

Generally Speaking...

NEWS FROM THE GRANT HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Alumni Assn. Names Hall of Achievement Honorees

Grant's Hall of Achievement, started in 2012 by the U.S. Grant High School Alumni Association, has added four more annual candidates. This is the fourth group of four inductees.

They are **Lorry Lokey '44**, **Larry Black '47**, **Mike Powell '58**, and **Sally Struthers '65**. They join Ulysses S. Grant, the honorary first member, and Principal Colton Meek, author **Beverly Bunn Cleary**, astronaut **Charles Gordon Fullerton**, Interior Secretary **Don Hodel**, Mayor **Connie Averill McCready**, aeronaut **Edward Curtis Wells**, entrepreneur **Gert Lamfrom Boyle**, physician **J. Michael "Jack" Carroll**, athletic promoter **Jim McGregor**, judge **Robert Jones**, advertising genius **Dan Wieden**, and Grant speech instructor Opal Hamilton.

Lorry Lokey '44, graduated from Stanford University. In 1961 he founded "Business Wire" a communication business that was sold in 2006 to Warren Buffet. A WWII vet, he has three daughters, and lives in Indian Wells, California and Hawaii. He has donated millions generously to a number of charitable and educational institutions including U. of O., PSU, Stanford, and Alameda grade school.

Larry Black '47, incidentally an all-city tackle on a state championship football team at Grant, founded an internationally acclaimed stock brokerage in Portland, Black & Co. with a seat on the New York stock exchange, and was instrumental in arranging financing for numerous local businesses. Larry lives in Lake Oswego with his wife, Susan, with whom he has five daughters, and is a life member of your Grant High alumni association.

Mike Powell '58, joined his father Walter's City of Books in 1979, took over in 1982 and built it into the internationally famous store in Portland, always listed as a major tourist attraction in the City Of Roses, and is probably the world's largest independent bookstore. The store has brought numerous authors here for public appearances. Mike lives in Portland with his wife, Alice. The store has been sold to daughter Emily.

Sally Struthers '65, is one of several nationally famous Grantonians in the entertainment field. Starting in 1971 she starred as Gloria in the hit TV series "All in the Family", winning Emmys and Golden Globes. She also appeared in other TV shows, movies, and Broadway. She lives in Los Angeles, still acting in various venues. She has a daughter, Samantha.

Rose Festival Princess Olivia Wolfe

Olivia Wolfe, Grant's 2016 Rose Festival Princess played three years of varsity tennis and was a member of National Honor Society, Black Student Union, the swim team, coed rec soccer, Nothing but Treble A Cappella group, and Royal Blues. Outside of school, Olivia works as a Dutch Bros. barista and takes dance classes. She will attend a four year university followed by



7th Annual All Alumni Picnic

It is too early to predict an actual weather forecast for July 24th, but we know it will be pleasant! The all alumni picnic has never been rained on but there have been years when it was very warm. The trees of Wilshire have shielded the sun from the picnic becoming uncomfortable and would provide shelter from rain. The picnic attendance continues to grow since our first picnic in 2010. This year four classes planned their reunions to coincide with the picnic weekend. If you have never attended, you should know that photos are taken by decade and begin around 2:00. Be there!

Bring your lunch and we will provide dessert!
Don't miss the fun...Sunday, July 24 from 1:00 - 4:00 at Wilshire Park.

From the President Bob Stayton, '61



2016 marks the 90th year of our esteemed Grant High School. Spend a few minutes sometime soon to quietly recall your friends from Grant and perhaps your brothers, sisters, parents, grandparents, relatives who attended Grant. Ninety graduating classes; tens of thousands of us have passed through Grant and gone on to become part of the amazing fabric of our country. Our collective experience at Grant is a connecting link between all of those generations of Grantonians. Having experienced "life" for over 70 years, I think the vast majority of us got a better than average start in the halls of Grant.

Thanks to **Judi Taylor McGarvey '61** for stepping up to manage the grantalumni.org website. It is interactive so you can send us information, and the Paypal link is again functioning for you

to pay dues and/or make donations.

I was privileged to present this year's Grant Alumni Assn. scholarship to **Joshua Webb**. You will see an article about Josh elsewhere in this newsletter. I again appeal to you Grant alums to make a contribution to the Alumni Scholarship Fund. Our goal is to increase our scholarship from the current level of \$2500 to equal tuition for one term at an Oregon school.

SAVE THE DATE for the All Alum picnic 1:00 - 4:00, Sunday, July 24, 2016 at Wilshire Park. Always great to meet old friends and classmates and swap stories.

As noted in the January 2016 newsletter, the Grant High School building we all know so well will be totally remodeled beginning in June 2017. It will be a two-year project. You can see more about the future Grant at <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/bond/grant.htm>. We are beginning to plan "GRANT'S LAST STAND" - a celebration of the

Grant Athletic Hall of Fame

The Grant Athletic Hall of Fame will hold its 2016 induction ceremony at 7:00 pm on Monday, September 19, 2016 in the Grant auditorium. Induction into the GHOF is a great honor and it is always an outstanding night.

The 2016 GHOF inductees are:

Loyd Gallaher '58, basketball, baseball

Terry Brown '60, football, track, wrestling

Denise Griffith Jensen '73, gymnastics

Pat Shaw '77, football, baseball

Tommy Hicks '05, tennis

Julian Amaya, coach basketball, gymnastics, tennis

Billy White, coach gymnastics, football

Diallo Lewis, coach football

Brian Samore, GHS Athletic Director Community Service Award

Questions may be sent to GHOF chair **Gerry Spencer '59**: spencerworld@comcast.net

Grant Memoirs for Sale

All library books must be packed for the upcoming school remodel. Now is your chance to purchase a Memoirs at a bargain price.

Link to see what years are available:

<https://sites.google.com/site/granhslibrary/memoirs---grant-s-official-yearbook>

Contact Paige Battle to purchase yours before they are gone.

All reserved books need to be picked up between August 8th - August 25th.

Contact:

Paige Battle, Librarian

c/o Grant High School 2245 NE 36th Ave. Portland Or 97212

pbattle@pps.net

503.916.5160x75674

Grant's Last Stand

Be sure to read the article on the next page about all the exciting changes coming to Grant. Would you like to walk the halls, check your locker, sit in those hard narrow seats in the auditorium, peak at the cafeteria, meet friends in center hall?

The Alum Assn. is planning Grant's Last Stand for you to do all these things as well as celebrate the school's proud history with an event to be held next spring before the school closes for the two-year remodel.

This will be an ambitious undertaking! Can you help? Contact grantalumni@aol.com

Watch for announcements as plans and a date are solidified for "**Grant's Last Stand**".

2016 Scholarship Awarded to Joshua Webb



The GHS class of 2016 is 337 strong and 150 of those students applied for scholarships with 42 awarded financial assistance. Your 2016 Alumni Assn. scholarship recipient is Joshua Webb who was awarded \$2500, which included a generous donation from the class of 1963.

Josh transferred to Grant his junior year from De La Salle North Catholic. He quickly became part of the Grant community joining the Black Student Union, Equity Team, and the award winning Grant Magazine. Josh was part of the team that wrote the impressive N-Word issue in March (grantmagazine.com). That same month there were race talks in every classroom as a result of the team's efforts. Josh was one of three who produced a video that everyone at Grant viewed. The video outlined protocols for the race talks.

Outside of school, Josh has volunteered at the Oregon Food Bank and is now the lead photographer for his church.

Josh will attend Oregon State University to study computer technology planning to be a software engineer not only because he likes computers and what they do for us, but also to be a role model for younger black students who do not have a representative in the computer field.

Josh is an exemplary student and we wish him every success at OSU and beyond!

<http://grantmagazine.com/losing-alberta-gentrification-in-northeast-portland/>

Alumni Assn. Scholarship Fund

Although the Alumni Assn. is proud to be able to award an annual scholarship to a graduating senior, we wish we could give more. Can you help? Read about this year's amazing recipient and decide if you can contribute to the future of other students as worthy as Josh Webb.

Grantonians in the News

Andrew Brenner '16 is one of ten Oregon students to receive an Evans Scholarship which will pay for full tuition and housing at the University of Oregon for the next four years. The Western Golf Assn. provides most of the funds for the scholarships. Evans recipients are selected for outstanding leadership, character, excellent academics and a strong caddie record.

Jennifer Vandever '86, has had her second book published. American Tango follows her first novel The Bronte Project which The Christian Science Monitor called "wickedly clever." The second book, published by an independent publishing house, explores liberal Portland rituals.

Vandever teaches at Emerson College.

Grant Constitution Team

The Grant Constitution Team placed third in the national "We the People" Constitutional legal competition. Last year's team won the national title with Lincoln winning first prize this year. No state has won more national titles than Oregon. Teams spend hours learning about constitutional law with the help of volunteer coaches and teachers. U.S. Rep. Earl Blumenauer spoke on the House floor offering his congratulations. "These teenage scholars, most not old enough to vote or drive, compete in a contest demonstrating their knowledge of the Constitution and democratic principles, as well as their ability to think fast on their feet," said Blumenauer.

Authors Visit Grant

Grant was one of the first schools involved with the Writers in the Schools program created by Literary Arts. In the past five years, Grant students have had the amazing opportunity to work with Jeffrey Toobin, Ruth Ozeki, Chimamanda Adichie, Adam Gopnik all who spent time at Grant. Students also attended lectures presented by Sherman Alexie, Salman Rushdie, Justice Sonia Sotomayor, and Michael Chabon. This spring Sports and Entertainment Marketing students were invited to see Phil Knight and Adam Gopnik talk about Knight's memoir, *Shoe Dog*.

Grant High School Remodel

The first stage in the modernization of Grant High School—"schematic design" in the language of architectures—is just about wrapped up. The design is the result of a 9-month planning process, led by Mahlum Architects and the Portland Public Schools Office of School Modernization, with input from a community-based design advisory committee, Grant staff, students, and community members participating in a series of public workshops.

We are excited by the new design—you can get all the gory details at <http://www.pps.net/Page/474>. There's a quick one-minute video, and the slideshow of the schematic design workshop has great visuals (you can cut to the chase by going to slide 38).

Some highlights:

- The front of the school will look largely the same. "Grant's Tomb"—that big cube of concrete that houses some plumbing—will be removed, the stairs will be slightly altered, and there will be better wheelchair access.
- The main building will be a bit wider, the better to accommodate modernized classrooms, with flexible and informal spaces for small groups and individual study scattered throughout the school.
- Bye-bye "new" gym, science building, library, cafeteria, dark cruddy unconnected basements. The back of the building will get a big makeover. A new double gym will be added on the south side of the main building. New science classrooms and labs, including a STEM lab. New library and commons/learning café on the main floor, plus other smaller food areas. The basements get connected and opened up on the west end to let the sun shine in.
- Hello, new "old" gym. The "old" gym will become an art and engineering center. With the "new" gym gone, we'll be able to truly appreciate the wonderful classic architecture of this building, with a plaza/amphitheater in front.
- Hello, girls' softball team, which has been forced to use Wilshire Park for years. There will be fields at Grant for ALL of our athletes. Plus a new weight room, batting cage, indoor track and other facilities.
- A revamped auditorium, with bigger, comfortable seats, great acoustics, and a modern backstage area—but with the same old weirdly-cool Egyptian-like murals.
- Last but not least: new bathrooms that will set a design precedent. Each bathroom will have a common area

Award winning Grant Magazine

Are you interested in reading a first rate publication? Subscribe to the student run Grant Magazine that has received a Gold Crown from the Columbia Scholastic Press Assn. for three years in a row. The magazine has also won other local and national high school journalism awards. There are two versions of the magazine: a 36-page, full-color print edition that gets distributed once a month during the school year; and on the magazine website:

<http://grantmagazine.com/subscribe/>

Being selected to work on the magazine is an honor. Applicants submit an application as well as being interviewed by the instructor and previous editors. The class is college level so seniors can earn eight hours credit from Portland State. Your \$42.00/year subscription will provide a delivered monthly magazine.

Fred Meyer Provides Benefit for the Alumni Assn.

Are you enrolled in Fred Meyer's reward program? It's easy, fast, painless, and benefits the Alumni Assn. Once enrolled you simply scan your Rewards Card during checkout every time you shop at Fred Meyer or Fred Meyer Jewelers. You'll earn 1 Rewards Point for almost every \$1 you spend. Yearly enrollment necessary.

Use this link to enroll and enter 91610: www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards.

Reunions

CLASS OF 1954 – 80TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Saturday, August 20, 2016
 Multnomah Athletic Club 1849 SW Salmon St
 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. \$50 per person
 Contact: Janet Eddy 503.223.3606 for reservations

CLASS OF 1961 – 55TH REUNION

Friday, July 22, 2016 6:00 pm
 McMenamins Kennedy School 5736 NE 33rd Ave
 Send check \$25 per person before July 4, \$30 after payable to: Grant 1961 516 NE Miramar Pl Portland OR 97232
 Saturday, July 23, 2016
 Grade School events-look for info from a classmate

CLASS OF 1966 – 50TH REUNION

Friday, July 22, 2016
 McMenamins Edgefield 2126 SW Halsey St Troutdale
 Block of guest rooms available ~ if full, try Best Western Troutdale
 1:00 p.m. Golf ~ 9 hole scramble, 50 slots, prizes and fun 6:00 p.m. Buffet dinner ~ Blackberry Hall
 Golf and dinner by prepaid reservation. \$66 (after July 5, \$75) Golf \$10
 Send check payable to: Randi Black 7310 SW Corbett Ave Portland OR 97219
 Contact: Randi Black Granths1966@comcast.net

CLASS OF 1967 – 50TH REUNION

Saturday, June 24, 2017
 Columbia Edgewater Country Club 2220 NE Marine Dr
 Contact: Kathleen Cormack Ames ames5757@comcast.net or 503.224.5757
 Debra Finegan debra@classicreunions.com or 503.626.3669 Facebook: Grant High Class of 67 Reunion

CLASS OF 1971 – 45TH REUNION

Saturday, September 24, 2016 6:00 – 11:00
 Colwood Golf Center 7313 NE Columbia Blvd
 \$20 send check payable to: Rick Harlow 5244 SE Appenine Way Milwaukie OR 97222
 \$23 online at Eventbrite (for food, non-alcoholic punch and dance music) No host bar
 Casual dress (dress to match our theme, "the Beach", if you like)
 Contact: Rick Harlow 971.563.1742 Facebook group U.S.Grant Class of 1971

CLASS OF 1976 – 40TH REUNION

Saturday, July 23, 2016 5:00 – 11:00
 Portland Yacht Club 1241 NE Marine Drive
 Contact: Stan Tonneson, stan@rpmarina.com Facebook: Grant High School Class of '76

CLASS OF 1986 – 30TH REUNION

Saturday, July 23, 2016 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
 German American Society (formerly Masonic Lodge) 57th & Sandy Blvd
 \$35 before July 1...more expensive after All details: www.granthighschool1986.com

CLASS OF 1996 – 20TH REUNION

Friday, July 15, 2016 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m at Disjecta 8371 N Interstate.
 \$25 purchase tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/20th-reunion-grant-high-school-class-of-1996-tickets-21594768534>
 Contact: EliseSchumock@hotmail.com

CLASS OF 2006 – 10TH REUNION

Friday, December 23, 2016 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
 Colwood Golf Center 313 NE Columbia Blvd \$20 at Eventbrite.com or at the door
 Contact: Mary Evans, MaryEvans.pdx@gmail.com Facebook: Grant High School Class of 2006

THE 7TH ANNUAL ALL-ALUMNI PICNIC

Sunday, July 24, 2016 1:00 p.m. Wilshire Park
 Bring your lunch ~ dessert is provided

BECOME A MEMBER OF YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Your GRANT HIGH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION “express train” is moving ahead with activities, but where are all of our “passengers”?

The “ticket” for riding the alumni express for one year is only \$20 and brings you two Alumni Newsletters to keep you informed on class reunions, alum gatherings, important school events, athletic achievements of alums, honored status at our annual picnic, a membership card, and your knowledge that you are an important part of an active group.

The 2016 All Alumni picnic is always the fourth Sunday of July at Wilshire Park on NE 33rd Avenue. See you at Wilshire July 24th.

We give an annual scholarship, partly paid by dues and partly by special donations. **Joshua Webb**, an outstanding, talented young man was awarded the 2016 scholarship that he will use to help with expenses while attending Oregon State.

Fourteen Grant athletes, one coach, one community service recipient, as well as two state championship teams were featured at the annual Grant Athletic Hall of Fame program in September. The organizing committee, chaired by **Gerry Spencer '59**, includes eleven other alums.

We appreciate the several generous gifts of funds for the scholarship and piano restoration as well as the volunteer work by many generous alums. Your board of directors meets monthly and devotes much volunteer time to keep things moving. We work with the Athlete Hall of Fame committee and sponsor our own Hall of Achievement to recognize our heroes and to inspire today's students.

We would like to book more projects but we need your participation. Maintaining our goal of modest annual dues is based on large membership which we don't yet have. PLEASE SUPPORT US by sending your \$20 dues and enlisting in Grant's Army. Dues can be paid by mail or on the assn. website www.grantalumni.org at the dues and donations page. We are a recognized 501(c)3 charitable organization so your dues and donations are tax deductible. The association also offers a Lifetime membership for \$250.00 that you might consider.

**Please fill out and enclose the form below with your annual dues and mail to:
US Grant Alumni Assn. PO Box 13291 Portland OR 97213-0291**

Name(s) _____ Maiden name _____ Grad Year _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone(s) _____

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

Enclosed Donation: Scholarship Fund _____ Hall of Fame _____ Newsletter _____

Enlist in Grant's Army by volunteering to help with the following:

Picnic _____ Social Media _____ Publicity _____

Newsletter _____ Grant's Last Stand _____ Other Interests _____



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**ALL ALUM PICNIC
1 pm July 24 Wilshire Park**

**HALL OF FAME INDUCTION
7 pm September 19 in GHS Auditorium**

**LAST DAY TO PICK UP RESERVED MEMOIRS
August 25**

**Contact: Paige Battle, Grant librarian
pbattle@pps.net
503.916.5160x75674 after August 8**

Thank you for sharing your email address. Each emailed newsletter is \$1.00 more for the scholarship fund.