



\$100K for Ballard HS Library from the Farmers Insurance Thank A Teacher Dream Big Grant

The Ballard High School Library is the happy recipient of one of five \$100,000 grants from Farmers Insurance for its Learning Commons proposal spearheaded by TuesD Chambers, BHS Librarian and a passionate educator with over eighteen years of experience in the Seattle School District.

As both the librarian and a technology leader for current and future generations at Ballard, TuesD evangelizes literacy and technology to promote inquiry and positive change.

The John Stanford Learning Commons at Ballard High School is a vision for a social, cultural, and technological center where students, faculty and other users can gather and work collaboratively with digital and print media under one roof. The focus of the Learning Commons is on critical thinking, inquiry, action research, and cooperative learning. The project will transform the BHS 20th century model of a school library to an engaging, digitally active, collaborative hub for students, teachers, and community members.

The library will become a 21st century Learning Commons not only available for students, but also for the entire Seattle community. There will be ready access to computer-based learning systems in a physical space that is light-filled and inviting, and with furniture that can be easily rearranged in order to accommodate a number of learning and teaching styles.

This project will provide Seattle School District students with a transformative model for future libraries and a working template to help address education, innovation, and equity needs.

Congratulations to TuesD Chambers, Lindi Wood, Debbie Arthur, and the entire Learning Commons team - and our thanks to Farmers Insurance!



L to R: TuesD Chambers, Librarian; Lindi Wood, assistant Librarian; Debbie Arthur, former Librarian

Upcoming:

Ballard High School Golden Beavers 31st Annual Scholarship Luncheon

11:30 A.M., May 12, 2018

Ballard High School Commons

For more information, contact Dick Lee at
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Principal's Greeting

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

As the Principal and third generation graduate of Ballard High School, I am so honored to be writing to all of you. Every time I talk to prospective families of Ballard students, I always start by emphasizing the more than 100 years of legacy that makes our High School special. Becoming a Ballard Beaver is not simply about where they are going to attend high school, but it is about honoring the tradition that we hold in our hearts.

Ballard has had another great year in all areas. Our Music program is the best in the City and our Digital Film program is one of the best in the entire nation. Last Spring, the Ballard Robotics Team won the world championship in Houston, Texas and will return to defend their title this year. The Spring is a fun time at BHS, as our Seniors are hearing back from all of the amazing collegiate institutions that they have applied to, building towards final decisions being made by the end of April. One of my favorite traditions that has started is for Seniors to wear the college gear of the school they will be attending on May 1. It provides a great sense of accomplishment for the Seniors and it gives younger students something to emulate. Our students give us so many reasons to be proud.

Our athletic program has been enjoying another banner year in 2017-18. The Fall saw both Cross Country teams place in the top five in the State and the girls team were Metro Champions. The football team advanced to the first round of the State Football playoffs this year, while being led by coaches that are mostly Ballard Alums. The Volleyball team capped Coach Tami Reese's 21 year run as head coach with her 1st Metro Championship. In February, both of our cheerleading squads competed in the State Championship with the tumbling squad repeating as State Champions and the non-tumbling squad finishing 3rd. The Winter also saw wrestlers qualify for State and the Gymnastics team earn their highest finish ever by placing 4th in State. I am sure that the Spring



now



and then - senior photo

will bring even more accomplishments from our talented athletes and coaches. I hope that you can join us at the August Ballard Foundation Golf Tournament and Dinner of Champions, as we couldn't have this level of success without the generous support of alums like you.

This Spring, the Performing Arts Department chose Damn Yankees as the Spring Musical. I am sure that all of the long-suffering Mariners fans in the area will be able to sympathize with the deal that the main character is offered. The talent of the performers on stage, the student and teacher created costumes and the lighting and sound effects show what is possible when a group of over 100 talented and dedicated students is led by truly gifted teachers. The talent of our teachers, performers and crew just blows my mind. The show runs from March 15th through the 24th and if you make a show, you might just see me in a small cameo in a couple of the shows.

At Ballard, I like to say that "It is always great to be a Beaver" and that could not be more true for our current Seniors. As they are making the important decision as to where they will attend College, it makes such a difference to know that the Beavers that have come before them are there to support their dreams with scholarships. In 1994, I was a recipient of a Golden Beaver Scholarship and that recognition and support meant the world to me and helped me become the educator that I am today. Thank you so much for recognizing this year's Scholarship recipients and I can't wait to introduce them to you.

Financial Statement

Ernest Johnson & Company, P.S., Certified Public Accountants
Accountants' Compilation Report

To the Board of Directors,
Ballard High School Golden Beavers Association
Seattle, WA

We have compiled the accompanying statement of financial condition - tax basis as of February 28, 2018 and the related statements of revenues and expenses - tax basis for the period then ended. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or provide any assurance about whether the financial statements are in accordance with the tax basis of accounting.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the income tax basis of accounting and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.

Our responsibility is to conduct the compilation in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The objective of a compilation is to assist management presenting financial information in the form of financial statements without undertaking to obtain or provide any assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements.

The Board has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. If the omitted disclosures were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the Association's financial position, results of operations, and cash flows. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

We are not independent with respect to Ballard High School Golden Beavers Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Ernest Jonson & Company, P.S., Certified Public Accountants
March 2, 2018

Ballard High School Golden Beavers Association Statement of Financial Condition-Tax Basis February 28, 2018				
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents				\$ 69,263
Investments				418,417
	Total assets			\$ 487,680
Liabilities and Fund Balances				
Liabilities				
Custodial accounts				\$ 18,311
Deferred Income				15,765
	Total liabilities			34,075
Fund Balances				
General Fund				23,601
Scholarship Fund				<u>430,004</u>
				<u>453,605</u>
	Total Liabilities and Fund Balances			\$ 487,680
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Ballard High School Golden Beavers Association Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balances - Tax Basis for the 8 months ended February 28, 2018				
	General Fund	Scholarship Fund	Combined	
Revenues	\$ 4,766	\$ 6,833		\$11,599
Expenses	<u>7,748</u>	<u>(1,929)</u>		<u>5,819</u>
Excess (deficit) of Revenues over Expenses	(2,982)	8,762		5,780
Fund Balances, July 1, 2017	<u>26,583</u>	<u>421,242</u>		<u>477,824</u>
Fund balances, February 28, 2018	\$23,601	\$430,004		\$453,605
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President’s Message by Evelyn (Sorrentino) Balch ‘56

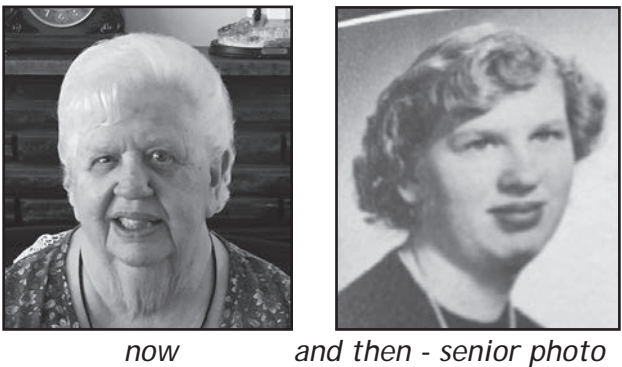
Welcome to a new year and I would like to take this time to thank all of you for your support in helping me as your president. I am honored to have been elected president for another year and again will need your support to make it another successful year.

Be sure to keep the day of May 12, 2018 open as that is the date of our annual scholarship luncheon. It again will be held at the school commons area and will be at 11:30 AM. We are also having a Golden Beavers update meeting in the school library at 10:00 AM. It is located on the second floor. In addition there will be an art tour at 9:30 AM given by Matthew Kangas ‘67 who is a professional art critic and curator and appears on our wall of recognition. The art collection

is owned and maintained by our foundation. If you have questions Matthew can be reached at (206) 783-9359

Jerry Smith ‘66 has written a book called the “Ballard Nineteen” which is about the nineteen Ballard graduates who lost their lives in the Vietnam war. He has agreed to donate a part of the book royalties to a self directed scholarship which the Golden Beavers will work with him on administering. You can find out more about the book on page 1.

In addition to the amounts to be awarded by our scholarship funds we also have self directed donations and funds. I would like to give a special thanks to Laurie Detert Anderson ‘53 for her very generous donation to the scholarship fund again this year.



now and then - senior photo

Remember the date of May 12 for the luncheon, meeting update and art tour. See you there Evelyn

New Scholarship Honors the Ballard Nineteen



Hello! My name is Jerry Smith, Class of 1966, and I am the author of *The Ballard Nineteen*, a book with biographies of the Ballard High School men that were killed in Vietnam.

The Ballard Nineteen is really my “second” book. Five years ago, I was working on a book about my own year in Vietnam, 1969-1970. I had finished transcribing my diary and the letters I wrote to my mother and grandmother from Vietnam, which they had saved for me. I was adding photographs when, I believe, the Holy Spirit put into my mind: “It is well and good that

you are writing about your experiences in Vietnam but what about the men from Ballard High School that didn’t make it back? Who is honoring them?” I contacted Keven Wynkoop, Principal at Ballard, and he informed me of the Vietnam Memorial Plaque in the high school lobby and sent me photos showing 18 names. I had personally known 3 of the men. Immediately I started on *The Ballard Eighteen*.

Two years later I began previewing the manuscript to the men’s families. While showing Tom and Dianne Riordan what I had produced on Tom’s brother John Michael Riordan, they asked why Doug Zeller wasn’t in the book as they had heard that he had died in Vietnam. The next day I found Douglas Zeller’s name on the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. Douglas Zeller had been

killed in Vietnam but he was not included on the Ballard plaque. Thus, The Ballard Eighteen became “The Ballard Nineteen.”

On November 10th, 2016, Doug Zeller’s name was revealed on the plaque at a ceremony at Ballard High School.

The 19 men killed are: Ronald Hoel, Class of 1952; J Athan Theodore, Class of 1955; William Hamlin and Johnny Sigurdson, Class of 1958; Bruce Landis Jr., Ciro Andreassi, and David Betts, Class of 1962; John Riordan and Cole Herndon, Class of 1963; Dennis Springsteen, Rogner Larson, and Robert Kearney, Class of 1964; Zed Creveling, William Derksema, Douglas Zeller, and Richard Jarvis, Class of 1965; Thomas Ball and Stephen Hansen, Class of 1966; Chuck Morton, Class of 1969.

I wanted to honor “The Ballard Nineteen” with more than a book and thus the Golden Beavers and I have established “The Ballard Nineteen Scholarship” from part of the sale proceeds of the book, and donations. We hope to receive more donations that will add to the fund which is now \$500.

Visit our Annual Lunch page on our new website to see photos from last year’s lunch!

www.bhsgoldenbeavers.org



L: 2017 Scholarship Winners with Principal Keven Wynkoop, photo courtesy the Miyake family



R: State Senator Reuven Carlyle, seen here at last year’s lunch, will join us again as our Keynote Speaker

Do You Know These?

Trivia and not-so-trivial treats from our GB Triviamaster... by Dick Mitchell ‘51

1. Where will the new Nordic Heritage Museum that opens this year be located?
2. What was known as “Van’s Bench” in the 1940’s and 50’s and where was it located?
3. What was know as “Kilgore’s Korner” in the 1940’s and 50’s and where was it?
4. James Monroe and Ballard educator Art Haavik’s father was famous for something. What was it?
5. What is the name of the famous ‘66 grad who appears on our Wall of Recognition

See page 12 for the answers!

- who was a player and coach for the Detroit Pistons for many years?
6. In the old Ballard High School it was rumored there was a swimming pool. Where was it?
7. Currently some Ballard High students participate in the Running Start Program. What is it?
8. When is Lincoln High being reopened?



From 1988 to, and including, 2017, Ballard High School students received 288 Golden Beavers Scholarships for a total of \$588,692.07.

9. The non profit Ballard High Foundation sponsors the GAINS program. What is it?
10. What is the main mission of the non profit Golden Beaver Organization?

Born at Swedish 92 Years Ago, and a Receipt to Prove It

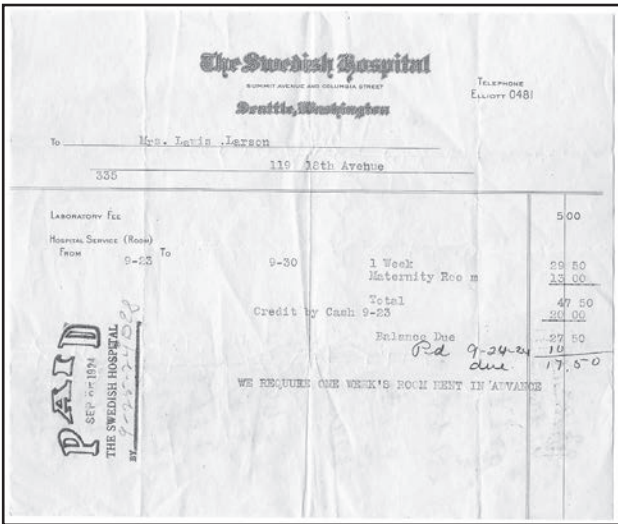
September 11, 2017, By: Swedish Blogger

Some of us, if we’re really sentimental, still have our first baby blanket or the tiny, cozy cap we wore home from the hospital after our birth.

Louis Larsen has something else. At 92, he still has the receipt for his birth at Swedish, on Sept. 23, 1924. The typed bill, yellowed by age and stamped “paid,” came to \$47.50.

“It’s pretty fascinating,” says Larsen. “My mother saved it. She eventually gave it to me, and I still have it.

“My parents were immigrants from Denmark, and the doctor who delivered me was from Denmark,” he says. Larsen still remembers his name: Torleif Torland.



Louis Larsen BHS '42 and his mother

A 1962 World’s Fair VIP

Aside from time in World War II and a brief stay in Spokane, Wash., Larsen has lived in Seattle all his life - and received his health care from Swedish.

While he and Dolores, his wife of 69 years, raised three sons, Larsen had a long career in the visitor and outdoor recreational industries, starting as director of sales and marketing for AAA in Washington.

When Seattle was selected for the 1962 World’s Fair, Larsen became the assistant director of exhibit sales and oversaw \$10 million in advance ticket sales. During the fair, he was the director of events. Among his duties: escorting dignitaries, celebrities and politicians, including:

- Astronaut John Glenn, a national hero in 1962 after he orbited the Earth
- Elvis Presley and Nat King Cole
- The Rev. Billy Graham
- Prince Philip, husband of Queen Elizabeth II
- Politicians Robert Kennedy, Hubert Humphrey and Adlai Stevenson

Larsen finished his career as executive vice president of the Northwest Marine Trade Association, which sponsors Seattle’s annual boat show.

Life-changing surgery

After he retired, Larsen had a second career as a designer and craftsman. He did office interiors and made 1,600 replicas of Northwest Indian boxes for dignitaries at the 1999 WTO meeting in Seattle. He hired a few family members for that job and says it worked out well. “I made enough to buy a truck and a camper, and I took a nice trip,” says Larsen.

In 2010, he says, he had life-changing surgery at Swedish. Ralph Aye, M.D., a thoracic surgeon, repaired problems Larsen had with his esophagus and a hernia.

“It changed my life totally,” he says. “Before that, I sat up to sleep, and I was eating Prilosec day and night. I lived a life of heartburn. Now, a glass of wine, Mexican food, Italian food - it doesn’t matter, I can eat it all. Surgery made a huge difference.”

30 years with the same doctor

How has health care changed over his lifetime? “It’s a whole lot easier now,” says Larsen

His primary care provider for the past 30 years has been Marc A. Cordova, M.D. With an enduring relationship like that, says Larsen, “your doctor gets to know your family.”

Words to live by

At 92, Larsen still drives. He says he’s been fortunate to have such longevity and health. Any tips for the rest of us?

“I try to live a happy life,” says Larsen. “I try to be positive. And I try to laugh a lot

Note: Dr. Cordova retired in September of 2017

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Webster School to Reopen

Did you attend Webster Elementary School? Many of our Golden Beavers did (see the class of '67 class notes!). Did you know the Seattle School District is planning to renovate and reopen it as a school?

Webster School was constructed in 1908, with an addition constructed in 1930. The school closed in 1979 and the building was then leased to the Pacific Nordic Council. From 1980 until last year, the building housed the Nordic Heritage Museum. Now that a new Nordic Heritage Museum building is under construction and preparing to open (as reported in the last Golden Beaver Log), the

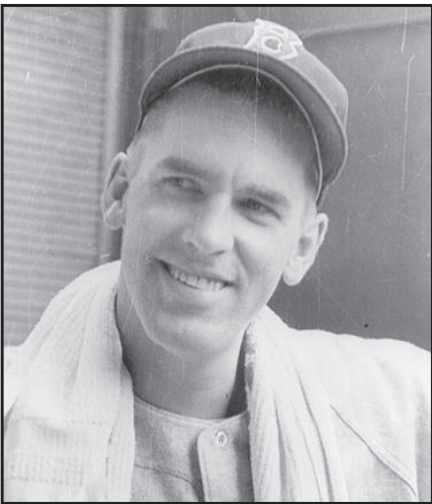
School District is planning to renovate and reopen Webster as a school again.

According to the School District website, “the project will include:

- Modernization and re-configuration to provide classroom space for up to 450 students.
- Seismic improvement to the original unreinforced masonry 1908 building;
- An addition of 7,700 square feet on the west side of the property housing a new gymnasium and covered play area;
- Structural, mechanical, electrical, data/telecom, modernization/upgrades; and

- Life safety and sustainability upgrades.
- Portions of the building’s exterior and interior were designated as a Seattle Landmark by the City of Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board in June 2015. Features to be preserved include the site, the exteriors of the 1908 building and 1930 addition, the 1930 meeting room/auditorium, the 1930 library reading rooms, and the halls and stairs of the second and third floors in the 1908 building.”

Ballard’s George Irvine Joins Earl Johnson in SPS High School Athletic Hall of Fame



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Earl Johnson '37,
inducted in 2017,
inaugural year for
the Hall of Fame

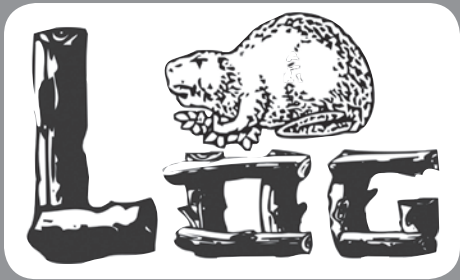


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George Irvine '66,
inducted 2018

Find out more at www.spsathletichalloffame.org. Johnson and Irvine are both also on the Ballard High School Wall of Recognition.

Golden Beaver

Class News



Class of '68 50th Reunion

Class of '67

Class Secretary: Cherie Patterson

The class of '67 had their reunion last fall - and just look how many graduates of Webster Elementary attended!

Class of '66

Class Secretary: Bonnie Langsea
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Class of '65

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Class of '64

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Class of '63 55th Reunion

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Class of '62

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Class of '61

Class Secretary: Ken Bartlett
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Class of '60

Class Secretary: Carol McLean Jackson
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Class of '59

Class of '58 60th Reunion

Class Secretary: Judy Olson Rikansrud
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Additional Class Representative: Norma Joy

Very few things to report for this newsletter. But one thing is for sure. We will be having our 60th year reunion on Saturday, September 29, 2018 at the Elks in Ballard from 12 pm - 4 pm. This will be the last organized reunion for



Graduates of Webster Elementary gathered at the BHS Class of '67 reunion

our class. Hopefully we will make it a special one. Mark the date on your calendar and we will be sending out notifications on the details this summer. If anyone wishes to help us plan and organize this reunion, please contact Judy Olson Rikansrud at judyquilt@comcast.net or 206-542-1898.

Another date to mark on your calendar is Sunday, August 19th, 4 p.m.. Ed Robinson and Judy Olson Rikansrud will be the distinguished honorees by the Ballard High School Foundation at the 7th Annual Dinner of Champions at the Newcastle Golf and Country Club in Newcastle, Washington. Join us in celebrating the accomplishments of our classmates. Dinner is \$75 per person, a table of 10 is \$750.00. Details will be forthcoming on the BHS Golf Classic Website www.bhsgolffclassic.com.

Class of '57

Class Secretary: Needed

Additional Class Representative: Norm Werner

We will be having our girls spring luncheon on April 24th at Wandering Creek from 10:00 to 3:00. It will be a potluck, so bring either a Salad, Hot Dish, or Dessert and the cost is \$5.00 for the fee of the rental for the room.

We had the death of another classmate, Gail Shurtleff!

We also have decided rather than have our next Class Reunion in 5 years, we will change it to 3 years, so it will be in the fall of 2020!

Sharron Hunter Ekman

Class of '56

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

Perhaps of some passing interest to the class of '56, I am retiring at the end of December after 54 years of practicing law in Ballard. I was the youngest attorney in the community in 1963 and now I am the oldest. It has been a great experience and I have met many interesting people. I don't think there were more than a dozen attorneys in the Ballard area in 1963 and now there are four times that many. Still great place to have your doctor, dentist or lawyer. — Thomas M. Treece, Attorney at Law, Treece Richdale Law Firm

On November 6, 2017 at the Chef Lio Asian Restaurant in Seattle's Phinney Ridge, Golden Beaver folks celebrated 64 years of friendship with Ballard's memorable basketball coach Norm Goldstein and his charming wife Dorothy. During 2017 Norm and Dorothy celebrated 73 years of wedded bliss.



Front row L-R, Al (Moose) and Dorothy Clausen - Kathy and Norm Hagen - Honorees Norm and Dorothy Goldstein; Back row L-R Charlie and Carleen See and our guests from class of 1955, Jerry and Arlene Darby

From Erlene Courtney: I think this is a very "sick" myth that we could possibly be 80 and even though I "say it isn't so," the world says get over it and be grateful! So let's celebrate eight decades together with a party on Sept. 12 at the Ballard Elks. However, it won't happen by itself, so our first meeting will be April 10 from 11:00 am to 1:30 in Ballard at Our Redeemers Lutheran Church at 2400 NW 85th St. For those who are not familiar with the church, a parking lot is located just across the street, north of NW 85th Street from the churches west entrance off 25th Ave NW. The meeting will be in the library - There will be someone there to guide everyone who needs directions finding the library. Charlie has secured the church. We had many people who volunteered to assist and we will share with you then; however, if there is anyone who wants to attend now, please invite them. We are not exclusive.

See you in April. Erlene, Charlie, Barbara, and Don

Class of '55

Class Secretary: TBD

Additional Class Representatives: Donald Hoem and Elizabeth Sorrentino Johnson

The class of '55 is anticipating our next class reunion in 2020, Donna Barbour Myhre and Katherine Leetsch McKinnon have offered to be chair women. We have been meeting

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for lunch the first Saturday of the month, call Barb Krull at 425-226-3595 to find out where we are having lunch that month. Sorry to say we lost one of our classmates, Barbara Frair Hansen. She passed away in her sleep. She and husband Dick lived in Chehalis. Happy Spring from Barb Krull and Beth Johnson.

Class of '54

Class Secretary: Jon A. Setter
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Gail Franklin Schroder passed away this year.

Class of '53 65th Reunion

Class Secretary: Laurretta "Laurie" Detert
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Additional Class Representatives: Alan R.
Hutchison, Donald H. Simpson, and Jan Erk
Severson

Ballard High Classmates Joanne Kropp Conrad, Trudy Oliver Madsen, Shirley Bray Wilson and Peggy Beeson Yeakel gathered together at Seaside, Oregon last fall for a "mini class reunion" where the talk never stopped.



Save the date! This coming September we will have our 65th class reunion. Plans are in the works but no definite date set.....except it will be in September. We'll keep you posted.

Shirley Chenoweth Lacy passed away in Broken Arrow, OK on October 22, 2017. We lost a dear friend; a loyal Ballard girl; someone whom I always adored. We "touched base" a few years ago with lots of emails (me upset that our Sonics went to Oklahoma plus telling her that I was almost born in Oklahoma!!). Our many email conversations were filled with "remember when". A memorial service was held on November 6, 2017 in Broken Bow.

Class of '52

Class Secretary: Jack Lawson
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Try to attend the Golden Beaver annual scholarship awards and luncheon. Be there to honor the young men and women who want to go further with their education.

Reunions every five years? Well some had thought that it may be too long of a wait, so there will be another nice lunch gathering for anyone who wants to join at Rays Boathouse for another one.

A sad report of the passing of a dear friend. Denny Askew, Denny was a dear friend of mine and many others.

Please send me any interesting news you would like to pass along in this *Log* that is sent out semi-annually

Class of '51

Class Secretary: Richard "Dick" Mitchell
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Charles Morrison, 360-652-9651, and
Dorothy Simpier Wood, 206-362-0541

Recent deaths of friends and classmates to report from the early 50's are: Ralph Hadland, Peter Stone, Denny Askew, Richard Bruno, and Neil Lind's wife Jeanne.

Arlene Charles Morrison and her husband Bob have retired from the Reunion committee, so unless someone else steps up we may not have another reunion luncheon or perhaps combine ours with the class of '50 or '52.

I visited Don Crain '50 recently and we had a nice driving trip to the east side of the Baja in Mexico and spent a few nights at Puerto Penasco. He lives in the Phoenix area at Peoria where the Mariners train. I finally joined the Travelers Century Club a few years ago after my visits to Dubai, Oman and Qatar when I crossed the 100 countries visited mark. There is a NW chapter of this world wide organization and it has been interesting getting to know and meeting with several of these folks. Please send info on you and your friends and classmates!

Class of '50

Class Secretary:
Additional Class Representatives: Gloria
Sorrentino Hablewitz, and Fred Strom

Class of '49

Class Secretary: Anna K. Scheving Freyberg
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Class of '48 70th Reunion

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Belston

The class of 1948 has had no special gatherings since the last issue of the Golden Beaver Log, so I called some classmates to see if they had any news. Louise Berg Tollefson was in good spirits in spite of recently falling and breaking a wrist. She still plays bridge regularly and plays golf. Bev Bruce Carlson has been busy with her family since moving back to Seattle from Arizona. Jo Schmidt Bell is also well and happy. She still lives in her condo on Greenwood. Dolores Finseth

Moore is planning a trip to California to visit her grandchildren in the last of March. Her luncheon group is still going strong. In January, Myla Janes Belston took her three children on a 15 day Panama Canal cruise. They loved the trip. On the way back to Seattle they stopped in San Diego to visit her sister, Lona Vance, who is a 1951 graduate of Ballard High.

I had sad news when Ronnie Lefebvre called me from his home in Lake Chelan to report that JoEllen Johnson McGregor had died in November from a fall.

Again, I ask you to write, phone or email me if you have any news about our classmates.

Class of '47

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Turner

Class of '46

Class Secretary: Tootie Zeckser Olson
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Class of '45

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As the days grow longer, we look forward to Spring. Early March a few bulbs are popping up, with the promise of flowers and new growth - such a beautiful time of year.

One of our classmates, Mary Ann (Modine) Trahan, was also a part of our Ballard Ladies Lunch Group. She had missed a few of our lunch meetings, due to ill health. She felt stronger in December and was able to attend luncheon on the 12th. We met at her favorite restaurant, Arnie's, in Edmonds. Her nephew, Mitch, brought her.

On December 20th, we received news of Mary Ann's passing. At her request, there was no formal funeral ceremony. The ladies, at their December luncheon, said their goodbyes together.

I have no further news to pass along. Please let me know if you have something of interest for your classmates.

Are you changing your address?
The Golden Beavers want to know!
Please email your new address to
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Golden Beaver Class News

Class of '43 75th Reunion

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Class of '42

Class Secretary: Henning Knudson, 206-782-1996
Additional Class Representatives: Louis V.
Larsen, and Barbara Jane Christie

Class of '41

Class Secretary:
Additional Class Representative: J. Helen
Donald Argen

Alice Svenslid Sagstad passed away April 2,
2017. She graduated in 1941 and served as the
Class Secretary and used to submit articles

to the Golden Beaver Log about her fellow
classmates. Alice had moved from her home in
the North Beach area to the Ballard Landmark
several years ago. She was born and raised
in Ballard and wanted to stay there! Of
course, she supported the Golden Beavers,
as well as the Leif Erikson Lodge - Sons of
Norway, the Nordic Heritage Museum, Our
Redeemer's Lutheran Church, and other local
organizations. She and her husband, Howard
(Sagstad Marina), had two children (Steve and
Cathi), five grandchildren, and seven great-
grandchildren. Submitted by Judy Gray '64,
one of her nieces.

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Bostrom

Class of '38 80th Reunion

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Class of '37

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Class of '36

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Class of '33

Class Secretary: Margie Nelson Conover
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Our website is the place to learn more
about all we do and see photos of our
Annual Lunch. You can sign up as a member,
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to The Golden Beaver Log. Plus, find reunion
information, scholarship winners, and more.
Stay in touch and tell us what you're up to -
visit our website and contact us today!

The Ballard High School Golden Beavers Association

The Golden Beavers 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
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When your class is in its 50th year since
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Beavers Association and continue the tradition
of the Scholarship Program!
For more information, contact Evelyn
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New GAINS Scholarships

Two newly established scholarships will recognize the achievements of graduates of the
Ballard High School Foundation's very successful GAINS program. Many Golden Beaver thanks
to the generosity of these donors.

Scheumann

The estate of Doug Scheumann
'54 has established the Doug
Scheumann Memorial GAINS
Scholarships, with funds to be
matched by the Ballard High
School Foundation. Up to five
scholarships this year will
recognize the achievements of GAINS students.



Doug
Scheumann '54



Nancy A.
Hughbanks '53

Hughbanks

C. David Hughbanks has
created a scholarship to
honor GAINS student in
memory of his sister, Nancy
A. Hughbanks '53.

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Then come to the scholarship lunch
and see the good you are doing in
action!

Ballard HS Foundation 18th Annual Golf Classic to Honor Judy Rikansrud '58 and Ed Robinson '58

Judy and Ed are this year's honorees at the
18th Annual Ballard HS Foundation Golf
Classic and 7th Annual Dinner of Champions,
Sunday, August 19 and Monday, August 20,
2018 at the Golf Club at Newcastle.
Come support the Ballard High School
Athletics and Music Programs and honor our
Golden Beavers! For more information and

tickets, visit www.bhsgolfclassic.com.
This year's Dinner of Champions will be
following on the tremendous success of last
year's dinner, at which our generous donors
raised over \$40,000 to fund the renovation
of Ballard's 19-year-old, well-used but aged
Henry A. Bendele Weight Room. Special thanks
to Lead Donor Victor Salvino and Major Donors

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Art Olsen.



L: Judy
Rikansrud '58
R: Ed
Robinson '58



Golden Beaver Class News

A special piece of news about a class of 1957 grad

“Shy” Warne awarded St. Olav Medal

Philanthropist and Scandinavian radio show host Doug Warne recognized by Norway

Eric Stavney, Seattle, Wash.
December 12, 2017

As I chatted with Doug Warne in the KKNW studio where he records the weekly Scandinavian Hour, he let slip that he was in Oslo in October and took a stroll down Karl Johannis Gate to the Royal Palace. “That’s a pretty impressive building,” I observed, remembering seeing it 30 years ago. “You should see it on the inside!” said Warne. I did a double-take. “And how is it that you’ve seen the inside?” I countered, knowing he couldn’t be making that up.

He went on to relate how he had had an audience with King Harald of Norway, and how he chatted with the monarch as easily as if they were old friends. He was pleased to meet the king “because it gave [him] a chance to thank him personally for the medal.”

“The medal? You mean the St. Olav Medal for distinguished service to Norway?” I said with wonder. Yes, it was that medal... which hadn’t been awarded yet, but was already decided. Warne received the medal from Norwegian Honorary Consul Kim Nesselquist at a formal ceremony in Seattle on Dec. 1.

I knew Warne was a “known voice in the Norwegian community in Puget Sound and beyond,” as Nesselquist said, due to his weekly Scandinavian Hour show broadcast weekends for nearly 60 years. Since the show can now be heard online across the globe, Warne has spoken casually with several Norwegian strangers who, hearing he was from Seattle, asked if he had heard of this fellow Doug Warne. He says that with a big smile.

But let me back up, for that’s just the tip of the iceberg.

In 1959, a young Doug Warne attended University of Oslo’s International Summer School and was introduced to Norwegian culture, where he stayed with the Eng family for the summer. He was amazed at the ease with which the Engs spoke three to four languages, traveled widely, and frequently



Photo: Eric Stavney
Doug Warne laughs as he is drawn by a caricature artist for the Scandin Hour letterhead. In addition to hosting the long-running radio show, he has also founded several scholarships.

discussed politics at the dinner table. Coming from Ballard, where he’d never met a foreigner before (so he says), he reveled in the cosmopolitan, rich environment, and it changed the course of his life. He said he left the United States as a naïve young man and came back an adult world citizen.

In later years, when Warne had a daughter, he encouraged her to also study in Norway. That apparently planted a seed for Warne; he became determined to help other young adults study abroad.

But back to the fall of 1959, when Warne returned to Seattle and heard about Svein Gilje giving his last broadcast of the Scandinavian Hour. He was able to pick up the mic and headphones with his partner Ron Olsen and has kept the show alive ever since.

Warne immediately immersed himself in the Norwegian-American community, eventually serving as president for his local Leif Erikson Sons of Norway lodge and the Norwegian Commercial Club, not to mention the number of other boards on which he has served.

As Warne says to me about his many years of service, he saw many opportunities to get people together, and “being the shy, retiring

person that I am,” he stepped up and made it happen. He continues to do that on his radio show by announcing Scandinavian events from about 30 organizations around Puget Sound. There used to be more, he says sadly, almost a hundred organizations in the Puget Sound area.

Along the way, Warne has established a number of scholarships through the Sons of Norway and the Norwegian Commercial Club to enable students to study in Norway and experience what he had. As an old schoolteacher, he appreciates what education and opportunity can mean for a young person. Warne is currently one of six elected governors of the Sons of Norway Foundation, which collects money and generates grants and scholarships. Many of these scholarships are involved in sending students abroad, and particularly to Norway.

Because Olsen passed away several years ago, Warne recently decided to enable the next generation to experience the fun of sharing the mic on his Scandinavian music radio show. He isn’t looking to pass the torch on to other people as much as he wants to pass the torch around. I’m one of five lucky souls who have co-hosted the program with him. We are all grateful for Warne’s generous spirit and, being the “shy, retiring guy” that he is, he has pushed us to make room for it in our lives.

In October, when Honorary Consul Nesselquist helped arrange Warne’s audience with the king, he issued a statement, saying “it was an honor to announce that His Majesty, King Harald V of Norway awarded him with the St. Olav’s Medal for his long and great service to the Norwegian American community in Seattle. It could not be given to a more deserving person.”

Jeg er helt enig med det!

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In Memoriam

Acknowledging those whose loss has been reported to us since last spring. (Aug 2017 - Feb 2018)

Naomi Kangas Anderson '39 *
Edward James Aylward '63
William “Bill” Frederick Barber '48
William “Bill” Calhoun Barham '59
Grace Dorothy Beezer '47
Paul Bjornson '49
Daniel Brown Jr. '45
Jacqueline “Jackie” Burke '61
Bob S. Carstensen '36
Mirian Fagan Charlston '36 *
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Carol Herkert Cravens '67
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Linda Belles Dinus '59
William Fleming '37 *
Marie Francis Driano Geary '47
Lorraine Marie Wickstrom Givens '46

Barbara Tiedeman Granquist '48
Kenneth Grondahl '47
Marilyn Stokke Gulla '44 *
Ralph H. Hadland '51
David O Hall '63
Karl Stanley Hammerstrand '60
Jennings Marvin Hanseth '37
Jean Margaret Rowe Hanson '40 *
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Harold Hokenson '59
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Dennis Lewis Jack '61
Georgia Rae Stead Jacobsen '63
Solveig Christopherson Jahn '38
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David P Jones '52
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Nancy Shaw Kane '65
Stanley Alvin Krahn '45

Jean Leslie Moen Lauerman '43*
Elaine Margaret Kneadler Toft Lepich '39
Melodee Lynch Livengood '64
Lucille Hjelle Loos '44
Helen Louise Livers Madsen '46
Mel McCain '53
Thomas “Tommy” McGillicuddy '72
Gail Shurtleff Morris '57
Lilly Berg Murray '49
Leah Lynn Walkley Phelps '62
Selma Haland Robb '67
Patricia Parrett Roth '44
Wilhelm L. Sandvik '46*
Marilee Munson Shreve '47
Berit Karin Ingebrigtsen Sjong '54
Carol May Bayne Schmitz '50 *
Margaret Adele Stricker Sparrow '40
Peter Stone '51

Milton A Strasburg '51
Alice Lord Tyler '60
Leah Walkley Phelps '62
Virginia M. Lowry Volpone '43
Alice Thomas Webb '59
Agnes Willard Weeks '40
Raymond J Welch '61
Winifred Hunt Wenzel '37 *
Roy Everett Wester '52
Rachel Daniels Williams '35
Thomas Lee Wood '45
Louise Sorenson Youngs '45 *
Deborah Ann Pemberton-Zulauf '76

*Golden Beaver Member



Performing Arts News from BHS

Ballard High School Choir Director Courtney Rowley Honored with Top Regional Music Educator Award

On February 17 at the state conference, the Washington Music Educators Association honored Ballard High Choir Director Courtney Rowley with the Elliott Bay Music Educator Association (EBMEA) Outstanding Educator award. This award reflects Ms. Rowley’s outstanding choral program, her passion for choral education and students, and her leadership in music education in the community. As president of the EBMEA for the past three years, Ms. Rowley helped to build the Puget Sound region’s involvement in the program, including organizing Solo and Ensemble and the annual Northwest Region Choir Showcase for Northwest-area schools that features combined performances by local elementary, middle and high school



The award will be presented at the same conference at which the Ballard High School Wind Ensemble performed - see story below.

choirs. Groups in her choir program have performed at Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall, and her Concert Choir was selected to perform at the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) Northwest Conference in Seattle in 2014.



2018 BHS Musical, *Damn Yankees!*



An all student cast, tech crew and orchestra performed this sporty musical comedy and a true American classic.

On March 17, *Damn Yankees* Gala attendees at a baseball-stadium-themed event enjoyed a pre-dinner mixer with the cast, a catered sit down meal, and reserved seats to that night’s performance. Supporters of the program at the “Diamond Club Level” received a Washington

Senator’s baseball cap!

Tickets to all BHS events are available at www.ballardperformingarts.org

Ballard High School Wind Ensemble First Seattle Band Selected to Perform at State Music Conference

Wind Ensemble Earns Minute-Long Standing Ovation at WMEA Conference



Congratulations to Mr. James and the Wind Ensemble for their extraordinary Concert Hour performance at the WMEA Conference in Yakima. They gave a powerful, moving performance to a ballroom full of music professionals, friends and family who in return, honored them with a well-deserved standing ovation! It was a fitting end to months of intense preparation.

Ballard High School Chamber Orchestra at Lincoln Center Chamber Orchestra Wins 1st Runner Up Title at the National Orchestra Cup

Congratulations to Chamber Orchestra and Director Brittany Newell on placing First Runner-up at the National Orchestra Cup at Alice Tully Hall, Lincoln Center, NYC! Additionally, the viola section took the award for best string section.

The Ballard High School Chamber Orchestra was invited to perform at the Orchestra Cup National Championship at Lincoln Center on March 3. They were one of only ten schools in the country to be selected, and this was the first time that any BHS orchestra had been invited to the event. The performances are adjudicated by renowned orchestral



professionals and educators from around the nation. The winner of the competition is awarded the prestigious Orchestra Cup.

Jazz at Lincoln Center Announces 15 Finalists Bands to Compete in 23rd Annual Essentially Ellington High School Jazz Band Competition & Festival

Ballard Jazz 1 is in!

NEW YORK, NY - Wednesday, February 14, 2018 - Jazz at Lincoln Center proudly announces the 15 finalist bands that will compete in the 23rd Annual Essentially Ellington High School Jazz Band Competition & Festival - one of the most innovative jazz education events in the world - at Jazz at Lincoln Center’s home, Frederick P. Rose Hall, on May 10 - 12, 2018. The finalists are among 109 high school jazz bands across North America that entered the competition. Each school submitted recordings of three tunes performed from charts from Jazz at Lincoln Center’s Essentially Ellington library. Over 4,600 high school bands are members of Jazz at Lincoln Center’s 2017-18 Essentially Ellington program.

All Essentially Ellington member bands were invited to submit a recording, and 15 finalists were selected through a rigorous screening process. Each finalist band receives an in-school workshop led by a professional musician before coming to New York to put up their “Dukes” and perform before Wynton Marsalis and a panel of esteemed judges.

The finalist bands will spend three days immersed in workshops, jam sessions, rehearsals and performances at Jazz at Lincoln Center. On May 12, the Competition & Festival will conclude with a concert and awards ceremony featuring the three top-placing bands and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis.

Festival events will be webcast live on jazz.org/live.



Ballard Jazzes It Up!

Ballard Jazz I has been invited to participate in three prestigious events this year!

On March 9th to 11th, Jazz 1 performed at the 48th Next Generation Jazz Festival in Monterey California. BHS is the only high school band outside of California to perform at the festival.

On March 30th, they will perform in Hot Java Cool Jazz at the Paramount Theatre with 4 other area high schools. Starbucks donates all the proceeds of tickets bought at the Market St Starbucks back to the BHS program.

Finally, on May 10th, the band will travel to New York to participate in the highly competitive and most innovative jazz education events in the world. See story to left - *Essentially Ellington!*

Kudos to Mr James and Jazz I for an impressive year!



Blazing a Trail for a College Alternative

Junior Oscar Wolken trains to be an EMT and firefighter through the CTE program

Kate Inge, Staff Reporter, November 21, 2017

Four year colleges, AP classes, SATs. These are all things high school students have been reminded of in the wake of higher education. But unlike most students, junior Oscar Wolken has found a career path that fits his views on school and matches what he's passionate about.

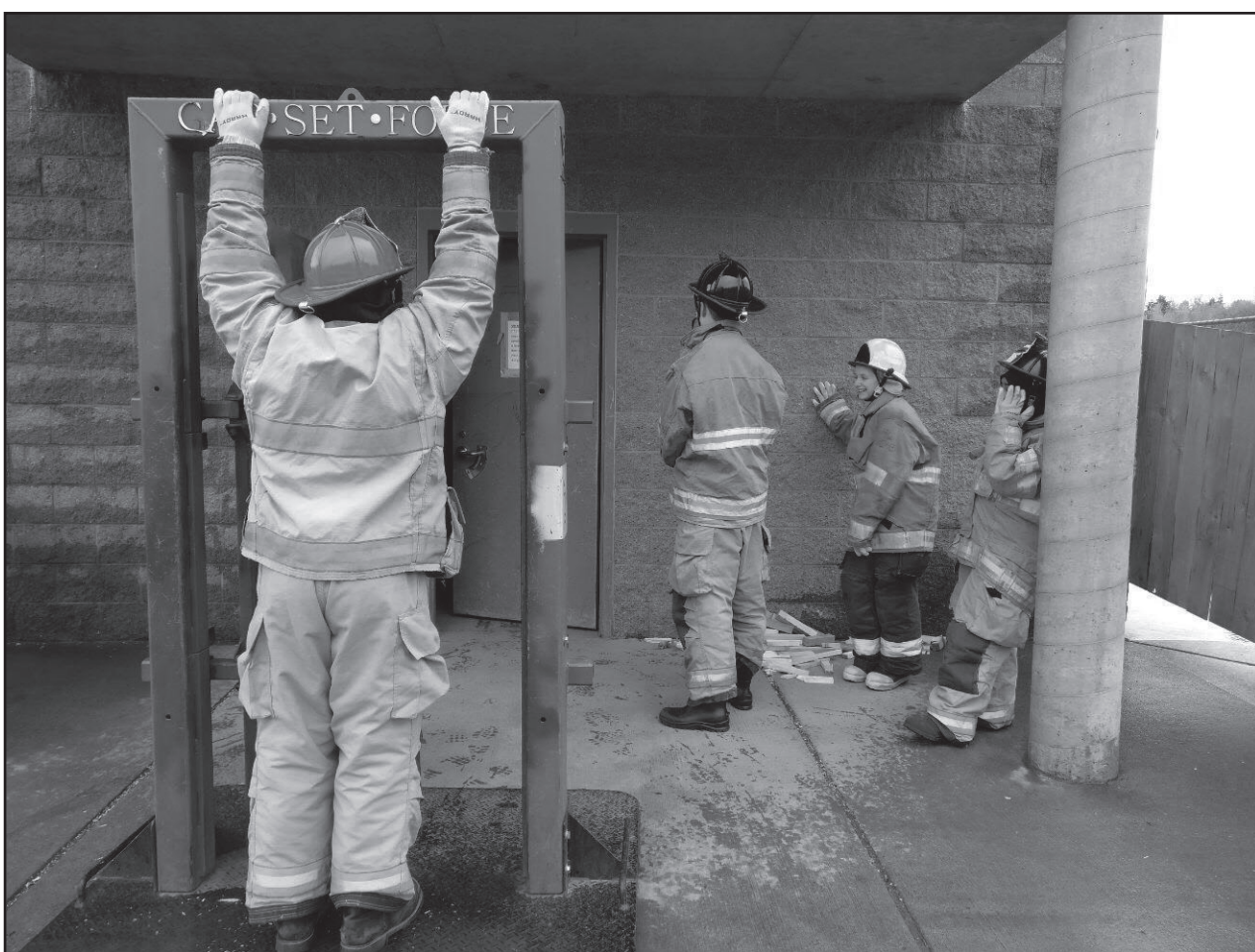
At the beginning of Wolken's junior year, a trip to the counselor's office solidified what job he now aims for. Training to be an emergency medical technician and firefighter takes out three of his classes but gets him steps closer to a career he's passionate about. "I don't really like school, but I really love the firefighting class and that makes me want to come to school everyday," Wolken said.

School counselor Sonja Peterson takes her new job as a way to get high schoolers ready for their future, whether that includes college or not. "I think that it's important to recognize that everyone has different needs and different desires. We tend to put it out that everyone should want to go to a four year college. I think that's an amazing goal, but not everybody needs a four year college to do the careers that they want, so offering options and letting people know that there's more out there than simply the four year path is really important," said Peterson.

But training to be a firefighter isn't just spraying water hoses and kicking down doors. They too have their need for memorization and studying to prepare for the outside workforce.

With a test each week alternating between Firefighting and EMT, Wolken learns how to save someone's life and to respond correctly to certain scenarios. "I put a lot of work into trying to memorize it because I really want to be good at this," Wolken said, "It's really competitive to be a firefighter. You take a test and depending on how well you do you can apply to jobs using your test scores." Even if he doesn't enjoy school, learning about something that applies to his own goals make all the difference.

Learning from mentors at each lesson helps show him that the job more than putting out a



Junior Oscar Wolken practicing fire protocol. (Photo courtesy of Oscar Wolken)

burning house. "Firefighters working there say it's a really fulfilling job because you go there and save people's lives all day," Wolken said. "You know you're helping out the community and it gives you a purpose. In fire fighting, yeah you are doing it for money, but you're also doing it for the community."

Despite the rigorous physical training, having the ability to use real equipment is a perk of Monday field trips to the Joint Training Facility. "We'll be going into firetrucks now and I'm like actually a kid in a candy store," Wolken said. These trips include real life scenarios along with driving firetrucks and spraying water hoses.

After students endure the training, no firefighting job is secure until the following year. "The first year of being a firefighter you are on probationary period. So if they're like, 'oh we don't like you,' you're fired," Wolken

said. "So I'm nervous for that because you worked so hard for some many years. It's a lot of 'save people's lives but don't be a problem while doing it.'"

By senior year Wolken hopefully will have finished the course and would be ready for job opportunities. Wolken plans on applying for a paramedic job once he's eligible.

"Students at Ballard are so lucky to have so many great options in which they can still graduate from high school on time, meet all the requirements and get some training for careers," Peterson said. Maybe a trip to the counselors won't just be about grades, it could even be about finding a career that's right for you.

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2nd Annual Running of the Beavers Supports Ballard High School

The Second Annual Running of the Beavers 5K Walk/Run is coming your way at Golden Gardens and Shilshole on Saturday, March 31, 2018!

Last year's first Running of the Beavers saw over 300 active supporters of Ballard High School, including class of 65's Will Beard, bringing in a net of over \$12,000, a very successful first year.

All net proceeds go to Ballard High School. To learn more or to join in the fun – and the fundraising – this year, visit runningofthebeavers.com/.



Edwin Bailey Addresses Breakfast of Champions

Seahawk legend Edwin Bailey was featured as the Keynote Speaker at the Ballard Breakfast of Champions on Homecoming Saturday morning, last October 21. Keep an eye on BHS news to find out who will feature in this fall's Breakfast!

Then come out and support Ballard on Homecoming Weekend 2018!

The Importance of Sports in the Fight for Equality

The strength and empowerment that comes with being a female wrestler

Ana Marbett, News Editor, February 16, 2018

Although we live in a democratic, first-world country, the inequalities between men and women are still significant. Between the wage gap and the court system’s inability to bring rapists to justice, women are still feeling the pressures of our country’s patriarchal values.

But we have also come very far. Women are currently advancing into areas that were previously considered men’s spheres. Some women defy societal norms by excelling in STEM jobs, others are CEOs of companies. I defy them by wrestling.

Sports have always been an essential part of my life. My parents believed in giving me the tools to be independent and strong and sports were one of them.

After soccer, volleyball, basketball, swimming and Crossfit, I am now a wrestler. According to statista.com, the amount of female wrestlers in the United States has increased from 6,000 to over 14,000 in the past eight years, and that number is continuing to increase.

Aside from wrestling, the number of female high school athletes has been increasing dramatically in the last decades. According to the National Federation of State High School Associations, the number of female high school athletes has gone from 295,000 to 3.1 million from 1972 to 2011. This number is still very far from the amount of male athletes there are. Plus, the number of opportunities for girls to play sports in high school is still 1.3 million fewer than for boys.

These statistics point to the stratification between men and women that still plagues our country, and more importantly, our schools. As kids, we are at our most impressionable because we are watching and absorbing everything. If there are fewer opportunities for girls to play sports in high school, then how can we expect to empower the next generation of women?

Sports can have a significant impact on girls because they help build assets that translate to every area of life. Athletics not only build physical health, but also build mental and emotional health that are crucial in order to thrive in life. The work ethic and confidence that comes from playing sports is what allows empowered women to construct companies, direct movies and coach soccer teams.

I could not be prouder to have joined the ranks of America’s female wrestlers. There is something to say about walking into a gym and finding the bleachers packed full with girls who are getting ready to wrestle. I’ve been to countless girls’ soccer tournaments, but none have been as empowering and as impactful as wrestling tournaments have been.

For me, this is because there are already so many girls playing soccer. We broke that barrier long ago. But with wrestling, girls are relatively new to the scene so there is a more profound sense of solidarity, an unspoken understanding of the difficult path being paved.

Conventional gender roles are being shattered at every wrestling practice, every wrestling tournament and on every podium.



There is something to say about walking into a gym and finding the bleachers packed full with girls who are getting ready to wrestle. Wrestlers from top to bottom: junior Ana Marbett, sophomore Elle Murray, sophomore Samantha Swainson, junior Kayla Rogers. (Miles Whitworth)

Even though the community is significantly smaller, it is because we are doing something that no one has ever done before, and that is powerful. Reprinted with permission from the Ballard Talisman, www.ballardtalisman.com/sports/2018/02/16/the-importance-of-sports-in-the-fight-for-equality/

After 20 years Reese Retires as Volleyball Head Coach

Olivia Knoll, Staff Reporter, November 30, 2017

It’s 1985 and Ballard’s senior player Tami Reese is head-to-head with Ingraham’s outside hitter. Both are college bound players, top for their school. And she’s pumped up.

“C’mon!” a spirited Reese says, motivating her teammates. Unfortunately her team took second place in the Metro championship to Ingraham. “We were the rag-tag team, with old volleyballs,” Reese said. But her team still put up a fight. Decades later she’s still on the court. Fast forward to 2017.

“Fight girls, fight,” Head Coach Reese said in the team’s Metro championship match against Roosevelt. Her determination and positivity guided the team to Ballard’s first Metro championship title. Also, Reese is the swim, lifetime sports and health teacher. In addition, she devoted the last 20 years as head coach of the varsity volleyball team, and now she is retiring from the program.

As a high school player Reese made the varsity team her sophomore year. She was captain both her junior and senior year, voted most inspirational, MVP and First Team all-Metro. Her number, 5, is now retired from the volleyball program. Reese’s beloved time with the team has finally come to an end.

Reese is retiring because she wants to spend more time with her family. “It’s not that they don’t want me to do it, it’s my choice,” Reese said. The volleyball schedule interferes with her time to watch both of her sons play fall baseball.

Throughout her 20 years of coaching, Reese has seen lots of changes in the sport. Former coach of the University of Washington team, Jim McLaughlin, “brought volleyball to

Seattle,” Reese said. The UW team dominates the game, currently ranked number 8 amongst D1 colleges. The fierce UW program inspires more young female athletes to play club volleyball, improving their game for a chance to play beyond high school. What kind of coach is Reese? Well, for anyone who’s had a class with her, you know she’s constantly moving. Even during our interview, she was working out. “She’s so energetic all the time, even at the morning practices at 6 a.m.,” freshman Angela Hsu said.

Reese has taught players more than just the game. “Ms. Reese has really taught me to keep working towards my goals,” junior Ava Aiken said. At the beginning of the season, Reese gives each player a book of inspirational quotes to read throughout the season. “Everyday before practice we’ll read a quote,” Aiken said.

Senior captain Addison Baker appreciates how positive Reese is during matches. “Ms. Reese believes in us, reinforces what we know deep down,” Baker said. In every single game we’ve played she has trusted in us, and that has such a deeper meaning than any one thing she could say. If the team falls behind in a match, Reese perseveres and continues to believe. “You gotta stay positive. I’ll get on the girls, but I’ll come right back with something positive,” Reese said.

“Ms. Reese wants everyone to be really open on the team,” Hsu said. This emulates the tight-knit community of the program. Photography teacher and main assistant coach Gina O’Neill played and was captain alongside Reese at Ballard. “She ended up being my best friend,” Reese said. Reese’s sister, Karin

Hoover, played and now coaches for Ballard as well. Hoover has been a part of the program for 19 years. Close connections to Ballard also include Reese, O’Neill and Hoover’s high school coach Alford “Brother” Loe. Loe is the former head custodian and still coaches alongside his former players.

The coaches’ special bond influences the players. “The coaches’ trust in us resonates with all of us,” Baker said. Ballard’s volleyball program is fortunate to have such a special connection amongst the coaches. “You don’t get coaches that stay 20 years anymore,” Reese said. The new head varsity coach is undetermined. Reese will help with the transition of the new coach next season.

Reese’s legacy culminated with the 2017 Metro championship. “I gotta go out with a bang,” Reese said. She sure did with a Metro title for Ballard. “It’s been the best,” Reese said with a smile. Reprinted with permission from the Ballard Talisman, www.ballardtalisman.com/sports/2017/11/30/after-20-years-reese-retires-as-volleyball-head-coach/



Varsity Head Coach Tami Reese, celebrates during the volleyball team’s semi-final match against Eastside Catholic. Reese was named coach of the year this season. (Olivia Knoll)



Dates to Remember

31st Annual Golden Beaver Scholarship Luncheon

11:30 A.M., Saturday, May 12, 2018
Ballard High School, 1418 NW 65th Street,
Seattle WA 98115

Deadline,
Fall Issue, Golden Beaver Log
August 18, 2018

Golden Beavers
Board of Directors Meetings

Thursday, June 7, 2018
Thursday, December 13, 2018
Thursday, March 14, 2019
Location TBA

Class Reunions

See Class Notes for Details
or visit

<http://www.bhsfoundation.com/index.php/stay-connected/reunions> or
www.bhsgoldenbeavers.org/reunions.htm

Class of '53 (65th)
Luncheon at the Broadmoor Golf Club
Wednesday, September 19, 2018
11:00 a.m.
Additional details to follow

Class of '68 (50th)
Saturday, October 6, 2018
The Canal, 5300 34th Ave NW
Music! Heavy appetizers! No host bar!
Cost \$80 by May 15, \$100 May 16-Sept 27
\$125 at the door (cash only)
Alumni needing financial assistance contact
Vicki at 206-948-3450
Questions and sign-up forms, contact
Cathy Goodman Hilton, 206-920-3508 /
cmhilton@hotmail.com or
Tom Hawley, 206-898-7452 /
hawleytom@comcast.net

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Special Additions this year:

10:00 a.m. in the Library:
New Annual Meeting before the lunch
for those interested in learning more
about Golden Beaver news and events and
Ballard High School news. If you plan to
attend, please let us know - email rjlee@seattleschools.org or call Dick Lee at 206-391-5555.

9:30 Art Tour:
A special guided tour of Ballard's unique art
collection (see below) with nationally known
independent art critic and curator Matthew
Kangas '67 will start in front of the Library.
Please email Matthew if you are interested, at
mkangas@earthlink.net.

Art Collection Unique in Nation *By Matthew Kangas '67*

You may not realize it, but the art on the
walls at Ballard High School has been
specially selected for the daily enlightenment
and enjoyment of Ballard students and
visitors to the beautiful Mahlum Nordfors
Architects-designed building. The idea
came about in 1997 before the new facility
opened when Alice Rooney, myself, and other
alumni gathered to review the public monies
available to buy art generated by the new
building. Working with Principal Chuck Chinn,
we did that and more: community call-outs,
gallery and museum research, murals and
photos commissioned just for us, and a plan
to protect, care for and conserve what grew
to be the largest such collection of any public
high school in the US.

Formulating criteria to help decide what
kind of art is shown, the Art Committee, part
of the Ballard High School Foundation (which
owns and maintains the art collection), settled
on several requirements: art made by Ballard
alumni who become professional artists; art
made by Ballard neighborhood artists vetted
by the Committee; art that reflects the
diverse demographic profile of the student
body; and art that addresses the history and
culture of the Ballard community. With funds
from the Washington State Arts Commission,
City of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods,
the Jon and Mary Shirley Foundation, the

Lunch Schedule:

Saturday, May 12, 2018
11:30 A.M. Reception, BHS Lobby
12 Noon Lunch, BHS Commons
Keynote Speaker State Senator
Reuven Carlyle
Join your Golden Beavers and friends for an
exciting time participating in the awarding of
scholarships to Ballard High School students.
Need not be a Golden Beaver to attend; come
celebrate our students!
\$40/person before April 30; \$45 after
- please see your insert for reservation
information or visit www.bhsgoldenbeavers.org
to register and pay online.

Allied Arts Foundation, and
an Annual Fund drive, the
Collection has grown to
include 77 paintings, prints,
photographs, sculptures and
collages. It is a display-only
collection with everything we
own on view for your delectation.



The Golden Beavers Association has
created a new relationship with the Seattle
Foundation to manage a significant portion
of our scholarship funds. Seen here are
Vice Presidents Dick Lee and Dick Mitchell
presenting a copy of the Golden Beaver Log to
the Seattle Foundation's Philanthropic Advisor
Elizabeth List.

Trivia Answers (see p. 3 for questions)

1. On the south side of NW Market Street
between 26th and 28th Avenue NW.

2. It was a bench located just out side of
Vice Principal Aaron Van Devanter's
office.

3. It was a store owned by relatives of
Walter Kilgore '48 and it was located
on the SE corner of 15th Ave. NW and
NW 75th Street.

4. He started the annual "Blessing of
the Fishing Fleet" in Ballard which is
held each spring and served as Pastor
of the Ballard First Lutheran Church
located at 20th and NW 65th St.
5. George Irvine

6. On the roof of the school. It was only a
rumor.

7. It offers high school juniors and seniors a
chance to take classes at a local college
to earn free college credits plus other
benefits.

8. 2019

9. It is a graduation assistance program.

10. To award and fund Scholarships to worthy
students.

Looking for more information about BHS? Check out these sites:

Ballard Performing Arts:
www.ballardperformingarts.org

BHS Athletic Booster Club:
ballardathletics.org

The Talisman: www.ballardtalisman.com
PTSA: www.ballardhighschoolptsa.org

Ballard High School Foundation:
<http://www.bhsfoundation.com>

Ballard High School main site home page
- includes links for school activities, special
programs, news, newsletters, and more:
ballardhs.seattleschools.org