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NEWS FROM THE GRANT HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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The Fletcher Memorial Murals



The murals are well protected during construction.



Anyone who has been in Grant's auditorium has noticed the two large murals embellishing the walls. Once the rebuild nears completion both will need restoration. They are protected for now, but there is no budget for the work.

History

These murals, painted by Carl Hoeckner, are known as the Fletcher Memorial Murals, in commemoration of William Thomas Fletcher, the first principal of Grant High School, and were dedicated in 1932. The murals constitute the most significant and valuable cultural heritage asset at Grant.

Symbolism

You can learn the meaning of the murals on the alumni website. Go to www.grantalumni.org and click on Fletcher Murals.

Restoration

The alumni association, with your help, wants to fund the restoration of this iconic Grant artwork. The estimate of potential costs, depending on the condition when the time comes, is \$150,000. If the substrate plaster is damaged, it could necessitate the removal of the canvas. In that case, it has been estimated that we would need an additional estimated \$250,000 for a total of \$400,000 - or perhaps more.

Funding

This is an enormous undertaking for the alumni association and the board is considering fundraising ideas. Restoration cannot begin until Summer 2019 at the earliest. We assume raising the needed funds will take at least an additional year.

Tour of Construction Site

Our first fundraisers will be one hour tours of the remodel site allowing access to the work in progress. The tours, available to us courtesy of the project managers, are not handicap accessible and will be limited to ten people for a \$20.00 tax-deductible donation. Tour dates are April 21, May 31, June 29 and July 22 during the picnic. Wear sturdy closed-toe shoes, and be able to climb stairs. Watch for other dates on the alumni website as they become available.

Make your reservation by emailing grantalumni@aol.com. Once the tours fill up we will maintain a waiting list.

Old Gym Bricks

Another fundraising project will be the sale of a limited number of original bricks from the Old Gym. The bricks, which will come with a tag of authentication, will be available this summer at reunions, the all alumni July picnic, and can be ordered on the website grantalumni.org.

How You Can Help

Bricks and tours will not fund the restoration of the murals! What we need is an experienced grant writer. Please let us know if you can provide assistance or advice or know someone who would be willing to help. Send contact info to grantalumni@aol.com.

Thoughts from Immediate Past President Bob Stayton '61



The gavel has passed. **Gerry Spencer '59** has been elected president of your Grant HS Alumni Assn. I will remain active as VP. It is good that the leadership evolves and I am honored to have chaired your alumni assn. for the last 5 years. We have grown the board to 12 members and we will continue to support the school and celebrate the Grant alumni community.

2017 was indeed a significant year in the history of our Alma Mater. In June we celebrated the closing of the "Old Grant High" after 93 years of operation. The remodeling has begun and we look forward to the "new GRANT" that will open Sept. '19 and continue the tradition of being one of America's leading high schools.

I will make another appeal to all Grant General alums: join the Grant Alumni Assn. Your dues and donations support the annual picnic, newsletter, other events from time to time, but mostly the annual Alumni Scholarship. We have grown the Scholarship to the \$3000 level with a goal of moving up to the \$5000 level when we have the supporting funds. You can join or support the alumni assn. on our website and pay on line via Paypal. With a moderate donation from a lot of alums we will easily achieve our goal. More active members also means more ideas, more events and more resources to carry them out plus it is rewarding to contribute to the GHS community.

All Alumni Picnic

Sunday, July 23, 2017 in Wilshire Park was a perfect day for the all alum annual picnic - 82 degrees with a few passing clouds ensured the crowd had a good time! We took group photos by decade which somehow is always a raucous, fun photo op. The alum assn. had Last Stand t-shirts available for sale for those who were unable to attend the GHS closing event in June. The organization also sold all Memoirs that were not being saved for the remodeled building as well as other memorabilia.



Men from Class of '60 gathered to celebrate their 75th birthdays. **Tom Cheatham '60, Zig Zacovics '60, Howard Hoskin '60.**

Cliff Georgioff '67 and Mary Potts Nelson '65.



Ron Marrs '68 and Tracie Marrs Lynch '73 with Bruce McDonald.



Jack Cain '61 showing Colleen White Scholz '63 the sign from the GHS office (his favorite class.?) Was he sent there to explain the lipstick?



The All Alum Picnic Moves to Grant Park

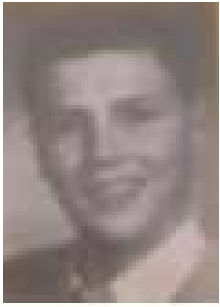
Mark your calendar now for the 9th annual all alum picnic 1:00 - 4:00 pm; Sunday, July 22, 2018. The picnic will be held at Grant so all can see the remodeling progress. Look for balloons to mark the picnic area in the park north of the teachers' parking lot. The Grant Boosters refreshment stand at the Last Stand was so popular - they sold out in under 30 minutes - that we had to have them return.

Welcome New Board Members

The Alumni Assn. has gained five new board members and one honorary member. Joining in July were **Kathi Stipe Swanson '61, Colleen White Scholz '63, Tracie Marrs Lynch '73, Geneva Fraser '77, Gerry Spencer '59.** Bruce McDonald, former GHS theater faculty and activities director joined as an honorary member. McDonald produced and directed The Tradition Lives On for the Last Stand. All five came to the board through their significant contributions in planning the Last Stand.

President's Letter

Gerry Spencer '59



Gerry F. Spencer
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Grant Alumni Association
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Talk about a tough act to follow!

I was elected President of the Grant Alumni Association in December, 2017....it's a great honor and I look forward to the challenge. I follow the five years of **Bob Stayton '61**. Bob was an outstanding President, leading the association through numerous superb endeavors, including the restoration of the auditorium piano and Grant's Last Stand, the excellent celebration of Grant's history. Bob will remain active as a member of the alumni board and vice-president of the alumni association. Thank you, Bob, for five awesome years.

I look forward to 2018....the GAA will continue to provide assistance to the Grant administration, and will present several diverse and interesting projects to the alumni base. A big goal will be expanding the GAA membership, reaching out to Grant alums who aren't involved.

Grant graduates are GOOD STUFF, and the skill and talent pool of our alums is immense. I'd like to tap into that reservoir and make that collective knowledge available to the current Grant student body plus the committee will double their community outreach during the "two-year hiatus" at Marshall campus.

I wish all Grantonians a happy and healthy new year....together, we can make 2018 a memorable year.

Class of 1957 Celebrates 60 Years

We came from at least 10 different states to fill (and spill out of) Beaverton's Stockpot Broiler banquet room on the 9th of September. 141 happy people found their way to the 60th, reviving, relishing or reliving old friendships & stories with our peers, despite the fact that the devastating Eagle Creek Fire had been burning for a week in our beloved gorge (a few had to cancel their plans because of detours or evacuations). Miraculously, air quality improved enough in the Portland area for us to be comfortably outside on that memorable afternoon.

Gathering for photos based on "grade school attended," we demonstrated, in no uncertain terms, that young-at-heart continues to define our class. Was that a very loud version of the Rose City Park school song being bellowed out over the Red Tail Golf Course? Yep!

There are tentative plans to hold casual reunions more often. It just gets better, doesn't it?



Pat Bracken Martin, Pat Reiley Wagner,
Mary Lou Sumner Thun, Karen Soderwall Petrillo
Georgia Cook Thomas



The gang from Fernwood:

**Ralph Hendrickson, Denny Miller,
Jan Poland Lee, Bob Moore,
Margaret Reedy Moore, Judy Allen Rice,
Jim Fearl, Ken Wright, Howard Nolte,
Pat Smith Hargrove, Nonie Northrup
Hendrickson.**



The "unruly" from Rose City Park:

**Jeanie McMahon Reiten, Teddy McMahon
Johnnie, Eddy Cash, Marilyn Foster Duffield,
Karen Soderwall Petrillo, Pat Bracken Martin,
Shirley Adams Weber, Bonnie Byland McGregor,
Pat Reiley Wagner, Jim Grew and Mike Duffield**

Class of 1961 55th Reunion

Not every class celebrates every five years. However, the Class of 1961 values our friendships and everyone is always eager to catch up and celebrate. The 55th reunion was held to coincide with the all alum picnic in July at McMenamin's Kennedy School. Plans are underway for an all class 75th birthday on July 21st. Details to be sent when finalized.



**Joanne Hepp Linker Gretchen Ancerson McKenzie Mike Opton Liz Stavney Capps Carl Mautz
Judi Matthews Ellis Doug Capps Marilyn Weber Dessert**

Class of 1967 50th Reunion

We had a Yaw's theme for our 50th which was held at Columbia Edgewater Country Club. They served burgers, fries and gravy, and "adult" green rivers among other items. The decorations were fabulous. We used Reunions With Class and they said they'd never seen such great decorations! We had 230 classmates and guests attend and we all had a blast! The KISN Good Guys played oldies music all night. We're all looking forward to our next reunion and we're NOT waiting another ten years!



**Joan Bennett Linda Schnitzer
Linda Carr Kerekes Joan Bennett
Joan Steinfeld Steve Robles
Kathleen Cormack Ames Jim Thompson
Betsy Byram Granger Tom Mitchell**

Class of 1977 40th Reunion

After a year of committee planning, over 200 classmates and guests traveled from all over the world to the Crystal Ballroom for this once in a lifetime event. Classmates wore personalized name badges and class monogrammed wrist bands.

Classmates received champagne glasses with the Grant logo and Class of '77; there were special awards honoring achievements and veterans; a photo booth added laughter and impromptu moments; and posters of high school events and yearbooks filled out the room.

Classmates provided photos for a slideshow and music was provided by 70's cover band Dischords and headliner Andy Stokes Band.

Reunion Committee: **Susan Boos Geneva Fraser Kelli Stipe Gehrs
Andrew Smith**

L-R: **Welton Jordan Allen Williamson Robert Lewis Semler Nudelman
Rob Kennewell Jerry Stilwell Jon Larson**



Class of 1987 30th Reunion

Over 100 Grantonians returned to the Rose City from as far away as Washington DC and New York City to celebrate the Class of 87's 30th reunion. The event was held in the Grant neighborhood at the German-American Society (the former Masonic Lodge--at the corner of Alameda, Sandy and 57th) with revelry continuing into the early morning with drinks and dancing at Clyde's Prime Rib. Classmates unable to attend in person were treated to several "Facebook live" feeds throughout the evening, allowing "virtual" attendance by additional classmates around the world. The reunion also included a special, surprise appearance by the one and only Bruce McDonald (theater teacher extraordinaire)! The weekend included a "warm-up" event the prior evening at a local watering hole, and participation in the all-alumni picnic at Wilshire Park the following afternoon. A special message to other members of the Class of 1987: Please join the Closed Facebook or email ghs87alumni@gmail.com for future events.



Class of 1997 20th Reunion

The GHS class of 1997 held their 20th Reunion on Sat, July 15th at The Doug Fir Lounge. The entire night from start to finish was amazing! Full of joy and happiness, with old friends and new, everyone with a smile on their face and ready to have a blast! Yearbooks from 1993-1997 were available as well as a commemorative glass for a souvenir. The Generals were in full force as nearly 200 alums and their significant others laughed, talked and danced the night away. The energy was electric and the memories will last another 20 years! Thanks go out to the wonderful committee who put in tremendous work on every detail and to all of the class of 97 for a memorable night!



Ben Oramus Kiauna Anderson Floyd Ridcard Hunter Karen May
 Reunion Committee: **Troy Tate Heather Baughn-Lee, Lesley Stilwell Sacks**
Sarah Lindsay Wheeler Kimonti Wildon

Grant Students on the National Stage

Mid-January six teams participated in the We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution state competition. Grant's **Constitution Team** took first place over teams from Lincoln, Central Catholic, Franklin, Lake Oswego, and Cleveland and will compete in The National Competition in April.

Grant Magazine has been nominated for a Gold Crown Award for the fifth consecutive year. This is the highest honor for a high school publication and is awarded by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. The 22 members of the journalism class and teacher Chris Hawking will attend the March 16 national journalism conference at Columbia University.

The magazine is available either at Grant, with a \$42.00 subscription, or online at www.grantmagazine.com.

Connect With a Grant Student

Grant is looking for volunteers who can help students explore career options. Can you be a guest speaker? Host a job shadow? Be a mentor? Learn more at www.pps.net/partnerconnect or email jkeuter@pps.net

CLASS OF 1958 – 60TH REUNION

Saturday, August 11, 2018

Multnomah Athletic Club

<http://groups.google.com/group/usgrant58>Contact: Linda Cook Eddy: Imeddy@hotmail.com orVirginia Perkins Graeper: vcgraeper@msn.com**CLASS OF 1961 – 75TH BIRTHDAY PARTY**

Saturday, July 21, 2018

Details will follow

facebook: Grant-Class-of-1961

<http://www.usghs61.org>.**CLASS OF 1968 - 50TH REUNION**

Saturday, July 21, 2018

McMenimin's Edgefield/Troutdale

6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Contact: Maya Adamovics: granthigh68@hotmail.com

Facebook: Grant High Class of 1968

CLASS OF 1973 – 45TH REUNION

Saturday, August 4, 2018; 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Colwood Golf Center

Facebook: Grant H S Seventythree

Contact: grant73reunion@gmail.com**CLASS OF 1978 – 40TH REUNION**

Saturday, August 11, 2018

Billy Webb Elks Lodge/6 N Tillamook St

Details to follow

facebook:/groups/grantclassof78portland/

Contact: grantclass78@gmail.com**CLASS OF 1988 – 30TH REUNION**

Friday, July 28, 2018

Details to follow

CLASS OF 1998 - 20TH REUNION

Saturday, August 4, 2018

Details to follow

Facebook: Grant High School Class of '98 Reunion

GRANT BOOSTER AUCTION

Saturday, March 3, 2018; 5:00 p.m

Greek Holy Trinity Church/3131 NE Glisan

Dinner & Auction ~ Proceeds fund activities

www.grantboosters.com**27TH ANNUAL MACMILLAN JONES GOLF TOURNEY**

Friday, June 8, 2018

1:15 Shotgun at Rock Creek Golf Club – all welcome

Contact: Steve 503.260.7271; stevemacmillan@comcast.net

All proceeds for Mac-Jones Scholarship at Grant

10TH ANNUAL PETE MOORE MEMORIAL SCRAMBLE

Wednesday, July 11, 2018; 8:00 a.m.

Shotgun at Eastmoreland Golf - all welcome

Contact: Gerry Spencer 503.723.5906;

spencerworld@comcast.net

All proceeds benefit the Pete Moore Scholarship at Grant

9TH ANNUAL ALL-ALUMNI PICNIC

Sunday, July 22, 2018 1:00 p.m. Grant Park

Bring your lunch - dessert is provided

Grant Modernization Project

Shortly after school ended in June 2017 things got busy at Grant. Students and teachers were packed up and their belongings were moved to the Marshall campus in SE Portland. This is where the Grant community began the school year and where they will be until August 2019, when they move back into a modernized Grant High School. Construction crews got busy with demolition right away, clearing the way for the new design. To date, all three portables, the science building, library and 1956 gym have been demolished. Demolition in the main building and 1923 gym, both of which are to remain, is about 85% complete. As demolition is wrapped up, the team is starting the process of building back the project with the construction of structural steel and concrete. On the north end of campus, façade restoration of the 1923 gym is proceeding, including brick replacement and removal of old mortar. The tuck pointing of the building began after the first of the year. On the south end of campus, excavation for the new athletic facility is complete. Foundation work and underground utilities are in progress.

A good site for viewing photos of the project is: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/41430185@N08/albums> Click on Grant Construction photo albums of which two are from December.



Demolition is nearly complete.



The Old Gym will be repurposed as an arts complex. The track has been removed to make way for classrooms which will be that level.

Letter from Carol Campbell, Grant Principal

Dear Grant Alumni,

I am in my fifth year as Grant Principal and feel honored to be part of this community. Grant has rich traditions as well as cutting-edge opportunities. We recognize the significance of the past and strive to ensure students experience learning that will prepare them for success in life beyond high school.

The support of alumni is very important and I appreciate the work of the alumni group that meets regularly to preserve the history of Grant and help us connect our historical roots to the future. The program developed in the spring of 2017 to commemorate Grant's 90+ years in the building on NE 33rd was amazing. This would not have happened without the help of so many Grant graduates. I look forward to opening the remodeled Grant in 2019 in similar fashion with a collaboration between past, current and future Grant students and staff.

We successfully moved to the Marshall campus during the summer of 2017. A total of 12 tractor trailers were unloaded at the Marshall campus over several days. While the building isn't perfect for us in all areas, it is adequate to meet our needs for the two years while Grant is remodeled. We feel fortunate to have this site as our home for two years and have branded the building with our signature G and four stars.

One area that is challenging for us at Marshall is the smaller Performing Arts spaces and auditorium. Teachers in that department have been creative in finding other venues in NE Portland for choir and band concerts. As you know, we are remodeling the auditorium at Grant and will maintain a larger space for performances when we move back onto the campus.

While at the Marshall Campus, we are enjoying the outdoor athletic facilities. In the fall we hosted all of our home games at night with capacity crowds at many of the football games. Soccer was also able to play night games in a stadium type atmosphere.

We are developing our career technical education offerings and are adding classes in woodworking and construction, digital media/art and a new Health Science program. Grant Magazine has just been nominated for a 5th consecutive Gold Crown Award and our Constitution Team is competing in Districts on January 13th for a chance to go to nationals in Washington, D.C. There is always a lot to celebrate at Grant!

Please stop by the Marshall campus and/or attend events during our time here. We are scheduled to move back to the Grant campus in the summer of 2019. I look forward to seeing you and staying connected. Go Generals!

Sincerely,

Carol Campbell, Ed.D.
Principal
Grant High School

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Your Board of Directors meets monthly devoting volunteer time to keep the association moving. PLEASE SUPPORT US by sending your \$20 dues by mail or online www.grantalumni.org at the dues and donations page. We are a recognized 501(c) 3 charitable organization. The association also offers a Lifetime Membership for \$250.00.

Please fill out and enclose the form below with your annual dues and mail to:
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Name(s) _____ Maiden name _____ Grad Year _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone(s) _____

Enclosed Dues: \$20 Annual dues _____ \$30 per couple annual dues _____ \$250 Lifetime Membership _____

Enclosed Donation: Scholarship Fund _____ Murals Restoration _____ Newsletter _____

I can help: Murals Restoration _____ Picnic _____ Newsletter _____ Other Interests _____