MISSION STATEMENT
To refurbish and utilize the historic Chinook School for the cultural, educational, social, economic and recreational benefit of the community.

From the Board

Keeping up with history
FOCS is focusing on the History Room, located in your community building. Many people have donated pictures and memorabilia, and we are hoping for more!

If you are interested in donating or volunteering to collect and display items and pictures of Chinook history, please call Trudy, at (360) 244-3627.

Dishwasher for Event Center
Now that funds have been raised to purchase a new dishwasher, FOCS Board Members are doing more research before making the purchase. We expect to make a decision soon. Our sincere thanks to those who contributed to this much needed appliance.
“Tis in my memory lock’d, And you yourself shall keep the key of it.”
-- William Shakespeare, “Hamlet”

Friends of Chinook School, with financial help from Ocean Beach Education Foundation, again brought Oregon Shakespeare Festival actors to the Chinook Event Center.

Actors Christopher Salazar and Esther Williamson came from the festival’s School Visit Program. Both high school and middle school students attended workshops conducted by the actors on November 15 and 16 in the Event Center. About 80 students enjoyed participating in the program. Surely, Angus was looking down on the event pleased to know that his love of drama, writings of Shakespeare and others is enhancing the education of our students and still entertaining the community.

The past presages the present:
Angus came to teach in Chinook in the early thirties, was head teacher and basketball coach. His team, the “Yellow Jackets” needed uniforms. He took his team to the beach where they gathered driftwood to set up a stage in the gymnasium. He encouraged adults and students to take part in plays that he directed. The town of Chinook loved the entertainment and the team had uniforms. The school district, inspired by the enthusiasm for plays and performance, then added a stage to the gymnasium.

FOCS has added footage to the stage and a dressing room during the restoration of the building. The dedication of the Event Center in spring of 2012 was followed by the dedication of the Angus Bowmer Stage in November.
Since that time, we have continued to offer students and the community the Shakespeare experience. Our special treat this year was historical dress lecturer, Tames Alan, to our Blue and Gold Show. She performed a lively and surprising “From the streets of Shakespeare” in costume. Children and adults alike truly enjoyed her show. Tames also contracts with Oregon Shakespeare Festival to perform their Green Show during the summer.

A “Meet and Greet” for the actors, hosted by the FOCS board before the evening performance, was enjoyed by the performers, the board, volunteers, and supporters of the program.

The audience was treated to the OSF actors performing scenes from “Macbeth”, “All’s Well That Ends Well”, “As You Like It”, and the contemporary, “The Seven Ages of Man”. The actors received a standing ovation, an excellent end to the Shakespeare Experience 2018.

Volunteer Opportunities--we invite you to participate

With the opening of the Community Building there are many opportunities for volunteer help. If you are interested in helping with the day-to-day operations of the facility, working on displays for the History Room, or serving in other ways, please contact us by calling 360-244-FOCS.

“All we can do so little, together we can do so much.” --Helen Keller
Soon you will be receiving the notifications for the annual membership drive. A big thank you to all those who participated last year. This year we will be sending reminders to all on our Friends of Chinook School newsletter mailing list, in an effort to both expand our membership and also to update current FOCS information on file.

Our mission, as always, has been to serve our greater area by offering space and venue sites for a broad range of activities:

**Public:**
- Chinook Food Bank
- Shakespeare workshops and plays
- Concerts by Ilwaco High School Jazz Band
- Coffee Hour for Seniors
- Concerts by Bayside Singers
- Venue for nonprofit fundraising
- Youth sports--basketball, soccer and baseball.

**Private:**
- Weddings
- Graduations
- Life celebrations such as retirement parties and reunions
- Memorials
- Meetings, both public and private

and, of course, Oktoberfest. These events really bring a sense of community and family that make where we live so special.

This substantial amount of activity means a substantial maintenance and operation budget. We hire part time employees and service providers, and have ongoing purchases to keep equipment up to date, as well as continuing to improve the facilities as needs arise. Your memberships make all of this possible. Thank you!

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**Friends of Chinook School Donation and Membership Form**

*With your membership card you may be eligible for a discount.*

Name(s) __________________________________________

Address __________________________________________

City _____________________State _____ Zip__________

Email __________________________Phone __________

Friends of Chinook School is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Your donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

**Make your check payable to:** Friends of Chinook School (FOCS)

**Mail to:** P O Box 243, Chinook, WA 98614

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**Changes:**

*This newsletter is going paperless!*

Our newsletter that is published quarterly will be coming to you via email. That is, if you have email and you have shared your address with us. If you do not have computer access and prefer it printed and sent, that will be done also. This quarter is also our membership drive and we have sent out letters asking for your 2019 membership donations. **Please complete the pink card and give us your email address, or not, as you wish, to receive your newsletter.** Thank you for your continuing support.

**Clarifications:**

We have many generous donors to our food bank and for that we are grateful. You allow us to serve those in need in our community well. We have been receiving donations to the food bank in memory of a dear friend or a relative. Money given to the food bank goes specifically for needed food supplies. Memorials to loved ones go to support FOCS in maintenance and operation of the buildings as well as programing, which includes the food bank. We purchase name engraved brass plates to add to our memorial board in the Community Building. Those folks honored by family and friends can be viewed and remembered when visiting the main hall. This quarter two long time Chinook residents have been remembered, Bill Krager and Buddy Osborne.

**Memberships...cont’d.**

**Membership Benefits:**
- Tax deductible
- You may be eligible for a discount.

We appreciate all those who give their time to volunteer, and always welcome new friends. Should you have any questions regarding membership please feel free to call:
- Vera Karnofski: 503 468-8786
- Loma Billups: 360 777-8367
- For more information regarding rentals or to schedule a tour, please call 360 244-FOCS.
**CHINOOK FOOD BANK HOURS AND LOCATION**

**FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY**

1:00 - 3:00

**AT THE BACK OF THE CHINOOK SCHOOL**

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**FOOD BANK NEWS**

Chinook Food Bank is alive and well. It continues to operate on the first and third Thursdays of each month, unless there is a change for holidays open the hours of 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm. The number of clients served averages 65 to 75. This includes parents with children, senior citizens, and all in between.

Our proud food bank has recently been the recipient of a donation from the Corder Foundation. This is greatly appreciated and will help to fill our ever empty shelves. FOCS board applied to The Templin Foundation in February and was granted funds to purchase much needed refrigeration. The board and volunteers gratefully acknowledge both.

Throughout the year we receive from: Peninsula Quilters, Columbia River Bar Pilots, ABATE, Wigglin’ Home Boxer Rescue, Chinook Coffee Co., The Lighthouse Church, and Pacific County Employees. Numerous donations both, monetary and food items, are received all year long from caring individuals and families. Sincere thanks goes out to each and every one of you!

The food bank currently has a loyal, hard working staff of volunteers, namely: Kathy Hughes, Debbie Patana, Jim Kirsch, Jane Reese, Kim Nichols, Kathy Whiteman, Jim Engel, Tom Satterwhite and Katie Garvin. Frequent visits from Jeannie Weyl who works through the Pacific County Health Dept, helps round out the team. In addition Trudy Heriot assists however necessary.

For information regarding the food bank, call Kathy at (360) 749-3300.

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**MEMORIALS**

Family and friends of Bill Krager and Buddy Osborne are remembering them with donations to Friends of Chinook School. The entire memorial list can be found on our website, www.friendsofchinookschool.org

Honored are:

**Bill Krager**

**Buddy Osborne**
Your Community Building is Here for You!

Hospitality Room
Room #4

Kitchen attached to the Hospitality Room

Room #3

The History Room
Room #1

STOP IN, OR CALL FOR INFORMATION ABOUT RESERVING A ROOM FOR YOUR MEETING OR SPECIAL CELEBRATION.

Hours: Thursday - Sunday, 10 - 4

Phone: 360-244-FOCS (3627)
To view the FOCS newsletter in color visit us online at:
www.friendsofchinookschool.org

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

• Annual Meeting June 17, 7:00 PM
• 4th of July Children’s Parade, with food drive
• Food Bank, 1st and 3rd Thursday, 1:00 - 3:00
• Community Building open 10:00 - 4:00, Wednesday through Sunday
• Oktoberfest - Saturday, September 28

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www.friendsofchinookschool.org - for FOCS Newsletter and announcements
www.chinookeventcenter.com - for info on building rentals

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