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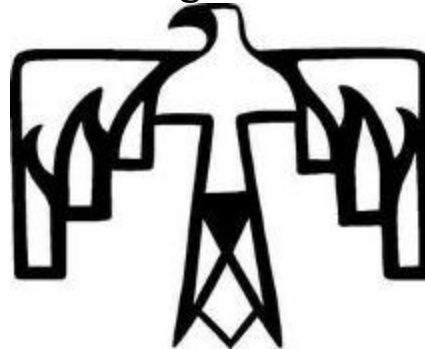
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## Why Thunder-Clap?

In past issues of our newsletter we have written of the mythology surrounding thunderbirds. In our 2015 issue we noted:

*"The Thunderbird is a mythical creature that is said to be the dominating force of all natural activity. Located in the Pacific Northwestern Mountains, the Thunderbird created 'claps of thunder' by flapping his wings, and shot bolts of lightning from his eyes, when hunters got too close to his home."*



# Address From Our President

January 2018



Greetings THS Alumni!

As we launch into 2018, our 6<sup>th</sup> year of existence, we continue to pursue our mantra of promoting alumni connectivity, giving back to THS, and having a lot of fun.

It is great to see so many classes having reunions, many on 5 year increments. Many classes are using social media such as "Facebook Groups" as their primary means of communicating and photo documenting their events so it can be shared with their classmates. With your input, THSAA would like to continue documenting these events on our newsletters, which we post at our website: "tumwaterhighalumni.com".

THSAA continues to "give back" by awarding scholarships to deserving graduating seniors each year. Over the past 5 years we have awarded eleven \$1,000 scholarships. Last year's scholarship recipients (class of 2017) were Katelyn Monaco, Brook Hare, and Gideon Tebeten. We are poised to award three more scholarships to the class of 2018. Our plan is to continue supporting this program and our hope is to increase the quality and quantity of scholarships.

We continue to have fun hosting our major fund-raiser (our golf tournament, June 2, 2018 this year at Tumwater Valley Golf Course), participating in the annual Tumwater 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, and hosting a homecoming barbecue (TBD in October). We'd love to "grow" our annual golf tournament into a full 36-team community event but we've got a ways to go to reach that goal. For 2018, we'd like to have a "no host all class reunion" at a local establishment, so stay tuned for time, date, and location.

I'd like to again thank the THSAA board, THSAA members, golf tournament participants, tournament sponsors and the community at large for supporting our program of "giving back" while having fun and promoting alumni connectivity. For many of us, the THS experience was such a memorable time in our lives and being involved in alumni activities brings back a lot of those memories. At THS, we found lifetime friends, learned many life lessons in addition to obtaining a solid education which helped prepare us for life after high school. Life has a way of accelerating through the years and decades and all of a sudden we find ourselves 30, 40, and 50 years after those carefree high school days. So, for me the alumni association has been a great vehicle to "roll back the clock" and reconnect with a lot of great educators, coaches, and friends.

Leaning Forward,

Jim Ishihara, class of '64

## Message from Principal Broome

Greetings THS Alumni!

### Coaches change but success remains

We are having a great year at THS this year. As you all know our long time, and legendary coach, Sid Otton, retired last season and we were fortunate enough to hire T-Bird Alumni Bill Beattie, class of 1978. Bill was able to retain much of the coaching staff and they had a great year, eventually losing a heart-breaker in the finals. It was an amazing fall season. This year also marks a coaching transition in our Volleyball program. Tana Otton, class of 1992, retired from coaching after 15 years as our head coach. During her time as coach, Tana won three state championships and 14 league titles. Our programs continue to do well around the state and our athletic programs are a model of the THS core values of pride, tradition, and courage. The true measure of our success is not the score but how we are impacting and changing lives long into the future.

### Much needed renovations

This summer, we will be getting much needed renovations to our THS campus. The decade's old and often failing floors are going to be replaced this summer. We are excited for our new flooring and facilities upgrades that will prepare us for another 50 years of students. Thank you all for your support of our bonds and levies. Without your votes, none of this would be possible. We look forward to the future as we build so that we are prepared for the growth we expect to see in the area.

### T-Birds ready to soar

This is an important time of year for our students as they prepare for their post-high school plans. Our students will be pursuing their studies at schools across the country, examining trade school options, going to community college, and enlisting in the military. Their choices are diverse and their interests are varied, but we hope they will always look back on their time at THS with fond memories.

Thank you for your continued support of THS and the Tumwater community.





**Spotlight on Mrs. Mozella (Modie) Madison**  
**First Tumwater High School Secretary**  
**1961 to 1978**  
**A Student/Athlete and Son's Perspective**  
**of the "Early Years"**



Mozella E. Madison at Tumwater High School

Mozella or Modie which was the nick name her co-workers called her, started working for Tumwater School District at the new Peter G. Schmidt Elementary School in the fall of 1957. She worked there until the new High School was built in 1961 when she was hired as the new secretary. Norm Wisner says, "creating something new in 1961-62 fell on the shoulders of a group of very dedicated staff. A leader in that group was Modie Madison with the all encompassing title of secretary. Under her leadership, filled with kindness and compassion for everyone, a warm and caring climate started at her desk and was infused throughout the campus. This caring environment still exists today and sets Tumwater High School apart from others. Truly, a remarkable woman." This was also the time when she wrote the words to the Tumwater High alma mater song.

Penny Devine, class of 65, says "Modie Madison was one of very few "warm fuzzes" in my teen years. Whenever I went into the office she was always there with a smile and a positive word. She was warm, polite, and efficient. The students all called her Mrs. Madison, but she felt more like family. I greatly missed her presence in my life once I graduated and moved on to create my own future."

She retired after 21 years with the school district in May of 1978. Modie and her husband Allen were serious fans of all Tumwater H. S. sporting events and attended all the home football games and basketball games until 2002, when climbing the bleacher steps became to much for them. She passed away June 30<sup>th</sup> 2006, but will be fondly remembered by all the teachers, students and people whose lives she touched. Submitted by Jim Madison class of 65.

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## 2017 Scholarship Winners

THSAA awarded three \$1,000 secondary education scholarships to three graduating THS seniors. The graduates are Brook Hare, Katelyn Monaco, and Gideon Tveten. 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 Brook, Katelyn, and Gideon.

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### Katelyn Monaco



Katelyn Monaco is attending Ithaca College in the state of New York with an emphasis on journalism.

During her time at Tumwater High School, Katelyn participated in the concert and marching bands for all four years. Other clubs and activities include the Key Club, senior editor for journalism, and has been a member of the National Honor Society from her sophomore to senior year.

Through these and other non-school associations, Katelyn volunteered with several other organizations including Food Bank, Salvation Army, Boys and Girl Club, and organization of a prom for special needs students.

THSAA has awarded Katelyn a \$1,000 scholarship to help with her college career. Good luck Katelyn.

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### Brooke Hare



Brooke Hare was a 4.0 student at Tumwater High School. She served in THS government in her junior year she was Associated Student Body (ASB) Secretary and in her senior year she was the ASB President

Brooke played basketball and volleyball at the varsity level all four years. Her record includes eight Evergreen Conference All-Academic Team awards, three Evergreen Conference All-League awards, one ESPN All-State award, and was a Wendy's High School Heisman award finalist. She was part of three league champion teams, three district champion teams, and two state champion teams. She set four school records including the basketball record for a season of 112 blocked shots and the basketball record for career of 311 blocked shots.

Brooke presently attends the University of Washington. The THSAA awarded Brooke with a \$1,000 scholarship to aid in her career there.

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### Gideon Tveten

Gideon Tveten plans to attend Brigham Young University upon graduation. Gideon had hoped to graduate June 2017, but injuries incurred in an accident has delayed his graduation.

Gideon has been taking Advance Placement classes and has compressed a four year program including college level courses through Running Start. He has maintained a 3.9+ GPA.

He is involved with Boy Scouts attaining the level of Eagle and is youth leader at his church.

The THSAA awarded Gideon with \$1,000 to help with his college career.





THS Athletic Boosters Present  
The 8th Annual  
**Hall of Fame Dinner & Auction**

Saturday, March 18, 2017  
The Capital Event Center @ ESD 113  
6005 Tye Drive SW in Tumwater



**Tickets \$30**

Includes catered dinner  
& "No Host" bar

**To reserve your spot:**

Call (360) 709-7601  
Stop by THS or  
Visit the website at  
[www.soarauction.com](http://www.soarauction.com)

**2017 Inductees**

Mark Johnson  
Tana Otton  
Lance Martin  
Gary Taylor

# 2018 ARTESIAN (THSAA) Golf Tournament

Save the date! Our annual major fund raiser Artesian Golf Tournament will be at Tumwater Valley Golf Course on 2 June 2018. 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.

## Summary of the 2017 THSAA Golf Tournament

Forty enthusiastic golfers participated in the fifth annual THSAA Golf Tournament at Tumwater Valley Golf Course, on June 3, 2017. The tournament is THSAA's major fund raiser to support the scholarship program as well as other alumni activities. Tournament participation was up from last year and our intent is to one day host a full 36 team tournament so we can improve on the quality and quantity of scholarships awarded to graduating seniors.

This year's "best ball" tournament was won by 2014 champion Team Olympia Federal Savings consisting of team members Chad Yerrington, Jason Graves, Greg Lathrop, and Manith Manikhoth with a score of 64 (8 under par). In hot pursuit just a stroke or two behind were teams Groat and Campbell. Player's names from Team Olympia Federal will be engraved on the tournament trophy kept on display at THS. The Men's "Longest Drive Contest" was won by Manith Manikhoth of Team Olympia Federal and "Closest to Pin" was won by Brad Hargrave of Team Loren VanLoo. The Women's Longest Drive was won by Kristin VanLoo and the "Closest to Pin" was won by Donna Colvin, both of Team Kristen VanLoo. 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! This year's Title Sponsor was again **OBEE**. Cart Sponsors included **Tumwater Automotive and Tumwater Auto Spa**. Hole Sponsors included: **Thunderbird Real Estate and Great Western Supply**. **Brewery City Pizza** also contributed a cash donation. Also, many thanks to donors of items for the raffle. Raffle donors included **Falls Terrace Restaurant, Lemon Grass Restaurant, and Lucky Eagle Casino**.

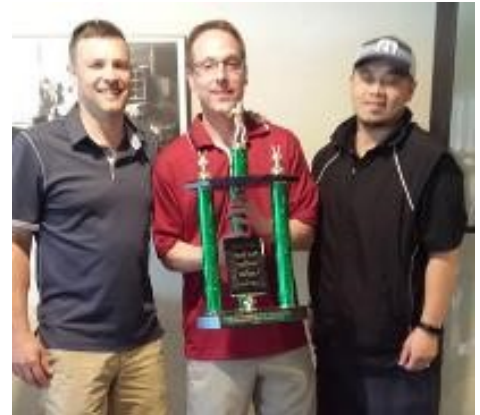
Special thanks to alumnae, Judi (Weaver 66) Hambrick who managed check-in with the assistance of Janet Ishihara (65), Kathy Campbell (87), Melissa Beard (91), and Louisa (Ward) Shimamoto (75). Also special thanks to Linda (Narozonick 67) Thompson who is our tournament photographer. Tournament Director is Kevin Campbell who originated the Alumni Golf Tournament during the 2011 THS 50th Anniversary Celebration.

Net proceeds for this tournament was \$ 3080.52 which will allow us to continue to award a pair of scholarships to the class of 2017 plus a third funded by a very generous donor. Many thanks to all participants and the numerous community sponsors.

A special welcome to first time golfers Pat Alexander (newly retired THS Football Defensive Coordinator), Eric Weight (THS88, North Thurston Football Defensive Coordinator), and Loren Grunenfelder (71). We hope to see you at future Artesian tournaments

Leaning Forward,

THSAA









# INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE JULY 4TH 2017



COME JOIN US IN 2018 CELEBRATING THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA'S 242 BIRTHDAY. OF COURSE, 'WEAR YOUR GREEN'

## 2017 Homecoming



THSAA sponsored our 4th Annual Homecoming Burger Feed. Our extensive THS Historical Wall was again displayed for all to see.



THSAA will be back in October, 2018 to feed and cheer on our fabulous T-Birds.

GO T-BIRDS !!!!



## 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 48+ years, 3 grown sons (all UW graduates), and 6 grandkids. 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, and recommends nominations to the board when vacancies occur.



**Janet Ishihara, Secretary, '65**, Cheerleader throughout high school.

Former member of Junior Orthopedic Guild. Earned 4th 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 47 years. Raised two children and now have nine grandchildren. For the past 23 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 prior to THS. Melissa earned degrees from UW and Stanford and is married to Jim (THS '90). Their daughter attends Black Hills High School. She works for the State of Washington and serves on the Tumwater School Board. Melissa is excited to be 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 50th Anniversary Celebration, and huge community volunteer.



**Rock Boardman, Communications Chairperson, '64**, First THS basketball team. Retired USAF Senior Master Sergeant having served in Vietnam (Army), First Gulf War, and Global War on Terror. Numerous decorations including Bronze Star. As a civilian, employed as a telecommunications analyst and engineer for ICC and Boeing Computer Services, owned a computer service and sales company, and gun-smithed. Married to Dr. Liliane Boardman for over 50 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.

**Kevin Campbell '87, Golf Tournament Chair.** Majored in Information Systems at Washington State University, graduated with a Bachelor's in 1991. As a programmer, Kevin worked for four different companies while sitting at the same desk; U.S. Intelco, Illuminet, Verisign and Transaction Network Services. In 2014, Kevin moved to an IT Specialist position with the Washington State Department of Agriculture. He specializes in Sales Force and .NET application programming. Married to Kathy Campbell 'class of 87' also, since 1991 and have had three T-Bird students; Kaelin (Class of 2013), Cassidy ('16) and Grant ('17). They love camping, hunting, cooking, hiking and spending time together.



**Judi (Weaver) Hambrick '66, Historian.** She retired from the WA Department of Transportation as a Fiscal Analyst in 2006. Judi is a member of Daughters of Norway and is currently president of the local Olympia Lodge. She is a member of the Olympia Historical Society, the Governor Mansion Foundation, and the PLU Scandinavian Cultural Center. She routinely volunteers in many capacities throughout the community and is a regular volunteer in a kindergarten classroom at East Olympia Elementary where she is known as Grandma Judi.

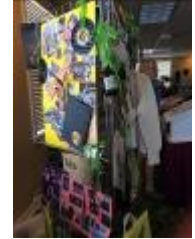
Her varied interests include the ballet, musicals, plays, and music of all genres. She's a season ticket holder at the Washington Center for the Performing Arts. Judi is an avid Seahawk and Mariner's fan, as well as a season ticket holding T-bird football supporter.





# REUNIONS

## CLASS OF 67' (50TH)

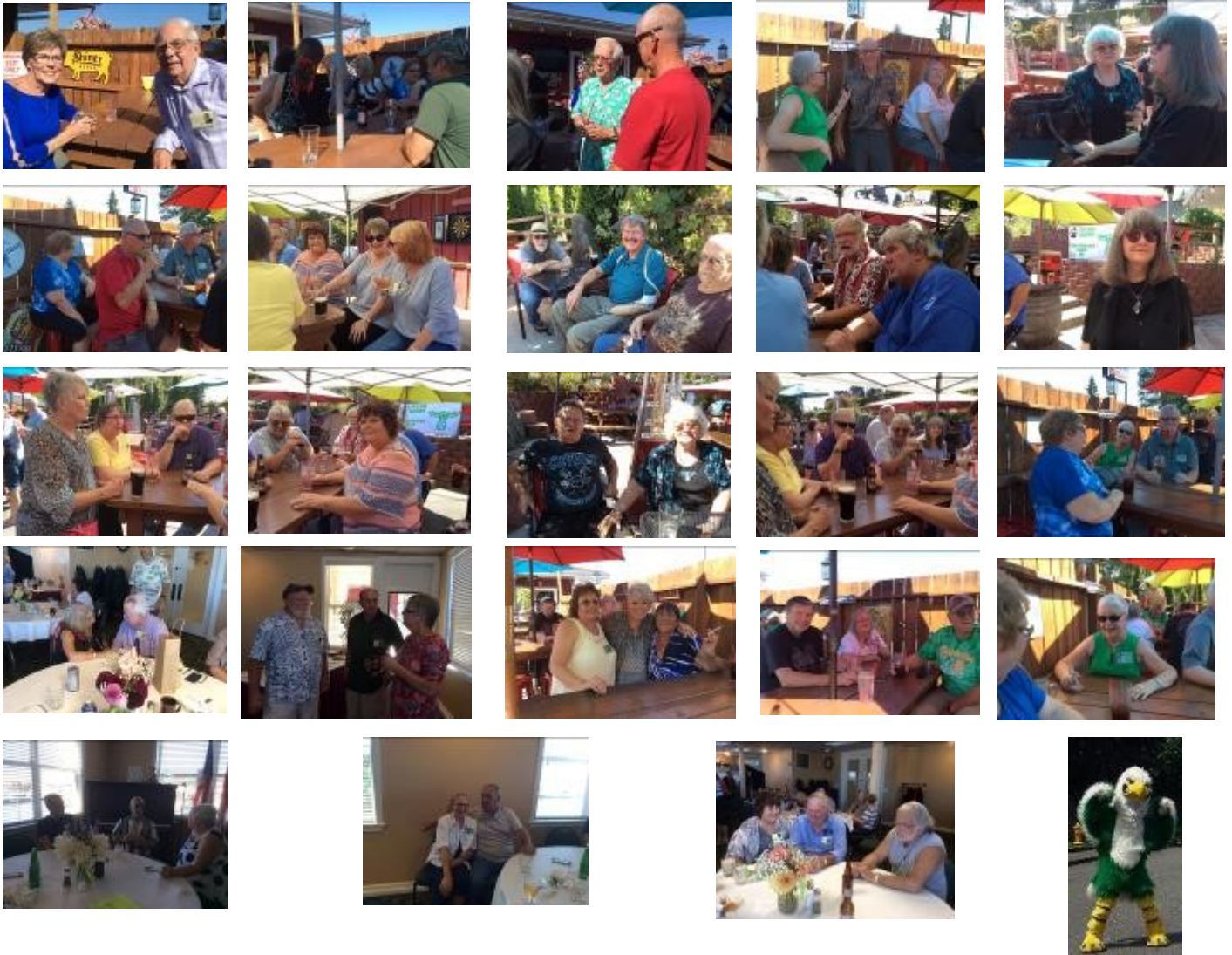




Class of 1967 Continued







**Obituary Tommy W. Elliot (62)**

Tommy W. Elliott was born Sept. 27, 1942 to Theodore and Mary Elliott. He was in the United States Navy for 28 years, and retired from the Olympia Brewery in 2001.

He is survived by his wife, Yvonne, of 34 years; a daughter; his sons; his brothers Dewey and Edwin; several grandkids; two (soon to be three) great-grandkids; and several nieces and nephews, all of whom he loved. He was predeceased by his parents, four siblings, and a granddaughter.

He loved to travel, visit family in North Carolina, and watch sports. Tom passed away peacefully March 5, 2017. He was loved and will be missed.

A private interment was held at Mills & Mills Memorial Park. A memorial service with military honors was held Friday, March 10 at 12:15 p.m. at the Neighborhood Christian Center, 1110 S. 2nd Ave S.W., Tumwater, WA 98512.

Arrangements under the direction of Mills & Mills Funeral Home and Memorial Park, Tumwater, WA.

# Yearly Treasurer's Report

## THSAA Treasurer's Report YE-2017

### OPERATING ACCOUNT

1/10/17 Beginning Balance		
		\$6,687.29
Deposit		
Membership Renewal	\$	750.00
TV Golf Tournament	\$6,650.00	
Homecoming BBQ		369.00
Sale of decals/hats		20.00
Total Deposits		\$7,789.00
Expenses		
Taxes/Bus Lic renewal	\$	23.94
TV Golf Tournament	\$3,080.52	
Sign for parade	\$	174.55
HC BBQ	\$	126.27
Office:		
Storage boxes	\$	13.05
Website renew	\$	276.37
Post office box renew	\$	86.00
Paypal fees (TV Golf)	\$	47.73
Scholarships	\$2,000.00	
Transfer designated funds to savings	\$	306.00
Total Expenses		\$6,134.43
12/31/17 Ending Balance		\$8,341.86

### SAVINGS ACCOUNT

1/01/17 Savings (beginning balance)		\$10,119.32
Deposits		
Transferred designated funds	\$	306.00
Batura (designated scholarships)	\$	1,700.00
In Memoriam (Hagen)	\$	500.00
Designated (BCP)	\$	100.00
Interest Income	\$	7.78
Total Deposits		\$ 2,613.78
12/31/17 Ending Balance		\$12,733.10

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Sapp, Treasurer

### IN MEMORIAM & VETERANS' HONOR ROLL

One can find lists of those THS alumni that have passed and our Veteran alumni on our THSAA website, [Tumwaterhighalumni.com](http://Tumwaterhighalumni.com)