

Modern-Day Civil Rights Walk

Grant students to travel to Selma

Grant High School teacher Doug Winn and his students are raising donations for an upcoming trip centered on Martin Luther King Jr.'s work for civil rights.

On March 21 members of Grant's Amnesty International Human Rights club and Grant's Gospel Choir, accompanied by teacher Dpig Winn and retired Integration Specialist Charles Hunter, will travel to Selma,

Ala. to walk the 54 miles King and others walked in a demonstration for voting rights in 1965. The group will visit the Rosa Parks Memorial and other sites in connection with King's work. Before the trip, the group will study the historical context of the Civil Rights movement and do several 10-mile walks to get in shape for their march.

Last summer Winn took a student group to Hiroshima and Nagasaki Japan to honor the victims of the nuclear attacks in those cities. Student participants met with survivors from those attacks. They heard first-

hand about their experiences and touched the survivor's scars.

Winn said it was a life-changing experience for everyone involved.

"It's one thing to learn about these historical events in a textbook," he added. "It's quite another to be there and experience it face to face. We expect that the Selma trip will have the same powerful impact and we invite the public to support this effort by coming to the concert."

To contribute call Winn at 503-916-5160 or email dwinn@pps.k12.or.us.

Poitier, Bennett, Others Get Civil Rights Honors

Walk of Fame gains 13 new honorees

(AP) -- The footprints of a journalist, a boxer and a crooner were among those added to the International Civil Rights Walk of Fame near the church where the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. preached.

The 13 new honorees include actor Sidney Poitier, singer Tony Bennett, educator Marian Wright Edelman, editor and author Lerone Bennett Jr. and the late boxer Joe Louis.

"The rains will come and wash away the debris, and the winds will come and just blow away the trash, but your footprints



Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif. (center) is introduced by Xernona Clayton (right) at Waters' induction into the International Civil Rights Walk of Fame.



Tony Bennett sings as other inductees listen during an induction ceremony for the International Civil Rights Walk of Fame.

and contributions will stand forever," walk creator Xernona Clayton told the inductees during the Feb. 26 ceremony in Atlanta, Ga.

This is the fourth group to be inducted into the Walk of Fame in the plaza of the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site near downtown Atlanta. The walk, established in 2004, now includes 50 pairs of footprints, marked in granite, from people who organizers call the "foot soldiers" of the civil rights movement.

The walk is a partnership between the Trumpet Awards Foundation and the National Parks Service.

One of this year's inductees, the Rev. Otis Moss Jr., who worked closely with King and his father, told the crowd about a photograph of the slain civil rights leader showing a hole worn through the bottom of his shoe.

"They were worn out marching for a better day," Moss said, standing in front of a glass case with pairs of shoes from each of

his fellow honorees.

Edelman, founder of the Children's Defense Fund, reiterated what has become almost a mantra for her life's work: the need to educate low-income children.

"We've got to stop our black boys and girls from going to prison," she said. "We need to be sending them off to Morehouse (College) and Spelman (College), not prison."

Tony Bennett, a supporter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference that

King helped found, said that unless ignorance is eliminated, "this great country will fail."

Poitier did not attend the ceremony because of a scheduling conflict, but he traveled to Atlanta last weekend to be inducted.

Other inductees this year include Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin, civil rights attorney Frankie Muse Freeman, the late Bahama Islands Prime Minister Sir Lynden Pindling, Atlanta physician Dr. Otis W. Smith, U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters, D-California, Richmond, Va., Mayor and former Virginia Gov. L. Douglas Wilder and civil rights activist Jean Childs Young.

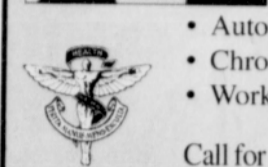
Past honorees include media mogul Ted Turner, former President Jimmy Carter, legendary baseball player Henry "Hank" Aaron, and performers Stevie Wonder, Harry Belafonte and Lena Horne.

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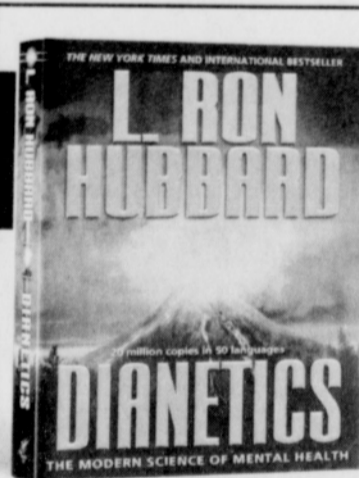
On Thursday, March 8, Milagros Boutique, 5433 N.E. 30th Ave., will host a community mixer from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in celebration of women's equality and International Women's Day.

The day of recognition was born out of the Socialist movement of the early 20th century for women who have fought against discrimination, for the right to vote, and for emancipation and equality. It's also a day to consider how far we still need to go toward a truly equitable society for all.

Short films by local and national women filmmakers will be screened at 6 p.m., following by local gypsy rockers Ging Gang (Ghoulie-Ghoulie).

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