chapter in a career spanning decades: backbench freshman.

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Our deepest sympathies to the families and friends of our following classmates:

Kaye Ballard (Catherine Gloria Balotta), '44  
 Richard Barberic, June '59 (May 2016)  
 Albert J. Becka, Jr., '59  
 Angeline (Calabrese) Bewley, Jan. '46  
 Michael Biro, June '59  
 Sandra (Beam) Ciocca, '61  
 Russell H. Ciphers, June '55 (November 2017)  
 Eleanor Cooper, '44  
 Jacqueline (Rais) Dacek, June '57  
 Alice Nancy (Green) David, '71  
 Randy Edmonds, '79  
 John Edward Jenkins, '66  
 Herbert J. Frantz, '50  
 Eleanor M (Kraus) Gallagher, June '46  
 Michael W. Gelsinger Sr., June '65  
 Tom Gorman, June '59  
 Richard Ivancic, Jan. '66  
 Joyce (Powell) Janollari, Jan. '46  
 Eleanor D Karban, June '46  
 Emil Kocon, '71  
 Roberta (Bobbi) Koses, FAC, guidance counselor  
 John Kurczi, June '59  
 Nick V. Lascu, '43  
 Frances H. Lechler, June '59  
 Linda J. (Resler) Legg, June '67  
 Mario Mastroianni, Jr., '63  
 Goldie (Angelat) Maxim, Jan. '44  
 Donna (Payne) Meter, Jan. '58  
 Phyllis Osborn Edwards, '45  
 Ingeborg "Inky" (Werth) Primuth, June '60  
 Angelo Privitera, Jan. '58  
 George Rozinger, Jan. '45  
 James Rusnak, '64  
 Bonnie L. (Ashwood) Segul, June '67  
 John Bohndan Stolar, '67  
 Richard C. Suffridge, '78  
 William Teutsch, '43  
 Gordon Ray Torres, '76  
 Beverly Ann (Guist) Uline, June '59 (Aug. 2016)  
 Diane Zipay Vincent, '63

## Donna Shalala (continued from page 7)

Taking office a little over a month before her 78th birthday, Ms. Shalala, who once presided over a sprawling bureaucracy and budget as secretary of health and human services, will take on a new role: the oldest freshman in her class and one of the oldest true freshmen in congressional history. (Representative James Bowler of Illinois, elected at 78 in 1953, still maintains the distinction of being the oldest first-term freshman.)

Under the circumstances of the moment, her greatest strength — being historically old and experienced in a historically young and diverse freshman class — could become a huge liability.

“Do they see her skill set as an asset or is she sort of dismissed as the old guard who’s out of touch with how the world is now?” asked Scott Klug, a former Wisconsin Republican representative who introduced Ms. Shalala at her 1992 cabinet confirmation hearing. He answered, “Donna, just by the force of her personality, will have a presence.”

In a freshman class where some first-time candidates may be reluctant to transition to governing, Ms. Shalala is unlikely to Instagram her way through office, like Representative-elect Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York, or joust with Twitter trolls the way Representative-elect Ilhan Omar of Minnesota does. (She does maintain accounts on both platforms.)

The newcomers may come to value the woman nicknamed Hurricane Donna, who wrestled with a Republican Congress and spent years testifying before the senior lawmakers she now calls colleagues. But in the meantime, the adjustment could well be brutal for someone who has led staffs of thousands and controlled budgets of millions, or even billions.

“She’ll be the chief executive of her congressional office, but that is all,” Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, the retiring Republican whose South Florida seat Ms. Shalala is taking. She spent time meeting with Ms. Shalala during the transition to help her adjust. “I want her to understand that she’s used to being the chief, and Congress puts you in your place.”

Ms. Shalala, who weathered a surprisingly competitive primary challenge and general election race, understands the persistent disbelief from both Republicans and Democrats over her decision to run. (“I got pissed off,” she says, watching President Trump doing something — she can’t remember what, but something — on TV.)

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**Donna Shalala** (continued from page 8)

And she concedes that her new junior status will be a challenge.

“In my head, I assume it’s a new job, and I’ve got to be careful about not bringing the last job or the last experience to it,” she said, standing in her kitchen with a cup of black coffee.

Ms. Shalala does have some challenges in a Democratic Party that is younger, more diverse and more liberal than Mr. Clinton’s. She must communicate with her district’s significant Hispanic population without fluency in Spanish. As president of the University of Miami, she clashed with custodial workers striking over low pay, though she later earned the support of union workers during the campaign. She enraged Miami environmentalists by selling sensitive and protected land, a decision she insists was within her jurisdiction as university president.

Then there is the affiliation with the Clintons: She served eight years in Mr. Clinton’s cabinet and a year as president of the vilified Clinton Foundation as a personal favor to Hillary Clinton. “Fight Song,” the theme to Mrs. Clinton’s presidential bid, remains Ms. Shalala’s ringtone. (It is her form of resistance, she says.)

An eclectic arsenal of “Donna stories” has preceded the return to Washington of a woman who preferred to campaign in dog parks, but happily greets everyone from second-grade soccer players to old Republican adversaries on Capitol Hill.

There is the one where she thwarted a robbery by curling her already small five-foot frame into a fetal position and screaming. Or there are the days from her Little League softball career under the guidance of George Steinbrenner, the longtime owner of the New York Yankees. (Ms. Shalala said she recently accepted an invitation to join the congressional women’s softball team, likely setting another age-related record.)

Her freshman classmates have been learning about her by, among other things, revisiting their memories of Ms. Shalala’s tenure during Mr. Clinton’s impeachment, including recollections of her confrontation with Mr. Clinton over his affair with Monica Lewinsky.

“She’s smart; she knows the game,” said Representative-elect Deb Haaland of New Mexico, who said she considers Ms. Shalala a mentor. “It’s not about age. It’s

about strength, humanity — it’s about willingness to step up and fight.”

Almost forgotten are the opening days of the Clinton administration, when the right deemed Ms. Shalala “the farthest to the left and most controversial” of the Clinton cabinet nominees.

“I’m like a chameleon — I adjust to the job as it is,” she said.

Decades later, Ms. Shalala acknowledges that in this freshman class, she is more centrist than leftist — and on the other side of the generational change she once advocated. She scoffs at the suggestion that she should have stepped aside for the next generation of Democrats.

“What am I stepping aside for? Do they have better ideas than I have?” she said. “The answer is, no.”

**ALUMNI NEWS FOR FEBRUARY 2019****1950’s**

Donna Shalala, Jan. ‘58 was elected to a seat in the 27th District of Florida as a first time candidate.

**1960’s**

Joseph Shaerban, Jan. ‘65, was elected by acclamation as Vice President of the WTAA for the next two year term.

Sherry (Lipfird) Belohlavek, ‘66, was elected by acclamation as Treasurer of the WTAA for the next two year term.

**1970’s**

Thomas Patton, ‘71 won election in the Ohio House of Representatives, State House District 7.

**PROPER ADDRESS FOR WEST TECH  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MAIL**

Please be sure to use our full address of the West Tech Alumni Association, 2201 West 93<sup>rd</sup> Street, Room 2012, Cleveland, Ohio 44102. You may add the name of a committee or event, or merchandise sales below the name of association.

**WEST TECH "Building" or "Warrior" Chief Head**  
 1995 Red or Gray - Sizes S-XXXL  
 Sweatshirts \$25.00  
 T - Shirts \$15.00

**2-Color WEST TECH "Building" or "Warrior" Chief Head**  
 Red, Gray or Black - Sizes S-XXXL  
 SO Sweatshirts \$30.00  
 T - Shirts (Building is SO) \$20.00  
 SO - Long Sleeve T Shirts \$25.00

**BASEBALL CAPS**  
 Red or Gray - Adjust. Headband Embroidered "West Tech" \$20.00  
 Silk Screened "West Tech" \$18.00

**Skull Caps Embroidered**  
 "WesTech Warriors" on Front  
 Red, Gray or Black \$17.00

**Beanie Knit Caps Embroidered**  
 Front "WesTech" Back "Warriors"  
 Red, Gray or Black \$20.00

**VISORS** Gray or Red \$15.00

**"WEST TECH" Blanket**  
 Embroidered Red or Black \$25.00

**WTH Lapel pin 1"** \$5.00

**WEST TECH CAT'S MEOW**  
 3"x8"x3/4" \$25.00

**MOUSE PAD** \$5.00

**YEARBOOKS ON CD** \$20.00  
 (CD - Free shipping - specify year)

**FINAL DAYS OF WEST TECH ON DVD** \$10.00

**COOK BOOK** \$10.00  
 (Shipping charge only \$3.00)

**2-Color Sweatpants** Sizes S-XXXL  
 Available in Black, Gray, or Red

**"Building" or "Warrior" Design**  
 SO - Special Order Only 28.00

**STATIC WINDOW CLING** \$1.25

**SCRATCH PADS** - 50 sheets \$1.00

**BALLPOINT PENS** \$2.00

**NOTECARDS** - Pkg. 10 - \$10.00

**COMMEMORATIVE TATLER**  
 Centennial Year 2012 \$10.00

**LICENSE PLATE FRAME**  
 \$3.00 Each or two for \$5.00

**LETTER OPENER** \$2.00

**CANVAS BAGS (Red)**  
 Duffel \$25.00 Tote \$20.00

**(NEW) WOMENS (V Neck) T's**  
**2-Color "WEST TECH" Building or "Warrior" Head. (SO) only.**  
 Red, Gray or Black - Sizes S-XXXL  
\* RUNS ABOUT 1 SIZE SMALLER \*  
**Regular "V" Short Sleeve Tee \$22**  
**Soft "V" Tee Shirt \$25 Long \$30**

Indicate "V" or "Soft V" Below.  
**Embroidered Items (SO)**

\*Has Pocket. #Add \$5 for pocket

\*Long Sleeve Blue Denim \$39.00  
 \*Gray Polo Shirt \$30.00  
 # Long Sleeve Gray Tee \$30.00  
 Pullover Gray Hoodie \$38.00  
 Zippered Gray Hoodie \$49.00

**Red or Black** can also be ordered for any of the 5 embroidered items above except **blue denim shirt**.

Please indicate color and if you want pocket or not on order form.

**Jacket (Red / Gray) \$59.00**  
**Jacket (Red / White) \$59.00**

**SHIPPING AND HANDLING**  
 Up to \$30.00, add \$7.00  
 \$30.01 to \$60.00, add \$10.00  
 \$60.01 to \$90.00, add \$15.00  
 \$90.01 and up, add \$19.00

**MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Item	Description with Color & Size	Quantity	Price/Each	Total
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Method of Payment ( ) Check ( ) Credit Card\* Add Shipping \_\_\_\_\_

Payable in U.S. funds only. Please Allow 8-10 weeks for order, longer for items marked SO = Special Order Order Total \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks and money orders payable to

West Tech Alumni Association, Inc.  
 Attn: Merchandise Order  
 2201 West 93 Street, Room 2012 Cleveland, Ohio  
 44102 Call (216) 631-9822 for more info

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ 3-Digit Code \_\_\_\_\_

**WEST TECH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC. (NEW) MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

WTH Class Month \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Status:  Student  Faculty  Staff from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_ May we contact you by email?  Yes  No

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

WTH Class Month \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment  Check (US Funds only)  Credit Card

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ \* \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Check Length & Cost Below**

Length	Single	Joint
Per year	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15
3-Years	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35
5-Years	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40	<input type="checkbox"/> \$55

Crimson & Gray (Lifetime)  
per person \$125.00

**Please check 1 of these below**

- New  Honorary  
 Renewal  Gift

**Send to:**

West Tech Alumni Association  
2201 W. 93 Street, Rm 2012  
Cleveland, OH 44102.

\* **All credit card users**, please add **3-digit code** after card number on back of card

Include a self-addressed, stamped # 10 business size envelope to receive membership card by mail or pick up at WTAA meetings.

**PLEASE include EMAIL Address above. (This helps us to better serve you). 2/19**

If you have any questions and or concerns regarding membership, please contact either Millie Youngblood at m-youngblood@sbcglobal.net, (216) 676-4020 or Kathy Nehrenz at kathyiscrafty@sbcglobal.net, (216) 941-8714.

**West Tech Building Tours Winding Down**

by President Dave Kosakowski '74

As many of you know, early last year the West Tech Alumni Association signed in all likelihood its final lease to keep the West Tech museum in its current location which is the old auditorium at the former West Tech High School.

Chances are that when this lease expires, so too will our access to the building and thus the ability to take a tour of the old building. Thus, the time remaining for Alumni to take a tour of the old school and see the West Tech museum as it currently stands is sadly coming to an end.

The Tour Team from the WTAA was expressly designed to provide West Tech Alumni the opportunity to take a tour of the West Tech building combined with a visit to the West Tech Museum. Alumni were also able to learn more about the association and have a chance to purchase West Tech Merchandise all wrapped up into one visit.

There will be a LIMITED number of tours. The next tour is scheduled for **Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup>** with another tour scheduled for **Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup>**. Tour time is 10:30 AM with the museum opening that day only at 9:45 AM.

Reservations for the tour are required since the tours are limited in space and many times are booked up. Reservations are also done on a first come first serve basis.

To make reservations for you, your classmates, friends and or family, contact Theresa Kosakowski '81 by email at [theresa1162@aol.com](mailto:theresa1162@aol.com) or by calling her at (216) 272-5590.

Don't wait to make your reservations; you might miss out on your chance to see West Tech again!

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FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
NORTH OLMSTED LIBRARY  
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2019  
2:00 P.M.

27403 Lorain Rd.  
North Olmsted, OH 44070



**2019 WTAA CRAFT SHOW**  
Saturday March 9, 2019  
St. Mary Magdalene Church  
5390 W. 220<sup>th</sup> St., Fairview Park  
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.