

REMEMBER  
RECONNECT  
REDISCOVER

Reunion &  
Homecoming  
Weekend 2004



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**Remember** *great times, great stories, great friends...*

**Reconnect** *with your alma mater, your classmates, your teachers...*

**Rediscover** *friendships that have deepened, a campus that has bloomed, a school that has grown...*

Join us for Reunion/Homecoming 2004! Choose from a multitude of school-sponsored events:

**THURSDAY:** • Challenge your schoolmates at the Greater Blake Open golf tourney

**FRIDAY:** • Visit current Upper School classes in the morning  
• Attend afternoon programs including keynote speaker Ricki Kutcher Green '61

**SATURDAY:** • Remember those who are no longer with us at the Alumni Memorial Service  
• Bring the family for the athletic contests, children's rides and games and more  
• Take a balloon ride to celebrate the huge success of our Centennial Campaign

If you are member of one of this year's Reunion Classes (years ending in 4 or 9), you should check the Reunion page of the Alumni section at [www.blakeschool.org](http://www.blakeschool.org). There are sure to be some class-specific events that you will want to mark on your calendar. All alumni are invited to the school sponsored events, so send the enclosed postcard to a classmate and come join us as we Remember, Reconnect and Rediscover.

For more information, please contact Becky Ankeny, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations, at 952-988-3433 or [bankeny@blakeschool.org](mailto:bankeny@blakeschool.org). We hope to see you there!

Martha Beery '71  
President, Alumni Board

Allan Burdick '55  
Chair, Alumni Board Reunion Committee



# Centennial Campaign a huge success!



ALUMNI, PARENTS AND FRIENDS of The Blake School successfully rose to the unprecedented challenge of the recent five-year Centennial Campaign, raising more than \$55 million, 10% over goal! The photo at left shows teachers and students expressing their gratitude for your many gifts – over 6,000 of them! Many thanks to all of you! You lifted us to new heights, and we're returning the favor with celebratory balloon rides (weather permitting) during the Homecoming celebration on Saturday, October 1. Hope to see you there!

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## Balloon Rides!

Join us from 11 AM to 3 PM at the Blake campus for free tethered-balloon rides in celebration of the Centennial Campaign's success!

*Schedule of Events:*

# thursday

SEPTEMBER 30

## Greater Blake Open Golf Tournament

Join us at Rush Creek Golf Course in beautiful  
Maple Grove, MN for a round of golf.

Get a foursome together and register today!

*(Register online at [www.blakeschool.org](http://www.blakeschool.org) or contact  
Becky Ankeny at 952-988-3433 or [bankeny@blakeschool.org](mailto:bankeny@blakeschool.org))*

- 11:30 Registration *(box lunch)*
- 1:00 Golf – shotgun start
- 5:00 Refreshments *(cash bar)*
- 6:30 Dinner

## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Greater Blake Open 2004

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## Schedule of Events:

# friday

OCTOBER 1

## Northrop Campus

- All Day Alumni Art Exhibits (*Martha Bennett Art Gallery*)
- 8:15 – 11:00 Continental Breakfast (*Northrop Alumnae Room*)
- 9:00 – 12:00 Classes Without Quizzes *Attend Upper School classes with current students*
- 11:00 – 12:00 Lunch (*available in cafeteria line*)
- 1:30 – 2:30 All-School Convocation (*Blake campus*) Annual gathering of all campuses featuring student performances (*complimentary shuttle leaves Northrop at 12:30, returns from Blake at 2:45*)
- 3:00 – 4:00 Tours of Northrop Building
- 4:00 – 6:00 Reunion Program (*Nelson Auditorium*):
- **HEAD OF SCHOOL John Gulla:** *Great Result, Greater Expectations: The Dreams Made Possible by Our Successful Centennial Campaign*
  - **KEYNOTE SPEAKER Ricki Kutcher Green '61:** *Elections, First Ladies, and the Making of a Political Junkie: Northrop 1960*
  - **ALUMNI AWARDS**
- 6:00 – 8:00 All-Alumni Reunion Reception (*hors d'oeuvres, cash bar*)
- Evening Individual Class Dinners (*Reunion years: watch your mail for info from your class.*)

# reawaken

## Keynote Speaker



**Ricki  
Kutcher  
Green '61**

**Ricki Kutcher Green** is a television producer, broadcast journalist and media executive with over 25 years of experience in non-fiction television. She has won more than 60 awards for her work as both producer and executive producer of programming for PBS. These include a national Emmy, two local Emmys, a DuPont Columbia award and a Peabody award, among the most prestigious honors in broadcasting.

Currently she is consultant to National Public Radio and is producing an election special for PBS to air in October 2004. *The First Lady: Public Expectations, Private Lives* will look at the role of the modern First Lady.

Ricki's other accomplishments include: producer and director of *Lady Bird*, a PBS biography of Lady Bird Johnson; producer of *Washington Week in Review*; and creator and producer of the award-winning *Making Sense of the Sixties*. Ricki was also awarded a prestigious Knight Journalism Fellowship at Stanford University. She is a founding member of Women in Film and Video in Washington, D.C. and was named a Woman of Vision by WIFV members in 2003.

## Outstanding Alumni Award



**Angus  
Wurtele '52**

**Margaret  
Von Blon  
Wurtele '63**

**Angus and Margaret Wurtele** are active leaders in the Twin Cities, with an impressive list of accomplishments and a strong connection to The Blake School. As CEO of Valspar (1965-95), Angus was named Executive of the Year in 1996 by Corporate Report Minnesota. His directorships have included Bemis Company, Bush Foundation, Walker Art Center, American Express Funds, Reliastar, Norwest Bank, Donaldson Company and Stanford University Graduate School of Business.

Margaret held management positions at Walker Art Center, St. Paul United Arts Fund, Dayton Hudson Foundation and co-founded the independent publisher Hungry Mind Press. She is a former board chair of the Guthrie Theater and Episcopal House of Prayer. After her son Philip Otis '91 died in 1995, her memoir *Touching the Edge: A Mother's Spiritual Path From Loss to Life* was published in 2003.

Angus and Margaret also spearheaded two memorials, the Otis Courtyard and the Otis Environmental Authors Program.

**Board of Trustees Service:**

**Angus:** 1970-74 Blake

**Margaret:** 1971-75 Northrop,  
1985-93 TBS – Chair 1990-92

## Schedule of Events:

# Blake Campus

# saturday

OCTOBER 2

- All Day Open Ice Skating *(Ice Arena)*
- All Day Alumni Art Exhibits *(MacMillan Performing Art Center)*
- 8:30 – 9:00 Alumni Memorial Service at Spirit Rock *(Aamoth Memorial Stadium)*
- 11:00 Varsity Boys' Soccer, JV Boys' Soccer, JV Girls' Soccer  
Centennial Celebration Balloon Rides
- 11:30 – 1:00 Children's Activities & Picnic Lunch
- 1:00 Varsity Girls' Soccer
- 1:30 Blake Beary Mile
- approx. 2:00 Alumni Athlete of Year Award  
*(during the Varsity Girls' Soccer halftime)*
- approx. 2:45 Coaches & Captains Reception  
*(between Varsity Girls' Soccer and Varsity Football)*
- 3:00 Varsity Football
- Evening Individual Class Dinners and Activities



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## Alumni Athlete of the Year



Bill  
Allen  
'66

**Bill Allen** played on the 1965 State Champion soccer team, was named to the All-Conference and All-State soccer teams and the All-Conference hockey team, and lettered in track. At Colorado College, Bill earned his freshman numeral and three varsity letters in hockey, but upon graduation returned to his first love, sailing.

He gained a national reputation from his sailing accomplishments in various youth regattas starting in the '60s and won the Class E Inland Lakes Yachting Association in 1967 at age 19. He won it a total of seven times; most recently in 1997, 30 years after his first win.

In 1970, Bill and Buddy Melges began an Olympic campaign that was geared toward the '72 Olympic Games in Germany. Together they compiled an incredible national and international record in the Soling Class that culminated in winning an Olympic Gold Medal. In 1975, Bill won another Gold Medal in the Pan American Games in Mexico City in the single-handed Finn Class.

Bill and crew competed at the Olympic level for a total of twelve years, culminating with the trials for the '86 Olympics in Los Angeles. Bill continues to race in national and international events and is always considered one of the favorites.



## Alumni Memorial Service

*Saturday, 8:30 AM*

The entire Blake community is invited to this morning service at Spirit Rock outside the Aamoth Memorial Stadium on the Blake campus, a space created to commemorate Gordy Aamoth, Jr. '88 and others who died in the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

Please join us for a brief program of song, prayer, remembrance of alumni who have died and quiet reflection. Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

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## What to do:

- ✎ Tear out the postcard at right and send to a classmate, friend, or former teacher to let them know you are coming back to Reunion/Homecoming weekend and would like to see them. If you are unable to attend, please use the postcard to stay in touch or reconnect!
- ✎ Mark your calendars and make your plans to attend Reunion/Homecoming weekend NOW!
- ✎ Tear out, complete and mail in the RSVP postcard on the following page.
- ✎ Check The Blake School's web site at [www.blakeschool.org](http://www.blakeschool.org) for updated information on the reunion schedule and class-specific events.
- ✎ Plan on having a great weekend ...  
*Remembering, Reconnecting and Rediscovering!*



*Hope to see  
you there!*

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*Meet me in the Twin Cities*  
*September 30 – October 2, 2004!*

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To:

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# Yes, I'm planning to attend Reunion/Homecoming 2004!

*Please mark your level of interest in each weekend activity available  
so we can have a participation estimate. Thanks!*

## activities

Greater Blake Open golf tournament	<input type="checkbox"/>	likely to	<input type="checkbox"/>	might possibly attend	<input type="checkbox"/>	unlikely to attend	<input type="checkbox"/>
Friday continental breakfast	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Classes Without Quizzes	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
All-School Convocation	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Ricki Kutcher Green</b> ( <i>keynote speech</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
John Gulla, Head of School ( <i>State of the School</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Alumni awards ceremony	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Friday evening reception	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Alumni memorial service	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Saturday Homecoming sports events	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Alumni Athlete / Coaches & Captains Reception	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Class-specific events	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

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ALUM CLASS YEAR

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