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## Alumni Association News

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### GRANT HALL OF ACHIEVEMENT

Four well-known figures are the first inductees in the Alumni Association's newly formed Hall of Achievement for U.S. Grant High School in Portland, Oregon, which will honor "Five Star Generals."

The four are Colton Meek, one of several inspirational principals and who came to Grant in the forties; Beverly Bunn Cleary '34 and famed author of many children's books and recipient of literary awards; and two members of the class of 1953--Astronaut and Air Force honoree Gordon Fullerton; and former cabinet member, en-

ergy consultant, and evangelist Don Hodel. All are living except for Meek who died in 1974 at age 82.

The idea for the honoring of outstanding alumni and faculty resulted in the announcement last year that the first and honorary inductee would be Ulysses S. Grant himself, whom historians have reassessed as a man of special character and integrity, the first president to travel the world, and the author of a military history unequalled in modern times.

Inspiration came from the school's Athletic Hall of Fame with the realization that Grant graduates have

left lasting marks in many fields of endeavor, and should be recognized to inspire today's students in the Grant spirit of doing one's best and always striving for excellence with integrity, as embodied in the General.

With many other qualified candidates available, future selections may include lesser known Grantonians whose accomplishments may be unseen by the multitude but yet have strengthened the fabric of society with their lives. Full stories for each of the inductees can be found on the alumni website: [www.grantalumni.org](http://www.grantalumni.org)



**Colton Meek**



**Beverly Bunn Cleary**



**Gordon Fullerton**



**Don Hodel**

### HALL OF FAME

The fourth annual program to honor Grant athletes will be held in the school's auditorium on Monday, October 15. The free program is open to the public, and all interested persons are invited. This year 13 men and women from General teams will be honored for outstanding achievement. In addition,

all members of state championship swim teams – both boys and girls – from 1949 through 1958 will be especially honored. This will be the first time that an entire team will be recognized, although individuals on the team will not be inducted into the Grant Athletic Hall of Fame. The committee hopes to attract

many of those outstanding swimmers to the program for recognition. The PIL Hall of Fame banquet will be held the previous day, and annually honors athletes from all Portland schools. Five from Grant will be honored that day. All Grant PIL Hall of Famers are also members of the Grant Hall of Fame.

**F R O M   T H E   P R E S I D E N T**

Grant High School is well known for its traditions and community involvement. The Alumni Association is proud of the accomplishments of so many Grant graduates and their contributions.

Currently, Jefferson Smith '91 is running for mayor of the city of Portland. We look forward to seeing Jefferson at the annual picnic this year.

Gayle Peterson White-

hurst '65 will serve as the Prime Minister of the Royal Rosarians next year. In its 100 year history of being the official greeters for the City of Portland, Gayle is the second woman to serve in that position.

Our scholarship winner this year, Eric DeKay, served three terms as class president, planned school dances and raised over \$4000.00 for his class. He tutors others and

has participated in school and park clean up. He plans to pursue a career in either the medical or political field.

These are just a sample of what a great school produces.

The Alumni Association participated in some fun events this spring. Many had a great time attending the spring musical Hair-spray. In early May the Grant baseball team had

alumni day and our own - and past president - Bud Leonard '47 threw out the first pitch.

I will see you at the all alumni picnic in July!



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

**D O N A T I O N   T O   H I S T O R Y**

The Alumni Association is the beneficiary of a treasure trove of bound Grantonians dating sporadically from 1926 to 1978. The anonymous donor was taking them to

the recycling bin but decided that the school might like them. They are now in safekeeping and will be used by the history committee for future newsletter articles. Thank you for thinking of us.

**N E W   L O O K   F O R   T H E  
G R A N T O N I A N**

The weekly Grantonian has a new look. It is now a glossy monthly publication titled Grant Magazine and has already received awards. The magazine is staffed by 22 students including 12 seniors who earned PSU credits. The staff won a fourth place award at the National High School Journalism Conference for its coverage on the boys' JV basketball hazing incident.

The magazine is entirely funded through donations and a few subscriptions. Find it online at

[www.thegrantmag.com](http://www.thegrantmag.com);

[www.facebook.com/GrantMagazine](http://www.facebook.com/GrantMagazine)

and Twitter  
[@TheGrantMag](https://twitter.com/TheGrantMag)

You will like what you see!

**P R I N C E S S  
N Y A U S H A   W E S T**



Nyausha West, daughter of Angelia and the late Travis West, was crowned Grant's 2012 Rose Festival Princess.

Princess Nyausha was a captain of the girl's basketball team, active in her church and on the honor roll.

She will attend Grambling State University in Louisiana to study business or sociology.

**A L L   A L U M N I   P I C N I C**

The annual All Alumni Picnic will be 1:00 PM, Sunday, July 22 at Wilshire Park on NE 33rd and Skidmore.

The picnic is becoming a destination for class reunions. This year the classes of 1947, 1967 and 1972 will celebrate with us.

Bring your family, your picnic lunch and be ready to renew old friendships as well as create new ones.

Questions to:  
[grantalumni@aol.com](mailto:grantalumni@aol.com)

Group photos by decades starts at 2 PM.

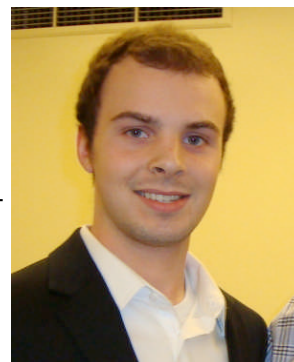
**2012 ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP Recipient**

Eric DeKay has been awarded the 2012 alumni scholarship. An outstanding Grantonian, Eric's list of school and community involvement is long and varied. As class president he planned events and raised over \$4000 for his class, a member of the National Honor Society he tutored his peers, he was responsible for recruiting, coordinating and managing 40 student volunteers for the school's annual Booster Auction, he assisted the staff at Providence Child Center with Christmas pageants and children's summer activities, he volunteered for city wide track events for youth and families all while he competed in track and field (JV district champion and three year varsity letterman)! Eric created the club, Students Against Destructive Decisions to address drug and alcohol abuse and pro-

vide a positive influence group for peers. Bravo, Eric!

Eric will attend the University of Oregon this fall majoring in political science or pre-med. Eric is intent on helping others and feels that either field would offer opportunities to help those in need. We wish you the best, Eric.

Because of the generous donation given to the scholarship fund in honor of Dr. J. Michael Carroll, Eric was awarded a \$2000 scholarship.

**DR. J. MICHAEL CARROLL ~ CLASS OF '62**

Mike Carroll was active in student government and the National Honor Society as well as an outstanding frosh, JV and varsity football and basketball team member during his years at GHS.

It was while studying medicine at OHSU that Mike made his first trip to Alaska. After his

internship he returned to Alaska to work at the Indian Health Service Hospital in the village of Tanana on the Yukon River. More studying followed but Mike re-

turned to Alaska again in 1977 to practice in Fairbanks. He became an active community member and a beloved member of the medical society. An oncologist, Mike was instrumental in and the founding director of the Fairbanks Cancer Treatment Center.

After Mike's unexpected passing in April 2011, there was overwhelming sentiment that the center be renamed in his honor. In July 2011 the center that Mike had been such a part of was renamed the J. Michael Carroll Cancer Center. Mike's widow Ginger, also class of '62, said at the time, "I don't think he realized what an impact he had. He was just a gentle man doing what he loved."

The alumni association received an anonymous \$500 donation in honor of Dr. Carroll which was to be shared with our 2012 scholarship recipient.

**A DREAM COME TRUE BY JULIUS MUWULYA**

It has been more than two years since a small kid from rural Uganda came to Oregon with a chance to attend Grant High: a blessing and a dream. After Grant I attended the University of Portland with help from my parents and scholarships including the Alumni scholarship. I am grateful to my teachers at Grant who took interest in me and helped me to work hard to get the scholarships I got.

In the Fall of 2011 I started my college experience at the UP. Attending UP has been a great experience and a process of learning every single day of how to use my independence in a reasonable and fruitful way. I started out with strangers, and now most of them are friends. I started out with general engineer-

ing not knowing what I wanted to do. After the first semester I decided to major in environmental engineering and minor in political science requiring advanced physics and calculus added to political science classes which were pretty intense but I earned decent grades. My first year has been a dream come true, one of the most challenging times of my life, and at the same time fun and educational.

Overall, I am grateful to all who helped make this tremendous journey possible: my parents, the teachers in Uganda and here, and many friends. I am grateful for a chance to attend UP and I look forward to my future in environmental engineering with a political science background.

**SCHOLARSHIP NEWS**

This year the alumni association awarded its fifth scholarship. The search and selection of our recipient is entrusted to GHS counselor Liz Mahlum. Liz is spe-

cial to many but invaluable to us! We thank her and her staff very much for all the work they do on our behalf. We are currently awarding a \$1500 scholarship annually but with added participation from all alumni, we hope to increase the award.



Rich Dale '47, Bud Leonard '47, Oliver Norville '46

## BASEBALL ALUMNI DAY

May 2, 2012 was alumni day at the Grant vs. Franklin Quakers baseball game at GHS. The day was overcast but the fans were not! It was an exciting game and the hamburgers on the barbeque were not the only thing hot that afternoon. The game went two extra innings with the Generals being victorious, 10-9. Alum John "Bud" Leonard, the catcher from the winning '47 team, threw out the first pitch.

## AMALFI'S ALL ALUMNI EVENT

The Grant Generals will continue the long-standing rivalry with the Jefferson Democrats when they meet in the GHS bowl on Friday, September 7. Prior to the game, Amalfi's owner Kiauna Anderson Floyd '97 will

open early at 1:00 p.m. for all alumni to gather. The Alumni Association will provide pizza with a no host bar. This has become an annual fall event and is always a good time!

## STEINWAY GRAND PIANO RESTORATION PROJECT

The Alumni Association has raised over \$3000 for the Piano Restoration Project to date. Working with Chris Lane in the Drama Dept. and Classic Pianos - the piano has been retuned and revoiced. Some loose case parts were repaired and one key top replaced. In addition a new piano cover has been purchased to protect the piano and help avoid extreme temperature changes. That work totaled \$545. The goal is to raise an additional \$12,000 to complete the restoration of the instrument. Work still to be done includes the following:

- a complete 'belly' rebuild including new strings, pin blocks, tuning pins, reconditioning of the sound board and bridge. Est. Cost \$8500.00.
- action rebuild including new hammers, shanks and flanges, regulation and key tops. Est. cost \$4500.00.

This project is worthy of your support – donations can be made on line via PayPal on the Grant Alumni Assn. web site [www.grantalumni.org](http://www.grantalumni.org) by going to the Dues and Donations page and clicking on the DONATE button. If donating by check, please mail to:

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In addition to the Tom Grant Concert last October,

Alumni Association members solicited donations at the Spring Musical (Hairspray) performances. Fund raising will continue via the Alumni Web Site (PayPal) and at future alumni and school events.

Thanks to those who have supported this effort so far. Progress had been made and will continue to the successful completion of this project. It is our feeling that since the music and drama programs at Grant have this world class Steinway Grand Piano, we should support its restoration to top condition so that students get the best experience possible with this fine piano. That is the Grant tradition of excellence.



**G H S 2 0 1 2 C L A S S R E U N I O N S****Class of 1945 – Annual Get Together**

Tuesday, September 11, 2012 – 3:00 – 7:00 (Dinner at 5:00)  
 Eastmoreland Golf Course 2425 SE Bybee Blvd Portland  
 Contact: Peter Cuthbert 619.465.2391

**Class of 1947 – 65th Reunion**

Saturday, July 21, 2012  
 Ernesto's Italian Restaurant 8544 SW Apple Way Portland  
 Sunday, July 22, 2012 – 1:00-4:00 – Picnic @ Wilshire Park  
 Join in the fun at the all alumni picnic!  
 Contact: Ruth Corbett Hinson at [minoggie@spiritone.com](mailto:minoggie@spiritone.com) or Bud Leonard at 503.505.2000

**Class of 1952 – 60th Reunion**

Saturday, August 11, 2012, 4:00 PM – Portland Yacht Club  
 Reservations will be required  
 Contact: Claudette Jenkin Joy at 503.235.8782 or [claudettejoy@comcast.net](mailto:claudettejoy@comcast.net)

**Class of 1957– 55th Reunion**

Friday, September 7, 2012 – Eastmoreland Golf Club  
 Saturday, September 8, 2012 – Multnomah Club  
 Contact: Diana Pachot Ender at 503.579.1012 or [denden3@comcast.net](mailto:denden3@comcast.net)

**Class of 1962 – 50th Reunion**

Saturday, July 28, 2012 – Red Lion Convention Center-Windows, 1021 NE Grand Avenue  
 Contact: [Grant1962@classreunions.com](mailto:Grant1962@classreunions.com)

**Class of 1967- 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion**

Sunday, July 22, 2012 – 1:00-4:00 – Picnic @ Wilshire Park  
 Join in the fun at the all alumni picnic!

**Class of 1972- 40th Reunion**

Saturday, July 21, 2012 – Red Lion Convention Center-Windows, 1021 NE Grand Avenue  
 Sunday, July 22, 2012 – 1:00-4:00 – Picnic @ Wilshire Park  
 Join in the fun at the all alumni picnic!  
 Contact: [Grant1972@classreunions.com](mailto:Grant1972@classreunions.com)

**Class of 1982-30th Reunion**

Saturday, August 11, 2012, 6:00-9:00 – Grand Central Bowl, 808 SE Morrison St  
 Sunday, August 12, 2012, 1:00-4:00 – Picnic @ Wilshire Park  
 Contact: Jenny Sook McNassar at 503.780.0871 or [jennejim@comcast.net](mailto:jennejim@comcast.net)  
 Elyn Lower Terry @ 301.520.1285 or [ellynann@aol.com](mailto:ellynann@aol.com)  
[www.facebook.com/#!/events/324749860913488](http://www.facebook.com/#!/events/324749860913488) (US Grant HS - Class of 1982 "30 Year Reunion")

**Class of 1987-25th Reunion**

Friday-Sunday, August 10, 11 & 12, 2012  
 Details: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/granthighschool1987>

**Class of 2002-10th Reunion**

Saturday, July 28, 2012, 7:00 – Melody Ballroom, 615 SE Alder St  
 Heavy hor d'oeuvres/No host bar  
 Contact: Laura Westwood @ 503.956.0845 or [lbwestwood@gmail.com](mailto:lbwestwood@gmail.com)  
 Purchase tickets: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/253679>  
 Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/181021508649408>

## WEBSITE NEWS

We have added a "Dues and Donations" page and the capability to accept electronic payments from most credit cards through PAYPAL. You can now pay dues and make donations electronically. Saves time and postage.

We are continuing to develop the website as we grow. If you have experience in website operation and/or design and would like to help contact:

Bob Stayton at [rstayton@comcast.net](mailto:rstayton@comcast.net) or visit the website at [www.grantalumni.org](http://www.grantalumni.org)

## ALL ALUMNI PICNIC

Sunday, July 22, 2012

1:00 p.m.

Wilshire Park

It's free and it's fun!

Do you like the newsletter?  
Show your appreciation by becoming a member.  
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