

# Quaker Times

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## Reader Board Installed

**Be Franklin, all day --  
every day!**

Franklin has an electronic reader board at last. After years of Franklin staff dealing with an outdated board with crumbling letters requiring installation via a ladder, FAA&F embarked on a fund raising campaign in 2008. Thanks to the generosity of 43 donors (with donations ranging from \$25 to \$10,000), as well as a Seattle Department of Neighborhoods Small and Simple Grant, by that fall our target was met. Over the next five years we worked with the city and the school district as permits and contracts were negotiated. This summer the new reader board was installed. It stands exactly where the original stood, and the size is the same. But now, thanks to LED technology and a computer, the content can be updated from the school office and changes can be made daily if necessary. Important school news can be announced, along with occasional words of



wisdom – all easily visible to those driving in the neighborhood.

Our gratitude goes to all who so generously donated to the project and to the board members who worked tirelessly to keep the project moving forward.

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[www.franklinhs.seattleschools.org](http://www.franklinhs.seattleschools.org)

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## 2013 Fall Note from the President

Franklin changes lives. Over the past year as I have spoken with alumni from all decades, that message has resonated. Whether it is a special teacher, a meaningful extra-curricular activity, the exposure to an incredibly diverse student body or the friendships that continue long past graduation, the Franklin experience is one that most alumni value immensely – being at Franklin has influenced who they are and how they approach the world. That is quite a legacy.

Even more impressive as a legacy is the impact Franklin graduates have had on the wider world. Agents of change in the community, inventors, athletes, philanthropists, artists, and writers – at both local and national levels, Franklin alumni have made a positive difference. And now is the time for you to consider giving back, to help keep Franklin the amazing place it has always been as a creator of world citizens.

This year has been one of increasing coordination between Franklin staff and parents and we are poised more than ever to help Franklin on its continued road to being the best high school in Seattle. For the second year Franklin had the longest waiting list of any high school in the city. Test scores for students continue to improve and show a progressive closing of the achievement gap. Graduates are going to fine universities.

The FAA&F Board worked with staff to figure out how best to support Franklin and we developed a three year plan. Athletic teams will have uniforms and equipment; students who cannot afford 'pay to play fees' can get financial help; Writers in Schools will be supported every year. And we are very excited to work with the Instructional Council (the department heads, the athletic advisor and an administrator) which will develop a plan to spend \$15,000 a year to enhance the educational experience for students. Rather than through our individual grants, we will be supporting a collaborative approach and we are excited to see what will come of this process.

We will assess the success and sustainability of this approach. Our financial commitment is \$10,000 a year more than it has been in the past, and sustainability will depend on an increase in memberships and donations.

The Franklin Alumni Association and Foundation is unique in the city of Seattle. No other public high school has an alumni organization with our breadth and depth. We keep alumni informed and connected with this newsletter, an informative website and a Facebook page. We are committed to support current students through the programs I just described. In addition, we provide scholarships each year to deserving seniors. Please join us as we support Franklin's mission to create incredible world citizens.

*Sara Thompson, '68*

*President*

*Parent of Franklin Graduates 2003 & 2004*

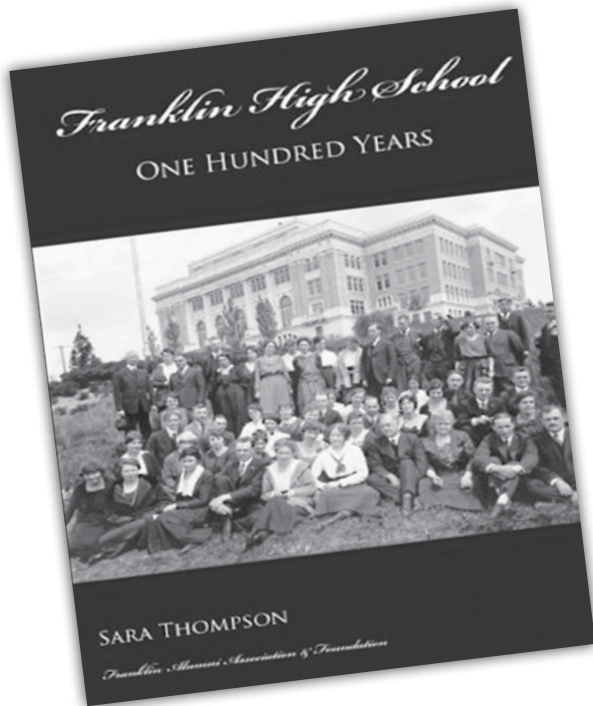
## “A Baker’s Dozen” Attended the FHS Classes 1940-45 Reunion

By Bruce Meyers

The group of classes forming “the Greatest Generation” from, Franklin High School, 1940 through 1945, had an informal reunion Wednesday, June 19, 11am in Seattle at the Eastlake Bar and Grill, 2947 Eastlake Ave East. Our former location has been razed so we were pleased to find a new location on the shores of Lake Union with reasonable prices, and good, friendly service in addition to good food and available parking.

We had a bakers’ dozen (13) fellow Franklin Grads attending, which included: Jim McCurdy, Herb Bridge, Bob Benson, Rene Friedli, Pat Owen Hambelton, Walter Swanson, Sandy Sanborn, Chuck Welsh, Barbara Ohnick, Frank Fickheisen, Bob Buchanan, Claire Stewart Moscrip and Bruce Meyers. The theme of the day was: Stay healthy! As Bob Benson put it so aptly, “If you rest, you rust!”

We look forward to future luncheons together so we are asking individuals from these classes to keep us abreast of any changes in address, email, or phone. Of course, feel free to call us with news you might wish to share: Bruce Meyers, 425 391-6666; Bob Benson, 206 878-7884; or Clint Prescott, 425-557-5802.



## “Franklin High School: 100 Years” Still Available

The book written to commemorate Franklin’s Centennial is still available for purchase. The book celebrates Franklin’s history – one that in many ways reflects that of Seattle and the Seattle Public Schools. Read about the building itself, the story of the Quaker symbol, the Franklin experience decade by decade, and many of the alumni who have left an indelible mark on the world.

It can be purchased online through Amazon or at the Rainier Valley Historical Society office located in Columbia City, Seattle for \$15. All proceeds go to FAA&F to support Franklin students.

## FRANKLIN BAND BOOSTER SCARVES

By Mark Megathlin

The Franklin High School Band Boosters are still selling scarves to support the band and all of its activities. Last year the money from the sale of scarves helped send the band to Victoria B.C. to march in the Victoria Day Parade. It also helped the band with cleaning and refurbishing of uniforms and instruments. The scarves are \$18 and can be purchased by contacting the band director Geoff Ogle at [gdogle@seattleschools.org](mailto:gdogle@seattleschools.org).





# Principal's Letter

Greetings Franklin Alumni!

I am beginning my 11<sup>th</sup> year as the principal of Franklin High School and could not be more proud to serve in this community. The magic of Franklin never gets routine or stale. The spirit of service, kindness, civic engagement, community development, creativity and innovation surges through the halls and neighborhood in unbridled fashion throughout the year – especially in the Fall. This year we have enjoyed extending the Franklin spirit deeper into the community through our fabulous new reader board that our amazing alumni provided for us. The Franklin “brand” continues to be highly sought after as our waitlist for enrollment continues to be among the longest in the district. Unlike so many schools across the nation that build their reputations on singular signature programs that serve only a portion of the student body, Franklin has worked unwaveringly to build a school that works for all kids regardless of background or income. Very few schools across the nations can boast this claim. At Franklin, everything is for everybody and the FHS alumni, through ongoing generous donations, has helped to make this possible.

We have enjoyed a wonderful Fall sports season with successes on many fronts. We wanted to highlight a few standout performers. We are ranked 22 in the nation in ultimate Frisbee! In cross country, we are now sending students to district competition with 24 students performing personal bests at the Metro Championship meet, and we had a student qualify for district competition in girls' golf! This is our first qualifier in golf in over 20 years!

Academically, we continue to surge performing near or above district and state levels in Reading, Writing and Math in disaggregated sub groups. This translates that when students from similar sub groups are compared to one another across the district and state, Franklin fairs incredibly well!

Rarely does a week go by where I do not receive some email or phone call from someone unrelated to Franklin telling me about some incredible experience they just had with Franklin students. Our kids are among the most kind, caring, spirited, global-minded, resilient, creative critical thinkers you can gather. Franklin students WILL make a difference in this world for the better. They always have, and they always will. I am proud to be a part of this 102 year movement toward the pursuit of excellence for all in our public school. Thank you for marching with us!

*Warmly, Jennifer*

**FRANKLIN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND FOUNDATION'S WEBSITE:**

**[WWW.FRANKLINALUMNI.NET](http://WWW.FRANKLINALUMNI.NET)**

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**[HTTP://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/FHSALUMNI](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/FHSALUMNI)**

## Alums Still attend the Reunion of the 30's



The year was 1930-something and the students were graduating from Franklin. The school colors had already been established as green and black and PI newspaper sports' writer, Royal

Brougham had said, "The players from Franklin left their rivals quaking on the football field." Thus, the Quaker mascot was born.

If you were a guy you popped across the street for a best burger at the Beanery for a dime. The girls didn't seem as welcome at the Beanery so they frequented the Franklin Inn, which was nearby. If you lived within a two mile radius of Franklin your feet were considered your mode of transportation. Trolleys prevailed along Rainier Avenue and as one alumnus expressed, "I can't understand the push to bring trolleys back as they weren't that popular back then." Some recalled Rainier Avenue as a gravel road for some of their school years, where small farms still existed in the Valley.

Students came to Franklin from the entire Southeast section of Seattle and some Mercer Island students rowed over by boat. In the book, "The Boys

in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown, Al Ulbrickson Sr., the University of Washington rowing coach for 31 years, actually did just that for four years in order to attend and graduate from Franklin in 1921. In fact, John Galbraith White, Jr. an Olympic Gold Medalist on the U of WA rowing team in Berlin in 1936, was an alum of Franklin. Franklin's population was a melting pot with a diverse population both racially and economically. The Pals from the Philippines was a foreign student group.

Franklin is still an outstanding institution in Rainier Valley, but you can imagine its magnificence in the Seattle scene when the Smith Tower was the tallest building west of the Mississippi River. Because the Class of 1935 initiated the scholarship program, at thier reunions the classes of the 30's add to the cost of their lunch; this year they donated \$530 towards the 2014 scholarship fund. Listening in as these graduates, most in their nineties with two at 100 and one at 101, reminisce and share their experiences, is a joyful way to spend an afternoon. May they live, laugh, stay healthy and enjoy their longevity until the Reunion of the 30's in 2014.

I would be remiss if I did not thank Judi Arnold, our photographer, Borracchini's for their donated cake, Dorene Cropley, Lynda Olerud, Ted Palsson, Conrad Bosworth and all the relatives and friends that made it possible for 30's alums to attend. Thank you.

*"Still here -  
94 in  
November."*

- Robert Jones 1937



PHOTOS:

Top picture: Howard Davenport '30 ... 101, Doris Nestor Bolton '31 ... 100, Lila Mae Frees Bulen '29 ... 100.

Middle picture left: Robert Jones '39, Anita Hendricks Robison '37, Helen Kiene Farnham '37, Alan Phillips '37 and Dick Whiting '37.

Middle picture right: Paul Bigley '34, Rosalie Pagano Patricelli '34, Ann Danielson Molitor '34, Helen Lewis Karr '33, and Vivian Roberts Banchemo '34

Bottom picture: Robert Smith '39, Mary Hill Mills '39, Edward Nilson '39, Jim Ellis '39, June Vynne Hellenenthal '39 and George Peterson '39.

# Vibrancy. Diversity. Spirit.

by Nancy Rudy



Those three words exemplify Franklin High School to 2013 mayoral candidate Charlie Staadecker, Class of 1961. And they are words to live by.

The opportunities Franklin gave to its students, Staadecker says, “gave us jet fuel to have big dreams, and the teachers allowed us to keep

those dreams.” Those big dreams have pushed many Franklin graduates to great success.

Teachers were the key, Staadecker says. He remembers Carl Malnati, a history teacher who “demanded excellence and made current events real.” He stressed the legacy of our forefathers, “like a track baton passed to us.” His students had to excel, had to reach their potential. Malnati died recently. These are the teachers who plant seeds in us, Staadecker said.

Robert Parks, a language arts teacher, was always elegantly dressed and had a commanding voice. He set the tone for Staadecker’s future, who is known today as a well dressed gentleman.

“There were many opportunities at Franklin,” Staadecker said. “You just had to take advantage of them. Teachers opened doors and created opportunities, instilling in people that they have potential. The spark may come alive later.”

The best things Staadecker remembers about Franklin are the friendships which endured. For example, there are about 20 friends who plan their class reunions. The worst was “not realizing how I could enhance and expand the experience.” When he was a student, he “had no perspective to realize how rich the

environment at Franklin really was,” he said.

Of course, there were jokes and pranks. One day in the language lab during French class, Charlie thought he had privacy and tried to imitate Maurice Chevalier. It was at that point that the teacher, who could monitor any one student in the lab, opened up Staadecker’s station. “Someone is speaking perfectly!” she announced to the class. And then there was the chemistry teacher who never could figure out how the color of an experiment changed after the students switched the liquids while he was out of the room briefly.

While he was in school, Staadecker played tennis, in which he made all-city, and golf. He also remembers the Senior Class play, “A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur’s Court,” mostly because he had the lead.

After high school, Staadecker attended the Wharton Business College and Cornell University. He spent two years in the Army in Germany where he developed an interest in hotel administration. He worked around the world for eight years with Intercontinental Hotels and Hilton International. The wealth of knowledge of various cultures he gained, has served him well.

The books Staadecker is reading (as of this writing) are a lecture series by Peter Gomes of Harvard and Madeleine Albright’s book “Memo to the President-Elect,” views of her advice on good governance. He wants to read Michael Luis’s “Century 21 City” which he considers thoughtful, inviting, and interactive.

The criteria for a mayor, Staadecker says, is the quality of the person, not how much time he or she has spent in politics. People love their city, and they

want a leader they can trust; they won’t agree on everything, but trust is the sign of a good leader: one who sublimates ego for the good of the city.





## Lifelong Friends join on University of Washington “Wall of Fame”



Fate has been described as a destiny of life, chance, or luck. Two friends of seventy-plus years from Seattle’s Franklin High School were recently honored by the University of Washington Naval ROTC at their induction into the University’s ”Wall of Fame” Ceremony.

This wall honors alumni who have distinguished military careers and have carried on exemplary service into their post-service civilian careers. Naval Rear Admiral Herb Bridge and Marine Colonel Bruce Meyers, who ran together on the Franklin track team in the early forties, were both inducted and their pictures and biographies were placed on the University’s “Wall of Fame.” They are the only two living survivors of the first five inductees to be so honored.

The five men each had by duty assignments or exemplary military performance that set them apart from their peers. Two were distinguished Rear Admirals: Bob Copeland was a skipper of a destroyer escort sunk in its valiant and heroic defense of our landing force in the US retaking of the Philippines – and received the Navy Cross; Rear Admiral Herb Bridge coordinated all shipping (civilian and military) to and from Vietnam during that conflict and earned two Legions of Merit. Colonel Gregory “Pappy” Boington and Brigadier General Robert Galer who was an All-American basketball player while at the UW, were Marine aviators honored with our country’s highest decoration (the Medal of Honor, both at Guadalcanal), Bruce Meyers, who, as a Colonel of Marines led the successful defense and subsequent withdrawal from the Marine Corps’ Khe Sanh base during the Vietnam War was awarded the Legion of Merit with Combat “V”, Purple Heart and the Navy Marine Corps Medal for heroism.

The five have known one another over the years! Fate indeed led to their collective recognition by their University.



The tiles ordered by the FAA&F during the renewal of the Franklin Tile Program were installed during the summer of 2013.

The Franklin Tile program was started in 1990 by the PTSA at the time of Franklin’s renovation. Franklin families and alumni purchased eight-inch tiles with personalized engraving. At the request of the PTSA, the alumni association took over the program several years later. FAA&F stopped taking tile orders in 2007 because there were fewer requests, but as part of celebrating Franklin’s Centennial, the program was renewed.

## Franklin Tiles are Installed

Tiles commemorating the class of ’61 were placed in the front hall near the main office. All other tiles are on the wall across from the Commons at the south end of the hall.

FAA&F has records of where all the tiles have been placed over the years, but they are in need of organizing so that alumni can be easily located. If anyone has an interest, is patient and is detail-oriented, please contact us at [FAAandF@gmail.com](mailto:FAAandF@gmail.com).

Many thanks to Megan Walters ’95, who tirelessly managed the tile program for nearly two years.



# Hall of Fame and Annual Meeting



Alumni, students and staff gathered on May 16 for the FAA&F Annual Meeting and Hall of Fame. Nearly 130 from the Franklin community arrived at the Mount Baker Community Club to honor three remarkable graduates – this was the first Hall of Fame induction since 2005.

Ben, Franklin's mascot, and cheerleaders greeted guests, students served appetizers and former parents manned the bar. Sensuous Taste Catering (Deb Burton '66, owner) provided a tasty buffet dinner, and musical entertainment was delivered by the 32 Street Singers, many of whom were part of the Bel Canto Choir from the 1960s and 70s. alumni from 1938 (Ken Krummeck) through 2013 attended and graduates from each decade shared stories before the program got underway.

Daniel Sessoms '85, the FAA&F vice-president, hosted the evening. Sara Thompson '68 introduced the Board, including new member Thai Schell '99. She reviewed the successes of the last year and then the heart of the program commenced – induction of three remarkable alumni into the Hall of Fame. Ron Chew '71, Larry Gossett '63 and Bill Speidel '30.

Classmate Cindy Lee introduced Ron, who is probably best known for the work he has done with the Wing Luke Museum where he served as executive director from 1991-2007. Ron received the [Ford Foundation "Leadership for a Changing World" award](#) and also is an honoree of the [Association of American Museum's Centennial Honor Roll](#) which recognized the top 100 people who helped make America's museums places of discovery, inspiration, joy and lifelong learning. In 2010 Ron became director of the [ICHS Foundation](#). When accepting the Hall of Fame award, he recalled his time at Franklin – he



remembered often being sleepy in class – he worked at the Hong Kong Restaurant throughout his time at Franklin and did not get enough sleep. But he sang the praises of some inspiring teachers, in particular Rick Nagel and Barbara Nilson.

Larry Gossett '63, was introduced by Franklin Principal Jennifer Wiley. She noted that Larry has been a tireless support of Franklin, and reviewed some of his accomplishments – Executive Director of the Central Area Motivation Project, King County Councilman since 1993 and current chair. In 2008 he was selected by the University of Washington Alumni Association as one of the "Wondrous 100," as one of the most influential UW graduates over the past one hundred years. Larry talked about the importance



of his high school classmates – their 50th reunion was this year. He also reminisced about the Franklin demonstration in 1968, when he came to the school as a representative of the Black Student Union from the UW to help mediate – which ultimately resulted in a new principal, the inclusion of a black history course and other changes in the Franklin learning environment. His involvement led to his arrest – he noted that his current office is actually in the same site as the jail where he was held over four decades ago.

Bill Speidel's daughter Sunny accepted his induction. Bill is best known as the founder of the Underground Tour, which was the culmination of work he had done (along with Franklin graduates architect Victor Steinbreuck '28 and businessman Marvin Burke '30) in the preservation of Pioneer Square. He was also a writer, best known for *Sons of the Profits*, a history of early Seattle. Sunny commented that she was proud to be able to accept the honor, noting that her father had very fond memories of his time at Franklin, and that the other two inductees for 2013 are "two of my favorite people in Seattle."

The Hall of Fame was initiated in 1992 by students and staff in honor of Franklin's 80 birthday. In 1998 the Alumni Association was asked to take over the role of choosing new members. Additional inductions into the Hall of Fame took place in 1998, 2001 and 2005. The next selections will be in May 2014. We plan to make it either an annual or biennial event. If you are interested in helping, please contact us at [FAAandF@gmail.com](mailto:FAAandF@gmail.com)





## Class of 1983 Reunion

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On a warm, August evening by South Lake Union over 80 classmates and friends gathered to celebrate the Class of 1983's "Fantastic Voyage" 30-year reunion. Our Friday night gathering was held along the water's edge at the newly remodeled One Hundred Bistro. Classmates eagerly reunited and reminisced while enjoying a beautiful view, delicious appetizers, a buffet dinner, dancing (which quickly turned to our version of soul train with fabulous 80's music), topped off with a slide show through the years.

On Saturday afternoon we headed to our old stomping grounds at a Seward Park picnic shelter and joined classmates and friends from other classes in the sun for what has become a yearly gathering and massive potluck called "Quaker Day in the Park" hosted by Chris Mason. Many people commented on how there is the feeling of family and special friendship amongst the group. Classmate

Ramon Brent said it best, "The love I felt from my classmates after some that I hadn't seen the entire time since graduation gave me light and let me know that my true friends have been there all this time."

After a great weekend with old friends, good food and fantastic dancing we ended up with a small surplus. As such, The Class of 1983 was able to donate \$260.86 to The Franklin High School Student Activity Fund. These funds help with things like ceramic and wood shop supplies, etc. for students that might not otherwise be able to participate.

It truly has been and will continue to be a "Fantastic Voyage". We wish to extend special thanks to the 30-year reunion planning committee for a job well done; Tim and Michelle Burge, Esa Leach-Carlson, Yvette Frazier, Trisha Harrison, DeAngela Hedgeman, Chris Mason, Lonnie Pearson and Cathy Sisk-Banks.



FAA&F Annual Meeting and Hall of Fame

# ★★★ Franklin Hall of Fame Nomination Form ★★★

**Background:** The Franklin Hall of Fame was initiated in 1992 by students and staff to honor alumni and staff who had played inspirational roles at Franklin or who had made important contributions in their fields following graduation. In 1998 the Alumni Association was asked to take over the role of choosing new members. Additional inductions into the Hall of Fame took place in 1998, 2000, 2005 and 2013. Beginning in 2014 we plan to induct new members each year at the Annual Meeting. We welcome nominations.

**Criteria for nomination:**

- Must have graduated from Franklin
- Must have graduated at least 15 years prior to nomination
- May be living or deceased
- Shall have gained prominence and recognition on a national, state, regional or local level in their chosen field or endeavor. Those fields of endeavor shall include, but not be limited to, the following: business and industry, education, medicine, law, science and research, religion, sports, politics and government, entertainment, volunteerism and international relations
- Shall have conducted their lives in an honorable manner

**Please complete the following form. Deadline is December 10, 2013 for induction at the Annual Meeting scheduled for May 2014. Thank you. We will announce the new inductees by February 2014.**



Name of nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Graduation from Franklin: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please let us know why you think your nominee should be inducted into the Franklin Hall of Fame. If you have additional documentation (e.g. web-based materials, articles or books) please include those resources.*

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Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit to:**

**[FAAandF@gmail.com](mailto:FAAandF@gmail.com) or FAA&F c/o Sara Thompson, 3214 S Edmunds St, Seattle, WA 98118**

## **Procedure for Nomination and Election to the Franklin High School Hall of Fame**

- Nominations may be made by any interested party and shall be submitted in writing via hard copy or electronically to the Hall of Fame Committee
- A form to include all pertinent information is to be used, supplemented by any additional documentation.
- The Committee shall first screen all nominations to determine if the nominee meets the established criteria. From those who do meet the criteria, the Committee will select a maximum of 5 inductees.
- The person or persons nominating those who did not meet the criteria or were not selected will be notified in writing.
- The names of those selected will be presented to the FAA&F Board of Directors for formal election. An induction ceremony will be held.



## FABULOUS CLASS OF '59

### 55th Reunion in 2014

Can you come? We need a head count for  
**Wednesday, May 21, 2014 @ 11:30 AM**

At Maplewood Greens

Maplewood Golf Course / Renton WA

Buffet Luncheon \$20

**Please RSVP**, give us your updated email and  
mailing address and send to:

Ann Casey Trepus, 29625 40th PL S,  
Auburn, WA 98001

or

Email her @ [DandAct@aol.com](mailto:DandAct@aol.com)

Please share this information with other  
Franklin '59 grads, and encourage them to send  
in their information. Thank you!

## Help Plan a Reunion Luncheon for the Class of 1954

The Class of 1954 is asking brave souls from the  
class to come forward and form a committee to plan a  
reunion luncheon in 2014 commemorating our 60th  
anniversary. Please email Helen Stusser at: [hers1936@  
gmail.com](mailto:hers1936@gmail.com) or call 206-343-9940. Looking forward to  
hearing from you.

## Class of '64 Making Plans Early

The Class of 1964 is going to have a 50th reunion.  
Reunions with Class will help us get organized, but the  
greatest help is always provided by classmates.

Please contact Lynda (Daley) Olerud or  
Charlene (Smith) Ernst and let them know you  
would like to help plan this great milestone reunion.  
Planning meetings will begin in late October and  
continue throughout the year up to reunion eve.

The meetings are lively, interactive, fun and  
sometimes productive. However, if meetings don't  
work for you, we can also use help finding and  
contacting fellow grads. Email us so we can give  
you meeting information and more details on how you  
can help. Thank you. Lynda at: [olerudll@comcast.net](mailto:olerudll@comcast.net)  
and Charlene at [charernst@yahoo.com](mailto:charernst@yahoo.com).

## Class of 1974 Begins Planning

The Franklin Class of 1974 is in the preliminary  
stages of planning our 40 year class reunion in  
2014. We welcome anybody who would like to  
help plan this important event. Please email:  
[quakers1974@outlook.com](mailto:quakers1974@outlook.com) with your contact  
information.

## Class of 1994 Plans 20th Reunion

The Class of 1994 kicked off their first reunion  
planning meeting on Saturday, October 12, for their  
Twenty Year Reunion in the year of 2014.

You can stay up to date on what is happening  
and sign up on the Franklin High School Class of  
1994 Facebook Page! If you are interested in attending  
planning meetings or would like to contribute  
in any way at all, feel free to find our Facebook  
message Ivy Lim or email Taneka (Sauls) Ogden  
at: [ogdenfamily4@msn.com](mailto:ogdenfamily4@msn.com).

*All are welcome — See you in 2014!*

*"The picnics  
are fantastic."*

— Gretchen Caso  
Folsom 1961

**Mark Your Calendars ... Plan to attend ...  
Enjoy old friends from Franklin!**



# FHS 32nd Woody Wilson Golf Outing

By: Jim Follett '64

The 32nd annual FHS Senior Alumni Golf Tournament was held this year on Wednesday September 4, 2013 at Jefferson Park Golf Course. Classmates from 1953 through 1989 participated and everyone enjoyed the good weather and getting together with old friends once again.

Bob Chatalas '65 once again chaired this event along with the help of Bill Chatalas '58, Jim Follett '64, Bob Siverts '65 and Michael Alhadeff '66. On the day of the tournament, we had excellent help from volunteers, they were; Peggy Follett, Renee Chatalas, Courtney Chatalas Gerlich, Danna Siverts, Ginny Hossman, and Mike and Lana McKenney.

First place winners for low gross were Fritz Hossman, Bob Chatalas, Gordon Raine and Jim Follett. Second place went to Dennis Vallien, Patrick Dugan, Graham Corazo and Tim Greenroom. Third place went to Dave Rosa, Steve Opacich, Harold Masar and Takashi Yuasa.

First place winners for low net went to Jim Koza, Jesse Roberson, Carl O'Leary and Nate Nouchi. Second place went to Grant Griffin, Buck Scates, Earl Lasher and Steve Duzan. Third place went to Bill Clavey, Warren Jones, John Jones and Robert Jones. In the Women's division this year the winners were Lynda Olerud, Carol Albo, Elaine Brown and Nancy Moore. Long drive men was Brendan Dillman and long drive women was Lynda Olerud.

We had great sponsors again this year for the par three's hole in one's. Although no one won this year, the donations were:

\$10,000.00 cash sponsored by Bill Chatalas

\$4,000.00 Redbird golf equipment sponsored by Jay Turner

\$5,000.00 gift certificate sponsored by Gordon Raine Diamond Co.

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We have already set the place: Jefferson Park Golf Course and the date: September 4, 2014 for next year's tournament. Plan to be a part of next year's event. Have another chance to come together with classmates, enjoy a great day golfing, have lunch and play golf while taking a chance for some great prizes. See you next year!

Next year's committee will be chaired by Jim Follett '64. If you have any questions, or are interested in helping, please contact me at [Jimfollett@live.com](mailto:Jimfollett@live.com) or 253 381-1722.

## "LOW NET WINNERS"



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### Women:

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# Sandy Nguyen

Sandy Nguyen '09 is part of a Franklin family. Five of the six children in the Nguyen family graduated from Franklin.

Her parents left Vietnam in the mid-seventies when her oldest brother was one year old – fleeing a hostile country on a small fishing boat. They were rescued by the Coast Guard when the engine failed, spent time in the Philippines in a refugee camp and made it to the Seattle area when a Redmond family sponsored them. Sandy says her parents placed a high value on education and always emphasized the importance of learning from their struggle and sacrifice – neither parent had a formal education beyond grade school. Clearly they had a tremendous influence on their children – four have graduated from college and the youngest, Daniel '10, who was Franklin's student body president, will complete his degree at the UW next year.

Family has been very important to Sandy. Twelve years ago her cousin was killed in a car accident. The cousin's daughters, then one and three, were taken in, and Sandy along with her sister Linda took responsibility for raising them. When Sandy graduated from high school she and her sister moved to an apartment along with the girls. She describes Linda as a true pillar. Both sisters have worked, gone to school and had impressive extracurricular activities all while parenting their nieces.

Franklin, as well as family, has played a significant role in Sandy's development. She was active in Mock Trial for all four years and was captain in her senior year. She was one of a few girls who wrestled for four years. She started out as a team manager, but was

asked to fill in one day at practice when they were down a team member. The assistant coach came up to her afterwards, and recruited her to the team. She was team captain her senior year. Being very competitive and one of only two girls in a family of six children helped her succeed, and as she said, "Although wrestling is physically demanding, it's really a mental sport. Wrestling taught me to play to my



strengths. I wasn't always going to be the strongest, but that didn't stop me from wrestling smart."

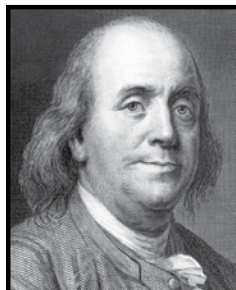
One coach from another school refused to have one of his male wrestlers compete against her because he was worried that he would be beaten. She was surprised, in this day, to see that happen. She hopes that as more females join wrestling, the sport will step out of the

"predominantly male" era.

She says of high school, "The hardest part is figuring out what you are good at." Franklin provided just the environment to let her do that. Being surrounded by an incredibly diverse student body, given the opportunity to learn and to research by amazing teachers, having her identity tested in a good way – "Franklin helped me to become an articulate person. And where else could I be accepted as a girl wrestler?!"

Sandy graduated from the UW in the spring of 2013 with a degree in Law, Society and Justice. After being accepted into a graduate program in public health, she decided instead to take a year off to prepare to apply to law school. She commented, "I knew the first time I made a closing statement for Mock Trial that I wanted to be a lawyer, to work in criminal law."

***"Franklin helped me to become an articulate person. And where else could I be accepted as a girl wrestler?!"***



***"An investment in knowledge pays the very best interest."***

**– Benjamin Franklin**



# Language Arts at Franklin



Franklin students have been excelling in the state tests. Since many students come to Franklin with reading and writing skills below-grade level of skill, their level of performance is remarkable. Franklin's Language Arts department is a part of that success story.

Language Arts teachers work closely together, sharing ideas and collaborating on curriculum and ideas. In the ninth grade students are randomly assigned to small learning communities of about 100. Starting in the sophomore year students then choose an academy. The four academies are Arts and Humanities, CREATE (Construction-Related Engineering Architectural Technical Experience), the Academy of Finance, and the Public Service Academy (PSA). The teachers work horizontally together at each grade level, but they also work vertically with their academy colleagues to coordinate within the academy. Language Arts coordinates with Social Studies. In the ninth grade readings are from world literature (and they study world history); in the tenth grade they study world and European literature; in the eleventh grade the focus is American literature (while students study American history). Readings include novels, plays, poetry and essays.

Alumni have enriched the LA program. First and most significantly, FAA&F has funded the Writers in the Schools program (WITS), a part of Seattle Arts and Lectures. David Ehrich, the LA department head, describes the program as the best coordinated program in the city with an incredible bang for your buck. The main impact comes from a writer-in-residence – each participating school has a writer who spends a half day a week for an entire semester. Mr. Ehrich estimates that the program touches most students by the time they leave Franklin.

WITS works with each school to insure that the program meets particular learning outcomes, curriculum needs and schedule. Each WITS writer-in-residence designs lesson plans in collaboration with the classroom teacher. Students are involved in the full arc of the writing process: brainstorming, pre-writing, drafting, revising, publishing, and performing. Writers are responsible for preparing and teaching the lessons, commenting on student work and planning a culminating project such as a reading or publication.

Teachers assist the writer with overall planning, an understanding of the school's culture, and classroom management.

## Benefits from WITS include:

- One visit from an established author. Past visits have featured authors such as Christopher Paul Curtis, Frank McCourt, Stephen King, and Lucille Clifton.
- Funding for student publications, recordings, or projects.
- A professionally produced anthology featuring the best work from each school.
- Public student readings, including a program-wide anthology launch and year-end showcase.
- Donation of books to enrich school libraries, teacher resources, or classroom collections.
- Fellowships for teachers to attend professional development workshops.
- Scholarships for students to attend summer creative writing workshops.
- Complimentary tickets to Seattle Arts & Lectures' events (as available).

In 2013, through an alumni connection, David Ehrich worked with Book-It Theater when his classes read *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. Book-It, a local theater group that does adaptations of great literature, planned to adapt Huck Finn for the 2013 season, and wanted to include a large component of community outreach and teaching. Jane Jones, the artistic director, came to observe classes, Book-It education and outreach staff worked directly with students to explore some of the thorny issues addressed in the book. Students were given tickets to a performance, and Mr. Ehrich was a part of a Town Hall meeting where he demonstrated teaching sections of the book. Interactions with the students affected how the book was adapted. The collaboration was a great success; the classroom experience was enriched, students loved seeing the book in a different form.

And almost best of all, Mr. Ehrich noted that it was a terrific experience to teach on a public stage – to be in a place where a high school teacher was presented as the expert. “That does not happen very often to high school teachers,” he said. “To be seen as a real source of knowledge, insight and skill in that public arena was wonderful.”

# Class of 1953 – 60th Reunion was Enjoyably Huge Success

By Carolyn Thurlow Burke

Our 60th reunion took place on Friday, September 6. The event was in the Olympic room at Anthony's Home Port on Shilshole Bay. We have enjoyed three reunions there, viewing boats coming from the locks and birds flying overhead during the event making it perfect.

A social hour started at 10:30am with an open bar for guests. Pictures were taken amidst the mingling and getting reacquainted. Time passed quickly but no one wanted to stop since they were enjoying visiting old friends and meeting new ones. An easel was set up with pictures from our 50th reunion and the 1952 and 1953 annuals were available.

Carolyn Burke welcomed everyone and made them aware that ten years ago today, we had our 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunion at Embassy Suites in Tukwila. There were 79 registrants and out of those 57 were alumni. Committee members were asked to stand and be recognized. The originals since the 50th have been;

Jim Corner, Shirley Dunigan, Judy Benson Harlick, Lorene Stefano, Ralph Shape, Gary VanderSanden, Micheala Hoppe and Carolyn Thurlow Burke. New additional volunteers were: Edgar Yang, Larry Schinke, Sally Softky Strand, Tom Frey and Henrietta Lighter Klein. Fumio Go, president of our senior class and a faithful participant flying in from New York each time, passed away last year.



Just before noon hour guests were given a special mission: to learn more about the attendee sitting next to them. Everyone did a great job and we discovered a multitude and variety of life's paths were followed bringing

everyone to this time in our lives We give a huge thanks to our committee for making the reunion a success.

We look forward to the future and our 62nd reunion in two years. If you would like to volunteer to work on our next reunion, please call Carolyn Burke at 425-774-5263 or e-mail: [burke.carolyn@comcast.net](mailto:burke.carolyn@comcast.net).



Left to right:  
Edgar Yang, Mary (wife of Larry Keske) & Sam Storey  
Gordon Townsend,  
Jim Corner & Gary VanderSanden  
Sandra & Lawrence Pesce



Left to right:  
Walter Hoetzi, Art Holt & Al Schrader  
Sally Softky Strand & Sarah Softky Mitchell  
Sam & Carolyn Thurlow Burke



Left to right:  
Charlie Hoppe & Paula Corner  
Jan & Joel Melin  
Jack Roberts

# Recent Lifetime Members

*This is the corrected list of FAA&F Lifetime Members as of September 29. More recent Lifetime Members will appear in the spring issue of the Quaker Times.*

**1936**

Bonnie Brunswick Peters

**1940**

Alvin Gould

**1942**

John Supino

**1945**

Nancy White Prescott

**1948**

Gerald "Jerry" Hjert

**1950**

Frank Constantino

Shirley Christensen Williams

**1951**

Timothy Clifford

**1952**

B'Young Ahn

George and Mary Lou Meese

Tuttle

**1953**

John Marvin Jay

Annabelle Giovi Miller

Fred Richard, Jr.

**1954**

Bruno Boin

Jim Woodford

**1955**

Arleen Patricelli Schinke

Gail Twilligear Wheeler

Patricia Gleason Telstad (pd

2005)

**1958**

Christine Mc Crohan

Mortenson

**1959**

Dennis R Siverson

Jean Fairweather Maesner

Gwenda Llewellyn

Marian Hedgcock Wolfe

**1960**

Susan Stover Acker

**1961**

Gerald Bleckov

**1962**

James "Skip" Buchanan

**1963**

Darice Christenson

**1964**

Leonard Fowler

**1965**

Karen Levy Rubin

Shirley Mc Cune

Blanch Brosy Maxwell

Robert Siverts

Shirlee Ryan Toman

**1968**

Michael Holman

**1969**

Nancy Anderson Armstrong

William Bonney

**1970**

Rob Bowman

**1974**

Myron Tsun

**1975**

Jeanette Blankas Clayton

**1976**

Ted Palsson

**1978**

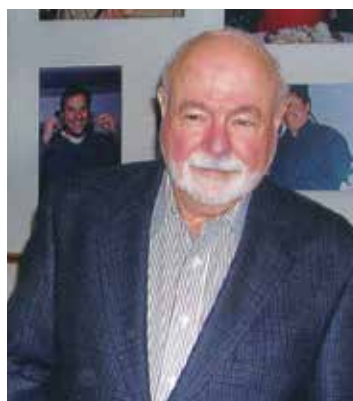
Lilia Ancheta Fannin

**1992**

Tairea Mattox Velasquez

**1993**

Christina Wong Bartolome



Top Row - Left to right:  
Lorene Mattila Stefano,  
Judy Benson Harlick and  
Shirley Dunigan  
Larry Kleinberg  
Gretchen Laturnus Saupe



Bottom Row - Left to right:  
Jim Keskim, Marvin Jay &  
Tony Parker  
Don Dahlgren  
Bill Barrow



# Picnic Impressive Once Again

The 14th annual Franklin picnic for the classes of 1955 through 1962 was bigger and better than ever. It was an opportunity to renew old friendships and enjoy relaxing on a sun splashed afternoon in Coulon Park on the south shore of Lake Washington. Perfect is the word to describe the day.

A huge thank you to everyone. Your hard work in organizing and your effort to attend made everything come together. We could not do it without all of you.

Betty and Larry Mayer '60 once again made their award-winning chili. The ladies at the sign-up table efficiently processed everyone as they arrived. They were: Anne Rice McFarland '59, Diane Pezzella Gilbert '59, Josie Aspria Cacchione '60, Dolly Duckworth Anardi '61 and Susan Rice Price '63. This year Gary Schwartz '56 donated 300 Top Pot donuts. Also, thank you to Bruce Bielsold '58, Dave Svendsen '57, Rob Snyder '58, Albert De Caro '60, Fred Cacchione '59, Mike Anardi '61, Cal Howard '59, Jill Wright Cappetto '62, Tony

Cappetto '59, Joann and Bill Wheatman '59, Tom Riley '59, Bob Trautmann '56 and Carolyn Costanzo Trautmann '57 for all of their efforts. We were pleased to have former teachers in attendance: Mr Meske and Edward and Barbara Matthews Nilson, both of whom taught at Franklin.

Next year we will celebrate our 15 year. A firm date will be received from the Renton Parks Department on January 2, 2014. To receive information, please go to [info@franklinpicnic.com](mailto:info@franklinpicnic.com). Help us to stay connected. Please send any change of email address with your name and the year of your graduation.



Top Left: Cal Howard '59; Tony Cappetto, '59; Bill Wheatman,'59; Albert De Caro, '60

Middle Left: Anne Rice McFarland, '59; Diane Pezelle Gilbert, '59; Dolly Duckworth, '61; Josie Aspria Cacchione, '60

Bottom Left:

Sandy Hefner, '58; Pete Acker, '58; Carol Hefner Burnett Bob Trautman, '56; Larry Mayer, '60

Fred Caccione, '59; Fred Yearian, '59; Larry Kiel, '57

Bottom Right, page 19:

Buzz Crites

Gary Tomlan, '56; Diana Wood Hill, '57

Mike Anardi, '60; Tom Riley, '59; Dave Svendsen





# 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion for Class of 1963 Brings Record Crowd

With a great location, and a program that emphasized classmates connecting with each other, the class of 1963 came together for a rousing and delightful 50th Reunion on Friday, September 6. The record crowd of 174 fit snugly into Salty's at Alki, where the class enjoyed a great view of the Seattle skyline and wonderful food. A team of greeters stationed both outside and inside the venue welcomed every classmate. The friendly and enthusiastic tone from the greeters extended throughout the evening as classmates greeted each other. By the end of the evening, "best reunion ever" kept being repeated.

Much of the credit for the success of the reunion goes to the Reunion Committee that reached out to all of the classmates with a series of

phone calling sessions. Many classmates came as a result of persistent telephone calls by Committee members. The committee's fine work was also on display at the memorabilia tables, where all of the sixth grade class photographs and many high school photos and mementos were on display. The staff of Reunions With Class helped track down lost

classmates and provided great advice throughout the process.

During the short program the committee assembled for this picture. They are, from left to right Janet Erskine Norem, Susan Rice Price, Carole Pesce, Barbara Welsh Fuller,



Nancy Noval Jorgensen, Judy Ottren Callahan, Dianne Campbell Forth, Larry Gossett, Clarence (Ray) Hewitt and Tom Phillips. (Not pictured: Garry Owens and Beth (Liz) Beach Rockwell.

*Do what makes you happy • Be with who makes you smile  
LAUGH AS MUCH AS YOU BREATHE • And love as long as you live*



*"When my copy of Quaker Times arrives, I stop everything and read it cover to cover. Love it."*

– Sharon Brown Dickey, 1969

# 2013 Franklin Scholarship Winners

**Ying Dang** Ying was born in Vietnam, and both of her parents had to drop out of school in order to support themselves and their families – her drive to succeed academically and to get a college education comes from that background. She has excelled academically and has also been involved in a number of volunteer activities including working at the Kin On nursing home. She is attending the University of Washington and plans to pursue a career in the medical field.



**Daphne Lu** Daphne's parents immigrated to the US before she was born. She grew up in a Chinese-speaking household, and became proficient in English after entering school, continuing to help translate for her parents. At Franklin she pushed herself academically, was the student body treasurer and swim team captain. She volunteered at the Washington Care Center, where she provided support to residents. In addition she participated in Upward Bound, the National Honor Society, and the Asian Student Association. She is attending the University of Washington and currently hopes to be a pediatric oncologist.

**Yordanos Mulu** Yordanos was born in Ethiopia and moved to the US in 2012, entering Franklin as a junior. During her time at Franklin she has participated in College Access Now and Youth in Focus (where she has been recognized for her skill), has volunteered at Northwest Harvest, and has tutored at the Seattle World School. She has also worked weekly at Washington Care Nursing Home. She is attending Bellevue College and ultimately plans to become an electrical engineer and to use her knowledge to work on technology that will produce power without contributing to global warming.



**Telia Royal** While participating in Running Start, taking some courses at the community college, Telia has remained very active at Franklin, participating in Dance Posse, BSU and the Honor Society, and she implemented Big Sister Little Sister – a mentoring program matching struggling 9 grade girls with successful Franklin seniors to assure their successful transition into high school. She has also volunteered at two nursing homes, Union Gospel Mission and worked during the summer at Empowering Youth and Families Outreach. Her passion is education – she sees teaching as a way to empower others and ultimately would like to open her own school. She is attending Hampton University in Virginia.

## Gilman Scholarship Winner

**Josh Valdez** Josh has a longstanding passion for music that started as a child when his parents exposed him to genres that ranged from rock to traditional Filipino folk. He played percussion in elementary school, and learned more about classical music in middle school: it was there he learned to play the clarinet. At Franklin he expanded his knowledge, learning about jazz, Latin and funk – joined the Jazz Lab as the drummer and the Quaker Band as bass clarinetist/section leader. Music performance has increased his confidence, and he plans to study music with a goal of becoming a sound engineer or a music teacher. He plans to attend Seattle Central initially and then will transfer to a four-year university to complete his studies.







## XBOT -- NOW and THEN

Ten years ago Donna Lew decided to support her son when one of his favorite Franklin activities, the Robotics Club, lost its adviser. He asked her to take over. With a background in software engineering, she said yes. It led to a decade of intense but satisfying work that has extended well beyond her son's time at Franklin.

In 2000, Microsoft became involved in supporting a high school robotics program. Two years later they decided to reach out to an inner city school. Linda Stone, then a Microsoft executive, lived in Mount Baker, and noted "There is a great high school in my neighborhood. How about building a team at Franklin?" A teacher was identified to help coordinate the activities and the Robotics Club was born.

Prior to this FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) was founded in 1989 by inventor and entrepreneur Dean Kamen (his most famous invention is the Segway) in collaboration with physicist and MIT professor emeritus Woodie Flowers. The initial competition was held in a high school gym in New Hampshire. By 1995 the competition had moved to a large-scale venue, By 2010 more than 1,800 high school teams from all over the world were involved.

Franklin's Robotic Club is known as XBOT. About 30 students from ninth through twelfth grades participate. XBOT participates at two levels of competition – the FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) and the FIRST Robotic Competition (FRC). In the

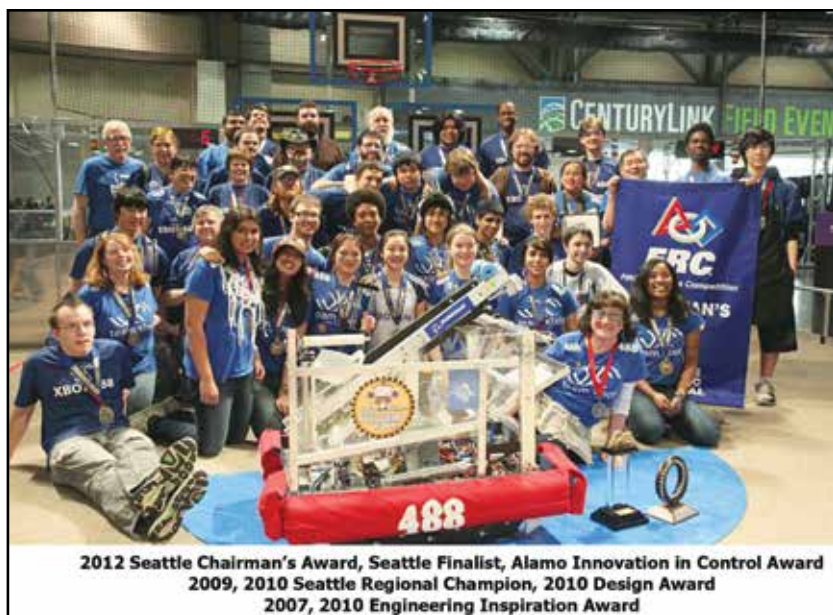
fall, teams of about 10 students build and program a robot using a kit which can be reused from year to year. They program it based on the challenge released to the team in September.

The rules for the FRC are revealed each January. A kit that includes the minimal required parts is provided and the team has six weeks to build and program a 120-pound robot designed to perform the defined task. Regional Competitions are followed by the World Competition. Last year the task was for robots to collect Frisbees, shoot into goals and at the end of the match, climb an open pyramid 90" high. Two alliances of three teams each (randomly assigned) compete in matches for one day, and the top scorers then participate in elimination matches on the final day. The final elimination matches still involve two alliances of three teams each. The competition involves building the robot, driving it during the competition,

working on the robot in the "pit" as any problems arise during the competition, and strategically working with other robot team-members.

None of this could happen without the incredible mentors who have given their time and expertise. At least fifteen men and women are currently helping – they all work in engineering

fields from companies including Amazon, Microsoft and Boeing. Mike Sinclair, a hardware researcher at Microsoft, has been volunteering with Franklin since the beginning. He felt, as did Dean Kamen, that as a teenage "geek" he did not have the structure and outlets his athlete peers did. He helps oversee students who come to the Microsoft Hardware lab three times a week where students can come to work side by side with engineers.



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## ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL

By Gerald Elfendahl, FHS '58, August, 2013

It is late summer. I find one door open at Franklin High School. Our old high school building seems eerily empty, filled only with the silent ghosts of alumni and teachers. Helping to ready the 101-year-old school for the impending opening of the 2013-2014 school year, a custodian seems alone in the building and is surprised to see me.

"Mind if I wander upstairs?" I ask. "I'm an alumni writing a biography of a friend whose name is on a wall plaque there."

"Oh, sure, go ahead."

I charge up the northwest stairwell taking stairs two at a time.

A voice from below echoes, "What class did you say you were with?"

"1958!" I reach the first landing between floors. A large sign greets me with a quote by Arthur C. Clarke: *The only way of finding the limits of the possible is by going beyond them into the impossible.*

I proceed to the third floor, one step at a time. I exit the stairwell through large, heavy fire doors and turn to the right. A hallway leads to Room 306 where a sign indicates that Mr. Damon teaches an "Introduction to Lit & Comp" for six periods each day to freshmen. A sign above his classroom door proclaims it to be the home of "Team Thunderbird."

High on the wall to the left of the corridor leading to Room 306 I find a large, polished cast-bronze plaque. Sculpted in relief on the plaque's left side, the sun is shining through clouds and onto a vertical sword. The years "1922 - 1955" is seen, and a laurel wreath across which a ribbon is draped reading *VERTUTE ET CONSTANTIA*. In the poorly lit corner, through short-focal length reading glasses, I strain to learn its message.

I see a quote attributed to *Walter J. Reseberg* a Franklin High School principal "*Wisdom, Understanding and Democracy were his pattern of life.*" And the words Class of 1945. Centered on the plaque are these words: *INSPIRATIONAL AWARD. Dedicated to the honored memory of Lt. (JG) Thomas Winslow McCurdy, USNR, Retired, whose scholastic achievements and leadership inspired these whose names are inscribed hereon.*

The names of scholar athletes are engraved below on a large polished medallion-shaped surface bearing an eagle. I read the names:

*J. P. McQuade - '56 ; T. J. Smith - '57, R. H. Skelton - '58 - that's him: my friend Ray!*

*There is also: Gary Yamashita - '59; Colin Miller - '60 . . . plus 22 others through to the year 1982.*

I knew Jim, Tim, Ray, Gary and Colin - all great guys! They were all academic scholars, excellent athletes, and were highly-respected by their peers. Their names are the only ones from their graduating classes that remained on their high school's walls through the school's restoration in recent years. That plaque is respected.

I learned later that Thomas McCurdy died July 28, 1955, at the young age of 26 years after contracting dysentery which was exacerbated by a parasite. The Navy gave him a medical discharge as a LT. He is buried in a Port Townsend cemetery overlooking the sea where McCurdy yachts and vessels are known to come close to shore to sound their horns three times as a salute to their fallen hero.

In memory of his son, Horace McCurdy established both a Seattle high school scholarship to the University Of Washington School Of Education - with preference to Franklin HS students - and a Plaque Inspirational Award to be engraved annually with the name of the Franklin student who has shown outstanding qualities in scholarship, citizenship and leadership.

Ray Skelton's widow, Gale, a FHS '58 song leader, recalls that Ray received a sizeable and well-appreciated scholarship from this trust, without which attending the University would have been difficult. The final year on the plaque is 1982. Although it's unclear why the change was made, the scholarship endowment trustees, recalling that Thomas loved crew, decided to disperse scholarship funds to needy crew students through the University of Washington Rowing Stewards program.

*Look for a continuation of Gerald's story in the Spring issue.*

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## XBOT -- NOW and THEN

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Andy Yeckel participated in the FRC when he was in high school in 1994, and joined the Franklin team in 2002 when he worked at Microsoft. He commented, “I do this because I love building things. It gives me a chance to teach. And I love seeing the transformation from a student coming because he doesn’t have anything to do after school to being a leader, working on a team and enjoying building things. Probably my biggest thrill was when a student asked me to write a college recommendation.”

The leadership and team-building opportunities add up to make this quite an amazing opportunity. Seventy percent of the students at Franklin in XBOT are on free-and reduced lunch, nearly half come from single parent families. Eighty-six percent go on to college; students who participate recommends this program to family and friends.

There is an opportunity to help! XBOT will need a new club adviser as Donna Lew is considering retiring. As she said, “I didn’t need software or engineering skills. I am really a project manager – scheduling the mentors and the students.” She could also use help with marketing, fundraising, photography for activities and transportation. XBOT is a 501(c)3 organization. Transportation to the hardware lab, the robot kits, fees and travel expenses to the competitions are considerable, and contributions are appreciated. You can see more at their website: [www.teamxbot.org](http://www.teamxbot.org) or contact Donna at [dylew@teamxbot.org](mailto:dylew@teamxbot.org). No prior experience necessary, just the desire to change a FHS Quaker student’s life. You can follow the team activities [www.twitter.com/xbotrobotics](http://www.twitter.com/xbotrobotics) (no twitter account required to view Donna’s tweets).

**NEED INFORMATION ABOUT REUNIONS AND OTHER ALUMNI EVENTS???**

Franklin Alumni Association and Foundation’s website: [www.franklinalumni.net](http://www.franklinalumni.net)

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