

# Generally Speaking...

## Alumni Association News

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### From the President

First I am honored to be elected to head the Grant Alumni Assn. 2013 will be a growth year for the Alumni Assn. as we continue to increase our membership and contact list. The Alumni Assn. has a solid position in the Grant High School support community, along with PTA, Boosters, Band Boosters, GHS Foundation, and Site Council. The Alumni Assn. has the benefit of being able to reach out to thousands of Grant alums with life experiences that are varied and amazing. Thanks to our members and friends for sharing their resources through the Alumni Assn.

Currently, the Alumni Assn. is supporting the legacy of excellence at GHS in several ways. First is the annual alumni scholarship program. With growing membership dues and donations

our intent is to increase the current \$1500 amount to a more substantial amount in the future.

Second is our current project to restore the Steinway Grand piano in the auditorium. See the article on that subject in this newsletter.

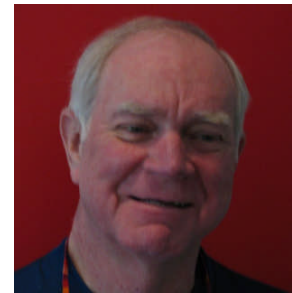
Third, The Alumni Assn. is supporting the Grant Athletic Hall of Fame group and we have begun the General Hall of Achievement page on our website to honor alums who have left lasting legacies in their chosen fields of endeavor.

We have improved our web site [www.grantalumni.org](http://www.grantalumni.org) with a more exciting layout. Note that dues and donations can be made electronically on the website via PAYPAL. We have also recently added the ability to accept credit/debit card donations to the Alumni Assn. at events

like the picnic and reunions.

And don't forget the annual ALL ALUMNI PICNIC scheduled for July 28, 2013 at Wilshire Park – save the date! I hope to see many of you there.

I am looking forward to 2013 as we continue with the efforts already underway and look for new opportunities to support Grant in the future.



**Bob Stayton '61**  
**Alumni Assn. President**

### Outgoing President Cain

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the President of the Alumni Association



**Jack Cain '61**  
**Alumni Assn.**  
**Past President**

for the past two years. During that time the association initiated the restoration of the Steinway Grand Piano that was built in 1917. Tom Grant and the Royal Blues alumni, called Remix, entertained with a wonderful concert which was also the kick off of our fundraising.

We have introduced a Grant Hall of Achievement with the induction of Colton Meek, Beverly Bunn Cleary, Gordon Fullerton and Donald Hodel.

It also has been a pleasure to

meet the two scholarship recipients of the past two years. Julius Muwulya in 2011 who now attends the University of Portland and Eric DeKay who is studying at the University of Oregon. Both fine young men.

The board is comprised of very gifted and enthusiastic alumni. I am grateful for their strong support and vision for the future. I will continue to work along side them to encourage the Grant tradition of excellence.

## The Grant Magazine

Beginning in the school year of 2011-2012, a new dual-credit class was offered at Grant High School. Students could now forecast for a rigorous journalism/news writing course that partnered with Portland State University, where seniors have the option to obtain 8 total transferable college credit hours. And believe me, it is most definitely a college level class!

In order to continue publishing and to attend an out of state educational Journalism Conference in the spring, we each have to sell a minimum of 10 subscriptions. A subscription for the Grant High School News Magazine is a tax deductible, one-time fee of \$55. Focusing on big news stories in the Grant community, we produce an issue monthly and we are capable of mailing any out of city/state subscriptions and will personally deliver issues throughout the Portland metro area. If you are interested, please contact me, Nicole Goodman, at [nicolegraceg@gmail.com](mailto:nicolegraceg@gmail.com), or call me at (971) 227-4512.

Contributions are much appreciated and recognized by our entire staff. Thank you and go Generals!

### Dale Olson 1953 - 2012

Dale Olson '72, an original board member of the Alumni Assn. died September 22, 2012.

Dale was a proud GHS graduate who worked at Yaws and Poor Richards before his employment at MESD. He loved to take trips with his wife Sandy, antiquing and adding to his collection of 1000's of records. His music appreciation spanned all kinds of music from Big Bands to pop. As a child he played the guitar and had an organ in his home office that he played to relieve stress. Dale was always the first to volunteer to help others and extended his generosity as the Historian of the Alumni Assn.

He always arrived at alumni meetings with a ready smile and willingness to share his knowledge of history, memorabilia and technology. In fact, he went to extreme measures by taking some of the older non-tech members to the library to help them set up email accounts to lead them into the new age.

His family suggested donations in memory of Dale be made to the Alumni Assn. Piano Fund or to Oregon Humane Society.

Dale is survived by his wife Sandy, his mother Dotty and sisters Bunny '66, Jan '69 and Fran '70.



Dale Olson '72

### The Grand Piano Project

In 2011 The GHS Alumni Assn. began a project to raise funds to restore the 9' Steinway Grand Piano in the Auditorium. Since the condition of the piano was less than optimal, the Alumni Assn. decided that this high quality instrument should be restored to be a cornerstone of support for the excellent music and arts program at Grant. The project is in coordination with Chris Lane in the Grant Performing Arts Program.

The opening event in this fund raising effort was the Tom Grant – Royal Blue Alumni Choir concert in October 2011. Funds were also solicited at the Spring Musical "Hair Spray" at GHS and many alumni have contributed to the cause.

Repair costs are estimated to be approx.

\$13,500. The concert together with contributions to date have raised about \$4000 of which \$545 has been spent repairing loose case parts, replacing a key top, tuning, and the purchase of a new piano cover. Remaining work includes rebuilding the belly of the piano, new strings, pin blocks, tuning pins and reconditioning of the soundboard and bridge.

To raise the balance needed to successfully complete the restoration the Alumni Assn. is launching the KEYS TO SUCCEED campaign. Donors who contribute \$100 for the purchase of a "KEY" will spread the load among many and raise the balance to complete the project. The name of each Key donor will appear on a memorial poster in

the auditorium to commemorate the project. Most important the Performing Arts Program at Grant will again have a high quality instrument. Who knows how many more Tom Grants or Thomas Lauderdals will get a world class piano to play at Grant!

Please keep those contributions to KEY TO SUCCEED coming by sending your contribution to Grant Alumni Association PO Box 13291 Portland OR 97213 OR online Via PAYPAL on the website

[www.grantalumni.org](http://www.grantalumni.org): go to the Dues and Donations page and click on the DONATE button.

Either way your support is appreciated and will help maintain this valuable asset at Grant.

### Check out the Alumni Assn's Updated Website

Bob Burdett '63 offered his help with the Alumni website and we are thrilled with the new look. Thank you, Bob!

After graduating from Grant in 1963, Bob earned a B.A. from Portland State and pursued M.A. and Ph.D. studies at U of Wisconsin and U of Toronto. He remembers that his \$300 Grant Dad's Club scholarship covered all but \$30 of his full first-year tuition at PSU! After stints in academia and the arts, he served as publisher to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, developing and marketing CBC radio and television books and classical and jazz recordings. Bob and a group of ex-Bechtel Corp co-workers later helped launch a global energy software and consulting firm, Nexant, Inc., where he continues to manage corporate communications activities. As a senior communications advisor, he has also conducted community outreach programs for international energy projects in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka.

See more results at [www.grantalumni.org](http://www.grantalumni.org)

**Sweet Sound Of Jazz  
An evening not to be missed!**

The Grant Band Boosters are hosting the 8th Annual Sweet Sound of Jazz on Friday, Feb. 1. At 6:30 the bands will start playing, the desserts will be served and the bidding will start on the silent auction in THE GHS OLD GYM! Tickets are on sale in the GHS bookkeeper's office.

**A Colton Meek Remembrance  
From Mary Hubbard Flores '53**

I have been away from Portland for many years but am so pleased you have chosen to honor Colton Meek. I still remember (1952 or 3) when a crank call was made during assembly that the upper balcony had collapsed. If I recall the caller was not a student. Colton Meek addressed us explaining what had happened, how many emergency vehicles had arrived at the scene and the hundreds of calls from those concerned about injuries. He was beyond anger and he was brilliant.

**2012 Hall of Fame Induction**

Eleven former Grant athletes and one coach were 2012 inductees into the Hall of Fame. Also honored were ten championship swimming teams. The boys won 7 consecutive state championships (1950-56), an incredible record that still stands, while the girls were state champs in 1949 and 1958. Some "younger" boys won another state championship in 2010.

Judy Cornell DeRego, Class of '51, was one of Grant's greatest swimmers. She set a state record in the 100 yard backstroke and went on to win medals in AAU and Olympic competition (Helsinki Olympics in '52).

Some swimmers came from long distances for this memorable program on October 15 in the Grant auditorium. Jim Torrance came from Dallas, Texas, and Dick Dresie swam all the way from the Kona coast of the big island of Hawaii.

More photos from the induction are on the alumni website: [www.grantalumni.org](http://www.grantalumni.org)



**Carol Pfluger Lomax '51**



**J.D. Brown '58**



**Judy Cornell DeRego '51**



**Lizzie Wild '04**

**2012 All Alumni Picnic**

The fourth annual ALL ALUMNI picnic will take place on Sunday, July 28, 2013 at Wilshire Park. (Please note that the fourth Sunday in July is always picnic day.) Last July we had a special treat from John Pierson '67 who played Taps on his bagpipes to honor those Grantonians who have passed. The event continues to grow each year providing a great place for all Grantonians to meet! Some classes even plan their reunion weekend around picnic day. It is a good time and we hope you can join in the fun!



**Dean McMullen, Claudette Jenkin Joy  
Alex "Poison" Mackie all '52**



**John Pierson '67**



**Bobby Hamilton '73 Paul Kelly '90  
(Paul is also men's basketball Varsity coach)**

### Classes of 1944 & 1945 From Bob Jones

The first reunion of our '45 class was held in 1965 with a full house. Shortly thereafter '45 graduate Frank Olson started a yearly golf tourney at the beach which continued for at least two decades. After years of guys only, my wife Pearl got the Grant ladies together for luncheons at the same time - a fun event that continues to this date.

Recently the boys dropped the golf as the aging issues increased, but can you believe one group of Generals meet each week at the Racoon Lodge! Bill Wolverton started another annual luncheon at the old Mallory hotel for the 44-45 guys called the Last Man Standing. Additionally, all the grads meet at the Oswego Country Club in June to celebrate the former Golf tourney. Included in the group are former Grant Student Body presidents - Sam Gillette and Paul Kunkel. In a different room the ladies are joined by the '44 Rose Festival Queen Joann Bush and May Fete Princess Anita Jackson. To top all this off is the national reunion chaired by Pete Cuthbert at Eastmoreland each September.

Although many are gone the rest are still Go Generals Go!

See more photos at [www.grantalumni.org](http://www.grantalumni.org)



**Shirley Allen Schulstad '45  
Joann Bush Thoulion '44**



**Pearl & Bob Jones '45**



**Bob Carl, Virginia Skow, Paul Kunkel**



**Bud & Anita Jackson Cobb '45**



**Pete Cuthbert '45**



**Sally Grefe '45**

### Class of 1972 From Jane Taylor

The class of 1972 had a great showing at our 40th! About 150 people-plus a few supportive spouses and spices-showed up for a buffet dinner at the Red Lion (the former Top of the Cosmo which caused several of us to think back on our senior prom dinner.) The decibel level grew as the various classmates from Alameda, Fernwood, Sabin, Beaumont, and more recognized each other, renewed old bonds, and showed off pictures of our grandkids. The person traveling from the farthest away was New York denizen Carole Webb Delgado, and the classmate with the most grandchildren was Jennifer Nesheim Moellenkamp with 18. Kudos to all of those on our committee who worked so hard, particularly Cheryl Ellis Hansen. A fabulous time was had by all!

### Class of 1957 From Marilyn Foster Duffield

The mighty, still feisty, Class of 1957 celebrated our 55th, with 90 people squinting at nametags at Eastmoreland Golf Course Bar & Grill on Friday, Sept. 7, and 120 recalling old escapades in the Multnomah Athletic Club ballroom on Sept. 8. Emceeing was expertly done by our “cutest couple” from '57, Bob and Margaret (Reedy) Moore, still together after all these years. After opening remarks from Senior Class President, Ben Balme, we played the “Not So U(seless) S. Grant Trivia Game” (with lavish prizes for the winner) and the Amazing Hall of Fame Game, in which one writes down “3 things that most others don’t know about me” and, when theirs is drawn from a box, must stand up, confess and elaborate—some of it destined for the Guinness Book of World Records.

Two special guests were introduced with great fanfare. Out onto the floor marched Ulysses S. Grant himself, in full uniform with cigar. He was accompanied by an amazing look-alike of Mary Shroeder, Vice Principal in charge of girls. The ‘odd couple’

shared final moments of emcee duties, disagreeing on just about everything! Funny stuff. The night ended with Woody Wilkinson (SB president from our class), whose remarks gave us more laughs. Most agreed that the 55th reunion was right up there with the very best and it just gets better.



**Karen Graap Griffin, Sharon Tracey Norton, Teddy McMahon Johnny, Pat Reiley Wagner, Gail Doty Post, Jeanie McMahon Reiten**

### Class of 1947 From Bud Leonard

The Grant High Class of 1947 celebrated their 65th reunion on July 21 at Ernesto’s Restaurant in Beaverton. Approximately 50 Grantonian enjoyed meeting and chatting about old school days as well as enjoying a delicious Italian buffet. Jim Goode conducted the program which included each classmate having a turn with the microphone to tell about their current status and activities. It was agreed by all that there should be another reunion in the future.

See more photos at [www.grantalumni.org](http://www.grantalumni.org)



**Bob & Nancy Reeves**

**Pat & Jim Menath**



**Phyllis Nash Telfer**

**Rodger & Janet Eddy**

**Nancy Chamberlin Goode**

**Ruth Corbett Minogie**

**Bev Berry**



**Sally Reymers Cowan**

**Carolyn Kach Mauchley**



### Congratulations to GHS Constitution Team

The GHS Constitution team won the state “We the People” Constitution competition by finishing ahead of Lincoln in the state competition. The national competition will be held in April in Washington, D.C. on Capitol Hill.

### Class of 1962 From Donna Swanson

On July 28, 2012 over 250 classmates and guests attended the Class of '62's reunion at the Red Lion Convention Center Windows Sky Room. While the Reunion Committee did a lot of work to ensure that the reunion was a success, we engaged the services of Classic Reunions which is owned and operated by Debra Finnegan who is married to our classmate, Chuck.

We enjoyed a delightful dinner and had the opportunity to reconnect with classmates, some of whom were attending their first reunion. While our class had lost a good number of classmates to death or untraceable relocations, our Student Body President, Ken Kastleman was present to be our emcee. Student athletes were recognized by Butch Lumby and Coach Sullivan. "Sully" attended with his wife.

Many generous alumni donated to the Angel Fund which assisted some with costs ensuring their ability to attend. Monies remaining in the Angel Fund and general reunion funds were donated to the Grant Alumni Scholarship Fund as were remaining general reunion funds.

Of most importance, all who attended had a wonderful time renewing old friendships and making new memories.

More photos at [www.grantalumni.org](http://www.grantalumni.org)



**Dick Scott  
Tom Haley  
Andy Jordan  
Dick Beard  
Butch Lumby**

**Kathy Hoskins  
Burkell  
Georgia Stout  
Hodgson  
Joan Pringle  
Maher  
Jeannie Sharp  
Garrioch**



**Jane Lodmell Bidwell  
Harriet Hickman Smith**

**Maribeth  
Dees  
Hylander**



**Judy  
See  
Huston**

**Mike O'Toole  
Don Tarlow  
Bob Arnst  
John Pendergrass  
Butch Lumby  
Ken Byers**



### Class of 1982 From Jenny Sonk- Mcnasser

The Grant High Class of 1982 had a wonderful time reconnecting with each other the weekend of August 10 and 11th, 2012. Our first gathering was an evening of music, food and fun at Grand Central Bowl. Many of us stayed after the reunion event was over and almost closed the place down. We can still boogie!

The following day nearly 50 alumni and their families enjoyed a picnic and relaxation at Wilshire Park.

It was wonderful to have such an abundant showing of alumni for both events and to find out how everyone has "grown up". There has been some talk of a 35th Year reunion in 2017 so we can continue the connections we remade.

More photos: [http://www.facebook.com/jenny.sonk.mcnassar/photos\\_stream#!/groups/GrantHighSchool1982/](http://www.facebook.com/jenny.sonk.mcnassar/photos_stream#!/groups/GrantHighSchool1982/)



**Terry Kerrigan  
Ellyn Terry  
Fred Palmer**



**Tunya Scarborough**

**GHS Class Reunions**

**CLASS OF 1945 – ANNUAL GET TOGETHER**

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

**CLASS OF 1953 – 60TH REUNION**

Friday & Saturday, August 16-17, 2013  
 Details to follow  
 Contact: Jim Damis 800.423.1216 or [jdamis@spiritone.com](mailto:jdamis@spiritone.com)

**CLASS OF 1961 – 70th Birthday Party**

Summer 2013  
 Details to follow  
[www.usghs61.org](http://www.usghs61.org)

**CLASS OF 1963 – 50TH REUNION**

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, August 9-11, 2013  
 Grade school gatherings, golf tourney and dinner at Eastmoreland  
 Golf Course See [www.grant1963.com](http://www.grant1963.com) for complete details  
 Contact: Bev Davis Renne 971.275.4801 or [bevndick@gmail.com](mailto:bevndick@gmail.com)

**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](mailto:mcosta55@comcast.net)

**CLASS OF 1978 – 35th REUNION**

Saturday, August 10, 2013  
 Elks Grand Ballroom 6 N Tillamook  
 Contact: Evelyn Tillman on [www.classmates.com](http://www.classmates.com) or  
[granhigh78@gmail.com](mailto:granhigh78@gmail.com)

**CLASS OF 1983 – 30th REUNION**

Friday & Saturday, July 19-20, 2013  
 Details to follow  
 Contact: Andy Sessions or Ted Smith on Facebook

**CLASS OF 1993 – 20TH REUNION**

Details to follow  
 All classmates are asked to provide their contact information on  
 Facebook: Grant high school class of 1993 (20th reunion)  
 Contact: [amy\\_gaylord@hotmail.com](mailto:amy_gaylord@hotmail.com)

C u t h e r e

**Membership and Contributions**

The U. S. Grant High School of Portland, Oregon Alumni Association is an Oregon non-profit corporation with IRS 501( c)(3) status (36-4577438), making dues and contributions tax deductible. New memberships and renewals are due effective January 1st of each year.

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 Name at Grant \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State - Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclosed is:**

- My \$20 individual annual dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - My \$30 (per couple-both Grant Alumni) annual dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - My \$250 individual Life membership dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - My donation to the Grant Alumni Association Scholarship Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - My donation to the Grant Hall of Fame \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - My donation to the Steinway Grand Piano Restoration Project \$ \_\_\_\_\_
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### **Your Membership Renewal is Due**

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If you are a member, please renew your dues with the form on Page 7. If you have not yet joined, please consider doing so.

### **Advertise Your Business**

You can now have your business card read twice yearly by the entire GHS Alumni Assn. mailing list. All it takes is the purchase of a business card size space for \$50.00 yearly. Send your photo ready ad to [grantalumni@aol.com](mailto:grantalumni@aol.com) and fee to: US Grant Alumni Assn. PO Box 13291 Portland 97213

### **Class of 1962 Donates to Scholarship Fund**

Following their successful 50th reunion, the Class of 1962 donated \$750.00 from their treasury to the Alumni Assn. scholarship fund. The scholarship fund has been the beneficiary of other class reunions and is appreciated by the association as well as the deserving scholarship recipients.

Is your class looking for a worthy cause for a post-reunion treasury? Let's talk!

### **Annual Booster Auction**

"Mardi Grant"  
February 22, 2013

Melody Ballroom  
615 SE Alder Street

Fun, food, drink and a great way to help  
fund sports and activities at GHS  
[www.grantboosterclub.org](http://www.grantboosterclub.org)

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