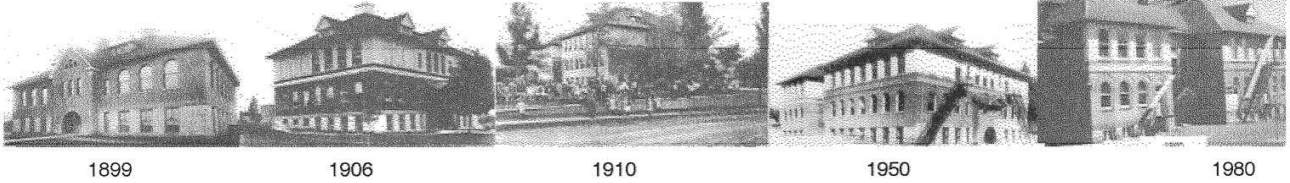


Grant Grade School



ALUMNI NEWS

Spring Luncheon, Thursday, April 21, 2016, 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

At Timber Creek Grill Buffet in the Argonne Village, Montgomery and Argonne



GRANT SCHOOL - Second Grade #1 - 1957
Class of 1963

Front Row: Suzi Yamamoto, Elvera Gustafson, Ann Fogelquist, Suzanne ?, Kathy McCabe, Connie Hiriguchi, Kathy Habbestad.

Second Row: Marc Akyama, ?, Ron Saty, ?, Joan Hoagland, LeeAnn, last four unknown.

Third Row: Jim Rice, Dan Carson, next five unknown, with teacher, Mrs. Louthan on the right.

Can you help us?

On the front page is a picture of one second grade class (#1) of the 1963 graduating class. There are some names missing:

First row: One last name.

Second row: Six names.

Third row: Five names.

Do you know of any 1963 class member that you could contact who might have other class pictures from first through eighth grade and the graduating class? We would duplicate them and return the originals to their owner. (We also have one picture of a first grade class.)

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HOW SPECIAL IS OUR WEBSITE ?

For 1½ years we have had a website www.grantschoolspokane.org. Do you remember a Grant student, Jerry Hollenback? On January 31, 2016, we received an e-mail from a brother, Jack Hollenback, who lives in Bangkok, Thailand. Jack never attended Grant, but his brother Jerry did in second grade from 1949-50 (would have been in the Class of 1956). The family lived with their grandparents at 911 East 11th Avenue. The family lived in the Valley when Jack started school. Jack was searching the internet for names from the East 11th Avenue area when he found our Grant School website. So, he sent Jim an e-mail. If you desire to have his e-mail address, ask Carolee. I am sending a copy of this paper to Jack. His brother Jerry died September 29, 2013.

So, what a surprise. You never know who we might reach, even in Bangkok, Thailand!

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List of Grant Grade School Students

An up-to-date 51-page list is available for anyone wishing a copy. Ask for a list. Names can be added. The lists are compiled by the year the person would have or did graduate from Grant. In 1972 graduation was from the sixth grade. We update this list three times a year and there have been many changes over the last few years.

A glossy print of the old Grant School building is available for those who wish a copy.

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### 2016 Schedule

SUMMER PICNIC: SATURDAY, JULY 16, 11:30 A.M., EAST END OF GRANT PARK

FALL LUNCHEON: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 11:30 A.M. AT TIMBER CREEK

GRILL BUFFET, SPOKANE VALLEY

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OBITUARIES

Class of January 1939



Gertrude Lucille Habbestad (02/27/1926 - 12/18/2015) age 89, returned to the Father December 18, 2015. The youngest of three siblings, Gertrude was born February 27, 1926 to David and Anna Westberg. She grew up in Spokane, attended Grant Grade School, graduated Lewis and Clark High School, and remained in Spokane throughout her life. She married Bernard Habbestad June 9, 1948 and had five children: Kathryn, Russell, Roger (Lynn), Gordon (Linda), and Steven. Her husband predeceased her (November 2012), as did her parents and both siblings, Sigurd Westberg and Elenor Peterson. Gertrude was a life-long member of First Covenant Church. She attended night school toward her Bachelor's Degree in the 80's. Her community contributions, over the course of four decades, included letting basic single-family housing to the less fortunate, and opening her home to foster children from Morning Star Boys Ranch, from whom she received a special honor for her continued voluntary assistance. Gertrude actively supported Covenant World Missions and Christian Radio Station KICY, Nome, Alaska. A memorial service was held at 2:00 on December 21, 2015 at Heritage Funeral Home.

Class of 1950



George W. Priebe, of Spokane passed away Nov. 15 at Hospice House of Spokane (North). George was born Dec. 29, 1935 in the town of Priest River, Idaho to Melcher and Orzelia (Church) Priebe. As a child George moved with his family to Spokane. He graduated from Grant Grade School and Lewis & Clark High School with particular talents in math and science. He attended Devry Technical Institute, UW, and EWU.

George worked as an electronics technician at Boeing and later as a computer programmer at Gonzaga U. and at a local financial institution. Most of his time was spent in Spokane though health circumstances forced his retirement. George was a member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church. He was also a member of the Spokane Chess Club and a primary organizer of the 1962 Seattle World's fair week long chess tournament. George's hobbies were reading science fiction, playing chess and other games involving role playing.

George is survived by his brother Kenn (Marcia) Priebe of Spokane Valley, and six nephews and one niece. George was preceded in death by his parents. A funeral mass was held Thurs., Nov. 19, at 1:00 p.m. at St. Aloysius Catholic Church, 330 E. Boone Ave., Spokane. A graveside service was held immediately following at Greenwood Memorial Terrace.

The family would like to thank staff and volunteers at Hospice House for the wonderful care and service he was provided. Donations may be made to Hospice House of Spokane, 121 S. Arthur St., Spokane, 99202.

Class of 1948 - Gordon Troyer died on September 6, 2015. A memorial service will be held on August 4, 2016 at Greenwood Memorial Terrace cemetery in Spokane at 11:00 a.m.

Class of 1958



Kenneth Jacobs (02/02/1944 – 12/02/2015) age 71, of Rosalia, passed away December 2, 2015 in Spokane. Kenny was born February 2, 1944 in Spokane, Washington to Marvin J. and Greta (Kamm) Jacobs. He attended and graduated from Grant Grade School in 1958 and Lewis & Clark High School in 1962. He lived in Rosalia most of his life where he farmed and raised his family. KJ served as the mayor of Rosalia for about 18 years and was a member of the fire department for 26 years. He loved NASCAR, golfing, snowmobiling and attending his grandchildren's school events. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Charlene Jacobs at the home and his sons, Marc (Pam) Jacobs and Matt (Monica) Jacobs, both of Rosalia; Grandchildren, Dalton, Dillon and Daphne Jacobs. Memorial contributions may be made to the COPD foundation, 20 F St., Suite 200A, Washington, DC 20001, in his memory. A memorial service was held at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 10, at the Rosalia United Methodist Church followed by a potluck at the Rosalia Community Center.

For the last seven years Ken has come to the summer picnics and that is where I (Jim) met him and got to know him. The following paper was written by a close friend of Ken and Charlene and was read at his memorial service. I asked for a copy so I could share these words with you.

“Ken Jacobs was a multi-faceted man, but only those who knew him well were aware of that.

“He was first and foremost a son, a friend, a husband, a father and a grandfather – a family man in the truest sense of the word.

“He made the trip into Spokane to spend an hour with his mother 2-3 times a week, clear up to the time she died just one month shy of her 102nd birthday.

“He made a point of attending his Grant Grade School reunions in Spokane three times a year, and maintained lifelong friendships with several of his grade school buddies.

“He commuted back and forth from a trailer at Newman Lake to the farm all summer long, so that his family could stay and enjoy the summer fun there. He and Char formed a lifelong friendship with a couple who kids brought them all together to ‘play.’

“You could count on one hand the missed games, concerts or other activities his grandkids have participated in, even as breathing became more and more difficult for him. Those grandkids have been Ken's heart and soul – Their future successes will be due in part to the love and devotion he gave them – because they will always know that their grandpa believed in them and their dreams.

“While he often kidded about taking advantage of the reservation he had for ‘Tuna’ at the old folk's home by ‘moving her in this weekend,’ I'm here to tell you that he was a devoted husband to my friend Charlene. They took care of one another. Not every couple can say that about their 51 years.

“He was a farmer for 44 years, taking over the farming from his dad. He was often teased about being first in the field in the spring and first to begin harvest – maybe it was because his piece of

land warmed up sooner than most – My personal opinion is that he just couldn't wait to get back out into the fields – proven by the size of the home garden he planted every year. All through the growing season, if he wasn't in the field you could find him amongst his potato, bean and corn rows.

"More than once during the season, he showed up at meetings, still in his grubby work clothes, but ready to participate in or lead the meeting as needed. Ken knew his priorities. Key words here are **showed up** and **ready**. A few people failed to note that importance when criticizing his actions. Ken took every role he played seriously. Ken participated. He asked tough questions. He made tough decisions. He did the job he was hired, elected, or appointed to do. That didn't always make him popular, but it did make him effective.

"Ken Jacobs loved his town. Rosalia was home in every sense of the work for him. In the 1960's Ken Jacobs, Gary Porter and Pat Helmer determined that Rosalia should have a celebration like the other communities had – and Rosalia Battle Days was born.

"They thought Rosalia needed a museum, so saw to it that money from the celebration went toward establishing the museum we enjoy today. He helped establish the mini-park next to the library, which was also spearheaded by him when the building was donated by the Gary Porter family after his wife, Alice, passed away.

"Ken spent four years on the school board – because he recognized that our children are the future, and our school is the heart of the community.

"Ken spent more than 18 years as mayor of Rosalia. During that time, he negotiated the badly needed water rights for the community he loved, just before that whole availability went away. His commitment to making sure we weren't burdened with unrealistic and unmanageable programs and systems is the main reason we aren't paying \$125.00 sewer rates today as many others are. He was a hands-on mayor, often found up to his knees in ditches helping to fix leaks. He acquired his water and sewer certifications to make sure we had safe drinking water and a compliant sewage treatment system. These are not easy or glorified jobs, but they are crucial to a healthy and successful community. Ken was the willing person to step up and do the job!

"Ken loved NASCAR and golfing right up to the end – even if he could only manage a few holes – he was on the Tekoa golf course as often as he could get there. Dale Earnhardt was his hero. Ken mourned his death as the loss of a good friend. When asked if he had a guardian angel, his clear answer, (though by this time he was not responding to much of anything), was Dale Earnhardt.

"So, Ken, whether you're driving a fast car or swinging a golf club – we'll miss you but – know you are with your hero and friends and saving a spot for us! We know that you will always watch over your family and friends. You spent your entire life being there for everyone you cared about. You not being here physically doesn't change that."

Class of 1956

Jerald D. Hollenback (age 71), died Sunday, September 29, 2013 in Everett, WA from the effects of Parkinson’s disease and Lewy Bodies dementia. He was born on August 30, 1942 in Spokane to Tom and Betty Hollenback and is survived by brother, Jack Hollenback, as well as many cousins in Eastern Washington. Jerry’s career began with the Great Northern Railroad and concluded with Burlington Northern, Inc. At his request, no services will be held. (Jerry attended Grant during 2nd grade.)

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A Food Service Department worker at Grant: Eleanor Ruth Gage,
(A hot lunch program was served in the Old Grant building from 1952-1980 and in the new Grant building from 1980 on. Does anyone remember this lady? From what year?)

Eleanor Gage, August 1, 1920 – November 18, 2015, age 95, of Spokane, was born to Walter P. and Edna Keoka (Probert) Sargent on Aug. 1, 1920, in Sargent, Nebraska. When she was seven, the family, including her siblings, Phillip, Phyllis and Marie, moved to Eastern Washington. Memorably, Eleanor would recall the times that all four kids would pile on their horse, Bonnie, for the ride to school.

Eleanor met Bruce Gage in Spokane, and, on June 30, 1940, they became life mates.

Eleanor was a master seamstress and crocheter. Throughout her life, she lovingly crafted beautiful clothing and other articles for her family and friends. She worked for many years in the Food Service Department for Spokane School District 81, serving as Department Manager at Grant Elementary School before retiring. During retirement, she helped deliver food to shut-ins, and, for 19 years, sold Avon. She was a longtime member of Grace Lutheran Church, and a lifetime member of Washington State Grange.

Eleanor’s indomitable pioneer spirit embraced life. She was dazzled by nature’s splendors. Upon beholding a beautiful sight, she’d whisper “Oh, Golly!” She was full of love, laughter and larks, always ready to extend a helping hand, dive into the lake, play cards, throw gutter balls and strikes, walk in Loon’s Day, travel, or, as befits a square dance instructor, do-si-do the night away. She was a good friend to many, and a loving wife, mom, mom-in-law, grandma and great-grandma.

On her 95th birthday, Eleanor’s family and friends gathered about her to honor and celebrate her life. Soon after, on November 18, 2015, she was whisked away on the wings of angels. Praise and thanks be to her good Lord for the life of Eleanor Ruth.

Eleanor was preceded in death by Bruce, her loving husband of 72 years, by her grandson Matthew Gage, her son-in-law Gerald T. Sullivan, and her three siblings. She is survived by her sons, Gary Gage (Carrie) and Bruce Gage (Samantha Mace); her daughters, Nadine Sullivan, Darlene Dinwoodie (Gary) and Susan Hageman (Bill); her 12 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at 4:00 on July 3, 2016 at Fairmont Memorial Park. Lawn chairs are encouraged. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent in Eleanor’s name to SPEAR, 1905 E. Pacific Ave., Spokane, WA 99202.

(See two pictures on the last page of this Alumni News.)

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WE NEED YOUR HELP

In our 26 three-ring notebooks, we have many excellent pictures, yet we need help in our search for Alumni who studied and lived in the old "Grant Bulletins."

Here is our search. I am looking for pictures of:

- 1. The two portables on the west side of School that were used before 1951.
- 2. Gymnasium built in 1952.
- 3. Ivory Street entrance after gymnasium built.
- 4. Six new classrooms built in 1952 on west side of school.
- 5. Six new classrooms—connection to old building.
- 6. Four rooms on north side built in 1960.
- 7. Four rooms—connection to old building.
- 8. Ivory Street entrance to old building after four classrooms were added.

Some of you have snapshots in an old photo album that you may have forgotten that you have.

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NORWEGIAN YARD STICK

*I know this is a yard stick 'cause I found it in my yard.
 You can use it to measure things—the depth of a mud puddle or the amount of gas in your lawn mower.
 You can play fetch with your dog and you can even start a fire.
 But, whatever you do, "Don't put it back in my yard."*

We are looking for a person!

For two years we have had our website: www.grantschoolspokane.org. Is there a Grant person who enjoys working on the computer and who would like to work with Stan Holm to input ideas, thought, and materials for our website? It would be to make additions or use your creativity working with Stan. We are so grateful to Stan for his efforts to start our website. Stan does not know if there is someone willing to work with him. Arrange a time to talk together and share ideas. What could we do on our website? Your ideas and efforts are important to our alumni.

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These two pictures were sent to us by Darlene Dinwoodie, daughter of Eleanor Gage, who was head of the kitchen crew at Grant for many years. We'd never seen a Grant tee-shirt with stripes on the sleeves.



The picture of people is of the “kitchen crew” and the custodian taken for the 1979-80 school year. The custodian’s name is unknown, but the four women to the right of him are: Betty McConnell, **Eleanor Gage**, Ruth Arnold and Jeanette Bontrager. The woman on the far right was a sub and her name is unknown. A point of interest is that when Jim’s wife, Carolee, saw this picture, she recognized a high school friend and classmate of hers from Clarkston High School (Jeanette). Small world!

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Walk in the Park

Volunteers are needed on Friday, May 20, when the Grant students “Walk in the Park.” The morning session begins at 9:15 a.m. and the afternoon session at 1:00 p.m. The volunteers mark the tags that the students wear as they complete each lap. Call Heidi Hash at 526-5516 if you are available to help at one of the sessions. Jim and Carolee will be there for the morning session. We will have lunch together after the first session. You will have a wonderful time with the kids if you can be there.

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*Did you see the picture of our old Grant School and the article about the spring luncheon in the Spokesman-Review last Friday?*