

Quaker Times

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FHS Girls Hockey, circa 1920, SPSD Archives

FHS AA&F Annual Meeting

Thursday, November 13, 2008

6:30 - 7:30pm FHS Library

Join the Board as we elect officers, review activities of the past year and set the stage for the coming year! All alumni and members of the Franklin community are welcome.

The meeting will adjourn by 7:30 so interested alums might attend the fall FAME production.

The FAME Company's 137th production: Rehearsal for Murder

Nov. 12, 13, 14, 15, (Wed. thru Sat.) on the Mainstage at Franklin at 7:30 pm

Franklin students will soon perform “REHEARSAL FOR MURDER” with a cast of 50 including one of our basketball stars, Peyton Siva, who is adding acting to his resume. The original production of this play starred Robert Preston and Lynn Redgrave in a made for television version.

What makes this fall production unique is that you will find Mary Smith, the drama teacher and director, sitting in the house with the audience. These students will be presenting this all on their own.

Coming in May, 2009, the FAME Company will present the 26th annual enormous and original musical of “The Name of the Game”. This will include a talent contest open to students and many musical numbers by the Company. The audience can look forward to some songs from “Mama Mia”.

See page 21 for a picture of the cast!

~ CALENDAR of EVENTS ~

The FAME Company's 137th production

November 12, 13, 14, 15
7:30 pm each evening

Franklin Arts Festival Saturday, May 9, 2009

Public Service Academy Annual Breakfast May 2009

Academy of Finance
Garage Sale
Saturday, May 9, 2009

REUNIONS:

Class of 1939 – pending

Class of 1940, 41, 42

May 2009

Class of 1943 – Pending

Class of 1944 – Pending

Class of 1949 – Pending

Class of 1952 – Date pending

Picnic in the Park

Classes of 1955 – 1962

July 2009

Class of 1959 – Sept. 12, 2009

Class of 1969 – October 2, 2009

Class of 1979 – June 27, 2009

Class of 1989 – Pending

Class of 1999 – Pending

To obtain information and dates on Franklin High School events go to: <http://www.franklinquakers.org/events/calendar.htm>

Classes of the 1930s Hold a Successful Reunion

On Monday, September 15, the Classes of the 1930s met for a luncheon reunion at Ivar's Salmon House on Lake Union. Since Ivar's restaurant chain began with Ivar Haaglund singing ballads outside its first location in 1938, Ivar's was an appropriate choice.



Our grand total attendance was 88. Those of you that have taken part in organizing a reunion, know a successful reunion does not just happen. As Nina Egashira Fujimura once said, "Planning a wedding was a piece of cake after planning a class reunion." A successful event takes people caring about one another, the task at hand and taking that extra step to make it happen.

Ivar's hosted us in a newly remodeled room with a capacity that could accommodate 40 to 120. They offered us the "Twilight Dinner Menu" with five entrée choices; a choice for every pallet.

Support from loving family members, friends, and willing alums might have to take number one in cementing the reunion's success, as they drove their loved ones from Kennewick, Poulsbo, Issaquah and other cities. Alums also came from California and Oregon.

As people arrived, the music on the borrowed 40's disk, compiled by Remo Borrachini for his own reunion, played. However, as the din of joyful conversations took center stage, the music became a distant backdrop. Friends reconnected and recalled one another after 70 years. It was a time to enjoy life's good experiences and not take time to lament on the others. This was a group of people that had seen several seasons of life and on this special day, they were relishing in the gift of the day – a successful gathering with old friends.

Many thanks to: the Borrachini Bakery for providing celebratory cakes; Joanne Fukuma, the FHS athletic director for donating Franklin gear for door prizes; Buzz Anderson and the Rainier Valley Historical Society for their historic panel displays; Boeing for their postcards; Cynthia Jones, Class of 1978 and branch manager at Washington Federal Savings, for additional prizes; and the Rainier Beach Bank of America who helped us establish a class account to handle our expenses.

Thanks also to the class contact alums: Helen Kiene Farnham, Anita Hendricks Robinson, Ann Danielson Molitor, Ruth Sugawara Okada, Evelyn Coker, and Edward Nilson. In addition, all the daughter and son alums who helped, plus Linda Dailey Olerud, Doreen Gibson Cropley, Jeanne Patricelli Crites and Buzz Crites (an award winning door attendant). And others to numerous to mention. Enjoy each new day!



FHS Class of 1943 Reunion on June 19, 2008

Seventeen of our 40+ known "survivors" met and lunched together at the Ruth Chris Steak House in Bellevue Square on June 19, 2008. These included Bev Alia (Holbrook), Lilian Larson and her husband Birber (Anderson); Bob Benson; Dee Celia (Simone); Jeanne Louvier (Gray) and her husband Jim; Jo and Bruce Meyers; Barbara Ohnick; JoAnne Pruitt (Bowden); Chuck "Sandy" Sanborn; Jacob Sturgeon and his wife Helen; Elsworth Wellman and his wife Marilyn and Chuck Welsh.

We enjoyed cocktails prior to a light lunch of Ruth Chris signature Lobster bisque with a delightful Caesar Salad. All had the opportunity to bring us up to date on their expanded families and recent activities.

For other classes looking for a pleasant reunion venue, we can heartily recommend the Ruth Chris Steak House. Parking is free; you can drive right to the door, arrangements were easy and the price was reasonable.

Due to obvious declining numbers, consideration will be given to consolidating our class of 43 reunion with some other classes of the 1940s.

Keep in touch. Colonel Bruce Meyers at 425-391-6666, intrigue@aol.com or Sandy Sanborn at 206-779-2276, cfsanborn@juno.com.

(P.S. If any of the above names are misspelled or the wrong maiden or last name was given, I accept full responsibility, as we did not have anyone step forward as our class secretary!)

Warm regards, Bruce

Team xbot and FIRST Technology Challenge

By Donna Lew

The first Technology Challenge competition is Dec. 14th in Bellevue, WA. Working in teams of ten, students design, build and program a robot that must start out in a collapsed position fitting into an eighteen inch cube. The robot then collects plastic hockey pucks and then scores goals. Franklin will have two robots competing against two other robots on a twelve-foot square field.

Team xbot has 20 kids interested in this year's competition and we need \$900 to secure a second robot kit. The kits will be reused for the fall 2009 competition and also in Peter Bawden's FHS engineering class.

So far, the students (team WALLE and team HAL) assembled a Lego Mindstorm NXT tri-bot testing the kit sensors (light, ultrasound, bump and sound) and programmed the tri-bot to follow a line. The next task is to build and program an arm to pick up and score plastic hockey pucks. Then, it is on with the two designs. The xbot program is a winning program at Franklin, both in its awards and in the number of students wishing to participate. If you would like to help in the funding of this program, please send your donation to:

*Alliance for Education/XBOT Robotics
509 Olive Way, Suite 500
Seattle, WA 98101*

Team xbot also brings science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) to our FHS students, an amazing program addressing the technology and achievement gap. All engineering/software professionals are volunteers. Team xbot currently is not budgeted for funding by FHS or the Seattle Public Schools. Team xbot is a family affair led by Donna Lew (CHS 65), Edward Lew (FHS 58) and Ryan Lew (FHS 2005).

Please feel free to contact dylew@teamxbot.org or 206-972-4119 for more information.



CORRECTION:

History of Franklin article, spring 2008: Franklin's association with Microsoft and the Xbot began in 2000 with Lindsay States, an FHS teacher. States was the Xbot robotics team advisor for two years. In the program's third year, parent Donna Lew took the reins.

President's Letter

Fellow Quakers, I am happy to report that the Alumni Association and Foundation (FAA&F) has experienced another successful year of supporting the Franklin Community. Since the spring issue of the Quaker Times, the FAA&F has awarded over \$10,000 in additional grants to programs at Franklin. In addition, at Franklin's Awards Night, we presented six \$1,000 Scholarships; three "Class of 1935" and three "Gilman Music Scholarships".

This summer we had an overwhelming response to our special Reader Board Fundraising Campaign. The school identified a need. They asked for our help. We took it to the Franklin Community and they responded in a fantastic manner. I was pleased, but not surprised by Quakers' willingness to support this project. I want to give a special thanks to Dr. Mark Dedomenico (Class of 1955), Ken Alhadeff, Herb Bridge, the Class of 1967, the Franklin High School PTSA, the FAA&F Board Members, and my classmates for their generous support. With the funds secure, we are now navigating the city's permitting process. We look forward to the unveiling and to this enhancement to the Franklin Community.

The FAA&F works to keep alumni connected with each other and to identify ways to support the school. We continue to work on locating or replacing trophies and banners that commemorate Franklin's athletic glory. We are following up with NBA star Jason Terry and his H.O.O.D Foundation's pledge to help pay for the costs of obtaining and displaying these items in Franklin's gym. By the next issue of the Quaker Times, we hope to have additional good news to report.

Please, if you have not already joined or renewed your membership, do so. And if you are a member, consider an additional donation. Our overhead is practically non-existent, and donations will directly benefit Franklin students and staff. If you are interested in serving as a Board Member or helping out with a committee, please let me know. We are currently looking for Quakers who want to give back to the community.

Feel free to contact me at 206.682-6644, zach@fleetlaw.com or through info@franklinalumni.net if you need additional information.

Zachary Fleet, FAA&F President and Class of 1985

VARSITY BOY'S BASKETBALL

Tuesday	12/09/08	vs. Bishop Blanchet	7:30 PM
Friday	12/12/08	@ West Seattle	8:00 PM
Tuesday	12/16/08	@ Nathan Hale	7:30 PM
Thursday	12/18/08	@ King of the Bluegrass Holiday Classic, KY	TBA
Friday	12/19/08	@ King of the Bluegrass Holiday Classic, KY	TBA
Monday	12/22/08	@ King of the Bluegrass Holiday Classic, KY	TBA
Tuesday	12/23/08	@ King of the Bluegrass Holiday Classic, KY	TBA
Tuesday	01/06/09	vs. Ingraham	7:30 PM
Friday	01/09/09	@ O'Dea	7:30 PM
Friday	01/16/09	vs. Cleveland	6:15 PM
Monday	01/19/09	vs. Garfield	7:30 PM
<i>King Holiday Hoop @ Bank of America Arena</i>			
Tuesday	01/20/09	@ Eastside Catholic	7:30 PM
Friday	01/23/09	vs. Rainier Beach	8:00 PM
Tuesday	01/27/09	@ Bainbridge	7:30 PM
Friday	01/30/09	vs. Chief Sealth	6:15 PM
Tuesday	02/03/09	@ Seattle Prep	7:30 PM
Friday	02/06/09	@ Cleveland	8:00 PM
Saturday	02/07/09	vs. Lakeside	7:30 PM
Tuesday	02/10/09	vs. Nathan Hale	6:15 PM
Thursday	02/12/09	@ Ingraham	8:00 PM

(See the Franklin High School Website www.Franklinalumni.net for the complete 2008-2009 Schedule!)

Classes of 1940, 1941 and 1942

by Alvin Gould

On Thursday, May 29, 2008 the combined graduating FHS classes of 1940, '41, and '42 held their annual reunion in the golden ballroom of the Seattle Golf Club: 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The combined three-class reunion committee met each month from February through May and produced one of the most enjoyable, enthusiastic reunion gatherings to date. Seventy-two class members and guests attended. The décor was gorgeous with unique-floral centerpieces. The food was delicious and elegantly presented. The musical background was nostalgic, evoking memories of a special time in our lives.

Following the luncheon, we had a rousing surprise. Lucy Carrabba '41, who had been contacted by Karla Kent Kleppen '41, put on a delightful performance. During her Franklin years, she was the main accompanist for Martha Wiederrecht (Wright). Lucy, who joined the Seattle Musicians Union at the early age of nineteen, soon became well known in the Greater Seattle music circles and to this day plays with a band. Her daughter Peggy Johnson '68, also a professional musician who has sung at several prominent Reno hotels and casinos, joined her mother and they performed a most professional, entertaining program. **THEY BROUGHT THE HOUSE DOWN!**

Following the entertainment, Bonnie Bosworth, the first FHS Alumni President and now a continuing Board Member, told us of the school receiving a "mysterious" package, which consequently was given to her.

It came from the California family of the late Todd Johnson '42. Todd was the class of '42 historian, and the package contained his very comprehensive and detailed four Franklin years. Currently this treasure can be viewed at the Rainier Valley Historical Society.

In this year's reunion mailing, George DeBon created and attached the following "**Special Addendum**": *We have decided to "spice up" this year's program with what we hope will be a challenge to your imagination and creativity! We ask each registrant to bring a gift-wrapped item to the reunion; the only caveat being that the item must be consumable (edible or drinkable). Run this around in your ancient but fertile minds!!!...a head of cabbage?...a bottle of Geritol?...a package of bubblegum?...you get the idea!!! At some time during the reunion program, each person will be randomly given one of the mystery gifts as a fun memento of the occasion..Just hope you get the pound of Starbucks!! **Bon Appetit!!!!***

The response was excellent. Unfortunately, our program ran late, and they had to be distributed as a "take home" reunion memento which assuredly deprived us of a little hilarity. But, I am sure there were more than a few chuckles at home. Maybe, next year! Put your thinking caps on! It was truly a day well spent—a fun-filled renewal of longtime friendships and an enjoyable time of companionship.

The 2008 reunion committee was: Class of '40, Alvin Gould, James Palm, Edith Accetero Carlson, George DeBon, Jeanne McCune, Dino & Teresa Borracchini; Class of '41, Marion Hamilton Hunter, Jean Austin, Karla Kent Kleppen; and the Class of '42, Clint Prescott, Don Gill, Ginna Seese.

Class attendees were: Dorothy Fields '41, Bob Warner '40, Joan Phillips Fischer '42, Bob Palm '42, Betty Attlessey Roundhill '41, Jack Duranceau '41, Harry Christensen '39, Lincoln End '40, Patricia Anderson '41, Jim Louvier '40, Jeanne Gray Louvier '42, Jeanne Schuff Owen '41, Hamilton Rideout '40 Jay Follrich '41, Jane Stripp Turnbull '41, John Newland '40, Genevieve Rennie '40, Ken Frandsen '40, Dick Money '42, Herb Bridge '42, Don Shay '41, Ralph Dwyer '40, Laverne Schreib Dwyer '41, Nancy Costello Deely '42, Antoinette Genzale '41, Louise Rice '41 Frances Fulton Stream '40, Judi Burcham '60, Jack Bigford '41, Clara Densmore Iverson '41, Claire Stewart Moscrip '42, Lloyd Hoshide '42, and Gerry Cruickshank Ahnstrom '42. In addition there were twenty guests present.



Greetings Quakers!

Congratulations to all of the Quaker classes that have recently celebrated decade reunions. I met many of you and have heard many wonderful Franklin stories that truly inspire and warm the heart!

The 2008-2009 school year is off to a great start! The hallways are buzzing with excited teachers and students and the campus continues to embody that wonderful Quaker spirit of excellence, diversity, citizenship, dynamic personality, and true sense of commitment toward making a better world.

As many of you know we have re-joined the Seattle Metro League in athletics and are thrilled to be playing in the city once again! It's good to be home. For our kids who went to elementary school and middle school together it's great to be able to re-join each other in healthy athletic competition across the city. For those of you who may mourn our historical Garfield/Franklin rivalry, worry not! Many of our teams will continue to compete with Garfield as long as schedules permit. And, yes, that includes boys' basketball this year as they will be playing Garfield in the MLK Classic. So far this Fall, the return to the Metro league has proven to be a great move as our teams have been successful across the board.

Academically, we continue to journey toward greater excellence. We were recently recognized by the Washington Alliance of Black Educators for our WASL gains as we made marked improvement in our scores in each of the test areas. We are proud that we continue to perform above district and state averages in literacy and we are closing the gap in our mathematics performance. These scores are a result of the heroic efforts of our classroom teachers and building instructional coaches. I have no doubt that in just a few short years, we will be nearing Blue Ribbon status maintaining that tremendous reputation for high performance that all of you have built!

On an exciting note, we have just welcomed the Class of 2012 into the fold. This class is historically significant as 2012 will be our 100-year anniversary here at Franklin High!! Wow!! We have already begun planning the countdown for our 100-year celebration. Franklin continues to be a cornerstone of this city and state. Leaders of all sorts have always come from this building and continue to do so. Innovative thinking, creative passion, inclusive and compassionate leadership continue to be the outcomes of the Franklin experience and there is much to be celebrated by all of us. You will be given many different kinds of opportunities to support our efforts and partake in this tremendous milestone. As I have heard many times, "Once a Quaker, always a Quaker"! Stay tuned for more information about how you can take part in this monumental celebration.

I wish to express once again my deepest gratitude for your ongoing support and contributions. Your support makes a huge difference in our very modest budget. More specifically, your support is making experiences available to our young people that otherwise would not exist. You are literally changing lives with each contribution great or small! On behalf of our children, thank you!

In closing, I wish to give special gratitude to our alumni board members who so graciously give of their time, their minds, and their hearts to help ensure that Franklin remains a great school and that all students who come here, irrespective of background or experience, get a world class education. In this day and age, it would just not be possible to do this without the support of our alums. The special efforts of our board members are a shining example of the true Quaker spirit. We are all eternally grateful for all that you do.

*Respectfully,
Jennifer
FHS Principal*

Class of 1944

By Marilyn Lovgren Langner

What a wonderful day with beautiful sunny skies. We happily met in West Seattle at the home of Teresa and Hail Walker who hosted the day with a magnificent barbecued meal of wild salmon and all home-made delicious gourmet goodies. Their exquisite garden blooming beautifully that late summer day set the tone for a memorable and happy time for all.

A guitar strumming melodies from the 40's and 50's put everyone in the mood as they sipped cocktails in the shade of umbrellas and talked of old times – and grandchildren. Hard to believe that the host's house was once two chicken coops. Yes, chicken coops! So, we celebrated our 64th reunion in a couple of former chicken coops. Kind of like going back to the depression in which we all grew up.

The program creator was Al Stenson, with the theme of the day, "high school memories." (Al had written our senior class' musical which wasn't preformed until 1945 because all of our guys were off to war.) Al was a superb MC having encouraged classmates to send their Franklin stories ahead of time. Some were read, many told their own.

How lovely some of them were; mostly funny, some a little sad. In addition, there were dear stories told about loved and respected teachers. Bill Robinson again kindly brought us a list of those whom sadly we have lost. After Bertha Corak Barclay's hysterically funny monologues, Ray Gerring concluded the program with delightful stories of naughty stuff some people in high school had done. We loved it!

Zoe Shashich Chaney was unable to be with us and she was dearly missed. Zoe was the organizer, just as Marilyn Lam Ludwig had been for so many prior years. It seems that the secretary's job is to organize these gatherings, for which we are all thankful.

Lois Schiniman Griswold, Kathy McTurk Keister and all the other reunion committee members mentioned above, made this 64th happen. However, it was all of those attending that made it a day to remember and treasure.

Surely, that founding father of our country, Benjamin Franklin would be proud of the Class of '44, what its members have accomplished in their busy lives –and never lost their sense of humor and gaiety.



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The Generosity of Alumni

We at the FAA&F are honored to hear about the continuing connection and fondness alumni feel for Franklin. With each reunion classmates revel in memories of their high school experiences and the indelible mark that Franklin has made on each of us.



And then from time to time, a story comes that reminds us even more poignantly of the special place Franklin holds in so many hearts. This fall we received a call from the daughter of Mary Jane (Johnson) Fisher, class of 1935. Mrs. Fisher was very ill, and had decided that upon her death she wanted donations to be made to the Franklin Class of 1935 Scholarship Fund. The picture to the right is her 1935 senior picture.

Although she had been living in the Washington, DC area for nearly sixty years as a successful journalist, she loved Franklin. In fact, when her daughter visited Seattle recently she made a trip to the neighborhood to see the building. Mrs. Fisher's 1935 yearbook notes: *Janey -- Our ideal Girls' Club President! Honor Society, Quaker Maids -- some skier!*

Mrs. Fisher died in September at the age of 90 and true to her wishes, several donations in her memory have already been received. These donations will go directly towards a scholarship and will be presented this spring to a Franklin senior.

The alumni association board wishes to thank all of you who have shown your generosity by giving to the Class of '35 Scholarship Fund.

*Thank you to Herman Zeller for his
generous contribution to the Franklin
Garden Project in Memory of his wife,
Maureen Jakubo Zeller - Class of 1954!*

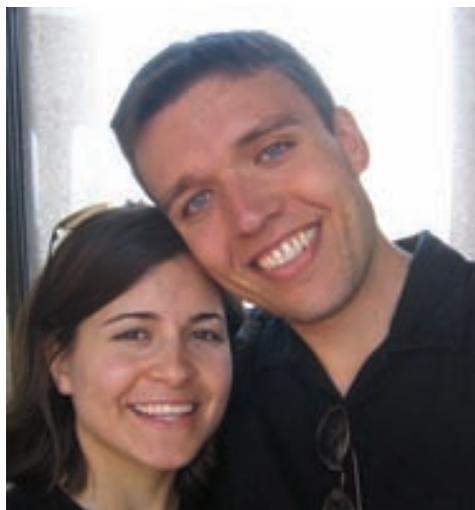
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Noah Purcell, Class of 1997 From F.H.S. Mock Trial to the U.S. Supreme Court

By Sarah Thompson

Since graduating from Franklin, Noah Purcell has traveled an awesome path. He attended the University of Washington and graduated with degrees in philosophy and economics. In 2002, he served as the campaign manager for Eric Pettigrew's successful bid to become the state representative for Washington's 37th District, which includes Franklin. After Pettigrew's successful election, Noah worked as his legislative assistant in Olympia.

In 2003, Noah married **Jasmin Weaver (also FHS class of 1997)**, and she received a George Mitchell Scholarship to study in Ireland. Noah joined her and obtained a masters in economics from University College, Dublin. Both then studied at Harvard – Jasmin received a masters in public policy while Noah attended law school. During his time at Harvard, Noah was an editor of the Harvard Law Review.

After receiving his law degree, Noah clerked for Judge David Tatel of the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals. This August he became a clerk to U.S. Supreme Court Justice David Souter. What does a clerk do? Of the approximately 8,000 cases appealed to the Supreme Court every year, the Court only hears 80-100. It is the job of the 36 clerks (4 per justice) to review the facts and arguments in each case and then to summarize them and make recommendations for the Justices to review. For the cases that are accepted for further hearing, each Justice assigns a clerk to be primarily responsible for further case researching. If the Justice is then assigned the job of writing the opinion, the clerk who helped research the case helps prepare the opinion. Literally, dozens of drafts are written before the opinion is final.

Noah feels that his studies at Franklin prepared him for his work as a clerk for Justice Souter and Judge Tatel (a year as a clerk for a federal appeals judge is a prerequisite for the Supreme Court job). Noah's experience on Franklin's Mock Trial team was of course helpful (Noah and Jasmin were both on the team, which won the state championship their senior year), and Rick Nagel, who founded the Mock Trial Program, continues to be a friend and mentor.

Noah thinks that Mr. Nagel was probably "the only person who read the entire Harvard Law Review from cover to cover when I was an editor." Mr. Nagel helped get Noah accustomed to the multiple drafts of an opinion – repeating and rewriting until an argument was exactly right. Noah's other teachers in the Humanities Program, especially Shawn Mintek and Kay Kuhns, taught him to write well and think critically. He recalls that Dr. Mintek required the class to memorize the book *Elements of Style* – a short but excellent guide to writing. This served Noah in good stead – his first assignment from Judge Tatel before he started working for him was that he should read one thing: *Elements of Style!*

Both Noah and Jasmin are very involved in their work in the other Washington. She is the Legislative Director for an organizing campaign, run by 'Change to Win', a coalition of unions, and he is busy at the Supreme Court. After his clerkship, Noah hopes to work in a new administration doing public policy work. However, ultimately, you cannot take Seattle out of a native, and they plan to move back eventually. No doubt, this couple will make a difference in the world, and it will be wonderful to welcome them back to the neighborhood when they return.

We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails – Anonymous

The Franklin Class of 1948 Holds 60th Reunion

The Class of 1948 had a grand time being together again on June 14, 2008. We gathered to celebrate our 60th reunion with a lovely luncheon, live music, all at the Nile Golf and Country Club. This location was the very same place

where we danced the night away after our high school graduation, June 12, 1948.

One hundred and three class members, family and friends, attended to hear Our Music played by a great local quartet of profes-

sional musicians, which included fellow Franklinite Rudy Malaspina, '50. Our own Harry Sankey '48 was responsible for assembling this talented group. Classmate Jerry Hjert sat in on a few numbers too. He makes beautiful tones with his tenor sax. and he currently plays with a group in England, where he has lived for many years.

In all, we had a wonderful time from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm that day. I personally thank Jean Veldwyke, Harry Sankey and Jim Lough for all the help and support they gave me, as well as many others who worked on the reunion behind the scenes and on the day of the party.

Thanks so much.

Marilyn Ives Breindl



Class of 1948's 60th Reunion



Dan Alexander, Harry Sankey and Mike Spellman



Quartet Members



Jerry Hjert from England

Read to Find Out!

Suzanne Babayan, Librarian

That's how Jack Tilner, former librarian extraordinaire at Franklin High School, would start his social studies classes at Mercer Middle School. Rick Swarts, Franklin's Science Dept Chair (and a Mercer Alum) says that anyone who had Mr. Tilner would remember him speaking those encouraging words.

Mr. Tilner was a teacher/librarian in the Seattle School District for 45 Years. He was a dedicated educator, a superb librarian and a passionate bibliophile. He retired in 1995. Two years ago he left the Franklin Library a large gift which will be used this year on two major library improvements.

The first phase of these improvements, using roughly half of Mr. Tilner's gift, focuses on technology. It will include the purchase of 10 additional library computers and a sturdy network printer. The printer is currently on order.

The remainder of Mr. Tilner's bequest will be used to purchase books and other library materials. Towards this end Ms. Babayan has been surveying teachers on research and pleasure reading support needs. Once the survey is complete she will draw up a book purchase proposal for Staff review and acceptance.



Class of 1959

by Fred Cacchione

The Fabulous Class of '59 is planning their 50th reunion, which will take place September 12, 2009 at the Fairwood Golf and Country Club in Renton. The specific time and cost details are yet to be determined.

Please contact Fred Cacchione at; fbravoj@aol.com with your updated information. This is our 50th so we want to reach everyone and not have anyone overlooked.

Since this is our fifty-year reunion our intentions are to make it the best reunion to date. To ensure this very special event's success, it needs each of you to mark your calendars now and get an early start on your plans to attend. Thanks in advance!

Class of 1969

By Sue Mar

Planning is now underway for the Class of 1969's forty year reunion tentatively planned for the first weekend of October, 2009. Activities will start with "Grad" Night on October 2, 2009. Following on October 3, 2009 we will have a festive program of entertainment, music and a dinner.

Save these dates and stay tuned for more information as these events will occur in less than a year.

If you are a 1969 Franklin graduate, you can provide current address and contact information by visiting the following : www.ReunionsWithClass.com or you can call 1-800-954-1044 (24 hour access) to leave information about how you can be contacted.

For those who are in touch with classmates from 1969 and who may not be in the FAA&F database and receiving this newsletter, please share this information with them. We are counting on our usual great turnout for an unforgettable reunion. See you in 2009!

Class of 1979

By Nina Egashira Fujimura

The FHS Class of 79 is ready to go!

Date: Saturday June 27, 2009

(NOTICE: this is a date change.)

Join us on the MV Emerald Star Waterways Cruises 2501 N Northlake Way (north Lake Union), Seattle, WA 98103

Ticket prices: \$99/person, \$175/couple; after May 1st, prices increase to \$125/person, \$200/couple.

Includes: 3 or 4 hr. cruise (undetermined for now), hors d'oeuvres all evening, keepsake booklet, raffle tickets, photo package (two 3x5s, 4 wallets)

No reservations after June 10, 2009.

Please make your checks payable to:

Nina Fujimura/FHS Class of '79
410 167th Pl SE, Bothell, WA 98012

Please include your contact info: (name, maiden name if applicable, address, phone#, and e-mail address).

For more information, please go to:

www.fhs79.caos.us.com or contact Nina Egashira Fujimura at ninamegashira@yahoo.com or phone 425-742-5307.

Class of 1999

By Rachel Wu

The Class of 1999 wants to hear from you. Tesa Lau, a 1999 class officer, has agreed to be the main contact person for the class's 10th Reunion. Call or e-mail her with any contact information you have on members of this class. Her email address is teas.lau@gmail.com and her phone number is (cell) 626-757-9194. You may also call Wu at (206) 372-2349 or email rawbuko@gmail.com. Please help this class as they organize their first reunion.



TOLOS NEEDED

The Franklin Alumni Association has established a file containing graduation programs and Tolo Yearbooks for each class. To complete the file we need the following missing Tolos: 1954, 1969, 1970, 1975, 1979, 1985, 1994 and 1997.

If you have a Tolo that you are willing to donate, please contact Marlene Uttenweiler Houtchens '55: tsquareb29@aol.com.

Thanking you in advance.

Franklin HS Golf Tournament By Dave Duryee

On September 4, a record-breaking 128 golfers teed up for the 26th annual Woody Wilson Memorial Golf Tournament, which is organized by alumni and serves as a chance for alums over 40 to enjoy each other over golf and lunch.

“Both the weather and venue were perfect and we were very pleased with the turnout,” said Chairman **Paul Aleinikoff, '56**. “A lot of people helped out with this tournament to help make it a success and I want to thank them for their efforts.” In addition to Aleinikoff, committee members included **Pete Aker, '58; Sue Aker, '60; Dave Duryee, '56; Bill Chatalas, '58; Gary Tomlin, '57; and Beverly Aleinikoff, '56**. Other volunteers on the day of the tournament were **Dick Kolb, Jan Mendel, Joyce Abrahamson Williams, Claudette Marshall, Dodi Henshell Adams, Judy Arnold, Paul Aleinikoff, Jr., and Anne Duryee**.

This year’s event, at Jefferson Golf Course, was a four-person scramble. The first prize winners were the foursome of **Don Vizzare, '56, Gary Mavor, '59, Jeff Van Gaver, '60 and Dick Brown, '60**. Other prize winners were: **Dick Minice, '55, Bill Scates, '57, Larry Schinke, '54, Lynn Martin, '60, and Joe Colello, '58** for closest to the pin; and **Kevin Dugan, '84** for longest drive.

“We are especially grateful to all of the people who sponsored holes or contributed prizes. It really helped to make the tournament a financial success, which will allow us to make a nice donation to FHS sports,” Aleinikoff said. Hole sponsors were: Amcut Diamond Co, **Gordon Raine**; VelDyke Properties, **Jean Vel Dyke**; Red Bird Sports, **Jay Turner**; Genesee Fuel, **Steve Clark**; Corona Beer, **Bob Chatalas**; Sonata Capital, **Pete Aker**; Cascade Oil, **Paul Aleinikoff**; Lowell’s Restaurant and Cactus Restaurants, **Bill Chatalas**; Alaskan Copper, **Kermit Rosen**; Chatalas & Assoc., **John Chatalas**, Roman Casino, **Pete Routsos**, Herzog Glass, Rossoe Energy, Sound Oil and Sysco Food Services. Other donors included **Tony Gamba**, and **Bob Chatalas** (beer), **Dave and Anne Duryee** (wine), Kusak Glass (wine glasses), and Tutta Bella Restaurant (gift certificates).

Although unfortunately nobody got one; Hole in

One sponsors included Bill Pierre Ford, **Dan Glaefke**; Amcut Diamond Co., **Gordon Raine**; and Northwest Golf Car Co, **P.J. Martin**.

The weather was perfect, the course was in great shape, and the food and fellowship were excellent. Be sure to mark Sept. 10, 2009 on your calendar to join us for next year’s 27th Woody Wilson Memorial Tournament at Jefferson Golf Course.



– Golf tournament photos by Judy Arnold

Tournament Winners!

- 1st Don Vizzare '56, Gary Mavor '59, Jeff Van Gaver '60, Dick Brown '60
- 2nd Buzz Crites '59 Jim Yurina '58, Brad Hill '56, Mike Gould '60
- 3rd Kevin Dugan '84, Patrick Dugan '88, John Ima '88, Jeff Banderwiss
- 4th Duane Lewis '64 Carl O'Leary '64, Dave Ritter '61, Jesse Roberson '64
- 5th Gary Tomlin '57, Fred Westin '53, John McMillan '39, Jim Lanigan '56
- 6th Tony Gamba '62, Jim Gordon '62, Steve Gordon '66, Mike Patricelli '61





Richard Epstein, Bill Grinstein, and Kermit Rosen



Don Vizzare, Gary Mavor, Jeff Van Gaver and Dick Brown.

Franklin HS golf tournament was great fun!!



John Chatalas, George Chatalas, Richard Vacca and John Tholl



Buzz Crites, Jim Yurina, Brad Hill, and Mike Gould.



Jim Brazil, Bill Jones, Denne Pannell and Karl Schiersch



Pete Aker, Bill Chatalas, Paul Aleinikoff and Dave Duryee

Class Of 1953 Enjoys Successful Reunion

by Carolyn Thurlow Burke

The Franklin class of 1953 held its 55th reunion on Friday, September 12, 2008. The event took place at Anthony's Home Port on Shilshole Bay. It was a beautiful day and the scenery was unequaled as we watched many boats coming from the locks just around the bend during our time there.

A social hour was held at 11:30 am. At 12:30 Dick Leon, our Master of Ceremonies, gathered people together for introductions and asked us to remember our most memorable teachers during our years at Franklin. It was a great opportunity to match names with faces after 55 years. At 1:00 pm we enjoyed a delicious lunch of either Salmon or Steak and Prawns, with salad, rolls, beverage and a dessert plate. The comments from those attending were very positive about the excellent food and the place chosen for our time together. A desire from all in attendance was to have another reunion in two

years if not next year.

There was a total of 71 in attendance, with 47 being alumni from our class of 1953. It was wonderful to see classmates again and find out what others have been doing with their lives since we last saw them. Many of us continue to live in the Puget Sound area, but some came from as far away as Rochester, New York, to attend this reunion.

The same Reunion Committee that worked so faithfully together to put on the 50th has continued to work together, putting on the last luncheon and now our 55th as well. We as a group have benefited greatly from our continued friendship and enjoy working together. The committee members are: Lou Lahti Bolton, Carolyn Thurlow Burke, Jim Corner, Pat and Louie DeLaurenti, Shirley Gray Dunigan, Fumio Go, Judy Benson Harlick, Micheala Tierney Hoppe, Lorene Mattila Stefano, Jim Telgenhoff and Gary Vander Sanden.



Top Row: Bill & Dana Kapler – Original Member/Evergreen Drifters; Jack & Cleo Roberts – original Member/Evergreen Drifters; Ralph & Julie Shape; Micheala Tierney Hoppe; Judy Benson Harlick & Sam Storey

Middle Row: Walt Taulbee & Bill Hagen; Joel Melin & Kathleen Hallum; Gary Vander Sanden & Louie DeLaurenti; John Burke & Carolyn Thurlow Burke; Lou (Jean Lahti) Bolton & Shirley Gray Dunigan

Bottom Row: Jim Keski, Edgar Yang, Ralph Shape, Sam Storey, Carol McKinstry; Leola Patricelli, Larry O'Donnell, Larry Kleinberg, Kathleen Hallum; Micheala Tierney Hoppe, Louie De Laurenti, Carolyn Thurlow Burke, Judy Benson Harlick, Jim Corner, Lou (Jean Lahti) Bolton, Lorene Matilla Stefano, Gary Vander Sanden & Shirley Gray Dunigan; Jim Keski, Sandy Pesce, Fumio Go & Mary Keski

People do not grow old. When they cease to grow, they become old – Ralph Waldo Emerson

Class of 1952 Reunion

by Jim Hilton

On September 10, 2008, the Franklin Class of 1952 gathered again for lunch at the Lakewood/Seward Park Community Center to celebrate 56 years since graduation. The 50 in attendance included some that we have not visited with for some time, such as Jack (Dr.) Bell and Nancy McCartney Wilson, Mimi Dunn Gordon and Ivy Ahron Johnson. The affair was touted as a low key, informal, luncheon event, and the promise was kept. The site, across from the Lakewood Playfield, is next to home for Franklin graduates of the 1950s – our traditional “stomping grounds”.

The event was an unqualified success, owing to the work of the planning committee of Sylvia

Boin Kuebler, Marlene Fountain Angell, Abe Angell, Barbara Trowbridge Cosby, Penny Penrose Bignold, Steve Massey, Joann Lundberg Mullen, Ken Storey, Don Jeffery, Mary Jane Berry Murdock, Bill Murdock, Margie Leon Sleigh and Jim Hilton.

The Class of 1952 maintains its mailing list of about 225 living members. Having reached the ripe ages of 70+, the Class hopes to have a regular annual gathering for luncheon reunions. The tentative plans for 2009, is a luncheon on September 9 (the week of the FHS Alumni Golf Tournament), possibly at a new location. For information on future events contact Sylvia Boin Kuebler at skuebl@seanet.com or Jim Hilton at hiltj@perkinscoie.com.



Geoff Ogle: New FHS Music Teacher

Franklin is fortunate to have Geoff Ogle on the staff. He is ready for the challenge of rebuilding the music program into its past glory. Currently, 21 students are enrolled in band, in addition he teaches two piano and music technology classes. Over the next few years, Ogle intends to promote Franklin's music program.

Geoff Ogle is a freelance composer in Seattle, who has contributed his talent for composition in a variety of film and video projects as well as composed jazz, chamber music and music education. His experience has stretched from music for contemporary big band jazz to horror films, from eclectic chamber music to corporate projects with Terex and Weyerhaeuser. Sensitivity for what is appropriate for the project is a primary consideration in all of his work.

As an experienced music educator, Ogle has taught in the Port Townsend School and at Shoreline Community College. He has published a book of music for small ensembles with flexible instrumentation entitled *The Quartet Book*.

Ogle's film credits include the award-winning short film *Hollow*, directed by Jennifer Soemantri and the feature-length *iDied*, directed by Marc Atwood. *Hollow* won Best Short Film at the Big Apple Film Festival, Best Horror Short at the New York Independent Film Festival, Award of Excellence at the Key West Indie Fest, The Remi Award at the Worldfest-Houston Interna-

tional Film Festival and Honorable Mention at the LOSCON (Los Angeles Sci-Fi Convention).

Ogle has a long and diverse background in jazz and holds a Master of Music in Jazz Studies from the University of Miami. He has composed over a hundred jazz compositions over half of which are for large ensembles. He founded the ConEd Art Ensemble, a large jazz ensemble attached to the Continuing Education Department at Shoreline Community College. He composed and arranged several works for the Jazz Police, one of Seattle's most respected and long standing jazz bands. His music has also been performed by Eddie Daniels, Edmonia Jarrett and the MOJO Big Band and Keith Baggerly's Roadside.

Ogle has composed works for a variety of chamber and large ensembles. He was a founding member of Sound Currents, a composer's collective that sought to present new music through concerts in the Seattle area. It was at the inaugural concert that Geoff's String Quartet No. 1 was premiered. Concerts presented by the Pacific Chamber Ensemble have also featured many of Geoff's compositions.

Ogle also holds a degree in Trombone Performance from the University of Washington where he studied with Stuart Dempster. He has studied composition with William O. Smith.

We welcome Geoff Ogle to the Franklin community!

Class of '68 Reunion

Time has Come Today – that was the theme for a rousing two evenings as the Class of 1968 celebrated its 40th reunion.

Friday, September 19 brought a reprise of the Franklin vs Garfield basketball game played at our 30th reunion but wisely (knees and other body parts being ten years older) both teams had support from classes of later decades. There were a few airballs, a few missed passes, but also some great rebounds and three-point baskets.

A wonderful time was had by all. Thanks to the players who made it possible: Franklin Charles Oliver ('68), Trollice Flavors ('68), Nile DeCuire ('68), Wayne Floyd ('75), Anthony Cryer ('85), Scipio Dunn ('90) and two current Franklin stars, Fred Wilson and Payton Siva both class of '09. Playing for Garfield: Darvid Barfield ('68), Elmer Dixon ('68), TJ Vassar ('68), William Hopson ('70) Melvin Stewart ('74), Henry Gary ('78), Dante Jones ('07) and Correy Bagby ('09).

The Dance Posse provided halftime entertainment and of course, Franklin won by a safe margin (but who was counting!) We could not have done this without the support and hard work of Joann Fukuma, Franklin's Athletic Director.

On Saturday, September 20 we met for food, music and conversation at the Mt. Baker Community Club. Nearly 200 gathered, peered at nametags if faces were not entirely familiar and reconnected with many old friends. We relived old times, caught

up on recent news, and remembered those who are no longer with us. Teachers Roberto Maestas, Don Iverson and Frank Fujii, honored us with their presence.

Many thanks to the planning committee, led by Teresa Escobar, who pulled this off: Donna Amira, Dave Azose, Georgina Palmer Cavendish, Bill Cofer, Steve Condiotty, Virginia Descargar, June Eguchi, Nancy Wood Feldmann, Valerie Maekawa Jackson, Debbie Kashino, Karen Kummerfeldt, Brian Lewis, Leonard Piha, Charles Oliver, Janine Guttman Rosenbaum, Bob Temples, Sara Thompson and Sharon Lee Wong. And, most importantly, we could never have pulled this off without our chief data collector, who tirelessly located classmates and created an amazing database – Nancy Raetzloff Groth – who was not able to be at the celebration but who was celebrated by us all. She is still hoping to find the remaining lost classmates and if you have information contact her via the class website.

Thanks to a raffle and a small positive balance once the reunion expenses were paid, a donation of \$1000 to the Franklin Alumni Association and Foundation will be made.

We will keep our webpage up and running – come visit for pictures of the reunion, update your own information and send messages to classmates. www.franklin68.com Plans for a reunion in five years are already underway. Looking forward to 2013!





Hey Fellow Quakers!

By Krista Palsson-Martinez

The Class of 1998 had a great turnout for the events that were held August 8th at the Baltic Room and August 9th in the Franklin High School Commons.

As I am sure with any ten year reunion there are always a few who missed out. Please make sure to contact Krista Palsson-Martinez so that when we hold events in the future you will be notified.

Wrapping up the '98 reunion, we will be mailing out a newsletter, with opportunities to purchase a disk of pictures taken at this year's event. Your '98 Reunion Committee will be getting together in meetings and planning for future events. If you are interested in becoming a member of the committee please contact

me as well.

The Baltic room event planned by Bryant Worthing had a great turnout of about 60 alumni and the same can be said for the event at Franklin. We want to boost that number and hold a 15 year reunion as well. Please, anyone and everyone you know who may not have heard about the reunion, please have them contact us.

Thank you so much to everyone who attended or contacted the '98 reunion committee. We now are looking forward to future good times together.

For more information, photos, etc., please contact Krista Palson-Martinez, klpalsson@aol.com. Keep in touch!



—Photos by Pam Eaton-Ford

30th Reunion for the Class of 1978

By Lori Sumi Aoyama

Franklin's Class of 1978 held its 30th reunion during the weekend of August 8th-10th. The weekend began with a golf tournament on Friday at Jefferson Park Golf Course. Following the golf tournament, on Friday evening, 30-35 alums gathered at the Blue Water Bistro for drinks.

The main reunion event was a Saturday evening dinner held at the Mount Baker Community Club. Not even an August storm could keep those alums away! About 113 alums and their guests attended the Saturday night event. Alums traveled all the way from Belgium, Hong Kong, California, Oregon, Massachusetts, New York and many communities throughout Washington State. One alum missed the opening ceremony of the Beijing Olympics to attend the reunion! Also in attendance that evening were several teachers including Ms. Barbara Nilson, Mr. Dewey Munro, Ms. Malverne Haynes, Mr. Gordon Meeske, and Mr. Ed Lee.

The evening began with a social hour. 1978 alums spent a couple of hours reacquainting themselves with their former classmates. There were many shouts of *you look the same, great to see you* etc. Picture taking included photos of Mercer and Sharples' alums. As we divided into a Mercer group and a Sharples group, Peter Melin, led the Mercer students in a chant of 'we've got spirit, yes, we do' to which the Sharples 'students' provided an equally spirited response.

Emcees for the evening were Lindsay Williams and Jeff West with music provided by Sheila Locke. The program began with a reading of the names of classmates who had passed away. We were pleased to learn that one classmate on this list, Roosevelt Brown, was not only alive and well, but present at the reunion.

The reunion concluded with a picnic on Sunday afternoon at Lincoln Park. The Cleveland Class of '78 organized this event, and kindly invited Franklin '78 alums. It was great to see some of our Cleveland friends, and continue the FHS re-connecting.

This year's reunion was truly a fun event. In fact, it was so enjoyable that the reunion committee is tentatively planning a 35 year (informal) reunion. So, keep in touch. It was great to see you all!!



Ice sculpture created by Kevin Roscoe '78.



– Photos by Jay (Jack) Azose



*We've got spirit,
yes, we do!*



Ninth Coulon Park Picnic Reunion

By *Jeanne Patricelli Crites*

Two Thousand and eight marked the ninth year for the Classes of '55-'62 Picnic in Gene Coulon Park in Renton. What do you know about the picnic's origin?

The picnic concept was under discussion at Dexter Danielson's 59th celebration of life. Dennis Woodey was there that day. Suffering from Parkinson's disease that was completely taking over his body, he embraced the picnic idea as he felt he might not make it to another distant reunion. Thus, the picnic as a time to relax happily together began.

The first gathering was limited to Class of '59 only and it was strictly potluck. So much food arrived, the

committee considered it wasteful. A drop by visit by Ed Softli '57 prompted the group to decide to include surrounding years to future functions.

The first picnic, held in the Big Gazebo at Coulon, went well and although the site was great, the parking was not adequate. Softly invited several of his friends to next year's party and although sadly, Softli passed away during the year, the friends he invited attended.

For the next three picnics the committee provided the food with the money they raised holding garage sales. By the fifth year, people started contributing money to meet expenses.

The event continues to grow even though the original committee is shrinking. We still have Tony Capetto and Bill Wheatman doing the food, David Svendsen '58 providing his famous sausages, Gary Petorek bringing the ice in addition to Larry and Betty Mayer preparing their award winning chili.

We welcome special guests. Mr. Malnati, a former Franklin teacher, has attended several picnics.

The picnic date is determined through a Renton Park's Department procedure. On January 2, 2009, we will know our date and at that time, you will receive an email from www.info@franklinpicnic.com.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or wish to help in any way, please email to the above email address. Let us continue to improve by making it bigger and better, while remaining relaxed and laid back.



Betty Snow '58, Margery Schmidt '59, Gina Maesoro, Valerie Gillian '60 and Felecia De Palmo '60



L to R: Buzz Crites '59, Mike Anardi '60, Tony Cappetto '59 & Larry Mayer '60.



Grant Griffin '59 and Mike Patricelli '60



Coulon Chili Wins Taste Tests!

Larry and Betty Mayer ('60) continue each year to prepare a huge pot of tasty Chili for the Picnic in Coulon Park. So, curiosity has required that we learn more about how it all started.

"Larry started cooking chili in 1963, taking a recipe out of an old Betty Crocker cookbook. Over the years he added a pinch of spice here or an additional ingredient there and kept improving the outcome," said Betty Mayer.

First he experimented on his close friends and family and for a couple of years he took it to the Jaguar Car Club. The group decided to have a chili cook off one year and Larry took the prize.

"In the early '90s they went to observe both of the major chili groups in Seattle and by 1994 he decided he was ready to cook in competition." Betty related.

We joined the Puget Pod several years ago and have both served as officers of the group. Larry has been in charge of the Black Diamond Chili Cook Off held during the Black Diamond Miner Days each July. The chili has become a fundraiser for a local charity.

Although their chili has qualified for the national cook off in Terlingua, TX, they have yet to make the trek.

"We're pleased to have the Mayer's temptingly tangy chili each year at our Picnic in the park." Jeanne Patricelli Crites said. "It's become a hot item in more ways than one."

Missing Classmates from 1979

L. Renee Beck	Anat H. Levy
Crystal Brazier	Douglas Lindsey
Leatha Brim	Michael Long
Curtis C. Brown	James H. Ludington
William L. Brown, Jr.	Mey Lee Ly
Morris Capers	Elsia M. Lyde
Delphine D. Cotton	Elaine L. Manadapat
Kimberly Coulton	Asophepae Manulauti
Alex A. Darang	Mulivai Manulauti, Jr.
Daniel Duran	Gail Martin
Peni Fagafa	Anthony Matthews
Brenda L. Ford	William McElroy
Michael Forest	Michael E. Miles
Lydia Garner	Mohan O. Mohnani
Jeanette Glatt	Vincent Moore
Yolanda Graham	Jennifer Page
Lynda N. Harris	George Parker III
Dale Hawkins	Kim R. Phair
Walter Heck	Christopher D. Randolph
Josiah Hill	Kathleen L. Rankin
Patricia A. Hill	Marissa C. Regaspi
Tien Q. Hoang	Mark Roberts
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Keith S. Hunter	Ramon Rogers
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Gloria A. Johnson	Hiroyoshi Soeda
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Daniel A. King	Hai Hong Tran
Douglas C. King	Hien-Trang Tran-Thien
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Pamela V. Lanier	Erin Williams
Cindy A. Laundry	Donald Youn
Regina L. Lee	

See page 11 for contact information



Rehearsal for Murder cast – see related story on front page

– Photo by Pam Eaton Ford

Franklin High School Class of 1988 Reunion

By Jen Reidel

The Class of 1988 commemorated their 20th reunion in style with three diverse and fun events celebrating the past and present lives of fellow graduates. Alumni met for an informal gathering Friday, August 1, 2008, at Hale's Ale House with around 100 alums mixing and catching up on each other's lives. At one point during the evening, it was virtually impossible to hear the people around you with the level of conversation at a fevered pitch.

Saturday, August 2nd alumni gathered for a more formal dinner at the Rock Salt restaurant on Lake Union. The Seattle summer sky and Lake Union marina set a brilliant tone for a special evening of reconnecting and dancing the night away. In true Class of 88' style, during the class picture at the event, alumni spontane-

ously burst into singing along to "Cool It Now." Jacque Hearndon Sessoms acted as master of ceremonies bestowing "class awards" (with some revisionist history) to attendees along with Laura Wilson performing a song for the crowd. All alumni received a Class of 1988 20th reunion photo album in addition to a goodie bag as a keepsake.

On Sunday, August 3rd the Class of 1988 celebrated their Quaker roots with a family barbeque and picnic at the Junior League Shelter Play Area at Warren G. Magnuson Park. Sessoms again took the lead and entertained kids with a variety of games in the blazing August sun. Matt Kenyon and Brad Purkey were grill kings of the afternoon. Alumni and their families enjoyed wonderful food in the perfect setting for kids and adults alike.

Throughout the reunion weekend many alumni expressed a desire to reconnect more frequently than every ten years. To that end, the Class of 1988 20th reunion committee has chosen to maintain its website and update it with future informal and formal events. Visit the site to update your contact info, add photos, or reconnect with fellow Quakers at: www.franklinhigh1988.com.

Special thanks go to the Reunion Committee: Denee Cummins, Eric Foliart, Shirell Rivers Edmonds, Elise Taylor Kim, Ron Mendoza, Jen Helmick Reidel, Jacqueline Hearndon Sessoms, Elaine Laible Spidal, Laura Wilson and Suzi Zobrist. And in addition we extend thanks to the many volunteers who helped to make our reunion memorable.



— Photos by Ron Mendoza



FAA&F Scholarships Awarded to Six Franklin Seniors

by Sara Thompson

Thanks to generous donations from alumni, FAA&F has two scholarship programs and each spring deserving Franklin seniors are selected through applications. The Class of 1935 Scholarship Fund was established through an initial donation in 2000 and is now managed by FAA&F. Funds come both from an endowment and from donations made to the scholarship fund each year. The Gilman Scholarship was established in 2006 through a donation from the estate of alumnus Robert Gilman and is awarded to students planning to major or minor in music. This year each of the scholarship winners was awarded \$1000 towards tuition to the schools of their choice. Donations to either scholarship fund are welcome.

Class of 1935 Scholarship Winners



Donna Quach: She is the youngest of three daughters whose parents immigrated to the US from Vietnam. She has been an excellent student, graduating with a 3.94 GPA from the honors level humanities program. She served as President of the Asian Student Association at Franklin, Vice president of the Key Club, captain of the girls' soccer team and Parliamentarian of the FHS National Honor Society. In addition she has been an active volunteer, serving as President of the Jefferson Community Center Teen Advisory Council where she also wrote several grants and founded a youth soccer camp. These activities are only a partial list of her many accomplishments. She will be attending the UW and hopes to become a social worker.



Diana Ratsamee: She is the daughter of a Laotian immigrant. She is a member of the Public Service Academy, has taken AP and honors classes, maintaining a 3.3 GPA while also working. She has been a member of the swim team and an active member of the drama department. Diana has been an active volunteer, tutoring at Orca Elementary School. She was especially influenced by joining Global Visionaries – an organization focused on peace and social justice. She will attend Western Washington State University



Amando Robancho Amando moved to the US from the Philippines when he was five years old. He describes the difficulties of learning English as a grade school student and of reconnecting with his Filipino culture as a teenager. He has been an active volunteer at Franklin (Honors Society, Filipino Club, Key Club, Drama), has played lacrosse and was captain of the swim team. He was involved in Summer Search – a leadership program that included a canoeing course in Maine and a cultural exchange to Hungary. He has a 4.0 GPA and will be attending the UW with plans to ultimately attend medical school and to become a pediatrician.

Gilman Scholarship Winners



Michael Chan: Michael graduated from Franklin with a 3.4 GPA. He has had a longstanding passion for music, playing violin and then the tenor sax in middle school. At Franklin he has excelled in piano and founded the Lion Dance Team with mastery of the cymbal, gong and traditional Chinese gong. He will attend the University of Washington this fall.



Jonathan Dao: Jonathan graduated with a 4.0 GPA from Franklin. He has been an active volunteer in the community, was Key Club president, class president, and team captain of the varsity basketball team. He is interested in science, philosophy and music, and was especially intrigued by a humanities assignment to analyze the effect that musical elements – rhythm, harmony, melody, structure, form and texture – had on the human psyche. He will be attending the University of Washington and plans to study biology, with a minor in music theory.



Steven Truong: Steven graduated from Franklin with a 4.0 GPA. He has been president of the Franklin National Honor Society, vice-president of the Key Club, captain of the tennis team and has been active in the Jefferson Community Center. He was introduced to piano when he took it as a part of his school requirement and enjoyed it so much that he decided to perform a beginner's piano recital for his senior project. He plans to continue to study music when he attends the University of Washington this fall.

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