

# ◆ Blue 'n' Gold ◆

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## ABE KIDNAPPED, ASSAULTED, FIXED, PROTECTED, AND READY TO REASSUME HIS POSITION

One night last June before graduation, seven individuals in their late teens paid a visit to HVRHS. What apparently started out as a prank turned into something more serious when the statue of Abraham Lincoln was not only removed to the oval in front of the school but damaged severely. Abe had been presented to the school by The Hotchkiss School in 1939 to honor Housatonic's status as the first regional high school in New England. Over the years, like the great White Oak in the senior courtyard, Abe became a symbol of their high school experience to years and years of alumni.

But our grads are not the only ones who feel strongly about the venerable old statue. **Peter Vermilyea**, Department Head of Social Studies, brought the story of Abe's downfall to a meeting of the Civil War Roundtable in Torrington. At the end of the meeting, a friend from Vermont came up to Pete and said, "I've got just the guy for you." He was referring to the accomplished sculptor Larry Nowlan of Windsor, VT. Mr. Nowlan agreed to take on the delicate task of restoring the statue — and to do it for only the cost of materials! When Pete Vermilyea and others drove up for a visit in July, they found that Abe was progressing nicely. By about the first of October, he was ready to return to HVRHS.

It had not taken long to apprehend the perpetrators. They were identified in time to prevent the three who were seniors from participating in graduation. Two others had graduated in 2001; there was an underclassman, and another had never attended Housatonic. Per the outcome of their day in court, they are paying for the

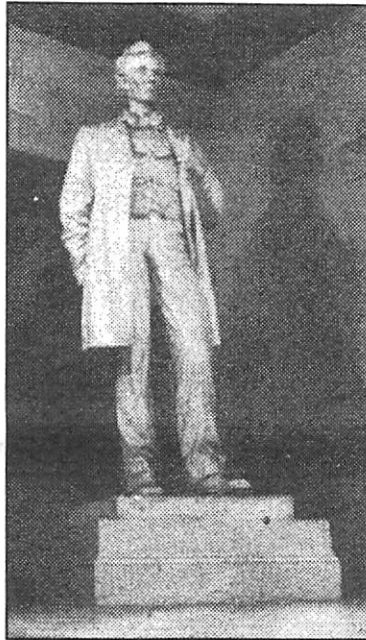


Photo taken from the 1944 *White Oak*

damage they did. Donations to the cause by alumni (thanks to all who donated, especially to the classes of '51 and '52) will be used to protect the statue from future harm by enclosing it in a glass case. Sheldon Glass of Lime Rock is now at work on the project, which calls for thick safety glass.

The individual who swung an uprooted mailbox at the statue's head was quoted as having said, "I wanted one last swing at Abe, and it got a little out of hand. Abe's done." Well, no, young man, Abe is not "done" because the Housatonic community would not stand for it.

The angels in this case are Peter Vermilyea, whose initiative made the restoration possible; Larry Nowlan for his skill and generosity; and **Bunny McGuire**, who, as usual, was at the center of it all.

## Recent Donors Listed

Since our last issue and through November 3, these alumni have sent in donations beyond dues:

1940'S: \$105

**John Balston, Ernestine Euvrard Tremble,  
Robert Kenny**

1950'S: \$1,440

**John Berti, Peter Kenny, Joyce Surdam Perkins, Kenneth Haley, Henry Carley Jr., Barbara Breen Victorian, Class of '52 Reunion, Class of '57 Reunion.** Also, in memory of Priscilla Casey Grubbs from Marjorie Casey Nash; in memory of Robert T. Egan from Ted and Anna Johnson, Dick and Kathleen Fraleigh, Bob and Judy Loucks, Sandra Goldberg, Carol Robinson, Howard and Jean Hansell, Ann Dewey

1960'S: 0

1970's: 0

1980'S: \$75

**Donna Godburn Imelio, Nicholas Psarakis**

1990's: 0

2000's: 0

FACULTY: \$140

In memory of Cora Kingsbury Scranton from Evelyn Dorizzi Cornelio, Mary Santin Chevalier, Marjorie Casey Nash, Betty Majur Sojka, Lorraine Labondy Platt, Julia DelTenno Segalla, Lena Sebben and Tony Zavagnin

## LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS

And these, in the order their letters came to us, are our new Lifetime Members: John H. Belter, Jr. '67, Peter Kenny '52, Ron Viafore '72, Tom Brelsford '75, Adele Middlebrook Casey '46, Susan Gomez Vreeland '68, Helen Wike Humeston '40, Jayne Peterson Larsen '58, Joseph Pajuf '53, Carl Pallok '60, Martin Whalen '61, Bonnie Black Whalen '62, Richard N. Brown '60, Marybeth Alto Carroll '79, Catherine Grusauski Fagan '45, Paul Minacci '49, Catee Gold Hubbard '56, Richard Dakin '44, John Preston '57, Frieda Harding McIntosh '54, Darryl Von Richtofen '59, Elaine Wallace Kelsey '54, Francis Perotti Jr. '83, Dolores Schaefer Perotti '83, Gertrude Winn Hunker '53, Sandra Gobillot '61, Beverly Plonski Feder '57, Joseph G. Tobin '55, Edward Pedersen '47, Claire Johnson Pedersen '56, Nancy Newkirk Tedder '53

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 Memberships are available at \$100. Information  
 required by the Treasurer with any and all checks  
 from alumni: the year of graduation and the last  
 name used when in high school.

# NEWS OF THE CLASSES BY DECADES

## THE FORTIES

**Class of '42:** On July 6, 2002, a Basom, NY, man was presented with an honor he had won 59 years ago but never received. Odmund T. Olsen had earned the Distinguished Flying Cross as an Air Corps gunner in 1943!

**Class of '44:** Richard Dakin, who served as selectman for the town of Cornwall for four years, is a retired teacher after 37 1/2 years and now resides in Ocala, Florida, where he plays golf and bridge and is enjoying life.

**Class of '45:** Nancy Fraleigh Bergenty has returned to Canaan to live. She visits with children and old friends and enjoys reading the *Blue 'n' Gold*.

**Class of '46:** Adele Middlebrook Casey has lived in Kent for 53 years and is now widowed. She has four sons and fourteen grandchildren, two of whom will graduate from HVRHS in 2005 and 2006. Del volunteers at Sharon Hospital.

**Class of '47:** John Balston sent regrets that he was unable to attend recent reunions due to business obligations but that he retired this year on his 73rd birthday. Now he is busier than ever doing consulting, playing with his horses and sailboat, and building a deck on the back of his house. He says he finally sold his last two dirt motorcycles to end almost a lifetime of Enduro, Hare Scrambles and other off-road racing and that he damaged himself enough to have to give up his National Ski Patrol activities. He follows the *Blue 'n' Gold* with great interest and laments that it is a "terrible thing to realize that many of the names I see in recent years are probably grandchildren of people I knew!"

## THE FIFTIES

**Class of '50:** Agent Anna Pedersen Johnson lives on property in Sharon that has been in her family since the 1860's. That may explain her devotion to the community. She has always worked locally and was recently Sharon's Town Clerk, a position she held for 15 years. A lifetime of volunteer work includes current involvement with the Sharon Historical Society, treasurer of Taghhanuck Grange and Hillside Burying Ground, and through D.A.R., Anna knits lap robes and bed socks for V.A. hospitals in Connecticut. Her greatest enjoyment comes from tutoring, especially children. For seven years she has participated in Sharon Center School's "Everybody Wins" reading program. Anna's poetic works have been included in numerous poetry collections, the most recent being The National Library of Poetry's "Best Poems of 1995." This past summer Anna and Ted celebrated their 50th anniversary at a backyard picnic with family and friends. Their children, Ted III '70, Tamara '80, and Thomas (Wolcott Tech '82), were part of the celebration. Pat Hoover brought us up to date. After HVRHS, she graduated from New York Foundling Hospital and went on to work in the pediatric ward at Oak Ridge Hospital in Tennessee. Pat married and moved to Goliad, Texas, where she raised four children. A job change took them to Simpsonville, SC, where Pat still resides and works at the local newspaper. She has been with the paper for 15 years and is editorial assistant to the senior editor. Besides spending time with family and volunteer work, Pat travels as often as possible. A trip to Ireland is in the planning stages. She also plans to be at the 55th Reunion in 2005.

**Class of '52:** The 50th Reunion celebration this past August was fantastic! A dozen classmates spent a year planning this special event, and it was spectacular, right down to the details of blue/gold flowers and balloons, and photographs and other memorabilia from the years at HVRHS.

### PLEASE TAKE NOTE

- ◆ The school's web site is at:  
www.hvrhs.org.
- ◆ To e-mail us, use  
bunny\_hvrhs@hotmail.com.
- ◆ And local news can be accessed at  
www.lakevillejournal.com.

## CLASS NEWS, Continued

More than half of the graduating class attended; many had not attended previous reunions. The day began with an excellent tour of the school led by **Dot Winn Cecchinato '47**, and everyone was amazed at what had changed in 50 years. A dinner party at The Interlaken that evening was filled with laughter as everyone remembered those days so long ago. **Peter Kenny**, who teaches at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, was master of ceremonies. Most classmates stood up and shared the highlights of their lives since graduation. **Fred Gobillot**, a four-year basketball star in high school, was determined to get to the reunion despite his heart surgery of a month before. His wife, **Jean Tatsapaugh '55**, drove Fred up from their home in Flemington, NJ. Class President **Berkley Kelsey** celebrated and reminisced with his classmates. **Berk** and wife **Susan Fitch Kelsey '72** have a wonderful home at the very top of Music Mountain in Falls Village where their closest neighbors are bears. Class Agent **Lee Fuller Hoag** announced that she will be leaving the area for Florida after 68 years. She is passing her Class Agent torch on to **Cynthia Barnett Smith**, who spearheaded the search for "lost" classmates along with **Lester Hoysradt**. A fund-raising raffle was organized and through the generosity of the Class of '52, and especially **Bette Anne Pidgeon Dufour**, who returned her winnings, sizable contributions were made to the Alumni Association and the Lincoln statue restoration project. A memorable 50th ended with enthusiastic plans for the 55th in 2007!

**Class of '53:** Plans for the 50th Reunion are under way. All classmates have been located and Class Agents **Anne Clyburn Killawee** and **Norman Tatsapaugh** have sent letters to everyone. Forty positive responses came in immediately. Planning to travel a great distance are **Judy Vaill Cox** from California, **Don Miner** from Oregon, **Roger Thompson** from Arizona, as well as Florida residents **Joan Crosbie Martin**, **Marcia Wilson**

**Audia**, **Nancy Newkirk Tedder**, and **Terry Solan**. Another letter will go out in the spring with final details. The class's only married couple, **Ann Reel** and **Roger Roche**, will be attending the reunion. They have lived in Southport, Maine, since Roger's retirement in 1985 as director of design and production services at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. Roger did the illustrations for his class yearbook and several years ago built a studio where he paints in oils and watercolors and also does architectural designs. Ann works as assistant librarian locally, and they both take time to enjoy day trips along the scenic Maine coast.

**Class of '56:** **Ken Haley** keeps up with classmates via e-mail and occasionally brings us up to date. Ken retired recently from Reader's Digest after 43 years and now does consulting work with Golf Digest. He lives in Ardsley-on-Hudson, NY, with wife and teenage daughter. There are older children and six grandchildren. In the past year they have visited family in Ireland and friends in France, and they still manage to have their annual Colorado ski vacation. Ken says, "Be sure to pass along my appreciation to the HVRHS Tech Ed Department, students and teachers, for all the work they do on the newsletter." There are rumors circulating of a 65th birthday party next year for the Class of '56!

**Class of '57:** **Penny O'Connell Friedman** wrote the following: "On Saturday, September 14, 55 classmates and spouses had a joyous 45th Reunion at the Interlaken Inn. Classmates came from Washington, California, Florida, Ohio, New Hampshire, Maryland, as well as CT, MA and NY. **Astrid Satre** traveled the farthest, all the way from Norway! Some of the other long distance travelers were **John Dufour**, **Lydia Coleman Hutchinson**, **Debbie Clark Benedict**, **Art Strong**, and **Audrey Mosley Jacquier**. Many had not seen each other since graduation. Hugs and cries of delight at recognizing a long lost classmate filled the air. **Dana Bartholomew**, class president, was the main speaker, and he

reminisced of long ago days at Regional. On Friday night the Sharon classmates had a pre-reunion at **Tom and Louise Riley's** house in Cornwall. They had a wonderful time guessing who each person was as they arrived. **Beverly Plonski Feder** and **Penny O'Connell Friedman** from NY, **Marilyn Vosburgh Pitcher** from OH, **Marilyn Gibson** and **Nick Quackenbos** from CA, **Ernie Lucier** and **Stuart Hansell** from WA, **Astrid Satre** from Norway, and **Lisa Consolini Frasca** from CT all attended. On Sunday morning **Jean Riva Perotti** and husband **Frank '54** hosted a relaxed continental breakfast at their home in Canaan. Everyone had such a good time that many have asked for a 65th birthday party as well as a 50th Reunion. **Jean Riva Perotti** and her committee of **Donny Perry**, **Fred and Pat Goodnow Thibault**, **Chris Dakin**, **Jack Preston**, **Jackie Steele Allen** and **Dana Bartholomew** did a wonderful job organizing this terrific party. **Penny O'Connell Friedman** spent months tracking down and contacting classmates. Jean has asked Penny to share her title of Class Agent (see list). The class also enjoyed a grand tour of the school thanks to **Bunny Cecchinato McGuire '55**. Many classmates had not seen their alma mater since graduation and were truly amazed. The class made a very generous contribution to the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.

**Class of '58:** Class Agent **Pat Zimmermann Miller** reports that 45th Reunion plans are well under way. The date is September 6, 2003, and it will be an informal gathering at the Lakeville Town Grove. Post cards will be going out soon to all classmates. Please note Pat's contact information in the Class Agent list.

**Class of '59:** Class Agent **Marie Fife Hewins** keeps in touch with all the classmates who re-established their friendships at the 60th Birthday Party two years ago. She tells us that **Pamela Siena DiCostanzo** has moved to Florida. Pam retired after 38 years of teaching in Norwalk, CT, where she

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was a team leader and Science Department Head at the middle school. She has relocated to Lake Worth and is building a home at Valencia Shores which she hopes to occupy in March. Pam is becoming acquainted with her new surroundings and planning the decorating of her new home. She writes, "I do miss the fall. This is the first time in my life — no fall!" Jerry Clark often gets back to Lakeville to visit his dad. Jerry lives in Hampton, NH, having retired from U.S. Airways after a career spanning almost 40 years. His daughter and two grandchildren live nearby, and his son, a pilot for Continental, lives in Pittsburgh. Jerry says he does quite a bit of running and cycling and is living the good life. This class is sure to have a wonderful 45th Reunion in 2004.

### THE SIXTIES

**Class of '61:** Please send your e-mail addresses to **Linda Rhoades Fitzgerald** at [linda.fitz@att.net](mailto:linda.fitz@att.net). Plans are being made for a party in 2003, and she wants to be able to contact you all for this occasion.

**Class of '67:** This from Austrian AFS student/friend **Brigitta "Kitty" Markaritzer-Handl**: "I teach English and Russian at a school comparable to a U.S. high school. During the past 35 years I have been back and forth to the USA several times, both to visit my AFS host family, the Bornemanns in Falls Village, and to see my brother, who teaches international law at Tulane University in New Orleans. During this time I have never met anyone else from the Class of '67, so hearing from you and reading the news was like a message from another planet. As for me, I am divorced with no children of my own but have a dozen great nieces and nephews. I travel quite extensively, both with students and privately. This year I am planning to spend some time in Australia, which is why I won't be able to join you at the class reunion. I hope we'll be staying in touch, and you will let me participate in the goings-on by e-mail. Give my regards to everyone — that year with you at HVRHS was definitely one of the best

of my life."

On Friday, July 26, the class gathered at the White Hart Inn for the 35th Reunion. After a great dinner, classmates stepped up to the microphone and reminisced. Special Guest **Katie Gannett (Mrs. Snyder)** back in '67) remarked that she began her career in our senior year at HVRHS and still hasn't graduated. Today she is Chairman of the Regional Board and head of our chapter of The American Field Service. While **Jack Mahoney** was unable to attend, a note of regret indicated that both he and **Ed Kirby** would be in California on this date. **Connie Gomez** traveled the furthest, all the way from L.A., and **Linda Jewett** ventured up from Atlanta, GA. Turnout for the Saturday picnic was much better than anticipated with many classmates attending that were not expected, but the weather did not cooperate for a Sunday beach party. Special thanks to **Dave Caranci** for putting it all together and to **Rich Hart** for compiling all the information and photos for the brochures. Great Job! Thanks also to the White Hart Inn for their excellent hospitality. Congratulations to **Curt Mechare**, who was among a dozen or so citizens from Falls Village recently honored at a Public Service Award ceremony in Hartford. The award recognized Curt's 25 years of service to his community and was presented by CT's Secretary of the State. In 1970 Curt married **Patricia Allyn '64** and they have raised three children. Jason, 29, has settled in Falls Village after a tour of duty with the U.S. Navy and is a supervisor at Hamilton Books. **Ethan '96** graduated from Southampton College and lives in L.A. He just completed a documentary film and is a budding stand-up comic. **Cathy '01** is a sophomore at Keene State College in NH, where she plays on the basketball team. Curt is a member of the Falls Village Volunteer Fire Department and has been chief for the past ten years. He also serves on the Falls Village Fire Commission, the Litchfield County Fire Chief's Association and on the Board of Directors of Litchfield County

Dispatch. For the past 14 years, Curt has been Head Custodian at Kent Center School. **Cliff Hawver** has been working at B-D in Canaan since high school graduation. He likes his position as warehouse manager but may be leaning towards a change. Cliff and wife **Nadine** have just purchased the **Ramblewood Inn**, a bed and breakfast on Route 41 in Sheffield, MA. They have been together since 1991 and were married on a trip to Lake Tahoe, Nevada, in 1998. Cliff has a son and daughter by a previous marriage, but a 15-month-old granddaughter is compliments of **Nadine**. You are all invited to visit them for a tour or just visit their website: [www.ramblewoodinn.com](http://www.ramblewoodinn.com). While some of you were watching the NY Yankees vs. Texas Rangers on CBS July 30, Fox Sports NE was televising the Cape Cod Baseball League All Star Game. One of our classmates has been involved with the CCBL for 33 years. In fact, **Judy Walden Scarafile** has been president of the league for eleven years. For this reason she was unable to attend the reunion and sent her apologies. A licensed pharmacist, **Judy** has loved the game of baseball since her days at Housatonic. Formerly a 30-40-hour-per-week volunteer, she was recently appointed to a paid position as Director of Corporate Development. CCBL roots go back to 1885, and it is considered the premier collegiate summer league in the country. Nearly one in six major leaguers today rose through the CCBL. **Judy** and husband **Peter** have resided in Barnstable, MA, for 27 years. **Peter** is also a pharmacist and is Pharmacy Coordinator at Cape Cod Hospital. Special thanks to **Marvin Marshall** for all the work on the class database and especially for all the news!

### THE SEVENTIES

**Class of '70:** **Sharon Delaini** volunteered to compile a data bank of classmate e-mail addresses. Send yours to her at [sdelaini@hotmail.com](mailto:sdelaini@hotmail.com).

**Class of '73:** In order to plan for a 30th Reunion, the committee from the last reunion is reaching out to classmates in



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the area to help with the planning. Contact **Paula McGivern Rogers** (435-9983), **Gary Davis** (927-3887), or **Dena Kenny Solan** (824-0399 or [tigger@mohawk.net](mailto:tigger@mohawk.net)).

**Class of '74:** **Mel Bergenty Vailland** wrote: "I live in Georgia, teach 2nd grade and recently completed my Educational Leadership certification. We were in CT recently to celebrate my mother's 75th birthday (**Nancy Fraleigh Bergenty '45**). We literally ran into **Mr. Chinatti** (Roland) and his lovely wife Dot and daughter Suzanne! It was wonderful seeing him, and he hasn't changed a bit. He got to meet my husband, and it was just great seeing him after so long. What you are all doing with the *Blue 'n' Gold* is awesome. Please pass along my kudos to all the staff. Take care, my best to all, and thank you for the wonderful publications." (Ed. note: Mel, thanks for the good words. KSB can be reached at 222 Vail Circle, Dillon, CO, 80435 or [bkbond@colorado.net](mailto:bkbond@colorado.net).)

**Class of '78:** **Ed Golden** announces that there will be a 25th Reunion. The class wishes to locate these classmates: **Jeffrey Angelovich, Julianna Church, Teresa Curtiss, Louise McCall, Barbara Moody, Mary Ellen O'Donnell, and Laura Philcrantz**. Contact Ed at 860-567-2626 or 8 Baldwin Hill Road, Litchfield, CT 06759.

**Class of '79:** From **Marybeth Alto Carroll**: My husband Michael and I recently had our second child, a boy named Mason Anthony. He joins his sister Bryn Elizabeth, four, and they both "help" Michael and I run our Manufacturer's Rep Firm. Marybeth, who "appreciates all the effort" on the newsletter, can be reached at [mbarroll@attbi.com](mailto:mbarroll@attbi.com).

## THE EIGHTIES

**Class of '82:** **Candi Perotti Wolff** is the Congressional liaison for Vice President Cheney. **Michelle Prindle Eykelhoff** is an accomplished photographer. She has won several state awards and recently won the National Grange Photography Contest. She lives with her family in Litchfield, CT. **Diane Nelson Selino** earned her teaching degree at St. Joseph College in West Hartford and currently teaches first grade at North Canaan Elementary. **Jason Morey** has his own painting business in Canaan. **Sebastian Beckwith** appeared in the Jan/Feb 2001 special issue of *Saveur*, a food magazine, which listed the magazine's favorite foods, restaurants, people, places and things. Sebastian's tea company, In Pursuit of Tea, was on the list and praised for its quality teas and "ingenious" Easy Steep Cup, which holds leaves in a large chamber that lets you re-steep all day. Learn more at [www.truetea.com](http://www.truetea.com). **Donna Godburn Imelio** wrote "I live in East Longmeadow, MA, with husband Joe and two children, Liz 7 and Ryan 5. Just graduated college last May with high honors in medical transcription. I work for New England Orthopedic Surgeons and visit Canaan often to see my parents. One of these days I'll bring Liz and Ryan to HVRHS for a visit to their mom's old stomping ground. I love getting my *Blue 'n' Gold* and would love to hear from classmates: [imelio80@charter.net](mailto:imelio80@charter.net)."

**Class of '83:** **Jennifer Riley** earned her MFA at Bard College and regularly shows her art work throughout Boston and the East Coast. **Leonard Allyn** has added a golf course, Quarry View, to his East Canaan driving range. He and wife **Kristin McKay '88** recently had their second child, another boy. On September 29th, **Dolores Schaefer Perotti, Becky Perotti LaChaine '86, and Andrea Perotti Heinze '88** walked the Boston Marathon course as part of a fundraiser for the Jimmy Fund. **Paul Koneazny**, owner of Curtis Insurance in Canaan and wife **Sheila Smithwick '82** traveled to Russia last summer where they picked up their two adopted sons, Val and Oleg. **Ameen Storm** is a

wrestling coach and substitute teacher at Housy and spoke at last year's graduation. Ameen is also a poet and does a lot of work promoting poetry and art in the local area. The 20th Reunion will take place on Columbus Day weekend, October 11 and 12, 2003. Saturday night there will be a catered dinner at Mohawk Mountain Ski Area, and Sunday afternoon there will be a picnic (kids welcome) at Housatonic Meadows State Park in Cornwall. Mailings with more details will be sent out in early 2003. If you have any addresses, please send them to Dolores Perotti, PO Box 356, East Canaan, CT 06024.

**Class of '88:** **Nick Psarakis** is a teacher of U.S. History and Geography and a coach of soccer at Ramparts High School in Colorado Springs. He enjoys twice-yearly visits to the northwest corner and was amazed recently when he saw the new addition at the high school. His address is 2479 Yorktown, Colorado Springs, CO 80907. (Ed. note: Yes, Nick, look me up. I'd love to talk.)

## THE NINETIES

**Class of '92:** The 10th Reunion will be (as of press time) held on Friday, November 29, at the Wake Robin Inn in Lakeville. A special raffle will benefit the **Gene Brooks Memorial Courtyard**. Contact **Megan Baldwin** for information at 860-542-5511 or [mbaldwin28@hotmail.com](mailto:mbaldwin28@hotmail.com).

**Class of '96:** **Jaime Baker Higgins** is owner of a pre-kindergarten pre-school and day care center named "Puddle Jumpers." She and **Christine Pastre Dakers '86** run the center full time. The focus is on preparing children for kindergarten via computer knowledge, field trips, music and fun through exercise. Jaime has two children. Christine is married to **Earl Dakers '86**.



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## GENE BROOKS MEMORIAL

Plans for a memorial to former assistant principal Gene Brooks are moving forward. A committee of faculty, staff and former faculty members has decided to renovate the central courtyard visible from the assistant principal's office and include a tree planted in memory of Mr. Brooks. Paul and Lisa Church of UnderWood Landscape—Garden—Design have provided a plan to recondition the soil in this area and plant bulbs, shrubs and flowering plants to create a garden for all seasons in this courtyard, keeping the beautiful birch tree which already graces the area.

The renovation and planting will occur in the spring of 2003, with the dedication ceremony planned for Homecoming in October of 2003. The project is expected to cost approximately \$7,000. Contributions are requested from the HVRHS community. If you have special memories of Gene Brooks, please consider making a donation to The Gene Brooks Memorial Fund in care of Bunny McGuire, HVRHS, Falls Village, CT 06031.

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT TO CLASSES '85 THROUGH '95

*Listen up! This is the captain speaking! We need your help in two ways. First, \$7,000 is a lot of money. Send us a check. Second, we want to be sure of a good turnout for Mr. Brooks next October. Be there. Ding Dong Ding.*

## CORA KINGSBURY SCRANTON

Cora Scranton, 89, passed away on August 3, 2002. A member of the original faculty at HVRHS in 1939, she taught home economics there until her retirement in 1972. She was active in the Connecticut Home Economics Association and a founder and sponsor of the Future Homemakers of America. In her youth she was active in 4-H and, in 1928, was one of four delegates to represent the state at the national 4-H Encampment in Washington, D.C. She is missed by many friends, and she is especially missed by those who enjoyed her excellent cooking.

## THE NEW BOSTON INN

By: Bunny McGuire '55

If you like to dine out, you must try the New Boston Inn. This Sandisfield, MA, landmark at the junctions of routes 8 and 57 is acknowledged as Berkshire County's oldest inn, having offered hospitality since 1737. According to legend, the voice of a young woman said to haunt the inn can be heard in the hallways, her dress swishing as she walks. This young woman was killed on her wedding day by her former fiance whom she had jilted. The ceremony was probably held in the upstairs ballroom. A couple of years ago Susan Killawee Ringeisen '73 and husband Conrad bought the inn, fulfilling a longtime desire to have a restaurant of their own. Susan says they have never seen or heard the ghost.

Last spring, having heard about the wonderful food and atmosphere at the New Boston Inn, Jim '50 and I and four friends went there for dinner. Upon entering, we were met by Justin Victory '00, nephew of Susan, and by Susan's father, John Killawee. Susan's sister Sharon '71 and brother Peter '81 both help in the kitchen. Her mom, Anne Clyburn Killawee '53 also helps out by waiting on tables when needed. The food was wonderful; I had the pot roast cooked in Guinness. The prices were reasonable and we were made to feel very welcome and at home. The restaurant serves lunch and dinner and is open Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday from noon until 8 PM, and Friday and Saturday from noon until 9 PM. Susan and Conrad pride themselves on down-home cooking and large portions.

It would be fun to spend a weekend at the New Boston Inn. The hand stenciled guest rooms all have large private baths. The ballroom is very spacious and comfortable. (We didn't see or hear the ghost either, much to our dismay.) However, we do intend to go back soon. You might like to go, so here's the number to call: 413-258-4477.

## ALUMNI AUTHORS LISTED

Below are the names of alumni and faculty who have recently sent works that are currently on display in a special section of the newly remodeled HVRHS library:

Atkins, Jeannine, former faculty in English Department, *Girls Who Looked Under Rocks*

Dario, Charlotte Belter '49, *Butterfly Pulchritude*

Devoti, William, former faculty in English Department, *Deer Beds and Other Poems*

Gambino, Robert, former faculty in Agriculture Education Department, *Easy to Grow Vegetables*

Hayhurst, Chris '90, *Bicycle Stunt Riding, Mountain Biking! Get on the Trail, Snowboarding! Shred the Powder, Wakeboarding! Throw a Tantrum, Cool Careers Without College*

Kirby, Edward M. '45 and former principal, *Echoes of Iron, Exploring the Berkshire Hills*

Pener, John Degen '84, *The Swing Book*

Root, Helen Hadsell '64, *The Food Addict and Alternative Cookbook*

Scranton, Cora Kingsbury, former faculty in Home Economics Department, *Cora's Home Cookin'*

Smith, Laurence C. Jr. '52, *The Nature of Human Feelings*

Stackelberg, Roderick '52, *Hitler's Germany: Origins, Interpretations, Legacies; Idealism Debased: from Volkisch Ideology to National Socialism; with wife Sally A. Winkle, The Nazi Germany Sourcebook: An Anthology of Texts*

Storm (aka Abo-Hamzy), Ameen '83, various poems published in *The Underwood Review*

Vermilyea, Peter, current faculty in Social Studies Department, co-author, *Of the People, By the People, For the People: Quotations of Abraham Lincoln*,

Ed. note: We have others from before, and there must be more. Please add to the collection by sending a copy to HVRHS c/o Bunny McGuire.

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## LAST JUNE'S OPEN MEETING CANCELED

The Open Meeting of the HVRHS Alumni Association scheduled for last June 28 at The Interlaken had to be canceled for lack of sufficient interest. Members of the Executive Committee had been encouraged by both the attendance and the participation at the 2001 meeting, but when reserving space at a restaurant it is necessary to generate attendance numbers to cover the cost. We did not have enough alumni registered to accomplish that. So what to do now? Mail or e-mail suggestions you may have to any of us on the Executive Committee. See list on page two.

## SOMETHING NEW

It is interesting to read about Housy connections through the generations. If you are a parent or especially a grandparent of a past or present Housy student, tell us about the connections as you fill out the questionnaire.

## KEEP IN TOUCH

What have you done since HVRHS? And what are you doing now? How about family members? Do you keep in contact with old schoolmates? And what are they doing? Do you have mailing addresses of alumni so we can be sure they receive this newsletter? We'd like to hear about anyone with an HVRHS connection.

In past issues we have introduced columns entitled "Encounters," "Did You Know?" and "Remember When..." We would like to continue them, but we need material. Please help by sending whatever you have to HVRHS Alumni Association, 246 Warren Turnpike Road, Falls Village, CT 06031 or e-mail [bunny\\_hvrhs@hotmail.com](mailto:bunny_hvrhs@hotmail.com).

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