

News from the Grant High School Alumni Association

December, 2008

U.S. Grant High School Alumni Association

P.O. Box 13291, Portland, Oregon 97213

Association Update

Please note that we have a new address for our mail – P.O. Box 13291, Portland, Oregon 97213. Previously our mail was delivered to the school which added unnecessary work for the staff.

At the December meeting new association officers were elected. You are invited to attend our January meeting, Tuesday the 6th, at 11:30 AM at Amalfi's restaurant 4703 NE Fremont.

John Leonard is our new President, Past President Rodger Eddy is now Vice-President, Secretary is Karyl Whelan and Treasurer is Christi Knutson.

Generals Paint Washington High School

In 1946 the Grant Generals were scheduled to play a Friday night game against the Washington Colonials at Multnomah Stadium. On Thursday of that week, three members of the Varsity team decided to create more interest and excitement about the game. After school on Thursday the three drove to the Fuller Paint store on NE 45th and Sandy Blvd to buy washable blue paint because as honorable Generals they did not intend to do any serious damage to the school and football field. They arrived by car around dinnertime to tackle the paint job starting with the goal posts, school garbage cans and continuing on to the steps leading into the school. Everything was going well until a custodian spotted one player as he was finishing the last of the job.

Two of the three were in the car and left the school area. The third, with paintbrush in hand, had to run and walk the entire way back to his home in the Grant neighborhood. On arriving home in an exhausted state, he dropped the blue paintbrush which he had carried the entire way near a bush by the front porch.

Friday morning a truant officer arrived to ask the Mother if the player was at home on

Thursday night. She replied that he had been home because he needed rest before the big football game. At school that day the Washington principal called Colton Meek, Grant's principal, about the sportsmanship of some Grant students. Unfortunately, the Grant players made a mistake by not covering the car's license plate. Mr. Meek dispatched Grant's student body president Tom Shaw to Washington to apologize for the paint job. While Tom was apologizing, an assembly was called at Grant to tell what some students had done at Washington. During the assembly the three players were called into the Principal's office to explain their actions. Mr. Meek wanted to suspend the three from the team, but was talked out of it by football coach Joe Huston. The players were not off the hook until a dad paid the bill from Washington for the paint job.

The players will always remember the incident and the excitement it brought to the Friday night football game. By the way, the Generals beat Washington 20-7 before a crowd of about 10,000 fans and went on to win the third state high school championship by beating Hood River 7-6.

Name any of the three players to receive a one year membership to the GHS Alumni Assn.

In Memory of Ann Brownell

Alumni Association Founding Member and Newsletter Editor Loses Battle with Cancer

Ann Kathryn Brownell was born in Portland and grew up one block from the playground at Alameda where she attended school. Her father died when she was eight years old and she was the only person in her 8th grade class to grow up with one parent.

She was baptized at Westminster Presbyterian Church and attended there for the rest of her life. At Grant High School she was in the Senior Choir during her junior and senior years and in the Royal Blues. As an A+ student she was an officer in the National Honor Society. After high school, Ann and I both attended Lewis and Clark College where she was an Elementary Education major – a rigorous and demanding degree. My memory of her during our college years was an extremely intelligent person who was dedicated to her major. Following graduation she taught grade school out of state. The next time I saw her was after she and her husband, Tim Kopet, moved back to the neighborhood. I would run into her at Beaumont Market, at class reunions and Alumni Assn. meetings of which she was one of the founding members and was instrumental in setting up the scholarship fund and publishing the newsletter.

About a year ago while talking about her breast cancer she remarked; “Either I’ll beat it or it will beat me. That much I accept.” Breast cancer beat Ann on October 6, 2008.

By Doug Neville



Ann was a prolific reader who won Oregonian columnist Steve Duin’s essay contest in 2005 and in 2006 and received honorable mention in 2007. Steve spoke at Ann’s memorial service and wrote a tribute to her in a column which ended “The theater is dark, Ann, but my God, I can hear the applause...” You can read Ann’s essay “Tap Dancing for God” at http://blog.oregonlive.com/steveduin/2007/01/tap_dancing_for_god.html

Duin announced in late November that he is naming his annual essay contest for Ann.

The Grant High School Alumni Association’s 2009 Scholarship will be awarded in Ann’s honor and will be funded largely by contributions made in her memory.

Can You Do Lunch?

The GHS Alumni Assn. meets the first Tuesday of the month at 11:30 AM at Amalfi’s Restaurant, 4703 NE Fremont, 97213. Meetings are open to all GHS alums and lunch, although optional, is part of the agenda. We hope you can help to build the association.

For more information email grantalumna@aol.com or call Christi at 503/281-9994.

What's Happening at Grant High School

Event information is from the Grant High School calendar. Times and places may change, so it is always wise to check with the school. The GHS website is going through some changes, so some things may not be accessible at times. You can check the website by going to <http://grant.pps.k12.or.us>. News from *The Grantonian* can be viewed at www.grantonian.com

Grant Sports

To find out where and when games and meets will take place go to:

www.pilathletics.com/scheduleresults.asp

Moser to Play for UCLA

Mike Moser has announced he will attend UCLA to play basketball. He had planned to go to Arizona until Lute Olson unexpectedly retired. Moser said he decided UCLA would give him the best chance to improve and to play professionally someday. Moser, 6'7", is considered the 11th best small forward in the 2009 class and "his addition could catapult the Bruins deep into the top 10" according to the LA Times.

Grant Boys Win State Championship

Behind 0-1 at halftime to Westview in the OSAA Class 6A boys' soccer championship game, the coaching staff provided motivation by reminding the team they had lost last year by not being strong. With a minute barely ticked off the clock in the second half, the Generals (16-2-1) scored to tie the game, scored to lead with 12 minutes remaining in the game, and scored again with less than five minutes to play. The Generals, in the Championship game for the second year in a row, beat Westview by scoring three goals in the second half to win 3-1.

Grant Performing Arts

Dec. 10 – The Grotto (85th & Sandy) Seventy member a capella choir and the Royal Blues will perform at 9:00 p.m.

Dec. 18 – Holiday Concert, Grant Auditorium, 7:00 p.m. \$4.00. Under the direction of the new musical director, Katy Wagner-West the seventy member a capella choir will feature the great musical event of George Frederick Handel's Messiah Hallelujah Chorus. Included will be an eight member male a capella group, thirty member gospel choir, men's ensemble, women's ensemble, Royal Blues singers and the band!

Jan. 29-31 and Feb. 5-7 – Winter play (yet to be announced), Grant Auditorium.

March 18 – Early Spring Instrumental Concert, Grant Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

April 30-May 2 and May 7-9 – Spring musical (yet to be announced), Grant Auditorium.

May 21 – Spring Vocal Concert, Grant Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

May 27 - Final Instrumental Concert, Grant Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

Other Events

March 13 – Rose Festival Princess Announcement, Grant Auditorium

The Grant High School Alumni Association

The Grant High School Alumni Association, founded in 2005 is an Oregon non-profit corporation with IRS 501©(3) status, making dues and contributions tax deductible. Our mission is to serve our graduates and to develop alumni interest and support for Grant. Grant High School continues to be an outstanding Portland school. We want to help continue this tradition.

The Alumni Association operates entirely on membership dues and donations. Our major goals and activities include:

- Providing opportunities for alumni to keep up with other Grant graduates and with current events at the school. A newsletter publicizing class reunions and all-alumni activities, current events at Grant, and historical highlights will be sent to members.
- Donating to GHS. We want to provide scholarships, to help with facility improvements and student programs, and to organize alumni service projects at the school.
- Developing and maintaining Grant's history collection. We are interviewing former students and faculty, and we plan to preserve 83 years of school newspapers and other historical documents on CD. We are also looking for donations of scrapbooks and other Grant memorabilia.
- Constructing and maintaining an address list of Grant graduates in order to help with class reunions and other alumni functions.
- Providing telephone and email contacts for alumni: call 503-281-9994 or email to Grantalumni@aol.com.

Please join us in helping to maintain Grant's proud tradition. Fill in the information below and send it in. Become part of the "Grant Experience." Thank you.

Membership and Contributions

2009 Membership Renewals are due effective January 1

The U. S. Grant High School of Portland, Oregon, Alumni Association is an Oregon non-profit corporation with IRS 501©(3) status, making dues and contributions tax deductible.

Name (present) _____

Name at Grant _____ Class _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Enclosed is:

- My \$20 annual dues
- My donation to the Grant Alumni Association Scholarship Fund
- Other donation in the amount of _____

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Our New Principal

The Tennessee born son of a school principal is the new principal of Grant High School, replacing a ten year run by his predecessor, Toni Hunter. Joseph Malone was born in 1951 and attended Lane College. He has an extensive background in administration.

In 1981 Mr. Malone was recruited to Portland to teach health and physical education at George Elementary School in north Portland and was then a middle school discipline specialist for three years. He was hired to be the assistant principal at Beaumont Middle School in 1993 followed by nine years at King as their principal and then principal at Ockley Green.

Mr. Malone lives in Troutdale with his wife Lois, a retired Gregory Heights teacher. They have three children two have graduated from and one still attending Mt Hood Community College.

Mr. Malone is the ninth of eleven children; most were among one hundred twenty attendees at a family reunion in 1997 in Portland.

As we welcome Joseph Malone, we must thank Toni Hunter for her years of academic and athletic achievements. Ms. Hunter was hired by the district as the Assistant Superintendent of curricula and administration. She was an adviser and good friend to the alumni board.

First Alumni Event a Whopping Success

Grant's first alumni event hit pleasant weather for the Friday, September 12, no-host lunch and refreshments at the Sextant Bar & Galley at NE 40th and Marine Drive. Visitors overlooked the Columbia River as they renewed friendships and made new ones from other classes. Many invitations were mailed out, the notice was printed in some community newspapers, and an internet notice was posted. About fifty former Generals attended on the sunny patio, and many continued on to the Grant High School bowl to witness the Grant Generals defeat the Barlow Bruins in a non-league football game that featured an effective Grant passing game.

Measure 54 Has a GHS Connection

In 2006 a father of a Grant Constitution Team member told the team he believed that Article VII, Section 6 of the Oregon Constitution was unconstitutional. The Team agreed and decided they would try to fix that part of the Oregon Constitution stating that voters in a school board election are at least 21, able to read and write English and have lived in the school district for at least six months.

After group research, the Team wrote part of a letter which was sent to the Oregon Secretary of State. After receiving the letter, the deputy secretary of state asked the attorney general for an opinion. After the attorney general's office said the section was not operative, the Secretary of State's office sponsored legislation in 2007 to put a constitutional amendment on the ballot to eliminate Section 6. Although the Team members had graduated, several continued their participation in the process with three testifying in favor of the bill.

When the bill passed the Oregon House and Senate with one opposing vote, it was placed on the November ballot as Measure 54. The Measure passed with 72% of voters agreeing with the national recognized Grant Constitution Team that Section 6 was unconstitutional.

We would like to acknowledge those who have and who continue to support us. We cannot move forward without your help. Thank you!

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