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Grant's Last Stand

Saturday, June 3, 2017 will be the day of "Grant's Last Stand" at U.S. Grant High School. The Alumni Assn. is planning several events that day for alumni, teachers, students, and neighbors, all of whom can visit the school one last time before extensive renovation begins over the next two years while Grant students attend Marshall High School for classes.

Grant's Last Stand will include an open house to tour the school; an auditorium program featuring current and alum choral and theater presentations; a slide show; alum cameos and participation; an alumni basketball game in the "old gym"; refreshments; and memorabilia to view and for sale.

Details and a complete schedule will be posted on the Alumni Assn. website (www.grantalumni.org), Facebook, and by email but mark the day now on your calendar.

Please contact grantalumni@aol.com if you are interested in volunteering to make this a grand farewell to the building as we know it.

Hall of Fame Induction

The Grant Athletic Hall of Fame held their induction ceremony on Monday, September 19, 2016 in a crowded Grant auditorium. The evening featured speakers including GHOF chair **Gerry Spencer '59**, Principal Dr. Carol Campbell, athletic director Brian Samore, football coach Randy Heath, senior administrative assistant Sue Davis, former track coach **John Mears '70**, and former basketball coach **John Stilwell '66**.

The outstanding individual inductees were **Loyd Gallaher, '58**, basketball, baseball; **Terry Brown, '60**, football, wrestling, track; **Denise Griffith Jensen, '73**; Gymnastics; **Pat Shaw, '77**, football, baseball; **Tommy Hicks, '05**, tennis; Julian Amaya, '66-'96, coach football, basketball, track, tennis, gymnastics; Billy White, '66-'93, coach football, track, gymnastics; and Brian Samore, community service inductee.

Two state championship teams inducted: '74 girls cross-country team coached by Mark Cotton and Gary Noble, and '88 boys basketball team coached by **John Stilwell '66** and **Rob Kennewell '77**.



Johnny West '88



Jim Sandsness '58
John Keller '52



Terrell Brandon '88



Susan Brown Davis '63
Terry Brown '60 Carol Kerley Brown '61

8th Annual All Alumni Picnic

It is too early to predict an actual weather forecast for July 23rd, 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. Bring your lunch and we will provide dessert!

Don't miss the fun...Sunday, July 23 from 1:00 - 4:00 at Wilshire Park

All Alumni Picnic

The temperature was a pleasant 88 for the 7th annual all-alumni picnic on July 24. Our thanks to **Shirley Leon Goemmel '53** who once again checked people in and to **Bill Lake '64** who joined the check in table this year. This is a great weekend for class reunions. The classes of 1961, 1966, 1976 and 1986 were well represented in 2016. The attendee from the earliest graduating class this year was **Patricia Grubbe Jossy '44**, the person still living in their childhood home was **Mary Charlotte Brown Brawley '58** and the furthest away was **Rich Dale '47** who traveled from Lakeland FL. The all-alumni picnic continues to be held on the fourth Sunday in July ... See you July 23, 2017!



Jack Cain '61
John Hamnett '63
Mary Moody Cain '62



Codie Russell
Cassandra Luster-Arocho '86
Prentice Suell '86



Bill Lake '64
Ned Long '64
Cheryl Farr Sabala '64



Lynne Gibbons
Janel Watkins Foote '65
Jeanine Bassett '72



Dorothy Nash Tunstall '39
Bob Swanson '47
Marlene Swanson



Scott Jackson '71
Linda Hibbs Reynolds '71
Wilson Walker '71

Grant High Constitution Team

Civic participation was on display in downtown Portland January 21st. As an estimated 100,000 people marched in defense of basic rights, nearly 200 high school students demonstrated their impressive knowledge of our Constitution in the State We the People Competition.

Grant High School took first place this year, marking the ninth year in a row that the Grant and Lincoln teams have alternated in the top spot. The Grant team will head to Nationals in April.

Award Winning Grant Magazine

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. There is a 36-page, full-color print edition distributed monthly during the school year and on the website: <http://grantmagazine.com/subscribe>. Your \$42.00/ year subscription will provide a delivered monthly magazine.

GRANT'S LAST STAND

Do not miss this opportunity to walk through GHS as it was when you were there. Details will be posted as they are finalized on the Alum Assn. website www.grantalumni.org, on the Alum Assn. Facebook page, and will be sent to you by you email.

President's Letter

Bob Stayton '61



As 2017 opens and the prospect of a complete renovation of the hallowed halls of Grant looms, take a few minutes and reflect on the thousands of young people who have plied those halls and gone on to a variety of careers and life paths all of which have contributed to the country that we are today. My own motivation to support the Alumni Assn is to help current students get a notion of the tradition they are part of and the possibilities that lie ahead and to contribute resources in the form of scholarship grants to ease the burden of college for selected students.

We hope that if you have not already joined, that you make the move and join the Grant Alumni Assn. One objective we have is to raise our annual Alumni Scholarship amount of \$2500 up to \$5000 to cover one terms tuition at an Oregon College. Your dues and contributions will make that possible.

Save the Date: **June 3, 2017 GRANT'S LAST STAND:** plans are underway for the closing celebration for the Grant building we all remember. It will be a time to remember the history of the building and some of the many alums that count years at Grant as a key part of their life experience. We will need volunteers to help out with the celebration as ushers, tour guides, and other tasks, if you are interested please respond at grantalumni@aol.com. There will be meetings this spring to organize the details.

The Grant Alumni Assn is growing. If you have time and or talent to help with Alumni activities and or be on the GHS Alumni Board please let us know. **John Hamnett '63** has graciously taken on the website – Thanks John. If you can help with the Newsletter production or the annual Picnic please let us know at grantalumni@aol.com.

Save the Date: **July 23, 2017 for the Annual Alumni Picnic at Wilshire Park:** Attendance has grown, it is a great way to meet old friends and make some new ones. Plan on attending.

I wish you all a prosperous and peaceful New Year.

BECOME A MEMBER OF YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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. Grant's Last Stand in June will be the largest event we have sponsored making your financial and volunteer commitment more important than ever!

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 LifetimeMembership_____

Enclosed Donation: Scholarship Fund_____Hall of Fame_____Other_____Newsletter_____

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

Grant's Last Stand____Picnic____Newsletter____Other Interests_____

Reunion Recaps

The Class of 1954 met at the Multnomah Club August 20th from 3 to 8 pm for a relaxed and comfortable buffet party to celebrate 80th birthdays of 1954 class members. The group of about 100 enjoyed singing led by **Pete Charlston**, and it was announced that the 1954 reunion committee plans a 65th reunion party in 2019.

The Class of 61 held their Double Nickel Reunion July 22, 2016 at Kennedy School for a night of visiting and reconnecting.



Carl Mautz Judi Matthews Doug Capps Mike Opton Joann Hepp Gretchen Anderson Paul Ashton Steve Young

The Class of 1966 celebrated 50 years of life post high school at our reunion on July 22, 2016 atMcMenamin's Edgefield. There was a lot of gray at the party, but not so much blue at this happy event. People came from New York: **Janice Austin**, Florida: **Janet Eoff** and **David Rynerson**, South Carolina: **Susan Robinson**, Utah: **Gayle Thoma** and **Bob Pape** and Arizona: **Judy Christenson**, as well as all over California, Washington and Oregon.

The day started with golf organized by **Steve Byers** and ended with the reunion party of about 150. Raines Video Productions interviewed most everyone there. Copies of the video are available from him. We are already working on the 55th and will avoid summer conflicts. Please send your e-mail address, other contact info, and any future changes to: Granth1966@comcast.net. Save the Date for our 55th in the fall of 2021!



Randi Black



The Class of 1976 reunion was a huge success with 131 attendees which included 30 spouses. It was a spectacular evening at Portland Yacht Club overlooking the Columbia river where we enjoyed a sit down dinner followed by an evening of entertainment provided by local DJ- Scott Tom. Our class Facebook page was started for our 35 year reunion and will continue to stay active adding more classmates and providing information for our future reunions.

Karen Winchester Striplin Stan Tonneson

The Class of 1986 shared a photo taken at their 30th reunion held at the German American Society on July 23, 2016. More than 140 attended the reunion exceeding attendance for their 20th reunion.

**Michael Miller
Brenda Osgood Bennett '58
David Lower
Candace Miller**



More Reunion Recaps

The Class of 1996 had a great time at our 20th reunion last July. Around 120 classmates and partners met at Disjecta, and enjoyed sandwiches from Aunt Tillie's Deli. We are hoping to see even more of the class at our 25th reunion. Please join our Facebook group, Grant High School Portland Class of 1996 for announcements about future events. If you are not on Facebook or are not very active there, contact Elise at eliseschumock@hotmail.com, to get on the Facebookless mailing list.

Reunions and Other Important Events

CLASS OF 1957 – 60TH REUNION

Saturday, September 9, 2017
Mid-day; Stockpot Broiler
8200 SW Scholls Ferry Rd/Beaverton
Contact: Diana Enden denden3@comcast.net
12170 SW 158 Ave Beaverton 97007

CLASS OF 1967 – 50TH REUNION

Saturday, June 24, 2017
6:00-11:00; Columbia Edgewater Country Club
2220 NE Marine Dr
Contact Kathleen Ames ames5757@comcast.net
503.720.5975; www.reunionswithclass.com
425.644.1044; Facebook: Grant High Class of 1967

CLASS OF 1968 - 50TH REUNION

Saturday, July 21, 2018
5:30-10:00 pm; McMenimin's Edgefield Troutdale
Contact: Maya Adamovics
granthigh68@hotmail.com
Facebook: Grant High Class of 1968

CLASS OF 1977 – 40TH REUNION

Saturday, September 16, 2017
Crystal Ballroom 6:00 p.m. - midnight
Details to follow
Contact: Susan Boos reunion@heritageranch.net
Facebook: Grant High School Class of 1977

CLASS OF 1987 - 30th REUNION

Friday-Sunday, July 21-23, 2017

Details to follow

Facebook: GHS87

CLASS OF 1997 - 20TH REUNION

Saturday, July 15, 2017

Sunday, July 16, 2017 family picnic

Details to follow

Contact: Lesley Sacks lesleysacks@gmail.com

Facebook: Grant High School Class of 1997

9th ANNUAL PETE MOORE MEMORIAL SCRAMBLE

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

8:00 a.m. Shotgun at Eastmoreland Golf all welcome

Contact: Gerry Spencer spencerworld@comcast.net
or 503.723.5906

26th MACMILLAN JONES GOLF TOURNEY

Friday, June 9, 2017; 1:00 Rock Creek Country Club

Alums & friends welcome

\$110 per player for lunch, golf and dinner

Contact: Steve MacMillan

stevemacmillan@comcast.net or 503.260.7271

ANNUAL GRANT BOOSTER AUCTION

Saturday, March 4, 2017 Greek Orthodox Church
www.grantboosters.com. Donate/attend

8th ANNUAL ALL-ALUMNI PICNIC

Sunday, July 23, 2017; 100 pm Wilshire Park; Bring your lunch. Dessert provided.

NEWSLETTER POLICY

Beginning June 2017, a printed copy of the Grant Alumni Assn. newsletter will be sent twice yearly to paid members and mailed electronically once yearly to alums for whom we have a current email address. The number of printed newsletters mailed to non-paying alums will be determined by the newsletter budget. Receiving the newsletter twice yearly will be one of the benefits of being a paid member. So - if you enjoy reading about fellow alums, hearing news about current students, and being reminded of upcoming events - now is the time to go to Page 3, fill out the membership form and mail to US Grant Alum Assn. PO Box 13291 Portland OR 97213. Dues can also be paid on the website www.grantalumni.org