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FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Franklin High School Alumni Association
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Letter from the President Stu Johnson '52

PERPETUITY ... Now there is a word we don't often use. But in this case, the derivative of "perpetual" applies to the visionary ideals of the Franklin High School Alumni Association (FHSAA). In fact, it is one of the sound building blocks contained within our bylaws. Chances are there are some Quaker alums that have questions as to: why is there a need for the FHSAA?; what are they trying to accomplish?; who is involved?; how might they themselves be a cog in the wheel to better the association? I'm sure there are many other questions about funding from those of you reading this "Letter from the President". How is the money that's received from annual dues, fund raising and donations used and accounted for? The following, which are direct excerpts from the FHSAA bylaws, will answer those questions. If not, the Board of Directors wholeheartedly welcomes any and all Franklin grads to attend a monthly board meeting to learn more about the Association's purpose and agenda. Meetings are usually held on the second Saturday of each month at 10:00 AM in Room 101 at Franklin. Due to the remodeling of the school, our monthly meetings will move to Franklin's temporary campus at Marshall High School (3905 SE 91st Ave), beginning in July 2015. First and foremost, the Franklin High School Alumni Association is an actual corporation and is restricted to the educational activities consistent with the purposes of the Association

and is required to take actions to maintain its tax exempt status under the IRS code. **Goals and Mission** Establish ongoing alumni interest and financial support for the pursuit of educational excellence at Franklin High School. **Purpose** To promote and further the development of Franklin High School and to locate alumni and develop their support. To receive, administer, spend and use funds and other property for charitable, scientific and educational activities for the benefit of Franklin High School. To conduct fundraising campaigns and to supervise and assist in fundraising programs for Franklin High School. To perform such acts as may be necessary or appropriate for carrying out the foregoing goal and purposes of the Association and exercise any of the powers granted to nonprofit corporations. **Activities** The Association shall be restricted to activities of a charitable or educational nature and actions shall be taken to maintain the tax exempt status of the Association. **Duration** The duration of the Association shall be PERPETUAL.

10th Anniversary

The FHSAA celebrates its 10th anniversary this year. The original Board of Directors was comprised of the following alumni:

- *Pam (Knuth) Child '75;
- *Lucille (Cole) Davis '50;
- Joyce (Stroud) Gago '54;
- *Mal Watt '50;
- *Janette (EntriKin) Sprando '51;
- Ken Aubin '50;
- Connie (Felmley) Ottoboni '48
- Frances (Henke) Priestley '52;
- Barbara (Armes) Scorcio '52;
- Corene (Akerly) Serres '52
- Shirley (Patrick) Watkins '49;
- *Vi Watt – Consultant

* Denotes still active on the Board of Directors

Herein lies the question: can perpetuity of the FHSAA become a reality as envisioned by its founders without the infusion of grads from the 60s, 70s or younger? The answer is obvious. Like the Marine recruiters say, the Association "needs a few good men and women" to carry on its support of the school, teachers and especially the students. Board members' duties are not laborious or time consuming. Monthly meetings with fellow classmates are actually enjoyable. When Gymnasium Hokey Pokey is the only dance you can remember how to do, it's time for some fresh recruits. So step up Quakers and help perpetuate the vision.

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If it's for Franklin, we're all for it!

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Franklin – Academic Powerhouse!

by Garry Lee, Class of '65

Franklin High has become an academic powerhouse, by a variety of measurements. These days students and their families come to Franklin confident of a high quality education, a diploma and opportunities for more choices beyond high school. They will be qualified.

Where's the proof? How about a graduation rate of 86%?! By contrast, Portland Public Schools (PPS) and State of Oregon high school graduation rates hover around 70%. Also, about 75% (and trending up) of FHS students currently meet State standards for Reading, Writing and Math competency.

Enrollment in the Advanced Scholar program began with 88 students in 2007-08; today there are 465 enrolled. This means that about 1/3 of Franklin's students take College Board certified coursework in English, Literature, Math, Science, History, and Foreign Language, 16 courses in all. Some of the courses offer college credit, they are that rigorous. The very fact that Franklin is able to offer these courses speaks volumes about faculty quality, as well.

Franklin has established a partnership with Reed College, to provide paid students who tutor and mentor Franklin kids during a two hour after school program, which includes access to a computer lab.

It wasn't always like this. In the mid-2000's, Franklin was commonly described as a "ghetto" school. Congress passed No Child Left Behind (NCLB) in 2001, which promised that 100% of U.S. children would be able to read, write and compute on grade level by 2014. Before long it became clear that this would not happen. Like so many other schools, by 2008-09, Franklin was graduating barely 60% and PPS, barely 50%.

One mindset in the broader educational community was to "dumb-down" the curriculum and lower standards, so more students would

be seen as competent.

At Franklin, teachers Susan Bartley and Pamela Garrett, backed by Principal Shay James, had a different idea. They determined that challenging coursework was the path to student success. However, NCLB was about supporting disadvantaged students, so that almost all funding for gifted education had been cut. How would they fund the program? PPS declined. They would have to cobble together their own funding, through grants from outside sources: a substantial Gates Grant (now expired,) two National Education Assoc. teachers' union grants, more from Nike School Innovation, FHS PTSA and FHSAA chipped in thousands and another grant came from On Point Credit Union. How would they buy textbooks? To save money, they went online and bought used textbooks one or two at a time from used book stores in distant cities and had them mailed to the school. Initially, enrollment was slow, but the brave 88 students who enrolled first, came to realize they could manage the rigor and be successful. They told their friends and enrollment grew year over year. It became "cool" to be in the Advanced Scholar program and still more kids enrolled. During the 2009-10 school year, Franklin's graduation rate rose to 68% and the next year jumped up to 80% (about 20 points higher than the District average.) By 2012-13 Franklin was graduating 85%, even as the State of Oregon was ranked a lowly 49th out of 50 states. Franklin's graduation rate for school year 2013-2014 was 86%. This is not a misprint; it really is 86%!

PPS has now recognized the success of Advanced Scholar and has not only budgeted funding the program, but also decided to export it to two other Portland high schools. Franklin is now the model school, the school known for academic excellence.

Want other proof of superior academic achievement at Franklin? See the related article about the Constitution Law team. Actually, its teams, plural. Since they had so much interest and expertise, Franklin had to form two teams, the only school in the state fielding two teams. Go Quakers!

by Bev EntriKin

Ben's Birthday Celebrated

Benjamin Franklin was born in Boston, Mass. on January 17, 1706. For the last nine years we have honored his memory with a birthday celebration at Franklin. This year on January 16th, the Alumni Association provided a Birthday Breakfast for teachers and staff before school. Pastries, fruit, coffee, and juice were served. The celebration was enjoyed by all and the staff was most appreciative.

Save the Date

Celebrating Franklin High School
Saturday, May 16 – Multiple Events
11:00 am - Noon, Auditorium: Program
entailing the history of Franklin and the
"Future Franklin High School," sponsored by
the Alumni Association. There will be Special
Guests, entertainment and the Honorable
"Order of the Kite" awards will be presented.
Noon - 1:00 pm: Portland Public
Schools is hosting a special event in
the court yard with special guests and
the "Ground Breaking Ceremony" for
the new Franklin of the next 100 years.
1:00 - 3:00 pm: Open House including tours,
special displays of the past and the future.
Cake and coffee will be served.

There will be food for purchase available
in the court yard.

Spread the word and come and celebrate
our wonderful "Franklin High School"!

FHS Alumni Contributions

July, 2014 through February, 2015

Alumni Post Newsletter

Eloise (Taylor) Fancher`39
Phyllis (Barbour) McKean`40
Don Driscoll`46
Patricia (Dixon) Elliott`47
George Fulton`47
Goody Gudmundsen`47
Mary (Simons) Brown`48
Jeanette (Houf) Moscaret`48
Mervin Peters`48
Helen (Bannon) Smith`48
Fred Mallett`49
Dick Bestone`50
Jean (Blumenschein) Klopfenstein`50
Duane Smith`50
Pat (Doran) Lengvenis`51
Joan (O`Dell) Gordon`51
Barbara (Fryou) Jacques`52
Vivian (Dodge) Betts`53
Dick Nishimoto`53
Carol (Summerhalder) Blair`54
Mike Kemp`54
Ron Kinsfather`55
Ron McGraw`55
Fred and Linda (Howard) Gehring`56
Roger Hughes`57
Janice (Hadley) Baber`59
Lynn and Alice (Ellingson) Hewitt`59
Dianne (Dole) Howard`60
Andi (Berglund) Sandstrom`60
Joyce (Adams) Abraham`61
Gwen (Jacoby) Hauser`61
Jean Wu`62
Jerry Allen Roper-Witt`63
Brian Black`64
Susan (Robinson) Cook`64
Linda (Stradley)Hoard`67
Richard Louie`67
Phyllis (Nylander) McGarry`67
Donna (Winquist) Duvall`69
Pat Swenson`69
Laurie (Gibson) Curry`72
Mark Sprando`74
William Eng`75
Jane Martin-Shelton`77

1930's

Ruth (Marsh) Weigel`36
Dolores (Muench) Hoyt`38
Marcia (Kleinschmidt) Todd`38
Seth Young`39

1940's

Betty Lu (Nixon) Anderson`41
Bob Churchill`41
Bob Lawrence`41
Wendy Wendland`41
Loren Arnett`42
Louise (Eadus) Braun`42
John Hamson`42
Howard Baldwin`43
Yvonne (Wheeler) Cauthorn`43
John Jones`43
Crystal (Kolstad) Lockyear`44
Beryl (Howard) Smith`44
Don C. Wilson`45
Beverly (Block) Boyd`46
John Hyder`46
Gerry`46 and Margaret`47 (Rohrer) Kemper
David Cowan`47
George Fulton`47
John Howe`47
Beverly (Christenson) Makinster`47
Leo Bottaini`48
Margaret (Kaady) Joseph`48
Gordon Makinster`48
Connie (Felmley) Ottoboni`48
Kay (McKenna) Paighta`48
Richard Scales`48
Aletha (Emanuel) Chavis`49
Don Davis`49
Don Deuchar`49
Nancy Grover`49
Ray Lambert`49
Fred Mallett`49
Frank Riebe`49
Joyce (Russell) Swall`49
William Yoes`49

1950's

Richard Gay`50
Joyce (Ameele) Hovis`50
Joan (Hobart) McPherson`50
Doris (McNeil) Shideler`50

Al Simpson`50
Roscoe Williams`50
Ken Berg`51
George Bracke`51
Don Clark`51
Coral (Ramsey) Falk`51
Joan (Burnett) Lent`51
Elizabeth (Dieter)Lucchesi`51
Dorothy (Politte) Mejdell`51
Jeanne (Cloak) Parsons`51
Beulah (Hustead) Schuldt`51
Don Wickstrand`51
Jim Belmore`52
Dr. Norman Billups`52
Dawn Boynton`52
Doris (Munce) Cameron-Minard`52
Deloris (Metzger) Dobler`52
Norma (Adams) Evans`52
Richard Huber`52
Barbara (Fryou) Jacques`52
Stu Johnson`52
Corene (Akerly) Serres`52
Dale`53 and Bonnie (Wilson) Cawley`58
Norma (Bradley) Harris`53
Jerry L. Jones`53
Doris (Holden) Knight`53
Ron Locken`53
Walt Naze`53
Dick Nishimoto`53
Mary Lou Prosser`53
Carol (Frisch) Rice`53
Shirley (Peterson) Roach`53
Jack and Barbara (Shaw) Roberts`53
Anne Warren`53
Rich and Joyce (Stroud) Gago`54
Mike Kemp`54
Jolene (Phelps) Bean`55
Howard`55 and Jean (Thomas) Bingham`56
Ken Griffin`55
Marilyn (Pettichord) Grimshaw`55
Caroline (Prince) Moore`55
Bernadine (Moore) Petree`55
Sue (Bracke) Raxter`55
Janet (Nelson) Reimers`55
G. Fred Roentz`55
Carolyn (Allison) Baker`56
Jerry Briggs`56
Douglas Daniels`56
John Holcomb`56
Patricia (Grimes) Lewis`56
Joanne (Papasadero) McIntyre`56
David Pubols`56
Leona (Kinney) Valentine`56
Norma (Swartz) Bowe`57
Barbara (Durant) Duran`57
Carol Hedwall`57
Dorene (Black) O`Brien`57
Emma (Page) Peterson`57
Eric and Beverly (Bardsley) Baltzell`58
Jerry Johnson`58
Barbara Ann (Bergstrom) Richenstein`58
Albert Whittlesey`58
Janice (Hadley) Baber`59
Jim Gallucci`59
Lynn and Alice (Ellingson) Hewitt`59
Karen (Henning) Hominda`59
Lendamai (Nelson) Poole`59
John`60 and Judy (Pollard) Reichlein`59
James Smith`59

1960's

James and Julia (Comstock) Ball`60
Wayne Bell`60
Tom Black`60
David Lewis`60
Lorie (Dose`) Lind`60
Andi (Berglund) Sandstrom`60
Joyce (Adams) Abraham`61
Jerry Brown`61
Richard Hill`61
Chrissy (McLennan) Kapsa`61
Buzz Lindahl`61
Roger Newell`61
David Spire`61
Larry Walter`61
Margaret (Rust) Weil`61
Elaine (Johnson) Griffith`62
Robbin Henderson`62
Judy (McAllister) Orem`62
John Salmon`62
Ted Venneri`62
Gene Gamble`63
Penelope (Jennings) O`Connell`63
John and Judy (Taylor) Temple`63

Dan Zielsdorf`63
Gary Burke`64
Pat (Elder) Fields`64
Karen (Charles) Harrison`64
Carolyn (Green) Hurst`64
Judy (Larson) Kelly`64
Michael Walsh`64
Dan Wolford`64
David Decker`65
Lee Ann (Van Auken) Henle`65
Gordon Hillesland`65
Bonne(Livesay)Karim`65
Diane (Brokenshire) Welch, `65
Donna (Chambers) Kalbrener`66
Marguerite Kristensen`66
Art Lushenko`66
Steve Savage`66
James Schrader`66
Williams Jeanette (Lorenzini)`66
Ivan Wong`66
Jim Aalberg`67
Willie Grace`67
Nita (Riddle) Olenlager`67
Richard Louie`67
Barbara Pierce`67
Susan (Brolliar) LaTourette`69
Lynn (Jewell) Loders`69
Jennifer Nelson`69

1970's

Eileen (Konetsky) Wilson`70
Greg DiLoreto`71
Sherry (Langdon) Pyle`71
John George`72
Julie D`Ambrosia`73
Kevin`74 and Sandra (Barnes) Williams`76
Dan Peterson`75
Barbara (Bills) Scharf`75
Cheryl (Garrett) Calcagno`76
Dr. Christopher Gorsek`76
Sally (Chow) Lee`77

S.A.F.E. 67 FUND

Terrie Bollinger`67
Don Driscoll`46
\$200.00 and over
Bob Lawrence`41
Joyce (Ameele) Hovis`50
Corene (Akerly) Serres`52
Mary Lou (Wiggins) Prosser`53
John Holcomb`56
Emma (Page) Peterson`57
Lynn and Alice (Ellingson) Hewitt`59
\$300.00 and over
Garry Lee`65
\$400.00 and over
Roscoe Williams`50
\$500.00 and over
Yvonne (Wheeler) Cauthorn`43
Connie (Dignan) Gainer`47
Evelyn (Carstensen) Robinson`48
Stu Johnson`52
Bill Gander`66
Terrie Bollinger`67
\$600.00 and over
Standard Appliance Inc.
\$1,000.00 and over
Ron Locken`53
\$2,000.00 and over
Leroy Cox`48

KEITH PRESKEY FUND

In Memory of Keith Preskey`52
Donald Manthey`41
Arthur Rupert`52
Sharon (Taylor) McDonald`64
May Fete/Rose Festival Fund
Betty Lu (Nixon) Anderson`41
Shirley (VanDerford) Smith`50
Janet (Nelson) Reimers`55
Gail (Weyand) Tester`63
Steve Kolb`64
Memorabelia Donations
Nancy Grover`49

In Memory Of:

James G. Tice`32 from Nancy Anne Tice`64
Lewis Isaac`34 from Denise (Tourville)
Isaac`65
Robert Booth`40 from Phyllis (Barbour)
McKean`40
Bob Grove`41 from Jack Sampson`42
John Reichlein`41 from Diane (Reichlein)
Schlack`61

Muriel Meehan`42 from Betty (Steffy)
Wiesinger`41
Norma (Armes) Fsher`43 from Barbara
(Armes) Scorcio`53
Eldora (Green) James`43 from Theresa
Wise`43
Lou Scrivens`47 from Jack Scrivens`52
Lou Scrivens`47 from Connie (Dignan)
Gainer`47
Nancy (Nelson) Fahey`47 from Gerry
(Wachob) Brosy`47
Madeline (Roth) Benner`48 from Evelyn
(Peterson) Nordeen`48
Jim Houf`48 from Jeanette (Houf) Moscaret`48
Bill Scrivens`48 from Jack Scrivens`52
Carlton Stalzneer`47 from Gordon Makinster`48
Dick Peterson`48 from Gerry Eglan`48
Alvin Gifford Roberts`49 from Barbara
(Evonchuck) Cyrus`50
Kay Don Booth`50 from Shirley (VanDerford)
Smith`50
Frank Krause`50 from Mal and Vi Watt`50
Jane (Fish) Copenhagen`52 from Curt
Copenhagen`49
Marlene Hanna`50 from Alice Joyce (Brown)
Doumitt`50
Bill Huntley`50 from Marie Wuerch`52
Bill Huntley`50 from Shirley (VanDerford)
Smith`59
Mary Purple`50 from Jean (Blumenschein)
Klopfenstein`50
George Pezel`51 (Jefferson HS grad) from
JoAnne (Peck) Franklin`51
Jerry Isaacs`52-Jack Larson`52-John
Meyers`52 from Stu Johnson`52
Burl Mattson`52 from Stu Johnson`52
David Peterson`52 from Evelyn (Peterson)
Nordeen`48
Shirley (Amos) Santell`53 from Mary Lou
(Wiggins) Prosser`53
Sue (Carlson) Balme`54 from Ron`51 and
Gerry`54 (Lance) Carlson
Patricia (Akerly) Twombly`54 from Corene
(Akerly) Serres`52
David Ogdahl`55 from Bob and Annette
(Atkinson) Hunt`55
Dave Ogdahl`55 from Timothy Norton`55
Delores Davis`56 from Judy (Smith)
Dingeldine`56
Jim Nerison`56 from Doug`56 and Karen
(Peterson) Sivesind`57
Fred Noble`56 from Robert and Betty
Banford`56
Jerry Petrie`56 from Roger`50 and Darlene
(Petrie)`51 Stafford
Jerry Petrie`56 from Robert and Betty
Banford`56
Violet (Gard) Tiniakos`56 from Ed`52 and
Beverly (Brickwelder) White`56
Eddie Nelson`57 from Don Philpott`57
Jerry Adams`58 from Bud Founts`61
Linda (Goedeck) Allen`59 from Larry
Goedeck`61
Louis Kaech`59 from Mary (Tosi) Moran`61
Richard Gordon`60 from Scotty Olson`60
Wayne Allen Brown`61 from Michael
Downing`61
Val Doht`61 from Michael`61 and Pat
(Bloomfield) Adams`62
Linda Mae (Tash) Farr`61 from Ed Morgan`61
Steve Perrin`61 from Jeff Bray`61
Don Ivy`62 from Sally (Green) Braich`62
Cheryl Fugle`63 from Bette (Began) Bosch`63
Shirley (Hill) Tenerelli`63 from Gail (Weyand)
Tester`63
Kathleen (McNerney)Kolb`65 from Steve
Kolb`6
Kathy (McNerney) Kolb`65 from Karen (Kolb)
Rudin`62
Kathy (McNerney)Kolb`65 from Janet (Kolb)
Lorenz`69
Bruce Miller`66 from Bill Gander`66
Ron Lewis`68 from Greg Wolleck`69
Craig Dieterich`69 from Steve Jackson`69
Patty (Sudlow) Ragnone`72 from Sandi
(Wickham) Foltz`71
Craig Lindley`77 from Bonnae (Helber)
Hooff`47
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Ms. Dana Small teacher from Roberta
(Stanbery) Henderson`62
Ms. Dana Small teacher from Don Driscoll`46

Franklin Alumni Association Comes Through Again!

By Steve Matthews '70
School Business Manager

This year, Franklin students benefited from several generous gifts from the Alumni Association that helped support academic programs, school events, and students in need.

Because of the Alumni Association, Franklin was able to provide several Advanced Placement textbooks for classes that use materials not yet adopted by, nor paid for, through the District. This year we were able to purchase Math, Physics, Language Arts, Russian, and History books that allowed students the ability to check

out the book for the semester. The Franklin Alumni Association provided nearly \$3,000 to pay for these added textbooks. The school is proud to offer such a variety of AP courses, more than any other high school in the Portland Public Schools system.

Franklin's May Fete and the Rose Festival events continue to be focal points of the year. We are blessed to have the support of the Alumni Association who have committed to support the events, year after year. Both of these traditions have been long-standing events that create memories for students for years to come. A couple years ago, I received a check in the mail for \$500.00 from an alumnus, specifically for support of May

Fete. I called to thank him and he told me of his fond memory. He was crowned King of May Fete and his future wife, Queen. He was pleased to announce they are still a happy couple, many years later.

One of the most important funds created by the Alumni Association is the SAFE Fund, sponsored by the Class of 1967. This fund is used exclusively for the support of students in need. We have been able to provide students who have a variety of needs, e.g., lacking clothes, food, school supplies, or other personal needs. In addition, we have been able to support students who wish to participate in activities they can't afford, such as: field trips, winter formal, prom,

AP test fees, and extra-curricular school activities. Because of this fund, students are able to enjoy some of the same experiences our more economically fortunate students enjoy.

Franklin High is blessed to have such a committed and involved Alumni Association. In addition to the Association's support, we are fortunate to receive many donations directly from alum. When we are in need, we can always count on our alums and Alumni Association to assist us. Your support is a major reason Franklin is such a loved and respected educational institution.

Dear Classmates during the 1960's

My class of 1967 was much the same as the other classes in that we were involved with ourselves and our immediate needs, as well as feeling the pressures to think about the future. Getting through with a diploma was our first command. Getting a grip on our selves, was our major concern. How could we possibly understand the workings of the world out of our reach?

The focus of high school years is to find a career one can reach for and attain, and students need opportunity to extend beyond the limited budgets. Time brings about a change: we all know how the world has become more immediately available, with greater influence. We have to accept that change happens earlier and quicker than when we were young.

To be sure, there are more and more opportunities in our country, to pursue a career, find oneself, and continue one's heritage. Sadly, many people slip through the cracks, or go down other paths - some to destruction. We may be able to help the current FHS students, by contributing in some small way, to making the path more controllable.

Through the Franklin High School Alumni Association, which is celebrating our 10th year, we can be a small, but very important, part of the current high school experience. Our Mission: "To establish ongoing alumni

interest in and financial support for the pursuit of educational excellence at Franklin High School." We are the connectors between the past to the present and the future.

Losing our connection between then and now could be serious if we don't keep the fires burning and the drums rolling. Through the alumni association, we make time to get together in support of FHS, share information, acknowledge challenges and changes, and plan for the future that is not just our future. This time, it's the future we hold in our hands and pass on to those younger than us, still in school with their choices ahead of them.

Consider that you can be a part of things happening at FHS through opportunities to contribute to their immediate needs to learn and grow. The students need our support, our financial donations, and our encouragement through faith in them.

This letter is a direct invitation for you, any former FHS student, to be part of FHS through the Franklin High School Alumni Association. Register via the form included in this edition of the Post, on our website www.franklinhighalumni.org/, via email, telephone, or in person at a monthly meeting.

Thank you and God Bless you,
April (Whitley) Avery, '67

In Memoriam-Robert Deiz

Robert Deiz, FHS '37 and Carl Deiz FHS '38 were both part of the famed Tuskegee Airmen, the first and only all black Air Force Fighter Group during World War II. The brothers are honored as members of the "Greatest Generation." Carl Deiz returned to Portland following his service in the USAF. Upon re-entering the University of Portland, he majored in business. After receiving his bachelor's degree, Carl was employed by the U.S. Department of Interior where he worked for the Bonneville Power Administration as a small business specialist until his retirement in 1987. Mr. Deiz married Mercedes Deiz in 1949. There are three children from this marriage: Karen, Gilbert and Bill. Many will remember Mercedes Deiz, a long serving Circuit Court Judge in Multnomah County. Mercedes is deceased. Following retirement Carl indicated he had his hands full shepherding seven grandchildren to school and school related activities while their parents worked. Six of the grandchildren attended college. Mr Deiz was a parishioner at St. Phillips Episcopal Church. Among the congregation are two former Franklin High School principals; Opal Chancellor Moore and Nathan Jones. Carl Deiz was a recipient of the Order of the Kite 2012. He passed away Dec 1, 2014.

Excerpt from an earlier Franklin Alumni Post Article.

Poet's Corner

"Make Me a Franklinité Just for Tonight"
Backward, turn backward O time in your flight,
Make me a Franklinité just for tonight."
How often in the happy days to come
Will you repeat those words of magical beauty?
How often will you sit by your fireside
And dream of high school's golden days?
Dream of those who were your schoolmates,
your classmates, and those who were your guides?
Ah, what priceless times were those,
times of work and times of play,
Times you would not change for gold.

As you sit my your fireside dreaming of the Past,
Perhaps across your vision of dreams will float
The picture of dear old Franklin . . . Franklin. Ah!
What that name means to those who have
struggled to bring her glory.
Franklin - where you and I made our gain
To take our stand in the world.
May those who follow us raise her name in

triumph,
Hail to dear old Franklin! Hail!

Perhaps again as you dreamily gaze into the
glowing coals,
There will appear the images of your school mates
and intimate friends;
Friends in your studies and friends in your sport.
Where will they be as you reflect dreamily on
those
priceless bygone high school days?
God only knows.
Perhaps they will be scattered over the entire earth
Doing good, unselfish work.
But wherever you and I may be, tho' seas and
lands
separate us,
May you never forget your lifelong friend and
schoolmate
Who wishes you the best of luck through life.

*Free verse poem by Kathryn (Pasko) Grover,
Class of '29,
submitted by daughter Nancy Grover, Class of
'49.*

Dear Classes of 1970 – 1979

As of last count, we have 58 members of the Alumni Association from "Our" decade. I would guess based on my class of 1975, having about 350 graduates, that there are approximately 3,500 classmates who walked the hallowed halls of Franklin from 1970 through 1979. Based on that loosely calculated number, less than 2% of our classmates are members of the Franklin High School Alumni Association.

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Sincerely,
Pam Knuth, class of 75'

In Memoriam-Marie Rogndahl Peake

Marie (Rogndahl) Peake, was born on September 5, 1923 near Wolf Point, Montana to Norwegian immigrant parents, Inga (Berg) and John Rogndahl. The family moved to Portland, Oregon when she was 1 year old. Marie was the youngest of 5 children and, although both her father and one brother died when she was a young girl, the remaining family stayed incredibly close throughout their lives.

She went to Franklin High School where she began to sing and her voice was first noted and encouraged. She then attended University of Oregon where she studied under Sigurd Nilssen, an internationally known opera baritone. It was he who entered her in the nationwide General Electric "Undiscovered Voice of America" contest in 1944. With almost 10,000 young women competing, Marie won first place! NBC Radio then brought her to New York, and she became the soloist for their nationwide "Hour of Charm" program. This lasted 13 weeks throughout the summer of 1944, after which Marie returned to U of O to complete her final year and received her music degree.

When she returned to New York in 1945, she pursued advanced vocal training in opera and language studies. She became a staff artist at NBC, where she sang on several programs such as The Celanese Hour, Let's go to the Opera, Lucky Stars, and Serenade to America, all with the NBC Symphony. She sang with such opera legends as Jan Peerce, Robert Weede, and Lawrence Tibbett. She toured throughout the United States and Canada, singing with the Cleveland Symphony, New York Philharmonic, and Indiana Symphony. In 1949 she was a finalist in the New York Metropolitan Opera and was awarded a contract to appear on television. On one of her tours she sang at the White House and met President Truman and his wife.

During this period, while on a visit home to Oregon, she met Don Peake, and they commenced a long distance relationship. They were married in 1946, and Marie continued singing in New York (with frequent trips home) until 1951, when she moved back to Portland for good. They had 4 children and Marie was a devoted

mother. She sewed clothes for her girls, was a Camp Fire leader, a fabulous cook, and she provided each of the 4 children with both piano and a second instrument lessons.

And all the while she continued singing. Marie's voice was a true coloratura, spanning both lyric and dramatic repertoire. She sang in English, Italian, French, Spanish, German and Norwegian. She regularly appeared as leading soprano with the Portland Symphony, Portland Junior Symphony, and with the Portland Opera and the Oregon Opera. Marie also sang with various chamber music trios and quartets, and participated with some of them in the Young Audiences programs, in which they went to Portland schools, giving introductory talks on various aspects of music followed by a short performance. She gave many recitals between Seattle and Los Angeles, and was a soloist for many years at First Presbyterian and Rose City Presbyterian churches in Portland. Marie taught voice at PSU, University of Portland, Lewis & Clark College and Reed College as well as privately in her own home. She became a sought after adjudicator for voice scholarships and contests throughout the Northwest.

Marie and Don were married for 62+ years during which they traveled a lot and came to have friends all over the country. Starting with their honeymoon, they loved going to the beach, especially Neskowin, Oregon, and this became a treasured family tradition. They had the same large comfortable home in NE Portland for 51 years where they had family holiday gatherings, church group meetings, musical recitals, Blue Bird groups, and where Marie sang throughout her daily routines and frequently practiced with her lifelong friend and accompanist Sylvia Killman. Don and Marie moved to Holladay Park Plaza in January 2002, where they lived among many friends and acquaintances until Don died in 2009 and Marie on November 5, 2014. Her passing was peaceful, surrounded by her loving family.

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60's Classes Hold Annual Mini-reunions

Beginning in 1987, Class of '64 classmates have been meeting annually for mini-reunions. Organizer Claudette (Ebi) Naylor (who teams with Cheryl (Croft) Bennett,) says this was before the advent of the Internet, so they called around (rotary dial or push-button?), and found a dozen old friends to come meet at Salty's. The next year they came out again, this time to Chart House and they have gathered every year since. Soon friends of '64 classmates were coming, especially alumni from Class of '61 and '65.

In 1991 they tried the Buffalo Gap over on Macadam, returning for several years before exploring other venues. In 2003, B-Gap's owner Troy Itami graciously offered organizers the use of the second floor, where they have met ever since on Dec 26th. (Note the Franklin connection - Troy is a relative of the Itami family who have served Franklin families and greater SE Portland for a century with their business Kern Park Floral over on Holgate.)

This past Dec 26, about 60 classmates from '61 - '66 met at Buffalo Gap from 11:30 to 3:00pm to see old friends and catch up. Were you there? If you're a classmate from the 60's, mark your 2015 calendar now as a reminder to be there next December.

See related photos.



Franklin High School Alumni Association History

by Pam Knuth, '75

IN THE BEGINNING: The day was February 19, 2005. I had been asked by Joyce Stroud Gago to attend a meeting that would discuss formation of an alumni association. I showed up to Franklin to join in the discussion. Upon arriving I met Mal Watt (50') and his wife Vi Watt, Janette Entrikin Sprando (51'), Ken Aubin (50'), Joyce Stroud Gago (54'), Mary Lout Wiggins Prosser (53'), Connie Felmley Ottoboni (48'), and Shirely Patrick Watkins (49'). Per the minutes from this first meeting, I was asked to chair the meeting and then I agreed to act as President, WHAT! Other officers were Vice President, Mal Watt; Secretary, Janette Sprando and Historian Ken Aubin. This very day we made our mind up to hold an FHS All Class Reunion Open House to be held on Saturday, May 21, 2005 on the school grounds. No holding back for us! Our next meeting would be held on March 18, 2005. We held the open house in May that year and we figured we had about 300 in attendance. At the time of the mailing of our first FHSAA Newsletter (August 2005), which was 1 page front and back on legal sized paper, we had an "official" 76 members in the alumni association. Our purpose is to "engage in activities which advance educational opportunities for the students of Franklin High School and which prepares them to be contributing and responsible members of society". To this end, "IF IT'S FOR FRANKLIN, WE'RE ALL FOR IT", a saying coined in 37-38 and we have adopted as our motto. This first year we adopted By Laws and Articles of Incorporation in order to become an IRS 501c3 corporation. We established a hot line for calling to leave messages that may be

of interest and an email address for the same purpose; both of which are still in existence. 2005 was a very busy inaugural year for a small group of people determined to make this dream come true. Through the years, with an increase of membership and donations beyond our wildest dreams, the alumni association has raised enough money to replace the 50 year old choir robes, raise funds for the Endowment Fund, fill wish lists for teachers and coaches, had ongoing golf tournaments; challenging CHS every year for the C-F Cup. Scholarships have been established. Ben Franklin's birthday is celebrated every year with a light breakfast for the staff every January. We created a web site; initially through a generous donation from a 1970 grad, held plant sales to boost general funds for the association, sponsored grounds cleanups multiple times, brought back memories of stories from the past in our Alumni Post; which is now sent out to approximately 10,000 alumni, twice a year.

In 2010 we started a tradition of holding an Alumni Membership Luncheon, in which we have had wonderful speakers and a great turnout to share memories. In 2011, not only did we hold the membership luncheon but we added the FHSAA Distinguished Alum Citation "The Order of the Kite" award. This award is presented to people that are nominated by a fellow grad and the criteria for selection is: Service to ones profession or to ones community. No more than 3 citations are granted in any year. In the past 4 years there have been some outstanding recipients. The alumni association began celebration of the 100 Years of Franklin High School in September, 2013 with a wonderful celebration, football game (which Franklin won) and a bon fire and live music and officially culminated

the 100 year celebration in June 2014 with a Grand Banquet at the Jantzen Beach Red Lion. The turnout was wonderful, the food was fabulous, the entertainment was enjoyed by all. Personally, I can sum up the past ten years of the Franklin High School Alumni Association as an outstanding series of

wonderful accomplishments that have led us to where we are today. Strong, growing, successful and enduring! As thousands of students have passed through the doors of our beloved Franklin High School; thousands more will in the future. Cheers to the next 100 years!!!

Happy 100th Birthday Mr. Rachio

by Ginny Watt

Readers of the Alumni Post know that Franklin celebrated its' 100th birthday in 2014. Another important member of the Franklin High School family, Dario Rachio, celebrated his 100th birthday on November 10, 2014. Mr. Rachio was a science teacher at Franklin from 1945 to 1980, joining the faculty after serving in the Navy during World War II. He actually wore his uniform the first few days of teaching, since he hadn't yet acquired a civilian suit of clothes. Mr. Rachio gathered with family, friends and former faculty and students in the school's Media Center on a sunny, crisp November afternoon for a birthday party. Mr. Rachio was welcomed by FHSAA Vice-President Garry Lee and Principal Juanita Velder. The highlight of the afternoon were remarks by the guest of honor, Mr. Rachio, who shared the secret to living to 100. It is a formula of jogging, playing tennis, growing tomatoes and dancing. Cake and coffee was provided by the FHSAA and a beautiful fall flower arrangement was donated by Standard TV and Appliance. Thank you to everyone who attended and cheers to Mr. Rachio who remains forever young.



Catching Up With Quakers

An occasional column of the Alumni Post featuring news about Franklin alums.

By Raina (Beavers) Evans, Class of 1985

In June, 2015 Raina Evans (Beavers) will celebrate 30 years since graduating from Franklin High. During this time she has combined a variety of skills, talents and interests into a multi-profession career; very similar to her multi-activity career at Franklin. The list includes being a talk show host, program manager, educator, public relations director, motivational speaker, entrepreneur, and skin care developer. Education has always been a big part of her life. After graduating from Franklin, Raina attended the University of Oregon while serving her year as Rose Festival Queen. In 1994 she completed her Bachelor of Science degree in Communications at Portland State University. Years later she returned to the Oregon campus as an adjunct professor. She currently owns



Ready to Rent, a rental housing education curriculum used throughout North America. She also teaches homeownership and financial education for the Portland Housing Center. Most of Raina's career involves professional and volunteer work with non-profit organizations, state and local governments, and educational institutions. Some of them include Self Enhancement, Inc., Portland Rose Festival, Multnomah County, Puget Sound Education Service District, Wake County in North Carolina, the County of Hawaii, Alaska Department of Corrections, United Way, and Portland Public Schools. Early in her career, she produced and hosted Northeast Spectrum--Oregon's only television program addressing issues in the African American community and other communities of color. In 2009, her over-achiever nature found her creating natural skin care products to help the effects

of her husband's chemotherapy treatment. Today her company R. Lee's Skin By Nature has created some of the most unique all-natural products on the market. Though Raina enjoys her work, her most gratifying time is spent with her family. She lives in Beaverton with her husband Tim. Together they have raised three children and are now enjoying their new granddaughter Evelyn. She is very involved in her church and loves to cook foods from all over the world. "I can't imagine what my life would be like today if it were not for my high school experience at Franklin," she says. "Some of my most valuable life lessons were learned there and I've continued to draw from them over the past 30 years."

We would love to hear from Quaker alums about what they have been up to since graduating from Franklin High School. Send the Alumni Post a brief paragraph for inclusion in the "Catching Up With Quakers" column. Mail to FHSAA, P.O. Box 86040, Portland, OR 97286 or email info@franklinhighalumni.org with Catching Up With Quakers in the Subject line.

Franklin Constitution Law Team Finishes 5th at State Tournament

By Stevie Mare, FHS Post Reporter

The Franklin Maroon constitution team competed on Saturday, January 17 at the We the People state competition held at the Mark O. Hatfield Federal Courthouse in downtown Portland. Each unit participated in two mock congressional hearings before volunteer judges. Franklin placed fifth of the six teams that made it to state, with Grant taking first and advancing to the national competition, and Lincoln taking second.

Though the team was disappointed that they did not place as high as expected, most were glad to have made it as far as they did.

"I think I speak for all of us when I say we were just happy to have gotten the experience," said Grayson Perez (12), a member of Unit 1, which focuses on the philosophical foundations of the American political system. "We are all happy that we do not have to... work for three more months, but we all wish we had gotten a little bit farther."

In an early survey taken in the class, the majority of Franklin AP Government students preferred that the team be split into JV and varsity. However, most of the students also assumed that they would be varsity competitors, so the decision was made to make the two teams equal. Some Franklin competitors wished that the team had been more selective and competitive, rather than emphasizing inclusiveness. At Grant and Lincoln, the only two schools to have won the Oregon State Competition



since its inception in 1987, students must apply for the team, and 36 students are selected based on their essays, interviews, commitment, and academic standing. This process has produced some high achieving teams; Lincoln won the national title in 2012 and 2014, and Grant won in 2013.

Competing at the State level, however, is nothing to be scoffed at. Franklin's team placed third at the state competition last year, which was the highest Franklin had placed since it began sending teams to the competition in 2004. Students face esteemed judges, many of whom are actual judges, elected officials, attorneys, or other prominent figures. Justice Tom Balmer told Franklin's Unit 1, "In ten years, when you are all leaders in this community, I hope you tell your friends, 'You know what, I held my own against the Chief Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court.'" Other judges heaped praise

upon Franklin students.

"I thought the complexity and the nuances of your arguments and your answers were really very impressive," said Steve Bass, President and CEO of Oregon Public Broadcasting, to Unit 4.

Much of the students' knowledge and confidence needed for potential future careers in law or politics comes from taking Portia Hall's AP Government class and participating in the We the People competition. Hall said, "This class prepares people for college and so many other things in life better than any other." Regardless of advancement to State or Nationals, those who participated in the competition will be celebrating their achievement in a program that has fostered professionalism, self-confidence, and a deep understanding of American citizenship.

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Raschio Receives Missing WWII Medals

by Garry Lee

100 year old WWII Veteran Dario Raschio was honored at the Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR) town hall, held on Saturday, January 4th at Portland Community College campus on SE 82nd and Division. Raschio was to receive Navy service medals somehow overlooked after his discharge in 1945.

The town hall was initially delayed for 15 minutes as about 100 demonstrators, chanting police brutality slogans, pushed into the hall. Sen. Wyden was able to persuade them to quiet down and the award ceremony began. As the medals were presented to the elderly Veteran, chanting began again, this time about ending the war in Iraq and bringing home the troops.

Raschio took the mic and implored the

crowd, "Give me a chance," which drew friendly chuckles. Next he suggested that the protestors, "have some respect for these proceedings," which was applauded by the audience. With relative quiet in the hall, he was then able to complete his acceptance on behalf of all Americans who lost their lives during WWII, "... the real heroes." At the close of his remarks, protestors again began chanting and the town hall was eventually cancelled.

At the rank of Lieutenant, Raschio served five tours of duty in the Pacific theater. The surveillance plane he piloted was shot down over open water. He and a crew member floated for hours, expecting to die before



rescue by a naval ship who happened by.

Mr. Raschio, a career science teacher at nearby Franklin High School, was hired by Portland Public Schools soon after his discharge and actually wore his Navy uniform in the classroom for several days until he was able to buy a civilian suit of clothes.

Order of the Kite Recipients

by Garry Lee

The "Order of the Kite" award is Franklin's way of recognizing and honoring alumni who go on to distinguish themselves in their chosen field or community following graduation. Order of the Kite recipients are then honored at a luncheon and with a plaque on display at the school as a Distinguished Alum.

The Order of the Kite is meant to recognize individuals who graduate, then go forward applying all they learned at Franklin for the betterment of the world around them. In this way, Order of the Kite recipients are models of a successful life for students still in school.

Honored May 2011

Claire (Snyder) Phillips, 1926. After husband was killed in a Japanese prison camp, Phillips became an American spy in the Philippines and World War II hero. Her experiences are recorded in the novel *Manila Espionage*.

Johnnie Ray, 1947 – pop singer. Famous for song "Little Cloud that Cried."

Douglas Engelbart, 1942 – Inventor of the computer mouse during the early 60's while at Stanford Research Institute. Stanford kept the patent.

Honored May 2012

John Hilsenteger, 1957 – Dedication to FHS and his accomplishments as a newspaper Sports Writer

Lucille (Cole) Davis, 1950 – Contributions to the Alumni Association

Carl Diez, 1938 – Member of the Tuskegee Airman, the all-black U.S. Army Air Corps aviators, pilots and ground crew, who fought in Europe during WWII, even though the U.S. military was still segregated at the time.

Honored May 2013

Howard (Hobby) Hobson, 1922 – Contributions to University of Oregon basketball. Coached the Oregon Webfoots, nicknamed the "Tall Firs," to win the first ever NCAA national basketball championship in 1939.

Justice Jack Landau, 1971 – Presiding Judge on the Oregon Court of Appeals
Pam Knuth, 1975 – Contributions to the Alumni Association

Honored June 2014

Joyce Gago, 1954 – Dedication to FHS and contributions to the Alumni Association
James Aalberg, 1967 – Donations and support of the Alumni Association



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“It’s All Relative”

by Stu Johnson

During most given periods in time, many, if not most things are relative to one another in certain ways. Economics is probably the best example. When the earning wage increases there’s no doubt that the prices for “goods” will also do the same; thus the infamous term “inflation.” Unfortunately relativity hasn’t been the case with Social Security. In the late forties and early fifties when I attended FHS my father, at the early age of 28 years old, passed away. My mother provided for two siblings and myself while working for Bedell’s, a women’s store in downtown Portland. Her hourly wage was 95¢ per hour. Granted the withholdings for taxes and Social Security were relatively less but it was still a tight, no fat budget to operate from. As many from that era will recall, most kids had paper routes with either the Oregon Journal or the Oregonian. Back then both newspapers were worth the prices of subscription at \$1.75 per month. Today’s cost is \$23.00 for delivery four days of the week or tack on an additional \$28.00 for all seven days of delivery and what you get is relatively inferior. Additionally most kids picked berries, hops, beans, peas and did other harvesting duties which by today’s child protective laws make it an impossibility to still do so. I can’t say we enjoyed doing these jobs, however, they gave us income, taught us many core values and it was sometimes actually fun. I can’t say for sure but as I recall our cars only got 10 to 12 miles per gallon. Even though gas at 22¢ per gallon sounds cheap by today’s standards it was frequently the practice to

collect money from all passengers to finance a short trip to such places as Roamer’s Rest, Carver or Wilsada Park. When you went to a service station in those days you actually got SERVICE; hence the very term. This was a very competitive business with many more vendors than exist today. There was the cleaning of both front and rear windows without asking and a request to check the oil and tire pressure as well. “Regal” stations that operated in Portland even vacuumed the front passengers floor mats, gave away glassware and other articles along with stamps that were redeemable for various other merchandise. It might not be much longer before we, in Oregon, will be pumping our own fuel. At the “Service Station”?? There’s no question that inflation has negatively touched us all in one way or another and graduates from earlier classes, who are now living on fixed incomes, are certainly affected. It’s not only fun but interesting to see the evolution that’s transpired before our very eyes. For many families, money to provide for the trendy high school fashions wasn’t always available and no doubt that situation still exists today. The present is still “relative” to the past. I admit to prejudice . . . prejudice in my belief that the period of time (1948-1952) I spent at Franklin High School was unquestionably the best of times. I know there are others who would refute that claim. If so, send your rebuttal to the FHS Alumni Post and get it published in our next edition. The Post currently gets mailed to about 10,000 alumni each issue, so I think the 50’s might get challenged on this one.

Being Smooth in ‘51

by Stu Johnson

Something to arouse your memories is a Post contribution from Al “Bud” Drake, Class of ‘53. The following excerpts are from an article that first appeared in the Good Guys Gazette titled “Being Smooth in 51”. Bud has written articles for this publication on a monthly basis for 16 years and was asked by a Hollywood movie wardrobe manager to give advice about popular high school fashions for a movie, set in 1951. In as much as he lived it, he responded to their request with the following:

“I remember how important clothes were when I entered high school; peer pressure was intense. We wanted to look neat: the narrow cuff, the perfect crease, the tapered leg, the high shine, the level crew cut. You had to be “smooth.” That was the operative word long before cool came into use. The cars we liked were low and leaded, smooth, as we could be. Pants had to be Levis (\$3) and not Lee or Wrangler or some other kind of jeans. A cotton T-shirt (\$.50) looked good but a terry-cloth T-shirt (\$.75), in white or several colors, looked even better. T-shirts were devoid of any graphics or writing, with the exception of boys’ high school social clubs. Cords were popular, but they had to be white. The preferred brand was Days (\$5). Days also made suntan pants (\$4) which had a shiny surface, unlike the suntans that one’s father might wear to work. I loved the long-sleeve dress shirts with muted thin stripes of lavender, purple or gray (\$2.50). They had a cut-away collar, and looked great with Levis, cords or suntans. The ultimate shirt was a Stradivari (\$9.95) or Strad, a heavy cotton shirt that came in many colors, like strawberry, chartreuse or lilac, and were so beautiful. A Strad had a distinctive pocket that curved downward at the inside edge. Guys with good jobs might have several Strads, but most of us had to settle for one. If you were lucky you had a cashmere sweater (\$15-\$20). My mother picked berries to buy me one. It was a natural light tan, had a V-neck and was terribly soft. I must have raised a fuss to get one because they were so expensive – utterly smooth. A popular brand of wool sweater was the Lord Jeff (\$10), which had a V-neck and came in a variety of colors. Shoes were an investment. When I began high school in 1949 all the boomer boys had English Brogues (\$14.95), which were sold in Portland only at the London Boot Shop. You immediately had them half-soled and a cleat inset in the heel. By now a guy might have \$20 in a pair of genuine English Brogues. My father, who had never paid more than \$5 for a pair of shoes, thought this was all nonsense, but he went along with it. Then you had to dye them. I applied two coats of Lincoln Supreme ox-blood leather dye and the next day I buffed them with a Stanley polishing cloth; then a coat of Van’s Luxury ox-blood wax. All this before I had even worn them.

Two shoes that were also popular were the Cordovan and the Brute (\$15 a pair). The Cordovan was totally smooth and took an incredibly high shine. The Brute had a design over part of the toe, so the shine was limited. In the spring of 1950 I bought a pair of saddles (\$9.95), a shoe popular with collegiate types since it had been introduced in June 1937. The shoe was white with a tan or black middle and had red rubber soles. The girls’ version had holes around the darker areas. But as with everything else you had to buy the “correct” version. I got mine from the Armishaw Shoe Store, which I think was the only store to sell saddle shoes with a light tan middle, called Smoked Elk. When they got dirty I cleaned them with carbon tetrachloride -now outlawed- and waxed them with saddle-soap. Both the white and tan parts took on a patina, and the shoes became even more beautiful. That spring I also bought a Hawaiian shirt (\$2.50), made of real silk, and a White Stag light-weight jacket (\$8). Wearing that shirt, jacket, saddle shoes and a pair of Levis, I ran all the way from my house in Lents to Mt. Scott Park, a distance of nearly two miles, and I felt so unencumbered, so smooth, so light, I might have had the hollow bones of a bird.”

Thank you, Bud, for your input and permission to share this story with Alumni Post readers. Along with writing articles for the Good Guys Gazette, Al “Bud” Drake is the author of books focusing on the 1950s, especially the history of hot rodding. His works include “Hot Rodder!: From Lakes to Street” and “Jacket & Plaque: Portland Rod & Custom Clubs of the ‘Fifties.” His grandson is currently the editor of the Franklin Post.

Then and Now

Attractive Girls, Campus, Good Food Impress Innocent, Wide-Eyed, Frosh

From the Franklin Post, September 16, 1949

Once again pouring into the halls for Franklin are hundreds of terrified and amazed freshies whostarewithwonderatthehuge,brute-likeseniorswhoseemtomaketheirhomeinthemainhall. What impression do these newcomers have of Franklin, its students, teachers and classes? The main gripes against classes are like those of Joan Holter who feels she’s going scientific since she was scheduled for so many science classes, while Pete Dyer’s pet peeve is his English Class. Pat Elkins has decided that the person who numbered the rooms must have been absent-minded and a little crazy. Probably sharing the opinion of every other student at Franklin is Dick Zittle who says, “It’s too big and crowded.” Norma Weimer likes, “the nice kids and hopes to make new friends.” Mary Foote found the school, “big and confusing at first” but thinks it’s tops now, while Sharon Bell especially likes the “nice campus and beautiful building.” Jerry Jones finds Franklin very, very interesting as there are so many attractive members of the opposite sex to feast his eyes upon. Norma Bradle likes the food in the cafeteria and her new teachers. Chet Paulsen, believe it or not, is not impressed by anything or anyone. He has been to every football and basketball game held here for the past two years. It’s all “old stuff” to Chet.

iJealous: Why Do the Freshmen Get New iPads?

by Sandra Vo and Clara Dixon

When you walk down the halls, you may see smiling freshmen faces. It could be because they had a good lunch, met a new friend, or it could be the fact that all 500 freshmen this year get iPads. Yes, that’s right, iPads. At first, I didn’t think this was fair, then I realized that the freshmen got them because of a grant . When the ninth graders found out about the iPads, they all had plastered smiles on their faces. Why didn’t last year’s ninth graders get iPads? It’s unfair to the upperclassmen who don’t get anything. If they get iPads, upperclassmen should get something too. The ninth graders are probably going to use the iPads for games and social networking. They’re not going to be responsible with them. I got the chance to interview a few freshmen about what they think of the iPads. Maya Novatoski said she does like the iPads, and she likes the idea of pulling one out and having the internet with her. She says it’s an easier way to research than using a textbook. I interviewed a few others and all of them said that they are going to use it for school purposes only, but everyone knows kids these days have tricks up their sleeves to get away with stuff. Of course, freshman would say that they are happy about the iPads, but what about the rest? “I like the iPad privilege because it’s easier to organize my work and stuff. I’d prefer technology for school over books,” said Jason Chen, (freshman.) This raises the questions, why this year, and why not the whole school? Maybe this year the people who are responsible for the program are testing the iPads out to see how they will do in the future. Maybe the teachers thought this year’s frosh are special so they get them. They wanted to try them out and it cost too much to get the whole school iPads, so they only gave them to the freshmen. From the Franklin Post, October 2013

Reply to Alumni Post article about Bob Lacanale

At the time, I probably knew Bob better than most anyone. I don’t remember how it happened, but it was my “calling” to push Bob to school and back every day, rain or shine, for three years. Bob had pretty good rain gear . . . I had none. I dumped him face first onto the pavement of Powell Blvd more times than I want to recall. Any little hole in the pavement would catch a font wheel and over he’d go. Talk about myself feeling low. That was me. All I needed to do to prevent accidents was to watch for those holes and steer away from them. All this makes me think of the wonder he would feel for modern day mobility chairs. Today he would be able to do it all by himself.

I believe that anyone at Franklin was willing to help him. I recall any four people,

who just happened to be handy at the time, picking up the chair and taking him up and down the stairs as needed. Two could probably have done it, but kids always wanted to help him.

While I was in the Navy, I sent money to Bob for him to save. I couldn’t be trusted with my own money, but he could.

I never really heard his parental history, but came away with the thought that his mother didn’t want to be bothered with him and his physical problems. He lived with his Dad.

I lost my best friend when he died. I’ve always wondered what life would bring him if he could have lived a more normal life.

Cliff Davenport, Class of ‘48

Fan Mail From Our Readers

by Janette Sprando

Dr. Norman Billups, 1952 writes us from Jerome, Michigan and Bonita Falls, Florida that he “would love to be a board member, but probably too far away.”

Harold Copeland, 1951 calls to congratulate the staff on the Fall Post publication “one of the best yet, keep up the good work.”

Patricia (Dixon) Elliott, 1947 writes, “really enjoy the Post.”

“Remembering the excellent education I received in my four years at FHS and the dedicated teachers I was privileged to have,” Dolores (Muench) Hoyt, 1938. From Galveston Texas, Mary Lou (Hatfield) Laursen notes she wishes she could

volunteer, but lives too far away.

Evelyn (Peterson) Nordeen, 1948 writes she would like to volunteer, but lives too far away. “Thank you for all your work on the 100th Celebration of Franklin High. I enjoyed the “open house” and the banquet. I missed seeing my classmates.”

Joan (Schilthuis) Wagenknecht, 1954 from Cedar Hill, MO writes, “I had a wonderful time at the big reunion - invited Gail Weyand, a younger graduate – who was our Rose Festival Princess. Enjoyed all the movies; was surprised you didn’t show our school year movie.

Thank You to Nancy Grover, 1949 for the Senior Class of 1929 program of their class play “Alabama” and poems written by her mother Kathryn (Presko) Grover, 1929.

The Alumni Post Sports

A Tribute to Coach Mel Krause

by Phil Schnabel

Mel Krause was Franklin's varsity basketball Head Coach and assisted in football for several seasons. In 2007 he was diagnosed with terminal leukemia. Later, on April 19, 2008 the University of Oregon, where he had been a long time baseball coach, held a celebration of Mel's life, entitled "9 Innings with Mel Krause." 1,500 students, fans, friends, players gathered at the Club of Autzen to honor his life's work. Organizers had asked for someone from each of the schools where Mel had taught or coached, to speak. I was asked to represent Franklin High. What follows is the speech I gave that day to honor Coach Krause.

I moved to Portland from McMinnville in August, 1952, and enrolled at Franklin, not knowing a soul. The 1952 Freshmen class had 630 students and eventually graduated 515 in 1956. During that period, there were lots of WWII service veterans graduating from college. Will Stevens (football) and Mel Krause (basketball) were two such veterans who arrived at Franklin for the 1953-54 school year.

Basketball was played in the old gym (west wing), which had a track on the upper floor. Washington and Grant High had similar setups. It was nearly impossible to shoot from the corner since the track was above the court.

The 1954-55 team was led by Bob Mathews, Dave Smith, Al Jensen, Tim Norton, Scotty McDonald, Ernie Spargar and a scrawny 6'9" Bjarne Jensen. This team finished second in the PIL, but was knocked out of the State Tournament after two losses.

The football team was also rising and was the pre-season pick in 1955-56, but injuries to key players undermined a promising season, and the team finished fourth.

The basketball team continued to excel. The team was built around Jensen and three seniors, Spargar, Jim Kuhn and myself. The juniors on the squad included Jack Luhrs, Ron Nakata, Jerry Jarboe, Glen Hutton and Bill Zilk. Dick Scott and I were dismissed from the team after Coach Krause found out we had shared a beer after a pre-season game against Central Catholic. I learned two valuable life lessons from that episode:

I was not the hot shot I thought I was, and
When rules are broken, there are

consequences.

I am grateful for this experience and know that it helped me grow up.

Spargar was very shy so Coach Krause made him team captain to draw him out. Ernie, now Holman, was a long time administrator at Roosevelt High and remembers that Coach Krause always coached to each player's personality and treated each individually.

This season was great as we lost only twice, both times to Lincoln. Their star Mike Doughty just killed us. With only two losses we became the champs of the PIL. Franklin went to State along with Jefferson and Lincoln. In the first game, we played Eugene, led by Mike Moran in a two overtime thriller. In the semi-final, we slipped past Lincoln 48-40. Then in the championship game, we beat the Black Tornado of Medford 73-60. State Champions! Bjarne Jensen and Captain Ernie Spargar were both selected all-city and all-state teams. Bjarne went on to be selected first team High School All-American.

Expectations ran high for a fantastic 1957 season. Coach Krause was a strong advocate for letting each student take on as many challenges

as possible, to play as many sports as he or she wanted. Much different from the specialized sports programs of today. Bjarne and Glen Hutton sustained injuries in football which prevented their playing basketball. Franklin's teams finished in the bottom half of the PIL and did not qualify for the State Tournament. But then, in 1958, with Bergstrom, Jack Faucett, Wendell Stonelake and a young Steve Jones, Franklin took third place at State. By then, Coach Krause left Franklin had taken a position at school in Eugene.

Coach Krause was a positive influence on every student athlete. We loved the guy! He never missed any of our class reunions. Next to my father, Coach has been the most influential man in my life.

Conclusion: Coach Mel Krause, old friend, it's been an honor to be part of this celebration of your life. On behalf of the Franklin students and alumni that I represent, we give thanks to you and to God for the privilege of knowing you, playing for you and being mentored by you in the classroom and on the field. You changed many lives and were a blessing to each one.

Wrestling Team Finishes with Big Win!

by Coach Steve O'Neil

The Franklin Wrestling Team said goodbye to the gymnasium in dramatic fashion. On the night of the last wrestling match ever in our old gym, the Quakers crushed an overmatched squad from Madison 72-6. Madison's 6 points came via forfeit at the 182 pound weight class. Following the match, the wrestlers serenaded the crowd with a rousing rendition of the Franklin Fight Song. It was an emotional and raucous evening as the Quakers celebrated Senior Night and the final dual meet of the season. The Wrestling Team had one of their best years in recent memory, finishing second in the League Dual Meet Season followed by a Second Place finish at the city wide District

Meet. The District Meet was an awesome showing for the Quakers. 22 wrestlers were entered with 16 placing in the top 6 and 6 continuing their season by qualifying for the State Tournament. Coach Steve O'Neill was also honored by being selected PIL Coach of the Year by a vote of the coaches. With only four Seniors graduating, the team is looking forward to another great season next year. The team is currently trying to fundraise \$4,000 to take ten returning Varsity Wrestlers to wrestling camp at Oregon State this summer. If anyone is interested in helping to support these hard working young men, please contact Head Coach Steve O'Neill at sonNeill@pps.net. Every little bit helps as we prepare to return Franklin to the top of PIL Wrestling.



Save the Date Summer, 2015 Reunions

1950 – Come to our 65th reunion this summer at Oaks Park on July 10th. We'll have our own tables at the annual FHS Alumni Association picnic. Pass the word to classmates.
Contact: Lucille (Cole) Davis at 503.635.2152

1955 – Come to our 60th Reunion the Red Lion – Jantzen Beach on Sept 13, starting at 3:00pm. For more info and to help,
Contact: Annette (Atkinson) Hunt at 503.288.2175

1960 – Come to our 55th Reunion this summer at Oaks Park on July 10th. We'll have our own tables at the annual FHS Alumni Association picnic.
Please pass the word along to classmates.
Contact: Bev (Blanchard) Entrikin at butchandbev@comcast.net

1965 – 50th Reunion at the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas on August 15, starting 6:00pm. \$50.00 each includes buffet. This is our last one, don't miss it. Still more planning to do. For info
Contact: Linda Lu (Aurand) McKinney at Lindalmckinney@hotmail.com

1970 – Still in planning stages. For info
Contact: Corriene (Brown) Arehart at ccarehart@hotmail.com

1975 – 40th Reunion planning is starting over. Time and place to TBD. Can you still dance the Hustle? Whoa! Fav song, "I Want to Love You Baby" by Donna Summer. We're still planning - want to help? For info
Contact: Pam Knuth at pamknuth@msn.com 503-351-7441

1980 – Nothing planned for 2015.

1985 – 30th reunion at Kells Irish Pub, on Sat., July 25th, 6:00pm-midnight. Price: \$75.00 per person. Facebook Event: Class of '85 30th Reunion.
Contact: Angie (Mills) Paulson at apaulson@pctoday.com

Reunion outreach: If your class is planning a reunion, the Alumni Assoc. has a substantial data base of nearly 10,000 alum's. We can help you reach classmates!
Contact: 503.972.3396 or e-mail info@franklinhighalumni.org. Go Quakers!

1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010 – We haven't heard from you yet. What's happening? If you know the class organizer, please have them contact Post Editor Garry Lee at mrgarryis@comcast.net

Future reunions – Advance Notice

1967 – Please consider joining the committee to plan our 50th reunion for summer, 2017. Reply to Terry Bollinger at bollinger7783@comcast.net or April (Whitley) Avery at averysl@comcast.net by September 2015.

FHS Alumni Author Phyllis Eickelberg

Phyllis (Wenger) Eickelberg, Class of '52 has completed her fifth mystery novel, entitled *Deadlines*, co-authored with another FHS graduate Doris (Munce) Minard, '52. They had written a screenplay that didn't sell, so they opted to let those characters play out their story in a funny novel. The co-authors were tempted, but decided not to use the title, "Deleting an Ex."

Eickelberg has previously written four brain-teaser mysteries as a kind of therapy for her emerging forgetfulness. Each of those novels includes puzzles sure to challenge the readers into exercising their brains. And there is always a case to solve. Her books are suitable for all audiences. Pick one up at Powell's, Amazon, or B&A and take your brain for a walk around the block.

For feedback, inquiries, or even an autographed copy, you may contact Phyllis at phylliseickelberg@msn.com.

Reaching You is a Challenge!

By Judy Orem, '62, Database Secretary

The Franklin High Alum Association (FHSAA) is a thriving organization that began 10 years ago and has a mailing list of nearly 10,000 alums. Our mailing list comes from the Harris Book and from you and classmates. Alums have moved, and changed: locations, e-mail addresses, phones, and even their names. Contact data, all entered by hand, may be wrong when we get it, or may be mis-entered. As you might guess, reaching You and your classmates is sometimes a challenge, and we sometimes miss. If we have errors, we'd like to correct them. And you can help.

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