



## Ballard Golden Beavers 26th Annual Scholarship Luncheon

by Dolores Finseth Moore '48, and Dick Mitchell '51

The Golden Beaver Annual Scholarship Luncheon was held on April 27, 2013 at the Leif Erickson Hall in Ballard. More than 170 reservations were made for the luncheon. Our featured speaker for the event was Astronaut John Creighton '61. After spending a year at the University of Washington he entered the U.S. Naval Academy. There he earned a Bachelor of Science degree. He started his aviation career after graduating from the Academy. In 1978 he was selected for the Astronaut Program where he spent 14

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## Editor's Note

by Jon Setter '54

Membership in The Golden Beavers can be a rewarding experience. In addition to providing a limited number of scholarships to Ballard High School grads, it can provide a means to greet old friends, renew previous acquaintances and develop new contacts. After 50 years since graduation of your class from BHS you are eligible to become a member.

We normally have meetings at 10:00 A.M. at the Nordic Heritage museum on the third Thursday of the months of March, June, September and December. There is an Annual Scholarship Luncheon usually held in April or May. This is where the current student scholarship recipients are welcomed, and introduced to the assembled members.

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## What does a Golden Beavers scholarship mean to me?



by Michiyas Assefa

It is with sincere gratitude that I write this letter in appreciation of the gift in support of my education. As a soon to be college student the Golden Beavers Scholarship is much needed and very much appreciated. It is with this support, and the great members of the Ballard High School community, that I will be able to chase my endeavor beyond high

school. To me the scholarship means much more than a three thousand dollar gift, but an acknowledgment of the challenges I have overcome and the countless hours of hard work I have put into becoming a successful student. Providing resources to students who need it and deserve it, the Golden Beavers Association is doing its part to make sure that one's economic situation doesn't limit one's intellectual growth. I have no words to express the level of gratitude I have felt for being chosen for a scholarship. I intend to keep working hard to show how seriously I take the mandate given to me by this award and to also improve on my academic record. Go Beavers!

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## Save the Date!

Ballard High School Golden Beavers 27th Annual Scholarship Luncheon

11:00 A.M., Saturday, May 10, 2014

The Leif Erikson Hall, 2245 N. W. 57th Street, Seattle 98107

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# Principal's Greeting

by Keven Wynkoop '94, BHS Principal and Golden Beaver Scholarship recipient

To Our Esteemed Golden Beavers,

We recently saw Ballard's results on the various State Assessments, and I am thrilled to share the results that our students achieved. The scores ranged from 88.1% in Writing to an astonishing 94.6% in Biology and 96.7% of students who passed the Geometry exam. Both of these scores were the highest in Seattle. We have not seen our graduation numbers for the class of 2013, but our 93% graduation rate in 2012 was also the highest in Seattle. We are all working hard to maintain the legacy of excellence that you have endowed upon Ballard High School.

Ballard's achievements go beyond the classroom as well. Recently, our Drama Department travelled to Edinburgh, Scotland to put on a show at the International Fringe Festival. The Fringe Festival is an amazing collection of artistic talent that brings people from throughout the world to be entertained in endless amounts of shows. Our kids dazzled the international crowd and had an experience that they will never forget. It was also another year of excellence for many of Ballard's renowned groups. Some of the highlights were another amazing collection of local, regional and international awards for our Video Production students; a variety of awards for our Music students including our Men's Quartet which won a state championship; many awards



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at both the Biotech Expo, and the Imagine Tomorrow Conference in Pullman for our Biotech Academy students, and much, much more.

Our sports teams also had another great year highlighted by a State Championship from our women's 4x400 Track Relay team. Many teams made the playoffs in the ultra-competitive Kingco conference, including both Basketball teams winning playoff games in the same year for the first time since we moved to Kingco ten years ago. The hard work paid off for our athletes, as we saw many sign letters of intent to compete in college, many of which will be at the Division One level.

At Ballard, we like to say that "It is always great to be a Beaver" and that could not be more true. It is vital to me that our current students understand that they are part of a legacy that extends back more than 100 years and that the Beavers that have come before them are there to share their dreams. We work hard every day to make you proud.

From 1988 to 2013,  
188 Ballard High School  
students received 202  
Golden Beavers Scholarships  
for a total of \$435,230.

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by Laura Mesick  
When I read the award letter, I didn't even know how to respond. I was so happy. Honored, blessed and bewildered all at once — I WAS PICKED — WOW. To dedicate grand scholarships to students is incredibly

generous. It means a great deal to us all, to receive such help. College tuition is so expensive these days, and being granted the money to aid me in my education gives me so much hope. Without the Golden Beaver Scholarship I wouldn't have the nature of aspirations or the level of confidence that I do currently. Just now I am discovering my true passions in life, and financial assistance will further allow me to pursue my dream of healing the world. Thanks you, every one of you for this amazing gift. My college education has been jump started.



by Esther Nelson  
This fall I will be attending the University of Washington and I am so excited. Thank you Golden Beavers for helping me make this opportunity to experience all their science/ medical programs a reality.



by William Bennett Radford  
Thank you so much for this wonderful award and honor. It was great to be able to meet you and tell you about myself. I am excited to be closer to paying for school next year and appreciate all that you do to help Ballard students. I

thank you. I can't wait to start my education in music.

Golden Beaver Past Presidents

Ben Adams '37*	'87-'88
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Jack R. Lawson '52	2007-2008
Carol Ann Aplin Echols '48*	2008-2009
Alan R. Hutchison '53	2009-2011
Charles "Charlie" J. See '56	2011-2013

\*Deceased



# President’s Message

by Donald H. (Don) Simpson ’53

Dear members and friends:

I have been honored to be elected as the next President of the Golden Beavers Association for the coming year, and I look forward to serving.

I would like first to thank Charlie See for two wonderful years. He did an outstanding job as our President and will be a hard act to follow. Thanks, Charlie, and stay involved.

Our annual Scholarship luncheon in April was a big success. We awarded scholarships to nine very outstanding Ballard High School seniors. Many thanks to Dolores Moore, and her committee for their fine work. We had about 170 reservations for lunch, and a good time was had by all seeing old friends and class mates.

I don’t like to talk about money, but we do need it. Our scholarship funds are low, and operating dollars are also limited. Any



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donation is appreciated. You might want to think about your end of year funds from retirement accounts. You can pass donations on to us and other charities directly and pay no tax on the distribution, thereby maximizing your gift. This is something to think about.

We will be welcoming the class of 2014 very soon, so if you know anyone in that class give them a sales talk on the GBA.



Showing Our Pride - Beaver Quilt created by Judy Olson Rikansrud ’58, presented at the recent BHS Foundation auction

# The Ballard High School Golden Beaver Association

The Golden Beaver Association was established in 1987 by the class of 1936, following their 50th Class Reunion. Other classes also provided funds for the first scholarship awards.

The focus of the Golden Beavers is providing scholarships annually to deserving Ballard High School seniors. The Golden Beaver Scholarship Program is meant to stimulate, within the Ballard student body, the desire to

achieve goals that prepare them for advanced education and/or training upon graduation.

Financial support for these scholarships is derived through membership dues, memorial contributions, wills and bequests.

The Golden Beaver Association is Ballard High School’s only alumni association. It serves to keep alive the spirit and traditions of Ballard High School. It publishes this newsletter twice each year to keep members

informed and engaged. At its annual spring luncheon, the student scholarship recipients are welcomed and introduced to the assembled members.

When your class is in its 50th year since graduation, you too can join the Golden Beaver Association and continue the tradition of the Scholarship Program!


For more information, contact Don Simpson ’53, dhsimpson2002@q.com.

# Welcome Our Newest Golden Beavers!

Dr. Allen Brown ’51 Life  
Judy Cross ’60 (annual membership)  
Elaine Olsen Dotts ’60  
Yvonne Durst ’46 (upgraded to Life Membership)  
Michael Golick ’56 Life  
Karen Tynes Gorman ’63 Life  
Helen McWhorter Hepp ’63 Life

Gary Holland ’56 Life  
Phil Jorgenson ’61 Life  
Ed Lagerquist ’56 (upgrade to Life)  
LifeRuth Lervaag ’58 (annual membership)  
Jerry Opplinger ’60 Life  
Sharlene Ankrum Peters ’60 (annual)  
Ann Port ’55 (upgraded to Life Membership)  
Jeanne Jacobsen Puckett ’60 Life

Bob Sandvick ’54 upgraded to Life Membership  
Gretchen Scheumann ’53 (upgraded to Life)  
Carol Schleitweiler Rich ’56 Life  
Judy Rockom Schnebele ’61 (annual)  
Edward Swanson ’57 Life  
Susan Weiss ’63 Life  
Joyce Glanzer Wiley ’63 (annual)  
Karen Olsen Witham ’57 Life

 Sign up as a Golden Beaver today to ensure that you continue to receive your copy of *The Golden Beaver Log*!

## Golden Beavers Membership Application

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name at BHS if different \_\_\_\_\_ BHS Class \_\_\_\_\_ (must be in 50th+ year since year of graduation)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Dues ☐ \$25/one year (the membership year runs 7/1 - 6/30) ☐ \$100/Lifetime Membership

I would like to make an additional tax-deductible donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the ☐ General Fund ☐ Scholarship Fund.

*Ballard Golden Beavers dues are kept low to encourage as many of our alumni as possible to join. Dues and Scholarship Fund donations go to support our scholarships; the General Fund also allows us to keep our organization running and publish The Golden Beaver Log.*

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Enclosed is my check payable to BHS Golden Beavers Association.

☐ Please charge to my Visa/MasterCard. Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to: BHS Golden Beavers Association, P.O. Box 70572, Seattle, WA 98127-0572

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# 2013 Golden Beaver Scholarship Recipients

The Golden Beavers gave out 9 Scholarships this year and we requested to choose students that were going on to a 4-year college in the following categories: General, Music, and Science. Each year that category could be different if we receive requests from the membership or we as a committee want to change it.

Students receiving Scholarships at our annual luncheon were:

## Scholarships to a 4-Year College



Esther Nelson  
(General)



Natalia Roberts-Buceta  
(General)



William Bennett Radford  
(Music)



Michiyas Assefa  
(Science)



Benjamin Lennon  
(General)

## General Scholarships to a 2-Year College



Theron Chasse



Laura Mesick

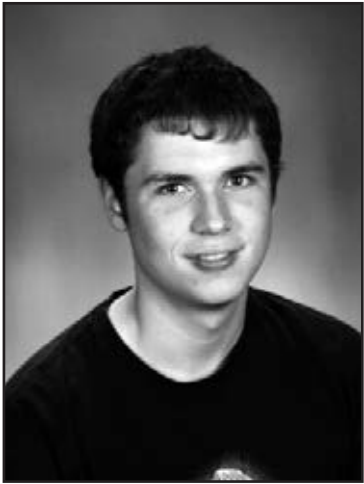


Haile Martin



Chloe Shively

## Anderson Memorial Scholarship



Dominic Rosato

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years working with NASA. He in his own words said “I was lucky enough to get to fly the Space Shuttle three times.” Creighton retired from the Navy with over 500 carrier landings, and left NASA after orbiting the earth 290 times. He returned home to Seattle in 1992, and took a job with Boeing as a test pilot where he spent many years. He is now retired from Boeing. He received numerous awards from the U.S. Military, as well as two foreign governments.

The Golden Beavers gave out 9 scholarships this year. We were requested to choose students that were going on to a four year college in the following categories:

General, Music, and Science. Students awarded scholarships in these categories, as announced by President Elect Donald Simpson and Vice President Elect Dick Mitchell, were: Esther Nelson (General), Benjamin Lennon (General), Natalia Roberts-Buceta (General), William Bennett Radford (Music), and Michiyas Assefa (Science). Our two year Community College awards went to: Theron Chasse, Laura Mesick, Haile Martin and Chloe Shively. Our self- directed scholarships went to: Anna Gallagher (Lyle McAlmond Scholarship); and Dominic Rosato (Anderson Memorial Scholarship).

## Lyle McAlmond Scholarship



Anna Gallagher



Photo, left to right:

Back:  
Charlie See  
Don Simpson  
Dick Mitchell

Front:  
Michiyas Assefa  
Laura Mesick  
Chloe Shively  
Esther Nelson  
Haile Martin  
Ben Lennon  
Will Radford

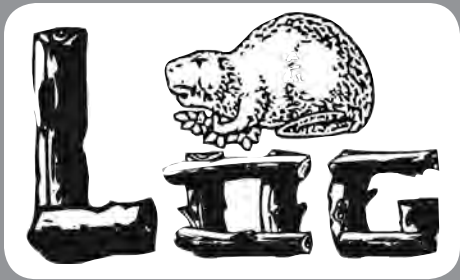
A special thanks goes to those who provided door prizes for our event: Ballard Brothers Seafood and Burgers, Ballard class of 1953, 125th Street Grill, Dick Mitchell ‘51, Doug Warne ‘56 Scandinavian Hour Radio Show, Epic Beauty Salon, Swanson’s Nursery, Don Simpson ‘53, and Jack Lawson ‘52.

And, an additional special thanks goes to America West Bank, and QFC Ballard (who provided parking for us), along with the Counseling staff at Ballard High School led by Jane Mauer.



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# Class News



## Class of '63 50th Reunion

September 21, 2013, 7 p.m.  
The Ballard Elks at Shilshole.  
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## Class of '62

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## Class of '59

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## Class of '58 55th Reunion

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Additional Class Representative: Norma Joy

Life in Vieussan , France from Ballard Grad Pat Durbin White class of '58

Bonjour! A cloudy day today, perfect for writing.

There's big news in the village. We have a new epicerie! A tiny grocery store at the bottom of the hill near the river with all the essentials, so much better than driving 40 minutes to the Super U if you just need bread and milk. It also carries fresh vegetables from the local gardens, but if you want lettuce, you have to add a few minutes to your trip. The owner calls his Mom, who then goes out to pick the lettuce and brings it up to you.

Last weekend there was a widely advertised concert in Vieussan featuring 3 different musical groups. It took place in the field directly below us, where the donkeys normally graze. The donkeys were moved temporarily to a corner of the field, and more braying was heard than usual. From our perch at the top of the hill, on the upper terrace, we could see and hear the entire event and had a good view of the stage. We brought a bottle of good wine up (it's all good here), some hors d'oeuvres and some binoculars, and had a wonderful evening enjoying the music - as well as the confusion of hundreds of cars parking in the unmarked field. Beer and grilled sausages were being sold, and judging by the cheering crowds it was a very successful event.

We had to remove some trees from the top of our stone stairs, because the roots were damaging the old wall. In their place, we now have a flower bed built of stone and

lined with concrete. The size of it was too large for us to haul sacks of soil up the hill, so we contracted with a man, Mikhail, who is working on the ruin across the road to bring the soil up for us. He said he would do it next week, which in country France can be any time up to a month. After discussing the bed with a friend, we realized that we would need gravel in the bottom first and were prepared to talk to Mikhail about it the following morning. As the church bells rang at 8 AM, we looked out the window and lo and behold the flower bed was filled with dirt! Speed when we least expected or wanted it.

So then two friends came over to shovel the dirt out of the bed, and Emory and I went to Bricomarche to buy gravel. But before we left, the ferrier (metal worker) Didier, who speaks only French, came over to discuss the metal rail we will have around the garden to prevent people (me) from falling one story down into the street. He was accompanied by Michel Bono, the electrician, who speaks French and Spanish, and who came along to translate. That is, Emory speaks Spanish to Michel, who speaks French to Didier to tell him what we want. It was all rocking along when our friend Robert, who speaks French, English, Dutch and German, overheard some discrepancies while he was digging the dirt out of the garden. Our friend Barry, who speaks British English only, kept on digging, while Robert translated in French and Didier drew pictures of what he thought we wanted. It was a hilarious cacophony of languages, but I think in the end we will have a nice and safe fence.

On to a more mundane, but very interesting natural science subject - last week we had an infestation of some unusual flies that had long bodies and wings and were flying against the windows. Emory got his fly swatter out and killed the little dudes and got rid of them, but some were left on the kitchen windowsill. About an hour later, I went into the kitchen and each of the fly bodies was teeming with little black ants. Hundreds of them. Like little mountains. We watched transfixed for a long time, as the ants carried little pieces of the fly bodies off, then we had to go out but decided to just leave things as they were to see what happened. We were pretty sure we knew. Sure enough, when we got home, there was a spotlessly clean windowsill except for the wings of the flies, which were scattered around the edges. I guess they had no food value for the ants. No trace of ants, and no trace of any other parts of the flies. Ain't nature wonderful?

This has been a wonderful summer of R and R for us, just relaxing, reading, playing recorder (me), playing Bridge, playing Rummikub marathons, and socializing locally. Emory is spending time in the yard weeding, and sometimes calls me out to see some strange bug he has found, not familiar to us. We enjoy the end of the day, which is coming upon us now, with a glass of wine and Lucques olives on the upper terrace, watching the Martins and Swifts busily gathering bugs, and discussing world affairs and how lucky we are to be here. We have many good friends here

and there are lots of wonderful concerts and local festivals in the summertime. I would say Emory is 95% recovered from his pericarditis caused by the insertion of the pacemaker, and his bad reaction to some medicine given to him; I am 90% recovered from my spinal fusion surgery May 14. I feel good, but I still limp and have numbness in my right leg. I will see a doctor here next week, and hopefully will get some physical therapy.

Emory is reading a book about The Balkans, spawned by our trip to Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Slovenia in July. Fascinating place that we knew little about previously. Dubrovnik is a marvel. And I am reading a book about Africa (Zimbabwe) (thanks Ann and Jenine) related to a trip we made last year.

So all is well with us. We will be home in mid-September. Our tickets are for September 18, but I am hoping to leave September 8 so I can go to my 55th high school reunion in Seattle Sept 13-15. But we haven't been able to change our tickets yet. Still trying. It's what happens when you fly on miles.

Hope you all are well. A photo of Vieussan below: We are at the top, just left of center:



## Class of '57

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Additional Class Representative: Norm Werner

## Class of '56

Class secretary: Sandy Brown Hertz  
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Additional Class Representatives: Evelyn Sorrentino and Charles J. See

In case our last edition's opening paragraph seemed strange, I must admit, the real one came up missing; there is no trace of it anywhere. Those little "text-eating gremlins" must have had a feast on it. So sorry!

Onward and upward: Our very energetic leader, Charlie See '56, who has just stepped down from 2 years serving as Golden Beaver President, is about to throw himself into another job of helping Golden Beaver Log Editor, Jon Setter '54 produce this well-read paper. Second bit of news (about Charlie) is that he and wife Carleen, are brand new GRANDPARENTS to their first grand-baby boy, Anderson Carl See ('Anders') born July 26th in Olympia, parents Carl '95 and wife KD See! CONGRATULATIONS are in order!

As mentioned in a past article, Dick Nerheim has been working diligently on an informal reunion picnic in late summer. The date has



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been set for Sept. 11th from 11 A.M. to 6 P.M. with a pot luck meal to share about 2 P.M. at Golden Gardens (where else?). Unfortunately, that date is after our copy deadline for the Log, BUT, with Charlie on the committee, he is hoping to slip in his report at the very last second, just before going to print. See page 9 for his report!

Apparently the guys from our class are very interested in getting together for lunch, and the event has become quite popular. That's so great to hear!

If you want to know more about it, contact Don Olsby at <diehard\_don@msn.com> and he can fill in the details for you.

The ladies (read that 'girls') in our class also meet on a semi-regular basis. If there are other groups out there, we'd be most interested in giving them some attention, too. For now, we know about the one mentioned last time. This group meets the 2nd Wednesday of every third month, at noon. The last lunch was held June 12th at Chinook's, Fisherman's Terminal just south of Ballard, over the bridge. Carolyn Wells Beveridge is the contact for more details, and may be reached at cbev2@comcast.net.

'56 Ballard 'girls' June '13 Lunch at Chinook's



Row 1: Carolyn Wells Beveridge and Susan Manolides Maybee

Row 2: Patty Moll Lundvall, Sandy Brown Hertz, Inga Erickson

Row 3: Barbara Erk Gregory and Erlene Barnes Courtney

Row 4: Nancy Lindstrom and Evelyn Sorrentino Balch

Top: Dick Nerheim, joined the group to get the picnic idea on track.

This announcement was found on Facebook: The stars have aligned... September 21, 2013 will be Dee Ann Maki's Life Celebration at the beautiful Hood Canal Vista Pavilion in Port Gamble, WA. A favorite place of Dee Ann's which will forever hold cherished memories of love, fun & laughter. "...Located upon an expansive grassy bluff above the shores of Hood Canal in historic Port Gamble, the Hood Canal Vista Pavilion sits amid beautifully landscaped gardens with breathtaking panoramic views & stunning sunsets..." Details are available on Facebook.

From Gloria (Crowley) Butler '56 -

Hi All, it was so good to reacquaint with all of you again! Ben and I had such a great

time and it all flew by much too fast! We had such an awesome class and so proud when I read the newspaper about some of our grads...Moose, I was so proud for you! Also Don Nielsen and his accomplishments. Our astronaut John Creighton from class of 61! Wow, there have been some pretty impressive people come out of Ballard High. I am sure there are more not mentioned in this addition of the paper that I have not heard about yet. IT was just so good to mingle and visit with all of you and hear about what is going on in your lives and brag about our families and grandchildren! I even drove by my home I was raised in and took a picture of it! On corner across the street from James Monroe Jr. High...Brought a lump to my throat and reminded me how lucky for us to be kids during the 50's era! I would not trade it for anything! So until we meet again dear friends stay well and God bless!

Sad news to share: Alvin Brown, of our class, passed away on July 12, 2013 at home, and is survived by his wife, Jean, 2 married children and 3 grandchildren. He graduated from UW with a BA in Business Administration, and went on to found NW Manufacturing with Jim DePhelps in 1968, where he served as president. Alvin retired in 1997 to enjoy life on Whidbey Island. See more info at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/seattletimes/obituary.aspx?pid=165973851#>.

We want to hear from YOU!! Please send your news items to slhertz@comcast.net. We enjoy hearing about who is doing what and where.

## Class of '55

Class secretary: Secretary needed

Additional Class Representatives: Donald Hoem and Elizabeth Sorrentino Johnson

## Class of '54

Class secretary: Jon A. Setter

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I am sad to report the passing of three of our classmates George Lyons, Bob Vik (our Senior Class President), and Jim Cairns.

George, loving husband to Jacquelyn, passed away Saturday, May 4, 2013 at his home in Redmond, WA. Memorial service was held May 25th at the old Redmond School House Community Center. Attending were Bob & Alta Anderson, C. David Hughbanks, Bob Sandvik, Jack Taylor, and Tom Goleekee.

Bob, loving husband to Astrid, passed away June 4th, 2013, due to complications from Parkinson's. Memorial service was held June 22nd at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Seattle; Tom Goleekee was one of the soloists. Attending were classmates C. David Hughbanks, Bob Sandvik, Jon Setter, Tom Goleekee, Jack Taylor, and Jim Gregory. A reception was held after the service for Bob's classmates at C. David's home.

Jim, loving husband to Doris, died at home on Bainbridge Island, August 3, 2013. Among activities he was involved in he was probably best noted for being President of Peoples National Bank from 1979 to 1986. No service was held.

Our 60th year reunion is in the planning stages. The reunion committee is working with Reunions with Class, Bellevue, WA, (425) 644-1044, <https://www.reunionswithclass.com>. We are planning for a date around the end of July, and the reunion will be located in Ballard. The committee includes Bob & Alta Anderson, C. David Hughbanks, Bob Sandvik, Jon Setter, Tom Goleekee, Jack Taylor, Joan Julnes, and Virginia Lindsey. Unfortunately, George Lyons is no longer with us.

## Class of '53 60th Reunion

Save the Date! Class of '53 60th Reunion Luncheon - Sept. 25, 2013

Class secretary: Lauretta "Laurie" Detert Anderson

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Additional Class Representatives: Alan R.

Hutchison, Donald H. Simpson, Mary Lou Morrison Strandoo, and Jan Erk Severson

Did you know? A reminder of our 60th Class Reunion luncheon, September 25th at the Seattle Golf Club. If you haven't received information about this fun and exciting event, please contact Gretchen Scheumann '53 at (206) 363-1481.

Congratulations to Don Simpson '53 who is the new President of the Golden Beavers. Our class has been well represented in this organization and, if you're not a member, we'll have applications at the class reunion.

Sadly, I report the death of my brother Tom Detert '52 on June 13, 2013. Tom was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer late last year. He leaves behind his loving wife, Rochelle Burke Detert '56, two sons, daughters-in-law, and four grandchildren.

Mary Lou Morrison Strandoo '53 let us know that hubby Orv '50, recently had heart surgery with two stents inserted. She said he's feeling great now. Wonderful to hear that!

Alaska cruising was the adventure this year; a few of our classmates ventured off into that wonderland...including Ron and Rita Fowler; Ron and Barbara Bray; Laurie Detert Anderson and hubby Dick. And, Laurie wants you all to know that she, who always manages to get in a game or two of bingo while on a cruise, won the big sum of \$335...cash!!!

Speaking of traveling...Ann Knudsen Hyde, Trudy Oliver Madsen and Joanne Kropp Conrad enjoyed the Sugar Beach area of Maui in early September.

A get-together last spring in Escandido, CA: Ivan Bay, Allan Johansson, Barney Scott, Alden Buckels and Ron Bray. A picture of the group is shown.

Remember...send me any information you want published in the next issue (spring). My email is raalea@gmail.com. I really do want to hear from you.

Please keep me updated with new addresses, phone numbers, emails, etc.

## Class of '52

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Additional Class Representative: Joyce Jurich Sorenson



# Golden Beaver Class News

The Class of 1952 held its 60th reunion this past September with 100 plus attendees. A good time was had by all. Many thanks to the Ballard guys monthly lunch group who planned and carried out the event, along with the able leadership of Randy Hathaway. This group meets on the second Wednesday of the month. We welcome new members.

Again Randy was up in front with the celebration of his 80th birthday. A catered event at Ray's Boat House, and hosted by many members of his lovely family.

And also be aware of the Ballard Girls lunch bunch - a very active group of girls that gather for a social lunch at a round-robin list of locations. They also welcome new members.

There will be the annual Whidby Island Picnic again this year. New comers are welcome, also. It will be hosted again on the second Friday in August. Further notification will be forthcoming.

A large number of classmates of the class of 1952 and their guests attended the Annual Whidbey Island Picnic on August 8, with lots of good food, fun, and friendship, thanks to Jack and Carole Lawson. It was a beautiful day right on the beach. We were joined by Jack and Carole's beautiful 2 1/2 year old granddaughter. It was a day of renewed friendships and enjoyed by all - Joyce Jurich Sorenson

A 10 minute walk south after you leave the Columbia Beach ferry landing you will come upon what has been designated as "the place" for our annual gathering. Hot dogs and soda pops were provided and many others brought family dishes to share. No one left hungry.

A vote of the group was taken to see if there would be another "picnic" next year. It was a 100% yes!! So, on the second Friday of August, 2014, see you all there

Sorry to announce the passing of classmate Dwight Tanner (not sure of the date).

## Class of '51

Class secretary: Richard "Dick" Mitchell  
206-784-4484/rjdickm2@aol.com  
Additional Class Representatives: Arlene Charles Morrison and Dorothy Simpier Wood

Bob Studerus recently moved into his Condo in Everett after selling his home in Ballard on Dibble Avenue Northwest. He and Barbara lived there for many years raising their family. Bob is having some problems with a hip replacement but otherwise is doing fine.

Marlene Wendahl Gaw broke her hip in January and had surgical repair with Titanium parts. Witnesses (other dancers) called it "break dancing" but it was actually ballroom dancing at the Northshore Senior Center. Her partner twirled her four times and she kept her balance for three twirls then she crashed. There were two months of debriefing at Foss Home and village. She said "It's not the worst way to break a hip, but one sure doesn't get as much sympathy as if she'd been doing something that wasn't so much fun." She stated she's back to dancing, golf, lots of walking but not twirling so much.

Henry Bjornsson has a couple of very different travel destinations in the near future. In September he and his friend Janet Backman will go to Iceland for a two week

Class of '52 Annual Whidbey Island Picnic



visit driving around the island visiting friends and some of his relatives. This will be his third Iceland visit and her second.

Then in January, Henry will spend three weeks in Paraguay with Mirtha Cuevas, who as a young immigrant, he and his wife Lorraine "adopted" as their daughter 25 years ago. In 2009, after Lorraine's death, he went to Paraguay with Mirtha for two weeks, "the best trip of my life", and became part of a wonderful new South American Family, despite his not speaking Spanish or they not speaking English.

Some of our classmates attending the spring luncheon this year were; Hank Nornberg, Anita Perry Dowsett, Dick Mitchell, Henry Bjornsson, Ron Harper, Dr. Allen Brown, and Marlene Wendahl Gaw.

I am sad to report the death of our classmate Ted Acey in early September of this year.

## Class of '50

Class secretary: Eileen Hoefer Dunnihoo  
206-366-1038  
Additional Class Representatives: Gloria Sorrentino Hablewitz, Donna Petrie Millard, and Fred Strom

## Class of '49

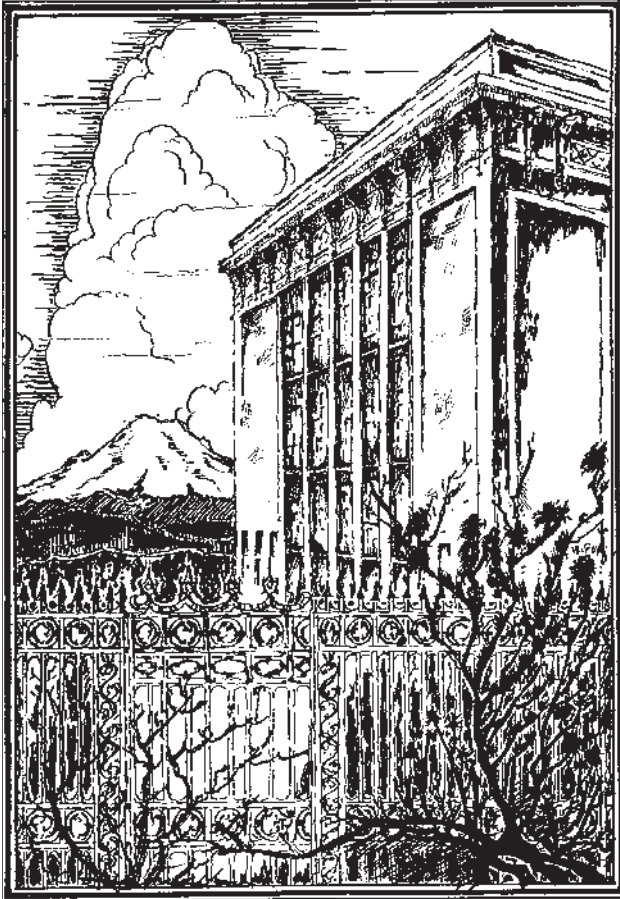
Class secretary: (pending)  
Additional Class Representative: Anna K. Scheving Freyberg  
206-783-6949/freybjw@aol.com

Delores "Dee" Foti Barton has been doing the writing for the Log for the class of 1949 since we joined.

She has moved to Merrill Gardens in Mill Creek and will be unable to attend the Golden Beavers board meetings or write for the Log. We will try to get someone to replace her.

The only other news I have is that we are very sad to report that Kathie Moen Anderson passed away on July 26, 2013.

Are you changing your address?  
The Golden Beavers want to know!  
Tell your class secretary today.



Deadline for submissions for the  
Spring 2014 Issue of the Golden Beaver Log  
February 21, 2014



# Golden Beaver Class News

## Class of '48 65th Reunion

Class secretary: Mildred (Millie) Sather  
206-362-4195/milliesather@comcast.net  
Additional Class Representatives: Beverly Smith Long, Pricilla Stevens Hansen, Myla Janes Belston, and Jo Schimdt Bell

Myla Janes Belston helped Charlie See ('56) work the Maritime Academy booth during the Ballard Seafood Fest in July. They were promoting the Ballard Golden Beavers, too. Hopefully, an increase in membership will be a result of their efforts.

The annual Scholarship Luncheon at the Leif Erikson Hall was not as well attended as in past years by the class of 1948. I hope more will come next year. Those attending were Myla Janes Belston, Jo Schmidt Bell, Joan Anderson Perry, Louise Berg Tollefson, Beverly Smith Long, John Cooley and his wife, Mary. I enjoyed visiting with them.

Jo Bell's son visited her in August. They went to the Chihuly Museum in the Seattle Center for the first time and both highly recommended it. Whenever her son visits, he loves to spend time in Ballard, too.

I am sad to report the passing of my friend, Elaine Halle Monroe, on July 4, 2013. She was very active in high school before graduating from WSU in 1952. After teaching school for two years, she married Bruce Monroe and moved to Bridgeport, Washington. She was preceded in her death by her husband, Bruce, and her daughter, Kristine. She is survived by her two sons and seven grandchildren. A memorial service was held in Wenatchee, her home since 1962. She will be missed!

Bev Bruce Carlson was visiting her son in Seattle this spring. Jo Bell and I met her for lunch in Ballard and had a long visit. She loves to visit Ballard whenever she returns to Seattle. She looked great. Next year we hope to gather more friends together for lunch with Bev.

I called Bill Chandler to find out if he had any news of class members, but he did not. He was in his usual good spirits.

Myla also called to tell me she was leaving the end of August for California to help her sister, Lona Janes Vance '51, celebrate her 80th birthday.

Please remember to notify me if you have news of class members - milliesather@comcast.net, or (206) 364-4195.

## Class of '47

Class secretary: Delores Strom Ockenden  
206-362-4931  
Additional Class Representatives: Ruth Nelson Turner and Pearletta McGinn Rasmussen

## Class of '46

Class secretary: Tootie Zeckser Olson  
206-364-3895

## Class of '45

Class secretary: Louise Sorenson Youngs  
425-746-3592  
Class Editor, Lloyd Trafton  
TRAFTONLF@Comcast.net  
Additional Class Representatives: Jack Snell and Miriam Barth-HydeComcast.net

## Class of '44

Class secretary: Bill Burnett  
206-774-5165  
Additional Class Representative: Elaine Johnston Schreiner

A note from John Henry '44: At the tender age of 17 my Mom gave her permission for me to leave Ballard High School and join the Navy. I spent my 18th birthday and my Graduation at Faragut, Idaho, Navy Training Base. I spent my time in Oakland, and then on to the USS Bataan, a light aircraft carrier. Then I went to Pearl Harbor, and later I was sent to Task Force 58 that was operating in the Pacific Ocean. I saw lots of action, sending planes to Okinawa and Japan. After 2 years, 2 months and 2 days I was returned to Seattle and a Mine Sweeper. I then went to Bremerton for discharge. After the Navy, I went to work for Northwestern Mutual Insurance Co., 3rd & Pine, Seattle. I married Colene Jones (Lincoln High School). We're still together after 65 years. We had 7 children - 5 boys & 2 girls. I left NW Mutual and moved to Nampa, ID, to go into the Local Insurance Agency as a solicitor. In 7 months my production was large enough to earn a 1/3 partnership. Later, I bought out the other 2 partners, and brought in one of my sons to be a solicitor, and later a Partner. He now owns the agency (after my retirement in 1990). Several interesting things happened to us. We (my wife and one son) crashed in a light plane in the wilderness area, totally demolishing the plane. Colene and the pilot were picked up by helicopter and my son and I hiked out to a landing strip. We all survived but one of the rescuers said "I've never seen a crash this bad with survivors". There's a lot more to this, but it will have to wait until another time. Another great experience was when Colene and I went to Sitka, Alaska and hooked into two halibut fish at the same time. One was 364 lbs., and the other was 336 lbs.! The greatest happening, though, was when we both accepted God's Gift, Jesus Christ as our personal Savior. - that will stay with us eternally!

## Class of '43 70th Reunion

Class secretary: Lorraine Jacobson Early  
206-363-7781  
Additional Class Representatives: Pat Ward Ross, John Wick, and Lena Boitano

## Class of '42

Class secretary: Henning Knudson, 206-782-1996  
Additional Class Representatives: Louis V. Larsen, Barbara Jane Christie, and Dwight S. Hawley, Jr.

## Class of '41

Class secretary: Alice Svenslid Sagstad  
206-783-2552  
Additional Class Representative: J. Helen Donald Argen

## Class of '40

Class secretary: Doris Hawthorne Crowley  
206-284-3821  
Additional Class Representatives: Robert Metcalf and Madeleine Quirk Grandy

Louie Graber and his attractive wife took me home after the luncheon, and he said the picture in his attic is getting older but he isn't. Mr. Andersen says he lives in Merrill Garden, and he does not have to cook or clean, and he lives like a king.

Bjorg Jorgensen Kalastad says it's great to be involved with the luncheon - "Go Beavers!"

Betty Jacobson Vuehlke lives in Lacy, and loves her life and family.

We send our best 'get well' to Robert Metcalf who lives in Bremerton.

Betty Keersan Vincent lives in Palm Desert, CA, and is so happy that she could enjoy lunch with the 40th gang.

We were glad to see Bob O'Conner. He is looking well and happy.

Madelene Quirk Grandy lives in Poulsbo, on a little bay overlooking the Olympics. She said she could not think of a better place to spend her old age.

## Class of '39

Class secretary: June Backlund Holden  
206-362-2145/june@ncplus.net  
Additional Class Representative: Betty Purves Bostrom

## Class of '38 75th Reunion

Class secretary: Charles "Chuck" Harlow  
206-284-2742  
Additional Class Representative: Corrine Hendrickson Williams

## Class of '37

Class secretary: Audrey Jarvis Walloch  
425-512-8796  
Additional Class Representatives: Kenneth H. Passe and Vern Nordstrand

## Class of '36

Class secretary: Caroline Heck Haga, 425-488-8340

## Class of '33 80th Reunion

Class secretary: Margie Nelson Conover  
206-362-5629  
Additional Class Representative: Katherine Blomeke Herndon

## Class of '32

Class secretary: Maurice "Maury" Carlson  
206-522-5160  
Additional Class Representative: Clarence Gerring

## Class of '28

Class secretary: Alice Mallery Hughes  
425-252-4690



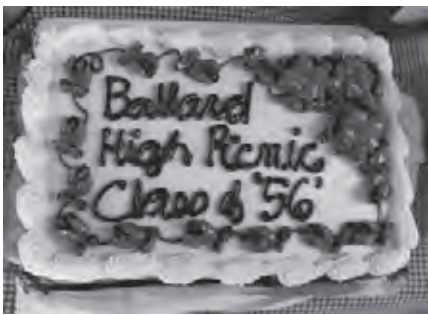
# Class of 1956 First Annual Picnic - Golden Gardens Park

by Charlie See '56

Wednesday, September 11, 2013 the Class of 1956 held its first class picnic at Ballard's Golden Gardens Park, it was so successful it was decided we would do it annually.

Dick Nerheim instigated the event by putting together a team of volunteers to make calls, send e-mail and even snail mail where needed and his efforts were an overwhelming success. 50 plus class members, many with their mates, attended on a day with blue skies, bright sunshine with the waves of Puget Sound lapping onto the beach. The temperature was a whopping 93 degrees, just perfect in the shade. Like Don Nielsen remarked "This is Hawaii".

Everything was potluck. Main entrees, salads and desserts excelled; and the pickle herring was esteem even though Sandy Hertz volunteered to bury it and Erlene Courtney said she would not hug or smooch with anyone who had pickle herring on their breath. Don Olsby and I had a decision to make and we went with the pickle herring. I wonder if we were faced with the same situation 57 years



ago which way we would have gone. Dick, the Class of '56 thanks you and your committee for a delightful, fun an relaxing afternoon at Golden Gardens Park.

- Class members coming the furthest:
- Charlene (Stuve) Scudder and husband Bob - Camarillo, CA.
  - Harold and Arlene (Harrington) Emel - Boise, ID.
  - Gloria (Crowley) Butler and husband Ben - Republic, WA.
  - Sharon (Herum) Hanson and husband Al - Gig Harbor, WA.

I remember at our graduation moving up assembly in 1956, Rosalie (Scott) Doty sang "In the Halls of Ballard 'till We Meet Again". I also sign off as saying 'till we meet again". (Rosalie, where are you?)



Erlene Courtney, Inga Erickson, Margie Kestle Malan, Nancy Nugent Bush, Al "Moose" Clausen



Mike Skouge, Jim Blosl, Ed Gregory, Don Olsby, Charlie See

# Promoting the Golden Beavers

by Charlie See '56

Ever picture in your mind what it would be like to have around fifty members of the Golden Beavers attending our quarterly meeting? - I have, but yet when I attend the meeting I see the same 18 or so of the same folks. Thus very little is accomplished, because no new blood is there to present new ideas.

Even look in the Webster's Dictionary under "PROMOTE"? I have, and it says "to advance, forward, or elevate; excite or stir up; raise to higher rank; to work for the success of a project." Does this sound like anything that we accomplish at our meetings? I don't think so. The only successful project is that a few of us got together last year and published a new Golden Beaver Log and it was received with astonishment, but one year later we are

receiving very little in the way of news from our 1200 members. The Golden Beaver Log staff depends on class secretaries to funnel the news to us, without it the paper will cease to exist. Thank you to those secretaries who are so very dependable. Where are the rest of you? We cannot advance, move forward, elevate or excite if we cannot bind together and work as a team. SO everyone, wherever you are, please send your secretary some news, hopefully good, although bad news comes along with the good, we want to know where and who you are, and what is happening among the Golden Beavers around the United States and elsewhere in the world. If your class is missing a secretary you can always send news items to Jon Setter, Golden Beaver Log Editor, <jongoldenbeaverslog@earthlink.net>,(206) 523-9276.

We have had an increase in membership, and some increase in funds in our bank account. We still need representation at our meetings; being available at local functions like the Ballard Seafood Fest, and the 17th of May Parade in Ballard. Thanks to Myla Belston '48, who spent five hours with me at the Ballard Seafood Fest Booth last July 13th, to help promote the Golden Beavers to folks stopping by. Perhaps just being there we might have picked up a couple of new members. It might sound trifle but it is at least something that has never been done before. Hopefully next year a few more will work the booth, and perhaps we can have a showing in the 17th of May Parade, also. We always say "It Is Great Being a Beaver"; let's not just say it, let's promote it. Are you willing? I am.

# BHS Graduates in Edmonds

by Marilyn Lindberg

The first Monday of the month there is a get together for anyone graduating from BHS fifty (50) or more years ago (Golden Beaver or not) We meet at the PCC Westgate Coffee Shop at 10:00 A.M. We have been meeting there three times now this year, and the next meeting is September 2nd.. Yep, we meet even on Labor day, and October 7th• Some people seen there are Beverly (Jones) Boyce, Jan Severson, Jessica Holliday, Dottie (Simpier) Wood, Marilyn(Wheeler) Lindberg, Glenna( Mcqueen) Rainey, Sharon (Anderson) Hetgel, Barbara H. and Dolores (Finseth) Moore, also a couple of men folks. Some comments by these folks: So much fun seeing all these Ballard Beanee's — Great re-living old times — I'm a Golden Beaver... See you there for an hour of reminiscing.

## In Memoriam

Acknowledging those whose loss has been reported to us.

Katherine J. Moen Anderson '48*	Charlotte June Lind Fletcher '34 *	Julene "June" Frazier McKinney '59	Harold Dwight Tanner '52
Margaret Haines Anderson '36*	Harold B. "Bernie" Fredrickson '41*	Juanita Theodore McKinnon	Larry Thompson '55
Alvin Reed Brown '56	Gail Christianson Goodman '55	Elaine Delores Halle Monroe '48*	Ray Tilden '41
Judy Burnett '61	Joanne Groh '58	Donna Rone Monte '50	Robert Edward Vik '54
James Graham Cairns, Jr. '54	Fay Gibbs Hanft '44	Maurine Leander Noble '50 *	Robert Clarence Wallace '42
Harvey Childs '62	Beverly Louise Seidel Spates Herat '46	Marcella Wee Olason '39 *	Dorothy Harriet Cordes Weigel '44
Virginia Strandberg Christophersen '39*	Thomas F. Hopkins '39	John O. Olsen '51	Bud Wheat '42
William Harold Cooley '41	Elaine Peterson Howard '42 *	Maurice Albert Olson '44	Marie C. Skougstad Willis
Beth Louise Hayes Cooper '45	James Hughbanks '50 *	Linda Calvert Palmason '63	James Francis Woolbert '39
Vivienne Bangs Davidson '38 *	Donald L. Kaivola '58	Allen Ray '45	Alpha LeClair Wright '38 *
John Nagle Davis '38	Ella Jean Souter Kavalok '50	Bob M. Robbins '42*	Pamela Wright '53
Orlin Armer "Bud" Dodgion	Alexander Lambert (Dr.) '45 *	Gay Lee Scholz '56	
John Ellingson '53	Janet Gayle Hoff Forsberg Ljubich '50	Leotina Brita "Lee" Peterson Scrivanich '47	*Golden Beaver Member
Anne Herberholz Fahrenholz '36*	George Lyons '54*	Marvin Roger Sterner '60	
Dorothy Louise Hudson Flaim '42*	Mary Anderson Malone Frank T. Matsuda '41	Wallace "Wally" Stevens '50	
	Betty Louise Thomas McCall '37*	Edith Elizabeth Reid Sukut'45	





# Scholarship Donors

The association expresses its gratitude for the generosity of the following who have donated gifts. We will acknowledge other donors in future issues of Golden Beaver Log. If you would like to contribute please use the coupon on page 3 of this Log and mail it to: BHS Golden Beavers Association, P.O. Box 70572, Seattle, WA 98127-0572; or if you want to submit it online please visit: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=bac012..>

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Jack ‘52 & Carole ‘56 Lawson  
Richard “Dick” J. Mitchell ‘51  
Jerry Oppliger ‘60

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Kenneth “Kem” M. Phillips ‘49/’50

# Helping the New Generation

by *Dolores Moore*  
With education being so expensive it is never too soon to start looking for scholarships. Many garden clubs, fraternal organization, and companies out there are

giving scholarships, but get few applicants, and just by using the computer, or going to library, or a visit with your school counselor, you will find a scholarship waiting for you. Check them out. Whether they are small or

not they all add up, and can help to reduce the college debt burden we hear so much about.

# GAINS: Graduation Assistance Impacting the Needs of Students

by *Judy Olson Rikansrud ‘58, BHSF President*  
On June 7, 2013, The Ballard High School Foundation held its latest effort, at the home of Melissa and Don Nielsen, to raise funds for the second year of the program. This fund raiser resulted in contributions and pledge commitments of approximately \$42,000.  
As was explained that afternoon by GAINS coordinator Joey Thomas, and echoed by Principal Keven Wynkoop, the preliminary statistics for the first year of operation are showing positive results for the initial forty students involved in the program. While GAINS

at Ballard is indeed in its infancy, the school is excited about the progress these students have made, and are optimistic not only for their second year of participation, but also in welcoming and assisting forty additional incoming freshman to the program. Principal, Keven Wynkoop, lists some of the statistics for the first semester below:

- Only 46 9th graders failed one or more classes. This is a 16% drop from last year.
- Only 10 9th graders failed three or more classes. This is a 23% drop from last year.
- Only 27 Black, Hispanic or Native American 9th graders received at least one D or E grade.
- There were only 66 total D and E grades received by Black, Hispanic or Native American 9th graders. This is a 27% drop from last year.
- [All the above numbers are the lowest since I started collecting this data].
- The total number of D and E grades dropped to 271 this year. This is an 8% drop from last year.

These are reasons to be excited about our initial progress, and I especially think that the second measure is largely indicative of Joey’s work. The students who fail multiple classes are our exact target demographic for GAINS, and the big drop is very encouraging. To give some context: in the 2007-08 school year, we had 35, 9th graders fall into that category. The Ballard High School Foundation committed itself to launch this initiative, and all support helps to assure solid financing for year two. None of the \$67,000 required to fully fund the program comes from District or the School’s budget - again, all support is truly appreciated.

Scenes from the GAINS Celebration and Update Event - photos by Don Neilsen





# Another Side of 9/11

Have you heard the story of the airline passengers diverted to Gander, Newfoundland, Canada on the day of the 9/11 attacks on the US? In the midst of the

distress, worry, and inconvenience, the people of Gander showed hospitality and welcome beyond anyone’s imagination. The passengers ended up forming a scholarship fund for the youth of Gander to show their gratitude.

A true story? Yes, it is, and an inspiring one. Read about it here: <http://www.truthorfiction.com/rumors/d/deltaflight15.htm#.UgvpD4bn-wW> .

# Inspiring Ballard Backers: Neil H. Twelker '38

Neil Twelker’s family moved from California to Ballard when he was 9 years old. He remained centered in Ballard until his death in 2006.

Neil graduated from Ballard High School in 1938 and earned his B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Washington in 1942. After 3 years teaching at UW, he joined the Army Corps of Engineers. In his 9 years with the Corps, he was responsible for soil engineering on projects including the Chief Joseph Dam, still one of the largest earthen structures ever built.

From 1953 - 56, Neil worked on the largest caisson ever sunk on the North American continent, in the Saint Lawrence Seaway, as well as on military airfields in New England and the Rance River Tidal Power Dam in St. Malo, France. The following 2 years, spent with Shannon and Wilson in Seattle, he worked on the Wells Dam on the Columbia River, the Tolt River Dam, Upper Baker River Dam, slope stability investigations for open pit copper mines, and much more. Along the way, he earned his A.M in Soil Mechanics and Ph.D.in Soil Mechanics with a minor in Geology, both from Harvard University, in 1954 and 1958.

The ensuing 41 years saw Neil engaged in over 6500 professional assignments in Washington, Oregon, and Alaska, including soils and foundation management for buildings, bridges, roads, dams, and breakwaters. He worked on design and construction of tunnels, deep trenches, and caissons; residential, commercial, and industrial structures of all sizes; and landslide repair projects. Around Seattle, Neil’s projects included the Crown Plaza Hotel, Westin Building, Fourth and Blanchard Building, Warwick Hotel, Market Place North, Seattle Aquarium, Museum of Flight, Restoration of Pike Place Market, the Sedgwick James Building (the “Darth Vader Building”) the stabilization and construction of the entire Inverness neighborhood, and many other projects. He was also involved in the construction of much of downtown Portland.

Neil was known for trying - and succeeding with - new ideas, such as the “hanging grade beam,” which prevented mudslides by laying concrete beams to follow the slope of the soil surface instead of building on piles driven deep into the soil.

Neil was a compassionate and caring person who loved his family, animals, sports, sailing,



language - and especially music. Avid opera lovers, he and his wife belonged to The Seattle Opera Guild Artist Aid program. He played the

bass viola in the Ballard High School orchestra and was proud to see his Alaskan grandsons following in his footsteps, playing the violin in the Juneau High School orchestra.

In his last years, Neil was a leader in proposing that the Alaskan Way Viaduct could be saved by retrofitting. He never gave up his lifelong dedication to trying to solve engineering problems in an efficient and sensible way, at a reasonable cost - for any and all of us. .

## Financial Statement

Henry L. Nornberg  
Certified Public Accountant  
216 Queen Anne Ave. N.  
Seattle, WA 98109

August 28, 2013

To the Executive Board of Ballard High School Golden Beavers Association  
Seattle, Washington

The accompanying statement of financial condition-cash basis of Ballard High School Golden Beavers Association as of June 30, 2013,and the related statement of revenues, expenses and change in fund balances-cash basis for the twelve months then ended have been prepared by Henry L. Nornberg, CPA. I have prepared such financial statements in my capacity as treasurer of Ballard High School Golden Beavers Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Certified Public Accountant

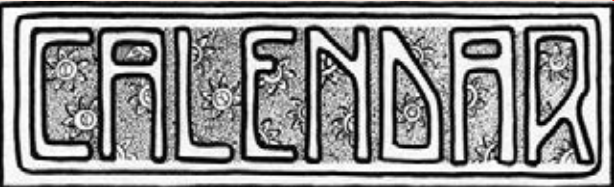


Henry L. Nornberg '51

The Ballard High School Golden Beavers Association is a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization.

Ballard High School Golden Beavers Association			
Statement of Financial Condition-Cash Basis			
June 30, 2013			
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents			\$ 356,834.70
	Total assets		\$ 356,834.70
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Liabilities and Fund Balances			
Liabilities			
Custodial accounts			\$ 14,766.30
Deferred Income			20,887.50
	Total liabilities		35,653.80
Fund Balances			
General Fund			29,730.97
Scholarship Fund			291,449.93
			321,180.90
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			\$ 356,834.70

Ballard High School Golden Beavers Association			
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balances - Cash Basis			
for the 12 months ended June 30, 2013			
	General Fund	Scholarship Fund	Combined
Revenues	\$ 7,578.96	\$ 12,527.38	\$ 20,106.34
Expenses	10,104.46	32,221.64	42,326.10
Excess (deficit) of Revenues over Expenses	(2,525.50)	(19,694.26)	( 22,219.76)
Fund Balances, July 1, 2012	32,256.47	311,144.19	343,400.66
Fund balances, June 30, 2013	\$29,730.97	\$291,449.93	\$ 321,180.90
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Dates to Remember

27th Annual Golden Beaver Scholarship Luncheon

Saturday, May 10, 2014  
11:00 A.M.  
Leif Erickson Hall  
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Class Representatives Meetings

All meetings take place at 10:00 A.M.,  
at the Nordic Heritage Museum  
  
Thursday, December 12, 2013  
Thursday, March 13, 2014  
Thursday, June 12, 2014

Class Reunions

See Class Notes for details,  
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[http://www.bhsfoundation.com/  
index.php/stay-connected/reunions](http://www.bhsfoundation.com/index.php/stay-connected/reunions)

Class of '63  
50th Year Reunion  
Saturday September 21, 2013  
Ballard Elks at Shilshole  
Art Olsen artolsen63@gmail.com

Class of '58  
55th Year Reunion  
Friday, September 13, 2013  
Ballard Elks Lodge  
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Class of '54  
60th Year Reunion  
Date to be determined -  
Probably end of July, 2014  
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Class of '53  
60th Year Reunion  
Wednesday, September 25, 2013  
Laurie Detert Anderson raalea@gmail.com

Class of '45  
70th Year Reunion  
Date to be determined (2015)

What do you think?

It's a new look and new ideas - tell us what you think of the new Golden Beaver Log, what you'd like to see covered in the future. Just email Log editor Jon Setter at [jongoldenbeaverslog@earthlink.net](mailto:jongoldenbeaverslog@earthlink.net).

Is anyone you know who should receive the Golden Beaver Log not receiving it?  
  
Please let us know about that, too, at the same address - [jongoldenbeaverslog@earthlink.net](mailto:jongoldenbeaverslog@earthlink.net).

Thank you!



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Don't miss it -  
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And of course, published twice each year, in March and September, is the BHS Golden Beaver Log which is the news publication of the BHS Golden Beaver Association. It is available in print, and for downloading online at any time by visiting <http://www.bhsfoundation.com/index.php/stay-connected/golden-beavers>. In it can be found information about BHS classmates various activities, student scholarships, and other interesting events.  
  
I hear that happiness increases with age, so as you grow older share your happiness with old and new friends from BHS while at the same time help deserving BHS students get their scholarships. Become a member of The Golden Beavers. If you're already a member, congratulations!

Keep in touch with the news at BHS - sign up to receive The Ballard Talisman at [www.bhsfoundation.com](http://www.bhsfoundation.com)!

Current Ballard High School Alma Mater

There's a school to which we pledge allegiance  
Ours she is to us most dear;  
To her name may we add more luster,  
Glory, honor, year by year.  
Hers, our pledge for true endeavor  
Hers, our best in all we do;  
At work or play, her name is fairest,  
Brightest, best, to all who view.  
O' Ballard High of thee we sing  
Our voices rise with lusty ring,  
To honor thee, we trophies bring  
Our own dear Alma Mater.

Or you may remember...

*Lutefisk, lutefisk Lefse, lefse  
We're from Ballard High School  
Ja, sure, ya betcha!*

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