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2014 Hall of Fame Celebration

More than 150 Franklin alumni spanning seventy-five years gathered at the Mount Baker Community Club May 15 for the FAA&F Annual Meeting and Hall of Fame. The room was filled to capacity and packed with Quaker Pride. Hall of Fame members James McCurdy, Herb Bridge, Rick Nagel and Gary Locke were all there to help celebrate.

The Hall of Fame was started in 1992 as part of the high school's 80th anniversary. Forty members were inducted over the next twenty years, including community activists Bill Speidel, Victor Steinbruek, Jim and John Ellis, Nobel Prize winner George Kozmetsky, baseball greats Fred Hutchison and Ron Santo, and Governor/Ambassador Gary Locke. This year's inductees were: Katie Houlahan Dolan '43, Felix Skowronek '52, Terry Deeny '58, Al Cohen '61 and Edwin Lee '70.

Alumni were greeted by Franklin's mascot Ben and cheerleaders, the students served appetizers, and volunteer bartenders offered complimentary wine and beer. The program began once a buffet dinner had been served. Brent Jones '85 served as master of ceremonies, and the evening got off with a bang as the International Lion Dance Team wove through the tables.

FAA&F welcomes 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. Inductees will be honored at the Annual Meeting and Hall of Fame Celebration April, 2015.

A new tradition was established in 2013 when new members were inducted at our celebration at the Annual Meeting. Information about everyone in the Hall of Fame is posted on our website and their pictures are in the main hall at Franklin.

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Message from the President

As the new school year starts I am in awe once again both of our alumni and Franklin's current students.

Our annual letter was just mailed and so many of you immediately mailed in dues and donations. We have heard from Quakers living all over the country – from the Rainier Valley to the East Coast, Alaska to Hawaii, and the Midwest to the East Coast. Some of you have been members since we were founded in 1994, and some joined for the first time. To all of you, THANKS. It is this generosity that keeps us going.

Classes came together to celebrate. From the class of 1940 to the class of 2004 Quakers recollected old times, caught up on new developments and generally enjoyed each other's company. This year FAA&F had information available at the reunions to let alumni know what we do and to encourage everyone to join. Thanks to all the organizers for letting us participate – with each reunion we added to our "likes" on Facebook and increased our membership.

Franklin students continue to excel, with graduates attending excellent colleges, teams winning awards, and athletes making us proud. We awarded scholarships to seven seniors with financial needs. We provided grants so that each sports team would have equipment and uniforms, athletes who could not afford the "pay-to-play-fees" would be subsidized, writers in the schools would be in language arts classrooms, science classes would have some new equipment and the Murals Program would have paint.

Franklin parents care deeply about their children, but with a 68% poverty rate, it is difficult for them to raise money for enrichment programs at Franklin – programs that can make high school memorable. FAA&F helps fill that funding gap.

This year we have again committed to support Franklin programs with at least \$30,000. We will award scholarships; we will recognize outstanding Franklin graduates at the Hall of Fame Celebration; and we will continue to distribute the Quaker Times.

Your membership dues and donations make all of this possible. And we need volunteers! Let us know if you would like to join the board or help out with other projects – outreach to the various classes, writing articles for the Quaker Times and helping with the Hall of Fame event. We welcome your participation at any level.

Sara Thompson '68
FAA&F President

Parent of students graduating in '03 and '04

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Thank you Bel Canto Performing Arts Society

This summer the Bel Canto Performing Arts Society donated \$500 to the Franklin music program. We thank you with all our heart.

We will work directly with staff to assure that this investment has the greatest possible impact.



ARTSQUAKE AT FRANKLIN

★ The Franklin High School Performing Arts Department will hold a fundraising event and performance on November 6, 2014 at 6:30pm in the Franklin Commons. The performance will feature the creative talents of the Music and Drama Departments at Franklin including the Quaker Band, Orchestra, Jazz Band and Drama students.

★ The funds raised will be used to send drama students to various Thespian events and the music department on a regional bus tour. The event will include a dinner for a \$10 donation. Fundraising plans include a silent auction and a 50-50 raffle (The money collected in the raffle will be divided 50/50 – half of the amount to the ticket holder and half to the arts). Contact Sara Call or Geoff Ogle for details or if you would like to contribute to our continued fundraising efforts.

Check out the ARTSQUAKE Facebook page at
<https://www.facebook.com/ArtsQuakeFHS>
for updates and pictures.

Be the
Change
You Wish
To See
In The
World ...

– Gandhi

Buy a Scarf; support a Band!

If you are interested in learning more about the program, purchasing a scarf to support the band or becoming involved in the band booster club, please contact Geoff Ogle at Franklin High School. Scarf \$18 + \$4 shipping fee for a total of \$22 in all!



Principal's Letter

Franklin High School Named School of Distinction by the Center for Educational Effectiveness



This prestigious award is given to the top 5% of schools across Washington State that demonstrate outstanding improvement in student achievement over five years in Reading and Mathematics. Recipient schools will be honored at an awards ceremony on November 5. The award is endorsed by the Center for Educational Effectiveness (CEE), the Association of Educational Service Districts (AESD), the Association of Washington School Principals (AWSP), Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA), and Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA).

I have been espousing for some time now that Franklin is an amazing place. This award comes as no surprise to me as I have been measuring our effectiveness carefully for over a decade. We would have been recognized earlier were it not for one year of a performance dip in Reading, due, in large measure, to the state changing the exam. (See chart at right.)

What this award does not capture is how truly amazing our teaching and support staff is! Most, if not all schools, who are named in this award have not experienced the same demographic shifts that Franklin has. In the chart above you will see that the complexity and needs of our students have shifted

living in poverty and those students learning English, some of whom are attending formal school for the first time. Historically, this demographic requires an incredible skill set for teachers and staff in order to be successful. There are very few schools in Washington State who have this complex demographic and are the size that we are. I believe our staff is doing some of the "heaviest lifting" instructionally. To be able to keep pace overall in academic performance with our peers

2003-2004 Demographics	2013-2014 Demographics
1562 students	*1375 Students
41.3% Free and Reduced Lunch	67.5% Free and Reduced Lunch
1 % American Indian	1.2% American Indian
44.8 % Asian Pacific Islander	53.6 % Asian/Pacific Islander
31.4 % Black/African American	27.6% Black/African American
6.7% Hispanic	8.7% Hispanic
16.1% White	6.4% White
11.6 % served in Special Education	11.3 Served in Special Education
11.1 % English Language Learners	18.1 % English Language Learners
10 th Grade Reading Proficiency: 50%	10 th Grade Reading Proficiency: 81.5%
10 th Grade Writing Proficiency: 58.3%	10 th Grade Writing Proficiency: 86%
10 th Grade Math Proficiency (WASL): 24.7%	10 th Grade Math Proficiency (Algebra): 89.1%
Not Applicable. There was only one math exam at this time.	10 th Grade Math Proficiency (Geometry): 80.8%
10 th Grade Science: 14.2 %	10 th Grade Science: 77.1%

"No kids should ever rest on being 'regular' when they are smart, witty, thoughtful, articulate and can change the world!"

– Janine Brodine
Newsletter Layout Person &
Retired FHS & U of WA teacher

fairly dramatically over the past decade – most notable, is the large increases of students

and to be well-ahead of pace of our peers as evidenced by this award in overall student growth *while* the demographic shifts toward greater complexity with no hyper-resourcing or "special programs" is nothing short of heroic. The American Dream as articulated by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is not a "dream" at Franklin. It is our action plan and we are delivering! Franklin IS the school that folks have been envisioning and promising for many, many decades – a public school that serves our kids well regardless of background, beliefs, experiences, physical ableness, income, language, sexual orientation, or aspirations. What we are witnessing taking place at Franklin is not just a typical school improvement effort, it is the continuation of a civil rights movement, a social

revolution, that has ALWAYS been in play at Franklin High School.

These amazing results belong to all of us – Quakers present and past, and those “wish-I-were-Quaker folk” who have jumped on board this movement and contributed and cheered us on.

I would like to extend a special thank you to our Alumni who continue to support us in ways that align with our mission. The supports that have been provided through grants in athletics, academics and arts have been fundamental in bringing about our performance. Equally, if not more importantly, has been the unwavering belief in our mission and our efforts that has buoyed us to fight the right fights, to forge into the unknown toward the promise of something better, and has put salve in our wounds when we have fallen short of our own vision. It takes a very special, special group of people to take the path that we have taken, the Franklin Alum are all that and then some.

Never doubt that we will continue to broaden the net of inclusiveness and make strides toward greatness. At Franklin High School, we are not just “doing school”. Rather, we are cultivating a community and painting a picture of a limitless future whereby anything is possible for any kid. Wow!

Thank you one and all for your continued support and confidence in us.

In Service, Jennifer

“No matter who comes to us, we can make a big difference. Imagine what we could do if we had systemic support, if we were not 42nd in the nation in funding, and 47th in the nation in class size. I truly believe FHS staff can hold their own against any team in the nation and best most of them.”

– Jennifer Wiley

Franklin High School was one of eleven schools named as a “School of Distinction”

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<http://www.seattleschools.org/modules/cms/pages.phtml?pageid=319480&>

***All you can
do is the best
you can do,
and the best
has its own
reward.***

– ANONYMOUS



Franklin HIGH SCHOOL REUNIONS

The Class of 1964

By Charline Ernst

Our Franklin Class of 1964 reunion was our fifth and best reunion so far. It started on Friday, Sept 12 with 8 foursomes playing a scramble golf tournament at Lake Wilderness. Thirty-two golfers and six riders stayed at the course for food, drinks and trophies. Saturday, Sept 13 was the big event at Maplewood Greens. Our favorite hits from the 60's and 70's played all night long and provided a wonderful background for energized conversations among 157 classmates and 57 guests, including Mr. and Mrs. Meeske. The memorabilia displays spanned all aspects of our time at Franklin and was a great source of lively discussions.

With the passing of 50 years, no one was bashful about introducing themselves. Cries of recognition filled the air and, while some of our memories had faded, they came rushing back with the sight and voices of our classmates. And, at the end of the evening...? Many wanted to know when the next reunion will be. Stay tuned. We had a blast planning this great milestone reunion. Everyone contributed and now want to know the time and place of our next (not last) meeting. Committee members are: Les Bretthauer, Connie Cacchione Schwarz, John Cheha, Mark Cordova, Lynda Daley Olerud, Sharon Darland Andrews, Frank Davidson, Marcia Dean O'Connell, Stafne Flaten Nicholas, Jeff Garfield, Rob Gillett, Bob Graham, Mike Hook, Jane Hudson,



"The committee gave me a bottle of scotch. They probably thought I could use a shot or two ... Going from Sept. to Sept. was a fun-filled and fulfilling 13 months. The outcome was wonderful, but the journey with good (old) friends, was the greatest reward. We should all be so fortunate."

—Charlene Ernst



Jef Jaisun, Bonnie Lanman Tinker, Marilyn Masin Kremen, Carol Mueller Hurt, Bob Napier, Ken Nicholas, Peter Nikaitani, Sharon

Oberto Gillett, Barbara Rosenwald, Charlene Smith Ernst, and Dick Thompson.

FHS's "Greatest Generation" multi-class reunion - Classes of 1940-44

By Bruce Meyers

On Wednesday, May 15th a reduced number of us from the Classes of 1940 through 1944 enjoyed a delightful bar luncheon and several libations at the Eastlake Grill just south of the University Bridge. We had outside seating overlooking Lake Union and basked in the sunshine. Twelve members of our five classes joined in. We ate and drank from the bar menu and there were no charges so it was reasonable for all.

Classes represented were: from 1940 George DeBon; 1941 Jim McCurdy; 1942 RAdm Herb Bridge and Col. Bruce Meyers. From 1943 we had Claire "Mickey" Stewart, Barbara Ohnick, Sandy Sanborn and Bob Benson. From 1944 there were Art Swanson, Chuck Welch, Ray Gehring and Myron Maxwell. A dozen of us in all.

Pat Owen Hambelton, who resides in Yakima, had a medical

conflict and could not make it. We hope to see her next year. We plan to hold our 73rd reunion on or about May 15th 2015, probably again at the Eastlake Grill. It is easy to get to, is reasonable and requires no upfront monies.

Hope to see you there. Keep in contact with Bob Benson (206 278-6884) or Bruce Meyers (425 391-6666). The message we leave you with is: Stay well!

Class of 1954 Reunion

By Helen Rosen Stusser



Left:
Group
photo at
Eastlake
Grill

On June 12 Franklin alums from the class of '54 gathered at McCormick and Schmick's Seafood Restaurant on Lake Union for their 60th reunion celebration. They enjoyed an afternoon of delicious food, old friends and happy memories.

The 87 attendees were treated to table centerpieces that were exact replicas of Franklin High in the 50's. They were constructed by an architectural firm and presented as a gift from Patty Monson Saxon, committee member. Many poster boards were displayed with old newspaper articles, prom photos and other memorabilia from that era.

Don Clark was master of ceremonies. He kept the crowd entertained with memories of 60 years ago. Other committee members were Roly Alhadeff, Helen Rosen Stusser, Bob Karr, Ed Almquist, Sharon Thompson Muir, Esther Rousso Holcenberg, Ed Merlino and Dick Patricelli. The class list of 1954 alums has now been updated with addresses and emails. The group is already talking about a 65th Reunion!



FHS Cheerleaders



Dick Reisweig, Dick Patricelli and friend



Patty Monson Picket, Bruno Boin and Carolyn McKinney Armstrong

Making a Difference: Writers in the Schools

FAA&F has funded Writers in the Schools, a program sponsored by Seattle Arts and Lectures, for many years. Professional writers work in classrooms with Franklin students and have had a profound effect on many. This is a letter we received from a student who was selected to read

her work for the program last year. The FAA&F funds this program each year by allocating \$5,000 to bring a writer into the school who then works with six English classes for a period of weeks. Your memberships and donations help us continue to support this program.

Dear FAA&F,

Part of the Writers in the Schools experience for a student is sharing the work you've created. Franklin High School's writer Eli Hastings assured us upon his arrival, however that we need not share if we didn't want to, that it was to be completely voluntary; we were in a safe space, but there was no cause to reveal our work if we were uncomfortable. Yet, here I was on the fourth floor of the Seattle Public Library, profoundly and acutely uncomfortable, preparing to read a piece I had written in front of a hundred people, most of whom were utter strangers.

Palms sweaty, knees shaking, I asked myself why I had accepted Eli's invitation to speak at the WITS End of the School Year Celebration. My mind frantically responded that there was no reason, no requirement or cause which could have provoked such a decision, and yet I was sure there had been something...

And suddenly I remembered.

Only several weeks before I had witnessed each of my classmates rise one at a time from their seats and bestow upon our ears the beauty of their work. Thought and emotion spilled forth in a flood of vulnerability, as I sat amazed and humbled at what my peers were willing to share. Angry letters to parents, absent or present, love poems, expressions of righteous indignation and more, all laid out for others to hear. That had been my reason for saying yes.

I walked up to the microphone and delivered my piece with my classmates' honesty in mind. The response was applause and respect and kindness.

Sometimes writing is the only thing you can do to keep afloat. When the weight of what we carry grows to be too much, when our minds become crowded with what is on our hearts, some of us turn to the pen. The translation of thought into word is a release which eases the burdens of life for many, not just me. Perhaps even more comforting is the affirmation that comes from those who receive your work. Writers in the Schools has provided me with the opportunity to experience both, and I would like to thank you all so much for allowing it to be possible through your generous financial support. The Franklin Alumni Association and Foundation has deepened the writing experience for students at Franklin High School. It has been a blessing in my life, and I am so grateful. Thank you.

Most sincerely,
Maya Chinen, Class of 2015



If you can dream it, you can become it. If you can imagine it, you can achieve it.

Quaker Day in the Park 2014

By Chris Mason

The annual picnic of our class of 1983 has turned into a multi-year potluck dinner for all.

Saturday, August 16th was a beautiful afternoon for a picnic. Seward Park was the place to be if you are a Franklin Quaker and especially a Quaker from the eighties. Our Class of 1983's annual picnic has turned into a multi-year potluck dinner for all. The class of 1984 made a strong showing this year. Their own class reunion was the night before, at The BluWater in Leschi.

When you came around the park loop, you certainly knew you had arrived! Green and black were the colors of choice for the day, and the Coach made sure everybody that needed some Quaker Gear had theirs. A big Quaker State flag was flying proud and the music had a distinct and slightly funky sound, probably not heard in the park for about thirty years or so. Prince, Lakeside, Donna Summer, Rick James, and many, many more were played, thanks to Tim Burge.

All of that had to compete with four tables of fantastic food, coming off four different grills. The burgers, dogs and chicken were all very good, but that shrimp, searing on the hot coals, was definitely the fan favorite. Corn, cooked in the husk, was another great treat, along with several side dishes, and desserts made the meal complete.

The guys were hanging out in the parking lot most of the afternoon, talking basketball and cars. (Some things never change only the tales are just a bit taller and the cars are a lot newer). An inviting lawn in front of the shelter was a good place to stretch out and relax, while some of the kids ran around enjoying the evening. Conversations were drifting from several groups and before we knew it, the sun had set. Packing up by the light of cell phones and car headlights, we gathered everything together, said some long goodbyes and hurriedly headed out.

They lock the gate at ten...

We will see you all again next year!



English Language Learners Program at Franklin

By Sara Thompson



Betty Lau
Bilingual Services

Betty Lau, '65, returned to Franklin in 2004 and has been the guiding hand in an outstanding ELL (English Language Learner) department until she retired June.

Many Franklin graduates from the '60s through the '80s recall and value Franklin's diversity – roughly a third white, a third black and a third Asian. Diversity now has a whole new meaning. Students come from all over the world, and

Franklin's ELL English Language Learners population is the largest in the city – with 240 students, nearly twenty per cent of the school population. I sat down with Betty last spring to discuss both her professional journey and how the ELL program works at Franklin.

Betty was the daughter of immigrants from Canton and Toisan. She entered grade school speaking little English and was thrown into a regular classroom – she remembers playing *Ring around the Rosey*, not understanding the words, students gesticulating to try to help her, but never knowing what to do when “all fall down” was called out. She was forcibly separated from her cousin because the staff thought she would learn English faster if she could not talk to him. She doesn't recall any particular help or lessons – but by fourth grade she was winning prizes for her reading skills.

After graduating from Franklin, Betty attended the University of Washington preparing to teach language arts and Chinese. She spent a year in Taiwan and then moved to California to work as an editor. Missing the cloudy skies and cool weather, she returned to Seattle to complete requirements for a teaching certificate.

She taught at Sharples where fellow Franklin alumnus and mentor Cheryl Chow was vice-principal. She taught Chinese until mandatory busing sent students all over the city and there were not enough students concentrated in one school to support a Chinese language class. Betty chose to stay as a bilingual educator, and she found her niche. “It was a lucky accident. I started advocating for students. I had ownership for all the students, not just those in front of me.” She then earned a masters degree in language arts with a focus on reading.

When Sharples closed a few years later, Betty moved to Beijing for a year, then returned to teach at Middle College (a high school designed for educating some of Seattle's most challenging disciplinary students). Her experiences were formative. It was there Betty felt she learned that

“a kid is still a kid no matter what. Every human is unique and is not a throw-away. They need structure and someone to care. You have to really listen and to be flexible.”

The ELL program at Franklin has 6.4 certificated teachers and eight instructional assistants (IAs). Teaching is in English. IAs provide interpretation and tutoring, but serve a much broader role in caring for students and families.

The 240 students in the program at Franklin requiring help with English are students from families who do not speak English as their primary language as well as new arrivals. Students ability to listen, read, write and speak English are assessed when they arrive and are placed in one of four levels. Those at Level 1 attend ELL Language Arts, Social Studies, Math and Science classes. Others attend two or three ELL classes and some mainstream classes. Level 3 students are in the transitional language arts class, which Betty teaches. Level 4 students take all traditional classes but have native language tutoring if needed. The state's goal is to get students to Level 4 in three years. ELL students are expected to meet the same testing requirements for graduation as native English speakers. It's worth noting that just getting “an ear” English may take a full year.

What makes the ELL program unique at Franklin?

Betty unequivocally credits the IAs for their work above and beyond the call of duty. The eight IAs speak the most common languages (Chinese, Vietnamese, Spanish, Tagalog, Somali, Oromo, Amharic, Tigrinya). They work in tandem with ELL

teachers, classroom teachers and support staff. All have AA degrees and are native language speakers who are also fluent in English. They provide language and cultural translations, liaison with families, and often make themselves available by phone, even during non-school hours. They may be present in the ELL core classes, in the mainstream classes or attend student conferences. Parents are always welcome, and the staff has an open door policy when parents want to drop by to talk. This team has created an ELL department where students have scored above the state and district much of the past decade on annual state measures of progress.

FAA&F has provided grants to the ELL program over the years – to the science and math classrooms and more recently for field trips to the Science Center and the Zoo. Lau commented, “These students are city kids, and many came here from refugee camps. Their parents can't afford to take them to these kinds of places. I want them to have this experience, to write about what they see and to “catch” their interest in whatever way we can. These field trips are a great opportunity.”

A kid is still a kid no matter what. Every human is unique and is not a throw-away. They need structure and someone to care. You have to really listen and to be flexible.

Franklin High School Class of 1984's 30th Reunion

By Maggie Fleet and Dina Woo Rogers

The Franklin High School Class of 1984 celebrated their 30th reunion on Friday, August 15 at the BluWater Bistro in Leschi. It was a lovely evening outdoors on the front patio with green and black décor, appetizers, drinks and old friends. We all enjoyed catching up and reminiscing with each other about our Franklin High School days. We had over 30 alums from the class of 1984 attend and a few from other years as well. It was hard to believe that 30 years had gone by but time did not fade the Franklin Spirit among us.

Many of the class of 1984 attended an all school picnic at Seward Park on Saturday, August 16 and carried on the fun. We are all looking forward

to keeping in touch and not letting another 30 years pass before we meet again.

Special thanks to Lynn Gardner-Roberts, Maggie Fleet and Dina Woo Rogers for their help in planning the event and to Long Nguyen for the great photos that so nicely captured the fun of the evening. To find more photos of our 30th Reunion, follow this link: <http://www.pbase.com/longbachnguyen/fhs30>



Awesome Picnic has Record Breaking Attendance

By Jeanna Patricelle Crites

On Friday, July 18, 2014, the classes of 1955 through 1962 held their FIFTEENTH annual picnic at Coulon Park in Renton, WA. This year the attendance was recording breaking. The dedicated Class of 1959 committee members who over the years have made this event successful includes: Tony Capetto, Tim Corner, Buzz Crites, Dave Lettich (now deceased), Jim Rice and Bill Wheatman. And, what about the gals that manned the sign-in table: Bonnie Lanman Tinker, Diane Pezzella Gilbert, Anne Rice McFarland and Susie Rice.

This year, Dave Svendsen, Class of '57, surprised everyone by bringing and providing for sale a box of Franklin commemorative picnic sweatshirts and t-shirts. They sold out in minutes. Dave donated all the proceeds from the day of the picnic sale to the Franklin Alumni Association and Foundation. Additional sweatshirts and t-shirts are available for purchase. Instructions for ordering are at the bottom of the page. "Thank you, Dave."

Special guest at the 2014 picnic was Bonnie Lanman Tinker, daughter of Coach Harvey Lanman. She brought trophies, articles and pictures which people happily looked at all day. "I know my dad is smiling down on me while I'm meeting the guys that played for him."

The Franklin Alumni Association and Foundation had a more visible presence this year. Stephanie Ragland, mother of two young men who played football while at Franklin, set up three sign-boards showing some of the alumni association's accomplishments. They also had the "Franklin High School – 100 Years" book for sale, as well as alumni association memberships.

After 15 years, those attending kept reconnecting and continuously finding alums that they had not seen earlier in the day. And, sadly after 15 consecutive years, the original picnic committee has decided they are unable to continue.

But, we joyfully wish to announce that a new committee is stepping up to keep the picnic as it has been. Alan Eddy, Class of '62 and Linda "Kittie" Salazar Eddy, Class of '70 will be chairing our SIXTEENTH picnic in the summer of 2015. As of now the following alums have signed on to the committee: Karen Beach '61, Stan Nahmias '61, Doug Tulip '60 and Linda Moore '61. If you are interested in helping with next year's picnic e-mail: info@franklinpicnic.com or contact Linda and Alan. Their address is 30961 E Lake Morton Drive SE, Kent, WA 98042. Feel free to share your ideas.

In order to get the picnic started donations are being accepted: please make checks payable to "Franklin Picnic" and mail to Linda Eddy, 30961 E Lake Morton Drive SE, Kent, WA 98042. The park department releases available dates in January so at that time we will know our definite date, but our estimated date is Friday, July 17.

If you missed out on purchasing a sweatshirt or t-shirt at the picnic, you are able to order them and a **A portion of each sale will also be allocated to the FHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.**

Call Mel or Kristen at 623-551-9177 (DB Teez). The address is 4220 West Opportunity Way, Anthem, AZ 85086. Cost includes shipping and handling: T shirts are \$21.00 each and sweatshirts are \$41.00 each. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE BACK NEXT YEAR!



Marlene Uttenweiler Houtchens '55



Gordon Van Parys '59



Dave Svendsen '57

*All Wearing
Franklin Gear*

1979 FHS-CHS 35th Joint Reunion Picnic

By Phillip Holmes, FHS Class of '79

The Reunion Committees for Franklin and Cleveland Classes of '79, Lucy (Sunohara) Richter & Chris (Akutsu) Louie FHS '79, came together to plan what turned out to be an amazing 35-year reunion. An Hawaiian-type setting and theme made for a relaxing day.

As classmates began showing up, you could see the joy on everyone's faces as we came together to reminisce, share, laugh and enjoy one another. Many old friendships from years past were rekindled and new ones were made. I found myself talking and enjoying classmates I did not talk to back in school. It felt like family - it was a big family reunion of both schools. Looking back, many of us knew one another from our junior high and even elementary days.

Craig Lee and Kevin Spindocor Jones had us all moving and grooving with the old school music late into the evening, until the generator ran out of gas. (Which was probably a good thing the generator lost its gas before we lost our own.)

At this year's picnic no one was willing to grab the tug-a-war rope. Maybe this is the first sign of us getting older, or perhaps even better, growing up. No matter, we all looked good for being 52 or 53 years old.

Special thanks go out to Nina Egashira Fujimura, without whom we would have never come together over all these years. We all love you, Nina - you have kept us together as a family. It was wonderful seeing so many classmates and old friends from both schools. I am now looking forward to our 40 reunion in 2019, which has the tentative dates of August 9 -11, 2019.



Nina Egashira and Jill Hashimoto



Kids kio-o-war contest

1955-62 Picnic Photos (Continued)



Mr. Nilson (deceased) & Fred Yurian



Bonnie Bosworth



Stephanie Ragland Johnson



Diane Pezzella, Gilbert, Anne Rice
McFarlane & Sue Rice



Buzz Crites, Bonnie Lanman Tinker, Bill Chatalas,
Dan Maesoro, Joe Fletcher & Vic Pisoni

Class of 1974 Celebrated their 40th

By Corey Chin

The Class of 1974 celebrated their 40th year reunion on September 13 at the picturesque Skyline Room at the Museum of Flight. This reunion was unique in that we invited our fellow classmates from Cleveland, Rainier Beach and Garfield High Schools. The social hour was followed by a delicious dinner catered by McCormick and Schmicks. The buffet included salmon that was cooked to perfection.

Corey Chin started off the evening program by introducing the other reunion committee members including Ron Hiraki and Janine Eskenazi Hasson. The highlight of the program was John Keister's "every 10 years" monologue. John, a 1974 graduate himself, has provided "insightful" commentary for **every** reunion. The addition of the other three schools provided John with some very funny material!

The evening festivities continued with DJ music. We did not have dancing at our 30-year reunion, since few people danced at the 20-year reunion. This time around, the committee decided to rent a dance floor and hired Sheila Locke, class of 1978, to spin the music. Curtis Luke, class of 1975, started it off by leading everybody in some basic line dances. Various songs from our era were played the rest of the night and everybody took full advantage of the dance floor!

Thanks to Sharon Nakamura for providing the graphics for the invitation flyer and designing the name tags that had our picture from the senior annual. Sharon also opened an account at Shutterfly to upload her photos. Several classmates have added their pictures to Shutterfly. Please email the committee at Franklin-1974Reunion@yahoo.com for login and password information.

See you at the next reunion!! Please keep us informed of your current contact information via the Yahoo email account noted above.



Left: Local celebrity John Keister served as MC for at the reunion.



The reunion committee, l-r: Corey Chin, Ron Kiraki, and Janine Eskenazi Hasson.

Class of 2004 Reunion

By Angelene Arciaga

On the weekend of August 2, members of the class of 2004 came together to celebrate our ten year reunion. Festivities kicked off at Sole Repair Shop on Capitol Hill. We showed up looking our best in our party outfits, reminding ourselves how far we have come since the day we walked off the Seahawks Stadium.

We were able to enjoy the beautiful Seattle summer as day turned into night. Our bodies grooved from the old school sounds of the nineties to the current hits of today. Hors d'oeuvres were served, libations were poured and plenty of mingling took place! Michael Liam, photographer and FHS alum of 2003 did a wonderful job with our photo booth. When the music stopped playing at Sole Repair, the party continued in a variety of venues in the Capitol Hill neighborhood lasting into the early hours of the morning. Everyone who attended had a blast!

After the eventful Saturday night, we had a relaxing Sunday afternoon BBQ at the Maple Wood Playfield on Beacon Hill. Class of 2004 families came together to share food, memories of the past, and stories of the present. We feasted on baked beans and BBQ ribs, chicken and brisket. The Blue Angels were flying over our heads and the children played with much laughter. As the BBQ wound down, we said our goodbyes with the intention to see one another more often than once every ten years.

A special thanks to Angelene Arciaga, Deyanna Lewis, Phonetip Sivilya, and Tiquida Spellman for organizing such a memorable event!

Link Crew: A Success!

Link Crew is a 9th grade orientation and transition program designed to both welcome and support 9th graders by assigning them a junior or senior Link Leader as a mentor during this first year. This Link Leader is a responsible older student who was hand-selected from a large pool of applicants and has met the qualifications of being a good role model and a positive leader on our campus.

To prepare for this new program, three Franklin teachers traveled to California for an intensive training in the spring of 2014 where they experienced the program as a new student would in the fall. This August marked the second year of the Link Crew program at FHS. The first year, 100 students participated in the program. This year over 250 new students attended the ninth grade specific orientation! Students connected with upperclassmen, met one another, and toured the school.

Link Leaders will continue to meet and work with their ninth grade students throughout the school year on academic and social issues.

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Class of 1994 20 Year Reunion: Time for Fun, Friendship and Family

By Taneka Sauls Ogden

We kicked off our weekend with a Friday Meet & Greet at "Rookies" in Columbia City. The conversation, hugs and smiles shared were what reunions are all about. Classmates picked up with old friends "like it was yesterday". Thanks to business owner and '94 classmate Anthony Le, there was a raffle of fabulous, fun items—a great start to a great weekend!

The next day we ventured out for our "Friends & Family Picnic" at Lincoln Park in West Seattle. With blankets spread, we introduced our families, and gathered potluck style; the weather couldn't have been better.

We concluded the festivities Saturday evening with a "Nine-Four Night Out" celebration at the Columbia Tower Club. In spite of the cocktail attire

dress code, shoes came off and ties were loosened as classmates reminisced, danced, played games and got a little CRAZY in the photo booth!! (We kept it PG-13.)

All-in-all it was a great weekend. We even had enough funds remaining to contribute \$200 to the Franklin Alumni Association. We could not have pulled it off without our hard working reunion committee: Ivy Lim, Dameon Ellis, Jamila Smith Merritt, Alena Ceicko, and Taneka Sauls Ogden and of course EVERYONE who attended ... It would not have been a success without THE CLASS OF 94!! For highlights, pictures and updates, check us out on Facebook: Franklin High School Class of 1994. We cannot wait to do it again soon!

2014 Scholarship Winners

This spring we were thrilled to award scholarships to seven Franklin seniors. Over the past nine years we have helped 44 Franklin students attend college. Donations to our scholarship fund go directly to this worthy cause. We have two kind of scholarships available. Franklin's counseling office kindly coordinates communication with students and collects applications to be reviewed by our committee. Twenty outstanding students applied in 2014.

This scholarship fund was established by graduates from the class of 1935. FAA&F assumed responsibility when members of that class asked for assistance. Awards are based on need, academic achievement and community service.



Gabrielle Balanon. Gabby, the daughter of Filipino immigrants, found that asking for tutoring help in the third grade changed her life – not only did she truly understand her school work, she excelled. And her appreciation of the power of tutoring led her to work in her middle school during her four years at Franklin. With an

outstanding academic record she also served as ASB secretary, National Honor Society president, and Girls Varsity Ultimate Frisbee team captain. Initially planning to attend UC Berkeley, she will instead attend the UW, starting in the fall of 2015.

Hailey Maruoka. Hailey described joining the “adult” world when she got her first real job at 16 as a turning point in her life. She has been an active volunteer with Team Read, Earth Corps and tutoring. She had a strong academic performance, participating in the Running Start program with college level classes while attending Franklin. She will attend the UW.



Anita Nguyen. Anita faced economic insecurity with all its stresses on family and early on found solace in books and a youth group. At Franklin she excelled academically, found strength in her participation in activities that brought great satisfaction – Team Read, Asian Student Association, Link Crew, Key Club, and serving as president of Earth Corps. She will

attend the UW.

Alan Tan. Alan, the son of Chinese immigrants, has had a drive for knowledge from childhood, and he described encouraging that drive in his classmates. He volunteered at the Seattle Aquarium and as a chess teacher with Powerful Schools. He was captain of the Chess Team, participated in National Honor Society, Swim Team and Tennis Team. He plans to study math and computer science at the UW.



Allen Tran. Allen, while maintaining a challenging schedule at Franklin was also a member of the National Honor Society, Key Club and Earth Corps. He played varsity tennis and was the Swim Team captain. In addition he participated in the UW Math and Science Upward Bound program and he worked with incoming sixth graders to ready them for middle school. He will attend the UW.



Richard Vuu. Richard, the son of Vietnamese immigrants, arrived at Franklin as a sophomore and remarked that it took about a year to adjust to a new school in an urban setting. He ultimately jumped in with full force, becoming class treasurer, cross-country captain, and participating in Youth Undoing Institutional Racism workshops. In addition he was very involved in Team XBOT – Franklin's robotic club. He learned about the benefits of technology, did outreach for the team, and now plans to be an engineer. He will attend UC Berkeley.

Bill John Robancho. John found music to be an important outlet as he dealt with bullying in his early years at Franklin. He describes becoming a confident and determined artist, singing, writing and performing his own songs – high school changed his life. He became vice-president of Fashion Club, apparel coordinator for the Associated Student Body. He joined Link Crew as a mentor played tennis for the Franklin team. He will attend WSU with music as an important part of his studies.



About the Gilman Scholarship: Robert “Bud” Gilman graduated from Franklin in 1952. He worked as a jazz pianist, playing in a number of locations in Seattle as well as other parts of the country. In addition he worked as a middle school counselor. His sister (Bonnie Rattner, '55) established the Gilman Scholarship fund in 2008 from his estate. “We both loved music, and we knew that it can be very difficult to make money as a musician and to get assistance to study. I wanted to establish this scholarship to recognize students choosing this field that gives so much joy to people,” stated Bonnie.

2015 REUNIONS ...

Class of 1965 Planning 50th

The Reunion Steering Committee for the Franklin grads of 1965 is in the planning stages for their 50th reunion to be held at the Glendale Golf and Country Club in Bellevue on **Saturday, September 12, 2015**. Reunions with Class has been hired to help facilitate this event. The Reunion Committee will be planning all the fun stuff and RWC will take care of the rest. Soon we will have a website and Facebook page with all the information. If you have address/phone/email information that we need to know, please contact Teresa Anderson at redmoonrise@comcast.net. All you 65 grads: tell all your friends to save the date!!!

Class of 1995 Planning 20th

Franklin High School class of 1995 has started the planning process for the 20 year reunion next summer! We are looking to have the reunion during the second or third weekend in August 2015 so please save those dates! We set up a reunion email for questions: fhs20yr@gmail.com so please feel free to forward any questions or comments to that email. We will also keep people informed about upcoming meetings via Facebook. Start saving now so we can make this an event to remember!

Class of 1960 Plans 55th Celebration

The FHS Class of 60 will celebrate their 55th year anniversary since graduation with a catered picnic on **Wednesday, August 12, 2015**. The picnic will be a catered affair. Mark the date on your calendars for a memorable day celebrating 55 years with fellow alums. More info will be coming after the first of the year (2015). We are still in the planning stages but more info may be available at jcreev@msn.com or jlnag@hotmail.com.

Time: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

(Lunch will be served between noon and 2 p.m.)

Place: Royal Arches Park (off the Maple Valley Highway)

Our committee members include Tomi (Shimbo) Takano, Bryan Urakawa, Frank Leyritz, Christine (Tingstad) Boldizaar, Doug Tulip, Jeanne (Shiota) Mori, Jim Creevey, Gerry Day, Judy (Morimoto) Izutsu, JoAnne (Leo) Naganawa, and Pat (Baba) Wakazura.

FHS Class of '80 - 35th REUNION PLANS for 2015

Calling all FHS '80 classmates and graduates! We are planning to have another fun and casual reunion weekend gathering of our friends and families from Franklin's Class of '80 during the summer of 2015. Will you be there? (Yes, that marks 35 years since we left the hallowed halls of Franklin! It is so hard to imagine!)

Details and the final dates are yet to be decided, so if any of you are interested in helping out, finding lost classmates, or just want to be part of it all in some way (big or small), please contact me, Debbie (Eng) Chan at 206-524-8767, or debbiechan1@juno.com, and I will keep you posted. Thank you! GO QUAKERS!!

Class of 2005 First Reunion

The Class of 2005 is proud to host their first reunion during June 2015. For further details and to participate in the planning, please join in our Facebook page: [https://www.facebook.com/groups/1532078213674705/Franklin High School Class 2005 Reunion](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1532078213674705/Franklin-High-School-Class-2005-Reunion).

Please email Sherrill Dorsey, Class of 2005 President, at: Sherrill.dorsey@gmail.com or call: 206-225-1747. Let's get a committee going on this future event.

Class of 1955 Plans 60th Reunion

"Save the date", September 9, 2015, for a lunch at Tavern Hall (next to the Cactus Restaurant) in Bellevue Square to celebrate the Class of 1955's 60th reunion. Look for more information in the Spring of 2015. Contacts: Gloria Brondello Swanson, 425-451-8628, John Chatalas, 503-577-5544, Barbara Faylor Swenson, 425-227-7654, Carolyn Fisher Allinson, 360-432-8252, Marlene Uttenweiler Houtchens, 425-644-8799.



FRANKLIN 2014 GOLF TOURNAMENT

The sun was out as 72 Franklin Alumni golfers and their guests arrived at Jefferson Park Golf Course for the 33rd Annual Woody Wilson Golf tournament. Once again Jefferson Park Golf Course provided a great setup for the event even though the club house and driving range were under a major renovation. The renovation will be complete prior to next year's tournament for all of those that will be playing.

This year's winners were Low Net: Craig MacGowan, Scott MacGowan, Alan Hewitt, and Ken Nicholas. Second Low net went to Jim Kozu, Carl O'Leary, Grey Luke and Bill Kawahara. Third Low Net went to Jim Gordon, Tony Gamba, Jesse Roberson and Ed Verdi.

Women's Low Gross went to Lynda Olerud, Elaine Brown, Carol Albo and Nancy Moore.

Men's Low Gross 1st place winners were Fritz Hossman, Bob Chatalas, Gordon Raine and Jim Follett. 2nd Low Gross went to Grant Griffin, Buck Scates, Bill Karr and Steve Duzan, 3rd Low Gross went to Bill Scates, Ernie Patricelli, Gary Craig and John Hopkins.

We would like to thank the following for the hole-in-one sponsorships: Bill Chatalas, Jay Turner, Gordon Raine, and Kenny Alhadeff. Also many thanks to those that sponsored a hole: Alaska Air Forwarding, Inc., Bill Ferrari, Alaska Copper & Brass, Kermit Rosen, Capital Industries, Inc., Ron and Dave Taylor, Northwest Label & Design Inc., Mike Perry, the Fabulous Class of "59", Leavitt Capital, Leschi Lake center, Tom Levitt, Majestic Bay Theatres, Ken Alhadeff; Gordon James Fine Diamonds and Gordon Raine. Also a special thanks to Lynda Olerud, Mike Alhadeff, Paul Rollins, Ken Alhadeff and Bob Chatalas, for their raffle prizes. Also thanks to Tony Gamba for supplying the beer.

Mark your calendars for next year's 34th Annual Franklin Golf Tournament: Sept 10, 2015. Next year's event will be open to all Franklin High Alumni and their guests. The golf committee has joined up with the Franklin Alumni and Foundation for next year's tournament which will broaden our ability to reach out to new players for the coming years. This year's committee has sent a check for \$1000.00 to the Franklin Alumni and Foundation to be used as a grant to the Franklin athletic department. We look forward to a long term relationship for the benefit of the students of Franklin High School. Look for updates after the New Year about the 34 Annual Franklin High Golf Tournament in upcoming issues of the Quaker Times.

Jim Follett (Class of 64)



Fritz Hossman, Bob Chatalas, Gordon Raine
Jim Follett



Norman Sadis, Jim Medzegian, David Arnold,
Pete Acker



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Jim Koza, Carl O'Leary, Greg, Luke, Bill Kawahara



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Bill Scates, Ernie Patricelli, Gary Craig, John Hopkins



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Craig MacGowan, Scott MacGowan, Alan Hewitt, Ken Nicholas, Dick Monroe



Jim Gordon, Tony Gamba, Jesse Robertson, Ed Verdi



Steve Opacich, Harold Masar, Kevin Turner, Gregory Dean



Dress Well - Play Well

The Franklin Golf Team shows off the new equipment which was purchased by the Alumni Association.

Team Xbot Continues to Roll With the Best

By Donna Lew

Franklin High School Team Xbot ranked #7 of 153 teams in WA and OR. This year the 120lb robotics competition had a different twist. The team played at two district events to qualify for the WA/OR State Championship. FHS Team Xbot #488 has developed a dual collection/catapult robot named "Pegasus" to pick up 25" balls and toss into a goal 9' off the ground. FHS Team Xbot qualified for the WA/OR State Championship.

Our district awards and match wins qualifies Team Xbot to compete at the St. Louis, MO Championship April 23-27th. The robot is designed, built and programmed in six and half short weeks. Our FHS students work side by side with engineering professionals.

Three (3) prestigious awards are given by the event judges who speak only to the students regarding the journey designing, building and programming the competition robot. FHS team earned a hat trick for 2014.

Hats off (pun intended) to Team Xbot students who worked many hours, showed up at the robot build lab sometimes 4 to 7 days/week to pull off the design, build, programming and rebuilding of "Pegasus"

FHS Team Xbot builds two robots ... one for practice, one for competition. all designs are built on the practice robot, refined and the final design is added to the competition robot. Teaching students the engineering process – prototype/test on the practice

robot, build on the competition robot, analyze & enhance competition robot.

Thank you to our sponsors: Microsoft Employees, Boeing, OSPI, SPEEA, Rainier Valley Rotary Club, CEL Manufacturing, Hydroslice Aerospace, Zatz a Bagel, friends and family. Thank you to our mentors who spend 150+ hours/season teaching and coaching our FHS students. GO TEAM XBOT!



An exciting week for FRANKLIN HS team Xbot ...

Team Xbot launched three more elementary schools with Lego WeDo Robotics. Partnering with YMCA/ Powerful Schools! Our FHS kids are coaching assistants at the neighboring elementary schools: Beacon Hill, John Muir, Maple and Kimball.

Hopefully our budding young roboticists will be FHS team Xbot members in ten years!

Shout out to Rainier Valley Rotary Club and Xbot robotics (501c3 sustaining non-profit for FHS team Xbot and STEM education in South Seattle) donating the Lego WeDo Robotics kits at these schools.

**ROBOTS
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Jon Greenberg, Class of 1991

Jon Greenberg's years at Franklin were pivotal. His experience and subsequent awareness of the issues of race and social justice had an enormous impact on his life.

As a Queen Anne resident he attended Coe and McClure, and he came to Franklin as a part of the busing program that was initiated in the 1980's. He recalls that most of his friends from the honors program at McClure did the same. "It did not feel like a big decision."

Once he arrived, he said, "So much changed. I was not longer in the bubble of Queen Anne. It opened up a whole new world, interacting with so many different people, to not be a member of the dominant race." In his humanities classes he was challenged to reconsider mainstream ideas. In track and field he gained confidence as a runner. And with so many great teachers he knew he wanted to be an educator.

After graduation he attended Macalester and then Grinnell. His interest in the role of race and culture led him to study abroad in Kenya as an undergraduate, and then to travel to Colombia to work for two years in Bogot. He returned to Seattle for graduate training, student taught at Franklin – "My plan had always been to return to Franklin to teach, but in 2001 a small, new high school was established, and it felt like the chance of a lifetime to be a part of it, so I became a teacher at the Center School."

Jon's humanities experience at Franklin – high academic standards and combining language arts and social studies – were a model as he created the curriculum for the class Citizenship and Social Justice. He combined American literature and government dealing with issues of class, race and gender. As an Advanced Placement Language and Composition class his students consistently placed above the national average.

The course evolved over the years. An early first evolution added gender to the content, at the request of



his students. After a District-wide staff training he also included an adaptation of Courageous Conversations, an approach to facilitating discussion about the experience of race.

In January of 2013 parents of one his white students filed a formal complaint against Greenberg, alleging that allowing people of color to share their experiences with racism created an intimidating educational environment. Jon was ultimately moved to Hamilton International School as a result and the Courageous Conversations curriculum was discontinued. But students rallied, with a petition signed by more than a thousand, to reinstate him and the curriculum. He and the teachers' union took the case to binding arbitration and in August he was reinstated.

He is taking one semester off, and then will return to teach his course, though it will no longer include lessons adapted from Courageous Conversations. Jon notes that although honest discussions about race can certainly cause discomfort, he is pleased to be back, and is very interested in sharing his experience with the hope that it does not happen to others. He noted that the real injustice was the immediate consequence of the District response to the complaint – the silencing of the experience of people of color. "This course offers a structure that allows for so much growth and coming together. Open discussion about race, gender and social justice creates unity and cohesion," he concluded.



Hall of Fame Nominations

FAA&F welcomes 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. Inductees will be honored at the Annual Meeting and Hall of Fame Celebration April, 2015.

Forty-six alumni have been elected to the Hall of Fame since 1992 when it was established by a group of students and Franklin staff to celebrate Franklin's 80th anniversary. A new tradition was established in 2013 – new members are inducted at our celebration at the Annual Meeting in May. Everyone in the Hall of Fame is posted on our website and their pictures are in the main hall at Franklin.

Nomination forms may be submitted electronically or by mail. You can download a nomination form on our website at www.franklin alumni.net.

If you have questions or would like to receive an application please contact us at FAAandF@gmail.com or call Sara Thompson at 206-930-6273.

Remember
Deadline is
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Contact Us

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2015 Hall of Fame

Please send us your nominations

Deadline December 8

The Franklin Hall of Fame was established in 1992 by a group of students and staff. Since that time 47 members have been inducted.

On May 21, 2015 we will honor a group of Quakers who epitomize Franklin's finest qualities at our Annual Meeting and Hall of Fame Celebration.

Please help us identify outstanding graduates.

Criteria for nomination:

- 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 their chosen field or endeavor. Those fields of endeavor shall include, but not be limited to, the following: business and industry, education, medicine, law, science and research, religion, sports, politics and government, entertainment, volunteerism, and international relations
- Shall have conducted their lives in an honorable manner

Hall of Fame Celebration

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The Hall of Fame Induction was a memorable affair. This year, with nominations open to all of the Franklin community, five new inductees were selected.

FAA&F President Sara Thompson called a lightning-quick Annual Meeting to order, minutes were approved and Board Members Bonnie Bosworth, Stephane Ragland, Tai Mattox Velasquez and Tom Wood were elected to new terms.

Jim Hilton '52, who was a founding member of the Association, drafted the bylaws, and has served in all leadership roles in the organization, was honored. He continues to serve on the Board but for the first time is stepping down as a board officer. Following that, the honorees were presented to the group by various individuals.

Katie Houlahan Dolan '43, an advocate for children with disabilities, was presented by Sara Thompson. Katie died in 2006 but her husband, son and friends were there to celebrate.

Felix Skowronek, '52, an internationally recognized flutist, was presented by his classmate Jim Hilton. Felix died in 2006 but his sister Theo Nassar '57 as well as a niece and nephew were able to attend.

Terry Deeny '58, a national leader in the field of construction, was presented by classmate Pete Acker. Terry recollected a long connection with Franklin. His mother attended and his parents built their home on land that had been owned by Edgar Blair, the architect who designed Franklin. His office at Deeny Construction looks out at Franklin.

Al Cohen '61, a longtime educator, was presented by his daughter Alicia Cohen. Alicia described family trips along Rainier Avenue where her father pointed to Franklin with pride every time they passed, pronouncing

that it is the most beautiful high school in the country.

Ed Lee '70, mayor of San Francisco and first Asian American to be elected mayor of a major American city, was presented by Gary Locke '68. Ed and Gary knew each other growing up in south Seattle and sang together in the Franklin Bel Canto Choir. Gary noted during his comments that he had personally known four of the five inductees – Katie Dolan came to talk to him when he was a state representative; Al Cohen was the superintendent of the Olympic School District when his children attended school there during his terms as governor, and Terry Deeny, a business owner, "grilled" him as he prepared to run for state representative. As he introduced Ed he commented that Ed had never run for office – his career was one of community service and then appointment as the San Francisco city administrator. When the elected mayor left office, Ed was appointed interim mayor – and he was then recruited to run for the position. It was, aside from running for senior class president at Franklin, the first time he had actually ever run for office.

Thanks to Sensuous Taste Catering (Deb Burton '66) and Leschi BluWater for providing wine and beer, and all the student and alumni volunteers who helped to make this evening so memorable.



Brent Jones MC '85



Wiley with Deeny, Cohen, and Lee



Janice Rochester '51 and Herb Bridge '42



Gary Locke '68 and Edwin Lee '70

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