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Franklin High School HALL OF FAME Celebration



More than 200 people were in attendance at the Mount Baker Community Club on October 20, 2005 to honor Faye Mondschein Sarkowsky '51, Gerard Tsutakawa '65 and A.D. Vickery '63 as they were inducted into the Franklin Hall of Fame.

Each of the honorees talked about how their experiences at Franklin High School helped shape their lives. Faye went on to become a well-recognized philanthropist who has served as an active board member and leader of many major arts and non-profit organizations such as the Seattle Art Museum, Children's Hospital and the Washington Women's Foundation. She was the first female president of PONCHO and the Fifth Avenue Theatre Association. *(continued on page 5)*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Honor Society Award Ceremony Scholarship Presentations

Thursday, June 1, 7 pm
FHS Auditorium, FREE

FHS Spring Music Concert

Wednesday, June 6, 7:30 pm
FHS Auditorium, FREE

Class of 2006 Graduation

Friday, June 20th, 5:00 pm
Qwest Field

Alumni Reunions 2006

Class of 1936, Mid-August
Class of 1940/1941, May 25th
Class of 1946, date to be set
Class of 1951, July 28th
Class of 1956, September 9th
Class of 1966, Sept. 29 & 30
Class of 1971, to be determined
Class of 1976, August 5th & 6th
Class of 1981, August 20th
Class of 1986, August 29-30th
Class of 1996, August 4 thru 6

"Picnic in the Park"

Sunday, July 16

Classes of 1955 - 1962
Coulon Park, Renton: 10am-3 pm

Woody Wilson Golf Tournament

Thursday, Sept. 7th
Lake Wilderness Golf Course

Alumni Reunions 2007 & 2008

Class of 1947 gets early start.
Class of 1967 gets early start
Class of 1971 checks pulse.
Class of 1998 starts search

A record number of classes are planning reunion celebrations

Several class years, ending in "6" or "1", are opting to figure out their own Franklin formula for fun in 2006. Festivities are being planned, dates set, locations secured, entertainment locked in and menu choices selected.

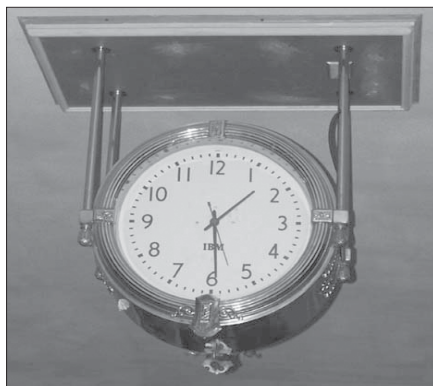
You can help launch the best reunion year yet by letting your committee members know that you plan to attend. Perhaps they need help with finalizing the plans or maybe you have the name, address, phone number or email of someone on the "missing" list. Look for the article giving the information on your class. Step up and help make your reunion successful. Franklin alums have a great time whenever they get together!

Class of 1936

The committee of three is busy making a luncheon date definite for a weekday in mid August. Contact Edna Sorenson Hanson at 206-932-7272, Ruth Sugawara Okada at 206-932-3465 and Bonnie Brunswick Peters at 206-364-3405 or e-mail bdbpeters@comcast.net

They would appreciate hearing from interested classmates from their class as well as classmates from other classes in the 1930s, or earlier as well. "At our last reunion luncheon we all enjoyed the delicious food, but even more it was the joy of reuniting with former classmates and friends. That was truly special." Bonnie said. "Please call for the specifics and to have your name put on the reservation list. Take the time and effort to come. Together we can make our seventieth a memorable event."

Reunions 2006 Bringing Together "Friends of Franklin"



Classes of 1940 & 1941

The 1940 and 1941 classes are combining forces for a joint reunion luncheon on Thursday, May 25th, at the Seattle Golf Club. Once again the ballroom has been reserved between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., and everyone is encouraged to gather for another fun-filled reunion.

This festive occasion will begin with a social hour followed by a delicious lunch. Music, prizes, remembrances and other surprises will all be a part of this special occasion.

One mailing has been sent, but if for some reason your address isn't current on the class list and you didn't receive an invitation; please call George DeBon at 206-542-0919.

Plan to attend. Bring a friend or relative. We realize this Quaker Times' delivery and this reunion may give you short notice, but don't let that deter you. Feel free to call George and indicate your interest.

Class of 1946

This is our SIXTIETH! It has been sixty years since we were seniors at Franklin High School. SIXTY roller-coaster years. Within that expanded time frame we each have experienced our share of highs, our lows and some of the calms in between. During those 60 years few of us have stayed in the

old family homestead. We've joined the trend and become members of America's mobile society.

This makes planning a reunion a greater challenge, but we can do it with everyone's help. If you are a member of the Class of 1946, please give Frank Couch a call: 206-232-1233 and assist in pulling everyone together for a successful 2006 reunion. Let's see how many 46ers we are capable of bringing together this year. Hope to see you, as your presence will be the key to our success.

Class of 1951

So many from the Class of 1951 attended the Franklin Hall of Fame dinner honoring one of their own class members, Faye Mondschein Sarkowsky: it was clear that they definitely wanted to gather again in 2006 to celebrate a 55th Reunion.

The VFW Hall on Mercer Island has been reserved for Friday, July 28th at 11:30 am. Two notices have been mailed. If you missed receiving a mailing or if you know of someone from this class that has not received any information, please email Eleanor Panzica Saulsman at dandes54@juno.com or call Geneanne Marshall Mendel at 206-723-5743. Your prompt response will assist the committee with their planning. Thanks.

Class of 1956

On September 9, 2006, FHS Class of 1956 will hold their 50th reunion at the Glendale Golf and Country Club in the Bellevue area. Two informational notices have been mailed to classmates with known addresses. For more details on the Class' reunion, please contact Joyce Abrahamsen Williams at 425-228-5646 or paradlady@aol.com. Another contact is Dave and Gretchen Smith Mullins at 206-938-1140 or dave.mullins@comcast.net.

A list of lost alums from this class appeared in the fall issue of the Quaker Times and we wish to thank those of you who called to help us locate some of our lost classmates.

Class of 1966 by Bob Henry

Our wetter than normal winter, hasn't damped the enthusiasm of the Class of '66 Reunion Committee. Since November, several intrepid class of '66 members have been meeting monthly at Wendee Wong-Ong's house to organize our 40th reunion. The group includes: Kenny Alhadeff, Marsha Amon, Jeannie Alhadeff, Leah Behar, Phil Baga, Yvette Dinish, Bruce Glant, Sylvia Nogaki, Suzanne Sanderson, John Sample, Evie Zapata, Betty Ragudos and me. After hearing proposals for a reunion staging company, we decided to pull this off ourselves and hopefully produce a good-party, hold down expenses and as we've done in previous reunions, have some proceeds left over to donate to current programs or projects at Franklin.

We have a website, which will be updated as our planning moves forward. The link is: <http://franklin66reunion.org/index.htm>.

We are scheduling our get-together for the weekend of Sept. 29 and 30. On Friday evening we will hold an informal social at Jubilanté. A Saturday golf tournament at Jefferson Park Golf Course is scheduled to begin at 10a.m. An afternoon stroll around the Loop at Seward Park should appeal to some. The Mt. Baker Community Clubhouse has been reserved for the evening dinner/dance. Specific details may be obtained at the website address.

Class of 1976

The Class of 1976 reunion committee has reserved Kaspar's, on Harrison Street close to the Key Arena, for Saturday evening, August 5, 2006. The event will be an hors d'oeuvres reception with a no host bar and will be open to Franklin and Cleveland graduates from 1976. To obtain additional information on this and other class events to take place that weekend, classmates can reach committee member, Crevin Ko at crevko@yahoo.com. You may also go to <http://www.1976classmates.com> for more details and updates. Hope to hear from everyone.

Class of 1981

The Mercer Island Lid Picnic Shelter has been reserved for Sunday, August 20, 2006, between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00p.m. For more information please contact Diane Loui Cheng at 206-723-0427 or email her at fhsreunion1981@hotmail.com.

Good friendships require nurturing caring and time. So hopefully all you Quakers from the Class of '81 will mark your calendars, make plans to attend and make our Silver Anniversary Celebration a huge success. See all you Quakers on the Mercer Island Lid in August.

Class of 1986

The twenty-year reunion for the Class of 1986 will take place on Saturday and Sunday, August 19th and 20th. The Saturday event will be at *McCormick and Shmick's Harborside Restaurant* on Lake Union. Coulon Park in Renton has been scheduled for the Sunday afternoon family picnic. More details on both of these events will be forthcoming.

This is a committee of people working together to bring about a

successful 20th reunion. Those currently working on the weekend events are: Darleen Chinn, darleenc@comcast.net; Treacy Sargent, treacysargent@hotmail.com; Jennifer Pageler, markjen126@comcast.net; Victoria Doyle, vdoyle@myuw.net (206 266-6801); Brian Phillips, brian.phillips@comcast.net and Matt Wesson, mjwesson@comcast.net. Please call 425-775-3704 if email is not an option.

Please contact any committee member if you have information on a classmate we may have lost, if you would like more specific information, or if you are interested in joining the committee.

Class of 1996

This will be our first. Those ten years have flown past and now we have an opportunity to reunite before any of us turn grey. The weekend of August 4th through 6th, 2006 should provide perfectly fine summer weather. For our class to have a successful reunion, it will take networking and persistence on everyone's part.

We have a website: www.franklin1996.myevent.com. We are asking everyone to register and to spread the words "Ten Year Reunion" to any other Franklinites from the Class of 1996.

You can call Ellis at: 206-228-6466 or email aisha112@msn.com if you have any questions or if you would like to help. Or contact Scott MacGowan at: takutowers@hotmail.com.

To date the committee has largely used online resources to locate classmates.

If you know the whereabouts of someone in this class, please share Ellis' and MacGowan's email addresses with them.

Notes from the President

Spring is upon us. Students are making plans for the summer and for life beyond high school. Alumni are planning their reunions – from the class of 1996 to every decade back for at least 70 years. And as a member of the Franklin Alumni Association and Foundation Board I have been fortunate to be at least a small part in the lives of both students and alumni. It has been a busy year for us as we remain dedicated both to the goals of keeping alumni connected to each other and to Franklin, and to providing support for current students.

Staying Connected

In October we hosted the Hall of Fame at the Mount Baker Community Center. Thanks to a superb planning committee and a joyful group in attendance, everyone had a wonderful time with great food, good company and a chance to celebrate the accomplishments of three Franklin graduates – Fay Sarkowsky, A.D. Vickery and Gerard Tsutakawa. We plan to make this a regular event, with the next one in the fall of 2007. If you are interested in helping, in attending or have nominations you would like to make, please let us know.

Also in the fall of 2005, we completed work on our website. Please take a moment to see it – there is a history of the organization, information on class contacts, some wonderful old photographs and more. Our site: www.franklin alumni.net.

Several classes have made use of our database as they make reunion plans. And for the first 10-year reunion we have a grant of \$250 available to help get things started. The classes of 1995 and 1996 have both taken advantage of the offer.

A Major New Undertaking

This fall Franklin's new athletic field will be completed. That will be a wonderful enhancement for our students. The gym, however, is not a part of the renovation and is in need of a facelift. We want our students to be proud of the facility when they host events at Franklin. This is a great opportunity – we propose a major campaign to raise money to provide that facelift. In addition we plan to include display cases to house trophies and awards. Keep your eyes and ears open as we make plans. There are many opportunities: we will be investigating our history and looking for trophies that may have been misplaced; we will be raising money and we will be hoping for in-kind donations as well. If you are interested in participating in the campaign, know of a good contact, or have ideas to share, please contact Sarah Morningstar at smmorningstar@seattleschools.org

It is an honor and a pleasure to be a part of the Franklin alumni community and to work with our wonderful board. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to join us. We meet on the third Thursday of each month at 7 pm in the Franklin Library and the meetings are open to all.

Supporting the Franklin community

This has been a very successful year for Franklin. Probably the most visible success was the basketball team – winning the state championship. Other teams had impressive performances: Mock Trial won the regional competition and took second place in a closely fought state competition, The Dance Posse and the XBOT teams also won regional meets.

FAA&F support for Franklin is largely through our grants program. This year we made another \$20,000 in grants with two grant cycles – one in the fall and the other this spring. Examples of grants given are: Writers in Schools, Grad Night, the bilingual program, Fun and Sober Teens, Mock Trial, the drama program, the language arts and social studies program and the math department.

This June we will give two scholarships to deserving seniors thanks to the Class of 1935 Scholarship Fund.

Sara Thompson
Class of 1968

Franklin High School HALL OF FAME Celebration, (continued)



Gerard became a world renowned sculptor whose major works can be seen in private collections and in public spaces. One of his most famous public pieces is the 9' tall bronze mitt, named "The Mitt", located on the northwest entrance of Safeco Field.

A.D. holds a distinguished 39-year history with the Seattle Fire Department where he currently serves as the Assistant Chief of Operations. He also currently serves as a member of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Bonnie Riach '48 served as the evening's extraordinary emcee. Rosie Grant, Class of 2006, opened the evening's festivities with warm words of welcome to the attendees.



Franklin High School principal Jennifer Wiley spoke on behalf of the FHS staff and students as she expressed her heartfelt appreciation for the generosity and

support of FHS alums, and the legacy that they are establishing for current and future FHS students.

Dr. Sara Thompson '68, president of the FHS Alumni Association and Foundation gave context to the evening by giving a brief history of the alumni association and foundation, and talking about the work of the organi-



zation. She said that all of this would not have been possible were it not for the efforts of one person who gave genesis to the alumni association more than 10 years ago. With that said, Sara presented Bonnie Bosworth with a certificate naming her an honorary alumna of Franklin High School.



In addition to the Hall of Fame ceremony and dinner, the evening raised more than \$16,000 to benefit the students of Franklin and to ensure that Franklin continues providing its students with the quality education that makes a differ-



ence in all of our lives.

The Hall of Fame evening was orchestrated by committee chair, Doris Wong-Estridge '68 and her committee, Marlene Fountain Angell '52, Jerry Gribble '49, Mary Acker Lincicome '65, Geneanne Marshall Mendel '51, Janice Poska Rochester '51, Sandy Scudder '65 and Bonnie Bosworth. Decorations by Shirley Engholm Younglove '40 and Suzie Burdick added sparkle and pizzazz to the hall. An in kind donation was made by Robin Asher '74, who designed an exquisite invitation and program. Bartenders were: Richard Kolb '51 and Abe Angell '52. Maggie Morris '95 and Sara Morningstar '95 managed the script sales.

by Doris Wong-Estridge

60th Reunion – 82 Attend!!!

By Bob and Dorene Kenkman

September 14, 2005 was a great day for the class of 1945! It was filled to the brim with wonderful memories. The spot for the Reunion, the Rainier Valley Historical Society, couldn't have been better. We found ourselves literally surrounded by the history 'Franklin High'.

Festivities "kicked off" about 11:30 am with a coffee/beverage hour. This gave everyone the opportunity to reacquaint and browse through the marvelous collections of our school days. There were pictures of teachers, plays, sporting events, assemblies, etc. – and many exhibits telling the story of our school and the Valley. A delicious buffet style dinner-meal was served.

The honoring of the past commenced at 1:00 pm when Bob Kenkman welcomed everyone. He introduced classmate Dick Newton, who proceeded to entertain us royally with his mind-boggling magician tricks. Dick's love for the art of illusion began in his early grade school days at John Muir. He has since distracted audiences all over the world. He received a big hand.

Dick's little sister Nancy Newton Axell hails from the Class of '48, and is a recognized water colorist throughout Seattle. A few years ago she was persuaded to paint a picture of Franklin High. It was a wonderful rendition and our class honored her for her marvelous work. We were all interested in listening to the story that inspired the painting. After presenting her with a bouquet of flowers – we favored all graduates present with a mounted 5x7 reproduction of Axell's lifelike painting. It was a great

beginning to a perfect afternoon of reminiscing.

After thanking our chef, Joseph Baker and his efficient crew for doing a spectacular job, we had some special awards for some special people: Marilyn Cunning '45 and El Wellman '42 were the first on the list as they were planning their 62nd wedding anniversary to be held in November of 2005. They met in the 'Halls of Franklin' and had their first date December 7, 1941. We presented them a Big Band CD from the 40's. Other CD copies were awarded to Charles Kenkman for traveling the farthest to attend the reunion. The alums with the most grandchildren award went to: Patti Shields '45 and Nick Paoella '42 with nine and Jim and Joan DiJulio (special guests) who boast 18 grandchildren. George Susuar also received a CD. Why? Because he was recognized as being on everybody's "good-guy" list!

All special events must have a guest of honor and it seemed most fitting that Jo Anderson, Buzz Anderson's loyal and supportive wife, be recognized as our honorary alum. As a "transplant" from Minneapolis, Minnesota, she is without a doubt, the most understanding, patient, ready to help wife of a devoted Franklinite we've ever met. We surprised her (and Buzz!) by telling her/their life story.... We gave our sincere thanks for all her loving support and presented her with a bouquet.

Jo's husband, "Buzz", is well known as one of Franklin High's favorite sons. As a lifetime resident and business man in the area, he has spent many years promoting and preserving the history of the

Valley. Today, he is the President of The Rainier Valley Historical Society and is fondly known around town as "Mr. Rainier Valley". He is a member of the Franklin High School Hall of Fame. The Class of '45 felt privileged to have him as our star attraction. He presented an outstanding slide show that was interesting as well as entertaining. His many funny side stories paired with the historical information, was new to us all. Many thanks to Buzz for a memorable glimpse into the past! This concluded a much enjoyed day.

As we all know, no successful event can take place without a plan – and plan we did. Virtually the same team that staged the 50th Reunion worked on our 60th. Those on the Committee: Shirley Martial Baskin, Anna Marie Verginia McKnight, Elaine Endress Braun, Betty Browne Faulkner, Dolores Borella Milt, Jack Milt '41, Nancy White Prescott, Clint Prescott '42 (our special Alum Advisor), and of course, Buzz and Jo Anderson. All gave unselfishly of their time and talent. Bob and Dorene Hart Kenkman were happy to serve as co-chairs and emcees for the memorable celebration. It was a classic afternoon for the Class of '45!

Special Note:

All future communications for the class of '45 will be made through:

Betty Browne Faulkner.
(360) 437- 5116 (Home)
(360) 301- 1830 (Cell)
email: bjf@cablespeed.com

Perhaps a 'No Host Luncheon' or a 'Twilight Dinner' in the early Fall? – Call Betty!!



1945 Reunion Committee

Seated : Betty Browne Faulkner, Dorene Hart Kenkman, Elaine Endress Braun

Standing: Buzz Anderson, Anna Marie Verginia McKnight, Joanne Anderson, Bob Kenkman, Shirley Martial Baskin, Nancy White Prescott, Clint Prescott

**People do not grow old
When they cease to grow,
They become old.**

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Classes Reunion Plans

Class of 1947 Gets Early Start

The Class of 1947 is looking for persons interested in helping to organize a 60th reunion to be held in 2007. Early planning could make this an easy, fun-filled event. Please contact Dolores Rafiti Tran at 206-525-9388 or email her at dtran823@aol.com or call Gladys Sunderland Rash at 425-227-5275 or email her at wayneglady@juneau.com. Join in and help make the decisions that will make this 60th special.

Calling all Class of 1998 alumni.

We are jump starting our search for 1998 classmates. We hope that our very first 10-year reunion will be well attended and a huge success. We need everyone's help in this venture. If you know anyone from this class who is not receiving the Quaker Times, it means that they are not in the alumni registry. Please contact Krista Palsson-Martinez at klpalsson@aol.com with the up to date information.

Reunion in 2006 for Class of 1971?

Here it is 2006 already and the FHS Class of 1971 has put 35 years between graduation and now. The question they are asking is, "Do we want to plan and hold a 35th Year Reunion?"

If any members from the class are interested in helping organize a 35th reunion, please contact Richard and Cynthia Lee Mesher at simonsays53@comcast.net. Let's see if we can bring our class together this year.

Class of '67 starts getting ducks in a row for 2007

The Class of '67 is getting an early start in planning for their 40 Year Reunion in 2007. We need your help locating class members. Please e-mail Jolene Kranak Alexander at: jjalex9@gte.net. any names, addresses, phone numbers and especially e-mail addresses you may have. When emailing use FHS'67 on the subject line. Or you can leave a message on 425-488-8099.

Thank you for your assistance.

1980 Wraps Up

By Debbie Eng Chan

The Class Reunion in August of 2005 was held in combination with Cleveland High 1980 graduates. The wrap up article appeared in the fall 2005 Quaker Times, but for those of you wishing to view pictures taken at the event you can go to: http://photos.yahoo.com/debbie_fhs_chan. Enjoy. There are 137 shots in all.

Looking for the Perfect Gift?

Mother's Day. Father's Day. A family gathering. Your sibling's birthday. A graduation gift. A wedding anniversary gift for a Franklin pair. A Franklin Tile is a marvelously fitting gift for almost any occasion. First, it's sentimental. Second, the price is right. Third, the finished product looks great in the Halls of Franklin.

Although the commemorative tile program began during the renovation of Franklin over a decade ago, the FHS Alumni Association has kept these engraved eight by eight tiles reasonably priced.

Geneanne Marshall Mendel '51 and Marlene Fountain Angel '52 will be happy to assist you in scripting the perfect one, two, or three line tile. Start today, by using the order design form on page 24 of this newsletter. Call Mendel at 206-723-5743 or email Angel at abemarlene34@aol.com or call 425-226-3166.

In the fall of 2005, seventy six new tiles were installed. Let's see if we can surpass that total in 2006.

It was the Best

By Lynne Fisse Walker



classmates "came to par-tay", but old friends from Roosevelt, Cleveland, and Rainier Beach as well! Tables overflowing with pictures of our tenth and twentieth year reunions served as attention-getters, ice-breakers, and happy memories for all.

Then, the Main Event!

The Class of '75 held its 30-Year Reunion on the 75th Floor of the Columbia Tower Club in downtown Seattle! That's right -- 75 on 75!!!

It was classic elegance with spectacular views, table decorations in school colors, four buffet stations of sumptuous foods and desserts, great music by Robin Summerise—a Franklin graduate himself! And of course the "Senior Poll", a walk down FHS memory lane, tributes to our lost loved ones, and finally a most prideful moment when Alan made the announcement that our raffle sales enabled our class to make a generous donation to the victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Wilma!

Oh yes, a good time was had by all....

Two important addresses: fhsclassof1975@yahoo.com. Please keep the committee posted by updating your email addresses, home address, name changes, and phone numbers on this address. The other is www.fhsclassof1975reunion.com where you can check out the photos taken at our reunion.

ph. - 206-749-4091 fax - 206-374-8211 www.lastdetails.com

.....And the FHS Alumni Award for Best 30-Year Reunion goes to.(drum roll, please) --The CLASS OF '75 !!!!!

Hailed as the BEST reunion ever by virtually all who attended, the FHS Class of '75 30-year Reunion was a most momentous occasion indeed.

Three events in 2 days! Could we pull it off? Would people come? Planning meetings, phone calls and email, transportation coordination, orders placed and confirmed. Anticipation ran high... Not only did we pull this off, but we did it with a flair and style that held true to our Class's motto - "'75 Don't Take NO JIVE!"

The core Reunion Committee consisted of Alan Yamada, Lynne Fisse Walker, Adrienne Caver-Hall, Deborah Mitchell White, Debra Porter Sullivan, Bob Hayton, Robbie Turner Sylve, Laurie Mitchell Bolden, Reggie Brown, Janet Hayakawa, Wayne Floyd, Doug Chin, Clarence Cal, Grace Yamamoto Tsuchikawa, Louise Kato, and Eloise Williams-Cunnigan. We came together with our creativity, professionalism, ideas, visions, and willingness to roll up our sleeves and do whatever needed to be done to make our plan a reality. And of course, we had much food, and MUCH FUN!!!

We started the weekend off with a beautiful Friday morning round of golf on the West Seattle course, complete with Club giveaways, prizes and awards. Then to a wonderful gathering at the Four Seas Restaurant in Chinatown where not only our own





50th REUNION

FHS Class of 1955

At 2:45 pm on Friday, September 9, 2005, 182 senior citizens (111 classmates, 5 former teachers, guests and spouses) met at the high school to register for the day's event. Each classmate picked up their ID card (the 1955 Tolo photo with the name inscribed on it.) There was time to mix, socialize, and admire the familiar Franklin hallways. Many took advantage of this respite to look for commemorative tiles purchased by classmates, which are mounted on the walls and floors. The school looked very fresh, clean and well maintained.

We then assembled in the theater for a briefing of the afternoon activities that would follow. Bruce Cohoe, in Carl Nickerson's (our senior class president) absence, stepped to center stage and made us feel very welcome within the hallowed building that remains an architectural jewel in Rainier Valley. Bruce's remarks were followed by a welcome and a salute offered by Jennifer Wiley, Principal of Franklin High School to all in attendance, who returned to admire their alma-mater.

Ms. Wiley explained that the demographics of Franklin High School's student body have changed over the 50 years since our graduation. She directed our attention to the complexions of the current song leaders who had

joined our assembly and who would soon escort us on a tour of the building. The song leaders came to the stage when called by Ms. Wiley and performed three high school favorites. Ms. Wiley applauded the generation represented by the Class of 1955 for laying the cornerstones of social change that launched an agenda of diversity within our national conscience. She assured us that Franklin High School still holds the same values that we were taught by Walter Reseburg and that graduates continue to make a difference in our society. We were dismissed from the theater to the hallways where we assembled into small groups with our guides.

Our group of ten was led through the once familiar hallways by two young lady song leaders. They were already dressed for the football game with Bothell High School that would be played that evening. We passed every classroom on the first, second and third floors. The girls explained how the classrooms were organized in a manner that, as much as possible, kept students of the same grade level in the same areas, or floors. As we passed by the classrooms we were told to which teacher it was assigned and what subjects were taught. We were assured that the swimming pool on the 4th floor remains as we left it,

and how upper classmates sell tickets to incoming lower class members for them to take the elevator to the 4th floor for a swim in the pool.

After the tour, we were escorted to the cafeteria, the very large room we used to call "Study Hall". We were assembled to enjoy an Italian buffet catered by That's Amore. The room was attractively arranged with many tables, each with place settings and a centerpiece. Around the room were tables and display boards holding memorabilia from our Franklin experience. There was plenty of time to move around the room and reintroduce ourselves to the older and wiser people that we have become. Fortunately, our picture IDs led to easy introductions and resultant joy and laughter.

All at once we noticed a familiar personality who had joined our assembly; surprisingly, it was Marilyn Monroe. She moved about the room making small talk and having photos taken with various classmates. At one point, she was handed a microphone and addressed the group. She said she and two other celebrities would be performing at the formal dinner the next night and hoped all of us would be there. After the announcement, she continued to mix around the room so that others

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Notes from the Principal's Desk

Greetings Franklin Community

We are winding down what has been a fantastic year. As you may be aware, 2005-2006 was a successful year for many of our sports teams. Our Girl's Track team recently brought home our first city championship this spring. Nine Franklin women outscored the bus loads of students from the other city teams. Girls and boys alike are now deeply immersed in district competitions and we are confident that we will be sending several students off to state competition.

Our Dance Posse brought the Bubblin' Brown trophy back to Franklin by winning the city dance competition. And, of course, as you are all aware, the Boy's Basketball team won the State 4A Championship. Coach Jason Kerr was named WIAA Coach of the Year and our wrestling coach, James Woodford, was also recently recognized the recipient of the Darrell Whitmore Memorial Award, awarded by the officials in the state. Clearly, we are enjoying excellence in our extra-curricular activities!!

More importantly, we are also experiencing successes in the classroom! We are sending our Mock Trial Team to National competition at Chapel Hill, North Carolina this week. Our team took second place in the state competition although there were many, many who believe that they out-performed the first place team. As the only public school in the top several rankings we are tremendously proud of this accomplishment. We anxiously await the results of this national competition.

Our juniors and seniors have also made us tremendously proud. While last year there were 288 SAT exams taken by Franklin students, this year we boast a record 516 exams taken. More and more students are doing everything they need to do to prepare themselves for college. We continue to raise the bar of expectations and performance at Franklin, and our students continue to rise up and reach for that bar.

We have broken ground on our new athletic complex and plan on having a whole new look for Franklin in the Fall. We will have a new multiplex that will allow for track and field, soccer, football, Lacrosse and more! Drive by Franklin and take a look at this work in progress.

In summary, we continue to build on the successes of Franklin. We are mindful of our 90+ years of excellence and we take very seriously our challenge of maintaining and possibly even exceeding these successes so that Franklin will continue to be that shining star. We are grateful for your contributions over the years as YOU have continued to help make us successful.

Peace to each of you,

Jennifer Wiley, Principal Franklin High School

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

FHS Class of 1955 (*Continued*)

could have pictures taken with her. She was quite popular. And, so was the scrumptious Italian meal. Why not? We were in Rainier Valley!

After the Friday warm up, we anxiously looked forward to Saturday's event at the Bellevue Hyatt. Some classmates traveled across the nation to be there. Among the 241 that attended were 141 classmates, 3 former teachers and guests and spouses. This time our ID cards were laminated and attached to a green cord to wear around our necks; naturally, a Quaker green. The next hour and a half went by in a flash. It wasn't noisy at first, but as more people arrived the room was abuzz. More and more classmates were joining in the mix to see who was there. Some showed disbelief, but the ID cards validated the true identity of each person. At one point in time the photographer gathered the entire class for a picture. Chaotic! But, somewhat successful. Smaller group pictures differentiated by the elementary school attended followed.

Soon, we were invited into the dining area, where tables were set beautifully with linen and center pieces. The lights were dimmed for a very superb dining experience. Selections were made from a menu that included: Pistachio crusted chicken with parmesan baked tomato and asparagus spears, or grilled New York steak topped with blue cheese, with green onion and roasted garlic potato cake with Portobello mushrooms and asparagus spears, or Gorgonzola Ravioli with roasted red bell pepper sauce served with seasonal haystack vegetables, and two bottles of wine at each table. Dessert was a cherry vanilla cheesecake with blackberry-cassis compote. Need there be more said?

Carl Nickerson made a few remarks before introducing Pastor John Chatalas, who then called for the remembrance of our 60 deceased classmates. He then introduced the Memorial Committee, who in turn, read the names of the deceased classmates followed by a moment of silence. There was a Memorial Display table in the hallway just outside the room that honored our deceased classmates, that was decorated with flowers, candles and two framed collections of their senior pictures.

The dinner show began where it left off Friday evening, with Marilyn Monroe. This time, she sang a few of her most remembered songs and conducted a considerable amount of flirting among the tables with some of our manly class members. Following her captivating performance, she introduced Jerry Lee Lewis and there was "a whole lot of shakin' goin' on" for about 45 minutes. In fact, "great balls of fire" were observed rising from his piano. So much energy was generated that it fused into the audience. During his performance a large Conga Line spontaneously developed that wove around the room between the chairs and tables. Those who remained in their chairs participated by loudly clapping their hands. The raucous laughter drew a crowd of hotel guests who gathered in the hallway to look in on us.

After that, we all needed a short break, but there was more. Without parachuting from an airplane, Elvis appeared. He walked casually into the room. He was dressed in typical Las Vegas attire. He proceeded to talk softly, gently and sweetly. Elvis sang with great emotion, and gyrated with precision. For 45 minutes he

crooned, groaned, wept, and just did what Elvis always does, until we were all exhausted. More than that, we were all very satisfied.

What a wonderful reunion it was. We are grateful to Mark Dedomenico who provided the initial where-with-all and leadership that initiated such a grand plan. Mark and the sixteen members of the reunion committee are commended and can feel proud for the marvelous outcome they orchestrated.

Committee members were: Fred Allinson, Gloria Brondello Swanson, John Chatalas, Mark Dedomenico, Judy Dugan Harlan, Barbara Faylor Swenson, Carolyn Fisher Allinson, Sue Fleming Bethke, Tom Joy, Helen Lahti Edmonds, Dave Mohler, Carl Nickerson, Phyllis Price Hechinger, Linda Rackner, Marlene Uttenweiler Houtchens and Sally Willingham Moore.

By the way, the weather both days was ideal. You would expect that in Seattle, wouldn't you? You can take a virtual tour of Franklin High School by visiting their web site, <http://www.seattleschools.org/schools/franklin/>. You might also enjoy another web site, <http://www.rainiervalleyhistory.org/>.

And, if you wish to learn more about the FHS Alumni Association and Foundation, check out their web site, <http://www.franklinalumni.net>.

Bob Earl
October 2005

2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006

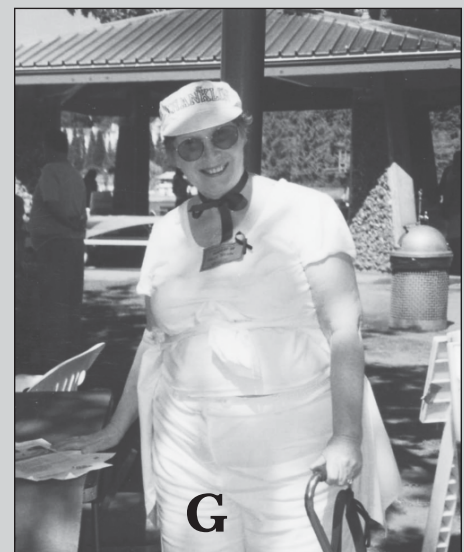
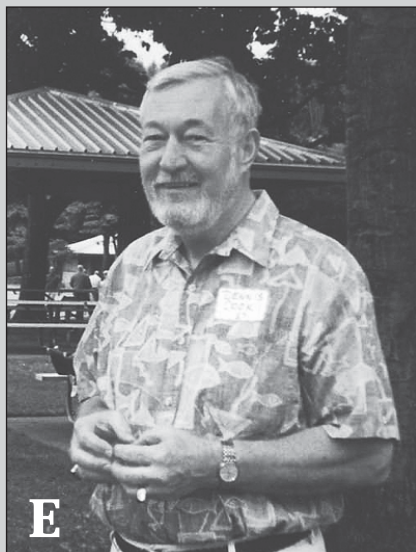
Six succeeding years, Six Picnics

Still growing! Classes around 1955 – 1962, Welcome!

The 2006 "Picnic in the Park" will be held Sunday, July 16th at Gene Coulon Park in Renton, WA. To make your attendance easier the lunch will once again be planned, organized and served by the committee. Because Coulon Park's location is beautiful and popular, the committee suggests you arrive early. The picnic will begin at 10:00 am, with lunch following at 11:00 am. Parking is limited but additional parking is located at the nearby Boeing parking lots.

Please sign in when arriving, pick up your name badge and share your current e-mail address to assure being included on next year's picnic list. If you have retired to a new location, have winter and summer addresses, or have changed your name recently, your class would appreciate having that information for their reunion lists.

Donations are appreciated as they help to cover the park rental fee and the cost of the lunch and refreshments. If you have any questions please e-mail info@franklinpicnic.com. The Class of 1959 picnic committee is once again sponsoring the event and they have but two outstanding requirements: Plan to attend. Have fun.



2006 Alumni Golf Tourney Sets Date

By Jerry Green

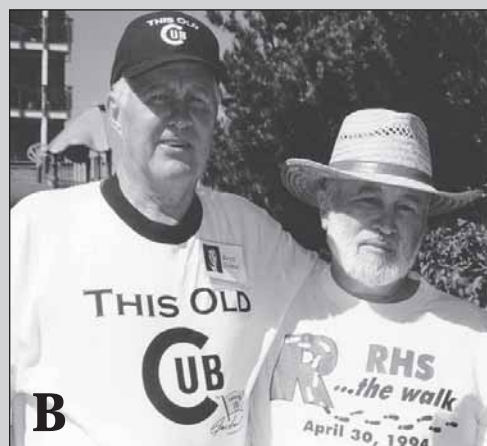
As is the tradition, Thursday, September 7th, 2006, has been reserved for this year's annual Woody Wilson Franklin High School Alumni Golf Tournament. This is the Thursday after Labor Day at Lake Wilderness Golf Course, 25400 Witte Road SE, Maple Valley, WA will be once again ready for us.

The registration table will open at 7:30 am and remain open until 8:30 am. The shot gun start will fire promptly at 9:00 am. A \$65 fee per player will include a shared power cart, the green fees, the luncheon immediately following the event and the prizes.

The lunch menu this year is a choice of ribs and chicken. A no host bar will be available. Tournament results and prizes will be distributed after lunch.

For further information, an entry form, or directions: please contact Jerry Green at 253-333-0542 or Bob Burt at 206-284-7422.

We hope to see former participants and many additional alums. Call early and add your name to an ever growing list. See you there!



Picnic in the Park Pictures:

A: (LtoR): Betty Richardson Helm '59, Bob Helm '55, Phil Swartzell '59, Kaye Swartzell, Charlotte Wade Fox '59

B: Buzz Crites '59 and Bernie Moskowitz '57 (Cleveland HS)

C: (LtoR) Judy Collins Seth '62 and Nil Seth '59

D: (LtoR) Claudette Marshall '56, Joyce Abrahamsen '56, Carol Hemm '59

E: Dennis Cook '57

F: Jill Wright Cappetto '62

G: Nancy Byas Wright '56

Casting for Fishing Equipment

By Mike Lawson, FHS Woodshop Teacher

Spring fishing season is here and Franklin's Fishing Club is making plans to enjoy the solitude of nature. Your donations of fishing gear in the past have made that experience possible for Franklin students and we thank you.

Many theories have been written and expressed as to what keeps young people interested in high school and, of course, the opposite dilemma, what causes so many to drop out?

Teachers well versed in their subject matter, is of utmost importance. Teachers that care about their students, take a personal interest, and challenge them to learn is another. Staff working together to create an atmosphere that makes a student feel: comfortable, safe and accepted for who they are, works also.

These are but a few attributes that combine to keep a teen in school, but if you ask Mike Lawson, Franklin's finest woodshop teacher, this question, he will add another ingredient, "Not only are all of the above mentioned items important, but it is often the extras that grab a student and inspire them."

Perhaps this is why Lawson promotes his "FHS Fishing Club." "We may land a fish or two while we're out in nature, but we might also keep a young person involved and 'hook' that student to the educational program being offered at Franklin." He added.

Your donations of reels, tackle boxes, rods, actually any salt or fresh water gear, is welcomed and appreciated. Contact Mike Lawson at 206-252-6152 or email milawson@seattleschools.org. (I'll be happy to pick up your donations.)

How can you contribute?

In our newsletters and in our fall solicitation letter, we ask for donations in the form of dues or contributions. So you can better understand how that money is used and why it is so important to support the Franklin Alumni Association and Foundation, here is a brief summary of what we do:

Communication:

- * Every mailing of the Quaker Times (a distribution list of about 8500) costs approximately \$5000
- * We grant up to \$250 in startup fees for any class planning their 10th year reunion

Grants, scholarships and more:

- * Grants in a twice yearly cycle. Funds come from general operating funds and from interest/dividends from the General Endowment Fund established in 2000. We give grants adding up to \$20,000 each year.
- * Covey Endowment: grants to journalism needs
- * Alexander Endowment: grants specific to sexual health
- * McCallum Scholarship: for Franklin graduates who are working towards teaching certificates
- * Class of 1935 scholarship: for graduating seniors for education costs
- * Special projects: we are about to launch a major capital campaign for gym renovation.

Consider joining the Board!

Contact Sara Thompson if you are interested (206 725-9280 or gelthomp@comcast.net)

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Donate!

You can donate to the general fund or one of three endowment funds. General donations will go to fund the newsletter and our grants program. Donations to the endowment funds or to the scholarship funds will go specifically to those funds to be used only for those purposes. The Franklin Alumni Association and Foundation is a registered 501 © (3) organization, so all your donations are tax deductible.

2006 Mount Baker Scholarships

The Mt. Baker community continues to award the Mt. Baker/Martin Luther King Scholarships to seniors. The scholarship committee seeks out and gives highest consideration to young people who show financial need, have overcome obstacles, have worked to improve their community, and might be overlooked by other, more traditional scholarships. This wonderful idea began with just a few scholarships. The number of recipients continues to grow each year.

This year eight Franklin students received \$3,000 scholarships. They are: Aftin Abdi, Ritebesh Abreha, Sherry Ancheta, Christine Fomby, Gaybrielle Holbert, Alexander Johnson, Zam Zam Mohamed, and Daniel Vasquez.

In addition to being very proud of each of these Franklin students, the Franklin school community is proud of the generosity of the residents and businesses of the Mount Baker neighborhood.



Franklin High School Performing Arts Presents *The Spring Concert*

Featuring performances by the

* JAZZ LAB *

* CONCERT BAND *

* GUITAR ENSEMBLE *

Thursday, June 6th, 2006

7:30 p.m.

Franklin High School Auditorium

No Charge For Admission

FHS Field of Dreams to become a Reality

By Stephanie Ragland, Parent

As the Quaker Times goes to press, the Seattle School District is making good on its commitment to update the athletic field at Franklin High School. With money from a property tax BTA II Levy passed in 2004, Franklin athletes will no longer have to dodge the mine field of pot holes and ruts as they go out for a pass or attempt a hand off in the 4 x 100 relay.

Project Manager for the Seattle School District, Mike Skutack, says

that site access to begin construction will begin this spring on May 5th. Substantial completion is scheduled for later this summer, just in time for the football squad to begin those grueling "two a day" practices. Target date for this phase of completion is August 15, 2006.

Many people had a hand in this new field, particularly the voters in Seattle who voted "yes" on the sports field levy. We thank especially the Franklin High School staff.

It was the diligence and determination of these individuals that are responsible for making sure this project stayed in view of the school district and was not lost in a sea of bureaucracy.

The Franklin community is especially grateful to the tax payers of Seattle who have been willing to assess their property taxes to bring this direly needed improvement about.



13th Annual Big Band Dance Features Several Alumni

By Krista Palsson-Martinez, Class of '98

The 13th Annual Big Band Dance held in March, 2006, was enjoyed once again by parents, alumni and friends of Franklin. As the music department's only fund raiser your attendance was thoroughly appreciated.

Six students make up the Jazz Lab this year: Leung Lee-Wilson, Drew Henry, Arielle Fontelera, Kyle Palsson, Evan Douglas and Bobby Holloway. We look forward to many rewarding things to come their way.

As always there was a stunning performance from the amazing Jazz Underground which has several FHS Band Alumni: Kellen White and Wes Amundson '00; Hector Ducay '98; Jarren Kinch, Albert Mungin III and Alfredo Vitente III '99; Dennis Asis '97, Christian Johnson '05, Veronica Le Cocq and Erwin Adriano '03. Bobby

Holloway, a current gifted musician, played the entire evening with both groups.

The Franklin music department feels fortunate to have James Rasmussen, the "Jazz Guru" '74 and our Director Robert Pitzer step up once again to the task of delivering another entertaining evening.

We wish to thank all for attending this year and for supporting the Performing Arts at Franklin High School. Look for this event in March of 2007 and plan to attend what will be our 14th Annual Big Band Dance.



Team XBOT Hits the Mark and Goes to Nationals

Who is "Team XBOT"? It is a group of FHS students who are interested in 21st century technology and robotics. This is their fifth year participating in this real life, hands on project based learning opportunity. Team XBOT is lead by Donna Lew, parent of a 2005 FHS graduate and community member.

The XBOT is student designed, built and assembled – much of this was accomplished using the Microsoft Hardware Lab. Here some of the FHS team experienced the manufacturing process using an NC machine, lathe, drill, press and laser cutter, while others assembled the XBOT hardware.

These students are being assisted and mentored by professionals who volunteered over 150 hours each. The XBOT sponsors are: Microsoft and Boeing Robot Fanatic employees, Pacific Iron Building Materials, Pearl Babes, Straightline, and Skeeter's Auto Rebuild, who provided donations and in kind services.

The XBOT design criteria for 2006 was, "Aiming High". The robot must either shoot a ball into a goal eight feet off the ground or deliver balls to a lower goal. XBOT's design took advantage of the large hopper which could hold 60 balls and had the ability to dump balls into the lower goal. You would continually hear the announcer yell, "XBOT dumps another load for their Alliance!"

The Team successfully participated in PNW Regional Games in Portland, Oregon in early March. From their results there, they were invited to compete in the National Competition in Atlanta, Georgia in late April. (National results were not known in time for the Quaker Times publication.)

For more information visit the team web site www.teamxbot.org or www.usfirst.org FIRST Robotics.



Dance Posse Wins

Congratulations to Franklin's Dance Posse for winning the 2006 Bubblin' Brown Sugar competition.

The team showed lots of energy, style and creativity. They were one of twelve teams that competed. Lots of practice and determination paid off. The Posse would like to thank all the Franklin family for your support. The cheering and good wishes brought them luck, energy and confidence.



**"Success is liking yourself
Liking what you do
And liking how you do it."**

Maya Angelou

Mock Trial Triumphs

By Molly Thompson '72 and Blaise Carney '06

The 2005-2006 year continues to be remarkable for the Franklin High School Mock Trial Team. They started out last fall with only three returning varsity members and a room full of rookies, including their new coach, Don Eaton. But what the team lacked in experience, they more than made up for in tenacity and talent.

They took first place in the King County Regional, Washington's toughest, by an unheard of margin and were undefeated at State until the final round.

Franklin doesn't look or perform like any other team. Our ethnic diversity is unique to the competition, but it is our sense of flair and style that really puts Franklin over the top. The witnesses entertain, convince, cajole, and compel the courtroom. Our attorneys are deft, poised, articulate and masterful.

The momentum continues as the team prepares a new case for the American Mock Trial Invitational competition in Chapel Hill, North Carolina next month. Our team of rookies has become one of seasoned professionals in six short months, thanks in part to Eaton and his supporting coaching staff of Franklin Alums. Recent grads and former team members Jesse Parker, Katrina Miller and Ari Hargrave have been invaluable. Alums Charlie Williams, principal lawyer coach '70, and Molly Thompson, drama '72, continue coaching the team.

"In the last ten years Franklin's Mock Trial Team has won first place seven times in the King County regional competition, garnered six firsts in the State competition and relished winning first place nationally in 2000," Williams stated. "Franklin has had a dominant role over the years and this year's team has been exceptional. If there are any alumni interested in the program in any way, we'd love to hear from you."

For the past 17 years, the mock trial competition has pulled King County youngsters into the kind of civics lesson they could not get in the classroom. They learn a range of skills, from articulating an argument to speaking publicly with confidence. Then they test those skills in hours-long trials, where they watch the slow, deliberate process of the legal system in action.

Few of the mock trial participants plan to become lawyers, but it is felt that a hundred percent of them will go on to become better citizens.

The Alumni Association has never wavered in its support of time and treasure for the FHS Mock Trial team. Wish us luck!



Varsity Team: Front row: (l – rt) Sarah Taylor, Ari Hargrave (coach), Soraya Womack, Rena Pollolazo, Linh Tran, Blaise Carney
Back row: (l to rt) Ryan Travis, Chandler Hederquist, Gordon Greaves, David Miller, Ian Brusseau, Janel Brown, Taylor Matsui, Luke Theofelis
Judge's Bench: Charlie Williams

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Franklin FAME'S 20th Anniversary well Attended

By Krista Palsson-Martinez, Class of '98

What a turnout! Former FAME-ers from across the decades arrived throughout the afternoon. Aaron Pitre '01 flew in from New York and shared his accomplishments and awards that he has received in following his dream of performing on the stage. Our local star, Scott MacGowan '96, popped over from John Muir Elementary, where he is currently the choir teacher. A special thank you to Ms Mary Smith, who for twenty absolutely spectacular years, has been head of Performing Arts at Franklin.



Kristjan Palsson, a '02 alum and graduate of the Film and

Video Communications program at the Seattle Central Community College, presented a Documentary Short on the FAME Co. He captured not only the history, but also the importance of a performing arts program to a school and even more importantly to the students participating.

The display boards, built by stage hands Amit Bhardwaj and Katie Ramsey, were decorated with pictures, costumes, programs and other mementos that brought twenty years of drama to life. Pam Eaton-Ford, a FHS alumnae mom, was once again present volunteering her photography skills. If you have questions or comments please contact Palsson-Martinez at klpalsson@aol.com or Mary Smith at mwsmith@seattleschools.org or call 206-252-6193.



F.A.M.E. Reunion

18 March 2006

Twenty Years of Fame

by Director Mary Smith

Twenty years ago in the old auditorium of Franklin, two hundred students started the FAME Company tradition with a show called, "Don't Call Us. We'll Call You." That show blew everybody away. Every year since, in the spring, a musical is offered to the Mt. Baker/Rainier Valley community. This year it was "F.A.M.E. The Musical" was written for our present students to show what it's like, in the real world entertainment business. It portrayed how to get an agent and start a career that might net a performer some 'fame'. With numbers from hit shows like: "Rent" (recently made into a film), "FAME" which was also a film and stage musical, hit songs like Abba's "Dancin' Queen" and show stoppers like the nuns in "Sister Act", this year's show had 98 in the cast and crew. The show had surprises, romance, conflict, energy to burn and one might conclude something to please everybody.

The show ran for four evenings with opening night being completely sold out. Fortunately those turned away returned to watch other performances. Some of the stars of the show were: Amber Mines, Brian Hayes, Tina Comejo, Kyle Palsson, Ashley Grant, Stanly Wong, Blaise Carney, Aziza Dixon, Viloet Banks, Kristal Phillips and Julia Jesse.

A special thank you to all who have attended and supported the Performing Arts at Franklin over these past two decades.

Sharon Tomiko Santos

Grassroots involvement has always been important to Sharon Tomiko Santos. With an early start as an activist, it would be interesting to note if close friends and teachers were able to predict that one day Santos would represent one of the most diversified districts in Washington State, the 37th District of Seattle.

Santos was a member of the graduating class of 1979, but she did spend a brief interval at Nathan Hale. "That was the period in the Seattle Schools where the district was faced with a Federal Court Challenge, so the district was encouraging voluntary desegregation. Ruth Ann Kurosi, a volunteer in the schools at the time, thought I would be a good candidate. As it turned out, Hale wasn't a good fit for me, so I happily returned to Franklin. You might say though that my activism started in high school."

My public speaking skills were honed through my experiences in the drama program, which was headed by Tom Williams the drama coach at the time. There were probably several teachers at Franklin that had an impact on my future, but two that gave me inspiration were Rick Nagel and Sarah Kaplan. While at Franklin, I do remember lobbying and making a presentation in front of the Seattle Public School Board. The topic was school segregation.

After graduating from Franklin, Santos went on to Evergreen State College in Olympia where she majored in Liberal Arts. From there she continued to pursue a higher



degree, receiving a masters degree in History from Northeastern University in Boston, MA.

In 1998, Santos was elected as a state representative and became the first Japanese-American woman elected to the Washington State House of Representatives. She was reelected in 2000, again in 2002, and another repeat in 2004. This fall, 2006, she will once again be facing her constituents and asking for their votes of confidence in the job she is doing.

She currently sits on the House Education, Finance, Financial Institutions and Insurance and the Rules Committee. In addition she serves as the Majority "Whip" in the House. When asking what a Whip is, Sharon explained that it is a leadership position, elected to by her peers. "The term whip is an old fox hunting term and it meant keeping the dogs focused. In 1913 the post of whip was first established in the US Senate. In the House you have a party leader, a caucus chair, a floor leader and a caucus whip. As a whip, I count votes and maintain discipline within the caucus."

She is also a member of the National Conference of State Legislators' Executive Committee and a

Democratic National Committee Rules Committee member. Because she works hard to stay connected to her constituents she has received a number of honors. In 1993, she received the Martin Luther King, Jr. "Keeping the Dream Alive", in 1996 the Northwest Asian Weekly named her as one of the Top 10 Contributors to the Asian American community, and in 2000, she received the inaugural Bernie Whitebear Award from United Indian of All Tribes Foundation. Her interest in issues affecting women worldwide led her to attend the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China.

Being a member of or on a board for various organizations may seem grueling, but it helps to keep her abreast of her district and state. "The YMCA Youth and Government is actually the organization that sponsors the Mock Trial competitions for which Franklin has become such an outstanding contender over the years. They also have a Youth Legislature Program where students learn the process of government, run for office and have elections. The Public Service Academy at Franklin is a program that teaches students how to be involved in and also how to work through the process of government."

One wonders when Sharon sleeps when she begins to mention all the organizations in which she is involved. One thing is certain, when Santos runs for her fifth chance to be a 37th District House of Representative, people know she stays focused, stays connected and can not be termed a slacker in any shape or form. She's definitely a "Whip" in and out of the legislature.

An April Letter from Coach Kerr

Dear Alumni,

With the season only a few weeks in our rear view mirrors, I wanted to take the chance to write to you to recap some spectacular accomplishments as well as acknowledge the help and support that these young men have received along the way.

As many of you know, the Franklin High School Varsity Boy's Basketball Team was victorious in bringing home the 2006 AAAA State Championship for the second time in four years. This was a tremendous accomplishment for these young men and we, as a coaching staff, are very proud of the effort and hard work that they put into this season. I would be mistaken if I said that we knew they would accomplish this all along. The field of teams was extremely strong and it was anyone's trophy to take home.



However, our boys were strong and resilient in being the last team standing at the end. As I reflect on the past season and the state tournament, I have started to ask myself what is it that makes up a championship team? The last several weeks it has become clear to me that this championship reaches far beyond just twelve young men.

Recently, we had a ceremony at Franklin High School celebrating the championship successes in the areas of the arts, athletics and academics. Our team was not the only area in which our kids are having success. This year's Mock Trail team, Dance Posse, National History Day participants and the Boy's Basketball team were all able to have championship caliber performances. While we know that it takes outstanding individual performance for this to occur, I also began to realize that these accomplishments did not just belong to the few individuals that hold the trophies.

Toward the end of the State Championship game, I looked across the court to the section that contained our cheering section, and I noticed an energy that I have never seen before. It was at this time that I realized that it was our Franklin community that made us so strong. There were thousands of fans wearing green and black. Students, teachers, administrators, parents, neighbors, alumni and supporters filled the stands and were standing and cheering with more pride than the twelve kids on the court. This was something special to everyone in the building that night.

It takes so much time, energy and money to provide young people with the tools for success these days that we could never do it alone. We are working hard every day to lift our young people up and make them realize their potential.

Do not think for one moment that the role you play as a member of our community is small in any way. Your passion, support and enthusiasm are vital to the future of our young people's lives. For these reasons, the coaches of the Franklin High School Boy's Basketball Program thank you for everything you have done in the past and will continue to do in the future. It is the Franklin Community that makes us all so proud to be a Quaker. While we know that we will not be able to win championship trophies every year, working together as the Franklin community, we can continue to build our kids into championship people.

Jason Kerr, Franklin High School
Head Boy's Basketball Coach, Safety and Security Specialist

(Editor's note: Coach Kerr was named the WIAA Coach of the Year.)



Bruno Boin was Mr Basketball in the '50s at Franklin

With basketball in the news, on TV, and also on our minds this spring, what better time to interview a Franklin Alum from 1954, Bruno Boin

Franklin High Quakers' 2006 team brought home the 2006 State High School Basketball trophy for the fourth time in the school's history. The teams of 1994 and 1995 won remarkable "back-to-back" state tournaments. In addition, the first state championship for Franklin occurred in 1954, when Boin was a team member. That particular year the championship game pitted Franklin against Garfield in the final game.

As an alumnus stated, "Bruno was a first. He was a player with a height presence of 6-foot-8 inches. He was definitely the beginning of what was to become a new trend in basketball."

While playing for Coach Leonard Saalwaechter at Franklin, Bruno was named to the Seattle All City Team his sophomore, junior and senior years. Upon graduation, he went on to play for the University of Washington coach, Tippy Dye, and earned All-Pacific Coast Conference honors in 1956 and captained the Huskies team in 1957 and 1959. During the 1958 season the U of WA was on probation so all of the sports teams were penalized. Bruno was picked up by the Buchan Bakers to help augment their team. The Bakers had won the 1956 AAU National Championship and had a strong presence in the basketball arena at the time.

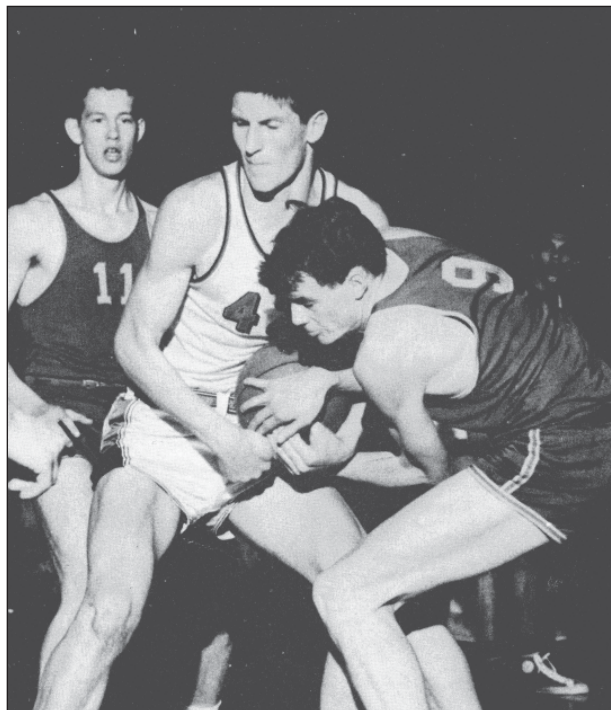
In 1958, he was drafted by the St Louis Hawks, and in 1959 he was drafted by the Detroit Pistons. But being plagued with a chronic bad back since high school, he never played a game in the NBA. He did point out that while playing for the University of Washington, he never missed a practice or a game.

"It took me five years at the U of WA. I started out working on a chemical engineering degree and then changed my major and went on to earn a bachelor of science in mathematics.

I continued on to obtain an advanced degree in mathematics in the graduate school at UCLA "

When asked what kind of job a degree in math leads to, he explained that he went to work for Milliman & Robertson, a local actuary firm specializing in pension and retirement programs. The firm now has 43 offices and has become an international powerhouse.

In June of this year, Bruno and his college sweetheart, Sheila, will be celebrating their 46th wedding anniversary. When probing for more details, Bruno did share a humorous story. Seems both he and Sheila garnered wins in 'U Dub' campus competitions. Sheila was honored with a "Queen of Queens" title, while Bruno won the not so distinguished title, "Ugliest Man on Campus". Guess we can surmise



that with that combination they were meant to enjoy a long and successful marriage.

Since retiring in 1998, Bruno and Sheila split their time between Palm Desert, Calif. and Whidbey Island. "I took up the game of golf later in life, but now I'm enjoying spending as much time as possible on golf courses in the southwest or the northwest.

"I've been golfing, maybe flailing would be a better word, in the Annual FHS Alumni Golf Tournament for six years now. My FHS golfing partner, Al Link, was also a member of the 1954 State Basketball Championship Team and we've remained friends all these years."

"That golf tournament held right after Labor Day each year, has presented an opportunity for several decades of Franklinites to reconnect. And, since it's followed with a dinner, wives and non golfers have been attending also. What better time to enjoy a round of golf and also catch up with other Franklin alums."

Katie Houlahan Dolan – Duane Dolan 60 Years and Counting

On Sunday, April 10, 2006 a World Premiere produced by The Visual Media Group was staged in the Franklin High Theater. "April 30th –Sixty Years of Wedded Bliss and Bluster (1946-2006)"

The show had a cast consisting of hundreds of friends and family and the theme was billed as a film of historical survival.

"What better place to hold a wedding anniversary party," Katie Houlahan Dolan said. "This is where Duane and I first met." Katie was a student scheduled to graduate from Franklin in 1943 and Duane just happened to be a 'visiting' Garfield student graduating in 1941. They both went on to attend the University of Washington, Duane went into the Navy and after his release in 1946, they were married in the Mt Baker Presbyterian Church.

"When we first met we never guessed the fun and excitement that lay ahead, the twists and turn-about, nor the overwhelming challenges that lay ahead. Our son, Patrick Dolan, was diagnosed in 1953 with autism and that dramatically changed out lives."

They became a family of unexpected victories over adversity and they took their message of hope to everyone. "We took the fight for disability rights anywhere and



everywhere: to Olympia, to Washington, DC; to editorial boards, to anyone who would listen and lots who didn't want to."

A former model, actress and TV news personality, Dolan uses drama, humor or just sheer cussed persistence to dent indifference. When families found going to agency offices for help too daunting, she brought the bureaucracy to them. She organized disability parties all over the state. Families would gather to share cake and food at community centers with agency staff who signed people up by the dozen for help they were entitled to, but didn't know existed.

Dolan was also on the front lines of Education for All. She helped to push the Legislature in 1971 to enact House Bill 90, the landmark legislation guaranteeing a public education to children with disabilities. After which she helped found The Troubleshooters, a statewide protection and advocacy program for people with developmental disabilities and their families. And in 1975, she and Duane started the state chapter of the Autism Society of America

"The famous Patrick Dolan, who was 21 when the state mandatory education law passed, never had a semester of public education, but helped bring it about for others. Today, Pat lives in his own subsidized house in his own neighborhood with an attending family and is now planning to either own a business or have a new job in the community."

"My inspiration comes from our heroes, our sons and daughters, who taught us what it really means to be human and to care for each other."

Together Katie and Duane direct the Houlahan Foundation which promotes the understanding of the civil and human rights of people with developmental disabilities. Their newest project is promoting Medicaid for All, a simple medical card with a computer chip that can hold 80 pages of medical history and eligibility information for people who have severe disabilities of communication and cannot represent themselves to get medical care or social services.

www.medicardforall.com



The Dolans found that life isn't always easy, but by facing problems together with an open heart, but mainly with family and friends surrounding in circles of support, they have had 60 exciting years together. Hopefully, their film of historical survival ended with a standing ovation.

(A good portion of this story was sent in to the Quaker Times by Eugene Sullivan, Class of 1948. When we called to confirm some of the facts, we were sadly informed that Gene had passed away in March, 2006. We wish to thank him for writing and taking the time to honor, Katie Houlahan Dolan, Franklin Alum, for her accomplishments.)

**The most important
thing in life is to learn
how to give out love,
and to let it come in.**

***—Mitch Albom, from
Tuesdays with Morrie***

**Please take the time to notify the
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- 1) Change of address (postal or email)
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AND....Even more important: is your membership current for 2006? Remember, your paid membership is what allows the alumni association to publish this newsletter, help classes as they organize their reunions and support Franklin's programs, staff and students by issuing Grants twice a year.

An envelope has been inserted into this issue of the Quaker Times and a membership form is located on page 24.

Please join or renew today – We now have a website: E-mail Marlene at Tsquareb29@aol.com ... Mention FHS change on the subject line.

Tolo Project

By Gladys Sunderland Rash

Franklin Tolos are still in demand. Since the fall Quaker Times mailing, we have sold four more annuals and have pleased those alums able to purchase the year of their choice. Julie Stewart '73 donated two and Audrey Harrison '47 donated four. To keep this worthwhile program on going, we need the alumnus and their families to donate Tolos they no longer need. Currently we have requests for specific issues that are no longer available. Donations or purchases may be made by calling Gladys Sunderland Rash at 425-227-5275 or by emailing her at wayneglady@juno.com.

Help us provide pleasure to the graduate who is able to replace a lost year book. Remember all funds generated from this project go directly to the Journalism Department.

(The alumni association wishes to thank Gladys for her dedication to this project since its inception. Thank you. It's alums like Gladys who work quietly in the background that make a difference.)

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The Tile Project that began during the renovation of Franklin continues to be very popular. These Commemorative tiles are 8" square, personally engraved. Copy is centered, italic, all 1/2" capitals. You may have up to three lines of copy per tile, 20 characters per line. One line of copy is \$40, two lines—\$50 and three lines—\$60. Print one character per block. Accepted punctuation: , . " ; : ? / ! () & %. Each mark counts as a block.

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