

# ◆ Blue 'n' Gold ◆

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## TEN WE ALL SHOULD KNOW



On the afternoon of Sunday, November 6, 2005, ten former athletes were inducted into the Housatonic Valley Regional High School Athletic Hall of Fame. All graduates or staff of this small, rural high school, they have achieved so much, in their different ways, that they deserve to be spotlighted here. But let us do that in a special way that involves you, the reader, as an active participant. These remarkable Housatonic people deserve no less. Listed below, in order of their graduation year, are the ten inductees:

1. John Sondrini, Class of 1951; 2. William Tobin, Class of 1954; 3. Frederick Baldwin, Class of 1956; 4. John Mulligan, Class of 1977; 5. Becky Carlson Thornton, Class of 1978; 6. Lynn Kelsey Karcheski, Class of 1978; 7. John Ongley, Class of 1981; 8. Candi Perotti Wolff, Class of 1982; 9. Jennifer Ocif Love, Class of 1989; 10. Denise Volack Dower, Teacher and Coach

- Your job now is to match the person listed above with the description below that belongs to her/him.
- This retired college professor who shone in three sports at HVRHS played on an over-50 national champion softball team.

- This ten-letter winner at HVRHS and RPI graduate has two science degrees and works for Reebok.

- This three-sport star at HVRHS and Air Force veteran had origins at a gas station in Canaan and went on to serve as a "gas station in the sky."

- This inductee was the moving force behind the new fitness center at HVRHS.

- This HVRHS football and track standout has received, as an agent, the FBI's highest award.

- This winner of 11 varsity letters and MVP awards in all three sports has passed along a passion for sports to three sons and now a granddaughter.

- He was overpowering when he carried the football for HVRHS, and now he is a craftsman in wood.

- Valedictorian and captain of three sports at HVRHS, this Mt. Holyoke graduate now serves as leader of the Legislative Liaison team for the President of the United States.

- An outstanding competitor in three sports at HVRHS, this successful local businessman became first selectman in one of our towns.

- This Penn State graduate played three sports at HVRHS, excelled at basketball, and now is in demand as a speaker at conferences around the country on the subject of land conservation.

- Write the number of the inductee next to his/her description. *Check the key on page 8.*

## Recent Donors Listed

Since our last issue, these alumni have sent in donations beyond dues:

1940's: \$1,180

Elizabeth Selfridge Bauman '47, Marion Winn Staples '49, Joyce Brennan Young '46, Phyllis Derogon '43, Robert Kenny '46

1950's: \$1,485

Mitzie Mills Culick '55, John '51 and Lois Chevalier Sondrini '52, Chrystene Schlock Trotta '51, Frederick Baldwin '56, Mary Stoddard and Ruth Stoddard Dutcher '51, Sharlot St. Charles Kreiling '57

1960's: \$20

Roxann Roulin Lehberger '65

1970's: \$85

Thomas Gandolfo '78, John Holland '71, Bruce Grannan '71

1980's: \$100

Peter Collins '84, John Bergdahl '87

1990's: 0

2000's: 0

Faculty: 0

### LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS

And these, in the order their letters came to us, are our new Lifetime Members: Laura Story Melton '85, Chrystene Schlock Trotta '51, Frederick Baldwin '56, Edward Dorsett Jr. '60, Richard W. Crosby '67, Sandra Blass Smith '58, Charlotte Belter Dario '49, Paul Schmitt '76, Lorraine LaBoudy Platt '43, Ruth Stoddard Dutcher '51, John R. Sondrini '51, Lois Chevalier Sondrini '52, Janet Andrus Bednarek '58, Beverly Nelson Perotti '66, John A. Perotti '63, James E. Duke '73, Michael A. Lamb '78, John Bergdahl '87, Dorinda Cobb Pizone '51, Brenda Pickering Curran '63, Donna Brelsford Cope '79.

This makes a total of 207 Lifetime Members. We salute you all for your support. It literally keeps us going. Thanks.

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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.

## NEWS OF THE CLASSES BY DECADE

### THE FORTIES

Contact Dot Cecchinato '47, 824-7517,  
1940's Decade Rep

**Class of '48:** Elizabeth "Siggie"  
Segalla Ohler has finally retired after  
selling her East Canaan Package Store.  
She now lives on Elm Street in Canaan.

**Class of '49:** Laura Bartlett Whittle-  
sey cannot believe it has been 56 years  
since her days at HVRHS. She and hus-  
band Lyle had a good visit with Bill and  
classmate Sally Platt Wallace from  
Pennsylvania. The Whittleseys have two  
sons, Bruce, Dean of Arts & Science in  
Texco-Lubbock, Texas, and Neil, who  
lives in New Preston, CT. Laura gradu-  
ated from Post College in Waterbury and  
was employed by Travelers Insurance  
Company. Barbara Harding Seibert  
had an exhibition of her art work at  
Georgian Court University in Lakewood,  
NJ, last April. Prior to the opening she  
gave a lecture to students in the Art De-  
partment regarding her career as a textile  
designer.

### THE FIFTIES

Contact Pat Zimmermann Miller '58,  
435-9633, 1950's Decade Rep

**Class of '50:** The 55th Class Reunion  
was held on August 13 at the Canaan  
Country Club. There was much remi-  
niscing about the days at  
"Regional" (that's what it was called  
back then) and how times have changed.  
**Bev Wyman Musselman** and **Bernie  
Miller** came from Florida, **Mary Sue  
Hoffman Menton** from New Hamp-  
shire, **Bill Egan** from New York and  
**Mary Foley Joch** from Massachusetts.  
**Dick Massini, Louis** and **Anne Knibloe  
Minatti, Elsie Colli Zucco, Anne Pe-  
rotti Fallon** and **Jo Ann Remer God-  
burn** still live in Connecticut.

**Class of '51:** Reunion committee mem-  
bers **Hank Carley, Bob Johnson, Peg  
Petrovitz, Betty Silbert, Mary  
Stoddard, Art Howland, Margie Wat-  
son** and **Patty Matson** have selected  
September 16, 2006, as the date for a  
fifty-fifth reunion. Reunion will be held  
at the Canaan Country Club with a buffet  
meal of prime rib and turkey at a cost of  
\$25-\$30. Cocktails at 6:00, dinner at  
7:00. More info to follow. Contact **Bob  
Johnson**, 135 Orchard Street, Lee, MA  
01238. A list of motels and B&B's will  
be included in a letter. **Mary Stoddard** is

still a hairdresser in Sharon and sister  
**Ruth Stoddard Dutcher** lives in Avon,  
CT. They very generously donated to the  
**Paul W. Stoddard Scholarship** in mem-  
ory of their father, the first principal of  
HVRHS, who served for twenty-seven  
years in that position.

**Class of '53:** Ann Clyburn Killawee  
reports that several classmates meet  
twice a year for lunch and reminiscing.  
**Gert Winn Kroehle, Mary Egan Frat-  
tarola, Harriet Green Gomez, Leona  
Porter Allyn, Joan Barnett Loper,  
Betty Baldwin Bernoi** and **Ann** met at  
the Woodland Restaurant in Lakeville  
recently for just such an encounter. **Bar-  
bara Downing Fox** called **Betty Bernoi**  
in June as she was in the area attending  
an antique car rally. That was all the in-  
centive Betty needed to schedule a party.  
She and Leno entertained **Barbara** and  
**Dick Fox, Norman Tatsapaugh,  
Gordon** and **Marge Harmon, Gert  
Winn Hunker, Mary Egan** and **Romeo  
Frattarola, Carol O'Brien Whittlesey,  
Joan Barnett Loper, Ann Clyburn Kill-  
awee** and **Carol Gillette Stewart**. Ac-  
cording to the group, Betty is definitely  
the hostess with the mostest. **Clariss Hill  
Lenox** has moved from Greenwich, CT,  
to Manchester, VT. She is enjoying her  
new location and is reported to be look-  
ing forward to building a new home  
there.

**Class of '55:** After several fun meet-  
ings of the Reunion Committee, the 50th  
Reunion was held on October 1 at the  
Canaan Country Club. Fifty-one at-  
tended. Guests were **Ed** and **Mary  
Kirby '45** and **Caroline Caruso Wake-  
field**, former guidance counselor. The  
reunion began with a tour of the high  
school, as many class members had not  
been back in fifty years. The Country  
Club was open all day for golf, for chat-  
ting, or generally having fun. Cocktail  
hour was from five to six with music  
from the fifties playing in the back-  
ground. Dinner began a little later than  
six as everyone was wound up and hav-  
ing a great time. After dinner a moment  
of silence was held for our departed  
classmates. Then anyone who wanted to  
get up and speak was welcome. The  
class voted to hold another reunion in  
five years. Several wonderful baskets

## CLASS NEWS, Continued

prepared by committee members were raffled off. This was great fun and helped with the expenses. It was wonderful being with so many classmates again! The evening ended with everyone singing a chorus of our school song, "High Above the Housatonic." Keep in touch, guys, and remember, if you move, send the new address to [bunny@hvrhs.org](mailto:bunny@hvrhs.org), or [jfmcguire@snet.net](mailto:jfmcguire@snet.net). Also, send news.

**Class of '56:** A 50th class reunion will be held for the Class of '56 at Canaan Country Club, according to **Barbara Monroe Commerford**. Classmates can expect a letter with details in January. Barbara requests that any member who doesn't receive a letter should contact her at 155 Granite Avenue Extension in Canaan, CT 06018, or phone her at (860) 824-8449.

**Class of '57:** **Sharlot St. Charles Kreiling** reports retiring from Mesa School in Mesa, AZ, after 26 years. She has 2 daughters -- both in the education field -- and 1 granddaughter. Sharlot's travels have taken her through North America and Canada. **Tom Riley** reports he planned a trip to the west coast last March that included visiting Hawaii, Las Vegas, Sedona, AZ, and LA. While in LA he contacted **Nick Quackenbos**, who is a real estate agent and **Marilyn Gibson**, who recently retired from teaching after 31 years. The three classmates and their spouses had a delightful dinner reminiscing. Next year's trip for Tom is Italy.

**Class of '58:** What began as a birthday party for two friends developed into a mini-reunion luncheon in June. **Ruth Pierce Adotte**, **Diana Miner Matheson**, **Pat Zimmermann Miller**, **Judy Schlock Ghidossi**, **Marilee Dufour Bristol** and **Ann Sartori** from CT; **Barbara Carberry McEnroe** and **Audrey Athoe Wyman** from NY, **Karen Zetterstrom Jackson** from ME and **Regina Cathcart Wamsley** from CO met at a restaurant in Lakeville. A good time was had by all.



### THE SIXTIES

*Contact Pat Allyn Mechare '64,  
824-0271, 1960's Decade Rep*

**Class of '60:** **Pat Breen Polk** sends along a quick note letting her classmates know that she had a blast at the 45<sup>th</sup> reunion and anyone who did not attend missed out on the "time of their life". She urges all her classmates to come to the 50th reunion in five years and extends her thanks to Carol and Richard for all their hard work.

**Class of '63:** **Hazel Kirkpatrick McGuire** recently sold the Culligan business that she and her late husband **Ed '57** had started many years ago. Her daughter, **Michelle '00**, recently converted the front portion of the building into a beauty salon called "Shelly's" and has found her business to be quite brisk. Hazel now serves the Town of Canaan aka Falls Village as its chief certified assessor.

**Class of '64:** **John Perotti** was named Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Salisbury Bank & Trust this year. Previous positions he has held at the Bank are President and Chief Executive Officer, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Vice President and Treasurer of the Bank. John has been a director of the Bank since 1985 and employee since 1973. He and his wife **Shirley** currently reside in Sharon CT.

**Class of '65:** The class held its 45th reunion in October at the White Hart Inn. About 75 people attended and according to **BJ Ducillo Christinat** a rarin' good time was had by all. Festivities included music, storytelling and a variety of awards. **Linda Farley Decker** was recently promoted to Assistant Treasurer and Branch Manager of the Sharon Office of Salisbury Bank and Trust. She is also a new grandmother to **Nathan Decker**, eight months old, born to **Tom '88** and **Linda Decker**. Daughter **Tammy '92** is studying to be an elementary school teacher.

**Class of '66:** **John and Bev Nelson Perotti** recently celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary. Bev continues to teach 2nd grade in West Hartford. **John** retired at the end of the 2004-2005 school year after 35 years of teaching at Newington

High School. Currently he is teaching classes at Tunxis Community College and Saint Joseph College. Their sons **David**, aged 28 and **Erik**, aged 27, have homes in the area. Dave is a graphic designer and Erik is a teacher. Both **John** and **Bev** look forward to their 40th reunion next year.

**Class of '67:** **Walter Benesch** is currently on special assignment with the newly formed Program Management Office. If this becomes a permanent assignment, he may eventually fill the office of Deputy Director. His daughter **Tara** is part of the crew team at Thomas Jefferson High School. Her team was successful in capturing the gold medal at the Virginia State Championships, the silver at the Stotes Int'l in Philadelphia and the silver at the National Championships. These wins were the finest in the high school's history. **David Caranci** is the proud grandfather of grandchild #2, **James August**, who was born July 3rd to his daughter, **Jennifer** and her husband **Scott Adamsons**. Grandson #1 was 2 in October. Several classmates connected via e-mail shared their memories of the 1955 flood as seen through the eyes of six-and seven-year-olds. **Joanne Beman Boelke's** story was amazing. If you would like to read her story and others or share your own tale write to [marvmarshall@yahoo.com](mailto:marvmarshall@yahoo.com). Next for the e-mailers is a survey on the number of grandchildren classmates have.

**Class of '68:** **Tom Belter** and **Terry Solan Belter '72** live in Allen, Texas. Their daughter **Kristin** and her husband **Brandon** have a one-year-old daughter, **Aliyah Page Olson**. Aliyah is the great-granddaughter of **Doretta Beaupre Belter '41** and the late **Hank Belter '41** and of **Joe '48** and **Teresa Perotti Solan '49**. Son **Kevin** is single and works as a network administrator for a large company in Irving, TX. Tom works for the Thomas Group in Irving as a resultant. His last three years have been spent commuting to Norfolk, VA, where he is helping the U.S. Navy improve surface ship maintenance processes. Terry is office manager at Bethany Christian School in Plano, TX.

Please Note: The front page photo, H.V.R.H.S. Athletic Hall of Fame, is courtesy of the *Lakeville Journal*.

**John Foley** is Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of Salisbury Bank and Trust. A member of the Canaan Fire Company for thirty years, John is currently Assistant Fire Chief. He is Vice President of the Connecticut Railroad Historical Association and is working on the restoration of the Canaan Union Station. **Jane Allyn** lives in Canaan and works part time at Salisbury Bank and Trust. She is an RN in the cardiac/surgical area of the Charlotte Hungerford Hospital in Torrington.

#### THE SEVENTIES

Contact **Dena Kenny Solan '73**, 824-0399, or **Tammie Roulin Lundeen '74**, 824-7726, *Decade Reps*

**Class of '70:** A good time was had by all celebrating the 35th Reunion on October 29, 2005. We walked the halls of the school - some seemed the same, some different. At the football game, a 40 to 6 loss, we didn't watch much of the game as we were too busy talking with everyone. Dinner was at the Wake Robin Inn. We missed those of you who could not join us. Attending were **Fred Becher, Jim Blake, Dave Bosserman, Holly Brickman, Cindy Bull, Sharon Delaini, Jim DiMartino (Donna Carberry's husband; she is in Ethiopia!), Jon Edwards, Mary Fitch, Henry Frueh, Debbie Hamzy, Kathy Hepprich, Rindy Donovan, Laura Keller, Rick Knapp, Rick Law, Joy Martorell, Scott Monroe, Flora Nelson, Rick Osborne, Bruce Osolin, Ted Pacocha, Rick Segalla, Mary Sherwood, Judy Sombathy, Patrice Stanton, Tracy Stoddard, Robin Tallardy, Jim VanDeusen and George Zavagnin.** Everyone wants to do it again in five years, so when you get your next invite, be ready to say yes. You missed a really good time. And if you have any news, e-mail our Decade Rep, **Dena Kenny Solan** at [tigger@mohawk.net](mailto:tigger@mohawk.net). **Laura Kelly Shapiro** reports that she has lived in NYC since graduating from HVRHS 35 years ago. She and her husband have four daughters, the youngest a junior in high school. She loved seeing the school again and plans to attend all reunions, hoping to see more people in

the future. "It is a wonderful experience."

**Class of '71:** **Betsy Riva Devino** lives in Canaan with husband Mike, and they have three children. Michael attended Salisbury School. Matthew graduated from HVRHS in 1999, and Lisa, who had a beautiful wedding this past summer, in 2001. Betsy is the Manager of the Canaan Office of Salisbury Bank and Trust. **Shirley Weir Cannon** is married to **Randy Cannon '64**, and they have three children. Kim is a member of the **Class of '95**, and **Mandy** the **Class of '98**. At Salisbury Bank and Trust Shirley is a Customer Service Specialist and Mandy is a Compliance Assistant.

**Class of '73:** **Cindy Hart Harbach** lives with husband Charley and fifteen-year-old daughter Tory in Torrington. She is an Administrative Assistant in Loan Origination at Salisbury Bank and Trust. **Denise Bergenty**, who lives in Torrington, is Teller Manager at the Canaan Branch of Salisbury Bank and Trust. **Jane Palmer Martel** lives with husband John in Falls Village. They have two daughters, Lisa '95 and Tammy '00. Jane is an Assistant Vice President and Manager of the Deposit Operations Area. Tammy also works at SBT in the E Commerce Department. **Linda Gatti Worrall** had a great visit with **Penny Walrath Cole** this past July. Penny was back east to meet her new great nephew, Carter. Linda's daughter Liz just graduated from Indian Mountain School and is now at Hotchkiss School. Linda is busy at Hamilton Books where work is like being at a gym for twelve hours! She missed seeing **Walter Arbo** at **Carol Hein Trotta's** this past spring, but hopes to catch up with him some other time. And speaking of Carol, she and husband Jay returned from a five-and-a-half month wander to Alaska and back. After saving and planning for four years, they headed out on May 1 to fulfill a few childhood dreams. Jay's was to see Alaska, which they did for almost three months — with lots of fishing. Carol's was to see Yellowstone Park, which they did and more, visiting many national parks and monuments not only in Alaska but in Canada and the "lower 48." Towinger. **Marv Soot** trailer

behind them, they drove some 20,000 miles taking 14,000 photos. All that picture taking was to try and share with family and friends some of the beauty they saw. They hope some day to hold a public Show-and-Tell session to show interested folk the wildlife, wilderness and wonder that is out there. And to say thank you to all who wished them well. Though life on the road was much fun, soaring gas prices and dwindling funds brought them home on October 10 with stories and memories for two lifetimes. **Perry Gasperini** retired from the chemical industry after 25 years and has moved back to East Canaan. He graduated from Clarkson College of Technology as a chemical engineer and started working at the only uranium conversion facility in the USA. He worked there for 21 years in various positions and earned a business degree. One of the nicer jobs there was preparing and presenting safety papers along with conducting reviews in other conversion facilities. Trips took him to Canada, France, Germany and Russia. More recently he worked as plant manager for Honeywell in Chandler, AZ, and Muskegon, MI, then branch manager for Jones Chemical Company in Charlotte, NC. With the recession in the chemical industry in 2001-2003, he worked as a mechanic in a Chevrolet dealership in Charlotte. While there he earned an Automotive Technology Degree and ASE certification. A unique opportunity to return home came along, and he now works with **Gary Davis** at his store in Kent. Jay Trotta remodeled the apartment that Susan and he live in! They have three children, Alex, Adam and Morgan. **Carol Carley** has been working at Salisbury Bank and Trust for 13 years, currently in the Mortgage Servicing Department. She has three children, Josh, Hannah and Nathan. Hannah has two daughters, **Haleigh (15 months)** and **Ceirra (6 weeks)**. Carol is busy enjoying being a grandma. *(Editor's note: it was Carol and Cindy Hart Harbach who gathered and sent all the info on SB&T employees who are Housy grads. Thanks for responding to the challenge, you two. Looks like SB&T is a wholly owned subsidi-*

## CLASS NEWS, Continued

ary of HVRHS!)

**Class of '75:** The 30th Reunion was held on Saturday, July 23, 2005, at Geer Village in Canaan. Twenty-five classmates attended, with the farthest coming from North Carolina. All had a great time reminiscing. Linda Amerighi, Sue Boults, Tina Lawroski Pitcher, Joe Schaefer, and Katie Sherwood Wood were the members of the organizing committee. Katie is married to Jim Wood '69 and they have two children. Chrystne '00 is a first-year second grade teacher at North Canaan Elementary School, and son CJ '02 is at CCSU in the Physical Education program. Katie is the attendance secretary at Housy. Classmates wishing to e-mail her can do so at [kwood@hvrhs.org](mailto:kwood@hvrhs.org). She can see that your news appears in later editions of this newsletter. Tina Pitcher has been Secretary for the Town of Sharon for 27 years. Son Ed '96 is a teacher in Plainville, CT, and son Billy is an auto mechanic with Allyndale Limestone in East Canaan. Sue Boults, daughter of "Big Bob" Boults '49, will graduate from UCONN Torrington in the spring with a bachelor's degree in Human Services. Sue tells us she loves to ride horses at the Lost Island Farm in Falls Village to soothe her soul.

**Class of '76:** Jim Anderson has been married to Roberta for 19 years. They have two children, Courtney, 17, who is a senior at HVRHS, and Chelsea, who is a freshman this year. Jim and Roberta recently purchased a new house and moved from Sharon to Canaan. He has been employed at Kent School for 20 years. Becky Riley Hoysradt has worked at Salisbury Bank and Trust for 21 years and is currently assigned to the Deposit Operations area. She has two children, Benjamin 15 and Sarah 13.

**Class of '77:** Robin Luminati Foley lives in Canaan and is married to John Foley '68. They have two teenage sons, Michael and Ryan. Robin is an Assistant Vice President and Lender in the Canaan Office of Salisbury Bank and Trust. Joseph "Jody" Law graduated from UCONN in 1981, lives in Canaan, and worked for Canaan National Bank for 20 years. He is now Vice President

overseeing Loan Administration at SB&T. Richard "Rick" Cantele earned a bachelor's degree in Finance at Fairfield University. He began working for SB&T as a teller in 1981. He has held positions such as Head Teller, Customer Service Representative, Loan Officer, and Chief Lending Officer before accepting his current position as President of the Bank. He lives with wife Linda and their two children, Kevin and Caitlin, in Lakeville. Vince Hanlon works at Dave's Tire and Auto in Canaan and lives in Salisbury. He and wife Missy Ongley Hanlon '81 have two daughters. Missy works at SB&T as Manager of Mortgage Processing. Bill and Jan Duggan Tietjen just celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary. They have two children. Megan, 19, is in her second year of college in Virginia. Chris, 13, is in the eighth grade. Bill has his own business, D&B Carpentry Contractors, doing building and remodeling, and Jan is an RN working as an assistant manager at a local hospital. They live in Virginia Beach, VA, and have been there for 17 years. They recently got a boat and have been enjoying the ocean, fishing and dolphin watching.

**Class of '78:** Kevin Riley lives in Lakeville with wife Lisa (who works at SB&T like everybody else!!) and their two daughters, Alissa and Kara. Alissa is a freshman at HVRHS. Kevin is a Recreation Therapist for New York State and coaches girls' basketball at HVRHS.

**Class of '79:** Douglas Cahill has joined SB&T as Director of Human Resources as of August 1, 2005. Doug most recently worked in management positions at Dobson Corporation (Cellular One) in LaGrangeville, NY, St. Francis Hospital in Poughkeepsie, and Sharon Hospital. He holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from UCONN and a certificate in Human Resources from the Society for Human Resources Management. He lives in Sharon with wife JoAnn and their children, Dennis '99 and Lynette '02.

### THE EIGHTIES

Contact Patricia Johnson '83,  
435-1456, or Erika Sternlof '83,  
542-5385,  
1980's Decr...eps

Our news collection for this issue was sparse. Please help us provide more for the next issue in the spring. Deadline is May 1. Feel free to contact Trish and myself (Erika) through my e-mail address, [erikasternlof@sbcglobal.net](mailto:erikasternlof@sbcglobal.net). Just don't forward any chain letters/photos/etc. to me. I already get enough of those! Just news about you and schoolmates.

**Class of '80:** We received an old Lakeville Journal clipping from last October featuring Ellen Carlson and her semi-pro fiddling and singing activities as a member of an acoustic bluegrass band called "High Range." Ellen is a teacher at a private school in New Hampshire. Diane Johnson Palmer is married to Bill Palmer and they have a daughter, Nicki, who is a junior at HVRHS. Diane works in the Deposit Operations area of, you guessed it, SB&T.

**Class of '81:** Joe Brien reports the following: I am doing a lot of exciting things involving the old White Oak. I work at the school with nine students each Monday morning during the Activity Period (actually two groups, so eighteen students involved). A few students are making pens, others learning about the valuable uses of oak trees and acorns. We peeled and processed about three pounds of acorns that yielded about three cups of coarsely ground flour (looked like ground coffee). One day I provided a propane camp stove and utensils, and we made pancakes in the Ag-Ed Shop using pancake mix and the acorn flour. Most found the acorn pancakes to have an interesting texture and mild flavor. I recently discovered a recipe for acorn bread, which I will make with the next group.

**Class of '82:** Steve Hart submitted information via the handy little "KEEP IN TOUCH" segment of his last "Blue 'n' Gold" (thank you, Steve), telling us he is still living on Martha's Vineyard pursuing woodworking and music. He asked specifically about "whatever happened to" classmates Patty Van De Bogart, Denise Victor and Celia Frost, requesting that he be contacted by phone or mail. The 80's Decade Reps would be happy to pass along contact information. Steve's phone # is 508-696-8490, and his e-mail is [stephenhart25@hotmail.com](mailto:stephenhart25@hotmail.com). We also hope to hear something





## CLASS AGENTS

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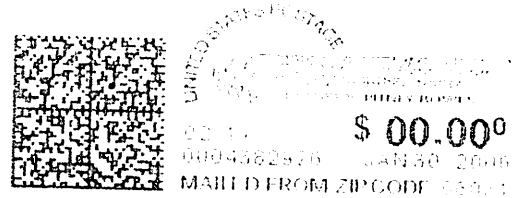
The Operating Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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### PRINCIPAL HONORED

Dr. Gretchen Foster, now in her second year as Principal of HVRHS, was recognized last fall by the Connecticut Association of Schools for her outstanding performance as a first-year principal. Congratulations, Gretchen!

### NORTH CANAAN NEWS

The North Canaan Elementary School is celebrating its 50th anniversary on Saturday, April 22, 2006 at 9:00 A.M.

### LATER ANNOUNCEMENT

Members of the Class of '61 interested in holding a 45th reunion in 2006 are requested to contact Linda Rhoades Fitzgerald (Linda.fitz@att.net), Tom Segalla (tsegalla@goldbergsegalla.com), or Dean Hammond (Hammond.j.d@att.net).

### GO, PAT!

Patricia Allyn Mechare '64 was elected First Selectman of Canaan (Falls Village) on November 8, 2005.

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### 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.org.

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