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RISING TIDE SCHOLARSHIP/CAREER FAIR

It's true! Absolutely true: a "Rising Tide" lifts every student! That is what happened at the second annual "Rising Tide Scholarship/Career Fair" sponsored by the Franklin Alumni Association and Foundation (FAA&F). No doubt the last two years under Covid protocol rusted the aspirations of many of our Quaker students. Some languished with sunken hopes or had their expectations run aground. The 2023 Tide raised sunken hopes and expectations, and we shared community wisdom with our young adventurers, who are anticipating their launch into the seas of adulthood.

It was amazing to see our community come together like puzzle pieces, offering a clear picture of the many possible next steps. Our five-day event ran from February 13-17th. Every morning Principal Dr. Williams greeted us and extended all the magic that comes with Franklin High School: the school custodian had tables and chairs set up; the Administrative office kept us supplied with scholarship copies; the Attendance office shared their space so we could store our supplies; and, the Counseling Office counseled about the many scholarships flowing into Franklin.



A rush of future alumni came with every bell. Some students had the swagger that comes with confidence and success. Others were shy but curious. We talked with students who were sure they were going to play in the NFL. Two students wanted to play for Barcelona in the Premier Soccer League.

Others needed the affirmation and confirmation to dream big.

Conversations were filled with dreams: owning their own business; becoming an engineer or pilot; getting a good paying job; becoming a nurse, teacher, auto mechanic; or being the first generation to attend college. The *Rising Tide Scholarship/Career Fair* was a forum for the community to say "we hear you," and be a hand that helps.

This year "Rising Tide" described a number of scholarships exclusively for Franklin students, and representing a level of generosity in our community which is amazing and inspirational:

- FAA&F will award at least ten \$2,000 scholarships;
- Coach Moody Vocational Scholarship will offer five \$2,000 awards;



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Franklin Quaker Times would like to acknowledge that Franklin High School is on ancestral lands of the Coast Salish Nations, whose people still steward this land today.

Rising Tide Scholarship/Career Fair

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- Mayor Edwin Lee Scholarship offers up to three awards from \$500-\$1,000;
- Jacobs Engineering Scholarship offers one \$3,000 award;
- Gilman Music Scholarship offers a \$3,500 award.

Students also received information and encouragement from a number of participating **organizations** with staffed information tables:

- Cornish College of the Arts
- United Negro College Fund
- Washington State University
- Central Washington University
- Washington State Chefs Association
- Soul Collection
- Pacific Lutheran University
- XBOT Robotics
- Delta Dental
- Coach Moody Scholarship Group
- International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 46
- Windermere Real Estate Mt. Baker
- Airport Jobs

and including these **restaurant 'tides'**:

- Stonehouse Restaurant
- Emerald Fish & Chips
- Saigon Deli
- Domino's Pizza



The success of Rising Tide comes from the help of many. Our volunteer tides included: Sue Anderson; Pete Barlow; Deborah Burton; Eldoris Turner Finch; Herman Houston; Barbara Mahoney; Helen Chan Mitchell; Tamiko Miyano; Stephanie Stokes Oliver; Toni Mamallo-Thomas.

We are humbled and grateful for the help from Franklin staff and faculty, for the contributions of organizations, the work of many volunteers, and the generous donations from both our immediate Franklin community and the wider community. The Rising Tide Scholarship and Vocational Fair was a dynamic gift to our Quaker students.

As with all tides, we will be back!

Submitted by Herman Houston, '67



Herman Houston, Stephanie Stokes Oliver, Dr. Williams, Deb Burton, Toni Mamallo-Thomas at Rising Tides

Former Queen Anne High School Grizzlies Commit to Franklin Quakers in a Big Way

What would inspire a group of Queen Anne High School graduates to establish a scholarship for Franklin students? The answer is to honor a beloved friend and fill a significant educational need. The **Coach Moody Scholarship** is named after longtime Franklin Coach Timothy Moody, a man dedicated to his FHS students and to preparing them for their futures. (See *Quaker Times*, Spring 2022 for more about the Coach and his time at Franklin: <http://www.franklinalumni.net/quaker-times>.)

Following Coach Moody's death in 2022, Lauren Hostek had the idea of establishing the Coach Tim Moody Scholarship. His lifelong Queen Anne friends decided to do something innovative to honor him and his vision for the young men and women he loved. They envisioned a scholarship specifically for students pursuing a vocational or technical education. The hope is that this education and training will lead students to careers that will be both rewarding as well as provide a strong financial future.

There were many who wanted to assist in fulfilling the dream of the scholarship including Steve Shelton and Malcolm Boyles. The group was introduced to Herman Houston, FAA Board member and Scholarship Chair who helped make the scholarship a reality.

With leadership from a core group of friends along with the blessings from Tim's

wife, Sherry, and their son Heath, who raised over \$20,000. This Spring five \$2,000 Coach Moody scholarships will be awarded during the Franklin Awards Assembly.

"He lived out his dream of being a great coach who focused on developing his students to succeed in life," Malcolm said, in describing his friend. Everyone agreed that Tim would give you the shirt off his back and would do anything to help a stranger. He was a great friend and inspiration.

The Moody Team spent the week of February 13-17 at the "Rising Tide Scholarship/Career Week" enlightening students about their Coach Moody Scholarship.

They also raised awareness about the opportunities available in the vocational and technical fields. Also sitting at the Coach Moody Scholarship table was Art Newman, entrepreneur, and member of the Seattle Colleges scholarship effort. He urged students to explore the Seattle College educational opportunities and the additional unrestricted funding available at the College. He shared that he is interested in developing support for the vocational career programs from which his company has hired graduates.

All the Moody team members commented on how wonderful the FHS students are and how receptive they have been to learning about the vocational and scholarship opportunities. They are very excited about continu-



Herman Houston and Tamiko Miyano



Eldoris Turner Finch & Sue Sugia Anderson.

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Grizzlies commit to Quakers

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ing their work and emphasized the need for continuing resources. Toward that end, the Coach Moody team intends to continue raising funds to establish an endowment. They are thankful that the FHS community has been so gracious and open to helping their scholarship effort succeed.

Welcome to the Franklin family team Moody!

Those wishing to support the Moody Scholarship can do so by tapping the “Donate” button at franklinalumni.net.

Submitted by Barbara Mahoney

Letter from Franklin’s Principal

Dear Franklin High School Alumni,

It is hard to believe that we are entering the month of April 2023. We are moving right along with this school year! We have Spring Break in April, and in the month of June we will have prom, graduation and the end of the 2022-2023 school year. We are grateful to the FHS Alumni Association for all of the support that you gave us this school year. The college and career expo was a success this school year, and this event will only get better in the years to come.

MOCK TRIAL Also, our amazing Mock Trial Team finished 3rd in the state this year. We are very proud of their accomplishments!

FHS BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT I also want to give a brief update on the FHS Beautification Project. We will be planting flowers in our planter beds. We will be doing some outdoor painting of the railings and light poles around the school in late May/early June. We had carpet installed at all of the entryways in the school.

We still have much more that we want to do to enhance our amazing school facility! But we made tremendous strides with our school facility this school year.

Warm regards,

Dr. Joseph Williams III

Principal, Franklin High School
Excellence is our Standard!

News from Coach Dollar

Dear Franklin Alumni,

Spring sports are only a few weeks in. We are underway in Coed Track & Field, Coed Tennis, Softball, Baseball, and Boys Soccer. We have new coaches in Tennis (Jeffrey Nomura) and Softball (Cedric Dennard).

Wrestling

Noelani Lee placed third at the Girls’ Tournament – in her Freshman year! Phat Tat placed first, individually. Their placements qualify all of them for the Region Tournaments, where the top five place winners will qualify for the state tournament at Tacoma Dome. Phat has participated in the state tournament every year, but this is his first Metro Championship. He’s been second place in previous years. (Wayne Hauser, coach).

Basketball

The All-Metro selections came out yesterday and Franklin High School has 4 All-Metro Sound Division selections to celebrate. On the girls’ side, the Lady Quakers had two First Team selections, a Second Team selection, and the Division’s Most Valuable Player!

Only a 9th grader, Khamille Chappelle was selected as the Division MVP Award, the Division Defensive Player of the Year Award, and was joined by her teammate, Junior Neveah Hamburg on the All Metro Sound Division First Team. The Lady Quakers were also represented on the All Metro Sound Division Second Team with the selection of Senior Charko Tucker. (Girls Basketball Coach Tavar Proctor)

On the Boys side, the Quakers were represented by Junior Amari Harris who was selected to the All Metro Sound Division First Team! (Boys Basketball Coach Craig Jackson)

Congratulations to these four incredible young athletes in their accomplishments. Selections were made in the Division who were not allowed to vote for their own players. To be nominated and recognized by opposing Coaches is a testament of the hard work these student athletes have put into their craft. Congratulations Khamille, Neveah, Charko and Amari. Job will done!

Regards,

Cameron Dollar
Athletic Director,
Franklin High School



Noelani Lee



Dr. Williams (Principal), Deb Burton (FAAAF President) and Coach Dollar



Phat Tat

Franklin at the Center of a Civil Rights

Conversation

The democratic idealism with which many of us saw ourselves in the mid-1960s was anchored in a piece of reality. In 1966 Franklin's multi-racial choir and band toured Europe as 'ambassadors of the American dream.' When we sang in Germany, we encountered protestors (of America's then expansion into Viet Nam), and after several numbers, (especially from the band), they sat on their signs to listen. What the protestors felt was real: we were good at what we did; we got along; we were harmonious; we loved one another; and fifty years later, we still do. And we were a very diverse group.

For some of us it was easy to think this was the whole picture. The reality was, and is, so much more complex. It was 1966: the middle of the most important civil rights movement in our country and the Viet Nam war. In 1968, Franklin was ground-zero for the movement in Seattle schools. Writing for the *Quaker Times*, Rick Nagel (faculty 1966 – 2002) chronicled that moment:

"Racism and racial discrimination were pervasive realities in both Seattle and Franklin in 1968. In 1964 Seattle voters turned down an ordinance outlawing discrimination in the sale or rental of housing by a two to one margin. The Seattle School Board drew school boundaries, located schools, and allowed student transfers knowing those boundaries would maintain the racial segregation desired by the white majority. (Emphasis added)

"The attitudes of the Franklin administration concerning our diverse student body were on full display. Principal Loren Ralph once announced at a faculty meeting that 'there's a lot of paperwork for all of you in the coming weeks. Find a nice Oriental girl to help you.' He expressed the view that we shouldn't expect Black students to excel in science. Students were expelled for having bushy Afros or "Black Brother" on a jacket. Students who refused to stand at assemblies during the flag salute (because they didn't see the 'liberty and justice for all' of which the pledge spoke) were



1965 Bel Canto Honors Choir

suspended. The assistant principal said that the increasing Black protest in the school, city, and nation were being fomented by Communist China. A Black Student Union (BSU) was not permitted, nor was there much recognition of the substantial contributions of African Americans to American life and culture.

"Racially discriminatory disciplinary actions were common and became the proximate cause of the sit-in. On March 28, 1968, a fight occurred involving three young men, two black and one white. The two black students were suspended; the white student was not.

"Those suspended consulted with the University of Washington BSU, and its leaders—Franklin grad and current King County Councilman Larry Gossett, Aaron Dixon, and Carl Miller."

This led to a sit-in in the Principal's office; the arrests of Black Student Union representatives who were from the University of Washington (including Larry Gossett) for disorderly conduct (convictions which were ultimately overturned); the replacement of the administration at Franklin; and eventually, the introduction of Black history classes, a Black Student Union, efforts to diversity the faculty, and the establishment of Black Student Unions in many other Seattle high schools. (To read the full story, see: Vol. 24, Issue 2, Spring 2018, to be found at <http://www.franklin alumni.net/quaker-times>).

I have participated in a program with my spiritual community for the last year whose goal is to change the culture of our community toward greater spaciousness and ease in our conversations about race, and toward becoming a more welcoming and diverse organization. This has given me a chance for long reflection on an aspect of education at Franklin which I took for granted at the time. I am realizing how profoundly I was shaped by it; how my life decisions have been informed by having been part of an extraordinarily diverse community. I assumed then that being educated in a diverse setting was a relatively common occurrence, and an essential part of preparation to participate in a pluralistic society. Both of these assumptions – that it is common, and that it is an essential aspect of education – are at the core of nearly 60 years of civil rights arguments and legislation, and, it turns out, Franklin High School has a central position in that debate.

The program is being guided by Prof. Rhonda Magee (law professor at UCSF Law School, and author of *The Inner Work of Racial Justice*). When I mentioned my experience at Franklin she said, "Your school history is reminding me of a poignant and painful chapter in the country's legal historical life, one which I imagine you may (well) remember, culminating in the lawsuit, *Parents Involved in Seattle Schools*." I wasn't familiar with this Supreme Court case. (*Parents Involved in Community Schools v. Seattle School Dist. No. 1*, 551 U.S.701 (2007)) I discovered Franklin is cited at least three times by name (with other south-central Seattle schools), because of its long history of serving Seattle's south-central district, in sharp demographic contrast to schools in the northern sections of Seattle.

In brief, after the 1960s, Seattle School District spent the next 40 years responding to prompts (from lawsuits by the NAACP, and pressure from the federal government) to address the dramatic differences in the distribution of race and ethnic groups across the City of Seattle. By the early 2000s, having

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Civil Rights Conversation

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tried bussing and several other means of rebalancing, the district adopted a plan in which students could choose the high school they wished to attend, and then “the District used a system of tiebreakers to decide which students would be admitted to popular schools. If the racial demographics of any school’s student body deviated by more than a predetermined number of percentage points from those of Seattle’s total student population (approximately 40% white and 60% non-white), the racial tiebreaker went into effect. At a particular school either whites or non-whites could be favored for admission depending on which race would bring the racial balance closer to the goal.”¹ And by ‘closer,’ the margin was fairly wide – around 20% deviation from the overall demographic percentages.

Parents Involved sued saying that this system violated the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment and the Civil Rights Act of 1964. A federal District Court dismissed the suit, upholding the tiebreaker system. On appeal, a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals (9th Circuit) reversed. Seattle School District petitioned for an “*en banc*” ruling by the whole panel of eleven 9th-Circuit Judges, who came to the opposite



Franklin Gospel Choir 1974

conclusion and upheld the tiebreaker, ruling that the District had a compelling interest in maintaining racial diversity. The case was appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, which held in a 5 – 4 ruling that the tiebreaker system was unconstitutional.

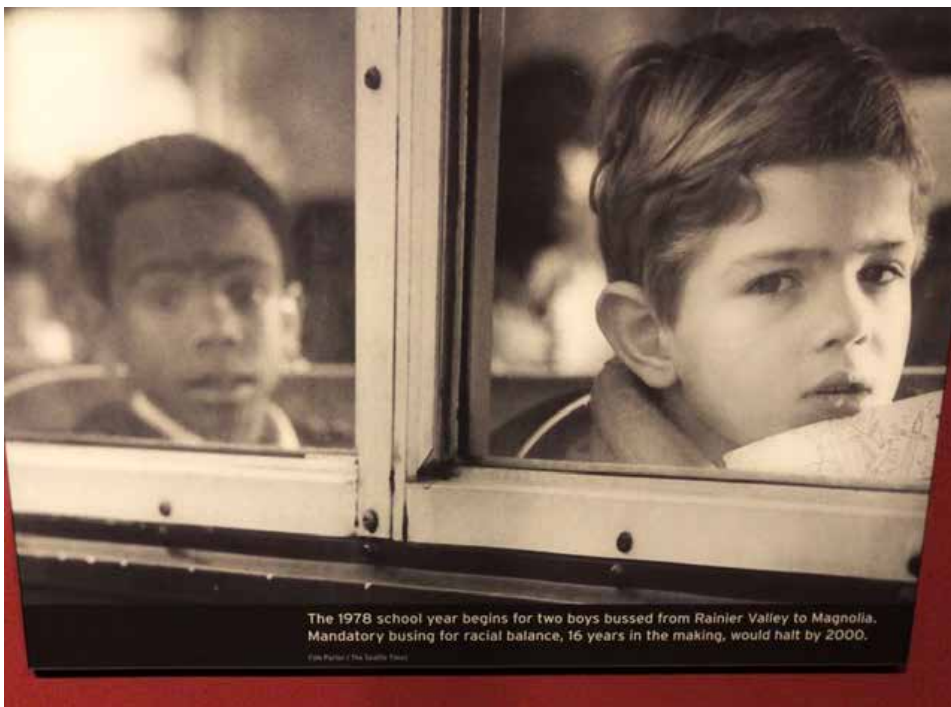
The dramatic back-and-forth rulings mirrored the polarized, larger debate in our country about affirmative action. This case was a critical turning point in the debate and ended Seattle’s rebalancing efforts in 2007. Chief Justice John Roberts summarized the plurality opinion saying: “The way to stop discrimination on the basis of race is to stop

discriminating on the basis of race.” Using the ‘color-blind’ argument, the Court also explicitly stated that the District’s tiebreaker system was not actually targeted toward any demonstrable educational benefit from racial diversity.

I am not a lawyer. With that caveat, I found myself befuddled by the tortured legalistic arguments of the majority, through the details of ‘strict scrutiny,’ and the conclusion that achieving racial diversity is not a compelling interest of the U.S. government; then I took a breath of relief when I came to the rebuttal in the minority opinion at its clarity, written by Justice Breyer:

“The compelling interest at issue here, then, includes an effort to eradicate the remnants, not of general ‘societal discrimination’ (he quotes plurality opinion), but of primary and secondary school segregation; it includes an effort to create school environments that provide better educational opportunities for all children; it includes an effort to help create citizens better prepared to know, to understand, and to work with people of all races and backgrounds, thereby furthering the kind of democratic government our Constitution foresees. If an educational interest that combines these three elements is not “compelling,” what is?”

A thread running through the decision is this question of what is a “compelling interest.” A larger frame might be: what is our vision for our society? What constitutes a better education? Do we agree with the notion of creating citizens “better prepared



Taken at the Museum of History and Industry, Seattle

to know, to understand, and to work with people of all races and backgrounds, thereby furthering the kind of democratic government our Constitution foresees?" Much can be said pro and con, about whether any particular method of supporting or creating diversity is appropriate or fair. The bigger picture is: what is our shared vision for a democratic society, and how do we achieve commonality in our vision?

I was startled to find that Franklin (and other Seattle schools) were at the center of the debate on whether a diverse education constitutes a compelling interest warranting constitutional protection. I was gob smacked to realize that the Justices were talking – not about some general cohort of students somewhere – but about us. *Our actual, lived experiences*. This is *personal*, for Franklin alumni.

Various studies are cited in both the decision and dissent to bolster each side, studies involving a variety of measures, such as whether test scores are improved, or levels of measurable success achieved after high school related to the experience of a “social education,” all in an attempt to decide whether this particular aspect of our education really matters.

It might be interesting to ask us, the alumni of Franklin, this question. We were *there* then, and we are *still here*. Did it really matter? Does it really matter, that is, has there been a lasting influence?

¹“Parents Involved in Community Schools v. Seattle School District No. 1.” Oyez, www.oyez.org/cases/2006/05-908. Accessed 27 Mar. 2023.

Submitted by Mary Duryee

*Rainier District Times,
May 1966, Bel Canto
Booster Buttons*



We Want to Hear from You!

We would like to offer a platform for alumni to share experiences. We invite your stories in any form and any length – an essay, a paragraph, a poem, a video. We will post our stories in the blog section of our website; some may end up as articles in the *Quaker Times*. We assume: everyone has a story to tell; each person’s experience is unique; not all stories are positive or without challenge.

What was your experience at Franklin around its multi-culturalism? Did it really matter to you? If so, how? If not, why?

How has your education at Franklin informed you, your decisions, your choices since leaving high school?

One important way of finding the threads of commonality amid the myriad differences among us is to find ways to hear one another, to understand one another’s experience, in a shared community space. That kind of listening and understanding is difficult to

come by in our world. And, any conversation about race can be fraught, involving vulnerability and risk. To be possible, it needs a level of safety, which in turn requires some spaciousness around the conversation. In the interest of supporting that safety, we will not post or reprint any commentary about other alumnae posts. Each person’s experience will stand complete, without commentary.

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Densho: A Project of Witnessing

Densho is a digital archive and repository with photographs, documents, newspapers, letters, and perhaps most movingly, recorded and transcribed oral histories of Japanese Americans' experience of incarceration during World War II. Densho (<https://densho.org>) is a multi-faceted resource offering educational resources for both learners and teachers; it includes a registry of names with data about dates, ages,

camp sent to, etc., and recordings and transcriptions of more than 900 individuals.

Many Seattle families were sent to camps from the central and south sections, where non-white individuals could find housing due to the practice of redlining. (The Fair Housing Act was not passed until 1968.) As a result, many Franklin students and their families were affected.

From the historical materials....

James Yoshinori Sakamoto, ('21), 1903 – 1955, was one such alumnus. His parents came to the U.S. in 1894. In Seattle, his father, Joseph, became an early hotel proprietor. James attended Franklin and then studied at Princeton University where he took up boxing and fought from bantam weight to junior lightweight. He was likely the first person of Japanese ancestry to fight in Madison Square Garden. He injured his left eye, and his right eye was blinded in 1927 in a fight in Utica, N.Y. He lost his sight

completely and returned to Seattle soon after. In New York he worked as the English Editor of the *Japanese-American* newspaper, and turned to journalism in Seattle. In 1928 he started the *Japanese-American Courier*, the first Japanese-American newspaper printed entirely in English. He is a past president of the Japanese American Citizens League. (Photo and historical details from the Densho Digital Repository). (See also James Sakamoto in Wikipedia: [James Sakamoto - Wikipedia](#))



Sakamoto family on golden wedding anniversary of Joseph Gerald Osamu Sakamoto and Mary Ann Tsuchi Sakamoto, both 80, at Minidoka Relocation Center, 12/11/1943. Pictured with his son James Y Sakamoto, 40, Marietta Misao, his wife, 37, and Marie Mineyo, aa, Marcia Tsuyumi, 6, and Justine Denice, 8 months old. (Photo courtesy Densho.)

From the oral histories....



Frank S. Fujii, 1930 – 2016, was an inspirational and popular art teacher and basketball coach at Franklin. In an interview with Densho on September 3, 1997, Mr. Fujii explained that his father came to the U.S. in the early 1900s, first to Alaska, working in a laundry and then a cannery, and then to Seattle where he started a confectionery. When that failed, he started Fujii Tavern around 1930, which did well. Frank's mother was an educator in Osaka before marrying his father. They had nine children of whom Frank was the youngest. His mother ran a food concession in the back of the tavern and provided the "famous Fujii chicken." The Tavern was at 14th and Yesler in the old St. George building.

Eleven-year-old Frank opened the door one hour after Pearl Harbor to two big white gentlemen who said, "We're the FBI, where is Mr. Jimmy Raisaku Fujii?" Frank said, "Oh, Dad's here somewhere," and when he got his father, they took him. Frank did not see him again for three and half years, and was devastated by the loss. He tried to keep track of where his father was: "he was shifted constantly, from Missoula, Montana, to Bismarck, North Dakota, to Lordsburg, New Mexico, and ended up in Santa Fe, New Mexico." These four camps were segregated; they were all fathers, separated from their wives.

Interviewer: What was it like to be taken to Puyallup?

"So family-wise, it was tough for us just getting ready. I think when we were told to take our belongings the first thing I picked was my mitts and my ball, and maybe my underwear and stuff like that, but it was only what you

could carry. And the things we stored, well, we never got back, because the place we stored it in Seattle, you know, it was all stolen after we came back from camp.

“And I didn’t realize the impact of what it does to the parents, because when they find there’s not even that left, not even a bedspring or the personal stuff that they thought they left behind is all gone. So you kind of wonder to this day, where is all that stuff, you know? I think my folks were fantastically strong to cope with this. To be separated, to be alone, to not know the future. Being from another country, as an *Issei* -- Dad and Mom had no intention of going back to Japan. I think the thing that they were looking forward to was just making sure that everybody survives.

“Getting ready for even Puyallup -- Dad was gone already and Mom didn’t know what to do with Dad’s stuff, because he’s gone and he’s in Missoula, Montana. I don’t think they let my dad take anything. I think the government issued the essentials, the blankets, the sheets, the toothbrush, the soap and everything once he got to Missoula.

“But Puyallup was a togetherness place, because most of the Japanese communities -- being close before the war -- I think there’s a

tendency to be close together when you’re in camp also. And although we were dispersed in different camps, there’s a tendency to visit each other, because you were able to go intermingle, to go from Camp A to Camp C, to B and D. And some were in sad situations, like my brother Joe lived in Camp D, which was in a horse stall. And I went in there, and it smelled like horses, and I said, ‘Hey, is there a horse around here?’ And they nod their head, and they didn’t want to talk about it, because I think they were so upset. But it’s amazing how human beings cope.

“I remember filling up a mattress with straw. A couple of my sisters had hay fever and they couldn’t use straw, so they just had to put a blanket for a mattress and [make] a pillow by using cloth or clothing. There was so much inconvenience, and even as young as I was, I thought of the hardships. Privacy is lost. And pride is lost...

“It’s amazing how resilient the *Niseis* were. They made the best of it. They had to line up for mess hall, and to cheer each other on; and they had classes for art, classes for people. There was a guy named Sato. He was a cartoonist. Man, I was so happy, I could go and learn how to draw Donald Duck, and Dick

Tracy, and what have you.

“As I reflect back, I know it sure wasn’t easy for my folks, and my older brothers, who understood what was happening, you know. I sort of understood what was happening, but you don’t get the impact until you get older. I wasn’t (able) to say (then), ‘Here’s how I feel right now.’ As I got older, I continually spoke about internment camps to friends and teachers. No matter what, if I had an opportunity, I did. I spoke at the college, (in) sociology classes, and law and justice classes. In high school there was a law and justice class at Franklin where I taught, (taught by) Rick Nagle, who was sincerely interested in the Japanese American movement. That’s why I always went back to Franklin after I left in ’72. I went back to talk to students about what camp I went to and how the process went from Puyallup, to those that went from Puyallup to Minidoka, or Puyallup to Tule Lake like our family.

“Here we were in California (at Tule Lake camp) and Dad is in New Mexico. It was hard, because I wrote letters, and he couldn’t write back. He wasn’t that adept (at) writing long letters. I think he was just dejected. I could sense that. But I did my writing, just to write. And you know, I get really kind of touched by that, because I know for the kind of person he was, to see him go through this whole ritual of abandonment, losing his business, being alone.

“With most of us in Tule Lake, we could survive with our friends and athletics. I think the tough part is when you realize that your father is doing nothing. And I think for most *Isseis* to be not given anything to do, it’s almost as much torture as giving them hard labor. They, they just existed. That ruined a lot of their functioning, to feel good about themselves. Once they came back from the war, I could sense the loss of energy, self-esteem, pride, you name it. That’s the part (that) bothers me the most, that I can’t forget. I don’t feel bad about not forgetting; I’m glad that I do (remember). Dad was such a good person that I, I really feel hurt inside, you know.

Interviewer: What was it like for you to be a Japanese American teacher in this high school where you have a very diverse population? And what was that like, especially at the time?



**Frank Fujii holding the logo he designed for the National Day of Remembrance.
Photo, courtesy of Ann Fujii-Lindwall.**

Densho

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“Well, to me, at Franklin was ideal, because we were, actually at that time, we were one-third Asian, one-third black, and one-third white. That was the most beautiful time of my teaching career, and I enjoyed it very much. As I came to Franklin I felt real strong

about being part of the community. Then to be asked to be an assistant basketball coach and then the head coach job -- I felt real fortunate. I really felt it was like a dream come true, because I got to teach and coach.

“What it did for me was -- when you think you found your niche and you like the students, you still have to learn to deal with a lot of factors in teaching. You had to be sensitive to the

minority scene, laterally speaking -- with the “other Asians,” you know, the Cambodians, the Vietnamese, the Indochinese, the Chinese American, the Japanese Americans. I learned a lot and I think that’s what made my life more interesting.

To read the full transcript of the interview with Mr. Fujii see: [Densho Digital Archive - Frank S. Fujii Interview](#)

Tom Ikeda Retires from Densho

“After the September 11 attacks on US sites, Densho took another direction, one that resonates today. “There was a feeling of horror and shock at what was happening to the Muslims, that they were singled out for hate like we had been,” Ikeda suggested. “Then Densho worked harder to develop its website with the story that what happened to Japanese Americans should not happen to any other ethnic group.

“Since then, they specifically decided to promote social justice by widely sharing the incarceration camp experience... Beyond the videotaped interviews, Densho staff have created an online encyclopedia, searchable photo archives and a history curriculum, available on the website, for middle school and high school classes.

‘I am proud of our high school students today,’ Ikeda said, ‘they are showing the power that an individual can have if they decide to take a political stand. That will make a difference in the future of our nation.’

Ikeda explained that it’s not enough to say you attended a mixed-race school. “You

have to make a point about an injustice, you have to be intentional about speaking out. It doesn’t change anything to just talk every day with your same group of friends. There are more and different foreign-born students. Get to know them,” he stated emphatically. “Talk with teachers and organize people and times to speak out when you see any injustice.” (Tom Ikeda, quoted in *Quaker Times*, Spring 2018, Vol.24 Issue 2, Mayumi Tsutakawa, ’68)

Densho means “to pass on to future generations” or “to leave a legacy.” The founding group included **Scott Oki**, (’67), **Tom Ikeda**, (’74), Penny Fukui (Executive Director, Japanese American Chamber of Commerce) and Bobbie Stern. Following a visit to Steven Spielberg’s Shoah Foundation in Los Angeles which was in the process of recording and digitizing over 50,000 interviews with Holocaust survivors, they realized both the value of the project, and that their knowledge of personal computing technology could simplify the process. (Oki and Ikeda had both been employed by Microsoft.)



Tom Ikeda, January 2022.
Photo by Tani Ikeda.

Ikeda became the Executive Director, and Oki the Board President of this nonprofit, grassroots organization, which relies mostly on individual donations. Last year Ikeda retired, and turned the reigns over to Naomi Ostwald Kawamura.

For an extensive history of Tom Ikeda and Densho, see: <https://www.sos.wa.gov/assets/legacy/ikeda-1.7.pdf>

See also:

[Beloved Seattle artist Frank S. Fujii passes away at 86 - International Examiner \(iexaminer.org\)](#)

[Frank Fujii Obituary-, \(dignitymemorial.com\)](#)



Scholarship Committee Report:

The Scholarship Committee began the new school year with four outstanding members: Barbara Mahoney, Eldoris Turner Finch, Steve Mar, and Sue (Sugia) Anderson.

I have always loved the adage, “A rising tide raises all boats.” It is also a fact that “A caring community raises a school.” **Hope rises, Expectations rise, Pride rises, Awareness rises** and it is these tides that lift our students to reach more Opportunities and Achievements.

2022-2023 Goals/Objectives:

1. Foster scholarship financial opportunities
2. Engage scholarship awareness beginning junior year
3. Strengthen Historically Black College and University contacts
4. Strengthen relationships/opportunities with area colleges
5. Manage in-house scholarships
6. Explore and pursue grant writing to address school needs
7. Identify students for National Scholarships applications
8. Work in alliance with school community programs
9. Follow-up with past scholarship awardees

Scholarship applications will be accepted into April 2023, with decisions about award-ees expected in May.

Regards,

Herman Houston

Scholarship Committee Chair

Alumni Membership Drive

Hello Quaker Nation!

Thank you for being a part of the wonderful Quaker Family! Your membership is vital to the work that the Alumni Association and Foundation is doing to support Quakers past and present. Our hope is to increase our numbers to build a strong and robust Association representing the past 110 years of Amazing Quaker Pride, Power, and Participation.

We want to increase our numbers, see all the decades represented in our community, and involve all the amazing Quakers in our community near and far!

Let’s have a little fun! A challenge! Reach out to your friends past and present and get them to join the Quaker Nation!

Currently we have active members from the following decades. We all know the impact attending Franklin had on us. Keep that very special gift alive by giving back to your alma mater. Memberships are only \$25.00 annually. Show your class Spirit, join today and bring along a friend!

1930s -9 members

1940s - 97 members

1950s -522 members

1960s -233 members

1970s -72 members

1980s -40 members

1990s -24 members

2000s -11 members

2010s - Waiting for you!

2020s - Waiting for you!

LIFETIME MEMBERS

who joined in 2021-2023

Roger Emerick ’57

Gary Fuller ’67

Meg Pageler Mourning ’88

Bob Nathane ’66

Andrew O’Connell ’97

Annasara Guzzo Purcell ’02

Daniel Sessoms ’85

Leah Thorpe

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who joined in 2021-2023

Beverlee & Gordon Top Boe ’60

Jane Lee German ’67

Bonnie Golman Rattner ’55

Curtis A. Sakamoto

Al Schuster ’60

Diana Sum Tam ’89

Michael Tonkinson



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Join at www.franklinalumni.net

Show your **LQVE** for FHS (**LQVE = Quaker Love**)

- Scholarships for graduating seniors
- Manage the database for events and reunions
- Support Franklin Arts and Athletics
- Share your LQVE for the Green and Black



Mary Duryee '67 (*Quaker Times Editor*)

From the QT Editor

Dear Quakers and friends,

With this issue we start something new. We invite you to tell us what life lessons your time at Franklin taught you. See page 7. If you are moved to contribute to the *Quaker Times* – obituaries, reunion pictures, features – send all to quakertimes@franklinalumni.net.

A new iteration of our alumni website has also just launched, thanks to the work of board member Heleya de Barros, '02. Check it out: www.franklinalumni.net.

We extend boundless gratitude to **Robin Asher**, '74, for the layout of the *Quaker Times*. Many thanks to our contributors, **Barbara Mahoney**, '67, and **Sue (Sugia) Anderson**, '67, and to the expert 'staff' of proofreaders, **Barbara Anderson**, '66, **Nancy (Anderson) Armstrong**, '69, and **Nancy (Turnbull) Morgan**, '67.

LQVE.

Mary Duryee, '67



Heleya de Barros, '02 (*Board member*)



Standing, left to right: Herman Houston, Stephanie Ragland, Tamiko Miyano; seated: Deb Burton (*President*)



Stephanie Ragland (*Secretary*)



David Duryee '56 (*Treasurer*)

Annual Report

DECEMBER 31, 2022

Assets

Vanguard Bond Funds	\$580,838
Bank of America Checking	\$25,456

Income

Interest/Dividends:	\$15,908
Donations/Membership:	\$34,226
Scholarship donations:*	\$27,340
Hall of Fame:*	\$48,159
Total income:	\$135,676

Expenditures

Hall of Fame:	\$13,896
Scholarships given out:	\$60,802
<i>Quaker Times</i> (two editions):	\$18,399
Miscellaneous:**	\$4,754
Total expenditures:	\$116,300

*Note: Donations made at the Hall of Fame designated for Scholarships are included in Scholarship donations.

** (e-mail service, website, postage, insurance, fees)

Notes: Hall of Fame in May of each year comes after scholarships are granted for the current year. Profit/loss from the event are taken into consideration for following year grants.

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HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES 2023

The Franklin Alumni Association & Foundation is pleased to announce the 2023 Hall of Fame inductees. The Franklin Hall of Fame was established in 1992. Additional inductions took place in 1998, 2001, 2004. Since 2013 they have taken place at the Hall of Fame Celebration.



ROBERT NELLAMS

Robert Nellams directed Seattle Center from 2006, when he was appointed by mayor Greg Nickels, to February 2023 when he retired. He is the longest-serving department head in the City of Seattle. Robert began his 40-year career with the City of Seattle as an accountant in the Department of Administrative Services. He joined Seattle Center in 1996 as Director of Patron Services, and was promoted to Deputy Director in 1998.

Robert considers Seattle Center to be the heart and soul of our community. With a firm grasp of both the business and bureaucracy of the City department he heads, he focuses on building the capacity of Seattle Center to delight and inspire the human spirit in ways that strengthen communities. During his time as Director, Robert has negotiated homes at Seattle Center for many organizations that contribute significantly to the livability and economy of the region through the performing arts, family activities, free public programming, and professional and collegiate sports. He has welcomed the WNBA to KeyArena, Chihuly Garden and Glass and



Artists at Play playground to the former Fun Forest areas, and Seattle International Film Festival, KEXP, Cornish College of the Arts and PrideFest onto the grounds. Robert was at the heart of multi-departmental efforts on behalf of the city to negotiate and finalize an agreement with Oak View Group to redevelop and operate KeyArena (now Climate Pledge Arena) and remains closely involved as he aligns City and OVG efforts to successfully integrate the new arena into the Seattle Center campus. He has also led efforts to bring Seattle/King County Clinic to Seattle Center. In its first five years, the four-day dental, vision, and medical clinic served 19,950 patients with a broad range of free healthcare services. Robert is also active in supporting the rich and vibrant cultural festival series Festal, celebrating the rich vibrant cultures of our community.

Robert is a member of the Board of Directors for The Northwest African American Museum and was recently elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Central Washington University (he previously served as Chair of the CWU Foundation Board). He is also a member of the Royal Esquire Club, a social club of African American men in southeast Seattle and The Breakfast Group, a Seattle-based nonprofit service organization devoted to mentoring African American and other low-income and at-risk male youth of color. A native of Seattle and graduate of Franklin High School, Robert holds a bachelor's degree in Accounting from Central Washington University.



BETTY LAU, '65

Community champion of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Social Justice.

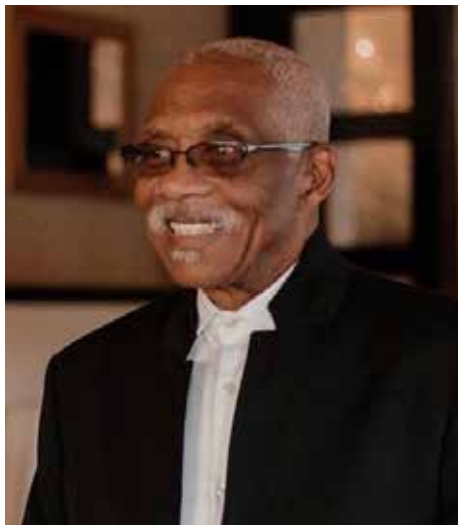
Betty is a strong advocate for racial and social justice, and continues her support of immigrant and refugee youth even in retirement. Betty has an amazing body of work in both education and as a community leader for over 50 years:

1. Community grant writer and activist;
2. Founder (2007 – present) of an innovative training and certification program producing certified teachers and instructional assistants for the public-school classroom (serving immigrant people of color; and,
3. Educator and English as a Second Language/English Learner Department Chair including 2004-2015 at Franklin HS.

Betty Lau speaking against light rail expansion - Chinatown International District:
<https://podcasts.apple.com/co/podcast/ep-60-activist-betty-lau-speaks-out-against-light-rail/id1546697847?i=1000575428918>

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HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES 2023 (cont.)



GARRY OWENS, 1945 - 2022, '63

Owens was born in the Chinatown International District, and his roots in the diverse neighborhood informed his approach to multiracial organizing and coalition building. At Franklin, he became

involved in the Seattle chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality, or CORE. He was drafted into the Army and returned to Seattle in 1967 to attend the University of Washington. In 1968, he became an early member of the Seattle chapter of the Black Panther Party.

For more than 50 years, Garry Owens provided a quiet brand of social justice leadership. There are few people in the Seattle progressive movement who did not know who he was. "He was not one of these prima donnas who say, 'No, I won't set up the chairs.' He would do whatever it took. And you could just simply count on him." "Garry was deeply committed to social justice. He just sweated social justice, there was nothing beneath him." (Bill Fletcher, Jr.)

While Owens had his own strong views, he deeply listened to others and respected their perspective. "He wouldn't look down on people. And he wasn't judgmental. That's why he was able to be a good mentor,"

Fletcher said. Owens' care for young people extended throughout his life and work.

Owens spent many years as a board member leading LELO, formerly the Labor and Employment Law Office, a labor-rights organization founded explicitly as a cross-racial organization to fight for racial and economic justice. Later, Owens became a manager with the city's Neighborhood Matching Fund, which supported community organizations with funding for specific projects.

2023 Franklin Hall of Fame and Annual Dinner

Join us in celebrating some of Franklin High School's lauded alumni. All proceeds raised at this event fund scholarships for Franklin seniors, as well as much needed support for Franklin programs. You can catch up with classmates and celebrate Franklin excellence, past, present, and future. Program will include honoring Hall of Fame inductees, a student speaker, and a Raise the Paddle.

2023 Inductees are **Garry Owens**, Class of 1963, **Robert Nellams**, Class of 1974, and **Betty Lau**, Class of 1965.

<https://auctria.events/LQVE2023>



President's Message

Greetings Fellow Quakers!!!

Your Alumni Association is continuing to grow. In the last six months we've seen more alumni get involved in the organization's committee work, events, fundraising, and providing input into the directions you want the Association to go. We are striving to be even more in tune with our community and the needs of the students at Franklin.

The "Rising Tide" Scholarship & Career Fair held in February had 15 participating organizations including several universities, trade businesses and other businesses to inform students of their opportunities. We are planning to have another "Rising Tide" event in the fall of 2023.

Our **Hall of Fame** event will be held on **May 18th, 2023**. Please join us. Here is the sign-up link: <https://auctria.events/LQVE2023>.



Save the Date for a new event: **August 26th Open House for Alumni**, to tour Franklin. (Stay tuned for more information!!)

Thank you, Alumni. Together we are able to grow, create more scholarships, and spread the QUAKER LOVE.

Deborah Burton
Board President

The Drumbeat of the Franklin Music Department

Eliza Scruggs is literally a one-woman band. She has been teaching piano, guitar, percussion, band, orchestra and vocals for 3 years and single-handedly working to build a music program at Franklin.



It was a huge challenge to teach music during the pandemic, as anyone attempting to make music on zoom will appreciate. In addition, Garfield has dominated musical excellence in the Seattle School District and most serious music students head to Garfield's national award-winning program. To address this issue, Eliza collaborated with Rainier Beach and Cleveland this year to form a band that performed at school sports events. In addition to directing a band and an orchestra, she teaches beginning guitar and piano classes.

Eliza is a graduate of the University of Washington, where she majored in Music Education and English. She played drums in the Husky marching band, an experience leading to her after-school music perfor-

mances. She is currently the music director for a forty-piece band at the Seattle Kraken games. She is also a member of the Seattle Sounders band and the Filthy Femme Corps, where she heads up the percussion section. Filthy Femme Corps is a group of 35 women and non-binary members that perform around the Seattle area.

Currently Liza is working on Franklin's spring musical, *Into the Woods*, in collaboration with the drama department. This is a student-chosen work, which gives students interested in vocal music an opportunity to perform. Student musicians will also be providing the accompaniment.

We applaud Eliza for the energy and vision she has dedicated to Franklin's music department. She is hoping to add a part-time vocal music teacher to expand her department, but budgetary constraints might interfere with that plan. Brava, Eliza. We will be watching for your performances at Franklin and in sporting events around Seattle.

Submitted by Sue (Sugia) Anderson, '67



REUNION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please keep us posted at quaker-times@franklinalumni.net. Keep us up-to-date about who your class contact people are as well as any details of plans.

1954

The class of 1954 is putting together a 70th reunion luncheon in 2024. Anyone who would like to participate in planning, please contact Helen Rosen Stusser, hers1936@gmail.com or Ed Almquist, eea1936@gmail.com.

1955-1965

FRANKLIN PICNIC:
CLASSES OF 1955-1965
September 8, 2023

Gene Coulon Park, Renton WA.
NOON

South Beach Shelter Areas 1 and 2
Lunch will be served thanks to donations!

1983

The class of 1983 plans to gather for our 40th reunion in August 2023, the specific date is pending confirmation. Updates can be found on the Facebook class page FHS Class of '83. Class of 1983 classmates are encouraged to join that page or contact Esa Leach-Carlson at esacarls@yahoo.com

1984

The class of '84 is beginning plans for the 40th reunion. Contact Maggie Fleet, fleetmaggie@yahoo.com; or Lynn Gardner Roberts, at lynnroberts9@yahoo.com. If interested in helping plan.

2003

The Class of 2003 is beginning to plan the 20th reunion, likely during Homecoming. If you are interested in helping to plan, contact Domonique Collier at FHS2003classreunion@gmail.com.

Class of 1980: How Our 42nd Became Our Best 40th Ever

We thought that 2020 would be a great year to celebrate our long-awaited 40th Franklin High School Class of '80 Reunion. This was to be our BIG weekend -- the one with the catered dinner at a fancy venue, and the outdoor family picnic gathering the next day, at minimum! We had our plans laid out as early as in 2019, with a deposit for our dinner venue and our planning committee ready to go with all else to come that weekend!

But as we all know, COVID 19 hit in March 2020 along with our plans and we shut down until we knew better. An idea came to mind in early 2022: though we could not revive the plans we imagined in 2019, we could host a simple picnic or gathering for our class -- and why not in the summer of 2022? Things began to fall into place, and once we decided on a date, we were able to reserve the awesome Genesee Park picnic shelter, for Saturday, August 13, 2022. This was to keep things low key -- a potluck lunch, with some supplies and foods provided by our FHS '80



Robert Sweeten & Keith Floyd - These two FHS 80 classmates provided delicious BBQ meats and other dishes out of their for us love and their expertise.

See: Sweet Rubs: <https://sweetrubslc.com/>
and Soul Fusion Food Truck: <https://soulfusionfood.com/>



FHS '80 Reunion Committee:

Standing: Debbie Lau, Lillian (Quan) Woo, Janet Wong, Debbie (Eng) Chan, Paula Terrell, and Lisa (McElroy) Sweeten. Seated: Keith Floyd and Robert Sweeten (Not pictured: Gerald Russell, Doris (Chan) Locke, and Cheri (Wallace) Hudson)

budget. No fuss. No budget-breaking ideas. Sounds like a great idea, right?

But wait. One of our committee members brought up the idea of including our Cleveland High School Class of '80 friends to join us, too. This was not to be a joint venture -- instead, an opportunity to reach out and invite members of CHS '80 to join us. We had not seen many in decades, though many are still dear friends from our elementary and junior high school days. Thankfully, CHS '80 accepted.

How did it go? Now we can say we're glad that we waited until the summer of 2022!

We had about 80-100 attend our combined event! The weather was wonderful, the food was delicious and abundant, and the classmates were as beautiful as ever. It was so nice to share a meal and spend time again with those from our past, present, and now we hope, our future.

After this long season of COVID, we all welcomed this and needed this.

Thank you FHS '80 & CHS '80 -- for making our 42nd, the BEST 40th EVER.

Submitted by Debbie (Eng) Chan, FHS '80



CHS 80 Eagles are in the house!
Dana (Tsuboi) Lim, Raye (Okada) Keyes, and Nicole Washington



Arlene Wataoka, Wilson Wong, and Vinece (Ciotta) Campbell.



Rhonda Dotson shows the abundance of our table in all its colors!



William Bigham, Marilyn (Chinn) Yamamoto, Sherry (Ford) Dione, Lillian (Quan) Woo, and Jeffrey Johnson



You know it's a success when members of both FHS & CHS '80 linger beyond the picnic hours-- just to reconnect. Standing, L-R: MzPurple (C. Rice), Robert Sweeten, Keith Floyd, David Suguro, Debbie Lau, Anthony Maddela, and Scott Sakagami. Seated, L-R: Larry Oberto, Debbie (Eng) Chan, and Michael Croce.



FHS & CHS '80 Together!

Remembering Douglas “Buzz” Crites (October 30, 1940 - December 11, 2022)



Buzz Crites never forgot what attending Franklin High School and being a Quaker graduate meant to him. Over the years he worked to give back whatever he could to a school that he cherished and was proud to be a part of. He grew up in Columbia City, attending St. Edward Grade School before moving on to Sharples Junior High School in the eighth grade, where he met Jeanne Patricelli. After the two of them graduated from Franklin (Class of '59), they married and moved to Ellensburg, where he attended Central Washington University as a history major.

After discovering sports by accident during his freshman year at Franklin, he soon realized he was a quick runner and joined the school track team. He went on to

become one of the school's – and Seattle's – fastest track athletes. He was victorious in All-City track meets numerous times during his time at Franklin, setting school and city records along the way. Along with lettering all four years in track, he was also a three-year letterman for the school's football team at running back.

Buzz always remembered people who guided him in his younger years. He was close with Franklin High School coaches Leonard Saalwaechter and Harvey Lanman. He was especially grateful to Carl Malnati, who gave him a second chance that made a major difference in his sports career later. He stayed in touch with his mentors for many years after graduating from Franklin.

He played football with Ronnie Santo and was honored to attend Ron's induction to the MLB Hall of Fame in 2012 in Cooperstown, NY. Buzz assisted on many fundraisers for Franklin sports over the years. He worked to provide trips for tournaments, including working with Franklin basketball coach Dave Belmonte, and he also helped secure tutoring and uniforms for student athletes, among other things.

He was also instrumental in being part of a group from the class of 1959 that started the annual Franklin Picnic at Gene Coulon Park in Renton in 1999. The initial picnic brought former 1959 classmates together.



It continues today and has expanded to include Franklin classes 1955-1965. People from the picnics continue to band together to assist those who are part of the Quaker family.

Buzz is survived by his wife, Jeanne Patricelli Crites '59; children Gina and Jeffrey; and grandchildren, Nicole, Parker, Angelina and Cash; sister Leanne and brother Jim.

Submitted by Stephanie Ragland

Losses in the Quaker Family...October 2022 through April 2023

Graduating class shown where known; if class year was estimated it is followed by '?'

Faculty and Staff

Leonard Kashner, Science Teacher
Computer Science, Biology
1942 - 12/20/22

Phillip Merritt Adams, '45
Band and Glee Club 1952 - ?
1927-2023

1940s

Orley Solomon, '42
Andrew Ralph Aebi, '43
Tobert Lurie, '43
Harold Shabro, '43
Frank Fickeisen, '44

Michael A. Merlino, '44
Elinor Richstad Ramberg, '44
Philip Merritt Adams, '45
Tommy Sivich, '45
Mort Kuznetz, '46
Joyce Lighter Rogers, '46
William (Bill) Foster, '46?
Richard Frank Eastey, '47

Owner, family business: Jack's Pay Less Auto Parts

Remo Ettore Borracchini, '48
Borracchini's Bakery (see page 19)
James W. Dahlen, '48, 1930 - 2020
Mary Mecartea King, '48

Beverly Blyth Hunnington, '48
Anne M. Rutledge, '48
Richard Wheeler, '48?
Arlyne Joy Farrar Whitescarver, '48,
(m. Elvin Whitescarver, '45?, 1927 - 2011)
Marcus Jensen, '49
Darrell W. Meyers, '49
James Wade, M.D., '49

1950s

Jim Travis, '50
Ronald Casal, '51
Marcia Faith Collins, '51

Borracchini's Bakery

Tuesdays were the days Daddy would take us three kids to the Columbia City Library followed by a trip to the Borracchini's Ginger Bell Bakery for delicious fresh baked bread. As far as we were concerned those were the two best places in the neighborhood. The bakery was founded in 1923 by Italian immigrants Maria and Mario Borracchini who like cousins and restaurateurs from the Rosellini and Gasparetti families brought traditional Tuscan flavors to their new Seattle home.

The Rainier Valley "Little Italy" or "Garlic Gulch," home to approximately 230 families in the 1920s, was one of several Italian "villages" that grew up in Georgetown, South Park, First Hill, and South Lake Union. Attracted by job opportunities in farming and the construction and mining industries, the new Italian Americans appreciated being part of communities that were like the homes they had been forced to leave.

The International French Bakery started in Maria and Mario's basement, where the popular bread was baked and sold, along with Italian groceries. The three sons, Dino, Angelo, and young Remo, worked in the bakery from very young ages. In 1939 the three brothers, who were now running

the business, opened its newly constructed long-time (85 years) home at 2307 Rainier Avenue South where the bread production capacity and varieties (50) were greatly increased, and more groceries added. The bakery operated under the Ginger Belle Bakery name until the 1960s when Remo bought out his older brothers and changed the name to Remo Borracchini's Bakery and Mediterranean Market.

Remo added his famous cakes to the menu, and many a birthday, anniversary, and reunion were made complete with a pink-boxed Borracchini's custom-decorated cake. The cakes became the key to business profitability with up to 150 themed cakes produced by talented artisans daily and 110 wedding cakes bringing joy each weekend. Despite these numbers each customer was made to feel special with the friendly service which was a hallmark.

Sadly the pandemic dramatically reduced the number of cake orders and the bakery could no longer survive, and Remo's daughters Mimi, Lisa, and Nannette were forced to close the store in 2022. Art Oberto's sausage and jerky store down the street from the bakery closed shortly thereafter. An era ended when flamboyant Oberto passed in August 2022 and Remo Borracchini passed in March 2023.



Remo Borracchini in 2019, talking to and giving advice to a couple picking their wedding cake. (Traci LeCount)

Information and pictures provided with permission from the *Seattle Times*: [Borracchini's Bakery, a Seattle destination for almost a century, is closed for good | The Seattle Times, Eric Lacitis.](#)

Losses in the Quaker Family...October 2022 through April 2023

Graduating class shown where known; if class year was estimated it is followed by '?'

1950s (cont)

Micheala Joan Tierney Hoppe, '53

Barry Hall, M.D., '54

Walter Hoelzl, '54

Jon Buckmaster Louis, '55

Don Morton, '55

Edwin Mieske, '56

Raetta Frances Fowler Harkins, '56

Meriam (Muriel) Cohen Thompson, '56?

Frank (Larry) Cassidy, Jr., '56,

Community activist and conservationist

Mary MacKean Krock, '58

Douglas W. "Buzz" Crites, '59,

m. Jeanne Patricelli Crites, '59 (see page 18)

Linda Rae Wiener Haugen, '59,

Randell (Randy) Stevens, '59

Janice Peterson Cooke, '59

1960s

Sandra Jo Jorgensen Corlone, '60

Carole Sue Rasmussen Rowe, '60

Nick Novak, '61?

Voyce Ann Ross Hanson, '63

Kenneth Allan Nicholas, '63

Larry Alcantara, '63

David Thomas Chapman, '63

John William Murphy, J.D., '67 *Franklin's Mighty Mite, 'Human Grasshopper' (high jump)*

Theodore Lee Umagat, '67, *Yell leader, Punk rocker, SSD educator, roller coaster enthusiast*

Christine Joy (Tanagi) Yada, '67

Patricia Elizabeth Myers, '68

Lawrence Yokoyama, '69

1970s

Paul Tokareff, '77

1990s

Sayaphet "Saya" Phimphila/Phimphophani, '98

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Franklin's Land Acknowledgment

The Alumni Association board voted in January to include a land acknowledgment on the masthead of our newsletter and website: "We would like to acknowledge that Franklin High School is on the ancestral lands of the Coast Salish Nations, whose people still steward this land today."

Wherever we are in the United States, we are on Native land. Sometimes at the start of an event the speaker names the Indigenous groups that once and currently steward the land they are standing

on. Sometimes organizations will acknowledge that their activities and buildings are on Native land. This is land acknowledgment.

Land acknowledgment has a basis in protocol for inter-tribal meetings. "Whenever we go to someone's land, we recognize ourselves as visitors on their territory, exchange cultural practices, and welcome one another" says Allan Vicaire from the Miġmaq community of Listuguj and project coordinator with Concordia University's Indigenous office. Land acknowledgment continues with that tradition.

Franklin is on land understood to be the homeland of Chief Seattle's $\text{dxw'daw}\text{'}\text{áb}\text{'}$ (People-of-the-Inside). Chief Si'ahl, who our city is named for, was the first signatory of the Point Elliott Treaty at Mukilteo in 1855, which was not honored by the U.S. He did so on behalf of both the Suquamish and Duwamish Tribes. The Coast Salish Nations includes the sovereign nations of Duwamish, Snoqualmie, Suquamish, Puyallup, Tulalip, and Muckleshoot Tribes, all indigenous to Puget Sound.