



Alumni Tidings

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This is Trinity Lutheran School's third alumni newsletter. You may be a former student, parent or a friend of the school. We value your past history with us. Trinity Congregation continues to serve children in its educational ministry and here's what is going on today.

1st Annual Alumni Picnic



Terry Gaylord, Marilyn Elsasser Miles, Joan and Jim Rooney greeted and registered alumni and other guests for Trinity's first alumni picnic.

One hundred fifteen people, including alumni, their families and TLS friends came to the picnic in August, 2006. The unusually warm Oregon weather did not deter the rekindling of friendships from the past 75 years. Attendees enjoyed a "pulled pork" sandwich lunch, tours of the school, displays of current Trinity activities, pictures of former eighth grade classes, door prizes and an opportunity to win cash at the blackout board. Congratulations to Dale Brandt for holding the lucky number! The best part of the day was to see classmates and teachers from grade school, and realize that a separation of time and locale cannot diminish the relationships that began in youth. See additional pictures of the day on the back of this page.

2nd Annual Alumni Picnic

The date has been chosen!
Mark your calendars and join your classmates.

Saturday, August 11, 2007

Beginning at 11:30 AM
At Trinity Lutheran School

Watch for further details.



Principal Visits Korea

Jim Riedl traveled to Seoul, Korea this fall, participating in seminars telling about Trinity's educational program to families interested in sending their middle school students to the USA. He then joined administrators from seven countries visiting Chinese schools in and around Shanghai. Knowing that families across the world have heard of Trinity School is an extraordinary notion and one not foreseen even a few years ago. Currently, there are five Korean students in classes at Trinity School and two likely to join us in January.



Holiday Greetings

May the Lord bless you
and those you hold dear
during your Thanksgiving,
Christmas and New Year celebrations.

We invite you to worship at Trinity

Liturgical Services
8:00 am & 10:30 am, Sundays
Children's Church, Sunday School
& Praise Worship
9:15 am, Sundays
Weekday Praise Worship
6:30 pm, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays

Go to
www.trinityportland.org
for holiday service schedules

More from our alums . . .



A 1996 Trinity alumnus, Donilee McGinnis, was crowned Miss Oregon 2006. Recently, she spent a day with students at TLS visiting all classes and quickly finding a new fan base.

As another alum making a difference, Donilee promotes awareness about autism and its impact on individuals and families. She will come back to visit Trinity to tell about her experience in the national pageant, which will be held in Las Vegas in January, 2007. We're cheering for you, Donilee, and send our Tiger Spirit with you!



In remembrance of siblings and Trinity graduates, Dr. George Earl Muck '47 and Barbara Ann (Muck) Fuqua '39. George, a Portland dentist for 45 years died on August 30th. He and wife, Joyce, were married for 51 years. Barbara, from Salem, volunteered as a Gray Lady and taught reading to adults. She died on August 19th, one day after the 60th anniversary of her marriage to Henry Fuqua.



Steve Noble, '92 and brother Jay Noble, '93.

Robert Sylwester, '41, is an Emeritus Professor of Education at the University of Oregon. His father, FWJ Sylwester, was founding president of Portland's Concordia University. Bob has written several books and articles focusing on the educational implications of developments in science and technology.



"I have been richly blessed," was a remark made by the graduate attending from the earliest class, Melvin Buescher, 1935. Mel and his wife, Lorene, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 2006. They have 2 children, Janet Cole and Paul Buescher, both Trinity grads, 3 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson. Mel retired after 41 years with the Union Pacific Railroad and is a member of LCMS for 85 years.

Jon Cleveland, shown here interviewing Mel, was MC for the day. He is the DCE at Trinity Lutheran Church and School.

. . . and from the picnic.



The class of 1950 was represented with Joan (Parsons) Rooney, Jim Rooney, Helen (Schroeder) Heck, David Stabenow and Viola (Friedrick) Rasmusen.



Tim Miles, '74, Kristine (Wunsch) Zelinka, '65 and Koty Zelinka, '89. Kris works at Concordia University and is taking classes for a DCE degree. She has been married to Greg for 33 years. Daughters Koty, '89 and Mandy, '91 are both graduates of Trinity. Koty teaches at Portland Lutheran High School. Tim Miles lives in Gresham with his wife Kim. Married for 25 years, they have three children, Justin, Danielle and Tara. His company Milestone Financial arranges real estate loans.



Trinity teachers, Suzette Dooley, Nancy Mann, Don Seleski and Ray Reisig with the Wickliff brothers.



Dwayne Brandt, '49 with John Christianson, '53 and John's wife, Lou



Class of '82 had the greatest number of attendees; Dale Brandt, Maria Miles, Chris and Nick Wickliff, Molly (McKeown) Gasquet and Tony Nitz along with Kimbra (Eacker) Turley from '83. Traveling the farthest, Molly and her 4 year old son, Nicholas, came from London, England where she is an investment banker.

If you would like to continue your support for Trinity Lutheran School, here are some opportunities to consider.

THE TRINITY FUND

Watch your mailbox for information on how you can become an inaugural member of The Trinity Fund. The Trinity Fund supports student scholarships and other critical operational needs of Trinity Lutheran School. Tuition alone does not cover the cost of providing a superior Christian education program and we need partners to maintain and grow our excellent school. We ask that you prayerfully consider joining and showing your Tiger pride.

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND

The dividends of this fund are used solely for scholarships to Trinity School students. Once a year, the Scholarship Committee awards help based on a family's financial need. In the past years, over \$89,000 has been distributed in financial aid to TLS students from this fund.

ALUMNI FUND

Contributions will be used for expenses related to alumni mailings and activities.

MATCHING GIFTS

Did you know that your gifts to Trinity Lutheran School can grow by taking advantage of The Thrivent GivingPlus Program? All members of Thrivent ages 16 and older can request matching gifts for up to two Lutheran organizations per year. Thrivent will contribute \$1 for every \$2 donated, up to a total supplement of \$300 for each organization. Be sure to complete a form for each member making a gift or call the school office for more information.

TAX DEDUCTIONS

Trinity School is a nonprofit organization and contributions may be tax deductible within an individual's IRS filing status. Contributions will be recognized with a mailed receipt

We'd like to hear from you. Give information about yourself to any of the Alumni Committee members or complete and send the form below to Trinity School. Encourage other TLS students to do the same. This year, we'd like to get all former staff members on our list. If you know where they are, ask them to let us know too!

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Alumni Information

Year of Trinity graduation (or year you would have graduated had you stayed) _____

Name while at Trinity _____

Current name _____ Phone _____

Preferred Mailing Address _____

High School you attended (and where) _____

College you attended _____ Degree _____

Profession, vocation or avocation _____

Married? _____ Spouse's Name _____

Children? _____ Grandchildren? _____ Great Grandchildren? _____ List Names & Ages on back (optional)

Tell us what's been going on in your life? (Milestone birthdays or anniversaries?) _____

From time to time we will include information about alums in the *Alumni Tidings*. Can we share yours? _____

E-mail data to office@trinityportland.org or mail to Trinity.

Additional blank forms on WEB site, www.trinityportland.org