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Centennial Alumni Dinner Brings Eight Decades of Quakers Together

By Jennifer Dunn, FHS Staff

On Saturday night of April 28th, 2012, Quakers from past and present, near and far, joined together for one night that will be remembered for many years to come. In celebration of the Franklin High School Centennial, alumni and organizers Molly Thompson, class of '72, and Lynne Walker, class of '75, hosted an evening of festivities at the Arctic Club Hotel in downtown Seattle.

Guests were greeted at the door by current Franklin students and the new Benjamin Franklin Mascot. They then enjoyed appetizers in the Polar Bar room which was decorated



ed with enlarged photos and year-books from throughout the century. As dinner was served upstairs in the remarkably beautiful Dome Room, class of '79 graduate and DJ

Craig Lee provided the music as a slideshow of photographs of Franklin through the century played on two large screens.

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Franklin's Arts Festival
Saturday, May 19th
11 am until 3 pm FREE
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Band/Choir/Orchestra concert
Tuesday, June 5th, 7 pm
FHS Auditorium
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National Honor Society Awards & Scholarships
Thursday, June 7th – 6:30 pm ... FREE
FHS Auditorium

2012 Graduation Ceremony
“100th Class to Graduate from Franklin”
Monday, June 18th 8 pm – 10 pm
Memorial Stadium

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Classes of 1955-1962
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President's Letter

On April 28, the Franklin Alumni Association and Foundation hosted a 100-year anniversary dinner in honor of Franklin High at the historic and beautiful Arctic Club. Over 350 alumni and friends of Franklin attended the event.

We conceived of this celebratory dinner a year ago with a secondary focus on celebrating the work of the alumni and community in their support of Franklin High School.

The alumni association and foundation includes community members and faculty, and has two goals. The first is to promote the community of Franklin alumni. This dinner is one example of that work. Twice-yearly, thanks to Bonnie Bosworth and others, we mail the "Quaker Times" to 8,000 Quakers with alumni news, reunion news and school news. And now, thanks to one of our newest board members, Tai Mattox Valasquez (class of 1992) we have launched our Facebook page, connecting with paperless alumni.

The association's second goal is to support the quality and the brand of Franklin High School. Brand, to us means how we (alumni, community, parents, students, staff) feel about Franklin. We want that feeling to be one of pride and respect, plus gratitude toward a community of students and faculty, past and present that helped shape each of us during our adolescent years.

Your dues and gifts are converted into grants and scholarships, creating a connection between the productive-citizens of Franklin-past and the productive-citizens of Franklin-present. We are expressing our pride in the Franklin community.

The Franklin community is a great community and the work of the alumni association and foundation is good work. Thank you for your past and current participation, and please continue to participate through membership, through donations and through volunteering time.

*Happy 100th Birthday Franklin High School,
and cheers to all of us!*

Franklin Alumni Association and Foundation's website:
www.franklinalumni.net

Franklin's Facebook page:
<http://www.facebook.com/FHSAumni>
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Centennial Dinner, *continued*

The gorgeous floral centerpieces were created by Franklin senior class officers with the support from alums, Shirley Engholm Younglove '40 and Molly Thompson '72. After dinner, John Keister, class of '74, entertained alumni with his amusing memories of Franklin High. Tom Wood, class of '65 and President of the Alumni Association gave an inspiring speech which was followed by a powerful spoken word performance by the current ASB student body President, Chynna Williams.

"It was wonderful to be a part of this celebration. Franklin's history really reflects that of Seattle and this country. Seeing the crowd and knowing they have been a part of that history was a real privilege and will be long remembered," Sara Thompson said.

After cake and coffee, the evening wound down back in the Polar Bar where Deems Tsutakawa played jazz as Quakers lingered reminiscing about old memories while making new ones.



*More photos on
pages 8 and 9!*

Principal's Letter

Greetings Franklin Alum,

As we wind down our school year and head towards sending our 100th year of graduates into the future we certainly have much to celebrate!

The number of AP test takers is on the rise and we have had many students accepted to prestigious colleges including a National Merit Semi-finalist in our ranks! Our Mock Trial team finished second in state competition and Xbot pulled several awards in local, national and world competition! We have had a fantastic year in sports to include a second place state finish by our girls basketball team and several metro championships across our sports continuum.

Enrollment continues to rise and we currently have the longest waitlist for incoming freshmen of all Seattle High Schools for the Fall of 2012. Most importantly, our kids are fantastic human beings serving their communities, caring for each other, standing out as leaders as they represent Franklin in all endeavors.

Franklin always has been, and continues to be, an incredibly special community—a place where any student can actualize a dream and be prepared to serve themselves, their families, and their communities. Ultimately, Franklin students make the world a better place to be.

Thank you to all of you Franklin, past and present, who continue to develop and BE the amazing Franklin fierce force for a just humanity.

Peace,

Jennifer Wiley

On Friday, February 3, 2012, Jennifer Wiley, principal of Franklin High School in Seattle, was the recipient of a KCTS 9 Golden Apple Award for 2011. These statewide awards are for Excellence in Education and to educators throughout Washington State, "the Golden Apple Award is kind of like the Academy Awards." As Jennifer Wiley was accepting this prestigious honor she was quick to share the award with the staff, students, parents, volunteers, alumni and all those that are helping to make Franklin the school it is today.

FRANKLIN TILE SALE

By Megan Walters

Franklin is now officially 100! Do not miss this opportunity to purchase a commemorative tile. Please encourage classmates, friends and family to purchase their tiles and be part of the 2012 installation this summer. The time to buy your tile will be closed on July 31, 2012.

The tiles are 8" square and personally engraved. Text is centered, italic, all 1/2" capitals. Up to three lines are available, 20 characters per line. One line is \$50.00, two lines is \$60.00 and three lines is \$70.00. Accepted punctuation: [.,:;?/!()&%]. Each mark counts as a character. An order form is on page 24 of this issue.

Megan Walters, class of 1995, is taking orders until we reach our order minimum, but we hope to get many more. Please feel free to contact her with your questions at: mew206@yahoo.com or 206.399.3607. You will be informed after your tile order has been placed. Tiles will be installed this summer.

Remember a tile purchased for a friend is a lasting gift.

Thank you for your orders.

To: Wiley, Jennifer

Subject: your AMAZING Ultimate Frisbee team

Dear Dr. Wiley:

I stood there this weekend – on the field of the Spring Reign Ultimate Frisbee Tournament in Burlington, WA – with my ears open and my eyes wide with enjoyment. I wanted to soak in every single image and sound while watching Franklin's team compete. Rarely am I this impressed by a group of teenage athletes.

My first impression was when I caught the second half of one of their games on Saturday. I was drawn to it because of all the cheering, the chanting, the sheer volume of support not by one person but by the entire team – coaches included – and I went over to investigate. The energy of the players, the support they showed one another, the concentration of the players on and off the field – it was an amazing experience to observe.

Then, when the game ended and they won, I watched as they all worked together to celebrate WITH the other team. The camaraderie, sportsmanship, and respect they had for their opponents was thrilling to see. Then, as music to my ears, they congratulated each other, saying thanks for a great game, high-fived, hugged, laughed – truly the spirit of the game was present in these teens.

Once the game was over and it was time to go, I watched as one player in particular stayed behind to ensure garbage was picked up, and left items were gathered. He wore a jersey with the name LEWIS on the back. He was so polite, so respectful, and his energy for life was intoxicating.

Later throughout Saturday and into Sunday, I would go find them when the opportunity arose – just to hear them open the match with their chant, or to watch the team celebrate a point. I watched the coaches and how they showed respect for each player – and how players each showed respect to one another – no slackers, nobody left behind, everyone bringing their A-game, or at the very least trying hard to not bring the team down. As a TEAM they won, as a team they lost, and as a team they made their presence known at Spring Reign.

These team members have distinguished themselves in a very positive way. I hope they set their aim high for life – all of them – to strive for what is remarkable, not what is possible.

The most memorable moment for me was when some of the younger players were watching from the sidelines (maybe the middle-school or B team?) and the young man I saw earlier with the LEWIS jersey came up to say hello, and looked at one kid and said, "C'mon, follow me, this is how we do it. It's the tone of our game." That kind of positive modeling, that kind of mentoring, that peer-level support is so rare today – but so present in Franklin's team spirit. I found myself at several points wishing that my own adult employees had this attitude – and knowing that some lucky employer will one day hire these young adults. (I can only hope that my competitors don't hire them.)

It's clear that the coaches and team members of this group have worked hard. And, I wanted you to know, too, that from the perspective of a complete stranger, these team members have distinguished themselves in a very positive way. I hope they set their aim high for life – all of them – to strive for what is remarkable, not what is possible. That they take what they're learning on the field and apply it to their lives off the field – never settling for mediocre or what our culture tells them they can or can't do – but that they leap, soar, chant, and cheer their way to fulfilling their most hopeful dreams. And I hope that you will share this letter with the team – maybe it might inspire them as much as they inspired me this past weekend.

Respectfully,
David Kinard, M.Ed. PCM
Associate Vice President, Marketing & Communications
Physicians Insurance A Mutual Company
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The camaraderie, sportsmanship, and respect they had for their opponents was thrilling to see.

Franklin High School Reunions

The Classes of 1930 through 1939 Make Plans to Reunite Once Again

The classes of 1930 through 1939 will be holding their annual reunion luncheon at Ivar's Salmon House on Monday, June 25, 2012, beginning at 11:30am. Ivar's address is: 401 NE Northlake Way, Seattle, 98105

Not only does the restaurant have a beautiful view of Lake Union but it also has two free parking lots, and is wheelchair accessible. The lunch will begin with a Caesar salad or their famous Clam Chowder, followed by either Coho Salmon, Prawn Louie, Rotisserie Chicken or their renowned fish and chips. We will top off our lunch with cake from Borracchini's Bakery. All this for \$30.00. We will be sending you information for you to reply with your menu selection and your check.

We will again be asking for donations to the scholarship fund started by the Class of 1935. Through your generosity this scholarship has provided much needed assistance to FHS students to help them fulfill their dreams by attending college. The opportunity to go to college comes but once in a lifetime.

If you have questions please email Bonnie Bosworth at: bonbos2@gmail.com or call 206-723-9995 or email Dorene Cropley at: momdorene@aol.com or call 206-725-4727. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

The FHS Classes of 1940-1945 Franklin High School Reunions for World's Greatest Generation!

The classes of 1940 through 1945 are invited to a reunion luncheon being held on Thursday, May 31, 2012, beginning at 11 am.

Once again the Sixth Ave Motor Inn is the location of choice. This facility's address is 2000 Sixth Avenue, between Virginia and Lenora Streets. Free parking is available and no upfront monies are required. Each individual attending is able to order their lunch and drinks from the menu. As a courtesy to the restaurant staff we are asked to provide an approximate number of attendees to help them prepare for us.

Please call Bob Benson '43, 206-878-7884; Col. Bruce Meyers USMC(Ret) '43, 425-391-6666 or email intrigue6@aol.com or Clint Prescott '42, 425-557- 5802. Looking forward to hearing from you.



Class of 1952 Reunion

On Thursday, September 6, 2012, the Class of 1952 will celebrate its 60th year since leaving Franklin. The event will be a luncheon at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Tukwila, near Southcenter: 15920 West Valley Highway, 425-277-8844. The event will commence at 10:30 am, with drinks and lunch to follow at about noon. Arrangements have been made for reduced room rates for those wishing to stay at the Hotel.

Plans are being made for an informal gathering that afternoon/evening. A couple mailings will be made to the Class over the next few months. If in the meantime you wish more information, or to be sure the Class has a current address for you, contact either Sylvia Boin Kuebler skuebl@seanet.com or Jim Hilton hiltj@perkinscoie.com or 206-359-8539.

Class of 1957 to hold 55th Year Reunion in July

The Class of 1957 has reserved the Northwest Room at Ray's Boathouse for their 55th Reunion. The date is July 28, 2012, the time is 6:30 pm and the cost per person is \$50.

Patty Oakley Huggins has agreed to chair the event so you may email her for information: patricia-huggins@mac.com or call 650-843-0613 or contact Ruth Forsberg on facebook.

Checks should be made out and sent to Patty at: 824 San Francisco Court, Stanford, CA, 94304-1069. Come enjoy a memorable evening with former friends. What a bargain: \$50 for a 55th!

WOW! IT'S OUR 50TH

How can 50 years fly past so quickly?

Fifty years ago the Seattle World's Fair and the Space Needle were where the action was to the outside world, but to those of us who were seniors at Franklin that year, we were creating our own action and our own future.

McDonald's and Gils were busy selling their 15 cent hamburgers and a few adventurous souls were holding competitions to see how many people we could squeeze into a phone booth. Now you can drive for miles and never see a phone booth as almost everyone carries their own cell phone in their pocket.

Although circumstances, surroundings and a variety of events have brought about many changes in our lives, we can rest assured that when we all pull ourselves together and attend our 50th reunion on September 22, 2012, we will reconnect with former friends and perhaps establish a few new friendships as well.

The main event is our dinner at the Maplewood Greene Golf Course, on September 22 starting at 5 pm and lasting until 11 pm. A tour of Franklin High School, led by current students, will begin at 3 pm, Friday, September 21st, in the school auditorium. Here is your opportunity to see for yourself the changes that have taken place since we strolled those hallowed halls.

If you have not received an invitation or have any questions please call: 425-644-1044, or contact: ReunionsWithClass.com or contact judyseth@hotmail.com.

Class of 1983 Invites 1982 – Quaker Day in Ravenna Park

By Chris Mason

The Class of 1983 is calling all Quakers for their annual Quaker Day in the park, Saturday, August 25, 2012 from 12 noon until sunset. We are firing up the grills and taking over the picnic shelter at Ravenna (we have the shelter and all ten tables). The Class of 1982 is invited as this will be thirty years for them and we are encouraging them to join us. We will have something to drink (soda), charcoal, utensils

and that kind of stuff. Fill your basket, (potluck?) grab the kids and come on out for the day, or just stop in for a minute, it doesn't matter, we just want to see YOU!

As always, everyone is welcome ... even Bulldogs. See you there.

If you have questions or wish to know more specifics about the picnic go to: <http://www.facebook.com/events/#!/events.395582577131831/> or email Mason at: chris.mason1111@gmail.com

Class of 1992 Finalizes Reunion Plans

By Angela Brooks

The Class of 1992 started their reunion plans last fall and have planned activities starting on Friday, August 10th through Sunday, August 12th.

Save these dates and plan to attend. Please sign up on our reunions website: www.fhs1992.com. Keep up to date on the latest news and events that will be taking place. For more information, feel free to contact Angela Brooks, fhs1992reunion@gmail.com or call: 206-251-1908.

Make sure that we have your information. Please fill out your contact information today: <http://tinyurl.com/fhs92contactinfo>.

Class of 2002 Plans First Reunion

Geez, has it been 10 years already? Yes, it has!

The time has come to celebrate 10 years in style! Your fellow class officers along with myself, Gabrielle, your president, have together organized a two day reunion weekend, starting Friday, August 10th and including Saturday, August 11th. On Friday, we will enjoy an elegant evening including dinner and dancing at the Tulalip Casino. On Saturday, we have plans for a family picnic.

We ask that you submit any photos of our high school years so we can compile a photo display. As most of you know, we do have a page on facebook, but if you have not be-friended yet, please do or feel free to email me with your contact information. You will also find the e-vite for details of the reunion events.

We look forward to seeing ALL of you. Let us make this celebration a TEN.....ten years and a rating of ten on a scale of 1 to10. Your presence will make the difference. Feel free to contact me at: presgabby@hotmail.com

More Centennial Alumni Dinner Photos



*"Meeting and connecting with alumni made me feel like I was a part of something amazing."
-AJ Savini, senior class secretary*



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*"It was great to be a part of such a wonderful celebration!"
Dorene Gibson Cropley, Class of 1962*





"It was wonderful to see 100 years of Franklin memories and alumni. Great time, looking forward to 101! Thanks." Doug Geiger, Class of 1974



"It was wonderful to connect with Franklin's vibrant 100 year-old community and celebrate this centennial milestone together. The Board of Directors, Event Committee, Sponsors and Volunteers did a fantastic job creating a memorable event." Esa Leach-Carlson, Class of 1983



"The FHS Quakers 100th Celebrations SHOOK the Arctic Club! It was great seeing old friends and teachers, watching the new generations of Quakers keeping up the tradition of excellence. We are a distinguished, talented, prideful group of people who know how to party!" Kelly Guy, Class of 1985

Volunteers Help Keep FAA&F Running



The FAA&F Board members all volunteer their time, but at least as important, behind the scenes, are several alumni who have helped make the organization more effective.

Ted Palsen, '76 – Technical Consultant

When the database was first developed (by four seniors as part of their senior project in 1995) it was stored on a Franklin staff member's computer. When the database was inadvertently deleted, Ted was asked to help retrieve it. He was able to do so, and at that time also volunteered to create a new database in Microsoft Access – which would ultimately allow FAA&F more flexibility in outreach to alumni. He currently spends at least two to four hours a month updating the program, helping with input of information as we need it and assuring the mailing list is accurate.

After graduation Ted joined the Air Force. During his 8 years enlistment he served as a SWAT Team Leader and Law Enforcement Investigator. After leaving the Air Force he received his AAS degree in law enforcement. He has worked in several banks in computer operations, taught himself four programming languages and he currently works as an IT consultant providing computer services for home users and small businesses.

Ted describes his time at Franklin with pride: "Franklin has been a racially diverse school for as far back as I can remember. I have always been proud to be a Franklin graduate with friends of all racial and ethnic backgrounds. Growing up in a mixed race family, and attending diverse schools helped me understand the different cultures that I have experienced in my travels around the world.

As the second oldest of six kids in a mixed race family with a single mother on welfare, high school presented its challenges, including the death of our 14 year old sister at the beginning of my junior year in the fall of 1974. If it wasn't for principal Frank Hanawalt helping me with grants to purchase running shoes I would not have been able to participate in Cross-Country or Track. I am proud to be a member of a mixed-race family which includes Dr. Caprice (Jones) Hollins, the former Director of Equity and Race Relations for the Seattle School District, our sister Suzanne Jones and brothers Michael and Mark Palsen.

Classes such as drafting, photography, typing, and math gave me skills that helped me excel during my Air Force career. Cross country, swimming and track helped me with the physical prowess to excel in the physically demanding roles as patrolman, SWAT member/leader and a specialized combat team. As an expert marksman, I was selected for Presidential Security detail during a visit by then President Jimmy Carter."

Ted is part of a long Franklin tradition: His wife Carlene (Hancock) Palsen is a graduate of Franklin as are all four of their children (Kári, Krista, Kristjan and Kyle), his siblings, his mother-in-law and his grandmother.

Franklin's Classes of 1955 thru 1962 set date: July 13th for their 13th "Picnic in the Park"



The 13th annual Franklin picnic in the park will be held on Friday, July 13th, at Gene Coulon Park in Renton, WA. The park is named after Franklin graduate, Gene Coulon, Class of 1938.

Located at the south end of Lake Washington next to Boeing in Renton, we have once again reserved shelters one and two. Thanks to the donations made by those attending in the past, the lunch, pop and water will be served around noon.

To be added to the picnic e-mail list please send your information to: buzz@franklinpicnic.com

Directions to Coulon Park if approaching via 405: take exit 5 and follow the signs to the park.

"Looking forward to seeing you."



Cesar Apodaca, '79 – Website updates

Cesar attended the University of Washington and majored in International Trade and Investment. He worked in Miami for a while as a floating branch manager for Eastern Airlines Federal Credit Union, giving him the opportunity to travel up and down the eastern seaboard wherever they had branches. Ultimately he ended up in New York and he now works in project management for a German investment bank. He also serves as communications head for a homeowners association for property he owns in New Mexico.

FAA&F hired a web designer to set up the website, and no one on the board had the knowledge to make updates. Initially the web designer was willing to help, but he asked that we find someone else to do this after the first year or two. Cesar, who maintains the FHS Class of '70 website, was contacted, and much to our delight he agreed to make updates as we needed them. Why help out?

"Being that I am so far away from Seattle (New York City) I thought that this would be a good opportunity to keep up with what was going on at FHS while at the same time meet others and have fun in assisting the Franklin Alumni Association & Foundation to bring news to the alumni"

He has fond memories of Franklin, and states it would be hard to pick any one particular memory. He came to Franklin mid-sophomore year when his family moved from Albuquerque. *"I felt right at home on the first day and it didn't take long to make friends. The experiences I had with my teachers and classmates did have an impact on the characteristics which made me who I am. We had a wonderful faculty that opened up worlds to us through their love of teaching. In turn, we had a very inquisitive class wherein we wanted to learn what was being taught. This was in sharp contrast to the school I had left in Albuquerque wherein it seemed school was just a place to attend and get it over with. I feel very fortunate to have attended Franklin."*

Robin Asher, '74 Graphic Design

Robin attended the University of Washington for three years, planning to be a speech therapist, but her interest in that field waned, and she left for a career with a company that designed soft bathtubs. That company was not destined for success, but there she met her future husband, a fine artist and industrial engineer – and today they run their own graphic design business.

Robin has learned the business apprentice-style and says her only formal training was as the Franklin Tolo Annual editor and she had the opportunity to attend a layout conference! The business has changed over the years – they initially had traditional off-set presses but as technology grew they transitioned to computers.

She spends a few hours assisting with the art work for the FAA&F annual solicitation mailing each year and several days of her time went into all the printed materials for the Centennial Dinner. In addition she volunteers her talent to her temple.

Robin has fond memories of Franklin and still meets regularly with close friends. She loved being the yearbook editor, and still wishes she had found the pool on the fourth floor. Robin played Nanette in the Franklin musical, "No, No Nanette" and recalls that though able to sing she could not dance, therefore she was relegated to the back of the stage for dance routines. Mark Morris, then a student, assisted with some of the choreography. "What a lot of talent came out of Franklin!"



Robin Asher and theater co-star Dan VanHook

How Franklin High School Gets Its Art On

Maraget Chodod-Irvine

Margaret Chodos-Irvine has a blog, school arts liaison blog advocating for arts in public education , PebblesInTheJar (<http://pebblesinthejar.org/>). This article about Franklin appeared in her blog this winter

On November 29th, the Monday after Thanksgiving, I saw this small notice in the Seattle Times: *"This past weekend, a group of parents, teachers, students and volunteers — led by Franklin special-education teacher Judy Camann and fiber artist Suzanne Tidwell — yarn-bombed the sculptures in front of the school... Camann received about \$4,000 worth of donated yarn from knitters as far away as Philadelphia and Oklahoma..."*

I was curious about this collaborative school project that seemed to involve the entire country. I contacted Judy Camann at Franklin High School to find out more. I learned that the project evolved from a conversation Judy and Franklin PTSA President Elizabeth Lowry had. Judy is an avid knitter. Yarn-bombing is the latest trend in DIY territory marking. Being Franklin's 100th anniversary this year, wouldn't it be a great way to surprise principal Jennifer Wiley for the school's birthday? Let's yarn bomb the Keys! — the campus Key grove sculpture by Clark Wiegman.

First Judy contacted artist Suzanne Tidwell, whose reaction was "I love the keys. I'd love to help." Tidwell is most well-known locally for Artificial Light, her temporary installation in Occidental Park this past summer. Judy then posted her idea on Ravelry, a knitters web site, and people from around the country started mailing in yarn "because they appreciate yarn, love the culture of yarn-bombing, and thought the school spirit would be positively affected with the bombing." Seattle Yarn in West Seattle also donated over 300 skeins.

Judy uses various art disciplines with her students to help them learn new skills. Her Vocational Ed class learned to knit and worked on the project one period each week (the boys proved to be better knitters than the girls). By teaching knitting she "was able to reinforce following directions, asking questions, and problem solving."

Judy then enlisted the help of others in her knitting and education community, including Kimball Elementary School kindergarten teacher and parent, Kristina Thorp, who got a group of volunteer knitters together at Kimball. Could they have the project ready to install by Thanksgiving weekend?

The order was to knit; knit hard, knit fast. Early in the morning on the Sunday after Thanksgiving about twenty people assembled for the stealth installation. Students and families came. Teachers brought friends. Even Franklin kitchen staff showed up to help. In about two hours, Franklin High School



had been successfully yarn-bombed.

Last week I went to Franklin to meet with Judy, Elizabeth, Kristina and John (Jed) Dunkerley, Franklin's painting and drawing instructor. Unfortunately, I had a fascinating talk with some of the staff about the yarn-bombing project, as well as the arts in general at Franklin. I had no idea how strong the arts programs currently are at Franklin.

For example, if you visit Franklin, you will see walls adorned with murals — in archways, surrounding classroom doors, in the bathrooms — the full-spectrum output of Jed Dunkerley's muraling program. This is Jed's eighth year teaching at Franklin. Since 2007, Jed has led an average of 40 students a year in the art of painting murals. His background is in illustration and animation, but he knew enough about painting murals to try his hand at teaching the craft to his students. His classes have contributed over 45 murals to Franklin's formerly drab and monotonous decor, what Jed described as "windowless tan walls that stretched on forever."

Jed liked the idea of taking a non-traditional approach to the classic art class model, a bonus being that they could decorate the school's walls in a way that would enhance its learning environment—and break up some of that endless beige. While Jed acknowledges that teaching art to teenagers can often be challenging — many of his students have little or no experience with art and tell him "They can't do art. They suck." — the program has proved to be popular.

"Kids were on the verge of dropping out of school and they got in the muraling program and it was so different working with their hands as it was job-based and it was trust-based and they totally thrived."

Thanks to an attentive, creative principal (Wiley herself teaches a steel-drum class), an active PTSA base, and an alumni board that is supportive of the arts, Franklin also has music, ceramics, visual art, and drama classes. A highlight of the year is the Franklin High School Arts Festival, preceded by a student talent show the evening before. This popular neighborhood event demonstrates the creative and entertaining side of Franklin's student body.

As Elizabeth Lowry said to me as we left Franklin that afternoon, "The arts are what bridge the schools with the community." And that is exactly what Judy Camann's yarn-bombing project accomplished in bring-



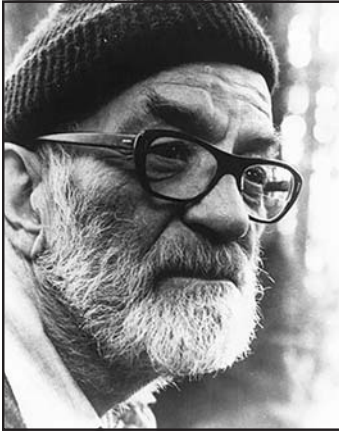
ing me there. A creative, community-building, low-cost, student/teacher/parent/knitters collaboration put together by a resourceful person seeking to celebrate the arts and teach her students. Does it get any better than that?



Come to the Franklin Arts Festival on May 19th and see these eye-popping socks in person.

Bill Speidel (1912-1988) Class of 1930

Sharing a Centennial with Franklin



By Sara Thompson

May 11, 2012 marks the 100th birthday of Bill Speidel, class of 1930 and founder of the Underground Tour in Seattle's Pioneer Square. His youngest daughter Sunny spoke with me this winter with fond memories of her father.

In the 1950s, when he was working as a publicist, he and his wife became interested in the Pioneer Square area which had fallen into disrepair. Why not work on restoring the neighborhood, she suggested.

"I can do anything Shirley makes up her mind I can do," Bill later recalled. He began investigating and exploring and wrote commentaries. In response to his articles people began to ask if tours of the passageways below the city existed. In May, 1965, the Junior Chamber of Commerce held a Know Your Seattle Day and convinced Bill to hold a tour of the underground. His daughter recalls that both Bill and Shirley were busy with a favorite activity – scavenging the beaches

on Vashon Island – that day when they realized that they were supposed to be leading a tour. With no time to change into more suitable clothes they rushed to Pioneer Square and found at least 300 people ready for the tour. They collected \$1 a person and shortly thereafter the tour business was born.

Initially those who went on the tours were locals interested in the history of Pioneer Square rather than out-of-towners. And collecting signatures to support the designation of the area as an historic site was at least as important to Bill as collecting money for the tour. Ultimately a petition with over 100,000 signatures was presented and in 1970 Pioneer Square became the city's first neighborhood to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Early on the tours presented some challenges – the route did not go smoothly through all the buildings, piles of rubble were scattered along the way. High school volunteers helped clear much of the debris. Walkways were not required until the 1980s. In the early days the neighborhood was inhabited by a fair number of homeless people (referred to as "winos" at the time) and the tour guides would collect their empty wine bottles, carefully distributing them along the tour. More than a few of those on the tours scooped up a bottle to take home, thinking they had found a relic from the distant past. Bill, known for his somewhat scruffy appearance, initially ran most of the tours. But not long after getting started, a number of guides who would become Seattle luminaries also gave the tours. They included Mick McHugh (who co-founded Jake O'Shaughnessey's and FX McRory's), Kip Toner (who became a sought-after auctioneer) and Gordon Bowker (co-founder of Starbucks, Peet's Coffee and Redhook Ale).

One of the family's favorite stories about Bill concerned his less than elaborate dress style. One day as a group was being guided, a scruffy man walked by. "Do you ever give any of those old bums a dime?" asked one of the tourists. "That old bum is my boss!" replied the guide.

Bill wrote several books. The most famous are *Sons of the Profits* (1967) and *Doc Maynard, the Man Who Invented Seattle* (1978). Bill thought that Doc Maynard had not been appropriately recognized in Seattle history but Bill cited him as one of the early founders who came to build a city, not to simply turn a profit. The Speidel and Maynard families continue to be friends to this day. Bill Speidel never imagined that the Underground Tour would continue to be a thriving business – but when he died in 1988 his children continued keep the business successful and they continue to be involved in the local community as well.



Bill Speidel: Franklin Yell Leader, 1929

Class of '66 feels "Younger than Yesterday"

The Class of 1966 held its 45 Year Reunion over the weekend of September 9-10, 2011. Why 45 years? It does sound a bit quirky to put out the call to classmates to reunite after 45 years, but something magical happened at the 40 Year Reunion. Classmates decided to stay in touch. Every three months or so, a large number of graduates have continued to meet over lunch or dinner at assorted venues throughout the Pacific Northwest. So, it struck this group to stage a 45 Year Reunion, rather than waiting for 50 years to come along.

Lucky we did. Well over 100 graduates crammed into The Attic Alehouse in Madison Park on a hot, muggy Friday night. Simultaneously, the Madison Park Business Association was sponsoring an art walk, so the Class of '66 spilled out into the streets to enjoy the music and art work of local artisans.

On the following Saturday night, the Class of '66 gathered for dinner, dancing, and a silent auction at the Seattle Aquarium. Cocktails were held in the Tidal Pool Room to the rocking sounds of the 1960's playing over the sound system. Dinner was then held in the Banquet Room underneath a massive fish tank that covered one entire wall. We can not say enough about the Seattle Aquarium and what a beautiful venue it made for our reunion. A special treat was the appearance of classmate John Tamble and his band Rock DeVille, which provided music for dancing through the night. I remember how old most of us felt back in 1966; but by the energy generated on the dance floor, I can tell you that we certainly felt younger than that now. One of the other purposes of the night was to raise funds to donate to the Franklin Alumni Association's Foundation for the school. Thanks to the organizational skills of Barbara Lenning Madison, a substantial amount of money was raised through the silent auction and given to the Alumni Association. Thanks also to the other members of the Reunion Committee, which consisted of Sharmon Auge, Bruce Glant, Yvette Dinish, Barbara Lenning Madison, Bob Nathane, Wendee Wong Ong, Janeen Julian Pickles, Betty Sumaoang Ragudos, John Sample, Suzanne Petersen Sanderson and Susan Yoruzo Tripp.



John Tamble



The fish tank



Susan and friend



Lori and friend



Kathy
and
Company



Bob and company



Nick and friend



Yvette and friends

FRANKLIN ARTS FESTIVAL

*Come enjoy the music,
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Celebrate the arts – and Franklin High School's 100th birthday – at the yearly Franklin Arts Festival, from 11am to 3pm, Saturday, May 19, 2012, at the high school, 3013 Mt. Baker Blvd. in the Mt Baker neighborhood. The festival will feature performances by students, including the steel drum band, break dancers, rock bands, East African fashion and dance presentations, Vietnamese dancers, FHS jazz band, spoken word presentations and lion dancers, along with visual, ceramic and wood arts.

Student clubs will sell heirloom tomato plants, treats and handmade crafts. Also for sale will be art and woodcrafts created by students, along with original ceramic cups – called Quaker Cups – hand-thrown and fired by Franklin alum and artist Francis Roque and glazed by Franklin students. Quaker Cups will sell for \$10 each.

The festival brings together students, their families, teachers and staff and Mt. Baker neighbors. The event raises money to benefit art, drama and music programs at Franklin. For more information, check <http://franklinhs.seattleschools.org/>.

Want to volunteer? Share your talents by helping us promote the festival. Contact Elizabeth Lowry, elizabethlowry@comcast.net.



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The Franklin art students will be selling cards with their designs on them at the Franklin Arts Festival on Saturday, May 19th, 11am - 3pm in front of the school on Mt. Baker Blvd.

FHS Band/Choir/Orchestra All Prepare Musical Spring Concert

By Geoffrey Ogle

Franklin's bands, choirs, and orchestra are looking forward to their final concert of the 2011-2012 school year. It has been a great year for music at Franklin and we hope you can join us for our Spring Concert on Tuesday, June 5th at 7 pm in the FHS Auditorium.

The Quaker Band concludes a successful year performing a more challenging repertoire and recently returned from an appearance in the Victoria Days Parade in Victoria, BC. They are currently preparing music from *The Planets* by Gustav Holst.

The Franklin Orchestra has continued its partnership with the Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra providing additional coaches and instruction. The orchestra will perform a selection from the *Brandenburg Concerto* by J.S. Bach as well a collection of folk tunes arranged for the ensemble.

The revitalization of the Quaker Jazz Band continues as they have appeared at two festivals this year and will perform the work of Buddy Rich and Thelonius Monk.

The Franklin Choirs are preparing music from Broadway and The 60's; songs assured to get your toes tapping!

Hope you can join us! Admission is FREE!



"Once on this Island"

By Tamara Barnett

Franklin Performing Arts presents the Broadway Musical, "Once on this Island," a theatrical Caribbean adaptation of the fairy tale, The Little Mermaid. Will Timoune find her one great love? And, will it last?

Performances are Thursday, May 10th at 4 pm, Friday, May 11th at 4 p.m. and 7 pm, and Saturday, May 12th at 7 pm in Franklin's auditorium. Tickets are available at the door. The prices are: \$3 for students with an ASB, \$3 also for 12 year olds and under, and \$5 for adults and students without an ASB.

We look forward to seeing you there. Make all the events at Franklin a habit. Plan to attend.



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Franklin Takes Second in State Competition



By Don Eaton

This year marked the 25th year for the YMCA Mock Trial Program. It has been another great year of Franklin Mock Trial. Once again, this year's team advanced to the State Championship Final Round and competed with twenty-one other schools. The case was another literary work by Judge Downing, involving an insurance claim for a dead bicyclist and an insurance company arguing that she was a "radical biker" who had engaged in excessively dangerous activities, nullifying their requirement to pay on her insurance policy. We will leave it to your imagination how Judge Downing managed to weave

in 27 references to Lord Tennyson, but he does try to find ways to spice up his Contract Law!

This year, the ballots were split and it literally came down to 1 point on 1 ballot that prevented a dead even tie between Franklin and Seattle Prep. Seattle Prep won this one, but Franklin teams are batting .500 on a trip to the Championship the past few years, and a Second Place State finish in any sport is a ride only a few kids ever get to take. And, what a ride it was!

In the Final Round Alexandra Ricks (Wesleyan) and A.J. Savini (Pepperdine or Whitman) led an unusual two attorney team in an elegant and graceful trial that at times looked like Seattle Prep and Franklin colluding to make Mock Trial itself look good! When it was over, our own Ben Megathlin had won the Best Witness Award for his portrayal of Nicky Scarlotti, the owner of the Lock and Sole Shoe Shop. We might have voted for Senior, Aren Roberson (Cornell University) with his wonderful portrayal of the Expert Witness who sounded brilliant, while saying NOTHING!

And again, as if to put an exclamation point on how close this year's Championship was Franklin's Alexandra Ricks (still Wesleyan) and Alexandra Dullea from Prep tied the raters' ballots for Best Attorney. While the demographics of Franklin have changed in recent years, Mock Trial remains a venue and proving ground



for the maxim that hard work pays off, and excellence is possible for any student who chooses to put in the work.

Teacher Coach, Don Eaton and Attorney Coaches, Ben Stafford and Peter Heineccius would like to thank all of the alumni who have offered support in the past, and encourage you to send a check to the war chest for next year's effort. Checks in any amount can be made out and sent to: Franklin Mock Trial c/o Don Eaton at Franklin High School, 2013 Mt. Baker Blvd., Seattle, WA 98144.



Franklin Team xbot Heading to Robotics World Championship

By Donna Lew

Ask 488 Team xbot members, "What time is it," and they will respond exuberantly, "488!" Just like this team cheer, the goal is to infect our team and our community with a passion for FIRST (For the Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) robotics and STEM education. Thanks to our community outreach programs that involve everyone from potential team students to engineering professionals, it is working. After all, you cannot escape 488!

Team xbot returned from the Seattle FIRST Robotics Competition with the Gold and Silver! They will be moving onto the World Championship representing the Washington state teams for the World Chairman's Award and vying for the World Championship. The Chairman's Award (the Gold) is FIRST's most prestigious award. It honors the team that best represents a model for other teams and best embodies the purpose and goals of FIRST. The Regional Chairman's Award helps keep the central focus of the FIRST Robotics Competition on the goal of inspiring greater levels of respect and honor for science and technology.

Franklin's team xbot was also recognized for diversity and for outreach programs with the FIRST Lego League, teaching robotics at Kimball Elementary, Martin Luther King Elementary and the Latino Achievers Club and for the robotics workshop located at the INS Workspace in Seattle. It was also honored for the Make-a-Wish grant for a day of robotics to the team's newest member Alex. With the help of a local Make-A-Wish® foundation, Alex is going to the National FIRST Robotics Competition in St. Louis, Missouri.

Alex, an 11-year-old boy from Olympia, suffers from a form of muscular dystrophy that has no cure. He had a wish to see robots help people walk or function in any way that they can. Team xbot played a part in helping to make Alex's wish to see robots in action helping humanity come true. Part of that wish was fulfilled by having Alex become an honorary member of the FIRST Team xbot. He had fun driving the robot, shooting basketballs from it, and learning how to use a laser cutter. Alex attended the Seattle Regional FIRST Robotics Competition on March 23rd and got to announce the first match of the event. On the second day of the event, he returned to watch team xbot finish in second place after an exciting final round: Team xbot lost by one point!

Jacob Ebey, High-
line HS with FIRST
Founder Dean
Kamen and
FHS' Gizelle Gando

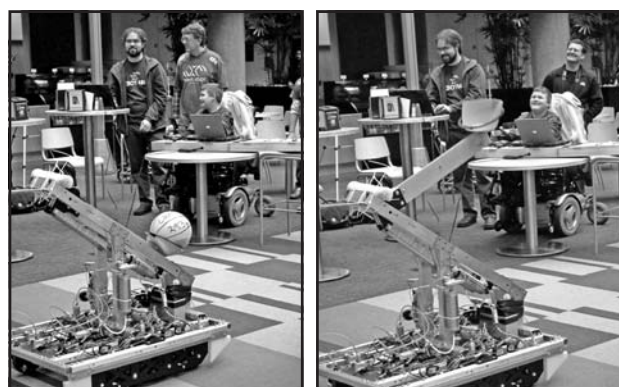


Congratulations to our 3rd alliance partner, a team from Ingraham High School, NullPointerException, who worked hard in the FIRST Regional Finalist (the Silver) where we lost by one point. Congratulations to Error Code, the team from Wilsonville Oregon, Ballard High School's Viking Robotics and Tacoma's School of the Arts team, SOTA Bots which was the Seattle Olympic Regional winner.

In March, FHS competed at the Alamo Regional in San Antonio, Texas. Team xbot was the #1 seed (64 teams) and a semi-finalist. The team received the Rockwell Automation Innovations and Control Award for the advance pneumatics.

Hats must go off to FHS's Gizelle Gando the Seattle Olympic Regional Dean's List finalist. Gizelle will be one of four students representing Washington State at the World Championship competing to be one of the ten winners of the Dean's List at the FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) World Championship. The Dean's List is an award for selected top students, aka *FIRST* superstars founded by Dean Kamen, in an effort to recognize the leadership and dedication of *FIRST*'s most outstanding FRC students.

Similar to the very prestigious National Merit Scholarship Award winners, there are three "categories" of *FIRST* Dean's List Award students: 1) Semi-Finalists (the group of two students nominated by each FRC team): Gizelle Gando and Kyle Lee were nominated. 2) Finalists comprised of the two students selected at each regional: Gizelle Gando and Jacob Ebey of Highline HS will be representing the Olympic Regional - WA State. and 3) Winners: (Ten students selected from the FIRST Dean's List Finalists by the Dean's List Committee at the FRC Championship) on April 28, 2012 at St. Louis, MO.



Ball in the catapault: Alex at the controls

Recount of Successful Sr. Alumni Golfing 2011 Event

By Bob Chatalas '65

The 30th annual FHS Alumni Golf Tournament took place at Jefferson Park last Sept. 8, 2011, with a record 116 golfers teeing it up under beautiful conditions! Along with some fun competition in our normal 'Easy Going' 4-Person Scramble format, the real highlights of the day came from seeing and being with old classmates before the tournament, and later at the social hour BBQ lunch with libations immediately following!

The golf committee members that provided outstanding assistance helping were: Paul Aleinikoff '56, Jim Follett '64, Bill Chatalas '58, Gary Tomlan '57, Gordon Raine '70, and Bob Siverts '65---thank you all!

The first place winners for LOW GROSS with a team score of 60 were the foursome of Steve Opacich, Bob Gomovitz, Harold Masar, and Andy Richards. Second low gross with a 61 went to Jim Koza, Carl O'Leary, Paul Miyahara, and Jeff Nemitz and....third place with a 62 went to Jim Follett, Fritz Hossman, Vern Johnson, and Bob Chatalas.

Three teams tied for first place LOW NET with team scores of 60! They were Bill Robbins, Walt Taulbee, Les Eastman, and Don Zoccardi, the team of Michael Alhadeff, Steve Pruzan, Steve Condiotty, and Bob Condiotty, and the team of Don Vizzare, Kevin VanGaver, Jeff VanGaver, and Mike Berridge. Other prize winners were: Dano Lewis for long drive and 'closest to the pin' on #16 (2'7") went to Jim Koza.

"We are especially grateful to all the people who sponsored holes and/or contributed prizes. It really helped to make the 2011 tournament a financial success, and allows us to continue this tourney and the wonderful gathering of alums," the committee responded. HOLE SPONSORS were: Cascade Oil (Paul Alenikoff), Sonata Capital (Pete Acker), Amcut Diamond Co. (Gordon Raine), Dave & Anne Duryee, Menashe & Sons Jewelers (Jack Menashe), NW Label and Design (Mike Perry), Alaska Air Forwarding (Bill Ferrari), Alaskan Copper & Brass (Kermit Rosen), Majestic Bay Theater (Kenny Alhadeff), Leavitt Capital Companies (Tom Leavitt), Capital Industries (Dave & Ron Taylor), Dave Chandler/CPA, Wells Fargo Advisors, Cobalt Mortgage, Pure Food Fish Co., Sysco Foods, and Unified Insurance Services.

Although no one "aced" a hole (unfortunately), the Hole-in-One sponsors were: #3---Bill Chatalas---\$10,000 CASH, #6---Ken Alhadeff/Majestic Bay Theater---theater prizes and Jay Turner/RedBird Sports---golf equipment prizes, #10---PJ Martin/NW Yamaha Golf Carts---new golf cart, #12---Gordon Raine/Amcut Diamond Co.---\$5000 Diamond Bracelet, #16---Bill Ferrari & Mike Perry---ticket prizes and PJ Martin/NW Yamaha---KP certificate/\$\$'s.

UPDATE FOR THIS YEAR'S EVENT!

I will continue to chair the 31st annual FHS Sr./Alumni Golf Tournament in 2012, which will be held once again back in the old neighborhood at Jefferson Park on Thursday, September 6, 2012, the Thursday following Labor Day. There will be a 9 am shotgun start, and a BBQ lunch with your favorite beverages immediately following golf at the lawn bowling clubhouse adjacent to the golf course/driving range. The \$100 entry fee includes your round of golf, a cart, range balls prior to the round, lunch and beverages and competition prizes!!

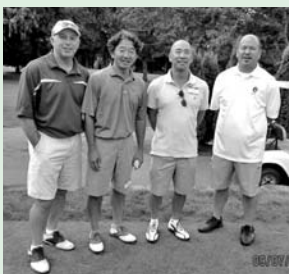
The format will again be a '4-Person Team Scramble' and is open to all Franklin alums age 40 and above (class of '90 and earlier), and their guests. Women are certainly welcome and encouraged to play! We would love to see greater participation from the classes in the 70's & 80's, so please take note, "SAVE-THE-DATE", and begin discussing the tournament with your fellow classmates. We hope to see new faces in addition to all returning players at Jefferson this fall, as it is a great opportunity to socialize with alums, and....the golf format is very 'non-threatening'!

The planning committee thus far includes: Paul Aleinikoff '56, Gary Tomlan '57, Bill Chatalas '58, Jim Follett '64, Bob Siverts '65, Michael Alhadeff '66, and Gordon Raine '70. If you would like to participate in any way, shape or form---or have questions, please contact me directly at bobchatalas@gmail.com. If phoning is more convenient, please contact my brother Bill Chatalas at 206-718-0565.

Entry forms with details will be sent out in early June. Please notify me directly at bobchatalas@gmail.com if this is your first year to participate, as we 'need to hear from you' to send you information.



What a Fine Day of Golfing It Was...



Dancing with the Stars

by Jennifer Dunn

Back in December, 2011, internationally acclaimed choreographer and class of 1973 alum Mark Morris was in town on tour at the Paramount Theater and thirty current Franklin students got a real treat. As part of the school's centennial celebration, Elisa Clark, dancer from the Mark Morris Dance Group helped bring a memorable experience to a class of Humanities students as they participated in an authentic Mark Morris dance lesson.

Many students thought learning modern dance was very special, "It is valuable to our education to try new things and to have experiences outside of the normal school curriculum," Rebekkah Smither, junior, said. In their socks in room 205, these students and their teacher, David Ehrich, had the opportunity to learn more than the average lesson in class. They learned firsthand the foundation of modern dance as they practiced graceful movements choreographed by Morris himself. In true modern dance fashion, some of the students improvised musically with guitars and drums while their peers danced about the room to their beat.

"My favorite part was when the entire class was stretching before learning the choreography." Kamille Calimlim, junior, said. "Not only was the dancing fun, but learning moves from a famous former student was a truly unique experience." It was appropriate that the group was a humanities class since the focus of the academy is in the arts.

As a thank you, students presented local chocolates from Theo to Elisa and a wood box handcrafted in the school woodshop that had "FHS's Mark Morris" carved into the lid. Mark Morris returns to Seattle in the fall to premiere a new work with the Pacific Northwest Ballet.

Peyton Siva continuing to make his mark at Louisville – A letter to his mother

To: Gaston, Yvette

Yvette, my name is Rick Laemmle and I'm the Athletic Director (volunteer) at St. Stephen Martyr school in Louisville. Peyton spoke to our school children yesterday, and I felt compelled to find your contact information and reach out to you to let you know what a wonderful job you did with your son.

I asked a mutual friend to give my number to Peyton and asked her to have him contact me if he would be willing to speak at our annual grade school Athletics Award celebration. He contacted me quickly after that and offered to appear and speak. We have a student body population of about 300 kids, and they were totally surprised to have someone of his high profile at our school in front of them. For him to take the time out of his day to do that speaks volumes in and of itself, but there is more.

I'm sure I'm not telling you anything you don't already know - but he has a SPECIAL gift to relate to kids. I'm blessed to have had opportunities to be around some very great role models and bring them to our local kids - including Olympic gold medalists, other celebrities and athletes, etc. - but Peyton's ability to reach and impact kids is natural and different. He had a great message for them in his speech, and took the time afterwards to sign every autograph and give every hug until I pried him away or he would've stayed there all day I'm convinced. I literally had grade school children call me at home last night thanking me for having him in, as well as teacher, our principal, etc..

Our last honor of the day was a special one - we have an 8th grader battling a brain tumor and we honored him with a special award. Peyton - not knowing about this particular kid beforehand - went to his car and brought back in his NCAA Final Four hat and gave it to the child. It brings a grown man almost to tears just thinking about that.

With the sincere hopes of not taking advantage of his time, I'm going to ask him to speak to our sister school - an inner-city Christian school of underprivileged kids - and also invite some patients from our local childrens hospital. He can and is making a difference in young lives.

You've got a special kid. Great job.

Sincerely, Rick Laemmle
Louisville, KY



Class of 1961 Holds a Triple Header!!



Members of the reunion committee loaned memorabilia for the Brooks Brothers' display window on the corner of 5th and Union that Charles Staadecker envisioned and Gwen Hoskinson designed.

The Class of 1961 gathered at the Washington Athletic Club on Saturday, September 24, 2011, to celebrate their 50th Reunion. On Friday the 23rd, there was a golf tournament at Jefferson Park Golf Course, which was followed by a tour of Franklin. Students who guided us did an amazing job. The tour ended with a question and answer period with the principal, Jennifer Wiley. We especially enjoyed seeing the building as it originally looked when we were attending Franklin.

The challenge of the day on Friday, was trying to recognize our fellow classmates. Thankfully we had name tags with our graduation pictures on Saturday. We are looking forward to our next gathering and hoping that more classmates will join us.

Sadly, two of our committee members were taken by cancer within weeks after the reunion; Ann McFarlane Stockton and Patti Service Nathewson.

Franklin Alumni Association & Foundation Joins the Social Networking Scene

We are excited to announce that the Franklin Alumni Association & Foundation has created a Facebook Page! "Like" our Page and stay connected with our alma mater and fellow alumni. Our web address is: <http://www.facebook.com/FHSAumni>

The purpose of our Facebook Page is to share news about current events at Franklin High School, as well as alumni-related activities that promote positive connections to FHS. We have highlighted the recent second place finish of our Mock Trial team at the state level, we have shared information on the Bel Canto Singers (started at FHS), we have encourage participation in our centennial activities, and much more.

Visit our Facebook Page today for up to date news on Franklin High School and the Franklin Alumni Association & Foundation. It is an easy way to stay in touch and support FHS!



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