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## 2003 Picnic Saw Many New Faces

By Nancy 'Skubick' Fay

Showers didn't dampen the spirits of over 300 alumni who attended last year's picnic. We welcomed the Class of 1978, and those "kids" had a fun time catching up after only 25 years. Other gathered alumni enjoyed visiting friends from "a few years ago" too.



The Schneider Family L>R: Cathy Schneider '55, Norm Schneider '61, Jane Schneider-Fulbright '65, and Paul Schneider '58.

This was the first time in many a year that the picnic was held earlier in August.

From feedback received, the majority liked the earlier date. People who had never been able to come before came and enjoyed the camaraderie.

The Working Committee is sorry for any class party that was planned far in advance to comply with the picnic date, only to learn too late that the date was changed. Your class rep should have reported to you the date change, but so many classes HAVE NO REPRESENTATION. Who is your class rep?

The preceding paragraph segues into a problem faced by the FHS 25+ Alumni Club that must be addressed. The yearly picnic is special. Anything that runs so smoothly takes planning — lots of planning. A very small group of (dare I say) older alumni are at the park before 9:00 a.m. to ensure you a day to enjoy with your friends. They set up tents (some on Saturday night) tables, chairs (each chair and table are washed too), signs, food, raffles, sound systems, registration, historical books, etc., and then they get to work the raffles, cook, and sell the food, try to update the registration book which tracks over 4000 alumni, collect money and keep count of everything.

This accounts for the small group on that day, and by day's end, a portion of those attending help to take down the physical setting. A great day is had by all, but some are simply exhausted! We need your help. Not just on picnic day, but during the year to share the burden of planning for the picnic, how to raise funds for scholarships, editing the newsletter, writing articles for the newsletter, getting ads to help pay for the newsletter, updating alumni addresses, pictures, someone to be the historian, treasurer, dedicated person to present the scholarships at the honors convocation and make the contacts with the school, a secretary, vice-president, web-master, a person to continually update the data base of names and locate next year's new 25+ club members, compile, label and put in zip-code-order over 4000 newsletters, get them to the post office on a given date, send condolences to grieving alumni when we have the information, be the club's president, party planner, and attend a meeting once month. Can you help just a little? If you are willing, please call Nancy Skubick Fay at 586-294-1948. We'd appreciate your help a great deal!

## Picnic - Aug. 8, 2004

### 2003 50-60's Party

By Pat Hallendy

For those of you who did not attend the 2003 50-60's Party, you missed the party of the year! On September 27, 2003, the Fraser Lions Den was a rock'n and a roll'n until after midnight. A few car buffs brought their dream cars to display for all to admire. It was a pizza party led by a Fraser alumni DJ with great music, dancing, entertainment, contests, prizes and a 50/50 raffle. Even Elvis showed up to sing a few tunes. Many partygoers dressed in the 50-60's era for the Best Costume contest. It was such a success that over \$700 was raised for the Audrey Kleino DeFauw Scholarship Fund.

Because everyone had such a good time and said they would be back for another one next year, there will be a third annual 50-60's party on Saturday, September 18, 2004 at the Fraser Lions Den, but this time with a banquet dinner. So, for those of you who missed the first two fun parties, you have a chance to join us at the next one. Get your poodle skirts, leather jackets, love beads, psychedelic clothes and join us at the next party! All proceeds to benefit the Audrey Kleino DeFauw Scholarship Fund.

### Fraser 25+ Alumni Club Sponsors 50's / 60's Party September 18, 2004

Fraser Lions Den

Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.

Visit [www.fhs25plus.org](http://www.fhs25plus.org) for details or  
Call Nancy 'Skubick' Fay  
at 586-294-1948



Nancy Skubick-Fay '60, Pat Harris-Simms '60, Mary Ann Juzkowski, Sheila Barakas-Esperance '60.

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## Donations to the FHS 25+ Alumni Club For club or Picnic Expenses

(since publication of 2003 newsletter)

### Donations from \$10-\$40

Donor	Grad. Class
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Jean Dobies Klein	1951
Mark Golden	1974
Sandra House Colman	1958
Patrick Laughlin	1964
Gerald Oehmke	1945
Jane Patton White	1963
Robin Williams (as guest)	1981



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Linda Lahay	1965	Website sponsor April 2004
Garrett Perks	1972	Website sponsor May-June 2004
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Carole Patterson Schumaker		In memory of Janet Sommerville Truax Schumaker '54

Jasper Terzo	1952	
James Wakeman		In memory of classmate Susan Engel Richard '67

Jane Carlson Warren	1950	
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#### Donations from \$50-\$99

Cheryl Farmer	1964	In memory of Linda Schwark Gillasch
Marian Hopkins	1948	
Bonnie Rosteck Layman	1947	

#### Donations from \$100 and up

Kenneth Allen	1954	(from 50/50 winnings)
Florida Alumni Reunion		
Scott Tarkowski	1954	

## FHS 25+ Alumni Club Plaque Dedicated

The FHS 25+ Alumni Club has a plaque. Unveiled at last year's 50's/60's Party in September, President Nancy "Skubick" Fay gave the plaque its first showing. The idea originated by club member Steve Urbaniak (Class of 1977) who also is a substitute teacher for the Fraser school district. Whenever Steve was at the high school, by the main office, he'd notice all the scholarship plaques from an assortment of societies, foundations, and such. "I thought, why shouldn't our club have a plaque. We've given scholarships for 10 years. We should be up there, too," said Urbaniak.

On November 10, at the bi-monthly School Board meeting, Fay and Urbaniak presented the plaque to president Debbie Kalousdian.

"Last year, the club awarded two \$1,000 scholarships, up from \$300 when the fund began," said Fay. Two more student's names are being selected for awarding of scholarships at the time of this writing and their names will be placed on the plaque in coming months. The honors convocation where the scholarships are awarded was May 17 in the high school auditorium.

## Teacher Spotlight on James (J.C.) Miller

By Steve Urbaniak

So many of Fraser High School's graduates have had a class taught by Jim Miller, who calls himself J.C. Talking with this grand old gentleman, and I say this with nothing but respect, it is clear that he lived to teach. Reaching him at his St. Clair Shores home recently was a pleasure for both myself and for Miller too.

Coming to the school district back in the fall of 1951, Fraser only had two school buildings, the school inside the Fraser village (what eventually became Kennedy Junior High), and Cady School (which became known as Einstein Elementary). Miller taught in the Fraser school (which housed K-12). Specializing in Social Studies, he taught government and economics throughout his long career. For a few years, in those early days, he also taught grades 1-4 physical education.

When Fraser grew, and grew it did during the 50s and 60s, Miller was there to see it along. He transferred to the new high school in 1957 (now Richards Middle School) and then onto the new, new high school in 1970 (the current high school). He retired in June, 1989 after 38 years. Commenting on his long career with Fraser, Miller stated it was rewarding because "Fraser Schools are special."

The highlight of his career was winning the very first championship Fraser ever had (in any sport). He believes it was back around 1957 when Fraser won the football championship, and he was the coach. We know Fraser has the current state volleyball championship for the last two years. He reminisced about coaching football for 10 years and track for 18.

Miller said it is great to recognize so many students all these years later. He taught Jim Sorgi (the Wisconsin football star's father, also named Jim). He was teacher to Lee O'Bryan (current assistant principal) and Bill Vandeveegaete (formerly one of Fraser's junior high science teachers. One of his students, Mark Kobleigh, is a successful chiropractor. At age 76, Miller is still very thankful for his good health as he and his wife celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

For the last 15 years, since retiring, Miller has traveled throughout the U.S. At first, he used a camper, but not any longer. In the winter you can reach him at his place in Gulf Shores, Alabama. He golfs often and has done some genealogy here and there.

J.C. has fond wishes for all his former students and knows so many of them have had such great success. "Great kids. I wish them all the best."



## WWII Vets Eligible for High School Diplomas

By Steve Urbaniak

Students who left high school before graduating to serve in the military during World War II are eligible to receive their high school diplomas as a result of legislation signed into law by Governor John Engler.

In appreciation of the service and sacrifice of veterans who defended our country and defeated tyranny more than a half century ago, these men and women finally received their high school diplomas in a program which allows any student who, for whatever reason, left school and joined the military during the war years and did not complete their education.

Thousands of young men and women nationwide set aside their education and the comforts of home to join the military once our nation was catapulted in World War II. After the war, many never returned to school, but rather began families and careers, while becoming role models and leaders within their communities. This opportunity is a small gesture of gratitude for their many sacrifices.

Fraser High School veterans who were present to receive their diplomas at the 2002 graduation ceremonies were Richard G. Collins, Roy E. Heisner, Lavern J. Kollmorgen, Arnold L. Puffpaff, Carl L. Sandula, and Richard C. Schultz. Cheryl Kelley Bennett received the diploma for her father, James A. Kelley. Christopher M. Pinger accepted for his father, Eugene M. Pinger. And Joseph Spriet accepted for his father, Gustave J. Spriet.

Unable to attend the ceremony, but receiving their diplomas in the mail were: Robert B. Chase, Charles W. Collins, Edward J. Lafriniere, Jr., Walter P. Miat, Richard Randall, Russell Randall, Jr., William Schmidt, Clifford L. Stier and Robert DeBusschere.

## Reunion set for Classes of '63 and '64

By Steve Urbaniak

A combined class reunion for the Classes of '63 and '64 will be held August 7 (the night before our Alumni Picnic) at the Somerset Inn in Troy. The event's price is \$75 per person and begins at 7:00 p.m. Address changes are requested to update mailing lists for the classes and for the FHS 25+ Alumni Club. Classmates and spouses are welcome, as well as teachers from those years.

For further information, contact the '63 Class Rep - Karen Schmitz O'Bryan or the '64 Class Rep - Sandy Napior Harris at 586-254-3238.



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# Fraser legend passes

By Steve Urbaniak

Perhaps one of Fraser High School's most famous alumni has died. Mark "Doc" Andrews, Class of 1970, passed away February 21, 2004 after battling colon cancer for 10 months. He was 51.

Less than 5 feet tall, his motto was "You can be as big as you want to be." Detroit area sportscaster and motivational speaker, one would occasionally see Mark in the auditorium lecturing to young folks on Gold Days during seminar at Fraser High. Mark was a treasure trove of impressions and sports knowledge, as well as television trivia. He was sports director for "Dick Purtan and Purtan's People" for the last 20 years on radio station WOMC.

Mark was inducted into Fraser High's Athletic Hall of Fame for student manager of varsity baseball, trainer, announcer and for broadcasting. "Mark was devoted to sports," recalls Coach Mario Borrocci. "He'd sit atop of the stands and record the games on his hand-held recorder doing play-by-play." He was fondly remembered by so many, ever-popular, nothing seemed to bother him. While at Fraser he was a busy student. His extra-curricular activities covered baseball, basketball, F Club, football, hockey, sports broadcasting in the sports categories, and other activities such as art club, debate, choir, President's Club, performing in the school musical, student council, and class officer. From his 1970 senior edition where it looks 10 years into the future he wrote: "In 1980 I'll be in St. Louis as the Blues play-by-play announcer..." And come to think of it, he'd even top his own predictions.

After making his mark at Fraser, Mark got his first pro announcing venture at Gogebic College in the Upper Peninsula. From there it was basketball announcing for University of Detroit Mercy, and Wayne State University. Mark continued his announcing at Michigan State University and the University of Michigan with play-by-play hockey. Following college hockey, Mark announced CCHA hockey and the defunct PASS cable channel, ESPN and the club announcer for the Detroit Pistons ('75 - '79) and the Detroit Lions ('76 - '85). I guess you'd say the Pistons and Lions beat out the St. Louis Blues in his predictions, huh?

Mark was a sports anchor for WKBD-50 and sports reporter for WDIV (Channel 4) and did sports assignments for Channel 20. He was the public address announcer for World Cup Soccer, the Super Bowl, the NBA All-Star Game and the Red Wings. On January 1, 1984 he joined Dick Purtan on the radio at WCZY-FM 95.5. "Although Doc stood only 4-foot-7 inches, to our listeners, fans and fellow workers, he stood tall throughout his life."

At 104.3 not only was he the sportscaster, but an impressionist as well. His characters included Sterling Heights (which poked fun at game show announcers); Gordon Kincaid, the out-of-breath newscaster in the vein of the 1960's "20/20 News" announcer on CKLW; Alan Walnuts (which mocked the late-night romantic radio host of "Pillow Talk," Alan Almond); and Mr. Michigan. He also mimicked Bruce Martin and Ken Kal, Detroit Red Wings radio announcers. Before his death, he was off for the last several weeks while receiving oncology treatments, otherwise 20 long years of broadcasting.

His nickname "Doc" came from Purtan himself as Mark was the "Doctor of Beavology" due to his almost infallible knowledge of



the classic TV show "Leave It To Beaver" trivia. He truly was one of the good guys with his positive outlook on life, touching everyone who knew him.

His side career was motivational speaking. Clients included Merrill Lynch, General Motors, Domino's Pizza, AAA of Michigan and Ford Motor Co. He spoke at last year's Macomb County Teacher of the Year banquet and thanked many Fraser teachers for giving him the courage to rise up and succeed in his goals. Carl Vaara, math teacher (now retired) was his broadcasting career motivator. Mark was active also in Little People of America and the Dwarf Athletic Association of America.

Never forgetting Fraser, he'd return home to announce for the Fraser Figure Skating Club for 25 years. He never let his size diminish his potential.

His funeral at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms was packed. People parked their cars several blocks away just to attend. Visitors of notoriety included superintendent Rick Repicky, FHS coaches Ross MacDonald and Mario Borrocci, Pistons Coach Ray Scott, radio promoter "Big" Al Muskovitz, Dick Purtan and Colleen Burcar (traffic), news columnist Art Vuolo, advertising mogul Bill Burton, and radio motivationalist, Bill Thomas.

He is survived by wife, Amy; and his children, Eddie, Hollis, and Alicia; parents, Paul and Shirley Andrews; and sister, Krysty Schwikert (Class of 1969).

A fund has been established in Andrews' name. Donations may be sent to Mark E. Andrews Memorial Fund, 18530 Mack Avenue, Suite 196, Grosse Pointe, Michigan 48236.

## Picnic for 2004 Set for August 8

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual FHS 25+ Alumni Club Picnic is set for August 8. Just remember, "8/8 is great, and you won't forget the date." The event, which will greet all past alumni from graduating class of 25 years or more, will be held at Steffens Park, rain or shine, from noon 'til dusk. Steffens Park is behind the Fraser city complex at 14 Mile and Garfield Roads.

There is a \$10 alumni household admittance fee, and a registration table so we can keep track of who is in attendance and whether your address and phone number are current.

Food is sold on-site and includes hot dogs (BBQ), pop, water, coffee. There are 50/50 drawings and a Chinese raffle for prizes or cash. No glass bottles, please. Music from a disc jockey will be provided.

If you are interested in donating items, we are accepting them now. Please call 586-294-1948.

Come on over, catch up on what's been going on with some of your former classmates. Call up some of your old friends and plan on going together or meeting up there for some great conversations, laughs, and good times. See ya' there.

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## FHS grad has long career as Michigan political columnist

By Steve Urbaniak

Class of 1963 graduate Tim Skubick is now in his 35<sup>th</sup> year of covering Michigan politics and government for a variety of media outlets, including WWJ-AM 950 where he has worked since 1970. For the last 32 years, he has anchored the public TV series "Off the Record," seen weekly on WTVS (Channel 56) in Detroit and writes a weekly political column for The Macomb Daily, The Oakland Press (on Fridays) and 11 other statewide newspapers. He just completed his first book entitled, "Off the Record," available at Amazon.com. Working for The Macomb Daily for 16 years, I have become personally familiar with Tim's work, seeing it and actually keying his submitted copy into the computer system weekly for quite a few years myself. His writing is always fresh and interesting.

Tim, affectionately known as Ruby by his high school peers, resides in Okemos, just east of East Lansing. He is married to Gayle, who is a fifth grade teacher. Daughter Carly will be off to pursue a career in musical theatre via the University of Tampa starting in the fall. His mom, Eleanor, still lives in the Skubick home on Park Lane in Fraser.



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Cooks - Tom Fay and Amy Schinning '89



Pat Hallendy '65 and sister



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# OBITUARIES

*Only obituaries of FHS Alumni, Classmates and Teachers are printed.*

**Mark "Doc" Andrews**, Class of 1970. Died Sat., Feb. 21, 2004. Age 51. (see separate article).

**Lorne Arnold**, Class of 1939. Died May, 2003 in Indiana. Died of prostate cancer. Survived by wife, Virginia; son, Brian; daughters Martha and Elaine, and grandchildren.

**Gayle Griffin Burns**, Class of 1972. Died November 5, 2003 in Chesterfield Township. She was a secretary for three years at St. Joseph's Mercy, Clinton Township. Survived by son, Joshua; parents, Marlin and Shirley Griffin.

**Virginia Horaney Caldwell**, Class of 1937. Died March 22, 2004 in Tucson, Ariz. Age 85. Survived by children, Barbara Sides, Lewis, Patti Ann, Duncan, nine grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren.

**James Crane**, Class of 1979.

**Thomas Darr**, Class of 1965. Died Oct. 3, 2003. Lived in Macomb Township. Former employee of LTV in Sterling Heights, Chrysler Corp., and Textron in Mt. Clemens. He served in Vietnam as an Army helicopter repairman and was a member of Disabled American Veterans. He later was a computer drafting engineer. Had a gift for solving mathematical problems and enjoyed fishing trips, bowling and hunting. Survived by daughter, Bonnie; son, Adam; sister, Connie Burns and grandchildren, Kimberly and Caprice.

**Leroy Faulmann**, Class of 1944. Longtime resident of Fraser and former funeral home owner, died April 17, 2003 in Boca Raton, FL. Mr. Faulmann had been employed with Will and Schwarzkoff Funeral Home until he opened his own funeral home in Fraser in 1960. He later sold the funeral home to James Walsh and moved to Deerfield Beach, FL. He graduated from Fraser High School and Wayne State University School of Mortuary Science. He served in the U.S. Navy during WW II. He was a longtime member of St. John Lutheran Church of Fraser and Fraser VFW Post 6691. He is survived by his wife, Ellen; daughters, Sharon Robbins, and Susan Malcolm of Florida; brothers, LeLand of California, and Gerald of Florida; and two grandchildren.

**Kim M. Gatward Dopp**, Class of 1974. Died August 9, 2003. Age 46. Lived in Madison Heights. Employed at Kroger for 27 years. Survived by children William, Carolyn, Leah, and Matthew Dopp; fiancée Barry Oderfer; parents, George and Jean Richardson (of Florida); brothers Jim, Terry and Jimmy, Bill and Patrick Richardson; sisters Karen, Debbie, Kathy, Krystin and Kerri. A memorial service was held at the Warren Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Warren.

**Henry 'Hank' Huetter**, Class of 1948. Died October 29, 2003 at home. Age 74. Hank was a toolmaker and employed at various shops, most recently at I & G Tool in New Baltimore. He loved going to antique toy shows and working in his workshop. If it could be built, Henry could do it. He was a member of the Model Engine Collectors Association. Hank is survived by his wife Catherine; son, Mark (of Fraser); and two grandchildren.

**Charles Humphries**, Class of 1956. Died July 19, 2003. Age 65. Lived in Shelby Township. Retired after 25 years of employment with Proper Mold and Engineering. Survived by wife, Lila; children, Kim, Kevin, Denise Verbeke, Gary; mother, Olivia; brother, Wilbur and six grandchildren. Memorial contributions were made to Hospice of Henry Ford, St. Joseph Team.

**Jeffrey A. Kohn**, Class of 1977. Died March 23, 2004. Age 44. Jeff was a cabinet maker and owner of Jeff's Cabinets for 15 years. Also worked nine years at the Meijer store at Utica and 15 Mile. Survived by father, Robert; sister, Debra. Donations were made to The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

**Richard Krage**, Class of 1954.

**Ralph Kretschmann**, Class of 1965. Died June 8, 2003. Age 56. Lived in Yale, Mich. Graduated 1968 from Sherwood Music School in Chicago. Talented musician who played piano and organ. Made decision not to play professionally. Graduate of Oakland University and University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry. Professor at University of Detroit for four years teaching dentistry. Had his private practice in Yale (1972-1999). Gave private lessons, and taught

music with Grinnell Brothers. Member of Yale school board. Survived by wife, Kathy; children, Heather Burnell, Aaron, Kim Wakeham, Drew Kerswell, six grandchildren; sister, Marilyn Hall. Memorial contributions were made to the University of Detroit Dental Scholarship and the St. Clair County Cancer Society.

**Harold Layman**, Class of 1945. Died July 15, 2003. Survived by children, Deborah Hurley, David, Diana Darnell and Daniel; sisters, Bessie Hamilton, Ann Curtin, Verna Burnett, and Joyce Simonis.

**Randall E. Linebach**, Class of 1973. Died April 23, 2004. Age 49. Randall was a lifelong resident of Macomb County. Died in Biloxi, Miss. in an offshore power-boat-accident. He raced competitively with the American Power Boat Association and OSS Power Boating Associations since 1974. He is survived by children, Jerrid and Leah; two grandchildren; parents, Ferdinand Linebach, and Gladys Wells; and siblings, Ruthann, Rose, Rhonda, Robin, and Rick.

**Joseph Melvin**, Classmate, Class of 1971. Died April 2, 2004 in Houston, Texas. Age 51. Survived by mother, Grace St. Denis, of Kalkaska; brother, John, of Fraser; sisters Joanne Baker, Mary Fell, Elizabeth Borek and Jeanette Dryden.

**Mike Musu**, Class of 1973. No further information available.

**Bryan Norfleet**, Classmate, Class of 1977. Died Feb. 28, 2003 in Pontiac. Age 43. Former Roseville resident, he was a professional caregiver in health care industry. He loved country music and collected NASCAR and Walt Disney Mickey Mouse memorabilia. Moved out of Fraser district in mid 1970s. Survived by mother, Bonnie Bader; father, Gene; brother, Gary; grandmother, Irene.

**Jane Hudaski Palavaara**, Class of 1964. Killed in auto accident in Calumet, Michigan. No further details.

**Ruth Ann Oplinger Penzak**, Class of 1960. Died April 12, 2003 in Inverness, Florida. Employed as a dietary cook at a nursing home. Active in the community assisting and offering transportation to elderly and disabled senior citizens. Survived by brother, Clarence of Floral City, FL.

**Carol Spearman Petcoff**, Class of 1961. Died January 13, 2004 in Troy. Survived by husband, Dennis; sons, Todd, Sean Ryan, and Randy; father, Robert Spearman; sister, Nancy Updike and five grandchildren. Burial was at White Chapel Cemetery, Troy.

**Pat Dixon Reck**, Class of 1960. Died January 9, 2004 after lengthy battle with ovarian cancer. Survived by mother, Gladys Dixon; husband, Dan; and children Dan and Melissa.

**Cathleen Rossi**, Class of 1965. Age 55. Lived in Macomb Township. Died June 14, 2003 at her home. Retired in June 2000 after 31 years of employment as teacher in East Detroit Public Schools. Survived by husband, Ned Lutz; stepson Kirk Lutz; siblings, Michael, Larry, Thomas and Ron Rossi.

**Renee Steudle**, Class of 1974.

**Roy Oscar Stumpf**, Class of 1949. Age 73, Houghton Lake, died March 16, 2004. Retired from General Motors, he had worked as an engineer. Mr. Stumpf was a life member of the VFW and Masonic Lodge, both in Roseville, a member of Houghton Lake Elks, and an avid member of the Sportsman Club. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. Moved from Madison Heights to Houghton Lake 17 years ago. Surviving are his wife, Betty (nee Wilkinson); three sons, Craig, Brian and Scott; daughter, Patrice Husken of Macomb Township; two step-sons, Kenneth and David, and 14 grandchildren. Memorial contributions made to the Elks.

**Bernie Sudlar**, Class of 1974.

**Betty Lou Wendzell**, Class of 1958. Died Nov. 7, 2003. Age 62. Lived in Manhattan, NY. Employed as systems architect in computers. Survived by sister, Janet Miller; father, William Wendzell; nephew Bob Miller; niece Jennifer Miller. Her life was celebrated at a luncheon at Ernie's in Clinton Township.

**Cindy Wiechel**, Class of 1975.

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## Charley Brown Golf Outing

By Beth "Meerschaert" Patrick

The Fraser Athletic Department will be hosting the Annual Charley Brown Golf Outing on Monday, August 9th at Gowanie Country Club, a private course, in Mount Clemens. There will be a 12:30 PM shotgun.

The event is named after Dr. Charles Brown, local dentist and the first president of Fraser's Booster Club. It will provide an enjoyable day of golf and camaraderie. In addition, the event will produce funds to finance the Hall of Fame Banquet, held every four years, designed to honor Fraser graduates who have excelled in sports, both during and after high school. A grant program will be established to assist after-school athletic programs at the Fraser elementary schools and an intramural program at Richards Middle School. A scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior. The remainder of the money raised will benefit the athletic program.

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# Paganes Saves SCS Fireworks Show

By Steve Urbaniak

What's the Fourth of July without fireworks? Lousy, no doubt. But that wouldn't sit well with St. Clair Shores residents. Budget cuts had forced the city to scale back and eliminate so many things to make ends meet, including the Independence Day fireworks show. Things looked pretty gloomy until one local businessman stepped in and saved the day.

Bob Paganes, former FHS graduate (Class of 1974), donated \$12,000 to keep the event alive, which cost nearly \$46,000 in 2002. Wishing to thank the City of St. Clair Shores for the many great years of business, it was a generally heart-felt gesture to the thousands that come out to see the fireworks show held annually at Veteran's Memorial Park. "The St. Clair Shores fireworks are a tradition and I thought this is a great way for us to give back to the community that helped us when we first started Tubby's," Paganes stated.

Bob Paganes and his family have run the Tubby's Grilled Submarines chain since 1968. Bob is the company's president and CEO, and St. Clair Shores was the city which gave the business license to the very first Tubby's Sub shop on Harper and 13 Mile.

The sub chain now has 93 locations throughout Michigan, Ohio, Arizona, Nebraska, Missouri, Iowa and Florida. They serve over 20 different varieties of submarine and pita sandwiches, steak and chicken sandwiches, Stromboli and Vegetaboli sandwiches, chips, soft drinks and a plethora of other goodies.

Having lived next door to the Paganes family for 10 years, I could tell you that their hearts were always into satisfying their customers with great food. They put their very lives into Tubby's Subs. Hats off to Bob Paganes and family.

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## The Class of '1954' Celebrates 50 years!

Plans have been made for dinner and the embracing of old friends and treasured memories.

The classmates will meet at 6:00 pm on Saturday, August 7th, 2004 at P.K. Gilleran's restaurant, 34295 Utica Road, Fraser, formerly known as Marinelli's. The cost is \$25.00 per person.

If you have not made arrangements to attend, and wish to come, please contact Ralph & Dolly Gregory-Beyer at, [rreb@worldnet.att.net](mailto:rreb@worldnet.att.net) or Joyce Steffens-Dunseth at 586-781-4321.

The class also plans to gather the following day, August 8th at the FHS 25+ Club reunion picnic held at the Fraser Park on 14 Mile and Garfield.

Looking forward to visiting with all of you!



# Scholarship Winners

By Steve Urbaniak

The FHS 25+ Alumni Club wishes to congratulate our 2003 scholarship winners, Allison McHenry and Jessica Rucins. Each young lady was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship for the college or university of her choice at the honors convocation held in May, 2003.



Allison McHenry and Jessica Rucins

Senior Allison McHenry is the daughter of Bill and Sandy McHenry, and plans on attending Albion College in the fall, majoring in Speech Communications. In school she was active in varsity softball, was captain of the girl's varsity basketball team, member of the National Honor Society and the Macomb Area Conference - Student Activities Commission. She also volunteers her time in the Special Olympics program as she has for the last three years. She is a church lector. Best of luck, Allison.

The other scholarship award went to Jessica Rucins, daughter of Enita Alampi Rucins (Class of 1977). Jessica was captain of the varsity cheerleaders, president of the senior class (2003), member of the National Honor Society, member of the student forum, and a dance teacher. She plans to major in political science at Aquinas College. Congratulations, Jessica.

This year, two more \$1,000 scholarships were awarded at the Honors Convocation on May 17 in the Fraser High School auditorium.

# Teacher Update Stan Zogas

By Steve Urbaniak

For the past 38 years, one of the fixtures at Fraser High School has been teacher Stan Zogas. This may come to an unpleasant end soon. Stan Zogas has not been in good health for quite some time. Three or four years ago doctors diagnosed Stan with mouth cancer. After undergoing surgery, chemotherapy and radiation, he experienced problems, notably scarring of his esophagus. And then there was his battle with a very stubborn pneumonia illness. He had to slow down. In 2001, Stan retired from his full-time teaching position in the science department, but continued in his one class, his love, Stagecraft, which his whole family assists in, including Celeste, his wife, and Noah, his son.



But since early this year, Stan has not been able to even do that class, and he may be forced into retirement because of his health.

In February, he vacationed in Las Vegas for mid-winter break only to suffer respiratory arrest, endure a tracheotomy, and spend time on a ventilator. He was stranded out there. A March 25 fund-raiser, co-sponsored by Fraser Public Schools, Van Dyke Public schools (where Stan's wife, Celeste, is a teacher), and the Utica Community Schools (where Stan's children are students) attempted to raise \$13,000 for a MedEvac flight back home. The Fraser High School Jazz Band performed, and the band of Lincoln High School. Food and use of a hall was graciously donated by FHS grad Gary DeCarlo of DeCarlo's Banquet and Convention center.

Stan was our man. The fund-raisers were more than successful, topping the \$13,000 amount by \$10,000. He was flown back to Detroit, and spent a good deal of the remainder of April in Pontiac General, and is doing much better.

Well wishes come from hundreds of former students, myself included. His family thanks everyone tremendous generosity, care and love for Stan with the fund-raiser. They extend their grateful appreciation to all. All of us wish Stan Zogas a speedy recovery and an end to the very thought of a relapse.

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