

## Alumni award scholarship

Each year the Housatonic Valley Regional High School Alumni Association awards a scholarship to a graduating senior from Housatonic Valley Regional High School who has been accepted at an institution of higher learning.

The recipient must have had parents or grandparents who graduated from Housatonic. This year **Nicole Palmer** received the award. Her mother graduated from HVRHS as well as her grandparents. Her mother is Diane (Johnson) Palmer, '79; her grandmothers are Elaine Seeley, '52, and Hazel Williams, '57, and her grandfathers are Paul Johnson, '52, and Fred Palmer, '56.

She is attending Endicott College.

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## NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONS!

A five-member team from Housatonic Valley Regional High School won first place in the weeklong North American environmental education competition held at Hobart & William Smith College in Geneva, NY, and sponsored by Canon U.S.A., Inc. The winning team was announced on Friday, Aug. 3, 2007. Representing Connecticut, the HVRHS team triumphed over teams from 44 states and nine Canadian provinces.

Members of the team were Team Captain **Linnea Palmer Paton '07**, daughter of Catherine Palmer and **David Paton '76** of Sharon; **Arlen Kleinsasser '07** and **Jeremy Kleinsasser '08**, sons of **Dawn (Greenwood) Kleinsasser '83** and **David Kleinsasser** of Falls Village; **Andrew Alquesta '07**, son of **Robert '67** and **Susan Alquesta** of North Canaan; and **Sunny Kellner '08**, daughter of **Jeff Kellner** and **Jennifer Strong** of Kent.



The HVRHS Envirothon team, left to right: Andrew Alquesta, Arlen Kleinsasser, Sunny Kellner, Jeremy Kleinsasser and team captain, Linnea Palmer Paton.

Their advisor is **David Moran** of the Agricultural Science and Technology staff.

The amazing victory in Geneva was the culmination of a four-year journey. After a year of preparation the team three years ago finished eighth in the Connecticut competition but won the Rookie of the Year Award. Last year HVRHS had two teams, which finished second and third in the state

competition. But the winning team from Litchfield could not send their group to the North American competition, so a team from HVRHS traveled to Manitoba and placed 11th out of all the states and provinces.

Then came this year. The Housy students were tense as the top five finishers were announced. Number 5 was New Jersey. Number 4 was Missouri.

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## BACK IN BUSINESS

*This is the first issue of the Blue 'n' Gold in two years. For an account of how that came to be, here is an explanation from former editor Jack Mahoney.*

Suspicious that we had been mailing the newsletter to many incorrect addresses, we of the then-Alumni Association Committee decided to mail the winter 2005-2006 issue first class. Doing so would cause those incorrectly addressed to be returned. Suspicions confirmed: about 1200 came back to us of the some 6500 we had mailed.

This enormous waste drove home a fundamental point about our organization. We were dysfunctional. Class Agents were supposed to collect news of classmates and keep track of their current addresses. Most did neither. We were able to publish 18 issues between 1997 and 2005 because a few people did nearly all of the work. And those few, myself among them, were tired of carrying the load. We needed to reorganize.

The process worked its way through the spring months of 2007. In a series of meetings to which all alumni were invited, the focus of the

organization shifted from representative coverage (the system of Class Agents) to task responsibilities. A Nominating Committee headed by **Ron Dower '60** proposed a slate that was elected to constitute a new governance board. That board, now to be known as the Alumni Association Board of Directors, elected its officers **Jack Mahoney, chairman; Pat (Allyn) Mechare '64, vice-chairman; Pat (Zimmermann) Miller '58, secretary; and Dot (Winn) Cecchinato '47, treasurer** and adopted a new set of bylaws.

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Dale B. Prindle, '53, in memory of Gail (Chevalier) Sondrini, '52, Walter Schreiber, '56, Nicholas Quackenbos, '57, Grace V. "Ginger" Seemar, '57, Baudouin deMarcken, '57

1960s: \$190

Walter Benesch, '67, Eileen (Tomplins) Leigner, '63, Christopher Kaufholz, '64

1970s: \$130

Timothy Hawley, '71, Scott L. Monroe, '70, Diane Hansell, '72

1980s: \$75

John D. Peneer, '84, Lynn M. Decker, '80, David L. Beaujon, '83

1990s: \$25

Ian Kennedy, '95

## Life Members

New Lifetime members:

Doris (Cobleigh) Banfield, '46; Elizabeth Prindle, '55; John D. Peneer, '84; Deborah (Clark) Benedict, '57; Timothy C. Hawley, '71; Eugene O'Meara, '49; Virginia (Walker) Hart, '46; Fred Dow Leubuscher, '53; Mary Margaret (Frueh) Cortesi, '64; Paul J. Cortesi, '59; Cheryl Ann Crump, '86; John M. O'Hara, '47; Barbara Allyn Harvey Olcott, '49; Barbara (Downing) Fox, '53; Linda (Dean) Paradee, '55; Harold E. Jones, '56; Ward F. Godburn, '51; Wayne L. Wilford, '59; Thomas Segalla, '61; Ernest "Mickey" P. Riva, '61; Michelle (Markey) Witowski, '65; Helen (Derwin) McLane, '64; Stephen E. Hall, '78; Robert Buccino, '72; Karin Gerstel, '73; Mark Faedi, '72; Elizabeth "Betty" (Carlson) McGivern, '45; Mary P. (Richardson) Voris, '43; Jane (Place) Prokop, '51; Gordon Cavanaugh, '53; Grace V. "Ginger" Seemar, '57; Baudouin deMarcken, '57; Christopher Kaufholz, '64

## Back in Business with alumni news

Critical to the success of the reorganization will be the work of the three new task forces: the News Gatherers, the Address Correctors, and the Mailers. All members of these groups are volunteers. Most, but not all, are alumni. Everyone is welcome to join, and membership is always open.

To become involved in the work of a particular group, contact its Convener. For the News Gatherers that would be **Kathryn Boughton '65**; for the Address Correctors, **Dot Cecchinato**; and for the Mailers, **Bunny (Cecchinato) McGuire '55**. See Page 4 for contact information.

With my resignation as editor, the search for a replacement was on. I am

thrilled to report that **Kathryn (Wohlfert) Boughton '65** has accepted the position. As many of you know, she has extensive experience in journalism locally with papers such as *The Litchfield County Times*, *The Waterbury Republican*, and *The Lakeville Journal*.

The *Blue 'n' Gold* is now in the hands of an accomplished professional.

Finally, a personal note: Though no longer editor, I will continue to be involved.

There is something special about HVRHS and its larger community. It is an honor to serve.

## Guy Scholarship established

A scholarship has been started in memory of former high school athlete **Ben Guy, '98**. Ben, who earned 10 varsity letters in football, ice hockey and tennis, died of natural causes at his home in Arizona in December 2006.

The scholarship is to be awarded at the end of each school year to a graduating senior football player who has been accepted by an accredited four-year college. The scholarship committee will choose a recipient who exemplifies many of the same traits that Ben did.

"He was a fierce competitor and absolutely determined to succeed in everything he did, whether it was recovering from his devastating car accident, winning a Berkshire League tennis championship or directing independent films," wrote **Jordan Bayersdorfer, '98**, a founder of the scholarship.

Donations for the Ben Guy Scholarship Fund can be made payable to Jordan Bayersdorfer, Ben Guy Scholarship Fund and should reference Account #64054340—Ben Guy Scholarship fund. Checks can

be sent to Jordan Bayersdorfer, 3445 Stratford Rd., NE Atlanta, GA 30326, or can be sent directly to ING, at ING Direct, PO Box 60, St. Cloud, MN 56302-0060.

If checks are sent directly to ING Mr. Bayersdorfer asks that donors send him a short note so he can personally send thanks for the donation and add the donors to the mailing list for future fund-raisers. All proceeds go directly to the scholarship winner and will be presented at the Housatonic Valley Regional High School awards assembly in June.

Applicants for the scholarship must be members of the senior class, have been admitted to an accredited institution of higher learning and be a member of the varsity football team. Applicants are judged on scholarship, academic and athletic achievement, character, citizenship and commitment to the HVRHS football program. Awards will depend on the funds available but will be at least \$500.

Application forms are available in the high school guidance office.

## Girls soccer hits landmark

Players from throughout the decades gathered under the lights in October 2006 to commemorate the 500th game played by the Housatonic girls soccer team. Appropriately the girls were victorious, winning 4-0 over Northwest Regional No. 7.

Joining in an informal celebration of the success of the Housy girls soccer program were former players **Dena (Kenny) Solan, '73**, **Terry Kearns, '81**, former captain of her team; **Terry Carberry, '81**, a former team captain; **Diane (Chinatti) Carlson, '76**; **Laurel (Dakers) Caliendo, '84**; **Allison (Hurley) Shellenberger, '76**; **Mo (Kirby) Dore, '76**; **Kim Miles, '80**; **Bader Abou-Hamze, '88**, the team's shortest goalie; **Candy (Carlson) Stewing, '82**, a former right wing and captain; **Lisa Cavaciuti, '02**, center halfback, and **Marcie Perotti, '00**, a former captain who was all-league and all-state. Ms. Perotti is currently teaching physical education and coaching girls soccer at Kent Center School.

Ms. Solan, a member of the first team and its first goalie, was exultant that the soccer tradition "is alive and winning" at Housy. She recalled that she was active in establishing girls soccer at Housatonic with **Gretchen Brown, '72**, **Karen Chinatti, '73**, and the team's first coach, **Richard Greco**, and called on former athletes to help perpetuate the memory of HVRHS' long athletic tradition.

## Champions: Envirothon team takes top honors

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Number 3 was Delaware. When Number 2 was announced as Pennsylvania, a perennial winner, the kids from Falls Village felt relief and joy: Team Connecticut was Number 1, and each of them would receive a scholarship of \$5,000.

The Canon Envirothon tests teams on their knowledge in five areas: (1) soils and land use; (2) aquatic ecology; (3) forestry; (4) wildlife; and (5) a current environmental issue. This year's current issue was *Alternative/Renewable Energy*. Evaluating their knowledge in these areas were \*professional foresters, soil scientists, wildlife specialists and other natural resource professionals. Demonstrating that knowledge called upon teamwork, problem solving and presentation skills.

The Housy students applied their knowledge of physics, chemistry, biology and mathematics, yes, but they also used their communication skills from English and Social Studies classes. The final event, before a panel of judges, was a 20-minute presentation followed by 10 minutes for Q and A.

How could students from a small, rural Connecticut high school prevail at such a high level of competition over teams from all over the U.S. and Canada?

First, the team members are very bright young people. Examples: Andrew is

Valedictorian of the Class of 2007, and Linnea won a four-year scholarship to WPI in national competition.

Second, this group had valuable experience under their belts: three of them had been involved for two years, and two for three years in the Envirothon program.

Third, they demonstrated over a long period of time extraordinary commitment not only to the subject areas (Linnea, for example, was the catalyst—and daily monitor—of the HVRHS cafeteria's new composting process) but to preparing for the competition (they met for two hours in the afternoons as well as during evening hours as they came down to the wire).

Fourth, their preparation in the five subject areas went very deep. Three of the team members were involved in yearlong independent study projects.

Fifth, though very strong in individual areas, individual team members were quite capable and comfortable in helping out with the other subject areas.

Sixth, and extremely important, the five personalities blended together into an extraordinarily cohesive and productive whole.

Seventh, the team benefited from the strong support of parents, teachers, administrators, the 21st Century

Fund for HVRHS, and even of the advisor to Litchfield High School's very successful team.

Eighth, it was an advantage to all teams from the East, including Housatonic's, that the North American competition was held this year in upstate New York.

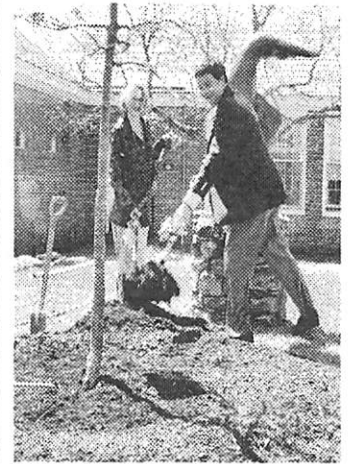
But the biggest reason of all for the success of the HVRHS team may well have been its advisor, David Moran. He has the touch. He knows when to step forward and when to step back. He provided the team with exceptional opportunities for learning such as trips to Talcott Mountain Science Center and Sessions Woods Wildlife Management Area. Despite being a young family man, he modeled the commitment he expected of the team.

A colleague referred to his having burned the midnight oil on more than one occasion. As Coach Auriemma said about player Taurasi, "We had Diana, and they didn't." Well, in the Envirothon competition, we had Dave Moran, and they didn't.

—Jack Mahoney  
September 22, 2007

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## Tradition renewed



Photograph by Kathryn Boughton

On a crisp spring afternoon in 2007, the Arboretum and Landscaping Committee at HVRHS established a link between the 18th and 21st centuries when it planted a new White Oak in the senior courtyard at the high school. The venerable White Oak had been felled by a freak storm two years before, destroying an icon of the school whose existence stretched back to the Colonial era. The area where the tree stood is the only unaltered bit of topography on the school campus. Fittingly, the location designated for the new tree was precisely where the old White Oak had stood and the tree was planted by members of the school's vocational agriculture classes under the supervision of teacher David Moran. Local and state dignitaries were there and all took turns spading dirt over the roots. Here state Sen. Andrew Roraback and state Rep. Roberta Willis take their turns

## Mrs. Nolan, 92, guidance secretary, dies

### Hortense Nolan

Hortense D. Nolan, 92, of Danielson died Nov. 22, 2006, in Goffstown, NH. She was the widow of Elton Nolan, a former lieutenant at Canaan State Police Barracks, who died in 1978. They were married in Danielson in 1942.

Mrs. Nolan was born in Danielson in May 1914, the daughter of the late

Fred and Gertrude (Maynard) Dubuc. She attended St. James School in Danielson and graduated from Killingly High School in 1931. Upon completion of her education, she worked at the law office of Louis Woisard for 11 years.

After her marriage she lived in several different places in Connecticut, primarily in Canaan while her hus-

band was stationed there. Until her retirement she worked as a secretary in the guidance office at HVRHS, returning to Danielson after her husband's retirement.

She is survived by her daughter, **Valerie (Nolan) McKeon, '61**, of Bedford, NH, a brother, a sister, a grandchild and many nieces and nephews.

## 1970 Reunion

Patrice Stanton, with her husband, James Lenaburg, traveled the longest-distance-traveled from Fort Worth, Texas, for the Class of 1970's 35th reunion, held in October 2005. A group met at the high school for a light buffet and a nostalgic tour of the school. That evening a somewhat larger group of classmates gathered at the Wake Robin Inn for dinner.

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## DUES

Annual dues of \$10 are payable each September. Lifetime 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 school.

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# Alumni news by class and decade

## The Forties

**Mary P. (Richardson) Voris, '43**, daughter of HVRHS teacher **Frank Richardson**, has had a rich and varied life. She was married twice, 38 years to Bill Markwood and then to Bob Voris. Both husbands have passed away now, and Mary lives in Brevard, NC, but also has a summer home in Ellsworth, Maine. She has had her own health problems and has been treated at Sloane Kettering for cancer—so far, so good.

She has a son, Scott, who lives in Montville, NJ, with his wife and 9-year-old daughter, Sarah. Scott works for Honeywell.

Mary's daughter, Pamela, lives in New York with her husband, Craig Neff, who is an editor for Sports Illustrated. Pamela is an artist and photographer.

**Lillian "Lonnie" (Col) Piretti, '42**, lives in Utica, NY, with her husband, Bruno, who was a member of the Class of '38 at Canaan High School. They have three children and five grandchildren. Both are retired and would love to hear from classmates. Their number is 315-732-0075.

**Nancy (O'Connor) Hardy** lives in Reno, NV, and enjoys reading the *Blue 'n' Gold*.

Six alumnae truly enjoy having lunch together once a month these days—**Priscilla (Hart) Mauro**, who was recently widowed, **Betty (O'Donnell) Hunter, '46**, **Dot (Winn) Cecchinato, '47**, **Janet Hedden, '46**, **Adele (Middlebrook) Casey**, and **Phyllis (Root) Zucco**, a graduate of Barrington High School. All of these alums, except for Adele, lived in West Cornwall prior to attending Housy, so the lunches together really bring back memories.

## The Fifties

**Stanley "Stubby" Sherwood, '51**, was a guide at Housatonic River Outfitters for 10 years, guiding patrons to site for flyfishing. He then traveled west and fished the west south fork of the Snake River, the Big Hole River, Bitterroot River, Gallatin River, the Madison River and Yellowstone River, all in Montana. In Oregon he fished the Rogue River, the Delay River with Jim Repine, the Umpagne River twice, and while in Wyoming he fished the Upper Madison River.

Moving on to British Columbia he sampled the waters—and the fish—of the Sheena River at Terrace and then fished the Copper River for steelhead trout. He was the first to fish from the upper lake down to Homer and then went to Alaska to fish the Kenai River and Kodiak Island twice.

"The best fishing I ever had was while floating down the [Nushagak] river to Dillingham," he wrote, adding, "I fished Alaska five times." He took a trip to Chile, where he reported "great fishing," fished the George River in Labrador in 1983; and for two weeks, fished the Great River. He fished Horse Island at Cascapedis in Canada for salmon. In Russia in 1991,

he fished the Pono River and Marachia River. Stubby really loves to fish.

**Sally (Spadaccini) Blakey, '55**, who was once secretary to HVRHS' first principal, Dr. Paul W. Stoddard, lives in Sun City, Fla.

**Sally Dunn, '57**, moved to Michigan from northern California after retiring from a 40-year nursing career.

**Debbie (Clark) Benedict, '57**, and her husband live in Newport Beach, CA. They bought a condo in Maui and spend quality time there.

**Bob Stapleton, '57**, now lives in Loris, SC, and spends his time making hand-made furniture.

**James Hammond, '58**, received an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters in May from Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY. Dr. Hammond, a leader in education and public service, was cited for bringing the Empire State Games to the Hudson Valley for the first time in 2005. The games were a boon to the region and its colleges, including Mount St. Mary's, which hosted the games and housed the athletes.

Mr. Hammond taught history and government for 30 years, most of them at the Roy C. Ketcham High School in Wappingers Falls, retiring in 1995. He became a Dutchess County, NY, legislator in 1977, often making the legislative chambers his students' classroom. He served in the legislature for 28 years, stepping down in 2005. While there he had chaired the Government Services Committee.

He received a master's degree in secondary education with a concentration in history from SUNY New Paltz and bachelor's degrees in education and history from East Carolina University. Today he is a tour guide and enjoys sports, cheering on his grandchildren as he did his students.

**John Clyburn, '58** recently took his RV across the U.S. and followed that adventure up with a trip to New Zealand where he was hoping to touch base with **Cushla Moore**. His area of expertise is travel and he's hoping to coordinate a follow-up cruise/mini-reunion next year with classmates.

**Jean (Wells) Reynolds, '58**, spent time in Canaan and Twin Lakes this summer with her son and grandson. The rest of the year she resides in Arlington, VA.

**Ruth (Pierce) Adotte, '58**, whiles away some of her time volunteering at the gift shop of a local nursing home where she gets to meet many interesting people throughout the day.

## The Sixties

**Bill Nickerson, '62**, who, with his wife, is former owner of the St. George Hotel in the gold rush town of Volcano, CA, sold the hotel in spring 2006. Bill, who had been an electrical engineer

## 1947 grads hold 60th class reunion

The Class of 1947 celebrated its 60th year class reunion on June 30 with a dinner at Cheffrey's Restaurant in Lakeville. Twenty-two of the original 89 classmates were able to attend and shared information about their families, memories of the past and plans for the future. Some are retired, others are still working and some are devoting their time to travel.

Those attending were **Barbara Bartram** of Sharon; **Leroy Beaujon** of Roseville, CA; **Bucky and Dot Brown** of Seymour, CT; **Louise (Burns) Mang** of Duncdin, FL; **Ray Coons** of Melbourne, FL; **Toni (DeTenna) McGrain** and **Joe McGrain** of Pittsford, NY; **Joan (Gandelli) Weber** of Canaan; **Ross and Lib (Lumpkin) Gramnan** of Pendleton, SC; **Peter and Kathleen (Tobin) Marcon** of Larchmont, NY; **Edward and Clare (Johnson) Pedersen** of Sharon; **Neil Perkins** and **Neva Perkins** of Enon, OH; **Harry and Liz (Selfridge) Bauman**, Homestead, FL; **Nancy (Wanagel) Haury** of Branford, CT; **Florence Wilson** of Canaan and **Dot (Winn) Cecchinato** of Canaan.

Thirty-one classmates are deceased and several could not be located.

## Fifties reunions

**Class of '57:** The Grand Golden 50th Reunion for the Class of 1957 was Sept. 28-30. Dinner was Sept. 29 at the Wake Robin Inn, followed by a Sunday brunch at the home of **Jean (Riva) Perotti**.

**The Class of '58** has set aside Aug. 15, 16 and 17, 2008, for a gala blow out 50th reunion celebration. Information is being sought on **Gladys O'Dell**, **George Drumm**, **Eleanor Hepburn**, **Reba Grimes** and **Madeline Carroll**. Anyone with a current address or of a family member can contact **Pat Miller** at PO Box 22 - Falls Village, CT 06031.

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for most of his career, working on satellite dishes and large microwave systems, expected to return to electrical engineering. **Janet (Hoage) Lynn, '60**, spent three years in the military after graduation. She married and moved for a few years to Pennsylvania, returning to Lakeville after her husband was discharged from the military. They built a home on property her father gave them and she runs an online business ([www.the-wheel-thing.com](http://www.the-wheel-thing.com)) selling spinning wheels. Janet also teaches spinning and some knitting and has seven angora goats on her property. She is involved in dog agility exercises with her Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Gigi, is currently a deputy registrar of voters and serves on several other town committees.

**Patricia (Harris) Glennon, '60**, graduated from St. Francis School of Nursing in Hartford in 1963. She worked in nursing at Sharon Hospital, Geer Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and Noble Horizons. While working at Geer, she set up and directed the GATE-way Adult Day Center for 15 years. It is currently called the Geer Adult Day Center. Pat married Thomas H. Glennon in 1963 and they lived in Canaan, Ashley Falls, Mass., and now in Tallahassee, FL. The Glennons have two sons, **Thomas** and **Michael**, both HVRHS graduates, now living in Tallahassee where the Glennons enjoy their two grandchildren, ages 8 and 5.

Pat retired from nursing in 2003 before moving to Florida. She now enjoys being with her grandchildren and family, reading, shopping and keeping in touch with friends.

**Sally (Jensen) Hart, '60**, and her husband, **Pete Hart, '59**, retired to Livingston, MT, after Pete's retirement as a ranger and later as superintendent at a number of national park areas throughout the country. His busy career involved moving some 21 times and Sally taught in nine states.

Pete hiked the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine, passing in front of HVRHS on June 14, 2001. Sally finished teaching in West Virginia, and they moved to Montana in fall 2001. Since retiring, the couple has returned to the National Park Service some five times to help out at Glacier National Park in Montana (twice), Black Canyon/Curecanti in Colorado, Big Thicket in Texas following the hurricane, and, most recently, Grand Canyon in Arizona. While at the Canyon Pete was airlifted to Seattle last winter and spent six months at the University of Washington Hospital with leukemia.

The Harts are back home in Livingston, about halfway between Minneapolis and Seattle in the middle of "Big Sky Country"!

**Don Cokely, '64**, lived in Falls Village from 1961 until his graduation in 1964. A Vietnam vet, he joined the U.S. Air Force following graduation, retiring after 22 years in 1986.

**Susan (Gomez) Vreeland, '68**, lives on the family homestead on Wells Hill in Lakeville. She continues to do not-for-profit work, runs Creative Hands Gallery in Salisbury and is a real

estate agent with Robinson Leech Real Estate in Lakeville. Her son, Matt, is off to the University of East Anglia in Norwich, England, for his junior year, and her daughter, Caroline, is in her senior year at Miss Hall's school in Pittsfield, MA. Her husband, Richard Vreeland, owns and operates Ewald Instruments Corp., a small manufacturing company in Goshen.

## The Seventies

**Dona (Chilcoat) Olinger, '73**, recently sold the Salisbury home where she lived since the mid-1980s and moved to Winsted. Until the end of the summer, she worked for Avery Heights, a long-term care facility in Hartford that is the sister facility to Noble Horizons in Salisbury. She was director of pastoral services, therapeutic recreation and volunteer services. In September she started attending an "all faiths" seminary in NYC.

She works primarily in end-of-life care as a doula, easing and supporting the transition from this life into the next for clients and their families, designing and performing memorial services for this without a church and teaching spiritual practice in long-term care settings. Her new company is Sacred Support Services. Her Web site is [www.sacredsupportservices.com](http://www.sacredsupportservices.com).

Dona's daughter, Sarah, lives in West Haven, where she divides her time between working with autistic children and photography. Her photographs can be viewed on her Web site, [www.ch-photos.com](http://www.ch-photos.com).

Dona's mother, Katherine, is still very active and independent and has been volunteering with the Salisbury Association and as the town of Salisbury's town historian for the past few years. Sadly, Dona's father, Bill, died 16 years ago and is missed to this day. She says that, until her Web site is active, she can be reached at [dolinger00@yahoo.com](mailto:dolinger00@yahoo.com) and would love to hear from everyone.

**Nancy (Pollock) Williams, '73**, has lived in the same house in Columbia County, NY, for 22 years with the view of the Taconics that she has loved since she was 5 years old. As a result of their long tenancy in the house, all the projects done when the Williams first bought it are slowly being repeated. At 29, she says, replacing the new roof seemed a lifetime away.

She has celebrated her 25th wedding anniversary and cannot believe that it has been 18 years since she stopped teaching preschool and day care or that many of her class are facing 30 years since graduating from college. Nancy says she tries not to miss high school reunions and has attended three out of four. The regular gatherings of a small group of friends from the Salisbury class of '73 are a top priority, and she says the 50th birthday party celebration the friends held in a town house at The Interlaken Inn is a special memory.

Another priority over the past five years has been raising money for and awareness of issues in Africa. She has raised money for the care and tuition for AIDS orphans, for famine relief, the Africa University and this summer, for the Nothing But Nets

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Barbara is recently divorced and loving the single life, living in Millerton. She's a successful weight loss program manager and loves jazzercise classes, biking, walking and shopping.

Richard Sohan, '73, is an owner/partner at Berkshire Aviation-Walter Koladza Airport in Great Barrington, MA. He worked there as a trainee in his high school years and was advised by his mentor friend Walt Koladza to continue flying and training others to fly.

William and Lynette (Riva) Godburn, '74, live in Capnean. Bill works as director of ambulatory services at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford while Lynette is an RN for Macony Pediatrics in Great Barrington, MA. They have three children, Katie, '99, graduated with the Mary Washington College Class of '03 and was a legislative assistant for Nancy Johnson in Washington, D.C. Erin, '01, graduated from Stetson University in 2005 with a degree in business. She married Donald Lamb Jr., '99, in October 2005 and they live in North Haven. Donald is an aeronautical engineer for Sikorsky in Stratford. Christopher, '05, is attending Long Island University, majoring in film.

Bill has retired from all the local boards he served on and he and Lynette are enjoying their "empty nest."

Edith "EJ" Raiser, '75, was married in September 2006 to Patrick Ahen, a film producer at CNBC. She left her job at the Litchfield County Times to move to Montebello, NY, and is now working as a marketing specialist for an environmental firm in White Plains.

Cynthia (Martin) Woodward, '76, of Goshen was remarried in 2001 to Thomas Woodward. She has a son, Christopher Hurburt, '96, and a daughter, Britany Hurburt, who is attending Warnong High School. Cynthia is a nurse at Geer Nursing and Rehab Center in Carran.

## The Flighties

T/Sgt. Gilbert "Gil" Thomas Tabor, '89, a native of Salisbury, died May 8, 2005, leaving behind a wife, Camilla, and two children: a son, Michael, and a daughter, Angela. He died of bacterial meningitis.

Prior to being stricken, Sgt. Tabor had survived a tour of duty in Iraq in 2003 where he was a radio operator during rescue missions. He had been assigned to the 375th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron since May 1999, based at Scott Air Force Base in Belleville, IL. He often volunteered for risky assignments to relieve fellow troops in combat throughout the Middle East.

Barbara Peck, '73, works at the Taconic Developmental Disabilities Services Offices in Poughkeepsie, NY, where she is the ART 16 clinic treatment coordinator for more than 200 developmentally disabled consumers who live in residences in Dutchess and Putnam counties. She coordinates psychological services, social work, nutrition, physical therapy and occupational therapy for her clients.

She has worked for Taconic DDCSO for 15 years and says, "I really love working with this population. It is very rewarding."

Barbara has two children, Colleen Healy, '01, a photographer, and photo editor assistant, who married Stanley MacAvellan in 2005. They live in Sharon. Her son Shawn, 17, is a senior at Oliver Wolcott Technical High School and is working at Geer in Carran.

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Christopher Pollock, '81, lives in Houghton, NY. He and his wife, Christine, graduated from Houghton College. She is regional editor for Kids First magazine and Christopher is a successful artist. He has had several shows in Connecticut over the years and participated in the 2005 Lakeville show staged to raise funds for the Art Garage.

They have three sons, ages 12, 9 and 6. Paul Nytko, '82, now living in Avon, writes that it has "only been 24 years since he graduated so there is not much to tell." Then belying his own statement, he continues, "I found the love of my life, married her and we have two wonderful boys! We are happy!" His work as a marriage and family therapist in Farmington undoubtedly gives him plenty of opportunity to contrast his own happy life to those of others and to appreciate what he has.

Jeff Tyburst, '83, a professional geologist, has been rising rapidly at Mid-Atlantic Associates, an engineering and environmental consulting firm headquartered in Raleigh, NC, where he was named director of business development of the Raleigh office in late 2006.

During his seven-year tenure with the company, he has served as senior project manager and provided project management and technical leadership for a wide variety of Mid-Atlantic clients. Jeff has managed the regulatory aspects and cleanup of such high profile sites as the new North Hills Mall and the new Raleigh Convention Center. His intimate involvement with the North Carolina Dry Cleaning Solvent Act has provided value to numerous clients with sites contaminated by historical dry cleaning solvent releases. His technical skills, along with his natural talent for marketing, led to his promotion last November. In addition to leading the marketing, sales and business development activities for the Raleigh office, he also provided valuable input with respect to corporate marketing and company growth.

Maureen A. O'Neil-Davis, '83, lives in Palm Beach Gardens, FL, where she has operated a real estate development business since 1997. She has also operated Sphere Parking in the downtown area of West Palm Beach since 2003.

She and her husband started an earthworks and landscaping business, Dirty Shirts Groundworks, in south Florida working with builders and homeowners to prepare sites for new construction of residential homes, as well as offering monthly lawn maintenance and landscaping services. They have a 3-year-old son and adopted a second child, a girl, in May 2006. The little girl's sister is also being adopted by the family—both adoptions resulting from the death of Maureen's sister-in-law.

Renée (Parma) Stonaker, '85, attended Penn State University following graduation from HVRHS, receiving a

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degree in elementary and kindergarten education in 1989. She was married Jan. 2, 1993, to Robert Skonaker of Winchester, Va., and is mother to Taylor MacKenzie Skonaker, born Aug. 1, 2001.

Since high school she has lived in State College, Penn., Aspen, Colo., and various places in northern California, returning to Canaan in 1999. Since high school she has worked as a ski instructor for children, as a teacher, as director of PCS, Edventures! Science Center, a technology coordinator and teacher for an elementary school, a technology trainer for teachers and started a new job this fall teaching sixth-grade science and math at North Canaan Elementary School.

**Jennifer (Shores) Simmons, '85**, is married to **Rick Simmons, '84** and they have two children, Allison, 11, and R. Tyler, 9. A dog, Max rounds out the family. They live in Turner, Maine. Jennifer is a school counselor at the K-6 level. She is passionate about using adventure learning with a ropes course. On a personal level, she enjoys being a mom, wife, and taxi driver for kids. The Simmons do a lot of camping, canoeing, kayaking, hiking, sports and reading.

**Laura Story, '85**, is a freelance writer/editor/photographer living in Lubbock, Texas. She has a daughter, Mandy, whose father is **Derick Swanson, '85**. Mandy is a junior at Oklahoma University. Laura's other children are Zephyr, a seventh-grader, and Mesa, a sixth-grader. Her partner, Miriam, is parent to Dieterich, a freshman at Lewis & Clark in Portland, OR, Henry, an 11th-grader and Josephine, who is in seventh grade. "Just a regular ol' nontraditional, dysfunctional Brady Bunch here in the buckle of the Bible Belt," she writes.

She traveled this summer, celebrating turning 40.

**Ann Marie (Griskauskas) Hoffmaster, '85**, and her husband, Brian, have a 1-year-old daughter, Meredith, and live in Elmira, NY. Ann Marie is a human resources manager for Coming Inc. After graduating from HVRHS, she achieved degrees from UConn and Cornell University.

**Kimberley Griffiths, '85**, has lived and worked in the heart of Newark, NJ, for the past 13 years. She is employed by the Youth Consultation Service, the largest social service agency for children in New Jersey.

She earned her degree in social work from Wheelock College in Boston, MA, and is director of an after school and summer day camp program for 50 children, ages 5-15. "I am loving it still and manage to keep my

inner child alive," she writes. "Summer time is the best time as we now take the campers for an overnight adventure, with many stepping foot outside of the city for the first time and into the suburbs, where grassy fields and cows are foreign to them. It takes me back to my Connecticut years, growing up at Trinity Parish Camp in West Cornwall. Our graduation party was held there."

Before moving to New Jersey she served in the Peace Corps in Tunisia, North Africa, working with kids. Even earlier, she traveled and worked in Mexico, England and Namibia.

Her brother, **Brent Griffiths, '84**, has been married and living in Southampton, England, for the past 22 years. He's a supervisor at the Southampton airport.

### The Nineties

**Adrian Drury, '94**, has completed five years as an applications engineer for Altera, Inc., a programmable chipmaker in Silicon Valley. His e-mail is [adrury@gmail.com](mailto:adrury@gmail.com).

**Matthew T. Schullery, '96**, graduated from Widener University School of Human Service Professions in Chester, PA, last spring with dual degrees as Doctor of Clinical Psychology and Master of Criminal Justice. His concentration is in forensic psychology. Dr. Schullery graduated from Bowdoin College in 2000 and is a psychologist with the South Woods State Prison in New Jersey.

**Sarah Olinger, '98**, graduated with her Bachelors in Special Education from Southern Connecticut State University in 2002. She currently resides in West Haven. After teaching in the public school system for four years, she decided to work in the private sector. She returned to SCSU for her Masters in Special Education in September.

**Stephanie (Clarke) Magyar, '98**, was married July 22, 2006, and currently lives in Salisbury with husband, Spike Magyar, and two dogs, Max and Cody. She is an English teacher at Wamogo Regional High School in Litchfield and works summers at Freckled Frogs Preschool Program in Lakeville.

**Elizabeth Wohlfert, '98**, received her doctorate May 12 from the University of Connecticut. She lives in Maryland where she is a postdoctoral fellow at the National Cancer

Institute, National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, studying with Dr. Lawrence Samuelson.

She received a Bachelor of Science degree in pathobiology cum laude from the University of Connecticut at Storrs in 2002, entering the Ph.D program at the university's Health Center in Farmington that summer. In 2003 she joined the laboratory of Dr. Robert Clark in the Department of Immunology, where she studied the regulatory mechanisms in line for preventing autoimmunity.

While at UConn, she received the Lepow Fellowship, which recognizes the outstanding fourth-year graduate student in the Biomedical Sciences Program at the university's health center. She also received the AAI-Huang Trainee Award, recognizing promising trainees in the field of immunology. The award is given to only two or three graduate students each year.

She attended many international meetings and was given the opportunity to present her work in symposiums in Washington, D.C., San Diego, Calif., Boston, Mass., and Miami, FL.

### The Two-thousands

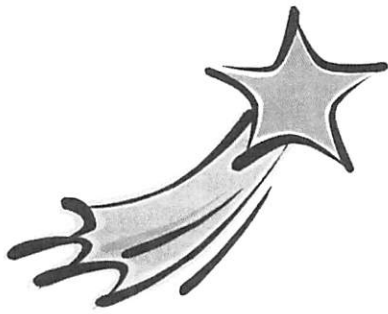
**Sarah Drury, '01**, graduated from UVM with a Bachelor of Science in nursing, is working as oncology/hematology nurse at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Hanover, NH and lives in Lebanon, NH. Her e-mail is [sarahcdrur-y@gmail.com](mailto:sarahcdrur-y@gmail.com).

**Amy Richardson, '01**, graduated cum laude from Southern Connecticut State University with a major in art education.

**Kate Hadsell, '02**, graduated from Franklin Peirce College in New Hampshire. She majored in environmental science and planned to marry the year after graduation.

**Joe Aitken, '04**, is enrolled at Western Connecticut State University and is a member of the varsity lacrosse team there. He is majoring in journalism.

**Chris Aitken, '02**, graduated from Grove City, PA, where he majored in secondary music education. While he was in his senior year he was student director of two college ensembles. He currently works at Salisbury Bank & Trust.



# SHOOT FOR SUCCESS

## 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fund for HVRHS

*"It is the mission of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fund for HVRHS to sponsor high impact learning opportunities that supplement the traditional budget for Housatonic Valley Regional High School."*

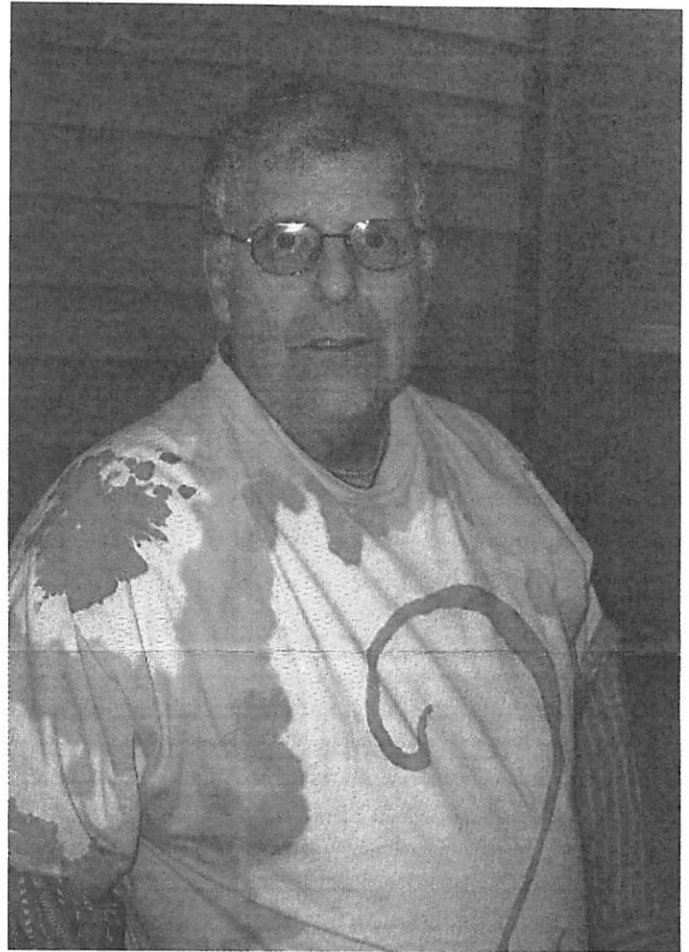
### Spanish and Art Classes Visit the Guggenheim Museum!

Due in large part to a grant from the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fund, two diverse classes had the opportunity to participate in a most rewarding field trip to the Guggenheim Museum in New York City. On the morning of March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007, Mr. Prindle and Mrs. O'Reilly took Housatonic Valley students from the Advanced Painting and Spanish II classes to NYC to witness a first-time showing of the works by the great Spanish masters of the 16<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The group viewed works by Francisco de Zurbarán, Diego Velázquez, Bartolomé Esteban Murillo, Francisco de Goya, Juan Gris, Salvador Dalí, Joan Miró and many others, as well as El Greco and Pablo Picasso.

The students were initially very excited by the style of the museum, which was designed by the famous architect, Frank Lloyd Wright. Upon touring the museum with knowledgeable tour guides, the students were equally fascinated by the originality and talent of the Spanish painters. The exhibit was most intriguing since the works of art were not grouped by the painter or the era, but rather by themes found in five centuries of Spanish culture. Some of the themes pictured in Spanish life are: Monks, Bodegones, Landscapes, The Domestic World, Women in Public, Weeping Women, Virgins and Mothers, Nudes, Childhood, Monsters, Knights and Ghosts, Ladies, Crucifixions, The Fallen, and Flyers.



To view this Picasso painting or other paintings in the exhibit, visit <http://www.guggenheim.org/picasso/index.html>.



*David Lindsay wearing his signature Who's CTEKS t-shirt*

### The Robotics Saga By David Lindsay

The HVRHS robotics saga started in 2000 when faculty members Dave Lindsay, Tom (Doc) Schindler, Kim McLeod, Linda DiCorleto, and Bob Buckley attended a national conference in Orlando to learn about interdisciplinary curricula and "the work-place." Lindsay discovered a presentation by a Massachusetts school that was pertinent, but what caught his eye was that the school had participated the previous year in the FIRST program, the Dean Kamen-Woody Flowers creation which was capturing interest. The school involved, Assabet Regional High School in Marlboro, MA, volunteered to help HVRHS begin.

Mrs. DiCorleto obtained a startup grant and Lindsay and Schindler formed the team of four boys. The task was so daunting that the two teachers almost



## HVRHS Has Sister School in China

By Lisa Carter

stopped their quest, but FIRST found a place for them and Andy Brockway, an engineer from BD, became their mentor and the entire project was strongly supported by Principal Kathleen Burkhart. Performing modestly at the Hartford regional, the team placed 6<sup>th</sup> of 61 teams and won an award for "rookie success." Burkhart raised the funds to participate in the nationals in Orlando in April. Watertown HS also helped support the team, as their founder, Carl Pallok, was a 1960 Housatonic graduate. The team number 716 was established as was the name "Who's CTEKS."

2002 saw more successes with the team returning to the nationals, as the logo of a "frog never giving up the fight" was born. In 2003, the team won a last-minute award in New Jersey, entitling it to attend the nationals in Houston, which had now become the internationals and the team reached the semi-final rounds in its division there.

By 2004 the team membership had swollen to 23 students, super-volunteer Dave VanDeusen offered his mechanical skills and the team won an award because it was staffed by 51% females. The Who's CTEKS won the 2005 Hartford Regional, went to the Championships in Atlanta and have gone there every year since. The Board of Education has helped support the team financially, as has BD, Lindell's and the **21<sup>st</sup> Century Fund for HVRHS**. The team now participates in all phases of the competition including animation and essay writing and raises much of their funds on a door-to-door basis.

The Region One community has strongly supported the team's efforts. The team has formed LEGO teams for elementary-aged students, including the award winning team from Pine Plains, NY, under the direction of Judy Albright-Perotti. We have mentored teams from Brookfield, Simon's Rock and Litchfield as they joined FIRST. As of this writing the team is preparing to offer our sister school in China a chance to be a part of our robotics team under the organizational skills of Lisa Carter. We hope to grow as the years pass.

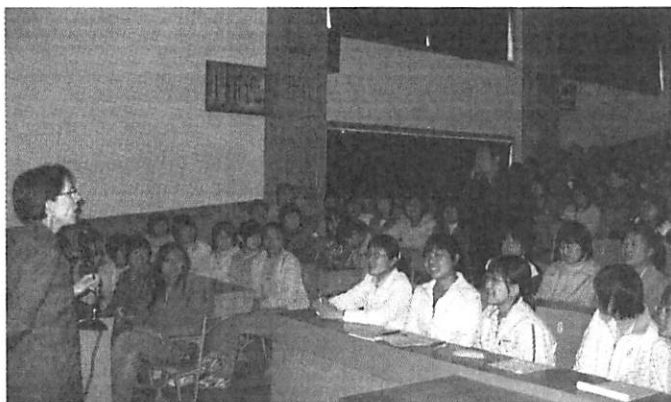
This spring I had the good fortune of returning to the Peoples' Republic of China with a group from the Connecticut State Department of Education. Dan Gregg, Consultant for Social Studies at the Bureau of Curriculum and Instruction, has been pairing high schools in CT with high schools in China for the past several years to create "sister school" relationships. These relationships will allow for true cultural exchange between the United States and China. To date, all of the Chinese schools are located in Shandong province, an important industrial and agricultural area in Eastern China.



*The 3000 student Xingtian Middle School in China*

HVRHS began its partnership in 2006 with a school called the Xingtian Middle School in Qufu, which is the birthplace of Confucius. This school was chosen by a pair of consultants who felt that the profile of the Xingtian School matched that of HVRHS. Like HVRHS, Xingtian Middle School is a public school located in a rural location and serves a very large region. Many of the students' families are farmers of modest means or workers in the small businesses in Qufu. Xingtian is quite different from HVRHS in that the student population is just over three thousand students and it is a boarding school. It is not a comprehensive high school like HVRHS. The school is designed to train students to pass the college entrance exam that is administered annually by the Chinese Department of Education. Students may only sit for this exam one time, and if they do not pass, they may not attend college. Students who do not go on to college in China have seriously limited career choices, thus the pressure to succeed at school is enormous.

I have been warmly received by the school on the two occasions I have visited. The teachers and the administration are hungry for information about the world around them. However, they are also extremely focused on the task at hand, which is to prepare students for university. So I was constantly aware of the need for my instruction and information to add to the student fund of knowledge that would allow them to be more



*A classroom and lecture at Xingtian Middle School in Oufu*

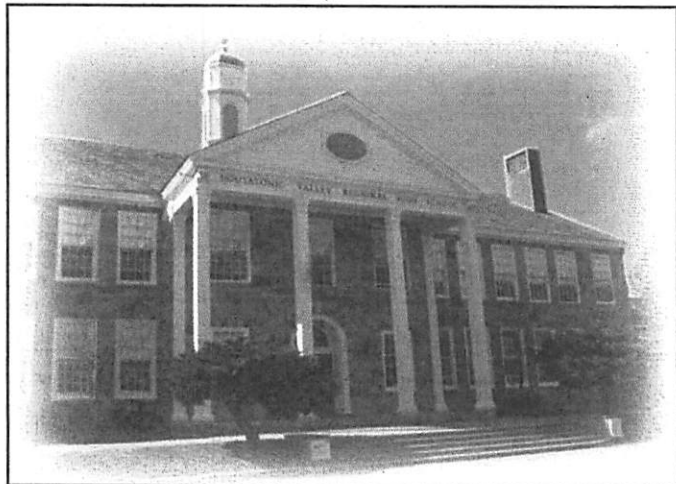
" Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." William Butler Yeats

successful in their academic endeavors. For example, the most frequently asked question was "How can I improve my study of English?" There is a large English component on the exam, and they know they cannot pass the test without mastering all aspects of the English language.

Students at the Xingtian Middle School are also interested in the lives of American students. Most Chinese students go to school six days a week from about 7:30 AM until 9:00 PM with breaks for lunch, dinner and snack. While they have time for physical exercise (calisthenics), they do not have organized sports teams and the extracurricular activities are extremely limited, including things such as voice training and mastery of a musical instrument. Training for these activities typically begins when the students are young children and only continues if the student demonstrates a particular talent. Even then, pursuit of these nonacademic activities takes place at the end of the school day and after homework has been completed. The students at Xingtian were amazed at the choices that Housy students had in addition to their academic subjects.

We are working hard to try and forge a stronger relationship with the school and are planning to take five students to China next year to visit our new sister school friends. The principal at Xingtian confessed to me that it may be difficult to conduct a real exchange of faculty and students due to the lack of resources in their region. Thus it is likely that the Department of Education will pair Housy with another school that will allow for a more equal exchange in the future. We will maintain our relationship with the Xingtian School as there is much for us to learn about rural China from them, but expand our understanding of China by possibly partnering with a school in Shanghai that will allow our students some insight into the booming urban economy of China.

Whatever the outcome, the CT Department of Education is committed to the continuing development of opportunities in China, and it is exciting to give our students the opportunity to have some insight into the culture and development of the world's most rapidly growing economy and largest trading partner of the United States.



*HVRHS, new sister school of Xingtian School in China*

## **The 2007 North American Envirothon Champions are HVRHS students!**

The Housatonic Valley Regional High School Envirothon Team reached new heights this past summer in Geneva, New York, when it advanced to the final five teams in North America out of a total of 53 teams (44 states and 9 provinces). It was here that they never looked back and claimed first place in North America's largest environmental science competition.



*Envirothon participants on the way to a field test*

This year's five-member team was comprised of seniors Andrew Alquesta of Canaan, Arlen Kleinsasser of Falls Village, and Linnea Palmer Paton of Sharon, as well as juniors Sunny Kellner of Kent, and Jeremy Kleinsasser of Falls Village. For the majority of these team members their success was the result of two and three years of academic preparations in five natural resource fields: aquatics, forestry, soil science & land use, wildlife biology and a current issue. This year the current issue was alternative energy.

The mission of the Envirothon Program is to develop knowledgeable, skilled and dedicated citizens who are willing and prepared to work towards achieving and maintaining a natural balance between the quality of life and the quality of the environment.

After placing first at the state finals at Winding Trails this past spring, the team had the opportunity to attend the North American event. They received over 4,000 pages of study materials for the five disciplines, which they were to use in preparation for the competition. The competition, spread over six days, involved five field tests, two thirty minute oral presentations, six training sessions, a tour of a hydro-electric plant at Niagara Falls, as well as other educational activities. On the final day of the competition, the Housatonic Valley High School team was announced as one of the top five overall teams, in the company of Missouri, Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. This included their scores for all areas of the competition. Our team was ushered away to prepare for their final presentation.

The team from Housatonic stood and delivered, with even more passion and conviction, securing their competition victory before a larger audience and panel of seven judges. During the evening session, Team Connecticut was the last to be called to the awards platform as the North American Champions. With the award, Canon USA and Canon Canada awarded the team \$25,000 in scholarships (\$5,000 per team member). Moreover, the greatest intangible from the experience was that with teamwork, perseverance, and dedication, the sky is the limit for any of our life pursuits.



Top row: Arlen Kleinsasser and Jeremy Kleinsasser  
Bottom row: Andrew Alquesta, Sunny Kellner and Linnea Patton

**It is with special mention that we would like to thank the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fund for HVRHS for their support of the Envirothon team over the past two years.** It was the financial support of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fund that enabled us to travel to the Canon Envirothon held in the Province of Manitoba last summer. Here team members, Linnea Palmer Paton and Arlen Kleinsasser gained valuable experience for this year's event in New York. We appreciated the advantage this gave our team, but most importantly, the encouragement and belief that they had in our team.

Team Connecticut was clearly an inspiration for us all. It is with much hope that students as clearly dedicated to the environment will continue to follow in their footsteps, pursue their studies, join the recycling team, work for improvement in their school and community, and lastly, join their local Envirothon team for a year-long journey of learning and fun. Next year's competition is in Flagstaff, Arizona, July 28<sup>th</sup>- August 3<sup>rd</sup>

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## Thank You, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fund! From Linnea Palmer Paton

I want to thank the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fund for HVRHS for their tremendous support.

On July 29<sup>th</sup>, Arlen Kleinsasser, Sunny Kellner, Andrew Alquesta, Jeremy Kleinsasser and I will leave for the North American Canon Envirothon competition in Geneva, NY. We have met throughout the summer with our wonderful mentor, Mr. Moran, to review the study materials for aquatics, forestry, soils, wildlife, and the current issue - alternative energy. We won first place at the CT Envirothon back in May with high scores in four out of the five subject areas.

On August 19<sup>th</sup>, I leave for orientation at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. My participation on the robotics team allowed me to apply for the WPI/Paul Allaire Future Engineering Leadership Scholarship. In April, just before our team left for the championship in Atlanta, I was notified that I received this scholarship in the amount of full-tuition for four year.

Receiving this scholarship has shaped my outlook on engineering and changed my future plans. I plan to study civil engineering and environmental policy. Of all the engineering schools I looked at, WPI had the most flexible program and the most opportunities to double-major in a humanities area. In order to graduate, WPI requires students to complete two major projects, one in the humanities. I realized that I strongly valued real-world projects because they are an integral part of the FIRST Robotics and Envirothon competitions.

And thanks to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fund, I have also gone with the Drama Club to see "Twelve Angry Men" and to the city with the Model United Nations group led by Mrs. Carter, both very valuable experiences.

"Our minds are like parachutes. They only function when open"

We anticipate an exciting and busy year of awarding grants to students and teachers. Your tax-deductible donation will make it possible for us to continue our work and is much appreciated. We thank you for your support!

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