



Tumwater High School Alumni Association Newsletter

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President's Message: Greetings Tumwater High School Alum! Your alumni association has been formally established, and we are finally in operation after over 50 years of the school's existence. Mr. Scott Seaman, current principal, was a "prime mover" in the successful 2011 50th Anniversary Celebration which created a lot of interest and energy among many former students to establish our alumni association. Thanks go to Mr. Norm Wisner who provided organizational guidance and moral support during the start up phase. Membership is open to all former students, faculty, administrators, and support staff (the THS Community). We serve to promote alumni connectivity and esprit de corps while "giving back" to the community through scholarships and other support activities. To accomplish this we need your enthusiastic support through membership, donations, and active participation. We will be as effective as the strength of our membership!

For me the high school years were some of the most memorable and important years of my life. The THS experience was really a microcosm of what was to come post-high school and the "life" principles we learned really translated well. This past year has stirred a lot of fond memories of those good ole high school days and we look forward to hearing your memories and where life has taken you. I hope you will join us by [becoming a member](#) of THSAA and letting us know what's happening; we'll be glad to publish your comments in future newsletters. This first newsletter will give you a summary of what we've accomplished during the past year, what we've got planned for the coming year, introduce you to our board of directors, and provide informational "links" to some of our website information. We look forward to the future as we reminisce the past!

Jim Ishihara, (64)

Name the Newsletter Contest: We need your help in naming this newsletter. THSAA Newsletter sounds too bland. Submit your suggestions and rationale on your suggested name to THSAA, P.O. Box 14114, Tumwater, WA 98511 no later than April 30, 2013 or submit your suggestion to: ishiha7@aol.com. Winner of the contest will receive a one year free membership to THSAA.

Summary of Past Years Activities:

*May 9, 2012: First organizational meeting of a steering committee

*May 20, 2012: Steering committee established a board of directors including president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, activities chair, membership chair, and communications chair.

*July 18, 2012: [Vision, Mission, and Goals Statement](#) and [By-Laws](#) approved. (<http://ths.tumwater.k12.wa.us/Page/4630>)

*July 26, 2012: THSAA incorporated with the State of Washington as a charitable non-profit organization.

*September 11, 2012: Applied for business license with State of Washington. Membership form approved

*October 12, 2012: Homecoming, displayed history wall and kicked off membership drive.

*November 14, 2012: Applied for non-profit status with IRS

2013 Calendar of Events:

- Board Meeting Dates: February 4, March 4, April 3, May 15, June 12, August 7, September 11. Usually, these meetings are at 6:30 PM at THS during the school year and at River's Edge Restaurant during the summer months. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- June 16, 2013, time and location TBD. THSAA Sponsored Family Fun Run
- August 3, 2013. THSAA Golf Tournament followed by the Annual THSAA Meeting, Tumwater Valley Golf Course, 08:00AM Shotgun start. Annual meeting start at 2:00PM.
- TBD October, 2013, Homecoming Alumni Tailgate.

Meet your THSAA Board of Directors:



Jim Ishihara



Bill Curtis



Janet Ishihara



Pam Wagner Sapp



Vicki Davison McKinnon



Louisa Ward Shimamoto



Jared Burbidge

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 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 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.

Vicki Davison McKinnon, Membership Chairperson, '65 BA Pacific Lutheran University. Formerly worked for the Secretary of State's office prior to becoming owner of Dairy Queen restaurants in Grand Mound, Tumwater, Olympia, Yelm and Centralia with husband Mike. Owner, Bellasis Gardens, a landscape design company. Long time member of the Olympia Yacht Club, exploring extensively the British Columbia and Alaska coastlines. Former active member of Olympia Golf and Country Club and Junior League of Olympia (14 years including 3 years as Treasurer) chairing fund raising events in support of women and children's causes. Chairperson of the "data base committee" for the THS 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee. Enjoy living on a 12 acre farm with chickens and dogs and lots of room to roam.

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.

Jared Burbidge, Communications Chairperson, '86. Since graduating from THS in 1986 has continued to stay active in the Tumwater High School community. He is the Vice President of the THS Athletic Boosters and helps organize their annual fundraising dinner, auction, and Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony. For the past ten years, Jared has been the Public Address announcer for Tumwater football, basketball, and some soccer games. He is married to Wendy Reed (THS class of '84) and has twin sons, Hunter and Tyler (THS class of '12) who are currently attending BYU-Idaho. Jared is the Assistant Director at Thurston Regional Planning Council in Olympia.

Others who are regular board meeting contributors:

Len Madison, '63, BA in Education from Western Washington State University (67). Second ASB President at THS. Played high school football, basketball, tennis, and ran cross country. Taught English for 30 years in the Everett School District at both Cascade and Everett H.S; retired in 1997. Married to wife Sue with 2 daughters and 3 granddaughters. Enjoy leather craft and golfing.

Rock Boardman, '64, First THS basketball team. Retired (26 years active service) USAF, Senior Master Sergeant having served in Vietnam, 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 45 years, have 3 daughters, 2 granddaughters, and a grandson. Enjoy archery, golf, hunting and fishing.

Dan Parsons, '65, 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.

Judi Weaver Hambrick, '66, has resided in Tumwater since 1957. Married Glenn in 1968, son Marcus (THS '87). Retired from WSDOT in 2006 as a Fiscal analyst. Judi is a dedicated volunteer at East Olympia Elementary School, and an active member of Daughters of Norway, Red Hat Society, and Samba Olywa. Judi enjoys performances at the Washington Center for the Performing Arts, Harlequinn, and Ballet Northwest. A real exercise enthusiast, she enjoys Jazzercise, pilates, and yoga several times each week. Judi is also a season ticket holder for THS football and an avid fan of the Mariners and Seahawks. She feels lucky to have so many long-time friends in and around her hometown.

Melissa Determan Beard, '91 is a lifelong Tumwater student having attended Peter G. Schmidt, Tumwater Middle School, and THS. Melissa earned degrees at the UW and Stanford, and is currently working towards a PhD at the UW. 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.

Announcements:

First THSAA Member: Dennis Teague ('65) got early wind of our pending membership drive in August and was the first official THSAA member. Still being a competitive person "I wanted to be the first". Good job JR! Remember, all recent THS graduates can become a THSAA member for free up to 5 years after their graduation year; all you have to do is complete the membership form (attached) and send it to THSAA, P.O. Box 14114, Tumwater, WA 98511.

Life Membership: THSAA is pleased to announce its first Life Member! **Len Madison ('63)** is the first "**Dr. Joseph L. Kearney Lifetime Member**". As most "old timers" know Dr. Kearney was our first principal at THS and the state's youngest high school principal at that time. He was a very dynamic leader who assembled the first staff, set high standards, and enabled staff and students to excel. Not being bashful about providing nothing but the best for his school, he outfitted the athletic teams, band, and choir programs with the best equipment available at the time. This came with considerable debt, but through the enthusiastic support of the students and community (OBC being a large donor), that debt was quickly eliminated. Dr. Kearney later was Athletic Director at the University of Washington, Michigan State University, and the University of Arizona. He was also the President of the Western Athletic Conference. Dr. Kearney passed away in 2010 at the age of 83. We are proud to name the THSAA life membership in Dr. Kearney's honor. Len Madison is a retired high school English teacher in the Everett School District. Len was also our second Student Body President at THS.

THSAA Scholarship: THSAA is pleased to announce that we will be able to award at least one \$1000 scholarship to a deserving senior graduating in 2013. Selection will be based on the applicant's academic achievement, displayed leadership, and financial need. With strong Alumni support, we hope to be able to increase the number and amount of future THSAA scholarships For more information and application form go to:

<http://ths.tumwater.k12.wa.us/Page/4630> and click on "THS Scholarship and Application Form" link.

THSAA Annual Golf Tournament: THSAA will sponsor its first Alumni Golf Tournament on August 3, 2013. The 50th Anniversary Celebration Golf Tournament was a huge success in spite of the short time frame to plan it. Kevin Campbell (87) did an outstanding job planning and executing the program and has been instrumental in providing guidance for this year's event. **This event will be a major fund raiser to support future scholarships.** We need an event sponsor (\$1000), cart sponsors (\$500), and hole sponsors (\$200). The tournament will be limited to the first 36 teams (\$380/team) or the first 144 players (\$95/player) that sign up. The 50th Anniversary tournament was won by "Team Wisner", a team sponsored by Norm Wisner and consisting of Wisner grandchildren and friends who are outstanding golfers; their "best ball" score was 13 under par. A handicap system is being considered to help "level the playing field" for "old-timers".

THSAA Annual Meeting: Our first annual meeting is scheduled immediately after the golf tournament August 3, 2013 at 2:00pm, River's Edge Restaurant. Normally annual meetings will address general THSAA business plus elect new officers for 3 year terms. Since we just incorporated in July 2012, we will not have election of officers this year. Currently, there are seven board of director positions and it is ideal to present for election/re-election a third of the positions so that there is no major turnover from year to year; we anticipate 2014 annual meeting for election/re-election of at least two positions. We'd still like to have a large attendance of alums at this years meeting to discuss the past year's activities and to help set new goals and direction for the future. Meeting minutes of the past year can be found at the website noted above.

In Memoriam: Steve Watson class of '64 passed away October 9, 2012.

Forthcoming Class Reunions and contact persons: We would be glad to publicize contact information for class reunions for the following classes: '63, '68, '73, '78, '83, '88, '93, '98, '03, '08.

Dear Tumwater High School Alum,

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Jim Ishihara (class of 64), President THSAA,
email: jim.ishihara@wavecable.com

Vision Statement: The Tumwater High School Alumni Association (THSAA) encompasses the principles of inclusion, transparency, excellence in all pursuits, building upon history and tradition, community pride and fun and fellowship for all members.

Mission Statement: The mission of the Tumwater High School Alumni Association is to provide foundational support to all the past and current students, staff, faculty, and administrators of Tumwater High School. The mission will be accomplished by establishing a non-profit organization, led by a board of officials elected from the general membership, and operating under a set of bylaws. To accomplish this mission events will be organized to bring alumni together, raise funds for alumni activities, and to develop and maintain communication links with all members. (7/2012)

Levels of Membership

- ❖ Priceless-Can you donate some of your time to help the committee (contact membership chair below)??
 - ❖ \$1,000 Dr. Joseph L. Kearney Lifetime Membership (one time payment)
 - ❖ \$500 Thunderbird Membership (annual)
 - ❖ \$250 THS Patron Membership (annual)
 - ❖ \$100 Century Membership (annual)
 - ❖ \$25 General Membership (annual)
 - ❖ ___ Donation/ In Memory (Contact Vicki McKinnon with info about memorial person)
 - ❖ ___ Gifted Membership for any gift-giving occasion
 - ❖ ___ Please contact me for information about bequests and estate planning options.
- Beginning with 2012 each graduate will receive a free 5-year membership upon registering this form.

We hope you will consider supporting us in establishing the first alumni association for Tumwater High School. To keep in touch with us, please visit us online at <http://ths.tumwater.k12.wa.us/thsalumni> where contact information for each class is or our Facebook page at Tumwater High School Alumni.

Vicki McKinnon, Membership Chair Vicki.mckinnon@gmail.com

**Please print this form out and mail the completed section below with your payment, made out to:
Tumwater High School Alumni Association (THSAA), PO Box 14114, Tumwater, WA 98511.**

Class Year_____ Please circle one of the following.....Student Faculty Support Staff Administrator

Last Name used in High School_____ Current _____ First_____

Address or PO Box_____

City, State or Country, & Zip Code_____

Phone/Phones _____ Email Address_____

Our primary means of contact with YOU will be via email so keep us current!