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*The Thunderbird of North American native legend bears much similarity to the roc, a giant eagle- or vulture-like bird with supernatural powers in old-world lore. Although there are regional variations of the legend, Native Americans are in agreement that the Thunderbird is a magical animal that protects them from evil; it rides in on a storm, its eyes flashing with lightning and its extraordinary wings roaring like thunder, at times emitting a flute-like sound.*



# Tumwater High School Alumni Association

## Message from the President

January 2020



Greetings THS Alumni!

As we launch into 2020 and a new decade, we continue to pursue our mantra of promoting alumni connectivity, giving back to THS, and having a lot of fun.

THSAA continues to “give back” by awarding scholarships to deserving graduating seniors each year. Over the past 7 years we have awarded seventeen \$1,000 scholarships. Last year’s scholarship recipients (**class of 2019**) were **Mikaeli Decker, Sara Bocksch, and Skye Witley**. We are poised to award three more scholarships to the class of 2020. 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 annual golf tournament (**Artesian Classic**). The tournament is growing with each passing year and we fielded twelve teams in 2019. Our goal continues to reach a full thirty-six team tournament in the future. **This year our tournament is set for May 30, 2020 at Capitol City Golf Club with a 1:00PM “shotgun” start.** Check our website: [tumwaterhighalumni.com](http://tumwaterhighalumni.com) for registration details.

Our “All Class Potluck Reunion” on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September 2019 at Sherman Valley Ranch was a rousing success with over 300 alumni in attendance. **For 2020 we will again host the THS “All Class Potluck Reunion” on the 29<sup>th</sup> of August.** We hope to see you all there.

Due in large part to some very generous alumni donors, we were able to continue contributing to an endowment account to help fund future scholarships and also make a donation to help fund facility improvements at the THS Career Center Project.

In May 2019, we suffered a tremendous loss when our newly elected Vice President, **Edna Belle Granacki**, was tragically and senselessly killed. Edna was a dear classmate and friend who gave so much to support and improve our community. To honor her memory the THSAA Board has established “**The Edna Belle Granacki Community Service Scholarship**” which will be awarded annually to a graduating senior of THS, who displayed outstanding community service.

I’d like to again thank the THSAA Board, THSAA members, golf tournament participants, tournament sponsors, alumni donors, 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. For me, the alumni association continues to be a great vehicle to “roll back the clock” and reconnect with a lot of great educators, coaches, and friends.

### THSAA MEMBERSHIP

THSAA membership: One time donation fee of \$25.00

Fees and Donations are tax deductible and help provide Scholarships to deserving graduating THS Seniors.

Join us and attend our fun and enjoyable activities by accessing the THSAA website at [TumwaterHighAlumni.com](http://TumwaterHighAlumni.com). There you will find everything you need to become a THSAA member.

# Message from Principal Broome



Greetings THS Alumni Association Members,

Thank you for your continued support of Tumwater High School. This year has been another great year as we continue the precedent of pride, tradition, and courage. Here are some highlights of our year so far.

**1. Football state championship:** This was a great community event, several thousand students and alumni were at the championship game and watched the T-Birds win our first championship in 10 years. It was a great showing of skill and determination. We have an incredibly talented group of coaches and players and I am so proud of how they represented themselves on the field. Coach Bill Beattie was named by the Seahawks as Coach of the Year and he had the opportunity to raise the 12th man flag and traveled to Florida for the Pro-bowl. It was a great opportunity and honor for Bill and our whole coaching staff.



**2. Security upgrades and Construction:** A huge thank you to our amazing community for continuing to support our bond and construction efforts. This fall we upgraded the entrance to the school and exterior with upgraded security features and cameras. Additionally, due to the generous donations of a THS Alumni, we were able to upgrade the furniture and modernize our THS career center so that we can meet the needs of our students' future career and college goals. These upgrades would not have been possible without your support. If you would like to talk about direct sponsorship or donations to support THS, please contact me, [Jeff.Broome@tumwater.k12.wa.us](mailto:Jeff.Broome@tumwater.k12.wa.us) or 360-709-7600.

**3. Continuing the tradition of academic excellence:** We just completed our first semester and our students are doing very well. Our 9th graders had a 95% passing rate and our 10th-grade students had a 94% passing rate. We have one of the highest graduation rates in the area. Our students consistently do well on the SAT and ACT tests and are accepted at colleges across the state and nation. T-Bird pride is nationwide. You can access our 1st Semester parent communication [here](#).

It is an honor to serve as Principal at THS. It is an honor to serve our community and it is an honor to be an alumnus of Tumwater High School.

Sincerely,

Jeff Broome  
THS Principal  
Class of 1997  
Go T-Birds



# *Edna Belle Granacki*

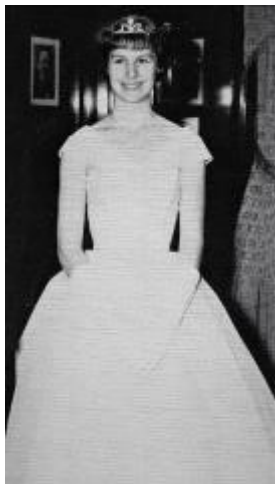
## **Tumwater High School Alumni Association**

### **Vice-President**

**Edna Belle Granacki was born in Olympia, Wa. On September 30, 1946. She passed away in her home in Olympia May 9, 2019 at the age of 72.**

**Edna was active in the community from a young age, first as a performer with her brother DeWayne Granacki, and later as a Tumwater High School cheerleader. She went on to coach drill team at Tumwater Middle School and was active in the Tumwater community, recently taking the position of Vice President of the Tumwater High School Alumni Association. She was a Capitol Lakefair Princess in 1964 and was active in Lakefair events for many years. Edna was beautiful, creative, and caring. She spent years serving as a Girl Scout Leader and volunteering her time sewing costumes, and even catering events. She was thoughtful and generous.**

**Edna had many talents, and was an accomplished and brilliant seamstress. Her children and grand children were her passion, and she spent many hours investing in cooking with them, sewing with them, and attending their events. She was also an avid gardener, planting herbs, tomatoes, and flowers. Her home and yard were welcoming and showed her loving touch throughout.**



**IN HONOR OF HER MEMORY**

**TUMWATER HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

**HAS NAMED ONE OF OUR SCHOLARSHIPS**

**THE EDNA BELLE GRANACKI COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP**

# *Randy Allan Sapp*

**Randy Allan Sapp was born December 6, 1949 in Olympia, Washington to Harold and Gloria (Sandi) Sapp.**

*He grew up in fishing, hunting and adventuring through the now developed forests of Tumwater off of Linwood Avenue with his lifelong friends and his brother Rick. As Randy got older he developed a love for mechanics and repairing all sorts of things which spanned his entire life as he enjoyed restoring old Jeeps, tools, and other items that only he could see as things that could be restored. He attended high school at Tumwater High and was the senior Homecoming King prior to graduating in 1968. It was also during this time that he met the love of his life, Pamela Lee (Wagner) Sapp, whom he married in 1970.*

*Randy proactively joined the Army in 1969 and served our country in the Vietnam War. He supervised approximately 50 personnel for the US Army Security Agency and held a Top Secret crypto clearance. His bravery during the war earned him a bronze star medal for valor. He was honorably discharged in 1972 as a Sergeant.*

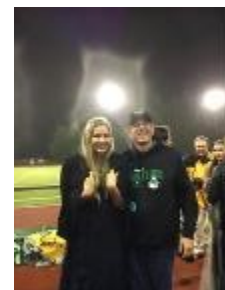
*Upon leaving the Army, he returned home to the Olympia/Tumwater area and went to work for the family business, Yenney's Music, where he worked for 6 years. He later started his career with Providence Hospitals, working at St. Peters in Olympia in the materials management department. In 1987, Randy decided to pursue a dream of his and moved his family to Orcas Island in northwest Washington where he owned and operated the Orcas Leatherworks, providing custom leather goods and related items to locals and tourists alike.*

*In 1994, Randy and Pam returned to Tumwater and he eventually went back to work for Providence. In 2016 he completed his 25 year career with them as the Director of Supply Chain Management.*

*During his retirement, Randy enjoyed spending time with his family, driving his Jeep, collecting knives, and working on various restoration projects in his shop aka his "happy place". His borderline OCD regarding his tools made him the "go to guy" for anyone looking for a random nut or bolt. He was always willing to lend anyone a hand when they were in need, and he was the kindest person you could have known.*

*Randy passed away on November 13, 2019 unexpectedly at his home in Olympia, Washington.*

*Randy is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Pamela, and his two children, Steffanee Roach (Sean) and Jason Sapp (Lyndsey) as well as his brother Rick Sapp (Deni) and nephews Brian (Carly) and Eric (Eryn) Sapp. He also had 10 grandchildren : Jeffrey (Karly), Jeshurun, Sunshine, Judah, Summer Morning, Eliana, Avtalia, Shoshannah, Jeremiah and Isaiah. Finally he had one great grandchild, Juliet.*



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## **2019 Scholarship Winners**

**THSAA awarded three \$1,000 secondary education scholarships to three graduating THS seniors. The graduates are Sara Bocksch, Mikaeli Decker, and Skye Witley. 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 Sara, Mikaeli and Skye.**

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### **Sara Bocksch**

Sara was awarded one of the 2019 THSAA scholarships. She graduated with a GPA of 3.96 and now attends Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego California.

While at THS, Mikaeli was an Associated Student Body officer for two years, ran varsity track, ran varsity cross-country, played varsity volleyball, and more.



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### **Mikaeli Decker**

Mikaeli is the recipient of a 2019 THSAA scholarship. She graduated with a GPA of 3.96 for high school and a GPA of 4.0 for over 90 college credits. She attends Grand Canyon University in Phoenix Arizona.

While at THS studying, Mikaeli also studied Advanced Leadership, ran varsity track, played varsity volleyball, and sang in two select choirs.



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### **Skye Witley**

Skye is a recipient of one of the 2019 THSAA scholarship awards. He graduated with a GPA of 4.0 and now attends American University in Washington D.C. to study journalism.

During his time at THS, his non-academic activities include band (percussion), cross-country, the Social Activism Club, and production of award-winning public service videos.





THS Athletic Boosters Present  
The 11th Annual  
**Hall of Fame Dinner & Auction**

Saturday, March 21, 2020  
The Capital Event Center @ ESD 113  
6005 Tye Drive SW in Tumwater



**Tickets \$35**

Includes dinner &  
"No Host" bar

***To reserve your spot:***

Call (360) 709-7601

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Visit the website at

[www.thunderbirdathletics.com](http://www.thunderbirdathletics.com)

**Schedule:**

5:30 - 7:00 pm - Mixer & Silent  
Auctions

7:00 pm - Live Auction

8:00 - Hall of Fame Inductions

TUMWATER HIGH SCHOOL  
**ARTESIAN**  
GOLF CLASSIC

**Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup> 2020**

**1:00 Shotgun Start**

**Capitol City Golf Club**



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# Tumwater ARTESIAN GOLF CLASSIC



## SUMMARY OF THE 2019 TOURNAMENT

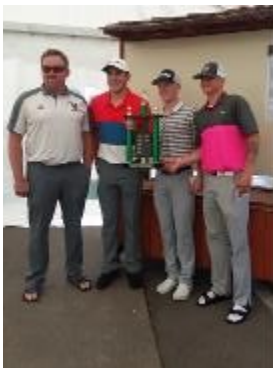
Twelve golf teams registered to participated in the seventh annual THSAA Golf Tournament (Artesian Classic) at Capitol City Golf Club on June 2, 2019. The tournament is THSAA's major fund raiser to support the scholarship program as well as other alumni activities. Tournament goal remains to one day host a full 36 team tournament so we can improve the quality and quantity of scholarships awarded to graduating seniors of Tumwater High School. This year's "best ball" tournament was won by Team Beagle with a score of 15 under par. Team Beagle consisted of Andrew Beagle, Parker Mercer, Dylan Chirstoffer and Carson Hughes. Player's names from Team Beagle will be engraved on the tournament trophy kept on display at THS. The Men's "Longest Drive Contests" was won by Carson Hughes and "Closest to Pin" was won by Dylan Chirstoffer. The Women's Longest Drive was won by Shea Hopfauf of Team Hirota, and the "Closest to Pin" was won by Diane Shimizu of Team Hirota. Winners received Costco gift cards. The tournament was concluded by a delicious burger-fest prepared by the Fire Creek Grill and Ale House.

Sincerest **THANK YOU** to all our community sponsors! This year's Title Sponsor was again **OBEE Financial Services**. Cart Sponsor was **Lucky Eagle Casino**. Hole sponsors included **Tumwater Automotive, Tumwater Auto Spa, Thunderbird Real Estate** and **Rick McGrath/Brewery City Pizza. N. R. Smith and Associates** also contributed a cash donation. Also, many thanks to donors of items for the raffle. Raffle items included **Western Meats Gift Certificate, a round of golf at Salish Cliffs Golf Club, Lucky Eagle one night stay with dinner and breakfast, and Orcas Island weekend get-away**, which was the "featured" raffle item.

Special thanks to alumnae, Judi (Weaver 66) Hambrick who managed check-in with the assistance of Janet Ishihara (65) and Kathy Campbell (87) who monitored the "hole-in-one" competition. Also special thanks to Ruth Ishihara (70) and Linda Thompson (67) for being our tournament photographers. Tournament Director is Kevin Campbell (87) who also originated the Alumni Golf Tournament during the 2011 THS 50th Anniversary Celebration.

Net proceeds from this tournament will allow THSAA to continue awarding three scholarships to graduating THS seniors in 2020. This year's 2019 scholarship recipients are: Sara Bocksch, Skye Witley, and Mikaeli Decker. Many thanks to all participants, alumni, and the numerous community sponsors. Carson Hughes, Parker Mercer, Dylan Chirstoffer, Andrew Beagle  
Tournament Winner: Team Beagle

Team Beagle



## 2019 ARTESIAN GOLF CLASSIC WINNING TEAM



Carson Hughes, Parker Mercer, Dylan Chirstoffer, Andrew Beagle



Doug Hoffer, Brad Hargrave, Kim Tron, Loren Van Loo



Eric Tonder, Philip Hallstrom, Ron Gudyka, Kevin Campbell



Michael Parker, Diane Shimizu, Shea Hopfauf, L. Solis



Bryon Epp, Larry Epp, Len Madison, Jim Madison



Scott Uriel, Josh Taylor, Jeremy Taylor, Dan Kunitz





George Shimizu, Jim Ishihara, Frank Uchida, Rock Boardman



Rob Harris, Calvin Hicks, Tony Antalan, Justin Eden



Kevin Thompson, Pat Alexander, Scott Haury, Eric Weight



Jim Kallenbaugh, Jody Robbins, Dan Lowe, Jordan Shepherd



Alex Groat, Mike Groat, Randal Groat, Brent Grabinski



Judi Hambrick attending the officials table





Judi Hambrick, Janet Ishihara, Louisa Shimamoto



Kevin and Kathy Campbell



Judi Hambrick, Ruth Ishihara, Janet Ishihara

## REUNIONS

### ALL CLASS REUNION



Class of 1969





**Class of 1974**



**For more Photos of the 2019 All Class Reunion, go to our THSAA Web Page at:**

**[WWW.Tumwaterhighalumni.com](http://WWW.Tumwaterhighalumni.com)**

**(Picture Galleries)**

## Tumwater High School All Class & Staff Reunion

Save the date of August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 for our Annual THS Alumni Reunion and Join us!

Last year's All Class & Staff Reunion was a huge success! THS Alumni from Classes 1961 – 2019 attended. So much excitement, reminiscing, laughter, dancing, and pure joy was had by all! Imagine reconnecting with alumni not only from your class but those in classes above and below yours. Don't miss this opportunity to make new connections in the alumni family and enjoy an epic family friendly event. Yes, bring your family, kids and grandkids too. We have a THS Historical Walk, THSAA information center with Senior Scholarship Winners and events posted, Veteran Memorial, Alumni Memorial, games, dancing, and new this year will be an Alumni Business Card share area. Sherman Valley Ranch is a beautiful location and has so much to offer. The Reunion is a Potluck, only costs \$5 each, and sponsored by the *Tumwater High School Alumni Association*. Please bring a dish to share, beverage of choice & an ice chest for you if needed. (We will have bottled water, plates & utensils for you!) The Annual Reunion starts at 3 pm, Dinner will be at 5 pm, Group Photo at 6 pm, and we will Dance the night away again with the Awesome Classic Rock & Roll Band BackLash until 9 pm.



### Details:

**Invited:** All Alumni Students, Staff, Family and Friends

**Date:** August 29, 2020 3-9 PM \$5.00 per person

**Sponsored By:** Tumwater High School Alumni Association

**More Information:** [www.TumwaterHighAlumni.Com](http://www.TumwaterHighAlumni.Com)

**\*If you are interested in helping on the committee for this event contact Louisa at [THS75@gmail.com](mailto:THS75@gmail.com)**

Do you have a pop-up and/or chairs we could use outside on the lawn?

Update for the Alumni Memorial?

Interested in helping with set-up?

Interested in helping with event breakdown?

**Reunion Questions:** Louisa (Ward) Shimamoto  
[LouisaTHS75@Gmail.Com](mailto:LouisaTHS75@Gmail.Com)

**RV/Tent Reservations @ Sherman Valley Ranch: Alumni: Pam (McDaniel) Ward [pamela-ward@hotmail.com](mailto:pamela-ward@hotmail.com)**



**THSAA  
Treasurer Report  
YE 2019**

**OPERATING ACCOUNT**

01/01/19	Beginning Balance	\$7,409.58
	<u>Deposit:</u>	
	Membership renewal/new memberships	\$1,625.00
	Golf tourney: golfer/sponsors	\$8,203.00
	All School Reunion	\$1,605.38
	<u>Expenses:</u>	
	Scholarships	\$2,000.00
	Golf tournament	\$4122.49
	Misc. office expenses	\$ 179.00
	Taxes/License fees	\$ 21.00
	Renew Post Office box	\$ 96.00
	All School Reunion	\$ 846.89
	Web hosting	\$ 288.20
	Xfer to MM (open new account)	\$6,204.06
	Xfer to savings	\$2,385.00
12/31/19	Ending Balance	\$2,700.32

**MM OPERATING ACCOUNT**

03/05/19	Xfer from operating account to open	\$6,204.06
	<u>Deposit:</u>	
	Interest Income	\$ 15.47
	Designated donation (career center upgrade)	\$5,000.00
	<u>Expenses</u>	
	Scholarship	\$1,000.00
	THS (designated for career upgrade)	\$5,000.00
12/31/19	Ending balance	\$5,219.53

**SAVINGS ACCOUNT**

01/01/19	Savings (beginning balance)	\$22,317.00
	<u>Deposit:</u>	
	Interest Income	\$ 6.51
	Xfer from checking (bake sale/raffle)	\$ 2,385.00
	Batura (designated scholarships)	\$ 2,600.00
	In Memorium: Illona (Mitchell) Root	\$ 110.00
	<u>Deductions:</u>	
	Txfr to open CD	\$18,000.00
12/31/19	Ending balance	\$ 9,418.51

**CD (33 mo) for Endowment Fund**

03/08/19	Xfer from savings account to open (matures 12/31/21)	\$18,000.00
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Respectfully Submitted

Pamala 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)**