

1960 SAILORS ASSOCIATION INC.

A FELLOWSHIP OF MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1960 OCEANSIDE HIGH SCHOOL, OCEANSIDE, NEW YORK

Won't you let us take you on a sea cruise?

"Watching Oceanside in action has taught us how a good community should function. We cannot help but be better citizens for it."

— From the valedictory speech by our classmate,
Gerda I. Balding, June 26, 1960

April 26, 2012

To all tribute dinner attendees:

On behalf of Oceanside High School's Class of 1960, we are delighted to have this opportunity to join with the ladies of the *Kiwanettes of Oceanside* to honor our friend, Richie Woods.

Richie's passionate dedication for community — particularly our beloved Oceanside community — is plainly evident in, among other things, his wonderful book, *Oceanside*. With the many pictures he painstakingly collected for the book, and just a few words, Richie has given to all who live there now, or who have ever lived there, a glimpse back in time never before available. For many, it is only history, but for others, it is a precious and glorious gift of golden but faded memories of a joyous time in our little town.

In 2005, many members of our class enjoyed a tour of our high school and an informative historical lecture graciously led by Richie, and on the next evening, he did a book-signing at our 45-year reunion at which many of us purchased copies of *Oceanside*, the book. We are looking forward with excitement to Richie's next book to be about notable Oceansiders.

With the unanimous consent of our board of directors, we send our heartfelt thanks and congratulations to Richie. And may the ladies of the *Kiwanettes* continue their valuable work for the benefit of all who now reside in our hometown community.

Cordially,

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Howie Levy, President, Official Historian and Director of Nostalgia

1960 Sailors Association Inc. is the official alumni association operated solely for members of the great and spirited class of 1960 of Oceanside High School. Our mission is to build on our sense of pride in our hometown and high school communities, and in our class, the nostalgic feelings we all share, and the fond memories we have of our common youthful experiences.

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