

Generally Speaking...

Alumni Association News

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ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME CEREMONY SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 21

The Grant Athletic Hall of Fame will hold their annual induction ceremony on Monday, October 21 in the Grant auditorium at 7:00 p.m. Thirteen individuals will be inducted. They are George Claussen '55, Harry Doyle '57, Dr Ben Balme '57, Dick Brown '58, Judy Mucha Jimenez '59, Bob Weaver '61, Dick Debernardis '63, coach Gary Noble '65 -99, Tim Myers '70, Greg Cotton '74, Anthony Bates '75, Andy Mott '82 and Rick Mestler '88. Two teams also being inducted are the '73-74 girls state championship golf team coached by Dutch Kawasoe and the '68-69 boys state championship basketball team coached by Ed Rooney. The hall of fame community service award will be presented to Christi Rollwage Knutson '64. A special salute will be made to the Gendrills, the long established group who have provided endless support and entertainment for many years.

The Hall of Fame committee invites all members of the Grant community to join us on this special night. Address any/all questions to committee chair Gerry Spencer '59 at spencerworld@comcast.net.



PRINCESS KATERINA

Katerina Koukoumanos was selected as Grant's Rose Festival Princess. Katerina, a Junior, has played Varsity soccer, is a member of the National Honor Society and the Octagon Community Service Club. She enjoys Greek dancing, babysitting and playing sports.

PRINCIPAL VIVIAN ORLEN TO RETURN TO NY

Vivian Orlen, Grant principal for the last three years, has resigned to return to New York where her son is a dance student. While at Grant she helped teachers create new classes AP Studio Art, Grant Magazine, Robotics and PSU Global Cities.

In her letter to the community, she states "I cannot begin to express how I have cherished, and will continue to cherish, having been a part of this amazing extended family."

GRANT CONSTITUTION TEAM IS BEST IN NATION

In April of this year the Grant Constitution Team won the annual national "We the People". Last year the team finished second in state to Lincoln which went on to win the national competition. The team of thirty-four students are taught by David Lickey.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Bob Stayton, '61



Midway through 2013, the GHS Alum Assn. is growing and is a significant part of the Grant Community. We have greatly enhanced the alumni website thanks to Bob Burdett, '63 for his talent, skill and generosity in adding a new look and more features to the website. Check it out at www.grantalumni.org We can now accept dues and donations on the website and there is a contact form you can use to reply with your information and questions.

The Steinway Grant Piano Project has received a wonderful gift that will bring us closer to a successful conclusion. See the article on page 3.

This spring I have been volunteering at the Grant 'General Store' on Friday mornings. It is fun to be in the building and experience the vitality of the students and faculty. The store gives several students basic experience in a retail environment, and offers a variety of school supplies, 'Grant' apparel and accessories, coffee and limited refreshments for all. Funds raised through the store go to the Grant Boosters to support student activities.

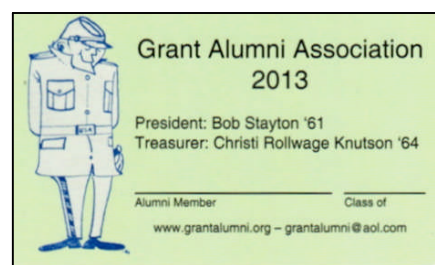
I can tell you that the Grant we all remember continues. The music (I phones), the vocabulary, the way the kids dress (Sagging Pants), debit cards to buy coffee is pure 2013, but the building is the same, the social insecurities are the same, the quiet kids and the loud kids and the same. These are kids figuring out who they are and what they want to do in life, just like we did.

Don't forget the Annual All Alumni Picnic is July 28 at Wilshire Park and this year the Grant General Store is planning to have a table at the picnic so you can buy GRANT WEAR.

DO YOU HAVE A MEMBERSHIP CARD?

The Alumni Assn. has created a Grant Alumni membership card that you will receive when your dues are paid. And for those of you who have joined this year, your card will be available at the picnic. For those of you out of town, your card will be mailed. The Alumni Assn. is supported solely by your annual membership dues and contributions. Annual Dues are \$20 for an individual, \$30 for a couple (both grads), Lifetime Membership is \$250. Dues are payable each year by December 31 for the following year. In addition to the usual mail in check, dues can be paid electronically via the website (www.grantalumni.org) on the Dues and Donations Page. We can also 'swipe' your credit or debit card at an Alumni event like the picnic.

We are growing our mailing lists and contacts so we can reach more alums which is fantastic - what we would like to see are more dues paying members. The appeal to you is to spread the word to Grant alumni friends and relatives to join the GHS Alumni Assn. There are several thousand Grant Alums with more added each year. We would like to see a greater percentage become dues paying members. The idea is that many giving a little will provide an Alumni resource fund that will grow and allow greater scholarship benefits, more newsletters, more Alumni Data bases for news and obits, more support for the General Hall of Achievement, and more benefits to the school like the Steinway restoration project. Thanks for your support!

**THE 4TH ANNUAL ALL ALUMNI PICNIC**

Everything is set to go for the all alumni picnic on Sunday, July 28, 2013 at Wilshire Park!

We will gather at 1:00 PM. and take group photos at 2:00 PM.

Tables will be set up by decade to help you find your classmates.

Bring your lunch and family! We will bring dessert.

A NEW WEBSITE OF GRANT HISTORY

A new website was recently created by two energetic Grantonians. Still students at Grant they noticed that there were missing framed photos of the athletes on the Grant walls. On their own they have found, scanned and posted on their website many photos of previous generations of Grant athletes.

Take a look at <http://granthistory.wordpress.com> or on our website grantalumni.org and click on grant history project.

Many thanks to junior, Madeleine Levin and senior, Tram Bui for making this happen!

The Steinway Grand Piano Restoration Project

In 2011 The GHS Alumni Association embarked on a project to restore the 9' Steinway Grand Piano in the Auditorium. The Alumni Assn. decided that the piano should be restored because it is a high quality instrument and it should be a cornerstone to properly support the excellent Music and Performing Arts program at Grant. Who knows how many more Tom Grants or Thomas Lauderdale's will get a world class piano to play at Grant.

The Alumni Assn. is coordinating the project with Chris Lane in the Grant Performing Arts Dept. and John Eisemann in the Music Dept.

Repair costs are estimated to be approximately \$13,500. To date repairs of loose case parts, replacement of a key top, tuning, re-voicing and the purchase of a new piano cover and have been completed. Remaining work includes rebuilding the belly of the piano, new strings, pin blocks, tuning pins and reconditioning of the soundboard and bridge.

As of June 2013 the project has raised about \$6000. In January we began the KEYS TO SUCCEED campaign where a \$100 contribution buys a key and will place the name of each KEY donor on a memorial banner in the auditorium to commemorate the project.

We have recently received a **\$3000 CHALLENGE GRANT** to get this project over the top from the friends and family of **Dorothy H. Taylor** who are offering a challenge grant of \$3000 in honor of her love of music and encouragement of young musical artists. As a member of the board of the Portland Junior Symphony (now the Portland Youth Philharmonic) Dorothy was privileged to audition young musicians for positions in the symphony. One of her greatest pleasures was having the Royal Blues gathered around her 1904 Steinway Grand piano for her parties when her youngest daughter, Janie, was at Grant. Please join her daughters in restoring the Steinway at Grant so that many more generations of aspiring musicians and singers can benefit from this fine instrument.

Big Thanks to Pam Taylor '63, Jan Taylor '65, Marilyn (Dubbie) Taylor '68, Jane Taylor '72.

SO beginning July 1, the next \$3000 donated for the Piano Project will be matched by the Challenge Grant to bring the total to \$6000.

**Please keep those contributions coming! BUY A KEY TO SUCCESS
to take advantage of the Challenge.**

Keys can be purchased several ways:

Buying a key at the picnic automatically enters your name into a drawing for a \$100.00 certificate.

Mailing your check to: Grant Alumni Association, PO Box 13291, Portland OR 97213

Paying via PAYPAL by going to the website www.grantalumni.org; click on the dues and donations page then click on the DONATE button.

Your support is appreciated and will help maintain this valuable program at Grant.

Dues and donations to the Alumni Assn. (a 501c3 organization) are tax deductible.

VINCENT BUDAK AWARDED THE ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP



Vince with his mother accepting scholarship From the Alumni Assn. Pres. Bob Stayton '61

Vincent Budak has been awarded the annual Alumni Association scholarship for 2013. A member of the Royal Blues and Hooked on Harmonics he was the lead in the winter production of *Grease*.

After thirteen years of Japanese and three visits to Japan, Vince is well qualified as a volunteer at a Japanese day camp for youngsters. He also tutored a native Japanese GHS student starting in middle school.

This summer he will teach 4-7 year olds how to play the piano. Participating in the Mock Trials and serving the homeless at a local church have also filled his time.

Vince will be attending Willamette University in the fall to pursue his passion of advertising.

To honor the 50th anniversary of the class of 1963 a member of that class anonymously donated \$500 to be added to the reward for a total of \$2000.00

Thank you to the anonymous donor and best of luck, Vince!

MY FIRST YEAR IN COLLEGE

Eric DeKay; Class of 2012, GHS Alumni Association Scholarship Recipient

Since graduating from Grant High School, I had the opportunity of spending my first year of college at the University of Oregon. Over the past year, my life was full of both academic and personal growth. Attending the University of Oregon exposed me to new ways of thinking, provided me the opportunity to grow as an individual, and build friendships that I believe will last a lifetime. I chose to major in both Human Physiology and Biology, and plan to pursue a career as a Physician's Assistant. I wouldn't trade any of the experiences I had this past year for anything. Wherever my college journey takes me, I will always be a General at heart. I still feel strongly connected to the Grant Community, and am grateful that the Alumni Association helped me get to where I am today.

CLASS OF '47 AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP

For 15 years the class of 1947 has awarded a scholarship to an outstanding graduating senior. This year's recipient, Quincy McGuire is no exception!

Quincy has been active in the GHS wrestling program as well as the Black Student Union. After school he has apprenticed in the construction field hoping to learn all aspects. He will study architecture at Portland State University this fall with the plan of building needed homes, etc in rural areas of the world.

The Class of '47 stands as an example for other classes to emulate.

CLASS OF 1946 INVESTS IN GRANT

By Ken Handel, June '46 Class President

Eleven years ago the Class of 1946 deposited funds located with another institution to the Oregon Community Foundation, which now invests the funds and creates a yearly return to GHS. In 2013 our balance of \$55,408 generated \$2282 for the school. A committee of the principal, faculty, and students determine use of the funds for each year.

The most recent uses (2012 and 2013) were to provide funds for the Grant Magazine. Prior to that, uses included financial assistance for worthy students planning to attend a college or university, providing a new ice machine, upgrading the weight room, and the purchase of six TV - VCR's.

Our fund contributors are genuinely happy with the success of program and are most pleased the students are enriched from our efforts.

1963-64 STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

It has been a long time since the Generals have taken state in football...50 years! To honor that special team a reunion is planned for all the 1963-65 players and their coaches on Friday, August 9 at Kennedy School 1:00-4:00 p.m. Contact Lin Zimmerman at 503.801.1543 or laz45@aol.com with any questions.

CORRECTION

The last edition of Generally Speaking reported that attendees at last year's All Alum picnic listened as John Pierson, '67 played "Taps" on his accordion. Lesson learned: Taps is played on a bugle or trumpet in honor of a veteran. John played "Amazing Grace" in honor of all lost Grantonians.

GRANT 2013 REUNION

CLASS OF 1945 – ANNUAL GET TOGETHER

Tuesday, September 10, 2013
3:00-7:00 PM (Dinner at 5:00 PM)
Eastmoreland Golf Course 2425 SE Bybee Blvd
Contact: Peter Cuthbert 619.885.9620

CLASS OF 1947 – GET TOGETHER

Sunday, July 28, 2013
1:00 PM at Wilshire Park
Bring your lunch to the all alumni picnic
for a fun afternoon

CLASS OF 1953 – 60TH REUNION

Friday & Saturday, August 16-17, 2013
Contact: Jim Damis 800.423.1216
or jdamis@spiritone.com

CLASS OF 1961 – 70TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Saturday, July 20, 2013
5:00 – 11:00 PM
Columbia River Yacht Club
37 N Tomahawk Island Drive
Contact: www.usghs61.org
usgrant61@msn.com
or [Grant Class of 1961 on Facebook](#)

CLASS OF 1963 – 50TH REUNION

Friday, Saturday & Sunday
August 9-11, 2013
Grade school gatherings, golf tourney
dinner at Red Lion Jantzen Beach
See www.grant1963.com or
ClassicReunions.com for details
Contact: Colleen White Scholz
pcscholz@comcast.net

CLASS OF 1973 – 40TH REUNION

Saturday, July 27, 2013
6:00 – 11:00 PM
Velo Cult 1969 NE 42 Ave
Contact: Marilyn Edwards Costa
mcosta55@comcast.net

CLASS OF 1978 – 35TH REUNION

Friday, August 9, 2013. 6:00 PM until late!
Velo Cult 1969 NE 42 Ave
Contact: Char Kennedy grantclass78@gmail.com
Saturday, August 10, 2013
Elks Grand Ballroom 6 N Tillamook
Contact: Evelyn Tillman on Classmates.com
granhigh78@gmail.com

CLASS OF 1983 – 30TH REUNION

Friday, July 19, 2013. 8:00 – 11:00 PM
Rose Garden/Rose Room
Saturday, July 20, 2013
Old Town Pizza 5201 NE MLK Blvd
Sunday, July 21, 2013
Barbeque in the Park (Park TBA)
Catered by Ribcity Ribs
Contact: Andy Sessions or Ted Smith on Facebook

CLASS OF 1993 – 20TH REUNION

Saturday, August 3, 2013. 7:00 – 10:00 PM
Gypsy Restaurant & Velvet Lounge
Facebook Grant high school class of 1993 (20th reunion)
Contact: Amy Gaylord amy_gaylord@hotmail.com

CLASS OF 2003 – 10TH REUNION

Saturday, December 28, 2013. 6:30 PM
McMenamin's Kennedy School 5736 NE 33 Ave
Contact: Courtney Davis
granhighschool2003@gmail.com

**SAVE THE DATE
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th
ALL ALUM GATHERING AT FIELD DEDICATION**

The Alumni Assn. is hosting a very special event in conjunction with the Grant Field Dedication and home game in the bowl 3:30 PM, Friday, September 20th. The field project is the culmination of many years of fundraising by the Friends of Grant Field and is a wonderful addition to the school, the park and the community.

Look for the Alumni Assn. banner to gather with friends, share refreshments and cheer the Generals onto victory.

ANNUAL ALL ALUMNI PICNIC

SUNDAY JULY 28, 2013 1:00 – 4:00 PM

WILSHIRE PARK

DON'T FORGET YOUR LUNCH!

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