

# Quaker Times

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“Keeping Alumni Connected to Franklin and Each Other”

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## 2017 HALL OF FAME

Join us as we celebrate the induction of four new members into the Franklin Hall of Fame. We had so much fun hosting at Franklin that we decided to do it again. We'll celebrate Franklin's legacy and raise funds for our grants program. Tour Franklin with a student guide. Find your tile – we have a printed guide to help you locate it. See the updated Hall of Fame display in the main hall. Make this an opportunity to have your own mini-reunion.

Join Us for our Hall of Fame Celebration!

Annual Meeting and Fundraiser

Thursday, May 18

5:30-9 pm

Franklin High School

3013 S Mount Baker Blvd



*Fabulous Buffet - Entertainment by talented Franklin Students*

### Inductions into the Hall of Fame

John Prim, '18 *First African American to serve in Washington as a prosecuting attorney and judge. Founder of Urban League.*

Gordon Bjork, '53 *Educator and economist*

Trent Johnson, '74 *Award-winning college basketball coach*

Paola Maranan, '80 *Leader in child advocacy and fighting institutional racism*

We will also pay tribute to Bonnie Bosworth 'Founding Mother' of FAA&F

Reservations can be made online

(visit our website: [www.franklinalumni.net](http://www.franklinalumni.net) and click on the EVENTS tab) or complete the form on page 23

The book FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL:100 YEARS will be available for \$15

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MAY

12, 13 & 19, 20 7 pm Franklin Musical

*The Wedding Singer*

18 5:30-9 pm Annual Meeting and Hall of Fame

### JUNE

9 Quaker Day

14 Senior Awards Night

19 8-10 pm Graduation Ceremony Memorial Stadium

26 Last day of school

### JULY

14 5 pm Class of '77 40th Informal Gathering

15 5-10 pm Class of '77 40th Reunion

16 11 am Class of '57 60th Reunion Red Lion

### AUGUST

12 3-9 pm Quaker Day in the Park, class of '82 and friends

31 11-2 pm Picnic Classes of 55-63

### SEPTEMBER

7 9 am Golf Tournament

13 Class of '62 25th Reunion

15 Class of '67 50th Reunion Classmates Only

16 Class of '67 50th Reunion Dinner Dance

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## A Message from the Editor

This edition of the Quaker Times is a bittersweet one for me.

It marks the first time in twenty decades that Bonnie Bosworth will not have either edited or had a strong hand in the content of the Quaker Times. She died last fall a little over a year after her diagnosis of pancreatic cancer. Without her FAA&F would not exist. No one, absolutely no one, has the level of connection and persistence that she brought to supporting Franklin and telling its story. This edition of the Quaker Times is dedicated to her.

Franklin's legacy continues to rival that of any high school in the nation. Our list of new Hall of Fame inductees speaks to the depth and range of talent that has come from Franklin – from academia to law and social justice to athletics – our graduates are second to none. And a review of those who already members will fill you with pride. Quakers have had a wide-reaching impact locally and beyond for more than a century.

FAA&F continues to connect alumni with each other and with Franklin via our twice-yearly newsletter, website and Facebook page. Our database allows us to assist in class reunion outreach. We work closely with the faculty and administration to coordinate our grant and scholarship programs.

Those connections made it possible for the class of 1966 to donate money for a new LED lighting system for the drama department. And this year we will administer a new scholarship focused on students who want to study science in college, the result of a generous donation from the family of Franklin science teacher Richard Swarts (We'll have more about this in our fall edition.)

Our grants in 2016-17 brought a resident writer to work in classrooms through Seattle Arts and Lecture's Writers in the Schools, assured that the athletic teams had equipment and uniforms, supported guest artists for a Shakespeare workshop, a new kiln for the ceramics program, supplies for the innovative Franklin Muraling Program, a sound system for the Franklin Commons, and valuable field trips for the culinary program and the Public Service Academy.

Funds from the Alexander Endowment supported speakers and workshops promoting sexual health. The Tilner Fund, a legacy from former Franklin Librarian Jack Tilner, provided funds to make the library a more engaging and interactive space.

Eight graduating seniors in 2016 received \$1000 scholarships for college tuition.

Our continued predictable support for school programs makes a tremendous difference. It is thanks to the continued support of our members that we can offer grants and scholarships – to grow Quaker Pride and build our legacy. And the more we receive the more we can give to our incredible alma mater.

Thanks to all of you who have joined or donated over the years. We couldn't do this work without you. Please continue to donate.

If you are interested in volunteering, we have a place for you. Just send us an email or give me a call.

Sincerely,

Sara Thompson '68

President FAA&F, acting Editor of the Quaker Times

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## Bonnie Bosworth (1934-2016) Quaker for Life

By Sara Thompson

This winter Franklin lost one of its greatest fans and supporters, an incredible woman who didn't even attend Franklin. I sat down with her in the fall to talk to Bonnie Bosworth about her life and how she came to found the Franklin Alumni Association.

Bonnie Jean Koltenbronn was born and raised in Spokane. She graduated from Lewis and Clark High School in 1952. College was unaffordable, so she worked for a year at Washington Water Power. Her boss, at the end of that time, told her she should go to college. After a year at Holy Names College she transferred to Gonzaga. She lived at home, worked thirty hours a week, and carried a heavy class schedule – qualifying for an early graduation.

And she was not simply smart – she was also a beauty. She was Lilac Princess – Spokane's equivalent of Seafair royalty – while in college.

Bonnie wanted to teach and majored in education. In the spring of 1957 she landed her first job – teaching seventh grade English and history. “I had a lot of energy back then,” she said. “We planned field trips including to Canada, chili feeds, and roller skating for the students.”

She met Conrad Bosworth on a blind date on Halloween 1955. “It took a while for him to call me back,” she recalled. But call her back he did and they married in 1959. They moved to Seattle and bought the enormous house where they raised their family. Bonnie spent a fifth year at the UW so that she could teach in the Seattle. She taught at Cascade Junior High until 1964 when they adopted their son Marty. Two years later they adopted Suzanne. Having been told that they were not able to have children, they were a bit taken by surprise when, 10 years later, Bonnie they discovered she was pregnant. Jennifer was born in 1977.

She returned to the classroom when her children were older, but she decided to work as an instructional assistant rather than as a teacher. When she landed at John Muir, with John Morefield as principal, she found her home, and she taught there until she retired.

Bonnie was involved with community from the beginning. She was on the board of Seattle Children's Theater, working to get grade schools from the south end to attend performances. She joined the Dr. Frederick Bentley Guild to support Children's Hospital, and when that guild came to an end she joined another one in the neighborhood. She served on the board of Children's Home Society.

As her children grew up she joined the PTA, serving as president at her local schools for five terms. “By the time I was in first grade, my mother had already won the Golden Acorn Award,” said her son Marty. When Marty was a scout she was in charge of advancement. “It's called brow beating,” Bonnie explained. She'd send notes offering suggestions for individual scouts about the next activity he might consider, and her efforts no doubt led to an exceptional number of troop members who became Eagle Scouts.

She couldn't have been a prouder mother or grandmother. Her son Marty lives on Vashon and is a successful lighting designer for the film industry. Her daughter Suzanne lives in North Carolina where she works in HR for the army as a civilian. And her daughter Jennifer is in Boston where she works as a buyer for TJ Max. Four successful granddaughters and two great grandchildren will carry on the Bosworth tradition.

In 1994 Bonnie and Conrad attended a Franklin football game. While Roosevelt's band came out in fine uniforms the Franklin band was in sweats. When by way of explanation she was told that Roosevelt had an alumni association, an idea was formed.

The Franklin office had a small file of alumni who had planned reunions. She spoke with seniors to ask if anyone was interested in a senior project to start an alumni association. Four seniors said yes – her own daughter Jennifer, Sarah Morningstar, Reagan Anderson and Maggie Morris. Exactly how the database was compiled no one remembers.

Certainly there were phone-a-thons from the Windermere Realty office near Seward Park, and Bonnie remembered

a computer crash at Franklin that nearly wiped it out. But a database was completed and provided a base for the organization that was to follow.

A year later the Franklin Alumni Association was born. Over the next two decades, Bonnie's energy and persistence made FAA&F what it is today. She knew EVERYONE. She planned reunions for the classes of the 1930s until two years ago. She founded the Quaker Times and served as editor until 2016.

On December 22, following a courageous and gracious battle with pancreatic cancer, Bonnie died in her home, surrounded by family. When I visited her just weeks before her death, she continued to have advice for me – how to do better outreach, ideas for projects, connections with alumni, a Quaker at heart to the very end.

Rest in peace, Bonnie. We owe our very existence to you.



# Franklin High School Reunions

## Class of 1957 Reunion

**Celebrating 60 Years!**

*Sunday, July 16, 2017*

*Red Lion*

*1 Grady Way, Renton, WA*

*Phone 855-213-0582*

Plated Luncheon served at 11:00 a.m. at \$50.00 per person

Please RSVP by April 21st to Merrilyn Anderson (Morrison) at [merrilyn.morrison@comcast.net](mailto:merrilyn.morrison@comcast.net) or 206-285-8373

Please send checks payable to FHS Class of 1957 and mail to Carolyn Costanzo (Trautmann) at 809 North 29th Street, Renton, WA 98056 by May 1st

Thank you and we hope to see you all there.

## Class of 1977

### Back Together Again

*We have two evenings planned and can't wait to see everyone*

**Fri July 14** 5 pm Informal gathering at Leschi Blu Water Bistro

**Sat July 15** 5-10 pm

Jefferson Park Golf Course Banquet Room

Buffet from 6-8

Program starts at 7

Registration deadline is June 15th

Checks (\$50) payable to FHS Class of '77

c/o Bethel Christian Church 200 24th Ave S  
Seattle WA 98144

Contact Thomas E. Davis for more information 206 488-7021 or email: [fhsclass77@gmail.com](mailto:fhsclass77@gmail.com)

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## FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1967 50TH REUNION

WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO GET TOGETHER AND CELEBRATE. THIS SHOULD BE A FUN WEEKEND WITH LOTS OF LAUGHS!



Our planning committee hard at work!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

A CASUAL GET-TOGETHER FOR GRADS ONLY AT RACONTEUR/THIRD PLACE BOOKS.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

THE CELEBRATION CONTINUES AT GLENDALE COUNTRY CLUB

TO FIND OUT ALL DETAILS AND FOR REGISTRATION PLEASE GO TO THE

Franklin High School Class of 67 50th Reunion Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/Franklin-High-School-Seattle-WA-Class-of-67-Reunion-1792563724329674>

REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 1ST  
NO REGISTRATION AT THE DOOR

FOR ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL

SARI COHEN SICHEL 425-985-006

BE SURE TO PASS THE WORD TO YOUR FELLOW CLASSMATES

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## Working on Details for Classes of '92 '97 & '07

**Class of '92** is planning a 25th reunion. We'll post updates on our website and our alumni Facebook page as we know more.

**Class of '97** is just getting started on planning their 20th. Drew O'Connell is the contact person - you can reach him via his Facebook page, email ocdrew@yahoo.com or phone 206 384-3315

**Class of '07** will hold a reunion mid-summer. Janel Brown and Aiko Taylor are working on plans. They can be reached at fhs07alum@gmail.com

No word from the **Class of '87**, but we'll keep you posted

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[www.franklinalumni.net](http://www.franklinalumni.net)  
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## A Call to Franklin Alumni

By David E. Svendsen 57'

There are a multitude of problems confronting today's public education institutions. I would like to discuss just three of them and see if we can come up with solutions for them.

First, is teacher's compensation. Why is it we require a minimum of five years academic preparation and after that many more years of continuing specialization for low wages and benefits to those who choose to educate our children? While at the same time garbage handlers in Seattle earn \$100,000 a year, with little or no educational requirements. We also compensate police and firemen with family wages, benefits, a twenty year retirement annuity all with a minimum of a high school diploma and as little as six months training.

Second, why aren't more men entering the classroom? (Considering wages, benefits compared to other professions as opposed to years of education, low pay and benefits, no retirement until your sixty five, what would you choose?)

Third, and the most important impediment facing teachers, is the requirement to serve three and a half

months of uncompensated student teaching before earning a Teaching Certificate? Could it be all three of these situations are related to the fact that seventy-six per cent of the teachers in this country are women? And if it is that, why have these issues not been addressed in our education systems and the courts as sex discrimination issues.

All three of these issues are tied together with efforts by some to destroy public education and force the education of our children into private and religious schools. That's the reason for charter schools, home schooling, and private institutions, including attempts by some in Congress to get rid of the Department of Education, both at the Federal and State levels. Some claim our public education system is broken. What they fail to say is that Public Schools are required to educate all children who show up at their door. Further they fail to consider the fact that our public schools provide excellent education opportunities to the vast majority of those attending. One only has to look at our own experiences.

In 2012 Franklin celebrated its 100th year anniversary. Over those 100 years more than 32,000 graduated from our school. They went on to contribute in every field known to our country. Their

hearts, minds, voices and hands have touched everything. Among other things, some have even given up their lives in our many wars to preserve every one's right to a free public education.

Not so many years ago, women were offered very limited workplace opportunities. For most women teaching and nursing were what they were offered. Thanks to Title IX and Affirmative Action the doors to every profession have been flung opened to them. Women can now choose any profession they want, doctors, lawyers, engineers, etc., etc. Public Schools are now faced with a shortage of teachers. Now may be a good time to bring together Alumni and Foundations from public schools everywhere to find ways to attract more men into teaching. A good place to start is raising compensation to a living wage, getting rid of the unpaid student teaching requirement and offering a twenty year retirement option. I think the Franklin Alumni Association could play a leading role in this kind of discussion and effort. How about it!

If you are interested, send an email to faaandf@gmail.com or mail a note to FAA&F PO Box 28276 Seattle, WA 98118 and David Svendsen will work with you.

## 36th ANNUAL FRANKLIN ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT

September 7, 2017

JEFFERSON PARK GOLF COURSE

It's time to forget about the inclement weather that we have had over the past few months and set your sights on a warm breezy day in September, the 7th to be exact. That's the day for this year 36th Annual Franklin Alumni Golf tournament.

Come on out and see classmates from the past, have some friendly competition, enjoy a great buffet luncheon, have a chance to win some great raffle prizes.

The tournament is open to all Franklin Alumni and their guests. Check in time will be between 7:30 and 8:15 AM with a shotgun start of 9:00. Location is Jefferson Park Golf Course at 4101 Beacon Ave S. Seattle, WA 98108.



The format is a four-person Scramble. Registration forms and important information will be sent out via email or US mail in early June. This will give you ample time to assemble a team of old school friends looking for a great outing.

The fee will be \$125.00 which includes: Green fees, 1 mulligan, power cart, competition prizes, BBQ lunch, adult beverages and a tournament donation to the FHS athletic dept. Non – golfers are welcome at the social hour and buffet, but reservations are required. Cost is \$30.00 per person.

If you are not on the mailing list and would like to be, please send an email to [jimfollett@live.com](mailto:jimfollett@live.com) and I'll set you up. I look forward to seeing my fellow Franklin High Quakers in September for a fun outing. Remember, guests are welcomed!

An email will be sent to everyone on the FAA&F mailing list which will include the ability to make reservations online.

Jim Follett '64

## Class of 62 Plans 55th Reunion

The class of '62 will  
celebrate 55 years since  
graduation!

Wednesday

September 13th 2017

11 am - 3 pm

RiverRock Inn

at the MapleWood Golf Course

Cost is \$65

ReunionsWithClass will be handling all of the details. Update your contact information directly with ReunionsWithClass by phone (425 644-1044) or online (<https://www.reunionswithclass.com/>) so you can receive the mailing for your to RSVP

Forward this information to an alum who you think may be out of contact or has made a recent change in their information.

Looking forward to another fun  
reunion!

Judy Collins Seth

[judyseth@hotmail.com](mailto:judyseth@hotmail.com)

206 725-6262

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## 18TH ANNUAL FRANKLIN PICNIC CLASSES OF 1955 THROUGH 1963

The 18th Franklin Picnic is scheduled!

Thursday, August 31st

11 am-3 pm

Renton Community Center,

15012 132nd Avenue SE, Renton, WA 98056 (across from Shari's Restaurant)

The new location was well received at our last picnic, but we are looking into ways to make it easier to visit and find friends by utilizing the patio as well for dining. This will make more room for the inside diners to move around and also make it easier to carry on a conversation. A buffet luncheon starts at noon, catered by Apogee's Pub & Restaurant. Not sure of the menu yet, but the addition of cookies and brownies are at the top of the list – YUM!

Thank you all for making our 2016 picnic a success and we hope to see you at the 2017 picnic.

**Donations are appreciated and cover the cost of rental fees, luncheon costs and supplies.  
Please send your donations to Doug Tulip, to 15012 132nd Avenue SE, Renton, WA 98058.  
Please make checks payable to Doug Tulip.**

A BIG THANK YOU to Jim Creevey for the janitorial cleanup of the facility for our 2016 picnic, it was truly appreciated.

For those traveling from out of state, here are some hotels close by:

Quality Inn @ 1850 SE Maple Valley Hwy, Renton, WA 866-925-7811

Red Lion @ 1 South Grady Way, Renton, WA 425-226-7700.

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## Quaker Day in the Park 2017 Class of 82 and Friends Celebrate 35 Years

Quakers! We're in the BIG House this year. Shelter #3 is the large stone and log building, at the top of the Seward Park Loop. Lots of tables inside and out, close rest rooms, and a big play area. Pack your picnic basket, or bring your favorite dish, we'll have the grills fired up, Soda, water, and condiments will be waiting...

Celebrating 35 years for the Class of '82 this summer! As always, the picnic is open to everyone. Invite your friends, bring the kids, or grand kids. Don't have time to stay all day? Drop in and say hi for a minute.

August 12 3-9 pm

Seward Park Shelter 3

The music will be playing and we'll keep the lights on until they kick us out about 10 (Park closes at 8).

Let's see some GREEN & BLACK!!! <https://www.facebook.com/events/534094130048338/>



# Graduating Quaker Women Epitomize Franklin's Promise

The face of Franklin has changed over the decades, but some themes – inclusion, social justice, academic and creative excellence – have remained constant. These four young women, all graduating in June, exemplify Franklin's present.

**Helen Nguyen** recently was nominated by her peers to receive the annual FHS Martin Luther King Jr. award, a coveted award given to the student who best lives out MLK's vision. Her peers, in nominating her, said this: Helen is a student who has served Franklin and the broader community in so many ways, with her volunteer experience only overshadowed by her kindness for others. She is a quiet leader whose thoughtfulness is shown every day for all around her and the community at large.

After experiencing her own loss, Helen began volunteering at Teen Link as a 9th grader, helping youth battling their own challenges. She volunteered at her former elementary and middle school to help create lessons to better prepare the kids for their next level of education.

She organized an 8th grade talk at Aki Kurose



Middle School to help prepare them for high school both socially and educationally. She has also worked with the Columbia Branch Library to create and organize events for the community to come together, including spending her summer helping Vietnamese immigrants with ESL, citizenship test, and technology tutoring.

Helen plans a career in law to help victims of sexual assault and domestic violence; a topic she is very passionate about and has done school projects on, including her senior project.

**Zamzam Meshalla** wrote about her life before Franklin and as a student. "I was born and raised up in a small town named Ambo located near the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa. I moved to



the US with my family just as I was starting high school. We left Ethiopia in pursuit of a better life and the best education possible. In Ethiopia my family did not have much money and we had to

attend government schools where Muslim students were not allowed to practice their religion freely. Though I always did well in my classes, it was hard for me because I could not be open about my religion. My parents knew the value of education. My dad believed moving to a country like America, where people have religious freedom, would be the answer to my problems.

Franklin is a place where I feel confident and protected. It is a place where others listen to you and respect your thoughts, words and actions. You are not taken for granted at FHS. You are cherished for your unique qualities and feelings and you are cared for. Moreover, it is a place where no one feels embarrassed or scared about their religion or backgrounds and where all races deserve equal rights. Franklin has helped me get connected to the communities and prepare me for my future. I hope to continue with my education and one day become a nurse and help people who are in need for the remaining time I have left in my life."

**Rachel Kaftan** had this to say about her Franklin experience: "When I came to Franklin High School, I was fourteen years old and fresh out of a private all-girls middle school. As I stumbled through my schedule during the first week, I felt out of place and questioned if Franklin was the right school for me. Basketball boys towered over me in the hallways, girls in brightly colored hijabs traveled in clumps from class to class, and I, although Jewish, experienced being the racial minority for the first time in my life. Four years later, I could not be more grateful



for the unique experience that Franklin gave me. Franklin taught me that we are all "something," whether one race, gender, creed, culture, or another, and our curiosity about differences is not stigmatized, but celebrated.

I feel fully equipped to enter college with the academic strength and social awareness to succeed and make a difference. No longer will I be able to travel back to my middle-school-girl self...not entirely. Franklin has made a massive difference, and its teachings will never leave me. (Rachel plans to attend college at Loyola Marymount University and is interested in performing arts.)

**Aisha Burka** described an incident – she was listening to music that made her feel empowered when a man, noting her hijab, yelled at her to "go back to her country." She felt her empowerment morph to humiliation. But as she took in the experience that changed.

"I wish the man knew that my hijab stands as a symbol of freedom. I wish he knew my hijab reminded me that I don't  
(continued on page 9)

# The Class of 1966 Gives Back

By Bob Nathane

The Class of 1966 held its 50 Year Reunion over the weekend of September 16-17, 2016. On Friday classmates from as far as Hawaii, New York and the Philippines gathered at the Rendezvous Café/Third Place Books in the Lakewood neighborhood. On Saturday the festivities continued at the Glendale Country Club. For some alums, this was their first reunion party and seeing them was just like it had been yesterday.

As our class reminisced and celebrated, we also responded to a call for action – and thanks to everyone's generosity, \$3585 was donated to support Franklin students.

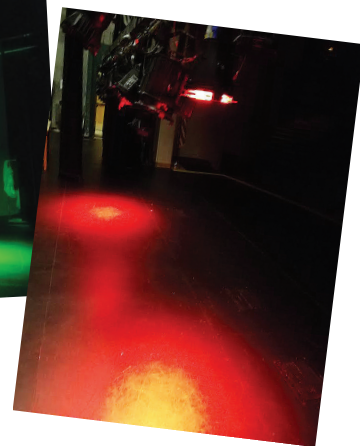
The reunion committee decided that we wanted to support a project at Franklin that could use immediate funding. Working through the Franklin Alumni Association and Foundation, the class contacted Sara Call, performing arts theater teacher. She was in the midst of a longterm plan to upgrade the

lighting system in the Franklin mainstage theater.

The donation was put into immediate use, and the project was fast-tracked. The new lighting system is now up and running.

Sara said, "We are so grateful to the alumni for supporting the Franklin theater! They are LED lights, and a remote wiring system controls the lights from the booth. Luckily our lighting board only needed an update and then could be adapted to use the LED lights. We can change colors on the fly with the click of a mouse. This is the new standard type of lighting used in theaters today so it is wonderful to teach our students how to use current theater lighting equipment. Our goal is to add a few more LED lights each year."

Thanks again to the 50 Year Reunion Committee and the Class of '66. Here's hoping we can gather for a 55 Year Reunion. Cross your fingers!



*The new LED lights in all thier glory*

have to subject myself to society's standards. Although I did not respond to his hateful comments, the experience inspired me to explore what it means to live in a society where individuals can express themselves without the fear of retribution. In this exploration, it led me to host Hijab week.

As Vice President of The Muslim Student Association, I used my platform to lead Hijab week at my high school, a campaign to give non-Muslims the opportunity to understand what the hijab represents. The event gave me the power to express my story, as a Muslim woman in America. Students learned that the hijab is more than just a piece of cloth. To me, the



hijab is a symbol of my stand against the regime of power that has misconstrued the identity of Muslim women for so long. For example, one stereotype is that Muslim women are passive and therefore not qualified for professional positions.

As I pursue higher education, I aspire to dominate the engineering field and inspire the industry to recruit more women who look like me. I want to use technology as a way to further educate others and empower my community. I was always told that as a Muslim woman, I could never find true success in this world because of my faith. However, it is because of my faith that I feel like I can be someone that will leave a positive legacy behind. Studying at a religiously affiliated institution will only help broaden my perspective and help bring me closer to my own faith. Being surrounded with people who come from backgrounds other than my own will give me the opportunity to grow greatly. I believe that by attending Gonzaga University, I will be able to receive the education I need to become the successful engineer I envision myself to be."

Aisha will attend Gonzaga University with an Act Six Scholarship, a leadership development and college scholarship program that brings together diverse, multicultural cadres of emerging urban leaders who want to use their college education to make a difference on campus and in their communities at home.

## An Unsung Hero

### Remembering Gerald "Gerry" Day

Franklin High School, Class of 1960, Freshman Class President.

by Frank Leyritz

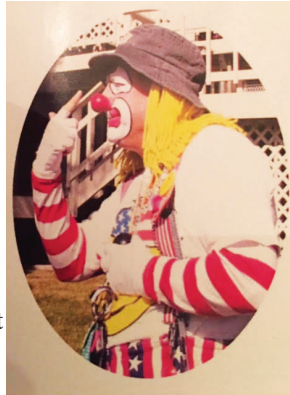
Perhaps it was as one would expect. For those attending and even speaking at his memorial service in January, many did not know the extent of the many involvements or of the awards of Gerald Day from Franklin's class of 1960. He was modest about his accomplishments.

Gerry was president of his freshman class and was active in planning and also speaking at his class reunions. Important though those reunions were to him and his classmates, his activities went far beyond high school events. He was devoted to family, had a more than four-decade career as a manager at Boeing, and was engaged in his community at many levels.

He was a long-time member of organizations such as the Lions Club, served as a Fishing Derby official, and was a frequent speaker at Maple Valley events. Maple Valley Mayor Sean Kelly noted Gerry never missed an event.

Gerry made many appearances as Santa Claus, but his favorite role was as a clown named Scooter, sponsored by the Boeing Management Association. He was also a talented magician, incorporating magic into his clown performances. He frequently traveled for Boeing and always took his clown wardrobe with him to appear at far-away weekend events.

Gerry had an uncanny knack for spotting a child or adult in the audience that need cheering up. He only revealed his



magic secrets one time. During a visit to a hospital, a young boy who was not expected to live much longer, was fascinated with Gerry's magic. Gerry took the boy aside, revealed many of his secrets. The youngster recovered, and for years demonstrated the magic he learned from Gerry.

His persona as a clown and the fondness of his friends for that persona was honored at his memorial service. Each of the attendees received a red clown nose in keeping with Gerry's costume trademark, and honoring one of his favorite past times. The clowns in his Boeing group arrived at the service in costume, often honking their clown horns at funny comments.



One of his fellow Boeing clowns recalled that at the end of the many parades they appeared in, as the clowns were getting into their "clown van", Gerry frequently turned up missing. Someone would ask, "Where's Scooter?" They would back-track along the parade route, knowing Gerry had stopped to comfort someone. Inevitably they would find Gerry, sitting patiently on his small

battery powered scooter. "What took you so long?" Gerry would ask.

"Now," Gerry's fellow clown tearfully remarked, "we will always know where Scooter is"

## A Library Legacy

by Quinn Longhurst, Franklin Librarian

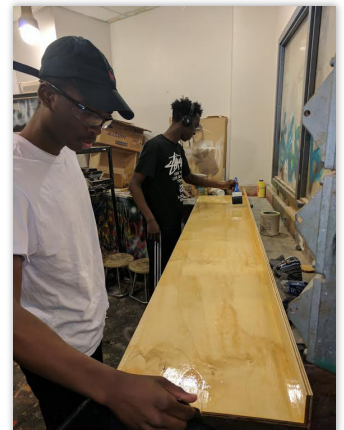
*(Editor's note: Jack Tilner (1928-2006) '45, was a member of the Franklin Alumni Association. After graduating from Franklin, he studied history at Seattle Pacific University, then served in the army during the Korean War. On his return from service he obtained a teaching certificate. He worked for the Seattle Public Schools for the next 42 years, mostly at the junior high level teaching history, geography and government. His final position was as librarian at Franklin. FAA&F received nearly \$27,000 to be used by the library at the time of his death. Funds were used to upgrade library computes and to purchase books. This fall we informed Franklin's new librarian, Quinn Longhurst, that \$3400 remained in the fund and asked him for a proposal. The board was excited by his enthusiasm and creative proposal.)*

From day one of being at Franklin, it became apparent that the student population was the biggest asset in the building and my plans for the library needed to revolve around them. Each Quaker offers a unique perspective and skill set that when combined, forms a harmonious blend, a gumbo. It has therefore become my goal as librarian to curate and cultivate the community as the content.

With the help of funding from a generous grant left by Franklin's previous librarian Jack Tilner, the library has been shifting away from the role of a book repository to more of a

commons area that encourages collaboration, tinkering, and book circulation. We opened up two rooms for student use, that had previously been used as storage, cleared an entire wall of periodicals to make room for custom bookshelves built in Franklin's woodshop and utilized chalkboard paint to transform the sides of bookshelves to spaces for students' voices.

The library is also in the process of building a makerspace that will encourage students to create, tinker and explore emerging technologies. We have 3D printers open for student use, programmable robots and a Virtual Reality headset funded with an alumni grant.



## Quakers Honored at Seattle Public Schools Innaugural Athletic Hall of Fame

On February 16 four Franklin alumni were inducted into the SPS Athletic Hall of Fame. Fred Hutchinson '38, Ron Santo '58, Rhonda Smith Banchemo '91 and Jason Terry '95 were honored as four of the first twenty-three inductees. All ten current high schools as well as Broadway, Lincoln and Queen Ann were represented.

Supporters of the Seattle Public Schools created the Hall of Fame to recognize and remember the athletes and teams that everyone talked about in high school.

The induction dinner was held at the Washington Athletic Club. "I was honored to be included," said Rhonda Smith Banchemo. "I was touched, especially hearing from many of the women who were pre-Title IX. Two were swimmers in the Olympics. I was fortunate to participate in athletics when I did."

The Quakers who were inducted can hold their own in terms of accomplishments.

Fred Hutchinson played multiple positions – pitcher, catcher, first baseman, and outfielder for Franklin's championship teams from 1934 to 1937. He pitched Yakima Indians and the Seattle Rainiers. He moved to the majors as pitcher for the Detroit Tigers from 1939 to 1952 and served as their manager until 1954. He later managed the Seattle Rainiers, the St. Louis Cardinals and the Cincinnati Reds. He was Seattle's Man of the Year in 1938; the National League's Manager of the Year in 1957; and Sport Magazine's Man of the Year in 1964 and was named as Seattle's Athlete of the Century by the Seattle PI in 2000.

Ron Santo led the Quakers to three city championships as catcher and third baseman. He played with the Chicago Cubs as third baseman from 1960 to 1974, won five Golden Glove Awards and was a nine-time National League All-Star. He joined the Cubs' broadcast booth in 1990. Diagnosed with diabetes when he was twenty, he concealed his diagnosis for most of his playing career. He was active in fundraising for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, ultimately raising over \$60 million. In 2012 he was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Rhonda Smith was an all-state center as a senior at Franklin and holds the record for most rebounds in a state tournament game. At the UW she was selected to the All-Pac-10 first team three times and finished her four years as the all-time top scorer. She played for the American Basketball League as a founding member of Seattle Reign and was the first Washington state player to be drafted into the WNBA. She was elected to the Husky Hall of Fame in 2004.

Jason Terry led Franklin to state basketball championships his junior and senior years. In college, he led Arizona to the NCAA title in 1997 and was the Pac-10 Player of the Year in 1999. He has played guard in the NBA for teams including the Dallas Mavericks, Boston Celtics, Houston Rockets and Milwaukee Bucks. He won the NBA Sixth Man of the Year in 2009 and the NBA Championship with the Mavericks in 2011.

Rhonda loved her experience at Franklin. She confessed she had hoped to go to Garfield – her family moved to a new house near Genesee Park just as the school year was starting. But she once she started she never missed a beat. "Franklin

set the tone for me to succeed. We were a melting pot and I am still in touch with old friends." She recently ran into the class valedictorian, Emily Bender, now a professor at the University of Washington. Their kids were in the same summer camp. "Emily shared with me that she always wanted to be an athlete, Rhonda recalled. "Well, I responded, "I always wanted to be the class valedictorian!" Now they both work at the UW, crossing paths and sharing stories.

Although Jason Terry was not able to attend, his mother and Lute Olson, his coach from the University of Arizona were there in his stead.

By identifying and celebrating the accomplishments of outstanding student athletes, teams and coaches, the SPS hopes to reconnect inductees and their families with our schools and to enhance the pride of current students in the athletics programs, as well as to encourage donations to support athletics.

More information about the SPS Athletic Hall of Fame, including how to nominate members, is at their website: <http://www.spsathletichalloffame.org/>

*Below: Rhonda at the ceremony with her son Giulio and County Councilman Larry Gossett and of Jason Terry in action.*



## Noah Purcell Receives the Spirit of Franklin Award

Noah Purcell, '97, is a hero at Franklin. On February 15, at an assembly capping Franklin's Power Justice Freedom Summit, he and his wife Jasmin Weaver, a fellow Quaker, received Spirit of Franklin Awards. They were greeted with a standing ovation.

Noah, Solicitor General of Washington, has been in the national spotlight for his role in the court case overturning the recent executive order known as the "Muslim Travel Ban."

Donald Trump's executive order was signed on a Friday evening. That weekend Noah and his staff reviewed the order, consulted with the Civil Rights Division and local agencies and businesses, and spoke at length Washington State Attorney General Bob Ferguson. On Monday they filed a lawsuit in the US District Court in Seattle. Over the next eight days Judge James Robart ruled in their favor, halting the travel ban, the Justice Department requested that the Ninth Circuit Court place a stay on the ruling, the Ninth Circuit Court rejected that request, Noah and his team filed a briefing (along with the Justice Department) and Noah presented the state's case via a conference call broadcast live on CNN.

Two days later the court ruled unanimously in favor of Washington State's position.

Noah has been in the spotlight since the ruling – interviews, a call from the Daily Show, featured in the Wall Street Journal and the Seattle Times. He said, "I'm not used to people recognizing me on the street, but I appreciate how many people have come up just to say thank you."

His experience at Franklin played a foundational role in his life's journey, and had particular resonance with the travel ban case. "Franklin has affected so much of my life, he said. "I had this combination of academic work, a diverse and integrated student body and Mock Trial. We read books about the Japanese internment. I learned about the law. I interacted with so many kinds of people and we became friends. We found commonality with our fellow students."

Rick Nagel, who founded Franklin's Mock Trial program and who continued as a mentor ("I think he was the only person to read the Law Review cover to cover when I was editor," Noah once commented.), made introductory remarks at the Franklin event. He also described Franklin's unique character. "The diversity of that school, racially, economically, physically – I used to call it the Franklin gumbo – the right mixture of ingredients, when tasted, it was sublime."

While Noah and his wife (Jasmin Weaver and he met as sophomores at Franklin) now live in Seattle less than a block from where he grew up on Beacon Hill, their path took them elsewhere for about ten years. After receiving his undergraduate

degree from the University of Washington, Noah's first job was as the campaign manager and then legislative assistant for State Representative Eric Pettigrew.

When Jasmin received a George Mitchell Scholarship for a year of study in Ireland, Noah obtained a master's degree in economics at University College Dublin. Noah then graduated magna cum laude from Harvard Law School, where he was an editor of the Law Review. Next stop, Washington, DC, where he clerked first for Judge David Tatel on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit and then for Supreme Court Justice David Souter.

He and Jasmin always planned to return to Seattle, and after working briefly for the Department of Homeland Security,

he took a position at Perkins Coie, a Seattle law firm.

In 2013 he was appointed to his current position by Ferguson. At age 33, he became the youngest solicitor general in the country and the youngest member of Washington's Solicitor General's Office.

"People who work here love it and tend to stay. The Solicitor General I replaced was wonderful and had worked in the AG's Office since the year I was born." His staff, he noted, knew more about appellate law than he did when he started. "They have been incredibly supportive."

His office prepares ballot titles, prepares opinions for

the Attorney General and oversees all the appellate cases for the state. Those cases run the gamut from education and charter schools issues to the environment and tribal treaty rights. Most recently, in the Washington State Supreme Court, the AG's Office argued that a florist did not have the right to refuse service to a gay couple based on her religious beliefs. The court decided unanimously in the state's favor.

If the federal government had chosen to appeal the Ninth Circuit decision in the travel ban case, there was a good chance that Noah would have argued the case before the US Supreme Court. Noah does not think the administration would have won, and indeed, they did not file an appeal. The Washington AG and SG are waiting to see what executive orders come next. "I hope we have sent a message that they need to be more careful about following the law," he commented. He is prepared to take the administration to court again if necessary, but he wouldn't mind spending a little less time on the phone and getting back to the usual business of his department.

*Editor's note: at the time the Quaker Times went to press, Washington's attorney general had decided to challenge a second executive order, as did several other state attorneys general. Judge Robart, waiting to hear the results of an appeal of the case in Maryland, had not yet taken action on the Washington state lawsuit.*



*Noah with students at Franklin assembly in February*

# A Word from Franklin's Principal

Dr Jennifer Wiley

Franklin has had a very full year. Our students continue to excel on so many fronts. And Franklin has played an important role in the local community. In this column I want to focus on our recent Power Justice Freedom Through Education Summit. This was its ninth year and it has grown more powerful each year, with increasing student input and now with the return of alumni as presenters.

Students participated in over fifty workshops presented by FHS students, staff, alumni and community. Topics included such subjects as intersectionality, feminism, Islamophobia, institutional racism, financial fitness and personal fitness.

These intensive workshops helped participants to understand our history, the present state as well as what actions they can take to advance the Franklin mission of "sharing their expertise, understanding and compassion to create an increasingly peaceful and productive society."

The day culminated in a community celebration with students sharing their talents through spoken word, dance, song, and scholarship. They also honored members of our community who have most embodied the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the Spirit of Franklin.

Dr. Brent Jones '85 and School Board Director Betty Patu were both recognized with Martin Luther King Jr. awards for the longstanding dedication to social justice in our community and their direct support to Franklin. One standout performance was by eight young ladies, speaking in five languages, of the poem "A

Room Full of Sisters" by Dr. Mona Lake Jones. Mona Lake Jones was present and also there to share in the celebration of Brent Jones who is her son!

Noah Purcell '97, Washington State Solicitor General and his wife Jasmin Weaver '97, were presented with "Spirit of Franklin" awards for their life-long commitment to public service and social justice. Rick Nagel, former teacher and founder of the FHS Mock Trial program, and Assistant Principal Drew O'Connell '97 presented the award.

Arguably the most memorable moments of the assembly were the students erupting into a standing ovation at the presentation of Noah's award and their overwhelming eagerness to meet him and thank him at the closure of the assembly. Many of our kids are directly impacted by Noah and Jasmin's work!

That evening Franklin played host to our own Town Hall featuring Dr. James B. Peterson who facilitated a scholarly discussion on our theme. Approximately 100 FHS parents and Mount Baker neighbors took full advantage of this opportunity and committed to keeping this discussion going throughout the year with Franklin serving as a community center to this neighborhood.

Words cannot adequately capture this event which is a culmination of our commitment to social justice that takes place year-round at Franklin. The campus was electric throughout the day and into the evening.

## The Spirit of Franklin

*This February Noah Purcell and Jasmin Weaver, both from the class of '97, were awarded The Spirit of Franklin Award. Rick Nagel, who taught at Franklin from 1967-2002, and who established the Mock Trial Program at Franklin, introduced them to the student body. This is an excerpt from his introduction.*

### The Spirit of Franklin Requires a Passion for Justice

When Jasmin Weaver and Noah were undergraduates at the University of Washington, they founded Affordable Tuition Now. And, when the university imposed an illegal "energy surcharge" as part of students' tuition, their passion for justice led them to do something to "fix it": They sued the university in what became the case of Jasmin Weaver v Regents of the University of Washington. They won, and the university had to return the \$1.5 million in illegally-imposed fees to the students who were overcharged.

That same passion for justice lay behind Noah's tireless devotion to the drafting of briefs and the preparation for oral argument in *State of Washington v Donald Trump*. He surely knew that Franklin had families from Somalia, Sudan and others of the seven predominantly Muslim countries that were being targeted by the unconstitutional executive order,

### The Spirit of Franklin Requires Moral Courage

Taking on a President, or a great university, involves taking risks, and taking those risks requires moral courage: the courage to do the right thing even when there may be

consequences for one's career and peace of mind.

### The Spirit of Franklin Requires Putting Doing Good Over Doing Well

The path leading to great wealth is often tempting to those who enjoy the advantages of a fine education. But the Spirit of Franklin values doing good for others - doing justice - over doing well for oneself.

### The Spirit of Franklin Requires Giving Back

After graduating, both Noah and Jasmin returned to Franklin, devoting many hours to help coach the mock trial team and help in the team's fundraising. This despite their very busy lives: Jasmin was Associated Students of the University of Washington (ASUW) president, and Noah served on the ASUW Board of Directors.

### The Spirit of Franklin Requires Never Surrendering to Despair

As former Senator Ted Kennedy said, "the work goes on, the cause endures, the hope still lives, and the dream shall never die." That philosophy is reflected in Jasmin's and Noah's commitment to surmount setbacks and never stop working for a more just, inclusive America.

There could be no people who better embody the Spirit of Franklin than these soulmates in the service of justice, Noah Guzzo Purcell and Jasmin Weaver.

# Lenore Look, 80 Children's Author, Looks Back (and Ahead)

"I always loved to read and write," Lenore Look, '80, said of growing up in Seattle. "I was the kid with the bulging bags that looked like I had just robbed the library – but hey, I had to be prepared for a rainy day!"

When she got to Franklin, she signed up for journalism, and "That was it," Lenore said. "I knew I wanted to be a journalist." She said that Barbara Nilson, the Tolo newspaper adviser, was a real inspiration.

"Mrs Nilson taught us how to write good leads and organize a news story," said Lenore, who edited the paper her senior year. "And suddenly, I saw how I could make a living writing. I still use those same skills today."

Lenore, now a successful children's book author, shared fond memories of her time at Franklin during a recent telephone interview from her home in Hoboken, New Jersey. She was a part of the Humanities Program, then a magnet program at Franklin, where she took Latin, philosophy and American literature. As a child from a working-class immigrant home, she said she had no idea what philosophy was, but was instantly hooked by the discussions on justice, fairness and ethics. She loved it so much, she continued studying it at Princeton.

Despite the strong academic program at Franklin, Princeton was a challenge. She found herself among students from elite boarding schools who could sprinkle their conversations with quotes from Greek classics to Shakespeare to Nietzsche. "I felt there was no hope for me to catch up," Lenore said. But the small class sizes at Princeton were similar to the small class sizes of the Humanities Program, and the familiarity proved to be a lifesaver.

"I was comfortable with speaking up and participating in class regardless of whether I had anything substantive to say," she laughed. Lenore majored in political theory. She worked on *The Daily Princetonian*, the campus newspaper, and after graduation she worked as a reporter for several years at various newspapers on the east and west coasts, including the *LA Times* and the *Trenton Times*.

After she became a mother and began reading children's books to her two kids she decided to try her hand at children's fiction.

It would be seven years before her first manuscript elicited interest, and two more years of responding to requests for edits before she was awarded her first contract. Her first book, *Love as Strong as Ginger*, published by Simon & Schuster in 1997, is based on her grandmother's life in the crab canneries in Seattle.

Though it was a relief to sell that first book, Lenore said she had to sell a second one right away. A friend in the publishing

business told me that I had to sell my next book before the first one was published," she said. "or the publisher would base their decision on how well my first book sold. The problem was, I didn't have a second book." She dug deep, and landed her next contract just before the first book was out.

Over the next fifteen years Lenore went on to publish fourteen books, mostly chapter books for third to fifth graders. Nearly all of her books feature Chinese or Korean American protagonists and their families, and have been translated into several languages. She has won numerous awards including The Gryphon Honor Book, twice, and the 2014 Denise McCoy Legacy Award for humorous children's literature for *Alvin Ho Allergic to Dead Bodies, Funerals and Other Fatal Circumstances*.

She is a third-generation Chinese American – her paternal great-grandfather arrived in Seattle in 1893 (legally, but illegally several years before that) – and grew up celebrating all the Chinese holidays and speaking her family's Toisanese and Cantonese dialects. She learned Mandarin in college and continues to study the language in Saturday Chinese school and uses it mostly during research trips to China. Her Toisanese and Cantonese have come in handy too, as she's currently interviewing non-English speakers in New York City's Chinatown for her next book.

"I love Chinese language and culture," Lenore says. "My father was always singing idioms and reciting five thousand years of historical facts. In China, everyone carries around three thousand years of history and culture regardless of their education. It's in my DNA! But I'll never catch up."

She draws from her Chinese-American background, and incorporates 'cultural tidbits' into her stories. But, she notes, "Cultural identity is not a theme in my books. It's all about

adventures."

"I'm writing the books that I wish I had as kid," Lenore said. "I didn't see Asian kids like myself in the books that I read. It's SO important that children see themselves in their society's literature. If they don't, it means their society doesn't see them."

She added, "I'm mostly drawn to writing about the courage of those who are born to be defeated, like my characters Alvin Ho, who is 'afraid of everything,' and suffers from selective mutism, and Ruby Lu, whose family is poor, and her cousin Flying Duck, who is deaf."

With two series and several picture books behind her, what's next? "I'm ready for a fresh challenge," Lenore said. "I'd like to do something completely different, completely surprising." Her next project is indeed a shift, to a graphic novel format for young



Often she researches for more than a year before she starts a new book. And she carries a notebook with her at all times. “You never know when an idea will come running up to you,” she said. Her writing routine consists of writing every morning, taking a long lunch break which may include working out, before returning in the late afternoon to look at her work with a fresh eye.



Reflecting on her Franklin experience and the life-long friends she's made here, she said, "If I had to do high school over again, I'd choose Franklin. The cultural and social diversity at Franklin is an education you can't get anywhere else. It's made me adaptable to any situation and has given me the skills to connect with people around the world. It was at Franklin that I learned we're all one family – my teachers and schoolmates and I modeled that every day. And obviously, learning to approach people with love and respect is infinitely more valuable than being able to quote Shakespeare to them."

## Film Features Brice Taylor

Denied admission to the University of Washington because of race, he attended the University of Southern California, where he won All-American honors and anchored the 1925 USC mile relay team that set a world record. He was head coach at Southern University in Baton Rouge from 1928-31. As a teacher in Los Angeles he became the first black head high school football coach in Los Angeles. Following his teaching career, he became a minister, working with boys' clubs and juvenile delinquents.

*The Football Champions '22*

Sadowski reached out and scheduled a trip to Seattle for interviews. Teresa Anderson, a board member of FAA&F and the Rainier Valley Historical Society, provided connections with the DiJulio family, who raised Brice after he was orphaned, and Tom Marante, the son of Brice's childhood friend. Sadowski also interviewed current Franklin football players and assistant principal Patricia Newton.

The process of making the film had a major personal impact on Sadowksi. "After interviewing Jim DiJulio Jr. and learning the impact the DiJulio family made in Brice's life by taking him in when he was orphaned at the age of 5 and raising him as one of their family my wife Cynthia and I looked into and became foster parents and we are currently fostering to adopt a 3-month old baby girl."

Sadowski is still fund-raising to cover the costs of final editing.

# John Henry Prim '18, Legal Pioneer Joins the Franklin Hall of Fame

John Henry Prim will be inducted into the Franklin Hall of Fame in May. He was a pioneer – the first African American to serve as deputy prosecuting attorney for King County, the first African American judge in the state and the first African American member of the State Board of Prisons and Parole.

He was born in Nashville, Tennessee on September 15, 1898. He moved to Seattle in 1904 with his parents, Charles and Sara Prim. Charles worked as a longshoreman.

John Prim graduated from Franklin High School in 1918. He played on the high school football, baseball, and basketball teams and was also a member of the debate team. He served as president of the Glee Club.

He worked his way through the University of Washington as a waiter at the old Butler Hotel in Seattle, received his Bachelor of Laws Degree in 1927, and was admitted to the bar the same year. In college he lettered in baseball and also played football.

After establishing his private law practice from 1927 until 1943, Prim assumed the responsibilities of his first fulltime public office as deputy prosecutor of King County. He returned to private practice in 1951. Then, in 1954, Mayor Allan Pomeroy appointed him judge pro tem of Seattle Municipal Court. On June 11, 1954, he served on the mayor's welcoming committee during the visit of Ethiopia's monarch, Haile Selassie.

Judge Prim was active in political affairs of the Democratic Party, serving as precinct committeeman and as a member of King County Democratic Central Committee. The King County Citizens Democratic Club honored him at a testimonial dinner in October, 1959. He was a founder of the Seattle Urban League and served as lawyer for the First African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Judge Prim died after heart surgery on August 2, 1961.



*From left, counterclockwise: John Prim in the 1940s, with the Franklin baseball team in 1918, and his graduation picture.*



The Quaker Times was first published nearly two decades ago, with Bonnie Bosworth as editor. She seemed to know everyone and everything. With her passing, we now depend on all of you to make this newsletter what you want and what you need.

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## Franklin's Mock Trial Team Proves Themselves Winners

Franklin's Mock Trial teams reigned supreme at this year's regional tournament. All three (yes, there were three teams this year) advanced to semifinals and its varsity team swept the competition held at the King County Courthouse.

Felice Cut-Tuang Luu, a reporter for the South Seattle Emerald, described the scene for the regional championship final between Franklin and Bellevue's International School. "If either team was nervous, it wasn't noticeable in the way they strode up to the bench... Each team had four witness-attorney pair examinations where they presented the witness' assigned testimony in a Q&A. In between each direct examination is a cross-examination from the opposing counsel. The goal is to weave a cohesive story among the witnesses while staying true to their testimonies and appearing likable to the jurors. While Franklin High's attorneys had to deal with some squirrely witnesses during cross examinations, the team kept their composure. ...The terrifying part about cross-examination is questioning people you've never practiced with before. But the way Franklin's team shot out question after question showed an intimate understanding of the case and the law through hours of studying the material. Even when a team member stumbled, others sat at the ready with notes, scanning for indiscrepancies. The talent kept coming with FHS witnesses. Even though they were born from less than 10 pages of pure testimony, each student acted as a three-dimensional person on the stand.

Judge William Downing presided and it was described as an historic moment. He is a retired Superior Court Judge. He was the first trial-court judge to rule the Defense of Marriage Act unconstitutional, which allowed the civil rights issue to gain traction in the courts. He has been a long-time participant in the Mock Trial program, writing many of the cases during

his 28 years as a judge in King County. This was his last year to participate in the Mock Trial program.

Downing noted that Franklin High School has a history of excellence at mock trial, dating back to the 90s. "This year's team is amazing," he said. "I've seen these students, who are seniors now, since they were freshmen."

The judge ruminated on the students' growth throughout the years. "I see great things for them, both in Olympia at the tournament ahead and in their futures, college and beyond," Downing said. "I'm just so gratified to see all of the students that have been through the program over the last 28 years out in the community now, being better citizens, better jurors, better

consumers of the media, all sorts of things as a result of their time in mock trial. I'm so gratified when people report back to me how well they're doing."

Franklin has had a mock trial program since 1986, when it was established by YMCA in the state of Washington. Every year a case is formulated outlining a legal issue. Each school then develops a prosecution and a defense and also selects students to serve as witnesses for both the prosecution and the defense teams. For the region and then state competitions, the

prosecution for one school appears in the "courtroom" trying the case against the defense from another school. All lawyers are expected to follow court protocol. Performance is judged by lawyers from the community, with each defense team and each prosecution team from every school competing over the course of a day. The top teams from each regional competition go to Olympia, and the state winner then goes to compete at the national level – with a different city hosting each year.

in a hard-fought, closely contested and controversial state competition, the Franklin team came in second. The team and their coaches, undaunted, remain proud of their achievement.



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# Gary Locke Five Decades After Franklin

It's been nearly fifty years since Gary Locke graduated from Franklin, and he could probably rest on his laurels. But as he sipped jasmine tea at the Columbia City Bakery and reminisced about the past, he also talked about his current plans. It was clear he that he is not ready to retire.

Gary's path is well-known to many. He holds title to a number of firsts – first Chinese American to be elected governor, to serve as Secretary of the US Department of Commerce, and to serve as US Ambassador to China.

The son of Chinese immigrants, he grew up in public housing and didn't speak English until he entered kindergarten. He was an Eagle Scout and by the time he reached Franklin was a recognized leader, becoming active in student government and the Bel Canto Choir.

He headed east to Yale for college and then to Boston University to attend law school. When he returned to Seattle he worked for four years as a King County deputy prosecutor. He got interested in politics while working on campaigns for local Democratic candidates. In 1982, running as an unknown and doorbelling constantly, he was elected as a state representative. He represented south Seattle for the next 11 years.

As a freshman representative, he worked to save Franklin when the school district planned to tear down the iconic building and replace it. "I had a colleague with more seniority act as lead sponsor to add clout to the legislation, but I scheduled all the meetings in his office to make sure he would attend! We made sure that a building of historic significance would qualify for the same level of funding as new construction. That made Franklin's remodel possible," he recalled.

He served as King County Executive three years before being elected governor, serving from 1997 until 2005.

This was during the time of welfare reform, and at the national level, food stamp support for legal immigrants was eliminated. "I told the Washington State legislature that I would veto any welfare reform legislation unless the state created its own food stamp program for immigrants. Washington was one of only two states that did that." The US Congress restored eligibility to immigrants some four years later.

"America is a land of immigrants, except for the Native Americans. And it is that very diversity, with wave after wave of new people and ideas and energy that makes America strong," he commented.

When he decided not to run for a third term as governor, Gary worked in the private sector, joining Davis Wright Tremaine focusing on China and their government relations practice group. He served as the Washington State co-chair for Hillary Clinton's 2008 presidential campaign and thus did not expect the call from President Obama asking him to serve as Secretary of Commerce.

"I love management," he said, "and President Obama was an inspiration to work for." He described 2008 as "the economic equivalent of Hurricane Katrina. It was the department's role to help American companies hire more people. We worked to increase exports, decreased the time to approve patents, and streamlined grants for infrastructure projects that would support job creation."

In addition, the department was responsible for the census. He recalled, "The previous administration had planned to use hand-held computers to input data, but they didn't

function properly. That billion-dollar investment was scratched by the Bush Administration leaving us to revert to pen and paper, he recalled. Nevertheless, the census was completed on time and under budget."

In 2011 he was tapped to serve as Ambassador to China. He may be best remembered for his image as a backpack-wearing father ordering a cup of coffee at Starbucks and managing his own luggage as he waited to board his flight to China. It was in stark contrast to the habits of Chinese officials at the time and catapulted him into hero status with many working-class Chinese.

"It was incredible and a great experience for the entire family, not knowing really what to expect. The embassy in Beijing is one of the largest embassies we have throughout the world. Some forty different agencies have offices there, all the way from the IRS to the FBI, the Coast Guard, even the Drug Administration. The challenge was trying to get them all – for instance, the law enforcement agencies – to work together and collaborate instead of working in silos, even within economic issues, the commercial areas. We have a thousand employees at the US Embassy in Beijing. One third are American and they serve three-year stints, and so it's overlapping. Every year, one third of the American staff changes over."

Gary is proud of a then controversial action, the harboring of the visually impaired human rights activist Chen Guangcheng. He escaped in what Gary described as "a car chase out of Mission Impossible" from house arrest in his home town to the US Embassy in Beijing. He left the embassy for medical treatment and after negotiations with the State Department, China allowed him and his family to go to the US.

He left his position in 2014, primarily for family reasons. "We wanted our daughter to return to the US for her last two years of high school," he said, "so that her teachers would



Gary Locke, continued

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know her and be able to write good letters of recommendation for college." Emily is now a sophomore at Yale. Her brother Dylan will be a college freshman in the fall, and the youngest, Madeline, is in middle school.

The experience in China was incredible, Gary noted, "but the kids were thrilled to be back in the US with fresh air, clean water, high quality food with labels they trust and a sense of community."

Gary now serves as an advisor at Davis Wright Tremaine and has his own consulting business concentrating on US-China trade issues. He says that millions of jobs on both sides depend on mutual trade. China loves the Made in America label on things from machines to cosmetics to food," he said. "Washington exports depend on China from cherries to Boeing planes. And China needs our expertise in technology for clean energy, carbon capture and infrastructure improvements. There is a lot of room for collaboration."

On the home front, when asked about how to respond

to concerns or gridlock in the other Washington, he commented, "There is probably not a lot we can do to really affect what happens there. I think we need to concentrate on rebuilding our own community. We can work on issues that we care about, like homelessness, education and income disparity."

Which brings him to his current projects and to his identity as a policy wonk at heart. He is working on exploring direct approaches to workforce training for local hiring – meeting with non-profits and local businesses to understand what technical or supplemental training they require and how to deliver it to potential employees.

He is also interested in affordable housing. He hopes, through some legislative initiatives, to allow for mixed use development of affordable worker/low-income housing and commercial use within Seattle.

Of his Franklin experience he said, "I'm still a Rainier Valley kid at heart. Franklin instilled a set of values in me. The diversity of SE Seattle and Rainier Valley is a part of who I am."

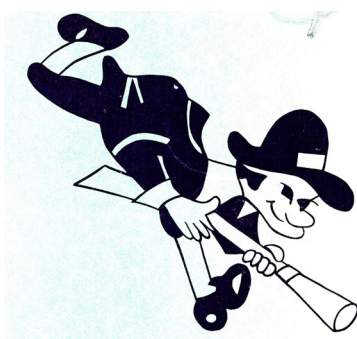
## The Quaker Mascot History

When Franklin first opened its doors the school did not have a nickname, symbol or mascot. In 1909, before the building in Mount Baker opened, the Tolo made reference to "Green and Black;" the school colors were established before the current building existed. In 1919 the Tolo printed an editorial about a symbol – "Why not a symbol? Yale has her Bull Dog, Princeton a Tiger ... We should have a symbol to take to every athletic event or game or even debates that would make the rooting for Franklin doubly impressive on the gridiron, diamond, gymnasium... An Axe would probably be the best object as a symbol... If the axe is not approved as a symbol, we might consider a Kite .. Take heed of the Key. "

In January of 1920 the Tolo noted that Franklin had been nicknamed the Quakers by local sports writer and Franklin alum Royal Brougham, 1912. "The source of this name can be traced back to the fact that Benjamin Franklin, after whom our school is named, has been identified with Philadelphia, city of the famous Quakers. The nickname seems appropriate and good." Brougham's own sports articles noted that the Franklin "green and blacks" and the Queen Anne "red and blacks" "quaking" on the football field. In a series of articles he began using "Quakers" to describe the Franklin players.

At about this time other schools had also been nicknamed – Broadway Tigers, Lincoln Railsplitters, Ballard Beavers, West Seattle Indians and Queen Anne Quays.

The Quaker's symbol for the school came to look like a Pilgrim carrying a musket, but in 1994 the gun was removed to satisfy the school district's anti-violence policy.



In 1995, the clerk of the North Pacific Yearly Meeting of Friends mailed a letter to the Franklin Site Council (the governing body of the school), objecting to the use of a Quaker as the school symbol. In response the student council and principal noted that the caricature of the pilgrim with a rifle had been eliminated. The following year a contest was held at the Franklin to find a new symbol and mascot. The students and staff voted overwhelmingly to change the nickname

of the school to Earthquakes and designed and named a new mascot – "Rumble."

By 1997 Students still referred to their teams as the Quakers and alumni objected to the loss of tradition.



With the clarification of the origin of the Quaker name, and confirmation that it did not indeed refer to the Quaker religion, in 1999 the name was changed back to the Quakers. The school mascot is now a Ben Franklin character, complete with spectacles, and dressed in green. T-shirts and memorabilia usually combine a creative combination of the letter "Q" and keys.

# THEN AND NOW - A BRIEF PICTORAL

From 1917 to 2007



*Clockwise from the upper left corner: 1917 orchestra, 1937 basketball, 1937 band, 1957 senior cabinet, 1927 football, 1947 football, 1927 orchestra, 1917 senior class*

## LOOK AT THE "SEVENS"



Clockwise, from upper left corner: song leaders 1957, baseball city champs 1957, ASF officers 1967, football metro champs 1987, basketball 1987, class of 2007, Bel Canto 1967, class officers 1967, Cheer leaders 1977

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT DECEMBER 31, 2016

### Assets

*Vanguard Bond Funds \$481,257*

Represents four endowment funds as well as money available for use as needs are identified

#### Endowment Funds:

- o \$133,670 Franklin Endowment Fund, income use as determined by board
- o \$116,710 Alexander Fund, income restricted to grants to support programs for sexual health
- o \$11,954 Covey Fund, income restricted to grants to support journalism
- o \$54,539 Gilman Fund, income use restricted to scholarships for seniors planning to major or minor in music

#### For use as needs are identified

- o \$134,194 General funds unrestricted
- o \$33,903 Franklin Scholarship fund restricted for scholarships
- o \$1,375 McCallum fund (restricted for scholarships for those planning to become teachers)

*Bank of America Checking \$27,36*

- \$2,950 designated for Nakagawa Scholarship
- remainder undesignated

### Income

Interest/Dividends (including unrealized losses) .....	\$44,502
Membership Dues .....	\$14,361
General Donations/Misc .....	\$11,488
Franklin Scholarship Donations .....	\$1,550
Swarts Scholarship .....	\$2,000
Athletics Donations .....	\$4,661
Synergy Donation .....	\$5,000
Drama Donation .....	\$3,785
Art Donation .....	\$100
Book Sales Franklin High School: 100 years .....	\$305
Annual Meeting/Hall of Fame .....	\$15,423
Golf Tournament .....	\$3,000
<i>Total income .....</i>	<i>\$106,175</i>

### Expenditures

#### Scholarships

- Franklin ..... \$6,000 |- Nakagawa ..... \$2,000 |

#### Grants:

- Franklin programs and athletics through FAA&F grants program ..... \$25,000 |- Writers in the Schools ..... \$5,000 |- Alexander ..... \$5,350 |- Tilner (library) ..... \$3,447 |- Drama department for lights ..... \$3,785 |- Synergy Society (teacher relief) ..... \$5,000 |

Annual Meeting .....	\$7,044
Reunion Allowance (Class of 2005) .....	\$250
Mailings/Publications .....	\$10,746
Operations (e-mail service, website, postage, insurance, fees, misc) .....	\$3,116
<i>Total expenditures .....</i>	<i>\$76,738</i>

A note of explanation: Each spring we publish our financial statement so that members can see where we get our income and how we spend it. Our overhead is minimal and our volunteer board takes its responsibilities to heart. This year, thanks to additional income from our investments, we plan to increase donations to our grants and scholarship programs.

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If more than one ticket, names for those attending (and year of graduation if applicable):

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Frank Buck, Jr '53

John Fromm '54

Shirley Altmayer Richter '55

Sue Clodfelter Colbeck '55

Merideth Poska Nelson '57

### *1960s*

Lyla Tsuji Anderson '62

John Mowery '62

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*(Let us know if you would like to volunteer – there are many opportunities with flexible time commitments.)*

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