



# FHS 25+ Alumni Club Newsletter



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## Our Deserving 2018 Scholarship Recipients

**Fraser High School 25+ Alumni Club is proud to recognize our 2018 scholarship recipients.**

The Audrey Kleino-DeFauw Memorial / FHS 25+ Alumni Club Scholarship Fund has now awarded **\$56,600.00** in financial assistance to FHS seniors as they've graduated, thanks to the continued support of FHS 25+ alumni like you! The Fraser High School 25+ Alumni Club has provided scholarships to deserving seniors since 1995. These financial awards are only possible with contributions to and participation with the Club by fellow FHS alumnus.

*On behalf of our many scholarship recipients -  
**THANK YOU** for continuing to donate, volunteer, and participate with the Club.*



McKinzie Davey, Jenna Sharpe, Julia Wallace and Lila Rode (not pictured here).

### *Many Thanks !!*

A very special THANK YOU to our Board Members for all the years that you served  
FHS Grads & Our community.

**Janet 'Smits' Kimball  
Class of 1960**

**Chris Fletcher  
Class of 1971**

**Patti Hallendy  
Class of 1965**

### **FHS Military Honors**

Is this for you?

There is an area in the high school that has been designated for graduates that have served or are serving in the U. S. Military.



There are pictures, pins, etc. and a partially filled plaque.

The requirements to have a name added to the plaque are: FHS graduate, completed Boot Camp and the request needs to be made by the graduate or a family member. They do not need to have served overseas.

The Class of 2011 donated the plaque, along with the funds for 100 names to be engraved and added.

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### *2018 Alumni Family Picnic*

Thank you to the many volunteers that made our annual fundraiser a success.

We all celebrated in different ways, some of life's milestones.

But a good time was had by all as evidenced with all the hugs, laughter and pictures.



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## Donations in the amount of \$100 - \$499

John Porter	1977	Pig Roast / Pulled Pork proceeds
Allen Colombo	1976	Tents, Tables and Chairs
Kim 'Carter' Kennedy	1980	Scholarship Fund
Wanda 'Carter' Matheny	1981	Scholarship Fund
Jamie Carter	1984	Scholarship Fund
Jody 'Carter' Nelson	1988	Scholarship Fund

## Donations in the amount of \$1 - \$99

Gerald Oehmke	1945	Art Chavez	1965
Harold Bock	1947	George Sheppard	1965
Joyce 'Oehmke' Cornelissen	1951	Lee O'Bryan	1966
Arlene 'Pat' Kellar-Brewer	1953	Susan 'Hesse' Adams	1967
Jean Leonard	1957	Bonnie Etelamaki	1967
Sandy 'House' Colman	1958	Barbara 'Blavelt' Hromek	1967
Ray Carlson	1958	Paul Petrucci	1967
Ron Burke	1958	Mark Ringler	1969
Ida 'Heussner' Eckert	1958	George Roland	1969
Dick Brower	1959	Sharon 'Horetski' Barrett	1971
Roland Filmore	1959	Holly Simunich	1971
Janet 'Smits' Kimball	1960	Joyce 'Goetzinzer' Ellies	1971
Barb 'Przybylski' Brower	1961	Debra Schall	1972
Richard Rigger	1961	Jim McLelland	1973
Elsie 'Larson' Rigger	1961	Gerald Ellis	1974
Janice 'Wood' Schneider	1961	Richard Burzynski	1974
June 'Haist' Taylor	1961	Ken Ling	1975
Rachel Rigger	1963	Dan Tilney	1975
Jane 'Patton' White	1963	Nancy 'Lobie' Young	1977
Cheryl Farmer	1964	Todd Withers	1977
Patrick Laughlin	1964	Henry Jones	1978
Sandi 'Damm' Chavez	1965	Linda 'Winkleman' Buckman	1982
David Haight	1965	Tim Oberg	1985

## CLASS PICNIC ADMISSIONS, DONATIONS AND TOTALS

Class of 1940's	Admissions \$ 25	Donations \$ 50	Class Total \$ 75.00
Class of 1950's	Admissions \$110	Donations \$115	Class Total \$225.00
Class of 1960's	Admissions \$370	Donations \$270	Class Total \$640.00
Class of 1970's	Admissions \$300	Donations \$175	Class Total \$475.00
Class of 1980's	Admissions \$155	Donations \$525	Class Total \$680.00
Class of 1990's	Admissions \$ 20	Donations \$0	Class Total \$ 20.00
Class of 2000's	Admissions \$ 45	Donations \$0	Class Total \$ 45.00

## DONATIONS MADE IN MEMORY OF

Marcia 'Burke' Randall	1950	In memory of brother '69 Glen Randall
Sharon 'Horetski' Barrett	1971	In memory of brothers '74 Robert & '86 David
Linda 'Horetski' Smith	1977	In memory of brothers '74 Robert & 86 David

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## DO YOU REMEMBER ME?

Michael Pozniak	Class of 1980	Paul Schneider	Class of 1958
Passed: 09/2008		Passed: 01/01/18	
Larry Garcia	Class of 1977	Robert DeVolder	Class of 1963
Passed: 12/13/17		Passed: 11/07/17	
Steven Troia	Class of 1974	Cheryl Thauvette	Class of 1963
Passed: 10/02/17		Passed: 04/22/18	
Joseph Chmura	Class of 1973	James Furno	Class of 1981
Passed: 10/31/17		Passed: 04/28/11	
Michael Lathem	Class of 1977	Debi Morley	Class of 1977
Passed: 10/06/17		Passed: 03/08/18	
Arline 'McCurdy' Lingiger	Class of 1947	Matthew LeMieux	Class of 1969
Passed: 09/09/17		Passed: 10/18/17	
Brenda Harmon-Grulke	Class of 1968	Melissa Horne	Class of 2008
Passed: 11/02/17		Passed: 02/23/18	
Linda Champion	Class of 1970	Margaret Geck	Class of 2002
Passed: 04/02/17		Passed: 02/18/18	
Nancy 'Bancroft' White	Teacher	Martha 'Perry' Wachlarz	Class of 1956
Passed: 09/23/17		Passed: 08/27/11	
Susie Schutt-Zchunke	Class of 1960	Leo 'Chuck' Perry	Class of 1959
Passed: 04/24/17		Passed 02/11/18	
Michael Cataldo	Class of 1967	Ann Snarski	Bus Driver
Passed: 08/22/17		Passed: 01/12/18	
Ken Conlon	Class of 1978	Michael Webb	Class of 1976
Passed: 09/12/17		Passed: 10/17/17	
Diane 'Kowalski' Muravchick	Class of 1979	Grant Kohler	Class of 1980
Passed: 10/02/17		Passed: 11/15/99	
Paula Mayle-McIntyre	Class of 1980	Kathy Kusz	Class of 1980
Passed: 10/23/17		Passed: 11/20/10	
Marilyn Schneider-Fisher	Class of 1966	Norman Schneider	Class of 1961
Passed: 10/30/17		Passed: 01/22/18	
David Symanski	Class of 1973		
Passed: 11/01/17			
Linda Taylor-Vassallo	Class of 1967		
Passed: 10/23/17			
Julie Fredrick	Consultant		
Passed: 02/06/18			
Ernest Lemanski	Class of 1972		
Passed: 12/21/17			
Donna Steffens-Stonebreaker	Class of 1946		
Passed: 01/27/18			
Mary Everett	Teacher		
Passed: 01/19/18			

*This is just a brief listing of our departed classmates, principals, teachers and staff. An obituary, if available, in its entirety, is on the website - [www.fhs25plus.org](http://www.fhs25plus.org)*





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## Military Honors (Cont'd from Page 1)

If you would like to have someone listed, please contact Ingrid Fryia, [Ingrid.Fryia@fraserk12.org](mailto:Ingrid.Fryia@fraserk12.org) for details.

NAME	U.S.BRANCH	GRAD.YR.	NAME	U.S.BRANCH	GRAD.YR.
Randall, Richard	Navy & Army	1940	Westby, Ryan	Marine Corps.	2002
Hallendy, Sr., William	Army	1941	Weiss, Robert D.	Air Force	2002
Randall, Russell	Coast Guard	1944	Lienemann, Justin Carl	Marine Corps.	2002
Bock, Harold W.	Air Force	1947	Cecchini, Paul A.	Army	2004
DeVoogd, Elmer	Army	1950	Economides, Brian	Air Force	2004
Randall, Gordon T.	Army	1952	SlanecIII, Howard Chandler	Marine Corps.	2004
Bock, Art	Army	1954	Lienemann, Nicholas John	Marine Corps.	2005
Richards, Gerald M.	Army	1954	Defer, Justin M.	Marine Corps.	2005
Hartwell, Leroy M.	Air Force	1956	Reed, Michael P.	Army	2005
Johnson Donald F.	Navy	1958	Virga, Mark A.	Army	2005
Baraks Esperance, Sheila	Marine Corps	1960	Klingenberg, Brian	Marine Corps.	2005
Jacobi, Michael	Air Force	1962	Russel, Jonathan	Army	2006
Warner, Joseph	Navy	1962	Newkirk, Ryan	Navy	2006
Blaga, Dennis J.	Army	1963	Nowicki, Derek	Marine Corps.	2007
Dumas, John	Marine Corps	1964	McDowell, Sean	Marine Corps.	2007
Gair, Terry	Navy	1964	Ritthaler, Ryan	Marine Corps.	2007
Heberlein, Dale E.	Marine Corps	1964	Morgan, Louis	Marine Corps.	2007
Silva, Arnold	Navy	1964	Murphy, Mark	Navy	2007
Berryhill, Lowell	Navy	1965	Osborne, Christopher	Army	2007
Darr, Thomas	Army	1965	Stamper, Brandon	Air Force	2008
Kollmorgen, Lance	Army	1965	Walters, Brent	Air Force	2008
Petrucci, Louis	Navy	1965	Toth, John	Air Force	2008
Smits, Walter C.	Navy	1965	Warren, Daniel	Navy	2008
Uhlik II, John	Army	1965	Weidman, Joseph	Air Force	2008
Rattee, Jr., William E.	Army	1966	Sellers, Jennifer	Coast Guard	2008
Redlawski, Darwyn	Army	1966	Howard, Dennis	Navy	2008
Merrifield, Peter	Marine Corps	1967	Inwood, Shawn	Army	2008
Mittleman, Mark A.	Army	1967	Johnson, Shawn	Marine Corps.	2008
Prosser, William L.	Air Force	1967	Keller, Daniel	Navy	2008
Skowronek, John	Army	1967	Klingenberg, Eric	Marine Corps.	2008
Randall, Glen	Marine Corps	1969	Kusch, Adam	Marine Corps.	2008
Ottomann, Daniel E.	Air Force	1970	Scargall, Joshua L.	Navy	2009
Davidson, Mark C.	Air Force	1971	Schaefer, Mitchell	Marine Corps.	2009
Luchmann Statzer, Judith A.	Army	1971	Livingston, Aaron	Marine Corps.	2010
Trudel, Michael A.	Navy	1971	Delvillano, Vincenzo R.	Navy	2010
Swindlehurst, Terry	Army	1972	Fallon, Karl	Marine Corps.	2010
Maliniak, Richard T.	Army	1975	Modzinski, Nicholas	Army	2010
Smagacz, Michael	Navy	1977	Moore, Thomas	Army	2010
Smith, Linda	Navy	1977	Schaefer, Kelly	Marine Corps.	2010
Commyn, Jr., John	Army	1981	Schumaker, Joshua	Army	2010
Junga, Diana	Army	1981	Walters, Brandon	Army	2010
Smagacz, Daniel	Navy	1981	Holloway, Nathan	Air Force	2010
Dumas, James	Army	1982	Piecuch, Connor	Marines	2011
McCaffrey, Joseph G.	Army	1983	Jadeja, Mayur	Air Force	2012
Drennan, Steven	Navy	1984	Ochoa	Air Force	2012
Kucharski, Jr., Ronald G.	Marine Corps	1986	Morrison, Andrew	Army	2012
Griswold, Russell	Air Force	1987	Scurto, Nicholas	Navy	2012
Junga, Susan	Navy	1987	Ruggirello, Derek	Air Force	2012
Pacholski, Phillip C.	Army	1987	Casey, Madeline	Navy	2012
Frosch, Thomas	Navy	1988	Tideswell Morrison, Janell	Army	2012
Harwick, Scott R.	Marine Corps	1988	Carden, Brett	Navy	2012
Highfield, Joseph W.	Marine Corps	1988	Killian, Hannon	Army	2012
Howard III, Walter B.	Army	1988	Keith, Zachary	Army	2013
Murdock-Borough, Michell	Army	1988	Oltman, Grant B.	Navy	2013
Sylvester, Scott J.	Marine Corps	1988	Moulding, Brandon	Marines	2013
Watson, Randy	Army	1988	Greenleaf, Jacob D.	Army	2014
Yakey, Todd M.	Marine Corps	1988	Gross, Alex	Army	2014
Gerebics, Keith A.	Army	1989	Swinyer, Kayla Alice	Air Force	2014
Sawyer, Joseph	Navy	1989	Twardzik, Alex	Army	2014
Kopetski, Derek E.	Air Force	1992	Callihan, Rachel	Navy	2015
Moreton, Terrance A.	Marine Corps.	1993	Barker, Andrew	Marine Corps.	2015
Willick, Michael	Army	1994			
Moreton, Elisabeth A.	Coast Guard	1995			
Westby, Joshua	Marine Corps.	1996			
Gerebics, Timothy A	Army	1998			
Karapandza, Stephen J.	Coast Guard	2000			
Lupo, Michael	Army	2000			

### SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL VETS . . .

Fraser V.F.W.'s monthly, held on 4th Wednesdays, except in November & December, all-you-can-eat Spaghetti Dinner, 17075 Anita. It's from 11:30 to 8 p.m., \$7, includes bread, salad and the fixings, homemade desserts & beverage.

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Jane 'Patton' White '63

Pat Hallendy '65

Janet 'Smits' Kimball '60

FACEBOOK GROUP:

Fraser High School  
Alumni Club

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED:

**\$56,600.00 to date**

*This year we Welcome ALL of our  
Graduated classes to join us in  
our efforts to help further  
education.*



*fhs25alumni@gmail.com or  
send class listing to PO Box 154, Fraser, MI  
48026*

## ATTENTION ALL ALUMNI

We are still seeking Class Year Books  
We are missing.....

All of the 1930's, 1940, 1941, 1943, 1944, 1945,  
1946, 1947, 1950, 1961, 1962, 1971, 1973, 1974,  
1975, 1977, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987,  
1988, 1992, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999,  
and all of the 2000's & 2010's

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JOHN PORTER '77

Many years ago, John attended a FHS Alumni Picnic and offered to roast a pig free of charge to support the club's main goal...to raise money for scholarships to high school seniors of alumni parents. He said, "I'm always grateful for the education I have received at Fraser High School and will continue to roast the pigs as long as I can to support the program."

Just a glimpse at what takes place before the delicious pork roast sandwiches are ready for consumption at the picnic...John arrives about 6:30 p.m. the night before the annual FHS Alumni Picnic with his portable smoker trailing behind his pick up truck. He loads the charcoal and wood into the smoker. The pierced pig has been studded with garlic cloves and is draped in foil. The fire in the smoker is started around 8 p.m. The pig will smoke all night and should be done about 11 a.m. the next morning just before the picnic begins.

All through the night, John rechecks the foil, vents and charcoal and temperature every two hours (at least) and then decides whether more fuel is needed. He maintains a temperature of 300 degrees for the whole night.

Over the years, John has learned what it takes to keep the temperature up and even. During the night, he adjusts the opening and/or closing of the vents and determines whether or not to cover the smoker with blankets (not the wool ones) – the kind welders use that are made of fiberglass and rated to 1000 degrees Fahrenheit.

After graduation, John worked as a Toolmaker Apprentice at Lamb Technician, now known as MAG Powertrain. Throughout the years he held many positions and just recently has become the Sales Account Executive after being the Area Manager for the past 20 years. His work experience has taken him to many foreign countries. John says, "I've had a very successful career, thanks to all the Fraser High School teachers and faculty."

John has three children (their mom passed from breast cancer) and is currently married to Diane. He has a message for all women, "You must use flax seed daily!!" Some of his other interests included being a volunteer firefighter for many years in Goodland Township and roasting numerous pigs for Relay for Life, firefighter golf outings, etc.

When asked why he does this every year, John



replied "My family and I have had a good life and we want to give back."

So next time you attend a picnic, please take a few moments to thank John and his family for all of their time, effort, and money donated for such a wonderful cause. You know where to find him – yes, at the big, black smoker!

**Thank you from the Alumni Club!**



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## FRASER HIGH



### SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORTER

**1.5 X 2**  
**Yard Sign**  
**\$250.00**  
**Donation**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Notes \_\_\_\_\_

**2 X 4**  
**Banner**  
**\$500.00 Donation**  
+ Website Link on Fraser High Alumni website

Your Sign/Banner will be on display at  
**Fraser Lions Picnic in July**  
**&**  
**Fraser Alumni Picnic in August**

**3 X 5**  
**Banner**  
**\$1000.00 Donation**  
+ Website Link on Fraser High Alumni website

For more information you can visit our website at [www.fhs25plus.org](http://www.fhs25plus.org)  
Or you can call Kim 'Carter' Kennedy 80' 586-634-2039



## Yes, I want to contribute:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Fund In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ General Fund (Includes expenses for supplies, newsletter creation, pictures, printings, mailings, etc.)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Picnic pre-payment for registration moves you to head of the line ;) – held on 2nd Sunday in August, on the 11th in 2019 \$10.00 PER ALUMNI FAMILY, living together; **NEW THIS YEAR - BEER** will be available.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_  
Please include maiden name, if applicable

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please let us know of your new address, phone numbers, winter address or any corrections, just return this form, send a postal card or email - fhs25alumni@gmail.com**

**Make all checks payable to FHS 25+ ALUMNI CLUB.  
Mail to P.O. Box 154, Fraser, MI 48026 - 0154**

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**PLEASE TEAR OFF AND RETURN**

### ATTENTION ALUMNI MUSICIANS!!

If you would like to donate your musical talents and jam with some of your classmates at the 2019 FHS Alumni Family Picnic, please contact



Joe Tackett '72. He will supply the P.A., so please just bring your own instruments, amplifiers, microphones and mic stands. All drummers should contact Joe, so

that only one of you has to bring a set.

If anyone would like to video the jammers, that would be great also!



Joe Tackett: 248-425-0447 -  
ZJT@Comcast.net

### HELP IS NEEDED AT THE PICNIC ON SUNDAY AUGUST 11, 2019

Our past FHS Alumni Club Picnics have been successful because of the few classmates who show up every year eager to help in any way they can.

We are so thankful for them because it could not be possible with just the handful or two of committee members who are always attending the meetings and picnics year after year.

### We are in need of volunteers to help us out this year!!

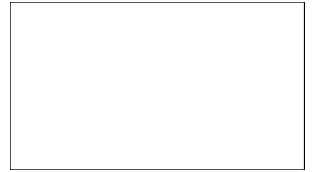
Please find it in your hearts to give us just an hour or two of your time. For those who volunteer every year, we are very grateful for your commitment. It can't be done without you!

Please contact us at  
fhs25alumni@gmail.com  
Thank you, Kim 'Carter' Kennedy  
President

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



UPCOMING EVENTS:  
2019

33rd Alumni Picnic Aug. 11  
At VFW Hall, on Anita,  
next to PlayScape  
@ 1pm

Meetings - 2nd Wednesday  
of odd months except  
December  
at FHS Medea Center @ 7pm

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