

# Quaker Times

The Franklin Alumni Newsletter

“Bringing Together Friends of Franklin”

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## Franklin Celebrates 100 Years

**SAVE THESE DATES** - see inside for more details on upcoming events!

### FRANKLIN CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

**Saturday, April 28, 2012**

Look inside this newsletter for your invitation to the *party of the century!!!* In honor of Franklin High School's 100th Anniversary, please join your friends, family and classmates for a fabulous evening at the

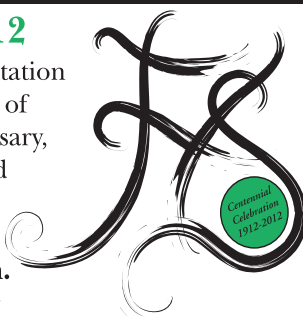
**Franklin Centennial Celebration.**

DATE: Saturday April 28, 2012, 6-11PM

LOCATION: The historic **Northern Lights Dome Room** at the Doubletree Arctic Club Hotel

*Please RSVP as soon as possible* as we expect this event to sell out.

Final deadline is April 15, 2012, depending on availability.



### HOMECOMING

**Friday  
September 30, 2011**

Recapture the spirit at an afternoon Pep Rally, and again at 7:30 pm, Memorial Stadium, as the Quakers take on the Rams. Bring your instrument and join the band!

### FAA&F ANNUAL MEETING

**Thursday  
November 17, 2011**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS/CONTENTS

### FHS Homecoming

Friday, September 30, 2011

“Recapture the Spirit!”

\*Pep Rally, 1:30pm, Franklin Gym

\*Game, 7:30pm, Memorial Stadium

(See article, pg 3)

### Bel Canto Singers

Two performances:

Sunday, October 16, 2pm

Saturday, October 22, 2pm

(See article for details, pg 23)

### FAA&F Annual Meeting

FHS Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

Thursday, November 17, 7pm

All alums welcome.

(See article, pg 4)

### Quaker Music Concerts

Fall – Thursday, October 17

Winter – Tuesday, December 13

FHS Auditorium at 7:30pm

Free admission

(See article, pg 14)

### Franklin Open House – part of Mt. Baker Tour of Homes

Saturday, December 3 10am-4pm

Student tours available

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**2010-2011 season**

Schedule for this season

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Saturday, April 28, 2012

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Watch the Spring QT for re-union wrap ups for: '61, '66 '71, and Golf Tournament.

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## President's Letter

We are entering Franklin High School's Centennial Celebration Year. One of the centennial themes is "We Are Seattle" honoring the important role that Franklin has played in educating a valuable workforce for the region's economy and for nurturing a strong group of civic leaders, political leaders, business leaders, artists and athletes.

The school will have numerous centennial activities during the year, and the Alumni Association is organizing a "Franklin 100" dinner at the beautiful and historic Arctic Club on April 28, 2012. We look forward to reconnecting with many of you that evening.

It has been a good year for Franklin High School and for the Franklin Alumni Association and Foundation. We continue to raise money from the alumni and community to provide support and encouragement to the student body and faculty. In an age of diminishing support for education, schools turn to parents for supplemental financial help.

Franklin has a century long tradition of diversity of race, ethnicity, culture, religion and economic means coming from the neighborhoods between Lake Washington and Beacon Hill and from Leschi to Seward Park. This richness of diversity has been an educational asset, but Franklin became less diverse starting in the 70's with the disconnecting of neighborhoods and schools and the acceleration of private education in Seattle.

The Franklin Alumni Association and Foundation has served as a bridge to the surrounding neighborhoods and to the historic diversity, and has reliably provided an additional source of funding and encouragement to the school.

In the past several years, diversity at Franklin is increasing again due in part to demographic shifts, economic downturns and a changing district policy that reconnects neighborhoods and schools. Standardized test scores at Franklin have dramatically improved which further encourages families of all backgrounds to educate their children at Franklin.

With these positive developments, the need for financial support continues, and the Franklin Alumni Association and Foundation is proud to play a role. We look forward to your continuing support and to seeing you on April 28.

**Please call or email**

**Teresa Anderson**

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**with address, phone or email changes**

# FHS Prepares to Welcome Home 100 Years of Quakers

By Jennifer Dunn

On Friday, September 30, 2011, Franklin High School will be welcoming alumni home for the 100<sup>th</sup> time. This day is bound to be the biggest Homecoming event in Quaker history and is certainly not to be missed. The official festivities will begin with a pep assembly that will take place in the Franklin gym at 1:30 pm. Current ASB officers are planning an unforgettable array of activities for the crowd including a retro Quaker gear fashion show and a special send-off for the football team as they head out to prepare for the big game. Special seating will be reserved at the assembly for alumni who are also encouraged to come sporting their vintage green and black.

While all Quakers are special by nature, there will be one particular Quaker coming home at the assembly and the game that alumnus and students alike will not want to miss! In the evening, the Varsity Quaker Football team will be taking on the Ingraham Rams at Memorial Stadium at 7:30 pm. The Home team fans will be seated by decades for unity, cheering and spirit contests. The Homecoming court will be announced on the field at half time and the band will perform.

The Centennial Planning committee is also still seeking former football players, cheerleaders, band members and homecoming kings and queens to join the current students on the field and participate in half time festivities. Special Centennial t-shirts, foam fingers and lanyards will be available for purchase. There will be a display of historical photos of former football teams. Please contact Jennifer Dunn at [jkdunn@seattleschools.org](mailto:jkdunn@seattleschools.org) if you are interested in participating or if you have any questions. See you there, Quakers!

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Four Bits  
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All for  
Franklin  
Stand Up  
and Holler!*



*Don Grahn  
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Al Cohen \**

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Mark Rubin*

*\* See article about Al Cohen on page 12!*

# Principal's Letter

Greetings Franklin!!

Happy 100th birthday Franklin! Below is a press release showcasing our recent performance on state exams. It was incredible way to start our centennial celebration!

*At Franklin High School, which serves many students from the most diverse ZIP codes in the country, students are making steady progress through an emphasis on teacher leadership.*

*Principal Jennifer Wiley credits the school's "incredible" staff for their hard work. "At Franklin," Wiley said, "we look inward and set about to build a school that can work for all kids. We believe all kids bring powerful intelligence to us and it is our job to unleash their genius."*

*The percent of Franklin students meeting proficiency on the HSPE increased in 2011 in all four tested subjects: reading, science, math, and writing. In reading, for example, the school went from just 64 percent of students meeting standard in 2010 to 80.9 percent in 2011, a number that exceeds the district-wide average. All student groups made gains in reading, and most made gains in writing and science as well, helping to reduce the school's achievement gap. Wiley noted that teacher leadership was the cornerstone of Franklin's success. "We share a common vision," she said, "and allow those who have content-specific expertise to chart the way. We diagnose, prescribe, monitor, and adjust all year long." Wiley noted that Franklin staff focused on vocabulary development, reading comprehension and informational texts last year, and made sure students who were struggling in class received tutoring and one-on-one support. Wiley said that she and the team at Franklin are particularly proud of their literacy efforts and their work closing the achievement gap for nearly every student group in reading and writing. However, she and her staff are still not satisfied. "We will continue to push until all of our students perform at or above state standard," Wiley promised.*

Of course, test scores are a smaller part of our success story. Our continued emphasis on service, our expanding arts program including a new choir, new steel drum band, new orchestra and recently ukulele class, our fantastic student clubs, nationally award-winning mock trial and xbot teams and all around great human beings make Franklin THE school in the state that helps all students from all walks of life build their dreams. Come check our newly renovated theater, gym, and wrestling room this season as we continue to get better and better.

Stay tuned... much more to celebrate in future months!

Thank you Franklin alum for helping to keep our vision alive through your ongoing support!

– Jennifer Wiley, Ed D



CLIMBING UP TO GET THE CHEERS

*Franklin rooters know that this formation means a certain yell. Leading the cheer while perched on muscular Marvan Morefield are Winston Inslee (left) and Bob Smith.*

## FAA&F ANNUAL MEETING

**Thursday, November 18, 2011 • 6 to 8 pm • FHS Library, Second Floor, Franklin High School**  
**All alumni and members of the Franklin community are invited!**

6:00-6:30 pm - Program - Franklin's Centennial

6:30-7:00 pm - 2011 Annual Meeting: approval of minutes, review of financial report, board member election

7:00-8:00 pm - Board Meeting

[www.franklinalumni.net](http://www.franklinalumni.net)

# The FRANKLIN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION & FOUNDATION

is pleased to invite you to the

## Franklin High School Centennial Celebration

• Saturday, April 28, 2012 •

The Northern Lights Dome Room / Doubletree Arctic Club Hotel  
700 3rd Ave • Seattle, WA 98104

6pm • Appetizers and no-host bar

7pm • Dinner with emcee John Keister

9pm • Music and no-host bar



*There will be an opportunity to make a gift to Franklin\**

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\_\_\_ Tickets @ \$100

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\_\_\_ Teacher Sponsor @ \$100\*\*

\_\_\_ Table for 10 @ \$1000\*\*\*

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\_\_\_ I am unable to attend, but  
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\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Enclosed**

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by treating them to the Celebration.

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and contact information for all ten of your  
party so we can seat everyone together. Use  
the back of this form or email Molly or Lynne  
(below) to provide all ten names.

Return this form or make your reservations online at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/195120>

Please **RSVP** as soon as possible as we expect this event to sell out.

Final deadline is April 15, 2012 depending on availability.

### For More Information, contact

Molly Thompson '72 – 206/255-7085; mollyjane54@aol.com

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or visit our **FaceBook** page: **Franklin Centennial Celebration**

**Thank You** to our first  
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☐ I would love to volunteer.  
Please contact me!

The **Doubletree Arctic Club Hotel** is offering a  
special rate for Franklin alumni who wish to stay on  
the night of the party. Let them know who you are  
when you make your reservation. **206/340-0340.**

\*The FAA&F is a 501(c)3 organization.

### Our Menu

Appetizers • Salad • Bread

Wine • Coffee • Tea

Your choice of 3 Entrees –

#1 King Salmon over Pea Vines with Apple  
Cider Vinegar Veloute & Wild Rice

#2 New York Strip, Parmesan Potato  
Gratin, & Blue Cheese Bourbon  
Reduction

#3 Sweet Pepper Couscous with Eggplant  
& Roasted Vegetables

And of course, a delicious dessert, from

**BORRACCHINI'S BAKERY**



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# Franklin 100 Quakers

1912 - 2012 Keys to the Past, Present, and Future

A core group of Franklin staff, students and alumni have been working for the last six months to plan a series of events to commemorate Franklin's centennial. Our theme? *We are Seattle: Keys to the Past, Present and Future*. We hope to involve as many alumni as possible in the celebration, to both honor the incredible accomplishments of Franklin graduates and the potential of our current students. Throughout the years, Franklin has developed several traditional events and this year we plan to infuse those activities with a focus on our proud history.

**September:** Our focus will be Homecoming, scheduled on the 30th (See article on page 3).

**October:** Tuesday, October 18 brings the Bel Canto Concert at the Daniel Recital Hall; Thursday, October 27th, the FHS Fall Music Program.

**December:** We will focus on philanthropy and public service centering on the multicultural holiday celebration that has been a Franklin tradition. **Franklin will be featured in the Mount Baker Tour of Homes** on Saturday, December 3. On Tuesday, December 13, the FHS Music Department will host a free concert.

**January:** Tuesday, January 17 is Ben Franklin's birthday – plans for a celebration are in their infancy.

**February:** The Diversity Summit during the first part of the month and the Poetry Slam later in the month.

**April:** The Green Franklin Project ; FAA&F hosts a centennial dinner celebration, Saturday, April 28, at the Arctic Hotel.

**May:** The Franklin Arts Festival, which has grown each year, will be held on Saturday, May 12, and we plan a 5K run in May as well.

**June:** Quaker Day Friday, June 8, and graduation of our centennial class on Monday, June 18, 2012.

Much is still in the planning stage and we welcome participation and ideas. If you are interested in helping please contact Sara Thompson, FAA&F secretary at 206-725-9280, [gelthomp@comcast.net](mailto:gelthomp@comcast.net), or the Franklin staff lead, Jennifer Dunn, [jkdunn@seattleschools.org](mailto:jkdunn@seattleschools.org). Further updates will be available at the Franklin High website [www.franklinquakers.org](http://www.franklinquakers.org), the FAA&F website [www.franklinalumni.net](http://www.franklinalumni.net).

## Buy a Franklin Tile: Make Memories Last

By Megan Walters

Franklin is turning 100! Do not miss this opportunity to purchase a commemorative tile. Please encourage classmates, friends and family to join in the next installation that will be unveiled during the 100th Birthday celebration.

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 costs \$50.00, two lines are \$60.00 and three lines are \$70.00. Accepted punctuation marks are: . , : ; ? / ! ( ) & %. Each mark counts as a character. There is an order form on page 24.

Megan Walters, class of 1995, will be taking orders. Please contact her with any questions at [mew206@yahoo.com](mailto:mew206@yahoo.com) or 206.399.3607. You will be informed when your tile order is placed with the company. Thank you for your orders!



**"Whatever you do may seem insignificant, but it is most important that you do it." - Ghandi**

## Six Classes Attend the '42 & '43 Franklin High School Reunion

By Bruce Meyers

A galaxy of six classes had a great reunion on Tuesday, May 24, 2011, in downtown Seattle at the Sixth Avenue Motor Inn. There were twelve people from '43, five from '42, three from '44, one each from '38, '41, and '48. We had a total of 24 attendees. Included were Bob Benson and informal Co-Chair retired Marine Col. Bruce Meyers and wife Jo. Jeanne Gray Louvier and son Bill, our favorite pro baseball hero Len Tran and his lovely wife Doreen, Rene Kabrine Friedli, Betty Stout Sedenquist, Frank and Helen Sturgeon Hoyle with daughter Gayle, retired Seattle attorney Barbara Ohnick, Claire Stewart Moscrip, Don Gill with Lee Gill, Chuck Hunter, Antoinette Camerota Benzale, Louise Camerta Rice, Orley and Paul Solomon, Donald Brev, Ginna Curlin Seese, Clint Prescott, Mary Croce, Barney Hall of the famous Chicken Coup Road of Sequim, WA and last but not least, Marian Platt.

Three classes put on this popular laid-back get

together. The feature that most attendees like is not requiring money up front. All we asked was indication of intent to come and we, along with the fine staff at the Sixth Ave Motor Inn put the event together. Everything, drinks and lunch, is ordered independently from the regular luncheon menu, which is reasonably priced and good!

We gather at 11am for libations coupled with conversations, catching up on illnesses, grandkids, hobbies et al. We "go around the table" giving each classmate the opportunity to bring us up-to-date on recent activities and life in retirement. Co-host Bob Benson is a master wood carver of small birds and again this year presented a chickadee to the door prize winner!

We are proud of all who made it this year and look forward to even more attending next year. Our plan is to hold another no hassle reunion at the accommodating Sixth Avenue Motor Inn in 2012.

## Class of '48 Knows How to Make a Reunion Great!

By Jean Veldwyk

In early 2011, a plan began to hatch for a spring get-together for the Class of '48. Our great leader, Marilyn Ives Breindl went into action by computer and phone. By the grace of God, on Tuesday, May 17, 2011, sixty-five class members and guests gathered at the scenic Rainier Yacht Club in Rainier Beach for an enjoyable event. The size of the group allowed every classmate to bring everyone up to date on their current status and share a good story from old school days.

Each person received a copy of the Rainier Historic Society pamphlet showing historic buildings of the area and a small history of each. Copies of a Lakewood/Seward Park Community Club newsletter article were also given telling about the upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary Celebration of the creation of Seward Park.

Bonnie Riach had a band uniform on display and proceeded to relate the history of how the class of '48, discovered that the Franklin band was the only band performing at a Husky football game

wearing black sweats. All of the other bands had official respectable uniforms, so this class initiated a fund raising campaign and raised \$35,000 for uniform purchases for the entire band. She pointed out the embroidered label and explained that a

\$350 donation resulted in getting a signature label with the donor's name. She was pleased to see the wonderful care these uniforms are getting.

Bonnie Bosworth followed with a short report on some very positive news about the learning experiences still available at Franklin today. She punctuated the facts with the huge numbers of students accepted into the very competitive University of Washington. Close to 100 graduates headed for the Seattle campus, the Bothell campus or the Tacoma campus of the UW. In addition, many others headed to college destinations throughout the United States.

Attendees came from as far as Idaho and Southern Oregon. The weather could not have been better. We thought we all looked good – everything considered – and, we just might do it again!

***The Class of '48 led the drive to raise \$35,000 for Franklin's new band uniforms!***



*Claudette Marshall, Joyce Abrahamsen Williams*



*Darlene Bates deMaria, Diana Wood Hill*



*David Duryee, Paul Aleinikoff*

## Class of '56 Combines a Picnic and a Horserace

*By Joyce Abrahamsen Williams*

Our class started reunion festivities by attending the annual 1955 through 1962 FHS picnic at Coulon Park in Renton. The picnic was the best ever. I am sure the crowd seems larger every year. The picnic organizers are wonderful hosts and all attending are happy to see each other.

The next day, we hit Emerald Downs Race Track— to seek our fortunes. We had some winners and some almost winners but all in all it was a fun day. Several people came from out of state and it was great to see them. We had a large room to ourselves overlooking the Paddock with betting windows in close proximity. We had chosen for our meal chicken and salmon with lots of salads, pasta and veggies as side dishes.

I had not been to Emerald Downs and had no idea what a fun location it could be for a reunion. It is exciting to watch those beautiful horses come screaming around that last turn before they cross the finish line. The place just goes nuts. We thoroughly had a great time catching up with friends from our past in an exciting location.

Old friends, good food, beautiful racehorses, catching up on the past conversations: all tossed together are ingredients that create a good outcome.



*Jim Routos, Mike Sullivan, Bob Trautmann*



*Barbara Davis Keaton and Barbara Weller Dahl*



*JoAnn Bristol and Kay Holt Unger*



*Cheryl (Colleo) and Dick Peterson*



*Marian Arnstad Chenauer, Rosemarie Adams Howard, Janet Wieland Phelps, Beverly Barrett Aleinikoff*

## The “Swell” Class of ’51 Holds Another Successful Reunion

*By Eleanor Panzica Saulsman*

Summer finally hit Seattle, blessing the Quaker Class of 1951 for their 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion. Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup> dawned bright and clear for the 102 who made their way to Anthony’s at Shilshole. They were greeted with a glorious view from the second floor banquet rooms. Fresh silver salmon, steak or veggies followed by homemade chocolate desserts with fruit, were gobbled happily amid exclamations of “do you remember...” and “wasn’t that fun”...?

Accolades go to the members of the planning committee who are Nancy Anderson Callaghan, Mary Dallas, Bruce Duncan, Marcia and Loyal Collins, Marjorie Gill Jenner, Gerry Madison Williams, Geneanne Marshall Mendel, Eleanor Panzica Saulsman, Bill Picchena, Janice Poska, Dick

Ramsey, Janet Slauson, and Aurora Valdez Driano for a “swell” afternoon.

Virginia Huntington Colgan presided as Mistress of Ceremonies bringing up all sorts of memories and vignettes from the past: some we had forgotten; some we wished forgotten.

The event ended with a nostalgic video of Franklin High School in the 50’s with up-to date photos of class members done by Eleanor Panzica Saulsman with much aid from her son, Brian. Jim Asp compiled such a good list of 40’s and 50’s songs to accompany the video that a person could not help but sing along.

Class members, who have not been receiving the Quaker 51 newsletters, please send your e-mail address to Quaker51@yahoo.com.

## Class of 1991 combines bowling, Italian buffet and ‘Catch-up’ Conversation

*By Anne Dunston Musquiz*

The Franklin High Class of 1991 celebrated their 20th year reunion on August 13, 2011 at ACME Bowl and Events in Tukwila. The evening was enjoyed by thirty classmates, their spouses and significant others. There was bowling and a delicious buffet dinner of Italian favorites, Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo, Tuscan Meatballs, and Caesar Salad.

Even though the group was small, we had several classmates fly in from all over the country to join in on the fun. There were many laughs, great conversation and the event was enjoyed by all.

The class of 1991 has a group page on Facebook; please find us @ Franklin High Class of 91. Please contact Anne Dunston Musquiz if you know of any classmate who would like to be added to our class database. Her email address is annemusquiz@gmail.com. In addition, if you are not receiving a Quaker Times or know someone in our class that is not receiving this mailing, have them send their information to Teresa Anderson, red-moonrise@comcast.net.



# Franklin High School Reunions

## Gals of "62" Luncheon

By Judy Collins Seth

The Class of "62" Gals' Luncheon will be on Saturday, October 1, 2011, at the Holiday Inn in Renton. This earlier lunch date was set to accommodate our "snowbirds". Ladies, feel free to bring your cameras and extend an invite to someone from the class that has not previously attended. Because reservations are required, please place your order now if you have not done so yet.

We will meet at the Holiday Inn in Renton, WA, located on the corner of Rainier Avenue S and Grady Way. This taste of Italy lunch will begin promptly at noon and end by 2:30pm. A \$27.00 charge per person is set.

Please contact Judy Collins Seth: 206-725-6262, or email judyseth@hotmail.com. These female only gatherings have been a warm up for our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion in 2012, which will be all inclusive, men and women. We will firm up the date early so that individuals required to travel from afar will be able to plan.

If you know the whereabouts of any 1962 graduate that currently is not getting a newsletter, please ask them to share their information with our FAA&F database person, Teresa Anderson: redmoonrise@comcast.net.

## Class of '70 "Motown in Sea-Town"

by Aleta Felder

The class of '70, "Quakers Forever" committee, is hosting a "Motown in Sea-Town" event on Saturday, October 15, 2011. Mark your calendar for a fun-filled evening. Plan to come and dance to your favorite songs from The Jacksons, The Temptations, The Supremes, Smokey Robinson and all the others. The time is 7:00pm until 11:00pm and the committee opts to keep the price at an affordable \$10.00 per person.

The Seattle Central Area Senior Center, 500 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Seattle, WA will be the perfect location with its great views of Lake Washington.

There will be dance contests, raffle prizes, special tributes, and prizes for the best Motown attire.

For further information contact: felderaleta@yahoo.com. Committee members are: Debbie Buford, Cecilia Evans, Aleta Felder, Glenn Gossett, Michael Raines and Vorn Willis.

## Class of 2001 Ten Year Reunion

By Tara Liggins

The Class of 2001 is planning their first reunion. They are planning an evening event and they have set Saturday, November 26, 2011. The location is yet to be determined, but they have established a class email address: FQClassof2001@gmail.com and a facebook address: facebook.com/FHSClassof2001.

Please share this information with anyone you know from this class. And, if you are a member of the Class of 2001 and would be interested in working on the event, feel free to contact one of the above addresses.

To date, the committee consists of Ava King, Marquita Smith and Tara Liggins.

## Class of 1992 PLans 20 year reunion

By Angela Brooks

The Class of 1992 has begun their reunion plans early as they know that the Franklin's Centennial Year is going to be event-filled. They have set the weekend of Friday, August 10 through Sunday, August 12, 2012. Go to our website: [www.fhs1992.com](http://www.fhs1992.com) to stay up-to-date on the latest news and details.

For more information, feel free to contact Angela Brooks, [fhs1992reunion@gmail.com](mailto:fhs1992reunion@gmail.com) or (206) 251-1908. Make sure that we have your information. Please fill out your contact information today: <http://tinyurl.com/fhs92contactinfo>.

If you know of a Franklin alum from any class who is not currently in the FAA&F database, please encourage them to send their information to Teresa Anderson at [redmoonrise@comcast.net](mailto:redmoonrise@comcast.net).



Quaker Pride lives on in the Class of 1992! They will show it during their 20<sup>th</sup> Reunion in 2012.



## Albert (Al) Cohen, 1961: Yell Leader to School Superintendent

I grew up in a north side neighborhood of Mount Baker on 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave. South, between Massachusetts Street and Atlantic Street. This allowed me to go to John Muir Elementary School from kindergarten through sixth grade. Then I went to Washington Jr. High rather than the newer Sharples Jr. High, where all of my grade school friends attended. I was reunited with those friends at Franklin in 1957. At Franklin, I was an average student taking college prep courses. I did okay in the schoolwork, but really liked the social aspects of school. I joined the social club, The Cavaliers. Although most Franklin memories are positive, my one big regret was that I did not play football, due in part to working after school at my dad's cleaning shop (next to McNamara's drug store on McClellan St).

I liked most of my teachers at Franklin, but three in particular made quite an impact on me; Frank Ahern (U.S. History), Tom Rekenenthaler (Contemporary Problems – U.S.) and Laurel Pickett (Foods). I was forced to take Foods because I was removed from study hall too often. It worked out well for me as I ate well and the class was mainly girls.

As my junior year was coming to a close, Bob (Moe) Tacher convinced me to try out for the yell squad. Bob, Ron Alia, Don Grahn, Ron Malstrom and Mark Rubin made up the squad. A memory that really stands out for me had to do with Garfield. The Garfield basketball team that was headed to the state tournament. Most of the Garfield players I knew well from my junior high days. On the last basketball game of the regular season against Garfield, Franklin had a two-point lead over Garfield with almost no time left on the clock. Garfield's roughest player went to the foul line to shoot two free throws. He missed both of them and Franklin went on to beat the eventual state champions, 47 to 45. I would be remiss if I did not point out that working with Song Leaders Colleen Day, Karen Smith, Jill Gyselman, Diane Cooper, Linda Moore, Carole Good, Margaret Allyn and Patsy Allen, made being a yell leader worthwhile.

After high school, I attended the University of Washington where I majored in Elementary Education and Anthropology and joined Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity. Once my college classes were completed in 1965, I did my September experience at John Muir followed by my student teaching at Van Asselt Elementary. After student teaching, I got my first job teaching fifth grade at Whitworth Elementary. Three and half years later, I did an administrative internship at Sacajawea Elementary. From Sacajawea, I became the vice principal of T.T. Minor. Following Minor, I became principal for my first time at Montlake Elementary. I returned to Whitworth as principal in 1974 and five years later, I made the difficult decision to leave Seattle Schools and went to the Northshore School District. In Northshore, I was the principal of Woodin Elementary and later Bothell High School. In 1981, I became head of the Northshore elementary schools and later head of the secondary schools.

Deciding to pursue other jobs in education requiring graduate school, I received my Masters Degree from UW and my administrative credentials and Doctorate Degree from Seattle University. The graduate degrees helped facilitate my transition to a variety of administrative positions. In 1990, I decided that becoming a school superintendent was my ultimate career goal. That year, I applied and was appointed superintendent of the Olympia School District where I served for eleven years. In 2001, I retired from Olympia but four months into retirement, I was asked to serve in the Clover Park School District as Deputy Superintendent and later as Superintendent. I retired from Clover Park in 2007, and currently work as a consultant for McPherson and Jacobson, an executive recruitment and development firm, specializing in working with school boards seeking a superintendent.

On a personal note, I married Tina Bornstein in 1967 who I met at the U of W. We live in Olympia. We had two outstanding children (Dr. Mitchell Cohen, deceased, and Alisa Cohen, program manager at Starbucks) and three terrific grandchildren. I frequently see many of our Class of 1961; Jerry Mezistrano, John Muscatel, Bob Tacher, Alan Cohen, Victor DeLeon, and many others but less frequently. I feel very fortunate to have attended Franklin. Everywhere I go, I seem to meet people that also attended Franklin. Our school has a rich history. Congratulations to Franklin High School and loyal Quakers everywhere on the up and coming 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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## Classes of the 30's Enjoy Another Successful Reunion



*Class of '31, '32*



*Class of '34*



*Class of '35 & '36*



*Class of '37*



*Class of '38*



*Class of '39*

Although Seattle's weather proved to be unpredictable this spring, the Classes of the 30's were lucky once again when they found what might have been the only sunny June day for their reunion luncheon at Ivar's Lake Union Salmon House. As usual, Ivar's outdid themselves in providing several delicious entrée choices. Of course, this lunch once again ended with a cake provided by Borracchini's Bakery topped with a very generous scoop of Ivar's ice cream.

A microphone being passed around the room gave all an opportunity to introduce themselves, make a few comments, and in some instances recall some Franklin experiences of yore. A few letters were read from alums that were unable to attend and then free time was available for socializing among these special alums. This year there were two ninety-nine year olds and two ninety-eight year olds from the classes of '30 and '31 respectively. Although grandchildren's graduations caused conflicts for some, there were fifty-seven attending in all. Sons, daughters, friends and friends of friends made the effort to help with the transportation.

We were privileged to have Judi Arnold organizing and snapping photos. In addition, this year these graduates from the 30s went high tech leaving an email address to which copies of the pictures were sent.

Members of the classes and some guests collectively donated \$685 to the Class of '35 Scholarship Fund. This scholarship fund is a cause towards which they have very warm sentiment.

*A special thank you to all you volunteers who helped bring about the reunion.*

*—Bonnie Bosworth*

## Franklin Music Dept. Fall and Winter Concerts in October and December

By *Tamara Burnett & Geoffrey D. Ogle*

Welcome back Franklin! There is much excitement going on in the music department! Our program is growing by leaps and bounds and we want to show you what we are all about. Come join us for our first concert, Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in Franklin's auditorium. You will hear music from the bands, choirs, and orchestra! Admission is free and we look forward to seeing you!

The revitalized Franklin High School Music Department will also present a Winter Concert on Tuesday, December 13, at 7:30pm in the Franklin

Auditorium. The concert will feature performances by the Quaker Band, the Franklin Orchestra, the Jazz Band, the Choirs and the Steel Drum Band. The concert will be held in Franklin's newly refurbished auditorium. The Seattle School District has recently spruced up the auditorium by replacing the floor, curtains, lighting and sound equipment. This is an excellent opportunity to hear some of the vibrant new groups that now call Franklin their home.

## Class of '83 picks the perfect park for a picnic ...Three consecutive years

By *Cielito Pascual*

August 27, 2011 marked the third consecutive year that a special reunion brought Quakers together for food and fun.

This year, Ravenna Park was the site where over four dozen graduates from the years 1981-86 came to chat and chew, mingle and remember, laugh and libate.

The tradition began in 2008 as an alternative to a formal 25th year reunion for the class of '83, organized by Chris Mason. Since then the word has spread every year, mainly through the social networking power of Facebook. Regulars and newcomers alike have joined in to make it a lively, noon-to-sundown event.



*Class of 1983*

"This was my third year and it is fun to see who shows up," says Yvette Frasier ('83). "I have made friends with people that I just knew by sight but never had a class together."

DeAngela Hedgemon ('83) has attended the picnic three times, twice with her daughter Keonna ('14) who enjoys spending the day meeting alumni.

Mason secures the park permits and supplies drinks and everything for the barbeque. The only admission charge is a pot-luck dish and that is optional! It is a commitment that is reconnecting people and creating a new community.

Mason says, "Seeing the smiles of best friends and lost friends, connecting for a few hours, makes it worth all of the effort."

## Twelfth Annual 'Picnic in the Park' a Huge Success

The 12th Annual Franklin Picnic of the Classes of 1955 through 1962 was held on July 15, 2011 at Gene Coulon Park in Renton. It proved to be another perfect day to enjoy catching up with former Franklin school friends in a relaxed atmosphere on the shores of Lake Washington.

The first order of importance is a 'thank you' to the picnic committee. Without these businesses and people giving time and donations, this event would not be the huge success that it is: Remo Borracchini, owner of Borracchini's Italian Bakery, 2307 Rainier Ave. S., Seattle, 206-325-1550, Willie's Taste of Soul, 3427 Rainier Ave. S., Seattle, 206-722-3229, Louisiana Style Cooking, Dave Svendsen-Willies Brautwurst.

Individuals giving their talents and time were: Mike and Dolly Duckworth Anardi, Tim Corner, Cal Howard, Albert DeCaro, Fred and Josie Aspria Cacchione, Bill Wheatman, Tony and Jill Wright Cappetto, Buzz and Jeanne Patricelli Crites, Tom Riley, Diane Pezzella Gilbert, Bob and Carolyn Costanzo Trautmann, and Bruce Biesold. We would be remiss if we forgot to acknowledge our laboring cooks, Larry and Betty Mayer. The picnic's success is due to everyone's hard work and it is appreciated by all.

Each year those classmates attending realize that the park rental costs, as well as the food expenditures, continue to escalate. Due to the donations made by the attendees of 2011, the 13<sup>th</sup> picnic in 2012 is assured.

Keep our picnic email list current by sending your email to: [buzz@franklinpicnic.com](mailto:buzz@franklinpicnic.com). Please note classes from 1955 through 1962 welcome.



*Diane Pezzella Gilbert and Remo Borracchini, class of 1949 special guest.*



*Mike "Mickey" Tomich and Albert DeCaro*



*L to R: Liddy Krier Curtin, Cathy Jones Youngren, Petra Tierney, Suzie Stover Acker all class of 1960*



*L to R: Jill Wright Cappetto, Jeanne Patricelli Crites, Tony Cappetto, Josie Aspria Cacchione, John Steinbreck, Nils Seth, Judy Collins Seth and Dolly Duckworth Anardi*

# Xbot gets Bigger and Better Each Year

By Kate Thibodeau

Applause to FHS team xbot 2010-2011 season. Team xbot won the FIRST Technology Challenge (FTC) WA State Championship, FTC Qualifier Inspire award (highest award) and was a finalist at the FTC Division Finals at the World Championships in St. Louis, Missouri.

Team xbot's FRC (FIRST Robotics Competition) 120-pound robot came home with the Seattle Regional Finalist Award, the Rockwell Control & Automation Award, and the Oregon Regional General Motors Industrial Design Award, which celebrates the form and function in an efficiently designed machine that effectively achieves the game challenge.

Summer activities included the Tiger Cruise on the USS Sampson Destroyer from Everett to Seattle, and assisting with the completion of an 'Art truck' - the Spa Marine - a truck being converted to a submarine conning tower. Team xbot students are designing the periscope using a night vision camera as well as the manpower for the Spa Marine skins. The Spa Marine is being created for Burning Man, held in the Nevada desert the first week of September. You can check this out on a channel 9 video that was created. (<http://channel9.msdn.com/Series/Show-Us-Your-Tech/Show-Us-Your-Tech-Burning-Man-Sub>)

Franklin High School team xbot is gearing up for another awesome robotics season. The FIRST Technology Challenge (FTC) was released September 10, 2011, at the Museum of Flight. Students will design, build and program an 18" robot to complete the game challenge. State qualifiers will take place in the months of November, December and January. The FIRST Robotics competition



(FRC) Challenge will be on the first Saturday in January, 2012. Team xbot has its eyes on the WA State Regional in March and the World Championship in April, 2012.

Franklin High School students Kyle Lee, Jesse Senior and Gizelle Gando will be visiting classrooms the second week of September to recruit new team members for the season. There is a need for an animation team, a web design, a robot design, a robot build, a robot programming, marketing, fund raising and more. No prior experience will be required! If you know a student currently attending Franklin you might try to encourage them to participate in this wonderful program. We are in need of volunteers to assist with the program. Please contact us at [info@teamxbot.org](mailto:info@teamxbot.org) or Barbara Lynch (FHS AOF/CISCO Networking instructor - room 309) [blynch@seattleschools.org](mailto:blynch@seattleschools.org).

Our umbrella organization, XBOT ROBOTICS, a not-for-profit that provides hands-on, technology-rich, project-based activities, has recently moved to the INScape building on Airport Way in Seattle. We will eventually be providing workshops in technology and robotics topics for high school students, so look for these opportunities online at our website [www.xbotrobotics.org](http://www.xbotrobotics.org).

## Charley Nelson, Class of '99



By Stephany Raglund

Not everyone can say they love their job. However, Charley Nelson, FHS Class of 1999, speaks with sincerity when he shares his feelings about his work as the manager for the St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Bank, located in the Georgetown neighborhood of Seattle. Each week over 800 people come through the doors of the food bank and each week they are greeted with a big smile and a kind heart. Charley is responsible for all aspects of the food bank—from procuring food to coordinating volunteers and paid staff. The St. Vincent food bank is one of the larger ones in the city and plays a significant role in feeding the hungry in the South Seattle community.

"It's an honor to have a position where I can serve my community, my neighbors," says Nelson. "You have no idea how grateful I am to have found a place in life where I can do that kind of service."

While at Franklin, Charley experienced a microcosm of the world. The Rainier Valley neighborhood of Franklin was altogether different than his own on Queen Anne. There was variety, richness in language, race, and cultures. Experiencing the diverse student body had a profound impact on Charley and he states, "I wouldn't have had the perspective I have today, if it wasn't for Franklin." This perspective gives Nelson insight in his daily work with many, many people from all walks of life.

While reminiscing about his time at Franklin, Charley shared fond memories of teachers. There was Ms. Martenson who was his ceramics teacher during his senior year.

Ms. Faye, inspired him because of her enthusiasm for U.S. History. "Ms. Faye was in her early 20's and related to us really well."

In particular were Charley Nelson's memories of Mike Lawson, the woodshop teacher. "He was a mentor for a number of young men; a figure to look up to." As a teacher, Charley found Mike Lawson to be "honest and trustworthy—he was the kind of teacher you knew cared sincerely about his students". He recalls especially the fishing trips Mr. Lawson sponsored and organized so kids could learn the basics of fishing and experience the outdoors.

One of Charley's only regrets about his time at Franklin was not joining more student run activities, in particular the drama club—F.A.M.E

After graduation, Charley continued his education at Shoreline Community College (A.A Degree) and Western Washington University (B.A.). He married Nancy Vu (FHS '2000), and they have two children.



*"Stand up, keep fighting."-Paul Wellstone*

## Seattle Street named after Former Franklin Spanish Teacher

by Donna Amira

On August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Mr. Robert Maestas, a beloved FHS teacher, the long time director of El Centro de la Raza and social activist was honored with a street named in his honor. The "Robert Maestas Festival Street" is located on Beacon Hill next to El Centro de la Raza and the Beacon Hill Light Rail Station. Mayor Mike McGinn and many city dignitaries were there to honor Mr. Maestas' life work and memory. Class of '68 alumni, Theresa Escobar, Donna Amira, Shirley Kieser and Ric Rivera, were there to represent all Franklin students who were fortunate to know and learn from Mr. Maestas.

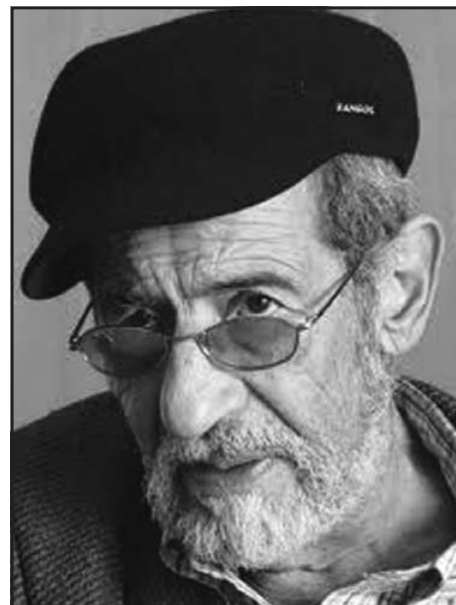
Mr. Maestas, who died of lung cancer in 2010, taught Spanish at Franklin from 1966 to 1968. In March of 1968 a sit-in led by three young activists (Larry Gossett, Aaron Dixon, and Carl Miller) took place. Two female black students had been suspended for refusing to change their Afro hairstyles. The protesters occupied the principal's office and demanded reinstatement for the girls, recognition of a Black Student Union chapter, and other reforms. Mr. Maestas was the only teacher who stayed to hear their concerns.

"The righteousness of their cause had such an impact on him that the next morning he went into the teachers' lounge and said, 'My name is no longer Robert or Bob,' recalled Larry Gossett, he said, 'I am Roberto,' rolling those Rs as only he could do. That's when he became an activist."

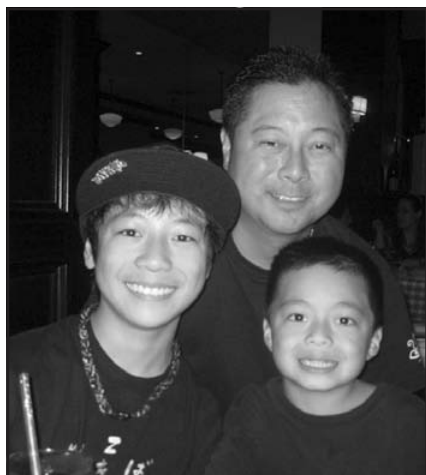
Maestas commented that given... "the contradictions, the absence of minority history, the growing sentiment in the black civil rights movement, I became a pretty active teacher." He left Franklin and entered the University of Washington the following year, receiving his master's degree in Latin American studies in 1971.

He continued to be an activist, helping to form a program at South Seattle Community for Adult Basic Education and English as a Second Language to serve the city's growing Latino community in the early 1970s. Funding for that program was cut in 1972 and he, fellow teachers, students and other community members peaceably occupied the abandoned Beacon Hill School and negotiated its conversion into a community center, El Centro de la Raza. He served as director of El Centro until 2009. He also co-founded the Minority Executive Director's Coalition in the 1980s with fellow colleagues, Bernie Whitebear, Larry Gossett, and Bob Santos.

Mr. Maestas embodied a love of teaching and devotion to equity and social justice that inspired all who knew him. We are proud to claim him as an important part of Franklin's history.



## From Franklin to Seattle Times



by Mark Yuasa

My senior year was very interesting as it was the time when Queen Anne High School closed and many of its students were transferred to Franklin. At first, we were somewhat

divided and hung with our own cliques. Then, as the year went on, we became much closer and ended up bonding in a very special way.

We had additional drama that year, when an undercover Seattle PI reporter, Susan Goldberg, posed as a student, and did a series on the good and bad of our school. The series seemed to emphasize more bad than good, but from what I remember the entire student body and faculty rose from this, and we showed that Franklin was a great place to be and we were all proud of it.

Some of my most memorable moments at Franklin were being on the golf and swim teams. I still have my letterman's jacket to this day.

Wood Shop was one of my favorite senior classes and I still have my hand-crafted coffee table. I also enjoyed being a teacher's aide in the main office with Mrs. Karen Shigaki working that old style switchboard.

We had a huge senior class, and now our



*Mark and his grandfather with a big catch. There were four others on the boat.*

Class of 1982 has a facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/group.php?gid=44410883741>) with about 56 members. It is nice to reconnect with people that we knew back then, as it will not be too long before we have our 30<sup>th</sup> reunion in 2012!

I am a third generation Franklin High School attendee. My grandmother Frances "Kiki" Hagi-mori graduated from Franklin in 1934, and my mom Sharon Yuasa attended Franklin before moving to Garfield. My younger sister, Stacy Yuasa is also a Franklin graduate. I attended the University of Washington in the fall of 1982.

I joined The Seattle Times in 1984 as a part time news assistant and became full-time a few years later. The former outdoor writer Brad O'Connor became my mentor. In 1992, shortly after O'Connor retired, I got my chance to write. Things worked out, my editors liked what I did, and eventually it led me to my regular beat now as the fishing and hunting reporter, which I have been doing for 19 years now.

I am lucky in that I did not have to take the long road to becoming a staff reporter like many in the industry. Funny, but I went to the UW with the idea of getting a business degree, and somehow my career ended up as a reporter. I know that as I was growing up I always loved to write and did well in language arts during grade and middle school, and maybe that led to me to become who I am now.

Sometimes I feel like my job was meant for me as I grew up in a family of fishermen, and can remember far back in my childhood going salmon



fishing with my grandfather, and living in Seward Park I would always go fishing with my friends in Lake Washington.

My wife is Jeanne Chang (1982 graduate of Cleveland HS), and we have two boys Tegan age 8, and Taylan age 14.

## Alexander Grant Gives Rise to Peer Health Education Program at Franklin

by Sara Thompson

In the fall of 2010, the Franklin Alumni Association awarded \$3,000 to Franklin School Nurse Robin Fleming to initiate a peer health education program. The program links the Alexander Endowment's aim to promote improved reproductive health education and outcomes with Fleming's experience in establishing evidence-based programs that foster student leadership and learning.

The Q-TIHP (Quaker Teens Improving Health Problems) program has a core of dedicated students who meet weekly during lunch to receive instruction from community experts on a variety of topics. Last year they identified mental health and reproductive health as critical issues for Franklin students. Q-TIHP developed a multi-pronged strategy that included learning, teaching, and sponsoring school-wide community health events.

First, an expert from Youth Suicide and Prevention Program (YSPP) attended several Q-TIHP meetings, teaching students about mental issues and signs of suicide, and guiding them on delivering it. After learning the curriculum, the students spent several weeks practicing teaching it, then culminated this learning by presenting the curriculum to their peers in multiple classrooms. After program delivery, there was a spike in student visits to both the school nurse and the Franklin Teen Health Center seeking assistance for themselves, or expressing concerns about friends for mental health issues. One of the presentations was featured on KING-5 television's children's health newslink.

The second curriculum students learned was on the realities of teen pregnancy and parenting. Their program focused on the long-lasting impacts of teen

childbearing and parenting on the lives of teens, parents, and the greater community. Co-taught by Lisa Love, lead health educator for Seattle Public Schools, and Marci Reichert of Planned Parenthood, the students eagerly absorbed the curriculum over the course of several weeks. Then they practiced giving the presentation, followed by conducting actual classroom

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presentations. Planned Parenthood has been impressed with this program and one of their experts in developing peer health education programs will work directly with Q-TIHP this coming year (including an all-day retreat in October).

As this fledgling group grows deeper roots, its members also are considering larger issues, such as managing membership, managing a health blog for Franklin students, designing programs, initiating partnerships, and sharing its story to those in the public health community. An abstract outlining Q-TIHP and the economic, educational, social, and public health benefits conferred by peer health education programs success was accepted by the Washington State Public Health Association. A team will go to Vancouver, Washington October 18 to present their findings.

This terrific program would not have been possible without the incredible generosity of the Alexander Fund Grant. We are looking forward to another fruitful year of health education with the Fund's continued support!



*Q-TIHP members at the University of Washington meet with their peer health educator mentors and colleagues.*



*Franklin Q-TIHP member Lily Tesfaye brainstorms health teaching ideas with U-Help Peer Educator Tiffany Hou.*

## Class of 1952 Reunion was an enjoyable event

by Jim Hilton

On a gorgeous September day over 60 members and their partners of the Class of 1952, together with ten members of the class of 1940, enjoyed both classes' annual reunion at the outstanding venue of the Seattle Golf Club. The class of 1940 has met every year since their 50th and the class of 1952 has been following their lead, even as to the venue for the event. Many traveled substantial distances for the event, including Mimi Dunn Gordon from Pennsylvania. Unfortunately bad weather in the south and east disrupted some plans to attend, including Amy Sonntag Henderson whose flights from Louisiana were cancelled.

It was a beautiful day, with a gorgeous view of the Olympics and Puget Sound. On display were the historical pictures of the class and the school that have been prepared and preserved by Mary Jane Berry Murdock and a core of helpers from the class. Favors were furnished to all by Bob Burt.

The event began with hors d'oeuvres from 10:30 am to noon, with coffee service and an open bar. Lunch was a choice of Stuffed Chicken, Beef Short Ribs or Mushroom Ravioli, followed by Ice Cream Sundaes and cookies. A pretty snazzy spread!

The short program consisted of a report on the Alumni Association, the recent excellent test results by Franklin students, a reminder of next year's Centennial Celebration of the opening of Franklin, and the plans for the 60th reunion of the Class next year.

Classmates hung around until after 2:00 PM, trading memories and catching up on the lives of others.

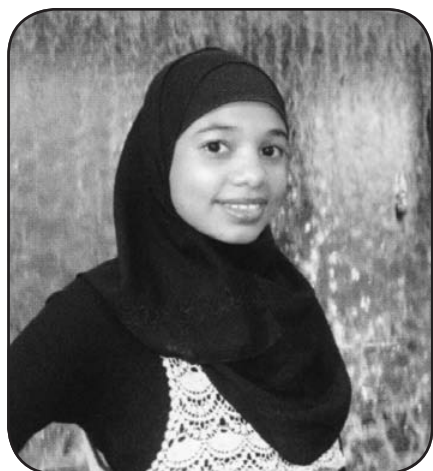
For information and suggestions on future events contact either Sylvia Boin Kuebler 2500 81st Ave. SE, Mercer Island, WA 98040-2243, skuebl@seanet.com or Jim Hilton 206-359-8539, hiltj@perkinscoie.com.

**Franklin classmates of 1952: plan on joining us for our 60th next year.**



## Franklin Seniors Awarded Scholarships from the Alumni

The Class of 1935 established a scholarship fund in 2000 and the FAA&F has carried on the tradition since 2005. Each year students are selected based on academics, social service and economic need. Awarding the Franklin Scholarship each June continues to be a highlight for the Board. This year we had thirteen applications. Four seniors received \$1,000 each to help cover tuition.



### Asma Ahmed

Asma came to the U.S. at age three. She and her family moved many times and finally settled in Seattle when she was in middle school. She has been active in Team Read, the National Honor Society, Asian Student Association, the Black Student Union and the Madrasa Islamic School. She is described as an optimist and a confident leader. She will attend Bellevue College in the fall and plans to be a nurse, hoping to return to Somalia to provide help to those who are prisoners of poverty and have no access to health care.



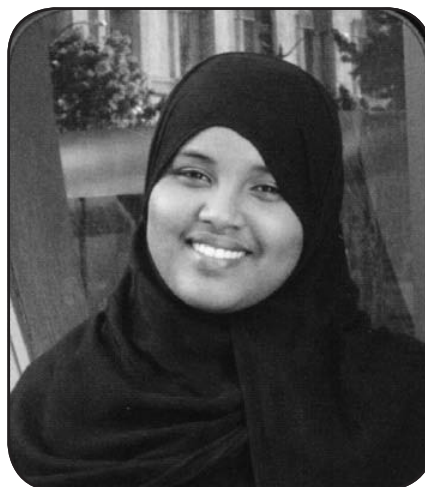
### Jamie Ngoc Dao

Jamie has been active in the Principal's advisory Committee, the Asian Student Association, Quaker Teens improving Health Problems (Q-THIP), and College Access Now. She volunteered at the ICHS health center and in the Columbia Branch Library. She is described as passionate about justice. She is the first in her family to attend college and will be going to UW Tacoma this fall.



### Wintana Solomon Haile

Wintana moved to Seattle two years ago from Germany with her father. She co-founded the Habesha Club for students of Eritrean or Ethiopian heritage. She also received an award for having the most community service hours in the school – 1266! She has missed her mother and sisters but is determined to be a success. She will attend Washington State University in the fall. One of her advisors called her an agent for change – and already speaking five languages will help make anything possible!



### Roda Sugulle

Roda escaped from Somalia with her father as a young girl and moved to the US when she was 12. She has been a support for her family and has still made the time to participate in the Black Student Union, Future Business Leaders of America and to tutor in her local library and in the Somali Community Center. As a member of Upward Bound Youth Leadership she helped coordinate events and learned how to be a leader. She will attend the UW Seattle this fall.

## Bel Canto Performing Arts Society and the Bel Canto Singers



In early 2010, the non-profit Bel Canto Performing Arts Society was formed to help support the mission of the 60+ member Bel Canto Singers. This mission is "to provide individuals of all ages, genders, and socio-economic status,

*the opportunity to receive vocal and instrumental instruction, mentoring, listening activities and performing experiences, thereby fostering cultural diversity and inspiring a lifelong appreciation of the performing arts."*

The success of this mission depends upon ticket revenue, sponsorships, society memberships, grants and other donations. Proceeds from the 2011 musical season will be used to support performing arts programs in community schools. The programs will offer musical instruction for beginner, intermediate and advanced students, various youth choirs and opportunities to perform with the Bel Canto Singers. Dr. H. Richard Koehler, director of the Bel Canto Singers, will be at the helm of this ambitious project.

The majority of Bel Canto Singers have deep roots in the community going back over 40 years to their days in the Franklin High School choir where, under Dr. Koehler's direction, they earned a reputation for exceptional singing in front of appreciative audiences throughout the Northwest, the British Isles and Northern Europe.

Plan now to get your tickets to hear the Bel Canto Singers on either Sunday, October 16 (Daniels Recital Hall, 5<sup>th</sup> and Columbia, Seattle) or Saturday, October 22, at 2pm (Westminster Chapel, 13646 NE 24<sup>th</sup> St, Bellevue). Ticket information is available at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com) or by phone 1-800-838-3006.



Bel Canto Singers at Seattle Opera House in 1962

The Bel Canto Singers were recently appointed as the Resident Choral Society for Daniels Recital Hall. To learn more about the **Bel Canto Performing Arts Society** visit [www.belcantopas.org](http://www.belcantopas.org) or call 206-422-6106

*Get Ready – The Bel Canto Singers' 2011 Fall Concert Season is almost here!*  
(Recently honored as the Resident Choral Society of Seattle's world-renowned Daniels Recital Hall)

Start planning now to get your tickets to hear the Bel Cantos at one of 4 concert venues in October, 2011. Singing for overflow crowds at last year's program, Artistic Director & Conductor Dr. Richard Koehler has again chosen a selection of songs for the upcoming series that will stir your emotions and add richness to your Fall festivities.

The Bel Canto Singers have deep and wide roots in the community going back over 40 years to their days in the Franklin High School choir. It was there, also under Dr. Koehler's direction, that they earned a reputation for singing challenging and beautiful music for appreciative audiences throughout the greater Seattle area and across Northern Europe... an impressive feat for a high school choir.

Come hear these exceptional voices blend together again as they share their life-long love of singing for music lovers like you, your friends and family.

*Sample selection of inspiring songs for up-coming programs:*

*"You Raise Me Up" Pop Hit*  
*"Dirait-on" French Poem*  
*"Over the Sea to Skye" Hebridean Rowing Song*  
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