



Friends of PC West Foundation, Inc.

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New Website

ATTENTION PATRIOTS

The Friends of PC West Foundation has built it's website. Beginning February 1st we would love for all alumni to go to it and register as a member. The website is www.friendsofpcwest.com If you have any questions, please call us at 314-5380.

1. Advertising-We will be able to provide advertising on our own website. This will allow us to generate funds for Putnam City West programs.
2. Home-This page will share some information, provide navigation to our other pages and allow visitors to opt into e-mail update notifications from the Foundation. This alone will provide an upgrade to the limitations of our Facebook page as we will be able to notify roughly 2000 members at once.
3. About-On this page we will share our Mission Statement and certain details about our 3 co-founders and Executive Board of Directors. This will allow visitors to know who we are and what we are about.

The Friends of PC West Foundation, Inc. has been formed for the purpose of raising funds and in-kind gifts to meet the unmet needs of the student body and staff at our beloved alma mater.

4. News-We will be able to present the most recent needs and noteworthy issues with full page text and pictures outside the formatting constraints of Facebook.
5. Projects-This is where we will share the details of completed funding projects including pictures of funding recipients, testimonials and other details of each effort.
6. Events-A calendar and detailed listing of upcoming fundraising events including Patriot Night Out (and other dining based fundraising efforts), 5k fun runs and All Class Reunion to name a few. This will be the go-to page for details and maps to locations to help members plan in advance what events they can participate in and support.
7. Finances-This page will provide transparency to the Foundation's finances.

8. Donate-The Donation page will provide several methods for members and non-members to support the Friends of PC West Foundation, funding the unfunded and under-funded needs of Putnam City West. Visitors will be able to donate via PayPal, check and other means. Visitors will also be able to donate their effort by signing up to participate and support events in a non-monetary way.
9. Store-As the name suggest this page is where we will sell various merchandise as a way to generate funds for Putnam City West programs. Visitor's to this page will find T-shirts, Polo shirts, baseball type caps, etcetera that display our pride for Putnam City West.

Calendar of Events 2015



Remember Date Night- the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Thursday of the month. Check Patriots Night Out on page 2 for details.

Tuesdays, Thursday, Friday, and Saturdays- Come out to watch the PCW basketball games. Check out the 3rd page for the schedule.



February 9th,-Next Meeting Date,- We need everyone's help with our fundraisers. Call Dick Click at 314-5380 to let him know if you are willing to help.

April 4, 2015-Will be the 2nd Annual Friends of PC West Foundation All Class Reunion Dinner at the Oklahoma History Museum. Check out page 2 for more details.



May 2nd, 2015-We will be having our Friends of PC West Foundation 1st Annual West Fest. Check out page 3 for information about the West Fest.

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2nd Annual Friends of PC West Foundation, All Class Reunion Dinner

Planning is underway for the upcoming All Class Reunion for Putnam City West alumni, friends, family, staff and current Patriots.

The event will be held at the Oklahoma History Center on Saturday, April 4, 2015. Please mark your calendar for that date, more specific information will be coming soon.

Our dinner last year was highly attended. The speaker ranged from the first Mr. and Ms. Patriot to the first basketball coach, providing meaningful historical information from these past Patriots. The Silent Auction was a huge success, bringing in a substantial dollar amount that was given back to Putnam City West to financially supplement where there may have been a deficit. Of course the catering was top notch! The Silver Strings and Jazz Band from Putnam City West entertained the group-what a talented group of young Patriots!

At this year's All Class Reunion Event you can expect all of this and more! Please stay tuned to The Friends of PC West Facebook page, the website and our newsletter for further information coming soon! Please tell all your classmates about the All Class Reunion. It would be great to have a showing from each alumni class, going back to the first class in 1970! We look forward to seeing you there!

ROLL PATS ROLL!

Loreto J. Holland

Event Chairman



Patriots Night Out

One way to help the Foundation is to eat out.

First Thursday of the month go to Jersey Mike's between 10AM-9PM at 3800 N. MacArthur or 2522 W. Memorial Road.

Second Thursday meet us at Rib Crib at 4801 N.W. Expressway.

Third Thursday we will be eating at Johnnie's at 6629 N.W. Expressway, 2652 W. Britton Road, 6629 N.W. Expressway, 13900 N. May Avenue or 620 W. Danforth Road in Edmond.

Fourth Thursday go to Hideaway at 5501 N.W. Expressway.

Remember to tell the cashier you are supporting P.C. West. They will donate 20% to the Friends of PC West Foundation's general budget.



Patriot Cookbook

We have all seen mentions of several good dishes on Facebook pages. Please dig in your recipe boxes and cookbooks for recipes to share for a Patriot Cookbook. This will be a fundraiser for the Foundation, so we can invest in several programs at Putnam City West High School. Not just sports but chorus, drama, journalism and many others. There are recipes that we all remember from our school days that others would love to try and see again. It could be a family favorite or one used in a club. Some have mentioned a Patriot punch that was used at some club meetings. Another mentioned a divinity recipe from Jr. High days. We would love to see some recipes from both former students and staff. Please pass on this information to alumni friends and former staff members.

It will have several categories as most cookbooks do plus a misc. section we will call This and That. A deadline of March 1, 2015 has been set so we can get them entered and finished to print in the Spring. If you would like to have your recipes published you may either fax them to 405-605-6330 or e-mail them to linda@grennan.com or FriendsOfPCWFoundation@gmail.com. Please make sure to put Cookbook in subject area. Here is what you will need to do. If you write the recipe it must be clearly legible, plus you must also give us permission to use the recipe. Something as simple as the following will be fine. I, put your name in here, hereby submit my recipe for publishing and give Friends of PC West Foundation permission to publish the recipe free of charge, plus my name and the year I graduated. We also ask that you give us your phone number in case we need to ask you something about the recipe.

There will be some room for advertising, so if you have a business that you would like to advertise, please contact Dick Click at 314-5380 for details. A price for the book has not been set, we do not know how many recipes will be in it at this point. Many that we reviewed had 200-500 recipes in them. If you would like to help with this project, please let either Dick Click or Linda Grennan know.

Many of us have cookbooks we cherish and most of those are either school or community related. Let us make this one that we will cherish for many years and can pass on to our descendants. Thank you in advance.



Remembering OJ

First Annual West Fest

Great news, on May 2nd the Foundation is having our First Annual West Fest. We will be holding a FUN RUN, a CAR SHOW and a CRAFT/VENDOR SHOW. There will be great hamburgers, hotdogs and sausages and maybe even some food trucks. We will be inviting all alumni, staff and students from all the schools that feed into P.C. West and the community. If you by chance are interested in a booth in the event or entering a car in the car show call us at 314-5380. Stay tuned to the Foundations Facebook page and our next newsletter for more details. If you would be willing to help us in all the organizing, setting up or cleaning up please call 314-5380.

We also need sponsors and advertisers for the event and the shirts for the fun run. Call 314-5380 to help.

How May I Contribute to the Foundation

We are able to accept your donations by check, debit card or credit card by mail or by phone. Donations by check can be in whatever amount you would like to give, however contributions by debit card or credit card has a minimum amount of \$10.00. You can make a one time gift or you can do a monthly contribution. We are really surprised at the number of employers who thru your personnel office will do a payroll deduction and even match what you contribute. We are already set up with Dell and as an example Dell will match your donation thru payroll deduction, dollar for dollar up to a staggering amount of \$10,000 a year. Also if you work for Dell and you keep track of the number of hours you do volunteer work with us, Dell will send us a check for \$150.00 when you do only 10 hours of work in any quarter. We have been blessed by Dell already more than once. We have a list of around 8,000 employers who do this type of donating on behalf of their employees, check with your personnel director even if you live out of state.

As a contributor if you file long form tax returns your contributions to the Friends of PC West Foundation are deductible off your taxes, so check with your tax advisor to see exactly how a donation will affect you personally.

One last thing to note, all contributions go into our general fund unless you personally tell us where you want your money to go. As an example we have some people that contribute to the basketball program on a monthly basis while someone else contributes to track, so on and so on. When we receive designated contributions we will either pay them out quarterly or when the coach or teacher in that department tells us they need to make a purchase. So whether you want to designate that your contribution go to art, music, band, drama, a specific sport or whatever, please let us know right up front. If you would like to start a monthly or quarterly donation or simply have a question, please give us a call at 405-314-5380.



Data Entry

The Foundation needs a data entry person for end of the year work. This person will help enter tax forms for the Foundation. The forms are the ones that tell the amount the donors have contributed and need to file income tax.

The 2014 forms are done so it would start with 2015 donations. Contact Dick Click at 314-5380 if you are interested in helping.

**PC WEST PATRIOTS
GIRLS AND BOYS
VARSITY BASKETBALL
2014-2015**



Remaining Season Game Schedule

	Date	Opponent/Place	VG	VB
January				
	13 Tu	DEL CITY	6:00p	7:30p
	16 Fri	LAWTON IKE	6:00p	7:30p
	20 Tu	at Putnam City North	6:00p	7:30p
	22-24 Th-Sa	Deer Creek Bruce Gray Invitational (Girls)		
	27 Tu	at Bishop McGuinness	6:00p	7:30p
	30 Fr	ENID (HOMECOMING)	6:00p	7:30p
February				
	6 Fr	at Choctaw	6:00p	7:30p
	10 Tu	at Midwest City	6:00p	7:30p
	13 Fr	PUTNAM CITY	6:00p	7:30p
	17 Tu	LAWTON	6:00p	7:30p
	20 Fr	BISHOP MCGUINNESS	6:00p	7:30p
	26-28 Th-Sa	OSSAA 6A Regional Tournament		TBA
March				
	5-7 Th-Sa	OSSAA 6A Area Tournament		TBA
	12-14 Th-Sa	OSSAA 6A State Tournament		TBA

ALL CAPS BOLD-HOME GAMES

Executive Board Member

Regina Birchall graduated from Putnam City West in 1970. Regina is the Secretary on the Executive Board for the Friends of PC West Foundation, Inc.

Regina recalls, "Band was always my interest...though looking back it seems as if music chose me rather than me choosing music. From the time I was very small sound was always a compelling presence for me. In sixth grade band the first music with harmony was The Crusader's Hymn from the Belwin Band Builder. I had never heard anything so beautiful. We had very fine instructors in PC Schools, Larry Fuller, Doc Walker and David Price. We played well, we took advantage of opportunities that were presented to us. Of course, there were the friendships, a feeling of belonging to something bigger than ourselves as individuals...teamwork..."

Regina was on the Band Council and participated in Student Council. She was also in the 12 year Club. Regina was the Senior Class Secretary.

Regina says, "I don't recall having a favorite teacher. Ms. Rouch was not my teacher though I knew her through Student Council. She was always available and interested. I think I exasperated Ms. Daniels and Ms. Chiles. I didn't apply myself and they kept trying to light a fire under me. Mr. Loper had the patience of a saint to put up with the little hen party that went on in the back of history class everyday..."

Regina's fondest memory was to be honored along with David Cotton as Mr. & Miss (Ms.) Patriot. To be in the company of others I admired and respected was very special. The plaque she received still hangs on the wall in her studio at home.

Regina entered Oklahoma City University at age 30, serious about getting a college education. She graduated *summa cum laude* in 1986 with a music degree in Percussion Performance. She did additional work at UCO earning a teacher certificate in 1995.

I have 13 nieces and nephews. Three attended West but none graduated from there.

Regina joined the Foundation when she was approached by the core group that had the idea to start it. They asked her to join to participate in improving what had become a difficult situation for the young Patriots going to school now. As an educator she understood the dynamics of underfunded schools. Also, she sees the difference it makes when we invest in students.

Regina believes, "Many of us are now close to retirement age and looking for ways to remain active, vital and productive. What better way to invest in the next generation of Patriots than with like-minded individuals? Working together on a variety of projects energizes me in a way I had not anticipated. Younger alumni bring vitality and points of view that keep our goals fresh and current with quickly changing circumstances. The fellowship in being a part of solution is invigorating. Dedicating ourselves to service, willing to participate in offering a hand up is deeply rewarding. The Foundation is a way to personally and concretely invest in our future."

Regina's favorite thing about being involved in the Foundation is being reacquainted with friends she had not seen in decades. She said "It seems we picked up where we left off." She also likes getting to know people she had only seen from a distance...and the friends of her siblings. Also to share a common goal based on a shared experience as alumni of Putnam West.

Advisory Board Member

Calena Groves was a graduate of Putnam City West in 1973 and a member of the Advisory Board of the Friends of PC West Foundation, Inc. Also sits on the Fundraising Committee

She didn't really have a favorite subject but loved and still does love horticulture and had Mr. Silvernail as a teacher. Her senior year she loved ceramics. Mrs. Carter was her teacher and she was the art teacher at Western Oaks when Calena was in elementary school.

Calena was a member of Student Council for three years. She was an officer in Student Council her Senior year. I don't remember what else.

Calena's favorite teacher, believe it or not, was Paulette Groves (no relation). Calena was never very good at physical things (still not), always chosen last in team games and etc. Ms. Groves worked with her where she didn't just hate PE and ended up taking it all 3 years. Calena still sees Paulette from time to time and just loves her to death.

The funniest thing that happened to Calena was, "I worked as an Office Aide all 3 years and one of the responsibilities was to go pick up the attendance slips. Late my Junior year and all through my Senior year if I didn't want to go to class I would go to the office and Mrs. Nordquist would just take care of my absence. One day while "ditching" George Denham's psychology class I had gone to the office and went around and picked up the attendance slips, Mr. Denham just happened to walk out the door of the class to put the slip out and saw me. He laughed, hugged my neck and marked my name off the slip. From then on he knew when I was an office aide and made me walk in the class and get the slips."

Calena's fondest memories used to be setting up and getting involved in the talent shows at West. Also yelling at the sporting events until she was hoarse.

Calena worked full time from the day after graduation from High school and paid her way through college at OSU-OKC.

"A year ago or so I became involved. I did it because it was troublesome for me to hear that the upper middle class area we lived in had become so depressed. It bothers me that kids are going hungry and that they don't have the opportunities that we did growing up. I decided that the only way to fix it was to become involved and try to help to have a positive impact. I honestly believe that we owe this to the young people coming up. I know that when they are our age they will appreciate it even more than they do now. I haven't been able to become as involved as I would like but I can say I hope to have a positive impact. I hope that more alumni will get behind this effort. I would like to see alumni business owners get more involved."

Facebook

Please stay in touch with activities and the Patriot Family. We want the students of P.C. West to have the opportunities we had. Check us out on **FRIENDS OF PUTNAM CITY WEST FOUNDATION.**