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

Highway Signage for Historic Chinook School

In early October the Washington State Department of Transportation installed signs at both the east and west entries into Chinook. The signs (pictured) were applied for by Friends of Chinook School and the process facilitated by Al Carbajal of the SW Region Traffic Office. The signs give advanced notice to drivers of what lies ahead - historic buildings and tourist information but the signs also are a source of pride for all who have contributed to saving these buildings! The signs are your personal “Thank you” from generations past, current and future.

The Chinook Community Building and Event Center have been busy in 2018 serving the community in so many ways. We are currently working on plans to expand our services and to make some improvements.

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View our newsletter in color on our website: www.friendsofchinookschool.org
At Oktoberfest we asked for contributions for a dishwasher for the Event Center. The paddles went up and we came within $800 of our goal. If you would like to contribute to the purchase of this item, please send your check to us and mark it “Dishwasher”.

This will be our final Newsletter in 2018 so we want to wish everyone Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Hanukkah and a very Merry Christmas. The dedicated team that operates the Chinook Food Bank in the lower level of the Community Building would appreciate donations for the food inventory especially during this holiday season. Please contact Kathy Hughes at 360-777-8237 or Debbie Patana at 360-777-8715, or contact Trudy Heriot at the Community Building.

We also want to remind you that the Community Building rooms are available for you to rent for small holiday parties and for larger parties, the Event Center.

Contact by email: info@chinookeventcenter.com or by phone: 360-244-3627.

*Sincere thanks for your continued support.*

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**MEMORIALS**

A gift supporting the upkeep of our community buildings is a thoughtful way to remember a loved one or a friend. When you enter the Chinook School Community Building, the memorial board with brass name plates hangs in the entrance hall. All remembered here have a history with these buildings and their rehabilitation, or with the town of Chinook. They are frequently recalled and honored by visitors. When the need arises, please consider a memorial gift to Friends of Chinook School.

You may find all those memorialized on our website: friendsofchinookschool.org

**Those Recently Remembered:**

Kaye Mulvey,
Marie Finlay,
Donald Swensen

Previously remembered and again honored are:
William Douglas Andersen and Jack Whealdon
Coming: Shakespeare Experience
on the Angus Bowmer Stage

Friends of Chinook School, with financial help from Ocean Beach Education Foundation, is once again bringing Oregon Shakespeare Festival actors to the Chinook Event Center. The actors, Christopher Salazar and Esther Williamson, are coming from the festival’s School Visit Program in the Education Department. This will be the 6th year that Angus Bowmer’s Oregon Shakespeare Festival organization will send actors to us to perform on the Angus Bowmer Stage. Both high school and middle school students will be attending workshops on November 15 and 16. Surely, Angus is looking down on us, pleased to know that his love of drama, writings of Shakespeare and others, is enhancing the education of our students and still confirming adult knowledge and understanding of our world.

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, added a stage to the gymnasium. FOCS added square footage to the stage and a dressing room during the restoration of the building. The dedication of the Event Center in spring 2012 was followed by the dedication of the Angus Bowmer Stage in November. Since that time we have continued to give students and our community the Shakespeare Experience. Our special treat this year is adding historical dress lecturer, Tames Alan, to our Blue and Gold Show. She will be performing “From the streets of Shakespeare” with costume. Both students and adults enjoy her show. Don’t miss this year’s event. Friday November 16, 7:00-9:00pm.
OKTOBERFEST: Thanks to all, for making it so much fun!

Every year folks come because they enjoy beautiful decorations, a delicious dinner, uplifting live music and a chance to purchase coveted donations given by the community. Every year our committees start work in the spring, planning, seeking and scheduling. We try to offer something a bit different each year to keep the interest and participation going as well as insuring a good time. This year some of our young servers and the Astoria School of Ballet with “Miss Maggie” entertained us with a ballet. They were dressed in lovely costumes and the crowd really appreciated their performance. Then the dancers were joined by other young servers to have fun doing the chicken dance. Inspired, some adults took advantage of the music and danced among the tables.

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Each year as we critique the event we are pleased that folks have such a good time. We are grateful to all of you who look forward to Oktoberfest and return to support our community project.

FOCS is always pleased to welcome more volunteers. Please consider becoming a “friend” and giving back to the community that brought back these much loved and well used buildings for all. Remember, our ability to maintain and operate is dependent upon you through donations, memberships, rentals and Oktoberfest.

A Membership Reminder

In our 2018 winter newsletter FOCS initiated our first big membership drive. Membership chair, Vera Karnofski, was very successful and tripled our usual income. This much needed income supports our budget in maintenance and operation. The 2019 membership drive will begin with our 2019 winter newsletter. Those of you who chose to renew your membership at Oktoberfest will be given a 2019 membership card. Thanks to all of you faithful community supporters. Remember, membership renewal will begin with the winter newsletter.

CHINOOK FOOD BANK HOURS AND LOCATION

FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY
1:00 to 3:00
AT THE BACK OF THE CHINOOK SCHOOL
Mark your calendar...

- Shakespeare Experience, Friday, 16th of November
  Chinook Food Bank, 1st and 3rd Thursday, 1:00 - 3:00
- Open hours of community building: Wednesday - Sunday, 10:00 - 4:00

Rent the Chinook School Event Center
And
Chinook School Community Building Rooms
Please stop in or call for information and to make reservations.
360-244-FOCS (3627)