

Looking Back and Giving Back

The year 1992-93 was Aquinas' 70th Anniversary Year. The celebration was jubilant, bringing Aquinites from near and far back to 182nd and Belmont to remember and to give thanks. It was also the occasion of the first major gift to Aquinas High School, a gift from Don & Cathleen Hackett Horne '53, which would serve as a catalyst to move the school development efforts to a new level, expanding resources for much-needed tuition support. The 1992-1993 Annual Report described the new initiative as follows:

A dream which became a reality for Aquinas this year is one in which the family spirit of sharing appears at its best. The Support-an-Aquinas-Student Program began with tuition grants to fourteen students whose families are in need. Twelve of the grants are from alumnae. They have chosen to make a return for all they received at Aquinas by supporting a student of today. It is our hope that in the decades to come this kind of support will keep the doors of Aquinas open to those who need it most.

The number of SAS sponsors has grown through the years to the current list of forty-four. And Cathy and Don Horne, in the intervening years, made another choice which gives their tuition support permanence. They established the Cathleen Hackett Horne Endowed Scholarship in December 1999. While the life of Cathy and Don shines especially in the eyes of their wonderful family pictured below, it will also have a lasting place in the mission of Aquinas High School. There will always be students at Aquinas who couldn't have come, unless these two generous people made it possible.



Cathleen Hackett, 1953



Donald Horne, circa 1954

A Jubilee Reflection

by Cathy Hackett Horne '53

"We have been so blessed in our fifty years of marriage, with good health, wonderful children and grandchildren and great success in all ways. We are very grateful for all we have been given. In turn, we have found this great opportunity to help very deserving young women to benefit from the best education to be had anywhere. The benefits I received at Aquinas have held me strong over the years, and have proved to be one of my greatest assets.

Don and I are firm believers in giving back freely, as has been given. We get so much pleasure from hearing from the students and watching their progress through the years. Education is such a wonderful way to share with others. The benefits are unmatched."

Group Photo: Cathleen and Don Horne with their family, at the time of their 50th Wedding Anniversary: Back row, left of Cathy & Don: Bob & Patti Jenkins, Vivian & Bill Horne; right: Kim & Rick Doyle. Front row: the future of the clan.



Absent from photo: Brad Horne & sons

