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# THSAA NEWSLETTER

The **thunderbird** is a legendary creature in certain North American indigenous peoples' history and culture. It is considered a supernatural bird of power and strength. It is especially important, and frequently depicted, in the art, songs and oral histories of many Pacific Northwest Coast cultures, and is found in various forms among the peoples of the American Southwest, Great Lakes, and Great Plains.



The thunderbird's name comes from the common belief that the beating of its enormous wings causes thunder and stirs the wind. The Lakota name for the thunderbird is *Wakjya*, from *wakha*, meaning "sacred", and *kjya*, meaning "winged". The Kwakwaka'wakw

thunderbird that is closely associated with thunder is *animikii*, while large thunderous birds are known as *binesi*.

**Common depictions**

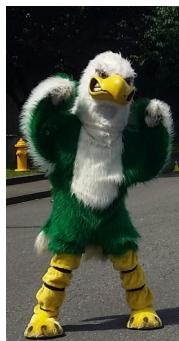
Across many North American indigenous cultures, the thunderbird carries many of the same characteristics. It is described as a large bird, capable of creating storms and thundering while it flies. Clouds are pulled together by its wingbeats, the sound of thunder made by its wings clapping, sheet lightning the light flashing from its eyes when it blinks, and individual lightning bolts made by the glowing snakes that it carries around with it. In masks, it is depicted as multi-colored, with two curling horns, and, often, teeth within its beak.

**In oral history**

Depending on the people telling the story, the thunderbird is either a singular entity or a species. In both cases, it is intelligent, powerful, and wrathful. **All agree one should go out of one's way to keep from getting thunderbirds angry.**

The singular thunderbird (as the Nuu-chah-nulth thought of it) was said to reside on the top of a mountain, and was the servant of the Great Spirit. It was also told that the thunderbird controlled rainfall.

**The 'Great American Eagle is often depicted as a Thunderbird as seen on the totem pole at it's top.**



# Address From Our President



Tumwater High School Alumni Association January 2015

Message from the President

Greetings THS Alum!

2014 was another year of incremental progress as we lean forward in the development of our THSAA. We finally received the Internal Revenue Service's approval for our status as a tax-exempt, non-profit charity organization pursuant to 501 (c) (3) of the IRS tax code. This means that individual and organizational contributions/donations to THSAA can be deducted for tax purposes.

Our paid membership continues to grow slowly at slightly over 50 members out of well over 10,000 THS alumni. This is a very miniscule percentage, and we'd love to increase the membership numbers significantly in the future.

So, the question, I suppose, is "why should I become a THSAA member"? For many, it has been the interest to reconnect with classmates as well as other alumni from different generations who have had similar growing experiences at THS. The THS experience was during such a critical period in a teen's life and many valuable lessons were learned that translated to successful careers as adults. Many want to "give back" in some way by supporting fundraisers and becoming THSAA members. Our annual golf tournament combined with membership dues, allowed us to award \$1000 scholarships to graduating seniors Tessa Brizzolara and Jerad Stottlemyre. We hope to continue this tradition and also increase the quality and quantity of scholarships awarded. This can happen with the support of increased alumni support and we'll continue to lean in that direction.

In 2014, our major activities included our annual golf tournament on June 14th, participation in the Tumwater 4th of July Parade, and hosting a barbecue prior to the Homecoming Game on October 10th. In 2015, we plan to host our golf tournament at TVGC on June 20th, participate in the 4th of July parade, and host another Homecoming Barbecue. We'd love to increase activities if there's interest and support to do so. To keep in touch, visit us at [tumwaterhighalumni.com](http://tumwaterhighalumni.com).

Leaning Forward, Jim Ishihara, (64)

## Message from Principal Broome

This is a great time to be at Tumwater High School. Today we hold true to the values of Pride, Tradition and Courage like we have for the last half century. Thank you for paving the way for the T-Birds of today. It is an honor to be a T-Bird and an amazing experience to be the Principal of Tumwater High School.



### New Facilities

We are putting the final touches on a new Physical Education addition to our school. We will be adding a new state of the art weights facility north of the new gym. This space will be slightly larger and much more accessible for all of our athletes. We will be able to improve our athletic programs with more space and new equipment for our students. This addition will also provide us more classroom space as we will be able to teach group fitness classes in the old weight room facility. Thank you for passing the bond; this is the first of nearly \$10 million in upgrades, expansions and modernization over the next five years. Future projects include improvements to our Science and Technology classrooms as well as replacement of our hallway floors (they are very old) and upgrades to our Performing Arts Center.

### Changing Teaching Standards

This year we have spent a significant amount of time working with our teachers on new teaching standards, known as the Common Core. The Common Core Standards ask our students to read more critically, write more persuasively and think more deeply than the previous state standards. This is a challenging time to be in education, but we have a dedicated staff that care deeply about kids and are willing to do the work needed to get every student across the graduation stage.

### Getting ready for "What's Next"

This year we have been investing significant time working on preparing our students for what's next. We need all of our students' to be career and college ready when they walk across the graduation stage. This year we have done several activities to prepare our students to make better decisions about their future. New events to promote career and college readiness include, giving all of our 10th graders the Pre-SAT test and hosting an event for Seniors called "APPtober". During APPtober, students completed College and Career related activities and earned raffle tickets in the process. Weekly we raffled off college related items including electronics, gift cards and small appliances. Everyone loves a good toaster oven! Thank you to our generous parents for donating all of the items for the raffle.

This is a busy and exciting time of year, thank you for your continued support of THS, our students and our programs. It is great to be a part of the THS family.

Jeff Broome, THS Principal, Class of 1997

## TWO NEW POSITIONS ADDED TO THSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The THSAA board of directors elected to add two new directorships to the board. The Scholarship committee and the Website now are THSAA Directorates.

## THSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Jim Ishihara, President, '64**, BSME University of Washington. Licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Washington. Retired Navy Reserve Civil Engineer Corps Captain (1999). Retired federal engineering manager for the Navy and U.S. Public Health Service (2000). Retired City of Seattle Park Engineer (2006). Married to Teri 42+years, 3 grown sons (all UW graduates), 4 grandkids, plus one on the way. Coached youth soccer, basketball, and baseball for over 10 years. Completed 18 Seattle to Portland (STP) bike rides. Toured Vietnam (Saigon to Hanoi) by bike with retired Navy buddies in January 2012. Hack at golf. 2011 THS Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee.



**Bill Curtis, Vice President, '62**, BA Latin, University of Washington '66, MAT, Latin, Indiana University '68, AAR Rome, Italy 1989 & 1998. Retired in 2010 after teaching Latin, History, and Mythology for 41 years and coaching high school basketball, baseball, Knowledge Bowl and Academic Decathlon. He founded the Olympia High School Alumni Association in 2001 and still serves as a board member and chairman of the OHSAA Hall of Fame Committee. Bill was the first Student Body President at THS as well as on the first football, basketball and baseball teams. As VP of THSAA assists the president, assumes duties in his absence, recommends nominations to the board when vacancies occur.



**Janet Ishihara, Secretary, '65**, Cheerleader throughout high school. Former member of Junior Orthopedic Guild. Earned 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in the American Taekwondo Association (ATA) winning 3 divisional world titles and placing in the top 3 on several occasions. AA Bellevue College. Taekwondo instructor and operator of a club (Do-jahng) for 7 years. Employed by United Airlines as a flight attendant primarily on Hawaii and Asia routes; retired August 2012. Enjoy gatherings with family and friends and athletic events (climbed Mt Rainier, ran two marathons/several shorter races, bicycled the New England states as well as STP, competed in slalom and giant slalom ski races, and cross country skiing.



**Pamela Wagner Sapp, Treasurer, '69** Married to Randy Sapp (THS '68) for over 42 years. Raised two children and now have eight grandchildren. For the past 18 years worked as a legal secretary/bookkeeper/office manager for a local law firm. From 1987 through 1994, relocated to Orcas Island in the San Juan Islands and owned two small businesses and thoroughly enjoyed the adventure of living on an island; however, children's educational needs and the economy necessitated a move back to "civilization". Currently reside in the Black Lake area.



**Melissa Determan Beard, Membership Chairperson '91** is a lifelong Tumwater student having attended Peter G. Schmidt, Tumwater Middle School, and THS. Melissa earned degrees from UW and Stanford, and will earn a PhD from UW in June. Melissa is married to Jim (THS '90) and their daughter attends Black Lake Elementary. She works for the State of Washington and is excited to be a part of the THSAA to meet fellow graduates, support future graduates, and give back to a school that has given her so much.

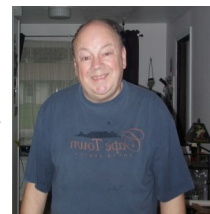


**Louisa Ward Shimamoto, Activities Chairperson, '75** BA Western Washington University. Over 30 years of sales and management experience internationally, nationally, and locally including the insurance industry, television/radio advertising, film producer, manager and performer with international music/dance group "Up with People", chamber member, board member for Music Camp International, school/church theater producer, Miss Thurston County Pageant Director, Olympia Festival Ballet Company performer, WWU dance and theater, THS booster committee, coordinator of the THS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, and huge community volunteer.



## THSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Cont.)

**Rock Boardman, Communications Chairperson, '64**, First THS basketball team. Retired (26 years active service) USAF, Senior Master Sergeant having served in Vietnam (Army), First Gulf War, and Global War on Terror, numerous decorations including Bronze Star for achievement. As a civilian, employed as a telecommunication analyst and engineer for ICC and Boeing, owned a computer service and sales company, and gunsmithing. Married to Dr. Liliane Boardman over 47 years, have 3 daughters, 3 grand daughters, and a grandson. Enjoy archery, golf, hunting and fishing.



**Dan Parsons, '65, Scholarship Chairperson**, BA, Mathematics, Washington State University. Employed for forty years by state of Washington as a computer programmer, IT manager, and Chief Information Technology Officer with the State Patrol. Retired in 2010. Enjoy traveling (especially Hawaii) with wife Gwen and attending football and basketball games in which grandson plays at Black Hills High School. Granddaughter attends Central Washington University.



**Kathy Campbell (formerly Evans), '87, Web Master**, Majored in Fine Arts with an Emphasis in Graphic Design at Washington State University. Graduated with a Bachelor's in 1991. Worked with the Office of the Secretary of State, and Pierce County Elections in the early nineties. Has worked at Gorham Printing for twenty years, as book designer and Art Director. She has designed Voter's Pamphlets, thousands of book covers, billboards, posters, websites and many other items. Married to Kevin Campbell (also Tumwater High School class of 1987) since 1991, and have three T-Bird teenagers; Kaelin (Class of 2013) Cassidy ('16) and Grant ('17). They love camping, hunting, cooking, hiking and spending time together.



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## SOAR HONORS THS ALUM



THS Alumni Association member, Jim Madison, was inducted into the THS Athletic Hall of Fame. The THS Alumni Association wishes to congratulate Jim and fellow 2014 inductees Deb Matuizek, Scott Gurnsey, and Kevin Clark on their achievement.



THS Athletic Boosters Present  
 The 6th Annual  
**Hall of Fame Dinner & Auction**  
 Saturday, March 21, 2015  
 The Capital Event Center @ ESD 113  
 6005 Tye Drive SW in Tumwater



**Inductees**  
 Dave Annonen  
 Rich Brown  
 Katie Vernon  
 Brad Otton

**Tickets \$30**  
 Includes catered dinner from  
 Pellegrino's & "No Host" bar  
**To reserve your spot:**  
 Call (360) 790-7601  
 Stop by THS  
 Visit the website at  
[www.soarauction.com](http://www.soarauction.com)



**SOAR  
 WITH  
 T-BIRD  
 STARS  
 AUCTION  
 MARCH 21th, 2015**

## 2014 Scholarship Winners

THSAA awarded two \$1,000 secondary education scholarships to two graduating THS seniors. The graduates are Tessa Brizzolara and Jerad Stottlemire. The scholarship selection is made based upon leadership and scholarship. These persons are fine examples of the values of THS and the alumni association. Congratulations Tessa and Jerad.

### Tessa Brizzolara

Tessa was a 4.0 GPA student at THS. Tessa was active with Marching Band, and two years of basketball. Other extracurricular activities at school included National Honors Society, Key Club, and the Souled Out Club.

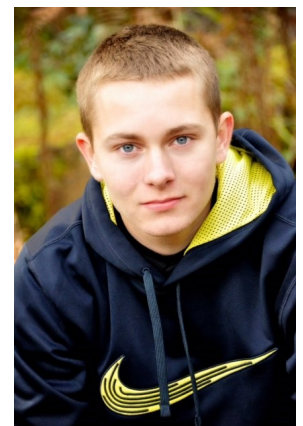
Outside of school, Tessa traveled as part of church missions to several places from Montana to Costa Rica. She also was a youth group leader intern within her church.

Tessa plans to attend Corban University in Oregon in the fall of 2014.

### Jerad Stottlemire

Jerad was a 3.99 GPA student at THS. Jerad participated and lead as co-captain of the debate team. He was a member of the tennis and soccer teams and intramural basketball. Outside of school, Jerad volunteered with the Capital Little League and other informal jobs (i.e.unpaid nor recorded).

Jerad plans to attend University of Washington in the fall of 2014.



# THSAA 2014 Activities



## 2015 Annual Tumwater High School Alumni Association (THSAA) Golf Tournament

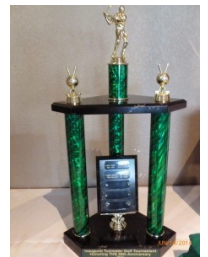
Save the date! Our annual major fund raiser Golf Tournament will be at Tumwater Valley Golf Course on June 20, 2015. Tee times will range from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM with the first 60 to sign up guaranteed a spot (will need to negotiate w/TVGC if we exceed 60 registrants). Dinner banquet to follow. More details to follow including registration form and sponsor forms.

## Summary of the 2014 Tournament

Forty-four enthusiastic golfers teed off at 11:30 am June 14, 2014 to participate in the second annual third if you're counting the 2011 50th THS celebration tournament) THSAA Golf Tournament at Tumwater Valley Golf Course. The tournament is THSAA's major fund raiser to support the scholarship program as well as other alumni activities.

This year's "best ball" tournament was won by the team from Olympia Federal and consisted of team members Chad Yerrington, Adam Elhardt, Greg Lathrop, and Manith Minikhotgh with a score of 11 under par. The first three lowest scoring teams, plus longest drive and closest to pin winners received Costco gift cards for their excellent performance. The tournament was concluded by a delicious buffet dinner/award ceremony served by the River's Edge Restaurant at TVGC.

**THANK YOU** to all our community sponsors: Tournament Sponsor, **OBEE**; Hole Sponsors and Major Donors: **Tumwater Auto Salon, Tumwater Automotive, Olympia Federal Savings, Olympia Family and Cosmetic Dentistry, and Brewery City Pizza, Olympic West Retirement Inn, Donald Sampson Family Dentistry.**



Some of the Teams



# MORE 2014 GOLF TOURNEY PICTURES



# INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE 2014

## Letter from City of Tumwater:

Dear Louisa,

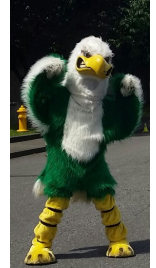
Thank you for your participation in Tumwater's 27th Annual 4th of July celebration and for making our event a huge success! We sincerely appreciate the time, talent, and energy Tumwater High School Alumni Association contributed to this year's event.

The independence Day Parade, along with the Artesian Family Festival and Fireworks show are two of our largest community program offerings. With your assistance and that of our many other volunteers, we are proud to be able to provide events such as these, which greatly enhance our quality of life in Tumwater.

On behalf of the City of Tumwater, we extend our sincere appreciation for your dedication to this great community.

Chuck Denney, Director

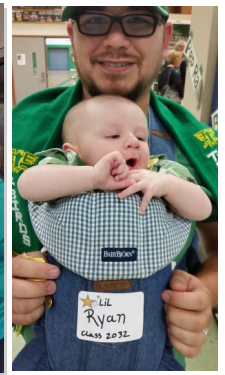
Tumwater Parks & Recreation



## 2014 Homecoming



THSAA sponsored our initial Homecoming Burger Feed. Our extensive THS Historical Wall was again displayed for all to see.



T-BIRD Cheerleaders show the alumni some 'THUNDEROUS!' Thunderbird cheers



THSAA will be back on Oct. 16, 2015 to feed and cheer on our fabulous T-Birds when they play West Valley of Yakima.



# REUNIONS

## CLASS OF 64' (50TH)

Counting spouses and friends of THS alum 64', about 60 young and vibrant graduates attended the THS Class of 64 Reunion. As one can observe from the accompanying photos, we picked a wonderful and bright day for our event. The consensus was that we'll do it again in 2019. Go TBirds !!!



**CLASS OF 69** The Tumwater High School Class of 69' held a 45th class reunion, the weekend of October 10-11, 2014. A number of classmates met together on Friday evening for the Homecoming game, beginning with the BarBQ hosted by the Tumwater High School Alumni Association, and then cheering on the Thunderbirds to a grand win over Centralia! Then, the next evening we met at Pellegrino's Tye Center for conversation and a meal. There were about 45 in attendance. We even had a couple "guests" from other classes.

After our dinner, most of us retired to the Office Tavern and continued our reunion. We were delighted to have a couple more classmates join us along with a few from other classes. It was great to see so many and get caught up on each others lives. We are already planning our next reunion in five short years! Go TBirds!!!



## Tumwater High School 40th Class Reunion

**Date:** August 15, 2015

**Venue:** Sherman Valley Ranch

**Address:** 8824 Sherman Valley Road SW, Olympia, WA

**Time:** 1:00 PM until evening

**Theme:** Western Hoedown

**Attire:** Western wear i.e. Jeans, cowboy hats/boots, bandana

**Music:** Live band with dancing

**Photos:** Group, couple and individual pictures available

**Invitees:** THS 1975 graduates, their spouses, children and grandchildren

**Activities:** Volleyball, badminton, horseshoes, tractor hay rides, pony rides (only if child brings their bike helmet), Lasso/Roping practice, ping pong, croquet.

**Dinner:** Catered BBQ pulled pork, beans, corn bread, macaroni and cheese

**Hors d'oeuvres:** Potluck snacks

**Beverages:** Water and No host bar

**Camping also available (Reserve with Pam)**

**Charge:** TBD

**Contact:** Sonja Winkelman [quickasawink@comcast.net](mailto:quickasawink@comcast.net), Louisa Ward Shimamoto (360) 915-2205

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# Member Profiles

## Alumni Association Members Start Real Estate Company in Tumwater

### THUNDERBIRD REAL ESTATE

Two longtime friends who graduated from THS in 1972 and who have backgrounds in real estate have merged their friendship and experience into a business called Thunderbird Real Estate.

Beth Johnson realized that she was “not good at doing nothing” after retiring from a state job, so she got into the real estate business; her friend, Leslie Center, soon followed.

The two began accumulating real estate experience in south Thurston County and then decided to join forces setting up offices at 6101 Capitol Boulevard SW, Suite A in Tumwater.

Although new business owners, the association members already know what’s important for

Thunderbird Real Estate: A good work ethic, attention to detail, integrity, and good customer service. As Johnson said, “They want to be a reflection of themselves.”

Even though Johnson got into real estate after the housing market crash, she was able to learn the business slowly without having to scramble because she had a retirement income.

The housing market has subsequently improved and the lending environment has stabilized.

They love handing over the keys to a first time buyer. Rachel Hill, 29, of Centralia bought her first home with Center’s assistance. She and her husband first worked with an agent that didn’t work for them when they were referred to Center. Hill said working with Center is “night and day” different. Hill said that she made it stress free and that she just took over.

## Alumni Veterans Corner

Veterans please E-mail the following information to Rock Boardman at [elkhorns@comcast.net](mailto:elkhorns@comcast.net) or “Snail Mail” to him at 8109 88th St. Ct. SW, Lakewood, Wa. 98498. We want to add many more vets to this list.

Name	THS Class	Branch/s of Service	Years of service	Highest Rank	Campaign/s or Commands
Rock Boardman	64	Army & Air Force	36	SMSgt(E8)	SHAPE (Paris France & Cas teau Belgium), CEIA ,160th Sig. Gp. RVN, 252 Combat Communications Group Global War on Terror
Duane Cordiner	64	Army	2	1stLT	MAC Vietnam Adv Team #96, KIA 12/14/70
Kenneth Crout	63	Army	2	PFC	USA Vietnam, KIA 4/7/67
Doug Clide	64	Navy	4	E5	Vietnam
Jerry Dennis	64	Navy	4	E5	Vietnam 66-68
Jim Ishihara	64	Navy	33	Captain	PWC Danang RVN, MCB Camp Pentdleton, Ca.; NMCB 18 Ft. Lewis, Wa.; 5th NCR, TI, CA; EFD West San Bruno, CA; 1st NCR, Port Hueneme, CA; USCINCPAC, Camp Smith, HI
Bill Ziesemer	62	Air Force	4	A1C	Alaska, North Dakota

# Yearly Treasurer's Report

THSAA  
Treasurer's  
Report

**OPERATING ACCOUNT**

1/01/14	Beginning Balance	\$4841.89
	<u>Deposits</u>	
	Membership dues (renew and new),	\$1050.00
	In memorium	\$ 15.00
	Golf Tournament	\$2200.00
	Hole Sponsors Additional	\$ 100.00
	Sponsor Paid Players	\$4180.00
	Raffle	\$ 381.00
	BBQ:	
	Sale of BBQ tickets	\$ 372.00
	Raffle	\$ 70.00
	Sale of Merchandise	\$ 45.00
	Donation-Class of '64	<u>\$ 233.00</u>
	Total Deposits	\$8646.00
	<u>Expenses</u>	
	Tumwater Valley Golf Club (tourney)	\$1520.00
	River's Edge (tourney)	\$1042.60
	Golf Prizes/expenses	\$ 390.44
	BBQ expenses	\$ 418.46
	Insurance	\$ 663.65
	Renew Mail Box	\$ 78.00
	License Renewal/B&O taxes	\$ 22.74
	Postage/printing	\$ 54.39
	Web Hosting	\$ 77.94
	Merchandise/Signs	\$ 868.35
	Scholarships	\$2000.00
	Total Expenses	\$7136.57
	Transfer to Savings (40% of membership fees/ Golf tourney profit)	\$2011.36
10/31/14	Ending Balance	\$4339.96
	<u>Savings Account</u>	
10/31/14	Savings	\$4526.67

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Sapp, Treasurer