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Alumni Post

FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Franklin High School Alumni Association
PO Box 86040 Portland, OR 97286

Letter from the President

FHSAA is a non-profit organization that formed 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 1937-38)

Currently our paid membership is 413, that is 129 more members since our Spring 2025 *Alumni Post*! About 9 years ago, we had over 800 paid members. We need to get those numbers back to that level. Membership dues are our single funding for the *Alumni Post*. Which currently costs about \$11,000 per issue. Please send in your \$20.00 membership fee, so we can continue to send you the

Alumni Post!!!

We publish the *Alumni Post* 2 times a year, Spring and Fall. We know that this endeavor is welcomed by the alumni who receive it. It is currently mailed out to over 12,000 alums and we receive wonderful comments from our readers!

The donations you send are allocated to support the students, staff and programs at Franklin. Please see the article from Steve Matthews, FHSAA Treasurer. YOU are amazing with your generous donations!

We hold an Annual Membership Luncheon in May each year, and whenever possible it is held at Franklin. Paid members receive an invitation to attend our luncheon each year. At the luncheon we honor the “Order of the

Kite” recipients. These recipients have done amazing things in their lives to be recognized by fellow alum. We also have entertainment/performances by current students. The Culinary Class students prepare the meal and serve it. The 2025 luncheon meal was exceptional!

NOW, the big announcement!!! Saturday, October 25th, is the 20-year Celebration of the Alumni Association. From 11 am to 3 pm we will have tours, entertainment and other special events.

More information will be provided on our website, franklinhighalumni.org. Hope to see you there!

Enjoy, Pam Knuth ‘75

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Franklin High School Alumni Association partners with Franklin financial development endowment

By Steve Matthews, Treasurer

The Franklin High School Financial Development Endowment, Inc., a non-profit 503 (c) 3 organization, has officially partnered with your Alumni Association.

What is the Franklin High School Financial Development Endowment?

The Endowment was created in 1999 by the then Franklin High School Principal, and a teacher for the purpose of funding program needs for Franklin teacher and students. Funds generated for the endowment came in as donations and profits from an annual golf tournament hosted by the Endowment.

All monies received by the foundation are invested in mutual funds, through a licensed broker, and once a year a maximum of 75% of the annual profits are made available for teacher programs. Prior to the Endowment’s first payout, the bylaws required the organization to amass a total of \$100,000 before any distributions could be made, and required 25% of the profits to be reinvested in the funds, assuring continual growth. The Fund reached the \$100,000 level in 2013.

Provided there are sufficient profits, each year, Teachers can apply for funds

for their programs via an application process. The organization has awarded funds to teachers for their programs the past several years, totaling anywhere from \$3,000 to \$10,000, with cumulative distributions to teacher programs reaching nearly \$60,000 by 2024.

The organization is run via a three-person Board of Directors, which consists of a President, Secretary/Treasurer, and a Board Member. Members are voted in, and it is required that a member be a current or past employee of Franklin High School, an Alumnus, or voted in by the existing Board.

What are the benefits of the Alumni Association partnering with the Endowment organization?

The partnership made sense because the Endowment and the Alumni Association have the same purpose and mission “to support programs and students at Franklin High School.

In addition, during the COVID years, the primary fundraising effort for the Endowment (the Annual Golf Tournament) was suspended and never reinstated. The organization risked losing its 501 c3 designation, so your Franklin Alumni Association offered to assist with the Endowment to provide guidance,

leadership and fundraising efforts.

As a result, the Board of Directors of the Endowment, and the Board of directors of the Alumni Association now have members who serve on both boards. This move provides a common voice for both organizations, as well as a unified direction for our teacher/student grant process.

It also provides a long-term financial strength that can grow even faster with the assistance of Alumni donors. The Endowment fund currently has assets exceeding \$175,000. It has shown substantial growth since reaching the \$74,000 asset beginning in 2013.

How can you help?

In this issue of *The Alumni Post*, you will see “Franklin Endowment” added to the Franklin High Alumni Association Membership Form. When renewing your membership, consider a donation to the Franklin Endowment. This is an opportunity to invest in the long-term future of Franklin High School. A portion of your money will remain in the fund and continue to grow for years. And of course, your donations are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

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

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Open House at Franklin HS

Saturday, October 25th - 11 am to 3 pm

FHS Alumni Contributions

February 16, 2025 - August 4, 2025

Academic Programs

Sandra Wickham Foltz`71
Robert Gebo`57
Steven Gish`76
Jim Godfrey`63
Doug Greer`59
Roger Hughes`57
Ernest Buzz Lindahl`61
Bayley Mah`79
Joel McCloud`60
Herman Welch`52
Ivan Wong`66

Alumni Association

American Online Giving Foundation - Anonymous
Nickie Smith Bradford`67
Ila M. Zink Cleveland`57
Gerry Eglan`48
Sandra Wickham Foltz`71
Bud Fouts`61
Bill Gander`66
Jim Godfrey`63
Gene Goosman`64
Willie F Grace`67
Sam Hanna`66
John Hyder`46
Stu Johnson`52
Ralph Kernan`57
Setsy Setsuko Sadamoto Larouche`64
Bayley Mah`79
Joyce Fal Perlman Marshack`56
Lendamai Nelson Poole`59
David Pubols`56
Gayle Raymond`71
Ralph Reisbeck`66
Pat Wahlstrom Wilber`59
Steve Wisdom`75
Greg Wolleck`69
Ivan Wong`66

Alumni Post Newsletter

Charlotte Taylor Andrews`60
Dale Barnhart`69
Richard Beswick`66
Donna Winquist Duvall`69
Bill Gander`66
Judy Burgard Gobel`61
Jim Godfrey`63
Richard Huber`52
Craig Hull`55
Jeannette Moeckli Kramer`57
Richard Leonetti`56
Linda Mills Little`72
Sally Lockyear`62
Bayley Mah`79
Bob & Donna Hurd Mathers`61
Lendamai Nelson Poole`59
Marily Caton Quesnel`71
Marshall D Remillarad`52
Dale Webb`68
Evon McKinnon Whitley`67
Ivan Wong`66

Art Programs

Steve Bennett`55
Jim Godfrey`63
Gayle Raymond`71
Ralph Reisbeck`66
Diane Reichlein Schlack`61

Athletic Programs

Craig Bakken`59

Keith Cubic`66
Judy Burgard Gobel`61
Jim Godfrey`63
Jerry Jarboe`68
Turid Olsen`68
Edythe Fox Robbins`43
Stroup, William`64

Endowment Fund

Russell Brown - Honorary Member

May Fete/Rose Festival

Jim Godfrey`63
Leann Caill Kjemhus`80
Steve Kolb`64

Membership Luncheon

Greg Applegate`80
Carol Summerhalder Blair`54
Terrie Bollinger`67
Joel Dullum`95
Steve Matthews`70
Dale Webb`68

Music Programs

Susan Brown Asher`69
Harold Copeland`51
Jacqueline DeWolf Mother of Nicole DeWolf`2007
Linda Richardson Dietz`58
Bill Gander`66
Deborah Dunlop-Hayashi`70
Donna Winquist Duvall`69
Ruth Sommers Fay`59
Joan Fish`55
Marguerite Kristensen`66
Karl Krueger`66
JoAnn Ngan Lee`75
Judith Lind`51
Lynn Jewell Loders`69
Art Lushenko`66
Gayle Hamilton McCloskey`74
Roger Newell`61
Larry Oxman`66
Edythe Fox Robbins`43
Susan Hastings Tiscornia`78
Bob Walsh`56

2025 Picnic Donations

April Whitley Avery`67
Ella Dolson Dinger`62
Joel Dullum`95
Denny Hagan`59
John Harding`74
Richard Leonetti`56
Carl Morrison`68
Saylors Old Country Kitchen
Phil Schnabel`56
Susan Hastings Tiscornia`78
Ronald Tosi`55
Greg Westphal`81
Steve Wisdom`75
Tim Zimmerman`74

Band

Lynn Lukens Harrel`61

S.A.F.E class of 1967 and “Dome”

Class of ‘65

Julie Jones Koepke`74
Phyllis Nylander McGarry`67
Larry Nelson`68

Swim Team

Jay H Smith, III`58

Theater Program

Laura Nelsen`75
Pamela Roylance`70

1950’s

Betty Hinman Banford`56
Jack Bracke, Jr. – Honorary Member
Roger Hughes`57
Donald L Philpott`57
Kenneth H Schrock`58
Karen Sivesind`57

1960’s

Steven Baer`66
Sally D. Green Braich`62
Janet R Dobry`66
Stan Felton`63
Kathi Nielsen Jacobs`64
Andrew Lushenko`67
Larry Nelson`68
Dennis Puetz`65
Paul Trimble`63

1970’s

Graig Flach`72
Kim Marie Kinney Keist`76
Debra Scopacasa Price`71
David Stone`79

1980’s

Susan Hill Richards`80

\$200.00 and Over

Jim Godfrey`63
Linda Mills Little`72
Bayley Mah`79
Ivan Wong`66

\$300.00 and Over

American Online Giving Foundation - Anynomos
Sam Hanna`66
Stu Johnson`52
Edythe Fox Robbins`43

\$500.00 and Over

Lila Hyder
Karen Sivesind`57
Stroup, William`64

\$1,000.00 and Over

Joel McCloud`60

\$2,000.00 and Over

Bill Gander`66

In Memory Of:

Class of 65-Friends Forever from Dennis Puetz`65
In Memory of All “Arleta Grade School Kids that went to FHS” from Stu Johnson
Patricia Qualley Bracke`51, Barbara Qualley`60, Tony Foggia`50, Al Roberts`51, Mike Miller`51 , Bob Nelson`51 and George Bracke`51 from Jack Bracke, Jr
Unni Olsen Carr`64 from Turid Olsen`68
Neil Cawood`56 from David Pubols`56
Kathleen Ann Dietz Claason`66 from Janet R. Dobry`66
Judi Nielsen Cramton`61 from Kathi Nielsen Jacobs`64
Rick Dawes`67, Gil Hargreaves`67 and Kevin Kolb`66 from Jerry Jarboe`68

Nicole DeWolf`2007 from Jacqueline DeWolf (Mother of Nicole)
Marlys Shaw Dolan`80 from Susan Hill Richards`80
Lynette Peterson Fohr`67 from Mary Lou Stone`66
Donald Gebo`57 from Robert Gebo`57
Laurie Gibson`72 and Kathie Gibson`74 from Julie Jones Koepke`74
Sherri Glenn`71 from Debra Scopacasa Price`71
Joe Goodale`66, Bruce Miller`66, Gary Volz`66, Elmer Davis`66, Evelyn S Lusheko`68 from Andy Lushenko`67
Ron Harriman`56 from Betty Hinman Banford`56
Janet Goodrich Hastings`54 from Susan Hastings Tiscornia`78
Al Hays`60 from Bud Fouts`61
Marvin W. Hempel`57 from Roger Hughes`57
John A.Hyder`46 from Lila E. Hyder (wife)
Maggie Kennedy`64 from Setsy Setsuko Sadamoto Larouche`64
Steve & Earleen Kowalchuk`63 from William Stroup`64
Evelyn Lushenko`68 from Art Lushenko`66
Cecil Mahoney`52, Dave Black`52, Pat Black`55, Del Forslott`53, Roger Hull`54 and Dave Ogdahl`55 from Craig Hull`55
Kathy McNerney Kolb`65, Keven Kolb`66 and Brian Lemke`64 from Steve Kolb`64
Ruth J. (Krupp) Lukens`32 from Lynn R Lukens Harrel`61
Sharon Emerson McCourt`55 from Bill Gobel`58 and Judy Burgard Gobel`61
Melvin McKinnon`67 from Nickie Smith Bradford`67
Melvin David McKinnon`67 from Evon McKinnon Whitley`67
Bruce Miller`66 and Joe Goodale`66 from Bill Gander`66
Eddie Nelson`57 from Donald Philpott`57
Sandra Brown Pickman`61, Bob Batterman`61, Sharon Beccaria Detweiler`61 and Gail Schnable Niehl`61 from Diane Reichlein Schlack`61
Beryl “Hap” Piper, Teacher and Coach 1960-1994 from David Stone`79
Jim Schleivitz`52 from Herman Welch`52
Marlys Shaw`80 from Leann Cahill Kjemhus`80
Del Streens`62 and the Green Family from Sally Green Braich`62
Doug Sivesind`56 from Karen Sivesind`57
Gail RaporthWalsh`58 from Bob Walsh`56
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Greetings Classmates!

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Franklin High School Alumni Association. Prior to that, each class held it's own reunions, and there was nothing sponsored by the high school to keep us connected after our own graduation.

Every day was a new wonder-ful of possibility. As I age, I recognize 'what's done yesterday now becomes part of today and will move into tomorrow'. I call this a valuable part of my herstorical/historical (maybe sometimes a little hysterical) legacy.

I see legacy as one of the two vital aspects of our lives. There's our estate, and there's our legacy. We bequeathe our estate - all the physical stuff we possess - and we leave our legacy – our presence in others' memories. As we live and breathe, there are the traditions in our lives that keep us connected.

The Oaks Park Picnic started with the 50th reunion of the class of 1950. It has evolved to now be the All-Class picnic, hosted by the Alumni Association.

This year, I invited 2 of my nephews to join me at the picnic. Their dads were



both FHS graduates, and have attended the picnic in the past. Aaron - son of Mark Whitley class of '77, & Daniel - son of Craig Whitley class of '70. Once they arrived, we wandered off to find a table near the river, eat our lunch, and then stroll along the beach. After our stroll on the beach, we finished with a ride on the little choo-choo train.

It was a good day weather-wise, with positive energy, lots of laughter, and kind words.

Thank you for being part of the FHS Alumni Association Tradition!

April (Whitley '67) Avery

Reunion Corner

The Class of '64 is holding its annual “no host” Christmas luncheon on December 26, 11:30 am at Stark Street Pizza, in SE PDX. All classes are welcome. Come join us on the 26th to connect with old friends and make some new ones!

Join the class of 1969 at the Alumni Picnic, July 10th, 2026, at Oaks Park, and we will celebrate our 75th Birthday! We will give you early information about our 58 reunion plans!

Attention all classmates from the Franklin High Class of '71. THE PARTY IS ON! It's official – we are planning our 55-year class reunion in the Fall of 2026. The details of this event will be confirmed as they are complete. Now is the time to be sure we have your contact information up to date. We will keep you posted about the events of this celebration. Drop us a note at franklinquakers1971@gmail.com. Let us know how you are doing.

Classes 1970-1975 - There will be a casual event in early 2026. Details are being worked out.

Class of '75 – join our Facebook page at FHS Class of '75, or update your information by emailing Pam at fhs.pdx1975@gmail.com

Save the Date: Class of 1976 50th Class Reunion. September 19, 2026. More details to follow at the class Facebook page: Franklin HS of 1976, Portland Oregon.

Upcoming Events

There will be a “Winter Dance Performance” Friday December 12th and Saturday December 13, 7-9 pm in the Performing Arts Center.

Class Challenge

Every organization needs money to continue doing what they set out to accomplish.

Your Alumni Association is no different. There are many things that the school relies on for their financial well-being and we try to accommodate.

To this end, we propose a challenge between the classes to see which class can raise the most revenue starting November 1, 2025, and ending May 31, 2026.

Contributions can be made by check, money order or through our website, franklinhighalumni.org. Make checks payable to FHSAA and mail your contribution to PO Box 86040, Portland, OR

97286.

Please include the form at right to make sure your contribution gets credited to your class.

The winning class will be notified after the end of the challenge.

Those from the winning class who contributed will be invited to the Tail Gate Party at Franklin in the fall of 2026 and receive free entry to the football game and be seated in the VIP section of the stands. Be prepared to cheer on our alma mater and enjoy the evening!!!

Contact others in your class and get some money rolling in!

First & Last Name: _____

Maiden Name: _____

Class: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____



Franklin High Alumni Association Membership Form

Dues: ☐ New Membership \$20.00 ☐ Renewal \$20.00

Thank you for your support of the Franklin High Alumni Association

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

Membership Expires September 30, 2026

Name _____

Maiden Name _____ Graduation Year _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone: _____ Cell# _____

E-mail: _____

☐ I will read the Alumni Post online at www.franklinhighalumni.org

☐ Mail my Alumni Post

Yes, I want to donate \$ _____ to the FHS Wish List. Check which one.

Please make your check out to FHS Alumni Association

Alumni Association ☐ Alumni Post Newsletter ☐ Art Programs

Academic Programs ☐ May Fete/Rose Festival ☐ Music Programs

SAFE Fund-Class of '67 and "Dome" Class of '65' Student Services

Athletic Programs ☐ Endowment Fund

Other: _____

☐ I want to earmark my donation in memory of a classmate(s) listed below:

_____ Grad. Year: _____

Comments: _____

VOLUNTEERING

_____ I am interested in becoming a FHSAA Board Member
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20 Years of the FHS Alumni Association

In the Past 20 years, alum have stepped up and gave generously to support Franklin students. The first year of the association we raised about \$8,000 to buy new choir robes to replace the aging, 50-year-old robes that were tattered. Your donations have supported almost every class in some way or another. We’ve touched many students’ lives to help make their

high school experience better. We have had many people on the Alumni Board over the past 20 years. Our first board meeting was in February 2005; I was chosen to be President only because I was the youngest one in the room. So many hard-working people that have stuck together and worked hard to manage this organization. Sadly, most of those

people on the original board have passed, but we have not forgotten them. Incredibly, Joyce (Stroud) Gago ’54 and I are the only two original board members left. But we have an incredible board now who work together to bring ideas and events to fruition. Our most successful fundraiser was the “Buy a Brick Campaign” , over \$115,000 raised

to make sure that the bricks were placed on the outside of the Gym!
I have included 3, Letters from the President; one from me 8/2005, one from Past President Stu Johnson and one from Past President Garry Lee.
Enjoy! Pam

Letter from the President 2006

Wow, what a ride. We started the Franklin High School Alumni Association with a first meeting on February 19, 2005. I showed up at the request of Joyce (Stroud) Gago (54’) and promptly agreed to act as President (okay!!!). I met for the first time, Mal Watt (50’), Janette (Entrikin) Sprando (51’), Ken Aubin (50’), Mary Lou (Wiggins) Prosser (53’), Shirley (Patrick) Watkins (49’) and Connie (Felmley) Ottoboni (48’); all wonderful people who had a dream, an Alumni Association for Franklin High School. Since that first meeting in February 2005, we have organized an all school class reunion, which was held on Saturday, May 21, 2005, and with such a short time frame to organize, it turned out great. We have published three newsletters, and this is the fourth. We are in the process of raising enough funds to purchase new choir robes for up to 60 students in the choir program. In the fall we will be having



our first alumni golf tournament vs. Cleveland and our 2nd Alumni Homecoming Night. We are growing. We had hoped for 150 members after a year and as of this publication, we have 210 members.

The Franklin Alumni Association has great people involved and could use more. More bodies, more ideas, more money (let’s be honest). We have grown in numbers and financially from the \$5.00 donations to the \$500.00 donation from Bill Gander, class of 67, Standard TV and Appliance. We need all graduates of Franklin to be involved in helping make Franklin the best high school in the City of Portland.

Each time we have published a newsletter, we have learned something new. We are asking for your support, join the alumni association, get involved in a committee to make the alumni association stronger, donate money which will go to a specific department at Franklin or to the general fund of the FHSAA.

I personally would like to be able to thank each one of the current members who will be renewing their membership, and I thank all of you that will be sending in your information as a new member. There are many Franklin High Schools across this great country of ours, but Franklin High School, Portland, Oregon, the alumni are proud, concerned, caring, and giving alumni of the most beautiful high school in Portland. Let’s band together to make sure the legacy lives on.

Sincerely, Pam Knuth – Class of 75’

Letter from the President 2015

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.

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.

Stu Johnson, Class of 1952

Letter from the President 2016

This is a great time to be a Franklin Quaker! Just a couple of years ago we celebrated the first century of Franklin High. The first Franklin students took classes at Creston Elementary during 1914 because Franklin was still under construction. As you know, for the past two years, students once again have been taking classes elsewhere, while the Franklin structure was being rebuilt. As of this writing, the work is nearly done and students, teachers and staff will be “going home” to Franklin during August.

That’s the good news – completion is at hand. The bad news is that the project, originally scheduled for completion in March, is four months overdue and woefully, embarrassingly over budget. But for all that, the school absolutely sparkles and will become one of the crown jewels of Portland Public Schools. There is great anticipation for the Grand re-Opening the first weekend of September. There is an article in this Post which provides the schedule of events and details. You will want to circle September 2nd on your calendar.

We’re printing the Alumni Post early this Fall, in order to ensure all Franklin Alumni are aware of the Open House on Sept 2nd. Unfortunately, we will publish too early to cover the reunions going on this summer. Hopefully, all classes ending in 7 or 2 are holding an event or activity. For those classes, please send in an article and photo’s, so we can celebrate your reunion in the Spring, 2018 edition. It’s late, sure, but Alumni like reading about their class and seeing their picture in the paper.

The annual Alumni picnic was celebrated at Oaks Park on July



14th attended by over 200. There were 20 no-shows, perhaps owing to the heat. Actually we hold the picnic in a well shaded area, so next year, don’t let a hot day keep you away. But we had over 40 Alumni attend without a prior reservation. We noticed reminders were posted on Facebook during the morning. Thanks to those who reminded classmates and friends in this way.

The eldest to attend was from the 30’s and the decade of the 40’s was well represented. The 50’s continue to dominate; they should since they started the picnic over 10 years ago. But watch out 50’s, because there are more



and more from the 60’s every year. Now we need to reach out to the 70’s so they feel welcome. One person remarked, “It’s really interesting how connected we are, even across the generations. Everyone seems to know someone who knows someone that I know.”

Last year, with the threat of rain, there was only one vintage car. This year, proud owners brought 11 vintage jalopies, hot rods and even a 1930 Model A Town Sedan. Besides Alumni, couples and families came from around the park to marvel at these vintage beauties. It was quite a show! Thank you vintage car owners.

And now to the unhappy subject of the challenge to our beloved, century-old Franklin Quaker nickname. On April 27th, I met with Director Oscar Gilson in his office. We have been in continual correspondence since that meeting. On May 1st, he sent me a link to the District’s Conflict Resolution of PPS’s Administrative Directive which governs complaints like the one against our Quaker nickname. This directive sets a one year window of opportunity to file a complaint from the time of an event or knowledge of an event. On May 2nd, I informed Director Gilson that school records show that the Complainant enrolled her son at Franklin High during August, 2014, at which time they learned that Franklin was the “Home of the Quakers.” This means that she had one year, until August 2015 to file a complaint. She didn’t.

The Complainant gave a petition to the Principal on October 24, 2016, 14 months too late. Three months have gone by since Director Gilson knew that the requirements of the Administrative Directive had not been met, yet he has yet to say that this matter is closed. So we will continue to question Gilson and PPS until they answer.

Finally, we mail the Post to 11,000 Alumni and we hear that many share their copy with classmates, friends or even neighbors. We appreciate the multiplier effect of sharing. The Alumni Association proudly bears the cost of publication and postage because we want you to know what happens at Franklin and to know the events and activities, not only of the Alumni Association, but all classes as well. If you would like to help us with these costs, clip the Membership Form, attach your check for \$15.00 annual dues and become a member.

Come to a Board meeting. We meet at the school on the second Sat. morning of each month. Come at 9:30 for coffee and pastries, then stay for the meeting at 10:00 AM. Start out as a Guest. Next you might like to become a Friend of the Board. As you see what we do and how we do it, you may wish to become a Board Member. We have openings we have an opening for you.

Garry Lee, Class of ‘65





“Buy a Brick Campaign” helped raise over \$115,000 for Franklin gym’s exterior bricks

In the fall of 2015, Portland Public Schools (PPS) approached the Franklin Alumni Association, asking for help to restore funding for the brick exterior on the new gym. The historic brick exterior had been cut during the value engineering process.

The FHSAA Board was quick to say yes and reached out to the 13,000 alumni in our database. An appeal was sent out through advertising in the Alumni Post,

direct contact via e-mail, letters mailed and telephone calls. Notices were posted on Facebook, both FHSAA’s and PTSA’s.

The response was overwhelming!

Alums would buy a brick for \$25 each. To this end, over \$115,000 was raised for this project. Special thanks to Bill Gander, class of ’67, Standard TV & Appliance, for a single donation of \$25,000 and Bob and Donna Earnest, Bob class of ’65, honored their son Geoff ’94,

with a \$30,000 donation.

This “Ribbon Cutting” ceremony is to honor all those who donated to accomplish this project. Principal, Chris Frazier and Business Manager, Sonya Harvey will be in attendance. Board Members past and present will also be in attendance. And other special guests!

The names of those who donated are listed alphabetically on 10 plaques that are enclosed in frames and mounted in

the lobby of the gym. A phrase coined in the 1920’s “If it’s for Franklin, we’re all for it”, is the alumni associations motto!

ASA RESULT OF THIS CAMPAIGN, THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION RAISED OVER \$115,000 – THE PLAQUES NAMING ALL THOSE THAT DONATED ARE IN THE LOBBY IN THE GYM!

Alumni Post Reader Comments

February 16, 2025 - August 4, 2025

We enjoy reading your comments. If there is anything you would like us or your fellow classmates to know, please feel free to write.

And don’t forget to renew your membership to help support this publication and all of the other wonderful services of the Franklin High School Alumni Association.

Thank you!!!

Linda Lemoine`63

Recovering from a stroke – Sept. 24

Beverly June Huck Leonard`55

Love reading about all the FHS events

George and Debbie Walz Smeraglio`72

Thank you for all you are doing to help support Franklin High School students

Jim Godfrey`63

Thank you for all you do. You are all greatly appreciated

Charlotte Taylor Andrews`60

The Alumni helps keep Franklin memories alive. Thank you so much

Sallt Lockyear`62

Thank you April! And all the volunteers

Carol Wenstrand Zamba`56

Thank you. I was a Sergeant at Portland Police and helped with the cadet program. It allowed me to meet several great Franklin Students.

My nephew is currently attending Franklin. Franklin allowed the cadets to train at the school. I figured it was about time to join.

Kim Kinney Keist`76

Thanks for all you do!

Leann Cahill Kjemhus`80

Marvin Hempel and I were co-editors of the Franklin High Post. Lido Botti was faculty advisor

Roger Hughes`57

I always enjoy reading the Alumni and do thank you all for your input

Gene Goosman`64

Al Hays did not graduate – he went into the Navy at 17 yrs old

Bud Fouts`61

Thanks for keeping the FHS Assoc going

Stan Felton`63

Many thanks to the Board of Directors Board members and keeping the Alumni Post coming.

Lynn Jewell Loders`69

You people do a great job. - Thank you.

Nancy Grover`49

I enjoy your good work? I love to read the Alumni Post.

Steve Bennett`55

Thanks for the great job and work you are doing. I enjoy the paper and was happy to see the ad for the schools play. They put on great programs, very talented.

Joyce Fahl Perlman Marshack`56

Thank you for all you do

Marguerite Kristensen`66

You have received the Alumni Post because we think you graduated from Franklin High School.

If you are not an alumnus of Franklin High School or prefer not to receive this newsletter, please let us know.

Email:
info@franklinhighalumni.org

or call
503-972-3396

We appreciate your help in correcting our database.

New ‘Order of the Kite’ awards presented at exceptional annual luncheon

This year’s luncheon was exceptional. The Board Members arrived to do the set up and we were so surprised to find that the Culinary Class led by Kathrin Wissler, instructor, had the Commons Area all set up beautifully. Kathrin had brought beautiful plants to decorate the room; the tables were all set up with tablecloths and the desserts.

This year the Culinary Class served roasted chicken leg quarters with cherry tomatoes, artichoke hearts, basil and baby new potatoes. Spinach Strawberry and feta salad with a balsamic and candied pecan dressing, and focaccia bread! Dessert was cheesecake brownies. Everything was delicious and best of all the students delivered our food all plated, no line to stand in...

The Order of the Kite awards were presented to:
KD Parman ’92 – Leadership in Education
Carol (Channer) Nielsen ’57 – Public Service
Dell Stevens – PFB Firefighter/Community Advocate

If you are a current member of the Alumni Association, you will receive a personal invitation to attend the luncheon. So, please consider renewing or submitting a new membership to be able to take part!



Thank you class leaders and reunion planners

Class Leaders can be anyone, former class officers, or those able and willing to step forward. Thanks to all the Class Leaders who organize and hold the class together long after graduation.

FHSAA would like to hear from class representatives involved in planning

reunions or events. Please email info@franklinhighalumni.org with “Reunion” in the subject line. Include information (dates, location, contacts, etc.) about upcoming events or reunions to be published.

The following years do not have

a representative. They are classes of 1952, 1959, 1967, 1969, 1981 thru 1991 and 1994 thru 2023. Possibly, we can assist you in communicating with your classmates. If you have a representative but we are not aware of this person, please let us know.

Check whether your class is represented. If not, contact Ann Biggs at info@franklinhighalumi.org. If you wish to connect with a Class Representative, we will forward your email.

Class Leaders by Year

Class Yr	First Name	Maiden Name	Last Name	Email
1951	Janette	Entrikin	Sprando	jsprando@comcast.net
1953	Mary Lou	Wiggen	Prosser	marylouprosser@gmail.com
1954				
1955	Annette	Atkinson	Hunt	RHunt88335@aol.com
1956	Phil		Schnabel	hgeorgehil@canby.com
1957	Tom	Carter		S.carter2006@msn.com
1958	Beverly	Bergstrom	Richen-stein	
1960	Beverly	Blanchard	Entrikin	butchandbev@comcast.net
1961	Sheryl	Parise	Kowalchuk	sheryl.parise@comcast.net
1962	Elaine	Johnson	Griffith	donelainegriffith@comcast.net
1963	Gail	Weyand	Tester	gailtester@centurylink.net
1964	Cheryl		Bennett	trail213@msn.com
1965	Linda Lee	Aurand	McKinney	lindalmckinney@hotmail.com
1966	Bonnie	Westerberg	Cottrell	bonniecott@comcast.net
1968	Ann	Heim	Biggs	Biggsac@msn.com
1969	Curt		Hagen	chagan420@aol.com
1969	Beth	Graham	Kaler	Blkaler@gmail.com

1970	Corriene	Brown	Arehart	ccarehart@hotmail.com
1970	Linda		Owen	linda.owencooper@gmail.com
1971	Rod		Hilden-brand	rahcash@comcast.net
1972	Karen		Siegle	Karen@event-group.net
1973	Carol	Sievers	Kubiak	
1974	Gayle	Hamilton	McCloskey	mcsing325@msn.com
1974	Tim		Zimmer-man	timzimlaw@comcast.net
1975	Pam	Knuth	Knuth	pamknuth@msn.com
1976	Diana	Schneider	Barnes	drbarnes5@comcast.net
1976	Jeanne		Nelson	
1977	Cheri	Workman	Moore	
1978	Richard		Melton	
1979	Jill		Barnett	ranlbar@aol.com
1980	Barbara	Cook	Lance	ihatespam3@outlook.com
1992	Robin	Bruck	Simmons	robin@simmons-ins.com
1993	Beth	Tupper	Pulito	
2002	Kyle		Cooke	Cookey@gmail.com
2004	Mandy	Peterson	Vance	mandyvance@gmail.com



2025 FHSAA Picnic held on beautiful July day

Greetings Franklin High School Classmates. Thank you for another great picnic experience at Oaks Park in July! Our picnic was hosted in the same area underneath the beautiful shady trees to keep us cool when it gets warm and near a parking lot for easy access for you attending as well as restrooms nearby. Didn't notice it was getting warm until it was time to go home.

YOU the people make our picnic happen. Classmates that come meet old friends and make new ones. Classmates that have never been to the picnic before are so surprised to see who they meet.

Some classes hold a special gathering for their class. Knowing they will have many in attendance, we have extra tables set aside for them. Class of 56 and 69 did that this year. Such a nice time to catch up and organize their future events!

We had a lot of walkins this year, which is WONDERFUL. We appreciate your patience when signing up at registration. By taking the time to do this, enables us to ensure your information is up to date. Mailing address, phone number, email address etc. This helps us ensure you receive the Alumni Post, membership information and information regarding upcoming events. Thank you for your patience. This is so important. If you wish to pre-register, the picnic form is always in the Spring Post and reminds you to place on your 2026 calendar!

We had a free Raffle again this year. On your way to check in or registering a raffle ticket is issued to you. As a result of kind donations, there was \$480.00 in donations to go towards having fun with the Raffle. Gift Cards were won to various locations and the Grand Raffle Prizes were two Gift Certificates (\$50.00 each) to Saylor's Country Kitchen. One of my favorite places to eat.

Once again, because of higher prices of food, catering etc., we like to keep it as simple as possible. Either bring your own lunch, snack etc. or enjoy your favorite corn dog, hot dog, hamburger and other options available at the concession stands. Yummmmm!!!! So good.

Also, thank you to the Alumni Board for all your help with set up (covering the tables and putting signage up), registration, raffle and photos taken and also for cleaning up after the picnic. We are a team to make our picnic happen for you all.

If you have never been to the picnic or you have missed some, please come. I meet new people every year. As the Executive Secretary of the Alumni Board, I see a lot of names but when I see you at the picnic, I can put a name to a face. This truly warms my heart.

As I have mentioned in the past, you never know who knows who!!!! Or what person you may have not have seen in a long time. I had a comment from a person, who said he saw his older neighbor at the picnic and didn't realize he went to Franklin. Our world is smaller than we think.

Thanks again to all that attended the 2025 All Class Picnic and hope to see you all return as well as those that have never been. Guaranteed you will have fun.

Next picnic is already on the Calendar – Friday, July 10, 2026 at the same location at the Oaks! SEE YOU ALL THERE!!!!!!!!!!

Ann Heim Biggs





School grounds clean-up days: One of the most popular Alumni Association activities

The Alumni Association early on, started holding “Grounds Cleanup Days”. Members would show up with their gloves and yard tools and pitch in cleaning up the grounds. We started out with a day before school starts and prior to graduation. Our Board Member, Dave Evans ‘55 was the lead on these projects.

Judy Orem fights cancer with trial drug Gleevec

In 1998, Judy Orem had run out of options. Diagnosed with CML in 1995, the available drug (Interferon) wasn’t working. A final option was the phase I clinical trials of Gleevec.

After consulting with Dr. Brian Druker, Judy became the ninth patient to take Gleevec, and she has now been taking the drug longer than any other patient. Because of Dr. Druker’s discovery,

Judy was able to become a grandmother, and she’s thankful for the many years’ worth of celebrations and memories with her family.

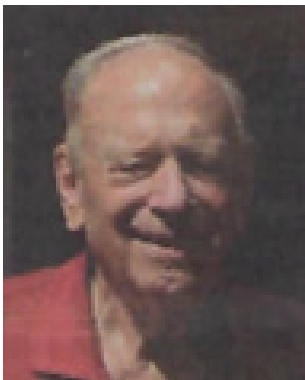
Judy was on hand last Thursday to speak at the press conference where it was announced Phil and Penny Knight would donate \$2 billion in our fight to #GiveCancerHell.

Judy is a ‘62 grad and Database Secretary for FHSAA!



The Write Stuff: Marine vet fights for cursive in class

By Kelly Romo, Active Media
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For businessman and Marine veteran Phil Schnabel, the loss of cursive writing in Oregon’s public schools isn’t just an educational oversight -it’s a disservice to students. Now in his 80s, Schnabel has taken it upon himself to advocate for the return of cursive instruction by meeting with school leaders, speaking at civic groups, and planning to work with state lawmakers.

The effort began when Schnabel wrote a long, handwritten letter to his granddaughter. She was a top student who had just graduated high school as an honors student with a 4.42 GPA. Despite her academic achievements, she couldn’t read it. That moment brought home the reality that many students today are graduating without basic cursive skills.

Since then, Schnabel has taken a

hands-on approach. He has presented to school boards and spoken with principals, sharing historical documents such as the Constitution, the Gettysburg Address and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, all of which are written in cursive. At the end of his presentation, he displays the phrase “the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog,” written in cursive, to demonstrate that most young people in public schools can no longer read this simple sentence.

For Schnabel, this isn’t just about handwriting. It’s about literacy, historical awareness and the ability to function in adult life. Cursive writing plays a key role in developing a personal signature -something still needed for voting, legal documents and identity verification. Without that skill, Schnabel sees a future where young adults may struggle with basic tasks, such as signing a will or completing a contract. Research also shows that writing in cursive activates areas of the brain linked to memory and

learning. This activity helps the brain process and store new information more effectively, creating strong conditions for learning and long-term retention, which is beneficial for all students.

Most educators and parents have responded with support. While some school districts allow individual teachers the freedom to include cursive, others restrict it because it’s not explicitly written into state standards. One teacher told him that she was disciplined and forced to stop teaching students to ‘write in cursive. Schnabel hopes to change that by working with state legislators to require cursive instruction in Oregon schools, similar to recent legislation passed in Idaho. His goal is for all students to become proficient in cursive by the fifth grade.

Private and homeschool settings

often still include cursive, but most public-school students are missing out on this valuable skill. Schnabel views this not just as an educational gap but a failure to prepare students for real-world responsibilities.

Schnabel’s years in the Marine Corps and decades in sales taught him the value of discipline, clear communication and being prepared. Those same principles now guide his efforts to improve education. He views cursive as more than an oldfashioned skill -it provides students with a means to connect with the past, express themselves clearly and tackle essential tasks they’ll face as adults. He believes that all Oregon students deserve an education that fully equips them for the future - and that includes learning to write in cursive.

