



THE GCA GRAPEVINE

The Monthly Newsletter of the Grapeview Community Association

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.

- Feb 6 GCA Study Session 10:00AM Horton Center
- Feb 9 **Super Bowl 2025 At the Horton Center on Sunday, 2:30 PM**
- Feb 14 **February Dessert Auction (6:00PM, Horton Center)**
- Feb 18 Grapeview [Port Commission](#) Meeting 7:00PM
- Feb 19 Central Mason [Fire Commission](#) Meeting 5:00PM; 122 Franklin St, Shelton
- Feb 26 [Grapeview School Board](#) Meeting 5:00PM
- Feb 28 Men's Breakfast 8:30AM; Burger Claim
- Feb 28, March 1 **Crab Feed! (Tickets Required, 5pm Horton Center)**

FROM OUR PRESIDENT'S DESK...

LOVE IS IN THE AIR!!

It almost looks like spring out there! These past few days of sunshine have been like a balm to the soul... very, very nice! January is over and February will be the busiest month of the year for GCA! We have THREE EVENTS this month – and you won't want to miss any of them!

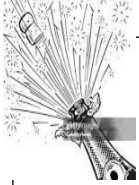
We will celebrate the **Superbowl Game on February 9th** at the Horton Center using our new and beautiful AV Equipment (I know I don't have a 98" TV at our home – do you?). Come and have fun with your friends – even if you don't like football, we'll have hot dogs, chili, football pools, and so much more! Then we have our **February Dessert Auction on Friday, Feb 14th** (Valentines Day!). This year we're providing dinner – free of charge! Just bring your money to buy delicious desserts made by so many of our wonderful member bakers! And last, but not least we have our **Annual Crab Feed on February 28th and March 1st**. Saturday is sold out, but we still have a few tickets for Friday so if you want tickets... get them now!

It is a privilege to serve the members of GCA... At first, I enjoyed the monthly events with Jerry, then I started to volunteer to set up and work an event or two, then I joined the Board and so on and so on.... What I learned is that each time I "gave more", I RECEIVED so much more! So, if you're looking to get more involved... we have so many areas to dip your toe in... just give me a call and we'll figure out what will work for you!

Most Sincerely,

Bonnie Townsley (360-801-5040)





GCA FRIENDS STARTED OFF THE NEW YEAR IN STYLE!


What a great start for the New Year with the kickoff of the **Black & White event on January 10th.** The Horton Center was decorated with Black & White photos of GCA members displayed throughout the Hall. Members were thrilled to walk around viewing the pictures, and they were invited to take them home as a keepsake!

Incoming President, Bonnie Townsley, took the Mic introducing herself as the President and Jim Hanson as Vice President for 2025. Bonnie thanked the GCA Board Officers and Trustees, along with the Subcommittee Chairs for all their hard work last year, and for the work they'll all be doing again in 2025 (as everyone is returning in some role.).

The evening was a great success and our thanks to all who came early that morning for setup, and for those who stayed late for the final clean up!



2025 CRAB FEED TICKETS ON SALE FOR FRIDAY, FEB 28TH ONLY



March 1 (Saturday) is sold out! We have about 30 left for Friday, so if you want in on the fun – click on the link below to purchase your tickets!

[GCA CRAB FEED TICKETS FOR FOR FRIDAY, FEB 28TH](#)

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, OR TROUBLE GETTING THE TICKETS, CONTACT BONNIE T. AT 360-801-5040



SUPERBOWL LIX At The Horton Center
Sunday, Feb 9th – 2:30pm - DON'T MISS IT!
 Kansas City Chiefs vs Philadelphia Eagles
Watch On Our New 98" TV

What's Happenin'?

- Pre-game activities begin at 2:30
- Hot Dogs, Chili & Chips with all the "fixins" will be provided
- Bring Your \$\$\$- Buy Your Squares & WIN!!! Payout each Quarter & Final Score
- Coolers with ice will be provided to keep your beverages cold
- Just bring a football appetizer to share and your own drinks
- Table settings (plates, napkins, cups, utensils) will be provided

Key Story Lines:

- Will KC be the first 3-Peat in History
- Will Philly star, Saquon Barkley break more records
- What is happening with Meg Ryan & Billy Crystal? *"I will have what she is having!!!"*
- What ad will be the best!! We're sure there will be many debates on this one!

JOIN US FOR THIS 1ST (ANNUAL) EVENT!



**FEBRUARY - A TIME FOR
 LOVING, LIVING, AND
 GIVING....**



You'll want to be at the annual **Valentine's Day Dessert Auction Event**. On **Friday, February 14th at 6:00 PM** we will have *luscious, delectable, and irresistible dessert for each table to bid on.* This is one of GCA's three fundraisers to support our Outreach and Scholarship Programs. To entice you a bit more this year, **GCA will provide your dinner** - a yummy potatoe and salad bar to fill your tummy, but leave enough room for dessert! After dinner, we will start the auction! The table that raises the most money will get the 1st choice of a dessert for their table, then the next highest bidder will choose theirs, and so on until they are all gone. Last year we raised about \$3,000! This year the sky is the limit! Don't miss out on the fun evening! **Bring cash (or check) for bidding...**and get to know the people at your table a little better! We could not have this event without all the bakers, donating the delightful desserts to auction. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

REMEMBER -- JUST BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGE OF CHOICE... FOOD AND TABLE SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED! *And bring your sweet tooth and wallets!!!!!!*

As always – setup (10am at the hall) and tear down is always appreciated!

AND SPEAKING OF THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM... A note from our Chair, Steve Hecht!

Your Scholarship Committee is ready for the 2025 award season. We would appreciate your making folks aware of our program and *encouraging as many high school seniors as possible to apply*. To qualify for a GCA scholarship, students must be graduating from an accredited high school. Those who attended Grapeview School for one or more years will have special consideration, but **all seniors may apply**. The award may be used at any state or private university, college, vocational/technical school or trade school in the United States that is accredited by the state where it is located or by industry. Criteria for awards include academic achievement, financial need, involvement in school, service and community activities (particularly in the Grapeview community), evidence of work in high school that shows preparation for further education, and the student's major/career plan.

For additional information and an application, folks should go to the GCA website, grapeviewwa.com, or contact Steve Hecht at steve@longtermfinancial.com.

Thank you! Steve Hecht, Committee Chair

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS - IMPORTANT!!!!**

Keep your 2025 dues payments coming in! We've had a great response so far, and many of you are using the online method to renew your memberships - that is Great! If you haven't paid your dues yet, it's time to pay up!

Please check the current Directory and update your information if it has changed or is not correct. You can call Debbie Olig (406-223-7309) and she will update it for the 2025 Directory. To pay by check, just click on the [2025 Membership Form](#). Complete the form, print it and mail it along with your payment to:

**Grapeview Community Association
P. O. Box 355
Grapeview, WA 98546**

You can do it by check or **you can [pay your renewal online with your credit card](#), 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!**

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 [GCA Website](#) and the [GCA Facebook](#) 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.

From Bob Doremus -- A look at Grapeview in the Early Years....

2nd ARTICLE!!!!

Continuing this month, we are excited to include a new feature of our newsletter. Titled "Grapeview - The Early Years", it will take a look at some of the early history of our community. The idea took shape last summer after a report was discovered in the collection of the Mason County Historical Society titled "History and Geography of Grapeview". It was a project of the Grapeview School, written in 1923. We'll be using information from it and other sources to give you a glimpse into Grapeview's past. We hope that you find it interesting!

Grapeview – The Early Years

Providing more than just facts, the Grapeview school report of 1923 offers insights into the students' views of their community. Here is what they thought of Grapeview 102 years ago – letter by letter.

G Stands for grapes, luscious and sweet. They grow on our hills for a world to eat. Made into juice, they're a drink that is rare. Made into jelly no others compare.

R Stands for roads, our district's great need. Without better highways we cannot succeed. As blood flows through the arteries makes its way, so good roads spread progress day by day.

A Stands for associations, a big word I know. It means farmers must organize if they would grow. Your community club you should help in some way. Be a booster, don't knock, you'll find it will pay.

P Stands for phosphate, potash and lime. Don't rob your soil but feed it in time. I give you a message I hope you will prize. You will soon go broke if you don't fertilize.

E Stands for eggs, white in the nest. For a good money the hen is the best. Keep her clean, keep her busy, give her plenty to eat. You'll find she'll bring dollars to lay at your feet.

V Stands for the view that greets us each day. Of mountain and woods as they lift cross the bay. At dawn it inspires us, at eve gives us rest. And oft bring the thought our country is best.

I Stands for industry, the work to be done. If homes will be built on the earth we have won. For wise given labor Mother Earth will reward. Her prizes are precious but her terms are hard.

E Stands for Evergreen fruits of the vine. The blackberry, loganberry, raspberry line. Our climate and soil are adapted to raise them. When canned or preserved the market will praise them

W Stands for the welcome to newcomers given. Who from shivering East or hot cities driven. Would build them a home in the balmy aired West. Come to North Bay. You'll find it the best.