

# Quaker Times

## The Franklin Alumni Newsletter

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## Ninety-eight Years and Counting

By Tom Wood, FHS '65



Franklin High School, the beautiful building above the Rainier Valley, turns 100 years young in 2012. For students, alumni and community members, our relationship to Franklin has been influenced by the grandeur of the facility. It has been considered the most beautiful school in the Northwest, earning the honor of being displayed in photographs, and as a model, at the 1933 Chicago World's Fair. With its renovation and restoration in 1990, it has maintained its claim as “most beautiful” and has earned recognition as a City of Seattle Landmark.

Equal to its architectural beauty is the human beauty of the faces and minds that have lived, worked and learned within its protective walls. The students, the faculty, the administrators and the families have reflected the best of Seattle and have gone on to serve as workers and leaders, both locally and globally.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FHS Fame Company Presents:  
“Thriller Instinct” A Musical  
Friday – Saturday, 7:30pm  
April 30, May 1, 7 & 8 *(See page 9)*

Franklin Arts Festival  
Saturday, May 15, 2010  
11am - 3pm FHS Campus *(See page 9)*

FHS Band Concert  
Tuesday, June 1 at 7:30pm  
Main Auditorium

National Honor Society Awards  
& Scholarship Presentations  
Thursday, June 3, 2010  
7:00pm Auditorium/Commons

Class of 2010 Graduation  
June 15, 2010 – 8pm  
Memorial Stadium, Seattle Center

“Picnic in the Park” 1955 – 1962  
Thursday, July 15, 2010 — noon  
Coulon Park, Renton *(See page 14)*

Woody Wilson 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Seniors  
FHS Alumni Golf Tournament  
Thursday, September 7, 2010  
Jefferson Park Golf Course *(See page 17)*

## REUNIONS

Classes of 1930 through 1939  
Monday, August 16, 2010

Classes of 1940, 1941, 1942  
Thursday, May 27, 2010

Class of 1943  
Wednesday, April 28, 2010

Class of 1950 – 60<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday, August 28, 2010

Class of 1952  
Wednesday, September 8, 2010

Class of 1955  
September reunion cancelled

Class of 1960 – 50<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday, September 25, 2010

Class of 1962  
Saturday, November 6, 2010

Class of 1970 – 40<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday, October 9, 2010

Class of 1980 – 30<sup>th</sup>  
Fri. - Sun. July 30 – 31, August 1

Class of 1983  
Adjoining years welcome  
Saturday, August 28, 2010

Class of 1985 – 25<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday, August 21, 2010

Class of 1990 – 20<sup>th</sup>  
Fri. - Sun, August 13, 14, & 15

Class of 2000 – 10<sup>th</sup>  
Fri. - Sun, July 23, 24 & 25

## Franklin High School Reunions

***"It was quite an affair; the whole class was there. And everyone thought it was swell" (anon)***

### **Classes of 1930 through 1939**

*By Bonnie Bosworth*

For the third year in a row, all classes of 1930 through 1939 will hold their luncheon reunion on Monday, August 16, 2010, at Ivar's Salmon House on Lake Union.

A detailed flier, along with a reservation form, will be mailed later to those alums for whom we have addresses.

Please call or email a committee member to put your name on the "I'm coming list", to give a new address or to simply offer encouragement to the committee.

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Let us hear from you!

### **Classes of 1940, 1941 and 1942**

*By Alvin Gould*

On Thursday, May 27, 2010, the classes of 1940, '41 and '42 will hold their annual reunion in the golden ballroom of the Seattle Golf Club, emphasizing the 70<sup>th</sup> and final reunion of these three, 40s' class

graduates. With the splendid support of the '41 and '42 classes, the joint class committee has planned a gala affair to celebrate this very special event.

We are determined to make this the most enjoyable, exciting and memorable of our many enumerable past programs and to this end, our program will be unique with much fun and gaiety.

Guests and friends from other Franklin classes are most welcome. Our accommodation is limited to ninety-six individuals and we anticipate a full house, so make your plans early to attend.

If you have any questions or have not yet received the mailing reservation with all the details, please call George De Bon at 206-542-0919.

We have shared a long life experience together and we have endeavored to provide an affair this year that will leave lasting memories that we can carry along as our fading golden years slip away. Please come.

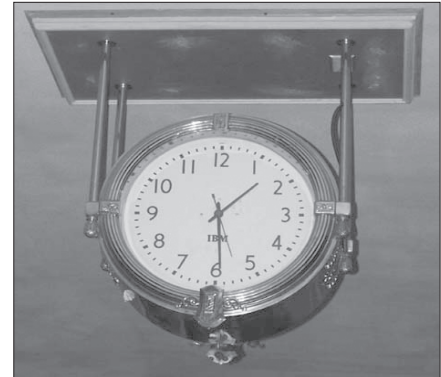
### **Class of 1943**

*By Bruce Meyers*

A "Mini 1943 FHS Reunion" has been scheduled in downtown Seattle at the Sixth Avenue Inn on Wednesday, April 28, 2010. Since the class used this venue last year and all were very pleased, we are once again returning.

The Sixth Avenue Inn has an open cash bar for those that wish, otherwise soft drinks, coffee and iced tea are included as part of the luncheon. There is no need to send any money up front, but we do need to have an approximate count on how many are planning to attend in order to advise the catering management so they can plan.

Please help the committee fill the "advisement of attendance" by getting in touch with Bruce Meyers at 425-391-6666



or FAX at 425-837-3566 or [intrigue6@aol.com](mailto:intrigue6@aol.com); or notify Bob Benson at [rbbenson@aol.com](mailto:rbbenson@aol.com) or 206-878-7804.

Bob Benson, noted local bird sculptor, has again donated one of his unique woodcarvings, the 'Chickadee', to be drawn in a raffle by tickets at the luncheon tables. Bob uses local materials and his carvings are a marvel of art.

Let us double our turnout this year! This relaxed atmosphere will be joyful for everyone who attends.

### **Class of 1950**

*By Edith Fordon Mosher*

This summer, the Franklin High School class of 1950 will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> high school reunion. It will be a luncheon on Saturday afternoon, August 28, 2010, from 11:00am to 2:00pm at the Double Tree Inn on International Blvd, across from the SeaTac Airport. The room reserved is on the ground floor and easily accessible.

There are shuttles that transport fares from the new Rapid Transit terminal at the airport to the hotel across the street.

A mailing will be sent this spring so if you have moved or changed your mailing or email address, please take the time to contact a classmate, Bob Kuebler, 206-842-9933, [suqu333@comcast.net](mailto:suqu333@comcast.net) or Edith Fordon Mosher, 425-771-7684, [ediechas@msn.com](mailto:ediechas@msn.com).

Please spread the news to those classmates not receiving the Quaker Times and encourage the classmates you have stayed in touch with to attend.

## Class of 1952

By Jim Hilton

The Class of 1952 will hold its annual luncheon reunion on Wednesday, September 8, 2010. Like last year, it will be at the Seattle Golf Club, starting an hour or so before noon. Reminders and notices, with reservation forms, will be sent to everyone for whom the class has addresses. If in doubt as to whether you are on the list, notify Sylvia Boin Kuebler at 2500 81<sup>st</sup> Ave. SE, #355, Mercer Island, WA 98040-2243, or sylkue@comcast.net, or Jim Hilton at 1201 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. – 40<sup>th</sup> Floor, Seattle, WA 98101, or hiltj@perkinscoie.com.

## Class of 1955

The class of 1955 reunion scheduled for September 15, 2010 has been cancelled. We hope to see you all healthy and happy at a future reunion.

## Class of 1960

By Joanne Leo Naganawa

First things first — the “GOLDEN” celebration of the Franklin High School Class of 1960 is on *Sept. 25, 2010*. Hard to believe, but it has been 50 years since we graced the halls of Franklin High!

Visit our web page at [www.fhsseattleclassof1960.com](http://www.fhsseattleclassof1960.com) where you will find new info posted. Anyone not computer savvy can still use snail mail or the phone. There is also a Facebook page. (Our children or grandchildren might be the conduit needed for alums to reconnect.)

PLACE: MAPLEWOOD GOLF CLUB in RENTON, WA  
DATE: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2010

TIME: 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Contact us by email at [fhsseattleclassof60@hotmail.com](mailto:fhsseattleclassof60@hotmail.com) or send snail mail to Joanne Leo Naganawa, 5806 Lake Washington Blvd SE, Bellevue, WA 98006 (Phone: 425-957-0861 or email: [jlnag@hotmail.com](mailto:jlnag@hotmail.com).)

Your early response will be most helpful, as important decisions need to be

made. We look forward to hearing from you!

## Class of '62

By Judy Collins Seth

Saturday, November 6, 2010 will be the Fourth Annual ‘Gals of 62 Luncheon’.

It will again take place at the Renton Holiday Inn on Grady Way from 12 noon until 2:30pm. The cost is \$25. This fee covers the food and the banquet room.

Every year on the first Saturday of November, at least 25 or more of the women from the class of 1962 get together for what has become a fun-filled gabfest. We take enumerable group pictures; exchange numbers and emails, and renew old friendships. There is plenty of room for more of you ladies who would like to attend, the more the merrier.

Contact Judy Collins Seth with any questions: email [judyseth@hotmail.com](mailto:judyseth@hotmail.com) or call her at 206-725-6262.

## Class of 1970

By Marcia Peha

Save the date! Come share old memories and see your former classmates from the late sixties and 1970!

Franklin High School's Class of '70 will be holding its 40th year class reunion on October 9, 2010. The event will take place at The Canal Restaurant located at 5300 34th Avenue NW, Seattle, WA. 98107. Doors will open at 6pm for appetizers; dinner will be served around 7pm. The cost is \$40 per person. Prepayment is required: checks or credit cards preferred. (Visa or MasterCard)

For additional information or questions call 206-524-4918. Please send your updated emails, addresses, phone numbers, etc., to Marcia Peha at [wivs@aol.com](mailto:wivs@aol.com).

Plan to attend this memorable event. Let us make this the ‘best yet’ Class of 1970's Reunion! We are looking forward to seeing you.

## Class of 1980's

By Debbie Eng Chan

The Class of 1980 has a full weekend starting on Friday, July 30 to Sunday, August 1, 2010.

We will kick off with a casual Friday night get-together at Acme Bowl, in Tukwila.

Then we will have a fantastic dinner and program on Saturday, July 31, in the Harborside Room, at McCormick & Schmick's, on Westlake (Lake Union) in Seattle.

Last but not least, we will host a family potluck picnic on Sunday at Lincoln Park, shelter #2, in West Seattle.

Specific details and registration forms will be in the mail in early April. If you did not receive this information, please call or email Debbie Eng Chan at [debbiechan1@juno.com](mailto:debbiechan1@juno.com) or 206-524-8767.

A committee is only a fraction of what makes a reunion successful, you and your participation is what will make the difference. We are looking forward to hearing from you. Please encourage all of our classmates to attend.

## Class of 1983 Extends an Open Picnic Invite

By Chris Mason

The Class of 1983 has a reservation for Saturday, August 28, 2010, at a picnic site in Ravenna Park in Seattle. They are extending an open invitation to the Class of 1983, in addition to the inclusion of the nearby classes. The time will encompass noon until 6pm.

This will be the fourth year, and we have found that by everyone bringing sufficient food for themselves plus a few others, no one has gone hungry at this potluck. There is no charge, so feel free to come and have fun.

Check out Facebook for more information: Franklin/Sharples and all the rest picnic 2010. If you want more information, email [chris.mason1111@gmail.com](mailto:chris.mason1111@gmail.com) or call 253-677-3564.

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**Robin Williams, Gene Hackman and Dr. Seuss were all  
voted “Least Likely to Succeed” by their classmates.**

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## FAA&F President's Letter

Fellow Quakers, thank you for taking time to read the Spring 2010 Quaker Times. I want to thank the Alumni for another year of generous contributions that have enabled the FAA&F to fund almost \$30,000 in grants and scholarships in the past 12 months. The board gets many letters from the teachers and staff about how the Alumni grants have been able to help enhance the student's educational and extracurricular experiences at Franklin. As the school district's budget woes worsen, our contributions have a greater impact that they have in the past. Please continue to support your alma mater through your payment of yearly dues and any additional gift you feel appropriate.

For classes celebrating reunions this summer, I would encourage them to assign a classmate to coordinate a solicit a class gift. My class of '85 will be celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> reunion this August 21st and 22<sup>nd</sup>. We have a Saturday night event at the Red Lion downtown and a Seward Park family picnic on Sunday. The Class of 1985 can go to [www.Franklin85.com](http://www.Franklin85.com) or Franklin Quakers Class of 85 group on facebook.com to get additional info. The class of '85 reunion committee gave \$500 to the Alumni Association five years ago and I will do what I can to get my classmates to do the same this year.

For FHS history buffs, Franklin is less than two years away from its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. The alumni association is working with FHS Principal Dr. Jennifer Wiley (congratulations, by the way for finishing your doctorate degree), to plan a big and fun celebration. We hope to have a well attended event so be on the look out for additional information. Quakers who have event planning experience and want to help out with the 2012 event, should contact me about volunteer opportunities.

I would like to report that we are making slow but steady progress on purchasing the new electronic reader board for Franklin. After much delay, the school district is now soliciting bids from sign companies. We hope to have it installed as soon as possible and I want to thank the generous donors for their patience.

Thank you again for your continued support of the Franklin Community. Please feel free to contact me at 206.682-6644, [zach@fleetlaw.com](mailto:zach@fleetlaw.com) or through [info@franklinalumni.net](mailto: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*

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## More Reunion Information

### Class of 1985

By Brandy Mellor-Thibault

Franklin High School Class of 1985 is planning a 25th Reunion! A casual cocktail party will take place for all of those alumni who want to get together again, just a mere five years after our last one. We want to see as many people as possible, so we have themed this year's get together, **\$25 for 25!**

Yes, its only \$25 to attend our fun, outdoor evening cocktail party in the heart of downtown Seattle! This includes two drink tickets, great music, light snacks and great company. The event will be held August 21, 2010, 7:00 pm - 12:00 midnight at the Red Lion 5th Avenue, 1415 5th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101 on the 5th floor open-air deck just outside the Garden Terrace Restaurant.

To register for Saturday night please go to our Facebook page: Franklin Quakers Class of 85. Our event form is attached to the page. Look for *25th Reunion Weekend*. We have a block of 10 rooms at a reduced price at the Red Lion Hotel. Whether coming from in-town or from out-of-town these reservations must be booked by July 21, 2010, un-booked rooms will be released on that date.

If you have any questions, please contact Jason Loui [jyloui@yahoo.com](mailto:jyloui@yahoo.com) or Brandy Mellor-Thibault [brandy@abaloria.com](mailto:brandy@abaloria.com).

### Class of 1990

Plans are taking shape for an exciting twenty-year reunion this summer. The events will occur the weekend of August 13 - 15, 2010, so mark your calendar now and plan to attend.

Friday, 8/13: Meet & Greet, The Garage

Saturday, 8/14: FHS School Tour

Saturday, 8/14: Dinner, Fare Start

Sunday, 8/15: Family Picnic, Location TBD

Please go to [www.fhsclassof90.com](http://www.fhsclassof90.com) for more information. Send this link to anyone and everyone you know from our class! Our contact list is not yet complete, but our goal is to reach everyone!

### Class of 2000

By Moreland Travis

The Class of 2000 is using all means possible to locate classmates in time for its first reunion (has it been 10 years already?) They are planning three events to take place Friday, July 23, through Sunday, July 25, 2010.

Now is the time to catch up with your classmates. On Friday, they will hold a "Meet and Greet" registration/welcome mixer. A reception and program will follow on Saturday. The culminating event will be a BBQ on Sunday. Details and pricing will be coming soon.

Your attendance will help to make this a successful reunion and get everyone back in touch with lost contacts. If you are in contact with some of your classmates, please be sure to pass their information on to a member of the reunion committee listed below. Register your own contact information by emailing: [fhs2000reunion@gmail.com](mailto:fhs2000reunion@gmail.com). Stay updated!! Contact us: [ms\\_morelandtravis@hotmail.com](mailto:ms_morelandtravis@hotmail.com), [Marques.davis@gmail.com](mailto:Marques.davis@gmail.com) or [Lakia.d.bryant@boeing.com](mailto:Lakia.d.bryant@boeing.com).

## 98 and counting . .

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The coming centennial is an opportunity to be proud, humble and grateful as we remember those faces and the friends. We think of the 99 alumni who sacrificed their lives in World War II, and the many more who gave of themselves in many forms of service. We think of the alumni who have been in the news, on the sports pages, in the arts section; those who make us proud to be their fellow classmates and Quakers. We think of the many more who have been the backbones of our communities, who have raised strong families and who have lived the values of Franklin High School.

Major milestones in life are an opportunity to reflect. We are each the sum total of the places, experiences, relationships, education and values that we have accumulated on our journey. Franklin High School provided each of us with a powerful physical connection, diverse community and friendships in our formative years. It is a time to be proud of our community and who we have become. It is time to prepare for a celebration of all of us in 2012.



## Class of 1969 Wraps up a Successful 40-year Reunion

By Sue Mar

Saturday, October 3, 2009, Franklin's Class of 1969 graduates and guests gathered at the Renaissance Seattle Hotel for their 40-year high school reunion. The ballroom was decked out in green and black and reunion goers were greeted with the familiar songs and beats of the late 1960's. 1969 classmates traveled to Seattle from as far as Hawaii and the East Coast to attend the reunion. In total, 146 people crowded the ballroom for a festive evening, stories of days gone by and plenty of opportunities to visit with classmates they had not seen in years.

Mark Sidran, Class President in 1969, did a stellar job as Master of Ceremonies. Linda Chinn and Barb Lui entertained us with a trivia contest testing our memories about classmates and activities from our high school days. Renee Greenman created a wonderful photo presentation showcasing memorabilia from our high school days provided by Joanne Patricelli McDaniel. But the real fun started when Ezra (Ed) Cohen in the spirit of Ed Sullivan, introduced the cheerleaders and yell leaders and fellow classmates, who performed to the tunes of Martha Vandella, Gladys Knight and the Pips, and James Brown. Their performances rocked the house!

A raffle, held with prizes donated by members of the Reunion Planning Committee, proved to be successful. Due to the generosity of the Class of 1969's graduates, enough money was collected to cover reunion costs and make a donation to the Franklin Alumni Association and Foundation scholarship and endowment funds.

Franklin's Class of 1969 Forty Year Reunion was a great success. The reunion program was filled with dancing, wonderful conversation, lots of fun and laughter, and warm memories!

## FHS Alumni Association Instrument Drive

Remember how much fun you had during your band or orchestra experiences at school? How much you learned? Have you played or even seen your band or orchestra instrument in the past 5,10, 20,30 or more years? Well, there are eager students at Franklin High School, and the nearby middle and elementary schools who are ready to start their musical experiences but can't afford to purchase their own instruments. This is a golden opportunity for us to help support the students in 4th through 12th grades, who are unable to purchase their own instrument, but want to participate in their schools' band or orchestra programs.

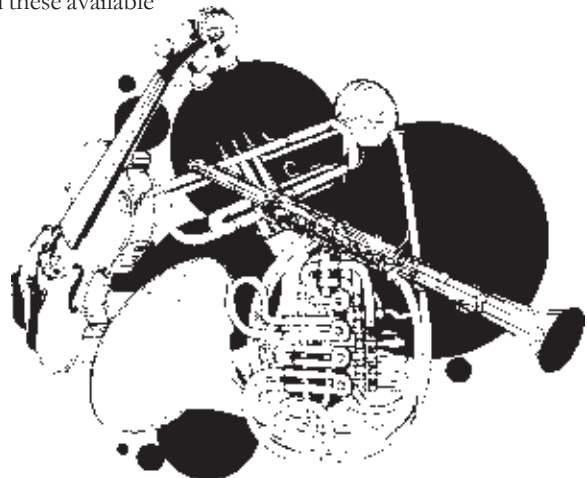
Please help by donating your usable instrument to the Seattle Public School District. You may designate the school your instrument will be sent to. The music director at the school will take responsibility for the instrument while on loan to the student. The instrument remains the property of the district and this is a tax deductible donation for you.

The district is currently re-establishing new school boundaries which will impact many of the school programs. Franklin and the neighboring schools are seriously lacking in music classes. The parents and students returning to their neighborhood schools will rally the district for music programs and these available instruments will allow more children to participate.

**Please contact Jolene Alexander at 425-488-8099  
for more information.**

If you leave a message please include your name, phone number, type of instrument and e-mail address. You will be sent more details and a donation form by U.S. Mail or email. Arrangements will be made for the pick-up or delivery of your donated instrument.

***The students and their instructors thank you in  
advance for your most generous donations.***



# Gribble Instrumental in Keeping Class Connected Reunion after Reunion

*By Marlene Fountain Angel, FHS '52*

Gerald "Jerry" Gribble is a proud native of Rainier Valley, having been born and raised in Columbia City and the Mt Baker neighborhoods. He attended St Edwards', graduated from St Mary's School, and is a true and loyal Franklin High School Quaker. With the family home located on the corner of 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue South and Mt Baker Boulevard, Jerry would wait for the first bell to ring in the school halls before getting out of bed and then make a mad dash for the band room.

Having had some musical training and with a lot of help from the band director Victor McClelland, Jerry worked his way into the drum section of the Franklin Band, which was the beginning of a life-changing experience.

As with many former band members, "Mc" changed Jerry's direction in life. These were the glory days of the Franklin Band. When "Mc" called for a Sunday afternoon special rehearsal, everyone showed up....125-piece boy's band, 75-piece girl's band and 125 voice girl's glee club. "Mc" was an idol to his students and he became a mentor to Jerry. Jerry not only played in the band but also worked with "Mc" as an assistant in the school bookroom.

After graduation in 1949, Jerry secured a beginners job at Boeing. However, that September, "Mc" called Jerry to advise him that he had been hired by Seattle University to start and direct a pep band and he invited Jerry to join the band as a drummer. Upon joining the band, Jerry was eligible for a tuition grant.

Jerry did not set any academic records at Franklin and was not what one would call "prepared for college". Long story short, he joined the band and enrolled at Seattle University. He majored in extra-curricular activities and challenged the patience of more than one professor. He claims to have graduated "Summa Cum Deo Gratias" (with thanks to God). He must have had a better record than he claims as he was named to the National Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities in 1955.

After completing his junior year at Seattle University, Uncle Sam invited him into the Army for the "Korean Police Action". Upon discharge he married, finished his senior year of college, started a family, and entered into the world of work. In 1961, he returned to Seattle U to earn a teaching certificate and proceeded to teach business and marketing (DECA) classes in Seattle and Mercer Island Schools. His peers honored him by naming him to the National and Washington DECA Halls of Fame. He also worked as a counselor and a vice principal.

Jerry has truly shown his commitment to Franklin High School for over the years he has organized his class reunions, not just one, but his ten year, followed by the twenty, the forty, the



"Fabulous Fifty" and just this past year he was again instrumental in organizing his sixtieth. He will tell you he has had the wonderful support of his class and an outstanding committee.

We on the board have known that we could always depend upon Jerry to complete a task that he agreed to undertake, and for most of the ten years that he served on the Franklin Alumni Association & Foundation Board, he did an excellent job monitoring candidates for tuition scholarships and grants.

Many of you may know Jerry for his organ playing as he started playing at the age of fourteen and for sixty years plus he played for weddings, funerals and masses in seven different parishes, with twenty-five of those years at St Monica's on Mercer Island.

We would be remiss if we failed to mention Jerry's soft spot. For five years, he would drop in daily to Krispy Kreme, pick up the day-old doughnuts, and then in turn deliver those sweet treats to six different shelters in Seattle. Mary Lou Newman, at St Francis House, said that everyone looked forward to Jerry's deliveries, but she also thought she had a few extra pounds that she laid blame to those special soft sweet treats.

Jerry feels life is divided into three parts – time to learn, time to earn and time to yearn. He is now yearning and volunteering in the community. To this day when traveling on I-5, he always stops at the Centralia Cemetery to visit a special grave and say a quick "Thanks Mc".

## Principal's Letter

Greetings Quaker Alum!

Spring is always the most exciting time of year in the schoolhouse and this year is no exception. Although Mother Nature has been stingy with her sunshine, the rays of light emanating from our students continue to brighten up campus!

We are once again coming off a wonderful winter sports season with post-season play in nearly every sport including wrestling and boys and girls basketball. Our very young boys' basketball team brought hardware home from the state tournament once again! Athletics are always exciting at Franklin. However, what excites me even more is our continued excellence inside the classroom and an increase of student service in our community. Our academic teams, Xbot and Mock Trial, recently placed 1st and 2nd in state, respectively, exceeding the performances of many hyper-resourced public and private schools alike. Our intelligence, creativity, resiliency, and dedication continue to win out over the dollar in true Quaker fashion!

In addition, students are participating in tremendous amounts of community service through toy drives, blood drives, community work parties, recycling, and on and on and on! Franklin continues to model for the rest of the world what can happen when we place the goal of the greater good over our individual needs! I am humbled and inspired on a daily basis by the efforts of our students and our staff.

Of course, it is also a bittersweet time of year, as we get ready to release our seniors into the world beyond high school. Bitter as we will miss them so, sweet as the college acceptances and scholarships are rolling in and we know our students are ready to take the world by storm! We have a long and proud tradition of sending our students to the country's best universities and colleges and the class of 2010 is no exception. Our students have been accepted to SU, UW, Stanford, Duke, Yale, and many, many more! In addition, hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships are pouring in. Franklin graduates promise to continue to be forerunners as leaders, innovators, and community developers.

As always, we thank you, our alumni, for your ongoing contributions helping to ensure that our kids have the same support and opportunities (and sometimes more!) as any students in the nation. We could not keep this proud tradition alive without you or your contributions!

Dear Quakers, know that our future is in great hands as a result of the outstanding graduates we are producing.

*Peace to each of you!*

*Dr. Jennifer Wiley*

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## Creativity and Culture to shine at the Franklin Arts Festival on May 15



*By John Dunkerley*

Planning for this year's Franklin Arts Festival is well underway! Make sure to mark your calendars for Saturday, May 15, 2010 from 11am until 3pm. Plan to stop by campus and see what the arts department has been up to.

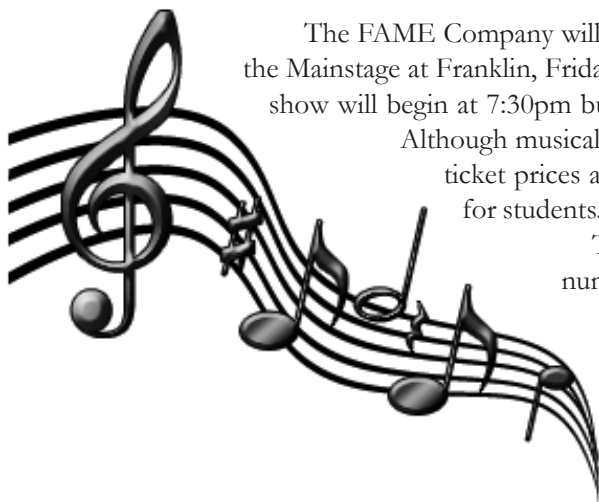
On display will be outstanding examples of this year's phenomenal student woodwork from Mr. Lawson's shop classes, colorful painting and drawing from Mr. Dunkerley's studio classes, building crafts (for sale!) from NanJohnson's A.C.E. program, and ceramics/sculpture from Ms. Martenson's pottery classes. Energetic student clubs will exhibit their wares with a variety of creative fundraising booths; from plants, to food, to services and rummage.

In addition, marvelous performance groups including a lively Zimbabwe-inspired marimba group, the ever-growing FHS bands (both jazzing and marching), our award-winning Lion Dance team, a new Vietnamese student dance group, off-the-hook break dancing, and live music from the "Rock Club" (Rock n' Roll, that is not geology!)

If the sun is shining, we will take the action outside for an "all-outdoor" festival this year, closing off part of Mt. Baker Boulevard in the spirit of a neighborhood street fair. Come see our creativity and culture shine at Franklin High. Join in and meet us at the 2010 Arts Festival!

## ***"Thriller Instinct"-- A Musical***

*By Kyle Palsson*



The FAME Company will present its 141<sup>st</sup> show, "Thriller Instinct"-- A Musical, on the Mainstage at Franklin, Friday and Saturday evenings, April 30, May 1, 7 and 8. The show will begin at 7:30pm but the box office will open at 6:45pm.

Although musical productions continue to be more expensive to create, ticket prices are being held to the reasonable rate of \$6 for adults and \$3 for students.

This year's production masterfully weaves in production numbers from the Peter Gunn and Thriller Albums, Serious and Comedy Scenes with apologies to "Twilight" and "New Moon" and a second act built entirely on Miami in the 60's and the Miami Sound Machine – mambo, Congo lines and the Cuban mafia infiltrated by vampires.

***Come witness and enjoy young talent at its best!***

## What a year for Franklin Mock Trial

Each year I tell the team that they are the BEST MOCK TRIAL TEAM EVER, and this year was no exception. While every team cannot OBJECTIVELY be the best team ever, each team has to believe that they are- to become the best team that they can be. This maxim was never more true than with this year's squad.

Some years are more magical, and some require more work. Some are "easy grace"; others are a struggle. This year was the latter, and it turns out, deeply satisfying because of it. This year, we had a smallish cadre of returning attorneys and an almost completely new crew of witnesses "roped in" from my Humanities classes. It did not seem like a solid foundation from which we might soar, but a workman-like year of just nailing down the basics, no doubt frustrating for the few returning "stars" we had in Marie Angeles and Mary Jane Bermudez.

All of these pieces of a "tough patch" seemed to be coming true when we lost an attorney one week before districts and an attorney-coach a few days later. And, our finish of 5th place at Districts seemed to confirm that this was a rebuilding year.

How quickly things can change.

Between Districts and State, this team decided they "wanted it!" They became coachable, spending countless hours refining their case and fine-tuning their performances. By the time they got to State, we had set aside the notion of "just having fun" and set to work clearly analyzing what needed to happen prior to each trial, and clearly debriefing after each trial in preparation for the next round.

By the time the Sunday Morning Awards Banquet arrived, we were confident and unsurprised (though elated) to hear Franklin's team-name called as one of the two teams headed to the final round, competing for the State Championship.

This year's team finished second, in a beautiful and nearly perfectly fought final round. Seattle Prep's B team knocked off their A team, and we had faced off against this team twice in the past. We knew each other well, and nobody in the audience might understand why both teams seemed to be anticipating each other in such a sophisticated fashion. The objections had been fought before, and both sides had better arguments this time. The result was a State Championship trial, argued in front of Chief Justice Madsen that was elegant and pitch-perfect Mock Trial at its best. It was an outcome we hardly expected at the beginning of this year, and so much more rewarding because they worked and fought for it in ways that seemed so unlikely in the dark days before and after Districts.

Some teams are "easy grace"; some teams have to work for it. In addition, I am so proud to have had the opportunity to actually coach an uneven team to a soaring finish in my final year as the head of

Franklin's Mock Trial program. Nothing has been more satisfying in my professional career, and this team gave me a wonderful finish to a great five year run of teams that were, each and every one, the "BEST MOCK TRIAL TEAM EVER"- Honestly!

As Always,

Don Eaton

Franklin Mock Trial, Franklin Pride



## John Roundhill, Class of 63, has High-Flying Career



"How time flies! I've been out of Franklin since 1963 and what a flight I have had," John Roundhill said.

"In reflection, my years at Franklin prepared me for what was to follow. Some of the teachers that stand out in my memory are: Mr. Scott, my physics teacher, who made his class interesting with hands-on experiments, coupled with patience and analysis. Shirley Bosley presented math in a fashion that made the course challenging. Frank Ahern, my coach in cross-country, track and sophomore basketball, used to utter a familiar saying, 'Nothing succeeds like hard work!' and he most certainly was a purveyor of that philosophy. Muriel Morris, my Latin teacher, actually took me under her wing when I first arrived at Franklin and offered special tutoring and because of the grounding she gave me, all of my grades improved. In fact, my University of Washington college grades out-distanced my accumulated grade point at Franklin."

"In 1960, I had the opportunity to go up on a flight on a Convair 880 jet transport and then in 1963, I visited Boeing with some other Franklin seniors and these occasions helped firm my future path. Of course, my father worked for Boeing, which was also very influential."

"During my Franklin days, I worked as a bag boy, a stocker and on occasion in the deli at the Food Giant on Rainier Avenue. I truly enjoyed that part-time job, to the point that one day I shared with my boss that I was considering not going on to college but going into the grocery business instead. Almost immediately, he called me into his office and let me know, in no uncertain terms, that he did not want to hear me mention not going on to college again."

"Tom Jennings and I became best friends at Franklin and to this day, we remain good friends." John and Tom actually ended up marrying another set of best friends. Tom was dating a girl from Mount Rainier High and when John saw a picture of her friend, the die was cast.

"There is not enough that I can say about John's integrity and trustworthiness," Jennings said when asked. "Boeing recognized John's stellar reputation as they sent him all over the world."

John reminisced, "I was a 'car-less' teen while attending Franklin so I walked or ran everywhere. I was enamored with my Aunt Diana's Model A experiences and when she made the decision to part with her latest one, I became the proud owner.

"After graduation I considered M.I.T., but saw that in Seattle, while attending the U of WA, I could also obtain a degree in Mechanical Engineering." (John earned first a Magna Cum Laude bachelors in 1967 and then a masters in 1973, while working full time at Boeing.

John made his mark on Boeing commercial jet liners touching every jet liner from the 737, 747, 757, 767, 777 and 787. From 1997 until his retirement in 2002, he was vice president of product strategy and development for the commercial airplane group. "At Boeing I ran headlong into the realization that people working together can accomplish so much more than one person working independently," he said. "It takes an incredible amount of teamwork to build an airplane with three million parts."

The Museum of Flight recognized Roundhill's contribution to the aerospace industry with its 2009 Pathfinder Award. His name will go on the Wall of Fame with other Boeing luminaries. The school of Mechanical Engineering chose Roundhill as the 2009 graduation speaker for this momentous rite of passage. Boeing and the UW have honored Roundhill with a

named professorship, the Boeing-Roundhill Professor of Engineering, which will rotate among the departments.

"The letter from President Emmert came out of the blue,"

Roundhill said. "As a young engineer I worked with Boeing legends such as Jack Steiner and Joe Sutter (Cleveland High) and it is humbling and amazing to be recognized with them. I take it not as an individual award, but as one for the Boeing product development team, which resulted in the Models 707 through the new 787."

Although supposedly retired, he travels back and forth from his Montana residence with his wife, Arlene, to work on the 787 team in Everett. They have four offspring (3 boys and a girl) and eight grands. All reside in the Puget Sound area and the oldest is an engineer at Boeing.

In Roundhill's ME graduation address, he commented on the privilege of receiving a great education and expressed some of the ways to stay engaged: keeping in touch with classmates, attending events, offering monetary support, mentoring students or getting involved with a professor's project.

John's mother, Betty Attlesley Roundhill, is a FHS alumni from the class of 1941 and his aunt, Diane Attlesley Vogel, is a FHS alumni from the class of 1947.

The Franklin Alumni Association and Foundation echoes and supports all of the above suggestions for alums of Franklin. Alumni can make a difference by staying involved and remaining interested in helping students today achieve success.



## Franklin's F.A.M.E. Company Director Ms. Mary Smith takes Final Bow after 26 Years!



*By FHS Alumni Carlene Palsson '78, Kari '95,  
Krista '98, Kristjan '02, Kyle '08*

In 1984, Mary Smith began teaching the performing arts at Franklin, and she soon created the F.A.M.E. Company. FAME stands for Franklin Arts & Multimedia Enterprise. Some kids play sports. Some kids join the math club. But where these types of school activities tend to draw specific kinds of people, FAME actors have always come from all school social, sports and academic groups. Anyone was welcome into FAME, and anyone had the right to earn any role regardless of race, religion, size, shape or disability. And it's all thanks to one person.

Ms. Smith never settled for anything less than what she knew an individual was capable of. She always encouraged students to reach outside of themselves, which is something only the best teachers strive for. She has always been demanding, but the feeling that the students

shared after a show could not be achieved without that kind of support. She has had thousands of students over the years, and has made an impact on every single one of them. To know her is truly an honor as she is one of the most beloved teachers in Franklin's history. As she retires she will leave behind a great legacy filled with the respect and memories of the many students she has touched.



**Without goals, you become what you were;  
With goals, you become what you wish.**

*— anonymous*





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## “Picnic in the Park” number eleven is scheduled for Thursday, July 15, 2010

By Jeanne Patricelli Crites

The Eleventh Annual Franklin Picnic for the Classes of 1955 through 1962 will once again take place at Gene Coulon Park in Renton, Washington on Thursday, July 15, 2010. Take special note that the day of the week will be on a Thursday this year.

The committee will serve the food at noon, but feel free to arrive early and get in some good socializing. Thanks to your donations each year, the lunch, pop, coffee and water will be provided.

Please sign in and get your nametag when you arrive. (In addition, remember to drop it off when you leave so we can recycle.) We are looking forward to seeing and visiting with all of you.

Directions: Take exit number five north or south on 405. Follow signs to The Landing and signs to Coulon Park at the south end of Lake Washington. We have shelters 1 and 2 reserved.

(Just a small note of interest in case you were unaware, Gene Coulon, who served as the head of the Renton Parks Department for a number of years and after whom the park was named, was an alumnus of Franklin High School, Class of 1936.)



## Franklin Comes Clean



Many thanks to the Seattle Sounders, Rebuilding Together Seattle (RTS), and Seattle Bank for sponsoring an incredibly successful work party of over 100 volunteers at Franklin High School on Sunday, April 18. Led by RTS volunteers, over sixty Franklin students, and some staff and parents joined Seattle Sounders players and fans to paint doors and handrails, weed and mulch garden beds, paint corridors, and power wash sidewalks. What a difference volunteers can make in six hours – Franklin is sparkling!



See page 23  
for more clean-up action!

*Thanks for giving your time!*

# Alumni Volunteers: Making a Difference at Franklin

By Sara Thompson, FHS '68

For a number of Franklin graduates there is a strong draw to return and make a difference for students and programs. We will periodically feature reports highlighting what Quaker volunteers are doing at Franklin.

Franklin has been known for its strong basketball program for decades, and part of that strength no doubt is due to the number of alumni who return to work with students.

Trevor Tsuchikawa (2000) is the JV Boy's Head Basketball Coach; Greg Pharr (2002) is the C Team Head Coach; Zenrique Tellez (2003), AJ Brooks (2000) and Terrence Proctor (1983) serve as Assistant Coaches. Tavar Proctor (2003) is the announcer for all home games.

Trevor Tsuchikawa commented that, although the time commitment is enormous, "It is worth it if you help at least one student. I coach at Franklin to give back to the school that gave me such a great high school experience. As a former Franklin student, I realize the importance of having positive influences in your life and hopefully, I am providing that to these young men. I feel fortunate to coach because Coach Kerr runs such a first class basketball program that stands for so many good things that go unnoticed." One of his favorite high school memories is beating Garfield for the District Championship his senior year. He currently is a dentist in south Seattle.

AJ Brooks stated, "I volunteer at Franklin because it is in my heart to support the community that supported me. I believe it is our responsibility as alumni to come back and support the current students and facility of Franklin." One of his best memories was going to Ireland with the band during his senior year. He graduated from Seattle University with a degree in accounting and finance and worked as an internal auditor for several years before coming to work at Franklin as an Interventional Specialist.

Lacrosse, a more recent team sport with a loyal following, has also received strong support by former graduates. Jonathan Higuchi (1998) serves as head coach, assisted by Aldrin Pano and Sylvester Crumwell

(2002). All devote time and energy to keep this program running. Sylvester commented that he played for three of his four years at Franklin and volunteers daily with the team to assure the program continues. He also volunteers as a coach for the wrestling team.

The Mock Trial Program has a long history of alumnus involvement. For many years Charlie Williams ('70) provided legal coaching every week and Molly Thompson, who attended Franklin but graduated from NOVA in 1972, served as a drama coach. This year, three former Mock Trial team members have volunteered and provided invaluable input for another inspired season. Mock Trial team meets from October through March and when they progress to a national competition, the season extends through May. Coaches spend several hours each week working with the team and up to ten hours during the more intense times coaching practice sessions, editing student work, and corresponding with other coaches. Katrina Miller who was an attorney on the team that won the National Championship in 2000 has been working with the team for two years. Kyle Tada was on the team in the late 1990s, served as a clerk for a State Supreme Court Justice and is now working as an attorney. Ben Stafford graduated from Franklin in 1999, attended Willamette University and then got his law degree from the University of Washington. He is now working at Perkins-Coie in employment law (but also spent two months in Minnesota helping to represent Al Franken in the contested US Senate election). He writes, "Mock Trial taught me how to write, argue, and speak in

public. I feel I have a duty to pass on to others something that benefited me so greatly."

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If you know a volunteer who deserves recognition or if you are a volunteer and would like to share your experience, please contact Sara Thompson, (gelthomp@comcast.net or phone 206 725-9280) so that we can continue to feature the good work that alumni do for the Franklin community.



# 1948 FHS Graduate Honored with Retrospective: Ray Jensen

by: Bonnie McDonald Riach, FHS '48

When the Nordic Museum in Ballard announced its intention to honor Ray Jensen with a retrospective of his work, I was delighted. Many friends of the arts, fellow artists, teachers and classmates from the 1948 graduating class of Franklin High School said, "Yea! At last!" This took place February 19 through April 18, 2010 at the museum.

The retrospective showcased the breadth of Ray Jensen's career, from his early professional work of the 1950s to his most recent projects. As Jim Lough wrote at the time of our 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion: "Ray's work sits in many private collections. His public commissions are located as far away as the Corregidor Memorial in the Philippine Islands. Ray Jensen's commission of THE PACIFIC ALLIES PLAQUE is a tribute to the Bataan and Corregidor defensive stand of World War II."

Here are a few of public commissions you may wish to visit:

THE DANCE, Seattle Opera House  
PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE, Seattle Public Library  
THE WAITING MULTITUDE, Suzzallo Library, UofW  
THE GATHERING PLACE, North Seatac Park  
STILTWALKER, Liberty Park, Renton  
THE GRADUATES, Bellevue High School  
INFINITE THREE III, former Seattle 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank  
THE DOORWAY, Bellevue Community College

Joshua Levine, who has worked with Ray on art and installations, says this about *STILTWALKER*: "I'll never forget the installation. We were having trouble getting a perfect alignment between the hand and the doorframe. We both looked at it from many angles and were pushing here and pulling there, all to no avail. Finally, I suggested we could cut off the hand at the wrist, twist it a little and re-weld it back on. Ray got angry, stomped around, came back and looked at it and finally said go-ahead. He turned away as I cut the hand off, as if he could not watch the mutilation of his creation. We re-welded it, Ray did a brilliant job of refinishing the weld and patina, and there it still stands for all I know. Ray is one of the best artists I have ever met. The diversity of his ideas, his perfectionism in developing an idea (model after model), and the dedication to his craft (time consuming to be sure) has left us with a tremendous legacy. I am honored to know Ray and to have contributed my efforts to his work."

Tom Jay, of the Bronze-casting studio at Chimacum in Center, Washington writes: "Ray Jensen's sculptures are embodiments of paradox, sublime, comic and tragic dilemmas, skillfully brought to ground, burning telegrams from the ministries of ignorance he is working coolly to answer."

About the time of our 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion, I asked Ray to design a sculpture for my garden. I had always yearned for one of his sculptures. It was a delight working with him to come up with the perfect concept. The piece is called DREAMER. A tall, bronze sculpture of a seated woman who is reading, reflecting and resting her eyes. In DREAMER, Ray has managed to depict a very interesting personality. How does he do that in bronze? DREAMER was in the Retrospective. As you might guess, DREAMER is one of my greatest treasures.

I am one of a remaining group of Ray's friends who attended school all through Whitworth or Brighton elementary, Franklin High School and the UofW with Ray. At Whitworth, we fondly recall the blessed distraction from routine that came when Ray passed his cartoons between our desks. Ray was always drawing. In those days, we all spent a lot of time on the city bus going to and from school. Marilyn Breindl recalls many visits on the bus with Ray's Mother who wanted to talk about her career concerns for her son. She need not have worried. Jim Lough too, remembers the early years with Ray: "He was always cartooning around. He is grateful to his parents who had the vision to





recognize his skill and his dreams. He created his first three-dimensional work of art at the age of five, an outboard motor. At the same age, he created a drawing of a self-propelled houseboat. By the age of nine, he was studying (by the recommendation of his Brighton elementary teacher) at the Seattle Music and Art Foundation where his mentor was Stella Condon. Ray considers Charlotte Bisazza, FHS art teacher, his second mentor. Life as a sculptor became a full-time way of life when his Industrial Arts professor at the University of Washington, Everett Dupen, spoke the words, "Ray! YOU are a sculptor!"

Through the years, Ray taught at many schools, from Cornell to the UofW, Cornish School of the Arts, Seattle Public Schools and Bellevue Community College. As a lifelong resident of the Pacific Northwest, many former students will remember him. In addition to sculpture, Ray has been recognized as a fine teacher of drawing, two and three-dimensional design, woodworking, clay, other metals and foundry. The Bellevue Arts Commission awarded Ray for Outstanding Achievement in the Arts in 1988. First Place Sculpture and Purchase awards have come from The Pacific Northwest Arts and Crafts Fair, The Denver Art Museum and the Seattle Art Museum. He has shown at numerous invitational exhibitions: The Seattle Art Museum, The Bellevue Art Museum, and the Denver Art Museum, to name a few. Numerous other private and public collections continue to hold and to speak to Ray's talent.

Josh Levine, who worked so closely with Ray, reflects on him this way: "Ray, a classical Dane, seemingly dour, he would shoot me a look over the rims of his glasses when I made a dubious suggestion or statement. His forehead would pucker and his eyebrows would come together, and his glare seemed to be telling me that I was in for it, but his eyes gave him away. There was usually a twinkle of amusement in them, as if he was aware of how fierce he looked, and how cowed I was. It tempered his strong opinions and encouraged my continued honesty about how I felt about the project."

These words are but a mere snapshot of Ray Jensen's career and of him as a person. He is cherished and revered as an artist, teacher and friend by many who have been fortunate to have walked with him in this life.

Ray's Studio is at home at Yarrow Point, Washington where he lives with his lovely wife, Glorea, also a former art teacher. They have three adult children and four grandchildren.



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\* To the best of my memory, this small group of childhood friends, of more than 70 years, includes Dan Alexander, Marilyn Ives Breindl, Beverly Blyth Huntington, James Lough, Barbara McDonald Prescott, Bonnie McDonald Riach, Harry Sankey and Jean Veldyke.

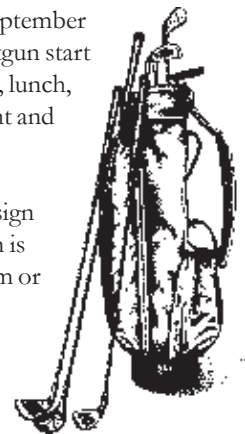
## **Date Set for FHS Senior Golf Tournament**

*David A. Duryee, FHS '56*

The 29<sup>th</sup> annual Woody Wilson Memorial Classic alumni golf tournament is scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup> this year, which is the Thursday after Labor Day. The course will again be Jefferson and the shotgun start is scheduled for 9:00 am, followed by lunch. The \$90 entry fee includes a cart, range balls, mulligan, lunch, and prizes. Paul Aleinikoff, Sr., FHS '56 and Bob Chatalas, FHS '66 are co-chairs of this year's event and they reported that the format would again be a four-man scramble. The tournament is open to all Franklin alums over 40 years of age (class of 88 and earlier) and their guests.

This year's event will probably sell out so you will want to put the date on your calendar and sign up early. Entry forms will be mailed June 1, 2010, and the deadline for submitting your entry form is August 15. If you have moved since last year, please email Paul Aleinikoff at pauls@cascadeoil.com or call him at 206-725-1660 and let him know your new address.

The hole Sponsor co-chairmen are Bill Chatalas, FHS '58, and Bob Troutman, FHS '56. The \$125 fee for a business or an individual to advertise by sponsoring a golf hole helps to keep the entry fee more affordable and below the actual course fee, so please call Bill at 206-718-0565 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 and join in the fellowship of this fun event.***

# Franklin High School Attic Art Restoration Project

By Phounsouk Sililay, FHS 2010

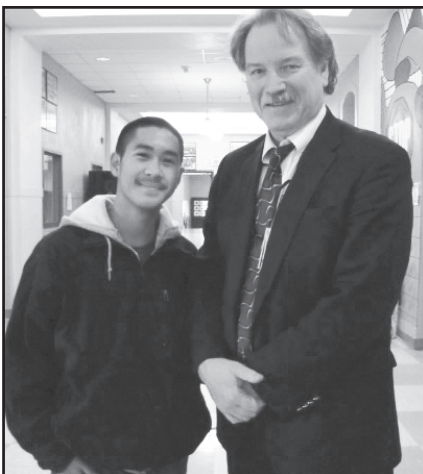
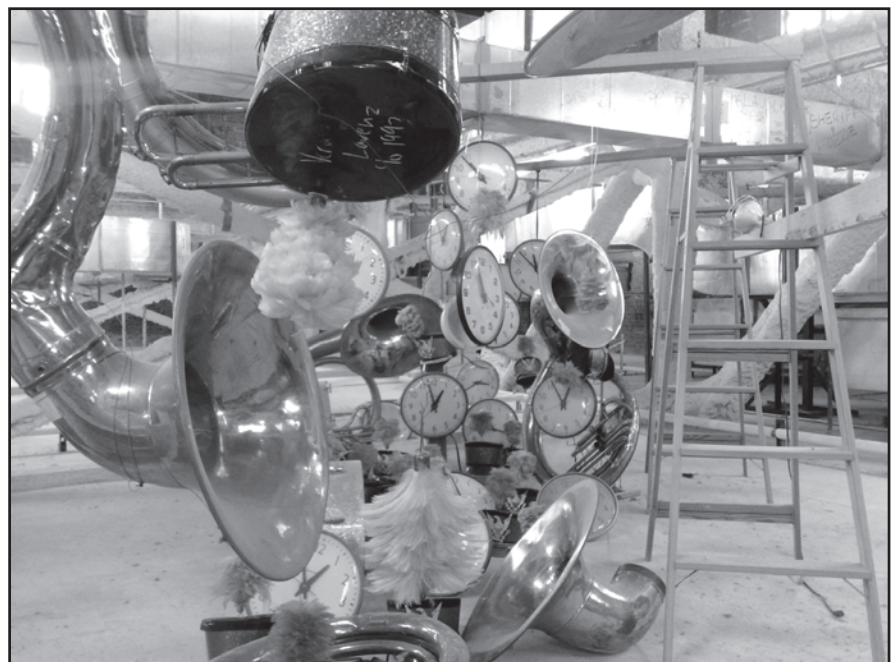
In 1991, Franklin High School was renovated which resulted in the advanced learning facilities that exist today. During the remodeling process, the Bassetti Norton Metler Rekevics design firm wanted to incorporate some unique public art into the school.

Several local artists honored Franklin's history and created five sets of artwork. One of these sets, entitled "A Stitch in Time" by Jim Pridgeon, consists of old band instruments, team uniforms, and other objects from the past. These were placed in the attic cupola and could be viewed through a twin periscope in the commons. However, on February 28, 2001, a 6.8 magnitude earthquake hit Seattle and destroyed parts of the art and misaligned the periscope itself in the process.

Phounsouk Sililay, a current senior student at Franklin High School has dedicated his senior project to the restoration and conservation of "A Stitch in Time". He has committed to contributing 100 community service hours by restoring the artwork. Taking the pieces apart, cleaning them, and rearranging them are all tasks Phounsouk completes alone. He also went as far as to contact the original creator Jim Pridgeon for advice, guidance, and of course permission.

The highly anticipated release and

launch of "A Stich in Time" will occur in mid-May. His primary goal is to "provide one final gift to my school and leave my mark forever". Once the project is complete, Franklin High School will regain a lost part of its past and a bright new piece of its future.





## **Four Franklin Scholars Receive Community Scholarships**

The Nordstrom Company believes that the development of our young people depends on higher education. This year five regional students were chosen to receive \$10,000 each to be used at a four-year accredited college of their choice. Two of those five were Franklin students.

Daniel Nguyen and Phounsouk Sivily are each recipients of this award. These young men were selected based on their academic achievements, community service, school involvement and financial need. Phounsouk, the Valedictorian of the Class of 2010 with a 4.0 GPA, will be attending Stanford University on a full ride. In addition, he won the \$20,000 Dell Scholarship. He is currently president of the Honor Society at Franklin and when he is out of school, he works as a tennis and basketball instructor at the Jefferson Community Center.

Daniel has a 3.4 GPA and is President of the Franklin student body. He is also president of the Seattle NAACP Youth Council, volunteers at the Temple Co Lam Pagoda on Graham Street and works at Microsoft. In addition to the Nordstrom scholarship, he has received the Coca Cola \$10,000 scholarship. Having to learn the English language, as he was attending

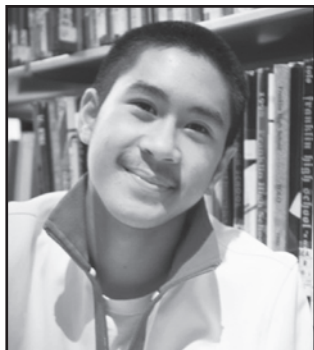
schools in Seattle has given him a love for learning. "The culture of Franklin breeds an environment that makes you want to learn and grow and it gives you the opportunity to understand diversity."

The Martin Luther King Scholarships, initiated by the Mount Baker Neighborhood, selected two Franklin scholars this year. Brea Roberts has participated in cultural groups, sports, clubs and community service. She served as a vice-president of the National Society of Black Engineers and is planning to become a chemical engineer. She will attend the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, New York. "This scholarship will be put to great use as I continue my education."

Jordan Leonard is active in the Black Student Union, serving on their leadership team as well as being co-president. Jordan has been a band member serving as a section leader his senior year. He was the creator and bandleader of the Franklin Jazz Reclamation Project. In athletics, he plays baseball for Franklin. He plans to use his scholarship money to attend Pitzer College, one of the six Claremont Colleges in California.



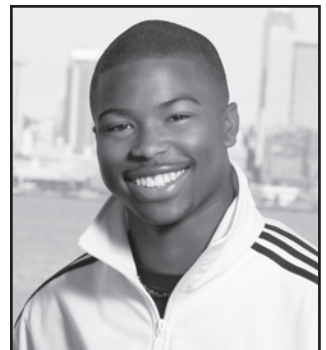
*Daniel Nguyen*



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## Nick Noji to be Inducted into WIAA Hall of Fame

The first memory that comes to mind was in 1984, when I was a junior at Franklin High School at the Metro Championship Meet. I cleared 7'4-1/2" and then I had to run over to the 100 meter dash in the middle of the high jump. I won the race and then went back to finish jumping. It was incredibly exciting because it was an experience I had never had, but it remains as one of the most memorable moments in my career.

The second memory involved competing in the 1991 World Championships in Tokyo. I had made it onto my first major U.S. team and, obviously, this was a huge meet for me. Because it was in Japan, it felt different than all of the other places I had competed. In many ways, it was more comfortable for me to compete there. My great-grandfathers were born in Japan. I am Yonsei or fourth generation. I do not look different than the majority of people there. And some of my relatives from Japan were watching me for the first time.

When I was in school, athletics consumed me. Looking back, I realize I was not as serious about my academics as I should have been. However, athletics gave me direction, an opportunity to attend the University of Washington, and many opportunities to meet people and to see places around the world and the United States. In some ways, athletics put me behind my peers, socially and professionally. When my friends were beginning their careers, I was training long hours and competing around the world. Many of the things I learned as an athlete carried over to work later in life. My intensity and tendency to analyze things carefully have definitely carried over. In any competition in track, I had to consider and analyze the type of surface, the time of day, the caliber of the meet, my competition, the temperature/climate, the duration of the event determined by the number of competitors, how my body was feeling that day, the point in the season, what height I wanted to begin at, what heights I wanted to skip, what technique/skills I wanted to focus on, etc. This way of thinking and behaving has stayed with me and applies to my work in the business world. I work hard to always be prepared, know my competitors, work with intensity, strategize carefully, maintain discipline, reflect regularly, and determine how improvements can be made.

As far as athletics are concerned, there were a few accomplishments that stand out for me. Making the 1991 World Championship team for the United States and placing seventh in the world was very memorable. Later that year, I was ranked tenth in the world overall and third in the U.S. I see these as the biggest highlights of my track career.

I retired from my athletic career the day after the 1996 Olympic Trials. I was 29 years old and was injured and was physically and emotionally tired. Looking back now, I don't know if I was really ready to retire. Transitioning out of being a professional athlete was difficult. I competed for over half of my life and leaving it behind was hard.

I miss the competition and camaraderie with my fellow track and field athletes. I miss the feeling, the rush and excitement, I experienced when I jumped.

On the national level and for the United States at the world level, there were not many Japanese Americans competing. Culturally, it was lonely. Even though I had good friends around me while I traveled and competed, there was no one I could identify with culturally. While traveling around the nation and world, I often experienced strange reactions from people. I think many of them were used to seeing athletes that looked a certain way. I was Asian and not too tall so I stood out. This was trying at times.

There was always a feeling of relief to be home around my friends and family. But even at home, I was reminded that I lived between two worlds. My friends had lives, socially and professionally, that were different than mine. I often times felt like an island going between two worlds. Also, because the Asian American community focused so much on me, I felt the pressure to try to live up to their expectations and to not mess up. This was encouraging, but also a little stressful.

And then there is my wonderful family that contains a lot of estrogen – my wife, Amy; my 14 year old step-daughter, Alana; my two year old daughter, Kela; and our dachshund, Chloe. We spend a lot of time together, playing, taking the kids to various kid activities, going on outings together, and traveling when we can.

(Note – this article was compiled from answers in an interview for the North American Asian Post)

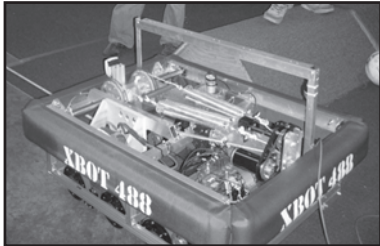
***On Wednesday, May 12, 2010, Rick Noji, Class of 1985, will be placed into the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association Hall of Fame. The luncheon, to take place at the Spirit of Washington Event Center in Renton, will begin at noon. To receive information about the event please contact Any Barnes at 425-282-5237 or [abarnes@wiaa.com](mailto:abarnes@wiaa.com). The cost is \$20 per ticket or \$200 for a table of 10.***



# TEAM XBOT

## Team XBOT a Year in Review – Not done yet April, 2010

A shout out to our mentors (especially Donna Lew – volunteer Program Director), parents and sponsors who bring this amazing STEM experience to the FHS students and students from surrounding sister schools. The 2009-2010 'team xbot' season was awesome:



'team xbot' FIRST Robotics Team — "X" 2010 robot:

- ✓ Microsoft Seattle Regional Champions
- ✓ Engineering Inspiration Award.
- ✓ Oregon Regional Gracious Professionalism Award.

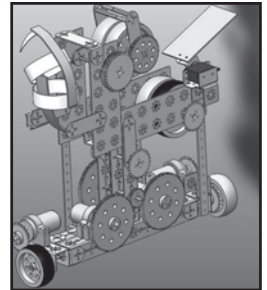
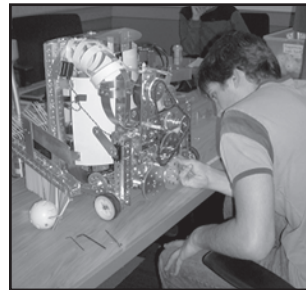
The FRC team built a 120 lb robot to play soccer with a twist. Ball handling, control, kicking and navigating over the 18" high bumps was the challenge. "X" incorporated an Archimedes screw and shop vac! Applause to the design team for thinking outside of the box.

'team xbot' FIRST TechnologyChallenge team SyZyGy

- ✓ WA State Championship (Dec 2009).
- ✓ WA State "INSPIRE AWARD" the highest award recognizing the team's work within the school and community.

**SyZyGy is heading to the Atlanta, GA World Championship**

**April 14-17, 201**



SYZYGY features a rotating helix for 40+ ball storage and a shooter that delivers 3 balls/second scoring in the middle and off field goals

'team xbot' FIRST Technology — team Glitch Machine

- WA State the Judges Award for overcoming challenges
- Idaho State Championship Finalist (February 2010).

Glitch Machine features conveyor ball collection and shooter delivering balls to center and off field goals



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If you know the whereabouts of any of our missing classmates, please contact Joanne Leo Naganawa at [jlnag@hotmail.com](mailto:jlnag@hotmail.com). Thank you!

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## Aaron Brooks – NBA Most Improved Player

Aaron Brooks, 2003 FHS graduate, playing for the Houston Rockets, invites all alumni, family and friends to come out and enjoy a great round of golf. The event date is set for June 26th, 2010, at the Redmond Ridge Golf Course, 11825 Trilogy Pkwy NE in Redmond, WA. Please check the Aaron Brooks Celebrity Golf flyer for more information.

The AB Foundation is a non-profit organization focused on encouraging youth living in high-poverty and high-risk environments to complete their education. The AB Foundation promotes social enrichment, education and physical fitness among youth by focusing on the key principles of team building, work ethic, commitment, perseverance and self-esteem.





## More Clean-up Action...

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