



FHS 25+ ALUMNI CLUB NEWSLETTER



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Our Scholarship Recipients

By Steve Urbaniak '77



Our first scholarship for 2011 is to a young woman who has set high standards for herself - and by applying drive to the challenges, has succeeded in her endeavors. I'm speaking of Allison Patrick.

Allison is the daughter of Kenneth Patrick and Elizabeth 'Beth Meerschaert' Patrick, Class of 1977, Allison is one of the valedictorians with a perfect 4.00 GPA. She is senior class president, involved in Student Council, volleyball, track (despite her asthma), National Honor Society, marching and concert band, and plays a mean saxophone.

She volunteers for activities for charities, many involving walking or running. She has assisted students at Thomas Edison Elementary, gathered cans of food and typed a book which is to be made into Braille for the MISD. She plans a biology major at Northwestern University, and receives the first \$1,000 scholarship. Way to go, Allison!

Our equally important second scholarship is also to a young woman who has worked hard to get where she is. An honor roll student, she is graduating cum laude -- Miss Alyssa Osborne.

Alyssa is the daughter of Melody and Nicholas Osborne. Nicholas was FHS alumnus Class of 1981. Alyssa has been in HOSA, Go Green, PHIT, cleans up at the

College of Martial Arts and delivers newspapers for Hanover Grove cooperative. She participates in karate and Brazilian jiu-jitsu. She's also helped out MCREST. She is very responsible, organized and punctual with nearly perfect attendance. Her shyness faded when she was young; the more outgoing Alyssa is the person known to her peers. She plans to attend my old stomping ground, Macomb Community College, studying electronics engineering. We're proud to award Alyssa with our second scholarship for her hard work.

Congratulations to this year's 'Audrey Kleino-DeFauw Memorial Scholarship Fund / FHS 25+ Alumni Club' recipients.

PICNIC SCHEDULING

Planning, 2nd Weds.	Collections	Noon
Purchasing, day before	Announcements	"
Area Clean Up 8 am	50/50 Raffles	"
Tent Set Up 9 am	Apparel Sales	"
Tables Set Up "	Lotto Board Sales	"
Chairs Set Up "	Tables Teardown 6 ish	"
Table Coverings "	Chairs Teardown "	"
Food Area Set Up "	Food Clean Up "	"
Food Preparation "	Tent Teardown	"
Registration Set Up "	Packing, last thing	"
Food Sales Noon	Storing, all year	"

Where will you help out ?

2011 Picnic



First item at the Annual Picnic, is registering and picking their ticket for the

2011 Picnic (Cont'd)

one of many door prizes. A quick stop at the concession stand - quell your



interest at the 'historical' tables - or take a



chance or two for free items or food - perhaps purchase Fraser Rambler logo paraphernalia, from t-shirts to pencils to insulated grocery bags -



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This year we welcome the class of 1987. Unfortunately we don't have many addresses. If you have access to any, please send to fhs25alumni@gmail.com

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- if we missed you, we're sorry, please let us know, we'll include you next year.

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1939

Joseph Hartsig, Aug. 24, 2011,
in Tempe, AZ

1946

Donald Oehmke, June 26, 2011,
in Sterling Heights, MI

1953

Garry Allen, Apr. 11, 2011,
in Bradenton, FL

Gary Gallagher, Sept. 18, 2010,
in Washington, MI

1957

Myrna 'Cox' O'Connor, 2010,
in Lapeer, MI

1960

Richard May, Dec. 30, 2011,
in Long Lake, MI

1961

Joseph Galiati, Aug. 1, 2010,
in Oxford, MI

1963

Richard Michalowicz, June 11, 2009,
in Fraser, MI

1966

Mike Mittleman, Sept. 28, 2011,
in Northville, MI

Pam 'Sergeant' Detmer, May 24, 2011,
in St. Clair, MI

Tom Weinbeck, Friend, 2011

1967

Carolyn Berthiaume

1967 (Cont'd)

Erwin Gabriel, Dec. 15, 2011,
in Temperance, MI

1968

Daniel Floyd, 2012,
in Safety Harbor, FL

Kenneth Hintz, January 28, 2012,
in Bend, Oregon

Kenneth Moase, June of 2011,
in Fraser, MI

1970

Elizabeth 'Pompo' Sarafian, June 3,
2010, in Canton, MI

1972

Michael Polley, Aug. 28, 2011,
in Fraser, MI

1973

Diane Moody, Apr. 6, 2011,
in Southfield, MI

1974

Thomas Roland, May 23, 2011,
in Clinton. Twp., MI

1975

Dennis Burrell, Mar. 11 2011,
in Sterling Heights, MI

Brian Gillum, Jan. 18, 2012,
in Fultonville, NY

1976

Robbie Stec, Apr. 9 2011,
in Clinton Twp., MI

1977

Steven Sheppard, Dec. 21, 2011,
in Warren, MI

1978

Mary Lou 'Rosz' Skoney, Dec. 21, 2011,
in Troy, MI

1979

Laura Bono

Richard Rozevink, Aug. 12, 2011,
in Clinton. Twp., MI

Tina Vanier, January, 2012

1980

Donna 'Bannister' Eberhart, Nov. 24,
2000, in Detroit, MI

Theresa Pelt-Tierney, Friend, Feb. 25,
2006, in Roseville, MI

1981

Jeffrey Koscierzynski, Jan. 18, 2012,
in St. Clair Shores, MI

Sandra 'Hewitt' Wells, May 19, 1995

1982

James Cadreau, Dec. 18, 2006

Mark Orlando, Jan. 19 2009,
in Staten Island, NY

Jeffrey Perry, Nov. 11, 2011,
in Armada, MI

Administrators / Teachers

Betty Pierce, Reading Consultant,
Jan. 24, 2012, in Fraser, MI

How Times Have Changed

By Steve Urbaniak '77

When Fraser was a much smaller community, it seemed like everybody knew all their neighbors and many of the townspeople. Folks knew much of the lives of the other Fraser citizens. Sixty or more years ago, it was customary to publish newspaper articles about what residents were doing. To show how much times have changed, I found an article from the Mt. Clemens Monitor from Wednesday, Dec. 24, 1941, Christmas Eve, just two and one-half weeks after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Let us look back at what some of the members of the Fraser village were up to during this time. Note the familiar names, some of which have three or four generations in Fraser.....

FRASER-- Students home from college for the holidays are Geraldine Steffens and Edgar Miller, from Michigan State; Lawrence Hartsig and Kenneth Sauder, from Ypsilanti; Herbert Rewoldt, Jr., from Valparaiso; Walter Gugel, from River Forest; Alger Boening, of Wayne, is also enjoying his vacation period. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schneider had as their dinner guests on Sunday, Dr. and Mrs. Otis McKinley and son, Delton, Rev. and Mrs. Lynn Tschudy and daughter, Joan. Private Earl Engel, of Fort Leonard Wood, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Engel. Janice Marie, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Beardsley, was christened at the home on Sunday afternoon by the Rev. Lynn Tschudy. Dr. and Mrs. Otis McKinley have as their house guests his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Velton McKinley, and daughter, of Dallas, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Steffens will have as their guests on Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Voelker, and Mrs. Mollie Mitchel, of Newton, Ontario. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Jacob will entertain at their home on Fourteen Mile road, at a family dinner on Christmas Day. Mrs. Jacob's mother, Mrs. John Lupu, her two brothers, Nick and Eli, and Mr. and Mrs. Eli Oltean and daughter, Donna, of Detroit will be attending. Following their old delightful custom, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene C. Bielawski will this year again hold open house at their home on Fourteen Mile road on Saturday evening.

(Now, we have Facebook!)

Will the real Alumni Club, step forward?

By Steve Urbaniak '77

Several people have contacted the FHS 25+ Alumni Club in recent years about certain projects, and unfortunately, we had to tell these folks that we are not the party responsible for their inquiries. One concern was the alumni directory. Thousands of alumni were sent a postcard asking them to call a toll-free number to provide current information for verification. I assure you that this was not the a project of the FHS 25+ Alumni Club. Many of the items that the Alumni Club has been contacted about is, in fact, the work of the Fraser Educational Foundation (FEF). The Foundation began at the behest of Superintendent Gary Matsche, in 1987. The object was to raise funds in order to award grants to any staff member (teacher, administrator, support staff, etc.) for innovative projects outside the realm of standard budgetary items. No board member is actively employed with the district. Michelle Wenner, administrative assistant for the superintendent, attends the meetings to keep minutes. Dr. Richards, Fraser's superintendent, occasionally attends the meetings.

I, personally, have attended several school board meetings over the last 12 years and have seen presentations to the board by the FEF. But let us not confuse the FHS 25+ Alumni Club and the FEF. Sure, both organizations are interested in the Fraser schools and raising money for its betterment. The FEF works mainly through grants; the alumni club raises money for our newsletter printing and annual scholarships. The FEF has no newsletter. Items are published via the district website and its newsletter. There is no specific outlet to FEF. The FEF has had many worthy projects that have been funded. They have awarded over \$39,500 in the last three years alone. Among the grants: Hardbound booklets for short stories, eBooks covering five major curriculum areas, computer simulations linked to medieval world history, real-life experience of 1845 Fort Wayne complete with costumes, video recording equipment, green roof project, (covered in 2010 alumni newsletter), literacy centers with cross-curricular hands-on,

Alpha Smart programs to assist in writing centers, display/exhibit systems for art shows, facial reconstruction materials for anatomy and crime science classes, among just a few.

Alumnus, Joanne 'VanThomme, Hartzel '64, spoke about the Foundation, "We had been looking for ways of getting additional funds. The Harris organization (which prints alumni directories nationwide) contacted us at one point, but we didn't immediately jump on it. However, our donations have been dwindling, and we needed to do something. Requests from local businesses had been sent out several times over the years and they had been good at donating, but those, too, got less and less. Alumni requests and memorials are also good ways of gathering the needed funds to keep the projects afloat. Staff members have been very generous in donating by way of payroll deductions. The FEF will receive a percentage of the sale of the alumni directories. Other fundraisers were discussed, like a golf outing."

You might ask yourself who are the major players in the FEF? Well, members have their own interests in programs and a background in the community. They are voted in when openings occur. Many have been involved with the schools in various capacities over the years, and some have even been alumni. Past members include former FHS 25+ Alumni Club president, Audrey 'Kleino' DeFauw ('57), Steve Donovan, Superintendent Howard Richards, Bernice Souris, Sal Venti, Jon Wainwright, Joe DiStefano, Cheryl Morris, former school board members Larry Schoenherr, Harmon Nine, Gerald McCaffrey, and Rosemary Colombo. Sharron Henderson, former administrative assistant for Dr. Matsche and Rick Repicky, was also on the Board.

The Fraser Public Schools have several organizations that look toward increasing their fundraising, the Fraser High School Alumni 25+ Club are just two of them.

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Many thanks go to Joyce 'Soltman' Gozdor '61, for taking pictures at the picnics. Check out her Simply Digital Studio website that showcases the many ways in which you can preserve your family treasures by turning them into digital media. Such a good idea!

Lauren 'Lynch' Slanec '74 retired (and lovin' it) after 30 years with Fraser, with 25 years in the same department.



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Fraser High School Marching Band participated in the 80th annual America's Thanksgiving Day Parade, in downtown Detroit. This was their fourth appearance in the last 10 years.

At the annual picnics, many people inquire why we don't have more yearbooks. Usually we get them when an alumnus dies - his/her siblings give us their old yearbook(s) or when you're just down-sizing.

FHS 25+ Alumni Club has these issues:
1942 1953 1965 1969 1976
1951 1963 1966 1970 1978
1952 1964 1967 1972 1979

Can you fill in any? Call Steven Urbaniak @ (586)791-0677 or e-mail smurbaniak@yahoo.com to donate.

Those from Class of 1961 that survived their 50th Class Reunion ▼



Our ^ Ringleader, Chris Fletcher '71, his lovely bride and the 2nd ^ in command Mike Austerman '84 who all worked tirelessly for hours before, during and after the 25th Annual Alumni Family Club Picnic.



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The first burial at Fraser's privately owned, St. Johns Association Cemetery, was Anna Marie Beata 'Engel' Ahrens, on August 21, 1881.

Steven Urbaniak '77 is a teacher sub. for Fraser Schools, our newsletter editor and works at the Macomb Daily.

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Tom Moons '77 is part owner and General Manager of the Crews Inn, a restaurant in Harrison Township.

Marilyn 'Messana' Lane '77 was elected the State Representative for District 31, serving parts of Fraser and Clinton Twp.

get the hamburgers and hotdogs cooked, and for everyone to respond to Rich's cry of "Hot corn, hot corn, hot corn, here!" His grilled-in-the-husk corn is always a hit. It was great to welcome some new faces to the party and catch up on what they've been doing. The friendship and camaraderie is what makes this event so much fun! The next FHS Winter Reunion will be in the Cypress Room, Sun-N-Fun RV Resort in Sarasota, FL, on Saturday, March 9, 2013, hosted by June 'Haist' Taylor, also from '61.

REUNIONS

Class of 1962 - we understand there is no scheduled 50th planned - we invite you to reunite at the annual picnic to celebrate.

Class of 1972 - 40th reunion will be at the Coach Insignia on Oct. 13, 2012 \$80 per person. Contact Denise 'Tucci' Impemba on Facebook @ home (586) 939-0423 / e-mail - Impe6767@aol.com

Class of 1982 - get your address, e-mail and phone to Linda 'Winkleman' Buckman for a FHS 30-Year Reunion set for August 11th @ The Vintage House in Fraser. Her info - (586) 904-8950 or lmbuckman@comcast.net.

Reunions of a different sort can be found on Facebook, check out these pages -

- FHS Facebook Friends from the '60s
- You know you're from Fraser if . . .
- Fraser Get Togethers
- Fraser High School Alumni
- Fraser High School
- Classes of 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 81, 84, 85 and, of course -
- Fraser High School 25+ Alumni Club

but, definitely **NOT** Hamilton's Fraser High School - that is in Hamilton, New Zealand

Kerry Terman '79 has been hired as the HR Director for Fraser Schools.

Haunted ?

PRICOM, a group of dedicated individuals committed to helping, by documenting causes of unexplained phenomenon met at the St. Johns Assoc. Cemetery, in 2008. On one evening, the Cemetery revealed truths to the team through a chance encounter with a ghost named George. He seemed friendly and answered numerous questions. If you care to, check out the site pircomghosthunters.com/id35.html, for more details.

Special thanks . . .

To all that made our largest fundraiser to be a success and helped at the picnic, but especially to these two (Chris Fletcher's granddaughter, Kierra and Janet 'Smits' Kimball's daughter, Joleen 'King' Boguslaw '87) who stepped up to make the Food area run smoothly. Of course, John Porter '77 hanging around all night, roasting that pig cannot go without mention, also. Thanks all !! (Even if we didn't mention you by name)



In 1894, the Village of Fraser had a population of 230. In 2011, it is reported to have grown to 14,786.

Yes, I want to contribute:

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PLEASE TEAR OFF AND RETURN

Teacher Feature - Jean Clark Wojcikiewicz

By Steve Urbaniak '77

Her story begins in Ann Arbor. This is the town where she grew up, graduating from Ann Arbor (now named Pioneer) High School. She stayed in the vicinity, attended Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, and earned her Bachelor's degree in teaching. The University of Michigan is Michigan's college epitome and Jean lived not far from the famed football field.

While at school, she met Mr. Faulmann from Fraser's funeral home. Sensing Jean probably liked a smaller town atmosphere, a close-knit community, he suggested she try Fraser for a teaching position. That turned out to be right when an opening occurred, and she was hired in the Business Department. In 1960, under the watchful eyes of Stanley Schook and Ned Salerno they guided new teachers to successful careers. Only the best for Fraser always.

In the early years, Miss Clark taught typing, business math and accounting alongside her compadres, Margaret Coleman, Loren Butler, Arlene Eddy, and John Cain. For her advanced degree, Jean commuted to Royal Oak and received her Master's degree in guidance and counseling.

Zane Wojcikiewicz, her husband to be, had already been teaching for a while at Cleary College and at Garden City High School. He spent two years in the service and got his Master's. He made the move to Fraser in 1965 after Jean had established herself there. She had known him while she was in college, and they married during the summer as not to interfere with the school year.

Both Wojcikiewiczzs made the move to the new high school, in 1970, where Zane took on the accounting courses. Jean was qualified to teach shorthand, but never got the opportunity as a part-time counseling position opened. She gladly took this as her Master's was in that discipline. That position eventually became full-time and she welcomed being part of the two-person team of counselors for B House alongside Dick Sebastian.

She was voted Teacher of the Year in 1989 and retired in January 1990 after purchasing a few years for her pension. "I had my daughter during my teaching career," Jean noted. Zane retired at the same time. Retirement days were initially spent leisurely reading her favorite newspaper, The Detroit Free Press.

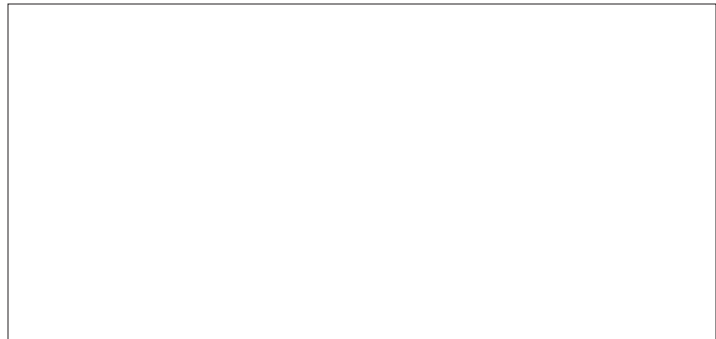
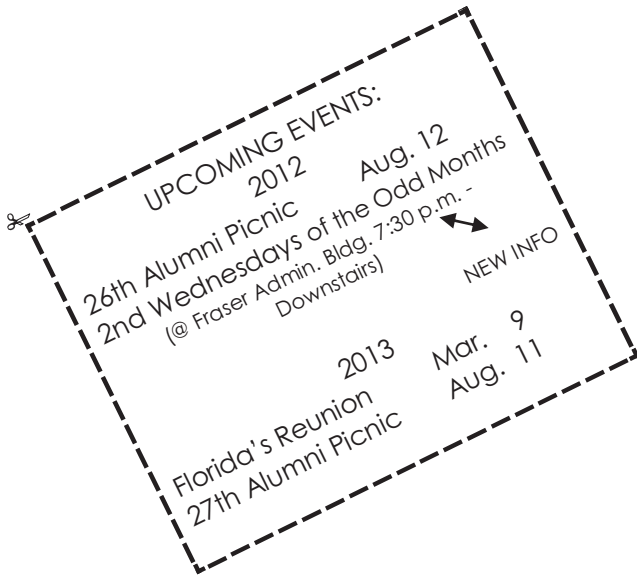
The couple spent the first five years traveling to Florida in the colder months. Eventually they purchased a condo and now spend pretty much from October to May in the Clearwater, Florida area, though they still consider themselves Michiganders. Many cruises have been taken - among the locales are the Panama Canal, Barbados, St. Kitts, and the Caribbean. They missed Grenada due to a mishap. Recreationally they are not good at golf -- they just survive. Jean likes her mystery novels, which she reads often. Occasionally they bump into students. "Restaurants seem to be the most common place former students recognize you," Jean said. She looks back on her long teaching career with fondness, but warns about the modern common opinion that teachers are overpaid. "I can see why so many people change their minds about teaching and go into other fields."

At 72, Jean is slowing down only because Zane, five years her senior, is having health problems. They have now been retired for over 21 years. Jean wishes the students who remember her all the best. "Thanks for thinking of me."

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