City of Grinnell’s 150th Includes GHS Alumni Day

Come home to Grinnell... Celebrate life with old friends in familiar places! The GHS Alumni Association is planning a great sesquicentennial reunion to coincide with the City of Grinnell sesquicentennial year 2004.

On July 3, 2004, we hope to see GHS classmates and friends representing classes from 1928 through 2004 - 76 years! Plans are underway for a full day of activities at the Community Center and Central Park area. Enthusiasm is building and we encourage responses and input from all of you. It will take the help of many, many alumni to breathe life into the project. Those who are near enough to help with our long-range planning and those of you who represent our worldwide reach - all are needed for your ideas, your support and your participation in this ambitious dream.

July 3, 2004, will be the designated GHS Alumni Day. The entire July Fourth weekend will be homecoming and celebration city-wide. The City of Grinnell is planning a year-long recognition of this sesquicentennial year with a very special Fourth of July celebration. Though our events will be concentrated on Saturday, July 3, there will be many other opportunities to reunite and take part in a full weekend of festivities.

The Alumni Board is at work developing a nucleus of strong local alumni to organize and implement plans for the event. To date, we have determined that approximately 100 people will be needed to organize this project.

In addition to a Chair or Co-Chairs, there will be Division Chairs or Co-Chairs. Division areas include the following: Finance, Fund-Raising, Food, Housing, Communications/Publicity, Registration, Facilities, Alumni Show-case, Alumni Gallery, Class Day, Parade Event, Prom & Street Dance, Grinnell Tours and Decade Chairs.

Each Decade Chair will work with the class members from their decade. These will include the classes of 1928 through 2004. Please note your own class contact listed on page 2 of this newsletter. We still have some classes with no contact. If your class is missing a name, please volunteer or give us a likely candidate so your class will not be left out of the loop.

Though many of the planning responsibilities will fall to those who are nearby, ideas and support (both creative and financial) will be the responsibility of all of us. The Alumni Board welcomes your letters, phone calls or e-mails as we brainstorm and plan the day. Please let us know how you would like to be involved: contact GHS Alumni Board members Esther Bethel (236-4780), Betty Gerber (236-3213), Jerry Hagen (236-6348) or Rick Ramsey (236-6244).

In this issue we have outlined the committee structure as we currently visualize it. The final plans will be determined only after we have all chairs and workers in place and brainstorm together. The goal is to have our committee structure in place within the next three months. Please let us know if you have concerns or input that may be valuable in our planning.

Though July 3, 2004, seems a long way off, we know how fast the time slips by - so respond ASAP to this plea!

FOCUS ON SCHOLARSHIPS

G-N Dollars for Scholars Has Aided 333 Students

The 2002-2003 school year is off to a good start for the Grinnell-Newburg Dollars for Scholars Chapter. Thanks to the pledges of support from local businesses and individuals, the chapter’s annual hot dog sale will result in at least $12,000 for new scholarships.

Last spring, the chapter awarded 84 scholarships to graduating seniors. This brings the total number of scholarships awarded to 333 in the first four years of operation.

During 2002, the minimum scholarship was increased from $150 to $175. The largest scholarship was $4,000. To encourage youngsters to go on to higher education, the chapter continues its policy of awarding some financial aid to every student who applies. With an all-volunteer board, operating costs of the chapter are minimal and virtually all gifts go to providing financial aid.

In Iowa, the Board of Regents has recommended an average 20.3 percent increase in tuition and fees at state universities for 2003-2004. If this proposal is implemented, the cost of undergraduate education will have increased 49.5 percent in three years.

Faced with these increases, our youngsters need financial assistance more than ever. Your gifts are welcome and needed. Please send contributions to Dollars for Scholars, P.O. Box 538, Grinnell, IA 50112. Your gift is tax-deductible.
GREETINGS
from the President

Your GHS Alumni Board is involved in the planning stages of our 2004 GHS Alumni Day. We will need many people to help in all phases of this endeavor. So don’t be surprised if you are called upon in some capacity. Or better yet, we welcome volunteers if you feel you would like to get involved.

Also, our opening plea for membership money was pretty successful, but we certainly would like to increase our paying membership. Last time we sent out about 4,500 newsletters and we are hoping to greatly increase this by adding many more recent classes. Of course, this takes more money. Remember the dues are $25 for 5 years or $50 for a lifetime membership.

Keep the week-end of July 4, 2004, open on your calendars for a fun return to old Grinnell!

Your GHS Alumni President
Jerry Hagen ’51

UPDATE
from the Superintendent

In late October, 2002, ground was broken to build an eight-classroom addition on the south part of the high school after the removal of the Bissell addition. This new area will house the Math Department, Visual Arts, and an extra English classroom. The District benefited from an $896,000 grant from Vision Iowa to provide half the funds. The other half of the funds were generated by the passage of a one-cent Local Option Sales Tax which is in effect for all of Poweshiek County to support school infrastructure. It generates about $600,000 a year for G-N and will be in effect for ten years.

The school board is planning a local fund-raising campaign. The goal is to raise $3,000,000 to construct three new sections on the high school: a gymnasium to hold approximately 2,000 spectators, a auditorium to hold about 550 spectators, and an aquatic center to provide swimming for curriculum, interscholastic competition, and community use. Remaining funds will be generated through a bond issue and committing some of the anticipated income from the one-cent Local Option Sales Tax.

For more information, contact the superintendent’s office at 641-236-2700, or e-mail: cbodensteiner@grinnell.k12.ia.us

We Need Class News
From YOU!

Our listing of class contact people is not complete. Help us with the names and addresses we lack. We also invite you to share news about your life. Send the information to your class contact or send directly to our GHS Alumni Association address.

We hope to make this column an important feature of this newsletter, so see if your class contact is listed below. All phone numbers are 641 area code unless noted otherwise.


You may contact Patti Marsho at the Alumni Association address or by e-mail at alumni-DFS@grinnell.k12.ia.us with information for the following classes: 1930, 1931, 1936, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002.

GHS Alumni Association:
JOIN TODAY!
$25 Five-year Membership
$50 Lifetime Membership
(Single or family membership name at one address)

Your dues will help:
• Support an annual or biannual newsletter to be distributed to every GHS graduate
• Support for all-school reunions
• Support staff person (Share with Dollars for Scholars)

Make out your check to: GHS Alumni Association, 927 Fourth Ave., Grinnell, IA 50112-2055, Attn: Patti Marsho
YOUR CLASS REUNION:
(They Just Keep Getting Better)

"I learned that a class reunion is definitely a significant event. It has power. It has sting. It makes a strong statement about reality. And it is fun! It gives you a look at yourself through the eyes of others who don't really know you today yet know a part of your life well."

Class of 1982
20th Reunion • July 6, 2002

Wearing their original junior high basketball uniforms, Cristy Peak and Chris Mills are appreciated by Roger Beeler.

Andrea Bremer-Frantz and Todd Honold catch up on the news at the Grinnell Country Club. In the background is Pam VanDraska Sieck.

Class of '82 members photographed at the Country Club are Brent Renaud, back, Kim Price Jones and F. Austin Jones, and Jeremy Kurtz, front.

Preparing to join Grinnell's Fourth of July parade while attending their 20th reunion weekend, members of the Class of '82, from left, are Mark Embree, Sherry Oliver Rocha, Mark Shadden, Lori Bortell Versendaal, Stacey Gropper-Stroms, Pat Stafford, Karma Paulson Werner, Brent Renaud and Darrel Haines.

Class of 1977
25th Reunion • July 20, 2002

Val Krumm Hammond is glad to interrupt classmates Kevin Stepaneck, left, and Marty Bailey.

Checking up on someone at the 25th class reunion, held the July 20 weekend, from left, are Tim Anderson, Mike McCurry, John Bowman and Bill Molison. Glad to witness is Patrice Davidson, front right.

Twenty-five years since high school! Not to miss. Pictured above are Class of 77 members, from left, Martha Walker Sheffield, Mark Templeton, Jan Estal Mayberry, Cindy Johnson Eakins, Louise Erickson Mistry, Jane Ann Zimmerman Gifford, John Bethel and Cray England.

Brenda Kester Arment, right, still finds classmate Billie Jo Zeitner Raxso entertaining.

The 25th couldn't take place without the Mitchell twins, Dorea Mitchell Potter, left, and Debbie Mitchell Haines.
A parade opportunity presented itself to the Class of '67 the July 4th weekend in Grinnell to celebrate their 35th high school reunion, various class members got patriotic as well as nostalgic as they enjoyed being together again.

"I became aware that having lived in Grinnell and having attended GHS were unique experiences."

Pictured at right, happy to see each other are '62 classmates Helen Durr Kepler, Donna Phillips Keup and Judy Doud Sears.

Chris Ulrich and Paul McNally, both '62, look over the program for their 40th class reunion June 22. They planned a weekend for their class that included a picnic Friday evening at the home of Bill Nagel, rural Malcom, as well as dining and dancing at the Elks on Saturday night.

Betty Strand Ludden, left, greets Bill Ellenson's wife and Celia Parish McHenry at the picnic.

Gordon Grattan, Kay Olson, Jack and Harriet Martin Lincoln check the list for a '62 classmate.
**Class of 1957**  
*45th Reunion • August 3, 2002*

Lunch at the Depot Crossing was enjoyed by members of the Class of '57 on August 3. Pictured clockwise from left are Pat Cogley Lang, Grinnell's Mayor Gordon Canfield, Kenneth Wright, Joan O'Green Wright, Patty Peak Johnson, Kathleen Killion Lippincott and Wayne Olson. Other reunion events included a social gathering Friday evening at State Street Station, a bus tour Saturday which included a visit at the Spaulding house, hosted by Betty and Monte Hammond, afternoon tea at Grinnell House and dinner Saturday at the Elks Lodge.

"I somehow knew that it was special when it was happening, but I was not aware that this would be the only setting in my life where I would know and feel relatively trusting of everyone."

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**Class of 1952**  
*50th Reunion • Sept. 7, 2002*

Class President John Taylor reaps the rewards of hard work at his 50th class reunion September 7. Everyone's having fun and they like his reunion booklet. The reunion included a Friday evening reception at the Grinnell Country Club, a bus tour Saturday morning and a banquet Saturday evening at the Elks.

Can you believe 50 years? There's plenty to smile about for Class of '52 members, celebrating half a century the weekend of September 7. Reunited are, from left, Dr. Larry Lang, Carol Lang Shaner, Dr. Sam Porter and Jewell Hendrickson ('51) Porter.

Old buddies Larry German, "Bud" Arment and Dick Ritter are joined by Carol Lang Shaner, Pat Padgham Geltner and Carolyn Eisler Ritter.

High school best friends Marilyn Smith Rabe and Ellen Wright Meine pick up where they left off.

Marilee Ahrens Bonyata and her husband, Dick, '50, came from Florida to enjoy the party.
Class of 1947
55th Reunion • Sept. 21, 2002

Rosemary Talbott Stover and Evelyn Pederson Mitchell (right) look forward to returning to Grinnell.

Always active Grinnell High alum Maynard Raffety, above right, enjoys getting his classmates together. Pictured with him at the 55th Reunion Dinner, held at Seeland Park Social Center on September 21, are, from left, Imogene Newcomer Knowles, Eloise Raffety, Arlene Davenport Terpstra and Bernard Fleenor, who returned after World War II to graduate his senior year with the class of ’47.

1947 class members attending their 55th reunion September 21 are, front row from left, Joyce McCain Haunsparger, Marjorie Mitchell Doyle and Joan Mintle Nissen; and, back, Phyllis Ruble Collier, “Pepper” Saunders and Lester Tharp.

Gene Smith (left) and Lyle Phipps were among the many former classmates who enjoyed visiting at the reunion.

“We came and we laughed and we felt and we scattered. Especially we felt.”

Class of 1942
60th Reunion • July 13, 2002

Class of ’42 friends (right) Reba Crowder Postels, Dorothy Poots Dougher and Lorene Pearce Morrison meet before the dinner begins.

Former Principal T. T. Cranney attended the 60th reunion of the Class of ’42 “by photo.” Given an honor position near the dinner sign-in at the Elks Club July 13, he’s welcomed by, from left, Barbara Carter Thompson, Betty Olson Berry, Marilee Thompson McCurry and Carolyn Rutherford Stewart.

Enjoying the program are Peggy Gallagher Cole, Margaret Child Ink and Art Mann.

Dick Pieper and Kathleen Barr Heffner catch up with what’s been going on.

Lee Mann traveled from Bel Air, Maryland, to join his classmates.
Classes of 1938 & '39
63rd/64th Reunion • Sept. 14, 2002

Grinnell High School graduates of '38 and '39 decided to have their reunions together September 13-15. Enjoying the company are Louise Skidmore Downey, Lillian McCain Ross and Maxine Lincoln Barnes, all Class of ‘38.

"Today I can still feel the spirit of the class, and the impact of the time machine we call a reunion which gave us the opportunity to 'go back' and consider and celebrate our lives."

SNAPSHOT: CLASS OF 1932
Still Friends After 70 Years

Eldora Turner, center, of Marshfield, Missouri, surprised '32 classmates Margaret Marsden and Beulah Strand of the Mayflower when she stopped by to visit on September 14.

UPCOMING REUNIONS: 2003

CLASS OF 1953, 50TH REUNION, SEPT. 5–7, 2003
Contact Betty Gerber, 236-3213

CLASS OF 1963, 40TH REUNION, JUNE 21, 2003
Contact Bill Lannom, 236-3106, or Janet Barnes, 236-7159

CLASS OF 1978, 25TH REUNION, SUMMER 2003
Contact Norma Burnell Griffith, 236-8393, or Tracy Jensen, 236-8257

CLASS OF 1983, 20TH REUNION, SUMMER 2003
Contact Anne Bethel Pederson, 236-5060

Contact Ellen Dayton Hoffman, 515-254-1873

PLEASE HELP US FEATURE YOUR CLASS REUNION!
We need clear photos of class members with complete identification. Contact Betty Gerber or Esther Bethel to make sure YOUR class spirit shows in the next newsletter.

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"Next time, I will probably come a little earlier and leave a little later."

— Quotations from "Reunion," written by Dave Adkins, Class of 1957
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Help Wanted

Grinnell High School Alumni wanted for July 3, 2004. Meet your class reps at Community Center. Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

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Call now to volunteer for the Sesquicentennial All-School Reunion

Saturday, July 3, 2004

Thanks for Keeping in Touch!