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Congratulations to FHS Grad Gary Locke on his Confirmation as U.S. Secretary of Commerce

In the fall of 1996, the Quaker Times ran an article congratulating Gary Locke, Class of 1968, on his election as Governor of Washington State. Since our newsletter was reaching just a few of our current readers, we decided to reissue the article about how this Quaker ultimately found his way to Washington, D.C. The article follows:

The American dream and Gary Locke are synonymous. Born to Chinese immigrants of modest means, Locke's first home was in the Yesler Terrace Housing Project in Seattle. His parents operated a restaurant in the Pike Place Market, so Locke spent many hours playing in that historical site.

Winning the Governor's race, November 5, 1996, Locke is the first Asian American elected governor within the Continental United States. He now finds himself to be a role model to other minorities. "It's hard to think of myself as a role model," he said. "I am just an ordinary, average guy, I think. But I really think to be a role model I can help other Asian Americans and people of ethnic origins and different cultures participate in government by simply being the

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President Barack Obama, Gary Locke and Vice-President Joe Biden.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FHS Fame Company Presents 139th Production: "Finding the Right One"

Franklin's Mainstage
Friday – Saturday, 7:30pm
May, 1st, 2nd, 8th and 9th
(See page 8)

John Stanford Public Service and Political Science Academy

8th Annual Fundraising Breakfast
Thursday, April 30, 7:30 – 9:00am
Westin Hotel, Seattle

Franklin Arts Festival

Saturday, May 9, 2009
Time: 10:00am until 2:30pm
Activities throughout Franklin
Tuesday, June 2nd, 7:30pm
(See page 10)

FHS Band Concert

Tuesday, June 2nd, 7:30 pm
Main Auditorium

National Honor Society Award Ceremony Scholarship Presentations

Thursday, June 4, 7:00pm
FHS Auditorium, FREE

Class of 2009 Graduation

June 12, 2009 – 6pm
Memorial Stadium, Seattle Center

"Picnic in the Park" 1955- 1962

Friday, July 17, 2009
Lunch at 12 noon, come early
Coulon Park, Renton
(See page 20)

Woody Wilson 28th Annual Seniors FHS Alumni Golf Tournament

Thursday, September 10, 2009
Jefferson Park Golf Course
9:00a.m. starting time
(See page 20)

Bel Canto Choir and Stage Band Reunion Classes of 1964 – 1970

Friday Saturday and Sunday
October 10, 11, 12, 2009
Everyone is invited! (See page 6)

REUNIONS

Classes of 1930 through 1939

Monday, Oct 5, 2009

Classes of 1940, 1941 and 1942

Thursday, May 29, 2009

Class of 1943 – 66th Reunion

Monday, June 8, 2009

Class of 1944 -To be determined

Class of 1949 – 60th Reunion

Thursday, September 17, 2009

Class of 1952 – Reunion

Tuesday, September 6, 2009

Class of 1959 – 50th Reunion,

Saturday, September 12, 2009

Class of 1962 – Reunion

Saturday, November 7, 2009

Class of 1969 - 40th Reunion

Saturday October 3, 2009

Class of 1979 - 30th Reunion

Sat., Sun. June 27 & 28, 2009

Class of 1989 - 20th Reunion

Fri., Sat., Sun. August 7, 8, & 9

Class of 1999 - 10th Reunion

Fri., Sat July 24 & 25, 2009

Franklin High School Reunions



Traditions! Traditions! Traditions!

On June 12, 2009, another Franklin High School class of graduates will trek across a stage to obtain their diplomas. This will be the 97th class to take these steps, and although the faces and the wardrobes under those gowns have changed, the excitement and exuberance generated remains.

Like generations before them, these graduates will take their Franklin experiences and friendships forward with them eagerly (and maybe somewhat trepidaciously) awaiting what opportunities will unfold in their future. Will it be higher educational schooling, will it be a first job, will it be some form of volunteerism or will it be a time in the service? The uncertainty is facing them, just as it has faced all of you in past decades.

The challenges they face will be as diverse and numerable as the number of graduates that have met the rigors of the subject matter at Franklin over the past four years.

One of our FHS Alumni Association and Foundation goals continues to be helping our alums stay better connected to each other as well as to Franklin. We use our ever-expanding database, our semi-annual Quaker Times newsletter and our website to assist classes as they plan their reunion events. Check the list of contacts listed on pages 22 and 23 and keep those Quakers informed of your current address.

Please check to see if your own class is planning an activity for 2009. Be among the first to plan to attend and join in the fun and friendships of your reunion celebration. Get in touch with some of the classmates that you have stayed connected with and help generate an enthusiasm by spreading the news. Volunteer to aid your reunion committee as they endeavor to make the event a success.

Classes of the '30s

Classes of 1930 through the class of 1939: we had such a remarkable reunion in 2008, we decided to do it again in 2009.

Place: Ivar's Salmon House on Lake Union

Date: Monday, October 5, 2009

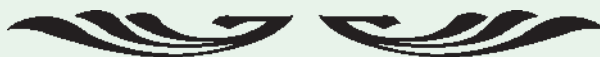
Time: 11:00am –We will have time to socialize.
12:00pm lunch is served.

We decided to return once again to Ivar's Salmon House on Lake Union. The food was delicious, and we had our own private banquet room. The Ivar's staff treated us royally, and the parking lot is huge and there are absolutely no stairs to navigate.

A detailed flier will be sent at a later date, but call or email some of the committee members to put your name on the "I'm coming list" and to give us encouragement as we proceed with the plans.

Please contact: Anita Hendricks Robison '37, anirobb83@hotmail.com; Helen Kiene Farnham '37, 206-878-6226, hfarnham1@yahoo.com; Ruth Sugawara Okada '36, 206-832-3465; Bonnie Brunswick Peters '36, 206-364-3405, bbdpeters@comcast.net; Ann Danielson Molitor '34, 425-427-0677, annmolitor@comcast.net; Evelyn R. Coker, 425-483-8688; Robert Smith '39, 206-675-9832, rvhsmith@access4less.net. Dorene Gibson Copley, Class of 1962, Lynda Dailey Olerud, Class of 1964, Buzz and Jeanne Patricelli Crites, Class of 1959, and Bonnie Bosworth, bonbos2@yahoo.com. are once again assisting.

Let us hear from you! See you on Monday, October 5, 2009.



Classes of 1940, 1941 & 1942

By Al Gould

Greetings again to all '40, '41, and '42 classmates! Our long-standing class committee still survives and we issue to all similar fellow survivors an invitation to another of our legendary class reunions.

It seems incredible that this will be the 69th anniversary of the 40th class group. It is just this spirit of continued camaraderie over the years, that leads us to believe our group will support another renewal get-together. The overwhelming encouragement of the collective 40, 41, and 42 graduates have told us to party on.

The event will continue to be held at our customary venue, the wonderful Seattle Golf Club, whose staff is most enthusiastic about having us return. With this said the joint classes heartily welcome you to join together for an appetizing lunch, good fellowship and another traditional program of lively music, entertainment and prizes. So toss away your walkers, canes, bottles of Geritol, turn up your hearing aids and plan to attend. Also, remember that friends, relatives, caregivers and other Franklin graduates are welcome to attend.

To simplify the job of the committee and the club's serving staff this year we have decided to select a single entree of grilled wild salmon at a price of \$25 per person which includes freshly baked rolls, coffee and tea. You also have our assurance that the club will accommodate special dietary needs if required. Class co-chairs: Al Gould '40, Marion Hamilton Hunter and Karla Kleppen '41, and Clint Prescott '42.

When: Thursday, May 28, 2009

Time: 11:30am to 12:30pm (No host bar and social hour, with cocktails, beer, wine or soft drinks available from \$5 to \$7.

12:30pm until 2:30pm (lunch and program)

Luncheon price: \$25. This includes gratuities, sales tax, room charges, prizes and entertainment.

For further information contact: George De Bon at 206-542-0919.

Class of 1943

The Class of 1943 has been holding yearly luncheons, and this year will be no exception. Bob Benson '43 has agreed to be this year's registrar. He will contact members of the class, but he is also requesting that class members take the initiative and get in touch with him. The number of people planning to attend is essential to know in advance so the restaurant can adequately prepare for us. His phone number is 206-878-7884 and his email is rbbenson@comcast.net.

Where: Sixth Avenue Bar and Grill, 2000 6th Avenue, Seattle, WA

When: Monday, June 8, 2009

Time: 11:00am arrival with lunch orders to begin at 11:30am.

Features: Free Parking (Sign in is required to prevent your car from being towed.)

The restaurant is centrally located and has easy accessibility from all areas of Seattle, Mercer Island, Bellevue, or outlying areas.

"I meet at the 6th Avenue regularly with my old Kappa Sigs and the restaurant has good food, the prices are reasonable and they have an extensive menu which they will allow us to individually order from. The gratuity will be added to each bill. There should be something for everyone. Feel free to invite your spouse, another alum or friend."

Class of 1944

The Class of 1944 committee will be meeting in May to discuss their 2009 reunion plans. Feel free to email or call with your questions/suggestions/or if you wish to be involved in the planning. Get in touch with the committee to

update your e-mail address, phone number or address, if you have made a change during the past year. Let us make this gathering an easy one. Contact Zo Chaney, chaneyjz@yahoo.com, 253-752-3959

Class of 1949

60th Reunion Luncheon "The '49ers Ride Again"

In 2009, the Class of '49 will hold their sixth Class Reunion. The date and place are set: Thursday, September 17, 2009, at Tibbits Creek Manor in Issaquah. We have sent one mailing announcement and have already received 60 returns reserving and indicating they will attend.

If you are a member of this class, have changed your residence, e-mail, or phone number since our last reunion, please take the time to contact a class member. At our 50th reunion, we had approximately 150 in attendance, so we are encouraging as many classmates as possible to plan to attend our just as important 60th.

"There is nothing insignificant about a 60th," Gribble said.

Call or email: Jerry Gribble, 425-452-9876 or gjgribble@comcast.net or Bob Levitin at 206-933-1175, jlevitin@aol.com.

We have a great committee working on the details, so come enjoy the fruits of our labor.

Class of 1952

The Class of 1952 is planning to have a reunion on Tuesday, September 6, 2009. This year's luncheon location is yet to be determined. The committee will be sending out a "save the date" mailing. Then closer to September a mailing with more details and a form for signing up will be sent. Anyone desiring further information can contact either Sylvia Boin Kuebler, skuebl@seanet.com or Jim Hilton, hiltj@perkinscoie.com.

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Foundation's Website:
www.franklinalumni.net*

President's Letter

Fellow Quakers, thank you for taking time to read the Spring 2009 Quaker Times. I am sure you all are well aware that the economy is bad and getting worse. The school district is faced with declining enrolment, school closures and a shrinking budget. The schools that are fortunate to remain open are being asked to do more with less money. Alumni help is as important as it has ever been.

Despite these difficult economic times, the Franklin Alumni continue to generously support the Franklin Community. The FAA&F had another successful year of raising money to help fund school programs. In January, we awarded another \$10,000 in the spring grant cycle and are in the process of soliciting grant applications from the teachers and staff for 2009-2010 needs. We recently used a portion of the Tilner Library Fund to purchase and install new computers in the FHS Library and are gearing up to award scholarships to college bound seniors.

This school year, Franklin's return to the Metro 3A conference has resulted in lots of athletic success. Men's and Women's Basketball had wonderful seasons. Both won Metro championships and brought home trophies from the state tournament. Mock Trial won the King County competition, placed in State and is once again headed for Nationals. I have long believed that success in extra-curricular activity builds confidence that carries over to the classrooms. I expect that the Quakers are having a banner academic year as well.

I want to thank the Alumni for their continued support and I look forward to seeing many of you at our reader board unveiling celebration later this year.

Feel free to contact me at 206.682-6644, zach@fleetlaw.com or through info@franklinalumni.net if you want to get a hold of me or need information about supporting the FAA&F.

Zachary Fleet, FAA&F President and Class of 1985

**We celebrate all you who support the
FHS Alumni Association and Foundation with your
memberships and donations. These monies allow our
organization to allocate \$20,000 to enrich programs
at Franklin each year.**

You are making a difference!

**You are making the tomorrows possible for
today's Franklin students.**

Thank you!

Class of 1959

50th Reunion

Saturday, September 12, 2009
Fairwood Golf and Country
Club, Renton

Contact: Ann Casey Trepus
29625-40th Place South
Auburn, WA 98001
E-mail: DandACT@aol.com
Invitations and directions

were mailed in March, so if you have not received any information to date, please contact Ann. The Fabulous Class of '59 is planning a great evening of fun and memories of our days at Franklin. Plan to attend as we look forward to seeing you there. Let's make the big 50th special!

Class of 1962

Reunion luncheon set for the first Saturday in November
November 7, 2009

Call or e-mail Judy Collins
Seth: 206-725-6262;
judyseth@hotmail.com

This year's gathering will be at the Holiday Inn in Renton, at the corner of Rainier Avenue and Grady Way. Do not miss reminiscing with old friends and if you know where another classmate might be that is lost in our database, please take the time to pass the word along. See you in November.

Class of 1969

40th Reunion

The date is set for a fabulous evening of fun, laughs and good times! Join your classmates on Saturday, October 3, 2009 at the Seattle Renaissance Hotel and dance the night away to the soulful tunes of 1969 and a little salsa music to spice things up! This is a great opportunity to renew old friendships, share memories, and to make new connections with former classmates and teachers.

If you are still undecided, here is feedback received after our extraordinarily successful 30-year

reunion in 1999. People enjoyed themselves so much, they asked for a 35-year reunion. A Franklin alumnus who came as the guest of a 1969 graduate said she had more fun at our reunion than her own. The wait staff said Franklin's Class of 1969's 30-year reunion was one of the best reunions held at the Washington Athletic Club.

For those who still need more incentive, a prize of \$69 will be awarded to the 69th classmate to buy a ticket to our 40th reunion! A flyer with more details about our big celebration was mailed in March, but if our mailing did not reach you please call: Reunions with Class, 425-644-1044.

See you all on October 3, 2009. Be ready to rock the night away!

Class of 1979

30th Reunion

Date: Saturday, June 27, 2009
Venue: Aboard the MV Emerald Star Waterways Cruises 2501 N Northlake Way (north Lake Union) Seattle, WA 98103

Ticket prices: \$99/person, \$175/couple; after May 1st, prices will increase to \$125/person, \$200/couple. Includes: 3 or 4 hr cruise (undetermined at this time), passed hors d'oeuvres all night, keepsake book, raffle tickets, and photo package (2 3x5, 4 wallets.) For more info, please go to www.fhs79.caos.us.com or contact Nina (Egashira) Fujimura at fhs79@caos.us.com. Or 425-742-5307

On the following day, Sunday, June 28th, the class will meet for a Potluck Family Picnic at Genessee Park at 10:30am until 4:pm. These two activities will give everyone an opportunity to enjoy reconnecting and will make our 30th Reunion a memorable weekend.

Class of 1989

20th Reunion

When: August 7, 8 & 9, 2009
August 7: Friday, Bar Night,

place TBA

August 8: Saturday, "dressy casual", O'Asian Kitchen, 6pm

August 9: Sunday, Picnic, place TBA

Cost: approx \$55-\$65

Contact: Diana Sum Tam — funkydi@comcast.net or cell (206) 550-5528. or Angela Bell — belly216@msn.com

Please save this weekend and spread the word to other 1989 graduates! We need your help in locating fellow classmates, so if you could email or call if you have phone, address, or email information pertaining to any of your friends. Also, get in touch with one of the contact persons if you are able to assist in any way. This is our 20th and we want to reconnect and have a great time together.

Class of 1999

Ten-Year Reunion

FIRST since graduation

Help the committee pass the information to fellow classmates. Respond early so the committee can firm up the details. Your involvement will make our first reunion a success.

Friday, July 24, 2009 - Friday night social

Happy Hour at a local Seattle joint. Time and location coming soon. No cover, adults only.

Saturday, July 25, 2009 - Saturday cocktail soiree at Ivar's Salmon House - 401 NE Northlake Way - Seattle, WA 98105 (206) 632-0767

Time: 7:30pm – midnight.
Light appetizers provided and hosted bar

\$45/person until June 1st;
\$55/ person thereafter
Adults only, please.

Contact:
Tesa Lau 626-757-9194
tesa.lau@gmail.com or

Thai Nguyen - 206-354-2127;
thain17@gmail.com

Save the date!

FHS Bel Canto Choir and Stage Band Reunion

Classes of 1964-1970
October 9, 10, 11, 2009



Please join us in celebration of our amazing experience as Bel Canto singers and Stage Band members, as we share in memories and mementos of our friendships, musical accomplishments and European trips. Everyone who participated (choir, band, parents, and teachers) is invited.

You are also invited to perform in a reunion choir concert under the direction of Dr. Richard Koehler, with proceeds going to the FHS Music Department. Music will be emailed in advance to interested participants.

October 9	Reunion Dinner Dance at Mount Baker Community Club \$60 per person (spouses welcome) (Friday)
October 10	Concert Rehearsal with Dr. Koehler Franklin High School (Saturday)
October 11	Bel Canto Reunion Benefit Concert Master of Ceremonies— Kenny Alhadeff Franklin High School (Sunday)

All Alumni from across all the decades and the entire Franklin community are encouraged to attend,
as the proceeds will benefit the current music program at Franklin.

To register or receive more information please contact:

Deb Burton - chefdebburton@yahoo.com — (626) 794 - 1478

Sue Anderson - sueanderson2598@hotmail.com

Tony Mamon - tonymamon@comast.com



Members of Honor Choir are: Front row—Brooks Almy, Jan W'nest, Jolene Kranak, Ellen Gibson, Pauline Kashino, Colleen Kimura, Kris Waknitz, Briana Applebaum, Howard Phillips, Bill Tobin, Mike Albadeff, Bruce Glant, Ed Raetzloff, Mike Lock, John Chin. Second row—Diane Kremen, Valerie Lee, Barbara Zebisch, Shelley Offer, Shelley Myers, Marilou Fortune, Mary Duryea, Eddie Duna-

way, Chuck Bourassa, Jerry Romano, Ken Albadeff, Andy Anderson, Darryl Blanton, Frank Raines, Don Lorenz. Third row—Tracy Jackson, Sue Peringer, Sharon McFarlin, Pat Hugus, Sarah Sanford, Deb Burton, El Doris Turner, Dennis Schaffer, Tom Leavitt, Gary Locke, Dick Rental, Larry Hasson, Brian Butz, Tom Schwartz, Steve Ticeson.

1966 Bel Canto Choir

Bel Canto Choir – World Emissaries of the ‘60’s

Forty-three years ago ninety-four Franklin High School students under the direction of Mr. Richard Koehler concentrated on doing their absolute best to achieve personal satisfaction and to form one of the most profound high school choirs in the State of Washington. The choir became known as the Bel Canto Choir, which consisted of the Concert Choir, the Honors Choir and the Madrigal Singers. The choir students mastered and memorized seventy-three pieces of music. Along with the Franklin High School Stage Band, under the direction of Mr. Waldo King, they moved and delighted their audiences in over one hundred and thirty performances in the Seattle Metropolitan area and throughout Europe as well.

At the time the students were mastering their music, they were setting an academic standard for all extra-curricular programs in the Seattle school system maintaining a combined grade point average of over 3.5. Each student agreed to provide 100 hours of work on fund-raising activities in order to make it possible to have a European experience as a choir. All the while, the students’ demeanor was exemplary whether they were rushing to class at Franklin, traveling to a program, packing or placing risers, preparing to perform or performing together.

Once the school administration approved the project of raising funds for a European performing tour coupled with education experiences, the parents met with Dr. Richard Koehler, the choral director. All agreed that it was an exceptional opportunity for the students. The adults agreed that they would do whatever was necessary to help raise well over \$100,000 to expedite the European trip. At the same time it was explicit that all members of the Bel Cantos would go on the trip or none would go. Upon the commitment of the students, parents, and school system, the entire community of Seattle, and especially the Franklin High School family, became a willing part of the enormous venture.

The students sang wherever and whenever they were requested—twelve programs at the Boeing Christmas Circus at the Seattle Center Arena. They sang for programs at the Seattle Opera House or at local clubs, organization and care-giving centers. In Europe, they were one of the first American school choirs visiting Nancy, France and the same American flag that had been raised when General Patton liberated Nancy was raised to welcome them. The program was held in the Town Square where the liberation ceremony had taken place. They sang for thousands in the military, their families, officers and

civilians at Templehoff Air Base in Berlin. They sang with the Hamilton Academy Choir in Glasgow, Scotland. They did antiphonal selections during an Evensong at Llandorf Cathedral in Wales and were honored by Lord Mayors throughout Scotland, England and Wales as well as France and Holland. Remarkable as it seems, this was just in a year’s time.

The group was on the move daily and in one month of performing and travel the educational experiences included but were not limited to visits to Scottish castles, cathedrals throughout Europe, major monuments and historical buildings in Great Britain and the European continent. The beautiful natural wonders of Lochness in Scotland, travels on the Rhine River in Germany and the French countryside. The

sobbing visits to West and East Berlin, and the Berlin Wall, Paris, France and Amsterdam. They traveled by chartered planes and buses, and train. Their inaugural adventure was on a DC-6 prop airplane with

flights ranging from 19 hours from Vancouver B.C. over Greenland to Scotland and a return trip from Amsterdam to Vancouver, B.C. which took 21 hours. Warmly greeted at the airport by loving families, they re-entered the United States via the border crossing in Blaine, Washington where they exited their three charter buses and standing at the monument sang with great enthusiasm the “Star Spangled Banner”. (There wasn’t a dry eye in the group.)

Keep in mind that in 1966 we were not the global community that we are today. To travel cross state with a band, choir or any other school group was an adventure let alone travel to Europe. The group was extraordinary in that our diversity as a group and personal friendships were inclusive of all communities, ethnic backgrounds and religions. As students in the Bel Canto Choir it was clear these were the very first BEST MEMORIES and a measure for things to come.

Countless stories can be related about the students, the parents, Mr. Loren Ralph, the Principal of Franklin, Mr. Jerry Sanford, who organized and headed up the parents support group, Dr. Richard Koehler, the director of the choirs, Mr. Waldo King, the director of the stage band, and a host of others throughout the community whose support and involvement successfully concluded the raising of the necessary funds for the trip. Above all, they all believed as Artis Palmer wrote in the Seattle Times that “Franklin High’s Bel Cantos: Seattle’s Finest Export,” and indeed they were.

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Principal's Message

We are in the midst of the BEST time of the school year with students actualizing their learning inside the classroom and producing in incredible ways outside of the classroom.

You all may well know by now that our girls' Basketball team participated in state competition for the first time since 1995 and placed fifth in state! Our boys' team dominated in state competition and brought the state trophy back home to Franklin with ease. To add to that excitement, Peyton Siva was named a McDonald's All-American, Mr. Basketball for the state of Washington and Gatorade Player of the Year for Washington State bringing Franklin, once again, on to the national stage.

However, our bragging rights don't stop there! Our beloved Mock Trial team placed third in state competition behind two well-resourced private schools and they are now currently preparing for national competition. And....drum roll please....our Xbot team won the state competition and they, too, are now on their way to nationals.

For those of you ex-band members, know that our band program is once again on the rise and the spirit and energy of our band received just about as much attention at the state basketball competition as the team did! Individual students continue to receive admission at prestigious colleges and universities and are receiving many scholarships.

Our literacy and math scores continue to climb! What makes all of this success even more impressive is that, although our student poverty rate is currently relatively high, our successes continue to mount! That means we are coming closer and closer to actualizing our vision of being that public school where all things are possible for all kids irrespective of background. Franklin has always engendered this spirit of democracy and diversity and we continue to build on those foundational values.

We have a special thank you in order to Zach Fleet and our alumni board for years of tenacious persistence around getting a new reader board for Franklin. In these last months Zach and crew have cut major red tape and with your support and their efforts, we are very close to having a new state-of-the-art reader board. Stay tuned!!!

I personally want to thank you all not only for your current contributions but for the solid stepping stones for justice through education that you all have put into place for us to build dreams on. We take the mission of public education and Franklin High School very seriously and are most grateful for all of the support you have given. We will not fail you! in the words of Benjamin Franklin,

"An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."

In Gratitude,

Jennifer Wiley, Principal Franklin High School

"Finding the Right One"

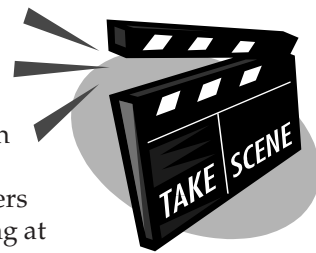
By Mary Smith

The Fame Company will present its 139th production "Finding the Right One" on the Mainstage at Franklin, Friday and Saturday evenings, May 1st, 2nd, 8th and 9th.

The show and talent contests are rolled into one production with musical numbers from Mama Mia, Enchanted and Slumdog Millionaire. The show begins each evening at 7:30pm and the box office opens at 6:30pm.

As musicals are increasingly expensive to produce, we are feeling the pinch. Even so, this show promises to be an innovative FAME SPRING SHOW. It is about finding the most talented in the Franklin student body. The theme touches on, from the students' comedic standpoint, the often funny, sometimes exasperating and ever-surprising journey taking people from the playground to marriage and of finding the 'right one'.

We are excited that the stage tech class will be producing this production by themselves.



Congratulations to Gary Locke

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best governor I can be for the state of Washington." Locke is a strong proponent for public education. He attended Beacon Hill Elementary and graduated from Franklin High School in 1968. "I believe public education is the great equalizer," Locke stated.

He has not forgotten his roots as he finds the time to visit his old elementary school and talk about the value of studying. He has also revisited Franklin and spoken before Rick Nagel's Law and Society classes. Locke values the education he received at Franklin. "The great diversity of the student body! It did not matter if you were Asian American, African American or whatever, we had our friendships and you were appreciated as a person. We had a feeling we could succeed no matter who we were. Even so called average students were encouraged to go to college and have become very successful academically and in their fields of work," Locke said.

Locke received a scholarship to Yale University where he received his undergraduate degree and then went on to receive a law degree from Boston University.

Locke has been the King County Executive since January 3, 1994. This is the 13th largest county in the nation. He has overseen 13 departments, 1200 employees and an approximately \$2-billion annual budget. He has been directing the transit, health and water-quality regional services for 1.6 million county residents, including the city of Seattle. He has been in charge of police protection and other local services for about 500,000 people living in unincorporated King County.

From January 1983 to December 1993, Locke was a member of the Washington State legislature. For five years, he headed the House Appropriations Committee. He also served on the House Judiciary Committee. He received an "outstanding" rating from the Municipal League. The Olympian rated him #3 in effectiveness among all the state legislators and in 1991 he was named legislator of the Year by the WA Federation of State Employees.

When it comes to fine details, Locke is especially efficient and talented. He raises orchids and gardenias as a hobby. His secretary mentioned that when he began his campaign for governor, he took his plants out of the office for fear that they would not receive proper attention. A close friend, Mary Charles, jokingly offered, "Gary gave me an orchid a year ago and when he comes to visit, he almost appears to check out the orchid's condition before saying hello."

Recently in 2009, President Obama announced Gary Locke as his choice to lead the Commerce Department. "Gary knows the American Dream. He's lived it. And that's why he shares my commitment to do whatever it takes to keep it alive in our time," said the President.

"The Department of Commerce plays a critical role in nurturing innovation, expanding global markets, protecting and managing our ocean fisheries, and fostering economic growth," Locke said. "The Department of Commerce can and will help create the jobs and the economic vitality our nation needs."

Locke told the story of his family's journey to the United States and their struggle for success, and offered it as an example of American ingenuity and determination.

"My family's story is America's story," Locke said. "Our story is just one of hundreds of millions since the birth of our nation, of people coming from every part of the world in pursuit of the American Dream of freedom, hope and opportunity. In hard times, Americans have rallied together, sacrificed and even given their lives for our country, because they believe in the essential goodness and promise of America."

The Franklin community is proud of Gary Locke and will be eagerly watching his achievements as leader of the Commerce Department.

"Gary knows the American Dream. He's lived it. And that's why he shares my commitment to do whatever it takes to keep it alive in our time," said the President.

Did you know —

The Franklin PTSA Newsletter currently is translated, upon request, into Chinese, Tagalog, Spanish, Vietnamese, Somali, Laotian, Mien, Hmong, Chiu, Jow and Cantonese.

Franklin High School's 8th Annual Arts Festival

By Marni Levy

On Saturday, May 9 between 11 am and 3 pm, step inside Franklin High School and see the creative energy bursting from within. The Festival will showcase student arts – including newly painted wall murals, mixed media displays, dance, poetry, and music! We hope to have many Franklin Alums coming back to share the day with us.

We also will have:

- Performances by students and a Poetry Slam
- Community programs showcasing their creative endeavors
- Incredible food for sale (gumbo & barbeque – just to mention a few!)
- Vendors selling crafts, including amazing woodwork to support the ACE (Apprenticeship and Construction) Program.

We look forward to seeing our supportive alumnae and alumni at the festivities.

Mock Trial on the Winning Trail



The 20th YMCA High School Mock Trial Competition took place in a series of weekend and evening trials between February 21 and March 2, 2009. The King County Superior Court sponsored the competition.

The program receives support from various lawyers and judges associations and is dependent on hundreds of volunteer hours. In addition to the nineteen judges, fifty-seven volunteer lawyers rated the trial performances.

This year's fictional case, written by William Downing, explored themes of employment law, creativity and school security all with a backdrop of Edgar Allan Poe's 200th birthday. An English teacher had sued for reinstatement after being summarily dismissed when a student brought a gun to school. The key factual issue was whether that teacher should have seen signs of potential violence in the student's Poe-inspired writings. The legal issues concerned whether the firing violated either the teacher's contract or public policy.

This year Franklin High School's Mock Trial team won the honor of first place champions in the King County competition. Winners all.

Twenty teams then advanced to compete at the state level in Thurston County Courthouse in a three-day competition, March 27-29. They argued plaintiff and defense sides about a teacher dismissed for not acting on warning signs of a troubled student in a troubling school dilemma.

Seattle Prep's team took top honors at the state level. Second place went to University Prep (Seattle), **third place, Franklin**, fourth, River Academy of Wenatchee and fifth place, Mercer Island. Seattle Prep and University Prep will compete in Atlanta in May, and Franklin will be competing in New Jersey in May. (Franklin's Mock Trial team of 2000 is the only Washington State team to ever win nationals.)

The team needs \$10,000 to go to Nationals.

Contact Don Eaton at 206-252-6178 or email ddeaton@seattleschools.org to help the team reach their goal.



What time is it? 488!!!

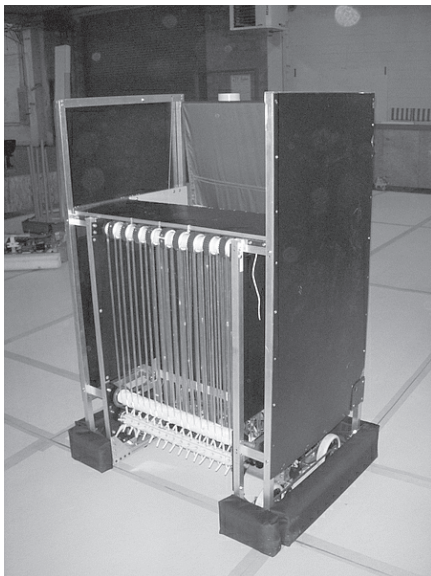
Franklin High School's 'team xbot' 2009 Microsoft/Seattle Regional Champion and General Motors Industrial Design Award

Franklin High School's 'team xbot' partnered with team #1425 Error Code (Wilsonville, OR) and team #1569 HaYwIrE RoBoTiCs (Pocatello ID) formed the undefeated Alliance at the MS/Seattle Regional bringing home the gold! Teams #1425, #1569 and FHS team xbot -#488 are the **2009 Microsoft/Seattle Regional Champions!** All three teams qualify to move onto the World Championship in Atlanta, GA in April.



The Regional Champion has been a long sought after award (nine years) and receiving the **General Motors Industrial Design Award** was icing on the cake! There were 65 teams competing from Canada, WA, OR, CA, ID and Istanbul, Turkey at Key Arena March 27 - 28, 2009.

Team xbot's robot 'Number IX' features a unique and simple solution to the game Lunacy. 'Number IX' has a Moon Rock (open weaved Orbit Balls) conveyor system collecting the Moon Rocks off the game floor – the Crater, storing the Moon Rocks in a hopper (up to 20 Rocks) and then delivering the payload hopper quickly spewing the Moon Rocks into the opponents' moving trailer to score. IR sensors provided the opponent



trailer position to Number IX's pilot to deliver the Moon Rocks. Six teams competed on a field 24' by 57', 120 Moon Rocks and robots being driven on the plastic field with smooth plastic wheels – 1/6 coefficient similar to driving on the Moon ...therefore the name of the game Lunacy!

Mission control students lead by Program Director Donna Lew and volunteer engineering professional; designed, built and programmed (National Instrument LabView programming environment) a 120 lb. robot, five feet tall in six and half short weeks. FIRST* is a program that brings Science, Technology, Engineering and Math to students in a fun and engaging project based activity. Support FIRST teams in your neighborhood.

Team xbot is a 100% self funded team. We thank our sponsors (Boeing, Microsoft), community supporters, mentors and volunteers, who without their support (of in kind services, time and money) we would not have been able to design, build, and program the 120 lb robot, in six and a half short weeks and head to the World Championship in Atlanta, GA.

Please send donations for the Franklin xbot team to **Alliance for Education/XBOT Robotics, 509 Olive Way, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98101**. The Alliance for Education is a 501(c)3 charitable organization. Our tax ID number is 91-1508191.



Franklin's Basketball Teams Win at State Level!!

2008-2009 was a banner basketball year for its winning teams as well as for the spectators. The boys' and girls' teams won the first place Metro 3A titles. The boys then won the Sea-King 3A District championship. They then went on to the state level where the boys' team brought home the first place 3A State Championship trophy. The Franklin girls' team won fifth place honors.

The members of both teams were energized at the start of this year's season. Both the girls and boys teams were comprised primarily of seniors who had played together over a period of years and who had talented depth from the bench.

Another asset was that they were both caring teams. Teams with individuals willing to share the spotlight and pass the ball and assist, willing and able to turn on the steam, but also skilled and focused enough to slow the pace and venture into a more controlled methodic approach. In addition, they were kind. They engaged in skillful play rather than stooping to trash talking tactics.

The boys' team was often small in stature in comparison to some of their competition, but they loomed large with their rebounding, maneuvering, and defensive playing. To say the least, they were explosively exciting. In the USA Today newspaper, they were ranked 11th in the nation among high school teams. The Seattle Times noted that "the Quakers have won 11 consecutive 3A state tournament games dating to their back-to-back state titles in 1994-95."

The awards for player Peyton Siva seemed endless. He was the first Seattle area McDonald's All-American in three years averaging 19 points and five assists for the season. He also was rated as one of the country's five point guards and was selected by the Seattle Times as a repeat on the Star Times area team. He will be accepting a full athletic scholarship to the University of Louisville. He is also the 2008-09 recipient of the Pacific Northwest Basketball Officials Associations Prestige's Ambassador for player exhibiting exceptional relationships with fellow players, fans and officials and showing great leadership on the court. (In addition, Franklin teachers appreciate that he is on the honor roll, writes for the school newspaper and has had leading roles in drama presentations.)

The awards do not stop with Peyton. Chris Holmes is accepting a full scholarship to Eastern Washington University and Sterling Carter has likewise won a full scholarship to the University of Pacific.

Franklin boys' coach Jason Kerr was presented the Washington Interscholastic Basketball Coaches Association State Coach of the Year honor. (W.I.B.C.A.)





**WAY TO GO
FRANKLIN!**



Franklin 1963 graduate, Larry Gossett



Larry Gossett has no fear of addressing and embracing challenges. He was sworn in as a King County Metropolitan Councilmember for the fifth time in 2008 and has represented the most ethnically diverse district in the county since 1993. As an active member, he has taken seriously the mission of the council to ensure public trust, enhance quality of life and protect public health and safety. When asked if he plans to enter the race to occupy Ron Sims vacated seat, his response was a quick, "No".

Social justice and civil rights are of utmost importance to Gossett and he does not have to reach far to know where and when he discovered his own mission in life.

In 1966, Gossett made a one-year commitment to the VISTA program, Volunteers in Service to America. VISTA is the domestic peace corp. in that its volunteers commit to working and living in poor communities in our country. Gossett was assigned to work for Harlem Youth Inc. "When I left to participate in VISTA, I was individualistic, materialistic and thinking only about myself," Gossett said. "I will honestly say that enrolling in VISTA was in deference to being drafted and ending up in Vietnam."

"This experience caused me to return to Seattle a different person. I had grown into someone that wanted to help

bring about social change and I began to dedicate myself to do what I could to improve the conditions of the poor and other disadvantaged people in our community."

Gossett points out that when he returned to Seattle, Sam Smith was only the second African American elected to public office in Washington State.

In the fall of 1967, Gossett joined SNCC, a Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. "Over the Thanksgiving weekend I attended a black youth conference in Los Angeles and returned to the U of W again as a student inspired to help start the Black Student Union (BSU) on campus. The goal of the organization was to create a more just society, one in which black Americans could create their own future. At that period in time only 63 black students attended the U of W out of a total student population of 32,000."

"In March of 1968, Franklin Principal Loren Ralph sent two girls home for wearing their hair natural. They were directed not to come back until they could look 'lady like'. He also refused to recognize the Black Student Union Leaders at Franklin. These leaders were very upset and were ready to tear up the school. They called Carl Miller, Aaron Dixon and me and we encouraged them to write down their demands and remain nonviolent. Approximately 130 of the 180 blacks enrolled at Franklin participated in taking over Ralph's office.

"It was a frightening experience for the students at Franklin. A huge percentage, students and teachers alike, evacuated the building. 'The teachers on the third floor went into lock down,' a counselor at the time said. Although it was intended to be a nonviolent demonstration, sheer numbers caused the incident to balloon which caused numerous police cars to position at nearby Sick's Stadium." (Now Lowe's Hardware.)

"After three and a half grueling hours negotiating, several demands were agreed to: 1) reinstate the two girls, 2) post some images of black heroes in the school, 3) introduce a Black History class into the curriculum and 4) hire a black administrator at Franklin.

On April 4, Gossett, Dixon and Miller were arrested and charged as instigators and outside agitators, which was the same day as Martin Luther King's assassination. The next day, April 5, fifteen hundred people crowded the King County Court House to witness the hearing.

"Even though we were first time offenders the all white jury took only seven minutes to find us guilty of unlawful assembly. Our sentence was six months in the county jail with an additional \$1,500 fine. In June, that verdict was appealed and subsequently overturned."

"The sit-in's outcome changed Franklin for the better. Roberta Byrd Barr was hired as its first black Vice

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Franklin 1985 graduate, Jill Nishi

By Maggie Morris-Keller Class of '95

Jill Nishi, Class of 1985, carries on a long tradition of Quaker excellence through her significant accomplishments in public service. Nishi speaks highly of her time at Franklin, saying it helped to mold her into the person she is today.

Nishi currently serves as the Deputy Director of the U.S. Libraries Initiative at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. There she leads a team that works to improve access to technology for all people through our nation's public libraries. When speaking with her about her role at the Foundation, she spoke of the importance of free access to computers, given the increasing reliance on the internet. An increasing number of government services are made available through the internet and many job applications are available only online. Through the work of the Foundation, more than 11,000 libraries have been assisted benefitting primarily persons under the poverty line. She is grateful to be at the Foundation and is thrilled to work where philanthropy and public service intersect.

Following graduation at Franklin, Jill attended the University of Puget Sound. At UPS, she earned a degree in Business Administration. Before entering graduate school at Princeton, Nishi worked in Los Angeles for then mayor Tom Bradley. While at Princeton, she earned a Masters in Public Administration. Her professional career has included positions at Deloitte Management, the City of Seattle, the Washington State Office of Community Trade and Economic Development, and the Gates Foundation.

Nishi spoke highly of her Franklin experience, indicating that her freshman class was the first to include students from Queen Anne and Magnolia. She spoke of the significance that desegregation



played in her schooling and the truly positive impact it made on her education. She said, "Franklin gave me important life skills for relating to a diverse group of people.". She was a student in the Humanities program and spoke of teachers like Mr. Nagel and Mr. Livingston who helped to enrich her experience. As a student government class officer she gained formative leadership skills. Like many Franklin graduates, Nishi speaks of the friendships she continues and of the great pride she feels in Franklin.

Current students and fellow alumni alike can be proud of the accomplishments of Jill Nishi and so many other Quakers who have and continue to make contributions to our local, national and global community.

Larry Gossett *continued*

Principal in September of 1968 and a Black History class was included in the curriculum."

In June 2008, the University of Washington in celebrating its Hundreth year identified what they believed to be their most influential 100 graduates, the "Wondrouf Wonderful" and Larry Gossett was on that list.

Gossett continues to advocate for the underrepresented and underprivileged, he stays involved with programs that make efforts to eliminate black-on-black violence and works on programs that help inner-city youth as they try to reduce racial and class disparities in our local criminal justice system.

"Feel free to come and speak at our public meetings or get in touch with us," Gossett added. "The democracy of King County only works when the public stays attuned and is involved. To obtain more information, go to our web site: www.kingcounty.gov/council."

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



Doriahna Dinish

Martin Luther King Scholarship Recipients

By Judy Mc Broom, FHS retired English teacher

In January 2009, three exceptional Franklin students received Martin Luther King Scholarships from the Mt. Baker Community Club. The scholarships are awarded to students who have overcome significant obstacles and succeeded academically and for whom the scholarship may make a difference in whether or not they can attend college. Each student receiving the scholarship is awarded \$2,500, with a grant of \$2,500 given for the second year if the student stays in school and maintains his or her grades.

The Franklin students receiving the scholarships this year were Doriahna Dinish, Aaron Harris, and Courtney Johnson. All three students are members of CAN (College Access Now) which is a program designed to provide information and support in the college application process to students who are the first generation of their families to attend college.

Doriahna Dinish family's home was recently foreclosed; nonetheless, Doriahna has focused on school and stayed current in her coursework. Her best friend was shot in her presence on January 3. Doriahna, despite her grief, feels "more determined, more focused, and more positive" since the tragedy. Doriahna will not let "obstacles such as the ones above stop me from pursuing my goals, dreams, and aspirations."



Aaron Harris

Aaron Harris has been beset with an unstable family life. Aaron's response has been to take responsibility for his own success. Somewhere early on he connected success with academic achievement. In addition to maintaining excellent grades, Aaron has been the starting quarterback on the Franklin football team for four years and has participated in numerous community service activities.

Early in her life, **Courtney Johnson** was placed in a foster home. Despite severe economic deprivation, Courtney has focused on her school work and developed her abilities and talents. In addition to holding the lead in the school play *Bye, Bye Miss American Pie*, Courtney has participated in the award-winning Dance Posse and has produced a video on drinking and driving with the Black Student Union. She is the anchor person for regular programming on the school video station and intends to pursue a degree and career in Drama.



Courtney Johnson

Congratulations to our scholarship winners!

Now, I say to you today my friends, even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: - 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.'

- Martin Luther King Jr.

Jason Powell, Class of 2004



As you visit Franklin on a reunion tour of the school, you will see a large painting safely preserved behind plexiglas on the main floor adjacent to Franklin's main office. This piece of art, the senior project of Jason Powell, class of 2004, commemorates his favorite experiences at Franklin.

When asked as to what inspired him to create the mural for his senior project Jason responded, "I knew I wanted to do a large-scale project that would result in a tangible product in the end. I had a great time in high school; I was part of the Franklin Theatre Sports team and through that, I not only met a lot of awesome, hilarious people who've had a huge influence on my life, but I also learned a lot about confidence and leadership. I also felt that our Theatre Sports team, though extremely successful, was largely unknown outside of a small but dedicated group."

Following graduation from Franklin, Jason studied at California College of Arts & Crafts in San Francisco and Oakland for three years. In 2007, he moved to Portland and after two years at Pacific Northwest College of Art, he will graduate with a Bachelor in Fine Arts. He is currently finishing his thesis, getting ready for a solo painting show in Seattle in July, and doing illustration, design and

branding projects for clients in Portland. In addition to working in visual art he is playing in two bands.

When asked about Franklin's influence on the direction he is taking, he answered, "Franklin gave me a comfortable and flexible place to do the things I was interested in. When I was there, I felt like if you wanted to get something done (for instance, hang a big, permanent mural in the hall) you could make it happen. Things are not usually like that. The fact that students could direct, host, organize and advertise their own plays and performances and have nearly complete creative control was amazing. I felt the school placed a lot of trust in its students. When students were willing to respect and cultivate that, the results proved to be amazing. I saw performances at Franklin that to this day, in my mind, are unrivaled in quality and creativeness. It was a special situation and I'm glad I was able to be a part of that."

Although all people we encounter have an influence on our future, Powell mentioned several Franklin people that he thought were especially important to him. "The most important people I met were other students. As an artist and designer, collaboration and peer insight are some of my most important resources. I cannot stress enough how valuable it is to have peers who understand you and want to push you. I think people sometimes look at the large size of a school as a negative point, but I loved the size of Franklin because it provided a large, diverse group of people to draw on."

"Of course, there were a lot of really great teachers. Dr. Shawn Mintek and Christina Roux, who did so much to get students in the right headspace for college with their challenging course requirements. The fact that the thesis project was so intense was awesome. Of course, Anthony Meyers and Jim Jeffreys were great, too, for knowing how to connect with students. I also need to mention the counselor, Mr. Jol Raymond, the drama teacher, Ms. Mary Smith and the school librarian, Ms. Suzanne Babayan for being so supportive. Thanks!"

As we were winding down on the interview, Jason asked if it would be all right to mention his website and an upcoming show. We are happy to support a new artist. His website is jasonpowellart.com. And his upcoming show is at Atlas Clothing, 1419 10th Ave, Seattle and will open on July 9, 2009 – a part of the Capitol Hill Art Walk (second Thursday of July).

"Franklin gave me a comfortable and flexible place to do the things I was interested in."

Robert Nellams, Class of 1974

After a nation-wide search, Mayor Nickels appointed Robert Nellams, Class of 1974, as the Director of the Seattle Center Campus in 2006.

Nellams, who started working for the City of Seattle 25 years ago in the Department of Administrative Services, has a vision to create a premier park that inspires the human spirit, attracts an engaged community, is environmentally and financially sustainable, and supports thriving resident partners. Robert directs a staff of over 250 full-time employees and several hundred intermittent staff. "I am essentially only able to accomplish my all encompassing dream with a world class staff."

After Franklin, Nellams attended Bellevue Community College and Central Washington University receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. He went on to pass his CPA exams but decided one of his strengths was working with people and numbers, and not a desk job of numbers alone. In 1996, he served as Director of Patron Services, then Deputy Director and eventually interim Director before his present position.

A love of the job is evident as you witness Nellams' face come alive as he talks about the Seattle Center and all it entails. "This Seattle Center campus encompasses 74 acres in the core of the city. It currently is home to more than 30 resident organizations offering arts, cultural, family and sports activities. Over 5,000 events occur on campus, many simultaneously, attracting 12 million visitors annually. The campus generates \$1.15 billion in business activity, (not to mention the business activity it brings to the several adjacent businesses.) and \$387 million in labor income to King County."

"Creating activities that bring different people together to connect and rub shoulders and thus bring about understanding are what community is all about. An example might be holding a large rock concert in the key arena and an opera in McCaw Hall with the two ending simultaneously. Giving people of different interests the opportunity to see each other and perhaps define each other in a new way."

"My Franklin experience with the incredible mix of people helped prepare me to be really open to all types of diversity. I still stay in touch on occasion with two former fellow alums, Trent Johnson, LSU Baton Rouge basketball coach, and Robert DeGardo."

Something must have been in the water at Franklin in 1974 because the class produced so many interesting individuals. John Keister, who was on Almost Live for fifteen years and is now writing a TV children's learning series, Biz Kids. Kenny "G's" saxophone sound is recognized throughout the



world. Lynda Barry, who may have moved before actually graduating from Franklin, is renowned as a cartoonist and author. James Rasmussen, who directs "The Jazz Police", plays the fugal horn, volunteered and assisted the FHS band program. He recently was named as director of the Duwamish Longhouse Cultural Center. Robin Asher, is a graphic designer that has illustrated the '74 class reunion invitations, in addition to designing several items for the FHS Alumni Association (au gratis). Tom Ikeda served as president of the Japanese-American Chamber of Commerce and Dr. Bryan Maruhashi, DDS keeps his clients smiling. In addition, we do not want to forget Peter Kimes, Michael Ikeda and Martin Patricelli, who are all FHS Alumni Lifetime members. The list goes on ad infinitum.

If Seattle Center is the heart of Seattle, then Robert Nellams is its personal trainer. His job is a revolving organized turmoil. In addition to being in charge of four large festivals: Bumbershoot, the Seattle International Children's Festival, the Northwest Folklife Festival, and the Bite of Seattle, he helps organize and hosts events occurring throughout all the seasons of the year. With the departure of the Sonics, the KeyArena is now ready to take on future challenges. KeyArena is the permanent home of the WNBA Seattle Storm through 2018 and is preparing to host Seattle University Redhawks NCAA Division I Men's Basket-

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Franklin Garden Improvement Project Continues to Grow

In spite of the miserably cold 2008-2009 winter, the raised gardens on the north side main entrance of Franklin are beginning to show improvement.

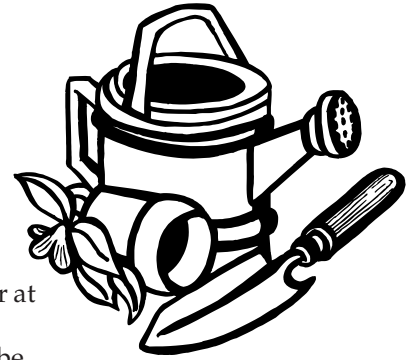
Joann Fukuma, Franklin's athletic director, Gretchen DeDecker, the Seattle School District self-help program director, FHS students, two district grounds personnel, alums and friends of Franklin dug in, weeded and planted together at an extended work party.

However, the real improvements were evidenced when local landscaper Gabe Rodriguez, Class of 1982, volunteered his expertise and crew and beautified three beds, weeding and mulching.

Then, Sharlene Welsh, a master gardener, dug and transplanted several plants from Charlie Bush's, Class of 1958, garden. Gisela Baxter, a former FHS PTSA president, donated several Shasta daisy starts.

As a result, with our garden palette's appearance consistently improving, we are finding that the students are being respectful and garbage is being thrown into the proper receptacles and not randomly strewn about.

We still are requesting plant donations and additional gardeners to help. Please call or email Bonnie Bosworth, 206-723-9995 or email bonbos2@yahoo.com to assist in anyway.



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Please take a moment to send in your change of address, phone, or email address as the FHS Alumni Newsletter is sent by bulk mail and is not forwarded by the Post Office.

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Robert Nelluns (Continued from page 18)

ball games in future seasons. Measures taken during the transition have set the stage for the facility to continue as one of the region's premier events and activities venues.

"Did you know that Seattle Public Schools has a school on our campus? I love the vitality the young people bring to our site. Something new is happening each day."

In January we celebrate the Vietnamese Lunar New Year, in February, Festival Sundiata – the African-American Festival, in March the Irish Week Festival, in April the Seattle Cherry Blossom and Japanese Cultural Festival, during May there is the

Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration and the Chinese Culture and Arts Festival and in June the Pagdiniwang Philippine Festival. Every month throughout the year affords a new joyful experience, new culture recognition, a new learning opportunity.

Robert Nellams' motivation and drive to create a cultural heart for our city spurs everyone on to do a little bit more, a little bit better. His love of the Seattle Center spills forth and is evident as new and innovative improvements continue to enhance the grounds and programs of this wonderful park that had its beginnings when a group of Seattle visionaries planned and hosted the World's Fair in 1962 on these very same 74 acres. It is just extraordinary!

Date Set For FHS Senior Golf Tournament

By David Duryee '56

The annual Woody Wilson Memorial Classic Alumni Golf Tournament is scheduled for September 10, 2009, which is the Thursday after Labor Day. Jefferson Park Golf Course is once again the course of choice. The \$85 entrance fee covers costs for the tournament, which includes a golf car, range balls, lunch, and numerous prizes. The format will be a four-person scramble.

Dan Glaefke '52, of Bill Pierre Auto Centers, is again offering a free, outright-ownership, take-it home CAR for the first person to get a hole-in-one on a designated par three hole. Additionally, P.J. Martin at Northwest Golf Cars of Puyallup is donating a golf car as another hole-in-one prize. Northwest Golf Cars will also supply two other hole-in-one prizes. Gordon Raine '58, of Amcut Company, Inc., is donating a woman's piece of finer jewelry.

The golf committee will be contacting previous and potential hole sponsors. So call if you are interested in advertising your company and at the same time supporting the FHS golf tournament.

Paul Aleinikoff, Sr., FHS '56, is chairing this year's event for the second time. Last year's event set a record with 128 players, so it is advisable to put the date on your calendar and sign up early. Entry forms with the fine details will be in the mail June 1, 2009, with the deadline for submitting your entry form of August 1, 2009.

The tournament is open to all

Franklin alumni over 40 years of age (Class of 1987 and earlier) and their guests. Last year a number of Cleveland graduates joined us, and they are once again most welcome. (Female alums are encouraged to participate.)

This is a great opportunity to socialize with friends you may not have seen for a while, so be sure to mark it on your calendar, as we look forward to seeing you there!

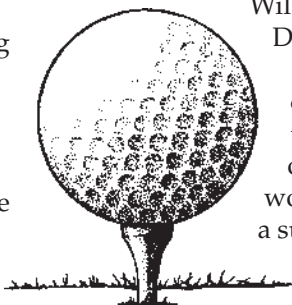
The planning committee is comprised of Gary Tomlan '58, Bill Chatalas '58, Dave Duryee '56, Pete Acker '58, Paul and Beverly Barrett Aleinikoff '56.

Others agreeing to assist on the day of the event are Dick Kolb '51, Geneanne Marshall Mendel '51, Judy and Dave Arnold '56, Joyce Abrahamson Williams '56, Claudette Marshall '56 and Dodie Hentschell Adams '56.

Please email pauls@cascadoil.com or call 206-725-1660 if you have any questions or wish to add your name to the list of committee members. The more alumni working together, the more we are assured of a successful event. Your interest and assistance will make this tournament the best to date.



Paul Aleinikoff, Sr., FHS '56



A Decade of Reunion Picnics to Continue

By Jeanne Patricelli Crites

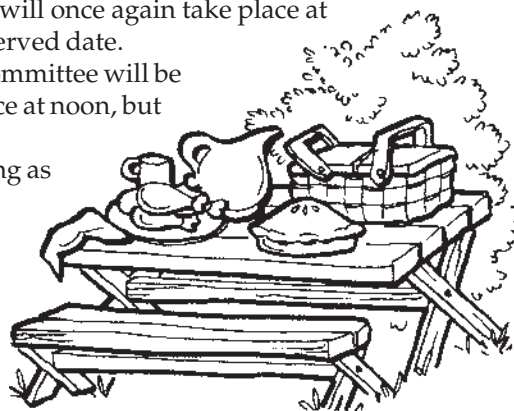
The Tenth Franklin Picnic for the Classes of 1955 through 1962 will once again take place at Gene Coulon Park in Renton, WA. Friday, July 17, 2009, is the reserved date.

Thanks, once again. Because of your donations each year, the committee will be able to provide lunch, water, pop, and coffee. Lunch is to take place at noon, but feel free to arrive early and socialize.

We always look forward to Franklin teachers of our era attending as our guests and Barbara and Edward Nilson have already responded to our invitation. (They met while both were teaching at Franklin.)

Looking forward to visiting with all of you.

For more information and directions go to info@franklinpicnic.com.



Missing Classmates - 1959

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