

THE GCA GRAPEVINE

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MONTH AT A GLANCE

The Port Commission is meeting in person with a remote option via Zoom – please visit their websites or contact them directly for the information. The Grapeview School Board Meeting is currently scheduled to be held at the School Library or with a Zoom option – please check their website.

- Oct 3 GCA Board Meeting 10:30AM; ZOOM MEETING
- Oct 11 GCA Oldies But Goodies Appetizer Potluck!!! Horton Center, 6pm
- Oct 15 Grapeview Port Commission Meeting 7:00PM
- Oct 16 Central Mason Fire Commission Meeting 5:00PM; 122 Franklin St, Shelton
- Oct 23 Grapeview School Board Meeting 5:00PM
- Oct 25 Men's Breakfast Burger Claim 8:30AM

From Our President's Desk!! Happy October Everyone!

As we begin the fall and turn towards the holidays, we find ourselves facing several actions both domestically and globally that will undoubtedly make us a bit anxious. We turn on the TV or radio and we hear the ugly rhetoric of politics in America and just this week the global conflicts in the Middle East are escalating to levels unprecedented. Now is the time to be thankful for everything we have in our beautiful community and be there for each other. As we have already witnessed during the Covid Pandemic, whenever members of our community have any hardship, we come together to support each other, no matter what.

Next Friday, October 11th, we have the "Oldies But Goodies" Potluck at the Horton Center. This event is always FUN and this year's will be no different. It will be great to get together again and get those hugs and handshakes while we share lots of laughter surrounded by the greatest community I personally have ever been a part of. Once again, glad to be here in Grapeview!!

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Respectfully, Jim Hanson

Bookmark the GCA Website and GCA Facebook! Keep up to date with the latest news and events from the GCA and the greater Grapeview Community by visiting and bookmarking the <u>GCA Website</u> and the <u>GCA Facebook</u> page. Both the website and Facebook page are updated throughout the month as news and information are made available regarding both the GCA and our community.

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DID THE RAIN STOP US?? HECK NO!!

Our annual Tailgate Party at Rauschert Field was nothing short of AMAZING! What's a little rain amongst GCAr's??? Umbrellas and tents were popped up in no time, games continued in the rain (I wanted to call it a drizzle, but it was RAIN!), and not a complaint was heard! We all just made a few more stops at Louise's trunk to keep warm (how did I miss getting THAT picture???!) You would never know there was a little rain... everyone was laughing, smiling, imbibing a wee bit, and sharing their delicious tailgate favs. Our most sincere thanks to Bob and Marge Doremus for the use of their beautiful property, and to the Fishes for their hospitality, their popups and bathroom! The pictures show it all... enjoy!





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"Oldies But Goodies (OBG)" *"Rock'n Roll Is Here to Stay"* October 11, 6:00pm Appetizer Potluck



POPULAR DEMAND: The GCA is again taking us back to the future with an "Oldies But Goodies" night like we had in June 2019 and October 2023. To take us down memory lane will be your favorite tunes from the 50s, 60s, and 70s, dancing, Hulu hoops, and a real live karaoke sing-along!!!

PLACE & TIME: The event will take place at the **Horton Community Center on Friday, October 11th.** Socializing begins at 6:00pm, followed by a brief meeting. Appetizers start at 6:30pm following by dancing and a karaoke sing-along.

WHAT TO WEAR: For inspiration remember, *Rebel Without a Cause, Gidget, The Wild One, Bye Bye Birdie, Jail House Rock, Some like It Hot, and Tammy and the Batchelor* to name a few. And think James Dean, Natalie Wood, Sandra Dee, Marlon Brandon, Ann-Margaret, Elvis Presley, Marilyn Monroe, Audrey Hepburn, and Debbie Reynolds. Prizes will be awarded!

- So, guys put on your dark jeans, black or white t-shirts, leather jackets, and don't forget to roll-up your sleeves and grease back your hair (What hair? You might say!). Tie dye shirts and peace medallions would also work.
- And gals dig out your Poodle skirts, crinoline slips, capri pants and white shirts, cardigan sweaters, and of course, pearls. Mini-skirts, and "go-go boots" would also work!

WHAT TO BRING: Please bring a favorite "retro" substantial appetizers such as Mac and Cheese, Meatballs, Tuna Casserole, Sloppy Joes, Pigs in a Blanket, Chicken a la King, Three Bean and Ambrosia salads. And, for dessert, Soda Jerks will be serving up Root Bear Floats and Orange Soda with or without whipped cream. YUM!

SET-UP: The layout for this OBG event will be different. All hands are welcome starting at 10:00am on Friday, October 11 at the Horton Center. If you have any questions, please contact Marlee Campbell at Margaret.Campbell@cjenterprise.net

Hostesses:

Marlee Campbell, Debbie Black, and Annie Bell





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AND THEN WHAT????

IT'S GETTING CHILI AT GCA! The Chili Cook-Off that is!!!!

The weather is changing, and Fall is upon us. The 2024 Chili Cook-Off and Veterans Celebration will be here before you know it! To be held at the Horton Community Center on Friday November 8th.

Chili Chefs are STILL NEEDED!! We have several, but <u>we need at least two more</u>! Times a tickin', but there's still time to prepare your favorite recipe and become a **Celebrity Chef**. Chef's are reimbursed \$25 for their ingredients. So, shake out those aprons, dust off the cookbook and volunteer to share your talents!

To volunteer to be a Chili Chef or help in any other way please contact Vicki Wittenberger at 425-454-4417 or at <u>wittenvc@gmail.com</u>. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated. More details on this event in the next newsletter!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH NEWS....

Our wonderful Grapeview School is looking for volunteers! If you are interested in helping, please attend an upcoming orientation meeting at the school:



Date: Wednesday, October 9th Time: 10am – 10:30am

During this brief meeting, Mrs. Nelsen and Mrs. Breese will cover the following:

- Overview of the volunteer programs
 - Logistics and procedures
- Q&A session for any questions you might have

This will be a great opportunity to learn more about how you can make a difference in our students' lives and to meet other enthusiastic volunteers like yourself. I look forward to working with you for the benefit of our wonderful community.

Thank you! Michele Hecht Chair, GCA Community Outreach michele.hecht@gmail.com



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MEMBERSHIP NEWS - IMPORTANT!!!!

We had a very successful year for GCA Membership renewals and new members. Please look at the current Membership Directory and if you have any updates or changes to your information please send them to Debbie Olig (<u>caseyperro@gmail.com</u>) or Dan Peel (<u>daniel.peel3@gmail.com</u>) so that we can update the Directory information for next year.

2025 is just around the corner (can you believe it?). If you want to get a jump on it and pay your next year dues now – that is great!!! You can do it by check or **you can** <u>pay your renewal</u> <u>online with your credit card</u>, and let us know of any changes to the directory information. THERE IS NO FEE to pay online. There IS an option to donate to Zeffy (the company who makes this function possible). When the donation amount comes up, click on "OTHER" and put AN OPTIONAL DONATION AMOUNT in that space. Simply click here right now to make that payment!

Thank you for your continued support and participation.

Dan Peel, Membership Co-Chair

WANT TO BE A PART OF THE GCA LEADERSHIP TEAM?

WE NEED YOU!

November marks the month to elect our 2025 GCA Board. We are looking for people who love making a difference – big OR small! If you are that person, please contact **Jim Hanson (206-972-1829) or Bonnie Townsley (360-801-5040) right away, or simply reply to this newsletter and we'll get in touch with you**. At a minimum, we're looking to fill the Secretary and Vice President positions. BUT ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN THE FUN! Everyone has talent... we just need you to take a small leap of faith and help us make GCA even better than it already is! Thank you!