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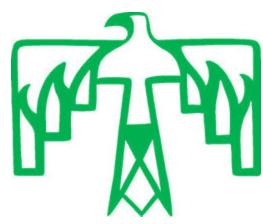
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THSAA NEWSLETTER



Thunderbird

The Native Symbol or Totem the Thunderbird symbolizes power, protection and strength. He is often seen as the most powerful of all spirits and can also transform into human form by opening his head up like a mask and taking his feathers off as if they were a mere blanket. Under his wings are lightning snakes, which he uses as his tool or weapon.

The Thunderbird is a mythical creature that is said to be the dominating force of all natural activity. Located in the Pacific North-western Mountains, the Thunderbird creates booms of thunder by flapping his wings, and shoots bolts of lightning from his eyes, when hunters got too close to his home.

By creating rain storms he waters the earth, making it possible for vegetation to grow. He is said to be so huge that his wing span is as large as two canoes, and that he could easily carry a killer whale out of the water with his talons. Only the most powerful and successful chiefs and families use the Thunderbird in their crest. He resembles the Eagle but is distinguished by the two curved horns or Plumage on his head. Long ago the Native people pleaded to the Thunderbird for help in times of food shortage, he helped, but in return requested that from then on he be only depicted at the top of a totem pole with his wings stretched out. That is why on many Northwest Coast totem poles, the Thunderbird is carved on top of the pole.





Address From Our President

President's Message 2016

Greetings THS Alum,



As we enter the fourth year of existence of THSAA as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit charitable organization, we are reminded of our beginning principles: (1) membership is open to all former students, faculty and support staff of THS and (2) our mission is to promote alumni connectivity and give back to THS while having fun. The past year's efforts have resulted in modest membership growth, a successful golf tournament to fund 2016 scholarships, participation in the 4th of July parade, and hosting a Homecoming pre-game barbecue.

I would like to thank the THSAA board of directors (Bill Curtis, Pamela Sapp, Janet Ishihara, Louisa Shimamoto, Rock Boardman, Kathy Campbell, Dan Parson, and Melissa Beard) for their dedication and support to continue moving THSAA forward.

For 2016, we are pleased to announce that we will be able to award an additional \$1,000 scholarship (three total) to a graduating senior, thanks to your membership and generous donations from past students and alumni. A special thanks to Peter and Barbara Batura for their generous donations to our scholarship fund! Our annual alumni golf tournament is scheduled for June 25, 2016, at Tumwater Valley Golf Course; this is our major fundraiser (go to tumwaterhighalumni.com for registration and sponsorship forms) We hope to bounce back from last year's low participation because our scheduled date coincided with the US Open at Chambers Bay Golf Course in Lakewood. We will continue participation in the 4th of July parade to publicize Homecoming.

2016 will be the 55th anniversary of the opening of THS, so we plan to replicate the 50th anniversary celebration by hosting a 55th celebration possibly on the Saturday following Homecoming. Stay tuned at tumwaterhighalumni.com as we get closer to the date for details. Please pass this information on to your classmates. We'd love to have a big turnout again to celebrate the 55th year of our alma mater.

Leaning forward as we reminisce the past!

Jim Ishihara

THS class of 1964

Message from Principal Broome

Greetings Alumni association Members:

This is a great time to be T-Bird! There is excitement in the air as we quickly roll into the spring. As an alumni myself, class of 1997, it is an honor to share with you some of the great things that are going on at THS.

Athletic Facility Upgrade

This winter we completed the construction on the new weight room facility. It is a beautiful facility that is full of light, safe and an amazing place for our students and athletes. For the last year our athletic director, Tim Graham has been working with our PE staff and coaches to create a state of the art facility that will meet our needs for many years to come. Thank you to all of you who voted to support the recent bond measure; we look forward to many more projects in the future.





PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

Science Labs and Security Upgrades

This summer we will be upgrading our science labs so we can offer more college ready courses in science, at the same time we will be replacing some of our hallway floors. We believe that some of our floors are original construction from nearly 55 years ago! Our custodial staff does a great job but the floors are falling apart in several sections. This summer we will also be upgrading our computer infrastructure and installing 45 digital security cameras. This will allow us to have a safer campus and provide for future technology upgrades in the future.

As much as things change at THS, they also stay very much the same

On any given Friday night you will find kids packing the stadium or gym supporting the T-Birds. You will find teachers working hard to meet the needs of all students and prepare them for college and careers. The thing that hasn't changed is the way that our kids feel about Tumwater High School. They really love being T-Birds, thank you for your continued support of our schools. I hope to see many of you at the SOAR Auction on March 19th (please contact the main office for details).

Sincerely,

Jeff Broome (97)

Principal Tumwater High School



PAST PRINCIPAL INTERVIEW Vern hagen



Interview with Vern Hagen by sons Vaughn and Kevan Hagen December, 2015.

Why did you get into the teaching profession?

Vern: I always wanted to be a teacher and especially enjoyed shop class and FFA at Mt Baker High School. I attended WSU (then WSC) and graduated in 1950 with a degree in Education. I returned to Mt Baker High School to teach shop and Ag. In 1956 I was hired by (legendary football coach), Ted Hippi, then Principal of the Toledo School District, to teach High School Shop and Ag. So I packed up the family and headed south on Old Hwy 99 (I-5 hadn't been built yet).

How did you get hired on at Tumwater?

Vern: During my time at Toledo, I met, and became good friends with, Joe Kearny who was the Principal of Onalaska High School. When he was hired as the first principal of the new Tumwater High School in 1961, he called me and asked if I wanted to teach there. I jumped at the chance. Joe was responsible for hiring many of the new teachers when Tumwater first opened.

How did you eventually become Principal?

Vern: Well I actually wanted to be a counselor and didn't plan on being principal. So when the counselor position opened up in 1963, I took that position. I enjoyed working with the students. The following year Joe Kearney left to pursue his Master's Degree. Jim Pill took over as principal and I was asked to be Vice Principal. The main job of the Vice Principal, at that time, was disciplinarian. I didn't particularly care for that job, but for the most part the students were pretty well behaved. The following year Jim Pill was hired as the Superintendent. So I moved up to Principal. I held that position for four years until I was hired as the business administrator of Big Bend Community College in Moses Lake (1970).

Did you enjoy your time as Principal?

Vern: Yes because we had a great group of teachers, who got along well. And the students were pretty well behaved. There were a few trouble makers, but nothing serious. I remember one time there was a sit in over dress code issues, I don't remember exactly what it was, but it only lasted a day and then we were able to come to an agreement with the student leaders, so the next day they were back in class. I also enjoyed having three of my kids in school at that time (Vernene ('70), Vaughn ('72) and Stephanie('73)-younger brothers, Kevan and Kary, graduated in 1977 and 1980).

Vern Hagen, 88, currently resides in the St Francis nursing home in Bellingham, WA. He can be reached through his son, Vaughn, at info@vaughnhagencpa.com.

2015 Scholarship Winners

THSAA awarded two \$1,000 secondary education scholarships to two graduating THS seniors. The graduates are Madeline Seaman and Jaysen Geissler. 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 Madeline and Jaysen.

Dear THSAA Scholarships Committee, Thank you so Wuch for blessing Me with a scholarship. Words Cannot describe how thankful I am to receive not only this Diff, but also this honor. As I go on to college, I hope I can represent the pride, tradition and courage of being a T-bird. Thank you for helping are attend the U. of Ulashington this fall to Major in English - Creative Writing and pursue my dream of being a novelist. Sinceply Madeling Seawan

MADELINE SEAMAN (2015 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER)



Madeline Seaman Essay

"What it will mean to be a THS graduate and how I will carry on the values of THS."

A small girl perched herself on the edge of the lunch counter, swinging her legs back and forth. She smiled broadly while handing chocolate milk cartons to each of the giant-like school students looming above. The girl loved her job as a "little T-Bird" not simply because she had the chance to meet the "big kids" while handing out milk at lunchtime; she loved her job because it was her first, yet simple, exposure to the culture of what it meant to be a T-Bird and embody the values of THS.

This little girl was me. I didn't spend just four years at Tumwater; I spent my childhood growing up at THS as the principal's daughter. I grew up under the leadership of the staff, the inspiration of the students and the positivity of the culture echoing in my ears. My best lesson of all, however, was the one that helped me become a THS student capable of impacting the world: the phrase, "Make it Happen".

"Make it Happen" comes from my dad's favorite line, "Make it happen, watch it happen, wonder what happened". We all fall into one of these categories, and where we end up is solely dependent on the choices we make. This line embodies THS values of compassion, grit and integrity because it shows that nothing worth pursuing in life comes without hard work, passion and courage. My dad's quote speaks the value of not only making it happen; service for others. Watching my dad and the staff serve students and provide hope and encouragement taught me the THS value of putting others' needs before my own.

In 2012, I started and directed a creative writing program called Write Your Future (WYF) to inspire young and impressionable students to pursue their dreams. Over the past two years, I've collected nearly 400 books for the Boys and Girls Club, held creative writing workshops, tutored youth and established two annual book projects in 7 elementary schools. I spoke to classrooms of 3rd-6th graders about working toward their dreams at a young age by developing positive attitudes, determination and passion. Over 300 students have written short stories featured in two different books. "Bedtime Stories for the President" received a letter of affirmation from President Obama in 2013 and *Living Your Dreams After Graduation* was professionally published in 2014. Book sales from both ventures have raised over \$2,000 for Children's Miracle Network.

As I pursue my dream of becoming a published Teen/YA novelist by attending college in the fall, I will always carry part of THS with me. Even when the memories of high school begin to fade, the character developed from being a THS student will remain. Immersing myself into the world as a THS graduate means "making it happen" everyday, by touching lives with the THS values of kindness, leadership, and determination, just as my role models encouraged me.

JAYSEN GEISSLER (THSAA SCOLARSHIP WINNER (2015)

Tumwater High School Pride is the constant pursuit of excellence inall areas and the resulting confidence in cultivated abilities and talents. This pride and assuredness in who we are and what we stand for allows us to treat others with respect and remain true to what we know to be right.

Tumwater High School Tradition is not something stogy, rigid, and unyielding- for students at THS realize the importance of continual growth and openness to new ideas and perspectives-but instead it is a strong perseverance and steadfastness in doing what we know to be good: respect towards authority and each other, inclusion of everyone, and enthusiastic community spirit and involvement.

Tumwater High School Courage is the final piece of this triangle of values-for students, past and present of THS must have the boldness and the selfconfidence to stand for what is right even if we are standing alone.

Incollege and beyond Iwill carry on the leading values of Tumwater High School and exemplify all that it stands for, in and out of the educational and professional spheres in which I will be immersed. I will take pride in my college activities, fully investing myself in the music department at the University of Idaho where I will tenaciously pursue musical excellence. I will continue to excel in mygeneral academic studies in college and use them as an opportunity to glean a deeper understanding of myself, those around me, and my place in the world. Along with music and academics, I will be involved invarious intramural sports which promote physical and mental health, community involvement, and constructive competition.

Most importantly, Iwill carry on what is at the heart of all THS values: respect. At THS, I have practiced understanding and honoring the views of those around me, but simultaneously I have learned to remain true to my own values and priorities. I will continue to accept others for who they are and extend grace towards those with whom I disagree, but I will also hold on tight to my own social and moral standards. I realize that negative peer pressure incollege and other unexpected life challenges will attempt to derail me and hinder my potential, but I am confident that my strong foundation of pride, tradition, and courage-held together by respect towards others and myself-will enable me to overcome whatever challenges lie ahead and to thrive in the journey.

Thank you for your consideration-your investment will be well placed in me.

-Jaysen Geissler

THSAA 2015 Activities



2016 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 25, 2016. 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 and sponsor forms.

Summary of the 2015 THSAA Golf Tournament



Twenty-four enthusiastic golfers teed off at 12:45 am June 20, 2015 to participate in the third annual (fourth 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. Tournament participation was down from previous years due to the US Open being held at Chambers Bay on the same weekend; however, we all had fun and raised enough funds to continue our scholarship program for next year.

This year's "best ball" tournament was won by the team consisting of team members Randal Groat, Mike Groat, Daryl Horne, and Brent Grabinski with a score of 11 under par. Their names will be engraved on the tournament trophy kept on display at THS. The longest drive contests were won by (male) Gary Lueckenotte (68) and (female) Gayle Adam Smith (65). The Closest to Pin was won by Norm Smith (Gayle's husband and owner of N R Smith and Associates, CPA). Winners received Costco gift cards. The tournament was concluded by a delicious buffet dinner/award ceremony served by the River's Edge Restaurant at TVGC.

Sincerest THANK YOU to all our community sponsors:

Tournament Sponsor, OBEE; Hole Sponsors: Tumwater Automotive, Olympia Federal Savings, Olympia Family and Cosmetic Dentistry (Dr. Robert Stover), Donald Sampson Family Dentistry, Western Meats, Peter and Barbara

Batura, Thunderbird Real Estate, Vision Health (Dr Rick Baxter) and cash donation from Brewery City Pizza. Also, many thanks to donors of items for the raffle. Donors include Tumwater Auto Spa, Brewery City Pizza, Falls Terrace Restaurant, The Lemon Grass Restaurant, Vonda Marcum, and Devine Reiki Growth Center LLC

Special thanks to alum, Dr Stover for bringing his family out to staff a table to provide cold bottled water w/holder at the number one T. Also a special thank you to Judi (Weaver 66) Hambrick who managed check-in and the raffle, and Linda (Narozonick 67) Thompson who is our tournament photographer.

Net proceeds for this tournament was \$3,410.98, which will allow us to continue to award a pair of scholarships to the class of 2016. Many thanks to all participants and the numerous community sponsors.



MORE GOLF TOURNEY PICTURES













INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE 2015































2015 Homecoming



THSAA sponsored our 2nd Annual Homecoming Burger Feed. Our extensive THS Historical Wall was again displayed for all to see.















GO T-BIRDS !!!!











MORE 2015 Homecoming

























REUNIONS

CLASS OF 65' (50TH)













































MORE '65' 50th PICTURES

















Class of 70' Mini Reunion in Las Vegas



THS class of 1970 has been having mini-reunions for class members over the past few years with the first mini-destination reunion held in Las Vegas in July 2010.

We all had a wonderful time at this event and made a promise to each other to repeat these reunions into the years to come!

In 2014, some of us gathered at Christine Sutton Hick's beautiful home in Gaston, Oregon. Christiann Moore Carter cooked a welcome meal for the arrival day and while dining, we talked about old and new times. The next day we took a drive into Portland and visited the Farmers Market in downtown Portland.

This year, September 2015, we had another mini-destination reunion in LasVegas. It was a time to reconnect with former classmates to enjoy each others company and contemplate life, love, parents, grandchildren, retirement, and the pursuit of the bucket list.

Most of us have known each other since grade school and it's comforting to still have the friends, the base or root from childhood. We were hoping more people would attend this gathering, but it was just the die hard nine of us: Sally Berets Allwine, Nancy Larson Rawlings, Christine Sutton Hicks, Carmen Malone, Linda Pierce Farr, Sandee Gleize Purvis, Ruth Ishihara, Vernene Hagen Scheurer, Christiann Moore Carter.

We soaked up some sun, ate, gambled, drank, ate, laughed at some of our high school antics, people watched, had pictures taken with guys dressed as transformers, stayed up later than usual, drank, and ate some more! A group of us saw the Cirque du Soleil KA show at the MGM Grand, what an impressive and spectacular show. A couple gals saw the Bee Gees Show and the Thunder Down Under Show...oops, "What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas"!

We talked about meeting up in a couple years at a different location. The times we can spend with each other becomes more precious as the years go by. After all we're not getting any younger!

It was a fun time with special people.

Submitted by Ruth Ishihara, with input from Christiann Moore Carter

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 Hoedown Attire: Western wear i.e. Jeans, cowboy hats/boots, bandana Music: Live band with dancing Photos: Group, couple and individual pictures available Attendees: 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 prac-

tice, ping pong, croquet.

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





































































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Mantis Graphix started as a business dream while vacationing in Belize. The name came from Carrie's study of martial arts with her husband and their friends.

Carrie has lived in the Tumwater area her entire life. She raised her two children here and all attended Tumwater schools. Her mother was a teacher in Tumwater and her father a police officer. Ensuring her business was in Tumwater was very important. Her goal is to give back and help enrich the community.

Mantis Graphix is the official supplier of THSAA logo clothing.



THSAA has begun to formulate a list of those alumni who have passed. To assist us in this task we would request that alumni send the names of the deceased and their THS class year to Rock Boardman at Elkhorns@Comcast.Net.

Name	Class	Name	Class
Kenneth Crout	63	Pam Downing	75
Cathy Bien (Montague)	63	Orvill Gilbert	75
Duane Cordiner	64	Dan Miller	75
Donovan Haider	65	Steve Poage	75
Dwaine E. Littlejohn	69	Deborah Ruddy	75
Cecil Barker	75	Mike Sprout	75
Steve Bernhardt	75	Clint Starky	75
Steve Brooks	75	Karen Stolp	75
Jim Currier	75		

THS Alumni Veterans Honor Roll







SOME GAVE ALL





Name	THS Class	Branch/s of Service	Years of service	Highest Rank	Campaign/s or Duty Stations
Rock Boardman	64	Army & Air Force	36	SMSgt(E8)	SHAPE (Paris Fance & Cas teau Belgium), CEIA Ft. Huachuca Az., 160th Sig. Gp. RVN, 252 Combat Communications Group, Camp Murray Wa. Global War on Terror
Wendy (Peart) Coddington	81	Army	11	Captain	U.S. Mil. Academy, West Point. Germa ny and Ft. Lewis, Wa.
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
Chet Davis	64	Army	2	E4	Ft. Ord, Ca., Ft. Rucker, Al., Newcum berland Pa., Ankhe, RVN , Ft Lewis, Wa.
Jerry Dennis	64	Navy	4	E5	Vietnam 66-68
Teddy Gruhn	64	Army	27	E6	Desert Storm, SW Asia, 3/5 CAV Ft. Lewis, 116th RAOC, Camp Murray, Wa.
Rich Hilts	71	Air Force	22	Msgt	Malstrom AFB, Mt.; Sembach AB, Ger.; Mehlingen AS, Ger.; Tinker AFB, OK; Keflavik NAS, Iceland;
Ron Fischer	66	Navy	5	E4	Gulf of Tonkin, RVN; USNR
France Hoang	91	Army	11	Captain	Operations Joint Endeavor/Joint Guard in former Yugoslavia & Enduring Free- dom, Afghanistan
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
Chris Lane	65	Army	16	Captain	Ft. Knox, Ky.; Ft Bragg, NC; Schofield Barracks, Hi; RVN; Ft. Lewis, Wa.; Ala meda Naval AS, Ca.; Ft. Wolters, Tx.; Ft Rucker, Al; 3rd. Armor Div., Ger; i540th Aviation Co.; WANG

THS VETERANS HONOR ROLL

Name	THS Class	Branch/s of Service	Years of service	Highest Rank	Campaign/s or Duty Stations
Jim Madison Tony McNamara	65	Army Navy	1.75 6	SP4	RVN; Colorado Springs, Co.
Dale Moon	68	Army	3	E4	Ft. Ord, Ca., Ft. Devens, Mass., Asma- ra, Ethiopa, Ft Hood, Tx
Kevin Shaner		Air Force	7	Captain	389th, 79th, & 55th Fighter Squadrons
Randy Sapp	68	Army	3	Sgt	USASAGP Korea, 265 Radio Research 101 Airborne, Camp Eagle, RVN; USASA HQ, Ft. Devens, Ma.
Paul Silvi	72	Army/Air Force	33	Captain	Brooks AFB, Tx. USAF School of Aero space Medicine - Sheppard AFB, Tx. Medical Lab Tech Course, microbiolo- gy supervisory
Sharon (Moore) Sinklair	66	Army	9	SSGT	1st Woman in Army to recruit men Vietnam Era
Bob Smith	64	Army	2	E5	Ft. Hood, Tx.
Jeff Steiner	72	Navy	20	Lt. CMDR	Vietnam, Cuban Refugee Crisis, U.S. Naval Academy, USS Bradley, Guan- tanamo Bay, Cuba. San Diego
Julie (Moon) Van- dermeer	65	Air Force	20	MSgt	Lowary AFB, CO.; RAF Bentwaters (England); George AFB,Ca.; McDill AFB Fl.; Elgin AFB, Fl.; Dothan Al.
Terry Van Meter	66	Navy	27	SG2	USS Davidson D E 1045; West Pac
Rick Yarber	67	Army	3	Sgt	Germany , Vietnam
Bill Ziesemer	62	Air Force	4	A1C	Alaska, North Dakota

Yearly Treasurer's Report

THSAA Treasurer's Report YE 2015

OPERATING ACCOUNT

1/01/15 Beginning Balance \$4,359.96 Deposits Membership dues: General: (renew and new) \$ 675.00 Century \$ 100.00 Lifetime \$1,000.00 Designated scholarship \$ 300.00 Golf Tournament: Hole Sponsors \$2,600.00 Additional Sponsor \$ 100.00 Paid players \$2,280.00 Raffle \$ 115.00 BBQ: Sale of BBQ tickets \$ 100.00 Raffle \$ 174.00 Sale of merchandise \$ 120.00 Total deposits \$7,564.00

Expenses

Tumwater Valley Golf Club (tourney) \$ 840.00 River's Edge (tourney) \$ 649.24 Golf prizes/expenses \$ 265.84 BBQ expenses \$ 220.35 Insurance \$ 663.65 Renew mail box \$ 80.00 License renew/B&O taxes \$ 24.92 Web hosting \$ 167.76 Merchandise/signs \$ 229.39 Scholarships \$1,000.00* Total expenses \$4,141.15

Transfer to savings (40% of membership fees) \$ 740.00

12/31/15 Ending Balance \$7,042.81

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

12/31/15 Savings \$6,473.15

*2nd \$1,000 scholarship was not claimed (and paid) until Jan. 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Sapp, Treasurer