

# Generally Speaking...

## Alumni Association News

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### Grant's Athletic Hall of Fame

Grant followed several other Portland high schools in establishing an Athletic Hall of Fame. The inspiration is the PIL (Portland Interscholastic League) Hall of Fame which started naming members in 1983 and holds an annual induction ceremony.

During Grant's inaugural induction on October 19, 2009 all of the previous Grant PIL inductees were honored along with six additional names of athletes. Most of the honorees were present for the ceremony in the auditorium and family members represented most deceased honorees.

Rob Kennewell '77 and current GHS baseball coach, and Pete Charlston '54, who spearheaded the committee that included Wilson Walker '71; Bill Wallin '58; John Keller '52; and Rodger Eddy '47, emceed the program.

Featured speakers were Tom Shaw '47, who led the Generals to two of their four state football champion-

ships in the 40's, and Terrell Brandon '88, an all-state player who went on to a successful career at the University of Oregon and in the NBA with the Cavaliers. Principal Joe Malone and Athletic Director Jacque Sage greeted the audience of several hundred. Framed certificates were awarded and a social period with refreshments in the cafeteria ended the nostalgic evening.

Coaches and administrators have also been honored, including Colton Meek, GHS Principal from '43-'57 who supported the talented and successful teams of the era. Coaches honored were Bill Eilertson, '25-'59; Jack Edwards, '28-'37; Jerry Lillie, '37-'46; Ted Ogdahl, '48-'51; Art Westcott, '48-'60; Clyde Knox, '49-'58; Barney Koch, '51-'61; Dennis Sullivan, '53-'63; Paul McCall, '55-'59; Ed Rooney, '59-'75; Roy Harrington, '61-'76; Mark Cotton, '64-'89 and John Stilwell, '83-'98.

The two athletes from the 20's were Ned Gleason '28, and Jerry Lillie '28. Five from the 30's were Fred Volz '30, Bill Gleason '36, Emery Neale '39, Jim Partlow '39 and Ed Stamm '39.

From the 40's seven were chosen: Sheldon Jones '44, Art Milne '44, Ransford Sprinkling '47, Tom Shaw '47, Dick Yost '47, Tom MacDonald '48 and Pat Duff '48.

Seventeen were honored from the 50's: Len Harris '50, Al Hansen '50, Dick Bartel '51, Judy Cornell Deregó '51, Bruce Cudd '51, Ruben Menashe '51, Jack Neer '51, Ron Pheister '51, George Shaw '51, Jim Torson '51, Jerry Exley, Jr. '52, John Keller '52, Bob Jacoby '54, Jack Riley '56, John Damis '58, Jim Sandsness '58 and Bill Wallin '58

The 60's stars: Hal Jackson '65, Junior Johnson '66 and Onia Bates '67. The honorees from the 70's are June Jones '71, Caroline Walker '71, Mary Lou Mulfur '76, Mark Radford '77, Darryl Motley '78, Jackie Jack-

son '79, David Lewis '79 and Kevin McMillan '79.

Four greats from the 80's are Cindy Brown '83, Toney Ross '86, Joe McFerrin II '87 and Terrell Brandon '88. Travis Boslar '96 represented the 90's and these six from the 2000's rounded out the inductees: Kevin Miles '01, Joaquin Chapa Jr. '03, Alex Wall '03, Matt Hibbitts '03, Kate Soma '01 and Laura

Westwood '02.

The members of the current rally squad assisted, the famous Royal Blues performed two numbers accompanied by Ray Johnson, pianist.

The Grant anthem and the fight song were included to set the spirit of honoring some of those who contributed to the golden achievements of the Grant Generals.

### GRANT HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME COACHES



John Stilwell (basketball) [L]

Mark Cotton (track) [LC]

Dennis Sullivan (track) [R]

Jay Edwards-- representing grandfather, Jack Edwards (track/athletic director) [RC]

### 1940 & 1950'S ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME



Front Row: Sheldon Jones ('44), Art Milne ('44), Tom Torson--representing father, Jim Torson, ('51), Ruben Menashe ('51), Tom Shaw ('47), Tom MacDonald ('48), Back Row: Bruce Cudd ('51), Jim Sandsness ('58), Jerry Exley ('52), Jack Neer ('51), John Keller ('52), Ron Pheister ('51). (Photos courtesy Ralph Erwin who donated his time)

### 1960 - 2003'S ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME



Front Row: Terrell Brandon ('88), Travis Boslar ('96), Kevin Miles ('01), Junior Johnson ('66), Joe McFerrin II ('87), Back Row: Hal Jackson ('65), Tony Ross ('86), Laura Westwood ('02), Alec Wall ('03), Joaquin Chapa, Jr. ('03), Tom Soma--representing daughter, Kate Soma ('01). (Photos courtesy Ralph Erwin who donated his time)



### From The President

The Alumni Association continued to make steady progress in membership and in communicating with our alumni members. We had our second annual event with a pre-game party at Amalfi's Italian Restaurant and then to the Grant Bowl to watch the Generals defeat Westview

32-27 on September 11; we raised \$805 for the scholarship program and received \$1325 in membership and donations. Expenses included the Amalfi event, newsletter fees, and the \$1500 scholarship awarded in May.

Please join us on February 25 at Sam's Billiards

across from the old Hollywood Fred Meyer's for an all alumni event and the Grant vs Benson basketball game. Details are on the bottom of page 10.

We would love to have you join us at a monthly meeting and welcome your membership.

Many thanks to all GHS alumni who have generously donated time and money in 2009.



John D (Bud) Leonard '47  
Alumni President



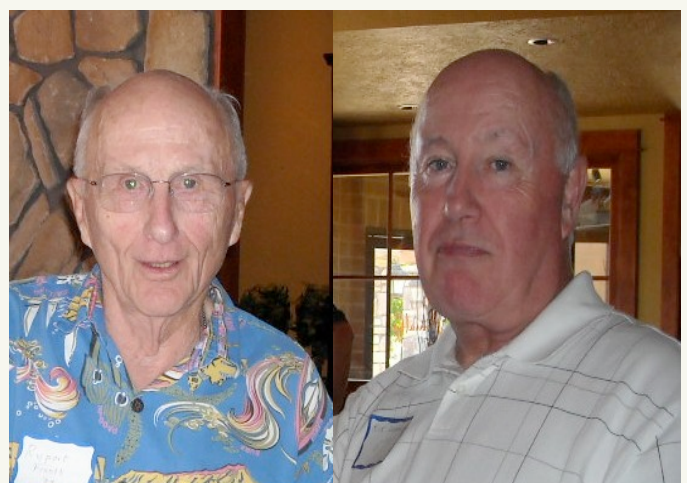
[L] Christi (Rollwage) Knutson ('64)  
[R] John D (Bud) Leonard ('47)



[L] Chip Kessler ('65), [C] Lin Zimmerman ('64)  
[R] Patty (Soule) Coate ('64)



[L] Terry Tindle ('52), [R] Nick Munly ('47)



[L] Rupert Fixott ('39), [R] Rick Swerdlik ('67)

### Class of 1952 Birthday Party



**Who:** Grant High Class of 1952  
**What:** 75th birthday party  
 (we celebrate birthdays between the 5-year markers)  
**Where:** The Portland Yacht Club  
**When:** Saturday, 08 August 09  
**Weather:** warm/overcast/perfect!

**View:** magnificent -- our Mighty Columbia  
**Group:** terrific -- 99 attended  
**Buffet:** exceptional  
**Decorations:** dazzling  
**We all played well together**  
 -- no one ran with scissors!

### Class of 1947 Men's Luncheon Group

In 2004 Rich Dale and Bud Leonard thought it would be fun to gather their classmates for lunch. Since that time there have been eleven lunches held with eight to twelve men attending.

The last lunch was on November 11, 2009 with invited guest Sheldon Jones (class of 1944). Jones talked about Grant athletics and his playing football, basketball, baseball and golf from 1941 to 1944!

The highlight was GHS winning the football state championship in 1943. Sheldon was inducted in the Grant High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2009. A great time was had by all at the Riverside Golf and Country Club.



[Back Row] [L to R] Faber DeChaine, Sheldon Jones ('45), Bud Leonard, Rich Dale, Geo Franklin, Bud Boyle  
 [Front Row] [L to R] Ross Kuhnhausen, Rodger Eddy, Alan Hicks

### Class of 1959 Reunion

The class of 1959 held their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion with several events starting Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> with a golf scramble in honor of classmate Pete Moore at Eastmoreland Golf Club. Following the scramble there was a 19<sup>th</sup> hole informal gathering of grade school reunions for Beaumont, Fernwood, Kennedy, Rose City and Sabin.

Friday afternoon the class gathered for a guided historical walking tour of Grant and Hollywood neighborhoods. Everyone reunited for a casual evening for wine and hors d'oeuvres at the Fleur de Lis Café in the old Hollywood Library site.

The reunion banquet was Saturday night at the Columbia River Yacht Club.

### Reunion Information

Generally Speaking welcomes all reunion stories and photos and will include them in future editions. Plans are underway now for the Class of 1960 reunion this fall, Class of 1970 on August 27 at the Red Lion, contact [Grant1970@classicreunion.com](mailto:Grant1970@classicreunion.com), and Class of 1975 on August 14 at Laurelwood Brewery, contact Miriam Starr Woodard: [granths1975@aol.com](mailto:granths1975@aol.com).

Submit stories and photos to: [grantalumni@aol.com](mailto:grantalumni@aol.com)



**C l a s s o f 1 9 4 9  
6 0 t h R e u n i o n**

Eastmoreland Golf Clubhouse & Grill was the site of the 60<sup>th</sup> reunion for about one hundred Class of 1949 classmates on September 25, 2009. The class was originally 436 and those attending understood that this was the last reunion! The evening event welcomed two royal subjects! The current Rose Festival Queen, Queen Rachel of Grant, and our 1949 Queen Joyce Sommerlade Goodman from Salt Lake City greeted the guests and gave a short speech. By all comments received, it was a fun filled memorable evening.



[L] Joe Bonawitz ('49), [R] John Rumpakis ('49)



[L] Sara (Cooley) Frank, [C] Joan (Blakely) Strand,  
[R] Betty (Jones) Dodd,

[L] Joan (Tormey) Flach, [C] Bill Wright,  
[R] Janet (Ruggles) Berg,

**C l a s s o f 1 9 5 6  
C h r i s t m a s P a r t y**

Bob Warr sent word that Nick and Diane Raptor hosted the sixth annual Christmas party for GHS friends from several classes. Those from the class of '56 were Nick and Diane Raptor, Larry and Carol Burnett, Gary and Carol Restad Blodgett, Larry Ledwith, Tom Constans, Sue Johnson Carlson, Bill Hall and Ester, Ken and Nancy McDougald Bailey from Seaside, Dick Bader and Jerre, Bill and Barbara Dimond Leighton, Don and Karen Holmes Har-

tung, and Bob Warr.

Among the guests were Grantonians from other classes: Lois Anderson Wood '57, Mike McCuddy '57 and wife, Jim Damis '53 and wife, Toni Demas '58, Jimmy George '41, Sam and Char Isaacs Notos '55, Barbara Raptor Laird '58, Ron Love '53 and wife.

Bob ended his note with: "Thanx Nick and Diane. Do it for the seventh time next December! Please!!!"

**A L L A L U M N I E V E N T O N F E B R U A R Y 2 5  
S E E P A G E 1 0 F O R D E T A I L S .**

### Class of 1954 Reunion

Marilyn Walker Portwood reports that the Class of 1954 held their 55th reunion at the Portland Yacht Club with a cocktail party and catered dinner overlooking the Columbia River. Ray Johnson provided piano music and classmates from the choir performed several songs. A good time was had by all.



[L] Carol Neville Eagle, [C] Jan Ruedy Heglund  
[R] Sue Kiome



[L] Denise Hedeon, [R] Roberta Rygh Wald



[L] Carol Neville Eagle, [R] Joan Whittington Taylor



[L] Richard Boulette, [R] Ken Mays





**Grant Music  
Department**

Katy Wagner-West, director of vocal music, reports that the A Cappella Choir and Royal Blues had a busy schedule during the holiday season. They performed with the Metropolitan Youth Symphony, at the Grotto's Festival of Lights as well as the ever popular Winter Gala Concert in the GHS auditorium. The A Cappella's first tour in ten years is slated for San Francisco in March. They could use help in making that happen. If you can contribute, please send your donation to the school at 2245 NE 36 Ave, Portland 97212 to Katy's attention.

**Class of 1969  
Reunion**

The Class of '69 reunion on August 22, 2009 was held at the Governor Hotel with dinner for 120 classmates. Teri Jones Geist said that the time went too quickly to visit with everyone – a sure sign that that everyone had a great time.



[L to R] Jenny Marshall, Ann Bellerby, Teri Jones Geist, Joanna Gilson, Norah Collins Summers, Nancy McCready Higgins



**Class of 1969**

**ALL ALUMNI EVENT ON FEBRUARY 25  
SEE PAGE 10 FOR DETAILS.**

**2010 Board of Directors**

**President:** John Leonard ('47)  
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 Richmond Dale ('47)  
 George Franklin ('47)  
 Janet (Godey) Eddy ('54)  
 Robert Stayton ('61)

## Class of 1964 Gathers For Their 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion

It was agreed after the 40<sup>th</sup> reunion in 2004 that it was probably a good idea for the class of 1964 to gather again in five years and not wait for ten! A casual evening of conversation and fun was held at the Multnomah Club on August 15. Happily, there were faces never before seen at a reunion which made for an even better event. Although about 150 attended, it is hoped that twice that many will attend the 50<sup>th</sup>.



**[L] Christi (Rollwage) Knutson  
[C] Laddie Buck  
[R] Cheryl (Farr) Sabala**



**[L] Ross Johnson  
[C] Tom Grant  
[R] Janice (Bruhn) Wilson**



**[L] Michelle (Carey) Frezza, [LC] Jim Williams  
[RC] Georgia Nelson, [R] Paul Garmon**



**[L] Steph (Sagner) Enna  
[C] Gayle Rothrock  
[R] Nancy (Hatch) Wolford**



**[L] Doug Bell, [LC] Joan Brady,  
[RC] Bonnie (Arter) Zogby, [R] Don Ayers**



**[L] Dave Decker  
[C] Diana (Johnson) Vantress  
[R] Leon Drennan**



## Grant Royal Blues Remixed

Submitted by Ian Doescher '95

When Doree Jarboe retired in June 2008 from over twenty years teaching at Grant High School, rumors began circulating that she was going to start an alumni choir. The Royal Blues had been Grant's premier choir since the late 1980s, when Doree began teaching at Grant. They became known around Portland for excellent sound, international travel, concerts with local celebrities, and their signature piece, "I Am But a Small Voice." Doree was acclaimed for her work with the Royal Blues specifically and at Grant generally. She has been Knighted by the Portland Rose Festival, and received several awards: the Spirit of Portland Award from Portland Rotary, the Excellence in Teaching Award from the School of Education at the University of Oregon, and the Patty Vemer Music Educator of the Year Award from the Oregon Symphony in 2008.

Rumors of an alumni choir turned to fact in the spring of 2009, when the Royal Blues Alumni Choir—also known as the Remix Blues—started singing together for the first time. (I have had the honor of serving as

the group's unofficial coordinator since then.) Some members had been singing consistently since high school, while others were trying to produce notes for the first time in over a decade. While many of us remember Royal Blues as a social experience—with all the good and bad that comes along with that—we find that now, as adults, personality issues are left behind and we are able to focus on and enjoy making beautiful music together. We also enjoy the unique blend of people: in the group we have lawyers, nurses, pastors, teachers, business professionals, stay-at-home parents, grad students, and more. As Doree likes to say, "We've got all the bases covered."

On December 20<sup>th</sup>, the Remix Blues—representing seventeen years of Royal Blues,

from the classes of 1993 to 2009—performed our first concert. The concert, held at Calvary Presbyterian Church in Portland, was promoted only through word-of-mouth, on Facebook, and with the occasional neighborhood flyer. We in the choir literally didn't know what to expect—maybe each of us would have two or three friends and family out there, but maybe there would be a bigger crowd? Doree and the choir were astonished when the concert turned into a standing room only affair, with an estimated audience of over 300. The program was a mix of classical choral music and Christmas music, and combined well-known Royal Blues pieces like "I Love My Love" and "Deck the Halls in 7/8" with new favorites like Moses Hogan's powerful, climactic

setting of the spiritual "Climbin' Up the Mountain."

The Remix Blues began rehearsals for its spring concerts on January 13<sup>th</sup>, and we are looking forward to new opportunities to perform around Portland. The faces have changed a bit, as some members have left due to life circumstances—one member restarted school at the University of Oregon, another is moving to Seattle—while others have joined now that they know the choir is for real. But the purpose remains the same: making great music together and maintaining Grant's tradition of choral excellence for a long time to come.

For more information about the Remix Blues, including clips from the December 20 concert, visit [www.remixblues.com](http://www.remixblues.com).



Doree Jarboe conducts Remix at December concert

We would like to acknowledge and thank again those who have supported us in 2009. We cannot continue to grow without your help. Thank you!

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Rupert Fixott ('39)*                | Delores (Nordlander) Haggland ('49)* | Sharon (Tracey) Norton ('57)*         |
| Mary (Toye) Mitchell ('41)S         | Peggy (Nygard) Borsting ('49)*S      | David Scott ('57)*S                   |
| Joyce (Johnson) Walters ('43)*      | Jo-Ann (Priaulx) Bonawitz ('49)*     | Carolyn (Yerkovich) Ferguson ('61)*   |
| Hazel (Leonard) Buck ('44)*S        | Bob Packwood ('50)*S                 | Bob Stayton ('61)*                    |
| Mary K. (Moore) Parker ('44)*S      | Jaren Poulson ('50)*                 | Karyl (Loback) Whelan ('61)*          |
| Donna (Lyons) Kunkel ('46)*         | Bruce Cudd ('51)*                    | Cynthia (May) Gage ('63) *D           |
| Catherine (Johnson) Adamson ('47)*S | Donna (Hudson) Mafle ('51)*          | Terry (Tweed) Carroll-Gettel ('64)*   |
| George Franklin ('47)*S             | Loie Mead ('51)*S                    | Christi (Rollwage) Knutson ('64) *D   |
| Rodger Eddy ('47)*D                 | Ruben Menashe ('51)H                 | Norma (Lizberg) Piper ('64) *S        |
| Delores (Fuge) Dunn ('47)*S         | Doris (Olson) Miesen ('51)*          | Gayle Rothrock ('64) *S               |
| Susan (Goodman) Carl ('47)*         | Ron Pheister ('51)H                  | Terry Vick ('64)*                     |
| Jane (Holcomb) Tatreau ('47)*S      | Diane (Gish) Walker ('51)*S          | Janice (Bruhn) Wilson ('64) *         |
| Ross Kuhnhausen ('47)*S             | DonnaLee (Adams) Palin ('52)*        | Lin Zimmerman ('64)*S                 |
| John "Bud" Leonard ('47)*DS         | Claudette (Jenkin) Joy ('52)*        | Paul Stith ('66)*                     |
| Eva (Moore) Rosenauer ('47)*D       | Gino Pieretti ('52)*                 | Kathleen (Cormack) Ames ('67)*S       |
| Nixon "Nick" Munly ('47)*           | Terry Tindle ('52)*                  | Rosemary Meier ('67)*S                |
| John Otto ('47)*D                   | Richard Wald ('52)*S                 | Eugene Melvin ('67)*S                 |
| Richmond Dale ('47)*                | Jim Damis ('53)*                     | Kimberly (Patterson) Blattner ('67)*S |
| Leile (Olson) Bennett ('48)*S       | Bob Bauer ('53)*S                    | Joan (Forshaug) Braddock ('72)*       |
| Tom Jordan ('48)*                   | Richard Boulette ('54)*              | Tom Haaga ('72)*                      |
| Tom Macdonald ('48)*                | Jan (Godey) Eddy ('54)*              | Cheryl (Hansen) Ellis ('72)*D         |
| Joann (Marvin) Metcalf ('48)*       | Kathryn (Kaser) Dodge ('55)*S        | Dale Olson ('72)*                     |
| Joe Bonawitz ('49)*                 | Robert Mann ('56)*                   | Denise (Lobaugh) Jungkeit ('79)*      |
| Stacy Hertsche ('49)*               | Diana (Pachot) Enden ('57)*          | Mark Cotton H                         |
|                                     |                                      | Bill Mulflur H                        |

(\* General Membership      (H) Athletic Hall of Fame      (S) Scholarship Fund      (D) General Donation

**J o i n A l u m s a t G H S B a s k e t b a l l G a m e**

Hey Grant alums...Remember basketball games in what is now the "old gym"? Remember the excitement of the opening of the "new gym"? Here is your opportunity to see how it is in 2010. The Grant Alumni Assn. is sponsoring a pre-game gathering Thursday, February 25 at SAM'S BILLIARDS in Hollywood from 5 to 7 PM prior to the GENERAL'S varsity basketball game vs Benson. The Varsity game starts at 7:30 PM. This will be the next to last PIL regular season game.

The alumni assn. will host happy hour snacks;

the bar will be no host. Following the social at Sam's we can go to the game at GHS. It is close enough to walk if the weather cooperates. For your convenience, we are planning to have game tickets to purchase at Sam's.

So practice your cheers, memorize the fight song (again), wear your blue and grey, and join alums at Sam's on February 25<sup>th</sup> and come to the game. It will be fun to see classmates, renew friendships and get a first hand look at the current generation of Grant Generals.

Are you tech savvy? Can you help the Alumni Assn. develop a website? Contact: grantalumni@aol.com



**U S G R A N T H I G H S C H O O L O F P O R T L A N D , O R  
A L U M N I A S S O C I A T I O N**

The US Grant High School of Portland, OR Alumni Association, founded in 2005 is an Oregon non-profit corporation with IRS 501 (c) (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:

Provide opportunities for alumni to stay current with other Grant graduates and with events at the school.

Issue a newsletter publicizing all alumni activities including class reunions, current events at Grant and historical highlights.

Support Grant financially with scholarships, facility improvement, student programs and the organization of alumni service projects.

Develop and maintain Grant’s history collection through interviews with former students and faculty; preservation of school newspapers and other historical documents by digital conversion; maintain donations of scrapbooks and other Grant memorabilia.

Please join us in helping to maintain Grant’s proud tradition by filling in the information below and sending it to Alumni Association, P. O. Box 13291, Portland, Oregon 97213-0291

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**Membership and Contributions**

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New memberships and renewals are effective for the calendar year in which they are received.

Name (present) \_\_\_\_\_

Name at Grant \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

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Enclosed is:

- My \$20 (\$30 per couple) annual dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- My donation to the Grant Alumni Association Scholarship Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- My donation to the Grant Hall of Fame \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Other donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Happy hour snacks  
will be provided  
No host bar  
Game tickets for  
sale at the  
party

SAVE THE DATE!  
ALL ALUMNI  
PARTY  
FEBRUARY 25

GRANT VS BENSON  
Basketball Game  
Pre-Game Social  
from 5-7 PM  
SAM'S BILLIARDS  
1845 NE 41st



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