

Grant Grade School



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1950



1980

ALUMNI NEWS

Grant Alumni Picnic, July 22, 2017 at 11:30 at Grant Park

Below is a picture of the attendees at the "first" Grant Alumni picnic, July 22, 2000



Front Row: Shirley Burns VanRiper, Patty Norman Martin, Joan Bodey Hoff, Joy Snyder Crosier, Marilyn Paetel Mauer, Phyllis Melior Trembly
Back Row: Bob Hoagland, Gordon Hargreaves, Galen Rowe, Jim Nyborg, Stan Holm, Al Anders, Bernie Neal, Patty Wanecek Auman.

Those still living: Front Row: Joan Bodey Hoff, Marilyn Paetel Mauer, Phyllis Melior Trembly.

Back Row: Bob Hoagland, Gordon Hargreaves, Jim Nyborg, Stan Holm, Al Anders, Bernie Neal, Patty Wanecek Auman.

On July 22, 2000, the first picnic for the Grant Alumni was held. Now, 18 years later, on the same date, July 22, the Grant Alumni Picnic will be held at 11:30 a.m. at Grant Park. Many things have changed since we were in school at Grant. The former park is now the location of the new Grant Elementary School, grades 1-6. Tenth Street, where we used to walk from Perry down to Ivory Street, is closed and that is where the new Grant Park is now located. Many homes were removed from Tenth and Eleventh Avenues to provide space for the new Grant Park. Now, on Tenth Avenue, when we drive west of Perry Street, we come to a cul-de-sac. The old sidewalk that we walked down from Perry to Ivory is partially still there. Many homes were removed so that we have the new park. One thing that has not been removed is the large walnut tree under which we gather for our picnic. This large tree, many years ago, was a small tree in the back yard of Georgene Harber Leap's home. Georgene graduated in 1959. So, many things have changed, but we are still the alumni who went to Grant Grade School and we are proud of that experience. Come and enjoy the new park and walk around remembering your past history. Enjoy the day.

2017 Schedule

Fall Luncheon: Thursday, October 19, 11:30 a.m. at Timber Creek Grill Buffet,
Spokane Valley

THE STUDENT WHO OBTAINED 0% ON AN EXAM

Someone said: I would have given him 100%! Each answer is absolutely grammatically correct, and funny too. The teacher had no sense of humor!
Another said: How can you give a zero when the student answered the questions?

Q1.. *In which battle did Napoleon die?*

**His last battle*

Q2.. *Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?*

**At the bottom of the page*

Q3.. *River Ravi flows in which state?*

**Liquid*

Q4.. *What is the main reason for divorce?*

**Marriage*

Q5.. *What is the main reason for failure?*

**Exams*

Q6.. *What you never eat for breakfast?*

**Lunch & dinner*

Q7.. *What looks like half an apple?*

**The other half*

Q8.. *If you throw a red stone into the blue sea, what will it become?*

**Wet*

Q9.. *How can a man go eight days without sleeping?*

**No problem, he sleeps at night.*

Q10. *How can you lift an elephant with one hand?*

**You will never find an elephant that has one hand.*

Q11. *If you had three apples and four oranges in one hand and four apples and three oranges in other hand, what would you have?*

**Very large hands*

Q12. *If it took eight men ten hours to build a wall, how long would it take four men to build it?*

**No time at all, the wall is already built.*

Q13. *How can you drop a raw egg onto a concrete floor without cracking it?*

**Any way you want, concrete floors are very hard to crack.*

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A Special thanks to Stan Holm who keeps our 52 page address list up to date and he who adds materials to our Grant School website. Have you tried it? www.grantschoolspokane.org.

Obituaries



Kathryn Habbestad - Returned to the Father April 2, 2017. The eldest of five children, Kathryn was born September 29, 1949 to Bernard and Gertrude Habbestad. She grew up in Spokane, valedictorian of Grant Grade School, graduated from Lewis and Clark (tennis standout) and the University of Washington. She had a Master's Degree of Public Administration. Highly intelligent – Mensa (high IQ society). Kathryn traveled the country investigating government programs to assess and justify federal funding. She started two newspapers – one on each coast. Kathryn was an author and a stockbroker. She engaged in productive business enterprises. Success surrounded Kathryn. She expressed generosity to a fault and was a kind and gracious soul. Her

parents pre-deceased her. She is survived by siblings Russell, Roger, Gordon and Steven. Family memorials – later. Kathryn is now with her soul mate Jeffrey.

Sharon Kay (Wilson) Roberts – Age 72 – Taught at Grant



Sharon, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend of many entered the Heavenly realm on May 7th, 2017, surrounded by her immediate family and many friends.

Sharon was born in Spokane in March, 1945, to Carl and Alice Wilson while her father was piloting B-17 bombers in England in the closing days of World War II. She was raised in the West Central neighborhood of Spokane and attended Holmes Elementary, Havermale Junior High School, and North Central High School. Her parents moved to the Shadle Park neighborhood and Sharon completed high school at Shadle Park High School, graduating in 1963.

She attended Whitworth College and graduated with a BS degree in 1967. While attending

Whitworth she met Ken Roberts and they were married on June 17, 1967.

Sharon had a passion for teaching and loved kids. She taught third grade at Indian Trail Elementary School in Spokane for 2 years, then taught second grade at Kennedy Elementary in Medford, MA while Ken attended graduate school. Upon returning to Spokane, she taught remedial reading classes until she interrupted her teaching career to be at home with her children, Lisa and Michael.

When the children were older, Sharon became an aerobics instructor for Fitness Follies and later returned to teaching for the Spokane School District as a Title I liaison working with kindergarteners. She taught at many of the Spokane schools (Grant, Arlington, Lidgerwood) with most of her time being spent at Holmes Elementary. She later worked for a number of years teaching 3 year olds at Indian Trail Community Church pre-school. She loved children, and they loved her too, and some of the pre-school children and parents even kept in contact over the years. After concluding her teaching career she worked in the office of Ken Roberts Investment Management for a number of years before retiring in 2012.

Sharon loved gardening and putting in her yard. She was a long-time member of the Friends of Manito and the Inland Empire Gardeners Club. In 1998 she went on a tour of gardens in England and France and participated in other garden tours in our local area.

Sharon enjoyed travel, and besides travelling throughout the US, she and Ken participated in Whitworth University Study Tours to Turkey, Germany, and Greece. She and the other members of the family also spent a week touring London and the surrounding area. She especially loved to go to Camano Island and enjoyed many family gatherings there with her sister and other members of the family.

Sharon enjoyed being active in her church life, serving as a greeter and as a friend and counselor to many. Her smile and the unconditional love she showed everyone served as a magnet which blessed everyone she met.

She is survived by her husband of 49 years Ken Roberts; children Lisa (Kevin) Christiansen and Michael Roberts; grandchildren Annika and Madison Christiansen; sister Carol (Bill) Kauppila; nephew Eric (Jennifer) Kauppila, nieces Beth (Sam) Peterson, Sarah (Jean-Paul) Bergeaux and 11 grand-nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents. Sharon fought a valiant battle against cancer, and the family expresses its appreciation for the professional care she received at Cancer Care Northwest. A celebration of Sharon's life was held at 2 PM on Saturday, June 3.

Briann January (a 1998 Grant alum) joins Arizona State women's basketball staff

Wed., April 19, 2017

TEMPE, Ariz. – Former Arizona State star Briann January is joining the Sun Devils as a women's basketball assistant coach, the school announced Wednesday night.

January helped lead Arizona State to 104 wins in her time at the school and then went on to play for the WNBA's Indiana Fever. She is set to begin her ninth year with Indiana and will continue to play as she coaches.

"I am so excited for this opportunity," January said in a statement. "Charli and I have been in communication about my transition into coaching for a few years now and so this opportunity came at the perfect time.

"To me, Charli (Turner Thorne) is one of the best coaches in college basketball and to be able to learn from her is the ideal scenario for me as I start my coaching career."

The Sun Devils are coming off their fourth consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance as they advanced to the second round of the NCAAs where they nearly upset eventual national champion South Carolina on its home floor after taking a one-point lead into the game's final minute.

Turner Thorne, who posted her 400th win as ASU's head coach last month, will return for her 21st season and will lead a squad that will look to match the school record of five consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances and five straight 20-win seasons. "I told her play as long as you want to play," Turner Thorne said. "It works out great for everyone and I'm so excited to have her back in the program."

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MOVED: Jim and Carolee have moved from their home on Airpark Drive to the Orchard Crest Retirement Community. Their new address is: 222 South Evergreen Road, Apt. 308, Spokane Valley, WA 99216. Home phone number is the same: 509-928-6962. Or, you can call or text Jim at 509-599-6962. We (actually only Carolee) can see Mt. Spokane from our apartment.

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Jim has not heard from any person who wants to take over the leadership of the Grant Alumni group. It is important that there is a contact person. Question: Have you made contact with a person(s) who has not come to a picnic or luncheon to encourage them to come? It is working together—sharing a want—come!

Do you need a 52-page booklet of the names and addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail address of a Grant alumnus/friend? There is an up-to-date copy available. Ask Jim.