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Hall of Fame Honors Accomplished Alumni

In May the Hall of Fame Celebration returned to Franklin. Nearly 150 alumni and friends toured the halls, viewed the new Hall of Fame Display and searched for tiles. And then the celebration began in earnest as guests entered the Commons to celebrate the induction of five alumni into the Franklin Hall of Fame.

Students greeted everyone at the door and provided tours of the school. Board members registered guests. A soundtrack featuring the music of Al Hoffman and Kearney Barton – both inductees this year – played in the background along with a slide show featuring all of the inductees.

Rhonda Smith Banchemo, 91, served as emcee, graciously keeping the program moving. Sara Thompson, '68, FAA&F President presented the annual report and introduced board members to the crowd. Board members were elected.

Student talent was a highlight featuring music that spotlighted the two musicians honored that night – duo sang an acapella Bibbidi Bobbidi Boo (written by Al Hoffman), followed by a solo performance of Louie Louie (sound engineered by Kearney Barton).

But it was the presentation of the inductees that really topped the evening. Those honored were songwriter Al Hoffman '21, sound engineer Kearney Barton '49, orthopedist and medical educator Ed Almquist '54, electric car advocate Steve Lough '62, and actress Lori Tan Chinn '66.

Al was introduced by his great-nephew Rocky Friedman. (See his comments on page 22).

Rick Chinn, '65, summarized Kearney Barton's accomplishments. He was an audio engineer credited with creating the Northwest Sound. In a career spanning over five decades, he recorded multiple genres including rock, opera, jazz, folk, bluegrass, classical, cabaret and gospel. Among the artists he recorded were Little Bill, the Frantics, the Counts, the Kingsmen, Don & the Goodtimes, and Merilee Rush & the Turnabouts. He trained and mentored an entire generation of students in the arts and sciences of audio engineering in his studio – including Rick Chinn. And he was inducted into the Hall of Fame for the Northwest Music Association in 1992.

Kearney's niece, Patti Maltsberger, accepted the induction.

Larry Schinke, '54, longtime friend and classmate, introduced Ed Almquist. He started with the memory of skiing and being overtaken by an avalanche. Ed saved his life, skiing for help and returning to the rescue. Ed went on to have a successful career as an orthopedist respected for his surgical skill, ability to innovate and role as an educator. While maintaining a busy private practice he taught at the University of Washington, and helped to establish Hand Fellowship Program.

Over the course of his career he served as Director of the Hand Clinic at Children's Hospital Medical Center, president of the University of Washington Medical School Alumni, and Chief of Staff at Children's Hospital. He has multiple publications and made many presentations at the national and international level in his field. (continued on page 4)



Ed Almquist



Lori Tan Chinn



Steve Lough

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From the Board President

Being a part of the Franklin Alumni Association is an honor and a joy. Occasionally someone will ask me what I like best about what we do, and honestly it's hard to say.

I got involved when my kids were at Franklin (classes of 2003 and 2004) and so it's been more than a decade. At first I concentrated on the economic disparities in the south end schools – with a significantly higher poverty rate, the capacity of parents to support enrichment activities was dwarfed by that of wealthier schools. And then I began to learn both more about Franklin's incredible history and to see what a rich experience my own children had as students. That combination truly fired me up, and with each year I am more impressed with what Franklin has done and continues to do.

- I love hearing and sharing Franklin stories
- I love walking the halls and seeing current students and staff
- I love that we can help keep classes connected through Facebook, our website and our new database
- I love the formative environment Franklin provided to me and my son and daughter.
- I love the Hall of Fame Celebration
- I love the appreciation we get from staff and students for the grants and scholarships we provide each year

I've been president of FAA&F for a few years now, and as our board grows I expect that I will step back from that role. We welcomed three new board members and have room for more.

I took over as the Quaker Times editor last spring, when Bonnie Bosworth, who started the newsletter retired (don't worry, she continues keep me in line!) I have a lot to learn – and we could always use help with ideas for stories, and for writing. Barbara Nilson, who was my journalism teacher in the sixties and mentored award-winning high school newspapers when she was at Franklin, has joined the "staff," and for that I am eternally grateful.

It's my hope to use the newsletter to share the Franklin narrative. We want to let you know what is new at Franklin but also what great things Franklin graduates are doing and have done.

Please take a little time to read this issue and share your feedback.

As always, your dues and donations will help us provide grants to support Franklin students, send the Quaker Times twice a year, and support the database and website. Your support allows us to continue to keep Franklin alumni connected to each other and to continue our proud legacy by supporting current students.

We need you!

Sara Thompson '68

STAY CONNECTED!

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WWW.FRANKLINALUMNI.NET

OUR FACEBOOK PAGE:

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/FHSALUMNI

From Franklin Principal Jennifer Wiley

Imagine a community where people gather from around the world and share and celebrate values, customs, ideas, and talents all the while developing powerful 21st century skills. Imagine a community where individuals develop a strong sense of unique self in this world while also developing an understanding of our human interconnectedness. Imagine a community where there are not second-class citizens – a community that practices a belief that **EVERYTHING IS FOR EVERYBODY** and ensures all members are individually known, challenged, supported and prepared for global citizenship. Imagine a community where each member is self-reliant, confident, compassionate, and possesses the skills and agency to actualize dreams and contribute to community.

WELCOME TO FRANKLIN!

As Seattle's oldest operating high school (1912) we been developing powerful, global citizens for over a century. World-renowned artists, inventors, politicians, business professionals, civil servants, authors, and athletes, to name a few, are among YOU, the thousands of Franklin graduates who are making a difference in our city and across the nation and globe.

Currently we are consistently performing above

district and state averages on standardized exams and sending high percentages of students to exceptional post-secondary experiences. For instance, the class of 2016 exceeded the national average in AP Calculus scores by 20%, produced a National Merit scholar as well as a West Point scholar and upheld our record setting rate of UW acceptance of better than 1 in 4, the best in our district and nation. These are but a few exceptional highlights that occur annually.

EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTION, IDENTITY DEVELOPMENT and our collective **QUEST for SOCIAL JUSTICE** make up the cornerstones of our success. Contributions of Franklin Alumni have profoundly aided in cultivating our ongoing successes. Beyond our amazing classroom performances, FHS continues to positively develop and shape lives in all aspects of our community.

Leave no doubt, Franklin is re-engineering society one graduating class at a time – modeling what is possible when we create a space where each member is valued, known, supported, challenged and loved. A multi-racial, multi-cultural beautiful world is not only possible, it exists at 3013 S. Mt. Baker Blvd.

Franklin Alumni, you made this world so!

In service,

Dr. Jennifer Wiley Principal

Annie Patu Class of 1987 Joins Franklin as Assistant Principal

Franklin welcomes Annie Patu, '87, as an assistant principal. She comes to Franklin after a twenty-five-year career as coach, mentor, and teacher for youth in the Seattle and Tacoma communities.

She believes her role as a leader began as a cheerleader at Franklin, and was heavily influenced by her parents – her mother Betty is on the Seattle School Board and her father Paul built a coalition to support Pacific Islanders and served as community liaison to the Seattle schools.

Annie graduated from Seattle Pacific University, majoring in consumer science. She commented, "Although my first choice was to teach history, I chose family and consumer science because of its focus on relevant life and career skills that students need."

She taught for nine years, but wanted to expand to a leadership role and so returned to school. She completed graduate work at City University in Seattle. She states her mission is "to educate, graduate and prepare students for life beyond high school. Over the years I have observed the confidence and excitement students have for their future when they graduate. It sets them up for success whether it be college, tech school, or other post-secondary options."

Her favorite memories of Franklin? "Winning the All-Metro Title for football and going to Hawaii with the basketball team. And I am my class. We were responsible for leading the "Hands around Franklin" Rally that helped to preserve Franklin as a historical building. Our school cared about each other and we embraced our diversity before it became popular."

Annie is the proud mother of three daughters and a grandmother to a granddaughter. She enjoys watching movies and spending time with her family.

"I am excited to be back at Franklin and even more excited to contribute to the awesome work that is already in motion."



Make a Nomination to the 2017

Hall of Fame

We welcome nominations to the Franklin Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame Committee will review nominations, present recommendations to the Board of Directors, and announce inductees in February. Five inductees will be honored at the Annual Meeting and Hall of Fame Celebration Thursday May 18, 2017

More than fifty alumni have been elected to the Hall of Fame since 1992 when it was established. Since 2013 FAA&F has hosted a Hall of Fame Celebration each spring inducting new members. Everyone in the Hall of Fame is posted on our website and their pictures are in the main hall at Franklin.

Criteria for induction are as follows:

- *Must have graduated from Franklin*
- *Must have graduated at least 15 years prior to nomination*
- *May be living or deceased*
- *Shall have gained prominence and recognition on a national, state, regional, or local level in his or her chosen field or endeavor. Those fields of endeavor shall include, but not be limited to, business and industry, education, medicine, law, science and research, religion, sports, politics and government, entertainment, volunteerism, and international relations*

Nomination forms and a list of all those in the Hall of Fame can be found on our website: www.franklin alumni.net. If you have questions, please contact us at FAAandF@gmail.com or call Sarah Morningstar at 206 226-4323.

Every year we receive nominations of many deserving graduates. If you have submitted a nomination in the past and that person was not selected, please re-submit for this year's consideration.

Deadline is December 15, 2016

Hall of Fame *(continued from page 1)*

Ed, in accepting, talked about his transformation from a struggling student in grade school to a successful college applicant, in part because of the fine teachers at Franklin. The number of classmates in the room was evidence of the connections forged in high school years and the respect and affection he earned.

Classmate Jay Altman introduced Steve Lough. He spoke of years together working with cars and the love Steve had for technology. With the gas crisis of 1979 he brought electric cars to his family-owned car dealership in Seattle during the gas crisis of 1979. He soon joined and then became president of the Seattle EV Association (SEVA) with the goal to 'Educate, Demonstrate, and Proliferate' the use of EVs through rallies, contests, car shows, and public speaking. He never wavered from that passion and has been recognized by Mayor Greg Nickels, Governor Jay Inslee and King County Executive Ron Sims. He was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Electric Auto Association in 2013.

As Steve accepted, he recalled the influence of biology teacher Victor McClellan, who advised the ham club. That club got Steve interested in electronics in the first place. And advocate to the end, Steve urged everyone in the audience to go electric before he took his seat.

Kathryn Chinn, '76, introduced her cousin Lori, with video clips highlighting her career – including performances on Broadway, film and television. Lori received the Helen Hayes Award for her portrayal of Bloody Mary in South Pacific. She has performed opposite: Diane Keaton, Hugh Grant, Glenn Close, Harry Connick, Jr., Al Pacino, Ossie Davis, Ruby Dee, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Mark Ruffalo, Roseanne, Bill Murray, and BD Wong.

Lori, in her remarks, told of her experience in New York – the biases she has faced as an Asian actor, the issues of aging in the profession, and having to find work to support herself when there were no acting jobs. She persevered, and then, as she considered retiring, she was approached to play a role in what she refers to as a new prison streaming series – and her career is now far from over. In addition, she has joined the cast of a Broadway show, Gotta Dance, which opens in 2017. With an inspiring message of resilience, she ended her remarks to a room full of applause.

New board member Frank Leyritz, '60, made a plea for support – with donations to go to the grants program to support student enrichment programs. Nearly \$10,000 was donated by the generous crowd.

Save the date!
The 2017 Hall of Fame will be
Thursday May 18.

Dr. Gordon Bjork, Noted Educator and Author

By Barbara Nilson

When contacted at his home in Santa Barbara, CA., Gordon Bjork, '53, recalled the time in 1950 when his family moved from Tacoma to Seattle.

"I entered Franklin High School without a single friend or acquaintance," recalled Bjork. "It was a drastic change from my previous life where I had lots of friends and didn't put much effort into my classes. The lack of friends or activities changed me from a C to an A student-because I had little to distract me! I got an after school job and that meant less involvement in school activities. We lived on 33rd Avenue just one block from school. I walked home every day for lunch and never even had a locker at school.

"Memories were Chamber Orchestra with Mr. Chapel at 7:45am., Typing with Mr. Toomey, one of the best and most important classes I ever had for the applicable skills; Geometry with Ms. Doheny, Algebra with Mr. Boselly and English with Mr. Erickson where the most important learning was Robert's Rules of Order.

"I played tennis all three years, was never particularly good; but made great friends with Don Wolfe, Don Hallum, Steve Massie and Steve Skowronek. My best friend at Franklin was Mike Hane, a really smart and independent guy. We went fishing and hiking together. When I was a senior, I played a cello concert in a talent assembly and was also active in debate, having been recruited by Mr. Samuelson.

"When I made it through the trial rounds of oratory contest, I was coached by the principal, Mr. Walter Reseburg. He was a great inspiration to me. I had been encouraged to apply for Ivy League colleges by an English teacher and I asked him to be a reference for me. Against my mother's wishes, who wanted me to stay home and to U of W; the letters were sent. I was surprised to get admission and national scholarships from Dartmouth, Harvard, and Yale. I went to

Dartmouth without ever having seen it and the first time I had been away from home except for camping trips in the Cascades and Olympics."

He earned a BA from Dartmouth College, an MA from Oxford U and a PhD from the Uof W. His honors include Phi Beta Kappa, Rhodes Scholar, Haynes Foundation Faculty Fellow, George Washington Medal for Excellence in Economics and the CMC Presidential Citation.

Dr. Bjork became a distinguished educator who, during his 44 years in higher education served as Lovelace Professor of Economics at Claremont McKenna College; President of Linfield College; Associate Professor, Columbia University, Ass't Prof. at Carleton University (Canada); Lecturer, U of British Columbia; also several visiting appointments at the Battelle Institute, U of Hawaii and Nottingham University (England).

He has also served in a consulting capacity to, among others, the American Banker's Ass'n., the American Mortgage Bankers Assoc.,

KPMG, the Lockheed Cooperation, the Securities Exchange Commission and U.S. Treasury. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve to the rank of Lt.

In 2015 Claremont McKenna College alumni honored Gordon Bjork by endowing both a professorial chair in economics and scholarship in his name

Dr. Bjork is the sole author of 4 books and the contributing author to nine more plus a diverse collection of academic and general interest articles. His latest book, printed in 1999, is *The Way it Worked and Why it Won't; Structural Change and the Slowdown of U.S. Economic Growth*. Praeger. It is available on Kindle.

Dr. Bjork, now 80, lives with his wife Susan Serman of Oxford, England who he married in 1960. They have four married, adult children, all university graduates with post-graduate degrees; and eight grandchildren.

He says, "I will always be grateful for my Franklin experience and the good start it gave me in life."



"I will always be grateful for my Franklin experience and the good start it gave me in life."

REUNIONS!

Class of 2006 Reunites

Derrick Arciaga

On Friday July 15, 2016, members of the Class of 2006 came together to celebrate our ten-year reunion. The reunion was held at Sole Repair Shop on Capitol Hill in Seattle. Alumni came from all around the country including Georgia and California, in addition to Washington State to attend the event.

Everyone who came had a great time and had fun reminiscing about the “good old days.”

We danced, laughed, ate and talked the night away. Festivities continued at a variety of venues throughout the Capitol Hill Neighborhood once the music stopped playing.

The next day, Saturday July 16, 2016, we had relaxing BBQ at Jefferson Park on Beacon Hill. Class of 2006 families came together to share food, memories of the past, and stories of the present.

A big thank you to all those who helped put reunion together and to those who came out to show their Quaker pride!

We look forward to seeing everyone at our 20th Reunion in 2026!



Keep your eyes peeled for reunion planning for the decades ending in 7! We'll post on our website and make announcements via Facebook as information is available.

1996 Celebrates 20 Years

Xavier Esters

After months of planning and promotion, reunion activities for the Quaker class of 1996 kicked off on Saturday, July 23, 2016. An energized crowd of nearly 75 alumni and their significant others gathered at Rookie's Sports Bar and Grill for the reunion's opening reception. Attendees were greeted by a welcoming space filled with decorations, memorabilia, and most importantly, flowing drinks.

The group of enthusiastic alumni spent the evening reminiscing, taking countless snapshots, and catching up on life events. The crowd was welcomed and addressed by the committee, with special attention paid to reminding attendees about the importance of joining the alumni network, as well as remembering those who have left us far too soon. Following an ambitious group photo, and a few more cocktails, the reception wrapped up on an extremely high note.

The following day, '96 alumni and their families gathered at Genesee Park for a family picnic. The potluck-style event brought about more fun, smiles, and was highlighted by a dance-off by some of the most adorable future Quakers! The overall sentiment of the day was that after such a remarkable weekend, the class of 1996 shouldn't wait another 10 years to get together again.

A special thanks goes out to the reunion planning committee who spent tireless hours and sacrificed their time, energy, and treasure to ensure the reunion activities were robust and thoroughly enjoyable for all. The committee included, in alphabetical order: Ginger Adams, Anthony Davis, Xavier Esters, Scott MacGowan, Anita McPherson, Naomi Ramos, and Denise Wong.

We'd also like to thank Aisha (Ellis) Asim, Tim Merritt, Tracy (Ng) Vicente, Nikisha Richardson, and Geraldine Villaron for helping us make early progress, and for Thoem Thiay for being such an awesome grill master at the family picnic.

Here's to 2021 and a 25th reunion!



Jocelyn Christensen,
Bryce Anderson, Erin Beery,
Benjamin Isquith



Remembrance Tree highlighting those
we've lost too soon – Jeremy Bensen,
Mark Helt, Asawa Izador, Amanda
Kirby, Dennis Lam, Lashaun Lewis,
Andrew Moritz, Bernard Pena



Picnic - Laura (DeWolf) Flores and
Grill Master Thoem Thiay



Saturday Reception



Tenisha Childress, Aisha (Ellis) Asim, Charmayne Edwards,
Denise Hopson, Sarah Doss, Candice (Tinner) Hightower,
Anthony Davis, Monique Franklin, Arnell Wilkerson, Monica Alfonso,
Alecia (Caldwell) Smith, Nichelle Bowie, Clarissa Carrasco



Ginger Adams, Clarissa Carrasco, Susan Kwong,
Lisa Ma, Naomi Ramos, Denise Wong



Sons of Leah Pastrana
and Sheva Benard
showcasing their whips

Class of 76 Celebrates Forty Years

Betty Kazumura

It's amazing how quickly 10 years passes! Our Franklin High School class showed our "Spirit of '76" at this year's 40th reunion events – August 19, 20 and 21st.

Our 40th reunion festivities kicked off with our social gathering on Friday evening, August 19th at Billy Baroo's at Foster Golf Links in Tukwila. Around 40 of our classmates and friends came together and caught up on old times!

The next evening, our main event was held at Jefferson Golf Clubhouse on Beacon Hill. Our reunion committee was concerned because we only had 35 paid tickets a month prior. Thanks to all who reached out to our classmates. Our final count was 100!

Llonia Patterson and Harold Taniguchi were our emcees and kept our event lively and fun! Llonia's nephew, Ryan Croone – Cidewayz Music was our D.J. who played our favorite 70's tunes. Ray White greeted and photographed us as we entered the clubhouse. Jay Taylor took candid photographs, including group photos, at all three reunion events.

Our classmates provided generous donations for our raffle drawings and trivia questions. The weather was perfect and we had a phenomenal view of Mount Rainier!

The Sunday afternoon class picnic at Angle Lake in Seatac closed out our weekend. We had a relaxed day at the lake and enjoyed delicious potluck food, laughter and conversations!

Many thanks go to our dedicated and fun reunion committee:

Ted Palsson – created our awesome Franklin HS Class of 1976 Wix Website, Gmail account and Paypal ticket and Class T-Shirt purchase/payment site. Llonia Patterson – Emcee, 50/50 Raffle and lined up our DJ Ryan and photographer Ray White. Harold Taniguchi – Co-Emcee, Ray Jones – provided the scrumptious cupcake and cake donations, Vivian Dodd Egashira – creator of our beautifully made t-shirt designs and event decorator, Kathryn Chinn – coordinated the Jefferson Golf Clubhouse reservations, program agenda and Survey Monkey post-event survey. David Rock – set up and reserved our Friday night gathering at Billy Baroo's' Greg Bradford, Sharon Yamamoto Taylor and Linda – manning the registration table.

Vivian Egashira, Roberta Yoshioka, Denette Spivey, Greg Bradford, Betty Kazumura, David Rock- setting up the decorations, Betty Kazumura – headed up the reunion committee and reserved the picnic site at Angle Lake.

Additional thanks go to: Colin Tudor, Karan Williams Perkins, Diane Franklin Mitchell, Shannon Hummel, Paul Egashira and Jimmie Corbin

The survey produced these two excellent results. It is unanimous! First, our classmates want our reunions held every five instead of every 10 years. Second, our class wants to hold informal gatherings, like what we had at Billy Baroo's, during our non-reunion years.

Go Franklin High School Quakers and our Class of 1976. We rock!



Photographs by JayTaylor Photography

1986 Reunites for Their Thirty-Year Weekend

Treacy Sargeant

The class of 1986 held their 30 year reunion weekend on August 13-14, 2016. Class officers: Rodney Haynes, Darleen (Chinn) Sianson, Treacy (Wong) Sargent and Cara (Kadoshima) Vallier as well as committee members Shannon Smith, Dana Daniel, Ceya (Beeman) Blakely, Joey Mendoza, Wes Locke, Clare (Ginsberg) Megathlin help put together the special occasion. It started on a very hot and sunny Saturday evening at the Jefferson Park Clubhouse with approximately 80 classmates in attendance.

As classmates entered the reunion, they noticed the walls lit up of our alma matter green and focused their eyes on the stunning floral arrangements made in green, black and white. They dined on appetizers, a dinner buffet and light dessert refreshments. There was a beautiful ice sculpture, memorabilia table, slide show and photo booth for classmates to enjoy. Everyone seemed very relaxed and having a great time catching up and reminiscing about high school days.

On Sunday, there was a picnic held at Green Lake in the afternoon. Jeff Norman smoked and served his famous ribs and sausage in addition to burgers and dogs and potluck side dishes. Classmates brought their families and enjoyed the afternoon. Everyone seemed to have a great time.



Bottom row: Eric Gland, Eric Sumi, Ceva Beeman. Top row: Vicky Doyle, Kempton Eng, Cara Kadoshima, Dennis Toy, Wes Lockemily Sawsib



Cheerleaders! Regina Hampton, Shawn Sims, Diane Baumgartner, Darnadette Alexander, Teresa Neewhall



Regina Hampton, Rdoeny Haynes, Teresa Newhall, Darleen Chin, Sonny Larican, Armanod Quintos, Bernadette Alexander



Top: Mark Yamada, Farrell Luxher, Amanod Quintos. Bottom: Eric Cambarnero, Joey Mendoza, Julius Tiangson II, Sonny Larican



Top Debbie Farman, Tamie Speer, Cay Beeman Bottom: Regina Hampton, Jonette Buza, Collen Davix, Darleen Chinn, Treacy Wong



Bernadette Alexander, Teresa Newhall, Ceva Beeman

Class of 1966 Spirit

Susanne Petersen Sanders

The FHS Class of 1966 showed its spirit at the 50 Year Reunion in September. Classmates met up at an informal gathering September 16 at Raconteur, the restaurant and bar in the new Third Place Books in Seward Park. Folks enjoyed being back in the old neighborhood and reminiscing about grade school, junior high, and (of course!) their time at Franklin High School.

On the evening of September 17, more classmates, and their guests, converged on Glendale Golf and Country Club in Bellevue for conversation, dinner, and dancing. Senior class president, Bob Henry, gave his Presidential Address, and the cheerleaders (Marianne Nakahara Reed and Gail Hashimoto), yell kings (Bruce Glant, Kenny Alhadeff, and Andre Wooten), and some willing volunteers led the class in cheers and the Alma Mater. On a more somber

note, Suzanne Petersen Sanderson read the list of those classmates who had passed away in the last fifty years.

Fifty years sounds like a very long time, but if you could have seen us on the dance floor, we were every bit as energetic as at our ten year reunion. Our class spirit will keep us together for many more years as we get together for our annual picnics and look forward to the next reunion.

The dedicated Reunion Committee (Wendee Wong Ong – Chair, Bob Nathane – Treasurer, Suzanne Petersen Sanderson – Communications, Sharmon Auge, Barb Lenning Madison, Betty Sumaoang Ragudos, Bob Henry, Bruce Glant, Michael Alhadeff, Kenny Alhadeff, Dori Williams Brashear, John Sample, Susan Yorozu Tripp, Madelyn Jung, Yvette Dinish, and Donald Johnstone) are now breathing a collective sigh of relief.



Class cheers



Dinner and dancing

Class of 1956 Rings in Sixty Years

Barbara Weller Dahl

“Our green and black so true . . .” never sounded better as sung by a chorus of 81 FHS alumni led by Sam Eastern at their 60th reunion. The event was held on the 8th floor of Seattle’s landmark Pacific Tower on the north end of Beacon Hill with a panoramic view of the Olympics, Puget Sound and Elliott Bay, downtown Seattle, and to the east, the Cascades.

Alumni gathered to socialize before a catered brunch. Tables were decorated with green floral arrangements on black table accents. David Duryee provided a pictorial of our times at Franklin and some highly imaginative stories about various classmates. Classmates who have passed away were remembered and honored with silence.



*Barb Weller Dahl and Joan Sigvartson Olmstead
check in classmates*

1956 (continued)

Happy chatter filled the room as classmates studied name tags and reconnected again. Along with lots of catching up, memories were shared: the day the school buzzed with word that Mr. Wettleson and Mrs. Findley had gotten married; school assemblies before football games when Coach Harvey Lanman hauled a huge trash bin up on the stage and said, “And that’s where we’re going to put Garfield” to the screams of a raucous student body (training ground for today’s Seahawks noise makers?); Tolo Weekly reporters out soliciting ads while other journalists were off to the printer with copy, and who could forget two-tone saddle shoes and poodle skirts? We were the original Fonzie and Richie Cunninghams.

Recognition was given to the Lanigans, Diane and Jim, for coming the farthest distance (Hawaii). Others came from California, Sally Stover Alcala and Melvin Wong, and from Colorado, Donald Jones. For some it was their first reunion and for many others, their seventh.

Thanks go to David Mullins and his late wife and our classmate, Gretchen, for their years of planning class reunions, and to this year’s reunion committee: Muriel Cohen Thompson, Joan Sigvartson Olmstead, Suzanne Larsen Fitzsimmons, Carol Franks Suckerman, Rosalie Mendoza Ivanich, Ruth Maslan Sasoon, Paul Alienikoff, Linda Mason Kelly, Diana Wood Hill, Barb Weller Dahl, Dave Duryee, and David Mullins. Further thanks go to Joyce Abrahamson Williams who, over the years as Paradelady.com kept the class connected via emails.



Geraldine Roe Richards



*Jim Routan, Diana Wood Hill,
Melvin Wong*



*Paul Aleinikoff, Linda Mason Kelly,
David Duryee*



*Muriel Cohen Thompson,
Suzanne Larsen Fitzsimmons*



Esther Levy Mayo and David Mullins



Donald Jones, Carol Franks Suckerman, Lee Roselli



*Ruth
Maslin
Sasoon*



*Jack Graham, Maxine Mithcell,
Marion Arnstad, Sally Stover Alcala*

35th Annual Golf Tournament a Grand Success

Jim Follett

As I drove north towards Jefferson Park Golf course for the 35th Annual Franklin High School Alumni Golf tournament a drizzle of rain was making the commute slower than I wanted to go. Having played in this tournament for many years and not experiencing any rain this was a change that no one wanted.

However, by the time of our shotgun starts at 9:00 the rain had stopped and once again we ended the round under sunny skies. 96 players were on hand to enjoy a round of golf with fellow classmates of up to 60 years past.

Winners this year were

- 1st Low net men: Dano Lewis, Kendall Mar, Harold Taniguchi, Glen Gokami
- 2nd Low net men: Bill Mangan, Bob Siverts, Bill Perry, Tom Kidd
- 3rd Low net men: Steve Duzan, Buck Scates, Grant Griffin, Earl Lasher.
- 1st Low gross men: Jim Kozu, Carl O’Leary, Paul Miyahara, Pete
- 2nd Low gross men: Ed Almquist, Kermit Rosen, Dick Reiswig, Rusty Reiswig
- 3rd Low gross men: Jim Lund, Bruce Regal, Jeff Vigna, BJ Johnson
- 1st Low gross women: Carol Albo, Nancy Moore, Elaine Brown, Charlene Ernst.

There were also prizes for closest to the pin on all par threes.

A special thanks for all those that sponsored holes – Bill Chatalas, Gordon Raine, Ken Alhadeff, Kermit Rosen, Bill Ferrari, Mike Perry, Christopher Towaga, Larry Jassen, Renee Chatalas, Ron Taylor, Tom Leavitt, Bruce Biesold and Jay Turner.

After paying all the expenses to put this event on I am happy to report that we will be donating to the Franklin Alumni Association a check for \$3000.00. Thank you to all that participated this year and hope to build on this for our 36th Annual Franklin High Golf Tournament next September.



Bob Chatalas, Jim Follett, Gordon Raine, Fritz Hossman



Norm Sadis, Bill Chatalas, Pete Acker, Paul Aleinikoff



Carol Albo, Nancy Moore, Elaine Brown, Charlene Ernst



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Thanks to all the participants!



17th Annual Picnic Reunites Classes of 1955-63

Kitty Eddy

The 17th annual Franklin Picnic for the combined years 1955 through 1963 was held this year at the Renton Community Center on August 31. The change of venue was necessitated by the lack of parking at the prior facility. The picnic was a resounding success, attended by 228 classmates. The spirit of friendship is what has kept this event going. Even though most classmates do not really care about the food or where it takes place, they just want the comradery to continue and are eager to see their old friends again.

A delicious buffet luncheon was catered by Apogee Pub & Restaurant, with pulled pork sandwiches, fried chicken and assorted salads. Leftovers were given to the Men's Shelter at St. Marks. A big thanks to Carolyn & Robert Trautman for delivering the food to the shelter.

I can't thank the Committee enough, as they have not only organized this picnic for 17th years, but cater to over 200 classmates. Committee Members are: Buzz & Jeanne Crites, Alan & Kittie Eddy, Doug Tulip, Karen Beach, Stan Nahmias, Diane Gilbert-Pezzella, Anne Rackers Rice McFarland, Sue Rice, Tom Riley, JoAnne Naganawa and Jeanne Shiota-Mori.

We are working on plans for the 18th annual Franklin Picnic and will announce that soon. To make it easier to visit and more elbow room, we'll try and place some of the tables outside under canopy. We're also accepting advance reservations that will make it quicker to get in the door.

Please mail your donation and advance reservation form to Doug Tulip, 15012-132nd Avenue SE, Renton, WA 98058. To reach Doug directly about the reunion call 206-919-5111 or e-mail douglastulip@msn.com.

Questions about the reunion can also be addressed to Kittie Eddy by email at Lceddy@vircom.net or call 206-399-2905 and leave a message.

See you all next year! The date has already been set: August 31 from 11 – 3 at the Renton Community Center.



Muriel Cohen Thompson 56



*Fred Cacchione 59,
Larry Mayer 60, Mick Aspria 57*



Wilma Smith 57



*Jim Dailey,
Sue Stewart Dailey 56*



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Kitty Salazar Eddy 70, Fred Yearian 59



*Ron Leason 62, Jay Altman 62, Bill Smiley 63,
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Bel Cantos Celebrate and Remember

Andre Dunn

After more than forty years, on October 11, 2009, the Bel Canto Choir reunited for a benefit concert, performed at Franklin under the direction of our former director, the late Dr. Richard Koehler. This world-renowned choir performed in the 60s and members are still carving memories and personal friendships.

This June we came together yet again to celebrate our love of music at the first Bel Canto Picnic. We hope many more will follow. Members traveled from afar and we were even graced with the presence of a former member of the Hamilton Academy Scottish Choir, who arrived from Australia.

Being a Bel Canto was an experience like no other and a great source of pride. Today as we reflect back to those days of enchanting audiences with our young voices, we continue to take pride in the footprint we created. We hope our legacy will live on for generations to come.

ALL HAIL FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL!



Day in the Park 1980s and Friends

Chris Mason

Hot weather couldn't keep our Quakers away from the Bar-B-Que grills on a broiling day in August. The weather was in the mid-nineties and most of us were from the nineteen eighties, with a few seventies and a couple from the fifties stopping in, too.

Seward Park's big trees and a cool breeze off the water helped take the edge off. If that wasn't enough, you could take a dash through the spray station before grabbing another cold beverage. Evening brought cooler temps, slower music, and some memories from yesterday, under the lights.

Hope to see YOU next year!



Carolyn Geise 1953, an Honored Architect

By Barbara Nilson

Carolyn Deuter Geise, an award-winning architect, graduated from Franklin in 1953. She has had an extensive career combining special achievements as an architect, as a developer, and as a community organizer in and beyond Seattle.

When she entered Franklin she said she had an easy road adjusting as her sister, Mary Lou, was three years older and was already established at the school. So Carolyn was immediately introduced to sorority groups, such as Girls Club. "It was an honor to be invited to join the sorority," Carolyn recalled. "We all wore dark sweaters to distinguish us and worked on fund-raising projects for places like the Orthopedic Hospital. I believe the sororities were phased out shortly after our graduation."

The Senior Play was a huge challenge, Geise recalled. "We did 'Dear Ruth' about a young girl who was writing to a soldier during the war and signing her older sister's name. I was in charge of supplying the lilacs for the final scene, I had students making them in study hall and the library etc.

"I was heavy into making craft projects and jewelry and designing and making all my own clothes. I modeled them at the end of my senior year and was frantically making changes," recalled Geise. She continued in the clothing design field for four years at the UW, and pursued that career until she became interested in architectural design.

She returned to the UW for her second degree, this time in architecture, resulting in her being chosen to staff the American Institute of Architects (AIA) booth at the Seattle World's Fair in 1962.

In 1978 Carolyn initiated an architecture practice in Seattle. As her practice expanded, she acted as both the developer and architect in the reclamation of a 1914 factory building in the area then known as the Denny Regrade, the 81 Vine Building. This development garnered considerable critical and public attention at the time, becoming a keystone for her future activism which included the Growing Vine Street Project. This project was an important element in the transformation of the area into the active residential neighborhood now known as Belltown.

This undertaking and contribution as a Belltown citizen, architect and property owner greatly influenced the growth of the area and it became one of Seattle's premiere downtown residential neighborhoods. Her efforts were recognized when Seattle Mayor Paul Schell declared Dec. 11, 2001 as 'Carolyn Geise Day,' and in May 2005, Belltown celebrated 'Carolyn Geise Neighborhood Month' and designated the plaza at the top of the Cistern Steps in Belltown as Carolyn Geise Plaza.

Her firm, Geise Architects, has also produced a wide variety of work including residential design and facilities for special user groups such as homeless

women and emotionally disturbed children. She also dedicated twenty years to helping establish the University Avenue location for the Third Church of Christ Scientist which included a welcoming Reading Room.

In 1989, Geise advanced to the AIA College of Fellows – the only woman among 44 architects in the nation to achieve this honor that year. She was recognized for her public

service, service to the profession, and for inspiring the ever-increasing number of women entering the field. In 2001, AIA Seattle presented her with the highest honor, the AIA Seattle Medal, citing that she 'has advanced the social and economic power of architecture in her unique career, in her practice as well as in extensive community activities.'

In addition to her career, Carolyn and her husband, Bill Jobe, also raise alpacas on Whidbey Island at their 25-acre farm, Maxwellton Aerie. "The farm is a place of spiritual peace for me due both to the beautiful landscape and the magic sense of serenity the alpacas express," she remarked.

The farm is also used as a retreat center hosting families and small corporate events. She is involved in the community by appointment as one of three commissioners to the Island County Diking District #2, overseeing efforts to sustain farming in Maxwellton Valley in harmony with nature and new environmental regulations.



An alpaca named Valourie tries to eat Carolyn's lunch

Franklin Athletes Organize

"The students have had direct input on decision-making ..."

Franklin athletes are at the vanguard. Last spring, under the guidance of Athletic Director Jennifer Peterson and Activities Coordinator Jolene McCann, they founded the Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC).

The program is modelled after the National Collegiate Council of Student Athletes, and the group has a two-year plan for implementation. This year a core group of student athletes and leaders met to develop their mission, vision, and overall purpose.

FAA&F support for the athletics program has been very much appreciated. Teams no longer need to fundraise simply to be sure they have equipment and uniforms.

More students are participating in team sports than ever before. And now students are ready to have a greater voice in their experience.

Jennifer Peterson noted, "The students have had direct input on decision-making on Athletics related budget, event management/operations, policies/procedures that we are developing or updating, and planning/development of activities for ALL-SPORTS to improve our athletic community and overall student-athlete experience."

They have focused on three areas as they brainstormed: Community Service including training camps for younger athletes, Special Game-Day Events and Promotions, and All-Sports Events including an awards nquet.

This year they plan to expand membership to representatives from all sports, to begin to implement



Franklin athletes were honored at the Club 101 Awards Luncheon sponsored by the Washington Athletic Club. Above, students with O'Connell and Jennifer Peterson, Athletic Director. Below, students with Herb Bridge, '42 and Assistant Principal Drew O'Connell.



some of their programs, and to share their expertise with the Metro League. They hope to have a fundraising event – a program to spotlight athletes, and a communications infrastructure (social media, game-day releases, promotional materials) for sports information

"We are very excited about the program," said Assistant Principal Drew O'Connell. "It is building authentic ownership and buy-in by our students."

Both O'Connell and Peterson say the students are eager to coordinate with alumni, and hope to have a good working relationship with the Quaker Sports Booster Club and the Golf Tournament.

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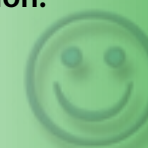
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Performing Arts Revitalizes with an Alumnus Assist

An exciting collaboration is underway. Last spring, after the Hall of Fame Dinner, Kenny Alhadeff, '66, already a longtime donor and supporter of FAA&F connected with Sara Call, who has taught performing arts at Franklin since 2013 and has been rebuilding the program.

Kenny loved his musical theater experience at Franklin, and remembered sold-out performances of *Guys and Dolls*, *The Music Man* and *Oklahoma* that brought in the entire community. That experience inspired him – his company Junkyard Dog produces Tony Award-winning Broadway musical *Memphis* and is the producing director of the Fifth Avenue Theater in Seattle. “There’s something unique about musical theater,” he said. “And there is no question that there is the talent at Franklin to be successful.”

Sara Call joined the Franklin staff in 2013. She is a Seattle native and graduated from Western Washington University with a degree in theater and dance. When her youngest son (now a teenager) entered first grade, she began teaching theater in an after school program, and that program expanded to cover four schools over the next ten years. She returned to get her masters in teaching from Seattle Pacific University before joining Franklin’s staff. “I trained horses and gave horseback riding lessons to kids and adults since I was 23, so I’ve been instructing and teaching my whole adult life!” she commented.

In 2015 she planned to direct *The Wedding Singer*, but a shortage of males at the auditions meant that would not be possible. Undeterred, she responded by writing a script that fit the cast and had a hit on her hands. Now, with a growing program, including young men, Call is planning for a spring performance of *The Wedding Singer*.

Along with a sponsorship to get the musical production underway (just getting the rights to allow students to perform the musical is expensive), Kenny is helping to connect Call and Franklin students to the professional community. He will mentor students and his daughter Andi, a professionally trained singer who has performed in New York and Seattle, will be the vocal coach for the spring musical.

This spring Franklin will participate in the Fifth Avenue High School Musical Awards. Adjudicators come incognito to all the participating shows by performing arts groups all over the state and awards are

presented in and ‘Oscar’ type of program with up to two thousand attendees.

The two are looking forward to an ongoing collaboration. They plan to present *Memphis* in three years. And Sara hopes that by then the seats in the theater – now at least twenty years old – will be replaced.

“It’s exciting to grow a new program and watch the students take ownership of their experiences here at Franklin. We are very excited about this year’s season and our collaboration with Mr. Alhadeff,” she said. Kenny added, “I am thrilled and excited about the revitalization of Franklin’s musical theater program.”



Practice makes perfect – drama students at work



Save these dates!

The Odd Couple by Neil Simon
December 8,9,10th 2016 at 7pm

The Wedding Singer by Chad Beguelin and Tim Herlihy and music by Matthew Sklar
May 11,12, 19, 20th 2017 at 7pm

Tickets: \$5 for students \$10 for adults

Ryan Purcell: Bringing Innovative Theater to Seattle

Ryan Purcell, '00, director and founder of The William's Project, had his first experience with theater at Franklin.

“I fell in love with being on stage and telling stories. And Franklin’s theater group had such a great mix of people – more variety than I experienced in any theater groups after that, at least until I started my own company,” he commented.

He tried out for and was casted in his first play as a freshman. He joined Theater Sports, Franklin’s improv team. As a sophomore he became a part of Mock Trial, which, in addition to requiring an understanding of legal procedures, also involves stagecraft.

For his senior project he wrote and produced a play with his fellow student Josh Fields. And that year Mock Trial won the national competition.

Ryan wanted to study theater, and Boston University offered a full scholarship in their theater conservatory program. He described his educational experience as “all theater all the time,” and noted that most of his classmates came from intense and traditional theater training, many from private schools. “My experience was acting and making plays with friends,” he said. “At BU my classmates had formal training and were discussing Tom Stoppard and Shakespeare. The first two years were hard.” In retrospect, he thinks his time at Franklin was more valuable than the traditional training – describing it as more freeing and full of real life.

From college he moved to New York where he lived the life of a struggling artist for three years. He supported himself as a waiter/bartender as he went to auditions and acted. He started to focus on directing. “I loved New York for about six months,” he recalled. “It took another two and a half years to leave.”

When a friend had the opportunity to house-sit in Berkeley, Ryan sent letters of inquiry about work in the Bay area. He got two assistant director job offers and decided to move west.

A Fulbright Scholarship took him to Brazil to study Capoeira (a martial art form). His project, a play incorporating Capoeira as the movement language, was then performed in San Francisco. After an internship in the Magic Theater – a repertory group in San Francisco, Ryan returned to the east coast for graduate school for an MFA in directing at Brown University.

He returned to San Francisco as Associate Artistic Director for Magic Theater. He served as casting director, directed one play each year as well as development workshops, and read new plays to plan for upcoming seasons.

In the summer of 2014 Ryan gathered with a group of actors at his family’s old home in Longview. His father was one of nine children, and his aunt, who now owns the home, welcomed them for a ten-day retreat and rehearsal of *Orpheus Rising*. They performed locally, and when Andrew Russell, the artistic director at Intiman, saw it, he invited them to perform for the Intiman season the following year. It was a resounding success.

“It made me realize how much I loved having my own company, to be able to choose my own material,” Ryan explained. And thus the Williams Project was born. The theater collective includes actors Ryan has known from undergraduate and graduate school, time in the Bay area and from Seattle. For now, they come together in Longview to rehearse and plan summer performances in Seattle. He hopes at some point to expand, noting that in Seattle it can be hard to get people to come to plays in the summer. They have just hired their first employee – to do the marketing and development work that will be necessary to make the project sustainable.

Their mission: To make theatrical excellence accessible to diverse and engaged audiences, while paying our artists a living wage. As noted on their website, “The writing of

Tennessee Williams shapes our vision of theatrical excellence, so we strive like him to create theatre that is: entertaining enough to make everyone feel welcome and a part of the community; ambitious enough to risk humiliating failure; powerful enough to move people to love each other more, even in the face of the temporary nature of theatre and life.”

This summer the group appeared in two plays – James Baldwin’s *Blues for Mister Charlie* at four churches in Seattle, and a dinner theater experience of Tennessee William’s *Glass Menagerie* at Café Nordo.



All of the actors have other work, and Ryan himself works as a freelance director as well as a corporate communications consultant through Stand and Deliver.

“This is both an exciting and a scary time for theater in Seattle,” he said. “There is opportunity, with all the business growth. But in San Francisco that increase in wealth didn’t filter down to support of the arts. In Seattle there is a real model of philanthropy with corporations like Boeing and Microsoft. It would be great to see Amazon follow that lead, but only time will tell.”

You can keep updated on the Williams Project at their website: <http://www.thewilliamsproject.org/>

Seven Seniors Receive Scholarships

Stephanie Ragland

This spring seven Franklin seniors were awarded scholarships provided by FAA&F. Five received **Franklin Scholarships**, and two received the **Roy Nakagawa Scholarship**.

Winners of the Franklin Scholarship (first established by the Class of 1935):



Alex Arias Alex has overcome a tremendous amount of life changing events and tragedy in his young life. Arriving in the United States from Ecuador in his early teens, Alex has achieved a great deal in a short period of time. "After three years of hard dedication and

hard work I learned to speak English and I'm still learning." One of his counselor's describes him as an individual with "drive, determination, and intelligence". A member of the Franklin Varsity Soccer Team and a volunteer at the El Centro de la Raza, Alex has been accepted to Central Washington University's and hopes to attend their Aviation Training Program.

Ngoc Che Ngoc immigrated to the United States at the age of eight years old with her family. Her early family experiences necessitated the fostering of what Ngoc considers "important leadership skills". At Franklin, Ngoc was a member of the award winning Mock Trial Team, club officer with Earth Corps and a volunteer tutor with Team Read. Feeling motivated by her family, Ngoc has set high goals for herself. This fall she will enter the University of Washington main campus where she plans to prepare for a career in Pharmacy.



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Connie Chen Connie's life journey has trained her to be strong and resilient. Her decision to major in Psychology and become a High School Counselor is rooted in her desire to share life lessons and skills learned. Connie shared in her essay that: "One day, I hope to be able to help students identify (issues), solve problems, and overcome their hardships. While at Franklin, Connie was a member a numerous student clubs and organizations including Key Club, Link Crew and Upward Bound. Connie will attend the University of Washington main campus.



Ajhanae Richardson comes from a family that is always willing to help someone when they are need, it was a natural desire for Ajhanae to become a pediatrician. Early in her life, her parents took in two children whose mother, a family friend, was killed. Combined with her own medical issues, Ajhanae shared: "The decision to pursue a STEM career fits me well because it gives me the opportunity to not only work with children, but to make sure they are living a happy and healthy life. Ajhanae was a varsity cheerleader and played on the school's softball team in addition to volunteering in her church and neighborhood community. She will attend college at North Carolina A&T State University.

Judy Wu Altruistic, diligent, motivated, and bright are just some of the words used to describe Judy by high school counselor. Despite personal hardships, Judy has been able to 'stand strong' along with the support of her mom. Judy's membership in the FHS Feminist Union, National Honor Society and Earth Corp display some of her activism and leadership skill. She hopes to major in neuroscience while researching neurogenesis to find its link with depression. Though Judy recognizes her journey may be difficult, she will always remain persistent. Judy has been accepted to the University of Washington Seattle campus.



The Roy Nakagawa Achieve to Succeed Scholarship was established by the Nakagawa family in honor of their father who graduated from Franklin in 1935. Roy was captain of the football team, was a member of the French Club and the Hi Yi. 2016 recipients were:

Emma Guerra Escobar was born and raised in Mexico until the age of eight. Moving to Seattle proved to be a whole new story as she adapted with difficulty to a new language and school. Personal family challenges provided the motivation for Emma to promise herself that she would graduate from high school. Emma's soccer coach is amazed at her ability to juggle her studies, soccer and work. He describes her maturity and discipline as some of her greatest attributes. Emma has not only become a high school graduate, but she will study Criminal Justice at Central Washington University this fall.



Tamatalosiaoiga Mose "Sia" will be one of the first in his family to attend college. As a member of the Franklin football team he was 'All Metro' his senior year and maintained a 3.3 GPA will participating in three sports during high school. His teachers describe Sia as self-motivated, hard-working and compassionate, while the school's athletic director points out that "Sia's eagerness to learn, experience new things, and his clear excitement for developing toward excellence, are the characteristics that embody the Franklin spirit and make him a standout among his peers and teammates. Sia has been accepted to the University of Washington, Bothell Campus.



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Amy O'Connell '96 Baking up a Storm

It's been a journey of nearly two decades, but Amy O'Connell's love of food has culminated in a dream come true. Last April she opened Beach Bakery in the Rainier Beach neighborhood just a mile from where she grew up.

Amy transferred to Franklin as a junior from Rainier Beach. She felt that her chances of being accepted into college were better as a Franklin graduate, and she was drawn by the FAME theater program and Theater Sports (an improv team). "It was an incredible group of people in that group," she said, recollecting the performances and the camaraderie during that time. "I had fun every day."

She attended Evergreen College for three years, majoring in literature. But when her grandparents both died within a short time of each other, she realized she really needed to find her passion. Her love of food with its connection to people drew her to the food industry. She had already had a start, working as a breakfast line cook at her grandparents' retirement home, and over the next ten years she did everything.

She worked in small places and large, front and back of the house, cooking, serving and ordering. Deciding to work in a more corporate setting, she took a job at Whole Foods. "I realized I hated my life. I preferred working in small mom and pop places where I knew everyone by name. And the hours involved late nights. When I

found myself going home and then baking cookies to feel better, I knew I had to make a change."

She enrolled in the Cordon Bleu School (they have a location in Tukwila) where she completed their Patisserie and Baking Program. She then worked in several restaurants, but her dream was always to open her own place.

She started with a business plan three years ago and got a loan from

her with open arms and now has seven employees.

What she serves is inspired by family and by the diversity of her neighborhood. The carrot cake and zucchini bread, both inspired by her grandmother, are best-sellers. And depending on the season, the cultures of those who live in the area will help determine what comes out of the oven. "This is one of the most diverse neighborhoods

in the city, she said, and we want to recognize that. And, food is one of the best ways to connect with people. For example, we want to honor all the high feast days, so we'll have something that is especially meaningful for Eid, for Rosh Hashanah and for Yom Kippur."

The Beach Bakery is open from 7 am to 4 pm Tuesday through

Sunday. These days Amy is busy from 4 am to 4 pm so connecting with friends is mostly via Facebook or when people can drop by the shop. But she has a close tie with Franklin – her brother Drew is now assistant principal.



the Small Business Administration. Several possible locations fell through, and then the place on Rainier Ave S and S Kenyon opened. It had been a pancake house years ago and had been empty for nearly thirty years. When the developer divided it into several smaller storefronts, she jumped at the chance, and she and her father (a retired contractor) adapted the space.

"I don't want to sell to Safeway and I don't want to be Tom Douglas," Amy remarked. "I want a neighborhood place where people can come and drink coffee and eat together."

She opened in April to a neighborhood that has welcomed



Al Hoffman, '21, Songwriter Extraordinaire

Rocky Friedman

Al Hoffman, '21, was inducted into the Hall of Fame in May. His great nephew, Rocky Friedman, who lives in Port Townsend, made introductory comments. Below is an excerpt, capturing his remarkable career.

That Al is being recognized tonight for his great accomplishments is no surprise or mystery to our family. What remains a mystery, however, is how Al ended up at Franklin High School when everyone else in the family attended Garfield. Truly, we have no idea how this came about. But tonight, we're very glad that it did.

Al was born in 1902 in Minsk, Russia, which is now Belarus. Al and family – two brothers (Abe & David) and two sisters (Sarah & Tillie) and his parents – Lou and Rose – were part of the mass migration from Eastern Europe that began in the early 1880s.

The family came through Ellis Island, but New York was a struggle for them, and so the family came to Seattle in 1912 to seek a better life.

Al played the organ and drums, and according to his devoted brother Abe, whenever his beautiful soprano voice filled the synagogue, "the crowd stayed." He knew from an early age that he wanted to be a songwriter, and so at the age of 25, after playing drums in Seattle dance orchestras he became convinced that he had to hit New York's Tin Pan Alley to realize his dreams.

He played drums in New York nightclubs and sold bagels door-to-door on Broadway. In a letter home he wrote of his early struggles there: "A job depends on my being fast enough drummer for the bands around here."

In 1931 he wrote *Heartaches*, a tune which he said was inspired by the hardships he faced in his first three years in New York. It became his first big hit. Al kept at it, and he became a hit songwriter in the 1930s, 40s and 50s, usually co-writing with others.

He was rated one of the two hottest hit writers of



1950. But more than that, many of his songs were star-makers. His songs advanced the careers of Russ Columbo (with *Auf Weidersehen*, *My Dear* in 1932; Al Trace with *Mairzy Doats* in 1944. This song sold at the rate of 30,000 copies a day for over a month. Betty Barkley with *I'm a Big Girl Now* in 1945; Tony Martin with *There's no Tomorrow* in 1950; Eileen Barton with *If I Knew You Were Coming I've Baked a Cake*.

Unless you're Adele or Taylor Swift, selling a million copies of a song is almost a rarity, but in 1950 Al Hoffman seemed to have cornered the market on those as well. These include: *Close to You*, sung by Frank Sinatra; *Chibaba Chibaba* and *Papa Loves Mambo* by Perry Como; and *The Story of a Starry Night* by Glenn Miller.

He co-wrote songs for Disney's *Cinderella* – *Bibbidi Bobbidi Boo*, *The Work Song* and *A Dream is a Wish Your Heart Makes*. In his 30-year career he wrote over 1500 songs.

In 1984 he was posthumously made a member of the Songwriters Hall of Fame. But since this evening brings

him back to his Seattle roots and his alma mater, I would like to believe that this award would be the most meaningful to him.

I was only 7 years old when Al passed away, and I have only one vague memory of meeting him. But his presence in my life looms large. *Mairzy Doats* was the song that I always sang to my daughter when I put her to sleep. And when Al's brother Abe passed away, I inherited his large collection of his famous brother's photographs, letters home to his family, and his 78rpm record collection.

If one lives long enough, the old often becomes new again. And so this honor tonight is quite coincidental. Two days ago that Eric Clapton's just released new album entitled *I Still Do*, includes the song *Little Man You've Had a Busy Day*, written by Mabel Wayne, Maurice Sigler and Al Hoffman.

On behalf my family, thank you very much.

Planning Ahead for

Franklin HIGH SCHOOL REUNIONS

All the "seven" decades are planning for reunions.

We'll keep updates posted on the website.

In the meantime, we have a few details for some of the classes.

Class of '57 Plans 60th Reunion

Sunday July 16 11 am

Renton Red Lion Hotel and Conference Center
1 South Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057

We are asking for volunteers to help us put on this reunion. This is your chance to be involved and we would appreciate it SO much. It takes more hands these days than it did before, as none of us are getting any younger!

Please RSVP to Merrilyn (Anderson) Morrison,
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Hope to see you all there.

Class of '77 Plans Their 40th

Gwen Jimerson gives a shout out to the Class of '77. 40th reunion planning is underway. If you are interested in serving on the planning committee, contact her via email at gwenola59@hotmail.com

Class of '97 Gets Ready

To our Class of '97 Quakers, hello!

We are starting to plan for our reunion next year. Please email if you are interested in helping. Please email if you are interested in attending! Thank you and take care!

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Name: Last _____ Maiden: _____ First: _____	
Class: _____ Spouse: _____	
Street Address: _____	
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____	
Phone: _____ Email: _____	
Comments: (Let us know if you would like to volunteer – there are many opportunities with flexible time commitments.) _____ _____	

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