Pam Knuth, class of ’75

A new year and a new decade! What will this hold for us? Hopefully good health, peace and happiness...

Well then COVID hit us hard!

The previous sentence was from my letter in the Spring Alumni Post... Wow, I don’t think anyone could have seen what was coming, RIGHT?

The Alumni Association had to cancel the annual May Membership Luncheon but kept our July reservation for the annual Oaks Park Picnic. The Board has been holding monthly meetings via zoom. Needless to say, things have been a challenge!

But there is good news! Our new website is up and running. We feel that the new site is informative and user friendly. Please view it at www.franklinhighalumni.org! You now have the option to pay your membership dues or make donations online with credit or debit or submit via US Mail. There is a small upcharge for credit and debit that we must pass on to the user, if that is the method you choose.

It looks like Franklin and Portland Public Schools may continue with online learning, awaiting complete school opening. This must be a huge task for faculty and students alike. Here is wishing them all the best in the 2020-21 school year.

Many of you know that the Alumni Association has been holding an annual Membership Luncheon. Again, this year the Luncheon has been cancelled. As part of the Membership Luncheon, we award the Order of the Kite to recipients for Outstanding Work in their chosen field, Military Service and Commendations, and Service to Franklin and the Alumni Association. Since we did not make those presentations in 2020, we have chosen to award the Order of the Kite to 6 recipients in 2021. In no particular order except alphabetically, the Alumni Board is pleased to present these awards to the following:

Ann (Heim) Biggs, Class of ’68. Ann works tirelessly as our Correspondence Secretary.
Carol (Summerhalder) Blair, Class of ’54. Carol is the glue that keeps the “Alumni Post” together.
Stu Johnson, Class of ’52. Stu was instrumental in building the Association to what it is today. Stu served as Vice President and President.
Mark Lindley, Class of ’75. Mark has been working with the Alumni Board, pro bono, preparing our By Laws and Articles of Incorporation since 2005.
Steve Matthews, Class of 70. Steve was the Business Manager at FHS for a number of years and when he retired from PPS he took over as the Alumni Board Treasurer and does and excellent job, keeping track of all the donations and filings that must happen during every fiscal year.
Scott Santangelo (Tango), Class of ’79. Scott graduated college with a educational degree. He was hired at Franklin and eventually became the Athletic Director and Scott has given his all to the Athletic Programs.
We the Alumni Board deeply appreciate, every one of you and your accomplishments!

We hope that you enjoy this edition of the Alumni Post. Please know that we are working diligently on the projects that we provide to Franklin and the alumni.

Cheers, Pam!

School will open soon, we hope

As of our publication date, the latest news is that school is opening. We don’t know what days, what hours, what students, or even what teachers will be at school, but the words are encouraging and we hopefully will be getting back to normalcy.

Our hearts go out especially to the senior students of the Class of 2020 and the senior students of the Class of 2021 who missed or are missing most of the final year at Franklin. Lack of contact with their friends at school, the missed activities, the prom, graduation ceremonies, all things that didn’t happen or were so different—all lost. The Covid pandemic has affected us all but we look to the future, our strength and resolve and we hope to be stronger because of our sacrifices during this time. We will get through this pandemic hopefully better and stronger and able to celebrate being together again.

PPS feeding students during pandemic

During the nations COVID-19 pandemic the government and Portland Public Schools has stepped up to feed and make sure our kids are taken care of. On Mondays, the students can go to area schools and pick-up meals for the next two days. On Wednesdays they can go again and get food for the next two days lasting till Friday. Then on Fridays they get food for the weekend. If families are not able to get to the school, they can sign up to get food delivered to homes by PPS staff.

Students families are also provided a SNAP card (food benefit card) by the government to offset the cost of groceries for the families hit extremely hard by the pandemic. This program and things alike are all in aide to help the future of our nation’s children.

Part of the Franklin High School Alumni Association is to help students and families in need with anything to better the education process of the students. Donations to the FHS Alumni will help us stay alive and support both FHS Students, Staff and Community. Please consider donating a small amount or large to help us provide the support we do for the FHS community. Together we will get thru this time and come out even stronger. Stay strong, stay safe and stay healthy.

Alex Rodriguez
Class of 2016

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

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Former FHS principal selected
North Clackamas Superintendent

Clackamas county school board members have chosen Shea James to become superintendent of Oregon’s seventh largest school district.

Previously, James held several roles with Portland Public schools, where she worked as a teacher, assistant principal, vice-principal and principal of Franklin High School. Her appointment is effective July 1.

Franklin High School Alumni Association
Board of Directors

STUDENT POSTER
FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Letter from the president
If you checked the volunteer box on the membership form, and let you know your contact information, you will receive an email of welcome to the Alumni Association, and thank you for your offer to volunteer. As volunteer coordinator, I will be contacting you via email. It is a peculiar situation just now, but we can talk/ype about your interest in the alumni association and how we are working to keep on volunteering, for our high school, the present-day students, and the greater Franklin community.

Currently, and until further notice, we are not holding any person-to-person events. And we have no immediate plans or projects that require hands-on involvement. We don’t know if we can host a picnic this summer, or if we could, should we? Most of us are talking with hopeful expectation. We just don’t know for sure how and when we will be safe from viral infection. And so, we wait.

In the meantime, the alumni board of directors meets on 2nd Saturdays of the month. We ZOOM in, focus on what we are about, such as requests and donations. And we allow some time for socializing, and agree to meet again next month.

If something comes to our attention mid-meetings, we hold email conference, or telephone calls, and could call an emergency ZOOM if necessary. We are close to first responders in the “help however we can” category. We want to do what we can for the students.

Occasionally we hear updates regarding status of public schools, and usually what you all also hear, from the media, or first-hand experiences. Generally speaking, we do not know inside information about when students will be returning to the classroom. For that, we must wait, but we are not idle. We are focusing instead on how to use the membership dues/income to help the students, as needs arise, either immediately or longer term. We thank you for continuing to send in your membership dues.

Today, VOLUNTEERING means: continue to contribute and think encouragement to FHS and the students; mentor someone in your life; set a great example of human kindness and respect to all living creatures; and if you know technology, perhaps you might be of assistance with the website, and/or other social media. We very definitely invite and welcome recently graduated students into our community of caring alumni.

I believe if we, the FHSAA, expect to grow, we need to look ahead. Now is the time for looking ahead, and in a new direction, as well. We need a combination of seasoned and retired persons who have experience, knowledge, and energy, and who can help keep the Oaks Park Picnic exciting. We need the persons of fierce determination and fired-up energy who will help provide us with new insights. And we want the FHSAA to be a vital aspect of the future of Franklin High School in SE Portland, OR.

April (Whitley ’67) Avery

**Class of 1971**

Franklin High School Class of 1971 will be celebrating their 50-year anniversary. The Class of 1971 has celebrated with a gathering every 5 years since they graduated.

Members from the class who have not checked in, should contact the reunion committee at franklinokquarters1971@gmail.com with your current contact information. We want to stay in touch with you and keep you informed of this and other events that may happen to help us celebrate our Fifty Years.

The Details: (Please see COVID notice at the bottom)

DATE: June 26, 2021
TIME: 5pm – 10 pm (new extended hours)
LOCATION: Monarch Hotel 12566 SE 93rd Avenue Clackamas, Oregon (near Clackamas Town Center)
PRICE: $40.00 per person paid in advance or $50.00 at the door *
* Please send your discounted advanced payment to:
FHS Class of 71 Reunion c/o Laird Clow 16017 NE 22nd Avenue Ridgefield, WA 98642-4928

Our reunion celebration will be subject to COVID restrictions in place at the time of the event. Our committee has been and will be monitoring COVID restrictions and guidelines right up to the celebration and will keep you up to date on that information.

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**Those born 1925-1955 once knew true freedom**

TO ALL THE KIDS WHO SURVIVED THE 1930’s, 40’s and 50’s!!

First, we survived being born to mothers who may have smoked and/or drank while they were pregnant. They took aspirin, ate blue cheese dressing, tuna from a can, and didn’t get tested for diabetes.

Then, every time that trauma, we put our kids to sleep on our mattresses in baby cribs covered with bright colored lead-based paints. We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, locks on doors or cabinets. When we rode our bikes, we had baseball caps, no helmets, on our heads.

As infants and children, we would ride in cars with no car seats, no booster seats, no seat belts, no air bags, bald tires and sometimes no brakes. Riding in the back of a pick-up truck on a warm day was always a special treat.

We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle. We drank out of a bottle with four friends, from one bottle, and no one actually died from this. We ate cupcakes, white bread, real butter and bacon. We drank Kool-Aid from a bottle, and no one actually died from this. We ate cupcakes, made with real white sugar. And we weren’t overweight. WHY? Because we were always outside playing...that’s why!

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on. No one was able to reach us all day and, we were OKAY.

We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then ride them down the hill, only to find out that we forgot about brakes. After running into the bushes a few times, we learned to solve the problem.

We did not have Play Stations, Nintendo and X-boxes. There were No video games, No 150 channels on cable, No video movies Or DVDs, No surround-sound or CDs. No cell phones, No personal computers, No Internet and No chat rooms. WE HAD FRIENDS. And we went Outside and found them!

We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and lost teeth. We were given BB guns for our 10th birthdays, 22 rifles for our 12th, rode horses, made up games with sticks and tennis balls, and although we were told it would happen - we did not put out very many eyes.

We would go to a friend’s house and knock on the door or rang the bell, or just walked in and talked to them. Little League had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn’t had to learn to deal with disappointment. Imagine that!!

The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of ... They actually sided with the law!

These generations have produced some of the best risk-takers, problem solvers, and inventors ever. The past 60 to 85 years have seen an explosion of innovation and new ideas. We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all.

**Class of 1976**

Franklin High School’s “Bicentennial Class” is celebrating its 45-year anniversary this year! Reunion organizers are still working out details for the evening, but in the meantime class members can mark their calendars:

DATE: August 14, 2021
TIME: 6:30 – 10:30 pm
LOCATION: Eastmoreland Golf Club Bar & Grill Portland, Oregon
PRICE: TBD

Stay informed by following the class Facebook Page, Franklin HS, Class of 1976, Portland Oregon, or long-term. We thank you for continuing your interest in the alumni association and how we are working to keep on volunteering, for our high school, the present-day students, and the greater Franklin community.

Carol Blair, ’54

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**A CELEBRATION FOR OUR CLASS in 2021.**

**Help Us Thrive! Renew membership or donate online**

With our new website, Franklin Alumni now have the opportunity to pay their membership dues and/or make donations via our new website https://franklinhighalumni.org/

Just want to remind all that use this website to please be sure and complete the prompts and processes when paying dues or making donations. In reviewing the website some people that have attempted to pay their dues or make donations are not being completed in their entirety. If you feel you made your dues or donation payment, please double check your bank statement to ensure its completeness. If your payment was not deducted from your bank account, please go back to the website and finalize your transaction.

Thank you all for your contribution. You, our Alumni, we depend on you to keep our Association thriving. Without you we cannot continue to assist our high school students in special programs that the Public School System are unable to financially support.

Sincerely,
Ann Heim Biggs
Executive Secretary
Franklin High Alumni Association

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Queen Raina saves the day in 2003 ceremony

It was an unusually hot the first week of June 2003. It was Rose Festival Week and June 6 was Knighting Day in the Rose Garden at Washington Park. Instead of the typical regal spring dress, I sat in the audience sporting a classic navy blazer, white blouse and navy slacks signifying my role as a member of the Rose Festival Association Board of Directors. I believe I was one of three past Queens present that day.

The ceremony began with all of the usual fanfare. Franklin’s 2003 princess crowned Queen, Priscilla took the stage and began Knighting the chosen subjects. It was a hot morning already at 10 AM. Then, in the middle of the proceedings, Queen Priscilla began to wobble and fainted. They caught her in time and began to administer aid. It was a bit horrifying.

Next, I saw the executive director of the association looking out into the audience from the stage and pointing up into the Garden. He was pointing at me! He signaled for me to come down to the stage. I assumed he wanted me to take Queen Priscilla off stage and help her out while they figured out what to do about the ceremony.

What I did not know was that a solution had already been found. When I arrived on stage they said “Raina, we need you to finish the Ceremony,” and handed me the Scepter.

If you know anything about royalty, then you know knighting is something that only a “Royal” can do (usually). Honestly, I love knighting ceremonies. I have had the honor of performing many of them since 1985. I think I have probably Knighted more people than any other Queen… and here I go again.

So, they handed me the Scepter and said, “The show must go on.” The first person “up” asked, “Can she do this, is this okay?” The Royal Rosarian Prime Minister, Festival Executive Director and I looked at each other and we all chuckled; my knighting track record was well known around the association.

So, 2003 became known as the year Queen Raina saved the Knighting Ceremony and it was truly one of my favorite Rose Festival memories as the 1985 Queen.

-Franklin High School’s 1985 Queen Raina Beavers Evans-

Rose Festival at FHS

The Portland Rose Festival has been around for 114 years. Rose Festival is full of celebration of the Rose City. The Rose Festival showcases 15 women from Portland area high schools. During the time on the court the selected few women become lifelong friends making memories along the way. Starting in March leading up to Spring Break they get voted from each high school. After a month they start traveling around the city 5 days a week for 5 weeks going into hospitals, businesses, senior living facilities and more.

Each princess from each school gets a one-on-one mentor from a top female executive and a $3,500 scholarship from the Randall Group. They also get a complete wardrobe during the five-week exploration with the group.

Alex Rodriguez, ‘16

Franklin has been lucky enough to have 6 Rose Festivals Queens
1934- Beth Skinner
1942- Shirley Fowler
1978- Tina Klassy
1985- Raina Beavers
2003- Priscilla Isaacs
2011- Lamarra Haynes

While arranging my books of memories I found my 1948 Rose Festival Pictorial and would like to share the words written below my 1948 Royal Court picture which will explain the honor our court shared. “By far the most coveted honor a Portland high school senior girl can receive is to be chosen to represent her school as a member of the Royal Court of Roses. The girls are chosen by the student bodies and teachers of each of the eight high schools”. I was truly honored to represent Franklin High school which created wonderful lasting memories of my years at Franklin and Portland.

Jan (Houf) Mascaret

Josie Williams, a Franklin High School student, was a Rose Festival princess in 1981. She recalls: “This experience helped me to come out of my shell. After Rose Festival, I was selected to represent the state of Oregon on a year-long cross-cultural ambassador program in Belgium … After college I moved to Los Angeles and got involved in the writing and film industry. I would never have taken those chances if it hadn’t been for a Rose Festival launching pad.”

Franklin High School selected Sierra Hosea as their Rose Festival Princess in 2015. She said at the time, “My favorite Rose Festival event is the Grand Floral Parade because of all the practice and organization that very clearly goes into the production of the event. It gives joy to the public by its unique and beautiful tradition.”

Note: At print time, we are uncertain if there will be princess representation from our high schools due to the closure of the schools. 2021 Festival plans have not been announced at this time.
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**Purposes of Alumni Association are varied**

“...it’s for Franklin then we’re all for it!” Founded in 2005, the FHSAA is a little-known yet key component of the Franklin High School community. Inside the small, mysterious room across from the main office, there is a crew of outspoken, humorous, and passionate individuals determined to maintain the quality, integrity, and traditions of Franklin. Known as the Quakers until 2020, this group is known today as the Alumni Association, remembering Ben Franklin and his Kite Experiment.

Led by President Pam Knuth, the FHSAA board meets monthly at the school, now by Zoom, to discuss everything Franklin-related. Old buildings can include reviewing projects completed or how to finish them. New business consists of proposed projects, events, and topics to address. For new topics the board discusses why it is important and decides how to take action and each member of the board has a vote. Over the years, the Alumni Association has taken on countless tasks for the improvement of Franklin High School. The FHSAA keeps track of alumni through a meticulously upkeep database. The database includes nearly 15,000 Alumni. There are about 500 Alumni Association members who hold the membership fee each year and donate much more. Money raised through membership fees can be used to buy textbooks, art supplies, and science material to a basketball scoreboard.

In spite of all they do for Franklin, the FHSAA and their achievements are largely unheard of throughout Franklin’s student and parent community. “Sadly before I got involved in this, I didn’t know who was in that group. I didn’t know how much they did for the school,” says Patrick Johnston, a Franklin parent and Parent Teacher Association (PTA) member. This sentiment is echoed by many students and parents who are unaware of the dedicated people who make up the Franklin High School Alumni Association. However, these enthusiastic alumni aren’t in it for the recognition. FHSAA Recording Secretary Joyce Stroud Gago says, “It’s for the gratification of being able to do everything we are doing so well, and the students and the teachers that motivate her to stay in the association.

Phil Schnabel joined the FHSAA because he hoped to extend the support and love of his high school experience to new generations of students. This means making sure that everyone at Franklin has everything they need in order to be successful. He has always been one to get involved and push the envelope. When Schnabel was attending Franklin, it was customary for teachers to dress more formally. Suits, ties, and professional dresses are in stark contrast to the typical casual attire of Franklin staff and teachers today. Seeing the school change and transform as students come and go is both an exciting and rewarding experience for members who hold the history of the old Franklin in their hearts.

Senior Class President, he was on multiple projects by the FHSAA board. In addition to specific events or departments, teachers and students can access funding to help fund projects or purchase supplies. “Teachers can fill out a grant requesting the use of money to purchase items. The requests are funneled through our grant committee that will make their recommendations and bring them back to the board,” says Knuth.

The donations brought in through the association have funded a wide variety of things, from new textbooks, art supplies, math texts, science material to a basketball scoreboard.

Over the years, Franklin High School has undergone countless changes. While the most prominent of those changes is the recent remodel, many smaller ones such as the relaxation of teaching atmosphere have had a lasting impact. When Schnabel was attending Franklin, it was customary for teachers to dress more formally. Suits, ties, and professional dresses are in stark contrast to the typical casual attire of Franklin staff and teachers today. Seeing the school change and transform as students come and go is both an exciting and rewarding experience for members who hold the history of the old Franklin in their hearts.

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**Palindrome dates rich in mathematical curiosities**

The 2021 calendar of the 21st century is rich with mathematical curiosities. Some of the interesting dates discovered are listed below:

- 2021 is the 21st year of the 21st century
- The left and right halves of 2021, namely 20 and 21, are consecutive numbers, a property which repeats in three consecutive numbers: 19, 20, 21.
- Additionally, 2021 equals the product of two consecutive prime numbers, 43 and 47. The last year this happened was 1973 (1847 x 1848) and the next one after 2021 will be 2491 (2490 x 2492).
- 2021 contains two full palindromic dates: Jan 21, 2021, expressed as 01/21/2021 and 01/21/2021, expressed with eight digits as 02/01/2021. The last time an eight-digit palindrome date occurred was in 2002/02/02. This was one-of-a-kind since it occurred on the same calendar date all over the world, regardless of if the day/month/year or month/day/year date format is recognized. 2021 is the only other year in the current century that has two full palindrome dates: 1/10/2011 and 1/11/2011.
- If calendar dates are written using only the right two digits of the year number, the 2021 calendar contains 22 palindrome dates, in January and the other 11 in December. The January dates are 1/21, 2021, 1/21/2021, 1/21/2021, 1/21/2021, 1/21/2021, 1/21/2021, 1/21/2021, 1/21/2021, 1/21/2021, 1/21/2021, 1/21/2021.

**Palindrome Dates in Ben Franklin’s Life**

Benjamin Franklin was born in 1706-1706 and started writing his autobiography in 1771, the only palindrome year that occurred in the 18th century. Also, Franklin experienced seven-digit palindromes ages throughout his lifetime:

- At palindrome age 11, he invented wooden paddles to use as swim fins;
- At 22, he formed a partnership to start a printing business in Philadelphia;
- At 33, he led an environmental group to cleanup Philadelphia’s central commercial districts from industrial waste;
- At 44, in a letter he wrote to Peter Collinson, he described and proposed lightning rods to protect buildings from lightning;
- At 55, he invented the glass harmonica;
- At 66, following the judgment of a slave case in Britain which freed all slaves on the British Islands, he wrote a document stating that slavery is evil and unjust and that the judgment should be extended to the British colonies in America; and
- At 77, he signed the Treaty of Paris between Great Britain and the United States.

2009 was Franklin’s 303rd birthday, his first palindrome birthday to occur in the 21st century and 101 years after that will mark his first palindrome birthday (404th) in the 22nd palindrome century to occur in 2110.

**History of the Order of the Kite recipients**

**Inaugural Year 2011**

- May 2011: Lucas (Lolotte) Davis – 1950 – Contributions to the Alumni Association
- May 2012: Howard (Hobby) Hobson – 1922 – Contributions to Baseball at the University of Oregon
- May 2013: Justice Jack Landau – 1971 – Presiding Judge on the Oregon Court of Appeals

**June 2014**

- Joyce Stroud Gago – 1954 – Contributions to the Alumni Association

**May 2015**

- Darlene Snodgrass Cain – 1954 – Lifetime commitment to the American Diabetes Association
- Judson Taylor – 1956 – Service to the American Diabetes Association

**June 2016**

- Dave Evans – 1955 – Commitment to FHSA
- Mal Watt – 1950 – Commitment to FHSA

**2019**

- Vi Watt – Lincoln High School – FHSA Advisor and Commitment to FHSA for 11 years
- May 2017: No awards given
- May 2018: Garry Lee – 1965 – Commitment to FHSA as Vice President and President for 5 years
- Judy Allsop Orom – 1962 – Dedication to FHSA and maintenance of the data base

**April 2019**

- April Whitney Averly – 1967 – Tireless support of FHSA
- Daniel Weeks – 1962 – Service to the United States as a member of the US Army, navy and Marine Corps

- Special Honor helping detain John Hinckley in the assassination attempt of President Reagan

- Mal Watt – 1950 – Commitment to FHSA for 11 years
- No awards given
Order of the Kite
Looking back on the first few to win the award

Carol Blair '54

The alumni association implemented this Order of the Kite to honor the first few to win the award, highlighting individuals who have shown significant accomplishments since leaving FHS.

Douglas Engelbart – Engineer and inventor of the computer mouse

He graduated Franklin High School in 1942. Douglas Engelbart was an American engineer and inventor, and an early computer pioneer. He is best known for his work on founding the field of Human Computer Interaction, which resulted in creation of the computer mouse.

Order of the Kite
Looking back on the first few to win the award

Claire Phillips – American spy

Claire Maybelle Snyder was an American spy, entertainer, club owner, and author most noted for her exploits in the Japanese-occupied Philippines. She attended Franklin High School before running away to join a traveling circus. Claire Phillips – American spy

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The year was 1937 and the Almanac was called the Circus Almanac. It had circus decorations throughout. Over 200 of the 220 seniors went to the Circus before the commencement. From a letter in the Almanac they had a marvelous time with a bit of mischief: Ruth Simonssen got the Ferris wheel fellow busy and then she left Hazel Schenck and Vic Nunnenkamp stranded at the top for a half hour. The star of the circus was the amateur tight rope walker, Fred Grutze, class president. He became so engrossed in watching the daring lady on the Flying Trapeze that he lost his balance and fell ignominiously, umbrella and all, to the sawdust below. (PS: the tight rope was 2 ft above the ground). Viola McAllister and Pearl Soverud tried their best to get Gay Ronne and James Butterick to apply for jobs as human cannon balls, but the boys couldn’t be bothered. Buz Meek, Bob Price and Lee Horwath spent most of their time in the booth of Madame La Zodiac, trying to see if there were any big jobs in store for them. All in all the Senior Class had fun. Also from the pages of the Almanac: Suggestions in School Life: When making excuses for cutting Trig, not to have more than one relative die more than three times in one month. When handing in another fellow’s paper for your own, be sure his name is erased.

Alumni direct donations support Franklin programs

By Steve Matthews ’70 Treasurer

As an alum, you have the option to donate directly to a Franklin HS program of your choice. The annual membership form includes a section where you can donate funds to a specific program that may have an impact on your life, such as: Art, Athletics, Music, May Fete, Rose Festival, or even general academics.

Another option is to support a student in need. You can do this by making a donation to the Student Assist program, which includes SAFE, Dome, and other Alumni class initiatives, that were set up to directly support a student and/or his or her family who may be experiencing financial difficulties. For example, SAFE is an initiative that was started by the Class of 1967, and has provided thousands of dollars to Franklin students in need. As a result of your generous donations, at the beginning of this school year, the FHS Alumni Association was able to grant over $16,500 to various school programs. The breakdown is as follows:

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A check was presented to the school and the funds were placed in Franklin Student Fund account in the programs listed above. These added funds to Franklin High School programs, teachers, and students assure that there are adequate resources needed to provide the best school experience possible. The Alumni Association Board and School Administration thank each and everyone of you for your support.

Ben Hazen was President of Benjamin Franklin Savings and Loan in Portland. When they were closed in the 1990's, he gave the Ben Statue from their bank to Franklin High School. It was in the center hallway for years but now resides in the Performing Arts Center. Our Order of the Kite is to be placed with this statue sometime in the future. Note: The bank was wrongly ordered closed by the Government which later had to pay damages for their actions.

A recent obituary for Lila May (Richards) Hiatt, April 16, 1925 – January 9, 2021, noted that she was a graduate of Franklin and during her high school years she was primarily responsible for acquiring the beautiful concrete statue of Ben that graces the school campus outside facing Division. Editor’s note: If anyone has any other information regarding this statue, we would like to know more about it.

Carol Blair, ’54

(Compiled by Judy Orem)
WHERE: Oaks Amusement Park  Area 3
Foot of SE Spokane Street, Portland, OR  Free and Handicapped Parking

WHEN: Friday July 9, 2021  11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

COST: $25.00 per person pre-registration or $30.00 day of the picnic
Lunch includes Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Watermelon, Chips, Lemonade, Coffee, Water and Ice Cream

Raffle will be held, many popular gift cards. All Proceeds benefit FHSAA
For added comfort and enjoyment bring lawn chairs and memorabilia to share.
Oaks Park does not allow bringing alcoholic beverages onto the premises.
Reminder: Oaks Park requires that service animals be on a leash.
Alums and guests with vintage cars are encouraged to display them at the picnic.

E-mail: info@franklinhighalumni.org  Phone: 503-972-3396

PLEASE SEND BACK NO LATER THAN June 10th, 2021
Park requires number of attendees 30 days in advance for food order
Name:_______________________________________________________________________________________________________
First                          Maiden                       Last                          Spouse/Guest
Address:______________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________
CITY:__________________________  State:______________________  Zip__________________________
Phone:_________________________  email:__________

Picnic lunch will be served at 12:30 PM

CLASS OF:____________________ NUMBER IN GROUP:_______ $25.00 each – enclosed check $________
(Make checks payable to FHS Alumni Association. Write “Picnic” on the Memo Line.)

Addition tax deductible donation $_________ (Optional)

Mail to FHS Alumni Picnic PO Box 86040  Portland, OR 97286

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