**BEHIND THE SCENES DURING INTERMISSION**

*in.ter.mis.sion* (noun)

a hiatus, an interruption, an interval—as between the parts of an entertainment. Yes, FOCS is still in its intermission between the opening act (Oktoberfest and a first look at the new Chinook gym) and the much anticipated second act (grand opening of the beautifully renovated building).

Though “intermission” implies a rest or a break, many activities have continued behind the scenes. Members of the FOCS board and facilities specialists have continued to work toward the successful opening of our wonderful new space.

Rehabilitation guidelines are key to construction on the Chinook gymnasium. Care is being taken to keep the gym as original as possible. For example: windows have been rebuilt not replaced, walls and floors have been repaired with original or like materials, wire covers over light fixtures have been cleaned, refinished and replaced. Original building colors have been kept and our back stage dressing room addition has the 1920’s look.

The goal is to open the Chinook gym for activities beginning June 2011. A formal dedication ceremony is planned for early 2012.

**What can we all do to help meet this goal?**

For one thing, you can be sure to have renewed your annual membership. For just $10.00 you can renew/join as an individual, couple or whole family for 2011. Many of you got on the bandwagon at Oktoberfest but if you missed that opportunity, please join us now with a check mailed to FOCS at P.O. Box 243, Chinook, 98614.
We always welcome additional donations but it is the $10.00 membership that buys you access to happenings at FOCS and helps so much as we continue to seek grant monies to complete our rehabilitation projects. Grantors care that the community cares and is solidly behind our efforts.

**And speaking of joining our efforts, consider**

vol.un.teer (noun)

a person who voluntarily undertakes or expresses a willingness to undertake a service.

FOCS always needs volunteers interested in joining our efforts to open this terrific facility soon. There are opportunities to help with work on the grounds, help with sprucing-up the building, assistance with ideas and updates to our communications, work on fundraisers and Oktoberfest preparations, etc. To sign up for all sorts of jobs, short-term or long, small or large, join us at a FOCS board meeting the 3rd Monday of each month or call one of the board members listed on this newsletter. We value you and all efforts you may share.

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**Foundation Grants in 2010**

FOCS thank the Templin, Corder and Zahl Foundations for supporting the gymnasium project by providing funds for construction and equipment. These local foundations have a long history of helping in the community and we are proud that in 2010 they contributed to our project.
Friends of Chinook School is honored by donations received in remembrance of special loved ones. The memorials dedicated since our last newsletter give special remembrance to the following:

- Catherine (McGowan) Garvin
- Robert Williams
- Edna (Johnson) Robertson
- Joan (Whealdon) Ames
- Jeane (Lougeed) Tetz
- Gertrude & Verl “Swi” Leback
- Walter L. Hansen
- Morrison F. Gillespie
- Eleanor (Williams) Bacon
- Dr. Gwen Newton
- Lora Johnson
- Ella (Williams) Gottberg
- Lottie Zak Gillespie

We are grateful for the opportunity to apply these honor funds to our Chinook School rehabilitation project. As mentioned before, we have plans to place a memorial plaque in the school building when the restoration has been completed. This plaque will serve to remind all of us of departed family and friends and the generosity of those who contributed in their memory.

**Give what you have. To someone, it may be better than you dare to think.**

-Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

### ANNUAL MEETING

The Friends of Chinook School ANNUAL MEETING will be held on Monday, June 20th at 7 PM in the Gymnasium. This meeting is held for the election of board members and the annual update by officers. A reminder notice will be posted in the Chinook Post Office and in the Chinook Observer.

Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

### STILL TIME FOR 2011 CALENDARS

Anna Lee Larimore’s watercolor entitled “The Porch” depicting the front entrance of the gym graces the front of the calendar. Inside are 13 old photos of Chinook and various class activities at the school. It received rave reviews at Oktoberfest and there are a few remaining. If you live in the area they are still available for purchase at the Chinook Store, the Chinook Inn, Simplicity Salon or M & D Designs for the reduced price of $5.00 each. Otherwise, contact Connie Kobes and she will be happy to mail you as many as you want. Write to PO Box 243, or call 360-777-8859, or e-mail to cshells@earthlink.net.
Reminders

✦ Be a proud member of FOCS when the building opens this year! Annual Memberships are only $10.00 for an individual, a couple or the whole family. Please fill out and return the green form with your check today.

✦ A few remaining calendars for 2011 with vintage photos of Chinook and the school are now available for only $5.00. Mark your calendars early!

 Oktoberfest this year is Saturday, October 22nd.

✦ Annual Meeting June 20th at the Gymnasium.