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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## Coming Events

### Spring Board Meeting

Tuesday May 5, 2015  
10:30 am—12:30 pm

RHS Alumni Room

### RHS Spring Musical

#### Mary Poppins

Tuesday—May 19, 2015  
7:30 pm (free)

RHS Theatre  
GOLDEN GRADS NIGHT

### RHS Golden Grads

#### Annual Luncheon

Wed. June 3, 2015  
11:00 am

Sand Point Country Club  
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## Notes

**Is your membership current?** Check the label to your right. It shows the year your membership is paid thru. Our memberships are based on the calendar year and are due by each January. There is a membership and information form on the back of every newsletter, which is sent out in May and October. Use the form for renewals; donations; changes of address, phone and e-mail; and/or for your news for the Grapevine.

**Bulk Mail** - Your *Grapevine* is **not** forwarded if you have moved and have not informed us of your new address. Be sure to let us know **before** you move. The USPS just throws them away if undeliverable.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By President Elect Doug Whalley '63

I am excited about leading the Golden Grads, and not just because it is a treat to be one of the youngest members of a group for a change. I quickly found that the other officers and committee members are very organized, and do not require much adult supervision. I look forward to working with them and other Golden Grads to assist Roosevelt teachers and students.

Like many of you, I was not the only member of my family to attend Roosevelt. Other Roughriders include my wife Janet Sage Whalley '64; our sons Scott '90 and Mike '92; my brothers John '60 and Craig '65; Janet's sister Lynn Sage Coffman '62 and brother-in-law Mel Coffman '62; my cousin Molly Dietz Kuehn '63; and Brian Platt 2001, who lived with us his senior year at RHS. (This list is getting too long, so I won't mention my daughter-in-law's aunt, Mary Jane Carter '64, or Brian's sister, brother-in-law, mother, and aunt.) My grandchildren live in the Roosevelt attendance area, so I am hopeful.

When I graduated in 1963, I assumed that Roosevelt was comparable to other high schools in Seattle and around the country, but after I entered the UW I found that I was much better prepared to succeed than many others. I still remember when I bought the text book for UW freshman math and saw it was the same one we used at Roosevelt. Over the years I have become convinced that Roosevelt is one of the nation's outstanding high schools, public or private. Roosevelt's large size is a particular asset, allowing the school to offer a variety of specialized classes and programs. It gives each student an opportunity to find friends with similar interests, and to make new friends with people from different backgrounds. It is now a diverse school, economically and racially, in sharp contrast to many suburban and rural schools and almost all private schools. Our location near the University means that many students have parents who studied there or teach there – bringing a culture of serious scholarship to the rest of us. Finally, our size and 95-year history gives us a great supply of alumni who care enough to support the Golden Grads, and through them to benefit the students of Roosevelt.

I know that my mother, Dorothy Belt Whalley, Roosevelt Class of 1931, would be very proud that I am president of the Golden Grads.

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## FALL 2015 GRAPEVINE Schedule

Send your info which you would like published in the Fall *Grapevine* to your class secretary (listed in the *Grapevine*) **by August 16, 2015**, as the secretaries must have everything into the Editor by **August 30, 2015**. You may also send information directly to the Grapevine Editor prior to these dates. We must follow the deadline dates to be able to publish and mail each issue on time.

## MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

Don't forget memberships are due each **JANUARY** and **last one year**, unless you want to pay ahead for future years. For your convenience, a membership form is included at the end of this *Grapevine*. **You need to have your membership paid to receive your *Grapevine* newsletter. We will be dropping those who are delinquent.**

**33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Roosevelt Golden Grads Members Luncheon  
Wednesday, June 3, 2015**

The Luncheon, a short Annual Business Meeting and Election of Officers and will be held Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at the **Sand Point Country Club** located at 8333 – 55<sup>th</sup> N.E., Seattle, WA 98115.

The lower half of this page is the formal invitation and your reservation for this year's luncheon.

- Time: Doors open at 11:00 AM -- 11:00 to 12:00 Social Hour & sign in at the Registration Table and pick up your envelope.
- Luncheon Time: 12:15 PM. Will start serving lunch
- Seating: Each GG member attending the luncheon has a place reserved with his or her class.
- Parking: Parking will be available in the Country Club parking lot (the front entrance has stairs, but you can enter from south side or west side.)
- Deadline: Luncheon reservations **are required** and **must be** in our hands by **Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015**

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*Please clip on this line and return reservation form to the address below*

**RHS GOLDEN GRADS LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM---June 3, 2015 RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

If you are a RHS grad, you **MUST** be a current dues paying GG Member to attend the luncheon  
If not a RHS grad, you must be a guest or spouse of member.

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_ Entrée Choice #(below) \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_ Entrée Choice #(below) \_\_\_\_\_

(If RHS couple, we need both names and classes. **Women Grads, please include your maiden name.**)

Address (# and street) \_\_\_\_\_ Apt \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Seat me/us with class of** \_\_\_\_\_

**I need a ride to the luncheon** \_\_\_\_\_

**Entrée Choices:**

(3 selections to choose from)

#1 Baked Cod

#2 Bousin Stuffed Chicken Breast

See back side for complete entrée info

#3 Cauliflower Steak with Olive Relish (vegetarian)

Please reserve space for (#) \_\_\_\_\_ at **\$30.00 each**

**Total enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

Send your check, made out to **RHS Golden Grads** and send to: RHS Golden Grads

P.O. Box 281

Edmonds, WA 98020-0281

Any questions contact, Luncheon Chair: Cindy Dack, 206-938-5552 or [missduck@msn.com](mailto:missduck@msn.com)

or Anne Chichester Temple, Membership Secretary 425-697-4216 or [la\\_temple@comcas.net](mailto:la_temple@comcas.net).

**Drivers are needed to help get members to the luncheon. Please contact Cindy Dack 206-938-5552 if you are available to help.**

If you want to pay your dues, **please send a separate check** and mail to the address above. A membership form is enclosed in this newsletter for your convenience. Ladies be sure to include your maiden name.

## **ENTRÉE INFORMATION**

**To help remember which lunch you have chosen circle the entrée below.  
Keep this section with you that day.**

**Baked Cod:** with lemon herb butter, roasted new potatoes, seasonal vegetables.

**Boursin Stuffed Breast of Chicken:** with cabernet sauce, roasted new potatoes, seasonal vegetables.

**Cauliflower Steak:** olive relish, roasted potatoes

**NOTE: All meals include: Rolls, Coffee, Tea and a Lemon Tart, Berry Coulis.**

**11:00 am: social hour with comp. coffee/water and Cash Bar.**

**Cash bar includes: wine @ \$8; mixed drinks @ \$8; Beer @ \$6; and soda @ \$2.50**

**11:50 am: sit for lunch**

**12:00 pm: welcome and lunch served**

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Jerry Chichester, Membership Chairman

We have made some changes to our Membership Team. I was swamped with contacting class secretaries and all so Anne Chichester Temple '63 has agreed to help out by becoming Membership Secretary. She will be supporting and communicating with the class secretaries during our renewal campaigns and filling for classes without a secretary.

We have expanded the Membership Team to include several of the newer class secretaries to provide input on improving our membership program. Harley O'Neil '62 and Rick Keating '64 have joined the team so that now we have representation from the classes '51, '53, '55, '62, '63 and '64.

Golden Grads will be sending out the Grapevine by email to those who would prefer a digital copy. We offer this as a convenience to members and a cost savings to Golden Grads. More funds for scholarships and teacher's wish list programs make your membership dues go even further. What a deal! Let us know by marking the box on the membership form. See the back of the Grapevine. The Grapevine would be in the form of a PDF file attached to an email. You would need a free program called Adobe Acrobat Reader to be able to download and read the Grapevine. Our first user of this service is Don Farrar '51 who is living in Spain and reportedly loves his email version.

You can now just look at the first page of your mailed Grapevine to see what year your membership is paid through. We are trying this out to make it easier for members to know their membership status. In addition, so your membership and information form doesn't get lost, we have attached it to the back of this Grapevine. Just tear off and use it to keep Golden Grads informed of information, changes, of news for the Grapevine and to make renewals and donations.

## **GOING'S ON AT RHS**

By Pat Loftin, Golden Grads Vice-President

Happy spring! I hope that many of you are planning to attend our Golden Grads luncheon at Sand Point Country Club. It will be held Wednesday, June 3rd, and will be the ideal time to connect with "old" friends and meet the nominee for Golden Grads president, Doug Whalley. He has already met with your Executive Board so is getting familiar with our By Laws, budget, and structure of the Executive Board and the Board of Directors.

Some updates from RHS principal Brian Vance include his reminder that Roosevelt students continue to uphold the tradition of excellence in Academics, Arts, Athletics, and Activities. He also said that the seniors are excited about their future after high school. The majority of these graduates will

continue their education in college, including some of the most prestigious in the country.

The focus this year, is on "Trusting each other, Believing in ourselves, and Achieving excellence."

As you may have read, underclassmen are about to take the new Common Core assessments in English/Language Arts and Math - called the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC). The assessments are based on the national Common Core standards and are completely computer based. Mr. Vance is eager to see how Roosevelt students "stack up" against students from around the country.

Mr. Vance also informed me that Roosevelt was recognized by US News as one of the top 10 high schools in Washington State and is the highest ranked Seattle public high school. Obviously, RHS continues to excel in the Arts. The Jazz band, along with Garfield, will again represent the Pacific Northwest at the national jazz competition in New York City this May. The drama program just finished the first of its 2 musicals this year. Roosevelt was also one of the five schools nationally that was selected to debut The Little Mermaid. Mr. Vance noted that the school is sad to be saying goodbye to their award winning drama director, Ruben Van Kempen, as he retires at the end of this school year. Orchestra students are competing at the State level now and continue with their partnership with the Seattle Symphony, allowing them to play side by side with the professionals.

As I noted in our last newsletter, Roosevelt is competing in the Metro League this year in sports. They have had great success. Swimmers came in 2nd place in the league and the wrestlers were Co- champions. Golfers won the league and were undefeated. Last year over 1000 RHS students competed in interscholastic sports and this year will involve about the same number. In fact, track this spring has 120 participants. Roosevelt also offers other activities that help round out students' education. There are students participating in Robotics, DECA, Unified Athletics and Drama (Special Olympics), Model United Nations, Hands for a Bridge, Chess, and more.

Mr. Vance asked me to thank Golden Grad members for "all they do to support the school and uphold its legacy." And as he said, "Go Riders"!

I also want to take this opportunity to say , "Good-bye" as acting president. I will resume my duties as Vice-President when Doug takes over. I have enjoyed my experience and certainly gained a lot of new knowledge. I was really impressed by how hard both the Executive Board and the Board of Directors work.

Hope to see you at Sand Point on June 3rd.



## FAIRVIEW REUNION REPORT

Joyce Hitt Butchart

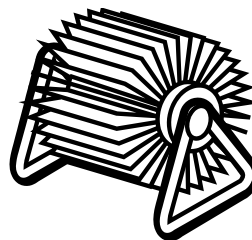
Our 8th Fairview Reunion and 3rd year opening the reunion to other classes, was a great success on October 4th, 2014 at Barbara Dunsmore Shumway's home in Edmonds. We had changed venues as Aline Ablitt, due to health problems, was unable to have the reunion at her home. We had 20 people attend, down a bit from last year, and had a great time and the food was awesome. Those attending were (year graduated from high school): Stan Butchart '44, Joyce Hitt Butchart '53, Bob Pickering '53, Jane Hessian Pickering '53, Tonia Filigno Clark '53, Aline Ablitt Gorringer '53, Clayton Vollan '53, Deanna Vollan Stiles '58, Lorraine Hitt Carter '56, Karen Lagerquist Carpenter '53/54, Barbara Dunsmore Shumway '53, Edwin Lagerquist '56, Tom Olsen '55, Terry Olsen '53, Dick Miller '53, Dave Solhaug '53, Ken McGhee '55, Dona Reams Brunette '53, Rowena Rosenquist Wedemeyer '53, and John Fahnestock '53. Joyce received emails from Susie Barrett Prescott '53, Jean Huston Durr '55, Rodney Thorn '53, Willa Howe Rohver '61 and Bob Hallowell '52.

## JOIN US FOR ALL YEAR FAIRVIEW GRADE SCHOOL REUNION

If you attended Fairview Grade School, whether you graduated from there or not and would like to attend an All Year school reunion, please notify Joyce Hitt Butchart at 206-242-9524 or [butcharts2@aol.com](mailto:butcharts2@aol.com)

The RHS class of 1953 has been having a Fairview reunion for 7 years and we would like to invite anyone who has attended Fairview to join us for our 8<sup>th</sup> reunion. Our next reunion will either be

the last Saturday in September or the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in October. The actual date and location will be established and sent to all on the Fairview list. We make this a Pot Luck and a fun time for visiting. If interested contact Joyce so she can get your name, address, phone and email address on the contact list.



**MEMBERS PLEASE CONTACT US:** if you have moved or have a new phone number or new email. We need this information so that you can receive the *Grapevine* and any other communications coming from Golden Grads. Notify Jerry Chichester, Anne Chichester Temple, or Judy Flournoy Harwood. Their contact information is on the front page.

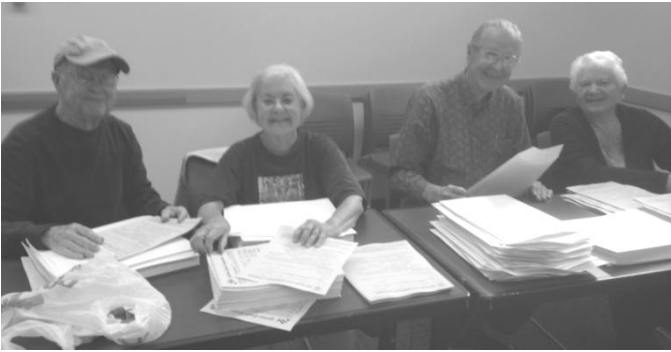
## Golden Grads Using Email

Joyce Hitt Butchart, GG Secretary

All communicating with our members for whom we have an email address (about 71%), is done this way. This is so that we can send out reminders, info on RHS activities and any other info we'd like to let you know about. We are still having some problems with some of your addresses being returned each time. You need to be sure and unlock your computer on your server, to accept from my email address [butcharts2@aol.com](mailto:butcharts2@aol.com) and the subject always being RHS Golden Grads. Emails are always sent blind copy. **Please let Joyce know if you have changed your email address.** Her contact addresses are on the front page of *Grapevine*.

## CLASS 1953 LADIES CHAT

The ladies of the class of 1953 meet twice a month at Vio's Third Place Books at 20<sup>th</sup> NE and NE65<sup>th</sup>. This time is spent just chatting about what they have been doing. If you are a 1953 graduate they meet on the first Thursday and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at about 10:00 am at Third Place Books. They also have a luncheon sometime the first of June. If interested in a reminder contact: Joyce Butchart. (Info on front cover)



## STUFFING 2014 FALL GRAPEVINE 9/23/2014



Our grateful thanks to the following volunteers who helped get approximately 900 *Grapevines* stuffed and addressed in a little over an hour at the Northeast Library on 35<sup>th</sup> Ave NE and NE 68<sup>th</sup> Street (near RHS). If you would like to participate in helping us with the next stuffing in late September, please contact Joyce Hitt Butchart (info on the front page), so we can add your name to the volunteer list. We could not do this job without our loyal volunteers. Thanks to the following:

Ruth Bailey Norton '47 and husband Frank, Diane Panchot, Edfast '48 and husband Roy, Lisbeth Pisk '49, Helen Boyd Nordby '51, Judy Flournoy Harwood '51, Joyce Hitt Butchart '53 and husband Stan '44, Jerry Chichester '53, Joan Imbery Fullner '53, Jackie Godfrey Brotnov '53, Lorraine Hitt Carter '56, Pat Wise Loftin '60, Harley O'Neil '62, Karol Gerlach Gadwa '63, Anne Chichester Temple '63 and Margaret Spillers '63.

**YOUR DUES WERE DUE FOR THIS YEAR BY THE FIRST OF THE YEAR. IF YOU'VE NOT RENEWED SEE THE MEMBERSHIP FORM INCLUDED AT THE END OF THIS ISSUE.**

## PUMPKINSEED CONCERT October 30,2014

This was the first big concert for the 30 member new RHS Choir directed by Jean-Marie Kent. The choir started with music from countries where there are known conflicts between two cultures. They were fortunate to have musicians from these countries visit the choir and share their insights. The choir sang a South African Freedom Song, North Ireland Folk tune, a Ukrainian song and a Yiddish Folk song. It was nice to see RHS having a choir once again, bringing memories back to many of us who sang in Jr. Choir, Sr. Choir, men's Quartettes, Harmonettes (10 gals) and Nonettes (9 gals) under choir director Ken Lyman.

The 63 member Concert Band under director, Scott Brown played "On The Quarter Deck". This band consists of mostly 9<sup>th</sup> graders. The 80 member Symphonic Band performed 2 movements from "Pictures at an Exhibition". This band has only 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students.

After intermission the Orchestra's performed under director, Anna Edwards. The combined Chamber & Concert Orchestra performed Felix Mendelssohn's "Sinfonia No 2, Mv't.1. The Symphony Orchestra with 58 members gave the audience a big surprise by performing Peter Tchaikovsky's, Symphony no 5, Mv't 3 with the Froula Pipe Organ. The last piece performed with the combined Symphony and Chamber Orchestra, playing Leroy Anderson's "Phantom Regiment". It was wonderful to hear the pipe organ played again in concert and Anna Edwards informed us that at the Collaborative Concert in March, they will be doing music with the organ and orchestra together.



### **THE FROULA PIPE ORGAN at RHS**

Mr. Vaclav Karel Froula was principal of the newly opened RHS in 1922. Mr. Froula passed away Nov 2, 1938 and was so greatly loved by students and faculty they got a committee together to decide what they could do for RHS in memory of Mr. Froula. The committee voted to install a pipe

organ in his memory. The RHS faculty and graduating classes of 1939 and 1940 raised \$2,500 of the \$3,000 needed to purchase the organ. The Seattle School Board agreed to fund the \$560 cost of installing the organ in the auditorium. Once the total amount was raised the organ was installed in 1940 and the first concert was given on Oct 3, 1940. This was the only high school in Seattle that had an auditorium large enough to hold the pipes and organ. In the years to follow the organ was played by staff members and students including Cecile Bullock, Mr. Hasselblad and Jim Impett '53. In the later years the organ fell into disrepair and was rediscovered by students over the years. Ron Sillence found the pipes behind the organ swell screen shades and got the instrument playing again and he was one of the volunteers rebuilding the organ. In 1997, Raven Bonnar-Pizzorno raised money to have the organ cleaned and tuned as her Senior project. In 2003, the Friends of RHS Froula Memorial Pipe Organ was formed to assure the pipe organ's placement in the renovated RHS. By the time the school renovation had been finished in 2006, \$78,637 had been raised for the installation of the pipe organ chambers; however money needed to be raised to completely rebuild and expand the organ (10 more ranks of pipes). This goal of \$35,000 was met with the help from the Seattle Chapter of American Guild Organists. The guild contributed \$12,500 toward the amount needed along with many other contributors. The organ was removed from the auditorium in 2004 and put in storage at Seattle School District facility. In the summer of 2008 the organ was moved to a wood shop at Lincoln High School and that is where they started to rebuild the organ. In June 2009 the organ was ready to be installed in RHS Theater. There were over 45 volunteers working to restore the organ.

The first concert with the restored organ was on October 17, 2009 and held in the new RHS Theatre with many Golden Grads, organ enthusiasts', high school students & families and 20 members of the Froula family in attendance. The second time the organ was played was at the Oct 30, 2014 Orchestra Pumpkinseed Concert, performing Peter Tchaikovsky's Symphony #5. The next time we'll hear the organ will be March 17, 2015 at the Collaborative Concert. The piece to be played is Saint Saens second half of Symphony No 3.

The organ is now ready for more concerts to be held in the RHS theatre.



## HOLLYBERRY CONCERT WITH ORCHESTRA'S AND CHOIR

December 18, 2014

Another wonderful concert at RHS. We are so blessed to have such musical concerts available to us throughout the year. The 28 member Concert Orchestra performed Mozart's Allegro in C major and a Keltic Feast. The 19 member Chamber Orchestra performed A Corelli's Concerto in D, Opus 6, No1 Before intermission the 59 member Symphony Orchestra performed selections from the Nutcracker Suite: March, Trepah and Waltz. This piece was beautifully played with a standing ovation after. They sound as good as the Seattle Symphony. After intermission the 28 member RHS concert choir, the Concert Orchestra and the 39 member Magnolia Chorale plus 3 guest soloists performed the very difficult Vivaldi's "Gloria", which was magnificent. We noticed there are more concert choir members than at the last concert. This piece is very lengthy and difficult—a real challenge to our RHS students, which was magnificent. The end of the evening brought everyone back on stage to play and sing Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride" along with the audience. It was a wonderful evening of music with such talented young adults. Plan to attend next year and to come to the concerts planned for 2015.

### CALENDAR FOR DRAMA & MUSIC

We are invited to attend the following:

**May 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM RHS Theatre** Golden Grad night  
For musical "Mary Poppins" FREE

There are other dates available but need to purchase a ticket. May 21-22 and May 28-31

Contact: [www.rooseveltdrama.org](http://www.rooseveltdrama.org)

**June 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:00 PM RHS Theatre** Jazz Bands II & III  
Final Concert FREE

**June 5<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM** Jazz Band I Final Concert FREE  
Contact: [www.rooseveltjazz.org](http://www.rooseveltjazz.org)

Dates not final for Orchestra's concerts

Contact: [www.rooseveltorchestra.org](http://www.rooseveltorchestra.org)



### JAZZ BANDS from ROOSEVELT, MOUNT SI, GARFIELD headed back to prestigious festival ESSENTIALLY ELLINGTON (from Seattle Times)

Three high-school jazz bands from the Seattle area were named on February 18<sup>th</sup> as finalists in the essentially Ellington competition and Festival, to be held in New York City on May 7-9, 2015. Bands from Roosevelt & Garfield, which between them have won the contest seven times and Mount Si, in Snoqualmie, is going to the finals for the second time. All three local bands went last year.

The 20 year-old festival is presented by Jazz at Lincoln Center, the jazz nonprofit headed by Wynton Marsalis. In addition to the competition, the festival includes mentoring and workshops for each band. Some special events will mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, including an Essentially Ellington exhibit, a retrospective documentary and the creation of the Essentially Ellington Alumni Association, which invites past participants to network professionally.

Each year, 15 bands are chosen as finalists, based on their recordings of music by Duke Ellington and other important jazz composers. At the competition itself, cash awards are given to the top three bands.

Since opening up to schools west of the Mississippi in 1999, the event has been dominated by Washington State bands, which have accounted for 55 of 260 finalist slots. In 2008, five of the 15 finalists were from the Seattle area. In three other years, three finalists came from Washington.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE JAZZ BAND

## COLLABORATIVE ORCHESTRA CONCERT

There were quite a few Golden Grads attending this wonderful concert on March 17, 2015 in the RHS Theatre. The orchestra was comprised of musicians from RHS, UW, Cornish School, Seattle Symphony, Pacific Northwest Ballet, Auburn Symphony and Simple Measures and directed by Anna Edwards, RHS Orchestra Director. It was a wonderful evening of great music. The performing guests with the orchestra were: Maria Larionoff, violin and Catalin Rotaru, double bass. The audience was mesmerized with the hands of Catalin Rotaru—he could really make the double bass sing. With both Maria and Catalin as soloists they performed with the Orchestra, “Sinfonie Concertante” by Wolfgang Mozart and “Grand Duo” by Giovanni Bottesini. The Orchestra alone performed “El Yunque” by Victoria Bond, a World Premiere of this work. El Yunque is the only tropical rain forest in the United States and is located in Puerto Rico. The sounds from various instruments portrayed parrots and tree frogs (Coqui) and other birds. This piece was very well done and enjoyed by the audience. After intermission the Orchestra performed “Symphony No 3 ORGAN in C minor, Op.78 by Saint Saens with RHS Alumna, Cara Peterson at the Froula organ. It was wonderful to hear the organ soar, but the audience was left with wanting more concerts with orchestra and organ. We hope in the future that Anna Edwards will be able to arrange this.

### RHS Special Education Teacher

Taken from the Seattle Times newspaper

Special-education Teacher Thomas Ledcke at RHS uses drama club to help his students explore new ways of learning social and emotional skills. A dozen students walked onto the RHS stage one afternoon much like any other group of teenagers, cell phones in hand, they dropped their back packs and spread out on stage.

These weren't your typical drama kids. One girl wanted to talk she used her hands and a sign language interpreter. Others didn't speak at all. One girl walked slowly, her gait uneven because of cerebral palsy.

They are members of a new drama group at RHS, open to special-education students and their typically performing peers. On March 19<sup>th</sup>, the group will give its first performance of a play, “Voices”, they helped to create.

Called “unified drama”, the after school club is based on a similar, successful sports program at RHS and a similar drama class at nearby Nathan Hale High. It's also part of a wider effort to include special-needs kids in more regular extracurricular activities.

One goal is simply making sure special-education kids have some of the same opportunities as any other student. But Mr.

Ledcke, the RHS special Ed teacher who started the club this year, has bigger aspirations, too.

Drama, he said, can teach social and emotional skills that some special-needs students, especially those with autism, lack. Playing new roles can help students face old anxieties. Memorizing lines can reinforce letter sounds dyslexic students often struggle to remember. Acting out a range of emotions in a variety of scenarios can help autistic students practice the social flexibility that their disability makes it so hard for them to grasp.

“There's many ways of learning”, Ledcke said. “That's our job as teachers, to keep looking for that key.” While the group is open to all, this year all but two are special-education students. The one student, who wants to be a special Ed teacher, said “you don't need to talk down to them—most people with disabilities understand more than many think and she's learned that there is really nothing separating us.”

One student, Lorenzo who is autistic and 19 years old has struggled since he was young to relate to others and understand social situations. In years past, he sometimes grew easily frustrated, tipping over chairs and desks, in his worst moments. When teachers asked him to work he began writing songs, playing the piano and also does choreography. He credits the special-education program for helping him cope with his autism. His brain is like a puzzle, he said. It takes a lot of effort to figure out how the pieces fit together. After working 5 years with Lorenzo, the teacher has seen a new side of him. Everyday situations can still get a rise out of Lorenzo. When he works with other teenagers with special needs, Lorenzo is gentle and generous.

Mr. Ledcke said the point of this performance isn't a perfect show. Instead, he hopes it will give the audience a sense of what it's like to live with a disability. And for his students—-he hopes that if nothing else, they will have fun.

## CLASS REUNIONS, PICNICS ETC

As your class has a reunion, whether it is every 5 years, 10 years or whenever—we would like you to please contact the Golden Grads with the dates. We would like to provide a hand out Info/Membership form at each of your class functions to help us make our membership grow. Contact Jerry Chichester or Joyce Hitt Butchart.

### Dear Golden Grads Association,

I would like to thank you again for the scholarship I received to attend the U of W. It has helped a great deal my freshman year and I appreciate greatly. Thank you very much. Sincerely, Ellie Woodle, RHS 2014 graduate.

**This is a story about Clara Sutton, member of the 2014 RHS Graduating Class, a recipient of a Golden Grads Scholarship, and presently, a student at School of Engineering, U of W.**



Clara's rocket project: powered by water pressure, payload was egg-o-naut

For fall quarter I took classes in math and chemistry, plus a class called "Space and Space-Travel." I had a significant head-start, considering the aerospace-unit that I studied at Roosevelt in Mr. Ruff's class. Thanks to some research I had done on history of rocketry, I was the only one who had even heard of a pioneer in rocketry, Konstantin Tsiolkovsky! My final project was something very similar to those done by RHS Girls' Rocket Club. This time, our rocket was designed to carry an egg to a height of 100 feet. Using water pressure for propulsion and household materials for construction, we successfully protected the egg during four launches, eventually reaching a height of 200 feet. The rocket had multiple stages and a parachute was deployed for the return trip down! Other engineering activities include Society of Women Engineers (SWE) and a club called "Design, Build Fly." Regarding SWE, I serve as director for social events and my job is to coordinate activities for our meetings. I reach out to prominent women in industry to come and speak to our group. As women, we are especially interested to hear about personal experiences as females in an industry, dominated by men. I greatly enjoy SWE where I meet other women who are typically studying computer science and bio-engineering. Back in the classroom however, I find

only a few women who are studying aerospace or electrical engineering.

"Design Build Fly" is about students helping students in a small team environment. The club is mostly juniors and seniors in various engineering majors (aerospace dominant) who work together to build a functioning remote-controlled airplane to fulfill a mission. We are designing a plane that can fly around a track, then drop wiffle-balls in a time period, as brief as possible. In this Club, I've made great connections with other aerospace students who have given me helpful advice for my future classes. As a member of the Construction Team, I'm thankful for experiences from Mr. Ruff's Aero class where I learned to make air-foils. There, I used hot-wire to cut foam. Having prior knowledge was very helpful and gave me confidence. I used many of the same techniques here at school. I learn new things every time that club meets.

I conclude with a significant "take-away" from High School and my experiences in Mr. Ruff's Engineering classes. I "hit the ground running" with knowledge I had gained there. I had lots of material to write about when doing those essays in the application admittance to College of Engineering. For me, the "Project Lead the Way" STEM program paid off big time! My dad was happy, too. I didn't waste time and money getting into the required classes and credits that I will need for graduation and a BS Degree in Aerospace and Aeronautics Engineering.

Golden Grads, thank you so very much for the scholarship and for your support!

by Clara Sutton.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are always looking for new blood, especially from the classes of the 50's and now 60's to help on our various committees. Please contact Jerry Chichester or Joyce Hitt Butchart if you can help (addresses & phone on front page).

We also need to find a replacement secretary for the class of **1945 and 1956**. A special thank you to Kenneth Dean for doing the membership calling for the class of '45. The class secretary is the one who receives info from your classmates and compiles this info for the *Grapevine* twice a year. The class secretaries are also part of the GG Board and should attend 2 meetings a year in spring and fall. The meetings are held at RHS.



## 2015 K-12 STEM Teacher of the Year!

Karl Ruff, STEM  
Teacher at Roosevelt  
High School.  
Awarded by PSEC,  
nominated by SME

Karl Ruff, Roosevelt High School, has been selected by the Puget Sound Engineering Council as the recipient of the K-12 STEM Engineering Teacher of the Year Award. In his ninth year teaching at RHS, he has created an environment in the high school with the look and feel of a current state-of-the-art engineering and prototyping shop.

Mr. Ruff's classroom is a place where students can practice leadership and entrepreneurship while learning the fundamentals of engineering. He allows the students to choose the engineering subjects that interest them and to work in self-directed teams. Students can choose beginning and advanced classes in Introduction to Engineering Design, Aerospace Engineering, Computer Integrated Manufacturing, or Project Management. Each period has a classroom project implemented by a student project manager who works one-on-one with a certified Project Manager Professional. As part of the class, students are required to develop and deliver industry-level professional presentations.

Mr. Ruff brings to his work all of the elements needed in a great teacher: the ability to connect with students and help them find what is meaningful, deep content knowledge, a project-based approach, and a nimble sense of what students will need to know and learn in tomorrow's global economy.

Mr. Ruff works with his fellow educators in the state to share best practices. He served on the executive board of the Washington Association of Career and Technical Educators of America and helped organize summer conferences **with** cross-functional boundaries. He is past president of the Washington Industrial and Technical Educators of America, the state organization of engineering and technology teachers.

Mr. Ruff is the faculty adviser for four student clubs at Roosevelt High School: the Iron Riders First Robotics team, the Technology Student Association, the SME Student Chapter, and the

Roosevelt Girls Rocket Club Team. Mr. Ruff was instrumental in RHS being selected as a PRIME site, a prestigious recognition by the SME Education Foundation, based in Dearborn, MI. **The PRIME grant resulted in \$35,000 is being awarded to the School for use in purchasing equipment and software.** Mr. Ruff clearly has been a leader in promoting and advancing STEM engineering related education in his high school.



## RHS FOUNDATION

By Rick Keating

The RHS Foundation will be holding its annual Golf Tournament and BBQ Dinner on Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at Sand Point Country Club. Golf starts at 12 noon, check in at 10:30 am, dinner at 5:00 pm. Golf and dinner costs \$250. Additional dinner only is \$50. **ALL ALUMS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME.** Make up a foursome or sign up solo and you'll be matched with fellow alums. The more Teddies the better, so come on out and have some fun in the sun.

For more information please go to [www.rooseveltfoundation.org](http://www.rooseveltfoundation.org) or call 206-226-5679.

## HELP!!!

**If you are from the classes of the late 50's and early 60's we need you to take an interest in the running of the Golden Grads. It's not necessary to run for office now, but maybe you would be interested in helping an officer to be there when they retire or in case of an emergency. If you are interested contact Pat Wise Loftin or Joyce Hitt Butchart (info on front page).**

## Rename RHS Theater

There is talk at RHS about setting up a fund to work towards renaming the RHS Theater after Ruben Van Kempen. If you are interested in more information or donating go to:

<http://www.gofundme.com/rubenvk>

**Golden Grads Vests and Sweatshirts**  
with embroidered logo are now available



Colors available for both vests and sweatshirts are white, grey, & black.

Sweatshirts: smooth cotton polyester blend athletic fleece, long sleeve, with 1/4 zipper.

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**CONTRIBUTIONS GOLDEN GRAD's HAVE GIVEN RHS**

The following list was found by Joyce Hitt Butchart, GG Secretary when going through past President, Bob Berst's files. This gives you an idea why we are always asking for donations. Our year runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> thru June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. These amounts are the amounts budgeted each year.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS</u>	<u>TEACHER'S WISH LIST</u>
2003/2004	\$46,000	\$15,017
2004/2005	\$32,000	\$22,985
2005/2006	(could not find anything on this year, which was about the time Jeanne De Freil Gardiner dies)	
2006/2007	\$37,000	\$11,157
2007/2008	\$30,000	\$11,000
	(Above before Joyce became Secretary)	
2008/2009	\$18,000	\$9,000
2009/2010	\$18,000	\$9,000
2010/2011	\$20,000	\$7,000
2011/2012	\$40,000	(due to large donation) \$12,000
2012/2013	\$30,000	\$10,500
2013/2014	\$40,000	\$20,000
2014/2015	\$40,000	\$20,000
	<u>\$351,000</u>	<u>\$147,659</u>
		<b>TOTAL: \$498,659</b>

# GOLDEN GRADS FINANCIAL REPORT

Below is the New Financial Report. It shows the Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Sheet to give a better picture of what funds the Golden Grads have and how they are spent. If you have any questions contact: Jerry Walton, Treasurer; (cell) 425-941-4746 or [jerroldwalton@gmail.com](mailto:jerroldwalton@gmail.com).

## ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL GOLDEN GRADS-2014 Balance Sheet As of April 1, 2015

### ASSETS

<b>Current Assets</b>	
Checking/Savings	
Checking – CHASE	14,041.39
Total Checking/Savings	14,041.39
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>14,041.39</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>	
Green & Gold Fund	
Gains/Losses & Divi/Int Earned	54,250.86
Green & Gold Fund – Other	237,000.00
Total Green & Gold Fund	291,250.86
Neep Memorial Endowment Fund	
Neep Fund Invested	500,000.00
Gains/Losses & Div/Int Earned	192,238.76
Total Neep Memorial Endowment Fund	692,238.78
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>983,489.62</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>997,531.01</b>
<b>LIABILITY &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Permanently Restricted Funds	
Neep Memorial Endowment Fund	527,781.38
Total Permanently Restricted Funds	527,781.38
Retained Earnings	434,930.39
Net Income	-18,632.86
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>997,531.01</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>997,531.01</b>

## ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL GOLDEN GRADS-2014 Profit & Loss July 1, 2014 through April 1, 2015

### Ordinary Income/Expenses Income

Contributions Income	
General Fund	2,160.00
Scholarship/General Fund	1,597.50
Faculty Wish List Fund	1,197.50
Total Contribution Income	4,955.00
Memberships	
Cash Dues Received	10,220.00
Total memberships	10,220.00
Miscellaneous Income	34.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>15,209.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Administration Expenses	40.00
Bank Service Charges	14.00
Grapevine Expenses	1,517.09
Membership Expenses	315.39
Miscellaneous	0.00
Postage and Delivery	39.20
Professional Fees	
Accounting	1,561.25
Total Professional Fees	1,561.25
Office Supplies	307.03
Scholarship Awards	
Scholarship Awarded	45,999.65
Scholarships Refunded	0.00
Total Scholarship Awards	45,999.65
Wish List Expenditures	14,419.52
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>64,213.13</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-49,004.13</b>
<b>Other Income/Expenses</b>	
Other Income	
Unrealized Gain/Loss – Neep	9,016.00
Unrealized Gain/Loss – G & G	10,649.28
Other Income	
Neep Fd – Div & Int Income	8,959.25
G & G – Div & Int Income	3,746.74
Total Other Income	123,705.99
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>32,371.27</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-16,632.86</b>

**Donations Made to Golden Grads**

Contribution Thank You notes will only be sent to those who have donated \$50 or more, as is required by the IRS. The Golden Grads thanks all of you for your donations to help with Student Scholarships, Teachers Wish List and the General Fund.

**Donations in Memory of**

Bob Trimble '60 of Edward Liston (taught Economics)  
Lynn Chalmers of mother Evangeline Wallace Shuler '24  
Jack Myers '37 of brother Thomas C Myers '36  
Virginia Muscat Johnson '45 class mate Lavonne Nachtrey  
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Donna Bowers Nellist '47 of Robert E Bowers '51  
Donald B Kraft '45 of brother Warren Kraft '43  
Paul J Cole '48 of Ken Springer  
Althea Case Barnes '56 of David Barnes '56  
Robin Roscoe Gray '59 of Ted, Jean & David Roscoe  
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Edith Bennett Boyden '55 of Elizabeth Hoague  
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Ken McGhee '53 of Robert W Boyd '53  
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Karen Fraser '62 of Henry Fraser '30's  
Gloria Donley Freeborg '44 of William B Donley '38  
Pat Royal Hamilton '61 of father Raymond Boyd '33, Student body President

Sandra Hooper Roberts '63 of Edith Hooper RHS PE teacher  
Gale Gray '63 of Talmage Gray '25  
Janet & Doug Whalley '64 of Dorothy Belt Whalley '31  
Gerald Gose '46 of Patricia Clark Gose '47  
Merrillann Glass '51 & David Hutchinson '50 of Sam Glass teacher  
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**In Honor of**

Sally Kinsman '63 of Vevette Stokes

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Please help with your donations to our wonderful programs: RHS Student Scholarships and the Teachers' Wish List. We thank everyone for your donations whether large or small. **Many thanks to all!! Please show your Teddy spirit and keep the monies flowing in.**

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\_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_  
Name (women include your maiden name)

Put the amount you are donating on the appropriate lines below

Scholarships \_\_\_\_\_ Wish List \_\_\_\_\_ General Fund \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of classmate, teacher, etc \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

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(Name of Person in memory of)

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1953 Constance Busigin Bean  
1953 Ginny Hanley McDonald  
1953 Beverly Greggerson Kraus  
1957 Richard Nostrand  
1962 Chap Alvord  
1964 Eve Lillevand Alvord  
1953 Jerry Chichester  
1963 Priscilla Graham Wyckoff  
1963 Doug Whalley  
1964 Janet Sage Whalley  
1960 John Walley



## They Must Like This School

### Roosevelt Graduates Who Returned as Teachers

A good indication that a school is well thought of by its graduates is that they want to teach there. Roosevelt has a number of returnees, and we've tracked down a few for this issue of the Grapevine. We will report on more in the next edition.

**Max Rose**, Class of 1996, teaches Physical Science and AP Physics. Max graduated from the University of Washington, and earned a Masters from Seattle University. He coaches the Roosevelt golf team (2015 Metro Champions) and is an assistant coach for the boy's varsity basketball team. Asked why he applied for a job at Roosevelt, Max said "I had always hoped to return to Roosevelt, since I knew my kids would eventually go there. It is a great community, one that I grew up in and one that I hope to be a part of for a long time." Max's wife, brother, and several in-laws also graduated from Roosevelt.

**Jason Bowie** graduated from Roosevelt in the Class of 1995. He teaches in the Special Education setting, working

with students with various disabilities, mostly behavioral. Jason attended Edmonds Community College and then graduated from Grand Canyon University in Arizona, where he played varsity baseball. After obtaining his Master in Education from the University of Phoenix (at their Arizona campus), he attended Seattle University for a Special Education Endorsement. Jason was the Roosevelt varsity baseball head coach from 2007-20012 and had previously helped the JV team from 2005-2007. When he was a student at Roosevelt, he played baseball, basketball, and golf. "I actually played one year of golf for Darrell Montzingo who is still currently the head golf coach." On why he returned to his alma mater, Jason states, "One of the main reasons I returned to Roosevelt is the sense of pride I feel giving back to these kids who are going through some of the same things I went through in this very building. The school was much different when I went here but I can still picture the exact layout from when I attended. The community around this school is so supportive, the alums who have come through here all express so much respect and support for the school. My grandfather went to Roosevelt, both of my in-laws attended Roosevelt and have been together ever since. There is so much history and tradition at this school. I never even thought about that kind of stuff when I actually went here but looking back on the journey from those high school days to now, this school and it's teachers were a huge building block for me personally and set the tone for how I live and teach. I am proud to be an alum and honored to teach in the building that helped shape the person I am today".

**Judson Miller** graduated from Roosevelt in 1993. He teaches and coaches Mathematics (Advanced Algebra and Statistics this year). He earned his teaching credentials at Western Washington University. When asked why he returned to Roosevelt, Jud replied: "Really by coincidence actually, I came here to observe Chris Holland in action and one thing led to another and they offered me a job. While I did interview at several other schools, I am not sure I could have accepted a position at Garfield. Too much historic rivalry with our cross-town foes." Jud's three brothers were also Roosevelt graduates.

**David Grosskopf** was in the Class of 1989. He teaches English and also co-chairs the department. He graduated from Oberlin College (BA) and Harvard University (EdM). David had the funniest quote about why he was teaching at Roosevelt: "I returned to Roosevelt by accident—I did want to teach in Seattle schools, but preferably on the south end; however, I was picked up at Roosevelt and happy to be there. I was only a few years off from graduating high school, so it was a shock in faculty facilities to stand urinal to urinal beside Mr. Brink."

## BEQUESTS From Roosevelt High School Grads Provide “*THE BIG FUNDS*”

Bequests from estates of RHS graduates have been very generous, but eventually funds will run out, and now the Golden Grads **NEED YOU** to talk to your attorney and CPA to allocate some of your estate to our organization. The following are some different ways you may bequest estate or monies to Golden Grads.

### **General Use Bequest to Golden Grads of RHS**

“I give, devise and bequeath to Roosevelt High School Golden Grads ( \_\_\_\_\_% of my estate, or a specific sum of money, or description of property, or “the rest residue and remainder of my estate”) to be used for its general tax-exempt purposes and without other restrictions as to use.”

### **General Use Bequest to Roosevelt High School Golden Grads Endowment**

“I give, devise and bequeath to (name of church, organization Etc with city & state) ( \_\_\_\_\_% of my estate, or a specific sum of money, or description of property, or “the rest of residue and remainder of my estate”) to (add to/create) a permanent endowment of which the CPI-adjusted principal is kept intact and only income and/or appreciation expended, to be administered in accordance with the policies established. The Roosevelt High School Golden Grads is a charitable organization and has a 501 ©3 classification with the IRS. Our Treasurer is Jerry Walton '60, 23919 NE Greens Crossing Rd., Redmond, WA 98053, Cell – 425-941-4746.

### **Restricted Bequest**

If the purpose of the gift is restricted, we ask that donors consult with your CPA on how to word restrictions so that their wishes are carried out.

If the gift is restricted and is to be an endowment, the purposes should be as general as possible, as specific programs change over time. It is also recommended that the following sentence be added:

*If in the future there is no longer a need for funds so specified or it is unwise, in the opinion of the governing board of said organization, to use the gift for the purposes specified above, then the board may, at its discretion, use the gift for fulfillment of such other tax exempt charitable objectives as it may designate, keeping in mind the objectives set forth above.*

*\* Immediately following any of the above wordings, in order to reduce possible income taxes due on the estate, the attorney may add, “This gift shall be paid out of “income with respect of a decedent,” as that term is defined in the Internal Revenue Code, to the fullest extent possible. If such “income with respect of a decedent” as valued for U.S tax purposes is insufficient to pay this bequest, then the bequest shall be paid to the extent necessary out of general assets of my estate.”*

Prepared by Tom Allen '39

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## OBITUARIES

The names of class mates appearing on this list were given to us by family members, class mates, and obits in the newspapers. Although we make every effort to verify that the information is correct, we apologize for any errors or omissions. The hardest info for us to acquire is the class year, so we have to go by the year they were born. Please send obits to Joyce Hitt Butchart, GG Secretary, address is on front page. You need to remember that we are volunteers!!

1934	Genevieve <u>Schroeder</u> Page, Medford OR	10/29/14	1949	Gerry F Andrews, Langley WA	12/12/14
1935	Joseph R Sasnett, Bellingham WA	1/13/15	1949	Beverlee D <u>Cole</u> Putnam, Seattle WA	1/23/15
1935	Ruth <u>Goss</u> Hubbard, LaConner WA	2009	1950	Margaret M <u>Jacobs</u> Remlinger, Seattle WA	12/31/14
1935	Barbara <u>Robison</u> Dudley, LaConner WA	12/9/13	1951	Karl Benjamin, Arizona	11/10/14
1935	James W Boudwin MD, Issaquah WA	2/27/15	1951	Jim W Babb, Shoreline WA	1/3/15
1937	Harrison Hart, Carlsbad CA	1/2/15	1952	Bonnie <u>Rogers</u> Enault, Seattle WA	11/17/14
1937	Jack D Coplen, Westport CT	2/30/14	1953	"Jake" Jay Bergslein Vandyke, Texas	10/11/14
1938	William B Donley, Seattle WA	10/16/14	1953	Denny Brown, Bellevue WA	12/14/14
1938	Joy <u>Aherns</u> Pickering, Seattle WA	11/16/14	1953	Walter L Storer, Lynnwood WA	12/27/14
1938	Stanley B McDonald, Bellevue WA	11/19/14	1954	Mary "Fran" <u>Haigh</u> , Toronto Canada	10/3/14
1938	Ruth J <u>Ryning</u> Macy, Seattle WA	11/9/14	1954	Richard E Garski, Seattle WA	11/20/14
1938	Dorothy "Jane" <u>Thomas</u> Blumenthal. Seattle	1/30/15	1954	Darlene N <u>Pajoman</u> G Goetz, Seattle WA	12/9/14
1939	Stanley W Bever, Bellevue WA	8/1/14	1955	Wayne R Jones, Lynnwood WA	11/14/14
1939	Helen <u>Hartman</u> Kellum, Seattle WA	10/22/14	1955	Lynn <u>Ryder</u> Gross, Seattle WA	1/6/15
1939	Aldoran <u>Stabler</u> Stephens, Medina WA	2/11/15	1955	Jon W Jarvis, Seattle WA	1/7/15
1939	Margaret "Marnie" <u>McCallum</u> Dean, Seattle WA	3/4/15	1956	Leonard A Peterson, Seattle WA	12/21/14
1940	Margaret <u>Ostrander</u> , Redmond WA	10/8/14	1957	Thomas Gaston, Council ID	10/2/14
1940	Janet Ward, Seattle WA	10/27/14	1958	Gladys I <u>Schroeder</u> Williams, Seattle WA	11/17/14
1940	Virginia <u>Bell</u> Erickson, Whidbey Island WA	10/26/14	1958	Bonnie <u>Carlson</u> Larson, Lihue Kuai	12/19/14
1940	Donald D Grubb, Seattle WA	12/18/14	1959	Jack A. Surber, Lynwood WA	11/16/14
1941	Stanley R Pocock, Seattle WA	12/15/14	1960	Carol-Leigh <u>Coombs</u> Boeder, Seattle WA	10/20/14
1941	Nedra I <u>Larsen</u> McCann, Brierley WA	12/28/14			
1941	Robert B Brown, Olympia WA	1/14/15			
1941	Richard B Langham, Seattle WA	2/17/15			
1942	Bessie <u>Bell</u> Handy, Seattle WA	10/18/14			
1942	Stanley R. Gough, Seattle WA	2/9/15			
1942	Elva M <u>Ingalls</u> Schmidt, Seattle WA	1/7/15			
1943	Leonard W Moses, Edmonds WA	12/9/14			
1944	Betty M <u>Whitten</u> Lamb, Seattle WA	10/27/14			
1944	James C Kirkwood, Seattle WA	11/27/14			
1944	Claude J Wheeler, Bothell WA	11/25/14			
1944	Donald G Thomas, Seattle WA	3/2015			
1945	Harriett <u>Braun</u> Gray, Lacey WA	5/1/14			
1945	Ken Little, Grapeview WA	11/10/14			
1946	Lorraine "Lori" <u>Dunstan</u> Meitzen, Kirkland WA	12/22/14			
1947	Carolyn <u>Hickox</u> Smith,	9/12/14			
1947	James E Beardsley, Vashon Is. WA	12/31/14			
1948	Kathleen <u>Oliver</u> Busch, Seattle WA	10/26/14			
1948	Suzanne <u>Sjaastad</u> Ruff, Bellevue WA	1/19/15			
1948	Charles E Wassberg, Seattle WA	1/24/15			
1949	Dr. Robert C Beaulieu, Kingston WA	1/26/15			

Notes from the Editor:

I would like to thank all of the Class Secretaries and others who submitted articles for this *Grapevine*. I especially appreciate those who have the capability to type their article and email it to me. Remember when typing or printing the gal's names please underline their maiden name and do not type in caps. I have no way of knowing maiden names over married so this helps. Also when sending in names of other classmates please spell their name very carefully as I don't know who they are and sometimes have to guess what the name really is. Thanks. Lorraine Hitt Carter, Grapevine Editor

### 1937

Lois Bever Dahl: Greetings to the Class of 1937. For over 25 years I have written the news of the members of the Class of '37. Up until about 5 years ago, I shared this job with Julienne Broulette Thornton. Be sure to send news about yourself to Julienne or directly to the Grapevine Editor (info on front page). Our class has been fortunate to have several outstanding people. Three of these passed in recent years. Gone, but not forgotten. Of particular note are the passing of the good mayor of Seattle, Gordon Clinton as well as Philip Smart and Bud Cook. Philip was a well known speaker, inspiring young people & old in addition to spending countless hours with patients at Seattle Children's Hospital. Bud was a Super Fan of both Roosevelt & the UW, well known for his purple & gold outfits and oftentimes interviewed by the media. Bud would drive up from Beaverton Oregon for most Husky home games.

### 1938

Jayne Thomas Blumenthal: has retired to a retirement center known as Park Shore, located at the bottom of Madison on Lake Washington. It's a very nice place and I can be reached at 206-329-0770.

Stanley B. McDonald: passed away on November 20, 2014. He was born in Alberta, CA, grew up in Yakima, WA and moved to Seattle where he attended RHS and the UW from 1938 to 1943. Stanley started many companies but he is most well known for starting Princess Cruises, which spread out of a need for more hotel rooms during the Seattle World's Fair in 1962. His idea of bringing a ship to Seattle to house people, then he decided to include a cruise from CA to Victoria, B.C. This idea was the start of Princess Cruises,

which he founded in 1964. He sold Princess Cruises to Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigations Co. in 1974 and is now owned by Carnival Cruise Lines. He stayed on as CEO of Princess until 1980. After stepping down he and his daughter, Jonsson, founded Sundance Cruises, which eventually merged and became part of Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines. During his years with Princess, Mr. McDonald was part of a decision to film the TV show "The Love Boat" on his ships. Filming started in 1976 and the show aired until 1987. During the 50 year anniversary celebration and the christening of its newest ship, the Regal Princess, Princess Cruises brought in the original "Love Boat" cast and showed a video that paid tribute to Mr. McDonald. He was too ill to attend the November 5<sup>th</sup> ceremony in Florida.

### 1939

James Hargiss: has retired from Ophthalmologist group practice and from the UW as a professor emeritus. Now he's a full time care giver of his spouse.

### 1940

Bill Cunningham: is still enjoying his home and family on Bainbridge Island. Bill was on his way to choir practice when we talked with him. He is still singing in the church choir, literally and symbolically.

Lois Lee Logan Horn: I still reside in the heart of Seattle's University District which is becoming a big city office and residential core for one of the fastest growing cities in the nation. Life is changing, much of it for the good, some for not so good. Seven-story apartment buildings are going up almost daily on 11th, 12th and Brooklyn N.E. a Marriott Hotel a block from my home. Survival of familiar grocery stores, cafes and other small businesses, professional offices and access to the UW Medical Clinic are a few of our concerns. A personal item is the closing of the entire west curbside access from N.E. 65th to the south side of the University bridges so that residents, businesses and professional offices no longer have parking or loading zones. As a result I have spent time advocating for restoration of access to our homes and businesses. I am still in the midst of the effort. My RHS education and spirit of the Strenuous Life guides me. I still love the University neighborhood: the cosmopolitan aspects, the students, many of whom

come from faraway lands, and the vitality of the place many of you have known for years.

Janice Sheldon Baumbach: although I'm slowing down a bit I still happily serve on a couple of community boards. My passion is supporting a girls' school in Pasnur, Pakistan. It is a boarding school for 100 Christian girls whose families live in nearby villages. It's K through 12 program serves an additional 500 Christian and Muslim day school children. The students excel academically in their province and in competitive exams which include those in the entire country.

Memories from Lois Logan Horn: One day in spring 75 years ago Roosevelt students were called to a hurriedly-arranged assembly. Students were puzzled and apprehensive. Nothing like this had ever happened before. Once we were seated in the auditorium, the principal told us that we were there to hear a very important message from Paris. We needed to hear it because all of us would be affected by events of that day. A small radio with an amplifier sat on a stand on the stage. There was no television then. Arthur Rarig, a popular teacher, had set up this humble apparatus. Teachers had created this means of impressing upon us the peril before us. We were just kids. But within less than two years, the boys were flying B-17s over enemy territory. Many of them died when their planes were shot down over Europe. Some, who had joined the U.S. Navy, even before they graduated, lost their lives the day our country was first attacked. The names of nearly 130 of those students are on the WW II plaque in the RHS library. After all these years, we remember the voice telling the world about the events of that day. "We are speaking from Notre Dame. Now we must leave Paris. The city has fallen to the enemy attack." A scratchy recording of Le Marseillaise played in the background. Cries of "Vive la France, Vive la France," ended the message. There was dead silence except for a few snuffles as we left the auditorium that day.

## 1941

Nancy Gilbert Prichard: what I have heard from other classmates is: Doug Crosby '41 and wife Billee moved to Gig Harbor; Margaret Bosworth '41 and her husband; and Ken Gragg continues to enjoy life in Olympia where their daughter Janette lives with them.

Miriam Steiner White: I visit with Mary Burkland McRobbie every two months (she is one hour

away) and enjoy phone calls from Jayne Antes often (she is also one hour away). They are both in good shape.

Ken and Margaret Bosworth Bragg: our Olympia home is on our little lake and as with all of us, we are limited in mobility and driving. Margaret still wishes one more dance party on the Kalakala (we should have arranged such when the ferry was in Lake Union by Ivar's Salmon House). And now it's gone via the Tacoma ship breaker. Ken's memories are of the very first American Legion Boy's State, 1940 where 200 boy students from the State came together for one week of introduction to the State Government by electing a Legislature and Jim Thompson was elected Governor.

Doug Crosby: and wife Billee are living in the upstairs of their daughter's Gig Harbor waterfront home with a view from Pt. Defiance all of the way up to Seattle. Doug says the driving is limited to a nearby store. He and Merrill Street are still in touch via the telephone. Doug still dreams of fishing the Tacoma Narrows (now only by sight) and Westport which awaits another day.

Mary George: still living at home, but my health does not allow any activity.

Merrill Street: is on dialysis -- discovered and perfected by Beldng Scribner, M.D - U of W and Wayne Quinton ex Boeing Engineer. Merrill is thus very limited in his activities and staying close to home. He misses the luncheons of the RHS Group at Louie's in Ballard plus the fellowship of golf.

Jim Thompson: attended the Collaborative Symphony Saint Sans Symphony #3 with the Froula organ at the RHS Auditorium. Dr. Anna Edwards program was sensational also featuring a remarkable duet of violin and bass with the symphony. All of the RHS music, plays, and other Auditorium presentation are well worth attendance as are the athletic events. I am also involved in attempting to effect the ownership and control of the South Block in front of the school for use, supervision, and long term direction by a direct relation to RHS. This would provide Marjorie Gamble's (RHS super secretary) desire for a full competitive swimming pool and tennis courts eliminating an apartment complex and it's competing parking -- plus retain the view of Mt. Rainier for time eternal for the students, faculty, alumni, and friends.

## 1942



Helen Eddy Kline: In May, I traveled to Seattle with family. We enjoyed our stay downtown at the Harbor Steps with views of the Sound. On a sunny day, had lunch atop the Space Needle -- on a rainy day, enjoyed the aquarium, especially seeing the animals being fed. A highlight of the trip was visiting fellow classmate, Nancy Andrews Evans, my former home at 51st and Latona, and Roosevelt High where we were lucky enough to meet principal, Brian Vance on the steps as he was heading home. This was my first time seeing the beautiful restorations of the library and auditorium where we enjoyed a rehearsal number from Kiss Me Kate. In June, I moved from my senior independent apartment to the assisted living section at Cherrywood Village on the east side of Portland. See the website for a virtual visit of my home at [www.cherrywoodvillage.net](http://www.cherrywoodvillage.net)

Betty Boegem Russell: What wonderful years I have had. Now 91, I feel like resting but still love to play Mah Jongg several times a week. I still knit and crochet to keep active. I'm still enjoying life to the fullest!

## 1943

Laura-Jean Christian Enge: In checking with our class of '43 many are doing just fine. I have 2 sons, 3 grandsons, and 1 great-granddaughter. My husband Craig and I are heading out for a week in Cabo San Lucas soon. Whoopee!

Polly Kincaid Calap: has 5 children, 26 grandchildren and 61 great-grandchildren. I wonder if this is a record for any Golden Grads. Can anyone out there beat this record?

## 1944

Gloria Donley Freeborg: I recently hosted a reception for my newly married granddaughter, Caroline, from Australia.

Beverly Starksen Coco: I was dancing my life away until health issues slowed me down. Now I'm

happily sharing life with my 5 sons and my daughter who have graced my life with 9 grand children and 6 great grand children. My years at Roosevelt High were among the best. Being a lover of Jazz I totally support there national fame.

Marilyn Jameson Snow: Leaving March 1<sup>st</sup> for Hawaii again and will visit three islands. I enjoyed two weeks on Maui in Nov.of 2014. My sister, Margaret Jameson Riese says hi to her friends in RHS Grad Class of 1945.

## 1945

Shirley Robison Biberdorf: I talk to fellow classmate La Doreen Razzore (Reeb). I'm doing it backwards and moving from Florida to Vermont!!! Send me mittens. I really enjoy reading the Grapevine.

Ken W. Little: I'm sorry to say that your class secretary passed away on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in Hoquiam, WA. He was born and attended grade school in Spokane, WA then moved to Seattle where he graduated from RHS. He joined the Army and as he stated his service amounted to being a "bed pan commando & manning a typewriter stateside". After discharge and with the help of the GI Bill received his Bachelors Degree from Pacific University in Forest Grove. OR. Following graduation he headed to Alaska for the summer in order to earn money to continue his studies in the social services. He married in 1952 and with his new bride headed to Chicago receiving his Masters degree from George Williams College in Group Work Administration. His education led him to a career with the YMCA which was always a part of his life, and eventually brought him to Grays Harbor where he was Executive Director of the Aberdeen YMCA from 1967 to 1972. After his years at the "Y" he became a Mental Health Professional with Evergreen Counseling Center until his retirement. Ken enjoyed Sailing, Tennis and most of all Bridge achieving the rank of "Gold Life Master". Interested in his Scottish heritage he was a member of the "Clan Little Society". He had been a member of the Lions and Rotary International and also volunteered in the building of the Lady Washington.

Jean Hammarlurd Home: with husband Morton (Jerry) Home '42 now live in a Retirement Home in Tacoma. We enjoy get-togethers with our son Robert and daughter Debie Johnson. We enjoy time with 6 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren and 7 great great grandchildren. We are quite active in our retirement home but miss many of our

old friends. We have given up traveling to many parts of the world but are still active and enjoy life.

#### 1946

Ken King: Don't know if you remember me or not....it's that time of year when I get out the old year book and remember the times I spent at RHS. I look back at my few years there and remember the great kids I met. I retired from the TV business long ago having travelled the country working with Ad agencies. There's another business that has changed a lot the last few years. Now my loose time is spent playing tournament poker (I win once in a while) and watching the Denver Broncos. I also like the Seattle Seahawks!! Guess I really like both of them. Would appreciate it if you would have my thoughts mentioned in the next Golden Grads publication...and if anyone cares to keep in touch I would like to hear from them...address is: Ken King, 2410 High St., Pueblo, CO 81003 – phone 719 243 0427

#### 1947

Joyce Levin Zeldow: besides a year round home in AZ, we have a 3 week condo on Maui, Hawaii. Our daughter and son-in-law also have a condo which is always ours from Dec 17<sup>th</sup> to Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>. This year with our son-in-law's sister's family we will be nine celebrating the holidays together. We are so proud of our oldest grandson, Ryan, 26 years old. He applied to 5 law schools and was accepted to all five. His final decision was between Harvard and Stanford. He is attending Stanford since he and his parents live in CA and he wants to work in CA after graduation. He is also a professional bridge player and is paid to partner older adults. His team placed in an international bridge tournament coming in #3 and receiving a bronze medal.

Marr Mullen: my activities include skiing, hiking, gardening, motorcyle trips with friends, and spending time at our cabin in the San Juans (summer only).

Donna Bowers Nellist: my husband and I have lived in our home in Bellevue since 1967. We spent a week at Discovery Bay in August. I talk to my dear friend Trudie Stoll Leiben '47 frequently. She lives in Glendale, CA. My husband is dealing with Parkinson's so our travel is limited. We no longer drive to Seattle.

Ruth Bailey Norton: and husband Frank were married on Father's Day 60 years ago. Our

immediate family will be here to celebrate the occasion with a short trip to Victoria BC. Betsy and Dan Norton-Middaugh will arrive from Taiwan, Laine Middaugh and her fiance Jaime Loucky from Brooklyn, her twin sister Casey Middaugh in Seattle, and Andy and Nancy Norton from Chicago.

Gertrude (Trudie) Stoll Leiben: My husband passed away in 1977. For 20 years I worked and toured the world. I am now settled in my little house in Glendale, Ca. For now all is well.

#### 1948

Jackie Scott Dotson: I like hearing of what our former classmates have been doing, trips, etc, but since I live so far away I can't attend the Golden Grads Luncheon. I still correspond at Christmas time with Nancy Panchot Ford and her sister Diane and also have some correspondence with Sue Scherall and Nancy Crawford Santy. My older brother Bill Scott has moved from Seattle to Wenatchee this past year and enjoys it there in a retirement village. I live in a retirement village as well down here in San Diego with a glorious view of the city and Pt Loma on the bay. Cheers to all!!!

Margie Goff Anderson: I was so fortunate to attend the Laurelhurst Grade School Reunion at the Seattle Yacht Club marking 70 years. My daughter, Lezlie, accompanied me and we flew up from Southern California where we both live. The committee who always makes our reunions possible are Marilyn Bradford Covey, Wendy Gibbs-Iverson Ventenbergs, Louis Poebse, and lastly Peggy Church Smith. Peggy always has a "Memory Book" to send to those who could not attend as well as for those who do. Each Laurelhurst Reunion is unique and so memorable. My daughter was so impressed with all of my classmates. Hopefully we both can return and be present at next years reunion. You can get in contact with me at: email [margie771@aol.com](mailto:margie771@aol.com) or phone 949-240-5822.

Muriel Thorpe Donaldson: now lives at University House-Wallingford in Seattle

Dona Baehr Cook: will be cruising again. I and my husband will go from San Francisco to Montreal in September. Three of my family members now work at the UW.

Diane Panchot Edfast: my grand-daughter, a RHS senior, is busy writing college applications. Life at Horizon House Retirement Home continues to be enjoyable. My husband is recovering nicely from his open heart surgery.

Harriet Hill Alexander: I see Laurel Oliver volunteering at the Bainbridge Library. When Lisbeth Pisk arrived at Bryant School in Miss Parkin's sixth grade, my immediate reaction was, "Why does she know how to knit? In short order we learned about the dramatic life Lisbeth had experienced during WW II, moving from Berlin to Vienna and then fleeing by train with her parents, brother and grandmother across the Soviet Union to a Pacific port and talking a ship to Seattle. It was the "Oma" grandmother who must have taught Lisbeth to knit. That lady also knew how to make pancakes which have come to be called "Dutch Babies". On occasion, I would go home for lunch with Lisbeth and be enchanted with the flavor of an unknown world. Although my grandfather in California tried to teach me to knit in years before I knew Lisbeth, it wasn't until Roosevelt High School and my interest in making boyfriend's argyle socks that I took up the hobby. There was a good yarn shop on the Ave where I learned how to make socks and buy yarn, and a pattern book which I still have; even after 69 years, I use it. It was easy to find projects to knit and sometimes I overdid it. To "cap the climax" (as my mother would say), one morning in Miss Chappell's home room Spanish class where I sat in the last row nearest the windows, I was knitting away when I heard the teacher's sharp voice say, "Harriet Hill! What are you doing?" No one dared turn around, of course. They surely must have wondered "what I was doing?" No more knitting in class after that for sure.

Don Bishop: Speaking of Downtown Abby, there was a wonderful presentation at America's Car Museum which centered around "The cars of Downtown Abbey". For those who have never been to this wonderful museum, come on down to Tacoma and spend some time looking at the ever changing displays of cars. Been wondering about my good friend Dick Follis. Any news there?

Barbara McHargue: My news is about two sad farewells. The first is the closing of the Roosevelt Discovery Shop which has provided bargain shopping while raising money for cancer research and care. Our last day will be May 30. The second is the retirement of Reuben Van Kempen who has enabled Roosevelt students to further develop their talents by involving them in the many aspects of

theater. I'm looking forward to the spring musical, "Mary Poppins".

Adele Comstock Strom and Bob Strom: It's time to retire! After 50 years in the dental office, we finally decided to save some time to enjoy the pleasures in life. It has been a huge job to prepare for retirement and then to adjust to another "way of Life". Our grandchildren are growing up too fast. We now have two college graduates from McGill University in Canada. We have two High school graduations to attend in June, one in Sunriver, Oregon, and another in Toronto, Canada. We plan to attend both graduations, which is a chance to enjoy travelling. What a fun way to celebrate our retirement. We have much to be Thankful for. We are much slower these days but have been Blessed with good Health.

Ed Larson: is an author born in Seattle in 1924. He began writing his nonfiction autobiographical book, "*Spear Carrier In A Backwater War*", at age 85, taking 3 1/2 years to complete. It was published in December 2014, when Ed was 90. It is the story of his early life in Seattle, growing up in the depression, his lifelong passion with aircraft, and his World War II military service. He began the story believing it would be a chronicle only for his family, which includes two other Roosevelt grads, Jay and Brian Nemitz. The memoir was inspired and encouraged by his cousins, Patricia Richards and Marsha Nemitz, who found letters written home and photographs taken during his military service during World War II. These treasures had been tucked away for decades, along with his memories of that time. It was a rich find resulting in a powerful memoir. From Amazon: "In 1943, Ed Larson went to war. He was sent to the far reaches of western China, to a place nestled in the shadows of the mighty Himalayas—the infamous Hump—to fly whatever aircraft he could coax into the skies. He was one of the youngest pilots in the China-Burma-India Theater. This is a story of manic devotion to airplanes and all things flying in a time when the world experienced vast and remarkable changes. It is a story of a life truly well lived—a story of joy, and commitment, and finding adventure in the face of danger...and it is a story about honoring those we have loved and lost."

Lisbeth Pisk: My life has been made more complicated of late as I updated my 2007 Mac computer from Mountain Lion to Yosemite. What a giant leap! .... and a giant learning curve is required (for me). Has anyone else experienced this lately?



Dick Follis: is doing okay health wise but his dementia is prevalent some days and not on others.

## 1950

Thomas O'Connell: In early September my son called and said, "Whistler has a new advanced zip line and we should try it". On the old runs there were nine cables with the longest being nine hundred feet. A van drove us to the start and picked us up at the end. For the advanced lines we took the Whistler gondola to the midway terminal and walked about a mile to the canyon between Whistler and Blackcomb. The first run from point A to point B was twenty five hundred feet. With the sag in the cable the run is about twenty seven hundred feet with a vertical drop of eight hundred. All of the vertical occurs in the first thousand feet of the cable. Nothing like falling through space at fifty miles an hour. The rest of the lines were an anticlimax after that.

Bob (Robert) F. Porter: I'm retired and living the healthy life in the San Juan Islands. Enjoy long visits with five grandchildren between Alaska and Hawaii. Lots of world travel and local community volunteerism.

Diana Schmad Darin: I'm part of the 1950 "Roosevelt Girls" lunch bunch.

Bob G. Porter: sad to read about the condition of Dick Follis as well as that of the great fellow Acheson, no longer president. It's interesting to read of all the roughriders at Hor House (as I call it). There are only two of us left at Hilltop House, and Daisy is from 1944. Hello to anyone who remembers me. Made it back to Sri Lanka after 17 years! And a grand visit with former students, colleagues and friends it was. Totally unplanned and unofficial, I had a great fall, first off, at the 190th anniversary celebration of Uduvil Girls College, where I had helped with Christmas music. It hurt my knee badly, but people were so kind I had a great time anyway, receiving a spice garland (they last forever) and a first-day cover of the stamp the Post Office issued for the occasion. I stayed with my new friend Dr. Mayo who had been doing forensics here at Harborview last year and his wife Dr. Srilakshi who had been doing radiology for a year at Chapel Hill, NC. On Valentine's Day we celebrated their elder daughter's 9th birthday. The younger daughter was born on 9-11--hard to forget! Jaffna is much changed since I left a very ruined city in 1998--busy and jammed with cars and

motorbikes, bicycles, and stray dogs--a real hazard. The rail line is complete now up to the port on the Bay of Bengal, and there's a new air-conditioned train service to Colombo--a real boon to humanity. We dedicated a small new school in the Vanni, the scrub jungle area south of the Jaffna Peninsula, and crossed the brand new bridge over the lagoon. AND we were able to walk into and see the huge old Dutch fort that was always occupied by the Army and now is not. Side trips included a long drive down to beautiful Batticaloa on the southeast coast and a reunion with old friends in Kandy, the big city of the tea country. Had a lovely fish lunch on the beach opposite my hotel the last few days in Colombo but found my wallet had somehow disappeared out of my pocket!! Went to my room to contact the bank number I had with me and as I began speaking to the voice on the other end, there was a knock at my door--three young burly guys handed me my wallet, only the money missing, saying they were from the Crime Department of the local police station. That's the fastest police action I have ever experienced! Serendipity does indeed await one there. (Serendip is the Arabic word for Ceylon long ago).

Lola Murk Gracey: enjoy playing my violin in the Northwest Symphony Orch. with Dr. Anthony Spain as conductor. I also like to travel.

The following reports was collected at the fall luncheon at the Sand Point Country Club by class secretary, Donna Raymond

Kay Miller Morrill: lives in Mountain Vail CA. She was up for a family wedding and contacted some of our classmates. She is definitely a California girl.

Patricia Hansen Schjelland: now lives in Edmonds and loves the small town feel. She is involved in playing Boules (also known as Petangue) similar to British lawn bowling and the Italian bocce Ball.

Betty Macdonald Falskow: lives at The Park Shore on Lake Washington. She and her husband Guy, enjoy the wood working shop. She said when they moved she got rid of **everything** so maybe they are making new furniture?

Marcia Keller Proctor: and husband John also live at The Park Shore as well. I am sorry to announce that twin Faith Keller Kimmerer lost her husband Ron, after a long illness. Our deepest sorrow at her loss.

Fran Ederer Rardin: is very involved in Ancestry.com and is learning all about her family. She also has a big, big yard and spends hours working on her flowers and plants.

Theo Peterson Heinz: is a rabid Husky fan and enjoyed all the fall games

Helen Smith Hawley: took a big New York trip to visit her daughters. She and her family also enjoyed a Caribbean cruise.

Lael Anderson Gedney: is involved with a group that provides dinner once a month for the parents of ill children at the Ronald McDonald House. She reported that many other groups provide meals as well and that it is a rewarding experience. She has also been making quilts for her grandchildren and is still involved in pulling an oar with her crew group.

Patty Piggot Leslie: a fabulous cook and cooking teacher, continues her culinary activities. She was recently in Wash. D.C. for a cooking conference and has organized a cooking club in the Olympia area where a group of 20 or more congregate at different restaurants each month.

Virgy Lou Lamberton Woods: and Glenn still live at Rancho Mirage half of the year where they are avid golfers. While in Seattle they stay at their houseboat on Lake Union.

Donna Corlett Raymond: is very involved in The Mission to Seafarers. She organizes her church to provide personal items and knitted watch caps for ditty bags that are distributed to visiting merchant ships in November. .It is a yearlong job to make the bags, knit watch caps and pack the bags. Over 1100 bags were packed and distributed in November of 2014. She still runs her car service and dog sitting service at Trilogy in Redmond.

JoAnn Cook Busby: lives at Jubilee in Lacy and is a member of the Jubilettes – a dancing group that performs in their community. Sadly, her husband, Gene, passed away in July. But living in an active senior community keeps her active with many activities and friends.

1951



Don Lumley: Our newest Golden Grad discussing “clock management” with new UW football coach Chris Peterson.

Shirley Lancaster Lothrop: I would love a reunion with Barbara M Rasmussen, Pat Hogan, Merrilanne Glass, Bob McNamee, Helen Boyd and especially Judy Flournay. I'm in Tacoma from November 1<sup>st</sup> to May.

Marilyn Ruple Long: after 10 weeks in the hospital, I'm back home at University House in Issaquah. I have two new great granddaughters too. On the first day of spring I hosted a luncheon at the Issaquah University House for several of my Ravenna Grade School and RHS classmates. Those attending were: Merrillann Glass Hutchinson, Barbara Rasmussen Johnsein, Barbara Hubbert Wilson, Barbara Merritt Andersen, Georgia (Joan) Brown, Helen Boyd Nordby, and Judy Flournoy Harwood. A grand time was had by all!

Jim Babb: passed away in January and many of his RHS classmates attended his memorial at St.Dunston's in Shoreline. Those who attended were Al Holt, John Evans, Jim Coshow '52, Jerry Johnson, Bill Hopf, Jim Reardon, Fran Ederer Reardon '50, Don Farra, Jim Bender, Corky Erickson, George Landis, Bob Rogers and Judy Flournoy Harwood. Jim Bender and Al Holt shared the Eulogy and did a fine job of remembering Jim's life with lots of interesting and humorous stories. Jim spent many hours helping others, and was always there for his friends. He will be greatly missed.

Harvey Jarvis: Good thoughts go out to him as he's having health issues.

Al Holt: Nice to see him out and about after undergoing weeks of treatment for Lymphoma.

Marrillann Glass Hutchinson: currently I volunteer at Bellevue YMCA – teaching beginning Tai Chi and we, husband David Carl '50, both enjoy practicing Tai Chi. We still live on Lake Sammamish on land my Grandfather purchases in 1907. We see our brother-in-law Bell A. Douglas '51 when he gets to Seattle. He is still teaching Pol. Science at John's Hopkins and even has had some of his songs published! He is weathering the upper cold weather in Washington DC. I got together with my brother Sam Glass Sr. who now is retired and living on Whidbey Island. In December we vacationed on Maui with Dick and Judy Solberg Evans '54. I'll be having lunch with Peggy Slason Barr '51 this week, she is now living in Woodinville.

1952

Submitted by Rick Paylor, class Secretary: First the good news! We have reports that Guy Pinkerton has been enjoying golf at his winter home on the island of Maui as usual. He and wife Nancy Kracke ('53) also get together with classmates Bud and Marilyn Sullivan who also have a Condo on the island. But when Guy returns to the northwest he

can be found at his weekly get-away property on Hood Canal, on his trusty tractor, dabbling in 'property improvement'. Bud and Marilyn plan to get away in July as usual, to cruise on their boat in the San Juan's. Meanwhile this past winter season, Corrine McCumber Thwing and Tom Winter had a get-together at their southwest Florida winter home when Herb Smetheran and wife Beverly were in town where Herb was entered in a Ft. Meyer Tennis Tournament. We all hope you won Herb! In Arizona yours truly has two fellow Roosevelt Grads in his retirement community; Hugh Cheesman class of '52 and Bob Knapp class of '53. It's nice to see classmates getting together at winter get-a ways. It is however; with great sadness we announce the passing of our dear friend and classmate Bonnie Rogers Enault on November 17, 2014. She was the backbone of our Class Reunion Committee, and for years maintained our roster, following classmates comings and goings and collecting obituaries. She was the primary creator of our many colorful memory books produced following our reunion gatherings. Her tireless contributions to our efforts will be sadly missed as we move forward. The memorial service for Bonnie at the Edmonds Conference Center was very well attended and featured examples of her artistic creations. For over an hour many of her friends and family took the open mike and extolled her many virtues and acts of human kindness. At least 13 fellow classmates from Maple Leaf Elementary days were part of this group where childhood friend Jack Rider read a poem he had written. As the old saying goes, "it won't be the same without you" Bonnie. If you have news about yourself or other classmates you'd like to share please forward to me anytime at [paylor56@gmail.com](mailto:paylor56@gmail.com) or call me at 425-652-6066. Rick Paylor, '52 Class Secretary.

Nancy Luft Rising: I keep busy serving on the Exec. Board of the King County Labor Council and also working with the 48<sup>th</sup> Dist. Democrats.

John L. Meyers: We are still sailing in the local waters.

Jacqueline West Prescott: we travel a lot and hope to continue. We are still skiing but not as long and hard as we used to. We lived 34 years in Bellevue but moved to Guemes Island ten years ago. Island life is wonderful! We have a son and his family on island too. One daughter lives in LA where she is an active violinist. The other daughter lives in Leavenworth.

Lois Stuber Elliott: (From class secretary Rick Paylor). I just found out today that we lost our fellow classmate, who passed away a little over two years ago in Oregon.

## 1953

Ken McGhee: I'm surviving 15 years of stage IV Kidney cancer.

Bob Pickering: enjoying my job of volunteering at our son's toy store in Kenmore.

Susie Barrett Prescott: I had a challenging year with the return of breast cancer after twenty years. Treatment seemed harsher this go round and included radiation which I missed the first time. But it's all done and I feel great again. I came to Issaquah in June for my granddaughter's high school graduation. The weather was beautiful and parties fun. She is now at the University of Oregon---I loved my daughters line "how could two huskies produce a duck?" I haven't done well with the heat when it gets over one hundred here in Tucson, so spent rest of the summer in a funky old rental cabin up near Flagstaff where a hot day is 80! It was fun, as I had my Colorado 4 wheeler and easy access to ride it in the national forest. I was close to my son and daughter-in-law who have summered there for many years. I guess the high point was invasion by bats, who showed up inside most nights to keep me company.

Rodney Thorn: It's been—shall we say—a medically interesting year, with me needing gall bladder surgery last July, and with our daughter Lisa, battling breast cancer for most of the past year. Good news—Lisa's doctors saw while performing surgery last November (2013), that the chemo she'd received earlier, had killed the cancer. We continue enjoying our retirement, our family, our community and even a trip or two. We see both our children and their families pretty regularly, as Lisa lives in Santa Cruz and Michael in Sacramento. Alice and I celebrated our 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary in December 2014. Last year we made our annual pilgrimage to Lake Tahoe, for a conference that many of our friends attend as well. So we enjoyed the stunning scenery, stimulating morning classes, friends, good food and relaxing times all at once. Tahoe is only a afternoon's drive away from our San Jose home. I continue volunteering as web master for Stone Church and a local children's choir. A couple of health episodes aside, life continues being good to us and we are grateful for that.

Joanne Patton Carr: Recently I spent time in California, caring for my 16 year old grandson who had a kidney/liver transplant. Successful!!! Many thanks, to the donor family, for this gift of life.

Joyce Hitt Butchart: and husband welcomed great grandchild #9 Annalee Butchart on Nov 20, 2014. She joins brothers Jerimiah and Vint and lives in North Hollywood CA. That makes 6 great grandsons and 3 great granddaughters. Our grand children live in Pleasant Grove UT, Albuquerque NM, North Hollywood CA and Port Angeles WA. We try to see the family in WA once a month. Our downhill skiing season was a BUST this year as we hardly had any snow in our mountains. We did get 15 days at Mission Ridge where we ski, not our normal 35-40 days a season.

Seen at The Collaborative Concert on March 17<sup>th</sup>: Jackie Godfrey Brotnov, Lis & Jerry Chichester and Joyce Hitt and Stan Butchart.

Jack Sjolseth: I volunteer as docent at the Bainbridge Island Historic Museum.

## 1954

Roger Metz: Someone needs to fill the vacant class secretary position. This is your final chance to achieve greatness. Editors Note: you got your wish and Artie Buerk is the new class secretary.

Artie Buerk: We held a "Teds in the Desert" party at our home in Indian Wells on March 11<sup>th</sup> with 70 people coming. We plan to do this every year in early March so anyone living in the desert should contact us with their name and contact info. My wife and I endowed the Arthur Buerk Center for Entrepreneurship at the UW Foster School of Business 2 years ago.

Linda Bird Pederson: Bud and I have been "snow birds" in the Palm Springs/Palm Desert area for ten years – along with many other Roosevelt grads. In fact tonight we are going to a "Teddies in the Desert" party hosted by Artie Buerk and his wife Sue. They are expecting 70 or more people and many of us then contribute to the Roosevelt High School Foundation as a result of this gathering. We have a son and family in San Diego only 2 hours away and a son and family in Seattle, so we have all holidays & birthday celebrations with one family or the other.

**Teds in the Desert:** On March 11 at a Roosevelt get-together, hosted by Sue and Artie Buerk, seventy people reunited at their Indian Wells home. This was the third annual reunion and has grown from 25 to 50 to 70 alumni and their spouses. The

attendants from the class of '54, in addition to the Buerk hosts, were Chuck Alm, Tony and Gail Landis Hines, Choo Nisbet, Roger Martinsen, Anne Nordstrom Gittinger, and Linda Eird Pederson. The other attendees will be mentioned later as the focus of the class notes is on class of '54. The University of Washington "Dawg Days" also were being held and the golf tournament was attended by Don Pennell and Frank Countner. Joining them was Pam Eshelman, Chair of the RHS Foundation and also winner of a prize for closest to the hole. As there were several other UW events, quite a few additional Teds showed up. Anne Gittinger had her own party for the Husky football coach Chris Petersen, and many of the same Teds showed up for her gala party. At the Dawg Days dinner, classmate Barbara Bye Goesling was also on the scene greeting everybody as they came in, looking great. The Dawg Days dinner also had in attendance Shan Mullin, who is a member of the class of '53. Back to the Buerk hosted party, the attendees included Lee Napage Boune, Ward and Judy Bushnell, Deanna Countner Carpenter, Sandy Church, Gib Constock, and Linda Juehl Brain, Jim Cornell, Debbie Cobby, Pauley and Rick Dodd, Dick Enders, Dan Evans, Ted Kibble, Judd and Barbara Kirk, Karen Koon and Brad Edwards, Don and Midge Kraft, Jane Tomlinson Merlino, Don and Molly Mowat, Jim Palin, Don and Nancy Pittenger, Carol Quillian, Judy Rosen, Bev Suhrbier, the Timberlakes, Karen and Bill, John and Sue Tomlinson, Judy Hawkins Walker, Jim Weymouth, Camille Winter, Elsa Wise. Those who were coming that did not make it were Don Morford, John Fery, and Noydena Leonard Brix. There are many more Rough Riders in the Desert and it is hoped that the March party next year will draw closer to 100. Others who were seen at some of the parties during Dawg Days included, Sandy Whitehead Dyer, Jamie James, and Bev Brewster. Anybody that is in the Desert or know of anyone that is planning to be in the Desert next year, somewhere around March 11, the party will again be hosted by the Buerks at their Indian Wells home and look forward to all Rough Riders in the Desert to show up and have a great time. From your new class secretary Artie Buerk.

## 1955

**ATTENTION:** Mark the date for our 60<sup>th</sup> reunion on September 19, 2015 at 6:00 pm. It will be held at the Seattle Silver Cloud, on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., by Safeco

Field. If you have not already been contacted and are interested contact Carolyn Scheyer or Glen. Carolyn can be reached at 206-588-1456 or email at [Carolyn.scheyer@sounddev.com](mailto:Carolyn.scheyer@sounddev.com) and Glen can be reached at 206-588-1682 or email [glenai7@msn.com](mailto:glenai7@msn.com).

R. Bruce McDonald: traveling as much as possible. We just returned from a six week cruise to South Americas and the Antarctic.

Ann Christofferson Sankey: we are continuing to remodel our cabin on Whidbey Island and spending time with our grandchildren.

## 1956

Patricia Brown Peterson: I'm currently a mental health counselor.

Aletha Case Barnes: have made several trips to Yachots on the Oregon coast, attended the Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, OR, and a road trip to the Flathead Valley, Mt. I will be going to Palm Springs and Indio, CA in Oct.; Victoria, BC in Nov; and Maui in Jan. 2015. Who knows what adventures lie ahead!! Life is GOOD!! The last time I went to a luncheon, the traffic in Seattle was so terrible that I decided I wouldn't spend 5 hours of my life going from Olympia to Seattle to attend a luncheon. I would like to continue to be a member and to support the organization. I did forward your information to my sons who both graduated from Roosevelt. The 5-yr-old son of one of them is fascinated by the "Little Mermaid" so I thought he might like to attend. My younger son, Jeff, had a wonderful relationship with Reuben Van Kempen, so I forwarded the information to him. As you know, I'm now living in Lacey, WA; we have several residents who are now living in Lacey who graduated from Roosevelt; we have formed a group because of Curt Rosler who graduated from RHS. Through him we have had a lovely luncheon. Curt is an interesting person, very interested in musicals. As a finale to our talent show in March, I will be doing "Memory" from Cats, with several Jelekal Cats, which should be fun – and is a "Bucket Item" for me. By the way, I just met a woman whose maiden name was Mary Livengston. She said she graduated in 1956 however I wasn't able to find her in my Sr. Annual. She said she was active in drama and knew Brian Thompson, who was friend of mine in 1956. I also have information about Eloise Swarhout, in case you're interested.

Jean Huston Durr: In 1956 I married Burtin "Bud" Durr a 1950 graduate. We have three children. We lived in Seattle until 1959 and then moved to California for Bud's job. We moved back to Seattle in 1963 and all three children went to Fairview grade school. Then in 1969 we moved to Chehalis WA where we've been since. We have five grand children and three great grand children. I retired from City of Chehalis Water Dept. with twenty-three and a half years in 1999. Since then we traveled with Discovery Tour, a bus tour company, until they went out of business two years ago. Saw many wonderful places.

Lorraine Hitt Carter: I've had a busy time since the last Grapevine. I went camping with sister & husband, son and his husband over Thanksgiving to Fort Flagler. Had a great four days and were joined by two another families in their RV's. After that I had to start getting all the stuff done to be ready for hip replacement surgery. Finally had the surgery on January 29 and wasn't sure when I would be coming home and luckily I was discharged the day before the Super Bowl. Was sweating it out how I was going to get home as one son and wife were at the game and the other wanted to watch it. We all won out. During recuperation I started working on this Grapevine and finishing my PEO Chapter yearbook. As you see I got this newsletter and am just finishing up on the yearbook. Hope you all have a great summer.

## 1957

Darrell Monda: As president of the Los Gatos Community Foundation, a volunteer position, I have been working on plans for the Catillion, our annual fundraiser which supports student scholarships and local nonprofits in the Writena area of the Silicon Valley.

Jimmy Croake: seeing patients only 10 hours per week and doing court class' as an expert witness. I'm also reducing the number of patients needing medication to allow for more travel. Pete LaBarge holds two world records in the 75. I'm also and older track and field.

Ron Sloy: still running my consulting business "International Resource". Currently traveling in Asia for a month (wish I owned an airline) visiting clients in Japan, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Malaysia, Singapore, Miramar and Indonesia. I will be meeting my wife Evelyn (class of 58') in Hong Kong and after visiting most of the aforementioned countries with her we will be spending a week in

Bali, a great place for golf, swimming in the Indian Ocean and sightseeing. Planning to partially retire next year and spend the winter's at the Madison Club in Palm Desert. Kind Regards



Tom and his plane FW

Tom Gaston: after graduation from Roosevelt, in 1957, my brother went on to the University of Washington and graduated with a degree in Finance. He also received a Commission as a 2nd Lt. in the US Air Force. He spent 23 years in this career that took him to Vietnam for two tours of duty. The first was as the Director of Finance for all of the US Air Force Payroll. He received a Bronze Star for his performance. Then he went on to Flight School in Arizona. After retiring from the Service he was hired by Trans America to fly Charter flights all over the World. He then finished his "for pay" piloting career as a Captain for American Airlines. Tom then relocated his home, in retirement, to Council Idaho on a 125 acre Ranch. He built a Grand Home with a magnificent view of most of Adams County. His love of flight was further nurtured by building 3/4 scale P 51 Mustang Fighter Airplane. He spent many years flying demonstration flights at many National Air Shows throughout the USA. October 3, 2014, the LORD called him home. By Robert Gaston, brother.

Chuck Atcheson: Ajoya, near Northgate, served as a great life-raft for us as Chuck's condition became stable. Then, for many reasons, it became apparent to Barbara that they needed a different 5 year plan. So build a home at Shea Homes at Jubilee in Lacey WA became the option we chose. Chuck is stable. He has no use of his right hand or arm, can walk slowly on his own, understands quite well and has profound expressive aphasia. He is moving around more here, adjusting window blinds, watching birds and golfers, pointing out suggestions for arranging furniture, etc. The other night he was fussing around all the light switches, looking for different effects and left one light on as he walked away. I asked "why are you leaving that

one on?" and he said "Because I like it." That is the first spontaneous, intelligible four word sentence he has spoken since his stroke. It was nice to hear. Maybe, as I hope, he will get more active in this setting and possibly trigger a bit more recovery. We are overlooking the 18 fairway and enjoying the new house---someday soon all the boxes will be empty and gone!!

Donald Pittenger: and wife Nancy Walters Pittenger '58, are still traveling, especially during winter months. November was our annual visit to Las Vegas and California. We visited Marlene Stoll Riemer '58 and her husband George in the Santa Barbara area en route south. Next was Waikiki around the turn of the year with Nancy's sons and their families. March is the big Indian Wells tennis tournament that has become a new tradition for Nancy. As this is written, we expect to see Karen Claussen '58, Brad Edwards '57, Karen Koon '57 and perhaps others from our vintage at the Teddies in the Desert event held during our stay. Otherwise, Nancy continues her tennis and gardening, but added to her activity list by taking piano lessons. Don continues writing his art and car styling blogs (Google on "Donald Pittenger" and scroll to find some links).

Bonnie Carlson Larson: we were stunned to hear that our other dear classmate Bonnie died most unexpectedly in early December of acute meningitis while vacationing on Kauai. Perhaps you all remember her as the one who sang her way through Roosevelt with her beautiful voice, shining eyes and striking black hair. I have enjoyed seeing her over the years here in Seattle where she was a very active docent at the Seattle Art Museum for over 40 years. She also had a tremendous garden of roses which was once featured in Sunset magazine. Throughout her life she was active at Epiphany, St. Marks, Assumption and St. Bridget churches. She was very devoted to her husband, Mick, who preceded her in death by about a year or two, leaving three sons and five grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by all who loved her.

1958

Roy Ruben: I've taken this year off and am doing nothing. I've seen Mike Yonker, who does peoples taxes and is involved in Christian activities around Warm Beach out of Stanwood. Best wishes to all Teddies/Roughriders. PS: I've seen my sister Carol, 3 years younger than I. Carol, my daughter Sally, a great grandkid and I went to a Husky game, against AZ in the wind and rain. It was an evening

to test your mettle, "what doesn't kill you will make you stronger".



Marlene Stoll Riemer '58, Donald '57  
and Nancy Walters Pittenger '58

Nancy Walters Pittenger: and husband Donald Pittenger '58 visited Marlene Stoll Riemer '58 and her husband George at their home near Santa Barbara. Donald and Nancy were on their annual fall trip to California and Las Vegas.

#### 1959

Chris LeSourd: We moved to Anacortes in July 2013. Finally found our house and moved in the end of February 2014. This house will be our last!!! Love it here and don't miss the traffic in Seattle. Go Hawks!!!

Barbara Hartinger Wilson: In August my husband and I enjoyed a few days in Richland, WA while attending his 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunion. We have enjoyed celebrating family get-togethers with my sister, Part Hartinger Pringle '55, brother-in-law, Bernie Pringle '56, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. I am looking forward with anticipation to becoming a great-great aunt not once, but twice, on approximately June 5<sup>th</sup> and August 5<sup>th</sup>. I have recently been in contact with Barbara Holden Miller and Donna Campbell Rodriguez from our class.

#### 1960

Eddi McKellips Brownfield-Nelson: Enjoy the Grapevine, a job well done.

Richard Swanson: On Jan 19, 2015 I was the keynote speaker at the Fort Wayne, Indiana Martin Luther King Unity Day Celebration. There were about 800 attendees. The Fort Wayne MLK Club has been putting on this program on MLK day for the past 30 years and I was the first white keynote speaker they had ever had. Two of my children and two of my grandchildren were able to attend the celebration which added to the joy of the occasion for me. I spoke for an hour and from what I am told my speech was warmly received. The last

time I had spoken about my civil rights activities in Mississippi in the 60s in front of a large group it was to 3 or 4 of Mr. Williams history classes in the Roosevelt HS auditorium in the fall of 1964.

John Whalley: My brother, Doug Whalley, made me join. (How many siblings have had this happen?)

Diana Gilmore Lewis: I'm recovering from surgery at present. My interests are bowling, attending Landmark classes and gardening.

#### 1961

Willa Howe Rohwer: Randy and I took a long overdue trip to New York City to spend five days seeing Broadway plays. We took a ten day cruise to Montreal to see the fall colors and Canadian sights.

Pat Royal Hamilton: Volunteer at the Coupeville Chamber of Commerce Office one day per week. Jan Savage Paul bought a second home on Whidbey Island where we live!

Susan Byington: since I retired in 2006 I have become an active volunteer at Group Health Co-op – first serving on the Foundation Board. In 2010 I was elected by the membership to be a Trustee. In January 2015, I started serving as Chair of the Board. In 2008 I became a mediator (volunteer). I mediate employee conflict for the federal govt., county govt. and city of Seattle. My daughter, Amenla now lives in Seattle with her husband, Steve Wygal, and my loved and adored 2 year old grandson, Graham.

#### 1962

On September 6th, the 1962 Roosevelt Grads had a picnic at Harley and Michele O'Neil's home in Innis Arden. The weather and food was great. Even the weather cooperated and gave us 80+ degrees. Some of those in attendance gave us updates on what they have been doing. I will share their comments below:

Jerry Riley: Retire in 2007 and living in Anacortes since 2011, has 4 grandchildren, (20, 8, 6, 2) and enjoys boating, family and friends.

Marilyn Alexander Riddick: Retired to University Place, WA in 1993. She and her husband, Bob have 4 children and 12 grandchildren who all live in the local area. She loves to travel and be with her family.

Linda Kruzner Longley: retired in 2005, worked as a sign language interpreter for the deaf two

years at Eckstein, 7 years at Roosevelt, then 17 years at View Ridge Elementary. Lynda has two children, a boy who is deaf, and a daughter. She says that she will be a great grandma in December. She and her husband, Ron enjoy camping and on road trips. She loves retirement.

Steve Murphy: Loves listening to UW undergrads woes at Phi Kappa Psi fraternity as chapter adviser. Steve also enjoys flying down to Rio.

Jim Keller: Happily married to Lee for 45 years, has 2 daughters and husbands who live in LA, has 4 grandchildren.

Bonnie Dawson: -has six grandchildren and still lives in Edmonds.

Erick Leithe: taking a 22 day French River Cruise on the Seine, Saone, and Rhone rivers in September-October.

Carole Winston Wigg: Husband, Jerry died in April. He was a marine and this fall she will go back to Virginia to have him buried at Arlington.

Carol Lou Germaine Lebert: Life on the up of golden years, house on the downsizing of retirement. Look for her book: "Cooking with Cathy" a tribute to Cathy Rein of our class and some wonderful friendship recipes. Always good to hear from a "Golden Spur" members - keep in contact.

Gayle Anderson Winter: Looking for Love, working for Listings. Looking for grandchildren to adopt. Passion for Travel. In Africa a few years ago. Ready to ride a camel now.

Bob Hannah: Work at Evergreen capital Mgmt, watercolorist, lives in Bellevue, WA. Love golf.

Ginger Rich and Sue Penon Campbell: - went on trip to Panama with Grand Circle Travel.

Penny Porter Redman: Planning a ski trip this winter to France.

Elizabeth Roberts: Planning a trip to Paris next spring. Volunteer with the victim support team, a community support team for Domestic Violence Victims thru Seattle P.D. Volunteer with the Seattle Symphony, new great aunt to great nephew, Asher. Carl Wyman-Building a cabin in Sequim.

Karen Fraser: is currently a WA State Senator for the 22<sup>nd</sup> District. I've received 4 significant awards for public service including the two following: Japan Foreign Ministry for contributions to friendly relations between Japan and Washington St. and Thurston Leadership Award from Olympia-Thurston County's Chamber of Commerce Leadership Training Program.

Chap Alvord: We have moved, our new address is: 4205 E. Highland Dr., Seattle, WA 98112.

Karen Fraser: had coffee with Mike Middleton recently, and visited with Jeannette Lomas at an AAUW meeting, both in the Olympia/Lacey area. I also visited with Carol Ostergard Fryer last summer at SeaTac. I see Dan Evans at a few meetings in Seattle. On Wednesday, Jan 12, Governor Inslee honored Dan at the Washington State Legislature. It was the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Dan's inauguration as Governor. If you would like more information on this you can contact me at my Senate office: 360-786-7642 or email me at [Karen.frazer@leg.wa.gov](mailto:Karen.frazer@leg.wa.gov).

Suellen Penon Campbell: Ginger Rich and I have enjoyed attending the various concerts at RHS.

## 1963

Carolee Ostrom Morrison: Much of my time is spent caring for grandchildren but I am also active in Children's Hospital and a garden club. I love to read and I do water aerobics for exercise.

Barry Birch: I'm taking basic horsemanship riding lessons.

Doug Campbell: still working. I represent companies with their Real Estate initiatives on a global basis. I plan to semi-retire at the end of 2014. Although we live in Miami, each year we visit Seattle in the summer, hike Alpentel, slam down cold ones at the Seattle Yacht Club and spend several weeks on Orcas Island, where we are card carrying members of the soon to be famous Orcas Island Yacht Club. I continue to do advocacy work for persons with developmental disabilities, enjoy working out daily and boating and diving on our boat "Predator".

Barbara Almvig Kirk and George (Judd) Kirk '62: we are enjoying Sun Valley, Palm Desert, grandkids, traveling and having fun every day. Life is great!

Priscilla Graham Wyckoff: I've been skiing with Bob Ordal in Sun Valley. Bob and Kit Wright (great gal) will be married this spring. Think good thoughts for Red Campbell who has been having lots of health problems. Myron Redford recently sold Amity Vineyards. Dave and I have a diversified irrigated farming operation in the Yakima Valley. Our oldest son Court and his family are active in the business with us. Our youngest son Tygh and his family live in Bellevue. Glad to be back in the NW after 9 years. I talk fairly often with Linda Clark who lives in Kirkland and works for the Federal Government.

Marlyn Meyer Sizer: keeping the brain alive by taking Access classes at the UW. It's a fabulous



opportunity, check it out. Also ushering at the many theaters in Seattle, plus dancing as the back end of a pinto horse at Hale's Aces over the holidays.

David Normile: just moved for the last time (I hope) from Edmonds to Bothell. I'm looking for a golf partner, give me a call at 425-835-0413.

Cathie Hogue Huffman: I enjoy competing on a rowing crew. It's never too late to start traveling and trying to keep up with grandkids and great grand's.

Art Huffine: life is good on Whidbey Island! We commune daily with the deer and bunny wabbits.

Doug Burleigh: we just completed the 63<sup>rd</sup> annual National Prayer Breakfast in Washington D on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>. There were 4000 attendees from 160 countries. Pres. Obama gave a 20 minute address and the keynoter was Darrell Waltrip, Hall of Fame Nascar driver who gave a moving testimony of how Jesus changed his life midway through his driving career. Personally, we just had our 13<sup>th</sup> grandchild – all under 7 years old with one more coming.

Sandra-Jean Linder Rosen: I recently joined Sound Financial Group, an agency of Guardian Life Insurance Company of America. We have an uncommon multi-step education process and a Living Balance sheet for each client. Services include asset protection, securities, long term care insurance, disability insurance and other financial services.

Carolyn Rider: writes that she retired this year.

From Anne Chichester Temple to the class of '63: Thanks for getting those dues in! I hope to see some of you at "Mary Poppins" in May and the Annual Luncheon in June. Happy Birthday to all of us as we begin this Delightful Decade!

Carol Musselman Stevens: is enjoying life with work, family, friends sharing wine tasting events, ATVing in Florence, Or, plus skiing and traveling.

## 1964

Since our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion in September there is surprisingly little news to report. I'm sure there are many more grandkids and many on the way (my 6<sup>th</sup> is due August 3rd!). Some of us are still working, including full time, some are retired and enjoying travel and others are part time and trying both. We are the youngest of the Golden Grads and still trying to get a handle on the present and future. We did experience a huge loss in February with the passing of Craig Dodel, from the effects of Lewy Body Dementia. Craig was a stalwart member of

our class. He played both golf and football at RHS and Claremont College. He held office. He earned a law degree from UW and eventually became General Counsel at Genie Industries, a company with a proud Teddy tradition. Family and friends gathered at Inglewood Golf Club for a celebration of life. RIP






Submitted by Class of '64 secretary Rick Keating

# ATTENTION

We are looking for new members for the Teachers Wish List hopefully a few men from the '50 or '60 classes.

Work on this committee involves only one meeting in the fall.

If you would like to volunteer contact Joyce Butchart 206-242-9524 or email to Butcharts2@aol.com.

    
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**or all of the above.**

**Thank you**

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# RHS GOLDEN GRAD MEMBERSHIP and DONATIONS

Check all that apply:  new member,  renewal,  info change,  Grapevine News

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ RHS Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Last /RHS Women grad's maiden) (Married)

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ If an RHS Grad, Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Last/ RHS Women grad's maiden name) RHS Couples: Please list names separately.

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City & State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Other /winter Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(only if for longer than 2 months each year) Month starting at other address: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Months: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (*print clearly*): \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

I would prefer to receive my *Grapevine Newsletter* by  Mail  
or  E-mail

Occupations before and after retirement: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dues:** \$15 for one person or \$20 for an RHS couple, per calendar year. For \_\_\_\_ year(s)  
Lifetime one person \$300 or Lifetime for an RHS couple \$400 **Total:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Make checks payable to RHS Golden Grads

**Donations (tax deductible):** May be in memory of or in honor of sibling, teacher, friend, or an occasion.

In Memory of: or  In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

General Fund: \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship: \_\_\_\_\_ Wish List: \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to RHS Golden Grads Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

## Volunteering:

- I would like to help the Golden Grads organization.  with the *Grapevine*
- with Luncheon  with Membership  with My class  with Finance/Accounting
- Student Scholarship Committee  Teachers' Wish List Committee
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_ SKILLS I would like to share: \_\_\_\_\_

**Information for the Grapevine Editor:** Share with us what you have been doing:  
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